

World Cup 2006

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BBC presentation teams

BBC TV and radio presentation teams

BBC TV on-air team

Presenters:

(in alphabetical order)

Manish Bhasin
Adrian Chiles
Gary Lineker
Ray Stubbs

Match Commentators:

Simon Brotherton
John Motson
Guy Mowbray
Jonathan Pearce
Steve Wilson

Co-commentators:

Mark Bright
Mark Lawrenson
Mick McCarthy
Gavin Peacock

Studio Analysts:

Marcel Desailly
Lee Dixon
Alan Hansen
Leonardo
Alan Shearer
Gordon Strachan
Ian Wright

Reporters:

Garth Crooks
Ivan Gaskell
Celina Hinchcliffe
Damian Johnson
Rebecca Lowe

Five Live on-air team

Presenters:

Peter Allen
Steve Bunce
Nicky Campbell
Victoria Derbyshire
Kirsty Gallacher
Simon Mayo
Mark Pougatch
Mark Sagers

Summarisers:

Jimmy Armfield
Terry Butcher
Dion Dublin
Kevin Gallacher
Matt Holland
Paul Jewell
Martin Jol
Danny Mills
Graham Taylor
Chris Waddle

Commentators:

Nigel Adderley
Ian Brown
Ali Bruce-Ball
Ian Dennis
Darren Fletcher
Alan Green
Mike Ingham
Conor McNamara
John Murray
David Oates
Mike Sewell

Football Correspondent:

Jonathan Legard

Reporters:

Juliette Ferrington
Ricardo Setyon
Matt Williams

Schedule of games on the BBC

ITV and the BBC have agreed plans for shared coverage of the World Cup finals in Germany,

Live coverage of England's Group matches will be split as follows:

Saturday 10 June	BBC	England v Paraguay	2pm	Frankfurt
Thursday 15 June	ITV	England v Trinidad	5pm	Nurnberg
Tuesday 20 June	ITV	England v Sweden	5pm	Cologne

Shaded boxes = matches on BBC One

Arrangements for the knockout stages will be advised at a later date

Date	2.00pm	5.00pm	8.00pm
Friday 9 June		Germany v Costa Rica	Poland v Ecuador
Saturday 10 June	England v Paraguay	Trinidad & Tobago v Sweden	Argentina v Ivory Coast
Sunday 11 June	Serbia & Montenegro v Netherlands	Mexico v Iran	Angola v Portugal
Monday 12 June	Australia v Japan	USA v Czech Republic	Italy v Ghana
Tuesday 13 June	South Korea v Togo	France v Switzerland	Brazil v Croatia
Wednesday 14 June	Spain v Ukraine	Tunisia v Saudi Arabia	Germany v Poland
Thursday 15 June	Ecuador v Costa Rica	England v Trinidad & Tobago	Sweden v Paraguay
Friday 16 June	Argentina v Serbia & Montenegro	Netherlands v Ivory Coast	Mexico v Angola
Saturday 17 June	Portugal v Iran	Czech Republic v Ghana	Italy v USA
Sunday 18 June	Japan v Croatia	Brazil v Australia	France v South Korea
Monday 19 June	Togo v Switzerland	Saudi Arabia v Ukraine	Spain v Tunisia
Date		3.00pm	8.00pm
Tuesday 20 June		Ecuador v Germany Costa Rica v Poland	Paraguay v T'dad & Tob Sweden v England
Wednesday 21 June		Iran v Angola Portugal v Mexico	Netherlands v Argentina I Coast v Serbia & M
Thursday 22 June		Czech Republic v Italy Ghana v USA	Japan v Brazil Croatia v Australia
Friday 23 June		Ukraine v Tunisia Saudi Arabia v Spain	Togo v France Switzerland v S Korea

World Cup Interactive

Digital Interactive TV

World Cup 2006 is so much more than a game of two halves on TV screens with BBCi this summer. Tune in to catch every goal of every game through BBCi.

Every digital viewer can access BBCi's interactive TV service for news, updates, stats and a whole lot more than 90 minutes of action, whenever they want it.

In conjunction with BBC Sport, BBCi is offering a double interactive service for World Cup 2006 with highlights, analysis and commentary during live BBC matches, plus an additional service for times when games aren't showing, including a non-stop England stream, World Cup Extra, repeats and highlights from every match.

For every goal of every game and every minute of every match, BBCi is the only place to be.

During live matches...

Viewers on all Digital TV platforms should press the Red key on their remote control when the "BBCi" icon appears on screen to enter the interactive service.

A menu bar will appear along the top of the screen with options linked to the number keys on the remote control.

Depending on the Digital TV platform you are watching on, you will get access to the following:

Pressing 1 offers alternative Audio streams from the BBC's world-renowned commentary pundits; choose BBC Radio Five Live commentators, or select "No Commentary" to get a real feel for the terrace atmosphere with stadium sound.

Pressing 2 shows picture-in-picture highlights from the current match, which allows viewers to catch up if coming in late or see that goalmouth drama again, at the same time as keeping pace with the game.

Pressing 3 takes viewers through to *Your Shout*, a channel dedicated to user-generated content. Fans can send in their own expert opinions by email or SMS, which will appear live on screen. For a thinking fan's look at which players and teams will make a difference this summer, *Your Shout* is ideal.



The Blue key presents a Stats menu with live updated facts and figures from the match such as possession, corners won and fouls conceded – perfect for trivia buffs.

Satellite and Cable viewers will get all three options. Freeview viewers will only receive two options (1 and 2).

Outside of live matches...

The interactive World Cup really comes into its own when live matches are over and the BBCi World Cup Zone comes to life.

World Cup interactive

BBCi will be screening every minute of every match of the World Cup with all the goals from all the games, extended BBC coverage, plus repeats of every England game.

It's total football – and it's all in one place.

BBCi World Cup Zone

How to access it

Outside of live BBC football broadcasts, all Digital TV viewers should press the Red button on the remote control to access the interactive menu and select World Cup.

(First-time users of interactive TV need not worry – the service is designed so that all the instructions appear on-screen, giving a step-by-step guide to all the services.)

The “homepage” for the BBCi World Cup Zone is a Multiscreen showing three mini video screens at once, alongside a quick guide to what's on now and the schedule for the next games.



Once through to the Multiscreen, viewers can take a look at what's on and scroll down to their preferred screen using the Arrow keys and press Select to watch it in full screen. Or watch all three!

Non-stop England

England aficionados will be in their element with BBCi's exclusive service dedicated to the England team on and off the field. BBCi will be showing the most up-to-date interviews with Sven-Goran Eriksson, press conferences, video player profiles, news and views from Germany and those all-important full repeats of England matches.

With all the build-up to England games, including a look around the stadia, BBCi gives living-room supporters a real flavour of the atmosphere and tension of Germany.

The England-only service is the most comprehensive package for every minute of the action and it's available at all times on the Multiscreen. Footy fans will be in digital TV heaven this summer!

World Cup Extra

Following key live matches World Cup Extra will open its doors through digital TV and video-streamed live on the internet at bbc.co.uk/worldcup to host full analysis with fans and BBC pundits.

Every night of the tournament, fans can send in their emails and SMS messages to the studio to get their views aired live on air, get it off their chest and share their gripes with other viewers. Fan therapy at its best!

Every goal of every game

The BBCi World Cup Zone is the only place to catch every minute of the action with every kick of every game.

It will broadcast edited highlights of every match with all the goals and drama from across the tournament in concentrated format.

Online

BBC Sport's dedicated World Cup website is already up and running with preliminary information at bbc.co.uk/worldcup and once the tournament kicks off it will be more detailed and dynamic than ever before. Features include:

Match coverage

- Live minute-by-minute reports on every match, written by BBC journalists, plus reviews, reaction and extensive news
- Scores, fixtures, tables and player stats
- Score predictor – users can put in the scores they think will happen and predict who they think will win each group
- Expert analysis from TV experts including Lineker, Hansen and Lawrenson
- Venues guide

Player ratings

- For the first time the audience has the chance to rate players' performances via the website and mobile phone
- The overall results will be published on the site and feed in to the TV coverage

Virtual Replay

- 3D-style recreations of all the goals from every match
- Ability to watch action from different viewpoints, including the players' perspective

Your World Cup

- Beautiful Frame – users send in their World Cup-related photos from around the world
- World Cup Blog – invites its readers to live the tournament through the eyes of two BBC journalists. As they drive around Germany in a camper van, our bloggers will take direction and advice from readers, regularly relating back their adventures on the long and winding road to Berlin.
- Interactive Map – this cutting-edge map pulls together a wide variety of content from across the BBC. match reports, news stories,

user photos, Big Screen venues, Five Live webcams and CBBC artwork will all be viewable from a world map that zooms in all the way to stadium level

Games

- World Cup Daq – giving people the chance to win a top prize by taking part in a virtual World Cup market
- Goalfinger – interactive competition based on World Cup trivia, tied into Radio Five Live on-air coverage
- Keepy-uppy competition – aimed at kids sending in their videos

Also

- Mobile phones – full coverage of the tournament on a special WAP site
- Mini Motty – desktop pop-up character who delivers news alerts
- Full TV and radio schedules

Online Editor Ben Gallop explains in more detail:

“The main bread and butter of the coverage is going to be loads of news, match reports and previews from our pundits, and then around that we will be doing a lot more innovative, interactive content,” he says.

“Throughout the day leading up to the matches themselves the website will provide all the latest news, stats and team selections, but what we're looking to do for this World Cup, which is different to what we've done before, is provide a lot more in-depth content around the games.

“One of the key things we're developing this year is player ratings. In the past a BBC journalist would give a mark out of 10 for every England player, which always caused lots of controversy, so now we're saying okay, you decide – and not just for England but for every match. It's quite a complex tool that we're developing; you can vote on the web or via

mobile phone so you can do it while you watch on the TV, and you'll also be able to see the marks out of 10 on interactive TV. We're working with the TV production teams to incorporate that into the TV coverage so the pundits can refer to it.

"Virtual Replay – we started this for Euro 2004; it's effectively computer animation so it looks like a PlayStation game. We will recreate every goal and you can choose to watch the action from a number of different camera angles including from above, or behind the goal – or you can see what the players would have seen, so you can be the goalkeeper and see Michael Owen coming towards you and scoring. And you can pause it and move around too.

"Another element is more interactivity on the website – player ratings is only part of it, we want people to create their own content around it so blogging is going to be a big thing for us. We're sending a couple of journalists to Germany to get into the atmosphere of the event and produce a blog from there and we want their blogs to link up with what's horribly described as the 'blogosphere' – everyone around the world blogging – because we think that the World Cup is going to be one of those events where blogging will really take off.

"Around that we want people to send in their pictures – they will be watching the World Cup in very different ways, experiencing it all around the world whether they're in pubs and clubs in the north of England, or maybe on a beach in another part of the world, or anywhere really.

"And we want to develop the city guides. There are already basic guides to the venues online but it's another good opportunity to get the users involved, recommending places to go and that sort of thing.

