Match highlights

Colombia-Japan

- Japan became the first Asian team to beat South American opposition in what was its 19th attempt (15 losses, three draws previously).
- Carlos Sanchez’s red card, after two minutes and 56 seconds, was the second-fastest in World Cup history. Uruguay’s Jose Batista was sent off after merely 52 seconds for fouling Scotland’s Gordon Strachan at Mexico 1986.
- Juan Quintero became the first Colombian to score in more than one World Cup.
- Shinji Kagawa’s sixth-minute penalty was Japan’s fastest-ever World Cup goal. Keisuke Honda, who replaced Kagawa in Saransk, had scored their previous quickest after 16 minutes against Côte d’Ivoire in 2014.

Poland-Senegal

- Senegal are now the only unbeaten team in the group stage of a World Cup to have played more than three matches (the victory over Poland was their fourth group game in the competition). German DR and Wales are the only other nations to have never lost in the group stage, with both having played three matches.
- Poland conceded their first goal and lost their first game against African opposition in the World Cup. They had previously beaten Tunisia 1-0 in 1978 and drawn 0-0 with Cameroon in 1982 and Morocco in 1986.
- Poland haven’t won their opening match at a World Cup since beating an Argentina side including Roberto Perfumo, Miguel Angel Brindisi and Mario Kempes 3-2 in 1974. The Poles have, thereafter, drawn three – all 0-0 – and lost three of their curtain-raisers.
- Thiago Cionek scored Poland’s first own-goal in the World Cup in what was their 32nd appearance in the competition.

Russia-Egypt

- The last time Russia won back-to-back World Cup matches was in 1970 when, as Soviet Union, they beat Belgium and El Salvador.
- The only host nation aside from Russia to score eight goals in their first two games was Italy in 1934.
- Egypt remain without a World Cup win, having now lost four and drawn two in the competition.
- Mohamed Salah ended Egypt’s 350-minute goal drought in the World Cup. Their previous goal, by Magdy Abdelghani against the Netherlands in 1990, was also a penalty.
- Russia are unbeaten in five games against African teams in the World Cup (four wins; one draw).
- Ahmed Fahti’s own-goal was the fifth at Russia 2018. The record for a World Cup is six own-goals, set at France 1998.
On this day in the past

1954
Hungary record an impressive 8-3 win over Germany FR in Basel, with Sándor Kocsis firing in four goals. However, Germany FR would go on to defeat Hungary in the final two weeks later to become world champions.

1990
In their first-ever FIFA World Cup, Bora Milutinović’s Costa Rica side seal their progression to the knockout stage by defeating Sweden 2-1 in Genoa in their last group-stage match.

2006
Sweden’s Marcus Allbäck strikes the 2,000th goal in FIFA World Cup history against England in Cologne. Goal number 1,000 had been scored by Rob Rensenbrink of the Netherlands in 1978.

2010
Didier Drogba scores the first-ever goal for an African team against Brazil in the sixth FIFA World Cup encounter between the Seleçao and a CAF team.

2014
Olivier Giroud scores France’s 100th World Cup goal when he opens the scoring in France’s 5-2 victory over Switzerland.

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Next matches - 20 June

Uruguay - Saudi Arabia

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Saudi Arabia are unbeaten against Uruguay after two previous meetings, both of them friendlies, having earned one victory and a draw in the last showdown. That stalemate took place in Jeddah in 2014 and ended 1-1, after an own goal by Hassan Muath Fallatah and a 90th-minute equaliser from Naif Hazazi.

Uruguay’s win over Egypt was their first opening-match success in the competition for 48 years, since they kicked off the 1970 tournament with victory over Israel. The last time the South Americans won their opening two games in a World Cup campaign was in 1954, when they dispatched Czechoslovakia 2-0 and Scotland 7-0.

Saudi Arabia are without a victory in their last 11 World Cup matches, the fifth-longest winless streak in the competition’s history.

Saudi Arabia are the second Asian team that Uruguay have faced in the World Cup. La Celeste previously tussled twice with Korea Republic, triumphing on both occasions by the scorelines of 1-0 in 1990 and 2-1 in 2010.

Uruguay’s Fernando Muslera could equal make his 13th World Cup appearance, equalling the national record set by Ladislao Mazurkiewicz.

The winner against Egypt, netted by Jose Gimenez, was the first goal scored by a Uruguayan player wearing the No2 shirt.

This match takes place exactly 24 years after Saudi Arabia made their World Cup debut. On 20 June 1994, the Saudis lost their maiden game 2-1 to the Netherlands in Washington. The Green Falcons’ historic first goal in the competition was netted by Fuad Amin.

The only previous World Cup fixture contested by Uruguay on 20 June dates back to 1970, when Los Charrúas were defeated 1-0 by Germany FR in the Play-Off for Third Place.

Oscar Tabarez enters two of the competition’s top-ten rankings, taking second place in the list of oldest coaches behind Otto Rehhagel and ninth position in the coaches’ appearance table. Tabarez is overseeing his 17th World Cup match, one fewer than the tally achieved by Enzo Bearzot, Sepp Herberger and Guus Hiddink.

