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Real Madrid, seen here in front of their home crowd, are keen to lift the only trophy still missing from their collection.

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**10 December, 19:30**  
Prince Moulay Abdellah Stadium  
Rabat  
**Match 1 · Play-off for Quarter-Finals**  
Moghreb Tetouan  
Auckland City

**13 December, 19:30**  
Prince Moulay Abdellah Stadium  
Rabat  
**Match 3 · Quarter-Final**  
Cruz Azul  
Western Sydney Wanderers

**17 December, 16:30**  
Stade de Marrakech  
Marrakesh  
**Match 5 · Match for Fifth Place**  
Loser of Match 2  
Loser of Match 3

**20 December, 16:30**  
Stade de Marrakech  
Marrakesh  
**Match 7 · Match for Third Place**  
Loser of Match 4  
Loser of Match 6

**13 December, 16:00**  
Prince Moulay Abdellah Stadium  
Rabat  
**Match 2 · Quarter-Final**  
ES Setif  
Winner of Match 1

**16 December, 19:30**  
Prince Moulay Abdellah Stadium  
Rabat  
**Match 4 · Semi-Final**  
Winner of Match 3  
Real Madrid

**17 December, 19:30**  
Stade de Marrakech  
Marrakesh  
**Match 6 · Semi-Final**  
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**Object of desire** Seven teams will battle it out for the Club World Cup from 10 to 20 December 2014.

# Triumph and tears

**T**he north African kingdom of Morocco will host the Club World Cup this month for the second year in succession. Will Real Madrid win the title for the first time to finally complete their trophy collection? Learn more about the tournament and the seven teams taking part from page six onwards.

**T**rinidad and Tobago's dream was a big one that almost came true, but the island nation's players suffered a 1-0 defeat in the deciding match against Ecuador to narrowly miss out on qualification for the Women's World Cup 2015. The story of the Soca Princesses' adventure begins on page 24.

**T**he 2014 Ballon d'Or finalists have been confirmed, and the race for the men's award has been narrowed down to Lionel Messi, Cristiano Ronaldo and Manuel Neuer. You can find the complete line-up of finalists for world football's most coveted awards on page 31. ⚽

*Sarah Steiner*



# Clash of the Titans

**Popular pastime**  
Playing football on  
Morocco's beaches.



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### REAL MADRID

A day after their 4-1 victory over city rivals Atletico Madrid in the UEFA Champions League final in Lisbon on 24 May 2014, the "Merengues" celebrated their triumph with home fans at the Bernabeu Stadium.

Although Real Madrid are seeking to lift their first Club World Cup trophy when the tournament takes place in Morocco between 10 and 20 December, their rivals – the continental champions plus host nation representatives Moghreb Tetouan – will be just as determined to succeed.

*by Tim Pfeifer, Jordi Puntí, Sven Goldmann, Mark Gleeson and David Winner*

**T**he 2014 calendar year is gradually drawing to a close, but the football year is far from over. The Club World Cup promises to be a major highlight for fans, and there is already a palpable sense of anticipation across host nation Morocco.

Memories still linger of last December, when this north African kingdom first hosted the tournament. Moroccans watched on incredulously as their representatives Raja Casablanca made a shock run to the final, triggering a wave of euphoria. Images were beamed around the world of cars sounding their horns and of fans cheering and dancing in the streets, bringing traffic to a standstill in towns and cities across the country. Moroccans were passionate about football before the event, so the nationwide elation afterwards can probably best be described as Club World Cup fever.

The seven participating teams and their supporters can expect another unique atmosphere when the competition to determine the world's best club side gets underway again this month. But which teams are involved, how did they navigate their way to Morocco, and what exactly is at stake?



**WESTERN SYDNEY WANDERERS**  
Fans celebrate reaching the AFC Champions League final with Antony Golec at Sydney's Pirtek Stadium on 1 October 2014.

The impression given by the Madrid press is that this is a team destined to shape a new era.

**Real keen to forge a new era**

Housing each and every piece of silverware its captains have hoisted aloft over the years, Real Madrid's trophy room in some way mirrors the development of the game itself. While some of the cups it contains no longer exist, others have changed very little in terms of design. It is as complete a collection as they come, though there is one

particular trophy missing, the Club World Cup.

Madrid won the tournament's predecessor, the Intercontinental Cup, on three occasions, the last of them in 2002, when Iker Casillas had the honour of lifting the trophy. However, Los Blancos have failed to grace the competition since it took on its current name once and for all in 2005, an absence that provides them with further motivation to win it. Two members of the Madrid squad have already lifted the trophy; Cristiano Ronaldo with Manchester United in 2008 and Toni Kroos with Bayern Munich last season, while coach Carlo Ancelotti got his hands on it with AC Milan in 2007.

Los Merengues are in very fine fettle as they head into a tournament that will do their global profile no harm. In flawless form in the UEFA Champions League, Ancelotti's men have also been sweeping all before them in La Liga, recovering from a shaky start with a series of thumping

**Marrakesh**

Ready to host the 2014 Club World Cup together with Rabat.



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**AUCKLAND CITY**  
These Club World Cup regulars had reason to celebrate in 2009 after winning the match for fifth place.



**ES SETIF**  
Joy abounds as the team celebrate their CAF Champions League triumph on 1 November 2014.

wins and playing with an authority they have not shown for some time. Since the Italian's arrival last season, Madrid have grown in confidence and are imperious once more, having shaken off the edginess they had under Jose Mourinho. In adding a tenth European Cup/Champions League trophy to their bulging collection of silverware, the club finally gave their impatient fans what they had been waiting for, earning themselves a Club World Cup invitation in the process.

The season's new signings, chief among them Kroos and James Rodriguez, have settled in seamlessly and brought even more of a swagger to a team in which Luka Modric, Isco and Gareth Bale have all gained in stature. Helpfully, the goalkeeping debate has also petered out.

Previewing Madrid's visit to Basel in the Champions League last week, Diego Torres of El País, wrote a piece entitled "La meta es la eternidad" ("The goal is eternity"), a headline reflecting the belief in

the Madrid-based press that this is a team with designs on going down in history. It was not so very long ago, between 2006 and 2010 in fact, that Pep Guardiola's Barcelona did just that, dominating the domestic, European and global scene and winning two Champions Leagues and two Club World Cups, all in their own inimitable and much-praised style. It would seem that Ancelotti's Madrid are aiming to leave a similar mark on the game and take over from their age-old rivals. There are no maps charting the way to eternity, however, and for now Madrid must make do with negotiating the next step on that journey, in Morocco in a few days' time.

**Latin Americans out of sorts**

Things have been looking up for Latin American sides in the Club World Cup over the past few years. Club de Futbol Monterrey finished in third place last year, FC Santos were only defeated by Lionel Messi's Barcelona in the 2011 final, while Chelsea got the better of Sao Paulo's Corinthians in the title decider two years ago. This year, teams from Mexico City and Buenos Aires will travel to Morocco to compete against the best of the rest of the world, but will do so with the stigma of occupying the lower half of their respective league tables.

Recent events have been particularly frustrating for Mexican side Club Deportivo Social y Cultural Cruz Azul, who could only muster a 1-1 draw against Leones Negros in their most recent game in Liga MX's Torneo Apertura. The result consigns the CONCACAF champions to 13th in the table and means they will not qualify for the Liguilla, as the play-off matches between Mexico's top eight teams are known. The increasing unease within the club is fuelling transfer rumours among coach Luis Fernando Tena's squad, the most notable of which concerns goalkeeper Jesus Corona. The 33-year-old, who won Olympic gold with Mexico at London 2012, is reported to be a target for Guadalajara side Chivas. Corona claimed that his full focus is on matters with Cruz Azul before adding: "but we all know the kind of business we're working in." Against this far from satisfactory backdrop the team is now travelling to Rabat, where an extremely difficult task awaits them. Even if Cruz Azul beat Western Sydney Wanderers in the quarter-final, their opponents in the last four will be UEFA Champions League winners Real Madrid.

Club Atletico San Lorenzo de Almagro's Club World Cup prospects look slightly more positive. The South American champions have qualified directly for the semi-finals, but their recent form, especially at home, has been extremely inconsistent. Unable to progress past the last 16 of the Copa Argentina, San Lorenzo lag far behind top teams Racing Club and River Plate in the league. The club from the Flores neighbourhood of Buenos Aires will round off their Torneo Transicion campaign with a short trip to local rivals Velez Sarsfield on 7 December before beginning their preparations for the Club

**Teams at the Club World Cup Morocco 2014**

Moroccan champions Moghreb Athletic de Tetouan will represent the host nation at the FIFA Club World Cup 2014. The remaining contenders at the global showdown in December are the six continental champions: ES Setif (CAF Champions League winners), Western Sydney Wanderers (AFC Champions League winners), Real Madrid (UEFA Champions League winners), Cruz Azul Futbol Club (CONCACAF Champions League winners), Auckland City FC (OFC Champions League winners) and CA San Lorenzo (CONMEBOL Copa Libertadores winners).



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**San Lorenzo de Almagro**  
 pictured after winning the Copa Libertadores in Buenos Aires on 13 August 2014.

