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## DOWN THE WORLD CUP LANE



# West Germany 1974: Rusted Clockwork Orange

AGENCIES, undated



Brazil lost the World Cup almost as soon as they regained it. The Jules Rimet trophy, theirs to keep after winning it for the third time, was stolen and never seen again.

Their 1970 team melted away too, Pele retiring too early at 31 and three important players dropping out injured: Carlos Alberto, Clodoaldo and especially Lostao, whose eye problem had resurfaced. In their absence, Zagallo put together a far more physical side, in the belief that the old skills wouldn't survive against European athleticism.

No one seemed to epitomise this more than the hosts and favourites, who'd won the 1972 European Championship with some masterly all-round football, outclassing England at Wembley before winning the final 3-0 at a canter. Three of the team finished 1-2-3 in the European Footballer of the Year poll and there were world-class players in every department: Maier in goal, Vogts and the new discovery Breitner at full back, the incomparable Beckenbauer, now the world's first great attacking sweeper, the imperious blond Netzer in midfield; Muller ever more unstoppable up front. Several of the squad came from Bayern Munich, who'd recently won the European Cup for the first time. The most intriguing match of an easy first round group would be a first meeting with neighbours East Germany.

Italy were as defensive as ever and apparently even more impregnable. Zoff had just completed twelve consecutive internationals without conceding a goal. But they were an ageing team, short of goal scoring power. England were out, after a frantic emotional night against the Poles at Wembley, but Scotland were back for the first time since 1958, good in parts but lacking a genuine midfield general. Holland still hadn't harnessed the brilliance of their Ajax players, who'd just been beaten in the European Cup after winning it three years in a row. Only a very late goal in Norway sent them through at the expense of Belgium, against whom they'd played two goalless draws.

The USSR, required to play off against Chile, were disqualified for refusing to appear in the National Stadium in Santiago, which had been used as a concentration camp for political prisoners after Salvador Allende's elected government had

been overthrown by Agustin Pinochet's military coup, backed by the CIA. Chile kicked off against non-existent opponents and put the ball into an empty net. The Soviet protest might have attracted more sympathy if they'd refused to play Chile before the first leg instead of waiting until they'd been held 0-0 at home.

Yet again FIFA couldn't leave well alone. Although the format of the last three tournaments had been generally acceptable they insisted on trying to give the event more of the appearance of a league and making the successful teams play an extra match, as if that would give the winners more credibility as world champions. All it succeeded in doing was tiring the players even more and depriving spectators of two knockout rounds.

If 1970 was a Brazilian carnival, 1974 belonged to the Dutch who painted the tournament orange with their revolutionary "total

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PHOTO: STAR FILE

Franz Beckenbauer (R) spent the final looking over his shoulder, but Johan Cruyff (C) finished behind him.



## BITS AND BOBS

### Giuly blasts Domenech

REUTERS, Paris

list last Sunday with uncapped Olympique Marseille midfielder Franck Ribery taking Giuly's place in the squad.

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### Young out of Eng squad

AFP, London

Charlton defender Luke Young has pulled out of England's standby World Cup squad with an ankle injury.

The centre back was part of the England party which has been at a training camp in Portugal this week. He joined in full training for the first time on Friday but felt uncomfortable and, after discussions with England boss Sven-Goran Eriksson, has decided to pull out.

Young sustained the injury during the latter part of the Premiership season with Charlton. Eriksson is deciding whether to call up a replacement for Young

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Young's place in the World Cup group games, scoring three goals from 17 appearances.

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PHOTO: INTERNET

A Japanese woman holds a lucky charm featuring Japan's national soccer team as she prays for the team's success in the 2006 World Cup at a temple in Tokyo on Sunday.

## Becks prepare lavish bash

AFP, London

England captain David Beckham and his pop star wife Victoria were preparing Sunday to host a World Cup party for the rest of the squad and masses of celebrities.

The Full Length and Fabulous Ball at the couple's countryside mansion, north of London, on Sunday evening is being billed as a send-off for the England team before the World Cup starts in Germany on June 9.

Three World War II planes are due to fly over the exclusive bash.

A spokesman for the Royal Air Force, which is footing the bill for the flypast, said: "It was thought to be a fitting way for the RAF to show its support for the England squad prior to the World Cup."

The vintage planes, a Spitfire, Hurricane and Lancaster, were already flying at an airshow and would make a detour over the party en route to their base.

"The cost of the flypast will be minimal because they will already be in the air very nearby. That's why they were able to do it. Had they been in Scotland, for example, it wouldn't have been possible," the spokesman said.

