

14 June 2018

On this day in the past

1970

West German forward Uwe Seeler scores his ninth and last World Cup goal in the 1970 quarter-finals against England. Earlier, on 3 June, Seeler had also become the first player to score in four different campaigns, a feat that was equalled on the same day but three minutes later by Pelé, and in 2014 by Miroslav Klose.

1974

Australia become the first Oceanian team to appear at a FIFA World Cup, making their debut against Germany DR in Hamburg but losing 2-0.

1998

Croatia's Robert Prosinečki finds the net against Jamaica to become the first and only player to score for two different countries at a FIFA World Cup. The midfielder had previously been on target for Yugoslavia in a match against the UAE on 19 June 1990.



(Photo by Alexander Hassenstein/Bongarts/Getty Images)

Opening match – 14 June



Russia – Saudi Arabia












Group A				
Match #	Date	Referee designation	City	Time (LT) UTC +3
1	14-06-2018	* Nestor PITANA, ARG	MOSCOW	18:00






*Nestor Pitana will be the third Argentinian to officiate a World Cup opening match following Norberto Coerezza in 1978 for the match Germany FR v. Poland and Horacio Elizondo in 2006 for Germany v. Costa Rica.

1 previous head-to-head ([click](#) to view match list)

	Matches Played	Wins	Draws	Losses	Goals For	Goals Against
Russia	1	0	0	1	2	4
Saudi Arabia	1	1	0	0	4	2

Facts & figures

-  The only prior encounter between the two sides dates back to October 1993, when they faced each other in Khobar for a friendly match that ended 4-2 to Saudi Arabia.
-  Also including games played as Soviet Union, this is the second time Russia have contested an Opening Match in the FIFA World Cup, after drawing 0-0 with Mexico in 1970.
-  Saudi Arabia return to the finals 12 years after their last participation, at Germany 2006. The Green Falcons are the first Asian team to play in the Opening Match of the World Cup.
-  The most frequent result for World Cup curtain-raisers is 1-0, which has occurred five times, once more than the scoreline 0-0 (four times).
-  No host team has lost in the Opening Match of the World Cup, which has produced six victories and three draws for the home side.
-  The earliest goal in an Opening Match was netted by Brazil's Cesar Sampaio, five minutes into the 1998 curtain-raiser against Scotland.
-  Russia are on a five-match winless streak in the World Cup, having strung together two draws and three defeats following their 2-0 victory over Tunisia in 2002.
-  Saudi Arabia have gone even longer since their last win in the competition, collecting two draws and eight defeats since edging Belgium 1-0 in 1994.
-  This is the 100th game played by an AFC team in the World Cup. The first took place on 5 June 1938 in Reims, when Dutch East Indies were defeated 6-0 by Hungary.

-  Russia/Soviet Union have an even record against Asian opposition in the World Cup, with one victory (3-0 over Korea DPR in 1996), one draw (1-1 with Korea Republic in 2014) and one defeat (1-0 against Japan in 2002).
-  The last Asian victory in the World Cup was Japan's 3-1 success over Denmark on 24 June 2010, since then AFC representatives have mustered just four draws and 11 defeats.
-  Russia/Soviet Union have played three World Cup matches on 14 June and lost all of them: 1-0 to Uruguay after extra time in the 1970 quarter-finals, 2-1 to Brazil in 1982 and 3-2 to Belgium in 2002.
-  By contrast, 14 June 2006 brought Saudi Arabia their last positive result in the global showpiece, a 2-2 draw with Tunisia.
-  Coaches Stanislav Cherchesov and Juan Antonio Pizzi faced each other in opposing dugouts on 9 June 2017 in Moscow, where Russia and Chile tied 1-1 in a friendly fixture after goals from Mauricio Isla and Viktor Vasin.

