

# WORLD CUP USA '94

## CHAMPIONS' TABLE

UNDATED: Following is the list of World Cup football champions:

- 1930 — Uruguay
- 1934 — Italy
- 1938 — Italy
- 1950 — Uruguay
- 1954 — West Germany
- 1958 — Brazil
- 1962 — Brazil
- 1966 — England
- 1970 — Brazil
- 1974 — West Germany
- 1978 — Argentina
- 1982 — Italy
- 1986 — Argentina
- 1990 — West Germany
- 1994 — Brazil

## WC FINAL SCORES

UNDATED: Following are the scores of the World Cup soccer finals held to date:

- 1930 — Uruguay 4, Argentina 2
- 1934 — Italy 2, Czechoslovakia 1, (Aet)
- 1938 — Italy 4, Hungary 2
- 1950 — Uruguay 2, Brazil 1
- 1954 — West Germany 3, Hungary 2
- 1958 — Brazil 5, Sweden 2
- 1962 — Brazil 3, Czechoslovakia 1
- 1966 — England 4, West Germany 2, (Aet)
- 1970 — Brazil 4, Italy 1
- 1974 — West Germany 2, Netherlands 1
- 1978 — Argentina 3, Netherlands 1, (Aet)
- 1982 — Italy 3, West Germany 1
- 1986 — Argentina 3, West Germany 2
- 1990 — West Germany 1, Argentina 0
- 1994 — Brazil 0, Italy 0, AET (Brazil won 3-2 on penalties).

## CUP STATS

LOS ANGELES, July 18 (AFP): Statistical summary of the 1994 World Cup, in which Brazil won a record fourth title with a victory over Italy in Sunday's final.

Brazil's 3-2 win on penalties after a goalless draw in extra time, marked the first time the World Cup final was decided in a shoot-out.

### GOALS

1st rnd: 93 (compared to 82 in 1990).

2nd rnd: 25 (18 in 1990).

Quarter-finals: 15 (7 in 1990).

Semifinals: 4 (4 in 1990).

3rd place match: 4 (3 in 1990).

Final: 0 (1 in 1990).

Total: 141 (average 2.71).

Compared to 115 in 1990 (average 2.21).

Leading scorers: Oleg Salenko (Russia) and Hristo Stoichkov (Bulgaria), 6 each.

Leading scorer in a single match: Salenko (5 in Russia's 6-1 win over Cameroon, a World Cup record).

Only own-goal: Andres Escobar (Colombia).

Best attack: Sweden (15 goals).

Best defence: Brazil (3 goals in 7 matches, the only undefeated team).

Only team without a goal: Greece.

Booking: 227 (164 in 1990).

Sendings-off: 15 (16 in 1990).

### ATTENDANCE

1st rnd (after 36 matches): 2,420,097 (average 67,225).

2nd rnd (after 44 matches): 2,955,108 (67,162).

Quarter-finals (after 48 matches): 3,228,994 (67,271).

Semi-finals (after 50 matches): 3,390,657 (67,813).

3rd place match (after 51 matches): 3,474,373 (68,125).

Final (after 52 matches): 3,567,415 (68,604).

Total attendance: 3,567,415 (68,604) — World Cup record.

Previous highest total: 2,517,347 (avg 48,411) in Italy 1990.

Highest attendance: 94,194 Brazil v Italy in the final at the Rose Bowl at Pasadena.

Lowest attendance: 44,132 Bulgaria v Nigeria in the first round at the Cotton Bowl in Dallas.

## World Cup hangover

BANGKOK, July 18: ASEAN senior officials were 90 minutes late starting a three-day meeting here Monday — so that participants could recover from middle-of-the-night World Cup viewing, reports AFP.



THE MOMENT BELONGS TO BRAZIL... Romario, who kept things under control up front throughout the tournament for his side, scoring five goals, kisses the World Cup with skipper Dunga looking on after the final at the Pasadena Rose Bowl on July 17. Behind them are US vice president Al Gore and Joao Havelange, the FIFA President. — AFP photo

## Brazil triumph, only just

PASADENA, July 18: Brazil's 24-year wait for a World Cup title went into an agonising extension on Sunday before a penalty shoot-out win over Italy gave them a record fourth crown after a painful goalless draw, reports Reuter.