"We want to have a bit of fun too so we're doing World Cup Daq, which builds on the success of Celebdaq and Sportdaq. You 'buy and sell' shares in the World Cup teams, so basically you create a portfolio of teams and depending on how they do on the pitch and how they are covered in the papers, your portfolio rises and you can win it.

"We're also doing an online quiz together with Five Live – you pick any of the 32 World Cup teams and effectively you play through the tournament. Say you're England, you would play those fixtures that England play but each fixture is five questions and if you get three of those right you've won the match and you get the points. You get the chance to progress through the whole World Cup as a quiz and see if you can win the whole thing and if you do you go into a draw for the big prize.

"The third game is a keepy-uppy competition – we've done it before and it proved very popular, with lots of children sending in videos of how many keepy-uppies they can do.

"We do want to do more with video on the whole – video of the action depends on the rights but there'll also be, for example, interviews with players. This is going to be a big opportunity to push the way people watch video on the web because if you think about it, they'll generally watch the game at home or down the pub, but during the day they'll be in the office and there's going to be a lot of interest in keeping that World Cup mania going while people are at work.

"Mini Motty will be there again providing the latest news and scores on people's desktops, and you can also download the schedule of games and what's on the BBC into Microsoft Outlook so you can plan your life in June for the World Cup."

BBC Radio Five Live coverage

Five Live on-air team

Presenters:

Peter Allen
 Steve Bunce
 Nicky Campbell
 Victoria Derbyshire
 Kirsty Gallacher
 Simon Mayo
 Mark Pougatch
 Mark Saggers

Summarisers:

Jimmy Armfield
 Terry Butcher
 Dion Dublin
 Kevin Gallacher
 Matt Holland
 Paul Jewell
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 Danny Mills
 Graham Taylor
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Commentators:

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 Ali Bruce-Ball
 Ian Dennis
 Darren Fletcher
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 Mike Ingham
 Conor McNamara
 John Murray
 David Oates
 Mike Sewell

Football Correspondent:

Jonathan Legard

Reporters:

Juliette Ferrington
 Ricardo Setyon
 Matt Williams

BBC Radio Five Live becomes the World Cup station as, along with its digital sister station Five Live Sports Extra, there is full live commentary and analysis on every single match. Programmes across the schedule, including *Breakfast*, *Derbyshire*, *Mayo* and *Drive*, will come from Germany providing listeners with the most comprehensive coverage and up-to-date news from the tournament.

The commentary is presented by *Sport On Five*'s Mark Pougatch and Mark Saggers with an expert team of match commentators: Alan Green, Chief Football Correspondent Mike Ingham, John Murray, Ian Brown, Ian Dennis, Conor McNamara, Darren Fletcher, David Oates, Alistair Bruce-Ball, Mike Sewell and Nigel Adderley.

The commentary team is joined by a world-class panel of experts with unparalleled experience, from a former England manager and captains to two men who were on the inside of events – though on opposing sides – as England lost to Brazil in the 2002 World Cup.

They are: Graham Taylor, former England manager; Terry Butcher, former England captain; Jimmy Armfield, former England captain and member of the 1966 World Cup squad; Chris Waddle, former England International; Martin Jol, Tottenham Head Coach and former Dutch international; Paul Jewell, Wigan manager; Danny Mills, Manchester City defender who was ever-present in England's 2002 World Cup team; Dion Dublin, Celtic striker; Matt Holland, former Irish captain; and Kevin Gallacher, former Scottish International.

Juliette Ferrington and former Communications Director for the Brazilian national team in 2002, Ricardo Setyon, provide reports throughout the tournament – with Setyon exclusively inside the camp and the minds of the reigning champions Brazil – while Matt Williams presents the sport bulletins from across Germany.

As the only radio station based inside the England team hotel in Baden Baden, Five Live will have unprecedented access to all the very latest team news, injury problems and one-on-one interviews with the England team. Jonathan Legard, Mike Ingham and Terry Butcher are the reporters in the England camp.

606 continues to invite fans' opinions and Alan Green presents a special *606* from Germany after each England game, getting listeners' praise and criticism on their performance. Nicky Campbell co-presents *Breakfast* every day (6-9am) from Germany with Shelagh Fogarty in the studio in London, featuring news from the previous evening's matches and interviews with the key players.

Victoria Derbyshire presents her show (9am-12pm) from Frankfurt, Nuremberg and Cologne, where England play their first three matches, inviting calls from listeners on the latest news and issues from the World Cup.

Simon Mayo presents his afternoon show (12-4pm) from a variety of sites throughout Germany, with his usual mix of top-name interviews from the world of entertainment, news and sport as well as the regular panels.

As the competition reaches the end of the group stages Peter Allen presents *Drive* (5-7pm) from Germany, bringing all the build-up to each of the games.

Kelvin MacKenzie makes his BBC radio debut in two programmes on 27 May and 3 June, looking at scandals that have surrounded past World Cups. From allegations about shoplifting and Bobby Moore in 1970 to Maradona's dramatic exit at the USA Tournament in 1994, Kelvin lifts the lid on some of the more notorious figures in the world game.

Kirsty Gallacher joins Five Live every Saturday from 9am during the tournament. She'll make the most of every second of Germany 2006 as

she is joined by big-name guests from the worlds of sport and showbiz who all share their World Cup experiences.

The Rumour Mill is presented from Germany by inimitable Steve Bunce every Saturday at 11am. Bunce gives listeners the inside track on all the latest gossip from in and around the World Cup.

During the tournament Five Live will operate a number of mobile truck-mounted screens that will travel the length and breadth of the UK to a wide range of locations. Members of communities with a special interest in the tournament will be invited along to the screens to watch their team compete in the World Cup and share their thoughts on Five Live.

Five Live has teamed up with various partners to make this the most interactive World Cup ever. Our score predictions game, *World Cup Lawro*, will see our audience compete with celebrities from across Radio 1 and BBC Sport, and Five Live's pundits and presenters in the biggest *Challenge Lawro* to date. Five Live and Radio 1 are looking to find the best "World Cup Face" in the UK, where listeners need to submit a picture of, well, their best *World Cup Face*.

Also on the Five Live website, video blogs from pundits such as Martin Jol, Paul Jewell and Graham Taylor will give the inside story on the tournament. To help fans get behind the scenes, there'll be live pictures of Five Live's broadcasts from Germany online, updated using the latest mobile camera phone technology. There'll be picture galleries from the cities where England are playing, so listeners can experience the atmosphere. Listeners can catch up on all of the latest World Cup news with Five Live's online World Cup channel – they'll hear press conferences, interviews and news on demand, 24/7.

Finally, with the interactive online game *Goalfinger*, Five Live and BBC Sport gives fans the chance to test their World Cup knowledge and win tickets to every round of the FA Cup for 2006/7.

Rob Hastie, Editor, Planning for Five Live, elaborates on the preparations for bringing listeners some 14 hours of broadcasting a day from World Cup 2006.

“It’s a joint operation between Five Live and BBC Sport, built on a model of the last World Cup in Korea/Japan,” he explains. “We’re trying to make the whole thing gel as ‘Five Live at the World Cup’, so it flows seamlessly through the day rather than have a separate series of programmes – so one presenter hands on to the other. And they might pop up at times other than their normal slots to chat about the atmosphere, games and so on – Nicky Campbell might appear sometimes later in the morning or early afternoon, for example.

“And we’re the only radio station based in England’s hotel in Baden Baden so we’ll have the very best coverage from their camp with brilliant access to team members and coaches. Obviously we’ll stay out of their way unless it’s specially organised, but we’re right on the spot for all the very latest news and interviews and we’ll take the press conferences live too.

“And as soon as the final whistle goes in an England match Alan Green will come on live from the stadium with 606 and go, ‘Right, you’ve heard the game or watched it on TV, what do you think?’ And if we get an interview with Sven he can just interrupt 606 and go to that, live, and then we can talk about what Sven’s saying. So that should be a really good listen right after every England game.

“The News team is also in Germany to cover big stories, and we’ve got reporters who are going to other team hotels and team training – there are a lot of players in the overseas sides who play in the Premiership, so we’ve got access to English-speaking overseas players in just about every single team which is great. Ricardo Setyon is covering Brazil for us – he was their Communications Director for the 2002 World Cup, he grew up with these players

so it’s a real coup for us to get him and the intimate insight he can provide into what’s going on in the minds of the world champions. as well as the latest from their camp.”

Rob started his planning for this huge operation over a year ago and reveals that it’s been even more complicated than for the two-country tournament in Korea and Japan in 2002.

“The way that the groups have been formed, each country plays in a different city and there is a lot of travelling in the first round, so we’ve had to draft in extra commentators. What you try to avoid is the commentators having to leave a hotel and go straight to a stadium with suitcases, because there is nowhere to put anything – and a large case is not the thing to have at a venue, not to mention the security aspect! So we try and give them base hotels.”

To make it easier to move people around, the radio team has three bases in Germany – in Munich, where the International Broadcasting Centre is based, Berlin and Heidelberg. Rob himself heads out there at the end of May with four engineers to prepare the sites for the action to come, and hopes that the England team will be as meticulously prepared...

“If England give us a good run it will be fantastic – everyone will be talking about it back in England, the papers will be full of it, virtually nothing else will get on Five Live!” he laughs. “The momentum just builds up – if we get to the final it’ll just be extraordinary and I should think the whole of Five Live will be in Germany!

“And who knows, they might do it,” he adds hopefully. “They’ve got one of the best squads they’ve had in ages and if they can stay clear of injury who knows what may happen.”

It would be an appropriate finale for Rob, who’s bowing out of the BBC after the World Cup. “This is my last major tournament for the BBC so it would be absolutely brilliant!” he smiles. So Sven, if you need any extra incentive...

BBC programmes for the World Cup

BBC ONE

When Lineker Met Maradona

Gary Lineker and Diego Maradona were famously brought together in the quarter-finals of the 1986 World Cup, but had not seen each other in 20 years before Lineker interviewed Maradona in Argentina for this BBC documentary.

Maradona takes Lineker to his parents' house in Buenos Aires where he currently lives with his elderly mother and father. The legendary striker talks frankly about his turbulent life at a dinner with his family.

Lineker accompanies Maradona to a match between the Argentine's beloved Boca Juniors and Quilmes at the Bombonera stadium. Boca win 3-1 to the delight of Maradona, who played for the club from 1981-82, and is now their football director.

BBC One Tuesday 2 May at 10.35pm

CBBC ONE

Children's BBC is being gripped by World Cup fever. Stars of all shows from *Blue Peter* to *Level Up*, *Smile to Mighty Truck Of Stuff*, the Chuckle Brothers, *Smart*, *Raven*, Basil Brush and of course *Sportsround* will be joining in with their mates in CBBC Presentation to sing a special World Cup song dedicated to the love of the beautiful game. But it doesn't stop there....

Level Up/Football Focus Young Commentary competition

New CBBC breakfast show *Level Up* has teamed up with *Football Focus* to launch a competition to find a new young football commentator. The winner will get to

commentate on England's opening group game at the World Cup and this will be available to viewers live via the Red button. Thousands of under-14s have entered by recording their own commentary over an FA Cup goal using a lo-cost number. *Level Up* has been featuring some of the best (and the rest) on its daily breakfast show. As well as the prize, the winner also features on *Level Up's* documentary strand *The Next Level* as established faces from BBC Sport put them through their paces prior to the big day.

