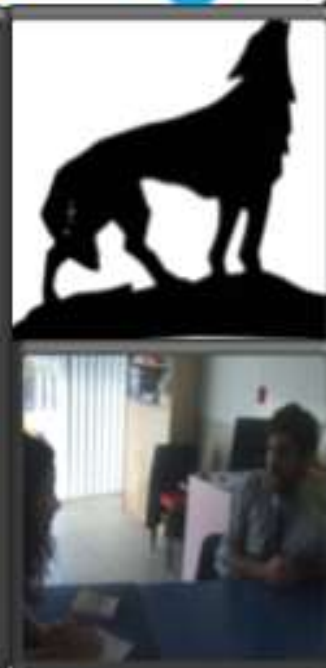




# Student World



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# Welcome

Hello all,

Welcome to the first edition of this new Student Magazine, initially named Student World. The magazine will be published once or twice a term and will feature content exclusively written by students for students. Those who chose to contribute by writing articles can write about anything they fancy. In this first issue we have all sorts, from stories and sports articles to crosswords and jokes, we have it all! Although we already have a wealth of articles and collaborators we would love to have more of both so if you are interested in getting involved in the fun and at the same time helping improve the student body then please email the magazine at [schoolmag@colegioingles.co.uk](mailto:schoolmag@colegioingles.co.uk) or come and find me Sam Jones Y12 during break and lunch.

A special thanks should be given to all those who first helped get the magazine up and running:

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Also, if anyone has any suggestions for how we could change and improve the magazine then please do write to us at [schoolmag@colegioingles](mailto:schoolmag@colegioingles); any feedback is much appreciated. Likewise, if you wish to write a response about any of the articles that have been published then use the magazine email.

Sam Jones, Editor



## Primary Section: Years 3 and 4

By Sara Fernandes

# PRIMARY: YEARS 3 & 4



As we're approaching Christmas, we thought it would be fun to organize a writing competition for the pupils in Y3 & Y4. They were asked to write something about Christmas: a poem, an article or maybe just a story. All the pieces we were given were very good, but we decided to publish two from Y3 and two from Y4. Anyway, as there were lots of good stories we've given some special mentions to the ones we most liked. We looked for good writing styles but, above all, we rewarded creativity.



We want to thank all the pupils that wrote stories for this competition. Special thanks to those of you who are in Y4, as you wrote the story without having to do it.

Everybody was very excited about our little competition. Let's see how it was!

### The tales we most liked are:

Christmas night .....	Frida .....	Y3-A
Reindeers on the snow .....	Olaya .....	Y3-A
Nine Christmas dogs .....	Olivia .....	Y3-A
Christmas time .....	Ana .....	Y3-A
Christmas poem .....	Alex .....	Y3-A
I miss Christmas .....	Covadonga .....	Y3-B
Christmas .....	Sofía .....	Y3-B
Christmas tree .....	Lian .....	Y3-B
I like to see Christmas .....	Alfonso .....	Y3-B
Christmas in Oviedo .....	Héctor .....	Y3-B
The snowman and the boy .....	Pelayo .....	Y4-A
Snowman's nose .....	Tomás .....	Y4-A
Finding the Christmas present .....	Gael .....	Y4-A
Christmas poem .....	Paula .....	Y4-A
Santa is fun .....	Maca .....	Y4-A
My Christmas .....	Manuel .....	Y4-B





And the winners are...

### The Best Christmas Present Ever

Once there was a girl called Elizabeth who could not go to sleep. This was because Saint Nicholas was to come that night. She had a plan. She was going to fake that she was sleeping. As the hours passed she became sleepier and sleepier but she really wanted to see Father Christmas.



Her bedroom was right across the hallway from the living room. Through a tiny crack where her bedroom door had been left open, Elizabeth could see the lovely Christmas tree that her and her brother had decorated. The yellow twinkly lights on the tree gave a soft glow to the room, just enough for her to see Saint Nick eat a cinnamon snowman cookie that she had made with her best friend Jane.