The previous opening matches

Match date	Host / City	Match	Venue
12.06.2014	Brazil, Sao Paulo	Brazil – Croatia 3-1 (1-1)	Arena de Sao Paulo
11.06.2010	South Africa, Johannesburg	South Africa – Mexico 1-1 (0-0)	Soccer City
09.06.2006	Germany, Munich	Germany – Costa Rica 4-2 (2-1)	FIFA World Cup Stadium
31.05.2002	Korea/Japan, Seoul (KOR)	France – Senegal 0-1 (0-1)	Seoul World Cup Stadium
10.06.1998	France, Saint-Denis	Brazil – Scotland 2-1 (1-1)	Stade de France
17.06.1994	USA, Chicago	Germany – Bolivia 1-0 (0-0)	Soldier Field
08.06.1990	Italy, Milan	Argentina – Cameroon 0-1 (0-0)	Giuseppe Meazza
31.05.1986	Mexico, Mexico City	Bulgaria – Italy 1-1 (0-1)	Azteca
13.06.1982	Spain, Barcelona	Argentina – Belgium 0-1 (0-0)	Camp Nou
01.06.1978	Argentina, Buenos Aires	Germany FR – Poland 0-0	Monumental
13.06.1974	Germany, Frankfurt/Main	Brazil – Yugoslavia 0-0	Waldstadion
31.05.1970	Mexico, Mexico City	Mexico – Soviet Union 0-0	Azteca
11.07.1966	England, London	England – Uruguay 0-0	Wembley
30.05.1962	Chile, Santiago de Chile	Chile – Switzerland 3-1 (1-1)	Nacional
08.06.1958	Sweden, Solna	Sweden – Mexico 3-0 (1-0)	Rasunda
16.06.1954	Switzerland, Lausanne	Yugoslavia – France 1-0 (1-0)	La Pontaise
24.06.1950	Brazil, Rio de Janeiro	Brazil – Mexico 4-0 (1-0)	Maracanà
04.06.1938	France, Paris	Germany – Switzerland 1-1 AET (1-1, 1-1)	Parc des Princes
27.05.1934	Italy, Rome	Italy – USA 7-1 (3-0)	Nazionale del PNF
13.07.1930	Uruguay, Montevideo	France – Mexico 4-1 (3-0)	Pocitos

Next matches – 15 June



Egypt – Uruguay












Group A				
Match #	Date	Referee designation	City	Time (LT) UTC +5
2	15-06-2018	Bjorn KUIPERS (NED)	EKATERINBURG	17:00

1 previous head-to-head ([click](#) to view full match list)

	Matches Played	Wins	Draws	Losses	Goals For	Goals Against
Egypt	1	0	0	1	0	2
Uruguay	1	1	0	0	2	0

Facts & figures

-  Uruguay came out on top in the only prior meeting between the pair, a friendly contested in Alexandria in 2006. The game ended 2-0 in favour of the South Americans, courtesy of a strike by Diego Godin and an own goal.
-  Egypt return to the World Cup finals after 28 years, their most recent campaign having ended with a 1-0 defeat by England on 21 June 1990.
-  The Pharaohs are still looking for their first victory in the global showcase, after two draws and two losses from four games played.
-  Uruguay are Egypt's first non-European opponents in the World Cup. The North Africans previously faced Hungary (1934), the Netherlands, Republic of Ireland and England (all in 1990).
-  Uruguay have not kicked off a World Cup with a victory since beating Israel 2-0 in 1970. Following that success, La Celeste have racked up three draws and three defeats in their opening fixtures.
-  Los Charrúas are unbeaten against African opposition in the World Cup, having obtained one victory (3-0 over South Africa in 2010) and two draws (3-3 with Senegal in 2002 and 1-1 with Ghana in the 2010 quarter-finals, before progressing on penalties).
-  This is the 16th World Cup fixture to be overseen by Oscar Tabarez, who moves up to ninth place in the tournament's all-time appearance ranking for coaches, alongside Henri Michel and Guy Thys. The next target is reaching Guus Hiddink, Sepp Herberger and Enzo Bearzot, who have all made 18 appearances.
-  Uruguay return to Europe for a World Cup 28 years after Italy 1990. In the intervening period they participated in Japan/Korea 2002, South Africa 2010 and Brazil 2014.
-  Tabarez and Hector Cuper last occupied opposing dugouts 20 years ago in the 1997/98 La Liga season, when they were respectively in charge of Real Oviedo and Mallorca. Their head-to-head series favours the Pharaohs' coach, with one victory and one draw.