## CONCACAF champions Cruz Azul's 13th-place finish means they miss out on the Liguilla.

World Cup. Their potential opponents in Marrakesh include host nation representatives Moghreb Tetouan, Algeria's ES Setif and Club World Cup regulars Auckland City from New Zealand.

San Lorenzo's recent lack of stability in defence or creativity in attack means they currently bear little resemblance to the team that lifted the Copa Libertadores trophy back in August. The return of

midfielder and former Albiceleste youth international Leandro Romagnoli from an elbow injury should restore some of their spark in Morocco, while coach Edgardo Bauza enlisted the help of 38-year-old Colombia captain and centre-half Mario Yepes a couple of weeks ago. "Sometimes we play very well and at other times not so well," said Bauza. "What we lack is consistency."

### North African dominance

When Entente Sportive de Setif qualified to compete in the 2014 CAF Champions League, some of the club's officials felt they should withdraw from the competition because their squad was 'not strong enough' and would find it too taxing playing in both their domestic league and in Africa's top club event.

Some 10 months later, and the Algerian club were crowned conti-

### A wide selection

Football shirts and club flags are on sale in the streets of Marrakesh.



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mental champions after an unbeaten run through the year that culminated in an away goals rule triumph over AS Vita Club of the Democratic Republic of Congo in the two-legged final. It was the second Champions League title for Setif, some 26 years after their only previous success way back in 1988. Setif also became the first Algerian club to win an African club title in more than a decade and completed a successful footballing year for the north African country after Algeria reached the second round at the World Cup in Brazil in June.

The club did not concede a goal in the early knockout round and eliminated the experienced Coton Sport of Cameroon to win a place in the group stage, where they were drawn in Group B in an all-north African pool with Tunisian clubs Esperance Tunis and CS Sfaxien, along with Libya's Al Ahly Benghazi.

In the first group game, at the end of a long and taxing domestic season, Setif caused a major upset as their French-born winger El Hedi Belameiri scored the winner away at Esperance to set them on course for an eventual second-place finish and a berth in the semi-final. Ironically, Les Aigles Noirs drew all of their home matches in the group and finished second behind CS Sfaxien. They then edged TP Mazembe Englebert in the semi-finals on away goals after a spirited second leg display in the tropical heat of Lubumbashi, before triumphing over Mazembe's Congolese compatriots Vita after a tense two-legged final. The return tie was played in Blida and Setif's success sparked off a night of heady celebration for their fans.

Based in Setif, a town in the north east of Algeria some 300km from the capital Algiers, Entente Sportive are among the country's most consistent clubs. They won a first league crown in 1968 and have won two of the last three Algerian championships, in 2012 and 2013. In total they have won six Algerian championships. Setif's squad includes internationals from the Central African Republic and Gabon. Eudes Dagoulou moved from Mouloudia Oran in the off-season and Benjamin Ze Ondo was a regular starter in the Champions League campaign. Ze Ondo will likely be selected by Gabon to participate in January's CAF Africa Cup of Nations finals.

Midfielder Abdelmalik Ziaya, now 30, played for Algeria at the 2010 Cup of Nations in Angola and striker Ahmed Gasmi won a single cap for Algeria two years ago. Sofiane Younes, aged 32, who scored the decisive goal in the Champions League final is also an ex-Algeria international, winning two caps back in 2007. Goalkeeper Sofiane Khedairia (Toulouse), midfielder Toufik Zerara (Sochaux) and Belameiri (Metz) all grew up at French clubs. At 37-years-old, Setif's coach Kheireddine Madoui is the youngest winner of the Champions League. He is a former international defender who has only been coach since February, when he took over from the veteran Rabah Saadane. He was only supposed to work as a caretaker until the club

### GoalControl-4D to feature at Club World Cup

It will be a hat-trick of appearances for goal-line technology at the FIFA Club World Cup with GoalControl GmbH set to be the official GLT provider for Morocco 2014.

FIFA's club showpiece was where it all began for GLT back in 2012 when Hawk-Eye and GoalRef made history in Japan. The GoalControl-4D system was then chosen for the 2013 edition and also featured at the FIFA Confederations Cup 2013 and 2014 FIFA World Cup in Brazil, where football fans got a true taste of how crucial the technology is in supporting the match officials.

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The use of the system in Morocco will be subject to a final installation test at each stadium, which is a standard procedure as part of the official certification process defined in the GLT Testing Manual. These tests will be conducted by an independent test institute. Prior to the start of every game, the match officials will also carry out their own tests, in-line with the operational procedures approved by the International Football Association Board (IFAB).

Visiting the fish market  
Agadir is not among the  
host cities this year.





**MOGRHEB TETOUAN**

Enjoying a relaxed kickabout at the beach.

Entente Sportive de Setif  
have become one of Algeria's  
most consistent clubs.

could find a permanent appointee but has now earned a three-year contract, a most unusual vote of confidence for Algerian football.

**Asia and Oceania's outsider role**

The most notable outsiders of the tournament come from Australasia. Western Sydney Wanderers have been this year's sensation in Asian

football. The club only came into existence two years ago. Yet last month they pulled off the greatest result in the history of Australian club football by beating Al-Hilal of Saudi Arabia to become Asian champions.

En route to the title, Tony Popovic's side deployed grit, implacable defense and no little skill to see off Sanfrecce Hiroshima, FC Seoul and Guangzhou Evergrande. And the Wanderers' passionate 'Red And Black Bloc' fans staked a claim to being among the most impressive anywhere.

Despite poor form in recent weeks the presence of Dutch winger Romeo Castelen, who was ineligible for the Champions League games, adds credibility to the Aussies' dream of victory over Cruz Azul of Mexico and a second round meeting with Real Madrid.

Scarcely less remarkable a team is tiny Auckland City, the semi-professional New Zealand side appearing in their fourth consecutive World Club Cup. The reigning champions of Oceania rode their luck to beat Amicale of Vanuatu to qualify for Morocco, but

**View from the Kasbah**

Looking from Agadir's old town towards more modern streets.



Moghreb Athletic Tetouan, Alex Livesey/FIFA via Getty Images



**CRUZ AZUL**

Job done: celebrating CONCACAF Champions League final success in Toluca, Mexico on 23 April 2014.

they have pedigree in the competition and last season came within seconds of forcing a draw with hosts Raja.

This year they will be hoping to impress again when they meet hosts Moghreb Tetouan in Rabat. In Leonard Wibberley's novel 'The Mouse That Roared', a charming, tiny, fictional country becomes a superpower.

Auckland are bidding to become football's equivalent. They certainly fit the bill for charming and tiny.

At their picturesque Kiwitea Stadium, trees sometimes appear to outnumber spectators. Nine members of the squad are employed to teach football to local school children. Winger David Browne and midfielder Sam Burfoot work three days a week on building sites and full-back Darren White sells kitchens. Yet the club has raised the profile of football in a country usually obsessed with the heroics of the All Blacks rugby team. Every season professional clubs swoop to sign the team's best players, forcing canny Barcelona-born coach Ramon Tribulietx to use his international

network of contacts to find replacements. Meanwhile, the Japanese FA have invited Auckland to play a friendly match against the national side in Japan next month.

Tribulietx learned his football watching Johan Cruyff's 'Dream Team' at Barcelona in the early 1990s, and was hired by this most professional of amateur clubs to bring a touch of the Nou Camp to the South Pacific. "Basically when they offered me the job in 2008 they were aiming to play in a different way. New Zealand is well known for having a very direct style of football. But we play 4-3-3 and try to keep the ball. New Zealand football was influenced by the English style and it still is very physical, very direct. It's what most of our players grew up with. So the most difficult thing is to change their habits. I'm telling them to play into feet and they think: 'how do we do that?' It's been a good long process, but right now it works. People are happy, and through that we are getting our reputation, and we're getting results", says Tribulietx. ❄

**Agadir's marina**  
A seaside idyll.



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# ON THE INSIDE

## Armenian Premier League

### The phoenix of Yerevan



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Cesar Romero, a 25-year-old striker from California, was once a USA youth international before fading from the limelight as a winding career path took him from Germany's sixth division to Mexico, back to the USA and, for a time, into unemployment. Over the summer he had to prove his worth in a two-week trial at Pyunik Yerevan before the club would sign him. Now, however, all that is in the past as after the first half of the season Romero has already equalled the 17-goal tally last year's top scorer Mihran Manasyan achieved in the entire campaign. Romero has in effect risen from the ashes like a phoenix

in Yerevan, a metaphor which is particularly fitting in this case as the word 'Pyunik' is the term for said mythical creature in Armenian.

Romero stole the headlines once again on the final matchday of the first half of the season last weekend, scoring two and creating another to almost single-handedly beat city rivals Ulysses 3-0. The victory brought Pyunik, last season's cup winners, to within one point of league leaders Ulysses, for whom the winter break could not come soon enough. The 2011 champions registered 11 wins from their first 12 assignments, but lost their last three consecutive matches.

They now have until March to get back on track and gear up for the title race with Pyunik. The rest of the pack are a long way behind, with Shirak the only team still in sight in third place. In 2013 the Gyumri-based club broke the stranglehold sides from Yerevan had had on the league title by becoming the first team from outside the capital to win

the championship in 14 years. It is unsurprising that clubs from Yerevan have dominated for so long, as five of the eight Premier League sides are located there.

