

## Who's who on the BBC team

### Television Presentation Team – BBC Sport: Biographies

#### Gary Lineker: Presenter



England's second leading all-time goal-scorer behind Sir Bobby Charlton, Gary was one of the most accomplished and popular players of his generation. He began his broadcasting career with BBC Radio 5 in *Gary Lineker's Football Night* in 1992, and took over as the host of *Sunday Sport* on the re-launched Radio Five Live in 1995. His earliest stint as a TV pundit with the BBC was during the 1986 World Cup finals following England's elimination by Argentina. Gary also joined BBC Sport's TV team in 1995, appearing on *Sportsnight*, *Football Focus* and *Match Of The Day*, and became the regular presenter of *Football Focus* for the new season. Now *Match Of The Day*'s anchor, Gary presented highlights programmes during Euro 96, and hosted both live and highlights coverage of the 1998 World Cup finals in France. He is also a team captain on BBC One's hugely successful sports quiz *They Think It's All Over*.

#### Alan Hansen: Analyst

Until a knee injury ended his playing career in 1991, Alan Hansen was one of the most successful British football players of all time. He



is the only person to have won all of the honours available at club level at least twice and captained the Liverpool side to a historic double in 1986. He also played for Scotland in the 1982 World Cup. A keen tactical understanding of the game has made him a firm favourite with *Match Of The Day* viewers.

#### Mark Lawrenson: Analyst



Former Liverpool and Republic of Ireland defender Mark Lawrenson joined BBC Television's football team as a pundit on *Match Of The Day* in June 1997. Mark is a regular studio guest on *Football Focus*, and continues to work as an expert summariser for BBC Radio

Five Live. Mark was part of the *Match Of The Day* team which covered the 1998 World Cup finals in France, and one of the BBC's panel of pundits for Euro 2000 in Holland and Belgium.

## Ray Stubbs: Presenter



Initially a professional footballer, Ray left school to join Tranmere Rovers FC where he played for five years before working for BBC Merseyside and BBC Manchester. In 1990, Ray began working as a reporter on *Grandstand*, *Match Of The Day* and *Sportsnight*. He reported from the Irish camp during the 1994 World Cup in America, and was the BBC's reporter-in-residence in the England camp during Euro 96 and the 1998 World Cup in France. Ray now presents *Football Focus* and *Final Score* each week and is the regular presenter of the BBC's snooker and darts coverage.

## Peter Schmeichel: Analyst

Known as The Great Dane, Peter was born in Gladsaxe, Denmark, where he started his career as a striker, but he made his name as a goalie with Manchester United. Internationally capped for Denmark 128 times, he won Euro 92 and reached the World Cup quarter finals in 1998. He also picked up a hoard of honours at Old Trafford. He left the English game in 1999 to join Sporting Lisbon and had an immediate impact, helping them into the Champions League. Peter returned to the Premiership last

summer on Aston Villa's team sheet and will play for Manchester City next season.

## Jamie Redknapp: Analyst

The midfielder, who has just completed a move from Liverpool to Tottenham, will be in the BBC television studio for World Cup 2002. Having been denied the chance to challenge for an England place by persistent injury, Redknapp will instead give viewers a player's insight into the tournament. He was capped during Euro 96 and has played alongside many of Sven-Goran Eriksson's stars. Redknapp has won a host of domestic honours and was the club captain at Liverpool, the team he joined in 1991 during Kenny Dalglish's tenure as manager.

## Ian Wright: Analyst



Arsenal's all-time record goal-scorer, Ian played for Crystal Palace, Arsenal, West Ham, Nottingham Forest, Celtic and Burnley and was capped 33 times for England. He retired from the game in July 2000 and, since his television debut in January 1998, he has forged a successful career as a TV presenter. Ian joined the BBC in January 2001, signing a deal to present the hit show *Friends Like These*, an Ian Wright entertainment show series and a number of celebrity interview specials, as well as *Wright And Bright* on Radio Five Live.

## Martin O'Neill: Analyst

Outspoken and incisive, manager O'Neill is a regular favourite on the *Match Of The Day* team. As a player, O'Neill has represented



Northern Ireland on the world stage and Nottingham Forest in their European Cup years, before going on to manage Wycombe Wanderers, Norwich City, Leicester City and now Celtic.

## David O'Leary: Analyst

A highly-rated defender at Arsenal for 18 years and more than 500 games, David won two League Championships, two FA Cups and two League Cups domestically. He was also a seasoned international, earning 67 caps for the Republic of Ireland. At Italia 90, O'Leary turned unlikely goalscoring hero for his country when his penalty kick booked a surprise place in the quarter finals. He retired as a player three years later after moving to Leeds United, but then began an acclaimed managerial career at the Yorkshire club, peaking in 2001 with a semi-final spot in the Champions League. A respected analyst of the game, O'Leary joins the BBC television team for World Cup 2002 alongside former international team-mate Mark Lawrenson.

