



**New Zealand striker Rory Fallon (R) fights for the ball with Paraguay defender Paulo da Silva during their World Cup Group F match at the Peter Mokaba stadium in Polokwane yesterday. The match ended goalless.**

PHOTO: AFP

## Brazil wait on Elano

AFP, Johannesburg

World Cup favourites Brazil were waiting on the fitness of Elano as they trained for Friday's World Cup meeting with their former colonial masters Portugal.

Elano picked up a calf strain in the win over Ivory Coast which guaranteed the five-times champions' place in the last 16 though he is expected to be fit for the final Group G match.

Brazil have racked up a 2-1 win over North Korea and a 3-1 victory over Ivory Coast to sit pretty on six points whereas Portugal need draw to be absolutely certain of second place as the Ivorians could theoretically still just pip them.

Elano, who scored in both games, took part in some but not all of Wednesday's session at Saint Stithians College in the northern Johannesburg suburb of Sandton, jogging and then taking part in a special session with a physical trainer while his squadmates worked on set pieces.

Tuesday, Elano had sat out the day session but insisted: "I feel better."

Coach Dunga allowed reporters barely half an hour before bringing down the shutters -- a tactic which has infuriated a media desperate for more information on tactics from the camp.

With Elano's fitness still in some doubt Benfica's Ramires is on stand-by.

Kaka is suspended after his harsh red card against Ivory Coast and Dunga is still mulling his replacement, though the favourite is AS Roma's Julio Baptista.

Another option is to move Robinho slightly further back and field Villarreal forward Nilmar or else be more conservative and stiffen midfield with Daniel Alves.

## Maradona is a Mourinho fan

REUTERS, Pretoria

To have Jose Mourinho on your bedside table for advice seems a novel way of resolving a problem that keeps you awake at night during the World Cup.

The tournament is going well for Argentina but Diego Maradona said he might give new Real Madrid manager Mourinho a ring if he felt the need to discuss a tactical issue.

"I like Mourinho a lot [as a coach]," Maradona said of the Portuguese coach who guided Inter Milan to a treble last season.

"On top of that, the way he received me, we spent hours talking about football, attacking and defensive tactics," he said in an interview with Thursday's Argentine daily La Nacion. "He seemed to me a guy to take to your bedside table and ask him each time you need something."

"I've got his phone number, I might call him," Maradona told Daniel Arcucci, the reporter who co-wrote his autobiography "Yo, el Diego" [I, Diego]. Maradona, however, said he would not go as far as using the ultra defensive tactics Mourinho's Inter employed to get past Barcelona in this year's Champions League semifinals.

"No, not that. But it worked for him, right? He won the Champions League," he added referring to their triumph over Bayern Munich at Madrid's Bernabeu stadium.

## Draw suits Paraguay fine

AFP, Polokwane

Paraguay topped Group F at the World Cup on Thursday after a drab 0-0 draw with surprise packets New Zealand.

The polished South Americans who harbour dreams of at least a quarterfinals place ended with five points and were joined in the round of 16 by Slovakia, who stunned defending champions Italy 3-2 in Johannesburg.

It was a gallant exit by New Zealand, who finished unbeaten after three draws in a group where they were expected to be cannon fodder for the other three contenders but ended up finishing above

the woeful Italians.

Paraguay made three changes from the team that outclassed Slovakia 2-0 in Bloemfontein four days ago with defenders Denis Caniza and Julio Cesar Caceres and striker Oscar Cardozo coming in.

New Zealand stood by the team that started drawn matches against Slovakia and defending champions Italy with Mark Paston retained as goalkeeper although first-choice Glen Moss had completed a four-match suspension.

Victor Caceres was cautioned by the Japanese referee for fouling Rory Fallon during scrappy early exchanges with rival players constantly moaning about the behaviour of

SCORE BOARD	
<b>PARAGUAY 0 - 0 NEW ZEALAND</b>	
<b>Paraguay (4-4-2):</b> Justo Villar, Claudio Rodriguez, Denis Caniza, Julio Cesar Caceres, JC, Paulo Da Silva, Enrique Vera, Victor Caceres, V, Cristian Riveros, Oscar Cardozo (Lucas Barrios, 66), Roque Santa Cruz, Nelson Haedo Valdez (Edgar Benitez, 67)	
<b>New Zealand (4-4-2):</b> Mark Paston, Tony Lochhead, Winston Reid, Ivan Vicelich, Ryan Nelsen, Tommy Smith, Simon Elliott, Leo Bertos, Shane Smeltz, Chris Killen (Jeremy Brockie, 79), Rory Fallon (Chris Wood, 69)	
<b>Venue:</b> Peter Mokaba Stadium, Polokwane	

KEY STATS	
<b>Paraguay</b>	<b>N Zealand</b>
<b>Shots (on target)</b>	
<b>17(4)</b>	<b>4(0)</b>
<b>Corners</b>	
<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Possession</b>	
<b>66%</b>	<b>34%</b>
<b>Yellow Cards</b>	
<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>

their markers.

