

Can Messi carry Argentina?

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RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil
The most entertaining World Cup in a generation comes down to a final match that pits the planet's best player against the tournament's best team.

Lionel Messi will lead Argentina out against Germany at Maracana Stadium on Sunday for a game that will define careers, cement legacies and be watched by a global audience of about a billion viewers.

And it's a matchup that means more to both sides than just a chance to lift one of the most hallowed trophies in sports.

For Messi, it's a chance to firmly make his case for being perhaps the greatest ever to play the world's most popular game. For Germany, it's an opportunity to make up for a number of near-misses over the last decade and re-establish itself as the dominant force in international football.

And then there's the matter of settling a historical score. Argentina and West Germany played each other in two straight World Cup finals in 1986 and '90, games that are well remembered in the sports psyche of both countries. Diego Maradona and Argentina won the first, the Germans took the second. So call this game the tiebreaker.

"At this point who is favourite, who is not, it doesn't make a difference," Argentina midfielder Maxi Rodriguez said. "Both teams feel a responsibility to go all the way."

Most would name Germany as the favourite, especially after its astounding 7-1 drubbing of host Brazil in the semifinals. Argentina only reached the final after eking out a penalty shootout win over the Netherlands following a 0-0 draw through 120 minutes.

Germany also dismantled Argentina 4-0 in the 2010 quarterfi-



AP PHOTO/VICTOR R. CAIVANO

Argentina's Lionel Messi sits during a training session in Vespesiano, near Belo Horizonte, Brazil, Thursday. On Sunday, Argentina faces Germany for the World Cup final soccer match in Rio de Janeiro.

nals in South Africa.

"Germany is a great team. What happened to Brazil could happen to any team," Argentina forward Sergio Aguero said. "(But) we have players who can create danger up front. We're in the final for a reason."

One thing speaks against Germany, too. No European team has ever won a World Cup played in the Americas. Whether that's because of the climate, the fan support or something else, Germany thinks it can buck the trend.

"We are looking forward to playing a South American team in South America but we hope the Brazilian fans will be supporting us," Germany assistant coach Hansi Flick said. "We know the Argentina team very well, we've played often against them. We know what to expect."

The question is, what can Argentina expect from Messi?

For Argentina to have a chance, the Barcelona forward will have to perform considerably better than he did against the Netherlands, when he was hardly visible for most of the game.

The four-time world player of the year scored four goals in the three group games but is on a three-game scoring drought in the knockout stages — including two extra time periods. While fellow forwards Gonzalo Higuain and Sergio Aguero are both capable of deciding big games themselves, and the team's defence has looked surprisingly solid, it's hard to see Argentina winning without a big contribution from Messi.

For Germany, the equation is equally simple: If it can contain Argentina's biggest threat, its superior strength in the rest of the field should make the difference.

Tour stage ends with photo finish

The Associated Press

NANCY, France
Matteo Trentin of Italy won Friday's seventh stage of the Tour de France in a photo finish, after two top American hopefuls went down in the latest spills of a crash-marred edition this year.

Fellow Italian Vincenzo Nibali retained the overall leader's yellow jersey. U.S. rider Tejay van Garderen, a solid all-around rider with an outside shot at the title, crashed late in the stage and lost more than a minute in the title chase.

The sun finally broke through clouds that had dumped rain over riders in recent days for the 234.5 kilometre (146 mile) ride from Epernay, the capital of Champagne country, to the eastern city of Nancy. It was the second-longest stage of the three-week race this year.

Trentin, a cheery 24-year-old who won a stage in the Tour of Switzerland earlier this year, beat Slovakia's Peter Sagan by what looked like no more than a centimetre or two on the finish-line photo of the final sprint. The finish was so close that the Tour's website initially declared Sagan the winner.

Trentin patted Sagan on the back after crossing the line. The Cannondale star, who took home the green jersey given to the Tour's best overall sprinter for the last two years, has finished in the top-5 of every stage this year — and second three times — but has yet to win. France's Tony Gallopin was third.

"Honestly I didn't know that I won. I told Peter that he had beaten me on the line. Cycling is nice because anything can happen," said Trentin, who won a stage in Lyon in his first Tour last year. "It's a good thing that I won two times."

Trentin dedicated the victory to his Omega Pharma Quick Step team and its star sprinter Mark Cavendish, who crashed out in Stage 1.

