Match highlights

England-Panama

- England broke, by a two-goal cushion, their biggest victory in the World Cup. The Three Lions had thrice won by three-goal margins – all 3-0 – against Poland and Paraguay in 1986 and Denmark in 2002.
- John Stones became the second No5 to score for England in the World Cup. The first was Rio Ferdinand against Denmark in 2002. Both goals were headers, scored in the first ten minutes, and broke the deadlock.
- Harry Kane became only the second player to score in England’s first two games in a World Cup after Ron Flowers, who netted penalties against Hungary and Argentina in their first two outings in 1962.
- Harry Kane became the second England player to score multiple goals in consecutive World Cup appearances after Gary Lineker, who hit three against Poland and two against Paraguay in 1986.
- Harry Kane became the third England player to score a World Cup hat-trick after Geoff Hurst against West Germany in the 1966 Final and Gary Lineker against Paraguay in 1986.
- Harry Kane became the seventh player to score two penalties in a World Cup game – nobody has hit a hat-trick of spot-kicks – emulating Fritz Walter, Eusebio, Johan Neeskens, Teofilo Cubillas, Rob Rensenbrink and Hristo Stoichkov.
- England have scored all ten of the penalties they've been awarded in the World Cup (excluding shootouts).
- England became the fifth team to score over four goals in the first half of a World Cup game. Yugoslavia are the only side to have managed six, against Zaire in 1974.
- Felipe Baloy netted Panama’s maiden World Cup goal. Now only five nations have participated but failed to score in the competition, including two from CONCACAF in Canada and Trinidad and Tobago.
- Felipe Baloy, at 37 years and 120 days, became the fourth-oldest player to score in a World Cup game behind Roger Milla, Gunnar Gren and Cuauhtemoc Blanco.

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**Japan-Senegal**

- Sadio Mane scored Senegal’s fastest goal at the World Cup in the 11th minute, usurping Khalilou Fadiga’s 20th-minute goal against Uruguay in 2002.
- Keisuke Honda became the first Japanese player to score in three World Cups. The Japan No4 was on target against African opposition in each of them: Cameroon in 2010, Côte d’Ivoire in 2014 and Senegal in 2018.
- Senegal remain one of three counties to have never lost a group-stage game in the World Cup, winning two and drawing three. The other two undefeated sides in the first phase, Wales and East Germany, played only three matches apiece.
- Japan scored multiple goals in back-to-back World Cup matches for the first time.
- Moussa Wague, at 19 years and 263 days, became the youngest African to score in the World Cup. The previous youngest was Haminu Draman, who was 20 years and 82 days when he netted for Ghana against USA in 2006.

**Poland-Colombia**

- Colombia played their 20th World Cup match. Their record now stands at eight wins, two draws and ten losses.
- Poland suffered their third straight group-stage elimination at the World Cup (2002, 2006 and 2018). The last time they reached the knockout phase was in 1986.
- After Juan Quintero became the first Colombian to score in two World Cups by finding the target against Japan, Juan Cuadrado became the second by netting against Poland.
- Colombia equalled their biggest victory in the World Cup. They beat Greece 3-0 and Japan 4-1 at Brazil 2014.
- Colombia won in blue shirts for the first time in the World Cup in what was their third attempt. Both of their losses in blue came against Romania – 3-1 in 1994 and 1-0 in 1998.
On this day in the past

1950
On returning to the pitch after having also played in the 1938 campaign, Switzerland’s Alfred Bickel and Sweden’s Erik Nilsson become the only players to have participated in FIFA World Cups both before and after the Second World War.

1978
Argentina defeat the Netherlands 3-1 after extra time in Buenos Aires to win their first FIFA World Cup.

2006
The showdown between Portugal and the Netherlands sets a record for the most cautions in a single FIFA World Cup game, with the referee brandishing a total of 12 yellow cards and four red cards for second bookable offences.

2014
Xherdan Shaqiri scores the 50th hat-trick in FIFA World Cup history. The only other Swiss player to have netted a treble in the event is Sepp Huegi against Austria in 1954.

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Next matches – 25 June

Uruguay – Russia

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*Figures of the Soviet Union in brackets*

Facts & figures

- Uruguay have progressed from the group round for the third consecutive edition, whereas Russia enter the second stage for the first time in 32 years, after the then Soviet Union last did it in 1986.

- The sides have faced off eight times, including meetings with Soviet Union, and Russia have by far the better track record with six wins to one, plus one draw. The first showdown was a friendly held in Montevideo in 1961, which Soviet Union won 2-1. The most recent was another friendly in Moscow in 2012 and ended 1-1 following goals from Luis Suarez and Aleksandr Kerzhakov.

