

BBC Radio Five Live coverage

Five Live on-air team

Presenters:

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

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

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...