In the supreme irony of a disappointing final a miss by Italian hero Roberto Baggio, who blazed the ball over the bar and knocked himself off his pedestal in one fell swoop, ended two hours of anti-climax to a great tournament.

Brazil, who just about deserved their triumph after creating more chances than the cautious Italians won the first shoot-out in the history of World Cup finals 3-2.

"Normally I place my kicks," Baggio explained later. "But I had no energy left so I just hit it as hard as I could."

The relieved Brazilians danced for joy as Baggio's penalty soared into the California sky, sending the 94,000 crowd at the Pasadena Rose Bowl, almost all clad in green and gold, into carnival celebrations.

But the festivities seemed somewhat muted after such an unsatisfactory conclusion as if the fans were reflecting that this was the worst of the four Brazilian teams to have won the World Cup.

They did not belong in the same league as the great Pele side which last won the trophy in 1970.

A combination of two superbly organised defences, careful tactics from both trainers and suffocating midday heat left little hope that the

## For Senna

PASADENA, July 18: Brazil's players celebrated their fourth World Cup triumph by paying tribute to compatriot Ayrton Senna, the three times world motor racing champion killed at the San Marino Grand Prix in May reports Reuter.

Before receiving the trophy, the players held up a banner saying: "We raced together. The title is ours."

Striker Bebeto said: "Before the tournament began, I was thinking of the great loss of Ayrton Senna who I'm sure would also have become four times world champion."

Goalkeeper Taffarel added: "It was our tribute to Ayrton Senna, he was an incredible person, who gave tremendous happiness to the Brazilian people."

"It was from the bottom of our hearts and I think he was with us here today."

The Brazilian players criticised Italy for their defensive tactics in the game with full-back Branco's comments almost as stinging as his left-foot shot.

"They played the sort of football you expect from a little team, just defending and hoping to take the game to penalties," he said.

Bebeto said all the teams Brazil had faced in the tournament had done the same thing.

"Every team we have played has changed their style and defended against us and Italy did it again today. Maybe it favours us in some ways," he said.

The featherweight forward, who had a miserable World Cup in Italy four years ago when he played for just seven minutes and was then injured, said he was delighted with his display this time.

match could develop into a classic — and it did not.

Brazilian coach Carlos Alberto Parreira, who has been attacked at home for his selections and tactical choices, exuded quiet satisfaction.

"It was a great campaign which led to our fourth World Cup Title and Brazil deserved to be champions," he said. "Our mission is accomplished."

"The players were sensational. It was a very difficult game and Italy were very challenging opponents. I'm very happy that Brazil are number one in the world again."

Italy, robbed of the chance to become the first European team to win the trophy outside their own continent, had a second sad hero in captain Franco Baresi.

The 34-year-old Milan sweeper playing in his first match since knee surgery three weeks ago was sublime for 120 minutes as he took command of the Italian ramparts.

A true leader by example, he was first over the trenches in the penalty shoot-out but scooped his spot kick high over the bar and sank to the ground with his head in his hands as if he felt he deserved to be shot by his own troops.

Baresi, who announced his retirement from international soccer after the match, was philosophical about the defeat.

"When you lose a final however it happens, it's a horrible feeling — but that's sport," he said.

Italian goalkeeper Gianluca Pagliuca saved Brazil's first penalty from Marcio Santos to keep things square, but Daniele Massaro saw Italy's fourth kick saved by Taffarel and when Baggio missed the match was over.

Italy's coach Arrigo Sacchi said: "We gave everything we had today. When you give your all you have to accept the result calmly. It was a hard game against a great team and it could have gone either way on one incident."

"You have to accept the rules but today we were only worse than the world champions in taking penalties. When I see how Baresi played today it

showed how well the team has performed in reaching the final without him."

Curiously, if Italy had won the shoot-out, Brazil's villain of the piece would undoubtedly have been Romario, the striker vying with Baggio for the right to the title of player of the tournament.

Both men had scored five times en route to the finals, saving the skins of their teams but Romario inexplicably missed a sitter with just 11 minutes of extra time to go. Substitute Cafu's cross from the right skidded across the Italian goalmouth with the defence wrong-footed but the usually deadly striker somehow contrived to miss the gaping net and put it wide.

