



# STUART PEARCE HOW ENGLAND CAN WIN THE WORLD CUP!

Three Lions stalwart Stuart Pearce tells ZOO what England need to go all the way in Brazil



### Relaxed camp

"The press like to wheel out the story about England players being locked away in South Africa in 2010, but I remember camera crews turning up on the golf course on the players' day off. I'm sure the Spanish squad don't have paparazzi following them around when they want to get out and relax."

### Good hotel

"I'm fed up with hearing about players getting 'bored' in the hotel. You hear that all the time, but the one thing England are absolutely world class at is the behind the scenes support. They will have prepared fantastically well and they'll have the best hotel and facilities, so you hope the players will be able to handle being away from home."

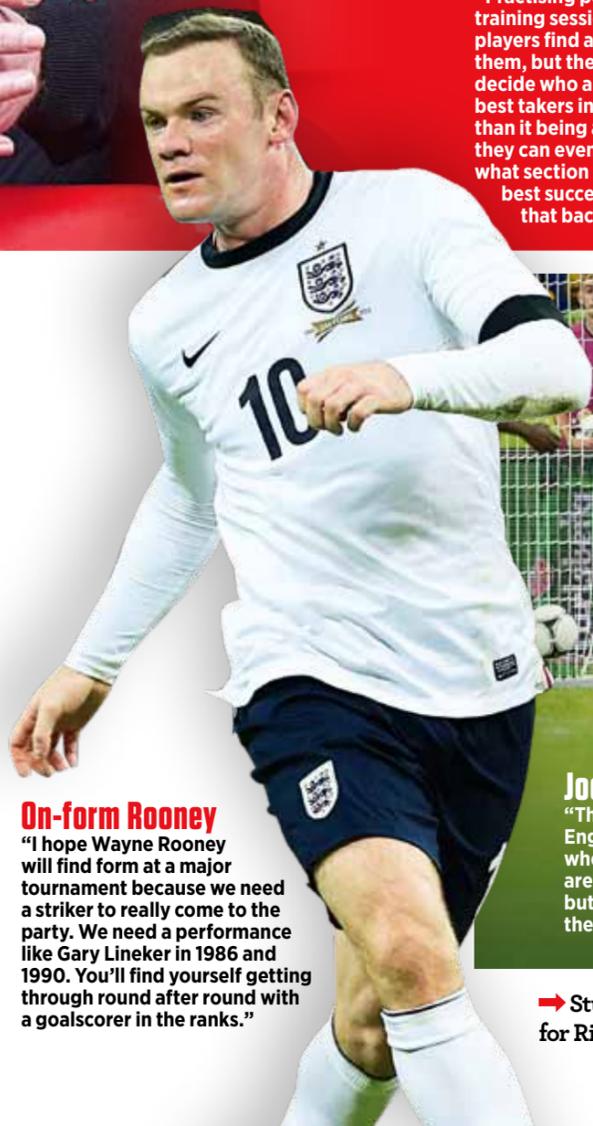
### Liverpool-style football

"It helps having a group of players from one particular team because they all know each other well. But the way the modern game is now, most of the players will know one another anyway from being in the national squad together. Liverpool doing so well playing a particular brand of football and having so many players in the England squad will certainly benefit the team."

### No WAGs

"It depends on the individuals, but from a personal point of view, I preferred to concentrate solely on football when I went away with England. Some players would prefer their wives and family to be there, or nearby. But for me, it's a small sacrifice to make for a short amount of time to just focus on football."

INTERVIEW: Jon Moody  
ACS-PA Photos, OnSide,  
Action Images



### Statfos

"Practising penalties after every training session not only helps the players find a routine for taking them, but the coaches can look and decide who are statistically the best takers in the team. Rather than it being a guessing game, they can even narrow it down to what section of the goal has the best success rate and then feed that back to the players."



### On-form Rooney

"I hope Wayne Rooney will find form at a major tournament because we need a striker to really come to the party. We need a performance like Gary Lineker in 1986 and 1990. You'll find yourself getting through round after round with a goalscorer in the ranks."

### Joe Hart on penalties

"The players who have missed important penalties for England are not regular takers like Alan Shearer. It's the ones who are set to take the fifth, sixth and seventh penalties that are the big worry. You hardly ever see a goalkeeper step up, but Joe Hart took hundreds of spot-kicks under my care for the Under-21s and he's very good."

→ Stuart Pearce is the official World Cup ambassador for Rileys Sports Bars, rileys.co.uk

# DON'T MISS YOUR FREE MASSIVE 20-PAGE WORLD CUP GUIDE IN NEXT WEEK'S ISSUE OF ZOO!

