Team Notes:

**Top Players:**

*Jong Tae-Se* is called the Asian Rooney. Not the North Korean Rooney. The Asian Rooney. He scored 21 goals in all competitions in 2009 for the North Koreans. His presence in midfield is the first line of a robust defense.

*Kim Myong-Won* is listed as a goalkeeper, but he is actually a forward who will be barred from playing his position in South Africa. Korea DPR registered him as a goalkeeper and has been informed by FIFA that he will not be allowed to play another position.

**Keys to Success:**

Neither Portugal nor Cote d’Ivoire are organized in attack, so Korea DPR could give them trouble. One huge upset and a another draw could send the North Koreans through. The key will be maintaining a stalwart defense that gave up less than half-a-goal per match in qualifying.

**Outlook:**

Korea DPR has the approach to get one, maybe two points, and they should consider either formula a victory. There is a reason this team is ranked 105th in the world.