## Peter Reid: Analyst

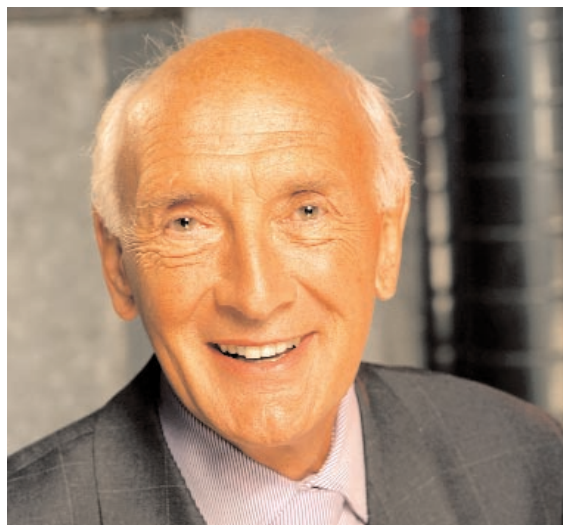
One of England's brightest midfield talents, Peter played for Bolton and Everton and was capped for England 13 times, including playing a crucial role in England's 1986 World Cup campaign in Mexico. Having retired from playing, his first managerial appointment was at Manchester City before moving to Sunderland in 1995.

## John Motson: Commentator



John Motson has been a frontline commentator with BBC Television for over 25 years. It was when Kenneth Wolstenholme left the BBC in 1971 that 26-year-old John was taken on as a junior member of the *Match Of The Day* team. Between 1979 and 1994, John was the BBC's voice on 29 consecutive major cup finals – FA Cup, World Cup and European Championships. He completed his 30th assignment at this level with the final of Euro 96 and recently covered his 100th England match. Altogether, John has covered over 1,500 matches at the microphone for the BBC.

## Barry Davies: Commentator



Following a stint on BBC Radio, Barry moved to ITV before rejoining the BBC as one of its leading



commentators on football and many other sports, including tennis, skating, ice hockey, ice skating, hockey, gymnastics, badminton and the University Boat Race. Barry commentated on the 1994 World Cup Final, the 1995 and 1996 FA Cup finals, Euro 96 and the 1998 World Cup Finals in France. The FIFA World Cup 2002 marks his 10th World Cup tournament, the highest number attended by any British commentator.

## **Tony Gubba: Commentator**



Tony was presenter of *Sportsnight* during 1973 to 1978 before moving to commentary for a range of sports, including cycling, ice skating, table tennis, squash and bobsleigh, but primarily as football commentator on *Match Of The Day*. He has been part of the BBC's coverage of World Cup finals since 1974, all Olympic Games since 1972 and Winter Games since 1976.

## **Rob Maclean: Commentator**

Rob Maclean is a sports presenter and television football commentator for BBC Scotland as well as working for *Grandstand* and *Match Of The Day*. He has presented the flagship sports programme *Sportscene* since 1990 and is a regular sports presenter on *Reporting Scotland*.

Rob succeeded Jock Brown as commentator in 1997 and has commentated on a number of big games, including the opening game of the World Cup in 1998, and presented the television coverage of the 1990 and 1998 World Cups.

## **Steve Wilson: Commentator**

Steve joined BBC Sport in 1998, following seven years as Capital Radio's sports commentator which took him to the 1994 World Cup. Initially working for Radio Five Live, Steve has covered the Olympics, Euro 96 and 2000 and the World Athletics Championships. A regular member of the *Match Of The Day* team, Steve commentated on the African Nations Cup and BBC One's first-ever Women's FA Cup Final in May 2002.

## **Trevor Brooking: Summariser**



Trevor joined West Ham as an apprentice in 1965. He spent his whole football career with the club until retiring in 1984, making over 600 appearances and scoring over 100 goals. Trevor made his debut for England in 1974 against Portugal, was capped 47 times and scored five goals. He retired from international football after the 1982 World Cup. In 1984 Trevor joined BBC Radio and Television and he is now one of the most respected analysts and commentators in football. He is a regular on *Match Of The Day* and as host of the Monday night edition of Radio Five Live's *Five Live Football*.

### **Joe Royle: Summariser**

Joe began his footballing career at Goodison Park, making over 270 appearances for Everton and scoring 119 goals. He spent five seasons as Everton's top scorer and was capped for England six times. He also played for Manchester City, Bristol City and Norwich City before retiring due to injury. He then became a manager, first for Oldham Athletic, before moving on to Everton and Manchester City. In 1995 he took Everton to FA Cup glory, the last English manager to do so.

