

Morocco have themselves to blame for going home

Defeat in two early games cost them

Nizhnyi Novgorod, Russia – Morocco were seconds away from handing Spain their first defeat in two years on Monday but their failure to grasp their chance at glory in Kaliningrad was just one in a series of missed opportunities that characterised their appearance at the World Cup.

Spain, whose last defeat came at the 2016 European Championship to Italy,

claimed a controversial last-gasp equaliser to send Morocco packing from the tournament with just one point from their three Group B games.

While the north Africans will feel their performances rated more than the solitary point they only had themselves to blame for failing to add to their tally.

An unfortunate, if somewhat bizarre, own goal in the fifth minute of stoppage time saw them lose their opener to Iran despite creating the better chances.

In their second match against Portugal they were the better team but could not claw back an equaliser to Cristiano Ronaldo's goal.

Defeat in those opening encounters eliminated them before their last game against Spain. Spain substitute Iago Aspas struck in stoppage time to earn the dramatic 2-2 draw.

The squad had mainly been drawn from players born to the expansive Moroccan immigrant communities in Belgium, France, the Netherlands and Spain, and coach Herve Renard said they had learned some valuable lessons in Russia.

"We learnt what it is to play at a very high level. We would have loved to go into the next round but we should not regret anything," he said.

Morocco will look to put their World Cup disappointment behind them by winning next year's Africa Cup of Nations (Afcon) for the first time since 1976. – Reuters



Coach Herve Renard. / CHRIS BRUNSKILL / GETTY IMAGES



Portugal forward Ricardo Quaresma beats Iran's Milad Mohammadi to the ball as the two nations conclude their Group B fixtures in the World Cup on Monday. / FILIPPO MONTEFORTE / AFP

Ronaldo's off-night exposes Portugal

Will the team plug the gaps against Uruguay?

Moscow – Cristiano Ronaldo's off-night against Iran nearly cost Portugal their World Cup dream and underlined the stark need for his teammates to contribute more in support of the Real Madrid superstar.

Ronaldo carried Portugal through their first two group games. That left the European champions requiring just a point from their clash with Carlos Queiroz's Iran in Saransk, but an uncharacter-

istic display from Ronaldo had them sweating over a place in the last-16.

The five-time world player of the year missed a penalty that would have given Portugal a 2-0 lead. Ronaldo was then perhaps fortunate to receive just yellow after an elbow on Iran defender Morteza Pouraliganji.

Qualification was at last assured, albeit with an upcoming tie against Uruguay rather than hosts Russia, but Ronaldo was far from impressed.

"I understand, it's normal. The best players in the world face that when there isn't an

opportunity to really make it happen," Portugal boss Fernando Santos said.

"That hurts a lot more to them than to other players. They always want to win. They want to be the best and refuse to fail, and when they fail they get very upset."

Santos attempted to relieve some of the burden on Ronaldo by aligning Andre Silva alongside the Portugal captain in attack, with Ricardo Quaresma also handed his first World Cup start.

While Quaresma rewarded his coach with a stunning opening goal just before half-time, Silva offered little as Ronaldo found himself isolated and opportunities limited.

Next up for Portugal is a Uruguay team, marshalled by the rugged centre-back pairing of Diego Godin and Jose Maria Gimenez, that has yet to concede in Russia.

Gelson Martins, the talented young winger who made a 30-minute appearance off the bench against Morocco, is another option who could be called upon going forward.

The question is not if Portugal have the weapons, but whether they can be assembled in a way that plays to Ronaldo's strengths. – AFP



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