Level Up is on at 7.30am Mon-Fri on CBBC Two and The CBBC Channel.

Blue Peter Football Slogan competition

Blue Peter is launching (19 April) a competition to find an original and creative slogan themed on the concept of Fair Play. The winning slogan will sit on the Football Association's website and will be on display in the England media centre in Germany. The prize for this competition is to fly to Germany where the winner will interview some of the players and see behind the scenes of *Match Of The Day* with Gary Lineker and the gang. The lucky competition winner will also be a flag-bearer at England's last friendly at Old Trafford on 3 June before the team depart for the World Cup finals.

Find out how they get on: 21 June at 5pm on CBBC One (repeated at 6.30 on The CBBC Channel).

Blue Peter – Me On TV: A Trinidad And Tobago Story

The *Blue Peter World Cup – Me On TV* item features eight-year-old Celine Lawrence showing Gethin what it's like to live in Wrexham and to have a dad who's playing

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against England in the World Cup. The daughter of Trinidadian international centre-half Dennis, Celine's story touches on every aspect of her daily life as T&T fever takes over the local community.

Watch Celine's story in the *Blue Peter World Cup Special* on 21 June at 5pm on CBBC One (repeated at 6.30pm on The CBBC Channel)

Blue Peter – How To Be A Referee With Graham Poll

Graham Poll, England's refereeing representative at the World Cup, will be teaching *Blue Peter* presenters some of the key skills to being a referee. Once Zoe Salmon has obtained a real insight into the role, she will be trying her hand at refereeing a children's match under the watchful eye of Mr Poll.

See how she gets on when the film transmits on 21 June at 5pm on CBBC One (repeated at 6.30pm on The CBBC Channel).

Blue Peter is at 5pm Mon-Wed on CBBC One and Mon-Thur at 6.30pm on The CBBC Channel.

Leeds Big Screen Family Event

On Saturday 10 June, Leeds City Council are holding a Big Screen event in Millennium Square, Leeds. People are invited to come to the square to participate in the build-up to the England v Paraguay match, which kicks off at 2pm. The CBBC Channel will be broadcasting live from this event and key shows, such as *Mighty Truck Of Stuff* and *Sportsround*, will also have a presence. News 24 and the Newsbus will be there too. There will be a large inflatable human table-football for children to play on, a ball-pond of toddlers and the Sport Academy will be running a keepy-up tournament for anyone to enter.

Leeds Millennium Square, Saturday 10 June from 11am.

Smile

Smile, CBBC's Sunday morning entertainment show, will be going World Cup crazy in the build-up and throughout the tournament with a whole host of football-related features. In a fresh twist on footie nostalgia, the *Smile* team go out onto the streets of Britain and Germany to re-enact the best World Cup celebrations of all time. One of the continuing sagas involves *Smile*'s puppet – Nev the Bear – who gets into too deep trouble with soccer's great and good as he manages to lose the World Cup trophy while on guard duty. In a desperate attempt to make good, Nev travels to Germany to make up for problems he has caused – or does he just make matters worse?

Smile is on Sunday mornings from 7.30-10am on CBBC Two and The CBBC Channel.

BBC TWO

Bobby Moore

Forty years after England last tasted victory in the World Cup, and as a warm-up for this summer's competition, BBC Two profiles England's greatest-ever captain.

On 30 July 1966 Bobby Moore led England to World Cup victory. Yet behind the triumph is the story of an East End lad who overcame his flaws as a footballer and fought a very private battle with life-threatening cancer only 18 months before the World Cup. In the lead-up to the 2006 World Cup, this feature-length film tells the story of one of the greatest defenders in the world.

Born into the Blitz in 1941, Bobby encountered a difficult delivery into a very dangerous world. The East Ender was a fighter from day one and this determination saw the boy nicknamed "Tubby" at school become one of West Ham's finest ever players.

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By 1963 Bobby was England captain, and he and his first wife, Tina, were fast becoming a celebrity couple as Britain transformed itself from drab post-War austerity to Technicolour Sixties. As Bobby led his team to victory against Germany at Wembley in 1966, the 11 working-class English lads captured the nation's hearts and changed football for ever. Five days following the historic defeat, The Beatles released *Revolver* – the Swinging Sixties had begun in earnest.

Ray Winstone, a long-time fan of Bobby's, narrates the film, which features interviews and tributes from his old friends, team-mates and family. Jimmy Tarbuck; Harry Redknapp; West Ham team-mates Peter Babrook, the late Noel Cantwell and John Bond; England team-mates George Cohen, Jack Charlton and Martin Peters; and Tina Moore, his wife of 23 years, and children Roberta and Dean all share their memories of the Bobby they knew and loved.

Bobby Moore is played by newcomer Joseph Kennedy and Tina by Ty Glaser. The film also includes archive footage.

BBC Two Saturday 6 May at 9pm

World Cup Stories

Six hour-long documentaries tell the story of the FIFA World Cup's 76-year history through all the greatest teams to have won it – France, Brazil, Germany, England, Argentina and Italy. Each individual programme traces the social and cultural background to one nation's World Cup achievements, contrasting victories and defeats on the field with events and influences off it.

Featuring unique and exclusive archive from FIFA's own collection, plus interviews with many of the greatest names in footballing history, *World Cup Stories* is the essential celebration of the competition's greatest moments and the perfect companion to the 2006 World Cup in Germany.

England – Going All The Way

England's World Cup story runs from a nation that refused to compete, through our footballing 'finest hour' in 1966, to the trauma of failing to qualify in 1973 and eventual redemption in 1990. Featuring interviews with English footballing greats including Tom Finney, Bobby Robson, Bobby Charlton, Gordon Banks, Peter Shilton and Gary Lineker, this programme charts how English football came out of international isolation to fight for its place among the World Cup's all-time greats.

Brazil – The Golden Team

Think of the World Cup and you automatically think of Brazil. Inspired by the incredible talents of two of the greatest footballers of all time, Pele and Garrincha, Brazil put behind it one of the World Cup's greatest upsets to dominate the competition over the last 50 years. From losing on home soil in 1950 to becoming the first team to win the trophy three times, this programme charts their ups and downs and celebrates their flamboyant footballing style. Interviewees include Carlos Alberto, Tostao, Rivelino and Socrates.

France – Black, White And Blue

In France, the national football team has always been the subject of scrutiny and controversy – on and off the pitch. This is the story of French football's finest hour: how their multi-racial, multi-coloured team succeeded where every other French team had failed by winning the World Cup in 1998, 68 years after another Frenchman, Jules Rimet, had finally seen his vision for a global football tournament realised.

Featuring interviews with the greatest names in French footballing history, including Zinedine Zidane, Michel Platini and Aimé Jacquet, this programme uncovers the complex relationship between a national team whose

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successes and uniquely fluid “champagne” football have always drawn heavily on players from immigrant backgrounds.

Germany – The Will To Win

From the Fifties to the Seventies, unlikely World Cup successes turned West Germany from the pariahs of European football to its most dominant superpower. This programme explains how the legacy of the 1954 team’s “Miracle of Berne” has motivated German players to strive for World Cup success ever since, including a remarkable comeback in the 1974 final against perhaps the greatest team of the Seventies, the Dutch. Interviewees include Paul Breitner, Sepp Maier, Ari Haan and Ruud Kroll.

Argentina – From Darkness Into The Light

The 1978 World Cup came to an Argentina in the grip of a brutal and repressive military dictatorship, with the hopes of both the ruling junta and Argentineans in general pinned to the success of the national football team. Mario Kempes, Luis Fillol and Alberto Tarrantini recall the epic final against Holland.

Argentina emerged from the suffering of dictatorship and the Falklands War to find a new national self-confidence in the Eighties, inspired by the genius of Diego Maradona – as England were to discover. Interviewees also include Osvaldo Ardiles and Jorge Valdano.

Italy – The Enemy Within

The rise and fall of Italian football and that nation’s three World Cup successes are a history of success achieved against the odds, and frequently in the face of despondancy and cynicism among football fans at home, as this programme reveals. Interviewees include Dino Zoff, Guiseppe Bergomi, Claudio Gentile, Marco Tardelli and Salvatori Schillaci.

BBC Two from Sunday 7 May at 9.00pm

BBC THREE

World Cup Goals

This is a simple goal countdown of the 100 best World Cup goals ever. They can be downloaded on PCs, handsets, and mobiles and viewers can vote for their favourites by email and text.

BBC Three tx tbc

World Cup Outtakes

World Cup Outtakes tells the story of the most unusual, funny and unexpected incidents from the last 40 years of the World Cup Finals. Featuring interviews with World Cup legends including Roberto Baggio, Jürgen Klinsmann, Gordon Strachan, Chris Waddle, Claudio Cannigia and a host of commentators, the programme is chock-full of footy howlers from both on and off the pitch.

The two half-hour celebratory, entertaining programmes telling the lighter side of the story of the World Cup are narrated by Vernon Kay.

BBC Three tx tbc

BBC RADIO 1

Chris Moyles will be broadcasting the *Breakfast Show* from a holiday chalet 40km east of Stuttgart from Friday 9 June, with three days at the Herford Army base in the north from Monday 19-Wednesday 21 June, chatting to fans and giving a flavour of the atmosphere in Germany during the tournament.

Behind the scenes for BBC One

BBC TV on-air team

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Reporters:

Garth Crooks
 Ivan Gaskell
 Celina Hinchcliffe
 Damian Johnson
 Rebecca Lowe

While the England team hope to be heading for Berlin come World Cup Final day on 9 July, the BBC team will be there from the very beginning in an impressive studio overlooking the Brandenburg Gate.

“We’re going to have a permanent studio base in Berlin, at the Akademie Der Kunst (the Royal Academy) which overlooks the Brandenburg Gate and the main square,” explains BBC Sport executive producer Phil Bigwood, who is masterminding the BBC’s arrangements for broadcasting the 2006 tournament. “Around half of BBC production will be based in Berlin, along with BBC News and possibly Radio 1 and Five Live.

“Given the size of the country it’s not feasible, as it was in Portugal for Euro 2004, to get around to every ground every day, especially with three games on many days, so we’re going to permanently base ourselves in Berlin with our presentation studio and for highlights – there will be nightly highlights every match day, which there hasn’t been before for previous tournaments.”

The BBC’s presentation team in the Berlin hub will be Gary Lineker, Alan Hansen, Mark Lawrenson and Ray Stubbs, with match commentators John Motson, Steve Wilson, Simon Brotherton, Guy Mowbray and Jonathan Pearce. The expert pundits – all seasoned international footballers – include Ian Wright, Mark Bright, Lee Dixon, Alan Shearer, Mick McCarthy and Gordon Strachan, with Brazilian and French football legends Leonardo and Marcel Desailly – both World Cup winners – also joining the team.

And once again Garth Crooks will be on hand with the England squad in Baden Baden to relay all the latest news and the mood in the camp.