- This is the pair’s third FIFA World Cup™ engagement, after Soviet Union won 2-1 in 1962 and Uruguay achieved their only success against the eastern Europeans with a 1-0 extra-time victory in the 1970 quarter-finals.

- Uruguay have never won all three of their group-round matches, in contrast to their opponents, who as Soviet Union respectively overcame Korea DPR, Italy and Chile in 1966.

- Uruguay have contested only one World Cup fixture on 25 June and, just as on this occasion, their opponents were the host team. La Celeste lost 2-0 to Italy in the Round of 16 in 1990 in Rome.

- Russia/Soviet Union have suffered four consecutive defeats in World Cup matches against South American opponents since 1966, when they edged Chile 2-1. Besides the reverse against Uruguay in 1970, the east Europeans lost twice to Brazil (1982 and 1994) and once to Argentina (1990).

- *Los Charros* face the home team in a World Cup for the fifth time. It previously happened in 1950 (2-1 to Brazil), 1966 (0-0 with England), 1990 (2-0 to Italy) and 2010 (3-0 to South Africa).

- This is the 18th World Cup match overseen by Uruguayan coach Oscar Tabarez, who moves up to sixth place in the competition’s all-time appearance list alongside Enzo Bearzot, Sepp Herberger and Guus Hiddink.

- Denis Cheryshev and Artem Dzyuba scored in their first two games of this campaign. In past editions, only two of their compatriots hit the target in three successive matches, namely Soviet Union players Valentin Ivanov in 1962 and Valeriy Porykun in 1966.

- Fernando Muslera could play his 14th World Cup game, thereby surpassing the 13-match career tally of Ladislao Mazurkiewicz to become Uruguay’s most experienced player by appearances in the event’s history.

- With his goal against Saudi Arabia, Luis Suarez became the first Uruguayan to find the net in three World Cups.
Saudi Arabia – Egypt

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Facts & figures

- Egypt lead the head-to-head series with four wins to one and a draw from six previous meetings.

- Saudi Arabia’s solitary win was also their only victory in a FIFA competition, specifically the FIFA Confederations Cup, where the Green Falcons beat the Pharaohs 5-1 in 1999.

- Egypt are yet to savour victory in the World Cup, having notched two draws and four defeats.

- Meanwhile, Saudi Arabia are winless in 12 games in the event, where they have not scored for 366 minutes.

- Exactly 24 years ago, Saudi Arabia achieved their historic maiden victory in the World Cup. It was on 25 June 1994 that the Saudis, under then coach Jorge Solari, triumphed 2-1 over Morocco.

- Saudi Arabia are the first Asian team to face Egypt in the World Cup.
Group B

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Facts & figures

- Portugal won both of the teams’ two previous encounters and are yet to concede a goal against IR Iran.
- The most recent meeting dates back to the 2006 World Cup, when the Portuguese prevailed 2-0. The second goal was a penalty scored by Cristiano Ronaldo, his maiden World Cup goal.
- For the 20th time, a coach (in this case Carlos Queiroz) is facing the team of his homeland. The first time it happened was in 1938 with Hungarian tactician Josef Nagy, who sat in Sweden's dugout, whereas the last time was four years ago, when Jurgen Klinsmann led USA against Germany.
- Portugal have collected three wins and one defeat against Asian teams in the World Cup. The Lusitanians overcame Korea DPR 5-3 in 1966, IR Iran 2-0 in 2006 and Korea DPR again in 2010, by the scoreline of 7-0. Their only defeat ended 1-0 to Korea Republic in 2002.
- IR Iran have played seven World Cup games against European opposition and are still searching for their first win, having mustered just one draw with Scotland (1-1 in 1978).
- Portugal have contested two World Cup fixtures on 25 June, without conceding a goal. In 2006 they edged the Netherlands 1-0 in the Round of 16, before holding Brazil to a 0-0 draw in the group round in 2010.
- IR Iran are playing a World Cup game on 25 June for the third time. Both previous occasions ended in defeat, 2-0 against Germany in 1998 and 3-1 against Bosnia and Herzegovina in 2014.
- In the 1983/84 season, current Portugal coach Fernando Santos was a player on the books of Estoril, who in December 1983 hired coach Mario Wilson and second-in-command Carlos Queiroz. At the end of the season, the club was relegated to the second division.
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Facts & figures

- This is the pair’s third showdown. The two previous meetings date back to 1961, when Spain won both legs of a play-off to qualify for the 1962 World Cup.

- Spain have won their final group-round match in eight consecutive campaigns since 1986. Their last defeat stretches back to 1982, when they slumped to a 1-0 loss against Northern Ireland.

- That defeat by Northern Ireland in 1982 was also Spain’s only reverse in the three World Cup games they have played on 25 June. The other two ended in victory, 3-1 over USA in 1950 and 2-1 over Chile in 2010.