She crept out of her room and tiptoed across the hall. She tried hard so Santa wouldn't see her peeking at him, but he did. He smiled down at her and whispered, "Would you like to help me set out the presents?" "Sure." She replied. Elizabeth excitedly put the stocking stuffers in her family's stockings. When she was finished, her next task was to hang minty candy canes on the dark green Christmas tree. Saint Nicholas told her that he needed to be going. As he leaned in to give Elizabeth a hug, she said, "Thank you Father Christmas. You've given me the best Christmas present ever."



By Chloe, Y3-A





## **Christmas limericks**



**Christmas time is  
coming now**

**Time is passing, I don't know  
how**

**We're not at school  
Which is really cool  
Santa's presents make me say  
wow**

**They celebrate it in Great  
Britain**

**Stuffed turkey is usually eaten**

**They then eat mince pie  
Presents they buy**

**Like toy cars, a dog or a kitten**



**By Julia, Y3-B**



### **The Tree and the Woodcutter:**



*Once upon a time, a woodcutter was going through a wonderful forest when, suddenly, he met a high, beautiful, incredible tree. The tree also saw the woodcutter and it was frightened. Immediately, it felt some blows and, after a little time, he was inside the woodcutter's van. The tree thought: "Oh my god! I believe that they're going to burn me".*

*The tree fainted. When it woke up it felt that someone was ticking to him. It opened its eyes and saw two children adorning him with balls and ribbons of different colors. Now the tree was very happy because it was the most beautiful Christmas tree of the world and it was in the best family. It was an incredible Christmas. When the Christmas ended, the woodcutter's family said to the tree: "See you next year" Then, the tree returned to the forest with the other trees.*



*By Sara, Y4-A*





When Santa Claus lost his Reindeers

In the South Pole, the day after Christmas Santa Claus was preparing the presents. The reindeers were prepared to go out to the houses. When Santa put the presents in a red bag and pulled them in the sledge, the reindeers thought that Santa was already there so they went out, Santa saw that they had gone and looked for them. Santa needed to go to the houses with a bag in his shoulders and a ladder to go up to the houses.



The next morning all the people were sad and disappointed because they hadn't got any presents from Santa Claus. Santa went back to the South Pole. He saw the reindeers there! On the next night, Santa went through all the houses so the children felt better.



On the next morning they were all happy and all loved Santa.

By Hugo, Y4-B





We received 49 pieces and we couldn't publish them all. That's why we had to choose only 4 for being published and 16 to be mentioned. Everybody did very well and deserved having their writing published. Again, thank you very much for participating.

Finally, the winners of our competition were:

- \* Chloe Y3-A
- \* Julia Y3-B
- \* Sara Y4-A
- \* Hugo Y4-B

## **CONGRATULATIONS!!!**



Hugo, Sara,  
Julia and  
Chloe.





## Review: Hunger Games, Catching Fire

By Suzanne Hendrick-Beattie

This film is about Katniss and Peeta, two contestants from district twelve, who both enter the 74th Hunger Games; a competition that consists of two contestants from each district entering a huge arena, which is controlled by the Capitol and a man named President Snow. They must survive natural dangers - and other players, who may have already been trained in fighting and survival- until they are the last one standing. At the end of the last film, both Peeta and Katniss left the Hunger Games alive. Though this is a relief for them and their families, it starts causing problems within the districts.



Now, returning from their victory, they must both leave their families behind and go on the Victory Tour; but there is trouble yet to come, and President Snow is making preparations for the 75th, Hunger Games, the Quarter Quell, which takes place every 25 years, but the contestants are chosen from people who have already won before, including Katniss and Peeta, who are now surrounded by killers and trained fighters, in President Snow's attempt to destroy hope and rebellion in the districts.

### Film Facts

95% of 22 critic's reviews were positive and it scored an average 7.6/10 with Rotten Tomatoes (a popular film review website that has existed for 15 years). This film has since then been nominated for the Golden Trailer Awards; the best action poster and best independent poster, and has won the Hollywood film award for best song, which was *Atlas* by Coldplay. The sequel, *Mockingjay* has been announced, and it will be split into two parts.



