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Soccer Brothers

By Kadence Buchanan

Do you remember the famous movie of the early 80s "the Blues Brothers" with Dan Aykroyd and the late John Belushi. The two heroes were able to overcome all the obstacles in their way and to avoid their pursuers until the last scene of the film. "They'll never get caught. They're on a mission from God" was the tagline of the film. The current Brazilian national soccer team, which plays at the World Cup in Germany, reminded me of the Blues Brothers. Although they prefer samba music to blues, they seem to be unstoppable and although they are not on a mission from God their religiosity is obvious.

The Brazilian players often pray and some of them wear T-shirts with religious slogans under their uniforms. Lucio, one of the team's best defenders was wearing a T-shirt with the message «Jesus loves you» in last World Cup's final game in Yokohama. Kaka, a talented midfielder wears similar T-shirts, while Ze Roberto another midfielder according to the Columbian newspaper "El Pais" plans to become a pastor of the Evangelical Church. Another Brazilian, Luis Felipe Scolari, who is the coach of the national team of Portugal, has chosen for his team a training center in Marienfeld close to a 12th-century monastery, in order for him to visit it every morning and pray.

Brazilians are not the only religious players in the World Cup. Saudi Arabian players, who have reduced their prayers from five to three during the first phase of the World Cup, have special stickers on the furniture of their rooms showing the direction to Mecca in order to motivate their prayers. They also celebrated their first goal against Tunisia with a short prayer to their God. The Iranian national team asked for a special room dedicated to prayer in their hotel in Friedrichshafen and to the dismay of their coach they gave up hours of sleep before their first game against Yugoslavia to participate in a long, late-night Islamic ceremony held to mourn a seventh-century Shiite Muslim saint.

The organizing committee locked the chapels that are located in the Olympiastadion in Berlin and in the Veltins Arena in Gelsenkirchen so as to avoid criticism for religious racism, but the question remains, "Does praying and strong belief affect the players' performance?" Legendary veteran player Pele, who won the Cup three times, straightens out the issue with his statement. "I never prayed to win a game or to score. My first care was to remain healthy and after that I was praying to God that a match shouldn't finish without a score (0-0)". Lucio, on the other hand, supports that "the team that gives God the utmost glory deserves to be the champion in the World Cup 2006". Time will tell which of

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this year's World Cup teams will make it to be the World Champion of 2006, but one thing is for sure. Soccer fans will have the opportunity to admire the world's best soccer players' score, regardless of their religious beliefs.

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Soccer Team Logo And Gear

By Dana Bradley

Soccer is one of the famous sports played in the United States, hence it is very demanded among every one who is the fan of Soccer. One of the exciting news is that people no longer have to spend a lot of money for the team logo and gear. Soccer team logo and Gear has many team logo and gear such as, Brandy Chastain, Galaxy, Pele, Freddy Adu, and Mia Hamm etc.

Soccer team logo and Gear are very famous around the Globe. It is said that the demand for soccer wear is much higher in the U.K when compared to other countries. Soccer team logo and gear are often used as gifted items to the loved ones, who are the lovers of Soccer.

The Young generation is crazy after the team logo and gear of Soccer. Some of the best sold Team logo and gear are:

2005 upper deck Major League Soccer Trading cards priced at \$65.00 (This is a game for those interested)

Brandi Chastain on knees 8x10 photograph priced at \$76.00 (Brandi Chastain is known to be one of the best athletes of today)

Brazil vs Italy 1994 World cup Soccer at the Rose Bowl Framed unsigned Panoramic photograph priced at \$125.00 (the measurements for the Panoramic are 16 ½ x 42 ½) MLS Soccer Ball bag priced at \$24.00

(it is a best soccer bag to carry soccer ball to the field) Soccer 12 oz Wheaties box (Display case)

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priced at \$49.00 (Manufactured in U.S.A) Soccer 18 oz Wheaties box (Display case) priced at \$50.00(Manufactured in U.S.A) Soccer 22 oz Wheaties box (Display case) priced at \$56.00(Manufactured in U.S.A) Soccer cleats Display case up to size 13 priced at \$84.00

(Case accommodates size 13 shoe, Manufactured in U.S.A) Soccer cleats Display case up to size 17 priced at \$85.00 (Case accommodates size 17 shoe, Manufactured in U.S.A) Soccer cleats Display case up to size 23 priced at \$110.00 (Case accommodates size 23 shoe, Manufactured in U.S.A)

Above mentioned are some of the famous sold team logo gear products. Approximate sizes and brief description is explained to help to buy these products easily. Best of all, these products are available on the Internet. It's great being a fan of soccer or even knowing how to play the game with family and friends. But it is even greater when one can celebrate this exciting sport by wearing the latest clothing and gear available.

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