

BRICS Sports Shockwaves: Ancelotti Extends Brazil Reign, Russia's Flagged

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1. Which renowned football manager extended his contract as the head coach of the Brazilian national team through the FIFA World Cup 2030(TM) this week?

- A) Didier Deschamps
- B) Roberto Mancini
- C) Carlo Ancelotti**
- D) Pep Guardiola

2. What significant development occurred regarding Russian and Belarusian athletes in gymnastics this week, as announced by World Gymnastics?

- A) They remain banned indefinitely from all international competitions.
- B) They are now permitted to compete under national flags and anthems.**
- C) They can compete as neutral athletes but without national symbols.
- D) They are only allowed to participate in national-level events.

3. Which teenage Indian cricketer, after impressive performances in IPL 2026 and an India A call-up, is being tipped for a potential senior national team debut this week?

- A) Prithvi Shaw
- B) Riyan Parag
- C) Vaibhav Sooryavanshi**
- D) Tilak Varma

4. What major broadcasting deal did China Media Group (CMG) finalize with FIFA this week?

- A) Exclusive rights for the 2026 and 2030 men's World Cups, and 2027 and 2031 Women's World Cups in mainland China.**
- B) Non-exclusive rights for the 2026 men's World Cup only.
- C) Exclusive rights for all FIFA tournaments until 2040.
- D) Rights only for online streaming of the 2026 World Cup.

5. South Africa Rugby announced a strategic planning session to address which critical issue, amidst rumors of their club sides potentially exiting the Investec Champions Cup?

- A) Expansion into North American leagues.
- B) Player welfare and competition scheduling.**
- C) Merger with European rugby unions.
- D) Introducing a new domestic league structure.

6. Which BRICS nation is scheduled to host the BRICS Games in 2026?

- A) Brazil
- B) Russia
- C) South Africa

D) India

7. What high-profile player's potential inclusion in Brazil's World Cup 2026 squad was a major talking point as Carlo Ancelotti prepared to announce the roster this week?

- A) Vinicius Junior
- B) Richarlison

C) Neymar

- D) Gabriel Jesus

8. Which Springbok and Lions rugby prop was handed an 18-month doping ban this week, effective from May 13, 2026?

- A) Steven Kitshoff
- B) Frans Malherbe

C) Asenathi Ntlabakanye

- D) Vincent Koch