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News Review

Italy World Cup fail



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The story

For the first time in 60 years, Italy have failed to qualify for the football World Cup finals.

The four-time winners of the competition were held to a nil-nil draw by Sweden in the second leg of their play off in Milan.

Vocabulary

scathing

strongly criticising

goes ballistic

suddenly becomes very angry

goes begging

is free to be taken

Language challenge

Italy's World Cup qualifier ended nil-nil. Nil means zero and is associated with football. Can you match these sports to their associated scoring terms?

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| a) A deuce | 1) archery |
| b) A try | 2) rugby |
| c) A century | 3) cricket |
| d) A bull's eye | 4) tennis |

Answer

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