Match highlights

Portugal-Morocco

- Cristiano Ronaldo became the fourth player to score a goal in the first five minutes of a World Cup match on more than one occasion, after Gabriel Batistuta, Johan Neeskens and Vava.
- Morocco have suffered group-stage elimination three times in succession and in four of their five World Cups.
- Only one French coach has been able to guide an African side into the second stage of the competition: Bruno Metsu with Senegal in 2002. All others failed to do so: Jean Vincent (Cameroon in 1982), Henri Michel (Cameroon in 1994, Morocco in 1998 and Côte d’Ivoire in 2006), Claude Le Roy (Cameroon in 1998), Philippe Troussier (South Africa in 1998), Roger Lemerre (Tunisia in 2006), Paul Le Guen (Cameroon in 2010), Sabri Lamouchi (Côte d’Ivoire in 2014) and yesterday Herve Renard with Morocco.

Uruguay-Saudi Arabia

- Uruguay have now reached the World Cup knockout phase for the third time in succession. Their victory also qualified Russia, who had suffered group-stage elimination in their previous four World Cup participations, for the knockout rounds for the first time since Soviet Union managed it at Mexico 1986.
- Fernando Muslera equalled Ladislao Mazurkiewicz’s record for the most appearances in the World Cup by a Uruguayan (13).
- Luis Suarez became the first Uruguayan to score in three World Cups.
- Uruguay won their first two games at the World Cup for the first time since 1954, when they started with by beating Czechoslovakia 2-0 and Scotland 7-0.
- Saudi Arabia have gone 12 games without a win and 366 minutes without a goal in the World Cup.

IR Iran-Spain

- Five out of Spain’s last six World Cup wins have been 1-0.
- Spain remain unbeaten against Asian opposition in the World Cup, having won four and drawn two of their encounters, while IR Iran are winless in seven matches with European teams in the competition, losing six and drawing one.
- Sergio Ramos is now the joint-third most-capped Spaniard in the World Cup, level with Xavi Hernandez (15 appearances) and behind Andoni Zubizarreta (16) and Iker Casillas (17).
- Spain require just four more goals to make it 100 in the World Cup.
On this day in the past

1970
Brazil become the last-ever winners of the Jules Rimet Cup by defeating Italy 4-1 in the FIFA World Cup final in Mexico City to claim their third world title. The cup would subsequently be replaced by the current FIFA World Cup Trophy in 1974.

1990
England defeat Egypt 1-0 in Cagliari, with Three Lions goalkeeper Peter Shilton collecting his tenth clean sheet in 17 FIFA World Cup matches.

1994 & 1998
Argentinian striker Gabriel Batistuta is one of four players to have twice scored three or more goals in a World Cup match. He is however the only player to bag a hat-trick in two World Cups, one in a 4-0 victory against Greece in 1994 and the other in a 5-0 triumph over Jamaica in 1998. The others to have scored two hat-tricks in a single World Cup are Just Fontaine, Sándor Kocsis and Gerd Müller.

1998
USA and Iran meet in the FIFA World Cup in Lyon, culminating in a 2-1 Iranian victory.

2010
Switzerland set a record for the longest period without conceding a goal at a World Cup, which is eventually ended by Chile’s Mark González header after 559 minutes. The Helvetians’ run beats Italy’s previous best by nine minutes.

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Next matches - 21 June

France – Peru

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**Facts & figures**

- 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

**Group C**

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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

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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.
Next matches – 22 June

Nigeria – Iceland

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Facts & figures

- The only prior meeting between the duo was a friendly game played in 1981, which Iceland won 3-0 in Reykjavik.

- This is the 20th World Cup fixture contested by Nigeria, who have made more appearances in the event than any other African team except for Cameroon (who remain on 23).

- Against Argentina, Alfred Finnbogason became the scorer of Iceland’s historic maiden goal at the World Cup.

- Nigeria are on a three-match losing streak at the World Cup.

- Iceland are the third European debutants that Nigeria have encountered at the World Cup, after Greece in 1994 and Bosnia and Herzegovina in 2014; on both previous occasions, the Super Eagles emerged 2-0 and 1-0 victors respectively.

- Nigeria have already played a World Cup game on 22 June, drawing 2-2 with Korea Republic in South Africa back in 2010.
Brazil - Costa Rica

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**Facts & figures**

- The pair have crossed paths on ten previous occasions and Brazil have much the better track record with nine victories to one. The only Costa Rican success was a 3-0 victory in the Panamerican Championship dating back to 1960. The most recent meeting took place in Hamilton, USA, in September 2015 and ended 1-0 in favour of the South Americans, following Hulk’s winner. This fixture is traditionally a high-scoring affair, averaging 4.1 goals per match in the ten past meetings.

- This is the third showdown between Brazil and Costa Rica in the World Cup. The previous encounters finished 1-0 in 1990, thanks to a goal by Muller, and 5-2 in 2002, following strikes from Ronaldo (2), Edmilson, Rivaldo and Junior for Brazil, with Paolo Wanchope and Ronald Gomez replying for Costa Rica.

