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Real Madrid stars reveal their World Cup favourites

Ronaldo, Kaká, Higuain, Arbeloa, Ramos, and Van der Vaart give bwin their picks for the Football World Cup 2010.

Vienna/Madrid, 8 June 2010 - As the sponsor of Real Madrid, bwin, the world's leading publicly listed online gaming provider, invited football players Gonzalo Higuain, Kaká, Cristiano Ronaldo, Álvaro Arbeloa, Sergio Ramos, and Rafael van der Vaart to make their personal picks on the winner of the upcoming Football World Cup 2010 and the World Cup's top scorer. Spain and Brazil are named as favourites by all the players, coinciding with the appraisal of the bwin bookmakers. On 8 June 2010, the bookmakers will assign odds of 5.00 to Spain and 5.75 to Brazil.

This is already the third World Cup for Kaká and he hopes Brazil will fulfil fan expectations. When asked for his top-scorer pick, Kaká says: "I believe players like Ronaldo, Messi, Torres, and Louis Fabiano stand the best chances of winning the 'golden shoe'. His team colleague, Gonzalo Higuain, believes that this year's World Cup will be very hard for Argentina. Higuain's pick for the World Cup title: "Currently, Spain probably has the best chances; but everything is different during a World Cup."

Ronaldo and Ramos give Italy a good chance

Ronaldo, who will play for the Portuguese team, believes several countries stand a chance of winning the title: "My favourites are Spain, Italy, England, Germany, Brazil, and Portugal. In any case, winning the matches in the group phase is the key to success." Sergio Ramos, who is playing for Spain, believes Italy, Brazil, Portugal or the Netherlands may win the Cup title. His opinion on the top scorer: "Villa, Fernando Torres, and Ronaldo have an instinct for scoring goals and usually, they develop excellent motivation during this type of competition."

Van der Vaart expects the Netherlands to win the title

Rafael van der Vaart believes the Netherlands stand a good chance: "Like Spain, we have many excellent players and a truly brilliant coach. If we are in good shape, we can certainly win the title."

Álvaro Arbeloa, who will play on the Spanish team at the World Cup, believes Spain and Brazil are both most likely to win the world Cup title. However, Arbeloa is more cautious when making a top-scorer pick: "Each team has very good forwards and at a World Cup you never know who will emerge as the top scorer in the end."

The video with all the statements of the Real Madrid players is available for download at www.bwinpressevent.com.

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bwin Odds: Who will win the Football World Cup 2010?

Spain 5.25

Brazil 5.75

Argentina 7.50

England 8.50

Netherlands 9.50

Germany 12.00

Italy 14.00

France 17.00

Portugal 25.00

Ivory Coast 35.00

Serbia 67.00

Chile 67.00

Mexico 81.00

USA 81.00

Ghana 81.00

Paraguay 81.00

Uruguay 126.00

Cameroon 126.00

Nigeria 151.00

South Africa 151.00

Denmark 151.00

Greece 151.00

Australia 151.00

South Korea 201.00

Switzerland 201.00

Slovakia 401.00

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Japan 401.00

Algeria 501.00

Honduras 1,000.00

New Zealand 1,500.00

North Korea 1,500.00

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