
Raymond Domenech

Posted by dotmund - 18-06-2008 10:18

<http://img.photobucket.com/albums/v291/downotfarm/rd.jpg>

The question likely to be widely asked in the coming weeks and months: where now for the French national football team? That doesn't interest me, though. So, my question, therefore, is where now for Raymond Domenech?

Over the last three summers, I've grown rather fond of him and his baffling ways. He's almost inevitably bonkers, and just as certain is the fact he's going to be sacked, if he hasn't already been (my finger is well and truly on the pulse). My hope is that a Premiership team will come in for him, so as to prevent him dropping off of the English football fan's radar. I think I'd like to see him at Blackburn. If he's willing to, he could whop out the ouija board and have a word in Jack Walker's shell-like, give himself the advantage?

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Re:Raymond Domenech

Posted by King Mob - 18-06-2008 10:25

Nah, he's got 'SPURS' written through him like a stick of rock. Another time and he might have got his wish.

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Re:Raymond Domenech

Posted by Sempronio Carpentiere - 18-06-2008 10:37

I only found out yesterday that Domenech has a daughter called Victoire, or Victory. It makes his son Merlin's name seem almost sensible.

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Re:Raymond Domenech

Posted by Senor DingDong - 18-06-2008 11:22

I heard a radio report this morning that he proposed to his girlfriend after the game on live tv, is that true??

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Re:Raymond Domenech

Posted by dotmund - 18-06-2008 11:23

I heard the same thing. It would certainly be in-keeping with his record of doing brilliantly eccentric things.

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Re:Raymond Domenech

Posted by ursus arctos - 18-06-2008 11:31

It's true (and his fiancée is the presenter for a French football show). It's discussed on one of the other threads.

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Re:Raymond Domenech

Posted by Sempronio Carpentiere - 18-06-2008 11:34

It's true. It's covered on a few of the other threads as a sign of his lack of touch with reality. Who can blame him though?;

http://images.worldcupblog.org/fra/_Denis%20Estelle%201.jpg

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Re:Raymond Domenech

Posted by dotmund - 18-06-2008 11:38

hot dang, maybe there is something in this astrology business after all?

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Re:Raymond Domenech

Posted by ursus arctos - 18-06-2008 11:42

She doesn't always look that good, but still.

Another brilliant drawing, btw, Dotmund. One of your best yet.

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Re:Raymond Domenech

Posted by BrunoMaggiore - 18-06-2008 11:52

Kind of a bargain basement Demi Moore?

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Re:Raymond Domenech

Posted by tratorello - 18-06-2008 11:56

Fantastic picture Dotmund, I love the subtle inclusion of three penises on the top of his head, symbolising the three pathetic performances in this tournament...

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Re:Raymond Domenech

Posted by Tony C - 18-06-2008 11:58

BrunoMaggiore wrote:

Kind of a bargain basement Demi Moore?

You must have extraordinarily high standards.

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Re:Raymond Domenech

Posted by Sempronio Carpentiere - 18-06-2008 12:03

A little ungalant of UA and Bruno there!

I think the ludicrous piping on Domenech's jacket has to be discussed as a signpost to his mental well-being;

<http://i27.photobucket.com/albums/c199/scottpeterthomas/dom.jpg>

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Re:Raymond Domenech

Posted by Yogi Lurve - 18-06-2008 12:07

Wow, terrible skin condition he has in that pic.

As for the future Madame Domenech, I have been staring intently at that pic upthread, willing her breasts to remain covered. I fear next time I looked the right breast will have popped out.

Re:Raymond Domenech

Posted by tratorello - 18-06-2008 12:10

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Damn you and your iron willpower.

Re:Raymond Domenech

Posted by Yogi Lurve - 18-06-2008 12:24

Ursus, you are mad. This is the least flattering picture of Estelle Denis I could find on Google Images.

http://www.efelant.net/planete/estelle_denis1.jpg

And if you had to choose between Alan Hansen, Tommy Smyth and Estelle Denis?