Captain Caniza proved an adventurous defender, coming forward twice to try his luck with shots that finished well off target, while a good Nelson Valdez run down the left flank was spoiled by a poor cross.

Goalmouth action was scarce in perfect, clear mid-afternoon conditions at Peter Mokaba Stadium during the last World Cup fixture at the purpose-built ground in the northern city.

Spectators were hoping for a better second half and clubless Simon Elliott offered early promise by unleashing a drive from outside the penalty area that did not finish far off target.

## Battle for supremacy

### PREVIEW

AFP, Durban

World Cup favourites Brazil clash with their former colonial masters Portugal in their final Group G match on Friday, with the five-time champions already qualified for the round of 16.

Brazil have racked up a 2-1 win over North Korea and a 3-1 victory over Ivory Coast to sit pretty on six points. A draw would see them top the group.

Portugal, on a run of 17 matches without defeat, drew 0-0 with Ivory Coast before routing North Korea 7-0 to put them in second spot in the group and needing only a draw to advance to the next round.

Even if they were to lose against Brazil, Portugal's goal difference is such that Ivory Coast, with one point, would have to win handsomely, and then some, to be close to threatening them for second spot.

"Brazil are going all out to win another important match -- it is important to ensure top spot," said Brazilian playmaker Kaka, who will miss Friday's game after his red card against the Ivorians.

"Okay, I know a draw will leave us top but a victory is good for confidence."

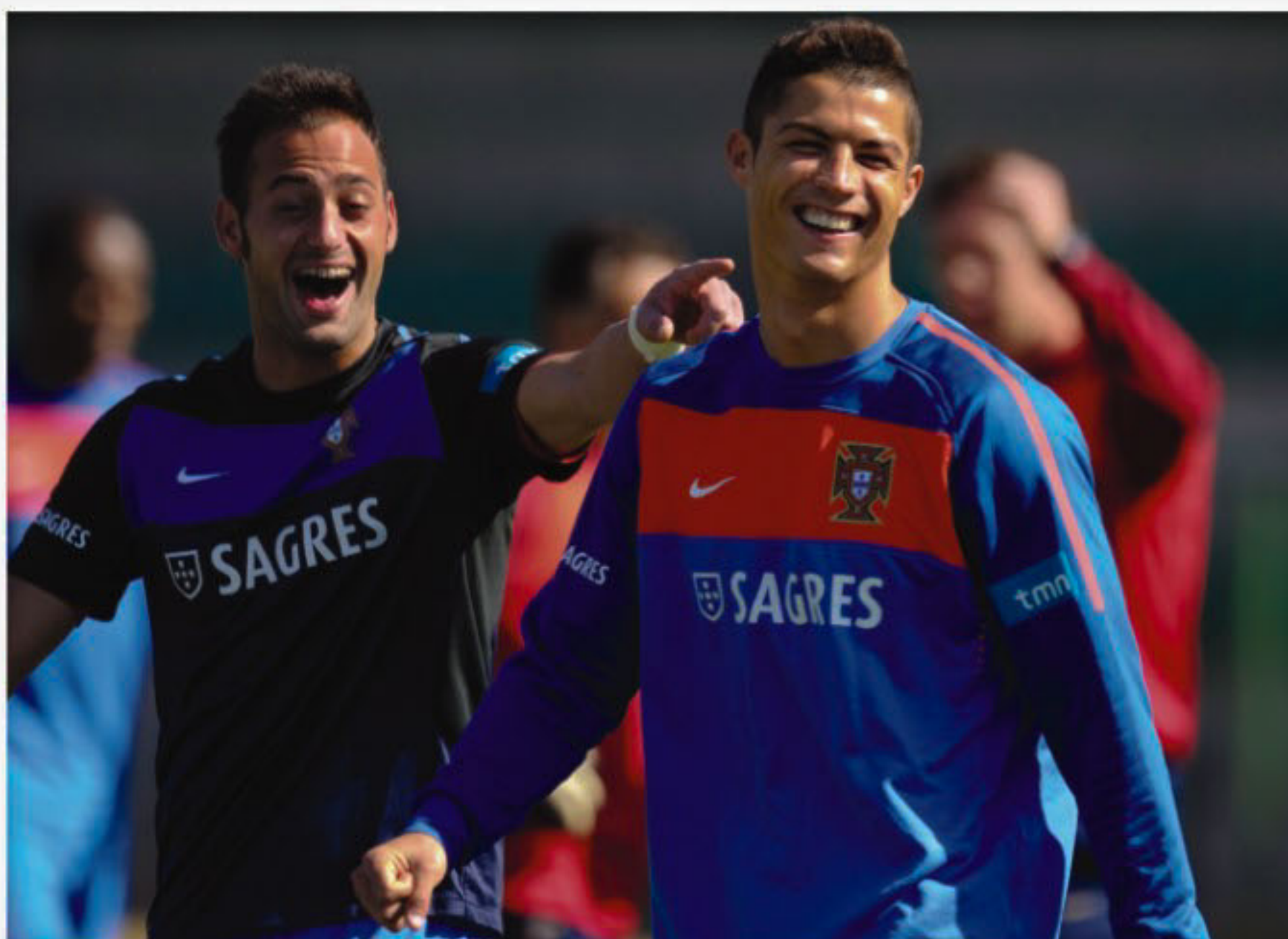


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**Portugal goalkeeper Beto (L) finds something funny with playmaker Cristiano Ronaldo during their training session at Bekker High School in Magaliesburg yesterday. The jokes could be on Brazil tonight if Ronaldo can find his touch.**

