Match highlights

France-Australia

- It was France’s 60th World Cup match.
- Kylian Mbappe, at 19 years and 178 days, outranked Bruno Bellone (20 years and 118 days in 1982) to become the youngest-ever France player in the World Cup.
- France, who were the first team to be awarded a goal via goal-line technology, against Honduras in 2014, became the first team to be awarded a penalty via VAR.
- Daniel Arzani, at 19 years and 163 days, eclipsed Adam Taggart (21 years and 16 days in 2014) to became the youngest-ever Australia player in the World Cup.
- Antoine Griezmann became the first No7 to score for France in the World Cup – something that had eluded Florent Malouda (2006) and Franck Ribery (2010) while in the jersey.
- Australia have lost four consecutive World Cup matches for the first time.
- France have successfully converted 11 of their last 12 penalties in the World Cup (excluding shootouts), while Australia have scored three out of three in the competition.

Peru-Denmark

- Denmark have now won four of their five opening matches of a World Cup campaign – all by a four-goal margin and three 1-0.
- Peru are winless in seven World Cup games, since a Teofilo Cubillas-inspired 4-1 win over IR Iran in 1978.
- Christian Cueva missed Peru’s first penalty at the World Cup. Their previous two were both scored by the same player in the same game – Teofilo Cubillas against IR Iran in 1978.
- Paolo Guerrero and Alberto Rodriguez, aged 34 years and 166 days and 34 years and 77 days respectively, became the oldest two Peruvians to play in the World Cup, relegating Hector Chumpitaz (34 years and 70 days) to third.
Croatia–Nigeria

- Luka Modric scored the 2,400th goal in World Cup history.
- Oghenekaro Etebo scored Nigeria’s second own-goal in the World Cup. Joseph Yobo registered their first in favour of France at Brazil 2014.
- It was the second World Cup own-goal Croatia benefitted from. Brazil’s Marcelo gifted them one in 2014.
- Nigeria suffered their third straight defeat in the World Cup.

Argentina–Iceland

- Szymon Marciniak became the third Pole to referee in the World Cup, 20 years after Ryszard Wojcik became the second.
- On this day in 2006, Lionel Messi made his World Cup debut against Serbia and Montenegro, replacing Maxi Rodriguez in the 75th minute and scoring his first goal in the competition 13 minutes later.
- Willy Caballero, at 36 years and 261 days, became the second-oldest Argentinian to play in the World Cup after Angel Labruna, who was 39 years and 260 days when he appeared against Czechoslovakia in 1958.
- Argentinians with most appearances in World Cup after today: Diego Maradona (21), Mario Kempes (18), Javier Mascherano (17), Lionel Messi, Oscar Ruggeri (both 16).
- Javier Mascherano and Lionel Messi joined Diego Maradona as the only Argentinians to have played in four World Cups.
- Sergio Agüero’s goal ended Argentina’s drought of 341 minutes without goal in the World Cup, since Gonzalo Higuaín’s early winner against Belgium in the 2014 quarter-finals.
- Sergio Agüero became the first Argentina No19 to score in the World Cup since Lionel Messi did so against Serbia and Montenegro in 2006.
- Alfred Finnbogason scored Iceland’s first World Cup goal.
- Sergio wasn’t the first Agüero to score in the World Cup. Juan Agüero netted two goals in three games for Paraguay at Sweden 1958.
- Argentina have now missed three penalties from 11 taken in the World Cup (excluding shootouts). Fernando Paternoster spurned their first, against Mexico in 1930, and Ariel Ortega had his spot-kick blocked by Sweden’s Magnus Hedman in 2002, only for Hernan Crespo to bury the rebound.
- Argentina drew their opening match of a World Cup for the first time in what was their 17th campaign.
On this day in the past

1954
England and Belgium play out an incredible match that includes an own goal in the 94th minute by England’s Jimmy Dickinson, leaving the final score 4-4. It remains the highest-scoring draw in FIFA World Cup history, equalled only by the 4-4 stalemate between the Soviet Union and Colombia on 3 June 1962.

1970
Italy and Germany FR produce a thrilling semi-final in Mexico City’s Azteca Stadium that is eventually won 4-3 by Gli Azzurri thanks to Gianni Rivera’s extra-time winner.

1982
At the age of just 17 years and 41 days, Norman Whiteside of Northern Ireland becomes the youngest player in FIFA World Cup history by appearing in a group-stage match against Yugoslavia in Zaragoza.

