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PRESIDENT’S FOREWORD

Dear friends,

Ever since beach soccer was included in FIFA’s portfolio of events back in 2005, it has proven to be a fast-growing and exciting discipline and we have seen many of our member associations make great progress and achieve some fantastic results on the sand.

At FIFA, we are proud to support this growth among our members through targeted programmes aimed at developing talented beach soccer coaches and instructors, who are the vanguard of technical and tactical skill as well as role models who pass on the spirit of fair play within the sport. This edition of the FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup, successfully staged by our Paraguayan hosts from 21 November to 1 December, and won by Portugal for the second time in the last three tournaments, offered an excellent opportunity to see just how far the sport has come and where it is headed.

We are convinced that many more of our members can harbour real hopes of growing through beach soccer, and the observations and examples detailed in this report can offer all readers guidance on how to approach the sport.

I hope that you gain as much insight as you do enjoyment from reading this report.

Yours in football,

Gianni Infantino
STORY OF THE TOURNAMENT

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The FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup Paraguay 2019 provided us with enormous pleasure, serving up surprises and enthralling encounters aplenty in which the teams’ fighting spirit shone through. Moreover, for the seventh consecutive edition, the game’s advancement was borne out by the statistics and observations obtained through the Technical Study Group. Read on for a recap of how the action played out.

GROUP STAGE

After 16 countries entered the fray, multiple spectacular moments were about to vault eight of them into the knockout stage. The first game of the tournament, Italy’s 12-4 victory over Tahiti, set the tone. Every second of every game added up to a pivotal sequence of events to qualify or go home early, with the dying stages of every period ultimately sealing the fate of many countries. These precious seconds are the result of training and preparation for the moment, while experience, and perseverance were also decisive as the matches became increasingly critical. Individual players took it upon themselves to carry their teams on their shoulders and lead by example.

Group A

Japan, Switzerland, Paraguay and the USA

The Paraguay players carried the home fans’ dreams on their chests and came out hoping to write their very own fairy tale. However, that man Ozu Moreira burst their bubble, stealing the show in Japan’s 5-4 win with the sort of form that ultimately landed him the Golden Ball. After late-game goals from Edgardo Barreto and Carlos Carballo had seemingly snatched a share of the spoils for the hosts following a remarkable turnaround, Ozu decided he was not yet done with impacting the result. His perfectly executed quick corner kick was met by Takuya Akaguma, whose last-gasp winner condemned the host nation to a heartbreaking loss.

The USA gave Switzerland a bit of a panic attack when Nick Perera pulled one back to make it 7-6 with four minutes to play. But from that point on, the Europeans took control, showing their experience to keep the ball and manage the clock, before Noël Ott settled the contest and Swiss nerves with their eighth goal. This left the USA facing a must-win against Japan.

You could argue the USA were in a group of death, up against three giants, but in the end, it was
individual players who put them away for good. They produced an excellent showing against the Japanese, holding their own against the eventual fourth-place finishers before Ozu once more made the difference with just a few minutes to go. After the Americans clawed it back to 3-3 at 32'39”, it took Ozu all of three seconds to score a restart goal to seal the victory and eliminate the Stars and Stripes.

One of the best games of the tournament came early. The pressure on the Paraguayan team, led by charismatic coach Gustavo Guga Zloccowick, was enormous going into Match 12. Overcome Switzerland and they would be back in it, giving them the chance to qualify by beating the USA. A loss and the host nation would be out. A back-and-forth slugfest showed talent from both sides. The Swiss, knowing a win would take them through, moved into an early lead. Yoao Rolón equalised, only for Switzerland to hit back and surge ahead, Dejan Stankovic adding their fourth goal. However, another Rolón, Jesús, started the home comeback with a brace and Luis Ojeda made it 4-4 at 31'35”.

The Swiss responded quickly through Moritz Jaeggy’s great goal, but Pedro Morán’s strike at 33'07” once again levelled the scores. The pressure was mounting, with both teams having excellent scoring chances in the dying seconds. Anything can happen in extra time and more twists and turns were to follow. Stankovic netted again at 36'14”, only for Jesús Rolón to restore parity yet again at 37'54”. With a shoot-out beckoning, Stankovic received possession deep in opposition territory and shielded the ball by the sideline, facing the stands. There was no danger whatsoever, but as the clock was running down, the unthinkable occurred. A Paraguayan defender was guilty of being overzealous and Stankovic knew exactly how to react. The referee awarded a penalty with just seconds of extra time remaining and the veteran dusted himself down to complete his hat-trick and dump Paraguay out. Despite proving they are a world-class team, the hosts bowed out early, undone by the likes of Ozu and Stankovic.

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**Group B**

**Italy, Uruguay, Tahiti and Mexico**

Getting out of the group phase takes not only winning matches but also game management. Limiting damage in losses allows you a chance to prevail on goal difference. Tahiti lost the battle against Italy, but the real death blow was the 12-4 scoreline, as they capitulated in unexpected fashion.

Italy, by contrast, are the masters of thinking ahead to make life easier down the road. Having destroyed the Tahitians, they kept at it in the 4-3 reverse against Uruguay, knowing that a win over Mexico would see them top the group on account of their goal difference.

Uruguay – having left it late (35'08”) to edge past Mexico 1-0 – joined the Italians in the knockout phase, while Tahiti went home on goal difference despite wins over the Uruguayans and Mexicans. The Polynesians, runners-up in 2015 and 2017, never quite lived up to their billing and lacked the togetherness that had characterised them in previous years.

**Group C**

**Senegal, Russia, Belarus and the UAE**

How we enjoyed watching Senegal throwing everything at Russia and never being intimidated or backing down. At 7-7, the Russians showed why they are world-class and came up with a huge victory through a Boris Nikonorov goal with two minutes remaining. Still the Senegalese were unbowed, wins over Belarus and the UAE moving them on to the next round. Their extremely interesting defensive strategy against the Emiratis had tongues wagging, but the UAE could not solve the riddle. Senegal man-marked
both UAE attackers, while the remaining two UAE players kept their Senegalese counterparts occupied, constantly drifting wide. UAE goalie Mohamed Aljasmi would therefore walk up the pitch and repeatedly create 3v2 situations, but the problem they had was that the players responsible for scoring goals struggled to get involved in the attack. Senegal won the game, but eventual world champions Portugal were watching the match unfold and hatching a strategy.

The UAE had surprised us all with a demonstration of team tactics en route to a 4-1 upset of Russia. Unfortunately for them, they could not follow that up against Senegal or Belarus.

Russia needed a win against Belarus to advance. Trailing 3-1 after the first period, the Russians kept calm and started to roll. The 3-3 scoreline at the end of the second period played into the patient, experienced Russians’ hands. Two late goals propelled Russia into the next round and Belarus were sent home to once again plan for the future. Experience at the World Cup does not come cheaply; the lessons learnt are priceless.

An interesting development was observed as the games progressed. Amid soaring temperatures, players began staying on the ground for some 30-60 seconds after each foul, and sometimes for much longer. Water was constantly being brought onto the pitch for thirsty players. Once we factor in goalies getting sand in their eyes, the effect really was sizeable. There are no timeouts in beach soccer, but in 2019, each game had around 12-14 unofficial timeouts, which allowed top players to recover. Teams

former selves. Brazil v. Oman was similarly one-sided, with the Omanis seemingly forgetting that they were a very good team with an excellent coach. It took them far too long to start playing to their potential. We all anticipated that Brazil and Portugal would advance, but Oman made it far too easy.

Brazil v. Portugal. The winners would qualify, while the losers would need to win their final game of the group phase. The heat was on. Brazil went 7-3 up through timely goals and individual brilliance. Portugal mounted a four-goal comeback to tie the game at 7-7. Filipe put the Brazilians 8-7 to the good with six minutes to go. Portugal threatened to equalise again multiple times, as Brazil’s reckless strategy late on nearly cost them the game. With a one-goal lead and dominance of the ball, they continued to force the issue and gifted the Portuguese a number of counter-attacks. On the day, the Brazilians scored the clincher, running out 9-7 victors, but they would pay soon enough for their individualistic system. Russia lay in wait. Portugal, meanwhile, had to defeat Oman to progress to the knockout stage and did so thanks to an enormous effort from the Martins brothers.

Group D

Portugal, Brazil, Oman and Nigeria

Match 6: Portugal 10-1 Nigeria. The scoreline says it all. Portugal did not put a foot wrong, while the Nigerians worked hard but were a shadow of their
with individual superstars or groups of dominant players would benefit greatly from these situations. Portugal were a prime example: the Martins brothers, along with Rui Coimbra, were able to play the majority of the minutes.

**KNOCKOUT STAGE**

**Quarter-final 1: Brazil 3-4 Russia**

Brazil built a 3-1 lead based on their individual system of attack. What they had not bargained on was a Russian team that was well coached in the art of counter-attacking and boasted patience, equal experience and a coach who would not give up. After making some adjustments, Russia stifled the Seleção by double-teaming the Brazilian players, who inexplicably failed to move the ball or link up effectively. Dmitry Shishin started the comeback at 19'42" and a three-goal surge downed the South Americans. Russia were off to the semi-finals and Brazil were headed home scratching their heads, wondering how a side with so much individual talent had not succeeded. A simple answer would be that it’s a team sport.

**Quarter-final 2: Senegal 2-4 Portugal**

Having deservedly won Group C, Senegal’s prize was an appointment with the eventual world champions. An extremely talented, experienced and well-coached team, Portugal had a plan and a strategy that would cause everyone major problems: keep their main men on the pitch for as long as possible. It was evident early on that Portugal would control the tempo and dictate possession, and with Senegal neglecting to press and permitting the Europeans to slow the game down, the end result appeared inevitable. The Lions of Teranga tried the same defensive approach that worked against the UAE, but Portugal are a different beast. The man-to-man system allowed the Portuguese to keep the ball for extended periods and create high-quality scoring opportunities, particularly through the Martins brothers, who were able to run amok 1v1 up the flanks. With the score 4-1, Portugal put on a show of how to close out a game without a fuss. Senegal did get one back with a few seconds remaining, but the outcome was already in the bag by that point, as Portugal eased through to the semis.

**Quarter-final 3: Italy 5-4 Switzerland**

One of the tournament’s best games: two world giants with ability and pedigree on the big stage. Switzerland showed early on that they had studied their opponents and were prepared for the threat posed by Gabriele Gori. Italy had relied on a direct attack, with every ball being played without hesitation to Gori, who had dismantled every adversary thus far. Ott was tasked with keeping the totemic Italian forward at bay and at the 23-minute mark, the experiment was paying off: it was 3-1 to Switzerland and Gori was out of the game with an injury. A spot in the semi-finals looked to be in Angelo Schirinzi’s men’s grasp, but suddenly, Emmanuele Zurlo stepped into centre stage and once again, a single individual changed the destiny of a nation. Italy continued with their direct approach and Zurlo delivered. Italy notched four of the game’s next five goals, with Zurlo contributing three of those, including the winner with no time left on the clock. A spectacular finish to a stunning game.