## “Batkid” saves “Gotham City”

By Julia Cilleruelo

On **November 15<sup>th</sup>** the city of **San Francisco** was transformed into Gotham city thanks to Make-A-



Wish foundation so that a five-year-old leukaemia patient could make his wish come true.

Everything was a surprise for **Miles Scott**, a child who has recently won a battle against leukaemia, as he was just going to buy batman's costume when he heard a broadcast from San Francisco Police Chief Greg Suhr appealing for help from "Batkid".

The day continued with plenty of emergencies to be solved by Batkid, including saving a "damsel in distress" and rescuing the

San Francisco Giants baseball team mascot at AT&T Park.

Miles had the best day ever being a superhero thanks to:

- More than **10 000 volunteers**
- A **video from the White House**, saying: "Way to go, Miles! Way to save Gotham."
- **Lamborghini** with removable batman stickers
- **Local police**





## Disaster in the Philippines

By Julia Cilleruelo

The powerful tropical storm Yolanda is, without a doubt, the most shocking piece of world news this term.

Facts about the typhoon:



- Winds: **275km/h**
- Width: **550m**
- Storm surge: **5m**
- Max. Rainfall: **67cm**

These places Yolanda in category 5 and makes it a “super typhoon”.

The effects of it slamming the Philippines on the **8<sup>th</sup> October** were disastrous. There were **9 million** people affected including **2,850,000 people being made homeless** and **3631 deaths**. Many people don't have a reliable source of food or water and the chaos roams the streets, or what is left of them.

The effects could have been reduced if the country had been prepared, but unfortunately as the



country is poor the government cannot provide all the emergency services needed.

Since then lots of countries are trying to do their best to aid the people affected. Britain will give an extra £30m (**\$50m**) in emergency aid, but there are already tens of thousands of victims receiving food and clean water.







## Did you know?

**By Paloma Rodríguez**

### **How many moons does the Earth have?**

At least seven! Although the moon is the only one to obey a strict orbit of the Earth, another six asteroids do follow the earth around the sun. The first to be discovered was Cruithne, which has a strange oval shaped orbit. Since then, six others have been found. In fact, moons can come and go over billions of years. For example, Mars has two Moons, but not for long. Phobos, the larger moon, is spiraling inward and expected to crash into the planet within the next 10 million years. And so, in the future, Mars will only have a single Moon, called Deimos.



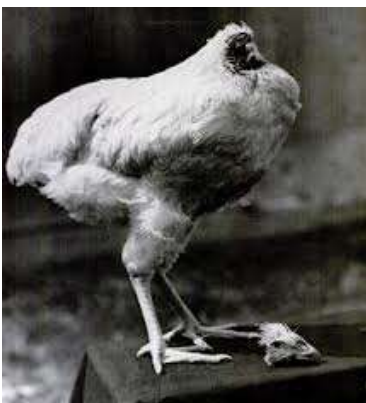
### **What is the world's largest city?**

Honolulu, in Hawaii! Under a Hawaiian law established in 1907, the city, and county of Honolulu are the same. This means that Honolulu's area is 5509 square km, 72% of which is underwater, with a population of only of 876 thousand. The world's most populated city is actually Mumbai, with 12.8 million residents. The Hawaiian Islands also produce over a third of the world's pineapples. They were known as the

Sandwich Islands until they were renamed Hawaii in 1778.

### **What is the largest man-made structure in the world?**

Fresh Kills landfill site, in New York! Opened in 1948, the 12 square km site is situated on the western shore of Staten Island is made up of four sections which contain over fifty years of household waste, and is taller than the statue of liberty. The dump was closed in 2001, only to be opened again to contain the enormous amount of debris created by the destruction of the World Trade Centre. Now, permanently closed, it is being landscaped into parks and a wildlife facility.



### **How long can a chicken live without a head?**

Two years! In 1945, in Colorado, a chicken called Mike was beheaded...and lived. Miraculously the axe missed his jugular vein and left enough of his brain for him to survive. Mike became a national celebrity, earning \$4500 a month at sideshows, and was valued at \$10000. He was fed and watered using an eyedropper, and spent his time pecking for food with his neck. Tragically, one night in a motel room, he started to choke, and when his owner failed to clear his airways, Mike died.