(Photoby Popperfoto/Getty Images)
Next matches – 17 June

**Brazil – Switzerland**

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**Facts & figures**

⚽ This is the ninth duel between the two sides and the South Americans have fared marginally better in the past with three victories to two, the other three games having ended all-square. The last skirmish was a friendly game that took place on 14 August 2013 in Basel and was won 1-0 by Switzerland, thanks to an own goal by Dani Alves.

⚽ Seven of the pair’s eight previous meetings were on friendly terms, although the very first one took place in the World Cup. It ended 2-2 in Sao Paulo on 28 June 1950, with the hosts twice taking the lead through Alfredo II and Baltazar, only for Jackie Fulton to equalise each time, his last goal coming two minutes from the final whistle.

⚽ Brazil play this fixture after two successive World Cup defeats, specifically 7-1 to Germany and 3-0 to the Netherlands in 2014. They have only recorded back-to-back reverses in another two editions, losing to Hungary and Portugal in 1966 and the Netherlands and Poland in 1974. The five-time world champions have never lost three successive matches in the event.

⚽ This is the fifth World Cup fixture played on 17 June by Brazil, who have never lost on this date (three victories and a draw). The Brazilians beat Czechoslovakia 3-1 in the 1962 Final, Uruguay by the same scoreline in the 1970 semi-finals, Belgium 2-0 in the Round of 16 in 2002 and drew 0-0 with Mexico four years ago in the group stage.

⚽ Switzerland are unbeaten in their last four World Cup opening matches. Since starting the 1966 finals with a 5-0 loss to Germany FR, the Helvetic have earned two draws (1-1 with USA in 1994 and 0-0 with France in 2006) and two victories (1-0 over Spain in 2010 and 2-1 against Ecuador in 2014).

⚽ Brazil have kicked off their last nine world title campaigns with a victory. The last opening match they failed to win ended 1-1 against Sweden in 1978. A *Canarinho* have fallen to opening-matchday defeats in two World Cups, in 1930 (2-1 to Yugoslavia) and 1934 (3-1 to Spain), but have since accumulated 16 victories and two draws.

⚽ *A Seleção* conceded at least one goal in each of their last five World Cup fixtures. Their longest consecutive run without a clean sheet is six matches and has occurred twice: between the 1934 and 1938 editions and between the 1998 and 2002 editions.
Costa Rica – Serbia

Group E

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No previous head-to-heads

Facts & figures

- The pair have only faced each other in the Olympic Football Tournament, at the edition contested in the former Soviet Union in 1980. The game was played in Minsk and ended 3-2 to Yugoslavia, as Serbia were then known.

- Costa Rica are unbeaten in their last five World Cup games (all were played in the 2014 tournament). Los Ticos’ most recent defeat dates back to 2006, when they lost 2-1 to Poland. The longest undefeated run by a CONCACAF team is six matches and was achieved by Mexico between the 1994 and 1998 editions.

- Appearing under the banner of Yugoslavia, Serbia won all three of their prior World Cup encounters with CONCACAF opposition, subduing Mexico 4-1 in 1950, Honduras 1-0 in 1982 and USA 1-0 in 1998.

- Costa Rica have tied their last three World Cup fixtures. The tournament benchmark of five successive draws was set by Belgium between 1998 and 2002.

- On 17 June in 1982, Serbia (playing as Yugoslavia) made their World Cup debut in Spain, drawing 0-0 in Zaragoza with Northern Ireland.
Germany - Mexico

Group F

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Facts & figures

Twelve time Germany and Mexico have crossed paths in the World Cup. The Europeans ran out 6-0 winners during the group stage in 1978 and squeezed through on penalties in the 1986 quarter-finals following a 0-0 draw after extra time, before prevailing 2-1 in the Round of 16 in 1998.

Mexico’s only victory against Germany dates back to 15 June 1985, when they emerged 2-0 victors in a friendly match at the Azteca stadium in Mexico City, courtesy of goals from Manuel Negrete and Luis Flores.

Germany are unbeaten against CONCACAF opposition in the World Cup, with six victories and a draw from seven meetings against a total of three teams (Costa Rica, Mexico and USA).

Die Nationalelf are undefeated in their last eight World Cup games, having amassed seven victories and a draw since losing 1-0 to Spain in 2010. The Germans’ longest unbeaten run in the event is 11 games between 1990 and 1994.