The Italians dealt with Stankovic perfectly and ensured the game was played on their terms. In the process, the eventual silver medallists once again proved that the countries with experience and talent find a way to win. In their case, the system was as obvious as it was ultimately effective: go direct, defend and ask your pivot to win it by himself.

**Quarter-final 4: Japan 3-2 Uruguay**

Japan had made it to the last eight riding on Ozu’s coat-tails. He plays entire games, covers the top pivots like a blanket, and scores and sets up match-winning goals under the most pressure possible. We all knew what he had done for Japan’s rise in beach soccer, but the question was whether he could do it again.
The Japanese came out and took a 2-0 lead against a team that has a hard time scoring goals. Japan are disciplined and use the clock better than any country. They are smart and rarely take risks, making them extremely hard to score against.

In the wake of the Italy v. Switzerland blockbuster, this quarter-final proved somewhat anticlimactic and looked a formality at 3-1. Nevertheless, a late strike by Uruguay and two great chances in the dying seconds got the blood pumping, as Japan made uncharacteristic tactical errors by attacking the Uruguayan goal when possession was all they needed. However, the Asians held on to advance.

**Semi-final 1: Italy 8-7 Russia (a.e.t.)**

Under pressure, big-game players always come up with the goods. And when the weather becomes unbearable, true champions are created. This game was an epic display of courage and mental strength, as well as a seesaw affair that had it all. Dario Ramacciotti and Gori were both outstanding, each bagging trebles.

When Alexey Makarov made it 7-7 at 34'40" to take the encounter into extra time, it guaranteed a fittingly dramatic finale to a game that challenged the players, officials and spectators alike. It all came down to Zurlo’s penalty kick in the extra period to take Italy through to the final.

**Semi-final 2: Japan 3-3 Portugal (Portugal win 2-1 on penalties)**

Time and again, we discuss in private what makes certain players superior to others. We all have our own opinions, but the consensus among coaches is that a world-class player must perform in big games. This match pitted several such figures against one another, including Ozu for Japan and the Martins brothers for Portugal, and they did not disappoint.

Beach soccer is not like traditional 11-a-side. If your top player is on the pitch for the full 36 minutes, you have a great chance of winning; after all, there are only five players on each side. It is widely agreed that the goalie is the most important player. He plays the entire game and touches the ball more than anyone. But to win the match, your stars need to perform. Ozu was a machine, scoring once and defending like his life depended on it. Between them, Léo and Bé Martins contributed three goals, and in a 3-3 draw, that’s huge. When it comes to penalty kicks, however, it is a lottery. So it proved when none other than Ozu missed and Japan’s dreams were shattered, while Portugal marched on.
Third-place play-off: Russia 5-4 Japan

Japan had a 4-2 lead and looked strong, only for Russia to do what they do best. They never stop; they wear you down, pick you apart and expose your weaknesses. They responded to the best Japan could throw at them and struck back with precise passing and clinical finishing. Fedor Zemskov spearheaded the charge, his hat-trick helping Russia win the bronze medal. It was another cruel ending for Japan after having come within a couple of penalty kicks of the final.

Final: Italy 4-6 Portugal

The World Cup final is often not the best game of the tournament and so it transpired in 2019. Portugal dominated the game by nullifying the Italian counter-attacks and showcased their trademark team ball movement. The Martins brothers once more impressed with their patient play, while Jordan Santos was transformed from reliable team leader into the final’s key figure. This capped a terrific run of form in his side’s final three games, which secured him the Silver Ball.

Italy boasted the tournament’s top two scorers, Gori and Zurlo, without whom they would never have reached the final. However, they have now twice fallen at the last hurdle, the same number of times that Portugal have now lifted the coveted trophy.

Few could begrudge Madjer and Belchior this golden swansong, if this does turn out to be their last World Cup. Going out in style is always a bonus, although the stage is surely set for Madjer to one day return in a coaching capacity.

The story of this World Cup is simple: the best players playing their best when it counts is what wins games. Winning big games is up to big players and Portugal’s best players played like giants.

Congratulations to Russia and Japan on reaching the semi-finals and to runners-up Italy, and a special well done to Portugal, the 2019 world champions. Every country will be shooting for your trophy come 2021 in Russia. Good luck to all in their preparations.

In closing, a special thank you to the host city of Asunción, to the host nation of Paraguay, to all its dignitaries and to the members of the FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup Paraguay 2019 Local Organising Committee. The tournament was an unforgettable experience for everyone involved thanks to the world-class facilities and your hospitality, which was much appreciated.
TECHNICAL AND TACTICAL ANALYSIS

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INTRODUCTION

The ability and potential showcased during the FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup Paraguay 2019™ lead to the conclusion that many of the players and teams involved still have ample room for growth and development, which is a highly mouth-watering prospect indeed.

The latest edition of the tournament saw a number of sides break new ground with their performances. However, having witnessed how the action unfolded and gained a closer knowledge of the obstacles that each country is striving to overcome, we are convinced that they all have plenty more to give.

The ever-increasing resources available in terms of finance, equipment and personnel – and the knock-on effect in relation to the preparations for this competition – together with the sport’s natural evolution will ensure that beach soccer continues to captivate all those who watch it, especially those experiencing the game in the flesh for the first time.

To issue a truly fair verdict on any team, it would be necessary to know and analyse the ins and outs of the side’s background and preparations. Since we are not privy to such details, we will instead focus on what each team showed out on the pitch, notwithstanding the inevitable disparities in regard to preparation time, budget and both material and human resources.

We must not forget Lady Luck, either; we have seen countless times before how a bad bounce or the slightest refereeing lapse can make a crucial difference to the final result in this sport, and this tournament was no exception. The same goes for individual moments of magic and blunders on the part of players, which, like the aforementioned slices of fortune, are nigh on impossible to legislate or account for.
ATTACK

A number of technical and tactical trends were in evidence during the tournament, which we have broken down into the following categories:

1. Attack
2. Defence
3. Restarts
4. The role of the goalkeeper
5. The players

The standout aspects in each of these categories are described below.

1. ATTACK

We will draw a distinction here between build-up play and counter-attacks:

**Build-up play**

This is where teams’ formations – albeit coupled with fluid interchanges and other variations – were most clearly borne out in the attempt to break down the opposition. Two particular tactics caught the eye in this respect, being employed to a varying degree by pretty much every team at the tournament:

1) Goalkeepers venturing outside their area

This ploy was widespread at the competition and all the sides except the African duo deployed it to some effect.

1. In a 1-2-2 formation
   - to control the game and:
     - slow the tempo;
     - give team-mates time to get into position;
   - to set up the keeper to shoot:
     Opponents were rightly wary of this possibility due to the high quality of the goalies at the tournament, meaning that it was only allowed to happen sporadically.
   - to create overloads:
     Notwithstanding the varying adventurousness and technical prowess of the goalkeepers, such situations compel an opponent to push out to close down the potential shot. This leaves the team in possession with a 4v3 (plus the opposition goalie), putting the onus on their keeper to then decide on a line of attack based on the opposition’s positioning and movement.

2. In a 1-3-1 formation

Japan and Russia were the two major exponents of this system, albeit with markedly different objectives. While the Japanese had their marquee player, Ozu Moreira, lead the line through the middle to pin back a defender and therefore create space down the flanks, the Russians’ target man was often able to find openings to receive the ball infield – taking advantage of the opposition’s efforts to close down...
his goalkeeper – and generate 4v3 situations that led to some vital goals during their successful campaign.

2) Goalkeeper throws

a. 1-3-1 formation
b. Goalkeeper throwing the ball into the opposition’s half

This tactic is increasingly falling out of favour and was only used – and even then, sparingly – by a few teams.

3) Playing out from the back

The patient combination play with which the sport was synonymous in the early days, as epitomised by Brazil’s trailblazers, is becoming less and less prevalent worldwide. This is doubtless due not only to its inherent difficulty, but also to its added riskiness in the face of the challenge posed by the steadily improving fitness of opposition players and teams.

Defenders have grown ever more adept at nullifying such tactics, marking opponents with ever more discipline and not being shy to throw their weight around. As a result, the battle for space has intensified and only a handful of teams, among them champions Portugal, proved capable of pulling off such an approach. With every pass and control having to be close to inch-perfect, the Portuguese displayed superb decision-making, execution and coordination. Their seamless attacking link-up play and outstanding passing and movement going forward enabled them to carve opponents apart and create a stream of chances; they played with real gusto and were a joy to behold.

Counter-attacks

Swift, direct attacks aiming to capitalise on opponents’ moments of defensive disorganisation.

As is to be expected, this was a tool periodically used by the majority of teams, but for some, foremost among them Italy and Senegal, it took on even greater prominence, representing the fulcrum of their attacking game plan.

It is these sides in particular that served as the inspiration for the following remarks, not just because of their collective effectiveness but also owing to the willingness, can-do attitude and capabilities shown by their players.

1. Players’ attributes:
   - pacy attackers with unerring finishing ability and the technique to pull off bicycle kicks with precision and finesse;
   - disciplined, fast and direct defenders and wingers, who aggressively pressed opponents and bombed forward when either they or their team-mates won the ball, which paid dividends by yielding myriad chances and goals during the tournament.

2. Different launching points:
   - high up the pitch, with possession being won and the breaks being finished off in opposition territory, whether through the individual contribution of forwards or as a team; interceptors would sometimes feed a team-mate and sometimes go it alone after claiming the ball;
   - from defensive areas, with the goalkeeper being involved on many occasions, and culminating either in solo strikes or in team moves – making the most of team-mates’ readiness to get forward in support.
2. DEFENCE

A number of defensive set-ups were on display; understandably, these were largely determined by the opposition’s attacking shape, with teams frequently shape-shifting to match and counteract the system they were up against, although some countries kept faith with their approach regardless of their opponents’ initial line-up and any subsequent rejigs.

The following formational trends were observed in defence during the competition:

Defensive shapes

• 1-2-2
  – Standing off the opposition goalkeeper, giving him time on the ball and even freedom to shoot; this approach was scarcely used given the threat posed by this shooting opportunity.

• 1-2-1-1
  – This was the most common system, being favoured by most teams.
  – The team stays compact.
  – The forward-most player takes up a position two thirds up the pitch, around 20m from goal.
  – The other forward closes down the area that the goalkeeper is looking to pass into.
  – The two defenders man-mark the opposition attackers.

• 1-1-2-1 in a low block
  – This approach was employed sporadically by certain teams, in specific match situations.
  – Objectives:
    • to dissuade the opposition goalkeeper from passing it short;
    • to force him to:
      go long to the forwards;
      try a potshot through a crowd of defenders;
      to generate counter-attacks.

• 1v1 pressing all over the pitch, including on the goalkeeper
  – In specific scenarios, such as:
    • when trailing or with time running out;
    • having identified opposition weaknesses, whether technical or positional;
    • in “double-backpass” situations, since the goalkeeper is unable to use his hands.
  – Objectives:
    • to force the goalkeeper to go long to the forwards;
    • to try to win the ball back quickly.