But while their base will be in Berlin, they’ll also be getting out and about around the country for the big games.

“For example, for the first England game, against Paraguay in Frankfurt, we will be on site,” says Phil, adding that for those key games the BBC will also have extra cameras available for the most comprehensive coverage.

“If we’re in Berlin we just take the straight High Definition [HD] feed from the International Broadcasting Centre in Munich, whereas if we’re on site we can supplement with whatever we want, so I’ll have three or four cameras in the studio and three or four cameras to add on to the match coverage. Then I can make it more England-specific, so if John Motson suddenly calls for a shot of David Beckham or something, I can cut that in – because the hosts will have a brief to be neutral, it’s quite clearly defined as to what they can and can’t do,” explains Phil.

He’s excited about the ability to broadcast the tournament in HD for the first time and says that for those who have the equipment to receive HD signals it will make a huge difference.

“It’s almost as big a difference as black-and-white to colour, it shows such amazing detail,” he says. “I’m really pleased that we’re going to be the first ones to do it over an event the size of this.”

He reveals, however, that it does bring its own problems... “In terms of the way you shoot it, it will still be the same – but there are big differences in terms of the way the set is constructed. Every little glitch and every little bump needs to be smoothed out. You can get away with a lot less with HD in terms of make-up, for example – it’s so much more defined.”

And new technology means changes all round. “All the graphics need to be in HD, so all the templates have to be rebuilt and because everything is HD all the files are four times the size of what they would be in SD, so there’s a big consideration there,” he says.

“But we’re actually allowed to put our own graphics on the match feed – you’re not allowed

to for any other football tournament, whether it be the Euros or the Champions League or whatever – so if we can make it work technically we will brand the whole event with BBC graphics. And there are various little extra bits and pieces we’re trying in terms of 3-D graphics and stadiums and players and that sort of thing, so hopefully it will look pretty slick.”

Also slick is the whole planning process that has got them this far, which started around the same time Sven-Goran Eriksson’s team began their qualification.

“There were bits and pieces going on immediately after the last World Cup,” reveals Phil. “The first thing was to get the studio in place in Berlin, and the rest followed on from there. Then it really kicked in last June – there was a world broadcasters’ meeting in Munich when you start to get an idea of the production plans and all of the logistics involved. So since that period it’s been really mad and in December we had to sign off all our plans with the world broadcasters. The draw was made on the Friday and then you only have until the following Tuesday to get every form in for facilities at grounds – and that’s down to every bit of wire in every ground, every commentary position...”

“The problem for us at the BBC and for ITV is that we have to put all the bookings in without the split of games being known; we’re quite unique around the world in terms of our arrangement where we don’t know for ages after the draw who’s going to get which games. So we just have to slap in bookings for everything and hope that the hosts are going to be amenable. But they’ve been very good!”

But even with so much forward planning, they can only do so much ahead of the knockout stages. “You would drive yourself mad if you look through it – if England finish first [in the group], if they finish second, if they then win that one... the options are huge so we’ve put certain bricks in place but we’ve only gone so



Behind the scenes

far. For the last 16 the booking deadline is only a few days before the games so it's then absolutely mad trying to ensure you've got all the right facilities in place.

"If England do get through we've got both that game and the quarter final exclusively on the Beeb so they are certainly quite large events for us," he smiles.

To reflect that, supplementing the main pool of presenters, commentators and expert analysts, a few crews will be out and about in key areas – plus the host broadcasters are sending out 14 crews around the various team headquarters so the BBC will have access to interviews, training footage and the like from them. And for its part the BBC is supplying its commentary to some of the other nations, including Germany, as an option on their interactive coverage so anyone who doesn't want to hear the domestic commentary can hear the likes of John Motson instead.

As for Phil, his job isn't half as glamorous as it sounds...

"I'm in a truck the whole time – the last World Cup and the last Euros I haven't actually seen a single game as a spectator! For the big England games, sometimes you'd like to sit down and watch it with a beer with all your mates, but then to have the opportunity to do what I do – I'll never ever be able to beat that," says Phil, who's quietly optimistic about England's chances although "you can't really look much further than Brazil at the moment."

He adds of his own World Cup experience: "It's a bit like how footballers feel when they score a goal, when you're doing it on BBC One, because you know that so many people are watching and whatever you do is going to be seen by them – I get a great buzz out of it!"

Who's who on the BBC team

Television presentation team

Presenters

Manish Bhasin – Presenter



Manish Bhasin joined BBC Sport's *Football Focus* team first as a reporter in early 2004 and then as a presenter. Prior to this Manish worked on ITV's Central News programme and also presented *Soccer Sunday*.

At Central News East Manish presented in-depth coverage of the region's essential sport, including a comprehensive analysis of the financial crisis at Leicester City, and during his successful tenure Manish was nominated for Regional Sports Presenter or Commentator of the Year at the Royal Television Society Sport Awards.

Soccer Sunday was also nominated as best Regional Sports Actuality Programme as Manish hosted Football League highlights of the best action from the region's teams in a regular magazine format.

Previously Manish Bhasin spent five years at BBC Radio Leicester as a sports presenter/

commentator including the drive time *Drive At 5* programme presenting the latest news and sport. During this period Manish's highlights include reporting from Leicester Tigers' last-minute victory in the 2001 Rugby European Cup final (Leicester Tigers v Stade Francais) and again the following year at Cardiff's Millennium Stadium (Leicester Tigers v Munster).

Adrian Chiles – Presenter



West Brom-mad Adrian Chiles was born in Birmingham in 1967.

After graduating with a degree in English Literature from the University of London he attended a journalism course in Cardiff and worked as a sports reporter for, amongst others, *The News Of The World*.

Adrian joined the BBC originally for three weeks' work experience and by 1993 was presenting Radio 4's *Financial World Tonight*. In 1994 he started presenting *Wake Up To Money* on the then newly formed Radio Five Live – a programme which still runs today.

Adrian started presenting the late Wednesday night edition of Five Live's football phone-in, 606, in 2001. His Five Live show *Chiles On Saturday* won the Sports Category Gold Medal in the Sony Radio Awards in 2002. He is a presenter on *Working Lunch* on BBC Two on weekdays and presents *Match OfThe Day 2* on BBC Two on Sunday evenings. This year he presented the BBC's coverage of the African Cup of Nations.

Adrian has written and presented a number of other programmes for the BBC, including *So What Do You Do All Day?* – a look at the lives of some of Britain's highest profile figures.

Adrian is married with two children. He lists his interests as childcare, his wife, West Bromwich Albion, golf and cooking (in that order).

Gary Lineker – Presenter



Gary began his broadcasting career in earnest with Radio 5 in *Gary Lineker's Football Night* in 1992, and took over as the host of *Sunday Sport* on the relaunched Radio Five Live in 1995 after ending his playing career in Japan. His earliest stint as a TV pundit with the BBC was during the 1986 World Cup Finals following England's elimination by Argentina. Gary also joined BBC

Sport's TV team in 1995, appearing on *Sportsnight*, *Football Focus* and *Match OfThe Day*. He worked as a roving reporter during the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta, and became the regular presenter of *Football Focus* within BBC One's *Grandstand* for the new season. Gary presented highlights programmes during Euro 96, and hosted both live and highlights coverage of the 1998 World Cup Finals in France. He has been presenting *Match OfThe Day* since 1999 and was also a team captain on BBC One's hugely successful sports quiz *They Think It's All Over*. In November 2005, Gary was unveiled as BBC Sport's main presenter for their major golfing events such as The Open, and recently presented the BBC's coverage of The Masters.

Gary's other broadcasting work has included presenting *We Are The Champions*, reporting for *Wish You Were Here* and *When Lineker Met Maradona*, a new BBC documentary where Gary interviews Diego Maradona 20 years after they last met on a football pitch.

During his playing career, Gary Lineker was one of the best known and widely admired soccer players in the world, winning both the PFA Players' Player of the Year and Football Writers' Association Footballer of the Year trophies.

He played for Leicester City, Everton, Barcelona, Tottenham Hotspur and Japanese team, Nagoya Grampus 8. A former England captain, Gary won the Golden Boot at the 1986 World Cup and helped take England to the World Cup semi-final in 1990. In 80 appearances for England his goal total of 48 for his country places him second on the all-time list behind Sir Bobby Charlton. During his spell at Barcelona he learned Spanish and while at Nagoya Grampus Eight he learnt Japanese. Gary and his wife, Michelle, have four sons.

Ray Stubbs – Presenter

Ray Stubbs has carved a successful career in sports broadcasting after playing professional football with Tranmere Rovers FC. He joined



Tranmere from school and was on the club's books for five years before switching to an administrative role with the club. He then spent three years with BBC Radio Merseyside as a reporter and presenter.

In 1986, Ray moved to BBC Manchester as an assistant producer, working on a number of sports including snooker, darts and bowls, as well as *A Question Of Sport*. He also worked as a producer, reporter and presenter on BBC Two's investigative series *On The Line*, a series which saw him go to Italy in 1990 to report on England football fans at the World Cup Finals.

Later that year, Ray began working as a reporter on *Grandstand*, *Match OfThe Day* and *Sportsnight*. He reported from the Irish camp during the 1994 World Cup in America, and was the BBC's reporter-in-residence in the England camp during Euro 96 and the 1998 World Cup in France. He also co-hosted coverage of the 1998 Winter Olympics and co-presented coverage of the 1998 Commonwealth Games.

Ray covered the last two World Cups for BBC Sport as well as the European Championships in 2000 and 2004.

Ray now presents *BBC Interactive Score* each week and is the regular presenter of the BBC's snooker and darts coverage. He is also an occasional presenter of *Match OfThe Day*.

Match Commentators

Simon Brotherton – Commentator



Simon Brotherton began his career in Birmingham with Radio WM, joining the BBC Radio 5 team in 1993. He now spends most of his broadcasting year as a commentator for *Match OfThe Day* and *Five Live*.

His credits include the 1998 and 2002 World Cups, Euro 96, Euro 2000 and 2004, the 1998 and 2002 European Champions League Finals and the 1999 UEFA Cup Final.

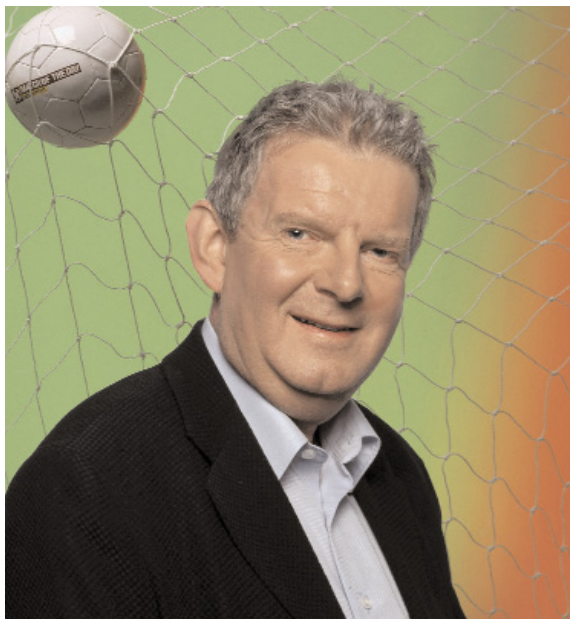
In addition Simon has commentated at three Olympic Games (Atlanta 1996, Sydney 2000 and Athens 2004), covering a number of events including cycling and boxing. More recently Simon reported from the 2006 Commonwealth Games in Melbourne.