Defending champions Banants Yerevan have not been able to keep the pace this season after struggling to recover from the blow of losing chief midfield strategist Rumyan Hovsepyan to Metallurg Donetsk, and currently lie in seventh place in the standings.

The transfer window could also pose a threat to record Armenian champions Pyunik, who have six internationals on their books - more than any other side. That could lead to covetous glances from other teams, especially as 25-year-old Borussia Dortmund midfielder Henrikh Mkhitaryan started out at the club. If Pyunik are to win their 14th title in the spring, they will need to fend off as many enquiries for their players as they can; after all, phoenixes like Romero are extremely hard to come by. ⚽



**On fire** Cesar Romero is in fine form and helped Pyunik Yerevan to victory over Ulysses with two goals and an assist.



## Greek Super League

# PAOK continue to lead the way



**Roland Zorn** is a Frankfurt-based football correspondent.

The Greek Super League resumed last weekend, and thankfully on matchday 12 the football took centre stage. Record champions Olympiacos, so often the sole contenders for the league title in recent years, are having to come to terms with the fact that PAOK are emerging as serious challengers to their league crown.

The northern outfit maintained their two-point advantage over the 41-time champions from Piraeus at the weekend while AEL Kalloni, the small club from the island of Lesbos, and Panathinaikos remain

locked together on 19 points in third and fourth respectively. Having trailed 2-1 at home to struggling Panthrakikos, PAOK fought back to claim a 3-2 victory in front of their own fans. Olympiacos, meanwhile, recorded a comprehensive 4-0 win over Kerkyra on Corfu and Panathinaikos made the most of Kalloni's goalless draw with Platania to move level on points with their third-placed rivals.

Under normal circumstances, fans would be able to enjoy this intriguing battle at the division's summit, but Greek football's other, far more sinister side continues to tarnish the reputation of the game in the southern European nation. It's worth bearing in mind that only ten of the twelve scheduled rounds of fixtures have been completed thus far.

At the end of September, the Greek top flight ground to a halt after a fan was killed following clashes with rival supporters during a third division match. There were no

games on 22 or 23 November either, as the Hellenic Football Federation (EPO) refused to nominate officials for top-flight games after former FIFA referee and assistant director of the Greek refereeing committee Christoforos Zografos was attacked by two masked men. The EPO took immediate action, appointing a new director who vowed to tackle the problems that continue to cast a shadow over Greek football.

There has been a drop in spectator numbers in the Super League in recent times, but for the sake of the sport's credibility, the least the EPO can do is offer its fans exciting and, above all, safe football matches. ⚽



**Top of the pile** Miguel Vitor (No15, c.) and his PAOK team-mates lead the way in the Greek Super League.



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**T**hierry Henry won the World Cup, European Championship, Confederations Cup, UEFA Champions League, UEFA Super Cup, Club World Cup, and the league and cup in France, England and Spain. He has a total of 20 winner's medals, and twice as many personal awards to boot. He would have been only too delighted to round off a glittering career with the MLS championship crown, but it was not to be after the striker and his New York Red Bulls team-mates lost to New England Revolution in the play-off semi-finals. It was almost certainly Henry's last match, but was it an emotional occasion? Were tears shed? Was there a moving farewell speech? Reporters were desperately hoping so, but Henry is not that kind of guy. "Well done New England," was his only comment after the match. However, after allowing a few days to pass for it all to sink in, he did bow out slightly more conventionally with an official statement of thanks to the club and its fans. ❄️

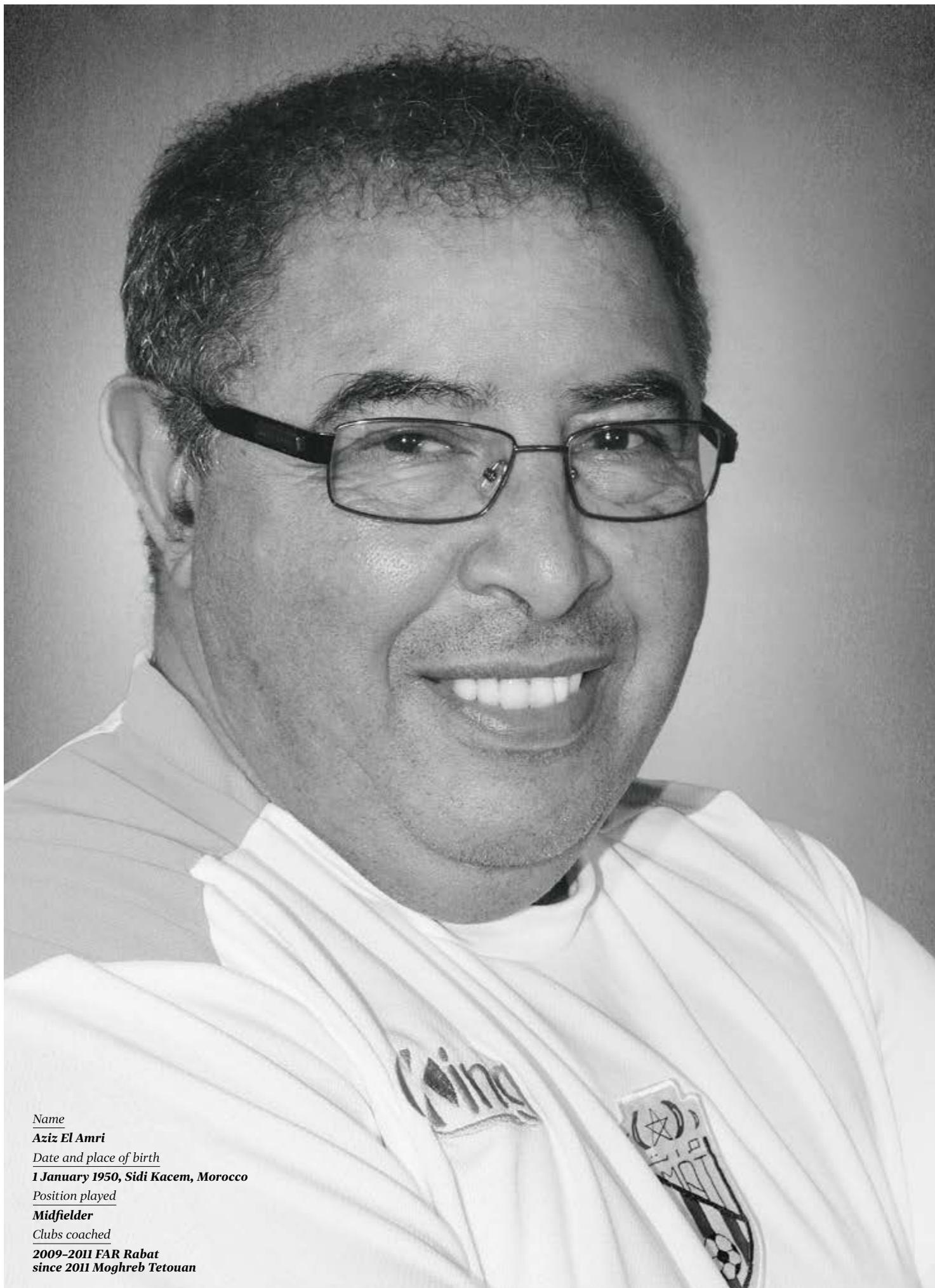
**Sarah Steiner**

**I**n the 89th minute of the game between Basel and Real Madrid in the most recent round of Champions League matches, there was a curious scene that left many onlookers rubbing their eyes in disbelief. With the visitors 1-0 up, several spectators suddenly invaded the pitch and while the security guards were busy trying to stop them, two more people casually strolled past the stewards and on to the grass. The duo were completely unchallenged as they wandered around filming the game of catch-me-if-you can with a small video camera. Images of the unusual incident have since gone viral on the internet, with questions being asked as to how the pair, who were dressed in normal clothes, had such unobstructed access to the pitch. It has since come to light that they are actually Basel employees who had been asked to film the intruders as part of the Swiss club's own security procedure. However, apparently not everyone at Basel had been informed, as they were also treated as pitch invaders and were unceremoniously escorted off by their colleagues. ❄️

**Andres de Kartzow**

**A**lthough almost five months have passed since Argentina secured their passage to the World Cup Final in Brazil, the memories of the success will be remembered for years to come in the small village of El Chanar, nestled in the northern Argentinian province of Tucuman. Several of the village's streets have been renamed after *Albiceleste* players from last summer's World Cup squad in homage to their success in their archrivals' homeland. As a result, many find themselves with addresses such as Lionel Messi Street, for example, which intersects with Sergio Aguero Street at one end and Javier Mascherano Street at the other. "My sister lives in Angel Di Maria Street and believes it's a good omen because her son plays in the same position as him," resident Nancy Quiroga explained to local newspaper *Gaceta de Tucuman* in reference to Manchester United's pacy winger. ❄️

**Tim Pfeifer**



Name

**Aziz El Amri**

Date and place of birth

**1 January 1950, Sidi Kacem, Morocco**

Position played

**Midfielder**

Clubs coached

**2009-2011 FAR Rabat  
since 2011 Moghreb Tetouan**

# “Our aim is to pick up experience”

Moghreb Athletic de Tetouan coach Aziz El Amri was all smiles when he spoke to us about his side's forthcoming engagement as the hosts of the Club World Cup Morocco 2014.