BMC leader van Garderen was not the only American to have a bad day. Andrew Talansky fell in the final sprint, rolling over and scuffing up his left arm and ripping his jersey on his shoulder after getting bumped by Australia's Simon Gerrans.

But under course rules, Talansky, the Garmin-Sharp team leader, didn't lose time in the title chase because his crash happened within the last three kilometres.

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SPECIAL SERVICES

Electric Outages403.529.8260
Gas Emergency.....403.529.8191
Water & Sewer Emergency403.502.8042
After Hours Special Services.....403.526.2828

FIRE HYDRANT & WATER MAIN FLUSHING

The Environmental Utilities Department will test and flush fire hydrants plus water mains until October 2014. This is an annual maintenance activity that maintains water quality and system infrastructure. Residents may notice some discoloring of water, which is not harmful and will disappear when flushing is complete. Fluctuating pressure may also be noticed.

Should discoloration persist beyond three hours, you may wish to flush the water from your home for a few minutes by watering your lawn or running your tap. Please note that the flushing in your home will not correct private plumbing/corrosion problems. Thank you for your understanding.

The City of Medicine Hat and you partners in safe drinking water.

DEVELOPMENT PERMITS APPROVED JULY 3 TO JULY 10, 2014 PLANNING, BUILDING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

RESIDENTIAL

402 Ranchview Bay NE (Lot 67, Block 13, Plan 0910426) Permit No. DP11831. With Conditions. Detached Residence.

210 Ranchview Crescent NE (Lot 138, Block 13, Plan 0910426) Permit No. DP11834. With Conditions. Detached Residence.

60 Wheatland Drive SE (Lot 22, Block 2, Plan 1311331) Permit No. DP11842. With Conditions. Detached Residence.

52 Wheatland Drive SE (Lot 20, Block 2, Plan 1311331) Permit No. DP11843. With Conditions. Detached Residence.

72 Wheatland Drive SE (Lot 25, Block 2, Plan 1311331) Permit No. DP11844. With Conditions. Detached Residence.

15 Somerside Close SE (Lot 8, Block 3, Plan 1012845) Permit No. DP11847. With Conditions. Detached Residence.

34 East Glen Street SE (Lot 27, Block 12, Plan 7910917) Permit No. DP11849. With Conditions. Detached Garage.

482 10 Street SE (Lot 21,22, Block 26, Plan 1595M) Permit No. DP11856. With Conditions. Side Yard Setback Variance For Existing Detached Garage.

30 Rossland Way SE (Lot 14, Block 13, Plan 7711248) Permit No. DP11860. With Conditions. Detached Garage.

64 Vista Place SE (Lot 28, Block 8, Plan 0312916) Permit No. DP11864. With Conditions. Rear Covered Deck.

COMMERCIAL

299 College Drive SE (Lot -, Block H, Plan 6099JK) Permit No. DP11827. With Conditions. Mezzanine (N Building).

1310-30 Viscount Avenue SW (Lot 6, Block 4, Plan 1011691) Permit No. DP11858. With Conditions. Enclosed Deck.

603 Prospect Drive SW (Lot 1,2, Block 38, Plan 2898JK) Permit No. DP11859. With Conditions. Accessory Structure (Shed).

HOME OCCUPATION

92 East Glen Place SE (Lot 3, Block 5, Plan 9710917) Permit No. DP11845. Office With Storage on Site. With Conditions. Plumbing And Gasfitting - Three Year Renewal.

225 13 Street SW (Lot 18, Block 43, Plan 9941C) Permit No. DP11848. Office With Storage on Site. With Conditions. Engraving - Three Year Renewal.

722 7 Street SW (Lot 17, Block 2, Plan 4349GS) Permit No. DP11850. Office With Storage on Site. With Conditions. General Contractor.

1222 Dominion Street SE (Lot 17, Block 15, Plan 481M) Permit No. DP11852. Office Use Only. With Conditions. Painting.

6 Ross Haven Court SE (Lot 177, Block 18, Plan 8010096) Permit No. DP11853. Office Use Only. With Conditions. Oilfield Supervision - Three Year Renewal.

19 Henderson Court NE (Lot 48, Block 18, Plan 9913114) Permit No. DP11854. Office Use Only. With Conditions. Trucking Service - Three Year Renewal.

870 1 Street SW (Lot 26, Block 1, Plan 5822JK) Permit No. DP11855. Office With Storage on Site. With Conditions. General Contractor - Three Year Renewal.

