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Clutching at thin air: Peter Shilton is beaten after Andreas Brehme's free-kick deflects off Paul Parker



2010

Careless hands: Robert Green allows Clint Dempsey's shot to roll into the net to give the United States a point

what an unforgiving place a tournament can be.

In Green's case, though, it is easy to forget that England might easily have lost to the US had the then West Ham United goalkeeper not made an excellent save in the second half to tip Jozy Altidore's shot on to a post.

"What I've never discussed and what no one ever brings up is the reaction to the mistake," he says. "I actually kept us in the game after that. Not that you'd assume an ounce of credit for it after making a bad mistake but that's one of the things I'm most pleased about – the reaction. David Beckham was there in a sort of coaching capacity and he said to me, 'You won us a point in the second half after that mistake'."

It was not enough to prevent Capello from dropping Green for

England's next game, against Algeria. "David was told the night before he was starting," Green explains. "The manager said to me, 'It's just too big a mistake'. I said, 'Well, for you, perhaps it was, but not for me'. I didn't mention the saves I made afterwards. He was not that type of person. Conversations were 95 per cent one way. They were not an exchange of opinions."

Green believes the relationship between Pickford and Southgate is

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Chelsea and he consistently performs at a really high standard. He maybe stays on his line a little more than others, but he gets around the goal well and is a great shot-stopper. His self-confidence is a real strength and he has always believed he will perform extremely well at the highest level.

David de Gea (Spain) He is the best shot-stopper in the world. He might not come for all the crosses but he is smart in what he does – his positioning helps him make a lot of saves.

Hugo Lloris (France) His speed is so impressive. By that, I mean around the goal, and in closing down

players and coming out to sweep up – that is something not many goalkeepers can do.

Alisson (Brazil) Brazil have two quality keepers – Ederson is the other. Alisson is a very different type. He is more agile and his speed around the goal is excellent – in some ways, he reminds me of

very different, and while he hopes the 24-year-old enjoys the sort of solid start against Tunisia that eluded him eight years ago, he does not expect the goalkeeper to be fazed.

"Speaking to those who know Jordan, I don't think the mental side is too much of an issue for him – for such a young guy, not a lot shakes him.

"He has been to tournaments with the Under-21s and had success there, so I think he will probably rely on that rather than people's experience of other tournaments.

"A clean sheet [against Tunisia] would be nice but what I'd say to him is, 'Don't change anything, you are where you are because of what you've done'.

"They have put great faith in him already and it's a clear mark of his ability."

Lloris. It has been a long time since Brazil had two goalkeepers of this quality – it will be a tough choice to select who starts.

Asmir Begovic was speaking to promote his charity, the Asmir Begovic Foundation. More information at asmirbegovicfoundation.com

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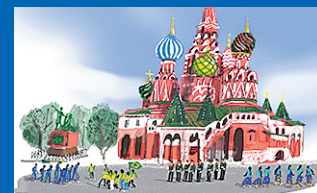
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