Match highlights

France – Argentina

◇ Kylian Mbappe is the fifth teenager to score multiple goals in a World Cup match, following Manuel Rosas (MEX, with two goals v. Argentina in 1930), Edmund Conen (GER, with three v. Belgium in 1934), José Altifini (BRA, with two v. Austria in 1958), and Pelé (BRA, scoring three v. France and two v. Sweden in 1958).

◇ For the first time the two players wearing the number 2, namely Gabriel Marcado and Benjamin Pavard, scored in the same World Cup match.

◇ The last Round of 16 to produce a 4-3 was Belgium beating the Soviet Union in 1986, however this was after extra time.

◇ Last time Argentina conceded four goals in a World Cup was in the 2010 quarter-finals losing 0-4 to Germany, and last time France conceded three goals was in 1982 when they lost against Poland 2-3.

◇ Antoine Griezmann converted France’s 12th out of 13 World Cup penalties.

◇ Javier Mascherano picked his seventh World Cup yellow card and becomes the most booked player in the tournament surpassing Brazil’s Cafu.

Uruguay – Portugal

◇ Uruguay won their fourth match in a row, their World Cup record being five, from 1930-1950 and from 1950-1954.

◇ Uruguay ended their consecutive minutes without conceding a goal after 365 minute, only 25 minutes far from their record of 390 minutes.

◇ At the age of 35 years and 124 days Pepe became the oldest scorer for Portugal in the World Cup, making it the third time to change during this tournament starting with Cristiano Ronaldo, then Ricardo Quaresma and now Pepe.

Stats wrap-up (status after 50 of 64 matches)

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On this day in the past

1990
In the FIFA World Cup quarter-finals, Germany defeat Czechoslovakia 1-0, and England defeat Cameroon – the first African team to reach the last eight – 3-2 after extra time.

2006
Portugal’s Ricardo becomes the first goalkeeper to save three penalties in a FIFA World Cup shoot-out during his side’s quarter-final victory against England. The goalless draw against England had ended Luis Felipe Scolari’s run of 11 consecutive FIFA World Cup wins as a coach (seven with Brazil in 2002 and four with Portugal in 2006).

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Next matches – 1 July

Round of 16

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6 previous head-to-heads (+5 played by Soviet Union/CIS - *figures in brackets*) - click [here](#) for full matchlist

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- This is the 12th encounter between the two sides, including matches involving Soviet Union. It would have been number 13, but the pair’s first meeting in 1960 did not take place because Spain refused to travel to the Soviet Union to play the first-leg quarter-final of the inaugural UEFA European Championship, resulting in their disqualification. Spain lead the overall head-to-head series by six wins to one. The other four games were drawn, including the most recent encounter in November 2017, which finished 3-3 in Saint Petersburg. The goal scorers on that occasion were, in order, Jordi Alba, Sergio Ramos from the penalty spot, Fedor Smolov, Ramos with another penalty, Alexey Miranchuk and Smolov again.

- In 1964, Spain overcame Soviet Union 2-1 in the final of the second edition of UEFA EURO.

- Spain have qualified for the knockout round following an eight-year hiatus, after their title defence in Brazil was derailed in the group round.

- Russia last reached the knockout stage in 1986, competing as the Soviet Union. Following that campaign in Mexico, the Russians failed to reach the second stage in their next four attempts, most recently four years ago in Brazil.

- Spain have had mixed success in World Cup matches decided in extra time, with one victory, one draw (against Italy in 1934, resulting in a replay as penalties had not yet been introduced) and one defeat. The Iberians’ track record in games decided by penalty shoot-out is even worse, with one win and two losses.

- Russia have been taken into extra time twice (as Soviet Union) and lost on both occasions, without ever having gone to penalties.

- This is Spain’s fifth showdown against a World Cup host team and they are still hunting for their first victory. In 1934 La Rojadrew 1-1 after extra time against Italy, before losing the replay 1-0. They subsequently suffered a heavy 6-1 defeat against Brazil in 1950 and lost on penalties to Korea Republic in 2002.

- Spain have scored 98 goals in the World Cup and could become the sixth team to reach the milestone of 100 after Brazil, Germany, Italy, Argentina and France.

- Exactly 36 years ago on 1 July 1982, the Soviet Union secured a 1-0 victory over Belgium in Barcelona, during the second round of the World Cup in Spain.

- If Sergio Ramos takes to the field, it will be his 17th World Cup appearance, the joint-highest tally by a Spaniard, alongside Iker Casillas.

- Fernando Hierro has faced Russia twice as a player. In 1992 he scored his second goal for the national team in a 1-1 friendly draw with the former CIS, before contributing to a 1-0 success in another friendly against Russia in 1998.

