

Brazil's new shirt



REUTERS, Rio de Janeiro

Brazil will wear their new ultra light World Cup shirt for the first time when they meet Saudi Arabia in a warm-up friendly in Riyadh on Wednesday.

The shirt, which comes in Brazil's famous first-choice yellow and also the alternative blue, is 13 grams lighter than the team's current one.

"When Nike decided to create new uniforms for the World Cup, we had to bear in mind three elements: weight, comfort and heat-temperature," said Craig Buglass of sportswear makers Nike's design department at Friday's official presentation.

"Each one of these elements distracts a player during a match and ends up affecting the athlete's performance," he said, adding that the shirt was produced with technology known as "cool motion".

Brazil striker Luizao, defender Juan and midfielder Juninho Paulista and coach Luiz Felipe Scolari, whose side crushed Bolivia 6-0 in a friendly in Goiania on



PHOTO: INTERNET
Brazilian midfielder Juninho Paulista models the new national soccer team jersey in Rio de Janeiro on Friday.

Thursday, wore the new kit at the presentation.

Also attending the presentation were representatives of Brazil's four World Cup victories: Mario Zagallo (1958), Nilton Santos (1962), Jairzinho (1970) and Gilmar

Rinaldi (1994).
"I loved the shirt, but it doesn't play on its own. The player is the one who wins the match," said Luizao. "But, if the shirt is comfortable, that helps."

Houllier back in March ?



AFP, London

Frenchman Gerard Houllier, who underwent open heart surgery in October, is aiming to return as Liverpool manager next month, the Premiership club confirmed Friday.

Liverpool go to Leeds on Sunday and it was during the earlier meeting between the two sides - on October 13 - that Houllier was taken ill with chest pains.

Although Houllier and the club have always insisted on a return date of the end of January or beginning of February, there has been constant speculation the Frenchman could be out for longer.

He returned to England last weekend from recuperation in Corsica to be reassessed by the specialist at a Liverpool cardiac unit where the original operation was carried out.

Assistant boss Phil Thompson said: "Gerard is fine and he is going to be back in a few weeks time."



GERARD HOULLIER

Scolari to step down after WC finals

AFP, Rio de Janeiro,

Brazilian national coach Luiz Felipe Scolari announced on Friday that he will be quitting his job after this year's World Cup finals.

Scolari, whose side crushed Bolivia 6-0 on Thursday as they began their preparations for the finals, said he would leave the post regardless of the outcome in South Korea and Japan.

"My contract with the Brazilian football federation finishes at the end of the World Cup no matter how the results go," said Scolari at the launch of Brazil's new shirt.

Asked if he was in negotiations to prolong his contract, Scolari said he expected he would go on to work in club football.

"I have no club in mind and I am only thinking about the finals in June," he said. "But any club will surely want the benefit of my work."

Pires staying at Arsenal



REUTERS, London

France midfielder Robert Pires, tipped to make a big impact at the World Cup by Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger, is ready to sign a new contract that will keep him at the Premier League club for the rest of his career.

Pires, 28, still has two-and-a-half seasons left on his current contract but, according to a report in Saturday's Mirror newspaper, he is in talks about a two-year extension.

The former Marseille and Metz player believes he will end his career at Arsenal but he told the Mirror: "To be frank, when I first arrived I didn't think so."

"I have to be able to express myself in the league I play in, for me that's the most important thing. What I mean is when I go to training

in the morning, and turn up for the matches, you must get pleasure from it."

Pires added: "I do a very beautiful job and I think if you're a professional footballer, but not happy, you must stop playing. I am very happy to do what I do."

"You get up in the morning, you're happy and in good health, and when you love being out on the pitch, it's great."

"I'm happy at Arsenal. I think I get that pleasure from it," said Pires, who moved to Highbury from Marseille in July 2000.

Wenger, Pires's fellow Frenchman, told reporters on Friday: "I would say he is one of the first choices for France now. I think he will make a big impact at the World Cup."

France will be in Group A at the World Cup finals in South Korea and Japan in May and June, alongside Senegal, Uruguay and Denmark.



