

KEY STATS

Brazil have won all three previous World Cup fixtures against Chile, all of which have been in the knockout stages of the tournament (Round 2 in 2010, Round 2 in 1998, and the semi-final in 1962)

Chile have conceded 11 goals in their three meetings with Brazil at the World Cup finals, an average of 3.7 per game

Eduardo Vargas has scored in each of his last two appearances for Chile against Brazil, including a goal in Belo Horizonte in April 2013

Brazil have scored two or more goals in each of their last nine matches against Chile, netting 32 in the process (3.6 per game)

Neymar scored the 100th goal of the 2014 World Cup (his first goal versus Cameroon), in Brazil's 100th game in the competition

The Barcelona forward has now scored four times in three matches at the 2014 World Cup and eight times in his last six for Brazil

Chile have lost each of their previous second round fixtures, both of which were against Brazil (0-3 in 2010 & 1-4 in 1998)

Chile have never beaten the Selección on Brazilian soil, losing 20 and drawing six



Chile mainstay Alexis Sanchez (C) practises along with teammates at Toca da Raposa II in Belo Horizonte on Thursday, ahead of their round of 16 game against contenders Brazil today. PHOTO: REUTERS

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BRAZIL V CHILE

'La Roja will fight like pitbulls'

REUTERS, Belo Horizonte

Chile will go into their World Cup round of 16 game against hosts Brazil on Saturday with all guns blazing as they look "to make history" against the tournament favourites, forward Alexis Sanchez said.

The Chileans, eliminated three times by Brazil in past World Cups, are eager to confirm their status as dark horses in this tournament with a major upset.

"We came here to make history. We already beat World Cup holders Spain [in the group stage]," Alexis told reporters at their training base in Belo Horizonte.

"The next game is about who has more endurance and who has the mentality to go a long way. We may not all be friends but on the pitch everybody runs for the other and this team is like a pitbull dog."

Alexis and teammate Mauricio Isla were asked repeatedly by Chilean reporters whether they had thought about the referee and the potential influence he could have on the outcome for a game that is of massive importance to the hosts and the tournament.

"The best defence at this moment is Brazil's. I am really happy to play against Brazil but I am worried about the referee. But we will see," Alexis said without elaborating further.



Several of his teammates have faced similar questions regarding the referee, who has yet to be announced, on Wednesday.

Sanchez said if Chile were to outmuscle five-time champions Brazil at the Mineirao stadium they only had to look at neighbouring Argentina's winning mentality and finally start believing in themselves.

"They [Argentina] go into every game to win it. We have to have that kind of mentality against Brazil," said the striker. "This match is about which team wants to win with the heart and which teams wants to go all the way to the final," he said.

Argentina, also among the title contenders in Brazil, have yet to hit top form but cruised into the last 16 with three wins out of three games.

Chile beat Spain and Australia in the group stage to secure a spot in the knockout stage before losing to the Netherlands.

"We have to have that winning mentality. Like Mauricio here," he said pointing to teammate Isla, sitting next to him. "He is one of the best players in the world in his position. But he does not believe it. Believe it! Tell him."

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BRAZILIAN BAURU

AFP, Sao Paulo

BEAUTIFUL GAME? WHAT'S THAT

Belgium coach Marc Wilmots bit back at questions over the style of his team's play after they completed the World Cup group stage with maximum points on Thursday.

Wilmots said Brazil haven't always played great football either after his Red Devils saw off South Korea 1-0—their third narrow win in a row.

Jan Vertonghen's 78th-minute winner came after Steven Defour was sent off in the first half. Belgium, who also beat Algeria 2-1 and Russia 1-0, will play USA in the last 16 on Tuesday.

"What does that mean, to play beautifully? I saw Brazil versus Croatia and I didn't think that Brazil were exceptional," Wilmots said.

when asked who was playing the most attractive football.

"All matches are characterised by tactics, by physical fitness. It can change everything and what's important for me is the end result—it's to win the match, whatever the style of play.

"We're here with the best teams on Earth... so I don't know who is playing most beautifully. We're not here for the performance, we're here to win."

KAISER SUSPENSION LIFTED
German legend Franz Beckenbauer has had his 90-day ban from any football-related activity lifted by FIFA, his manager said on Friday in a statement posted on Twitter.

Beckenbauer was suspended by world football's governing body on June 13 for breaching FIFA's code of ethics by his

apparent refusal to cooperate in an investigation into the awarding of the 2018 World Cup to Russia and the controversial decision to give the 2022 tournament to Qatar.

"I underestimated the case, especially because all these administrative issues are usually handled by my management," Beckenbauer said in the statement posted by his manager Marcus Hoefl on Twitter.

The 68-year-old Beckenbauer, who won the World Cup as a player in 1974 and as a coach in 1990, was on the FIFA executive board in 2010 when the 2022 tournament was awarded to Qatar.

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Runs in the family!



