

- 1 In the 1994 World Cup, Andrés Escobar played for Colombia. He scored an own goal which resulted in his country being eliminated from the World Cup. Because of this, Escobar was murdered on his return to Colombia.
- 2 On a happier note, this was the day in 1966 when England played West Germany in the final of the World Cup at Wembley. At 3-2 for England the final whistle was about to blow, and people were cheering as though the match had ended. The commentator said *"They think it's all over"* and suddenly England scored again in the last few seconds. *"It is now"*, added the commentator, and England beat West Germany 4-2.
- 3 Playing for Brazil in that same World Cup in 1966 was Pele, one of the finest footballers ever. He began playing international games at the age of 16. Pele said: *"I regard my skills as a gift from God."*
- 4 *Let us pray:*

**Lord God, I thank you
for your gifts to me
of skills, talents, and abilities.
May I use them
to the best of my ability
and grow as the person
you want me to be.
Amen.**

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