TIM VYNER WORLD CUP DRAW NO 25 SAMARA

Like many supporters I took an overnight train from Moscow and arrived in Samara on the morning of the England game for a whirlwind tour of the city. On the train I had shared a carriage with three Russians and together we watched France and Belgium respectively win their quarter-finals on one of their phones, all of us wondering about our own team's fortunes.

We arrived in Samara at 11am local time and after getting some food at the railway station I hopped on the shuttle tram that takes you to the amazing space-ship Samara Arena, 15km north of the city centre.

You pass an interesting set of city landmarks along the way, including locomotive carriages, old wooden buildings in among the high-rises, Orthodox churches and more monuments to the Soviet Space program.

When I arrived at the Arena I spent a couple of hours observing the fans soaking up the atmosphere before heading into the game. The England supporters were in good voice and mixed really well with the Swedish fans. And the Russian fans are forgiven for being distracted with their later fixture.

I even saw a Buddhist monk with a Fan ID.

Many of the Russians who in previous games had worn the replica colours and kits of whichever teams were playing, turned up in Samara wearing Russia colours.

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Insult added to injury for Neymar

Neymar's painful World Cup was given one final boot in the shins in a public service advert by Portugal's emergency services. Brazil's theatrical No10, who was fouled no fewer than 26 times, appears on a warning that "75.8 per cent of the calls [to our service] are not emergencies".

Griezmann diplomacy misfires

Muted celebrations are not a World Cup custom and, when France's Antoine Griezmann – who claims he feels "part Uruguayan" – toned down his glee at scoring against the South Americans (above, left), it was not received well. A slightly patronised Luis Suarez bit back afterwards, saying: "He's not Uruguayan, he's French and he scored a goal. He will have his customs and his Uruguayan way of speaking, but we feel differently."

Harry is the punters' pal

Harry Maguire's appeal barely needed enhancement but punters around the country who had realised that England's reliance on set-pieces, combined with the sheer mass of the Leicester City defender's head, could be a profitable blend yesterday. Maguire was available at a tasty 33-1 to open the scoring for England in their quarter-final against Sweden in Samara, and he obliged, from a corner, with the most no-nonsense of crashing headers into the net. Bookmakers were the only ones finding it hard to smile.

Flat-pack mischief in the Ikea aisles

Swedish-themed pre-match mischief reached its peak when a radio station played a prank by visiting its local branch of Ikea and changed some of the product display names to the clunkily pseudo-Swedish "Etskom-manhjome", complete with a price tag of £19.66. Football's coming home, and it is going to be completely redecorating.

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Russia 2018 fixtures guide

A

Russia 5 Saudi Arabia 0
Luzhniki Stadium

Egypt 0 Uruguay 1
Ekaterinburg Arena

Russia 3 Egypt 1
Saint Petersburg Stadium

Uruguay 1 Saudi Arabia 0
Rostov Arena

Uruguay 3 Russia 0
Samara Arena

Saudi Arabia 2 Egypt 1
Volgograd Arena

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Uruguay	3	3	0	0	5	0	9
Russia	3	2	0	1	8	4	6
Saudi Arabia	3	1	0	2	2	7	3
Egypt	3	0	0	3	2	6	0

B

Morocco 0 Iran 1
Saint Petersburg Stadium

Portugal 3 Spain 3
Fisht Stadium

Portugal 1 Morocco 0
Luzhniki Stadium

Iran 0 Spain 1
Kazan Arena

Iran 1 Portugal 1
Mordovia Arena

Spain 2 Morocco 2
Kaliningrad Stadium

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Spain	3	1	2	0	6	5	5
Portugal	3	1	2	0	5	4	5
Iran	3	1	1	1	2	2	4
Morocco	3	0	1	2	2	4	1

C

France 2 Australia 1
Kazan Arena

Peru 0 Denmark 1
Mordovia Arena

Denmark 1 Australia 1
Samara Arena

France 1 Peru 0
Ekaterinburg Arena

Denmark 0 France 0
Luzhniki Stadium

Australia 0 Peru 2
Fisht Stadium

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
France	3	2	1	0	3	1	7
Denmark	3	1	2	0	2	1	5
Peru	3	1	0	2	2	2	3
Australia	3	0	1	2	2	5	1