## What does it mean to Moghreb Tetouan to be playing in the FIFA Club World Cup?

*Aziz El Amri:* It's a dream that's come true after a lot of hard work. This tournament is a sort of mini World Cup in which every continent and every type of football is represented. Taking part in this tournament can only be good for us, and we deserve to be here after what's been a hard season. I hope we can make the most of this opportunity in a competition that's always tough, especially for African teams.

## You're the first Moroccan coach to take part in a Club World Cup since Fathi Jamal, who stood in as Raja's caretaker coach in 2000. Is it important to you to be flying the flag for your colleagues and compatriots?

It's a great honour to be representing Moroccan coaches in this competition. It's not every day that you get to play a part in an event like this, and I hope we get the kind of results that will do justice to the Moroccan game.

## What are Tetouan hoping to achieve at Morocco 2014?

Our aim is to pick up experience. Moghreb Tetouan are not exactly a big club with a great record, and we have a young team in which most of the players are under 23. Eight of them were born in 1992 or 1993, and they've still got a long way to go to reach star status. The Club World Cup will help them bring their game on and give them the kind of experience they need for the next CAF Champions League, which starts early next year and which we've only played in once before. I think the opening match will be the toughest because the loser goes home. We need to win it if we're going to have a good tournament and do Moroccan football proud.

## We saw some relatively youthful and inexperienced teams pull off some shock results at the 2014 FIFA World Cup Brazil™. Do you think you can learn from what they did and go far in this competition?

That's true, but there are advantages and disadvantages to being a young team. On the plus side is the fact that the players are enthusiastic and motivated. They're happy to sweat for the jersey without worrying too much about what they're getting paid. Obviously, the big downside to all that is the lack of experience, which can lead to players making big mistakes. I hope we can avoid that and I've got complete confidence in these youngsters. They haven't let me down since I came.

## You'll be up against Auckland City of New Zealand in the opening match. Have you seen them in action before?

Yes, I saw them play Raja last year and they gave it everything. From what I can gather, they've got a much-changed team now. New Zealand players are known for being fit and strong, a bit like rugby players, their national sport. The team's adopted a Latin style of play, combining the English long-ball game with good tactical organisation and possession football. They play an attractive game and they'll cause us problems.

## Moghreb Tetouan are known for their Barcelona-style tiki-taka football. Will you be playing that way against Auckland?

I won't be changing my style, no matter who we face. We won two trophies and reached the Club World Cup playing that kind of football, despite having a young team. Tiki-taka is great to watch and it works too. Over the last three years we've been dominating much more experienced and financially better-off clubs than us. Moghreb Tetouan play a short passing game and take their chances in front of goal, and there's no reason why that should change against Auckland.

## The club's fans are expecting you to match what Raja Casablanca did last year and reach the final. Can you do it?

Moghreb Tetouan and Raja don't have the same history or record, but that doesn't mean to say that we'll be making up the numbers

and just going there to get our photos taken with the opposition. We'll be playing for the honour of our city, our fans and the kingdom as a whole.

## There's going to be a lot of pressure on the shoulders of your young players.

Pressure is all in the mind and we need to put positive pressure on ourselves. It's going to be an adrenaline rush for the players to be taking part in such a prestigious competition, and in a fantastic stadium that will be packed to the rafters. As the team like to say: “The Tetouan boys will gobble you up, whatever the colour of your shirt.”

## If you beat Auckland, you'll go on to face ES Setif. Is that a game you'd be worried about?

Not at all. I love those kind of matches. I said before the final of the CAF Champions League that I wanted ES Setif to qualify. If everything goes to plan, we're going to see a fantastic north African derby in the quarter-finals, and it would be great if we won it.

## Do you want to play Real Madrid?

Everyone wants to play Real Madrid but we've got three hurdles to clear before we can do that: Auckland City, ES Setif and San Lorenzo. It's going to be a long, hard road. If we can beat those three teams, we'll have the honour of facing Real Madrid and their international stars. We'd try to tough it out if we got there, but the experience we have is nothing compared to theirs. ☺

*Aziz El Amri was speaking to Abdelilah Mouhib*



# First Love

Place: Manaus, Brazil

Date: 21 May 2014

Time: 4.43 p.m.



# Football stadia making childcare a priority



**Close to the action** The kids have plenty of space at St Pauli's Millerntor Stadion.

Childcare facilities are increasingly commonplace in German stadiums. Kids can now be looked after by professionals at their favourite club while their parents are enjoying the action on the pitch. The FIFA Weekly investigates a concept that is gathering pace.

## *Perikles Monioudis*

Stadiums have most bases covered when it comes to entertaining their visitors, offering everything from VIP parking spaces to hospitality packages and even augmented reality apps for smartphones. All of this means that as well as the excitement and enjoyment that attending a football match brings, fans can now feel completely cared for while they watch. For many supporters, this kind of enjoyment can only be experienced in the knowledge that their little ones are in good hands during the game, preferably nearby and under professional supervision – but is that asking too much?

Four years ago, Hamburg side St Pauli turned these dreams into reality and opened the first daycare facility at a professional football club, christening it the “Pirate’s Nest” in homage to the team’s skull-and-crossbones emblem. Totalling 1,385m<sup>2</sup> of space over three floors, Millerntor Stadion’s day centre is divided into 16 group rooms, a play balcony and a 350m<sup>2</sup> rooftop play park, as well as offering a nursery, three rest areas, two bathrooms and two cloakrooms for the hundreds of children who use its facilities – and a wide variety of toys and games, of course! The complex also gives

parents the opportunity to follow events on the pitch from the daycare centre’s balcony.

### **Following suit**

The idea of a creche at a football stadium has since taken root at several other clubs. At Bayern Munich, children between the ages of 3 and 9 can let off steam in the club’s free-to-enter LEGO play area, while Cologne also looks after its little fans aged 3 to 6 while their parents watch the match in the stands. Borussia Dortmund and Schalke go one step further, even offering a designated stand

where kids can cheer on their team under expert supervision.

Hamburg's Pestalozzi Foundation acts as the sponsor and operator of St Pauli's "Pirate's Nest" daycare centre at Millerntor Stadion. The facility's equipment was supplied by eibe, a company from Rottingen who developed the original stadium creche concept and have established a fascinating line of business as a result.

**"Our approach is to bring together the emotions of football with those of children."**

While stadium daycare facilities are now commonplace in Germany, clubs in other countries are still venturing into unknown territory with this idea. What important factors need to be taken into account when building this kind of crèche? Marlies Kuhn, eibe's sales manager in Switzerland, is keen to establish this model in her homeland. "First

you need clear objectives based on a needs analysis, a project group, a lead architect and sponsorship for the centre," she explains. "The relevant authorities also need to be included at an early stage." After all, work comes before play, even when it comes to planning daycare facilities.

**In the clubs' interest**

Kuhn continues by explaining that the educational concept of each creche must be discussed and determined in advance, along with focus areas such as movement, individual activities and how to implement the plans within the space available.

"In an ideal scenario, a stadium creche can use space on the ground floor with direct access to an outdoor area," she explains. "These rooms should be kitted out for painting, crafting and making music and equipped with furniture designed for children." It is also important to include movement apparatus such as swings, seesaws, trampolines and creative tools such as water and mud. "Natural elements such as hills, vegetation and free materials also help to shape the daycare centre."

The unique situation posed by such stadium-based facilities means they also satisfy other needs. "Our approach is to bring together the emotions of football with those of children," Kuhn says. Last but not least, the clubs' employees also welcome on-site childcare and make good use of it. ☺



**A new chapter in women's football**

Twenty years ago, I said "the future of football is feminine." Today, I note with pride that these were no empty words, because some 30 million women and girls now play football in all 209 FIFA member associations, from A for Afghanistan to Z for Zimbabwe. Football has the power to overcome community and social barriers and give women the personal esteem and sense of self-worth they are often denied in everyday life, even in countries where their public roles are strictly limited for cultural reasons.

A new and important chapter will be added to the success story that is women's football with Saturday's final draw for the Women's World Cup 2015 at the Canadian Museum of History in Gatineau. For the first time, the tournament will feature 24 instead of 16 teams with the number of matches rising from 32 to 52.

A glance at the participating nations emphasises just how global the phenomenon of women's football has become. Africa has three representatives at the tournament for the first time, including World Cup newcomers Cameroon and Côte d'Ivoire. Costa Rica, Thailand, Spain, Ecuador and Switzerland also make their debuts in the competition next summer.

The women's game is growing and developing at club level too. A number of major clubs, including Wolfsburg, Arsenal and Olympique Lyonnais, now have professional women's sections. FIFA is also making an important contribution: national associations are obliged to invest a minimum of 15 percent of our development funding in the women's game, and we will double our financial support for women's football between 2015 and 2018. The future is now.

*Best wishes, Sepp Blatter*



**Room with a view** Children need not miss a single goal at the Millerntor.



**Sticking together** Trinidad and Tobago's players share a moment before kick-off.

# A fairytale without a happy ending

Outsiders Trinidad and Tobago were within reach of a place in next summer's Women's World Cup, but were ultimately consigned to a dramatic last-minute defeat.