Additional patterns when pressing the keeper

When teams defended using a 1-2-2 or 1-2-1-1 formation and pressed the goalkeeper, several variants and follow-up steps were identified, including the following:

• Opposition outfield player and goalkeeper close together, especially in their own defensive third
  – A single player tries to press both the closest opposition outfield player and the goalkeeper, feigning to close down the goalkeeper to try
to force a mistake, or pressing the keeper and then doubling back to the outfield player.

- One player presses the goalkeeper, while his three team-mates take turns to patrol behind and cut out any passes played over the top of the pressing player.

- Opposition outfield player and goalkeeper far apart (the former at the halfway line or further forward)
  - One player presses the goalkeeper, while his three team-mates take turns to patrol and cut out any passes played over the pressing player’s head; if the goalkeeper then plays the ball to one flank, the player who initiated the press tracks back to cover the opposite side.

- One player presses the goalkeeper and, after the keeper plays the ball over the pressing player, the latter continues to mark the goalie, forcing the opponents to go forward and taking away the option of playing back to their keeper. This, however, consigns the presser’s team-mates to a 3v4 situation further back, compelling them to leave someone unmarked or to tag team to cover the opponents while attempting to force them into a mistake. This can then open the door to further pressing or for the initial presser to drop back, putting his team in a more favourable defensive position, with numerical parity restored.
3. RESTARTS

Goals directly from restarts and from second balls

Restarts undoubtedly represent a pivotal part of the game both in defence and in attack, as is attested to by the statistics. This is due not only to the goals scored directly following restarts, but also to the many additional opportunities generated by the “second-ball effect” – namely from rebounds and follow-ups, as well as from the corner kicks and the kick-ins and throw-ins in dangerous positions that can ensue.

Aspects to consider

Given the notable discrepancies between the respective effectiveness and variety shown by the teams in different situations, numerous important insights can be gleaned:

- Physical characteristics

  Players with a slighter build or lower fitness levels come off significantly worse in defensive scenarios, but in attack, other factors – first and foremost, technique – can help make up for this physical disadvantage.

- Technical qualities

  It goes without saying that the greater a player’s technical ability, the wider the palette of moves that his team can conjure up. This is because, while free kicks often only involve the taker, elsewhere, the game is a collective effort between the players who restart play and those who finish off the moves in question, and the combination between them provides for a dazzling array of options.

- Experience

  Personal playing experience and opposition scouting are key factors, giving the more seasoned countries, such as the European teams, the upper hand over sides that have far less to draw on in terms of number of competitions, matchday and knowledge of their opponents.

- Chemistry and coordination

  This tournament once again demonstrated the importance of coordinated movement and of the connection and understanding between certain players, which can result in seemingly telepathic link-up and in sublimely executed pieces of play verging on perfection.

Attacking blocks

Referees implemented the laws stringently in scenarios involving the blocking of players, particularly at corner kicks, kick-ins and throw-ins, and therefore not only regularly warned culprits, but also awarded a string of free kicks and penalties as a result of such offences. There is arguably room for improvement in relation to this enforcement and the communication around it, but what was seen will undoubtedly signal a step forward with regard to the understanding and application of the rules across the board, which can only benefit the sport.
THE ROLE OF THE GOALKEEPER

4. THE ROLE OF THE GOALKEEPER

The keeper is an absolutely instrumental figure in the game these days and there are several factors worth highlighting on this score:

Defensive facet

Not only the quantity, but also the types of goalkeeping interventions required continues to proliferate. This is a logical consequence of the fact that it is no longer enough for goalies to deliver the goods between the sticks; they are now increasingly called upon to come out and help out their teammates in thwarting a multitude of opposition forays, especially those involving numerical or spatial overloads.

Attacking facet

Keepers’ attacking repertoire and involvement have also grown, and their ability to use the ball effectively is vital in this respect:

• With their feet

Switzerland, Russia and the UAE’s respective no. 1s and Brazil’s no. 12 all made impressive attacking contributions with their feet, as did Portugal’s no. 1, the adidas Golden Glove winner, thereby enriching their respective teams’ tactical toolbox. With their comfort on the ball and passing ability, they not only provided a calm and reassuring presence for their teammates, but were also able to generate a host of promising situations for their side by bypassing opponents who endeavoured to press them.

• With their hands

The frequency with which keepers throw the ball long to their team-mates, and particularly to the forward line, has dwindled among the vast majority of teams and this ploy, which was formerly commonplace, is now the exception rather than the rule. As previously hinted at in the section on counter-attacking, Italy alone bucked this trend, repeatedly flying the flag for the always crowd-pleasing combo whereby the goalkeeper hurls the ball straight to a forward and the latter meets it with a first-time acrobatic volley. In so doing, the Italians won hearts and minds among those who followed the competition, and so it was fitting that it was through this very method that they secured a last-gasp victory over Switzerland to book their spot in the semi-finals.

Other teams, too, produced a number of attacks that exhibited the special relationship between goalkeepers and forwards, which has always been one of beach soccer’s trademarks. These included Senegal, whose goalie-cum-captain was in inspirational form; Oman, who had a similarly talented figure in nets; and Nigeria, for whom several players caught the eye through such sequences.

Physical demands

The attacking approaches on display, as well as the scoreline in some instances, required teams to press periodically, which in turn heightened the demands placed on goalkeepers – not only between the sticks, but also when racing from their goal to deny opposition attackers by making all-important interceptions and tackles. Given the additional physical strain and mental fatigue entailed by this expanded remit, goalkeepers were the players who had to show the most resilience and stamina amid the dynamic and sometimes frenetic action that unfolded.

Varied shots to stop and the challenge of bamboozling bounces

Goalkeepers found themselves facing multifarious efforts, including overhead kicks and volleys from all manner of heights and angles. Moreover, in cases of shots resulting from patient build-up play, they usually had a thicket of players – both teammates and opponents – in their line of sight, with the latter waiting to pounce on rebounds. Altogether, this made their task that much more unpredictable. Furthermore, the tally of goals from skipping sand-skimmers or strikes that bounce over the keeper continues to steadily increase, meaning that, while goalies are clearly upping their game, they will have to keep doing so to rise to the challenge. The art of standing their ground and staying on their feet before reacting to devilish bounces is becoming ever more crucial. Likewise, so is the ability to hold shots (before subsequently releasing the ball to launch attacks), as this means avoiding possible follow-up attempts such as those resulting from parries and punches, which led to a significant number of goals during the competition.
5. THE PLAYERS

The sport is evolving and growing ever more professional, raising the standard and bringing changes for players, coaches and the game as a whole. The following conclusions can be drawn in this regard:

Technical improvements

Players' technical repertoire is ever vaster and more spectacular, serving up a treat for fans:

- In attack

  Players' technical mastery has increased their arsenal in terms of types of finishes, as well as enabling them to find novel ways of harnessing the playing surface.

  The most distinct improvements have come in relation to:

  - the execution of passes and coordination between the goalkeeper and team-mates
  - the quality of volleyed finishes
  - the array of ways in which players control the ball to tee themselves or others up for a volley or overhead kick
  - the variety in the execution of bicycle kicks
  - the taking of free kicks, including the deliberate use of bounces

- In defence

  In turn, the sport has had to move on defensively too, rendering the game harder fought than ever, with one highlight in this respect being the improvements in counteracting bicycle kicks. Notable defensive advances have been registered in the following areas:

  - the ability to block bicycle kicks and other shots, and different ways of doing so
  - the pressing of players who receive the ball in the danger area, preventing them from chipping the ball up to set up a bicycle kick
  - anticipation and interceptions

Lesser-spotted skills and sequences

This edition of the FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup saw a significant drop in the number of:

- feints and shimmies
- dribbles, whether with the ball in the air or on the ground
- shots either struck along the ground or chipped up and volleyed
- aerial combinations involving two or more passes

This trend is doubtless down to a variety of reasons, and circumstances obviously differ in each country, but there are two aspects that were certainly influential in this decrease:
– the ability of most players – including specialists in each team – to pull off bicycle kicks at will
– the 1-2-2 system, coupled with an approach in which the goalkeeper is the extra man going forward and is often even charged with finishing off moves

These two factors contributed to greatly reducing the options available to attackers, with opponents particularly denying them the opportunity to manoeuvre the ball into areas that would have been conducive to the aforementioned skills and sequences.

**Different strokes for different folks?**

It is clear that the game plan based on the goalkeeper's attacking contribution was favoured by most of the teams and it is unmistakably an option that can add a string to any team's bow. However, this begs the question: is this the only way or are there feasible alternatives?

The latter is indubitably the case, as demonstrated by the fact that the teams that reached the final did so without relying heavily on such an approach, instead only making occasional use of it at different stages of the competition, in accordance with the game state and, in particular, the opposition.

Besides the finalists, Senegal set out their stall in an entirely different way, which also bore fruit. As ever, it all depends on the players at a team's disposal, as well as each country's footballing culture and circumstances.

After all, it is such quirks that give rise to the tactical variety on offer, paving the way for new styles and systems tailored to the technical, physical, cultural and even emotional attributes of each nation and group of players, and making beach soccer such an intriguing and compelling spectacle.

That is why, with the latest World Cup only recently done and dusted, our attention has already turned to what the next edition has in store. How will the teams push the envelope? What will be the next step in players' evolution? And what type of goals will we see in the future?

The countdown is on until 2021, when we will find out.
TRENDS OF THE GAME
TRENDS OF THE GAME

Author: Ross Ongaro

The FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup Paraguay 2019™ provided us all with enormous pleasure. The game continues to go from strength to strength, and that is backed up by the statistics and observations of the TSG. This was the seventh Beach Soccer World Cup at which FIFA has collected TSG data. Surprises and upsets kept all nations fighting to the end.

In terms of trends, it is obvious that if a team does not grow and change with the times, it will have a difficult time moving forward.

In 2006, the TSG made some assumptions and predictions on where the game was going and what direction would prevail.

Over the past seven World Cups, we have studied goals.

We have also identified six major areas of trends:
1. Rotating players regularly  
2. Direct play for success  
3. Importance of restarts  
4. Role of the goalkeeper  
5. Goals with more than 2 passes  
6. Referee improvement needed

In what direction is the game going?
The statistics gathered from the past seven World Cups have revealed some intriguing insights into the game.

Coaches wanting to learn WHY goals are scored need not look any further than a few graphs.

Restart goals / Goals from 0-1 passes
Goals scored from restarts have become the common denominator for teams to advance past the group phase and into the latter stages.

43% of all goals in Paraguay were restart goals.

The teams that advanced to the quarter-finals scored 60 restart goals compared to 35 by teams that were eliminated before the quarters.

If you delve further into the stats, you discover even more insights.

Take this action sequence as an example:
A goalkeeper starts a move with a long, direct throw to his pivot. A shot is created from a one-pass attack. The shot is saved or blocked for a corner kick or throw-in. The restart is taken and leads to an attempt on goal, and the rebound becomes a solo goal. This sequence of play has multiple facets to it, and all were high-percentage goalscoring opportunities.
1. Direct attack with 1 pass: 29% of goals
2. Restart: 43% of goals
3. Solo goal, zero passes: 41% of goals

You cannot fault a team for playing direct football if their players' skills do not allow the team to play a multi-pass attacking system. Attacks with more than two passes accounted for 30% of all goals.