D

Argentina 1 Iceland 1
Spartak Stadium

Croatia 2 Nigeria 0
Kaliningrad Stadium

Argentina 0 Croatia 3
Nizhny Novgorod Stadium

Nigeria 2 Iceland 0
Volgograd Arena

Nigeria 1 Argentina 2
Saint Petersburg Stadium

Iceland 1 Croatia 2
Rostov Arena

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Croatia	3	3	0	0	7	1	9
Argentina	3	1	1	1	3	5	4
Nigeria	3	1	0	2	3	4	3
Iceland	3	0	1	2	2	5	1

E

Costa Rica 0 Serbia 1
Samara Arena

Brazil 1 Switzerland 1
Rostov Arena

Brazil 2 Costa Rica 0
Saint Petersburg Stadium

Serbia 1 Switzerland 2
Kaliningrad Stadium

Serbia 0 Brazil 2
Spartak Stadium

Switzerland 2 Costa Rica 2
Nizhny Novgorod Stadium

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Brazil	3	2	1	0	5	1	7
Switzerland	3	1	2	0	5	4	5
Serbia	3	1	0	2	2	4	3
Costa Rica	3	0	1	2	2	5	1

F

Germany 0 Mexico 1
Luzhniki Stadium

Sweden 1 South Korea 0
Nizhny Novgorod Stadium

South Korea 1 Mexico 2
Rostov Arena

Germany 2 Sweden 1
Fisht Stadium

South Korea 2 Germany 0
Kazan Arena

Mexico 0 Sweden 3
Ekaterinburg Arena

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Sweden	3	2	0	1	5	2	6
Mexico	3	2	0	1	3	4	6
South Korea	3	1	0	2	3	3	3
Germany	3	1	0	2	2	4	3

G

Belgium 3 Panama 0
Fisht Stadium

Tunisia 1 England 2
Volgograd Arena

Belgium 5 Tunisia 2
Spartak Stadium

England 6 Panama 1
Nizhny Novgorod Stadium

England 0 Belgium 1
Kaliningrad Stadium

Panama 1 Tunisia 2
Mordovia Arena

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Belgium	3	3	0	0	9	2	9
England	3	2	0	1	8	3	6
Tunisia	3	1	0	2	5	8	3
Panama	3	0	0	3	2	11	0

H

Colombia 1 Japan 2
Mordovia Arena

Poland 1 Senegal 2
Spartak Stadium

Japan 2 Senegal 2
Ekaterinburg Arena

Poland 0 Colombia 3
Kazan Arena

Japan 0 Poland 1
Volgograd Arena

Senegal 0 Colombia 1
Samara Arena

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Colombia	3	2	0	1	5	2	6
Japan	3	1	1	1	4	4	4
Senegal	3	1	1	1	4	4	4
Poland	3	1	0	2	2	5	3

Round of 16

Uruguay 2 Portugal 1
Fisht Stadium

France 4 Argentina 3
Kazan Arena

Spain 1 Russia 1 (AET. Russia win 4-3 on pens)
Luzhniki Stadium

Croatia 1 Denmark 1 (AET. Croatia win 3-2 on pens)
Nizhny Novgorod Stadium

Brazil 2 Mexico 0
Samara Arena

Belgium 3 Japan 2
Rostov Arena

Sweden 1 Switzerland 0
Saint Petersburg Stadium

Colombia 1 England 1 (AET. England win 4-3 on pens)
Spartak Stadium

Quarter-finals

Uruguay 0 France 2
Nizhny Novgorod Stadium

Brazil 1 Belgium 2
Kazan Arena

Russia 2 Croatia 2 (AET. Croatia win 4-2 on pens)
Fisht Stadium

Sweden 0 England 2
Samara Arena

Semi-finals

France v Belgium — 7pm
Tuesday, Saint Petersburg Stadium — TV tbc

Croatia v England — 7pm
Wednesday, Luzhniki Stadium — TV tbc

THE FINAL 4pm, July 15
Luzhniki Stadium, Moscow

Third place play-off

July 14, Saint Petersburg Stadium, 3pm