



## DOWN THE WORLD CUP LANE

# Spain 1982: Italy provide Mediterranean sunshine

AGENCIES, undated



Not for the first or last time. FIFA insisted on tampering with the format. Still trying to breed a successful cross between league and cup. they came up with even more of a camel. The

top two teams in each group would go into four groups of three, the winners progressing to the semifinals. It stood at twenty-four countries instead of sixteen, including an increase in the number of finalists from Africa, Asia and Central

Of the teams at the other end of the scale, the champions Argentina came with the same coach and many of the same players from 1978, plus one special newcomer the stockily-built, bushy-haired Diego Maradona who'd been left out of the 1978 finals only because Menotti thought him too young and vulnerable at 17 (he'd first capped him at 16).

Now he looked the world's greatest player since Cruyff or even Pele, a target for Barcelona and every defender in the tournament.

West Germany, who'd thrown out the old wood, were the European champions and had won all eight qualifiers with a goal tally of 33-3 Karle-Heinze Rummenigge was now a front player of the highest class, and there were tearsome new defenders in Briegel, Stielike and Karlheinz Forester -- but their blond young playmaker Bernd Schuster, the star of the European finals, was out injured.

Italy hadn't looked altogether convincing in qualifying, but at least Rossi was back after serving a suspension of less than two years for his involvement in a major match-fixing scandal. He'd yet to embed himself back in the team. Antognoni had only just recovered from a life-threatening skull fracture, and Bettega and Benetti were gone -- but the defence was better than ever and the whole team had been together for four more years. Spain, whose national team rarely matched the success of their club sides, were cursed with unexceptional players just when their time came to host the tournament.

Three of the British Isles countries had qualified and the other two came close. The Republic of Ireland were unfortunate to finish a very close third in a strong group which saw Holland eliminated. Wales beat Czechoslovakia but were undone by a 2-2 draw with Iceland in Swansea, where the floodlights failed. England had made their fans ride a remarkable rollercoaster. Defeats in Romania and Switzerland were followed by a convincing win in Hungary and another defeat, most bonkers of all, in Norway ('Your boys took a helluva beating!'). But Switzerland won in Romania to let them through, after which their first choice team won six matches in a row -- though injuries to Brooking and the talismanic Keegan were a worry.

Northern Ireland, under their benign but pragmatic manager Billy Bingham, who'd played in the 1958 finals, came second in a group won by Scotland, who'd replaced MacLeod with the unimpeachable figure of jock Stein. Although they scored only nine goals in eight qualifying games, their attack looked better than that and at last there was some organisation at the back.

But they were unlucky with the draw. Originally scheduled to meet

### Japan, Adidas sign mega deal

REUTERS, Tokyo

The Japan Football Association (JFA) signed an eight-year sponsorship extension on Thursday with German sporting goods giant Adidas worth

The new deal is to run from April 2007 until March 2015 and covers all Japan's national sides from youth to senior level.

"This clearly surpasses the amount of capital Adidas have invested over the past seven years," JFA president Saburo Kawabuchi told

"It will help with a range of projects such as bringing through youngsters, improving facilities and raising the level of coaching."

Argentina in the opening match (with the Falklands War still unre-

solved!), they were moved to

another group when FIFA realised

here was no guarantee that the

South American countries would be kept apart. So Scotland found themselves drawn alongside a strong Soviet side and the hot

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Brazil, under a new coach, were looking their old selves again, a SEE PAGE 22 COL 2



Italians defenders Antonio Cabrini (top, L) and Claudio Gentile celebrate on top of their teammates after Italy defeated West Germany 3-1 in the World Cup final 11 July 1982 in Madrid. It was Italy's third World Cup victory after winning in 1934 and 1938.

### BITS AND BOBS

### **Brazil favourites:** Riquelme

INTERNET, undated

Juan Roman Riquelme believes Brazil are the favourites to win the World Cup but has not ruled his own Argentina side out of the reckoning.

The Villarreal playmaker said: "Brazil are the favourites because of the players they have. "They can win matches on their

own, we can't deny that, but Argentina are among the top teams

"Everybody predicts Brazil will be in the final stages and what we'll do is concentrate and focus on each match to progress as far as possible."

