

DOWN THE WORLD CUP LANE



Franz Beckenbauer: The Kaiser

AGENCIES, undated

The great Franz Beckenbauer is the only man to both captain a World Cup winning side (1974) and manage a nation to world cup success (1990) and also played the leading role in Germany's successful bid to host the 2006 tournament.

On the pitch he was a natural leader and an innovator, constantly fine-tuning a new concept in the international game that became known as the "attacking sweeper", a position that allowed a player to begin moves deep in his own half before moving forward to help create and score goals.

The son of a General Manager of a postal depot, he began his career at the age of 9, in the youth team of SC Munchen 06, before joining FC Bayern Munich in 1958.

After starting his playing career as a midfielder at Bayern Munich (where he later became president) the gifted apprentice set about building himself a unique position within the team.

Franz celebrated his first international cap on 26 September 1965 at the tender age of 20, and went on to play in three FIFA World Cups. The young Beckenbauer made his first finals appearance in 1966, scoring 2 goals in a 5-0 victory over Switzerland in his first game. He was included in the national side for the World Cup final in England in 1966, but suffered when Germany were defeated 4-2 in the final by the home side.

After further success at his club Bayern Munich the next big test of the West German's pedigree came at the 1970 World Cup in Mexico.

All Beckenbauer's great qualities came to the surface in an unforgettable semi-final match against Italy.

With his arm in a sling after dislocating his shoulder, he heroically led the charge against an inspired Italian team, but his efforts were in vain as Italy finally won the match 4-3 after extra time.

His most memorable club years followed and the nickname "Kaiser Franz" was born. Bayern won four domestic titles in 1969, 1972, 1973 and 1974 and successive European Cup triumphs in 1974, 1975 and 1976.

He was also twice European player of the year in 1971 and 1976.

In 1974 came his finest hour. By now, Beckenbauer was playing in the position he revolutionised - as libero behind the defence. He organised the team from the back but also came forward when his side attacked. It was in his nature to go forward, he simply couldn't stop himself.

The 1974 World Cup in Germany was something extra-special for Beckenbauer and his team. From the first whistle, the home fans expected nothing less than victory. The high expectations were something the captain was all too aware of, "when you are hosts, there is obviously twice the pressure, because everybody expects you to win".

Gerd Mueller, Paul Breitner, Wolfgang Overath and the rest of the team withstood the pressure to make Germany winners for the second time. After the 2-1 victory over The Netherlands, Beckenbauer became the first captain to lift the brand new FIFA World Cup trophy after Brazil had

retained the Jules Rimet cup in 1970.

In 1977 Beckenbauer retired from international competition (103 caps and 14 goals) and decided to take his skills across the Atlantic to the North American Soccer League. By the time he left Munich he had won every major honour with "his" Bayern (hat-trick of European Cups, four Championships, four German Cup medals). He hoped to find a new challenge in America's professional league, as well as earn a good living. From a sporting point of view, however, the switch to America did not further his develop-

ment: "Football-wise it was a non starter," he said.

He played for New York Cosmos for four years before going back to Germany to win a fifth league title, this time with Hamburg in 1982.

Two years later Beckenbauer succeeded Jupp Derwall as national team coach and after leading West Germany to the World Cup final in Mexico (1986) against Diego Maradona's Argentina - a final the Germans lost 3-2 - he went the whole way in 1990 when Germany achieved a third World Cup win in Italy.

That win meant that

Beckenbauer secured his place in German football history for all eternity. He became the first man to win the FIFA World Cup both as captain and as manager.

He has been president at Bayern since 1994 and is head of the 2006 World Cup organising committee.

Beckenbauer recently confirmed he will be a candidate to become UEFA president when elections take place in 2006 or 2007.



German legend Franz Beckenbauer receives the trophy after beating Holland 2-1 in the final of the 1974 World Cup on 07 July at Munich's Olympic Stadium, as West Germany president Walter Scheel (L) applauds.

PHOTO: AFP FILE



BITS AND BOBS

Brazil set sail

AFP, Brasilia

Brazil were accorded a low key send off here as they left for Europe on a quest to claim a sixth World Cup.

For the first time Carlos Parreira's defending champions flew out for a World Cup finals without any official leaving ceremony.

The plane carrying the South Americans to their training camp in Switzerland was decked out with five stars representing each of their world titles in 1958, 1962, 1970, 1994 and 2002.

Real Madrid striker Robinho, competing in his first World Cup, said: "Ever since I was a kid I've dreamt of playing for the national side and I'm very happy."

Brazil will be based in the Swiss town of Weggis up to June 3 when they will move to Germany and their base for the June 9-July 9 finals at Konigstein in Taurus near Frankfurt.

Korean media off limits!

REUTERS, Seoul

Togo players face being dropped from their World Cup team if they speak to reporters from group rivals South Korea, midfielder Junior Senaya was quoted as saying.

"The head coach said he would not let us play in the games if we

answer your questions. I want to play in the match and the head coach said there are no exceptions." Senaya told the Ilgan Sports daily while leaving the team's hotel in Germany.