Among Simon's non-football commitments, he has reported at 12 Tours de France and has covered boxing for the BBC, including world

title fights involving Lennox Lewis, Naseem Hamed and Frank Bruno.

Simon lives in West Sussex with his wife Sharon and their two daughters: Fleur, six, and Sophie, three.

John Motson – Commentator



John Motson is the voice of football. A veteran of almost 2,000 games, John has commentated on a spectacular 50 major finals. John's charisma and his ability to keep people listening has led to "Motty" being described as "an institution".

The son of a Methodist minister, John joined the *Barnet Press* newspaper as a junior reporter at the age of 18. A short freelance spell with BBC Radio Sheffield was followed by a switch to network radio in 1968, where he made his name as a sports presenter.

Motson became a junior member of the *Match Of The Day* staff in 1971, following the departure of Kenneth Wolstenholme, and soon became one of its key commentators. Since 1979 he has been the BBC's main TV commentator for major cup finals – FA Cup, World Cup and European Championships.

During the 2002 World Cup, John lent his name and image to "Mini Motty", an internet pop-up toy specially created by BBC Sport Online. John was named the Royal Television Society's Sports Commentator of the Year in 2004 and received the same honour from *Four Four Two* magazine in 2005, and from the Variety Club and *FHM* and *Zoo* magazines in 2006.

John has also narrated over 30 football videos and published a number of books, including the most recent, *Motson's World Cup Extravaganza*. John received his OBE in June 2001 for services to broadcasting. His hobbies and interests include running half marathons, the cinema and reading thrillers. He also has a share in a couple of racehorses.

Guy Mowbray – Commentator



Since starting his career in 1993, Guy has commentated on the best domestic and international football.

Previously full-time Sports Editor for Eurosport's major footballing events, Guy won the Royal Television Society Sports Best Newcomer award for his commentary and presenting at the 1998 World Cup Final.

Aside from commentating, Guy is interested in a wide variety of sports including golf and cricket.

Jonathan Pearce – Commentator



Jonathan Pearce became a commentator on *Match OfThe Day* during the 2004/05 season following three years at BBC Radio Five Live. He started his career at BBC Radio Bristol in 1979 when his dream of being a professional footballer was shattered when he broke his leg at the age of 15.

His first match commentary was Bristol Rovers against Exeter City in the League Cup, and he became Sports Editor at the age of 23 at Radio West. In 1987 he moved to London and Capital Radio where he launched Capital Gold Sport a year later.

Jonathan has won several awards for his work including three Sony awards and the Variety Club Radio Person of the Year. He has commented on over 150 England internationals, three World Cups, four European Championships and over 20 Cup Finals.

Born in 1959 in Plymouth, Jonathan moved to Bristol at the age of seven. He is still a Bristol City FC fan, but his wife and three small children are Crystal Palace season ticket holders.

Jonathan studied English at Birmingham University. He now lives in Brighton.

Steve Wilson – Commentator



Steve joined BBC Sport in 1998 as a regular football commentator on Radio Five Live. In 2002 he joined BBC Television and shared his commentary duties between there and Five Live.

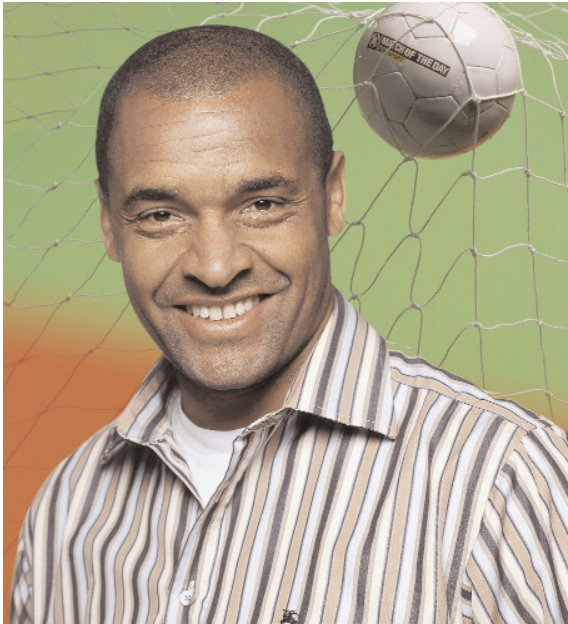
As well as football, he has covered the World Athletic Championships and the Commonwealth Games. In 2004 Steve was one of the main commentators for BBC TV at the European Championships in Portugal. He is also an integral member of the *Match OfThe Day* team on BBC One.

Co-commentators

Mark Bright – Co-commentator

Mark Bright was born on 6 June 1962. He joined Crystal Palace – the club where he was to make his mark – in 1986, following spells at Leicester City and Port Vale.

Bright – who formed a lethal strike duo with fellow BBC pundit Ian Wright – earned



Division Two's Golden Boot in 1988 season with a final tally of 24 goals. He played every game of the next campaign and his 12 goals in 1990 helped Palace gain promotion to the First Division.

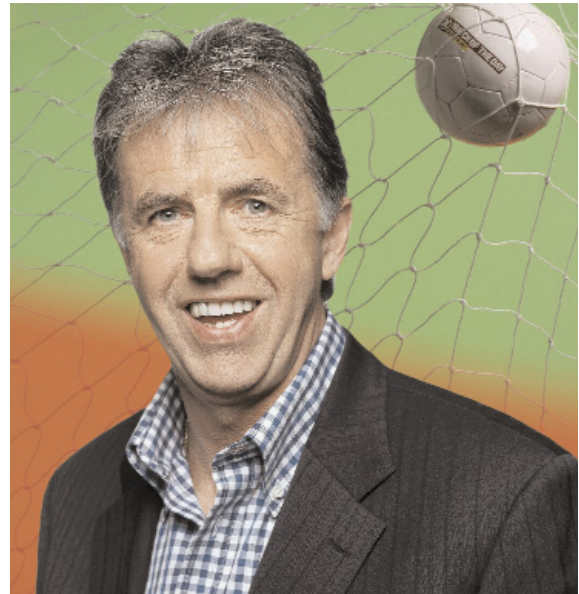
The striker left the Eagles in 1992 for Sheffield Wednesday and later had a spell at Millwall before joining Swiss side FC Sion in 1997. Mark finished his career in 1999, helping Charlton Athletic reach the Premiership.

He started his media career as a match summariser for ITV and Sky, and worked for *The Big Breakfast* during the 1998 World Cup. Mark first appeared as a *Match Of The Day* pundit the following year, and also reported at Euro 2000, the 2002 World Cup and Euro 2004. He presented *Monday Night Football* and *The Mark Bright Show* for BBC Radio Five Live in 2000 and 2001 and went on to team up again with his former strike partner Ian Wright in *Wright And Bright*, for Five Live.

Mark has also presented a weekly football show called *Row Z* for BBC Choice and presented the Notting Hill Carnival live for the BBC in 2000. He is a regular pundit on BBC television and radio and is BBC London's sports presenter.

Mark is married with a son and lives in Middlesex. His other interests include boxing, reading and golf.

Mark Lawrenson – Co-commentator



Born in Lancashire, Lawrenson began his career at Preston North End, and also played for Brighton and Hove Albion before moving to Liverpool in 1981. He won many honours with the Merseysiders and formed a defensive partnership with Alan Hansen that is still regarded as one of the best ever in English club football.

“Lawro” was capped 39 times by the Republic of Ireland, before an Achilles injury brought his playing career to a premature end at the age of 30. After hanging up his boots, he managed Oxford United and worked alongside Kevin Keegan as a defensive coach at Newcastle.

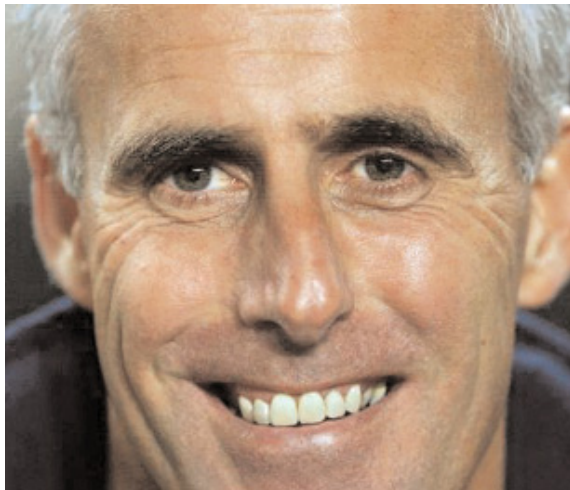
Mark joined BBC Television's football team as a pundit on *Match Of The Day* in June 1997, often teaming up with old club-mate Hansen.

Mark is also a regular studio guest on *Football Focus*, and continues to work alongside the likes of Alan Green and Mike Ingham as an

expert summariser for Radio Five Live and has presented the fan phone-in 606.

Mark was part of the *Match OfThe Day* team which covered the 2002 World Cup Finals in South Korea and Japan, and one of the BBC's panel of pundits for Euros 2000 and 2004. He will co-commentate on all of the BBC's England games in this World Cup.

Mick McCarthy – Co-commentator



Mick McCarthy was born in Barnsley on 7 February 1959 and made his debut for his hometown club as an 18-year-old in 1977. He went on to become a stalwart of the defence in the Tykes team that won promotion from the old Fourth division to the Second.

He moved on to Manchester City in 1983 and won the first of his 57 Eire caps a year later. Mick later left City for Celtic, helping the Bhoys to the Scottish League and Cup double in 1988, but soon left for a brief spell with Lyon in the French league.

By March of 1990 Mick was back in England, at Millwall, becoming player-manager a year later.

After hanging up his boots, he spent several seasons at Millwall before succeeding Jack Charlton as Ireland manager in 1996.

After a dramatic falling out with captain Roy Keane at the 2002 World Cup, Mick led his men to a heartbreakingly unlucky defeat on penalties against Spain in the last 16. He further enhanced his reputation when he joined the BBC's panel of pundits for the remainder of the tournament and added his own Yorkshire wit to the coverage, having previously made a success of the role at Euro 2000.

Mick left the Irish job after a disappointing start to their Euro 2004 campaign; during his tenure he lifted Ireland from 54th to 13th in FIFA's world rankings. However, his involvement in the Euro 2004 tournament continued with him being part of the BBC team.

He was back in football management in March 2003 when he took over at struggling Premiership side Sunderland, but was unable to prevent them being relegated. Sunderland were promoted back to the top league in 2005 but parted company with McCarthy in March 2006.

Gavin Peacock – Co-commentator



Football is in Gavin Peacock's blood: his father, Keith, played over 500 games for Charlton Athletic.