ROBERT PIRES

Nigeria v Ghana: Sparks will fly

AFP, Bamako

The latest instalment in one of international football's most bitter rivalries will be played out at the African Nations Cup on Sunday when Nigeria face Ghana in a potentially explosive quarterfinal.

Nigeria, regarded as one of the tournament favourites, face a youthful Ghanaian side who only scraped into the last eight thanks to a miraculous 2-1 win over Burkina Faso last week.

Fixtures between the two teams have a history of producing fireworks, but Nigeria coach Shaibu Amodu is determined not to let the 'Ghana factor' distract his team in a match he is confident the Super Eagles will win.

"Ghana v Nigeria is always a rivalry and each time we play it's always like two giants fighting. And you will see that in the game come Sunday," said Amodu.

"But we are looking at a situation where we're trying to reduce the tension in our camp, so we are not

over-emphasising the fact that we are playing Ghana.

"They are just another team that we have to play. I don't want to start talking about jinxes or scores to settle," said Amodu, referring to Nigeria's defeat to Ghana in the



semi-finals of the 1992 tournament.

"Ghana are capable of giving us problems but we're equal to the task. We will give them respect but not be afraid," added Amodu, who has a full

squad to choose from for the game at Bamako's March 26 Stadium.

Nigeria advanced to the last eight after topping Group A with a 1-0 victory over Liberia in Mopti last Monday.

Though the Nigerians have failed to fully hit their stride so far, Amodu believes the knockout phase will bring out the best in his team.

"If we play well like I expect us to do we should have an advantage and we should win," he said. "Ghana being one of the most formidable opponents in this competition is good for us - the bigger the better."

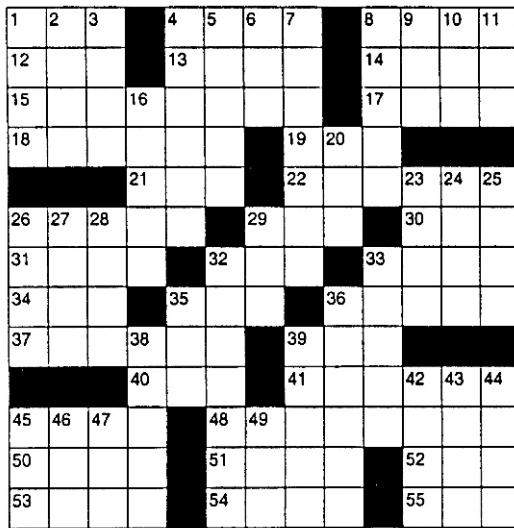
Nigeria are expected to field the same team that started against Liberia with Julius Aghahowa, scorer of both Nigeria's goals so far in the tournament, again beginning at centre-forward instead of right midfielder.

"Julius can play anywhere. But we are having a bit of success with him playing as a forward, so I don't see us changing that anytime soon," said Amodu.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Jewel
4 Home-stead Act unit
8 Swampy area
12 Gold, in Guadalajara
13 Steer
14 Pakistan's tongue
15 Half of a wearable pair
17 Odds' mates
18 Brave
19 Everything, on "Concentration"
21 Squid
22 Half of a wearable pair
26 Time
29 Crucial
30 Story of a lifetime
31 Felons' flights
32 Frenzied
33 Pop
34 Single (Pref.)
35 Martini ingredient

DOWN
1 "Wow!"
2 Art Deco
3 Othello
4 Responding, on "Jeopardy!"
5 Incubator
6 Get a move on
7 Busy
8 Pacify
9 Samovar
10 Throw into the mix
11 Astronaut
12 Schedule
13 Ballet
16 Change
20 Method
23 Bart
24 Faction
25 Frost
26 Much-desired job
27 Hindu princess
28 Skip over
29 Dorothy's home (Abbr.)
32 Subcompact
33 Beach find
35 Prizm or Tracker
36 Morning drink
38 Crowd
39 River transportation
42 Sky (Fr.)
43 Grooving on
44 Suitable
45 Get all the
46 Washington worker
47 Sub-machine gun
49 Popular card game



CRYPTOQUIP

P C S H Z Z J N S F I J F T M J F I Z
S M Z B Z B U Z M Z X N C J N
J M S F X S K J N Z M M S U H Z

N C S F I N T N J K N Z
Yesterday's Cryptiquip: I OVERHEARD SOMEONE SAYING THAT GOLFERS NEVER GET MAD, THEY ONLY GET TEED OFF.