Portugal – Spain










Group B				
Match #	Date	Referee designation	City	Time (LT) UTC +3
3	15-06-2018	Gianluca ROCCHI (ITA)	SOCHI	21:00

35 previous head-to-heads ([click](#) to view full match list)

	MP	W	D	L	GF	GA
Portugal	35	6	13	16	41	72
Spain	35	16	13	6	72	41

Facts & figures

-  This is the 36th meeting between the pair and Spain have the better track record with 16 victories to six, plus 13 draws. In their first showdown almost a century ago in December 1921, Spain emerged 3-1 victors. They last squared up in the semi-finals of UEFA EURO 2012, when the Spaniards won on penalties following 120 goalless minutes.
-  This is the teams' second confrontation in the World Cup, after their Round of 16 engagement in 2010 ended 1-0 to Spain following David Villa's 63rd-minute strike.
-  Between them, the pair have claimed the last three continental titles: Spain in 2008 and 2012, Portugal in 2016.
-  This is Spain's 60th World Cup game. The first took place on 27 May 1934 in Genua, when La Roja downed Brazil 3-1. Their past record stands at 29 victories, 12 draws and 18 defeats, with 92 goals scored and 66 conceded.
-  Spain made a losing start to the last two World Cups, succumbing 1-0 to Switzerland in 2010 and 5-1 to the Netherlands in 2014.
-  Portugal are kicking off a World Cup campaign on 15 June for the second time. The first was in 2010, when the Lusitanians drew 0-0 with Côte d'Ivoire.
-  Portugal have lost their last four European derbies in the World Cup: to France (1-0) and Germany (3-1) in 2006, Spain (1-0) in 2010 and again to Germany (4-0) in 2014.





Morocco - IR Iran



Group B				
Match #	Date	Referee designation	City	Time (LT) UTC +3
4	15-06-2018	Cuneyt CAKIR (TUR)	ST. PETERSBURG	18:00

No previous head-to-heads

Facts & figures

-  This is the first meeting on grass between the two senior sides. In the past they have faced off twice in the FIFA Futsal World Cup (2012 and 2016) and once in an international Beach Soccer tournament in 2014, with IR Iran emerging victorious on all three occasions.
-  Morocco return to the World Cup finals after a hiatus of 20 years. Their last appearance was on 23 June 1998, when they saw off Scotland 3-0.
-  IR Iran are participating in back-to-back editions for the first time.
-  The Iranians are on a winless streak of seven games in the competition (five defeats and two draws). Their last - and, to date, only - victory in the event dates back to 21 June 1998, when they overcame USA 2-1.
-  Carlos Queiroz is overseeing his third opening match in the World Cup and also faced African opponents in the previous two, having led Portugal against Côte d'Ivoire in 2010 and IR Iran against Nigeria four years ago. In both cases, the final result was 0-0. Team Melli's current coach is the only Portuguese to have managed in three World Cups (guiding his native country in 2010 and the Iranians in the last two tournaments). Fernando Santos, who currently calls the shots for Portugal, is attending his second global showcase.

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.

31 days to the FINAL

31 was striker Anatoliy Zinchenko's age when, in 1980, he became the first Soviet footballer to earn a transfer abroad to a western European club. His move from Zenit Leningrad to Rapid Wien only went ahead with the approval of the authorities. Since sport in the Soviet Union was still officially amateur, Zinchenko had to register as an electrical engineer while in Vienna. In two and a half seasons at Rapid, Zinchenko scored 13 goals and won the Austrian league title twice. He then retired and returned to the USSR, where he took up a career in coaching.

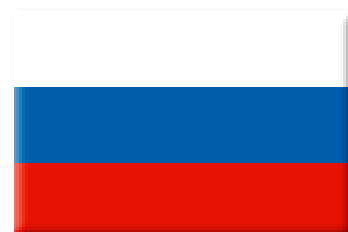
Russian Football Dictionary

How to say...

Goalkeeper
Defender
Midfielder
Forward

in Russian

Вратарь / vratar'
Защитник / zaschitnick
Полузащитник / poluzaschitnick
Нападающий / napadayuschiy



Happy Birthday to...

Players, coaches and referees celebrating their Birthday

When	Turning...
14 JUNE	
Andre CARRILLO (PER)	27

From Russia with Love

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

NEW ZEALAND

FIFA World Cup™ facts & figures

Participations 2 (1982, 2010)

Best achievement Group stage in 1982, 2010

During their last participation, in South Africa 2010, New Zealand ended the campaign unbeaten with three group-stage draws, including a 1-1 stalemate against the reigning world champions Italy.



The only brace scored by Zico in the FIFA World Cup came in a 4-0 Brazilian victory over the All Whites in 1982.

New Zealand struck all four of their World Cup goals against European teams: two against Scotland and one apiece against Italy and Slovakia.