Estelle in action

Respect, failed French coach. Respect.

Re:Raymond Domenech

Posted by dotmund - 18-06-2008 12:42

Domenech's sartorial stylings are pretty notable all by themselves. When I was searching for source images, I came across this stunning picture of him during his one season at PSG.

The words "handsome moustache" could have been invented for him and him alone. The more I find out about the man, the more I like him.

Re:Raymond Domenech

Posted by BrunoMaggiore - 18-06-2008 12:49

Ok, she's pretty hot.

Re:Raymond Domenech

Posted by E van C - 18-06-2008 12:53

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There's definitely a touch of Sylvester McCoy's Doctor about him isn't there?

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Re:Raymond Domenech

Posted by Rinoceronte Mentaverde - 18-06-2008 13:04

Is Raymond Domenech responsible for the poorest showing by a supposed 'big hitter' of world football in the final stages of any tournament, ever?

France need a total clearout, starting with Domenech himself. Last time I saw that much dead wood on a football pitch, it was Bonfire Night on the school fields.

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Re:Raymond Domenech

Posted by Sempronio Carpentiere - 18-06-2008 13:11

Rinoceronte Mentaverde wrote:

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Er, France 2002?

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Re:Raymond Domenech

Posted by E10 Rifle - 18-06-2008 13:14

What about France in 2002?

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Posted by Rinoceronte Mentaverde - 18-06-2008 13:14

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This was worse.

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Re:Raymond Domenech

Posted by Sempronio Carpentiere - 18-06-2008 13:16

No it wasn't. Then they entered as reigning World and European champions and finished bottom of a weaker group with one point and no goals scored.

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Re:Raymond Domenech

Posted by Rinoceronte Mentaverde - 18-06-2008 13:18

And, so as not to keep you in suspense, I'll tell you why.

The team of 2002 pretty much picked itself. The stars of '98 and '00 were still in their primes, and there were no controversial exclusions, no bright young talents knocking on the door. Sure, they underperformed, but you have to point the finger at the players themselves for that.

Whereas this year, with a France team still making room for the creaking bones of Thuram, Henry etc when several younger contenders couldn't even find a place in the squad, Domenech has to take all the blame.

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Re:Raymond Domenech

Posted by Rinoceronte Mentaverde - 18-06-2008 13:20

(Maybe I should rephrase my original rhetorical question: "Is Raymond Domenech responsible for the poorest managerial performance..." blah blah)

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Re:Raymond Domenech

Posted by Sempronio Carpentiere - 18-06-2008 13:20

It's alright you know, you can just say you forgot about 2002.

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Re:Raymond Domenech

Posted by dotmund - 18-06-2008 13:21

I think France in 2002 were definitely worse, they didn't even score a goal.

Meanwhile, for performances alone, you'd be hard-pressed to find anyone more abject than England in 2006.

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Re:Raymond Domenech

Posted by Rinoceronte Mentaverde - 18-06-2008 13:22

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Posted by dotmund - 18-06-2008 13:23

Rudi Voller didn't cover himself with glory for Germany in Euro 2000, of course. Mind you, he did sort of make up for it by getting to the World Cup Final two years later.

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Re:Raymond Domenech

Posted by Sempronio Carpentiere - 18-06-2008 13:27

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Oh, if you're changing your question after it's been asked and answered fine, but to clarify the correct response to ;

"Is Raymond Domenech responsible for the poorest showing by a supposed 'big hitter' of world football in the final stages of any tournament, ever?"

is "No, he wasn't French manager in 2002".

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Re:Raymond Domenech

Posted by Rinoceronte Mentaverde - 18-06-2008 13:28

I mean, I'd be happy for someone to give me a breakdown of the failings of France in 2002 which contradicts this, but my take on it was that they were an XI of undroppables, showboating and resting on their laurels, and didn't realise until it was too late that they actually had to go out and fucking win a game. (You can blame the coach for that to a degree, but I still reckon this year's shambles is even worse.)