- Morocco are the first team to be eliminated from the 2018 World Cup.

- Spain are four strikes short of reaching the milestone of 100 goals scored in the World Cup.

- If Sergio Ramos plays today he will go joint-second in Spain’s all-time World Cup appearance table, alongside Andoni Zubizarreta on 16 matches played. The leader is Iker Casillas with 17.

- The four meetings between Spain and African opponents in the World Cup have produced 17 goals in total, averaging 4.25 per match. The Iberians defeated Algeria 3-0 in 1986, South Africa 3-2 in 2002 and Tunisia 3-1 in 2006, losing 3-2 to Nigeria in 1998.

- Morocco achieved their only two victories in the World Cup against European opposition (Portugal in 1986 and Scotland in 1998). The North Africans’ past record in the competition also includes four draws and five defeats.

- This is the second World Cup fixture contested by Morocco on 25 June, following the Atlas Lions’ 2-1 loss to Saudi Arabia in 1994.
Next matches – 26 June

**Group C**

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**Facts & figures**

- France lead the 15-game head-to-head series with eight wins to Denmark’s six, plus one draw. Les Bleus won the last three encounters, all of which were friendly matches.

- This is the pair’s third meeting in the FIFA World Cup: France prevailed 2-1 in 1998 (in the only match of their title-winning campaign not to feature Didier Deschamps), whereas Denmark triumphed 2-0 in 2002, in what remains their last victory to date over France.

- Just like their last two World Cup showdowns, this game will take place on the final matchday of the group round.

- With his goal against Peru aged 19 years and 183 days, Kylian Mbappe became the youngest Frenchman to score in a World Cup. However, in the competition’s all-time ranking he remains just outside the top ten in 11th position, behind Brazil’s Tostao, who was 12 days younger when he got his maiden goal.

- Didier Deschamps has faced Denmark three times as a player, winning once and losing twice. As a coach, however, Deschamps has a 100 per cent winning record against the Danes, masterminding two victories in as many meetings.
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No previous head-to-heads

Facts & figures

- This is the maiden meeting between Australia and Peru, which are also the two teams that qualified via the intercontinental play-offs.

- 26 June is also the date on which Australia contested their only game in the knockout stage, back in 2006, when the Socceroos lost 1-0 to Italy in the Round of 16.

- Peru are enduring the third-longest winless streak by a South American team in the global showcase, having not won for eight matches (two draws and six defeats), since overpowering IR Iran 4-1 in 1978. The only CONMEBOL sides to have posted longer negative runs are Chile with 13 and Uruguay on 11.

- Australia have themselves gone five World Cup games without victory. The draw with Denmark extended the Aussies’ barren series to five matches, equalling their longest winless run recorded between 2006 and 2010.

- Peru ran out 4-1 winners in their only previous meeting against AFC opposition in this competition, when they overcame IR Iran in the group stage in 1978.

- Australia are yet to beat South American opponents in the World Cup, having collected one draw (0-0 with Chile in 1974) and two defeats (2-0 against Brazil in 2006 and 3-1 against Chile in 2014).
Nigeria – Argentina

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Facts & figures

- This is the ninth meeting between Argentina and Nigeria, with the South Americans leading the head-to-head series by five wins to two, plus one draw. Nigeria came out on top in the last encounter, prevailing 4-2 in a friendly game that was coincidentally played in Russia, in Krasnodar. Argentina built up a 2-0 lead through Ever Banega and Sergio Aguero, before Nigeria hit back with goals from Kelechi Iheanacho, Alex Iwobi, Brian Idowu and another from Iwobi.

- The two teams lock horns for the fifth time in the World Cup. All four prior meetings culminated in Argentinian victories by a single-goal margin: 2-1 in 1994, 1-0 in 2002 and 2010 and 3-2 four years ago.

- Argentina are enduring their all-time longest winless run of four games in the World Cup, which began after they edged Belgium 1-0 in the 2014 quarter-finals.

- This is the 80th World Cup fixture contested by Argentina, who beat France 1-0 in their maiden match on 15 July 1930 at the Parque Central stadium in Montevideo, thanks to Luis Monti’s goal. Argentina are ranked fourth by number of games played behind Germany and Brazil (whose final group-round fixture will be their 109th and 107th matches respectively), as well as Italy, who remain on 83.

- This is the third time that Argentina have contested a World Cup game on 26 June, after they were defeated 4-0 by the Netherlands in 1974 and overcame Croatia 1-0 in 1998.

- Argentina’s track record against African opposition in this event stands at five wins and one defeat. Their only loss dates back to the Opening Match in 1990, when the reigning champions suffered a shock 1-0 reverse by Cameroon. Since then La Albiceleste have collected only victories against CAF representatives, including the four against Nigeria and a 2-1 success over Côte d’Ivoire in 2006.