*Tim Pfeifer*

**W**hen the final whistle sounded at Hasely Crawford Stadium, Trinidad and Tobago's players slumped to the turf in unison – shocked, exhausted and devastated. In that moment, their dream of becoming the first Caribbean team to qualify for the finals of the Women's World Cup burst like a bubble. For long stretches of their play-off second leg against Ecuador, it seemed as though the Soca Princesses would pull off a major shock. After battling to an extremely respectable 0-0 first-leg draw at high altitude in Quito, the hosts dominated the start of the return match in their capital, Port of Spain, and created a string of promising chances. The best of these fell to striker Kennya Cordner, whose effort struck the crossbar. But then, with the crowd readying themselves for extra time, Monica Quinteros popped up in stoppage time to rifle a header past Trinidad and Tobago's otherwise formidable goalkeeper Kimika Forbes, sealing a 1-0 victory for Ecuador and securing their passage to next year's tournament in Canada.

It was a goal that pierced the hearts of the Women Soca Warriors and revived memories of November 1989, when a goalless draw against the USA was all the men's national team required to qualify for Italy 1990. Instead they fell to a bitter 1-0 defeat, also at the Hasely Crawford Stadium. Almost 25 years later, the same paralysing horror could be felt throughout the arena among fans and players alike, signalling a painful end to an emotional roller-coaster ride.

Only a few months previously, even the boldest optimists could not have dreamed that Trinidad and Tobago would come so close to a place in the Women's World Cup finals. The women's national side has been leading a shadowy existence for many years, plagued by a lack of financial support, equipment and public interest. The team did not contest a single match in 2013 and were demoted to 125th in the FIFA/Coca-Cola Women's World Ranking as a result of this inactivity.

The turning point came in July 2014, when the Trinidad and Tobago Football Federation (TTF) managed to appoint renowned coach Randy Waldrum. In light of the Federation's financial difficulties, Houston Dash's experienced boss was even prepared to work for free for the duration of the team's World Cup qualifying campaign.

Waldrum left no stone unturned in his efforts to establish structures for professional preparation as quickly as possible. The Texan faced plenty of adversity along the way, with only a handful of players available most of the time as many were attending college or unable to get out of work. Instead of complaining, Waldrum rolled up his sleeves and worked hard



**Architect of success** Coach Randy Waldrum offered his expertise for free.



**Unlucky not to score** Striker Kennya Cordner (right) during the play-off encounter with Ecuador.



**Overwhelming support** Waldrum gave thanks on Twitter for the funds and equipment the team received.



**Outsiders making waves** The Soca Princesses celebrate scoring against Costa Rica.

to improve the Soca Princesses' tactics and fitness. "He took us to a new level," said midfielder Janine Francois. These intensive training sessions quickly bore fruit as the team stormed into the final of the CFU Caribbean Cup and celebrated victory with a 1-0 win over Jamaica that qualified them for the CONCACAF Women's Championship in the USA.

Although this was a major success, the same problems remained. The team's ongoing lack of financial resources prompted Waldrum to appeal for support on Twitter at the start of their training camp in Dallas in October. His plea received an overwhelmingly generous response as money and equipment was donated to cover the costs of travel, accommodation, food and kit, and the team was finally able to prepare properly for the tournament ahead. "The situation gave us a bit of a siege mentality," explained Shaka Hislop, Trinidad and Tobago's goalkeeper at the 2006 World Cup. "It

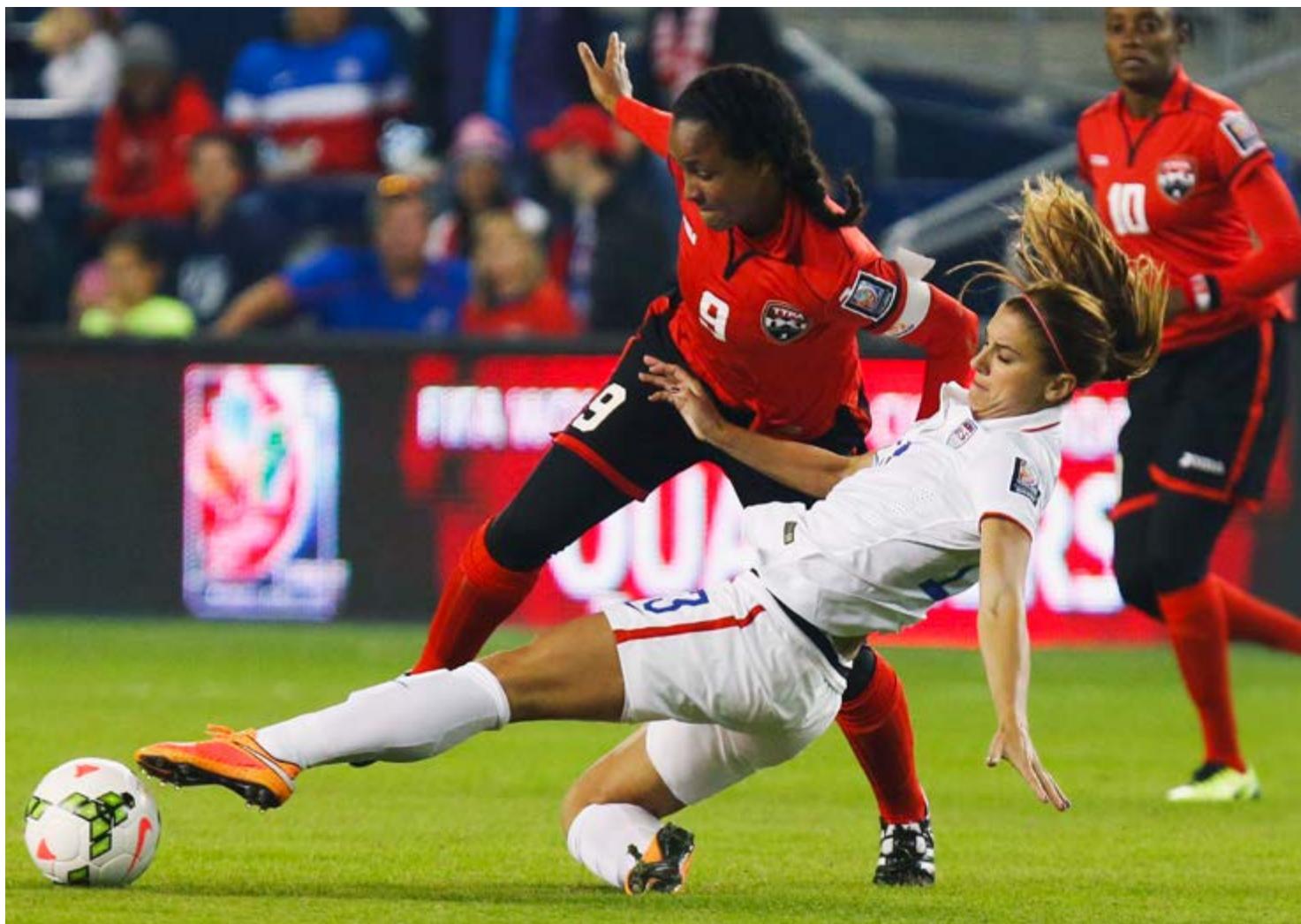
"The coach took us to a new level."

gave the girls real belief in their coach." The team began working more closely together than ever before and made their mark with a narrow 1-0 defeat to Olympic champions USA.

What followed can only be termed as an explosion in performance. Wins over Haiti and Guatemala took the overwhelming underdogs to the semi-final and within reach of a World

Cup place, but unlucky defeats on penalties against Costa Rica and after extra time against Mexico swiftly put an end to any hopes of direct qualification. Nevertheless, the play-off duel against Ecuador offered the Soca Princesses another chance to give their footballing fairytale a happy ending. What's more, the omens were good, as the Thanksgiving holiday gave Waldrum a complete squad for the first time since his appointment. "My players want to qualify for the World Cup no matter what," he said. "This group of ladies has sacrificed so much. What they've achieved under the circumstances is incredible."

Although the miracle ultimately failed to materialise, the team's passion captured the hearts of their people and sparked an unprecedented euphoria for women's football across the island nation. Having previously played in front of virtually deserted stands, the second leg of their play-off was a sell out with approx-



Challenging the Olympic champions Maylee Attin Johnson (left) and her team-mates were only narrowly defeated 1-0 by the USA.

imately 22,000 fans in attendance. The government awarded the players a special bonus in recognition of their impressive performances, with Prime Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar paying tribute to the team in a statement that read: “You have demonstrated how far we can go no matter how great the odds. You are also an inspiration to every young girl who can emulate your character, your spirit and your ability to bring a nation together.” 🏆

## World Cup final draw in Ottawa

There has been much for football fans to enjoy this year, with the 2014 FIFA World Cup Brazil™ providing the high point. And 2015 will be no different, as the FIFA Women’s World Cup Canada 2015™ takes centre stage. The countdown to the premier competition in women’s football will begin on 6 December, when the city of Ottawa hosts the Final Draw. Given that a record 129 nations entered the qualifiers and that the finals will, for the very first time, feature 24 teams – eight more than at Germany 2011 – it seems fitting that the draw will unfold in the setting of the Canadian Museum of History.

