

Talent Is Good, But You Need a Team to Win the Cup, Says Brazil's Coach

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What needs to win World Cup title? Brazil coach Carlos Alberto Parreira is sure, that only talent and team, but not only players could help in such heavy and nervous competition. He has no doubt in the victory of the Brazil team.

"You win a World Cup by having a team. Players can win a match, but not a tournament," Parreira stressed Tuesday. "You need tactical organization, discipline and, above all, a lot of work."

Brazil will be led by two-time FIFA player of the year Ronaldinho and numerous other top players including Ronaldo, Kaká, Adriano, Cafu and Roberto Carlos when it begins its quest for a record sixth World Cup title Tuesday against Croatia.

"Brazil would have played in every final if it was enough to win the World Cup with talent alone," Parreira said.

"You need balance, and we are working to achieve that, to get our players, who are very offensive-minded, to put themselves in a position to help (defensively), too."

"Our soccer is known for its beauty, technical quality and creativity," said Parreira, who led Brazil to the 1994 World Cup title in the United States. "But we can't lose our team spirit."

"It would be great for soccer in general," he said. "It would allow for more quality and less fouls."

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