**Teams that reached the quarters scored 48 goals from attacks with more than 2 passes**

**Teams that were eliminated before the quarters scored 18 goals from attacks with more than 2 passes**

But in an in-depth look at the stats shows why they are so important. The constant attacks from Italy, looking to capitalise on their opponents' lack of defensive preparation upon a turnover, led not only to the second most goals from 0 and 1 passes but numerous chances from restarts from these situations as well as ten overhead goals. With no other defenders around to help stop the overhead kick, Italian pivots were one on one in the penalty area.

The results from direct play are obvious.

Italy reached the semi-finals, whereas Senegal qualified for the quarter-finals by scoring 15 of their 17 goals from moves involving 0-1 passes.

It was also interesting to note that Senegal scored 12 of their 17 goals in the third period.

Russia's expertise at defending with tenacity and pressure from the entire team gave them an extremely effective attack as they won the ball back immediately and moved it around with purpose. They also rotated players every 90 seconds.

Eight of their 14 goals came from moves with more than 2 passes, whereas 11 of their 14 goals were scored from distances less than 9m from goal.

We can predict without hesitation that if the world champions of 2019 played against the world champions of 2005, France, the result would not be in doubt.

**But why? It would all be about speed of play, because:**

1. France would only use the same four players while the 2019 world champions would use two groups of four. This would overwhelm France.
2. One team would know the importance of restarts while the other would pass a corner kick back to the goalkeeper.
3. One team would use the goalkeeper to create a power play while the other team’s goalkeeper would never be part of attacks.

The speed of the game would cause multiple problems for the 2005 world champions.

The technical abilities of the players today have increased and would allow for a much faster game.

Coaches are now also wise to the fact that the speed of the game has changed, as they change players on average about every 2-3 minutes. Russia tended to change every 90 seconds, with Italy at the other end of the scale at around three minutes.

In 2006, only Canada changed all four players every 90 seconds. From that point on, all countries began implementing various levels of changing on the fly, similar to in ice hockey.

Paraguay 2019 showed that all teams now use all of their players on the bench to implement their strategy.

Teams playing directly has also become a pathway to success, with 71% of all goals coming at the end of moves with 0-1 passes. Teams have realised that getting the ball into the opponent’s goal area quickly can create goal-scoring opportunities. Italy and Senegal both showed that a quick counter can
be extremely effective. Italy also combined counter-attacks with the ability to execute overhead kicks. Statistics also show that when you allow a team to organise and defend as a unit, they will be stronger. Forcing teams to make more than one pass means that they will be less likely to score.

71% of goals from 0-1 passes

29% of goals from moves with at least one more pass

Brazil and Portugal also stood out from the rest in one major stat: the ability to score from a 1v1 (zero pass situation).

Together, Brazil and Portugal scored **26 goals in this manner. This was beach soccer in its purest, simplest form.**

This was very effective but, as Russia proved, it is also a system that has its faults as a team's defence is often more than a match for individual play.

A well-coached team will always stand a good chance of beating a team of individuals. Statistically, Brazil were very impressive, but their inability to adjust their system of play let them down against Russia.

**Goalkeepers:**

1. The goalkeeper is now the main man in the team
2. He touches the ball more than any other player
3. He decides what system the team will play
4. He determines the tempo
5. He determines who gets the ball next

The goalkeeper's ability to shoot, pass and make saves sets the foundation for his team. **But how many teams employ a goalkeeping coach? How many teams realise the importance of the goalkeeper?**

We all love to watch teams like Brazil and Portugal pass the ball around the edges of the pitch until they create an opening in the middle for a chance at goal. But very few teams realise that to play this system you must have developed the players' ability to control the ball and move as a team, both with and without the ball. All of this understanding comes from work in games and during training sessions. Not all countries have this ability, so the system of play must be adapted to the level of the players. Nobody can expect a team to play a possession-based system if their players cannot control the ball.

Teams that can score goals from multiple passes can control the game and create goals at the far end of the pitch. If a team does not have this ability, it needs to find another way to win.

**Teams that qualified for the quarters scored 85 goals in the goal area**

**Teams that did not make it past the group stage scored 49 goals in the goal area**

The improvement of the referees was also a must for the game to grow. As players and coaches improved, so did the need for referees to keep pace. Because of the numerous one v. one situations in a game and the proximity to the goal, referees’ decisions are critical to the outcome of the game.

The referees’ ability to understand the importance of the free kick inside the 18m area is of utmost importance. Players need to be extremely careful not to concede fouls in and around the goal area as overhead attempts can easily become free kicks and provide a great chance to score.
With over 450 overhead attempts in the World Cup, a referees’ decision to call or not call a foul can be a game changer.

1. > 450 overhead attempts. 26 goals
2. > 20 free kicks directly from overhead attempts
3. 6 goals from free kicks following an overhead attempt

Importance of grassroots/development

One thing is for sure: teams need more support from their associations.

The importance of grassroots/development cannot be understated. You cannot go forward unless you develop players. Countries that excel in this area will continue to celebrate at future World Cups too.

As a coach, you cannot even begin to dream of winning a title in ten years’ time unless your association invests in the following NOW.

1. Grassroots programmes
2. Coaching development
3. Investing in facilities
4. Referee development
5. National leagues

You may be able to compete with limited investment, but if the competition is heavily involved in these areas and you are not, the odds will always be stacked against you.

How are countries preparing for the challenge?

A questionnaire sent out to the participating teams will help to show the various levels of player support and involvement. There is obviously a huge difference between a team getting together for 100 days to prepare for a World Cup compared to a team that only has a 15-day preparation with no games in the past three months.

You can dream of winning, but the reality is that if you are not prepared you cannot EXPECT to WIN.

Where are the next generation of national team players coming from?

Countries that have a U-23 team or a youth programme are preparing players to play at a high level as these players can easily play for clubs or attend national team training camps. The pathway from the youth set-up to the national team is in place. Countries without such a pathway do not know where their next players are coming from.

The lack of player development will create a void in the player pool, but addressing this absence of players will change the results of the national team.

A prime example of a country with pathway grassroots programmes and success is IR Iran. Even though they did not qualify for the World Cup in 2019, there is no one in beach soccer who would not commend the Iranians for developing young players and a developmental programme for their players, coaches and referees. The Iranian league is developing players – both male and female.

What are associations doing to give their national teams the opportunity to succeed?

Quite simply, associations need to have a vision for beach soccer and know how it will be integrated into their system, making beach soccer part of the football family. Beach soccer should not be a stand-alone island – it needs to be part of football.

What are national teams learning about the game to help them perform at the top level?

National team coaches need to be willing to learn from video footage. They need to learn to understand the data. If people are open to learning from one another and understanding the data, results can be improved.

Take this example: Russia defeated Brazil, but if you watch the last 20 seconds of the game, you will be able to analyse a potential problem. Russia won a free kick with 19 seconds left on the clock. Watch the result of their decision on how to take the free kick. Then learn from it and use this information for the future.

Russia won the game, but watch the video and predict other possible outcomes.

But the facts remain: some nations are doing all of the following:

1. Grassroots programmes
2. Coaching development
3. Investing in facilities
4. Referee development
5. National leagues

Are you one of them?
Goals in the box (<9m)

- Teams advancing (group stage)
- Teams eliminated (group stage)
- Champions

Goals in area 2 (9-17m)

- Teams advancing (group stage)
- Teams eliminated (group stage)
- Champions

Goals in area 3 (18-27m)

- Teams advancing (group stage)
- Teams eliminated (group stage)
- Champions

Goals in area 4 (27-36m)

- Teams advancing (group stage)
- Teams eliminated (group stage)
- Champions
The image contains various bar charts showing statistical data from the FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup Paraguay 2019. The charts display goals scored in penalty kicks, free-kick goals (<18m), free-kick goals (>18m), and total free kicks. The data is presented for teams advancing (group stage), teams eliminated (group stage), and champions.
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### Restart goals without free kicks

- **Teams advancing (group stage):**
- **Teams eliminated (group stage):**
- **Champions:**

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### Overhead attempts

- **Teams advancing (group stage):**
- **Teams eliminated (group stage):**
- **Champions:**

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### Overhead goals

- **Teams advancing (group stage):**
- **Teams eliminated (group stage):**
- **Champions:**

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### Goals outside of the box (> 9m)

- **Teams advancing (group stage):**
- **Teams eliminated (group stage):**
- **Champions:**
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Shots (attempts on target)

Teams advancing (group stage)
Teams eliminated (group stage)
Champions

Blocked shots

Teams advancing (group stage)
Teams eliminated (group stage)
Champions

Shots (total attempts)

Teams advancing (group stage)
Teams eliminated (group stage)
Champions
BEACH SOCCER DEVELOPMENT
INTERVIEW WITH GUSTAVO ZLOCOWICK (BRAZIL)

(Paraguay head coach)

TRAINING PROCESS
About your training plan:

What was your overall schedule like in terms of training sessions and matches?

We started training on 3 January. We trained from March, when the Beach Soccer National League finished, until November. We trained from Monday through to Friday.

We played around 30 matches in the year: two in the South American League final against Brazil; six in the World Cup qualifying tournament; eight during a European tour; two during a tour of Oman; four in this year’s South American League; four friendlies before the World Cup; and three World Cup matches.

For how many days did you train in preparation for the tournament?

I would say between 150 and 180 days this year, always from Monday to Friday.

Do you think that the intensity took a toll on the players? Was the training load appropriate?

Yes, I think it was appropriate; we did also have intervals during that period. I think the training routine was well thought out, with both micro- and macrocycles. The macrocycles were six months’ long and the microcycles were carried out shortly before the tournaments we contested.

Our training sessions were between 75 and 90 minutes long. Or rather, on average, between 60 and 70 minutes.

Does your training regime differ when you are holding training camps in your own country compared to when you are on tour or at tournaments? If so, how?

Yes. We reduce the training load significantly while we are in competition. We increase the intensity slightly, but decrease the number of training sessions. When we were in Paraguay, we increased the training load with more sessions.

How much of the training focused on tactics and how much on technique?

The team’s fitness training was excellent, but they didn’t used to focus on tactics that much; that’s why I
focused on it a lot when I arrived. But we also worked on technique quite a bit, because, in my opinion, it is key in this discipline. The technique needed for beach soccer is very particular, and it is therefore even more important than in both football and futsal.

**In terms of tactics, what did you focus on the most?**

90% of the teams, barring the African teams, make significant use of the goalkeeper in their play; that is sometimes somewhat boring, as it doesn’t offer much variety. Therefore, we focused on versatility. We could play in a 1-3-1, a 1-2-2 and even a 1-1-3, which is how we kept equalising in the game against Switzerland. We also worked a lot on set pieces (corners, kick-ins and throw-ins).

**In preparation for the 2021 World Cup, what will you focus on over the next two years?**

Definitely on technique, and also on game intelligence. Game intelligence, because I want players who are smart, think about the game and who are comfortable in different systems and know how to take decisions. Today’s players need that preparation. I think we didn’t always manage to take the right decisions, for example, when to shoot or when to pass the ball.