Gavin became a professional footballer straight from school, joining QPR in 1984. He also played for Gillingham (where his dad was manager), Bournemouth, Newcastle United and Chelsea. He ended his career back at QPR, retiring at the end of the 2001/2002 season after having made 134 appearances for the Blues.

The Eltham-born midfielder is now enjoying a successful career in the media, working regularly as a summariser for Five Live and regularly appearing as a guest on *Football Focus* and *Score* on BBCi.

When not working, Gavin indulges in his other big sporting passion, golf.

Studio analysts

Marcel Desailly – Studio analyst



Born in Ghana, Marcel moved to France when he was four years old. Marcel made his professional debut aged 17 for Nantes. After six seasons at Nantes, Marcel transferred to Marseilles where he won the European Cup in 1993. He went on to lift the European Cup in 1994, only this time with AC Milan, to whom he was transferred in November 1993.

Marcel won two Serie A championships at AC Milan in 1994 and 1996 as well as the European Super Cup in 1994 and 1998. It was in the summer of 1998 that Desailly signed for Chelsea for £4.6million where he was quickly nicknamed “The Rock”.

Trophies proved harder to come by at Stamford Bridge than at the San Siro and one winner’s medal apiece in the FA Cup and Charity Shield, both in 2000, seem scant reward for six year’s solid service at Chelsea.

But it was at international level that Marcel was to reach his zenith. Highlights were of course his part in France’s victory in the 1998 World Cup, an achievement for which he was awarded the Legion d’Honneur and which cemented his position as one of the world’s greatest centrebacks. He succeeded Didier Deschamps as national team captain after the World Cup. Between his first game against Sweden in 1993 and his last against Greece in Euro 2004 Marcel amassed 116 caps, more than any other French player.

Since retiring from international football and leaving Chelsea in the summer of 2004, Marcel has continued his career in Qatar playing for Al Gharafa and Qatar Sports Club. Marcel will be 38 in September this year.

Lee Dixon – Studio analyst

Lee Dixon is one of the most respected defenders in Premiership history and played over 600 games with Arsenal.

Lee was very much a player who worked his way to the top, beginning his career at Burnley before spells at Chester, Bury and Stoke. His big break was being signed in January 1988 by George Graham who paid £350,000 to bring Lee to Highbury.

Lee made his England international debut in April 1990 in a World Cup warm-up game

against Czechoslovakia. He went on to win another 21 caps but injury and misfortune meant he failed to play in a major championship.



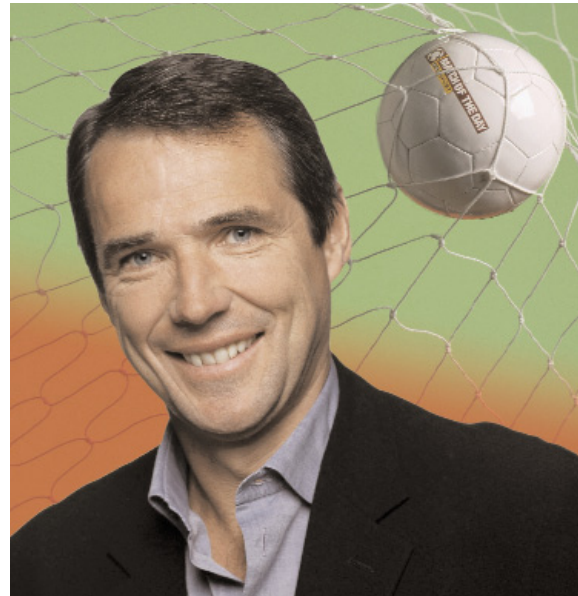
But any international disappointment was replaced by domestic joy. Over 14 years he won four league titles, three FA Cups and a European Cup Winners' Cup. Lee joined the BBC in August 2004, appearing as a pundit on BBCi's *Score*, and is a regular guest on *Match Of The Day*, *Football Focus* and *MOTD2*.

Alan Hansen – Studio analyst

Until a knee injury ended his playing career in 1991, Alan Hansen was one of the most successful British soccer players of all time. He is the only person to have won all of the honours available at club level at least twice and captained the Liverpool side to an historic double in 1986. A keen tactical understanding of the game has made him the face of BBC television's *Match Of The Day* along with Gary Lineker.

Alan has also presented a number of BBC football themed documentaries including *The Sack Race*, *The Football Millionaires* and, more recently, *Life After Football*. A keen golfer (he has

a handicap of 3), Alan's other interests include tennis and the theatre.



Born in June 1955, Hansen began his career at Partick Thistle in 1973, making 108 appearances before his move to Merseyside in 1977. He made 621 appearances for Liverpool, captaining the team between 1985 and 1990. During his 14 years at Anfield, Alan won eight Championships, three European Cups, two FA Cups, four League Cups and one League Super Cup. He was also capped 26 times by Scotland.

Alan lives in Southport with his wife and two children.

Leonardo – Studio analyst

Brazilian World Cup winner Leonardo Nascimento de Araujo was born on 5 September 1969 in Niteroi, Brazil.

The attacking midfielder began his career with Flamengo in 1987 at the age of 17. He won the Brazilian league championship at Flamengo before moving to Sao Paulo in 1990, winning his second championship a year later.

Leonardo moved to Spanish giants Valencia in 1991 and had two seasons in La Liga before

returning to Sao Paulo for a brief stint. In 1994 he teamed up with Brazilian legend Zico at the Kashima Antlers of the newly formed J League in Japan and won the title with them in 1996.



In 1994 also he was part of the successful Brazilian squad at the World Cup, although he missed the latter stages through suspension after being sent off in the second round for elbowing American Tab Ramos.

In 1996 Leonardo moved to Paris Saint-Germain and picked up a Cup Winners' Cup medal with them in 1997. During that summer he transferred to AC Milan as well as winning the Copa America with Brazil.

In international football he returned to France in 1998 and played in all seven games of Brazil's World Cup campaign in which they finished as runners-up to hosts France.

Leonardo had four seasons with AC Milan, and won Serie A with them in 1999, before having short spells at both Sao Paulo and Flamengo and then returning to Milan to end his career in 2002. Leonardo finished with 60 international caps after making his debut in 1989.

Since retiring from football Leonardo has dedicated himself to charitable work. For the past two years he has been General Secretary of Fondazione Milan, an AC Milan backed non-profit organisation that runs sporting community projects across the world. And, with former Brazilian international Rai, Leonardo created the Fundacao Gol de Letra, a charity which aims to offer cultural, non-formal and formal education for disadvantaged and at-risk children in Brazil.

Alan Shearer – Studio analyst



Former England captain Alan Shearer is one of the most feared and respected strikers of the modern era and a wonderful ambassador for the game.

His debut was an indication of the wealth of talent Alan has when he scored a hat-trick for Southampton against Arsenal on 9 April 1988 (4-2 victory).

In 1992 at the start of the Premiership, Alan moved to Blackburn Rovers for a British record fee of £3.6 million pounds, where he formed a lethal partnership with Chris Sutton,

which became known as the SAS. Blackburn won the FA Premier League in the 1994/1995 season, with Alan contributing 34 league goals at the beginning of a sequence in which he became the only player in English football history to score 30 or more goals in three consecutive seasons.

Alan made his England debut in 1992 and soon became a regular. He picked up the Golden Boot at Euro 96 and was captain of the squads in the 1998 World Cup and Euro 2000, after which he retired from international football. From his 63 caps he scored 30 goals.

On 6 August 1996, after Alan's successful Euro 96, where he finished the tournament's top goal scorer, Alan joined his beloved Newcastle for a world record fee of £15.6 million pounds, fulfilling his childhood dream to play for his local side.

As a Newcastle player, Alan has helped secure the club's position as one of the world's premier clubs and has enjoyed successful campaigns both domestically and internationally. He retired from football at the end of the 2005/06 season at the age of 34.

Alan, awarded the OBE in 2001, is now in his second season as a football pundit with the BBC.

Gordon Strachan – Studio analyst

After successfully guiding Glasgow Celtic to the Scottish Premier League title Gordon Strachan returns (albeit temporarily) to BBC Sport as a studio analyst for the 2006 World Cup.

The Edinburgh-born, right-sided midfielder started out with Dundee, but really came to prominence at Aberdeen under the legendary management of Sir Alex Ferguson. At Pittodrie he won two Scottish League titles, the Scottish FA Cup three times, the European Cup Winners' Cup and the European Super Cup.

In 1984 he moved south to Manchester United when he was signed by Ron Atkinson for

£500,000. He would soon, though, be managed again by Ferguson and with him Strachan won the FA Cup in 1985. However, Ferguson sold him once again, this time across the Pennines to Leeds United in 1989.



In his first season at Elland Road he helped the club to the old Second Division title and a return to the top flight. Two years later, at the age of 35, Leeds captain Strachan added the 1992 championship to his list of playing honours. Gordon won 50 Scotland caps and was a member of their World Cup squads in 1982 and 1986.

His management career began when he hooked up with Atkinson once more, this time as player-coach at Coventry in March 1995. He took over the Highfield Road hotseat some 18 months later.

After Coventry's relegation in 2001, he left the club, joining Southampton shortly after. He went from strength to strength at the south coast club, earning European football for the Saints when they met Arsenal in the final of the 2003 FA Cup. But, in March 2004 chose to escape the stresses of management and spend more time with his family.

His first role for BBC Sport was during Euro 2004 when he was an analyst for Radio Five Live and also made a number of appearances in the BBC TV studio. For the 2004/05 season Gordon was a regular studio guest of Adrian Chiles on *Match Of The Day 2* before taking up his position at Celtic in June 2005.

Strachan's tenure has been a successful one. He coached Celtic to victory in the Scottish League Cup and in early April his side clinched the SPL title back from rivals Rangers in record time and with six matches remaining.

Gordon has been appointed as the official FIFA/SOS Ambassador for Scotland, joining Wayne Rooney (Ambassador for England), Ruud van Nistleroo (Netherlands) and 50 others in fundraising for the official 2006 World Cup Charity.

Ian Wright – Studio analyst



Arsenal's all-time record goalscorer behind Thierry Henry, Ian Wright, turned to professional football relatively late, at the age of 22. He spent his early days at non-league Greenwich Borough before moving to Crystal Palace in the summer of 1985, where he

established a deadly striking partnership with new arrival Mark Bright in the 1989 season, scoring 27 League goals – a Palace record in the higher divisions.

The first of his 33 full international caps came in 1991 before a transfer to Arsenal at a cost of a then club record £2.5m. Club honours at Highbury included winners' medals in the League and FA Cups in 1993 and a European Cup Winners' Cup runners-up medal in 1995 before Arsenal secured the Premiership and FA Cup double in 1997/98.

Two seasons later he moved on to join Nottingham Forest and played in the same side as his son, England international Shaun Wright-Phillips. He moved on to West Ham, Celtic and Burnley before retiring in July 2000 to pursue a broadcasting career. Wright joined the BBC in January 2001, presenting the hit shows *I'd Do Anything*, *Friends Like These*, *Ian Wright – Surviving The Kalahari*, *The National Lottery Show* *Wright Around The World*, and *Wright And Bright* on Radio Five Live.

He was awarded the MBE in 2000 for his footballing achievements and remains one of television's, and football's, most colourful characters.