# Fashion: What rocks this winter?

By Celia Mendoza

Shopping for a new outfit? Then this is your section. You could choose the outfit that stands out the most for you!

TARTAN



SPORTY



CASUAL







### THING YOU MAY WANT TO BUY THIS WINTER:

- Rainboots (I recommend HUNTER boots)
- Knit clothing
- Poncho
- Sneakers (e.g. Vans, Converse, etc.)
- Scarf
- Hat/ Pretty beret
- Gloves (with/without fingertips)



If you have any questions or suggestions email me at: [celia.me@colegioingles.co.uk](mailto:celia.me@colegioingles.co.uk).

Thanks for reading!



## **Green Team Section**

**By Yaiza Fei Fernández**

This year Miss Seller and Mr. Hole have created the Green Team Club. It may sound boring but it's really interesting and you have lots of fun.



You use tablets, make posters, create house competitions,...But most importantly, you help the environment. If you want to participate you need to come Wednesdays at 2.30 and have a good break.

Come to the Green Team!

We need your help to save the planet!







## House Section

By Sara Fernandes

# SECONDARY HOUSES



### CHARITY:

Cáritas

### LAST YEAR STATS:

Position: 2

Points:299

Money raised:1650

### THIS YEAR STATS:

HOUSE CAPTAIN: Andres (Y12)

HOUSE VICE-CAPTAIN :Fran (Y12)

Egyptians won the countdown competition in KS3 and the harvest competition in which we made a food collection for "Cocina económica"



### CHARITY:

Cruz Roja

### LAST YEAR STATS:

Position: 4

Points:265

Money raised:1462

### THIS YEAR STATS:

HOUSE CAPTAIN: Miguel (Y13)

HOUSE VICE-CAPTAIN: Belén(Y13)

They came second in the KS3 countdown competition, and third in the KS4 countdown competition. They also came fourth in the harvest competition.





**CHARITY:**

Aspace

**LAST YEAR STATS**

**Position:** 3

**Points:**269

**Money raised:**1419

**THIS YEAR STATS:**

**HOUSE CAPTAINS:** Vera (Y12)

**HOUSE VICE-CAPTAIN:** Pedro (Y12)

They came thirds in the KS3 countdown competition, and they won the KS4 countdown competition. They came second in the harvest competition.



**CHARITY:**

Cocina económica de Oviedo

**LAST YEAR STATS:**

**Position:** 1

**Points:**311

**Money raised:**1716

**THIS YEAR STATS:**

**HOUSE CAPTAINS:** Claudia (Y13)

**HOUSE VICE-CAPTAIN:** Jaime (Y13)

They came fourth in the KS3 countdown competition, and second in the KS4 countdown competition. They came third in the harvest competition.





## Football Competition

By Sara Fernandes

The competition with the most participants this term was the football competition:

It had lots of playing teams from Y7 to Y12. The winners were the players on the Y12 team and the Y10 team came second. Congratulations to everybody.



Rayo Salinas, winning team.

From left to right:

Andrés Viña, Enrique Vallina,  
Pedro Piñera, Juan García  
and Fran Hermida

**CONGRATULATIONS!!!!**

Football match:  
Y9 boys VS Y13  
girls







## **Football Competition**

**By Vera Lopez, Viking House Captain**

Eleven teams, one week, referees, fans, penalties, amazing goals...The football competition organised by the Viking Captains was a true display of talent and skill, worthy of any international league. From Wednesday the 9th of October to Friday the 18<sup>th</sup>, 11 teams fought for first place in an amazing and intense tournament.



The football competition kicked off with the Real Rayo Salinas SAD beating Los Monstris by an amazing 9-1, followed by victories for Aston Birra, Los Leones de Montepinar, Espartacos and the Pichichis amongst others.

There was a wonderful involvement in the competition from everyone who wasn't playing. Thank goodness we had some great referees who kept the games civilised when the crowd got a bit carried away! Most of the matches had to be carried onto penalties, which were followed closely by everyone, cheering for their favourite team. We would like to congratulate everyone who played, everybody showed great skills and effort. The games were amazing!