Portuguese coach Carlos Queiroz said he hoped his side would avenge a 6-2 friendly defeat to the Brazilians in 2008 -- the last time they shipped six goals was in 1955.

"We don't want the Brazilians to score against us this time -- it is a question of honour," said the Mozambique-born Queiroz, formerly Sir Alex Ferguson's

assistant at Manchester United.

"We must not do Ivory Coast any favours in terms of letting it go down to goal difference."

Portuguese midfielder Tiago added: "Our sole interest is to beat Brazil and finish top of the group. After that we will see."

"We want to finish top of

what is a very strong and difficult group.

"In the final match, our destiny is in our hands. We are going into the match with Brazil with the intention of winning and finishing top of

our group."

Brazil coach Dunga, who has led his side to victory in the Copa America and the Confederations Cup here last year, will likely field some reserves against Portugal.

"We are not sure who will replace Kaka for the next game, we will think about it over the next few days," he said.

Dunga looks to have three options regarding his Kaka conundrum.

He can field Nilmar in attack and switch the on-form Robinho into a central role, send in Julio Baptista or push Daniel Alves forward into the engine room.

Dunga is also waiting on the fitness of Elano, who picked up a calf strain in the win over Ivory Coast, with Benfica's Ramires on stand-by.

The winners of Group G will play the runners-up in Group H, currently topped by Chile, with Spain and Switzerland in second on three points and Honduras winless.

To date, the Brazilians have won 12 and the Portuguese four of 18 matches with two drawn.

PORTUGAL		BRAZIL	
ALMEIDA	FABIANO	ALMEIDA	FABIANO
SIMAO	ROBINHO	SIMAO	ROBINHO
DECO	BAPTISTA	DECO	BAPTISTA
RONALDO	ALVES	RONALDO	ALVES
MIRALLES	MELO	MIRALLES	MELO
PEPE	GILBERTO SILVA	PEPE	GILBERTO SILVA
ALVES	MAICON	ALVES	MAICON
CARVALHO	LUIS	CARVALHO	LUIS
DUDA	JUAN	DUDA	JUAN
MIGUEL	CEASAR	MIGUEL	CEASAR
EDUARDO		EDUARDO	

### STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Brazil	2	2	0	0	5	2	6
Portugal	2	1	1	0	7	0	4
Ivory Coast	2	0	1	1	1	3	1
North Korea	2	0	0	2	1	9	0

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1st	One 8CFT Toshiba Refrigerator	YOU	1st	One Toshiba 32" LCD TV	YOU
2nd	One Toshiba 24" LCD TV	YOU	2nd	One 15CFT Toshiba Refrigerator	YOU
3rd	One Toshiba 21" Colour TV	YOU	3rd	One Toshin Heat & Cool AC (1ton)	YOU
4th	One Toshin 21" Colour TV	YOU	4th	One Toshin 24" LCD TV	YOU
5th	One Toshin Microwave Oven (23L)	and YOU	5th	One 21" Toshin Colour TV	and YOU

(See May 23 issue of the Star Sport for competition information and rules)

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2nd. 14" Toshin Colour TV	2nd. 21" Toshin Colour TV
3rd. 3 Toshiba DVD Players	3rd. 20L Toshin Microwave Woven
	4th. Two Toshiba DVD Players

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Round & Draw	Starts	Ends	Answers must reach by 12pm	Lucky Draw for prizes
4. Khulna	June 15	June 23	June 25	June 29
5. Sylhet	June 24	July 02	July 04	July 06
<b>Bumper Round, Dhaka</b>	<b>July 03</b>	<b>July 11</b>	<b>July 13</b>	<b>July 16</b>

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Tick (✓) the correct answers

- How many goals did Fernando Torres score in WC qualifying? 0 ☐ 1 ☐ 5 ☐
- How many teams participated in the first World Cup in 1930? 12 ☐ 16 ☐ 13 ☐
- Which was the first team to not score in the World Cup final? Germany ☐ Netherlands ☐ Argentina ☐
- Who is the only player to have scored goals for two different teams in the World Cup finals? Suker ☐ Prosinecki ☐ Stankovic ☐
- Who is this player? Bolatti ☐ De Rossi ☐ Podolski ☐

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Father's name.....Occupation.....

Address.....

Telephone (if any).....Signature.....Date.....

Write with a ballpoint pen in clear BLOCK letters.

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