The finals will take place from 6 June to 5 July next year. The draw will reveal who the 24 participating nations will face in the group phase and where they will be playing, with Ottawa,

Moncton, Montreal, Winnipeg, Edmonton and Vancouver providing the venues, from coast to coast. 🏆

### Qualified teams

**Host country:** Canada

**CAF:** Côte d’Ivoire, Cameroon, Nigeria

**AFC:** Australia, China PR, Japan, Korea Republic, Thailand

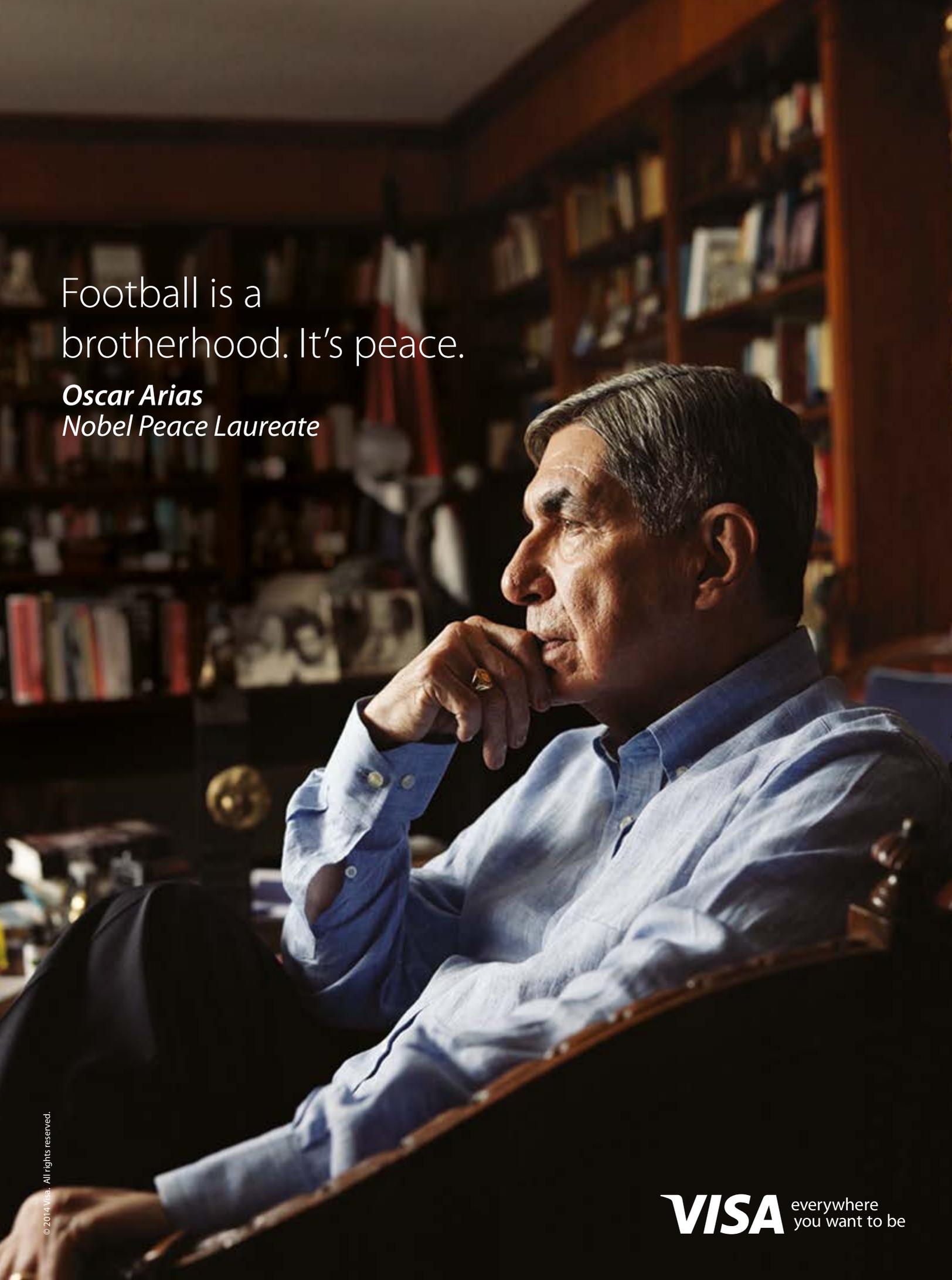
**UEFA:** Germany, England, France, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, Spain

**CONCACAF:** Costa Rica, Mexico, USA

**OFC:** New Zealand

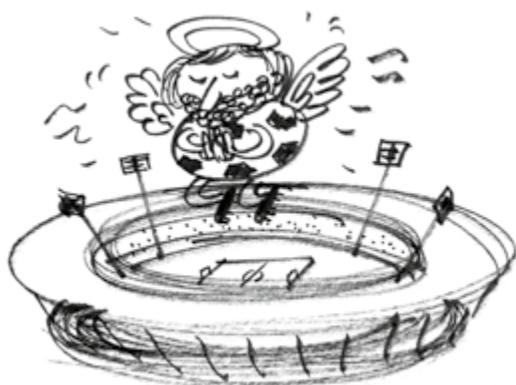
**CONMEBOL:** Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador

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A man with grey hair, wearing a light blue button-down shirt, is seated in a dark wooden chair. He is looking off to the side with a thoughtful expression, his hand resting on his chin. The background is a large, dimly lit room filled with bookshelves packed with books, suggesting a library or study. The lighting is warm and focused on the man.

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**Oscar Arias**  
*Nobel Peace Laureate*



# “All the best for the future”

*Perikles Monioudis*

Formal education is a funny thing. Those who earn a certain qualification are fairly certain it will prove of financial benefit in the labour market or somewhere else, or they wouldn't take it in the first place. Then again, those who practise a trade but cannot provide a formal qualification for it, i.e. those who are not officially certified in the profession that brings in their daily bread, would tend to think it is entirely unnecessary to go through a formal training for something they can do perfectly well in any case – or believe they can. To put it yet another way: nothing is easier than the lazy assumption that you're good enough, regardless of what for or what at. An Irishman recently considered himself capable of becoming his country's head coach without ever having taken charge of a football team. And let's be honest: how often have you and I been absolutely convinced in the course of a match that a certain substitution or tactical switch would be exactly what the game needs? We imagine these things without a shred of background knowledge regarding the players out on the field or on the bench, and with no familiarity of the tactical variations already tried by the coach on the training ground and already discarded. And why do we bother? After all, we know it is within the realm of the impossible, without further ado and there and then, to be entrusted with the position of coach.

But back to our Irishman. He actually did what very few of us would even dare to do: he drew up and submitted an application for the post of national head coach without the slightest hint of a formal qualification for the job. And as our hero is not stupid in the slightest,

he did it all with a healthy dose of humour. After months of scientific analysis and dissection of the subject matter, he came up with a tactical formation he felt promised maximum success: the Arrow. The conventional 4-5-1 would be transformed into a 1-1-1-1-2-1-2-1 when in possession. When not in control of the ball and defending, a 2-2-2-2-2 would be advisable, with the players forming a column and attacking the man in possession “like Napoleon's troops in the Battle of Marengo.”

Naturally, the Irish association was obliged to turn down the application. They could have replied with a standard, sober rejection letter, had it not contained phrases such as: “We have briefed a head-hunter to recruit a new national coach and cannot process your application any further at the present time,” or: “Thank you for contacting us. We wish you every success in your future career.” That's known as the art of the subtle reply. ☺

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**The weekly column by our staff writers**

## 2011 Women's World Cup in Germany: Yellow cards

- 7 yellow cards**  
Team: Brazil  
Goals scored: 9
  
- 2 6 yellow cards**  
Team: Sweden  
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Team: Equatorial Guinea  
Goals scored: 2
  
- 6 yellow cards**  
Team: Germany  
Goals scored: 7
  
- 6 5 yellow cards**  
Team: France  
Goals scored: 10
  
- 5 yellow cards**  
Team: Japan  
Goals scored: 12
  
- 5 yellow cards**  
Team: England  
Goals scored: 6
  
- 5 yellow cards**  
Team: Australia  
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Team: New Zealand  
Goals scored: 4
  
- 11 3 yellow cards**  
Team: Norway  
Goals scored: 2

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# The contenders

The Ballon d'Or 2014 will be awarded to either Lionel Messi, Manuel Neuer or Cristiano Ronaldo, but several other stars have high hopes of winning one of the most coveted prizes in world football.

*Sarah Steiner*



#### **Spoilt for choice**

Lionel Messi (Adidas Golden Ball winner at the 2014 World Cup), Manuel Neuer (World Cup winner and Adidas Golden Glove at the 2014 World Cup) and Cristiano Ronaldo (UEFA Champions League and Copa del Rey winner).