Today's Cryptiquip Clue: H equals R

The Cryptiquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

TV GUIDE

BTV

3:00 p.m.: Opening session
3:10 News Headline (Bangla)
3:15 Patriotic songs
3:20 Open university
3:45 Sukhi Paribar: Family Planning
4:00 News (Bangla)
4:05 Animation Film: Totally Tooned in
4:30 Pusti Tothya: Program on nutrition
4:45 Nokkhotrer Alo: Children's program
5:00 News Headline (Bangla)
5:05 National Debate
6:00 News in Bangla
6:10 Taruchaya: Folk music
6:35 Mati O Manush: Agricultural program
7:00 News Headline
7:05 World Leprosy Day
7:30 Program on Freedom Fighters
8:00 News (Bangla)
8:30 Drama: Chanda Patan
9:00 News Headline (Bangla)
10:00 News at Ten
10:25 Talk Show
11:30 News in Bangla / The News
11:45 Closing

EKUSHEY TV

12:00 Ekushey Midday
12:30 Shoptaho Ghura Deshjure
1:00 Expedition to the Animal Kingdom
1:30 Documentary Programmed : Japan Video Tropic
1:50 Classic Cartoons
2:10 Surer Prodeep
2:40 Drishti
3:00 Ekushey Headlines
3:05 Drama Serial : Kena Kata
3:30 Surer Prodeep
4:00 Expedition to the Animal Kingdom
5:00 Circus Circus
5:30 Drishti
5:50 Aker Potrikey
6:00 Ekushey Headlines
6:05 Classic Cartoons
6:30 Chardike
6:55 Ekushey Headlines
7:00 Deshjure
7:30 Ekushey News
8:00 Drama: Bishtope
9:00 Ekushey News
9:05 Sumprotique
9:30 Asa Paser Desha: Singapore
10:00 News : Simulcast from BTV
10:30 Ekushey Business
11:00 Ekushey Late Night News

ALPHA BANGLA

06:00a.m.Kancher Dewal
06:30 Mon Niye
07:00 Jemon Bolben Sir
07:30 Surer Ei Jhamadhara
08:00 Bidesh Sangbad Data
08:30 Gaan Unltd.
09:00 Bhagya Chakra
09:05 Bharat Bhraman
09:30 Bhalobasa
10:00 Ekushe Pa
10:30 Encounter
11:00 Agni Juger
11:30 Saregama
12:30p.m.Ek Akasher Niche
01:00 Iska Baner Bibi
01:30 Ek Akasher Niche
02:00 Pratibimba
02:30 Feature Film
05:00 Jhara Samayer
Upakatha
05:30 Bichitra
06:00 News In Bengali
06:30 Bhalobasa Mandobasa
07:00 Aat Pake Bandha
07:30 Sur Taal Bengali
08:00 Nijei Nayak / Sudhu Tomake Chai
08:30 Saregama
09:55 Saat Kahan
10:25 Abisasya
11:00 News
11:30 Choto Chutir Phanke
12:00 Encounter
ZEE MUSIC
06:00a.m.Dial M
07:00 Aalaap
07:30 Tara Rum
08:30 Hit Pe Hit
10:30 Hit Mix
11:00 Fillers
11:30 Music Box
12:00p.m.Best Of The Best
01:00 Hit Pe Hit
02:00 Jharokha (Exposure)
02:35 Compact Disc
03:05 Tara Rum
04:00 Hit Pe Hit
05:00 Music Box
05:30 Hit Mix
06:00 Just Jammin
06:30 Dial M
07:30 Hit Pe Hit
08:30 Music.Com
09:30 Music Box
10:00 Sizzlers
10:30 Jharokha (Exposure)