In World Cup games contested on 17 June, the Germans have recorded three wins and one defeat. The victories occurred in 1954 (4-1 against Turkey), 1986 (1-0 over Morocco) and 1994 (1-0 against Bolivia). The only defeat was the famous semi-final in 1970, which Die Nationalmannschaft lost 4-3 to Italy after extra time. By contrast, Mexico have an even record in World Cup fixtures played on 17 June, with one victory (2-0 over France in 2010), one draw (0-0 with Brazil in 2014) and one defeat (2-0 to USA in 2002).

In each of their last seven World Cup openers, Germany have emerged victorious, scoring 27 goals (an average of 3.8 per game) and conceding only three. Whereas, El Tri are undefeated in their last five opening matchdays, notching four victories and a draw since losing 1-0 to Norway in 1994.

The defending champions in each of the last two editions failed to win their opening match: Italy drew 1-1 with Paraguay in 2010, while Spain were trounced 5-1 by the Netherlands four years ago.

Mexico face the reigning champions for the third time, having lost without scoring on the previous two occasions, by the scorelines of 2-0 against Brazil in 1962 and 6-0 against Germany FR in 1978.

Germany have never lost the first match of their title defence after winning a World Cup. They defeated Argentina 3-1 in 1958, drew 0-0 with Poland in 1978 and edged Bolivia 1-0 in 1994.
18 June

**Sweden - Korea Republic**

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**Facts & figures**

- The teams have gone head-to-head on four previous occasions and Sweden are unbeaten, with two victories and two draws.
- The current coach of Korea Republic, Shin Taeyong, was on the pitch on 16 May 1996 when Sweden earned the second of those wins, which ended 2-0 and was followed by two draws.
- The pair’s only meeting in an international competition took place in the Olympic Football Tournament 1948, when Sweden strolled to a 12-0 victory. That result remains the Scandinavians’ joint-biggest winning margin of all time, equalled by another 12-0 success over Latvia in a friendly in 1927.
- This is the third World Cup fixture played on 18 June by Korea Republic, who avoided defeat in both of the previous two, toppling Italy 2-1 in 2002 and tying 1-1 with France in 2006.
- Sweden have not won their opening match in a World Cup since 1958, when they defeated Mexico 3-0. Since then the Blågult have recorded five draws (including three in their last three outings: 2-2 with Cameroon in 1994, 1-1 with England in 2002 and 0-0 against Trinidad and Tobago in 2006) and two losses.
- Korea Republic have gone six games without winning in the World Cup. Their most recent success ended 2-0 against Greece in 2010 and preceded two draws and four defeats.
- This is Sweden’s second encounter against an Asian team in the global showcase. The only previous meeting yielded a 3-1 victory over Saudi Arabia in the Round of 16 in 1994.
- Four of Korea Republic’s five wins in 31 matches contested to date came against European sides, specifically Poland, Portugal and Italy in 2002, followed by Greece in 2010.
- Shin Tae Yong faced Sweden as a player in the 1992 Olympic Football Tournament when his Korea Republic side drew 1-1 with the team from Scandinavia.
Belgium – Panama

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No previous head-to-heads

**Facts & figures**

- This is the first engagement between the two sides.

- Panama are the 11th CONCACAF team to participate in the World Cup finals, following Trinidad and Tobago in 2006.

- Belgium’s last defeat in a World Cup opener was a 2-1 reverse against Mexico in 1986, since when they have kicked off with three victories and two draws.

- The most recent victory by a CONCACAF debutant in the World Cup dates back to 26 June 1998, when Jamaica stunned Japan 2-1 in Lyon.

- Panama are the fourth CONCACAF side that Belgium have faced in the World Cup after El Salvador (two meetings), Mexico (three) and USA (two). The Red Devils are all-square in the head-to-head series with three victories, a draw and three defeats.
FIFA World Cup Russia 2018

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Facts & figures

- The sides’ two previous showdowns resulted in one victory to England and a draw.

- Their last duel was a group match 20 years ago on 15 June 1998 in Marseilles, which ended 2-0 to England following goals from Alan Shearer and Paul Scholes.

- In the aforementioned game contested at the Stade Velodrome in 1998, current coach Gareth Southgate was in the starting line-up and played all 90 minutes.

- Tunisia have failed to beat European opposition in eight attempts in the World Cup, collecting three draws and five defeats. On the contrary, England are unbeaten in six meetings with African teams, with a track record of three victories and three draws, including 0-0 stalemates in the most recent engagements with Nigeria in 2002 and Algeria in 2010.

- England avoided defeat in both of the World Cup matches they have played on 18 June, overcoming Paraguay 3-0 in 1986 and drawing 0-0 with Algeria in 2010.