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Re:Raymond Domenech

Posted by rowdy elements - 18-06-2008 13:53

Rudi Voller didn't cover himself with glory for Germany in Euro 2000, of course.

Primarily because he wasn't the coach at the time. It was Erich Ribbeck.

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Re:Raymond Domenech

Posted by Huh? Man - 18-06-2008 13:55

Voller wasn't in charge in Euro 2000, it was Erich "Erich Ribbeck" Ribbeck.

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Re:Raymond Domenech

Posted by Huh? Man - 18-06-2008 13:59

Yep.

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Re:Raymond Domenech

Posted by rowdy elements - 18-06-2008 14:04

Of course, Germany's efforts at Euro 2004, when Voller was the coach, weren't much better than those four years before.

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Re:Raymond Domenech

Posted by linus - 18-06-2008 14:27

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Whereas this year, with a France team still making room for the creaking bones of Thuram, Henry etc when several younger contenders couldn't even find a place in the squad, Domenech has to take all the blame.

I agree with that. France had motivational issues in 2002, but it was largely on the players. They waltzed into the tournament against a good Senegal team that was going to play the game of their lives. The motivational gap in this game might have been the largest in the history of World Cup groupplay openers. France was powerful but it had an achille's heal, that of being overly reliant on Zidane, who was injured in that tournament.

This edition of the French national team had a high upside, but it required careful and good management on several levels: management of the generational transition, cutting some deadwood and nurturing younger replacements; tactical choices (attacking the Romania game as opposed to emphasizing not losing); good personnel selections; focus on the midfield and ball distribution; management of team cohesion and morale.

The margin was pretty narrow given the tightness of Group C. France did do relatively well under Domenech in 2006, but it turned out his margin had gotten a lot smaller in 2008. Under the circumstances, a really good coach could have taken France pretty far while a poor one like him have managed a spectacular crash.

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Re:Raymond Domenech

Posted by ursus arctos - 18-06-2008 14:36

linus, a barely competent coach would have picked a significantly different squad and played a radically different team. There are enough talented players who are qualified to play for France that one could potentially say that that group has an "upside", but the talent pool is not sufficiently deep, experienced or in sufficiently good condition for it to survive the caprices of a manager who is clearly deranged when it comes to assessing footballers (though he seems much more gifted in that area where women are concerned).

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Re:Raymond Domenech

Posted by Hieronymus of Hesselink - 18-06-2008 15:05

I think Domenech may well be the worst manager I have ever seen in charge of a big European national team, with the exception of Graham Taylor. He seems to take actual tangible delight in making hare-brained decisions and doing stupid

things that fuck his team up.

This team were much worse than the 2002 side, who at least managed one very good performance against Uruguay and at no stage descended into the kind of chaos that we saw in the first half last night, when Italy came close to scoring six or seven times in the space of 20 minutes.

Roger Lemerre fucked up by selecting Leboeuf and Dugarry, but there were no blindingly obvious instances of people he left at home but should have brought, with the arguable exception of Eric Carriere of Lyon. (Pires didn't make the squad because he was injured.)

2002 was very bad but this is in a different league. Domenech is such a poor judge of talent that he thought Vieira, Govou, Clerc and Boumsong were worth having in his squad while Flamini, Ben Arfa, Sagna and Sylvain Distin weren't. He's a total fool.

Re:Raymond Domenech

Posted by Senor DingDong - 18-06-2008 15:35

When you think Domenech could of picked the following team ...

Frey

Sagna Mexes Gallas Evra

Ribery Flamini Clichy/Ben Arfa

Nasri

Benzema Trezeguet

....granted its inexperienced but anything would of put on a better showing than the shite he picked for the last 3 games.

Re:Raymond Domenech

Posted by linus - 18-06-2008 15:37

Agree completely with the above posts.

Re:Raymond Domenech

Posted by Yogi Lurve - 18-06-2008 16:24

Of course, Germany's efforts at Euro 2004, when Voller was the coach, weren't much better than those four years before.