The eagerly-anticipated announcement of the finalists for the Ballon d'Or 2014 has been made and now the players and coaches in the running for awards on 12 January 2015 in Zurich have been unveiled. A number of awards and honours will be announced: the best men's and women's players, the best coaches, the Puskas Award for the most beautiful goal of the year, the World XI for 2014, the Fair Play

Award and the Presidential Award. Furthermore, a World XI will be chosen and Fair Play and Presidential Awards will also be presented. The candidates for the best men's and women's players were determined in a poll of men's and women's national team coaches and captains from the 209 FIFA member associations, plus international media representatives selected by FIFA and France Football. ⚽

"It's wonderful news and a huge honour for me. There's no guarantee a goalkeeper will ever be nominated."

*Manuel Neuer, Ballon d'Or 2014 finalist*

## **THE NOMINEES**

### **FIFA Ballon d'Or 2014**

Cristiano Ronaldo (Portugal), Lionel Messi (Argentina), Manuel Neuer (Germany)

### **FIFA Women's World Player of the Year 2014**

Nadine Kessler (Germany), Marta (Brazil), Abby Wambach (USA)

### **FIFA World Coach for Men's Football 2014**

Carlo Ancelotti (Real Madrid), Joachim Loew (Germany national team), Diego Simeone (Atletico Madrid)

### **FIFA World Coach for Women's Football 2014**

Ralf Kellermann (VfL Wolfsburg), Maren Meinert (Germany U-19 and U-20 national teams), Norio Sasaki (Japan national team)

### **Puskas Award**

Stephanie Roche: Peamount United-Wexford Youths, BEWNL; James Rodriguez: Colombia-Uruguay, 2014 World Cup; Robin van Persie: Spain-Netherlands, 2014 World Cup.

### **FIFA FIFPro World XI**

Complete list at: [www.fifa.com/ballon-dor/world11](http://www.fifa.com/ballon-dor/world11)



# T H E N

*Pele Soccer Camp, Purchase, New York, USA*



1982

A throng of youthful Pele fans listen intently to their idol.

# N O W

*Messi fan club, Kolkata, India*



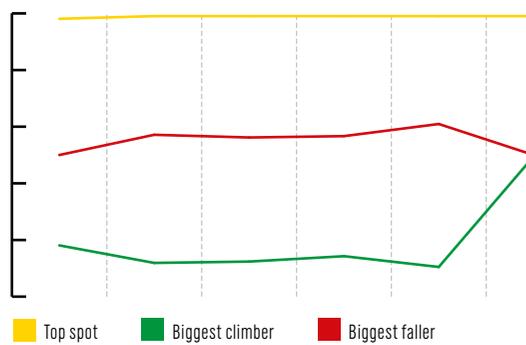
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A small group of Lionel Messi fans celebrate their hero's birthday.

# FIFA WORLD RANKING

Rank	Team	Change in ranking	Points
1	Germany	0	1725
2	Argentina	0	1538
3	Colombia	0	1450
4	Belgium	0	1417
5	Netherlands	0	1374
6	Brazil	0	1316
7	Portugal	2	1160
7	France	0	1160
9	Spain	1	1142
10	Uruguay	-2	1135
11	Italy	0	1103
12	Switzerland	0	1091
13	England	7	1032
14	Chile	-1	1022
15	Romania	6	1014
16	Costa Rica	0	995
17	Czech Republic	5	987
18	Algeria	-3	948
19	Croatia	-5	946
20	Mexico	-3	913
21	Slovakia	3	891
22	Tunisia	9	867
23	Austria	6	863
24	Côte d'Ivoire	1	861
25	Greece	-7	856
26	Ukraine	-7	854
27	Ecuador	0	852
28	USA	-5	836
29	Bosnia and Herzegovina	-3	808
30	Denmark	2	804
31	Russia	-1	789
32	Israel	13	788
33	Iceland	-5	761
34	Wales	0	748
35	Senegal	6	734
36	Scotland	1	729
37	Ghana	-2	714
38	Guinea	17	698
39	Cape Verde Islands	-6	693
40	Poland	4	684
41	Cameroon	-1	664
42	Nigeria	0	656
43	Sweden	-4	646
44	Hungary	6	632
45	Slovenia	-9	622
46	Serbia	0	617
47	Northern Ireland	-4	615
48	Turkey	-2	604
49	Mali	9	603
50	Albania	-2	577
51	South Africa	6	568
52	Peru	2	565
53	Japan	-1	563
54	Trinidad and Tobago	-5	553
55	Congo DR	5	548
56	Panama	0	547
56	Iran	-5	547
58	Montenegro	6	537
59	Congo	3	529
60	Egypt	-22	527
61	Republic of Ireland	0	519
62	Zambia	16	516
62	Togo	-10	516
64	Gabon	3	511
65	Burkina Faso	6	510
66	Bulgaria	-7	506
67	Norway	1	500
68	Haiti	25	484
69	Korea Republic	-3	481
70	Finland	-7	468
71	Jamaica	42	467
72	Honduras	-3	461
73	Guatemala	-1	458
74	Uzbekistan	-9	448
75	Paraguay	1	438
76	Libya	-3	437
77	Armenia	-2	436

Ranking 06 / 2014 07 / 2014 08 / 2014 09 / 2014 10 / 2014 11 / 2014



78	Uganda	6	425
79	Cuba	33	423
80	Antigua and Barbuda	-10	413
81	Angola	6	394
82	Morocco	6	393
83	Estonia	5	390
84	Sierra Leone	-7	387
85	United Arab Emirates	-6	385
86	Jordan	-12	382
87	Bolivia	16	375
88	Cyprus	8	372
89	Venezuela	-4	369
90	Rwanda	5	367
91	Benin	-5	361
91	Dominican Republic	-11	361
93	El Salvador	-11	358
94	Malawi	15	357
95	Lithuania	-3	355
96	Oman	-13	351
97	Latvia	2	339
98	Qatar	-10	338
99	China PR	-11	336
100	Mozambique	-3	334
101	Belarus	5	331
102	Australia	-8	327
103	FYR Macedonia	-4	324
104	Iraq	-23	321
105	Faroe Islands	82	317
106	Saudi Arabia	-9	314
106	Zimbabwe	-5	314
108	Botswana	-6	309
109	Namibia	4	295
110	Ethiopia	1	287
110	Canada	12	287
112	Tanzania	-2	285
113	Palestine	-5	276
114	Kenya	2	271
115	Sudan	-8	265
116	Niger	5	261
117	St Kitts and Nevis	-2	258
118	St Vincent and the Grenadines	-13	256
119	Equatorial Guinea	6	251
120	Moldova	-1	250
121	Liberia	2	249
122	Lesotho	-4	247
123	Kuwait	-3	246
124	Burundi	4	245
125	Bahrain	-21	243
126	Georgia	-9	239
127	Lebanon	-3	238
128	Philippines	1	231
129	Luxembourg	-3	230
130	Liechtenstein	25	219
131	Guinea-Bissau	-1	218
131	Aruba	1	218
133	New Zealand	-2	216
133	Afghanistan	1	216
135	Azerbaijan	-9	215
135	Tajikistan	-1	215
137	Korea DPR	11	211
138	Vietnam	-2	206
139	Kazakhstan	-7	205
140	Myanmar	-3	202
141	Mauritania	-1	195
142	Maldives	0	184
143	Barbados	3	183
144	Thailand	21	182

145	St Lucia	-7	179
146	Central African Republic	-2	178
147	Chad	-6	172
148	Malta	9	166
148	Turkmenistan	-10	166
148	Madagascar	-5	166
151	Syria	0	148
152	Grenada	-7	147
153	Kyrgyzstan	-3	146
154	New Caledonia	-1	142
155	Malaysia	1	137
156	Curaçao	-9	127
157	Indonesia	0	126
158	Singapore	3	123
159	Laos	-5	120
159	Hong Kong	4	120
161	Puerto Rico	-2	119
162	Swaziland	2	113
163	Bangladesh	13	111
164	Suriname	-15	109
165	Guam	-3	105
166	Tahiti	0	100
167	Gambia	1	90
168	Montserrat	2	86
169	Sri Lanka	5	85
170	India	-11	84
170	São Tomé e Príncipe	5	84
170	Guyana	-18	84
173	Comoros	-1	77
174	Yemen	4	75
174	Nicaragua	-6	75
174	Seychelles	-3	75
177	Belize	-10	74
178	Turks and Caicos Islands	-1	66
179	Nepal	0	58
180	Bermuda	-8	55
180	San Marino	28	55
180	Cambodia	5	55
183	Pakistan	-1	54
184	Solomon Islands	-4	53
185	Timor-Leste	-3	51
186	Macau	-2	49
187	Dominica	-7	48
188	Chinese Taipei	0	47
189	South Sudan	-3	43
190	Vanuatu	0	33
191	Mauritius	0	32
192	Fiji	0	30
192	Samoa	-3	30
194	Mongolia	-1	29
195	Bahamas	-1	26
196	Tonga	-2	17
197	US Virgin Islands	0	16
198	Brunei Darussalam	0	15
199	Papua New Guinea	0	13
200	American Samoa	-6	12
201	Andorra	1	9
202	British Virgin Islands	1	8
202	Eritrea	-2	8
204	Cayman Islands	-3	5
204	Djibouti	1	5
206	Somalia	-3	4
206	Cook Islands	-1	4
208	Anguilla	-1	2
209	Bhutan	-1	0

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# Live Your Goals tournament kicks off in Madrid



**Flanking the trophy** FIFA Senior Women's Football Development Manager Mayi Cruz Blanco pictured with her Spanish compatriots (from left to right: Alejandro Blanco, president of the Spanish Olympic Committee; men's national team coach Vicente del Bosque; Vicente Temprado, president of the National Women's Football Committee, and women's national team coach Ignacio Quereda).