### **Trevor Steven: Summariser**

Trevor began his career as an apprentice at Burnley before joining Everton in 1983. In his six seasons at Goodison he played in an Everton team which won the FA Cup, the Championship and Cup Winners Cup. He joined Rangers in 1989 before playing for Marseille and then returning to Glasgow to finish his playing career. He won 39 caps for England.

### **Garth Crooks: Roving Reporter with the England Team**



Garth began his professional footballing career for Stoke City at the age of 19, before moving to Tottenham Hotspur, where he won the FA Cup in 1981 and 1982 and the UEFA Cup in 1984. From 1983-84, he played as a loan player for Manchester United, followed by a two-year stay with West Bromwich Albion. In 1987, Garth moved to Charlton Athletic, where he ended his professional career in 1990. Garth scored over 200 league goals during his career

and was capped four times for England Under 21 XI between 1978-79. He made several BBC television appearances while he was still a professional player and guested as a BBC analyst for the 1982 and 1990 World Cups. He is now a regular part of the *Football Focus* and *Match Of The Day* teams.

### **Ivan Gaskell: Roving Reporter with the Ireland Team**

Previously *East Midlands Today's* sports presenter for 10 years, Ivan joined BBC Sport five years ago, working for both Radio Five Live and television. During the last three years, he has worked primarily for *Football Focus* and *Match Of The Day*. This is his first major tournament.

### **Mark Bright: Roving Reporter, Korea**



In six seasons at Crystal Palace Mark formed a prolific scoring partnership with Ian Wright. He also helped them reach the FA Cup Final before moving to Sheffield Wednesday in 1992. In 1997 he returned to the capital to play for Charlton, helping them clinch promotion to the Premiership in 1998. During the 1998 World Cup, Bright worked for the *Big Breakfast* and hosted a weekly punditry show during the 1998/9 season. In 1999 he first appeared on *Match Of The Day* as a pundit, and reported from Belgium and Holland at Euro 2000. He also co-hosts *Wright And Bright* with his former scoring buddy on Radio Five Live.

### **Juliette Ferrington: Roving Reporter, Korea**

Juliette joined BBC Radio Five Live in 1999, following stints at BBC Radio Shropshire and

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Radio Stoke. She broadcasts on four of the five BBC networks and reports on matches for *Sport On Five* as well as reporting for *Football Focus*. Juliette is also a regular presenter on Sport 24.

### **Hazel Irvine: Roving Reporter, Japan**



The youngest person to ever present *Grandstand*, Hazel joined BBC Sport as a network programme presenter and sports news broadcaster in January 2000, having worked for BBC Scotland's *Sportscene*. She has covered all the major sporting tournaments from the Olympics to the Open and this is her fourth World Cup, the most ever covered by a female sports presenter.

### **Damian Johnson: Roving Reporter, Japan**

Following eight years as news and then sports presenter for BBC *Look North*, Damian moved to network television and worked across BBC Choice, News 24 and BBC Sport before becoming a regular part of the *Football Focus* team last year. This is his first major football tournament.

### **John Salako: Roving Reporter, Japan**

John began his career at Crystal Palace and played more than 250 games for the Eagles before moving to Coventry. He has three England caps, and played for Charlton Athletic before moving to Reading in late 2001.

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### **Jimmy Armfield: Summariser**

Jimmy is a Radio Five Live summariser and FA technical consultant. With 43 caps for England between 1959-1966, and the honour of having captained his country a dozen times, Jimmy will be an authoritative voice for listeners at home. Once rated the finest right-back in the world, he'll certainly have something to say as the world's best players of the day meet in June.

### **Craig Brown: Summariser**

Craig is a regular contributor to Radio Five Live's football coverage, and will play a key part in Five Live's World Cup 2002 expert team. Until recently, Craig was manager of the Scottish national side, during which time they lost only nine competitive games in eight years. Legions of listeners on both sides of the border will enjoy his contribution.

### **Terry Butcher: Summariser**



Terry, a Five Live regular, will be a key part of the station's 2002 World Cup line-up. The ex-England and Rangers defender is currently Assistant Manager at Motherwell FC, and has previously been in charge of Sunderland and Coventry City football clubs, and enjoyed a



coaching role with Dundee United. Terry's expertise in following international games for the station will give listeners real insight into the World Cup action.

### Nicky Campbell: Presenter



Nicky presents his own lively phone-in and discussion programme on Radio Five Live, weekdays from 9.00am-12noon. His career has spanned independent radio, London's Capital Radio, Radio 1 and a variety of television work including *Wheel Of Fortune*, *Newsnight*, *Top Of The Pops*, *Panorama* and *Watchdog*, which he currently fronts on BBC One. Nicky began presenting his own show on Five Live in 1997, and the programme has established itself as a must-listen and a reminder of the multitude of opinions across the UK. Nicky's radio work has garnered five Sony Awards. Listeners tuning in at their usual time to hear Nicky's show will be pleased to hear him presenting live from the tournament.

