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An AFP undated file photo shows the Brazilian national football team who are favourites to win the month-long 1994 World Cup competition in the USA starting June 17.

## Brazil bank on Romario's genius



RIO DE JANEIRO, May 17: Brazilian soccer fans will be hoping that striker Romario's feet, and not his mouth, do the talking at the World Cup finals, reports Reuter.

With a lightning quick turn of pace and natural instinct for goals, Romario will be possibly the most lethal striker at the World Cup.

He has also proved that his mouth can be equally dangerous — but the victims are usually himself and the harmony of the team he plays in.

Romario's habit of making provocative remarks about his teammates and coaches has landed him in hot water and jeopardised his career on several occasions.

But Brazil's bid to win the World Cup for the fourth time could hinge on the form of Romario, one of the few players in the world capable of unliking defences with one moment of genius.

"Romario is an incredible player. He can disappear from the action for almost the entire match and suddenly, from nowhere, score the goal that decides the game," said Brazil coach Carlos Alberto Parreira. "He can turn in the tightest of spaces."

The scoring record of the stocky 28-year-old Romario has been extraordinary since he left Brazil to join Dutch club PSV Eindhoven in 1988.

He was the top scorer in the Dutch First Division for three successive seasons with tallies of 19, 23 and 25 goals between 1989 and 1991 when he shared the honour with Dennis Bergkamp.

This year, in his first season in the Spanish league with Barcelona, he topped the list again with 30, six more than second-placed Croatian Davor Suker of Sevilla.

This has been in spite of chronic homesickness and reported difficulties in getting

on with his teammates.

Romario needs only be given a couple of days off and he will happily make a 12-hour plane journey to Rio to spend



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them on the beach with his friends.

"I miss the beach and the sun," he said during his stay with PSV Eindhoven.

He also had to overcome the immense worry of his father Edevalir's kidnapping in Rio earlier this month. After nearly a week, police managed to rescue Edevalir from kidnappers demanding a seven million dollar ransom and arrested five people.

Romario then promised his compatriots he would do his utmost to help Brazil win the World Cup in gratitude.

Born in a poor neighbourhood in the northern suburbs of Rio de Janeiro, he joined Vasco da Gama as a junior and progressed through the club into the first team.

But his success at club level has yet to be repeated for Brazil.

He played for just two-thirds of one game at the 1990 World Cup, where he was still suffering from the effects of a

broken leg.

Romario, however, insisted he was fit and made bitter allegations of a players' lobby to keep him out of the team and striker Muller in.

He did his future international prospects no good at all by taking his own physiotherapist to Italy.

A year later he again damaged his Brazil career when he refused to play in the 1991 Copa America in Chile. The reason: he said he preferred to go on holiday in Ibiza.

Romario has never been afraid to speak his mind but his sincerity has given him all sorts of problems.

During his days with Vasco da Gama, he described Bebeto — who then played for Flamengo and is likely to be his striking partner at the World Cup — as a "cry-baby".

His stay at PSV was littered with missed training sessions

and rebellions against the club management.

Parreira, who admires him so much, kept him out of the Brazil side for the first eight months of last year after the diminutive striker protested at being omitted from the starting line-up for a friendly against Germany.

At the time, Romario, softly-spoken with a lisp, complained that soccer was a dirty game, that he wanted to get out of at the age of 29 and the PSV would be his last club. At least some of those words have already been shown to be premature.

He whipped up his latest controversy at the start of this year when he decided to name his preferred Brazilian attack for the World Cup. It consisted of himself, Bebeto and Palmeiras striker Edmundo.

His verdict on Muller, another candidate, was: "He only plays well in club soccer."

