

# Brazil to arrive next week for Bafana clash

PRETORIA: Five-time World Cup winners Brazil are scheduled to arrive in South Africa on Monday, 3 March, for their match against the national squad, Bafana Bafana.



The Brazilians will arrive in three groups, with the first expected to land at 7.40am at OR Tambo international Airport. The second group is scheduled to touch down at 10.30am at Lanseria Airport, while the last group will arrive at OR Tambo at 10.05pm.

Coach Felipe Scolari has added three more home-based players to the squad that will face Bafana in an international friendly match scheduled for Wednesday, 5 March, at FNB stadium. Kick-off is 7pm.

Scolari has confirmed the trio will join the 16 overseas-based players already selected for the match.

The three players are Frederico Chaves Guedes, who plays for Fluminense, Atletico Mineiro striker Jô Soares and Botafogo goalkeeper Jefferson Lopes Faustino.

Chaves finished as the top goal scorer when he bagged in five goals in the 2013 FIFA Confederations Cup, which Brazil won.

Due to injury, he has been absent from the Brazil squad since the 1-0 defeat to Switzerland in August last year.

Soares has become a regular under Scolari, while Lopes returns after missing November's friendlies against Honduras and Chile.

"It's a good opportunity to meet the group, our last before the final squad of the World Cup [is decided]," Scolari said in a statement released by Confederação Brasileira de Futebol (CBF).

"It will be an important test against an African team who recently beat Spain, and a good time to talk to the players and coaching staff on planning for the World Cup."

Brazil will host the 2014 FIFA World Cup for the second time after being the host back in 1950.

Tickets for the game are going for R50, R100 and R200.

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