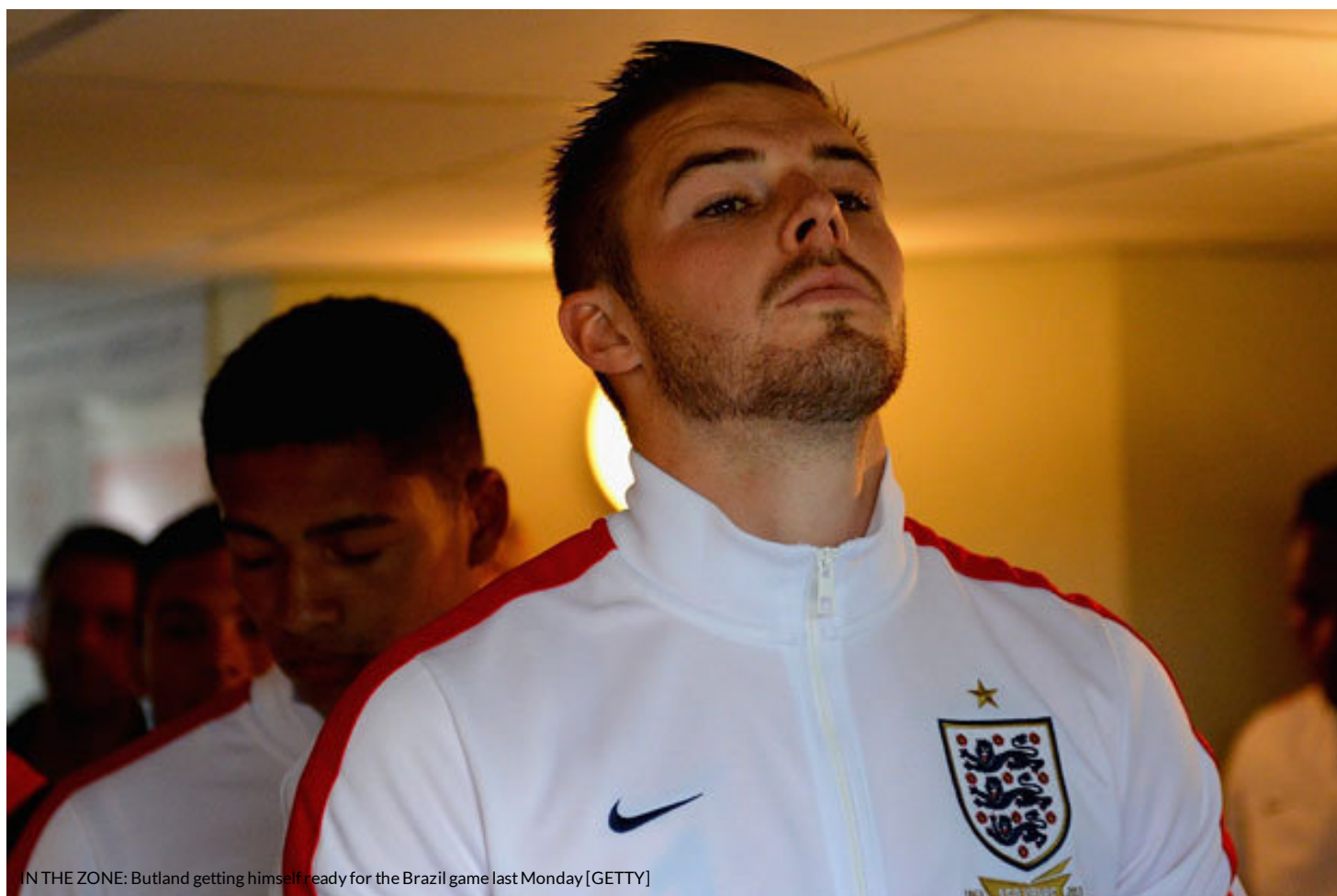


# Young England stopper Jack Butland wants revenge on South Korea

**JACK BUTLAND** is ready to take revenge on South Korea - and wipe out the disappointment of not going to the World Cup.

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IN THE ZONE: Butland getting himself ready for the Brazil game last Monday [GETTY]

And the Stoke goalkeeper will line up for England's Under-20s in the Toulon tournament today aiming to erase the memories of Olympic heartbreak as well.

Butland was in the TeamGB side which lost to the Koreans in a penalty shoot-out in the quarter-final of the 2012 Games at Cardiff's Millennium Stadium.

The 21-year-old is keen to get one over the same opposition as the Young Lions try to bounce back from an opening defeat against Brazil on Monday.

Butland said of his Olympic experience: "I was devastated because I wanted to win. I didn't want to go out of a tournament at the quarter-final stage.

"We had chances to put the game away and while it will be a different bunch of players to the ones we faced at the Olympics, it will be the same make-up and mentality.

"Of course, it was an incredible experience, but I want to achieve, win medals, tournaments and leagues. That's why the lads are gutted about the result on Monday. We want to win - that's my mentality.

"In the short-term, the Brazil loss still hurts and we need a miracle now to reach the final, but we've got two games to prepare for and there's plenty of players here who want to prove to people that we have the quality and can go and finish third in the competition. That's our main target now.

"We know we have more than enough ability in the squad to deal with Korea and we have more than enough attacking threat to put goals past them."



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Butland, not picked by England boss Roy Hodgson for the World Cup, is also using this experience as leader of the next generation in the south of France as a motivation to reach Euro 2016.

He was forced to play on loan at Barnsley and Leeds last season after failing to break into the Stoke side and added: "Deep down I'm gutted I'm not going to the World Cup because you always want to be part of major tournaments.

But I can't sit here and be frustrated and hold a grudge at the fact that if I was playing in the Premier League and playing well then I could say, 'Yeah, I can make a statement.'

"That hasn't been the case this season. It's a target for next season and the coming tournaments. Not being a part of the World Cup this summer has only given me more motivation and drive to push on and be a part of the next European Championships.

"I have got the benefit of having a rest and starting pre-season. When Asmir Begovic is still away resting up from the World Cup, I have got to look to hit the ground running with Stoke and have a good pre-season.

"I want to be playing in the Premier League. I had a few games in January to show what I am about and I hope Mark Hughes is very pleased with what he has seen. If I was to get the chance to build on that, it would be great."

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