Völler achieved in 2004 exactly what every reasonable observer of football expected them to achieve.

While I did not think that France would qualify for the quarter finals, I expected them to be a lot less feeble. I don't think they'd have got out of groups A or B.

Re:Raymond Domenech

Posted by dotmund - 18-06-2008 17:21

I always forget about Ribbeck. Probably on account of how terrible his team were in Euro 2000. Let's make sure the same fate does not befall Domenech. Keep his message alive!

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Re:Raymond Domenech

Posted by Tobias Raudy elements - 18-06-2008 17:29

Völler achieved in 2004 exactly what every reasonable observer of football expected them to achieve.

Germany ended up third, having failed to break down Latvia, and lost to a second string Czech side.

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Re:Raymond Domenech

Posted by Yogi Lurve - 18-06-2008 21:06

Yes, and your point is?

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Re:Raymond Domenech

Posted by jason voorhees - 19-06-2008 01:01

I don't know.

I don't know how much is just due to the mercurial nature of France. You're dealing with a country that had some great runs during the 50s, then dropped off the face of the earth. Then voila! they shoulda coulda won World Cups 82 & 86, then dropped off the face of the Earth until one day voila! - They're champions of the World ! Then Champions of Europe !

Then they laid the biggest egg of them all.

Then got knocked out by the Greeks.

Then voila ! - they're a few pks from being World Champs again !

Then they stink up the joint again.

Whether or not it's the worst managerial job of all-time, I don't know.

I mean the thing about the Euros is that they don't really matter. They matter, but not as much. Maybe no one really gave a shit.

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Re:Raymond Domenech

Posted by Hieronymus of Hesselink - 19-06-2008 01:48

jason voorhees wrote:

I mean the thing about the Euros is that they don't really matter.

You might want to rethink this one.

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Re:Raymond Domenech

Posted by infinite probability - 19-06-2008 02:32

I think Jason's got the Euro Championship confused with the Confed Cup. Now there's a tournament that really doesn't matter.

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Re:Raymond Domenech

Posted by ursus arctos - 19-06-2008 11:17

This is terrific

<http://img134.imageshack.us/img134/9308/billettertourdr7.jpg>

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Re:Raymond Domenech

Posted by jason voorhees - 19-06-2008 11:56

The Confed Cup doesn't matter whatsoever. I'll say that the Euro doesn't matter as much as the World Cup, which is obvious.

During the knockout stages, World Cup losers are remembered more than European Cup winners. I'm just saying when teams bottle it in the Euros, it seems like they're saying "eh, at least there's World Cup qualifying coming up." When teams bottle it in the World Cup, it's usually due to fear and pressure.

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Re:Raymond Domenech

Posted by ursus arctos - 23-06-2008 15:40

France Football brings out the heavy hitters in their campaign to get rid of Domenech:

http://www.francefootball.fr/FF/img/une_FF_mardi.jpg

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Re:Raymond Domenech

Posted by van Pelt - 24-06-2008 19:19

I thought he would have been fired by now. It shouldn't be too long now, but the delay really seems to indicate that the FFF would have kept him on with a quarterfinal or semifinal exit.

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Re:Raymond Domenech

Posted by linus - 24-06-2008 19:49

btw UA, has the pink rag issued the Azzuri's biglietto yet?

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Re:Raymond Domenech

Posted by ursus arctos - 24-06-2008 19:52

Bien sur que non, mon pote.

It was all Donadoni's fault. That's their story and they are sticking to it.

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Re:Raymond Domenech

Posted by ursus arctos - 24-06-2008 19:54

More seriously linus, can you explain Escalettes' power base? How has he possibly stayed in his position (and maintained Domenech in his). Surely they both have to go, non?

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Re:Raymond Domenech

Posted by linus - 24-06-2008 20:13

Yes indeed, they have to go. I can't explain, UA, as I haven't been following french football very closely the past few years. The FFF used to be well run, the coaching choices have been very good by and large from Hidalgo on. I guess administrations like the FFF, UEFA or FIFA tend to be impervious and unaccountable.