**HUMAN RESOURCES**

About the availability, status and background of your players and staff:

**How big is the pool of potential national-team players who play professionally or regularly in your country?**

We currently have between 80 and 90 players who play beach soccer. We have the Super League, the National League and a domestic cup – three tournaments spanning eight months. The support we received from the association was key for us to get the players that we needed.

**How many players did you call up to train with the national team during your qualifying and preparation process?**

In the last three years, since my arrival, I have personally called up 49 players, both U-20 and senior players. This year, since we got financial aid specifically for 16 players, six months prior to the World Cup we reduced the group to 18 players, which we trimmed down to 16 three months later. And from those 16, we chose the 12 players for the World Cup.

**How many training sessions have your players done outside the national team set-up so far in 2019?**

Around 40. Sometimes the clubs don’t train, but we would like it to become compulsory, now that we have four pitches, which form part of the World Cup legacy. This project is for the clubs that play in the first division; they will need to demonstrate that they train at least twice a week in order to be able to take part in the league.

**How many matches have your players played outside the national-team set-up so far in 2019?**

Sixty-five: 55 national and ten international matches.

**What different sporting backgrounds do new national-team players come from (e.g. professional/youth football or futsal)?**

Among the 12 who played in the World Cup, 11 come from football and one from futsal. Amateur football is very popular in Paraguay; everyone wants to become a footballer. When scouting, we mainly focused on recruiting players from the third division, who had barely any chance of playing for their clubs. We looked for specific characteristics: for example, tall players who are of an athletic build, or short, but fast
players, etc. That is why we initially recruited so many players.

**How much time does it normally take for a player to be ready to play at international level?**

In beach soccer, if you train regularly, i.e. between three and four times a week, within three to four months, you will be able to understand the game. I don’t mean that you’ll be fully ready to compete, but you’ll be able to keep at it for a few minutes. I’d say it takes a bit longer, between six and eight months, to master the technique, to get used to the uneven playing surface and understand how to dribble the ball, for example.

**How many training sessions and matches are usually required to equip a player to play at international level?**

Between 60 and 80 training sessions and 20 and 30 domestic matches; that's a good number for a player to be able to compete internationally.

**How big is your staff? How is it structured in terms of the different staff members’ roles and responsibilities and what is their availability like?**

When I arrived, the technical team consisted of three members. We now have eight specifically for beach soccer: a goalkeeping coach, a doctor, a physiotherapist, a psychologist, a kit man, a fitness coach, a video analyst and me.

I was 100% committed to my work – 24/7, 365 days a year. I worked a lot both on and off the pitch, on projects with the Ministry of Sports, on the players’ financial aid, organising the Super League, among others. It was wonderful, everybody gave us their all, the Paraguayan Football Association, the Ministry of Sports and the International Olympic Committee.

**How did you make use of the psychologist?**

Last year, the psychologist held two weekly sessions: an individual one and a group one. She would choose the players. The sessions were very well received by everyone.

**Are you happy with your preparations?**

In my 16 years of working with national teams, I can't think of another team that did half the work in preparation for the World Cup that we did. Everything was well thought out and organised... We changed the lives of 16 players who received financial aid.

Now there are clubs that have beach soccer technical staff, including top clubs such as Olimpia, Cerro Porteño and Libertad. None of these clubs used to take part in beach soccer tournaments. Now they have a separate department with its own budget just for that. So, naturally, I’m very happy.

**What would you change if you could turn back the clock?**

I could question whether my selection of a particular player or my approach to discipline was the right one, or whether I should have given as many chances to a specific player as I did, but at the end of the day, they were my choices and I take full responsibility for them. If we win, the players win too. If we lose, I lose, and such is the fate of a coach.

I think we did our best, that we were well prepared and that everything was well thought out. Just a week before the tournament, we played top teams and we did well. The two games that we lost, we lost because the team did not use even 50% of its potential.

When we were knocked out, I was expecting criticism, but we didn’t get any. Neither in the media, nor on the street, nor on social networks. Those who followed us closely know what we are capable of, but the World Cup is a unique competition, where you cannot relax for a second, and where you face the best teams in the world. Of course, the results were disappointing, but all the support we received makes me feel vindicated in my work and optimistic about what’s yet to come.
REFEEERING REPORT
The process of preselecting referees for the FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup 2019™ in Paraguay began as soon as the 2017 edition in the Bahamas ended. Potential referees were observed at various international tournaments: Euroleague, Euro Beach Games, World Beach Games, Copa UNCAF, Africa Beach Games, Copa América as well as the confederations’ World Cup qualifying competitions where FIFA instructors were present and evaluated the performances of the match officials. Moreover, the FIFA Refereeing Subdivision, under the project lead of FIFA beach soccer instructors Lakhdar Benchabane and Michele Conti, evaluated all match officials with online testing (match situations and Laws of the Game).

The referees who were ultimately selected for the World Cup underwent physical tests in their respective member associations before travelling to Paraguay. They also underwent various fitness tests in Asunción before the start of the tournament, under the supervision of the FIFA refereeing instructors and supported by two local physiotherapists and the refereeing coordinator. It was found that all of the referees had the physical fitness required for their refereeing duties.

A total of 24 referees were selected for the World Cup:
- 4 from the AFC
- 3 from CAF
- 3 from Concacaf
- 5 from CONMEBOL
- 1 from the OFC
- 8 from UEFA

After their arrival in Asunción, the match officials had a five-day preparation seminar to ensure more uniform interpretation of the laws through practical training sessions and theoretical sessions backed up by videos:
- Video test
- Questions on the Laws of the Game
- Practical sessions on the pitch
- Game simulation with two young beach soccer teams: the simulation was filmed by FIFA, and the match officials received immediate feedback on TV screens from FIFA instructors
- Video test on the pitch after a speed training
- Match preparations with videos of teams involved in the World Cup
- Match analysis
- Working group
- Use of communication system

All of the referees received a copy of the Beach Soccer Laws of the Game.

During the seminar, they all took part in daily physical training sessions under the supervision of physical instructors. Two physiotherapists were on hand to provide massages for the referees whenever necessary.

During the tournament, the referees were supervised during matches by four beach soccer refereeing instructors. An IT expert, assisted by these instructors, edited the videos of matches for subsequent viewing and discussion at the referees’ daily morning meetings. The aim of these meetings was to improve technical aspects and confirm which decisions had been correct in order to improve the level of the referees during the competition and to ensure a more uniform
interpretation of the laws in similar situations. The referees received video recordings of the matches they had already officiated, and of the matches of the teams they would referee the next day.

The referees were accommodated at the Bourbon Hotel, which was a ten-minute drive to the stadium.

Before the quarter-finals, eight referees left the tournament. The decision was taken on the basis of the officials’ technical performance and behaviour before and during the competition. The officials who left the tournament:

- 1 AFC
- 2 CAF
- 1 Concacaf
- 1 CONMEBOL
- 1 OFC
- 2 UEFA

leaving a team of officials comprising:

- 3 AFC
- 1 CAF
- 2 Concacaf
- 4 CONMEBOL
- 0 OFC
- 6 UEFA

In addition, the referees continued to attend daily physical training sessions during the tournament, as well as having their weight monitored.

Thanks to the referees’ preparation before and during the World Cup, their performances throughout the competition were commendable and no significant problems arose.

It is important to mention that before the competition started, three meetings (one in English, one in Spanish and one in French) took place with all players and coaches. These meetings were very beneficial for their understanding of the interpretation of Laws of the Game and as well for respect and fair play in the matches.

As this competition progressed, it became evident that it will be important to amend the Beach Soccer Laws of the Game in order to have more consistency with the football Laws of the Game.

FIFA will now start monitoring the referees for the next edition of the competition, thereby guaranteeing that the standard of refereeing continues to improve at future tournaments.
MEDICAL REPORT
MEDICAL REPORT

Author: FIFA Medical Office

FIFA medical officers Dr Gregor Weimbs and Dr Joao Pedro Araujo supervised the medical services for the FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup Paraguay 2019™ from the headquarters in Asunción.

The LOC medical team, led by Dr José Ariel Fretes Ruiz, had prepared the delivery of these services and were able to rely on excellent established healthcare infrastructure and experienced staff.

Protecting players’ health

Protecting players’ health is one of the major objectives of the FIFA Medical Committee. No player should ever be subjected to any avoidable medical risk. To this end, the FIFA Medical Network has developed a standardised pre-competition medical assessment (PCMA) for the world’s elite football players, primarily aimed at detecting risk factors for sudden cardiac death. The FIFA Council has made the PCMA a mandatory requirement for teams participating in FIFA competitions. All teams fully complied with and supported this decision.

Injury-reporting study

As is routine at all FIFA competitions, team doctors were asked to report on all injuries suffered by their players during each day of the competition.

The collaboration of team doctors was excellent, with a response rate of 100%.

There was an overall rate of 0.69 injuries per match, and a total of 22 injuries were reported.

All injuries occurred due to contact with another player or with the ball; half of the contact-related injuries were caused by a foul.

There was one severe injury (a fracture) in the whole competition.

In-competition doping control

In accordance with the routine in-competition procedure described in the FIFA Anti-Doping Regulations, one player per team was either randomly selected or targeted to provide urine samples for doping controls after each of the 32 matches. Altogether, 64 urine samples were collected and analysed at the WADA-accredited laboratory in Los Angeles. None of these tests returned a positive result.

Educational session on anti-doping

An educational session was held before the World Cup got underway. The FIFA medical officers gave a presentation to the teams on the doping control procedure as well as on the equally important danger of taking over-the-counter medication, unknown food supplements and “traditional medicine” before and during the competition. The aim of this session was to explain the doping control process to the players who might never have experienced a doping control.
FIFA AWARDS
This award goes to the best player in the final competition on the basis of a ranking compiled by the FIFA Technical Study Group. A Silver Ball and a Bronze Ball are awarded to the second and third best players.

MOREIRA Ozu (JPN, 10)

ADIDAS SILVER BALL:
JORDAN (POR, 5)

ADIDAS BRONZE BALL:
BE MARTINS (POR, 8)

This award is given to the top goalscorer of the FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup Paraguay 2019™. Assists were included if two or more players were equal on goals scored. The FIFA Technical Study Group decided whether an assist was to be counted.

If two or more players remained equal, the player who had played fewer matches. A Silver Scorer award and a Bronze Scorer award are given to the second and third best goalscorers.

GORI Gabriele (ITA, 10)

ADIDAS SILVER SCORER:
ZURLO Emmanuele (ITA, 9)

ADIDAS BRONZE SCORER:
ZEMSKOV Fedor (RUS, 11)
The FIFA Fair Play Trophy is awarded to the team with the best fair play record, according to a points system and criteria specified in the competition regulations.

**ANDRADE (POR, 12)**

The top goalkeeper award at the FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup Paraguay 2019™ is given by the FIFA Technical Study Group based on the performances throughout the final competition.