Juan Antonio Pizzi scored the first of his eight goals for Spain in his second match, against Uruguay. The former striker netted in the first minute of a friendly encounter played in 1995 and which ended 2-2.
Portugal – Morocco

### Group B

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**Facts & figures**

- The teams’ only prior skirmish dates back to 1986, when Morocco triumphed 3-1 in the group stage in Guadalajara thanks to a brace from Abdelrazzak Khairi and one goal by Abdelkarim Krimau, with Diamantino netting for the Portuguese. That result eliminated Portugal and made Morocco the first African side to reach the second round of a World Cup.

- The aforementioned defeat by Morocco was Portugal’s only reverse in four previous showdowns with Africa opposition in the World Cup. In the last three editions, the Lusitanians respectively edged Angola (1-0 in 2006), drew with Côte d’Ivoire (0-0 in 2010) and overcame Ghana (2-1 in 2014).

- All of Morocco’s positive results in the World Cup (two victories and four draws) have come against European teams.

- Against Spain, Cristiano Ronaldo became only the fourth player to score in four World Cups, after Uwe Seeler, Pele and Miroslav Klose. He is also the competition’s oldest hat-trick scorer and the only Portuguese to play in four editions.

- The own goal by Aziz Bouhaddouz in the 95th minute of the defeat by IR Iran was the latest own goal scored in the competition’s history, three minutes later than the one scored by Nigeria’s Joseph Yobo against France four years ago.

- Portugal have converted all seven of the penalties awarded to them in the World Cup, the latest being Cristiano Ronaldo’s spot-kick against Spain.

- The substitution between Noureddine and Sofyan Amrabat was the first substitution between brothers in World Cup history.
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Facts & figures

- The senior sides are going head-to-head for the first time. Besides numerous encounters in beach soccer and futsal tournaments, the teams faced each other at youth level in the quarter-finals of the last FIFA U-17 World Cup in 2017, when Spain triumphed 3-1.

- IR Iran are yet to beat European opposition in the World Cup, having mustered one draw (1-1 with Scotland in 1978) and five defeats.

- IR Iran’s win over Morocco was their first World Cup victory in eight games and ended a 16-game winless streak among AFC representatives.

- Masoud Shojaei became the first Iranian player to take to the field in three World Cups.

- Fernando Hierro is the fourth person to have played for and coached Spain in the World Cup, following in the footsteps of Jose Santamaria, Luis Suarez and Jose Camacho.

- If Sergio Ramos plays today it will be his 15th outing in the World Cup, making him the joint-third-highest Spaniard in the competition’s appearance ranking, level with Xavi Hernandez and below Iker Casillas (17) and Andoni Zubizarreta (16).

- The only other World Cup fixture that Spain have played on 20 June dates back to 1982, when they overcame Yugoslavia 2-1 in Valencia.

- Spain are five strikes away from the milestone of 100 goals scored in the World Cup.

- Spain are unbeaten against AFC representatives. In five meetings with Asian sides, the Iberians have earned three wins and two draws, although one of those stalemates culminated in a penalty shoot-out defeat by Korea Republic in the 2002 quarter-finals.
Next matches - 21 June

France – Peru

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- The pair’s only previous meeting dates back to 28 April 1982, when Peru secured a 1-0 friendly win at the Parc des Princes in Paris, where Juan Carlos Oblitas hit the winner.

- Peru have gone seven straight games without victory in the FIFA World Cup, since overpowering IR Iran 4-1 in 1978.

- This is the third World Cup match that France have played on 21 June. *Les Bleus* overcame Kuwait 4-1 in Valladolid in 1982 and eliminated Brazil on penalties in the 1986 quarter-finals.

- Exactly 40 years ago on 21 June 1978, Peru suffered their heaviest defeat in the World Cup, going down 6-0 to Argentina in the second round.

- There have been 13 meetings between France and South American sides in the World Cup. The French are slightly behind in the head-to-head series with four victories to five, but are unbeaten since 1978, when they lost 2-0 to Argentina. Since then, *Les Bleus* have strung together three victories and four draws against CONMEBOL representatives, with no goals conceded in the last six showdowns.

- 1978 is also notable for being the year in which Peru last beat European opposition at the World Cup, defeating Scotland 3-1. Since then, *Los Incas* have racked up two draws and three defeats against UEFA teams, contributing to an overall head-to-head record of two victories, two draws and five defeats from nine meetings.
Denmark - Australia

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Facts & figures

- Denmark have had the better of Australia historically, with two victories to one from three previous meetings, all of which were friendly games. The most recent skirmish took place in Copenhagen in 2012 and was won 2-0 by the hosts, after goals from Daniel Agger and Andreas Bjelland.

- Australia have lost their last four consecutive World Cup fixtures.

- The Socceroos are the third AFC side to meet Denmark in the World Cup, after the Danes edged Saudi Arabia 1-0 in 1998 and lost 3-1 to Japan in 2010.