Reporters

Garth Crooks – Reporter

Former Tottenham forward Garth Crooks was the BBC's reporter from the England camp at Euro 2004 and the World Cup in 2002. Born in Stoke-on-Trent, Garth began his playing career at the age of 19 with Stoke City, moving to Tottenham four years later to form a formidable strikeforce with Steve Archibald. Crooks scored more than 200 league goals and won the FA Cup with Spurs in 1981 and 1982, and the Uefa Cup in 1984.

The following season he joined Manchester United on loan, and then had spells at West



Ivan Gaskell has been with the BBC since the Eighties and is a regular reporter on *Football Focus*. Born and bred in Derby, Ivan began his journalistic career in local radio straight from school, before moving to television as presenter on the regional programme *East Midlands Today*.

Now part of the BBC Sport team, Ivan works chiefly as a reporter on *Football Focus*, *Match OfThe Day* and *BBC Interactive Score*. The highlight of Ivan's career so far was reporting on the republic of Ireland's World Cup campaign in Korea and Japan.

A keen footballer and golfer, he is married to Debbie and his spare time is taken up with children Aimee, Imogen, Megan and Charlie.

Bromwich Albion and Charlton Athletic, before hanging up his boots in 1990. Having made television appearances while still a player, the switch to presenting was a natural one and Crooks was a match analyst for the BBC during the 1982 and 1990 World Cups. He also makes regular appearances on *Football Focus* and *Match OfThe Day*.

Ivan Gaskell – Reporter



Celina Hinchcliffe – Reporter



Celina Hinchcliffe is an experienced football presenter who has quickly established herself as a promising talent. She has been the lead presenter of the Women's FA Cup Final for the past two years and holds the honour of being the first ever female presenter on *Match OfThe Day*. Celina has also presented *Final Score* and *Football Focus*.

Celina joined the BBC in November 2001 where her first job was reporting for BBC World Service on the African Cup of Nations. Since then she has worked extensively on programmes such as Five Live, *World Sports*, BBC News 24, *Grandstand* and the Olympics.

Born in 1976, Celina has a First Class Honours Degree in English and Drama from Birmingham University. A great lover of sport from an early age, Celina plays golf, football and tennis.

Damian Johnson – Reporter



Damian Johnson began his broadcast career in 1986 as a reporter and presenter in commercial radio in Sheffield, where he covered the Hillsborough disaster.

He worked for BBC Radio Sheffield and Yorkshire Television's news show *Calendar* before joining BBC Leeds in 1989 to work on the evening news programme *Look North*. He became their sports presenter in 1994. He hosted several rugby league Challenge Cup draws and presented the leisure and lifestyles show *Out And About*. In 1998, he joined BBC Sport, becoming a reporter for *Match Of The Day* and *Football Focus*.

By 2000, he was presenting on News 24 and as sports correspondent for *Breakfast News* while continuing to report for *Match Of The Day* and *Grandstand*. In 2002, he was one of the main

reporters on the BBC's coverage of World Cup 2002 in Japan and at the Commonwealth Games in Manchester, as well as presenting on *Sunday Grandstand*. In 2003 he began presenting *Football Focus* and *Final Score*, and was a reporter at Euro 2004.

Away from work, his interests are food, wine, reading, music and travel. He enjoys most sports and represented South Yorkshire at rugby. Damian lives in Sheffield with his wife and daughter.

Rebecca Lowe – Reporter



In November 2002 Rebecca won BBC Television's Talent Search for a football reporter, progressing through three rounds, and was chosen out of 650 candidates.

She has worked for *Football Focus*, *Match Of The Day* and *BBC Interactive Score* since November 2002, and at Five Live, Radio 1 and Radio 2 since August 2003. Her duties have included reporting from the 2004 African Cup of Nations in Tunisia and the 2003, 2004 and 2005 Women's FA Cup Finals – shown live on BBC One – as well as regular features on *Match Of The Day*, *Football Focus*, *Grandstand*, *Final Score* and *BBC Interactive Score*.

BBC Radio Five Live presentation team

Presenters

Mark Pougatch – Presenter



Mark Pougatch presents BBC Radio Five Live's flagship programme, *Sport On Five*, every Saturday throughout the football season. He began his career at the BBC in 1992 at BBC Essex, which he joined after freelancing for six months at BBC GLR, having completed a radio diploma course. This followed a Politics degree at the University of Durham.

Before taking the helm at *Sport On Five* on Saturdays, which he began in August 2000, he presented the Sunday edition of *Sport On Five* for two years.

Mark is also a regular golf voice on Five Live, and has covered the last few Opens, beginning as a golf commentator in 2000. He also covered the Ryder Cup for Five Live and has worked at US Open golf in recent years. He has worked on many of Five Live's main events including

Wimbledon, the Nagano Winter Olympics, and Sydney Olympics. He also has experience as a cricket reporter, having covered the England tour of New Zealand in 1997.

Mark was a regular football reporter before presenting *Sport On Five*, and has worked on World Cup football for both television and radio. Mark commentates for *Match Of The Day* and is a regular on *Football Focus*. His television work has also included the World Darts Championships.

Mark was born in 1968 in London.

Mark Saggars – Presenter



As presenter of Radio Five Live's Sunday edition of *Sport On Five*, Mark has become a regular voice for listeners tuning in to hear about the weekend's sport.

Mark was born on 28 May 1959, and his broadcasting career started at BBC Radio Cambridgeshire as a presenter of the breakfast and mid-morning programmes, among others.

As a keen county cricketer, golfer and former England hockey player, Mark's next step was to

join BBC Radio Sport, which he did in 1989. Between 1989 and 1992 Mark's position within BBC Radio Sport meant working alongside such figures as Cliff Morgan, Henry Blofeld and Peter Morgan, as well as being the regular sporting voice for Radio 4's *Today* programme.

Mark also won a Sony Radio Award for his reporting of the bomb scare at the Grand National in 1997.

In 1992 Mark left the BBC and joined Sky News as their Senior Sports Correspondent.

While at Sky, Mark covered stories from England's World Cup performances to Terry Venables' resignation as England manager, and from interviewing Prime Minister Tony Blair through to the Sydney Olympics.

In 2001 Mark Saggars returned to BBC Radio and joined Radio Five Live broadcasting live sport, with his regular Sunday show, *Sport On Five*.

Peter Allen – Presenter



Peter Allen co-presents *Drive* on BBC Radio Five Live with Jane Garvey in a presenting partnership that has lasted more than a decade.

Peter and Jane have presented various programmes together on Five Live. They were the founder presenters of *Five Live Breakfast* when Peter joined the BBC at Five Live's inception in 1994.

Between them, they have won four Sony Gold Awards in a team described by *The Times* as “made in broadcasting heaven”.

Peter has unrivalled experience of news and current affairs, having spent nearly 40 years in the profession, including stints as a “ten pound pom” when he emigrated to Australia and worked for the *Sydney Telegraph*.

In television, he has covered news and politics for London Weekend Television and Granada, and was Chief Political Correspondent at ITN prior to joining the BBC.

During his career he has covered events such as the fall of the Callaghan Government in 1979; the resignation of Margaret Thatcher in 1990; both Gulf Wars; and the bombing in New York on 9/11.

Peter is the current *Xtracts* magazine Broadcaster of the Year and was cited as the sixth most important man in radio in a *Radio Times* survey in June 2005.

Nicky Campbell – Presenter

Nicky Campbell co-presents the *Breakfast Show* on BBC Radio Five Live each weekday from 6-9am with Shelagh Fogarty, who joined the programme in January 2004.

After graduating from Aberdeen University in history, Nicky gained his first position in radio as a jingle writer for independent radio station Northsound Radio in Scotland.

He went on to present his own breakfast show on the station, before moving to London's Capital Radio in 1986.



Nicky joined BBC Radio 1 in October 1987, from Capital, with a late-night Saturday programme. He followed this with stints on the drivetime and afternoon shows.

He joined Five Live in October 1997, where he presented the morning phone-in programme. He moved to *Breakfast* in January 2003 to co-present with Victoria Derbyshire.

Nicky has won four Sony Awards including a Gold in 2002 for the *Five Live Breakfast* programme's coverage of the September 11th attack on New York.

He was voted Variety Club of Great Britain Radio Personality of the Year in 1999.

As a TV presenter he has over the years worked on projects including *Wheel Of Fortune*, *Top Of The Pops* and *Panorama*.

He currently fronts *Watchdog* on BBC One.

Born in Edinburgh in April 1961, Nicky is married to journalist Tina Ritchie, and lives in London with their four children.

Victoria Derbyshire – Presenter



Victoria Derbyshire presents BBC Radio Five Live's mid-morning show (Monday-Friday, 9am-12noon.)

Victoria joined Five Live in 1998 and made her debut as a television presenter for BBC One's daytime show *The Club* in 1999. She also presents *Late Night London* and *Central Weekend*, both studio debate shows for ITV.

With co-presenters Julian Worricker and, later, Nicky Campbell, she presented Five Live's early morning programme *Five Live Breakfast*, which won the Television and Radio Industries Club Award for best radio programme in 1999, and for which Victoria won a Sony Bronze Broadcaster of the Year Award in 2001.

Born in Bury in 1968, Victoria obtained a BA (Hons) in English Language and Literature, followed by a postgraduate diploma in Radio and Television Journalism from Lancashire Poly.

Victoria was a radio reporter at BRMB (Birmingham) and BBC CWR (Coventry)

before producing and presenting her own show, *Victoria Derbyshire's Lunchtime Show*, on CWR in 1994. She was then asked to go back home to Manchester to present BBC GMR's *Breakfast Show* in 1995.

Victoria lives in West London, loves dogs and reading and supports Bolton Wanderers.

Simon Mayo – Presenter



Simon joined Radio Five Live on 8 May 2001 to present Simon Mayo from 1-4.00pm every weekday.

Simon made his first radio programme at the age of eight on a family tape recorder (for some reason under the name Simon Stephens) with his sister doing jingles on a xylophone. His first real job in radio was on a training scheme at BBC Radio Brighton, before moving full time to BBC Radio Nottingham.

Simon joined Radio 1 in May 1986, with a Saturday evening show (7.30-9.30pm). At the beginning of 1987, he took over the weekday evening show, progressing to the *Breakfast Show* later in 1988. Simon hosted the programme for five and a half years; during that time he turned

Confessions into a national institution, prompting thousands of listeners and many celebrities to reveal their guilty secrets. The team had various “guest producers”, among them Gary Lineker, Paul Gascoigne, Billy Connolly and Eric Idle. Simon moved to the Radio 1 mid-morning slot in October 1993.

Simon was voted the Variety Club BBC Radio Personality of the Year for 1990, and Sony National DJ of the Year in 1991. His *Pilgrimage To The Holy Land* won Best Programme Award at the International Radio Festival of New York in 1987.

In October 2001 Simon joined Radio 2 to broadcast a run down of the official Album Chart each Monday night at 7.00pm.

Simon is passionate about football (Tottenham Hotspur), curry, cinema and music. He was born in September 1958, in Southgate, London.