### Victoria Derbyshire: Presenter

Victoria co-presents Radio Five Live's Sony Award-winning breakfast programme, *Five Live Breakfast* (Mondays to Fridays, 6.00-9.00am), for which she won a Bronze Sony Broadcaster of The Year in Award in 2001. Victoria, who grew up in Bury, established herself as a broadcaster at BRMB (Birmingham) and BBC CWR (Coventry). In 1995 she went back to her roots to present BBC GMR's *Breakfast Show*,



before joining Five Live in 1998. *Five Live Breakfast* fans will be pleased to hear her voice in the mornings throughout the World Cup as she presents live from Korea and Japan.

### Russell Fuller: Presenter

On leaving university, Russell joined BBC Southern Counties Radio as a district news reporter, following which he presented their *Drive* programme. He joined BBC Sport in 1997, and reported mainly for BBC World Service. Now, presenting mainly for Radio Five Live, Russell does a mix of football and sports news reporting, and as a member of Five Live's Golf line-up has worked on the Masters, US Open and Open championships. He has also presented *Sport On Five* and, during the football season, presents *Sportsworld* on BBC World Service.

### Andy Gray: Summariser

Andy joins Radio Five Live's World Cup 2002 commentary team for the duration of the tournament. A former professional footballer, Andy's career ended in 1990, at which point he took up broadcasting. During his football career Andy was the only player to win the PFA Player of the Year and Young Player of the Year awards in the same season (1977). Andy's career began at Dundee United, and took him to Aston Villa, Wolves, Everton, Rangers and also included 20 appearances for his national side, Scotland.

### Alan Green: Commentator

Double Sony Award-winning Alan is one of BBC Radio Five Live's most senior football commentators. He estimates that he sees between

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100 and 120 matches a season. Alan has won the admiration of fans for his honest assessments of games and players' performances, and fans of his inimitable style will be keen to hear his opinions of players' performances and the future of teams in the competition.

**Mike Ingham: Commentator and Football Correspondent**



Mike, BBC Radio's football correspondent, took up his post when the legendary Bryon Butler retired 10 years ago. He has been commentating on football for the BBC since 1984 and, with Alan Green makes up Radio Five Live's senior commentary team. Authoritative and professional, his experience of football commentating is a must for listeners.

### **Pat Nevin: Summariser**

Pat brings extensive knowledge and experience to the Five Live team for the World Cup, having played for Scotland, Motherwell, Chelsea, Everton, Tranmere Rovers, Kilmarnock and Clyde FC. Motherwell FC further benefited from Pat's experience when he became Chief Executive of the team in 1997, and latterly director of football. He has served on numerous footballing bodies, and written for *The Independent*, *The Times*, *Sunday Telegraph* and others.

### **Ian Payne: Presenter**



Ian presents *Sport On Five* (weekdays, 7-10pm) and will join Mark Pougatch presenting from Korea and Japan. Having joined BBC Radio Sport in 1988, Ian took over the helm of Saturday *Sport On Five* in 1994, soon after Radio Five Live was launched. He went on to present *Ian Payne* on weekday afternoons, before moving to his current evening show. His radio career started in 1986 at BBC Radio Lancashire. Ian is a keen Leeds United fan.

### **Jonathan Pearce: Commentator**

Jonathan's broadcasting career started at BBC Radio Bristol in 1979; his dream of being a professional footballer had been shattered when, at the age of 15, he broke his leg. In 1987 he moved to London and Capital Radio where he launched Capital Gold Sport a year later. Now joining Radio Five Live's authoritative football line-up, he will be kicking off with the World Cup, and building on his commentary experience of over 150 England internationals,



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three World Cups, four European Championships and over 20 Cup Finals. He is a keen Bristol City FC fan.

### **Mark Pougatch: Presenter and Commentator**



Mark presents Five Live's *Sport On Five* every Saturday throughout the football season, ensuring that listeners get all the sporting results as they happen. He is also a regular golf voice on the network, having covered the last few Opens, as well as the Ryder Cup and the US Open. Before presenting *Sport On Five*, Mark was a football reporter and has worked on World Cup football for both television and radio. He will present the action live from Korea and Japan, as well providing commentaries.

### **Chris Waddle: Summariser**

A former England International with 62 caps to his name including playing in the 1986 and 1990 World Cups, Chris will be one of Radio Five Live's experts in Korea and Japan. With a wealth of footballing experience from his days at Newcastle, Spurs, and Marseille, Chris is a legend to many who will value his view of the footballing action.