- The two coaches previously squared off in opposing dugouts on 15 October 2008, in a qualifier for the 2010 World Cup, when Bert Van Marwijk’s Dutch side clinched a 1-0 win in Oslo over a Norway side managed by Age Hareide.

- Van Marwijk has already faced Denmark twice as a coach, both times while in charge of the Netherlands, triumphing 2-0 in the 2010 World Cup and losing 1-0 two years later in the UEFA European Championship.

- Hareide’s only game as coach against Australia ended all square at 2-2 in 2004, when Denmark’s current manager faced the Socceroos in a friendly while managing Norway.
### Argentina – Croatia

#### Group D

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#### Facts & figures

- The sides have played each other four times and Argentina have marginally the better track record, with two victories to Croatia’s one, plus one draw. Their last engagement dates back to 12 November 2014 in London, when the South Americans secured a 2-1 friendly victory with goals from Cristian Ansaldi and Lionel Messi, after Anas Sharbini had put Croatia ahead.

- This is the pair’s second World Cup showdown, after Argentina ran out 1-0 winners in 1998, thanks to a goal from Mauricio Pineda.

- Javier Mascherano could go joint-second alongside Mario Kempes in Argentina’s all-time World Cup appearance ranking on 18 matches, whereas Lionel Messi would be making his 17th appearance. Top of the table is Maradona with 21 games played.

- Against Nigeria, Luka Modric scored goal number 2400 in the history of the World Cup.

- Argentina are unbeaten in the group round since losing 1-0 to England in 2002, since when they have accumulated eight victories and three draws.

- The Argentinians have already played five World Cup games on 21 June. Their past results on this date are overwhelmingly positive, with four wins and one draw. In particular, La Albiceleste have never conceded a goal on this date, having beat Peru 6-0 in 1978, Greece 4-0 in 1994 and Jamaica 5-0 in 1998, followed by a 0-0 draw with the Netherlands in 2006 and a 1-0 win over IR Iran four years ago.

- Croatia have traditionally struggled against South American opposition in the World Cup, collecting four defeats in as many meetings. The reverse by Argentina in 1998 was followed by 1-0 losses to Ecuador in 2002 and Brazil in 2006, before another defeat to Brazil by a 3-1 scoreline in the Opening Match four years ago.
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.

25 days to the FINAL

25 international goals is the tally scored by the outstanding Russian striker Eduard Streltsov. Football historians consider him among the most talented Soviet strikers of all time. His haul of 25 goals for the national team puts him fourth in the overall standings behind Oleg Blokhin (42), Oleg Protasov (29) and Valentin Ivanov (26). However, Streltsov’s career was significantly shorter, as he lost arguably his best years to the Soviet prison system. Nevertheless, he made 38 appearances for the USSR and won Olympic gold in 1956.

Russian Football Dictionary

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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

ROMANIA

FIFA World Cup™ facts & figures

Best achievement Quarter-finals 1994

Romania are one of four teams that took part in the first three FIFA World Cups, the others being Belgium, Brazil and France.

The Tricolorii have been involved in two penalty shoot-outs and lost both of them, against Republic of Ireland in 1990 and Sweden in 1994.

Following the introduction of substitutions in 1970, Stere Adamache became the first goalkeeper to be substituted in the World Cup, when he was replaced by Necula Raducanu against Brazil in the Mexico 1970 finals.

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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.

MLADEN KRSTAJIC

A former Partizan centre-back who also spent nine seasons in the Bundesliga with Werder Bremen and Schalke 04, Mladen Krstajic was the defensive rock in a Serbia and Montenegro side that conceded just one goal on the road to Germany 2006. The current coach of Serbia went on to play in all three group-stage games during that year’s finals.
Football Fashion

Mexico in 1950

...and now

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Striking snaps from tournaments past

‘The only place to get some privacy after a big game’ - Germany FR goalkeeper Sepp Maier disappearing for the doping control at the 1974 World Cup

Photo FIFA Archive

Tantalizing Trivia

Today’s question
Who is the only player to have scored a goal and an own goal in the same match?

⇒ Solution will be revealed in tomorrow’s edition

Yesterday’s solution
Which shirt number (since they were introduced in 1954) has produced the most goals?

⇒ The No9 shirt, accounting for 283 goals
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.

1998

Shirt worn by Iran’s Hamid Estili in the 1998 FIFA World Cup group game against the USA

Few matches in World Cup history have been as politically charged as the one played between the USA and Iran on 21 June 1998 in Lyon. The countries had been fierce opponents on the stage of world politics for many years, and there were threats of mass protests and pitch invasions amongst the crowd. Allocated as ‘Team B’ was the role of the Iranians to walk towards the Americans for the traditional handshake, but they were forbidden from doing so by Iran’s Supreme Leader Ayatollah Khameni. It was agreed by the Americans to reverse the role, and in another break with tradition the two teams were photographed arm in arm together before the game, an act of sportsmanship which earned both the FIFA Fair Play prize.

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