

2 July 2018

Stats wrap-up (status after 52 of 64 matches)

Matches	Goals	Average	Yellow / Red Cards	Average	Attendance	Average
52 of 64	136	2.62	171 / 3	3.29 / 0.06	2'384'916	45'864

Match highlights

Spain-Russia

- ⚽ Russia qualified for the World Cup quarter-finals for the first time since Soviet Union did the same at Mexico 1970.
- ⚽ Spain went home undefeated from the World Cup for the second time (1 win; 3 draws). They suffered the same fate in 2002 (3 wins; 2 draws). On both occasions Spain were eliminated by a host nation on penalties – Korea Republic in 2002 and Russia this tournament.
- ⚽ Russia were involved in a World Cup penalty shootout for the first time. Spain have now lost three of their four World Cup penalty shootouts.
- ⚽ The World Cup hosts have now won five successive World Cup shootouts, with their record standing at five wins and two defeats.
- ⚽ Spain have never beaten a host nation in the World Cup, losing two and drawing three meetings, two of the latter ending in penalty-shootout defeats.
- ⚽ Russia sending Aleksander Erokhin on for Daler Kuzaiev in the 97th minute was the first fourth substitution in a World Cup match.
- ⚽ Spain-Russia became the first match in World Cup history to see eight substitutes brought on.
- ⚽ Sergio Ramos made his 17th World Cup appearance, tying Iker Casillas's Spanish record.
- ⚽ Russia became the second side to score more than one own-goal at a World Cup after Bulgaria in 1966.

Croatia-Denmark

- ⚽ Danijel Subasic became only the second goalkeeper to have three penalties in a World Cup penalty shootout after Portugal's Ricardo did it against England - coincidentally on this day - in 2006.
- ⚽ Mathias Jorgensen scored the 13th earliest goal in World Cup history after merely 55 seconds. It surpassed Martin Jorgensen's 2nd-minute effort against Brazil in 1998 as Denmark's quickest in the World Cup.

Goal scored [min/sec]	Player	Date	Match
0' 11"	SUKUR Hakan, TUR	2002-06-29	vs Korea Republic
0' 15"	MASEK Vaclav, TCH	1962-06-07	vs Mexico
0' 25"	LEHNER Ernest, GER	1934-06-07	vs Austria
0' 28"	ROBSON Bryan, ENG	1982-06-16	vs France
0' 30"	DEMPSEY Clint, USA	2014-06-16	vs Ghana
0' 31"	LACOMBE Bernard, FRA	1978-06-02	vs Italy
0' 35"	NYBERG Arne, SWE	1938-06-16	vs Hungary
0' 35"	VEINANTE Emile, FRA	1938-06-05	vs Belgium
0' 50"	ALBERT Florian, HUN	1962-06-03	vs Bulgaria
0' 50"	DESU Adalbert, ROU	1930-07-14	vs Peru
0' 50"	PAK Seung Zin, PRK	1966-07-23	vs Portugal
0' 52"	AYALA Celso, PAR	1998-06-24	vs Nigeria
0' 55"	JORGENSEN Mathias, DEN	2018-07-01	vs Croatia

- ⚽ With Mathias Jorgensen scoring after 55 seconds and Mario Mandzukic equalizing after three minutes and 39 seconds, Croatia-Denmark became the quickest match in which both teams scored in World Cup history, eclipsing Argentina-Nigeria from 2014 (Lionel Messi after two minutes and 30 seconds; Ahmed Musa after three minutes and 52 seconds).
- ⚽ Four World Cup games have seen two goals in the first four minutes. Aside from Croatia-Denmark at this tournament and Argentina-Nigeria from 2014, Austria were 2-0 up against Czechoslovakia early in 1954 and Soviet Union were in the same position against Hungary in 1986.
- ⚽ Croatia and Denmark participated in extra-time and a penalty shootout for the first time in World Cup history.
- ⚽ Both penalties awarded against Denmark at this World Cup have been spurned. Peru's Christian Cueva missed from the spot in the group stage.
- ⚽ Croatia reached the quarter-finals for the first time since 1998.
- ⚽ That's the second time in World Cup history that two matches ended in penalty shootouts on the same day. The Brazil-France and West Germany-Mexico quarter-finals did on 21 June 1986.

