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Goat Optimistic on Russia's Match With Uruguay

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The goat Zabiyaka / Vkontakte

When it comes to Russia's chances against Uruguay on Monday evening, a goat at a zoo in Samara, where the match will be played, is optimistic.

The goat Zabiyaka — not to be confused with Zabivaka, the World Cup mascot — snubbed bowls labeled "Draw" and "Uruguay" for one labeled "Russia," the zoo told the Interfax news agency.

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Zabiyaka has a decent track record: The goat predicted as winners France and Brazil in their group stage matches. But even oracles get it wrong: Zabiyaka mistakenly chose Costa Rica over Serbia for last Sunday's match.

The goat was chosen out of seven other animals at the Samara zoo, including a monkey called

Simon and Coco the skunk.

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