The Women's World Cup gets underway in Canada in six months' time. Until then, the World Cup trophy is embarking on a round-the-world journey on a mission to promote women's football.

*Tamara Castro*

The Women's World Cup 2015 Live Your Goals Tour kicked off at the weekend in Madrid as hundreds of fans in the Spanish capital enjoyed the unique opportunity to take a photo with the trophy and learn more about the competition itself. International stars Nagore Calderon, Debora Garcia, Silvia Meseguer and Lola Gallardo accompanied the trophy during its time in the city and posed with many fans, who reciprocated by offering the players support and encouragement ahead of their first appearance at a Women's World Cup, at Canada 2015.

### Del Bosque's advice

To celebrate the special visit, the Spanish Football Federation organised a workshop with a debate on the current state of women's football in the country. The event was also attended

by Spain men's coach Vicente del Bosque. "The work and dedication of a lot of people has allowed this progress to be made. Playing at a World Cup is the maximum for any sportsperson. It will help to inspire others and bring attention to this specialty, while enabling the girls to gain experience," the 2010 World Cup-winning coach said. Following his own experience at World Cups with *La Roja*, Del Bosque gave some advice to his counterpart. "You have to prepare really well and create a good atmosphere in the dressing room. Even though a good relationship between the squad members won't guarantee positive sporting results on its own, it definitely helps both your play and the competition to improve."

The coach of the women's team, Ignacio Quereda, took note and revealed his detailed preparation plan for the showpiece event next year. "From January we will have a training

camp monthly with the girls. As well as the friendlies already organised against Austria and Belgium, we are working on securing some more top-level games, plus a tour in the United States before heading to Canada."

### Next stop China

The objective of the Live Your Goals campaign and this Tour is to support the development of women's football and enhance the sport with a view to ensuring that more and more girls and women across the world are able to play the game. It also aims to support the member associations that have qualified for the Women's World Cup and promote the competition itself. The Live Your Goals campaign will visit each of the 24 nations set to participate at Canada 2015. The next stop will be China PR in January. ☺



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Name**Enzo Scifo**Date and place of birth**19 February 1966, La Louvière**Position played**Midfielder**Clubs played for**1983–1987 Anderlecht****1987–1988 Inter****1988–1989 Bordeaux****1989–1991 Auxerre****1991–1993 Torino****1993–1997 Monaco****1997–2000 Anderlecht****2000–2001 Charleroi**Belgium national team**84 caps, 18 goals**Clubs coached**2001–2002 Charleroi****2004–2006 Tubize****2007–2009 Mouscron****2012–2013 Mons**

## “Belgium is in my blood.”

Midfield wizard Enzo Scifo talks about the decision he made to take out Belgian nationality and resist the advances of the Italian FA, one he has never regretted.

I was born to Italian parents in Belgium. I had talent, and I was discovered at a very early age by the famous Belgian club Anderlecht. I was 17 when I made my debut for them in 1983, under Paul van Himst. It was obvious that both the Belgian and Italian football associations were after me, and it was a difficult situation. I wasn't very sure what to do. I spoke a lot to my father, mother, brother and sister about the decision I should make. Then one day, after we'd been talking about it over and over for 24 hours, with everyone sitting round the table at home and giving their opinion, I made my mind up and opted for Belgian nationality.

That decision marked out my sporting career. I felt I had more chance of becoming an important player with the Belgium team than I did with Italy, of reaching a very high level and moving abroad. The Italy coach Enzo Bearzot wanted me at any price and asked me to go and play for an Italian club. The idea was for me to join Atalanta but it didn't appeal to me. Another important factor in my decision was the fact that Belgium had qualified for the 1984 European Championships in France, whereas the Italians had missed out.

In taking out Belgian nationality, I had to appear before the crown prosecutor at the law courts in Mons on 16 May 1984. My father and our lawyer went with me, and there was a lot of coverage in the media. I signed a piece of paper and there I was – a Belgian citizen. The prosecutor was a big football fan and he congratulated me. That was the moment I stopped being an Italian national.

A lot of the reaction I got was positive, but

there was some criticism too, mainly from relatives in Belgium and Italy, who thought I'd turned my back on my roots. Whatever the case may be, I made the right choice. My international career began against Yugoslavia in the European Championships in France, just 29 days after my visit to the crown prosecutor. I then had offers from all over Europe, Real Madrid included. I was voted Belgian Player of the Year in 1984, won three league titles in a row with Anderlecht between 1985 and 1987 and helped the national team reach the semi-finals at the 1986 World Cup in Mexico, where Diego Maradona knocked us out virtually single-handedly with two goals.

I went to Italy as a player on three separate occasions. In 1987 I joined Inter Milan, which was a frustrating experience. Then I played in the 1990 World Cup, where we lost to England in the last 16. And in 1991 I made the move to Torino, a decision motivated by the fact that I wanted to show the people of Italy I could make

more of a go of it than I did first time round with Inter. Though I'd chosen not to play for Italy, I very rarely got a negative response from the crowds there.

I never won a league title in Italy as a player, which was maybe the country's way of getting revenge on me for deciding to take out Belgian nationality. I have to say that I'd love to prove that I can win a title there, even if it is as a coach. I'm not in a job at the moment, and I keep myself busy with a football scouting site that I founded and have shares in. 🇧🇪

**Enzo Scifo was talking to Peter Eggenberger**

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## The first world champion from Africa and a couple of odd numbers – test your knowledge!

- ① This is the final table of a memorable competition. Who finished top?

Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
3	2	1	0	7	5	5
3	2	0	1	14	4	4
3	1	0	2	6	11	2
3	0	1	2	4	11	1

- C** Real Madrid  
**P** Denmark  
**S** Uruguay  
**T** New York Cosmos

- ② He was a world champion – and the first to be born in Africa. With which team?



- ③ This gentleman in orange was the exception in every sense of the word. Which number would he have worn at the World Cup if he had complied with his team's shirt numbering system?



- O** 1  
**A** 3  
**Y** 7  
**I** 10

- ④ English legend Stanley Matthews once made several guest appearances for these future Champions League winners, allegedly the oldest football club on the continent still in existence today. The club crest shows the foundation date – and it's what maths boffins call a repdigit. Which year appears on the crest?



- W** 1855  
**T** 1888  
**P** 1901  
**E** 1911

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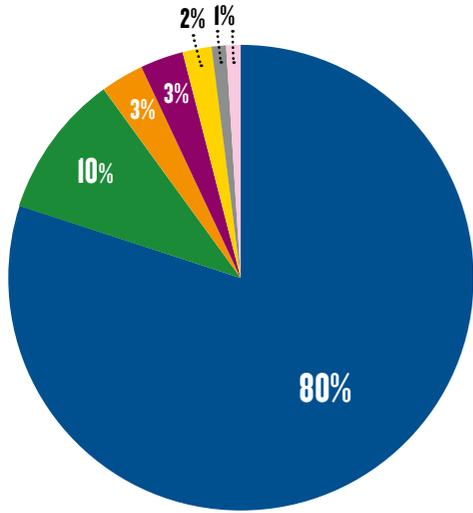
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**LAST WEEK'S POLL RESULTS**

Which of these stars will shine brightest at the FIFA Club World Cup?



- Cristiano Ronaldo (Real Madrid)
- Martín Cauteruccio (San Lorenzo)
- El Hadi Belameiri (ES Sétif)
- Mariano Pavone (Cruz Azul)
- Tomi Juric (Western Sydney Wanderers)
- Emiliano Tade (Auckland City)
- Zouhair Naim (Maghreb Tétouan)

**THIS WEEK'S POLL**

Which of these African forwards has impressed you most in the top five European leagues?



- Nordin Amrabat (FC Malaga)
- Khouma Babacar (AC Florenz)
- Cheick Diabate (Girondins Bordeaux)
- Eric Choupo-Moting (Schalke 04)
- Wilfried Bony (Swansea City)

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“Everything was perfect. Thanks to my goal we were two steps away from qualification. Instead, we conceded a goal that felt like a punch from Tyson.”

*Francesco Totti on CSKA Moscow's last-gasp equaliser versus Roma*

**WEEK IN NUMBERS**

**100**



River Plate goals was the landmark reached, and then passed, by Fernando Cavenaghi on Sunday. The 31-year-old is currently in his third stint with Los Millonarios, the club with which he started his career 14 years ago, and had been stuck on the 99-mark for over six months.

**8**

months and 28 days without a league goal was the run that came to a long-awaited end for Roberto Soldado on Sunday. The Tottenham Hotspur striker had gone 593 minutes in all competitions without scoring, and his last strike in the English top-flight had come all the way back on 2 March 2014.



**183**

Bundesliga appearances was the landmark reached by Franck Ribery, equalling the record for a French player in Germany's top flight first set by former Stuttgart and Hoffenheim defender Matthieu Delpierre. Ribery's outings have all come in the colours of Bayern Munich.

