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LONDON: A football used by Spain and the Netherlands in the World Cup final has been sold in an online auction for £48,200 (RM236,425).

Proceeds from Friday's eBay sale will go to 46664, Nelson Mandela's campaign to prevent HIV/AIDS.

Many players likened the Adidas Jabulani ball used throughout the tournament to a "supermarket ball," saying it was too unpredictable.

The gold version used in the final was given the name "Jo'bulani."

Ruth Szyszkowski of eBay says that "interest in this particular piece seems not only heightened by the controversy surrounding it, but also the proceeds benefiting such a great cause." — AP