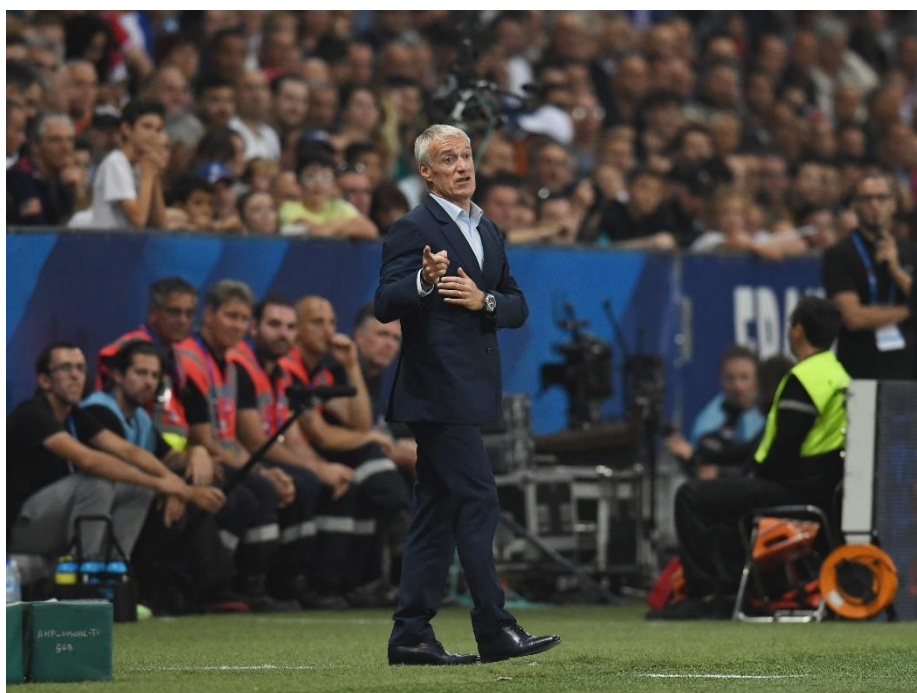
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Switching Roles

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.

Didier Deschamps

Of all the coaches involved in this edition, Didier Deschamps is the only one who could equal the feat achieved by Mario Zagallo and Franz Beckenbauer in winning the FIFA World Cup™ as both player and coach. A former midfielder who plied his trade with homeland clubs Nantes, Olympique Marseille and Bordeaux, as well as playing in Italy (Juventus), England (Chelsea) and briefly in Spain (Valencia), Deschamps captained *Les Bleus* to victory in the 1998 World Cup. The Frenchman played six matches in the tournament, only sitting out the last group match against Denmark. Deschamps is making his second world title bid as coach of *Les Bleus*, having seen them eliminated by Germany in the quarter-finals of the 2014 edition.



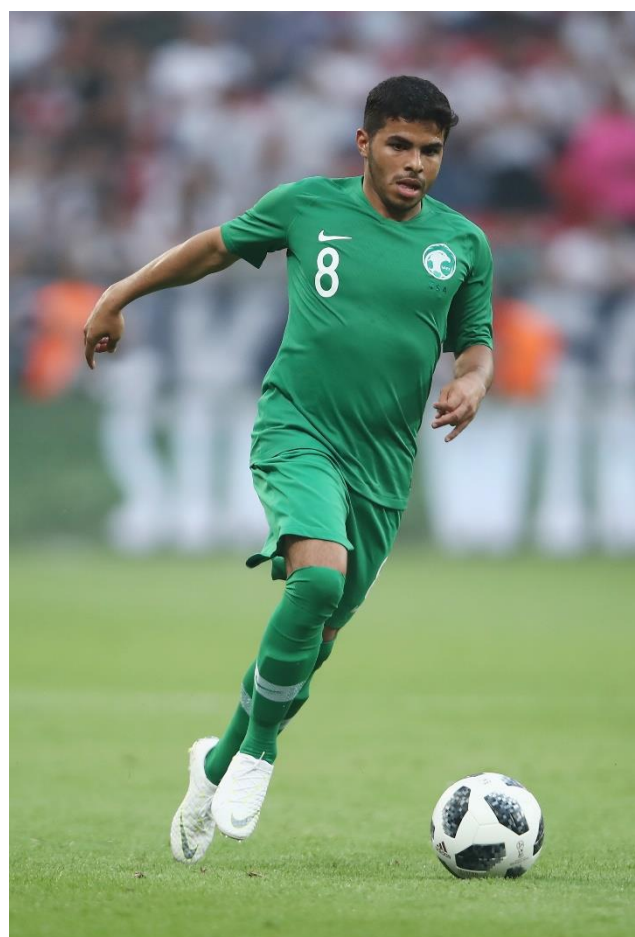
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Football Fashion

Saudi Arabia in 1994



...and now



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Striking snaps from tournaments past



Five minutes play at the 2014 FIFA World Cup made the Colombian goalkeeper Faryd Mondragon at 43 years and three days the oldest player to play in the history of the World Cup – can the Egyptian goalkeeper Essam Elhadary at the age of nearly 45, set a new record in this World Cup?