Brazil had a few other chances, the best almost donated to them by Pagliuca who fumbled a hopeful long-range shot from Mauro Silva 15 minutes before the end of normal time.

He watched horrified as it bounced off him on to the post before falling back into his grateful arms.

The Italians defended well but their attacks were too limited despite some superb work on the flanks by an inspired Roberto Donadoni and a few flashes of artistry from Baggio, still feeling the effects of a hamstring injury which almost kept him out of the match.

A 25-metre shot from the pony tailed player six minutes into extra time, tipped over the bar by Taffarel, was the closest the Italians came to scoring.

No team has won the World Cup scoring fewer goals in the finals than Brazil. Their tally of 11 in the tournament was the same as England's in 1966 and Italy's in 1938, though both those teams played fewer matches.

The speed of Romario and Bebeto through the middle often troubled Italy's back four but Brazil created little in midfield and went all too rarely down the flanks.

Only when Cafu, a first half substitute for injured right back Jorginho, started running down the touchline late in the game did they look really dangerous.

## Romario voted best player of '94 WC

PASADENA, July 18: Brazilian striker Romario won the Golden Ball award for the best player of the 1994 World Cup finals on Sunday, reports Reuter.

Romario, who scored five goals and was also on target in the final penalty shoot-out finished well clear of Roberto Baggio of Italy and Hristo Stoichkov of Bulgaria in a poll of FIFA's technical study group, FIFA officials and the international media.

He scored 2,400 points, Baggio 1,500 points and Stoichkov 450.

Previous winners Mario Kempes (Argentina, 1978), Paolo Rossi (Italy, 1982), Diego Maradona (Argentina, 1986), Salvatore Schillaci (Italy, 1990).

## Brazilian President proud

BRASILIA, July 18: President Itamar Franco said Brazil's 3-2 win over Italy in the World Cup final Sunday would help the country's self-esteem, the state news agency reported, reports Reuter.

Franco, whose country is struggling to curb high inflation and deal with many social and political problems, told reporters he "felt an immense joy" from the victory, Agencia Brasil said.

"This self-esteem the players have needs to be transferred to Brazil itself," he said.

Franco said he got a congratulatory telephone call from President Clinton on the occasion of Brazil's victory over Italy in Pasadena, California.

Clinton said he "would like to express in the name of the American people congratulations for the World Championship and that this was a very important day for the Brazilian and American people because it promoted understanding between them," Franco said.

He also said he had gotten a telephone call from Argentine President Carlos Menem congratulating Brazil.

Menem and Franco have had strained relations recently stemming from Menem's comments about Brazil's relative poverty. Franco retorted that Menem was only upset about Argentina's ouster from the World Cup.

Franco has given federal workers a half-day holiday Monday and said he planned to receive the World Cup team in Brasilia to present players and coaches with the Order of Sporting Merit.

## TV dilemma

MOSCOW, July 18: Russian television bosses, squeezed by the demands of two rival networks to screen Sunday's World Cup final, found a compromise — half each, but it didn't work out that way, reports Reuter.

Russian Television-Radio (RTR) which serves the Russian Federation, got the first half and Ostankino, the former main Soviet channel, the second.

"It was decided from the very beginning that all 52 games would be split between the two channels. The final and the game for third place were split in two halves," an RTR official said.

## They miss, they score; they're the ones who run the show!

PASADENA, Calif., July 18: Romario missed from two meters and Roberto Baggio blazed a penalty-

shootout spot kick high over the crossbar during the World Cup final, reports AP.

But the two stars of Brazil and Italy still were the most eye-catching players of the 52-game tournament.

Hristo Stoichkov of fourth place Bulgaria tied with Russia's Oleg Salenko as the tournament's topscorer with six goals, and he even squandered chances to score seven, something no player has done since the 1974 World Cup.

But he did enough during the tournament to underline that he is among the top five players in the world.

Romario won the Golden Ball as the tournament's top player. Baggio was the Silver Ball winner, and Stoichkov got the Bronze Ball.

Romario, who scored five goals in Brazil's seven games, wound up with a winner's medal even though he failed to score in the final, which went to penalties after 120 minutes of scoreless play.

He scored one of the shootout spot kicks as Brazil edged the Italians 3-2 at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena. The final ended when Baggio fired well over the top.

It was clear during a final that never lived up to expectations that both Romario and Baggio were feared by their opponents.