Riquelme is happy with the Argentina squad and believes they have the class to go all the way.

He said: "We always go to the World Cups with good teams, good players and this is a group with highquality players and it makes me feel confident about the future.

"This Argentinian squad fills me with confidence and the fans have the same belief."

Argentina coach Jose Pekerman has given him the legendary number 10 shirt worn by Diego Maradona for the World Cup and Riquelme admitted he had not

"It was a surprise for me," he

## Pfister returns after

AFP, Germany

World Cup debutants Togo's veteran German coach Otto Pfister is set to return to the helm at training on Thursday after a bout of flu.

The much-travelled international handler has been out of the frame for the past three days but his assistant Piet Hamberg confirmed on Wednesday he would be back in charge of the 'Sparrowhawks' imminently

"From Thursday Otto (Pfister) will be with us again, everything is alright," said Hamberg.

Hamberg added that the Togolese needed to improve on their performance in the 3-2 victory over a Bavarian selection on Tuesday.

"They need to come on especially when they do not have the ball," said Hamberg

Pfister and Hamberg were brought on board shortly after January's African Nations Cup finals where Togo crashed out in the first

The campaign was a disaster with then coach Stephen Keshi and star striker Emmanuel Adebayor setting the tone as they had to be pulled apart following the opening defeat by the Democratic Republic

Despite Keshi having been hailed as a hero for guiding Togo to their first World Cup finals he was subsequently sacked, though, some of the players called unsuccessfully for him to be reinstated.

### Xabi wants England

**INTERNET**, undated

Liverpool and Spain midfielder Xabi Alonso wants to meet England in the World Cup final this summer.

Alonso is set to play against

Russia in Saturday's friendly in Albacete as he bids to earn a starting role for the finals in Germany. "I wouldn't mind a final against

them considering I play in the Premiership," he added.

"Like us, they believe this could be their year.'

Alonso admitted: "We have many good players in midfield and it's going to be difficult to earn a

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KNOW THE TEETH? A file photo of Brazilian superstar Ronaldinho at the age of seven.

### Reyna injury not serious

REUTERS, Tennessee

The United States got a World Cup boost on Wednesday with the news that captain Claudio Reyna did not suffer any muscle damage when he limped off in the 1-0 warm-up defeat

against Morocco on Tuesday.

It was feared the Manchester City midfielder had damaged his hamstring when he had to come off after only 15 minutes as a result of over-extending his leg trying to intercept a pass.

However, a scan has showed there was no serious damage and U.S. officials said the prognosis was very good.
"There was no damage but of

course it's not 24 hours after the injury," said U.S. assistant coach Glenn Myernick. "It still needs to quieten down.

There are no alarm bells going off that he will be out for an extended The U.S. were largely unimpres-

sive against Morocco as they work toward finalising the starting lineup for their June 12 tournament opener against Czech Republic in

Reyna is ruled out of their next friendly with Venezuela on Friday and will likely miss Sunday's match against Latvia.

There is no timeframe on when he will return to training and team staff will base everything on his pain

"It's very good news," Reyna told Reuters at the U.S. training camp. "I'm a lot happier now than I was last

"I'm still not sure when I'm coming back but I'm not going to rush it. I don't want to come back too soon."

The U.S. team is expected to make full-scale changes for the match against Venezuela in Cleveland, Ohio. as reserve players are likely to make up the bulk of the team.

### Rooney deadline on **Tuesday**

**INTERNET**, undated

England's team doctors will have to inform FIFA by May 30 if they expect Wayne Rooney to recover in time to take part in the World Cup.

Rooney is having an MRI scan on Thursday to determine the progress of his recovery from his metatarsal injury.

Once the results of the scan are known, Manchester United's assistant team doctor Tony Gill - who has taken over Rooney's care following the abrupt departure of Mike Stone will liaise with England medical staff.

England team doctor Leif Sward will then have to inform FIFA by Tuesday that he expects all the players in the squad will be mentally and physically fit to play in the finals.

FIFA's chief medical officer Dr Jiri Dvorak said: "Each team physician have to confirm by May 30 that their players are physically and mentally fit to participate in the World Cup.

