



## **Rossi recuperated, tomorrow Honduras**

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Last practice session at the university stadium in Qingunangdao for the team coached by Pierluigi Casiraghi in light of the debut match in the Olympic Games against Honduras (Thursday, 5:00 pm local time, 11:00 am Italian time). The news of the day is the fact that the forward, Giuseppe Rossi, is in ok after a slight lombalgia. "I am ok physically and after waiting so long we cannot wait to begin – said Rossi at the end of practice. Brazil and Argentina are definitely the teams to beat, but after seeing the European Championships, with Turkey and Russia in the semifinals, never say never. Our group is compact – he underlined – we all have the same mentality and same objective, we want to go as far as we can". Lots of motivation at a personal level, therefore, but above all, the awareness by the entire group that they are participating in a great competition with ambitions of winning, as said by Sebastiano Giovinco. "Here we are not talking about individual players, we are counting on the group that is very valid, and we will definitely show what we can do. We are facing the match against the Honduras as if it were a final: we have to start off in the best way possible, with a win and end with a win". Casiraghi had a tactical session of more than one hour and a half in extreme weather conditions – temperatures of 38 degrees Celsius and 95% humidity – the same weather for the match against Italy and Honduras tomorrow. The CIO officialized the referees that will be represented by the Slovenian Damir Skomina, with assistants Primoz Ahar and Marko Stancin, both Slovenians and the Iranian Moradi Masoud, as the fourth man.