**Senegal**

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### RESULTS

#### Group A
- **Paraguay, Japan, Switzerland, USA**
  - **21.11 Switzerland v. USA**: 8-6 (3-1, 2-1, 3-4)
  - **21.11 Paraguay v. Japan**: 4-5 (0-0, 1-3, 3-2)
  - **23.11 USA v. Japan**: 3-4 (1-1, 1-1, 1-2)
  - **23.11 Paraguay v. Switzerland**: 6-7 a.e.t. (1-2, 0-2, 4-1, 1-2)
  - **25.11 Japan v. Switzerland**: 5-3 (2-1, 2-0, 1-2)
  - **25.11 USA v. Paraguay**: 1-5 (0-2, 0-2, 1-1)

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#### Group B
- **Uruguay, Mexico, Italy, Tahiti**
  - **21.11 Italy v. Tahiti**: 12-4 (4-2, 3-1, 5-1)
  - **21.11 Uruguay v. Mexico**: 1-0 (0-0, 0-0, 1-0)
  - **23.11 Tahiti v. Mexico**: 6-1 (1-0, 2-0, 3-1)
  - **23.11 Uruguay v. Italy**: 4-3 (1-2, 2-0, 1-1)
  - **25.11 Mexico v. Italy**: 2-6 (0-2, 0-4, 2-0)
  - **25.11 Tahiti v. Uruguay**: 6-4 (2-1, 2-0, 2-3)

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#### Group C
- **Belarus, UAE, Senegal, Russia**
  - **22.11 Senegal v. Russia**: 7-8 (1-3, 2-1, 4-4)
  - **22.11 Belarus v. UAE**: 5-1 (1-0, 1-0, 3-1)
  - **24.11 Russia v. UAE**: 1-4 (0-1, 1-1, 0-2)
  - **24.11 Belarus v. Senegal**: 2-7 (0-2, 1-0, 1-5)
  - **26.11 Uruguay v. Senegal**: 1-3 (0-0, 0-0, 1-3)
  - **26.11 Russia v. Belarus**: 5-3 (1-3, 2-0, 2-0)

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#### Quarter-finals
- **28.11 Brazil v. Russia**: 3-4 (2-1, 1-2, 0-1)
- **28.11 Senegal v. Portugal**: 2-4 (1-1, 0-2, 1-1)
- **28.11 Italy v. Switzerland**: 5-4 (1-2, 1-1, 3-1)
- **28.11 Japan v. Uruguay**: 3-2 (2-0, 1-1, 0-1)

#### Semi-finals
- **30.11 Italy v. Russia** 8-7 a.e.t. (2-1, 1-3, 4-3, 1-0)
- **30.11 Japan v. Portugal** 3-3 a.e.t. (1-1, 1-0, 1-2, 0-0) 1-2 PSO

#### Match for third place
- **01.12 Russia v. Japan**: 5-4 (2-3, 1-1, 2-0)

#### Final
- **01.12 Italy v. Portugal**: 4-6 (1-1, 0-2, 3-3)

### RANKING

1. Portugal
2. Italy
3. Russia
4. Japan
5. Brazil
6. Senegal
7. Uruguay
8. Switzerland
9. Tahiti
10. Paraguay
11. Belarus
12. UAE
13. Oman
14. USA
15. Mexico
16. Nigeria

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ASUNCIÓN

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PRELIMINARY COMPETITION

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First stage

Group A
07.03.19 Afghanistan v. Malaysia 3-2 AET (1-0, 0-1, 1-1, 1-0)
07.03.19 Thailand v. Palestine 2-5 (1-0, 1-4, 0-1)
07.03.19 Palestine v. Afghanistan 3-2 (0-1, 1-0, 2-1)
07.03.19 Thailand v. Malaysia 4-5 (0-3, 1-1, 3-1)
07.03.19 Malaysia v. Palestine 5-6 (1-2, 3-2, 1-2)
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Group B
07.03.19 Lebanon v. China PR 5-3 (0-1, 2-1, 3-1)
07.03.19 UAE v. Kyrgyz Republic 6-1 (2-0, 2-1, 2-0)
09.03.19 Kyrgyz Rep. v. Lebanon 2-11 (1-3, 0-1, 1-7)
09.03.19 China PR v. UAE 2-6 (1-2, 0-1, 1-3)
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Group C
08.03.19 Bahrain v. Qatar 5-2 (2-0, 0-1, 3-1)
08.03.19 Japan v. Kuwait 8-1 (3-0, 3-1, 2-0)
10.03.19 Kuwait v. Bahrain 2-5 (0-1, 1-1, 1-3)
10.03.19 Qatar v. Japan 1-7 (1-2, 0-5, 0-0)
12.03.19 Japan v. Bahrain 6-2 (1-1, 4-1, 1-0)
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Second stage

Quarter-finals
14.03.19 Oman v. Bahrain 5-3 (3-2, 0-1, 2-0)
14.03.19 Japan v. IR Iran 3-2 AET (0-2, 1-0, 1-0, 1-0)
14.03.19 UAE v. Malaysia 8-1 (3-0, 1-1, 4-0)
14.03.19 Palestine v. Lebanon 4-3 (0-1, 2-1, 2-1)

Semi-finals
15.03.19 Japan v. Palestine 6-0 (2-0, 1-0, 3-0)
15.03.19 Oman v. UAE 2-3 (0-1, 1-1, 1-1)

Play-off for 3rd place
17.03.19 Oman v. Palestine 2-2 AET 2-1 PSO
(0-1, 0-1, 2-0, 0-0)

Final
17.03.19 UAE v. Japan 2-2 AET 1-3 PSO
(0-1, 2-1, 0-0, 0-0)

Qualified for Paraguay 2019:
Japan, United Arab Emirates and Oman
CAF

Qualification round

1st leg
09.09.18 Uganda v. Cote d'Ivoire 1-3 (0-2, 0-1, 1-0)
09.09.18 Mozambique v. Madagascar 4-5

2nd leg
21.09.18 Cote d'Ivoire v. Uganda 4-4 (0-2, 2-2, 2-0)
22.09.18 Madagascar v. Mozambique 5-5 (2-1, 2-0, 1-4)

Final tournament

Group A
08.12.18 Egypt v. Morocco 6-1 (0-0, 1-0, 5-1)
09.12.18 Cote d'Ivoire v. Madagascar 3-4 (2-2, 0-1, 1-1)
10.12.18 Morocco v. Cote d'Ivoire 5-4 (1-1, 3-0, 1-3)
10.12.18 Egypt v. Morocco 4-2 (3-2, 1-0, 0-0)
11.12.18 Morocco v. Madagascar 6-4 (4-0, 2-4, 0-0)
11.12.18 Egypt v. Cote d'Ivoire 10-3 (1-0, 5-1, 4-2)

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2 Morocco | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 12-14 | 6
3 Madagascar | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 10-13 | 3
4 Cote d'Ivoire | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 10-19 | 0

Group B
08.12.18 Senegal v. Nigeria 4-4 AET 2-0 PSO
(2-0, 1-1, 1-3, 0-0)
08.12.18 Libya v. Tanzania 5-2 (3-1, 0-1, 2-0)
09.12.18 Nigeria v. Libya 6-3 (4-2, 2-1, 0-0)
09.12.18 Tanzania v. Senegal 2-12 (0-5, 2-5, 0-2)
10.12.18 Nigeria v. Tanzania 4-2 (1-1, 2-0, 1-1)
11.12.18 Senegal v. Libya 10-1 (3-0, 4-0, 3-1)

Team | MP | W | W+ | L | Goals | Points
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2 Nigeria | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 14-9 | 6
3 Libya | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 9-18 | 3
4 Tanzania | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 6-21 | 0

5th-8th place
12.12.18 Madagascar v. Tanzania 5-2 (3-1, 0-1, 2-0)
12.12.18 Libya v. Cote d'Ivoire 3-6 (1-2, 0-1, 2-3)

Semi-finals
12.12.18 Egypt v. Nigeria 6-7 (1-2, 2-2, 3-3)
13.12.18 Senegal v. Morocco 7-2 (3-0, 2-0, 2-2)

Play-off for 7th place
13.12.18 Tanzania v. Libya 6-5 AET
(0-1, 2-3, 3-1, 1-0)

Play-off for 5th place
13.12.18 Madagascar v. Cote d'Ivoire 9-8 AET
(2-2, 3-1, 2-4, 2-1)

Play-off for 3rd place
14.12.18 Egypt v. Morocco 3-2 (0-0, 2-1, 1-1)

Final
14.12.18 Nigeria v. Senegal 1-6 (1-2, 0-0, 0-4)

Qualified for Paraguay 2019:
Senegal and Nigeria
Concacaf

First stage

Group A
13.05.19 Costa Rica v. Jamaica 4-2 (2-0, 0-1, 2-1)
13.05.19 Mexico v. Guatemala 4-0 (0-0, 3-0, 1-0)
14.05.19 Costa Rica v. Guatemala 4-5 (0-1, 2-1, 2-3)
14.05.19 Mexico v. Jamaica 4-1 (0-0, 2-0, 2-1)
15.05.19 Jamaica v. Guatemala 2-5 (1-2, 0-2, 1-1)
15.05.19 Mexico v. Costa Rica 8-5 (3-3, 2-1, 3-1)

Team | MP | W | L | Goals | Points
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Mexico | 3 | 3 | 0 | 16-6 | 9
Guatemala | 3 | 2 | 0 | 10-10 | 6
Costa Rica | 3 | 1 | 0 | 13-15 | 3
Jamaica | 3 | 0 | 0 | 5-13 | 0

Group B
13.05.19 Trinidad and Tobago v. Turks and Caicos Islands 6-0 (2-0, 2-0, 2-0)
13.05.19 US Virgin Islands v. Panama 1-8 (0-3, 0-3, 1-2)
14.05.19 Trinidad and Tobago v. US Virgin Islands 7-2 (3-2, 3-0, 1-0)
14.05.19 Panama v. Turks and Caicos Islands 8-1 (1-0, 4-1, 3-0)
16.05.19 Turks and Caicos Islands v. US Virgin Islands 6-8 (4-1, 0-4, 2-3)
16.05.19 Panama v. Trinidad and Tobago 4-3 (1-2, 2-1, 1-0)

Team | MP | W | L | Goals | Points
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1 USA | 3 | 3 | 0 | 28-5 | 9
2 Bahamas | 3 | 2 | 0 | 21-9 | 6
3 Antigua & Barbuda | 3 | 1 | 0 | 15-22 | 3
4 Bonaire | 3 | 0 | 0 | 7-35 | 0

Group C
13.05.19 Bahamas v. Antigua and Barbuda 7-4 (3-1, 2-0, 2-3)
13.05.19 Bonaire v. USA 1-14 (0-4, 0-7, 1-3)
15.05.19 Bahamas v. Bonaire 12-2 (3-1, 5-0, 4-1)
15.05.19 USA v. Antigua and Barbuda 11-2 (4-0, 2-1, 5-1)
16.05.19 Antigua and Barbuda v. Bonaire 9-4 (1-1, 5-2, 3-1)
16.05.19 USA v. Bahamas 3-2 (0-0, 1-0, 2-2)

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2 Guadeloupe | 3 | 1 | 0 | 11-17 | 4
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Second stage