A special thanks to the referees, our photographer Mr. Waugh for the incredible pictures and everyone who got involved. We hope to see you cheering (if not playing) for your teams again next year!





# PRIMARY HOUSES



New captains, new participants, new competitions...

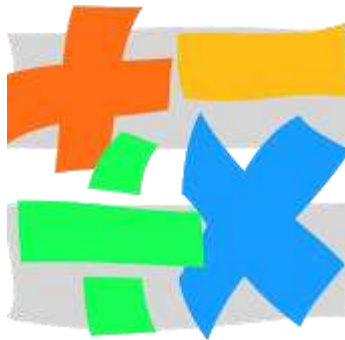
LOTS OF FUN!!!!



Last year, junior houses raised a lot of money for the charities in their competitions and parties. Together with the seniors, more than 6,000€ were given to organisations such as Aspace, Cruz Roja, Cocina Económica de Oviedo and Cáritas.



This year, primary students, also had a lot of fun on their competitions. They had a connect-four competition, a Halloween mask competition, a countdown competition, a limbo game and also a Christmas hat competition, among others.



Anyway, not everything was competitions. Juniors also organized a Halloween disco that raised 320€ for the charities. It was decorated by the junior house captains, who also made bracelets to sell and worked in the snack stall.







Everyone had a great time in the limbo competition. Thanks to Mr Waugh, we have these wonderful photos to see how they did.

Some pupils were great at limbo but we also had some falls...  
But most importantly,  
**THEY HAD FUN!!!!**



Here are the ones who did best at the competition that was won by Jorge, from year 4.  
**CONGRATULATIONS!!!**





## **The Werewolf Case- Part 3**

**By Stanley Phillipson Brown**

**Now nighttime, a dangerous beast lies in wait for potential prey, unwary riders.**

It was a calm night. There were no clouds and the sky bristled with pinpricks of light. The stars were so bright that even if there had been no moon he would have been able to see perfectly.



Presently a waft of city smell floated across his nostrils, a horse? No, more than that, a horse and rider. It would make a pleasant change from all the roots and mushrooms he had been forced to eat recently. The smell was a while off but he was hungry and had nothing else to do so he moved into position, just behind a tree growing into the road. Then there was nothing else to do but wait and as he waited he watched the moon, staring at it with a look much akin to adoration. He stared and stared, watching as it climbed higher and higher into the sky, it's almost perfectly round shape making it seem all the larger.

A set of hooves clattered to a stop just outside the werewolf's field of vision making him jump. The horse snickered and wheeled around knocking off the rider. She very quickly got up and turned to chase her horse. The werewolf took his chance and raced forwards, crashing into her. She managed somehow to keep her feet but was too close to use her hands so she whispered a quick spell that knocked the werewolf backward. She drew her curved runic knife and dashed forwards sensing victory. The werewolf ably sidestepped the simple stab and bent her arm behind her back, disarming her. He then brought his hairy arm up to her throat, strangling her to stop her from using any spells. She tried to throw him forwards, using her hips as a pivot over which to launch him. The werewolf was thrown forwards but he caught hold of her head as he did so, slamming it against the hard cobbled road. There was a dull slightly sickening thud, followed by a squelch. He held her there for a second longer, she didn't move. He cursed, picked up the now regenerating body and wandered back into the forest, cursing his mistake.

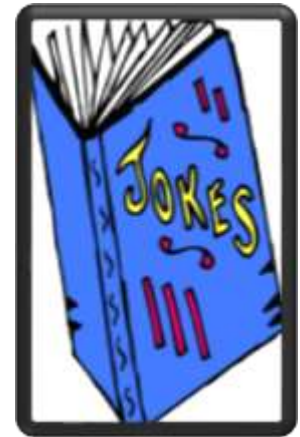




## Jokes and guesses

By Ana d'Aubarede

In English classes the teacher said: “If I say I was pretty, that is the past; so what is I *am* pretty, then?” “That's easy teacher, the answer is that *it is a lie!*”



A boy enters his house and he tells his mum: “Mum, at the school they call me Lady Gaga” “Why do they call you that, Alejandro? ” .