The Brazilians did everything they could to starve Baggio of the ball and the result was that he had only two chances near the end.

Whenever Romario had possession, he was immediately surrounded by four Italian players who stifled his dribbling skills.

But, before the final, his understanding with co-striker Bebeto, who scored three goals in the tournament, seemed uncanny, bearing in mind they spend the entire season playing for rival Spanish clubs.

Romario, who lines up for Barcelona, always seemed to know where Bebeto, who stars for Deportivo de La Coruna, would play the ball into space inside the area. The result? A flow of passes between the two and a streak of goals that earned the Brazilians five victories and two ties (including a penalty shootout triumph) on their way to the title.

Baggio took four games to get into the tournament and then almost single-handedly hauled Italy to the final on the back of five goals in three games.

His last minute equaliser against Nigeria — his first goal of the tournament — came when the Italians were psychologically on the plane home. The Juventus striker followed that with the winner in the same game, a late clincher against Spain in the quarterfinal and the two goals that ousted Bulgaria in the semifinals.

Stoichkov, who is Romario's strike partner at Barcelona, started his goalscoring streak with two penalties against the Greeks. But the most thrilling goal for him was the bending freekick against the Germans that played a major part in knocking out the defending champion in the quarterfinals.

In the third place game against Sweden on Saturday, Stoichkov went in search of a seventh goal which would give him the consolation of finishing as the tournament's top scorer and the highest goal-grabber since Grzegorz Lato of Poland 20 years ago.

It proved elusive, partly because of the skill of Swedish goalkeeper Thomas Ravelli. The veteran keeper, who

made two saves in a penalty shootout against Romania in the quarterfinal, foiled Stoichkov several times and wound up as probably the most impressive goalkeeper.

His main rival in that category would have been Bulgaria's Borislav Mihalov, but the Swedes fired four goals past him during the first half in a 4-0 triumph for third place.

Perhaps the star defender of the tournament was Marcio Santos of Brazil.

His reading of the game and strength in the air gave opponents little chance to create danger in front of Brazil's goal. With such rare solidity at the back, the Brazilians conceded only three goals in seven games.

Bulgarian defenders Trifon Ivanov and Ilian Kiriaikov made life tough for even the best strikers, and Franco Baresi, who missed four of Italy's games through injury, returned against Brazil and was the standout player of the final.

Alexi Lalas and Marcelo Balboa locked up the United States' defence and often created danger at the other end of field.

Of the midfielders, Diego Maradona looked impressive until he was banned from the tournament following a positive drug tests, and Sweden's Stefan Schwarz was solidly effective, the sort of characteristic that will endear him to his new club, Arsenal.

Switzerland's Alain Sutter always looked a threat with his weaving runs at defences, while Romania's Gheorghe Hagi was both goalscorer and creator as his team surprised many by making it to the quarterfinals.

Striker Daniel Amokaci, who plays for Brugge in the Belgian league, showed he will develop as a player so long as Nigeria continues its upward trend in world soccer.

Saudi Arabian midfielder Saeed Owtairan scored probably the goal of the tournament in a 1-0 upset victory over Belgium in the opening round, with a weaving run a vintage Maradona would have been proud of.

Martin Dahlin's liking for diving headers earned him a goals tally of four before injury slowed him down in the late stages of the competition. But the Swedes also had the inventive Tomas Brodin and tall, brave striker Kennet Andersson to partner him in attack.

Argentina's strikerforce of Gabriel Batistuta, who scored three goals against the Greeks, and Claudio Gabbigga looked set to sweep all before them until the Maradona scandal dampened the morale of the team.

Strikers Dennis Bergkamp and Bryan Roy were starring for the late-starting Dutch until they ran into Brazil and quarterfinal defeat.

Then there was Germany, the outgoing champions.

Relying on their 1990 stars, they appeared confident that they would reach the final with Juergen Klinsmann firing five goals early in the competition.

The Monaco striker, who was scoring goals from all angles and setting up chances for others, was on course to being the player-of-the-tournament until the Germans ran into Bulgaria in the quarters.

He turns 30 in two weeks and is unlikely to come back again.

## Feasts & fireworks

CALCUTTA, July 18: Soccer fans celebrated Brazil's World Cup victory with feasts and fireworks Monday in Calcutta, the hotbed of the game in India, reports AFP.