11:05 Music Asia Live
12:00 Phoren Maal

ZEE CINEMA

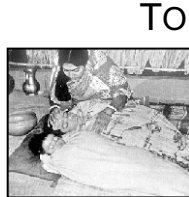
7:00a.m.Tara Rum
7:30 Patal Bhairavi
10:15 Movie Fare
10:30 Karishma Kudrat Ka
01:15p.m.Madhyantar
01:30 Ek Phool Chaar Kante
05:00 Darpan
05:15 Dadamoni (A Tribute To The Legend(Ashok Kumar)
05:45 Film Time
06:00 Neend Hamari Khwab Tumhare
09:15 Yaadein Radio Ceylon Ki
09:30 Weekend Cinema
10:00 Jeet

ZEE TV

06:00a.m.Yaadon Ke Pal
06:30 Bhakti Bhav
07:00 Yoga For Life
07:20 Jagran
07:50 Zee Gym
08:00 Tara Rum (Zcn)
08:30 Ramayan
09:30 Nickelodeon (Rocko'S)
10:00 Guldasta
10:30 Hum Paanch
11:00 Aasmaan Se Tapki
11:30 Hip Hip Hurray (Series li)
12:00p.m.Zee & You
12:30 Khana Khazana
01:00 Jai Santoshi Ma
01:30 Dollar Bahu
02:00 India'S Most Wanted
02:30 Weekend Cinema
03:00 Antakshari-All India Inter Collegiate
04:00 Naye Nazrane
04:30 Baazi Kiski
05:30 Top Of The Tops
06:00 Gaane Anjane
06:30 Nickelodeon (Real Monsters)
07:00 Nick On Zee(Kenan & Kel)
07:30 Nilaam Ghar - Bid Bid Boom
08:30 Agnisakshi-Saturday Night Special
11:30 Shri 420
23:30 Guldasta

BBC WORLD

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS



EKUSHEY: 8:00p.m. **Bishtope**. Nitai is a shoemaker. A son, a daughter and wife is his family. Everyday he sits in a small corner at the village bazaar. But nowadays no one wants to buy his shoes, because machine made good finishing shoes are available in the market. So poverty is his regular partner these days.



STAR MOVIES: 7:00p.m. **Big Momma's House**. There's nothing FBI agent Malcolm Turner (Martin Lawrence) can't handle, and a stakeout of Big Momma's house is no exception. Turner is after a ruthless bank robber and prison escapee who will rendezvous with his former flame, Sheri (Nia Long) at generously proportioned homeowner's abode. But when Big Momma unexpectedly leaves town, master of disguise Malcolm must take on his most challenging "role" ever: to impersonate the enormous, cantankerous Southern granny.



STAR WORLD: 7:00 & 10:30p.m. **The X Files**. Hieroglyphics on the pyramids of Egypt refer to what we today call Unidentified Flying Objects. UFO sightings, since then, have been too many to register. Alien abductions and experimentation are reported at the same frequency and The X Files are into finding the truth. In tonight's exciting episode, tobacco beetles apparently kill an employee of Morley Tobacco Co.

6:00 BBC News	11:30 Ashok Kumar Special	Karisma)	7:30 Sunday Blockbuster
6:30 Leprosy	12:00 Raheem Na Raheem Hum	3:30 Parvarish (Amitabh Bachchan, Vinod Khanna)	Tum Haseen Main
7:00 BBC News	1:00 Sunday Noon Show	Geet Bahar	Jawan (Dharmendra, Hema Malini)
7:30 Dateline London	Khuddar (Govinda,	11:00 Kuch Yaadein Kuch	
8:00 BBC News			
8:30 The Car's The Star ex Top Gear			
9:00 BBC News			
9:30 The Firing Line			
10:00 BBC News			
10:30 India Business Report			
11:00 BBC News			
11:30 Holiday			
12:00 BBC News			
12:30 Thunder Dragon			
1:00 BBC News			
1:30 Simpson's World			
2:00 BBC News			
2:30 Leprosy			
3:00 BBC News			
3:30 The Car's The Star ex Top Gear			
4:00 BBC News			
4:30 Asia Business report/Correspondent			
5:00 BBC News			
5:30 Asia Business Report/Asia Today			
STAR GOLD			
7:00 Sangram (Ashok Kumar, Nalini Jaywant)			
10:30 Geet Bahar			
11:00 Geet Bahar			