## FIXTURE

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PARIS, May 17: Following is the fixture for the 1994 World Cup football competition which kicks off in the United States on June 17:

### 1ST ROUND:

**Group A:**  
Sat June 18: USA v Switzerland (Detroit); Colombia v Romania (Los Angeles)  
Wed June 22: USA v Colombia (Los Angeles); Switzerland v Romania (Detroit)  
Sun June 26: Switzerland v Colombia (San Francisco); USA v Romania (Los Angeles)

### Group B:

Sun June 19: Cameroon v Sweden (Los Angeles)  
Mon June 20: Brazil v Russia (San Francisco)  
Fri June 24: Brazil v Cameroon (San Francisco); Russia v Sweden (Detroit)  
Tues June 28: Russia v Cameroon (San Francisco); Brazil v Sweden (Detroit)

### Group C:

Fri June 17: Germany v Bolivia (Chicago); Spain v South Korea (Dallas)  
Tues June 21: Germany v Spain (Chicago)  
Thu June 23: South Korea v Bolivia (Boston)  
Mon June 27: Bolivia v Spain (Chicago); Germany v South Korea (Dallas)

### Group D:

Tues June 21: Argentina v Greece (Boston); Nigeria v Bulgaria (Dallas)  
Sat June 25: Argentina v Nigeria (Boston)  
Sun June 26: Greece v Bulgaria (Boston)  
Thu June 30: Greece v Nigeria (Boston); Argentina v Bulgaria (Dallas)

### Group E:

Sat June 18: Italy v Ireland (New York)  
Sun June 19: Norway v Mexico (Washington)  
Thu June 23: Italy v Norway (New York)  
Fri June 24: Ireland v Mexico (Orlando)  
Tues June 28: Ireland v Norway (New York)  
Sun June 28: Italy v Mexico (Washington)

### Group F:

Sun June 19: Belgium v Morocco (Orlando)  
Mon June 20: Holland v Saudi Arabia (Washington)  
Sat June 25: Morocco v Holland (Orlando); Belgium v Holland (Orlando)  
Wed June 29: Morocco v Holland (Orlando); Belgium v Saudi Arabia (Washington)

### 2ND ROUND:

(The group winners and the runners-up qualify together with the four best third-placed teams)

Sat July 21: 1C v 3 A/B/F (Chicago, match 4); 2 A v 2 C (Washington, match 6)  
Sun July 3: 1 A v 3 C/D/F (Los Angeles, match 1); 2 B v 2 F (Dallas, match 2)  
Mon July 4: 1 B v 3 A/C/D (San Francisco, match 8); 1 F v 2 E (Orlando, match 7)  
Tues July 5: 1 D v 3 B/E/F (Boston, match 5); 1 E v 2 D (New York, match 3)

### QUARTER FINALS:

Sat July 9: Winner 5 v Winner 6 (Boston, match C); Winner 7 v Winner 8 (Dallas, match D)  
Sun July 10: Winner 1 v Winner 2 (San Francisco, match A); Winner 3 v Winner 4 (New York, match B)

### SEMIFINALS:

Wed July 13: Winner A v Winner D (Los Angeles, match E); Winner B v Winner C (New York, match F)

### THIRD PLACE PLAY OFF:

Sat July 16: Loser E v Loser F (Los Angeles)

### FINAL:

Sun July 17: Winner E v Winner F (Los Angeles)

## WC dress rehearsal in Canada



NEW YORK, May 17: Six of the 24 World Cup finalists will prepare for the month-long tournament

in neighbouring Canada, World Cup officials said on Monday, reports Reuter.

World champions Germany, Brazil, the Netherlands, Switzerland, Morocco and Bolivia, have all scheduled matches in Canada to help them acclimatise before heading for their official training camps in the United States.

All 23 teams have advised the World Cup organisers of their tentative arrival dates, with some reporting to their designated training sites as much as 20 days in advance of the required date.

Five teams, Bulgaria, Greece, Saudi Arabia, South Korea and Sweden, have decided to hold preparation camps away from their official training sites and will not report to their quarters until much closer to the time they have to arrive — five days before their opening fixture.

Saudi Arabia will be the first team to reach the US, arriving this Tuesday for a preparation camp near Atlantic City, New Jersey, before making for their training site near Washington DC.