Togo are coached by German Otto Pfister and will play South Korea on June 13 in their opening Group G match.

Senaya said the coach had also told Togo players not to talk to Japanese or Chinese people, apparently in case they were actually Korean media, the paper reported.

Togo will make their World Cup debut at the finals beginning on June 9. France and Switzerland make up their first round group.

Germans learn to fix clocks

REUTERS, Geneva

Germany's World Cup players will take a course in watch making to fill up a bit of spare time during their Swiss training camp.

"They'll learn how to take a watch apart and put it back together again," German team manager Oliver Bierhoff said following the squad's arrival from Sardinia on Sunday. "It's something a bit different."

"It must be a great feeling when you get all the bits back together and you hear it ticking."

Highly paid footballers often spend fortunes on watches, which have become a status symbol for some in the game. Many of the best watches, or at least the most expensive, come from Switzerland, where the German squad will stay until May 30.

"We have a lot of watch freaks in the squad," Bierhoff said.

Germany will play the opening match of the World Cup on June 9. There should be chance of them missing the 1800 kick-off time.

Rooney recovering fast

REUTERS, London

Wayne Rooney's chances of playing in England's opening World Cup match looked much more promising after the team doctor said he was encouraged by the striker's recovery from a broken foot.

"Everything points to a perfect recovery," England doctor Leif Sward was quoted as saying in Monday's Sun newspaper.

"I have the highest hopes for Rooney and the World Cup and I hope I can give the perfect answer about Rooney after the next MRI examination on Thursday.

"The healing process has been very very good."

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Springboard for Polish journeymen

REUTERS, Warsaw

Poland's experienced players will be driven by the incentive of lucrative moves to Europe's big clubs at next month's World Cup finals.

With a few exceptions, Poland's squad consists mainly of players playing their trade with second rate clubs in England, Germany and eastern Europe, however midfielder playmaker Miroslaw Szymkowiak says a good showing in Germany could change all that.

"Every one of us is willing to lose a leg to show we can play," the Trabzonspor player told Reuters at the team's official World Cup launch.

"If we do well, all of us will have offers of new contracts abroad. Many of us are getting close to 30, so this is really our last chance. I would certainly like to try out in a stronger league."

After the shock omission of Liverpool keeper Jerzy Dudek and their top scorer in qualifying Tomasz Frankowski, Poland head for Germany without two of the team's biggest stars, sparking a wave of media criticism of coach Pawel Janas.

However, speaking after a lunch with Prime Minister Kazimierz Marcinkiewicz at Warsaw airport to launch the team's campaign, most players were upbeat about their chances of advancing from a group that includes hosts Germany, Ecuador and Costa Rica.

"Everything may depend on the result of the first games," Bayer Leverkusen midfielder Jacek Krzynowek told Reuters. "We play the Germans in the second game and if either of us lose points we will be under a lot more pressure. Our chances of beating Germany are maybe 50-50."

After an embarrassing first round exit in South Korea four years ago, the Poles regard a second-round spot as their minimum goal, with either Sweden or England their likely opponents in the knockout stage.

"For the next few weeks no-one will care what the Prime Minister of Poland is doing -- all eyes will be on you, you will represent our nation," Marcinkiewicz told the team.

"I hope with all my heart you can provide joy to the millions of Poles who will be following you."

Gorawski out of Poland squad

REUTERS, Warsaw

FK Moscow midfielder Damian Gorawski has withdrawn from Poland's World Cup squad due to a blood circulation and respiratory problem, the team doctor said on Monday.

"Tests have uncovered changes in his circulation and respiratory system which leave no doubt," Jerzy Grzywoz told reporters at the team's departure from Warsaw airport.

"These tests do not allow us to risk his health and life. We have sent the medical documentation to FIFA. When we receive confirmation, coach Janas will call up another player."

Poland coach Pawel Janas said Lech Poznan defender Bartosz Bosacki would be the most likely replacement for Gorawski.

FIFA regulations allow teams to replace an injured player in the squad up to 24 hours before their first game.

Janas's 23-man squad flew out on Monday to begin final preparations in Switzerland for next month's finals. They face hosts Germany, Ecuador and Costa Rica in Group A.

Germany's injury woes ease

REUTERS, Geneva

Germany's World Cup injury worries eased on Monday as striker Lukas Podolski and midfielder Sebastian Kehl returned to training at their Swiss camp.

Podolski had been suffering from a back injury, while Kehl had been out with an ankle problem.

Central defender Christoph Metzelder and left-back Philipp Lahm are the only two players still nursing serious injuries.

Metzelder, who has a calf muscle injury, took part in light training on Monday morning but will not be able to take full part until Wednesday at the earliest.

"It's going very well," Metzelder told reporters after Germany's training session at the Stade de Geneve. "I'm pretty sure I'll be able to train on Wednesday."