8 4 Street SE (Lot 31, Block 54, Plan 61685) Permit No. DP11857. Office Use Only. With Conditions. Painting.

17 Crockett Way SE (Lot 6, Block 3, Plan 731504) Permit No. DP11862. Customers to Attend Site. With Conditions. Foot Care & Reflexology/Massage - Three Year Renewal.

322 10 Street SW (Lot 35,36, Block 17, Plan 2177M) Permit No. DP11865. Office With Storage on Site. With Conditions. Distribution/Sales (Fertilizer).

A person claiming to be affected by a decision of the Development Officer or the Municipal Planning Commission may appeal to the Medicine Hat Subdivision and Development Appeal Board by completing and submitting to the City Clerk Department, the required Notice of Appeal form within fourteen (14) days of this publication. Notice of Appeal forms are available from the City Clerk Department, Second Floor, City Hall or on the City's website at www.medicinehat.ca

Further information on any Development Permit may be obtained from the Planning, Building & Development Services Department, Second Floor, City Hall during normal business hours (Telephone 529-8374).

NOTICE OF FIRST READING DEBENTURE BORROWING BYLAWS

TAKE NOTICE that the municipal council of the City of Medicine Hat gave first reading on Monday, July 7th, 2014 to Borrowing Bylaws #4231 and #4232. In order to complete the projects (the "Project") listed below, the City has elected to borrow monies from the Alberta Capital Finance Authority (ACFA) or another authorized financial institution by the issuance of debentures, pursuant to Section 258 of the Municipal Government Act RSA 2000 Chapter M-26.

Bylaw #	Purpose of Borrowing	Estimated Total Cost	Amount to Be Borrowed
4231	purchasing a Hydrovac Truck (the "Project")	\$500,000	\$500,000
4232	All Hazards Response Unit and Hazardous Materials Trailer (the "Project")	\$800,000	\$800,000
4233	Fire Services Ladder/Platform Truck (2014) (the "Project")	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
4234	Rubber Tire Roller (2013) (the "Project")	\$270,000	\$270,000
4235	Vibratory Asphalt Roller (the "Project")	\$350,000	\$350,000
4236	Single Axle Sander, Plow Chem (the "Project")	\$130,000	\$130,000

The Municipality shall repay the indebtedness of Bylaws #4231, #4232, #4234, #4235 and #4236 according to the repayment structure in effect, namely semi-annual or annual equal payments of combined principal and interest installments for a period not to exceed ten (10) years calculated at a rate not exceeding the interest rate fixed by the Alberta Capital Finance Authority or another authorized financial institution on the date of the borrowing and not to exceed ten (10%) percent.

The Municipality shall repay the indebtedness of Bylaw #4233 according to the repayment structure in effect, namely semi-annual or annual equal payments of combined principal and interest installments for a period not to exceed fifteen (15) years calculated at a rate not exceeding the interest rate fixed by the Alberta Capital Finance Authority or another authorized financial institution on the date of the borrowing and not to exceed ten (10%) percent.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that, unless a sufficient petition demanding a poll of the electors is received within 15 days following the date of the last publication of this Notice, the Council may pass the said borrowing bylaws as described in the Municipal Government Act, Sections 219 to 226.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that copies of the aforesaid proposed Bylaws may be accessed via the "Proposed Bylaws" section on the City's website at www.medicinehat.ca or inspected during normal office hours (8:30 am to 4:30 pm) at the City Clerk Department, Second Floor, City Hall, Medicine Hat, Alberta.

DATED at the City of Medicine Hat, in the Province of Alberta, this 12th day of July, 2014.

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City of Medicine Hat

Notice of Call for Funding Proposals

Family & Community Support Services (FCSS) Eligible Projects

The City of Medicine Hat invites organizations to submit proposals for FCSS funding. Program proposals will reflect a continuum of prevention and early intervention services for residents of the City of Medicine Hat for the funding contract period of January 1, 2015, to December 31, 2016.

Applicants must be not-for-profit agencies.

Organizations can obtain application forms and information about qualifying projects online at the City of Medicine Hat website (www.medicinehat.ca/socialdevelopment) or pick up an application form from the Community Development department, Third Floor, City Hall.

An information session will be held on **Thursday, July 17, 2014 at 1 p.m.** in the Family Leisure Centre Boardroom. All questions will be answered at that time.

To confirm your attendance or for more information, call **403.529.8316** or e-mail bonyar@medicinehat.ca.

Proposal Deadline

September 5, 2014, at 4:30 pm