Match highlights

**Brazil-Mexico**

- Brazil scored their 227th and 228th World Cup goals to regain the distinction of being its highest-scoring team from Germany (226).
- Brazil remain unbeaten against CONCACAF sides in the World Cup, winning eight and drawing one of their nine meetings and keeping eight clean sheets in the process.
- Mexico haven’t scored against Brazil in their five World Cup meetings, losing four and drawing one.
- Brazil have won three successive World Cup games, all by 2-0, and are on a run of 310 minutes without conceding in the tournament since Steven Zuber equalized for Switzerland in their opener.
- Mexico suffered Round-of-16 elimination for the seventh time in succession.

**Belgium-Japan**

- This is the fourth consecutive win for Belgium, equalizing their World Cup record of 2014.
- Marouane Fellaini and Nacer Chadli ensured two substitutes from the same side scored in a World Cup match for the tenth time.
- In 2006, Japan conceded three goals to subs – Tim Cahill netted in the 84th and 89th minutes before John Aloisi’s 92nd-minute effort – in a 3-1 loss to Australia, while in 2014, Belgium benefitted from two goals from their bench in a 2-1 win over Algeria, with again Fellaini and Dries Mertens rippling the net in the 70th and 80th minutes. Argentina are the only country to have had three subs score for them in the same match, against Serbia and Montenegro in 2006.
- Belgium became the seventh side to overturn a two-goal deficit and win a World Cup game. The last was Côte d’Ivoire’s 3-2 win over Serbia and Montenegro in 2006, while the last in the knockout phase had been Germany FR’s 3-2 defeat of England in 1970.
- Hasebe, Kawashima and Nagatomo made their 11th World Cup appearances, assuming the joint- outright lead for a Japanese player they previously shared with Hidetoshi Nakata (10).

**Stats wrap-up (status after 54 of 64 matches)**

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On this day in the past

1954
The third-place play-off match between Austria and Uruguay becomes the 100th FIFA World Cup match.

1990
Argentinian Claudio Caniggia’s 67th-minute header against Italy in the semi-finals finally puts an end to goalkeeper Walter Zenga’s record-breaking run of 517 minutes without conceding – a FIFA World Cup record which is still intact.

2010
Thomas Müller’s opener against Argentina becomes Germany’s 200th World Cup goal, with the Germans the second team to reach this landmark.

2010
Iker Casillas saves a penalty from Paraguay’s Óscar Cardozo and becomes the third goalkeeper to save two penalties in the World Cup but the first to do so in two different editions, having also saved Ian Harte’s penalty in 2002. Poland’s Jan Tomaszewski (1974) and American Brad Friedel (2002) are the other two keepers to have saved two spot kicks.

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Next matches – 3 July

Sweden - Switzerland

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

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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

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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 Ramírez.

- 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.

12 days to the FINAL

12 minutes were all it took for the USSR to opening their scoring account at their debut FIFA World Cup, 60 years ago at Sweden 1958. In their opening match against England, the Soviet captain Nikita Simonyan found the target in the 13th minute. The game finished 2-2 and the Soviets went on to make it to the quarter-finals, where they lost to hosts and eventual runners-up Sweden. These days, Simonyan, 91, is the First Vice President of the Russian Football Union and an Ambassador for the 2018 FIFA World Cup™.

Russian Football Dictionary

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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

ANGOLA

FIFA World Cup™ facts & figures

Participations 1 (2006)
Best achievement Group stage 2006

Angola’s only goal in the FIFA World Cup was scored by Flavio (photo) against IR Iran, nine minutes after the forward came on as a substitute.

In the three games that Angola contested, coach Luis Goncalves fielded the same starting line-up, with the exception of one forced change in the last fixture, when Miloy was drafted in for the suspended Andre Macanga.

Nine members of the Palancas Negras’ 2006 squad were called up from Portuguese clubs and, coincidentally, Portugal were the southern Africans’ opponents in their maiden World Cup match.

TOGO

FIFA World Cup™ facts & figures

Participations 1 (2006)
Best achievement Group stage 2006

In 2006, Togo became the last African debutants in the FIFA World Cup, together with Angola.

Only one member of Togo’s 23-man squad for the 2006 finals spent the previous season at a Togolese club: Kodji Obilale played for Etoile Filante in Lomé and was called up as a reserve keeper, but was not used during the tournament.

Togo were the seventh of eight African sides coached by German tactician Otto Pfister, but the only one that he oversaw in the World Cup finals.

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CONGO DR (ZAIRE)

FIFA World Cup™ facts & figures

Participations 1 (1974)
Best achievement Group stage 1974

Congo DR were the first African team to face Brazil in the FIFA World Cup.

In the 9-0 defeat by Yugoslavia, the Congolese conceded goals from seven different players, a tournament record that still stands.

Watching that defeat from the Congolese dugout was Yugoslavian tactician Blagoje Vidinic, who had already managed Morocco at the 1970 finals.
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.

BOBBY ROBSON
The former Fulham and West Bromwich Albion midfielder donned the England jersey in three games at the 1958 FIFA World Cup, suffering elimination by Soviet Union in the group play-off for entry to the quarter-finals. By comparison, Robson enjoyed much greater success in subsequent campaigns as Three Lions coach, leading them to the quarter-finals in 1986 and to fourth place in 1990. On both occasions, his charges crashed out against the future champions, losing 2-1 to Argentina in Mexico and on penalties to Germany FR in Italy.
Football Fashion
Argentina in 1930

...and now
Striking snaps from tournaments past

World Cup 1978 Hungary vs. France – Ever seen *les Bleus* playing in stripes? France turned up with the wrong colour shirts – fortunately the local Club Kimberly agreed to provide the French team their green and white striped kit, clashing with the blue shorts and red socks but nevertheless France went on winning the game in grand style.

Tantalizing World Cup Trivia

Today’s question

Which player has won the most games?

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

Yesterday’s solution

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

→ *IFK Malmo*
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.

1954
Shirt worn by Germany FR’s Bernie Klodt in the 1954 World Cup play-off against Turkey

The 1954 World Cup was Germany’s first for 16 years and their first playing under the name of Germany Federal Republic. Schalke’s Bernie Klodt appeared in just two of the six games played by the team at the finals, but what makes his shirt significant is that it was the first time the Germans wore green, a tradition that still persists. Klodt played both matches in 1954 against Turkey. In the first, Germany FR’s opening game of the finals, he scored in a 4-1 victory. The second match was in the play-off after they and the Turks had finished level in the group. It was that match in which the green shirt made its debut and which resulted in an even bigger victory of 7-2.

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