PICK OF THE DAY



One True Thing
On HBO at 9:30p.m.
Based on Anna Quindlen's 1995 Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, **One True Thing** chronicles the life of Ellen Gulden (Renee Zellweger, *Me, Myself and Irene*; Bridget Jones' *Diary*), a young investigative journalist who finds herself unwillingly dragged into her parent's private lives after returning home for a family emergency. Starring: Meryl Streep, Renee Zellweger, William Hurt.

6:00amCricket Programming	9:55 English Premier Football	7:30 Golf Programming	Championships 2002
Super Selector January	League English Premier	10:00 Golfglobe 2002	Dublin, Republic of Ireland
Winners	Football League	8:00 Heineken Classic Golf	Wales @ Ireland
7:00 Australia Cricket Vb	2001/02 Middlesbrough, England Charlton	Heineken Classic Golf	Pakistan Cricket Pepsi
Series Perth, Australia	Athletic @ Middlesbrough	2002 Melbourne, Victoria, Australia Day	Cup Home Series
New Zealand @ South	12:30 Cricket Programming	Four	2001/2002 Sharjan, UAE West Indies @
Africa 11" Odi, highlights	Super Selector January	12:00 Pakistan Cricket Pepsi	Pakistan 1" Test, Day 4, Highlights
12:00pmEXPAN Day	Winners	Cup Home Series	Pakistan 1" Test, Day 4, 1" Session
12:30 Australia Cricket Vb	1:30 Italian Serie A Football	2001/2002 Sharjan, UAE West Indies @	Sports India
Series Perth, Australia	Italian Serie A	Pakistan 1" Test, Day 4, 2" & 3" Session	Pakistan Cricket Pepsi
South Africa @ Australia	2001/2002 Milan, Italy	Cricket Programming	Cup Home Series
12" Odi, 2" Session	Torino @ Inter Milan	Super Selector January	2001/2002 Sharjan, UAE West Indies @
4:30 Super Sunday Preview	3:30 Super Sunday Preview	2:30 Sports India	Pakistan 1" Test, Day 4, 1" Session
5:55 English Premier Football	5:00 NFL Superbowl Nfl	2:30 Pakistan Cricket Pepsi	Cup Home Series
League English Premier	Superbowl Xxvii New Orleans, LA USA St.	2001/2002 Sharjan, UAE West Indies @	2001/2002 Sharjan, UAE West Indies @
Football League	Louis Rams @ New England patriots	5:00 Five/Six Nations Championships Six Nations	Championships 2002
2001/02 Leeds, England	Liverpool @ Leeds	5:30 Volleyball International	2001 3"/4" Placing
STAR SPORT			
8:00 Pakistan Cricket Pepsi	6:30 Pakistan Cricket Pepsi	7:00 Cricket Programming	
Cup Home Series	Cup Home Series	Super Selector January	
2001/2002 Sharjan, UAE West Indies @	2001/2002 Sharjan, UAE West Indies @	8:00 Five/Six Nations Championships Six Nations	
Pakistan 1" Test Day 3	Pakistan 1" Test Day 3		