- Brazil are unbeaten for 13 successive games (ten victories and three draws) in the group round, their last defeat coming against Norway in 1998. However, A Seleção have gone three games without victory in the FIFA World Cup™, one short of their longest winless streak of four between 1974 and 1978.

- Costa Rica’s current coach Oscar Gonzalez wore the No10 shirt in the sides’ 1990 World Cup showdown in Turin.

- Brazil have a 100% winning record in World Cup fixtures contested on 22 June, having beaten Zaire 3-0 in 1974 and Japan 4-1 in 2006.

- Christian Bolanos became the first Costa Rican to play in three World Cups when he took to the field against Serbia.

- Brazil are undefeated against CONCACAF representatives after seven meetings, notching six victories to none, plus a draw with Mexico four years ago. The only goals conceded by A Canarinho were both netted by Costa Rica in 2002.
Serbia – Switzerland

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No previous head-to-heads against Serbia – (13 head-to-heads against Yugoslavia – see all matches)

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Facts & figures

- All 13 previous engagements between the pair were contested between Switzerland and Yugoslavia, with the latter team dominating with six victories to two, in addition to five draws. Their only previous World Cup tussle yielded a 3-0 win to Yugoslavia in 1950.

- The last encounter was a World Cup qualifier in 2001, which Yugoslavia won 2-1 in Basel. The winning goal on 72 minutes was struck by Serbia’s current coach Mladen Krstajic, the first of two international goals he netted during his playing career.

- All four World Cup victories achieved by Serbia (including those under the banner of Yugoslavia) ended 1-0.

- Valon Behrami became the first Swiss to play in four World Cups. Meanwhile in this match, Stephan Lichtsteiner could top his country's World Cup appearance table by making his ninth outing in the event.

- On 22 June 1994, Switzerland got back to winning ways in the global showpiece after a 40-year winless streak, overpowering Romania 4-1 in Detroit following a run of seven defeats and one draw since their previous success, a 4-1 victory over Italy in 1954.
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.

24 days to the FINAL

-24°C is officially the coldest recorded temperature for a match held in the Russian league championship. On 10 November 1993, Uralmash (FC Ural Ekaterinburg’s former name until 2002) beat KAMAZ from Naberezhnye Chelny 4-1 on home soil. Since it was the last match of the season, postponing the fixture was out of the question, so the teams braved the frost and put on a high-scoring game for the 3000 supporters in the stands – quite an impressive attendance considering the weather.

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*

### ALGERIA

**FIFA World Cup™ facts & figures**

- **Best achievement**: Round of 16 2014

By edging Germany FR 2-1 in 1982, Algeria became the first African side to win a FIFA World Cup match against the reigning world champions.

Algeria are the only African team to have scored four goals in a World Cup match, in the 4-2 victory over Korea Republic in 2014.

*Les Fennecs* are one of three teams, together with Bolivia and Honduras that have failed to score in five successive games. The North Africans’ barren run, which was ended after 506 minutes by a Sofiane Feghouli penalty against Belgium in 2014, remains the competition’s third-longest goal drought behind Bolivia on 517 and Honduras on 511.

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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.

DANIEL PASSARELLA

Daniel Passarella (below left) is the only Argentinian to have featured in both of his country’s world-title winning squads in 1978 and 1986. A former centre-back for River Plate, as well as for Fiorentina and Internazionale in the Italian top flight, Passarella captained his country both in the 1978 finals and in Spain four years later, contesting a total of 12 matches and netting three goals, although he did not take to the field at Mexico 1986. He managed Argentina in the 1998 FIFA World Cup, where they succumbed to a 2-1 quarter-final defeat by the Netherlands, following Dennis Bergkamp’s late winner on 90 minutes.

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Football Fashion

Brazil in 1934

...and now
Striking snaps from tournaments past

Who’s doing the hard work here? The England squad warm up for the 1966 World Cup

Photo Mirrorpix

Tantalizing World Cup Trivia

Today’s question
Which three coaches managed their sons in a FIFA World Cup after having already participated in a previous edition as a player?

⇒ Solution will be revealed in tomorrow’s edition

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

⇒ Dutchman Ernie Brandts, against Italy in 1978
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.

1970

Panini album from the 1970 World Cup in Mexico

The Panini album has become a staple of the FIFA World Cup experience since it was first introduced at the 1970 finals in Mexico. Buying the stickers, finding their place in the album and trading doubles is a time honoured tradition throughout the world. The 2018 album features Panamanian and Icelandic players for the first time and in a unique take on the concept, it was reported that during the 2014 finals in Brazil, Mario Balotelli bought enough stickers to fill a whole album of himself! The album from 1970 in the FIFA Museum was only on sale in Italy and the UK. Worldwide distribution came four years later at the finals in West Germany.

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