Placement stage first round
17.05.19 El Salvador v. Bahamas 8-4 (3-0, 2-2, 3-2)
17.05.19 USA v. Guadeloupe 5-1 (1-1, 3-0, 1-0)
17.05.19 Panama v. Guatemala 6-4 (2-0, 2-2, 2-2)
17.05.19 Mexico v. Trinidad and Tobago 5-4 (2-0, 2-0, 1-2)

Semi-finals
18.05.19 USA v. El Salvador 3-3 AET 5-4 PSO
18.05.19 Mexico v. Panama 3-0 (2-0, 1-0, 0-0)

Play-off for 3rd place
19.05.19 El Salvador v. Panama 8-3 (2-0, 5-3, 1-0)

Final
19.05.19 USA v. Mexico 2-6 (1-0, 0-0, 1-6)

Qualified for Paraguay 2019:
Mexico and USA
CONMEBOL

First stage

Group A
28.04.19 Colombia v. Uruguay 5-8 (2-2, 1-4, 2-2)
28.04.19 Brazil v. Bolivia 11-1 (3-0, 4-1, 4-0)
29.04.19 Brazil v. Colombia 9-5 (4-0, 3-2, 2-3)
29.04.19 Uruguay v. Ecuador 4-3 (1-1, 2-2, 1-0)
30.04.19 Ecuador v. Colombia 4-8 (2-2, 2-2, 0-4)
30.04.19 Uruguay v. Bolivia 5-1 (1-0, 1-0, 3-1)
01.05.19 Bolivia v. Colombia 4-6 (1-2, 1-3, 2-1)
01.05.19 Brazil v. Ecuador 11-2 (1-0, 7-0, 3-2)
02.05.19 Ecuador v. Bolivia 6-3 (2-1, 4-0, 0-2)
02.05.19 Brazil v. Uruguay 9-1 (2-0, 4-0, 3-1)

Team | MP | W | W+ | L | Goals | Points
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1 | Brazil | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 40-9 | 12
2 | Uruguay | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 18-18 | 9
3 | Colombia | 4 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 24-25 | 6
4 | Ecuador | 4 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 15-26 | 3
5 | Bolivia | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 9-28 | 0

Group B
28.04.19 Peru v. Argentina 6-6 AET 1-3 PSO (2-2, 3-2, 1-2, 0-0)
28.04.19 Paraguay v. Chile 5-3 (1-0, 2-0, 2-3)
29.04.19 Paraguay v. Peru 7-2 (2-0, 2-1, 3-1)
29.04.19 Argentina v. Venezuela 5-4 (1-3, 3-0, 1-1)
30.04.19 Venezuela v. Peru 4-5 AET (2-1, 1-1, 1-2, 0-1)
30.04.19 Argentina v. Chile 3-2 AET (1-1, 0-0, 1-1, 1-0)
01.05.19 Chile v. Peru 5-8 (0-1, 3-3, 2-4)
01.05.19 Paraguay v. Venezuela 5-4 AET (1-0, 2-2, 1-2, 1-0)
02.05.19 Venezuela v. Chile 3-5 (1-2, 2-1, 0-2)
02.05.19 Paraguay v. Argentina 9-3 (2-1, 1-2, 6-0)

Team | MP | W | W+ | L | Goals | Points
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1 | Paraguay | 4 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 26-12 | 12
2 | Argentina | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 17-21 | 7
3 | Peru | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 21-22 | 6
4 | Chile | 4 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 15-19 | 3
5 | Venezuela | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 15-20 | 0

Second stage

Play-off for 9th place
04.05.19 Bolivia v. Venezuela 6-4 (1-2, 3-1, 2-1)

Play-off for 7th place
04.05.19 Ecuador v. Chile 5-6 (0-3, 1-0, 4-3)

Play-off for 5th place
05.05.19 Colombia v. Peru 5-6 (0-1, 1-2, 4-3)

Semi-finals
04.05.19 Paraguay v. Uruguay 3-4 (0-1, 1-1, 2-2)
04.05.19 Brazil v. Argentina 9-3 (1-1, 5-1, 3-1)

Play-off for 3rd place
05.05.19 Paraguay v. Argentina 6-5 (1-2, 2-2, 3-1)

Final
05.05.19 Uruguay v. Brazil 1-10 (0-3, 0-2, 1-5)

Qualified for Paraguay 2019:
Braz, Uruguay and Paraguay
OFC

Group matches
17.06.19 New Caledonia v. Solomon Isl. 0-2 (0-0, 0-2, 0-0)
17.06.19 Tahiti v. Vanuatu 8-2 (1-0, 4-1, 3-1)
18.06.19 Vanuatu v. Solomon Islands 2-4 (0-0, 0-1, 2-3)
18.06.19 Tahiti v. Tonga 23-1 (7-1, 6-0, 10-0)
19.06.19 Solomon Islands v. Tonga 7-1 (3-0, 3-1, 1-0)
19.06.19 Vanuatu v. New Caledonia 14-7 (5-2, 5-2, 4-3)
20.06.19 Tonga v. New Caledonia 1-10 (1-2, 0-3, 0-5)
20.06.19 Tahiti v. Solomon Islands 11-6 (3-2, 3-3, 5-1)
21.06.19 Tonga v. Vanuatu 3-15 (0-4, 1-4, 2-7)
21.06.19 Tahiti v. New Caledonia 10-0 (5-0, 1-0, 4-0)

Team MP W W+ L Goals Points
1 Tahiti 4 4 0 0 52-9 12
2 Solomon Islands 4 3 0 1 19-14 9
3 Vanuatu 4 2 0 2 33-22 6
4 New Caledonia 4 1 0 3 17-27 3
5 Tonga 4 0 0 4 6-55 0

Play-off for 3rd place
22.06.19 Vanuatu v. New Caledonia 7-8 AET (1-3, 1-2, 5-2, 0-1)

Final
22.06.19 Tahiti v. Solomon Islands 4-3 (0-0, 2-1, 2-2)

Qualified for Paraguay 2019: Tahiti

UEFA

First stage
Group A
19.07.19 Hungary v. Estonia 2-1 AET (1-0, 0-0, 0-1, 1-0)
19.07.19 Russia v. Germany 6-2 (2-1, 2-0, 2-1)
20.07.19 Germany v. Hungary 2-3 (0-2, 1-0, 1-1)
20.07.19 Russia v. Estonia 7-2 (5-0, 1-0, 1-2)
21.07.19 Germany v. Estonia 5-3 (2-0, 2-1, 1-2)
21.07.19 Russia v. Hungary 5-1 (2-0, 2-1, 1-0)

Team MP W W+ L Goals Points
1 Russia 3 3 0 0 18-5 9
2 Hungary 3 1 1 1 6-8 6
3 Germany 3 1 0 2 9-12 3
4 Estonia 3 0 0 3 6-14 0

Group B
19.07.19 France v. Norway 5-2 (2-2, 0-0, 3-0)
19.07.19 Moldova v. Portugal 3-13 (1-3, 1-3, 1-7)
20.07.19 France v. Moldova 6-2 (2-1, 2-0, 2-1)
20.07.19 Portugal v. Norway 12-1 (3-0, 4-0, 5-1)
22.07.19 Norway v. Moldova 1-2 AET (0-1, 1-0, 0-0, 0-1)
22.07.19 Portugal v. France 3-1 (1-1, 1-0, 1-0)

Team MP W W+ L Goals Points
1 Portugal 3 3 0 0 28-5 9
2 France 3 2 0 1 12-7 6
3 Moldova 3 0 1 2 7-20 3
4 Norway 3 0 0 3 4-19 0

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Group C
19.07.19 Poland v. Czech Republic 3-2 (1-0, 1-0, 1-2)
19.07.19 Kazakhstan v. Italy 2-5 (1-0, 1-2, 0-3)
20.07.19 Poland v. Kazakhstan 3-2 (1-0, 2-2, 0-0)
20.07.19 Italy v. Czech Republic 10-1 (4-0, 4-0, 2-1)
22.07.19 Czech Republic v. Kazakhstan 2-3 (1-1, 0-1, 1-1)
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21.07.19 Spain v. Azerbaijan 10-5 (6-2, 2-1, 2-2)
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20.07.19 Lithuania v. Switzerland 1-8 (0-1, 1-6, 0-1)
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21.07.19 Switzerland v. Turkey 4-2 (1-2, 3-0, 0-0)
21.07.19 Turkey v. Lithuania 0-2 (0-0, 0-1, 0-1)
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Second stage

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23.07.19 Azerbaijan v. Hungary 3-3 AET 2-1 PSO (0-1, 2-2, 1-0, 0-0)
23.07.19 Switzerland v. Turkey 8-2 (4-0, 3-1, 1-1)
23.07.19 Poland v. Germany 3-2 AET (1-0, 0-0, 1-2, 1-0)
23.07.19 France v. Belarus 1-4 (0-2, 0-1, 1-1)
23.07.19 Italy v. Kazakhstan 12-4 (2-0, 2-4, 8-0)
23.07.19 Portugal v. Lithuania 10-1 (3-0, 4-1, 3-0)
23.07.19 Spain v. Latvia 14-2 (5-1, 4-1, 5-0)
23.07.19 Russia v. Moldova 8-0 (3-0, 2-0, 3-0)

Group 1
24.07.19 Poland v. Italy 1-3 (1-2, 0-0, 0-1)
24.07.19 Belarus v. Portugal 3-2 (1-0, 2-1, 0-1)
25.07.19 Italy v. Belarus 3-3 AET 2-3 PSO (0-0, 2-1, 1-2, 0-0)
25.07.19 Portugal v. Poland 8-3 (3-3, 5-0, 0-0)
26.07.19 Poland v. Belarus 4-3 (0-2, 2-0, 2-1)
26.07.19 Portugal v. Italy 3-4 (2-1, 0-0, 1-3)

Group 2
24.07.19 Azerbaijan v. Spain 3-9 (1-1, 2-5, 0-3)
24.07.19 Russia v. Switzerland 9-3 (2-0, 5-1, 2-2)
25.07.19 Spain v. Switzerland 6-9 (2-4, 3-4, 1-1)
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26.07.19 Azerbaijan v. Switzerland 2-3 (1-1, 0-0, 1-2)
26.07.19 Russia v. Spain 6-1 (2-0, 3-0, 1-1)

Match for 7th place
27.07.19 Poland v. Azerbaijan 13-3 (5-1, 2-2, 6-0)

Match for 5th place
27.07.19 Portugal v. Spain 5-5 AET 2-1 PSO (1-2, 0-0, 3-2, 1-1)

Match for 3rd place
27.07.19 Belarus v. Switzerland 6-2 (2-1, 4-1, 0-0)

Final
27.07.19 Italy v. Russia 1-7 (0-3, 1-3, 0-1)

Qualified for Paraguay 2019: Russia, Italy, Belarus, Switzerland and Portugal
GROUP A

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USA v. Paraguay  1-5 (0-2, 0-2, 1-1)

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GROUP B

Italy v. Tahiti

12-4 (4-2, 3-1, 5-1)