- Tunisia have gone 11 World Cup games without victory, the longest winless streak of all the teams qualified for Russia 2018, but some way short of Bulgaria’s tournament benchmark of 17. The North Africans won on their debut on 2 June 1978, dispatching Mexico 3-1 and in the process recording the first African victory in the competition. Since that success, however, the Eagles of Carthage have amassed four draws and seven defeats.
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.

28 days to the FINAL

28 was Soviet goalkeeper Rinat Dasaev’s age when he broke another legendary shotstopper’s clean sheet record for the national team. On 25 September 1985 during a qualification match for the 1986 FIFA World Cup, Dasaev kept the opposition from scoring for the 27th time in a 1-0 win against Denmark, taking him one beyond Lev Yashin’s record of 26 that had lasted for more than 18 years. By the end of his international career, Dasaev had raised the benchmark to 44 clean sheets for the USSR. It took until 15 November 2016 to break it again, when Igor Akinfeev managed not to concede against Romania in a friendly.

Russian Football Dictionary

How to say... in Russian
Caution Замечание / zameechaniye
Yellow card Желтая карточка / zholtaya kartochka
Expulsion Удаление / oodaleniye
Red card Красная карточка / krasnaya kartochka

Happy Birthday to...

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

Ecuador

FIFA World Cup™ facts & figures
Best achievement Round of 16 in 2006

Enner Valencia is the only Ecuadoran to have scored a brace in the FIFA World Cup™ (hitting two goals against Honduras in 2014), whereas Augustin Delgado is the only Ecuadoran to have scored in two editions, netting once in 2002 and twice in 2006.

The only player to have taken to the field in all three of Ecuador’s World Cup participations is Edison Mendez, who played three fixtures in the 2002 edition, four in 2006 and one in 2014.

Los Amarillos waged all three of their campaigns under a Colombian head coach, namely Hernan Gomez in 2002, Luis Suarez in 2006 and Reinaldo Rueda in 2014.

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Bolivia

FIFA World Cup™ facts & figures
Participations  3 (1930, 1950, 1994)
Best achievement  Group stage 1930, 1950, 1994

All three finals tournaments attended by Bolivia were staged in the Americas, specifically Uruguay in 1930, Brazil in 1950 and the United States in 1994.

The Bolivians’ only goal from six games played was struck by Erwin Sanchez in the 3-1 defeat by Spain in 1994

La Verde hold the competition record for the most consecutive minutes without scoring, which stands at 517.

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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.

ALIOU CISSE

A defensive player who started and ended his club career in France, either side of a spell in England, Aliou Cisse captained the Senegal team that surprised many by reaching the 2002 quarter-finals before losing to Turkey. He played four games in that tournament, including the Opening Match, when the Lions of Teranga sensationaly beat the holders France 1-0.

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Football Fashion
Egypt in 1924

...and now

Pozzo Archive / FIFA Museum & by David Ramos - FIFA/FIFA via Getty Images
Striking snaps from tournaments past

The English team arrives in Rio for the 1950 World Cup and enjoy their transfer in a luxury bus.

Photo FIFA Museum Archive

Tantalizing Trivia

Today’s question
Which three teams have never lost in the group stage?

Solution will be revealed in tomorrow’s edition

Yesterday’s solution
Twelve goals have been scored within the first minute of play, but only one team has netted twice in this time frame. Which team is that?

France, who opened the scoring after 35 seconds through Emile Veinante against Belgium in 1938 and after 31 seconds through Bernard Lacombe against Italy in 1978
These are the boots of the most prolific marksman in the history of the FIFA World Cup, from the game in which he broke the record held by Brazil's Ronaldo - the extraordinary semi-final between Germany and Brazil at the 2014 finals. Miroslav Klose's record is impressive. He was the third player to score at four World Cups, following in the footsteps of Pelé and Uwe Seeler; along with Thomas Müller and Teofilo Cubillas he is part of an exclusive club who scored five goals in two separate tournaments; he is alone in having appeared in four consecutive semi-finals; and he has more medals than any other player - two for finishing in third place, one runners-up medal, and a winners medal. Seven of his 16 World Cup goals were scored with headers, eight with the right foot and one with the left - all from within the penalty area and none even as far out as the penalty spot. These boots were made for walking? Nope, they were made for scoring!

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.

2014

Football boots worn by Germany’s Miroslav Klose during the 2014 FIFA World Cup™ semi-final against Brazil