

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.

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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.

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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.