INFO ZONE

BRAZIL		CHILE	
M	W	M	W
68	48	68	7
13	7	13	48

LAST MEETING: BRAZIL 2-1 CHILE (19 NOVEMBER 2003, INTERNATIONAL FRIENDLY)

KEY PLAYERS

FERNANDINHO	ALEXIS SANCHEZ
8	69
2	23
1	1

TEAM FORMATION

4-3-3	4-4-2
Cesar	Bravo
4: Alves, Silva, Luiz, Marcelo	4: Jara, Silva, Medel, Mena
3: Fernandinho, Ramires, Gustavo	4: Aranguiz, Diaz, Isla, Vidal
3: Oscar, Fred, Neymar	2: Vargas, Sanchez

COLOMBIA		URUGUAY	
M	W	M	W
40	13	40	19
8	19	8	13

LAST MEETING: URUGUAY 2-0 COLOMBIA (10 SEPTEMBER 2013, WORLD CUP QUALIFIER)

KEY PLAYERS

JAMES RODRIGUEZ	DIEGO GODIN
25	80
8	4
3	1

TEAM FORMATION

4-3-3	4-4-2
Ospina	Muslera
4: Zuniga, Armero, Sanchez, Zapata	4: Caceres, Lugano, Godin, Pereira
3: Yepes, Cuadrado, Aguilar	4: Gargano, Arevalo, Rodriguez, Fortan
3: Gutierrez, Rodriguez, Ibarbo	2: Stuani, Cavani



Superlative supersubs

REUTERS, Santo Andre

Substitutes have been lighting up the scoreboards at the World Cup with dazzling performances that have sparked their teams back to life and secured wins or draws that have made their coaches look like geniuses.

When Germany fell 2-1 behind to Ghana late in the second half of their Group G match, Miroslav Klose came off the bench to equalise with his first touch less than two minutes later.

Klose's goal not only saved his team from humiliating defeat but it was also the striker's 15th World Cup goal, putting him level with Brazil's Ronaldo atop the all-time scorers list.

An unusual accomplishment for a bench warmer? Not at this World Cup.

There are several theories as to why there have been so many goals scored by substitutes at the finals in Brazil. The record-breaking 24th goal was scored on Tuesday and 18 per cent of the total 133 goals scored after the last group stage match on Thursday were by substitutes.

The previous World Cup record for goals scored by players off the bench was 23 in 2006 – or 16 per cent of 147 goals. By comparison, in 2010 in South Africa 15 of the 145 goals (10 per cent) were scored by substitutes.

Some coaches have talked openly about the need to have 14 top players – not just the starting XI – primed and ready for action in this tournament in part due to the tropical heat.

FIRST ROUND ROUND-UP



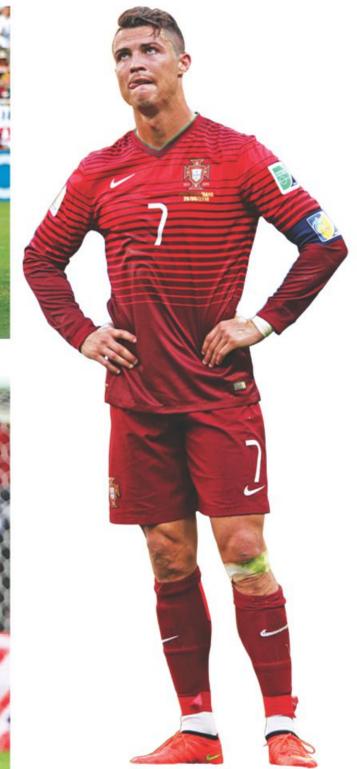
Brazil's Marcelo (R) got scoring going, though at the wrong end.



Germany's Mueller (L) about to score the tournament's first hat-trick.



Reigning champions Spain became the first team to exit the tournament. Their fate was decided only after their second match against Chile.



Ronaldo arrived in Brazil with hopes of becoming one of the top stars, but it was all emptiness for the striker as Portugal left the tournament after the first round with him scoring a goal only.

THE CANNIBAL!



Chiellini tries to convince the referee that Suarez sank his teeth into his shoulder.



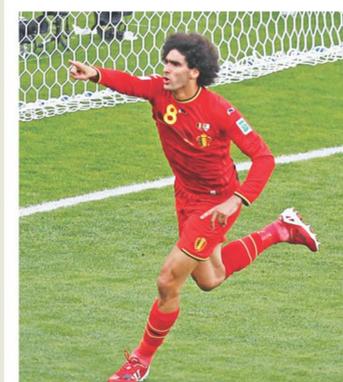
Suarez seems to have hurt his teeth after that collision.



A fan mocks the incident by posing in front of an advert displaying the infamous set of teeth.



Robin van Persie was hailed as the "Flying Dutchman" as he leapt to score against Spain.



Marouane Fellaini came off the bench and scored 5 minutes later to be dubbed as "super sub".



Guillermo Ochoa put an amazing shift between the posts to deny Brazil a win.

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