**Steven Gerrard – England, captain**

The first thing I look for in a ball is the weight and the feel, and it feels fantastic. The weight is really good which tells me it’s going to be a very reliable and true ball.

When you play my position, you’re playing a lot of long balls and trying to get shots off, so the ball is vital to your performance.

The Champions League ball has always been a big favourite among the players because of how reliable it is. Brazuca’s very similar to the Champions League ball and I think the players will be very happy about that. I think the feedback from players will be really positive. adidas has worked really hard on this ball and done all the testing, and they’ve come up with a ball that’s on par if not better than the Champions League ball. So credit to adidas for producing such a good ball.

The players want to try to be as accurate as they can with the ball and we get a better chance of doing that if the weight’s right because it does what you ask it to do.

I want the ball to be as difficult as possible for goalkeepers but I think Brazuca is fair to both sides. Players and goalkeepers will be happy because it’s a really fair ball. One thing’s for sure, there’ll be no excuses with this ball. I’ve tested Brazuca and I’m really happy.

I’m sure the ball will perform in the various Brazilian climates. It’s been tested in all conditions and climates. It’s come through those tests with flying colours and that’s all you can ask for as a player.

The sign of a good ball is when no one really talks about it, and I don’t think anyone will have anything negative to say about Brazuca.

Brazuca is very true and reliable, and those are the two most important things I want from a ball.

**Leo Messi – Argentina, captain**

My first impression of the ball is that it’s really good. The design is different, with lots of colours. I’ve had the opportunity to test Brazuca and it’s great.

**Dani Alves – Brazil**

My first impression of the Brazuca is of a ball that’s fantastic and that we’re going to have a lot of fun with it.

**Fernando Torres – Spain**

Well I think it looks quite impressive. The different design and colours are all about Brazil and Samba football so it’s really nice. Brazuca is a really clever name as well.

It looks like all the balls are the same but there are always a few differences. It’s really useful to be able to train with it before the start of the World Cup.

**Lukas Podolski – Germany**

I think adidas have a good ball at every World Cup and the World Cup is about colours. When you play with different balls in training or a match, having it weeks and months before the tournament is really important.