"If Wayne Rooney is on the list then that is in principle confirmation that it is anticipated he will have recovered in time to participate in the tournament."

Every player has to have a range of medical tests including heart monitoring and be signed off by the national team doctor.

FIFA say they view this as a statement of intent that a player will be available to take part in the tournament although if Rooney broke down again Sven-Goran Eriksson would have until June 9 to

### Goodwill Ballack

German football star Michael Ballack has agreed to help raise the profile of the global fight against HIV/AIDS as special representative for the United Nations, UNAIDS said Thursday

The UN agency coordinating the struggle against the disease described Ballack as a role model for many youngsters. His engagement will help press messages on prevention and provide support for its campaigns.

"AIDS is everyones business. Sport and especially football can help break social barriers and fight stigma and HIV," said Ballack, who is currently training in Switzerland with Germany's squad for next month's World Cup.

"Through sport young people can become more self-confident and protect themselves from HIV. I want todays youth to know the facts about HIV and AIDS."

"In my new role as UNAIDS Special Representative, I will help save lives by engaging the sports world to take action against AIDS,"

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# **Rossi: The Comeback King**



The prolific Italian marksman Paolo Rossi comderful career turnaround in 1982 when he overcame a two-year ban for alleged

match fixing to lead his country to World Cup glory scoring a thrilling hat-trick against Brazil on the way.

Rossi was top scorer and architect of some of Italy's most important goals, but the fact that the Juventus striker was even on the pitch was credit to national coach Enzo Bearzot, who had stood by him despite his disgrace. As one of the players at the

centre of a scandal known as the "Totonero", he found himself kicked out the game for two years in a scandal that rocked the foundations of Italian football. In his early days in Serie Ahe had

terrorised defences with his darting runs, wonderful control and uncanny knack of finding the back of

When his ban ended on April 29, 1982, there were only weeks to go before the kick-off to the 1982 World Cup, but a handful of appearances for Juventus were enough to convince Bearzot to take him to Spain.

The Squadra Azzurra began their campaign quietly, drawing their



squeezing into the second round on goal difference

There they found themselves up against South American giants Brazil and Argentina.

After victory against Argentina Italy moved on to Brazil, one of the pre-tournament favourites.

Rossi broke out of a mini-slump with a sublime performance, scoring a hat-trick as Italy won a thrilling match in Barcelona to book a place

in the semi-finals. Now brimming with confidence, Rossi continued his goal spree with two more goals against Poland (2-0

win) and now only West Germany

stood between Italy and their first world title since 1938 They didn't disappoint their supporters as Rossi grabbed the opening goal of the final with a header after 56 minutes as Italy built

a 3-0 lead, running out 3-1 winners. Rossi meanwhile finished as the tournament's top scorer with six strikes and had forever left his mark **SEE PAGE 22 COL 5** 

**PAOLO ROSSI** 

# Round 2, Draw in Khulna **Competition Information, Prizes and Rules**

Information The Զոմել, Star Rangs Toshiba World Cup Quiz 2006 is a series of competitions on World Cup Soccer being held in Germany from There will be **FIVE** rounds of competition Each round will have a separate draw with attractive prizes from the All entries must be submitted in the original form printed in house of RANGS TOSHIBA as per announcement.
Participants of all the FIVE rounds will automatically qualify for the Bumper Draw, which will have even bigger prizes.

For each round, a set of questions including a photographic quiz will

he published in The Bailu Star Names and addresses of all prize winners will be published Winners will have to collect their prizes from The Dally Star office after satisfactory authentication of their identity.

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2nd	One Toshiba Refrigerator	GRM-19BPT	YOU				
3rd	One Toshiba Washing Machine	VH-7200	YOU				
4th	Ten Canon Cameras	BF-800	YOU				
5th	Twenty Toshin Irons		and YOU				
QUIZ SCHEDULE							

& Draw	Starts	reach by 8pm	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(Bump	er) June 30	July 09	TBA			

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Entry forms should be completed with a ballpoint pen.

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. Incomplete forms will not be accepted. Entries must reach the office of The Duffu Star on or before the closing

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Tick ( ) the correct answers

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