- Nigeria have lost all their games against South American opponents in the World Cup. Besides the four losses to Argentina, the Super Eagles also succumbed 3-1 to Paraguay in 1998.
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Facts & figures

- Croatia have had the better of the pair’s six previous meetings, all of which were World Cup qualifiers, earning four wins to Iceland’s one, plus one draw.

- Iceland came out on top in the sides’ last showdown on 11 June 2017, winning 1-0 with a 90th-minute goal by Hordur Magnusson.

- Croatia have conceded no goals in their last two matches, equalling their best run of clean sheets in the competition. The Croats have now played 188 consecutive minutes without letting in a goal, but their record in the competition is 281 minutes, which they established in 1998.

- Iceland are the fourth debutant team that Croatia have faced in the World Cup, after the Balkan side saw off Jamaica and Japan in 1998 and lost 1-0 to Ecuador in 2002.

- Croatia are playing a World Cup game on 26 June for the second time. The first was in 1998 against Argentina, who prevailed 1-0.
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.

20 days to the FINAL

The 20 matches Sergei Ovchinnikov of Lokomotiv Moscow went without conceding in the 2002 Russian Premier League remains a record in the top flight. Having played in all 31 fixtures that season, the goalkeeper nicknamed ‘the Boss’ conceded just 14 goals, contributing enormously to his side’s league title. Ovchinnikov, known in Europe for spells at Portuguese clubs Benfica, Alverca and Porto, only managed seven clean sheets in 35 appearances for his country.

Russian Football Dictionary

How to say... in Russian
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Goalless Безголевой / bezgaleevoy
Margin Перевес / pereves

Happy Birthday

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

JAMAICA

FIFA World Cup™ facts & figures
Participations 1 (1998)
Best achievement Group stage 1998

During their historic debut campaign in 1998, Jamaica chalked up a maiden victory by beating Japan 2-1 in their last group game.

Two of the three goals scored by Jamaica in the France 1998 finals were netted by Theodore Whitmore, who bagged a match-winning brace in the win over Japan.

Jamaica unwittingly contributed to setting two goalscoring records in the FIFA World Cup. In the defeat by Croatia, the Reggae Boyz conceded a goal by Robert Prosinecki, who thus became the first—and still the only—player to score for two teams (Yugoslavia in 1990 and Croatia in 1998). In the 5-0 loss to Argentina, Gabriel Batistuta struck three times to become the only player to bag a hat-trick in two editions (having previously hit a treble against Greece in 1994).

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TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

FIFA World Cup™ facts & figures
Participations 1 (2006)
Best achievement Group stage 2006

Before Panama qualified for the 2018 finals, Trinidad and Tobago had been the tenth and last CONCACAF side to make their FIFA World Cup debut, back in 2006.

Sitting in the Soca Warriors’ dugout at Germany 2006 was Dutch coach Leo Beenhakker, who had previously managed the Netherlands in the 1990 edition.

Thirteen of the 23 players in the Trinidadians’ 2006 World Cup squad spent the previous season plying their trade with British clubs.

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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.

JUERGEN KLINSMANN

Three FIFA World Cup campaigns (1990, 1994 and 1998), one winners’ medal in 1990, 17 appearances and 11 goals, putting him seventh in the competition’s all-time scoring chart: these are the impressive playing statistics of Juergen Klinsmann with Germany in the World Cup. The former striker has returned to the tournament twice as a coach, firstly with his home nation in the 2006 edition, culminating in a third-place finish following a semi-final defeat by Italy, and subsequently with USA in the Brazil finals four years ago, where his charges reached the Round of 16 before losing to Belgium in extra time.
Football Fashion
Panama in 2005

...and now

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Striking snaps from tournaments past

A crowded audience gather for a public viewing outside an electrical shop in London to watch the Final of the 1954 World Cup on TV.

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Tantalizing World Cup Trivia

Today’s question

Which was the only host team that failed to progress past the opening round?

⇒ Solution will be revealed in tomorrow’s edition

Yesterday’s solution

How many players have taken part in three editions without actually playing?

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.

2006

Long sleeve shirt prepared for Portugal’s Cristiano Ronaldo for the play-off for third place against Germany at the 2006 FIFA World Cup™

Cristiano Ronaldo was a 21-year old, three years into his career with Manchester United and Portugal when he made his World Cup debut at the 2006 finals in Germany. Ten years later he would lead his country to the European title, their first international honour, but the 2006 finals are the closest he has come to being a World Cup winner. Portugal reached the semi-finals where they lost to France and then he missed out on a coveted World Cup medal when his side lost in the play-off for third place against hosts Germany. He scored just one goal in seven matches during the finals - a penalty against Iran - leaving the world to wonder what might have been had he kept up his usual scoring ratio.