

## The Argentine Selection News (1)



### Ariel Garce is surprise selection for Maradona's Argentina



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Colon defender Ariel Garce is the most surprising name in Argentina's 23-man World Cup squad, which was released today.

Garce, 30, has won just one cap for the national team and was a surprise inclusion even in the 30-man provisional squad for South Africa named by coach Diego Maradona last week.

That appearance came in a 4-0 friendly win over Haiti two weeks ago, when Argentina fielded a side made up entirely of home-

based players, and he clearly made an impression on Maradona.

The seven men cut from the provisional squad are Newcastle defender Fabricio Coloccini, Newell's Old Boys defender Juan Manuel Insaurralde, Jose Sosa of Estudiantes, Olympiacos midfielder Jesus Datolo, Napoli forward Ezequiel Lavezzi, Lanus' Sebastian Blanco and Juan Mercier of Argentinos Juniors.

Argentina have been drawn in Group B alongside Nigeria, Greece and South Korea.

**Squad:** Sergio Romero (AZ Alkmaar), Mariano Andujar (Catania), Diego Pozo (Colon); Nicolas Burdisso (Roma), Martin Demichelis (Bayern Munich), Walter Samuel (Inter Milan), Gabriel Heinze (Marseille), Nicolas Otamendi (Velez Sarsfield), Clemente Rodriguez (Estudiantes), Ariel Garce (Colon); Javier Mascherano (Liverpool), Juan Sebastian Veron (Estudiantes), Maxi Rodriguez (Liverpool), Mario Bolatti (Fiorentina), Angel Di Maria (Benfica), Jonas Gutierrez (Newcastle), Javier Pastore (Palermo); Sergio Aguero (Atletico Madrid), Diego Milito (Inter Milan), Martin Palermo (Boca Juniors), Carlos Tevez (Manchester City), Gonzalo Higuain (Real Madrid), Lionel Messi (Barcelona).

## Group B

**Argentina, Greece, Nigeria, South Korea**

Despite their poor qualifying campaign Argentina have to be clear favourites in this group.

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Greece are a solid side with an ability to grind out results, however their opposition in this group and perhaps also the problems at home will be too much for them.

Despite Nigeria's dramatic qualification they have the players to do well in this tournament, a strong spine is this team's key attribute and if they can all find form they should qualify with ease.

South Korea has a side based on discipline and work-rate personified in captain Ji-Sung Park, however there are deficiencies technically and they will probably be fighting Greece for third place.

### **Activity 1: Answer**

- 1.- When and where was this article published?
- 2.- Where is the newspaper from?
- 3.- What is the surprise mentioned in the headline?
- 4.- How old is Arce?
- 5.- When did Maradona notice his quality of play?
- 6.- How many players were cut from the provisional squad?
- 7.- Where does Demichelis normally play?
- 8.- Who normally plays in Manchester city?

**Explain this sentence in your own words:** "Maradona's selection policy is at best bizarre and their defence is not the strongest but the attacking talent in the squad is arguably the best in the world and if they can hit form they will be very hard to stop."

**Give your own opinion on the Selection and the Group** they will be playing against, say what the chances they will come out victorious are.