- In 1991, Stanislav Cherchesov and Hierro played each other twice in the quarter-final of the UEFA Champions League (then known as the European Cup) between Spartak Moscow and Real Madrid. Russia’s current coach was keeping goal for Spartak, who progressed to the semi-finals courtesy of a 0-0 draw in Moscow (in the same stadium where Spain and Russia will meet) and a 3-1 return-leg victory in the Estadio Santiago Bernabeu.
Croatia – Denmark

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- The teams' head-to-head record is all square with two victories apiece and a draw from five previous meetings. The last one was a friendly held in 2004 in Copenhagen, which Croatia won 2-1 after goals from Tomislav Sokota, Ivica Olic (now an assistant to coach Zlatko Dalic) and Ebbe Sand.
- This is the pair’s second match in the finals of an international competition. The first took place in the group round of the UEFA European Championship 1996 and was won 3-0 by the Balkan team.
- Croatia return to the knockout stage after a 20-year absence, during which they suffered three consecutive group-round eliminations (2002, 2006 and 2014).
- Denmark last ventured beyond the group round in 2002. In their only subsequent campaign before this edition, in 2010, the Danes made an early exit after collecting one victory and two defeats.
- Croatia are contesting their 20th World Cup fixture, having made their competition debut on 14 June 1998 with a 3-1 victory over Jamaica. The Croats have accumulated ten wins, two draws and seven defeats in the event.
- Denmark are also playing their 20th game in the World Cup. The Danes beat Scotland 1-0 in their maiden match on 4 June 1986 and their overall record stands at nine wins, four draws and six defeats.
- For the first time, Croatia have strung together three straight victories in the World Cup, winning all their group matches.
- Neither Croatia nor Denmark have been taken into extra time in the World Cup.
Next matches – 2 July

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The pair have already squared up 40 times and Brazil have the edge historically with 23 wins to Mexico’s ten, plus seven draws. Their last encounter was a friendly match held three years ago in Sao Paulo, which the hosts won 2-0 with goals from Philippe Coutinho and Diego Tardelli.

Mexico have failed to score in their last three meetings with Brazil.

This will be the teams’ fifth showdown in the FIFA World Cup, where they first crossed paths in 1950. Brazil have by far the better head-to-head record in this competition, with three wins, one draw and 11 goals scored, whereas Mexico have never managed to breach the Brazilians’ defence. The most recent meeting took place in the group phase four years ago and finished 0-0.

Brazil have qualified for the knockout stage of every World Cup since 1970. Mexico are also on a positive run, having progressed beyond the group round for the seventh campaign in a row.

The Brazilians are unbeaten in eight meetings with CONCACAF opponents in the World Cup, boasting a track record of seven wins plus one draw, which coincidentally was that goalless stalemate against Mexico four years ago. A Verde e Amarelo kept clean sheets in seven of those showdowns, failing to do so only in a 5-2 victory over Costa Rica in 2002.

By contrast, El Tricolor have collected just one win, three draws and eight defeats against CONMEBOL representatives, the Mexicans’ only victory coming against Ecuador in 2002.

Brazil have been taken beyond 90 minutes seven times in the World Cup. In the three matches that were decided in extra time, their record stands at one victory and two draws (in 1938 and 1954, before the introduction of penalties). A Canarinho have performed similarly well in penalty shoot-outs, with three wins (including in the 1994 Final) and one defeat.

Mexico have never won a game in or beyond extra time, having lost once after 120 minutes and twice in as many penalty shoot-outs.

With their two goals against Serbia, Brazil increased their World Cup tally to 226, the same number as top scorers Germany.

This is the third World Cup fixture contested on 2 July by Brazil, who overcame Argentina 3-1 in 1982 before losing 2-1 to the Netherlands in the 2010 quarter-finals.

Meanwhile, Mexico have played only one World Cup game on 2 July. It took place in 1950 in Porto Alegre and ended in a 2-1 defeat by Switzerland. El Tri played that game wearing the blue-and-white striped tops of local Brazilian club Cruzeiro in order to avoid a colour clash, as both teams had turned up with red kit.

The two coaches have faced each other once before, while managing Brazilian top-flight clubs in 2015. Juan Carlos Osorio’s Sao Paulo side drew 1-1 with Tite’s team Corinthians.
Belgium - Japan

Round of 16

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- Japan are on top historically after five previous encounters against Belgium, with two victories to one and two draws. *De Rode Duivels* earned their only win in the most recent meeting, which was held in November 2017 in Bruges and ended 1-0 thanks to Romelu Lukaku’s winning strike.

- The teams’ only prior skirmish in the FIFA World Cup took place in 2002. The final result was 2-2 and all the goals were netted between minutes 57 and 75. The scorers were, in order, Marc Wilmots, Takayuki Suzuki, Junichi Inamoto and Peter Van der Heyden.

- Belgium have made it past the opening round in their last three participations (2002, 2014 and 2018), helped by their ongoing run of seven successive group-stage victories. The Belgians are on an even longer unbeaten streak in the group stage, which stretches back 12 matches since the defeat by Saudi Arabia in 1994.

- Japan have reached the knockout stage for the third time, eight years since they last achieved the feat in South Africa.