Lahm needed surgery on torn elbow ligaments last week and will need at least until the end of the

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Milosevic, the realist

REUTERS, Belgrade

Older and wiser at 32, striker Savo Milosevic has appealed to soccer fans in Serbia & Montenegro to be realistic in their expectations for the World Cup finals.

"We tend to be a bit euphoric although I do think people are a bit more realistic now than before the 1998 finals in France. We have to take it one match at a time," Milosevic told his federation's official World Cup bulletin.

"If we can progress past a group including twice world champions Argentina and the Netherlands, we can get very far. On the other hand, we can also play well and not make it through," he said.

"It's true that we are in toughest group of all, rightly dubbed the group of death. But it is strong because we are in it too and we should fear no one while showing respect for all our rivals."

Milosevic, the scorer of 35 goals in 97 international appearances, is the most capped player in his team's history.

He and midfielder Dejan

Stankovic are the only two of the present group of players to have featured in the 1998 World Cup, when what was then the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia reached the round of 16 and lost to the Netherlands 2-1.

"It was a different game eight years ago and I can't draw any comparisons," Milosevic said. "We should look ahead as football has changed a lot since then."

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SAVO MILOSEVIC

2006 Round 2, Draw in Khulna

Competition Information, Prizes and Rules

Information

A. The **RANGS TOSHIBA** World Cup Quiz 2006 is a series of competitions on World Cup Soccer being held in Germany from June 9 to July 9.

B. There will be **FIVE** rounds of competition.

C. Each round will have a separate draw with attractive prizes from the house of **RANGS TOSHIBA** as per announcement.

D. Participants of all the **FIVE** rounds will automatically qualify for the **Bumper Draw**, which will have even bigger prizes.

E. For each round, a set of questions including a photographic quiz will be published in **The Daily Star**.

F. Names and addresses of all prize winners will be published in **The Daily Star**.

G. Winners will have to collect their prizes from **The Daily Star** office after satisfactory authentication of their identity.

H. Any taxes or levies, as per law, for all the above prizes will have to be borne by the prize winners.

Rules

1. Residents of Bangladesh are eligible to participate in **RANGS TOSHIBA** World Cup Quiz 2006. Employees of and **RANGS TOSHIBA** and their immediate family members shall not be eligible to participate.

2. All entries must be submitted in the original form printed in **The Daily Star**. Photocopies or reproductions in any form will not be accepted.

3. Forms will have to be cut along the dotted lines.

4. Participants are to put a tick () mark in the box alongside their answer to each question.

5. A person may send numerous entries for each round. Entry forms should be completed with a ballpoint pen.

6. Name, address, father's name and particulars of participants must be clearly written. Each entry form must also bear the signature of the participant and date.

7. Incomplete forms will not be accepted.

8. Entries must reach the office of **The Daily Star** on or before the closing date marked on the entry form. Late entries will not be accepted.

9. Envelopes of entries must be clearly marked "**Star World Cup Quiz 2**".

10. Entries may be hand delivered or posted to **The Daily Star**, 19, Karwan Bazar, Dhaka-1215.

11. Entries will be placed in a sealed box for the draw to be held on a notified date in public in presence of invited guests and Quiz participants, if any.

12. Winners will be decided on the basis of correct entries drawn out from the box.

13. Entering this Quiz competition shall be construed as the respective agreement by each participant to abide by all rules, instructions and guidelines as may be issued by **The Daily Star**.

14. Any decision of **The Daily Star** in the conduct of the Quiz competition/ including the answers selected as correct shall be deemed final and binding on all participants and shall not be called in question and/or challenged in any manner whatsoever.

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1st	One 21" Toshiba Bomba Flat TV	21C28DE	YOU
2nd	One Toshiba Refrigerator	GRM-19BPT	YOU
3rd	One Toshiba Washing Machine	VH-7200	YOU
4th	Ten Canon Cameras	BF-800	YOU
5th	Twenty Toshi Irons		and YOU

QUIZ SCHEDULE

Round & Draw	Starts	Answers must reach by 8pm	Lucky Draw for prizes
1 Rangpur	May 05	May 18	May 23
2 Khulna	May 19	June 01	June 02
3 Sylhet	June 2	June 15	June 16
4 Chittagong	June 16	June 29	June 30
5 Dhaka(Bumper)	June 30	July 09	TBA

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Tick () the correct answers

- The only player to have appeared in three World Cup final matches is:

Matthaus	<input type="checkbox"/>	Maradona	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cafu	<input type="checkbox"/>
Munich	<input type="checkbox"/>	Frankfurt	<input type="checkbox"/>	Berlin	<input type="checkbox"/>
- The 2006 World Cup final will be held in:

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- How many goals did France score in the 2002 World Cup?

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- Which Asian nation made highest number of appearances in World Cup finals?

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- Who is this player?

Name (Mr/Mrs/Ms).....Age.....

Father's nameOccupation

Address

Telephone (if any)SignatureDate.....

Write with a ballpoint pen in clear **BLOCK** letters.
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