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Re:Raymond Domenech

Posted by ursus arctos - 24-06-2008 20:56

Ah, dommage.

That makes two of us who aren't paying as much attention as we used to. When I was reading every word of France Football, I used to know all of this stuff (and it used to be the Ligue that was the dysfunctional one).

Perhaps I will blame Canal+, they have certainly screwed enough other things up.

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Re:Raymond Domenech

Posted by linus - 24-06-2008 21:23

like, ahem, PSG... sigh.

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Re:Raymond Domenech

Posted by muzo1234 - 27-06-2008 19:01

"Why has Domenech picked a left-back in central defence?" thought a good many viewers during France's last game vs. Italy. That's probably what Eric Abidal was thinking as he trudged from the field after his (inevitable) sending off, walking past benched specialist central defenders Squillaci and Boumsong as he made his way down the tunnel.

Plus, if Thuram decided he wasn't up to the job two games in and dropped himself, shouldn't he or somebody else have seen the warning signs before the tournament began so they could pick somebody else, like Philippe Mexes? Malouda has had a rotten season at Chelsea, yet is preferred ahead of Ben Arfa or Jeremy Menez.

What strikes me is that France get too attached to certain players and this comes back to bite them in the arse because they either can't be arsed anymore or are clearly passed it, or both.

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Re:Raymond Domenech

Posted by blameless - 27-06-2008 22:55

Thuram's just failed a medical at PSG due to a heart condition, which may explain his absence from the Italy game.

Hope he's okay. One of the best defenders I've ever seen, and by all accounts a splendid human being too.

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Re:Raymond Domenech

Posted by muzo1234 - 28-06-2008 11:10

Yes I heard that as well, apparently it's the same condition that killed his brother. Thuram is a clever guy, when he hangs up his boots (which will probably be now) he'll likely get out of football and get more involved in French politics.

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Re:Raymond Domenech

Posted by ursus arctos - 03-07-2008 11:41

Domenech has just been confirmed in his job through 2010 by the FFF (a vote of 18-0 with one abstention).

Even taking into account the FFF's cryptic statement about Domenech's "conditions of employment and management methods being redefined", the decision tends to defy rational analysis.

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Re:Raymond Domenech

Posted by Nil Arshavin - 03-07-2008 11:42

More importantly, did his girlfriend ever answer his question?

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Re:Raymond Domenech

Posted by ursus arctos - 03-07-2008 12:05

Considering that they have been together for five years and have two children, I presume the answer was yes.

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Re:Raymond Domenech

Posted by loose cannon - 03-07-2008 14:15

Turkeys Vote For Christmas!

Apparently they wish Domenech to improve his communication skills (amongst other things). Eejits.

http://www.lequipe.fr/Football/breves2008/20080703_131418_domenech-maintenu_Dev.html

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Re:Raymond Domenech

Posted by Hieronymus of Hesselink - 03-07-2008 14:17

Another 30 caps for Sidney Govou, then.

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Re:Raymond Domenech

Posted by And I am the Life - 03-07-2008 14:34

I could do a better job managing France For christs sake. Actually even Paul Jewell could do a better job.

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Re:Raymond Domenech

Posted by blameless - 03-07-2008 14:42

If I were a bookie, I'd be slashing Romania and Serbia's odds of qualifying for the 2010 World Cup.

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Re:Raymond Domenech

Posted by wingco - 03-07-2008 14:47

Does FFF stand for "Fucking Fuckwitted Fucktards" by any chance?

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Re:Raymond Domenech

Posted by linus - 03-07-2008 15:50

FUCK

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Re:Raymond Domenech

Posted by Alessandro Nesta Marley - 03-07-2008 16:08

Reaction to the news from the Romanian team:

http://www.euro2008.uefa.com/MultimediaFiles/Photo/competitions/EURO/60/44/07/604407_w2.jpg

And in Belgrade:

<http://cache.daylife.com/imageserve/02jt5Sb42lcyW/610x.jpg>

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Re:Raymond Domenech

Posted by G.Man as Trotaconventos - 03-07-2008 16:45

Great news indeed. The FA must feel a bit stupid having fired McClaren at the first sign of failure. Or something.