On this day in the past

1950

England are eliminated 1-0 by Spain at the end of the group stage in their first-ever FIFA World Cup.

2010

Asamoah Gyan becomes the first player to miss two World Cup penalties, failing to convert against Uruguay following an earlier miss from the spot against the Czech Republic in 2006.

2010

For the first time since 1970, Uruguay qualify for the semi-finals by defeating Ghana in their first-ever World Cup penalty shoot-out.



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Next matches – 2 July



Brazil - Mexico



Round of 16

Match #	Date	Referee designation	City	Time (LT) UTC +4
53	02-07-2018	Gianluca ROCCHI (ITA)	SAMARA	18:00

40 previous head-to-heads (click [here](#) for full matchlist)

	MP	W	D	L	GF	GA
Brazil	40	23	7	10	73	36
Mexico	40	10	7	23	36	73

Facts & figures

- ⚽ 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

Match #	Date	Referee designation	City	Time (LT) UTC +3
54	02-07-2018	Malang DIEDHIOU (SEN)	ROSTOV-ON-DON	21:00

5 previous head-to-heads (click [here](#) for full matchlist)

	MP	W	D	L	GF	GA
Belgium	5	1	2	2	5	9
Japan	5	2	2	1	9	5

Facts & figures

-  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.

Next matches – 3 July



Sweden - Switzerland




Round of 16				
Match #	Date	Referee designation	City	Time (LT) UTC +3
55	03-07-2018	Damir SKOMINA (SVN)	ST. PETERSBURG	17:00

28 previous head-to-heads (click [here](#) for full matchlist)

	MP	W	D	L	GF	GA
Sweden	28	10	7	11	46	42
Switzerland	28	11	7	10	42	46

Facts & figures

-  This will be the 29th meeting between the two sides. Switzerland lead the overall series by a single victory, with 11 wins to Sweden's ten. The other seven games were drawn, including the most recent skirmish, which was a friendly that finished 1-1 in Malmo in 2002 (Marcus Allback and Ricardo Cabanas the scorers). The pair's first encounter dates back almost a century to 6 June 1920, when the Swiss plundered a 1-0 victory in Stockholm.
-  This is the first time that Switzerland and Sweden have met in the finals of an international competition.
-  The Scandinavians have progressed beyond the group ground for the fourth time in a row (1994, 2002, 2006 and this edition). By contrast, *Die Schweizer Nati* also made it past the opening round four years ago, but were eliminated in the group stage in 2010.
-  This is the 50th World Cup fixture contested by Sweden, who made their competition debut on 27 May 1934 in Bologna with a 3-2 victory over Argentina.
-  The Scandinavians have only played one World Cup match that was decided in extra time, a defeat by Senegal in the Round of 16 in 2002. The *Blågult* have also contested just the one penalty shoot-out, getting the better of Romania in the 1994 quarter-finals.
-  Switzerland have never won a match outside of regular time. In the days before penalty shoot-outs in 1938, they drew 1-1 after extra time with Germany, before winning the replay four days later. Four years ago the Helvetians lost 1-0 after 120 minutes against Argentina in the Round of 16. Their only penalty shoot-out also ended in defeat, against Ukraine in another Round of 16 duel in 2006, after the Swiss had failed to convert any of their three spot-kicks.
-  Sweden won both of the previous World Cup fixtures they contested on 3 July, seeing off Yugoslavia 2-1 in 1974 and Saudi Arabia 3-1 in 1994.



