

12 July 2006

By: Ovidiu Panzariu, Sports Editor



Zidane Will Talk About the "Butthead Incident" Today

He will make a statement tonight, in front of the French media, concerning the incident in the 110th minute of the World Cup final

If you want to hear what were the exact words that Materazzi told Zidane before the butthead, that you better watch the 19.00 CET news editions in the French media. As Zidane's agent admitted earlier in the week, the Frenchman will make his first public appearance and give the world his reasons for the dreadful foul that everyone's talking about for the last few days. Actually, people were getting a little tired of all these allegations. One day, the BBC lip reader told the media that Materazzi said "you son of a terrorist whore", the next the Italian wished the Frenchman's family "the most painful death" and "go f... yourself". You don't know who to believe anymore! After Materazzi came out and explained the whole incident, Zinedine will also reveal his side of the story in front of the media. And I don't have to be a genius to admit that most of the media will be on Zidane's side. No matter what he says, people will believe him over Marco. And I don't just say that because I'm a Squadra Azzurra fan - that's not the case - but because Materazzi has a rather bad image inside the world of football. Who is going to believe a "hustler" and a "stupid Italian" - as the media described him during the last few days - over the champion that Zidane is. God forbid Zidane will agree with the English media concerning those pathetic allegations about racist insults. Do you imagine the international scandal? Materazzi will certainly not be able to join his national team if playing matches against Middle-East or African sides. Still, those are just a couple of allegations. Since everybody does it, why shouldn't we? FIFA will also be very interested in finding out what happened on the field, since an inquiry has already got under way as early as this morning. The anti-racist organizations have already asked for Materazzi's head, if it will be proven that the Italian racially insulted Zidane.