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Re:Raymond Domenech

Posted by linus - 03-07-2008 17:13

At this point, I'm almost hoping that Romania and Serbia finish ahead, if that's what it will take for those 18 imbeciles to wake up. I suppose one point out of group play was good enough for them.

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Re:Raymond Domenech

Posted by Bafflin Smoke Signals - 04-07-2008 13:13

Perhaps they agreed with your posts on here about how much better their performances were than Italy's.

Re:Raymond Domenech

Posted by linus - 04-07-2008 15:18

Their performance, not really, but their potential is indeed much better than Italy's. Herein lies the rub.

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Re:Raymond Domenech

Posted by Bryantop - 05-07-2008 08:30

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the only explanation i can think of is that the FFF are bunch of nationalistic wankers and were secretly pleased that domenech 'punished' the young non-french based players by leaving them at home.

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Re:Raymond Domenech

Posted by 1890 - 05-07-2008 10:56

The FFF must have been convinced by his explanation that the Swiss hotel they stayed as well as an anti-French conspiracy in our media was at fault...

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Re:Raymond Domenech

Posted by Phoebe - 05-07-2008 21:23

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In doing so, making an attempt at improving the quality of their own league? That would be worthy, not wanky, if true.

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Re:Raymond Domenech

Posted by Bryantop - 05-07-2008 22:28

They are two completely separate issues.

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Re:Raymond Domenech

Posted by ursus arctos - 07-07-2008 06:41

We were in Moitie's neck of the woods for the weekend, and I was able to pick up the France Football published on the eve of the decision. They were already incandescent at the mere possibility that Domenech might be retained, and I eagerly await next week's cries of outrage. From reading between the lines of some of the quotes they managed to get from the local football grandees who make up the FFF executive committee, it seems that Domenech was able to convince Escalettes that his future employment was inextricably linked to Raymond's, and that Escalettes was then somehow able to convince the 18 members of the executive committee that their blazers and prawn sandwiches were

also in jeopardy if Raymond walked the plank.

I've concluded that Domenech is the closest thing we have to a modern day Rasputin.

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Re:Raymond Domenech

Posted by sharon - 07-07-2008 18:27

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Re:Raymond Domenech

Posted by Hieronymus of Hesselink - 09-07-2008 16:20

Trezeguet has retired from international football as a direct response to Domenech being kept on as France manager.

I'm not his biggest fan, but he would have been a much better bet than three of the forwards who did make the squad.

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Re:Raymond Domenech

Posted by loose cannon - 10-07-2008 07:46

Yeah - the Italians were apparently relieved he wasn't in the squad.

His interview in l'Equipe today doesn't beat around the bush, ploughing into Domenech and despairing at the retention of the manager by the FFF.

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Re:Raymond Domenech

Posted by harbinger of hope - 10-07-2008 11:25

On the news that Domenech is staying.
David Trezeguet announces his international retirement at the age of 30

Hahahahahahaha!!

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Re:Raymond Domenech

Posted by ubiquitous internet meme - 12-07-2008 12:33

The big question is: Will Domenech insist on picking Trezeguet for the squad for the first World Cup qualifiers as he did with Makélélé when he announced his retirement?

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Re:Raymond Domenech

Posted by Johanista - 12-07-2008 17:54

How does a player actually "retire" from international football? I remember Makelele being picked because he'd not submitted it in writing or something (prompting another "slave" mini-debate). Are there official channels a player has to go through?

Re:Raymond Domenech

Posted by linus - 12-07-2008 18:16

Isn't it just the sense of personal obligation that brought Makelele back, as opposed to some contractual obligation? By and large participation on a national side is not mandatory.

With the domenech thing, I was pretty surprised and disappointed with the support Platini gave, he would have had the gravitas to get him fired otherwise.

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