- The East Asians have earned two wins, three draws and four defeats against European opposition in the World Cup, but have failed to score in the last two meetings (drawing 0-0 with Greece in 2014 and losing 1-0 to Poland in their final group-round game in 2018).

- By contrast, Belgium have a positive record against Asian opponents, with three wins to one (plus two draws).

- The Red Devils have featured in five World Cup games that were decided in extra time, winning two, losing two and drawing one (with England in 1954, before penalty shoot-outs were introduced). They have been involved in only one spot-kick duel, outsmarting Spain in the 1986 quarter-finals.

- Japan have been taken beyond regular time only once, losing on penalties to Paraguay in the Round of 16 in 2010.

- Belgium have contested one previous World Cup fixture on 2 July, back in 1994, when they suffered a 3-2 reverse against Germany in the Round of 16.
Metro to Moscow

A 33-stop journey through Russian and Soviet football history as we countdown towards the FIFA World Cup Final at the Luzhniki on July 15th.

14 days to the FINAL

An extension of 14 metres was applied to the apron of the roof at the Luzhniki Stadium following the massive reconstruction in preparation for the 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™. Spectators in the lower seats are now protected from rainfall and having the sun directly in the eyes. The interior of the main stadium at Russia 2018, which is hosting the Opening Match and Final, also received a complete makeover. The running track was removed, the stands were brought closer to the pitch and the facility has become much more comfortable for spectators.

Russian Football Dictionary

![Russian Flag]

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Happy Birthday

Players, coaches and referees celebrating their Birthday

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From Russia with Love

**Remembering the teams missing out in this year’s FIFA World Cup**

**KUWAIT**

**FIFA World Cup™ facts & figures**

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Kuwait were the first of five teams managed in the FIFA World Cup by Carlos Alberto Parreira (second from left), whose six participations as coach is a competition record.

In 1982 Kuwait were the tournament’s youngest squad with an average age of 25 years.

In all three of the games they contested, Kuwait conceded the opening goal between the 21st and 31st minutes of play.

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UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

FIFA World Cup™ facts & figures

Participations 1 (1990)
Best achievement Group stage 1990

United Arab Emirates were the second team managed in the FIFA World Cup by Carlos Alberto Parreira, eight years after he made his tournament debut with Kuwait in Spain.

Eleven goals were conceded by UAE in the group stage of the 1990 edition, the most of all the participating teams.

United Arab Emirates were the first Asian outfit to face and score against Germany in the global showcase.

Photo by imago & Bongarts/Getty Images
Switching Roles

Nine of the coaches competing in Russia 2018 have playing experience in the FIFA World Cup. They will feature in our Stats of the Day together with other players/managers who have shaped the competition’s history.

MORTEN OLSEN

An elegant midfielder and later defender who spent much of his playing career in Belgium (with Cercle Bruges, Molenbeek and Anderlecht) and Germany (Cologne), Olsen was a key player and captain for Denmark during their maiden FIFA World Cup campaign in Mexico 1986, playing four matches as the Danes reached the Round of 16. He went on to make another seven appearances as coach of his home nation, including four in 2002 (culminating in a Round of 16 defeat against England) and three in 2010 (which ended in a group-stage exit).
Football Fashion

Senegal in 1965

...and now

Mahjoub Archive / FIFA Museum & Michael Steele/Getty Images
Striking snaps from tournaments past

Swiss players taking a stroll at the 1966 World Cup.

Photo by Fotonet/FIFA Archive

Tantalizing World Cup Trivia

Today’s question

Who are the only two players to have scored in six consecutive games?

➔ Solution will be revealed in tomorrow’s edition

Yesterday’s solution

Which is the only team to have netted through seven different scorers in a single match?

➔ Yugoslavia, in their 9-0 victory over Zaire in 1974
Memorabilia marvel

Designed to showcase the extraordinary history of the FIFA World Cup, the FIFA World Football Museum in Zurich covers all aspects of international football’s rich heritage and shows how the beautiful game connects and inspires the world. With an interactive, multimedia display of exhibits, the museum explores the emotions that football awakens around the world on a daily basis. Exhibition space of more than 3,000 square meters offers a fascinating journey through time. During the 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ we are happy to present a few of the many objects.

1986
Shirt worn by Diego Maradona during the 1986 FIFA World Cup in Mexico

Football is a team sport but occasionally someone comes along and turns the World Cup into a one man show. That’s what happened in 1986 when Maradona led Argentina to victory in Mexico. The finals had been billed as a duel between Maradona and Platini and the world almost got the Final between the two that many had hoped for. But it wasn’t to be. The French were beaten 2-0 in the semi-finals by Germany FR and the stage was left to Maradona. Team-mate Jorge Valdano described him as “from another planet... He was at the peak of his career. A team must know how to cope with a genius in their ranks, but he was the artist. I told him that at this moment Pele was the only rival he had in the history of the game.” This shirt from the finals was given by Maradona to a friend and, though faded, his writing and signature is still visible on the front of the shirt.