Ash Connor, a national council member of the Football Supporters' Federation, however round on Real Madrid midfielder Beckham and Victoria for wasting money on such a lavish party.

"My view of it is that all that money the Beckhams are wasting -- they would be far better off ditching it out to grassroots football," Connor said.

"I just think it is so obscene to spend that sort of money on stuff like that. The World Cup squad would be better off going training."

## Lampard driven by past upsets

REUTERS, London

Four years after the pain of failing to make England's 2002 World Cup squad, Frank Lampard is revelling in the chance to be a match winner in Germany.

By sheer determination, Lampard has transformed himself from a plodding midfielder to a goalscoring regular who will be key to England's chances of success at the finals.

The contrast is highlighted by his three goals at Euro 2004, two Premier League title winning seasons in which he finished as Chelsea's top scorer and a 2005 footballer of the year award.

The turning point came in 2002, when a rejected Lampard took a long hard look at himself.

"I was upset to miss out on the World Cup and I didn't want to get that feeling again," he told reporters at England's training camp in Portugal.

"I went away and was a bit thoughtful and worked hard. I came back with a positive rather than a negative mindset, of wanting to get into the England side and staying there. Fortunately enough, I did that not long after."

"Every player in his career has setbacks. You get rejections and the measure of a top player is how they come back from those rejections and (if) they come back even stronger. And I did that."

Along with his playmaking skills, Lampard's nine goals in his last 20 internationals only underline his importance to the England cause.

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## Mexico seek divine intervention

REUTERS, Mexico City

Mexico's religious leaders blessed the national soccer team on Saturday before the players left for Europe to prepare for the World Cup finals.

Catholic Cardinal Norberto Rivera addressed 21 squad members, dressed in suits and green ties to match the Mexican strip, at a mass in the capital's huge Basilica of Guadalupe attended by thousands of fans.

"You are the centre of attention for many who admire you," Rivera told the players.

"Carry the colours of the flag with pride."

The cardinal gave them pictures of the Virgin of Guadalupe, Mexico's most revered image, and they presented him with an autographed ball as chants rang round the church.

The squad then headed off to Mexico City airport for a flight to Paris where they will meet up with European-based players.

Mexico will play friendlies with France and the Netherlands before the World Cup starts next month.

Soccer-mad Mexico, with a population of over 100 million, has never made it past the quarter-final stage and crashed out of the

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## Ferdinand wants to banish the past

AFP, London

Rio Ferdinand believes he can put two of the most traumatic experiences of his career behind him by performing well in the World Cup in Germany.

The England defender is still haunted by memories of being dropped for a crucial World Cup qualifier against Austria last year and even more so by the eight-month ban he served for failing to take a drugs test at Manchester United's training ground in 2004.

That ban saw him miss the whole of Euro 2004 in Portugal, leaving him doubly determined to make an impact at this summer's finals.

He said: "I don't think you can fully put into words how much you miss a tournament. It's like a big chunk out of your career. I missed eight months of football. I missed the Premiership as well."

"To miss a European Cham-

ship is massive. Sometimes I hear people talking about what happened in Euro 2004 and I can't get involved. I don't know what they are talking about and that is always a little reminder of what happened."

The centreback added: "That's gone and if I keep looking back that's

not going to be beneficial to anyone. But it makes you more hungry. You want to be part of something that goes down in history and if we do well by the end of this tournament there is a good chance our names will be in concrete."

"I remember in Euro 2004 it was difficult to watch in some ways. I was in a bar in Miami with my mates watching the games and singing Rooney songs! This time hopefully I'll be playing."

Ferdinand recovered admirably from his suspension to play for Manchester United the following season, earning many plaudits in the process.

But his performances earlier this campaign, when United slipped behind Chelsea in the Premiership and were knocked out of the Champions League at the

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RIO FERDINAND





## 2006 Round 2, Draw in Khulna

### Competition Information, Prizes and Rules

#### Information

- Residents of Bangladesh are eligible to participate in the competition.
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- All entries must be submitted in the original form, printed from June 9 to July 9.
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- 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 be published in The Daily Star.
- Names and addresses of all prize winners will be published in The Daily Star.
- Winners will have to collect their prizes from The Daily Star office after satisfactory authentication of their identity.
- Any taxes or levies, as per law, for all the above prizes will have to be borne by the prize winners.
- Incomplete forms will not be accepted.
- Participants are to put a tick ( ) mark in the box alongside their answer to each question.
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- 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.
- Entries must be hand delivered or posted to The Daily Star, 19, Karwan Bazar, Dhaka-1215.
- 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.
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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 Toshin Irons		andYOU

#### QUIZ SCHEDULE

Round	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	