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Brazil the worst year of world cup

When the broadcasters announced the Brazilian soccer team lost to the German soccer team by 1-7 scores, my heart suddenly dropped. A traditional soccer team that has won many awards and trophies got completely humiliated, but not to be mentioned that Brazil had the home court advantage, however it was written in the history book that the Brazilians had witnessed the ashamed from their beloved football team. Therefore it is concluded that it was the worst world cup that Brazil has experienced.

At 2002, the famous Brazil team was full with talent; they had players such as, Ronaldo, Ronaldinho, Gilberto, and R. Carlos (zonalmarking). Those players are known as the as the world class players, who have the abilities to make plays, and known to have the abilities to change the game. For example, Ronaldo who scored twice against Germany at the 2002 world cup final; as I watched the video on Zonalmarking.net, the first goal of Ronaldo was somehow known as pure luck, because he took an advantage of the other team’s goalkeeper’s mistake when the ball bounced out of the German goalkeeper’s hand, however, the second goal, Mr. Ronaldo did it all by himself: at the 79 minutes mark, Ronaldo caught a fantastic pass from his teammate, without hesitation, he turned around and kicked the ball at the back of the net, and made the 2002 world cup unquestionable belong to the 2002 Brazilian team. “I dare to say that the 2002 team was better than all the other team Brazil sent to the World Cup, except 1970.” said from Ronaldo (Dailymail).

According to Dailymail’s article “Ronaldo believes Brazil’s team at the 2002 World cup is the second-best Selecao side ever, behind only the mythical 1970 squad”, it is described that the 2002 Brazil team was the most balanced team.

‘That 2002 team was very balanced: it had great defenders and great strikers. We could stop anyone and we could score at any time, against any team. There was jogo bonito and there was strategy.

‘It wasn’t as brilliant in 1994. Much less in 1998, although we did pretty well before the final. The 2002 team earned Brazil credibility, especially after our win over Belgium in the round of sixteen.’(dailymail)

Ronaldo personally described this on the article from Dailymail

‘The 1998 team wasn’t as solid [as the 2002 side],’ Ronaldo told FourFourTwo. ‘I dare to say that team of 2002 was better than all the others Brazil sent to a World Cup, except for the 1970 team.(dailymail)

The team had good strikers who could score anytime when the team needed them to, a crowd of midfielders who could make the best decision passing, and bunch of defenders who would not hesitate to man up and to stop the others team’s offense. With this kind of talent in the roster, the 2002 Brazil team tasted the victory, however 12 years later; the Brazilian team has never felt this ashamed.

According to the article from ‘independent.co.uk’ “Brazil vs Germany World Cup 2014: ‘This was the worst defeat in Brazil’s history.’ Admits Luiz Felipe Scolari” by Same Wallace.

As for his own career, Scolari said: “I think it's probably the worst moment. I've lost other matches. When you lose 4-0 or 5-0, it's basically the same thing. Naturally, if I were to think of my life as a player, as a coach, as a teacher, this was the worst day of my life. But life goes on. I'll be remembered probably because I lost 7-1, the worst defeat Brazil have ever had, but that was a risk I knew I was running when I accepted this position. Life goes on. That's what I'll do.”(independent)

At the semi-final, the Brazil team had a chance to take it all the way to final, and win the world cup trophy in front of their home town, Rio. However, instead of winning the quarter final match, the team experienced the most dramatic lost in the history. Coach Luiz Felipe Scolari has admitted it was the worst lost of the history of Brazil, while he could not deny the fact that it was the worst day of his life (independent). Goal after Goal in that match, at the end of the first half, the Brazil team was already down by 5 goals, the chance of them coming back was limited, however, by the end of the second half, the Germany team managed to score two more goals, even the team has stopped trying to make any good plays. The Brazil team managed to score one goal to cover the fact that they were scoreless, but the fear of losing to another team with a huge gap of scores and losing as a host of the event as unacceptable.

Therefore this match will be forever known as the worst defeated of Brazilian soccer’s history, with the mark that their soil has been swept by the score 7-1.

Work sites

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