(Photo by Stuart Franklin - FIFA/FIFA via Getty Images)

Tantalizing Trivia

Today's question

Which team has scored the most goals through substitutes?

→ *Solution will be revealed in tomorrow's edition*

Yesterday's solution

Which city hosted FIFA World Cup™ games in three different stadiums during the same edition?

→ *Montevideo in 1930*



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.

1966

Shirt worn by Soviet Union goalkeeper Lev Yashin during the 1966 World Cup in Sweden



The Soviet Union's Lev Yashin was the world's first goalkeeping superstar, famous for his black jerseys which earned him the nickname "the Black Spider". A commanding presence in the penalty area, at 1.89 meters he was tall for his era, but he combined this with great athleticism and acrobatic saves. This was the shirt that he wore at his last World Cup in 1966. He came to the finals in Sweden as an Olympic champion, having won gold in Melbourne in 1956. Two years after the first World Cup he won the inaugural European Championship, the Soviets beating Yugoslavia in the Final of both. The furthest he got in the World Cup was fourth place in 1966, just missing out on a medal after losing 2-1 to Portugal in the play-off. He remains the only goalkeeper he have won the Ballon d'Or.

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Comparative stats

FIFA World Cup™ stats at a glance

FIFA World Cup™	Teams / Matches	Goals	Average	Yellow / Red Cards*	Average	Attendance**	Average
Russia 2018	32 / 00	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brazil 2014	32 / 64	171	2.67	181 / 10	2.83 / 0.16	3,429,873	53,592
South Africa 2010	32 / 64	145	2.27	245 / 17	3.83 / 0.27	3,178,856	49,670
Germany 2006	32 / 64	147	2.30	307 / 28	4.80 / 0.44	3,359,439	52,491
Korea/Japan 2002	32 / 64	161	2.52	260 / 17	4.06 / 0.27	2,705,197	42,269
France 1998	32 / 64	171	2.67	250 / 22	3.91 / 0.34	2,785,100	43,517
USA 1994	24 / 52	141	2.71	221 / 15	4.25 / 0.29	3,587,538	68,991
Italy 1990	24 / 52	115	2.21	165 / 16	3.17 / 0.31	2,516,215	48,389
Mexico 1986	24 / 52	132	2.54	137 / 8	2.63 / 0.15	2,394,031	46,039
Spain 1982	24 / 52	146	2.81	99 / 5	1.90 / 0.10	2,109,723	40,572
Argentina 1978	16 / 38	102	2.68	59 / 3	1.55 / 0.08	1,545,791	40,679
Germany FR 1974	16 / 38	97	2.55	87 / 5	2.29 / 0.13	1,865,753	49,099
Mexico 1970	16 / 32	95	2.97	51 / 0	1.59 / 0	1,603,975	50,124
England 1966	16 / 32	89	2.78	21 / 5	0.66 / 0.16	1,563,135	48,848
Chile 1962	16 / 32	89	2.78	1 / 6	0.03 / 0.19	893,172	27,912
Sweden 1958	16 / 35	126	3.6	0 / 3	0 / 0.09	819,810	23,423
Switzerland 1954	16 / 26	140	5.38	0 / 3	0 / 0.12	768,607	29,562
Brazil 1950	13 / 22	88	4	1 / 0	0.05 / 0	1,045,246	47,511
France 1938	15 / 18	84	4.67	0 / 4	0 / 0.22	375,700	20,872
Italy 1934	16 / 17	70	4.12	0 / 1	0 / 0.06	375,000	22,059
Uruguay 1930	13 / 18	70	3.89	0 / 1	0 / 0.06	590,549	32,808

* Yellow cards do not include second cautions in same match / No. of red cards includes direct expulsions and indirect expulsions due to second caution in same match

**Attendance figures relate to the number of spectators as indicated in official FIFA match reports and not number of tickets sold. Figures also include double headers