Two fleas come out of the cinema. One of them says: “Should we get a taxi?” “No let's go on a dog”

If there are six birds and a hunter kills two. How many are there left?

Why do dogs go inside church?

(The answers will be in the next issue. Send your answers to: [ana.da@colegioingles.co.uk](mailto:ana.da@colegioingles.co.uk))



## **Mr. Whittington interview**

**By Virginia Fernandez del Viso**



**When did you start coming to the English school of Asturias?**

**2 years ago**

**What was your first impression?**

**I thought it was very professional and the children were very polite. I also thought the school is located in a very nice location**

**In your opinion, what are the good things about school?**

**It is a great place and everyone is friendly**

**And what are some of the not so good things about the school?**

**People that don't like to play football don't have anywhere to play. I also think they should put more computers in the library.**

**If you were the headmaster what things will you change?**

**I would tell Mr. Brady to perform a comedy show. I would have better computers installed, and in the library I would make two sections of computers: one for people who want to do homework and another one for people that just want to play.**

**What do you think about the school?**

**I think the staff is very helpful, that the head pushes the staff to help children, that children get very good support from the staff and that they are very motivated. Also the facilities are improving all the time.**

**How do you think the school is organised?**

**I like the idea of having primary, infants and secondary separated**





## Word search

**By Candela Martinez**

t	m	a	t	h	s	a	m	l	t
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h	r	i	w	m	o	i	a	t	h
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Search:

- French
- English
- Art
- P.E
- Science
- Rewards
- History
- Music
- I.C.T
- Maths





## Sports: NBA

By Pablo Pascual

# NBA: Candidates for



In the Western Conference, the battle to reach the Finals is much more open, with up to 7 candidates. However, the Spurs, the Thunder and the Clippers are the main contestants.

2013-2014 Standings (November 28, 2013)

Western Conference	W	L	PCT
San Antonio <sup>1</sup>	13	2	0.867
Portland <sup>2</sup>	13	3	0.813
Oklahoma City <sup>3</sup>	10	3	0.769
L.A. Clippers <sup>4</sup>	11	5	0.688
Houston <sup>5</sup>	11	5	0.688
Dallas <sup>6</sup>	10	6	0.625
Denver <sup>7</sup>	8	6	0.571
Golden State <sup>8</sup>	9	7	0.563
Phoenix	8	7	0.533
Memphis	8	7	0.533
L.A. Lakers	8	8	0.500
Minnesota	8	9	0.471
New Orleans	6	8	0.429
Sacramento	4	9	0.308
Utah	2	14	0.125

Parker, Duncan, Ginobili... and although they have a veteran roster, the Texan team always ends up fighting for the NBA title.

## Oklahoma City Thunder

The team headed by Kevin Durant is always up near the top of the table. After losing in the 2nd round of the Playoffs last season, Westbrook's health and Ibaka's contribution will be essential to reach the Finals again.



## L. A. Clippers

In past years, this team hasn't done well in Playoffs. However, this year, with the leadership of Chris Paul, the improvement of Blake Griffin and the arrival of the renowned coach Doc Rivers, they are candidates for the Finals.



## San Antonio Spurs

Last season's Western finalists have maintained their most important players:



## Houston Rockets



With the arrival of Dwight Howard, this team which has other important players like James Harden, Jeremy Lin or Chandler Parsons can beat anyone.





## Portland Trail Blazers

This team is the surprise of the year. With Aldridge and Lillard as its stars, an 11-game winning streak has placed the franchise from Oregon in second place in the Western Conference.



In the Eastern Conference, due to the Nets' and the Knicks' bad start and also due to Rose's injury, there are only two clear candidates to the Finals: Miami Heat and Indiana Pacers, although the Bulls might yet cause troubles for them.

