



Confederação Brasileira de Futebol

Region: South American Football Confederation (CONMEBOL)

World Cup appearances: 18 (1930, '43, '38, '50, '54, '58, '62, '66, '70, '74, '78, '82, '86, '90, '94, '98, 2002, '06)

Best World Cup finish: 1st (1958, '62, '70, '94, 2002) **Current FIFA Ranking:** 1st

Continental titles: South American Championship (1919, '22, '49), Copa America (1989, '97, '99, 2004, '07)

Country's population: 201,103,330 **GDP (per inhabitant):** \$10,200 **Life expectancy:** 72.26



Group G	Pts	W	D	L	GF	GA
Brazil						
Portugal						
Cote d'Ivoire						
North Korea						

Name	Pos	No.	Club (league)	Caps	G
Júlio César	G	1	Internazionale (Italy)	48	0
Gomes	G	12	Tottenham Hotspur (Englar)	10	0
Doni	G	22	Roma (Italy)	10	0
Maicon	D	2	Internazionale (Italy)	57	5
Lúcio	D	3	Internazionale (Italy)	90	4
Juan	D	4	Roma (Italy)	73	6
Michael Bastos	D	6	Lyon (France)	4	1
Daniel Alves	D	13	Barcelona (Spain)	34	3
Luisão	D	14	Benfica (Portugal)	41	3
Thiago Silva	D	15	Milan (Italy)	7	0
Gilberto	D	16	Cruzeiro (Brazil)	32	1
Felipe Melo	M	5	Juventus (Italy)	17	2
Elano	M	7	Galatasaray (Turkey)	42	7
Gilberto Silva	M	8	Panathinaikos (Greece)	87	3
Kaká	M	10	Real Madrid (Spain)	77	26
Josué	M	17	Wolfsburg (Germany)	26	1
Ramires	M	18	Benfica (Portugal)	11	0
Júlio Baptista	M	19	Roma (Italy)	46	5
Kléberson	M	20	Flamengo (Brazil)	31	2
Luís Fabiano	F	9	Sevilla (Spain)	37	25
Robinho	F	11	Santos (Brazil)	74	21
Nilmar	F	21	Villareal (Spain)	16	8
Grafite	F	23	Wolfsburg (Germany)	3	1

TEAM NOTES

Top players:

One a roster full of stars, its four players down the spine who will stand-out.

Júlio César is in the conversation as the world's best keeper and seems to make so few mistakes when coming (or not coming) off his line.

Lúcio is a bold, strong, and intelligent central defender who was quietly the difference in the Champions League final, having switched last summer from Bayern to Inter.

Kaká is the fulcrum to everything Brazil does. He control the counterattack, organizes the team, and if there are moments of doubt in the second half, he will take over.

Luis Fabiano was the best international striker in the world during qualifying. He perfectly fits the tactics Dunga employs.

Keys to success:

Brazil needs to keep Kaká healthy and hope that his Real Madrid form does not carry over into the international world. They need to be willing to take the match to their opponents when they are not willing to take it to them, because in the knock-out rounds, it will be tempting for a team to play for kicks.

Outlook:

Brazil are the favorites to win their sixth World Cup. Everybody is imagining a dream Brazil-Spain match-up, but if that match transpires, Brazil should play Internazionale to Spain's Barcelona.