Commentators

Alan Green – Commentator

Alan Green is one of BBC Five Live's top football commentators, and a winner of the Sony Awards Sports Broadcaster Of The Year.

Born in Belfast in 1952, Alan attended the Methodist College in his home town before achieving an honours degree in Modern History from Queen's University.

After leaving university he worked in local newspapers until he moved to the BBC in 1975, as a News Trainee.

It was in news that Alan began his career, presenting current affairs on both radio and television in Northern Ireland before joining BBC Radio's Sport department as a senior sports broadcaster. He now estimates that he sees

between 100 and 120 matches a season, and has won the admiration of fans for his honest assessments of games and players' performances.



Best known for his uncompromising football commentary, he also commentates on rowing and golf – and was a member of the Sony Award winning Five Live team which covered the last Ryder Cup.

Alan lists “time off” as a current hobby.

Mike Ingham – Commentator

Mike Ingham has been BBC Radio's Chief Football Correspondent since 2004, prior to which he was its Football Correspondent – a post he took on after the legendary Bryon Butler retired 10 years ago.

Mike's career began at BBC Radio Derby, and he joined the BBC Radio Sport team some 25 years ago .

He presented *Sport On 2* on Radio 2 before becoming a football commentator in 1984. Mike also occasionally presented Andy Peebles' show on Radio 1 in the early Eighties, and is a keen record collector and music fan.



Born in Cheshire in 1950, Mike now lives with wife Lorna in Buckinghamshire with their family. Mike is a Bachelor of Law.

Football Correspondent

Jonathan Legard – Football Correspondent



Jonathan Legard is the BBC Football Correspondent, a role he took on in 2004.

Jonathan joined BBC Sport in 1990, after five years at BBC Radio Merseyside including two as a breakfast show presenter.

Jonathan presented *Sunday Sport* between 1991 and 1994, and has covered two Olympic Games, two Ryder Cups, the 1994 Commonwealth Games and Euro 96. He was Five Live's first sports news correspondent, and has also presented a variety of news programmes on the network.

He became Five Live's motor racing correspondent in 1997, providing live commentary on every formula one grand prix and presenting *Five Live Formula One* – a weekly formula one magazine on Radio Five Live.

Jonathan lives in West London with his wife Kate and their three children.

Summarisers

Jimmy Armfield – Summariser



In a playing career spanning 20 years, Jimmy Armfield represented just two sides – Blackpool and England.

He made his greatest impact on the international stage during the 1962 World Cup in Chile, when he was acclaimed as the best right-back in the world.

But the England star was to face severe disappointment four years later. Having played in the pre-1966 World Cup friendlies, he was sidelined by injury for the tournament itself, and George Cohen took his place in the victorious side.

Since retiring in 1971, Armfield has had a successful career as a manager, leading Leeds to a European Cup final, and is now a well-respected commentator for BBC Five Live.

He was awarded an OBE for services to football in 2000.

Terry Butcher – Summariser



Former international defender Terry Butcher epitomised England's bulldog spirit with his tenacious work in defence.

The sight of Butcher, bandaged and bloodstained after England had drawn in

Sweden to qualify for Italia 90, has become an iconic image.

Now Butcher, a Five Live regular, will be a key part of the station's 2006 World Cup line-up, working as analyst on England games.

His expertise in football extends far beyond the 77 caps he won at international level. The ex-England and Rangers defender is currently manager at Motherwell, and he has previously been in charge of Sunderland and Coventry City, and enjoyed a coaching role with Dundee United.

Graham Taylor – Summariser



Graham Taylor was born in Worksop on 15 September 1944. He played 339 games at full-back for Grimsby and Lincoln City before retiring due to a hip injury. He then became the youngest person to qualify as an FA coach at just 21 years of age.

At 28 he became the youngest manager in the league at Lincoln City, who he led to a recordbreaking Division 4 Championship. After five years at Lincoln, he left to take over at Watford, who were then also in Division 4.

Inspired by Taylor's talent and Elton John's cash, Watford won promotion to Division 1 in just five years, reaching the UEFA Cup in 1983 and the FA Cup final in 1984.

After a successful stint at Aston Villa Graham succeeded Bobby Robson as England manager, but after just one defeat in his first 23 games the team had a poor Euro 92 and then famously failed to qualify for the 1994 World Cup.

After a spell at Wolves Graham returned to Watford, winning a Premiership place for the club which they couldn't consolidate. He was later lured back to Villa, first as a non-executive director and later as manager again. He is now a regular summariser for Five Live.

Graham was awarded the OBE for services to football in 2002; the Football Writers' Association Tribute Award for outstanding contribution to the national game in 2002; and was inducted into the Football Association Hall of Fame in 2002.

Chris Waddle – Summariser



Chris Waddle, a former England International with 62 caps to his name, is now a regular member of the Five Live football team.

He brings a wealth of top-level footballing experience from his time at Newcastle, Spurs, Marseille and Sheffield Wednesday.

Waddle's silky skills illuminated the game for many years, and he bamboozled more than a few defenders in his time.

He clocked up almost 600 appearances in a 20-year professional career before turning his hand to working alongside the Five Live commentary team.

Dion Dublin – Summariser

Leicester-born Dion was one of the Premiership's most prolific strikers of the Nineties. He made his debut in 1988, at 19, with Cambridge Utd, where he scored 52 goals in 156 appearances and was soon snapped up by Manchester Utd.

However, injuries limited his chances there and he moved to Coventry City in 1994, where he scored 61 goals in 145 appearances and was joint top scorer in the Premiership in the 1997-98 season.

In 1998 he joined Aston Villa for £4.5 million and enjoyed six successful seasons with the Midlands giants (despite sustaining a life-threatening broken neck in 1999 which left him with a permanent titanium plate inserted to hold three neck vertebrae together) before moving to nearby Leicester City in 2004.

In January this year he signed for Celtic and scored as the Glasgow team won the Scottish League Cup Final. Dion won four caps for England and over the latter part of his career also developed into an accomplished defender.

Kevin Gallacher – Summariser

Striker Kevin – grandson of legendary Celtic forward Patsy Gallacher – was born on 23 November 1966 in Clydebank.

He began his playing career with Dundee United, where he spent seven years as part of a successful team under the guidance of Jim McLean and appeared in the team's UEFA Cup Final in 1987, which they lost on aggregate to IFK Göteborg.

He won the first of his 53 Scotland caps in 1987 against Colombia and moved to Coventry City in 1990, where he stayed for three years. He then joined Blackburn Rovers where he formed great partnerships with Alan Shearer and Chris Sutton as they led Rovers to the Premier League title in 1995. He moved on to Newcastle United in 1999 to become Bobby Robson's first signing.

Spells at Preston North End, Sheffield Wednesday and Huddersfield Town followed before Kevin hung up his boots in 2002. He played 430 Scottish and English league games and scored 106 goals, and represented Scotland at Euro 92, Euro 96, and the 1998 World Cup. He scored nine goals for his country.

Matt Holland – Summariser

Dynamic midfielder Matt was born on 11 April 1974 in Bury.

Initially rejected by Arsenal for being "too small", he went to West Ham where he moved up the ranks of the academy but never played for the first team.

In January 1995 he moved to Bournemouth, where before long he was handed the captain's armband and played 116 games, scoring 18 goals. In July 1997 he signed for Ipswich and soon cemented himself as a crowd favourite and again was made captain. At Ipswich he captained the club into the Premier League and then into Europe before being relegated in 2002. He played an amazing 223 consecutive games for the East Anglian club, missing only one league match in six years due to international duty, and in all totalled over 300 appearances, scoring 38 goals.

Although born in England, Matt qualifies to play for Ireland through his grandmother and went with Ireland to the 2002 World Cup, where he scored the equaliser against Cameroon in their opening game. Sadly he missed his penalty in the shoot-out against Spain which saw Ireland unluckily knocked out of the tournament.

In June 2003 he signed for Charlton Athletic, where he was ever-present in his first season and, again, was made club captain.

Following Ireland's failure to qualify for the 2006 World Cup Matt announced his retirement from international football earlier this year, having made 49 appearances and bagging five goals.

Paul Jewell – Summariser

Paul was born in Liverpool on 28 September 1964. He began his playing career at Anfield before joining Wigan Athletic in 1984, where he made 137 league appearances, scoring 35 goals. In July 1988 he moved on to Bradford City, where he made 269 League appearances and scored 56 goals.

He took charge of the Reserves in the 1996-97 season and was later appointed joint First Team Coach. He celebrated his first full year in charge when he was awarded the Nationwide Football League Manager of the Month for December 1998 with the season culminating in taking Bradford into the Premiership. He managed to keep them up in their first season but left the club to join Sheffield Wednesday.

In 2001 he joined Wigan and has taken them up from Division Two to the Barclays Premiership in just over four years.

In their first season in the top league they confounded expectations, reaching the final of the Littlewoods Cup and pressing for a European place, easily avoiding the relegation which most pundits had predicted for them.

Martin Jol – Summariser

The Tottenham Hotspur Head Coach took on his current role in November 2004, having joined the club the previous June as First Assistant to the Head Coach.

Before moving to White Hart Lane he spent six years as Head Coach of Dutch club RKC Waalwijk, where he gained a reputation for developing young players. His achievements were recognised when he was named Dutch Football Writers' Coach of the Year in 2001 and Dutch Players and Coaches Coach of the Year in 2002.

He worked wonders at RKC despite operating on one of the smallest budgets in the league. Initially, he saved them from relegation in 1999, led them to mid-table safety the following year and then challenged for European qualification in subsequent campaigns.

Earlier he spent two years at Roda JC where he guided them to their first Dutch Cup win in 30 years and also had brief spells with Scheveningen and ADO Den Haag.

As a player, he made over 400 senior appearances and is one of a small band of Dutchmen to play at every level for his country. He started out with hometown club FC Den Haag and was a domestic cup winner in 1976, before spending two years with Bayern Munich between 1977-79.

Martin returned to Holland to play for FC Twente until 1981, after which he moved to England to join West Bromwich Albion for three seasons and then Coventry City for another year. In 1985, he went back to FC Den Haag, winning the Second Division title in 1986 and the Dutch Player of the Year award the following season.

In his first full season at Spurs he has taken them to their highest-ever Premiership finish and achieved European qualification.

Danny Mills – Summariser

Combative yet versatile defender Danny was born on 18 May 1977 in Norwich, where he began his playing career with The Canaries in 1995. After a couple of years there he left for Charlton Athletic, where he helped the club win promotion to the Premiership through the play-offs, but was soon snapped up for £4.5 million by Leeds Utd where he established himself as one of the Premiership's leading defenders and made his England debut at right back.

Danny went to the 2002 World Cup with England and played every minute of their campaign, which sadly ended with defeat at the hands of eventual champions Brazil. In total he has won 18 England caps to date.

Leeds Utd's problems meant most of their star players had to leave the club, and Danny was no exception. After a year at Middlesbrough Kevin Keegan took him to Manchester City in 2004, where he continues to enjoy success in the Premiership under new manager Stuart Pearce.

Danny and wife Lisa have two children, George and Mya.