Baatein	6:00 Mirch Masala	12:30 Chhupa Rustam
11:30 Teesri Kasam (Raj Kapoor, Waheeda Rehman)	6:30 Geet Bahar	1:00 Musafir Hoon Yaron
12:30 Teesri Kasam (Raj Kapoor, Waheeda Rehman)	7:30 Aatma	1:30 Mirch Masala
3:00 Geet Bahar	8:30 Dharam Aur Hum	2:00 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet
3:30 Sangram (Ashok Kumar, Nalini Jaywant)	9:30 Amul Best of Surabhi	2:30 Mail Milap
STAR PLUS	10:00 Family Fortunes	2:40 Star sunday Matinee
6:00 Mirch Masala	10:30 Bol Baby Bol	Hip Hip Hurray (Raj Kiran, Deepti Nawal)
6:30 Geet Bahar	11:00 The Price is Right	
7:30 Aatma	11:30 Chalti Ka Naam Antakshiri	
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Hip Hip Hurray (Raj Kiran, Deepti Nawal)		

6:00 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet	12:00 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet
6:30 Fox Kids Sunday	12:30 Shagun
7:30 Son Pari	1:00 Sonpari
7:55 Jubilee Plus	1:30 Kalash
8:30 Star Mast Movie: Pyaar Koi Khel Nahin (Sunny Deol, Mahima Chowdury)	2:00 Kaahin Kissii Roz
	2:30 Eena Meena Deeka
	3:00 Pal Chhin
	3:30 Kashmirakash
	4:00 Shanti
	4:30 Jubilee Plus
	5:00 Meri Saheli
	5:30 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet
	STAR WORLD
	6:00amJAG
	7:00 Billboard Us Countdown
	9:00 The Lost World
	10:00 Ally Mcbeal
	11:00 The Practice
	12:00pmFirst Wave
	1:00 Roswell
	2:00 Iron Chef Usa: Show-down In Lasv
	3:00 Crown And Country
	3:30 Travel Asia
	4:00 Baywatch Hawaii
	5:00 The Simpsons
	5:30 3" Rock From The Sun
	6:30 Star News Focus Asia
	6:30 Iht World
	7:00 The X Files
	8:00 Star Trek
	9:00 Rendezvous With Simi Garewal
	9:30 Star News Focus Asia
	10:00 Iht World
	10:30 The X Files
	11:30 Star Trek
	12:30 Star News Focus Asia
	1:00 Iht World
	1:30 The X Files
	2:30 3" Rock From The Sun
	3:00 Crefo Dollar
	3:30 Kenneth Copeland Ministries
	4:00 Joyce Meyer Ministries
	4:30 World News
	5:00 Caroline In The City
	5:30 Mork & Mindy
	HBO
	6:30 Raven

8:00 Mallrats	9:45 The Bubs
9:45 Reality Bites	1:45 Teacher's Pet
1:45 Blue Moon	3:30 The Whole Nine Yards
5:30 Kull The Conqueror	9:30 One True Thing
12:00 Virtuosity	2:00 Glory
4:30 The Whole Nine Yards	STAR MOVIES
6:15 Motel	8:00 Phantom Menace
10:15 Freejack	12:00 Thomas Crown Affair
1:45 X-Men, The	3:30 Untamed Heart
5:15 Boiling Point	7:00 Big Mommas House
8:45 Terminal Velocity	10:30 Phantom Menace
12:45 Terminator 2	3:00 Terminal Velocity
4:45 Motel	HALLMARK
6:00 Robin of Locksley	8:00 Ghostwriter
8:00 Ghostwriter	8:30 Wishbone
8:30 Wishbone	9:00 Sesame Street
9:00 Sesame Street	10:00 Getting Out
12:00 Something so Right	2:00 Robin of Locksley
2:00 Robin of Locksley	4:00 Paper Mask
6:00 Touched By An Angel V	7:00 The Return of the Native
9:00 No Place Like Home	11:00 Lavyrlie Spencer's Home Song
1:00 Getting Out	3:00 Something so Right
3:00 Something so Right	5:00 Sesame Street
STAR NEWS	
8:30 Star News English	9:00 Star News Hindi
11:30 Star News English	12:00 Star Business Week
12:30 Star News English	1:00 Reality Bites
3:00 Limglight Hindi	6:30 The Big Fight
8:00 Star Talk	8:30 We The People
9:30 Star News Sunday	10:30 Star News Ravivaar
11:30 Star News English	12:30 Star Business Week