2013-2014 Standings (November 28, 2013)

Eastern Conference	W	L	PCT
Indiana <sup>1</sup>	14	1	0.933
Miami <sup>2</sup>	12	3	0.800
Chicago <sup>3</sup>	7	7	0.500
Toronto <sup>4</sup>	6	8	0.429
Atlanta <sup>5</sup>	8	8	0.500
Washington <sup>6</sup>	7	8	0.467
Charlotte <sup>7</sup>	7	9	0.438
Detroit <sup>8</sup>	6	9	0.400
Orlando	6	9	0.400
Philadelphia	6	10	0.375
Boston	6	11	0.353
Cleveland	4	11	0.267
Brooklyn	4	11	0.267
New York	3	11	0.214
Miami			0.143



The current NBA champions want to achieve the "Three-peat" (winning three championships in a row). To manage it, the franchise from Florida has maintained most of players in its roster.

It is clear that the team headed by LeBron "King" James, accompanied by Chris Bosh and Dwyane Wade, is again the favourite to win the 2014 NBA title.



## Indiana Pacers



This team almost defeated Miami last year in the Eastern finals. This year, the Pacers have acquired good players which can contribute from the bench, such as Scola or Copeland. But, most importantly, there has also been an



improvement in their best players, especially Paul George and Roy Hibbert. This explains their 14 wins – 1 defeat start to the season.



## Chicago Bulls

Derrick Rose's injury just one month after his return has reduced their chances of reaching the Finals. The Bulls' possibilities will



depend on Luol Deng's leadership, their defence and their inside play.



MIAMI HEAT NBA CHAMPIONS 2013



Derrick Rose (Bulls) after his last injury



## Sports: Belgium and the 2014 World Cup

By Enrique Vallina

### A possible candidate

Summer 2014 is around the corner and the footballing nations are getting prepared for what could be a chance at the title. The World Cup, definitely the best title a footballer can win in their entire career, is being held in Brazil where 32 teams will compete for glory. The clear favorites are Spain and Brazil; however chances are high that "smaller" teams will surprise one or two of the "bigger" teams. One of these is Belgium, who have clearly earned its place after leading their group with 26 points and qualifying easily.

Belgium's national team, also known as the "Red Devils", has been in existence since 1904 when it played its first match on May 1<sup>st</sup> against France drawing 3-3. Belgium has made twelve appearances already in the



World Cup with the best result being fourth place; its first appearance was in 1930. It is nowadays managed by Marc Wilmots and his assistant Vital Borkelmans, and captained by Manchester City's central back, Vincent Kompany. They are currently 5<sup>th</sup> in the FIFA Ranking with only Spain, Germany, Argentina and Colombia (another team which could surprise a few) ahead of them.



Having looked to be building towards something special for a number of years,

Belgium finally made the breakthrough many expected, with a golden generation seemingly capable of challenging the best. A golden generation that includes gifted players such as Lukaku, Hazard and Fellaini.

Therefore it is not a surprise that they topped Group A having only dropped points on two occasions.

Belgium has achieved astonishing figures with 8 wins, 2 draws and not a single loss during the qualifiers, even though they had to encounter tough rivals such as Serbia and Croatia. Furthermore it managed not to get a single players sent off during the 8 matches which for professional football is quite an achievement. In the 10 matches, Belgium has only conceded 4 goals and has scored 18, giving them a fantastic ratio of 1.8 goals per match, which once again, is quite an achievement.

MATCHES:		GOALS SCORED:	
		Goals for	Goals against
W	8	18	4
D	2		
L	0		
		Average 1.80	Average 0.40

However results are not a surprise when you have a look at their team. On paper, Belgium can call upon an armada of stars, all plying their trade in Europe's most prestigious championships such as the Barclays Premier League and Liga BBVA. A team consisting of senior figures such as Marouane Fellaini, Vincent Kompany, Kevin Mirallas and Axel Witsel; and emerging stars such as Eden Hazard, Romelu Lukaku, Kevin de Bruyne, Toby Alderweireld and Thibaut Courtois – supposedly one of the best goalkeepers in the world.



The *Red Devils* led by Marc Wilmots will play an important part in Brazil 2014. Even though I am quite confident that Spain will once again win the title, we do have to watch out for this strong team that will definitely ruin the competition for some. With a best result being 4<sup>th</sup> place in 1986 and taking into account their current squad, it is, in my eyes, not a surprise that next summer these players will give their best in order to at least reach the quarter-finals and possibly into the semi-finals in order to beat what so far is their best result in a World Cup.