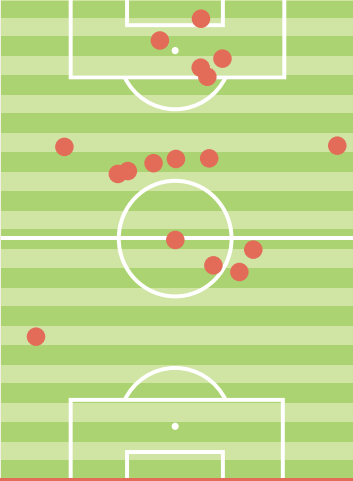


# Tactical Analysis

## Bent invisible



Bent touches, England v Brazil

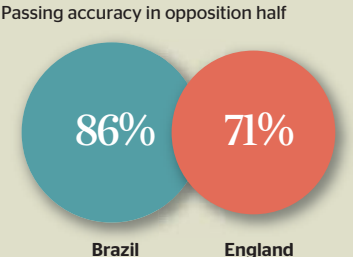
**Touches per 90min for England**  
 Bent v Brazil **28** 17 in 54min

Strikers in Fabio Capello's reign

Rooney	60
C Cole	53
Crouch	50
Heskey	39
Defoe	31
Agbonlahor	30
Bent	29

Darren Bent made little impression in his attempt to force his way into the World Cup squad, touching the ball only 17 times before he was substituted nine minutes into the second half

## Brazil pass test again

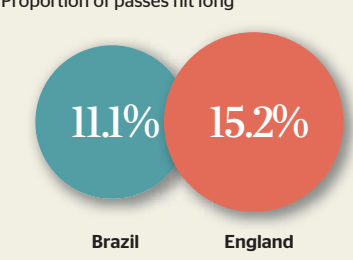


Most chances created

Felipe Melo (Brazil)	4
Kaká (Brazil)	3
Daniel Alves (Brazil)	2
Luís Fabiano (Brazil)	2
Maicon (Brazil)	2
Milner (England)	2
Rooney (England)	2

Brazil showed their superior passing ability by finding a team-mate in the opposition half far more often than England. Kaká's creative passing stood out, although Felipe Melo, his Brazil colleague, pipped him by teeing up the most scoring attempts

## England stick to long road



England routinely play more long passes than almost all their main World Cup rivals and Saturday's game was no exception

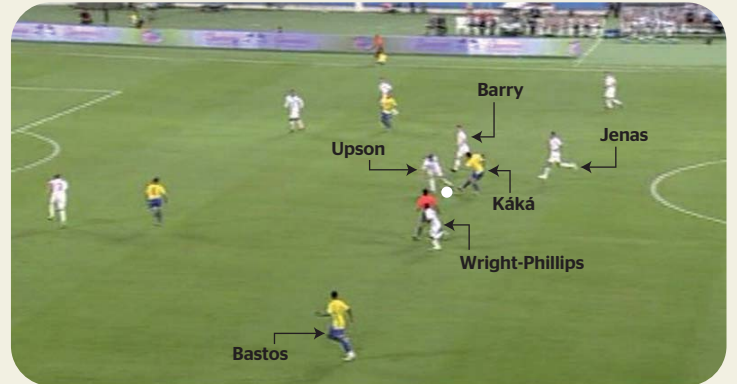
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## Wright-Phillips gets bearings wrong

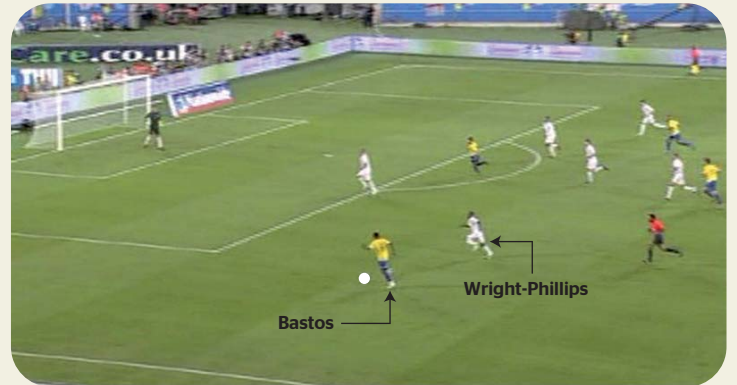
Shaun Wright-Phillips, England's right winger, was often caught out of position when drifting infield, leaving Michel Bastos, the Brazil left back, a free run down the flank. On this occasion, it almost cost England a goal



Wright-Phillips has been drawn away from the right flank as Bastos crosses the halfway line



As Matthew Upson, the England centre back, comes out to challenge Kaká, Wright-Phillips has left Bastos in acres of space



Bastos collects Kaká's pass and heads for goal with Wright-Phillips unable to stop him



The Brazilian's shot flies narrowly wide of the England goal

## Looks familiar

England history repeated itself on Saturday when Brazil missed a penalty, even to the extent that the kick failed to require a save

England v Ukraine, last month	England v Brazil, Saturday
Man Utd defender (Rio Ferdinand) error allows opponent (Artem Milevsky) through on goal	Man Utd defender (Wes Brown) error allows opponent (Nilmar) through on goal
Goalkeeper (Robert Green) fouls that player in penalty area	Goalkeeper (Ben Foster) fouls that player in penalty area
Penalty-taker (Andriy Shevchenko) misses target	Penalty-taker (Luís Fabiano) misses target

## Brown's mixed bag

Most for England ...

Clearances, blocks and interceptions

Brown	11
Upson	9
Bridge	5
Lescott	4

Tackles won

Brown	3 out of 3 attempted
Jenas	3 out of 4
Young	2 out of 2
Barry	2 out of 2
Lescott	2 out of 2
Upson	2 out of 2

Wes Brown, standing in for the injured Glen Johnson, was partly at fault for Brazil's goal and his weak, chested back-pass led to the concession of the missed penalty but otherwise he made a decent contribution

## Dangerous floater



Operators of the "floating" television camera, a device attached to rope that hovers over the pitch, sometimes risk interfering in the game. Here, with the camera close to the "D" and barely above the level of the crossbar, it was conceivable that Luís Fabiano, Brazil's penalty-taker, could smash his kick against the bar and see the ball rebound against the camera. OK, it's highly improbable, but it's more likely than a beach ball diverting a shot into the goal

## Still beaten by the best

Sven-Göran Eriksson was often criticised for his England team faring well against lesser nations but falling short against the strongest sides and Fabio Capello's results are proving similar. In his defence, four of these five games were away from home and the other, against Brazil, was on neutral territory

Capello's England v leading sides

<b>Victory</b>
Germany 1 England 2
<b>Draw</b>
Holland 2 England 2
<b>Defeats</b>
France 1 England 0
Spain 2 England 0
Brazil 1 England 0

## England favour crosses

While Brazil had more of the ball, England placed greater emphasis on getting crosses into the penalty area

Passes attempted

Brazil	600
England	439

Crosses attempted

Brazil	9
2 successful	
England	17
6 successful	

## Brazil on top

Brazil were the better side, recording more than twice as many attempts on goal as England

Attempts on goal

Brazil	21
4 on target, 11 off target, 6 blocked	
England	10
1 on target, 5 off target, 4 blocked	