Germany will spend a week near Toronto, during which time they will play Canada, before reporting to Chicago on June 13, five days before the opening match of the World Cup against Bolivia.

Brazil arrive in the United States on May 26 before mov-

ing to Canada on June 3 for a match against the Canadians two days later.

Morocco and the Netherlands also have games scheduled against Canada.

Arrival dates at the official US training sites:

Argentina	June 2
Belgium	June 10
Bolivia	June 9
Brazil	May 28
Bulgaria	June 2
Cameroon	June 10
Colombia	June 13
Germany	June 8
Greece	June 6
Ireland	June 6
Italy	June 8
South Korea	June 12
Mexico	June 11
Morocco	June 12
Netherlands	June 12

Nigeria	June 13
Norway	June 10
Romania	June 3
Russia	June 8
Saudi Arabia	June 11
Spain	June 10
Sweden	June 14
Switzerland	June 12
United States	June 5

## Margues hurt in car crash

RIO DE JANEIRO, May 17: Brazilian soccer player Margues was seriously injured in a car crash as he returned home after celebrating an important win, his club Ponte Preta said on Monday two other players were slightly hurt, reports Reuter.

## 'Foreigners', S Korea's best hope

SEOUL, May 17: South Korea have decided to rely on two foreign-based talents to help them achieve their first victory at the World Cup finals, a soccer official said today, reports Reuter.

The official at the Korea Football Association (KFA) said soccer officials agreed at a meeting on Monday to include Kim Joo-Sung in Germany and Noh Jung-Yoon in Japan as South Korea's World Cup members.

South Korea will announce their final World Cup list on Sunday.

## ANSWERS TO The Daily Star WORLD CUP '94 QUIZ 4

- Who scored Holland's goal in the 1974 final? **Neeskens**
- When did Brazil first win the World Cup? **1958**
- Which Asian country played in the 1966 World Cup? **DPR Korea**
- Which African country played in the 1970 Cup? **Morocco**
- How many goals did the Hungarian team score in the 1954 World Cup? **27**
- Which Brazilian scored in every round of the 1970 World Cup? **Jairzinho**
- How many players did France use in the 1978 World Cup? **22**
- How many goals did England score in the 1986 World Cup? **7**
- Who was Brazil's Cup-winning captain in 1962? **Mauro**
- Which famous player was called the "Little Bird"? **Garrincha**

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- Names and addresses of all prizewinners will be published in The Daily Star. Winners will be responsible for collecting their prizes from The Daily Star office after satisfactory authentication of their identity.
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- Participants are to put a tick (✓) mark in the box which they think is the correct answer to the question. A person may send as many entries in his/her own name and address.
- Each entry form should be clearly filled-in complete with a ball-point pen. Participant's name, address, father's name must be clearly written. Each entry form must bear the correct date and signature of the participant.
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### Quiz 5.

Entries close on 31-5-94

Read the instructions carefully. Then tick (✓) the answer which you think is correct.

- Which one of these countries was eliminated from the 1974 WC without losing a match? Italy ☐ Chile ☐ Scotland ☐
- When was the red card first used in a World Cup? 1970 ☐ 1974 ☐ 1978 ☐
- Who is credited with the first-ever World Cup hat-trick? Fontaine ☐ Dorado ☐ Stabile ☐
- Who scored the first hat-trick in a World Cup Final? Pele ☐ Piola ☐ Hurst ☐
- Who was the first player to get a red card in a WC Final? Garrincha ☐ Dezotti ☐ Monzon ☐
- Who scored Germany's winning goal in the 1990 WC Final? Klinsmann ☐ Voeller ☐ Brehme ☐
- How many World Cup appearances did Pele make? 12 ☐ 14 ☐ 16 ☐
- Which country played in the 1978 World Cup after a gap of 20 years? Austria ☐ France ☐ Peru ☐
- When was the first-ever goalless draw in a World Cup? 1938 ☐ 1958 ☐ 1978 ☐
- Who captained the World Cup-winning German team in 1954? Rahn ☐ F Walter ☐ O Walter ☐

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