Colombia - England












Round of 16

Match #	Date	Referee designation	City	Time (LT) UTC +3
56	03-07-2018	Mark GEIGER (USA)	MOSCOW	21:00

5 previous head-to-heads (click [here](#) for full matchlist)

	MP	W	D	L	GF	GA
Colombia	5	0	2	3	3	10
England	5	3	2	0	10	3

Facts & figures

-  England remain unbeaten after five meetings with Colombia, having picked up three wins and two draws. The pair last crossed paths in a friendly game in New York in 2005, which the Three Lions won 3-2 after a Michael Owen hat-trick and goals from Mario Yepes and Aldo Ramirez.
-  The teams' only encounter in the World Cup finished 2-0 to England in 1998. Darren Anderton and David Beckham were on target inside the opening half-hour, while current England coach Gareth Southgate stayed on the bench as an unused substitute.
-  England return to the competition's second stage after exiting in the group round four years ago in Brazil, while Colombia have reached the knockout stage for the second time in a row.
-  Colombia have a poor head-to-head record after ten prior meetings against European opposition in the World Cup, having lost five, drawn two and won three, including the last two against Greece in 2014 and Poland in this edition's group round on 24 June.
-  England have marginally had the better of South American opponents in past World Cups, with eight wins, three draws and six defeats, including a 2-1 reverse against Uruguay in the last showdown four years ago.
-  Colombia lost the only World Cup match in which they were taken beyond regular time, in 1990 when they succumbed 2-1 to Cameroon after the added half hour.
-  England have fared better in games decided in extra time, winning three out of five (including the 1966 Final against Germany FR), losing one and drawing the other. That stalemate occurred in 1954, before penalties had been introduced. By contrast, the Three Lions lost all of the three penalty shoot-outs they were involved in, against Germany FR in 1990, Argentina in 1998 and Portugal in 2006.
-  Jose Pekerman has faced England's senior side once before, while coaching Argentina, who went down 3-2 in a friendly game played in Geneva in 2005. The Argentinian tactician had greater success in the FIFA U-20 World Cup in 1997, also in charge of his home nation, who beat England 2-1 in the Round of 16.
-  With this match, his 14th in the global showpiece, Pekerman moves up to 14th place in the tournament's all-time appearance ranking for coaches, joining Franz Beckenbauer, Carlos Bilardo and Walter Winterbottom.

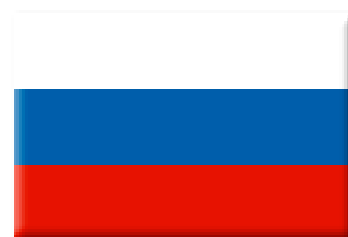
Metro to Moscow

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.

13 days to the FINAL

13 matches played at FIFA World Cups by legendary goalkeeper Lev Yashin, more than any other player from the Soviet Union or Russia. Nicknamed the Black Spider, Yashin is still considered the foremost icon of Soviet and Russian football. He played five matches at Sweden 1958, four at Chile 1962 and a further four at England 1966, where the country recorded their best-ever result at the tournament (fourth place). It should be noted that Yashin was named in the USSR squad for Mexico 1970 but did not play.

Russian Football Dictionary



How to say...

Stadium

Pitch

Line

Bench

in Russian

Стадион / stadion

Газон / gazon

Линия / leen'ya

Скамейка / skameyka

Happy Birthday

Players, coaches and referees celebrating their Birthday

When	Turning...
2 July	
Joel AGUILAR (SLV) – Referee	43
Danny ROSE (ENG)	28

From Russia with Love

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

SCOTLAND

FIFA World Cup™ facts & figures

Participations	8 (1954, 1958, 1974, 1978, 1982, 1986, 1990, 1998)
Best achievement	Group stage 1954, 1958, 1974, 1978, 1982, 1986, 1990, 1998

Scotland have never ventured beyond the group stage in eight participations.

Calling the shots for the Scots at the 1986 World Cup Mexico was Alex Ferguson, just months before he began his long and illustrious tenure in the Manchester United hotseat.



Scotland are one of seven teams that have faced opponents from all six confederations in the World Cup.

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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.

PAUL VAN HIMST

The iconic Anderlecht forward made three appearances in the 1970 FIFA World Cup for Belgium, whose title hopes were extinguished in the opening round (2nd right in bottom row). Van Himst fared slightly better as coach of his home country in 1994, taking the Belgians into the knockout stage before losing to Germany in the Round of 16.