The eastern metropolis of 12 million people erupted into pre-dawn celebrations as soon as Roberto Baggio's penalty kick flew over the bar in the Rose Bowl, signalling Italy's defeat and Brazil's fourth title.

Fans took to the streets waving the green and yellow Brazilian flag and speeding down the roads with motorcycle horns blaring. Less boisterous fans distributed sweets to neighbours.

Local soccer clubs, anticipating a Brazilian victory, had collected funds to organise community feasts to mark the end of the month-long soccer Bonanza.

Fearing large-scale absenteeism, many schools declared a holiday Monday. Offices were open but attendance was thin.

Soccer mad Calcuttans had been betting on Brazil winning the title even before the tournament got underway in the United States.

Ashtok Borai, who shifted to a friend's place for the entire tournament because of his wife's disinterest in the sport,



Jorginho of Brazil tugs at Italian Antonio Benarrivo's shirt during the second half of the final of the 15th World Cup at the Pasadena Rose Bowl on July 17. The Brazilians edged out Italy 3-2 in penalty shoot-outs en route to their fourth championship. — AFP photo

## QUOTABLE QUOTES

PASADENA, July 18: From the first kick to the final whistle, the World Cup was full of incident. Here's a selection of the things they said:

"God is Italian!" — Spanish newspaper El Periodico after Italy beat Spain in the quarter-finals.

"God is Brazilian!" — Jornal do Brasil newspaper after Brazil beat Sweden in the semi-finals.

"God is a Bulgarian!" — striker Hristo Stoichkov after Bulgaria beat Mexico in the second round.

"God was still on our side, but the referee was French!" — Stoichkov after Bulgaria lost to Italy in the semifinals.

"How do you stop Stoichkov?" — reporter to Italian coach Arrigo Sacchi before Italy's semifinal against Bulgaria.

"I don't know, maybe with a pistol!" — Sacchi.

"Being a soccer coach is usually a pleasure but being the coach of Brazil at the World Cup is something else" — Brazil coach Carlos Alberto Parreira.

"It's a commitment, it's a death sentence. You can't have fun in this job. It will only be a pleasure if we win the World Cup!" — Parreira.

"Magic and dreams are finished in football. We have to combine technique and efficiency!" — Parreira.

"The match stank. The whole team should be brought home to play table-top football!" — Italian fan after Italy drew 1-1 with Mexico in the first round.

"It's a shame the laws only allow two substitutions, otherwise I would have replaced all 11 players for the second half!" — coach Francisco Maturana after Colombia lost 2-1 to the United States.

"Thanks for the own goal!" — words apparently uttered by gunmen outside a Medellin restaurant before shooting dead Colombian defender Andres Escobar, who gave away an own goal against the United States.

"Who wants to play international football if you get assassinated doing it?" — Ireland Coach Jack Charlton.

"To be honest, I felt a bit faint because all the lads were jumping on top of me!" — Ireland's Ray Houghton, asked how he felt after scoring the winner against Italy.

"There will be carnival all week long in Ireland. Ole, ole." — Irish Prime Minister Albert Reynolds after Ireland beat Italy.

"I can go home in a coffin now after this win!" — Ireland fan Paul Rochford of Dublin.

"I let my actions speak for themselves" — Diego Maradona after scoring in Argentina's 4-0 win over Greece.

"My whole soul is shattered... They've cut my legs away!" — Maradona after being kicked out for doping.

"He's a big boy and should have known better" — World Cup boss Alan Rothenberg on Maradona's ban.

"As far as I'm concerned, soccer has come to an end. I can't stand watching it and I don't even want to play anymore!" — Maradona.

"It was final whistle, bus, plane, chat in coach's room, and out!" — Siefan Effenberg after being thrown out of the German team for making an obscene gesture to spectators.

"They have paid the price for ignoring my advice!" — Kenyan witchdoctor Shariff Abubakar Omar after Germany lost to Bulgaria. He had offered mystical assistance to Germany coach Berti Vogts but got no reply.

"The Germans would have made progress had they seen me. They needed the services of a magician!" — Abubakar Omar.

"Last night it was the whole of African football, some would say Africa itself, which was humiliated!" — Ivory Coast journalist after Cameroon were thrashed 6-1 by Russia.