Germany triumph over Uruguay, much to SA's delight

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The third place play-off at the Nelson Mandela Bay Stadium took place under rainy conditions but ended up being a game that had fans spellbound with five goals being scored in total during the match.

South Africans and Africans alike were delighted that Germany were able to keep Uruguay from the third-place position, following the shenanigans of their player Luis Suarez. He was instrumental in the red card received by Bafana Bafana goalkeeper, Ithumeleng Khune and the hand ball, which he called 'The hand of God' that denied Ghana a place in the semi-finals.

Germany played superbly despite missing keys players in Captain Philipp Lahm, Miroslav Klose and Lukas Podolski.

They took the lead in the first half after Thomas Muller produced a straightforward strike.

Muller's 18 minute goal made him a joint leading scorer in the tournament.

Ten minutes later Uruguay equalised courtesy of Edison Cavani and the score stayed at one all at the close of the first half.

Diego Forlan, who won the Golden Ball award for the tournament’s best player, produced another fantastic goal in the second half to give the South Americans the lead. Forlan's acrobatic volley contributed to his fifth goal in the competition.

But the Germans were not to be undone and Marcell Jansen's equaliser ensured that Uruguay only enjoyed the lead for a mere five minutes.

The match looked like it was heading for extra time but Stuttgart midfielder Sami Khedira captalised on a Mesut Ozil corner to head in Germany's third and final goal in this tournament.

Forlan's last chance at goal came in extra time, but the ball hit the bar and the Germans held on for their bronze medal.

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