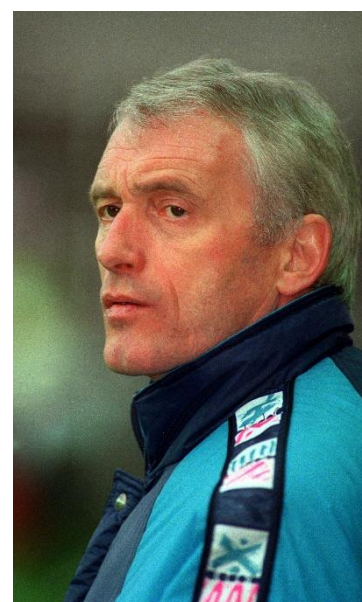


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Football Fashion

Switzerland in 1934



...and now



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Striking snaps from tournaments past



V for VAR? After France scored their fourth goal against Kuwait at the 1982 World Cup, the President of the Kuwaiti Association refused to continue the game insisting on an off-side position. The stunned referee (who was later suspended) cancelled the goal, however the French went on to score another goal, winning the match 4-1.

Tantalizing World Cup Trivia

Today's question

Argentina faced Germany FR in 1958 wearing the shirts of which club?

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

Yesterday's solution

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

→ *Just Fontaine in 1958 and Jairzinho in 1970*



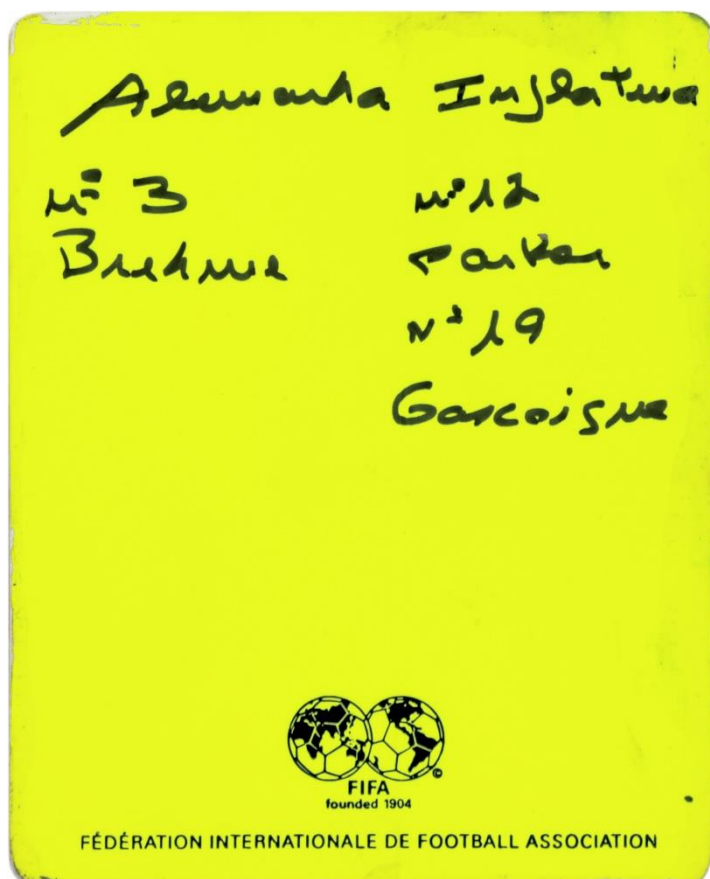
Memorabilia marvel

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.

1990

Yellow card shown to England's Paul Gascoigne during the 1990 FIFA World Cup semi-final against Germany FR

The yellow card that started a football revolution... After years of hooligan violence and three stadium disasters at Bradford, Heysel and Hillsborough, by the end of the 1980s the English had fallen out of love with football. And the rest of the world looked on at the country that had given football to the world with a mixture of contempt and pity. At the 1990 World Cup in Italy, England reached the semi-finals for the first time in 24 years and when Paul Gascoigne was booked he realised that he would miss the Final if England won. He tried to contain the tears, but they flowed. It was a seminal moment in England's football history. Gazza's tears, as they became known, had shown that he cared. And football fans in England showed that they cared too. Football was acceptable once more. Money flowed into the game, grounds were modernised and the Premier League became a phenomenon.



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