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ITA: 1 DEL MESTRE*, 2 CARPITA, 3 PERCIA MONTANI, 4 CHIAVARO*, 5 FRAINETTI, 6 MARINAI, 7 RAMACCIODITI*, 8 COROSINITI (C), 9 ZURLO, 10 CABRERA, 11 VIZCARRA, 12 GUERRERO*, 13 MIRANDA*, 14 DUTRA, 15 CAPURRO, 16 LABASTE, 17 TEPA*, 18 LAENS, 19 BELLA, 20 MOSCO (C), 21 QUINTA*, 22 TAIARUI, 23 HERNANDEZ*, 24 PORTILLA*, 25 SALEM

MEX: 1 MACIAS*, 2 RODRIGUEZ, 3 HERNANDEZ*, 4 PORTILLA*, 5 MOSCO (C), 6 MARTINEZ, 7 MALDONADO*, 8 SAMANO, 9 TORRES, 10 VILLA*, 11 VIZCARRA

Scorers:

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Scorers:
GROUP C

Senegal v. Russia
7-8 (1-3, 2-1, 4-4)

5  22.11.2019  16:15  ASUNCION

SEN:  1 NDIAYE (C)*;  2 DIATTA;  3 THIOUNE;  4 MENDY;  5 SYLLA,
  6 NDIANG;  7 FALL*;  8 DIOUF;  9 DIASSY*;  10 DIAGNE;  11 BLECK

RUS:  1 CHUZHKOVI*;  12 BAZHENOV;  7 NOVIKOV;  3 ROMANOV;
  4 MAKAROV*;  5 KRASHENNIKOV;  6 SHISHIN;  7 SHKARIN (C)*;
  8 FEDOROV;  9 NIKONOROV;  10 PAPOROTNYI*;  11 ZEMSKOV*

Scores:  0-1 ‘05’ THIOUNE (3, own goal), 0-2 ‘14’ NIKONOROV (9),
  1-2 ‘34’ DIASSY (9), 1-3 ‘71’ ZEMSKOV (11), 2-3 ‘14’ FALL (7),
  3-3 ‘16-11’ DIASSY (9), 3-4 ‘22’ PAPOROTNYI (10),
  4-4 ‘25’ MENDY (4), 4-5 ‘28’13’ DIAGNE (10),
  4-5 ‘30’52’ ZEMSKOV (11), 5-5 ‘31’19’ ZEMSKOV (11),
  6-6 ‘32’09’ FALL (7), 7-6 ‘33’30’ DIAGNE (10, pen.),
  7-7 ‘33’44’ PAPOROTNYI (10), 7-8 ‘33’54’ NIKONOROV (9)

Referee:  DOMINGUEZ Gustavo (PAR)
Referee Assistant:  ROMA Mariano (ARG)
Timekeeper:  FERNANDEZ Aecio (URU)

Belarus v. UAE
5-1 (1-0, 1-0, 3-1)

7  22.11.2019  19:25  ASUNCION

BLR:  12 MAKAREVICH*;  2 BOKACH*,  3 SAVICH*,  4 CHAIKOUSKI;
  5 SAMSONOV;  6 PATROLSKI,  7 MIRANOVICH (C)*,  8 BRYSHTELS*;
  9 HAPON*,  10 RYABKO*,  11 KANSTANTSINAU*

UAE:  1 MOHAMED ALIASMI*;  11 HU Maid Jamal,  2 HAIHAM MOHAMED;
  3 AHMED BESHR,  4 WALED BESHR*,  5 ABBAS ALI,  6 KAMAL ALI;
  7 HESHAM MUNITASER*,  8 ABB AL MOHAMMAD*,  9 ALI KARIM,
  10 WALID MOHAMMAD (C)*

Scores:  0-1 ‘31’5’ SAIVICH (3), 2-0 ‘18’46’ MAKAREVICH (12),
  2-1 ‘25’08’ AHMED BESHR (3), 3-1 ‘28’08’ SAMSONOV (5),
  4-1 ‘30’17’ BRYSHTELS (8), 5-1 ‘31’20’ BRYSHTELS (8)

Referee:  HACHIM Said (MAD), MORAES Ivo (BRA)
Referee Assistant:  FAROUK Hany (EGY)
Cautions:  –
Expulsions:  –

Russia v. Belarus
1-4 (0-1, 1-0, 2-0)

13  24.11.2019  16:15  ASUNCION

RUS:  1 CHUZHKOVI*;  12 BAZHENOV,  2 NOVIKOV,  3 ROMANOV,  4 MAKAROV*;
  5 KRASHENNIKOV;  6 SHISHIN,  7 SHKARIN (C)*,  9 NIKONOROV,
  10 PAPOROTNYI*;  11 ZEMSKOV*

BLR:  12 MAKAREVICH*;  2 BOKACH*,  3 SAVICH*,  4 CHAIKOUSKI;
  5 SAMSONOV;  6 PATROLSKI,  7 MIRANOVICH (C)*,  8 BRYSHTELS*;
  9 HAPON*,  10 RYABKO*,  11 KANSTANTSINAU*

Scores:  0-1 ‘11’ MOHAMED ALIASMI (1),
  1-1 ‘18’14’ PAPOROTNYI (10),
  1-2 ‘22’15’ ALI MOHAMMAD (8),
  1-3 ‘31’20’ HESHAM MUNITASER (7, pen.),
  1-4 ‘32’10’ WALED BESHR (4)

Referee:  DOMINGUEZ Gustavo (PAR)
Referee Assistant:  ROMA Mariano (ARG)
Timekeeper:  FERNANDEZ Aecio (URU)

Belarus v. Russia
2-7 (0-2, 1-0, 1-5)

15  24.11.2019  19:25  ASUNCION

BLR:  12 MAKAREVICH*;  2 BOKACH,  3 SAVICH*,  4 CHAIKOUSKI;
  5 SAMSONOV;  7 MIRANOVICH (C)*,  8 BRYSHTELS*,  9 HAPON*,
  10 RYABKO*,  11 KANSTANTSINAU*

UAE:  1 NDIAYE (C)*;  12 BA,  2 DIATTA,  3 THIOUNE,  4 MENDY,  5 SYLLA*,
  6 NDIANG,  7 FALL*,  8 DIOUF,  9 DIASSY*,  10 DIAGNE*,  11 BLECK

Scores:  0-1 ‘5’02’ MENDY (4), 0-2 ‘6’09’ DIATTA (2),
  1-2 ‘14’20’ HAPON (9), 1-3 ‘24’5’ MENDY (4),
  1-4 ‘26’37’ DIAGNE (10), 1-5 ‘28’04’ DIAGNE (10),
  1-6 ‘28’28’ DIAGNE (10), 2-6 ‘29’18’ BRYSHTELS (8),
  2-7 ‘31’49’ DIAGNE (10)

Referee:  MORAES Ivo (BRA)
Referee Assistant:  FERNANDEZ Aecio (URU), ANGELES Juan (DOM)
Timekeeper:  DOMINGUEZ Gustavo (PAR)

UAE v. Belgium
1-3 (0-0, 0-0, 1-3)

21  26.11.2019  16:15  ASUNCION

UAE:  1 MOHAMED ALIASMI*;  11 HU Maid Jamal,  2 HAIHAM MOHAMED;
  3 AHMED BESHR,  4 WALED BESHR*,  5 ABBAS ALI,  6 KAMAL ALI;
  7 HESHAM MUNITASER,  8 ABB AL MOHAMMAD*,  9 ALI KARIM*,
  10 WALID MOHAMMAD (C)*

BLR:  12 MAKAREVICH*;  2 BOKACH,  3 SAVICH,  4 CHAIKOUSKI*;
  5 SAMSONOV;  6 PATROLSKI,  7 MIRANOVICH (C)*,  8 BRYSHTELS*,
  9 HAPON*,  11 KANSTANTSINAU*

Scores:  0-1 ‘4’22’ HAPON (9), 1-2 ‘6’5’ BRYSHTELS (8), 1-3 ‘9’5’ KANSTANTSINAU (11),
  2-3 ‘14’11’ ZEMSKOV (11), 3-3 ‘15’46’ NIKONOROV (9),
  4-3 ‘33’26’ NIKONOROV (9), 5-3 ‘35’29’ SHISHIN (6)

Referee:  MATICCIU Giovanni (ITA)
Referee Assistant:  FERNANDEZ Aecio (URU), SHAD Liang (CHN)
Referee Assistant:  MORAES Ivo (BRA)
Cautions:  –
Expulsions:  –

Russia v. Belarus
1-2 (1-3, 2-0, 2-0)

23  26.11.2019  19:25  ASUNCION

RUS:  1 CHUZHKOVI,  12 BAZHENOV*,  2 NOVIKOV,  4 MAKAROV*,
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  10 PAPOROTNYI*;  11 ZEMSKOV

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Referee:  MORAES Ivo (BRA)
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Referee Assistant:  MORAES Ivo (BRA)
Cautions:  –
Expulsions:  –

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GROUP D

Portugal v. Nigeria 10-1 (0-1, 5-0, 5-0)
6 22.11.2019 17:50 ASUNCION

POR: 1 PEITRONY, 12 ANDRADE*, 2 COIMBRA, 3 ANDRE LOURENCO, 4 TORRES *, 5 JORDAN, 6 RUBEN BRILHANTE, 7 MADJER (C)*, 8 BE MARTINS, 9 VON*, 10 BELCHIOR*, 11 LEO MARTINS
OMA: 1 PAUL*, 12 TALE, 2 OHWOFERIA*, 3 EKUIJUMI Egan-Osi, 4 TAIWO, 5 IGUDIA*, 6 TALE (C), 7 IOBEE, 8 ABU*, 9 BADMUS, 10 OGBONNA*, 11 KAREEM

Scores: 0-1 11’26’’ BELCHIOR (10), 0-2 26’30’’ EID AL FARSI (4), 0-3 33’35’’ COIMBRA (2), 1-0 34’41’’ MADJER (7)

Referee: BATTISTA Gumercindo (PAN)
Timekeeper: PADO Hugo (SOL)
Referee: AL MANSORY Ebrahim (UAE)
Reserve Assistant: BENCHABANE Sofien (FRA)
Referee: CARBALLO Gonzalo (SLV), NAMAZOV Bakhtiyor (UZB)

Nigeria v. Oman 5-6 (1-2, 1-3, 3-1)
14 24.11.2019 17:50 ASUNCION

NGA: 1 PAUL*, 12 TALE, 2 OHWOFERIA*, 3 EKUIJUMI Egan-Osi, 4 TAIWO, 5 IGUDIA*, 6 TALE (C), 7 IOBEE, 8 ABU*, 9 BADMUS, 10 OGBONNA*, 11 KAREEM
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Scores: 1-0 0’43’’ MAURICINHO (11), 1-1 8’22’’ JORDAN  (5), 1-2 11’54’’ ABU (8), 2-2 12’01’’ BRUNO XAVIER (8), 2-3 16’09’’ ABU (8), 2-4 18’19’’ OGBONNA (10), 2-5 23’28’’ TALE (6)

Referee: BORISOV Roman (RUS)
Timekeeper: GONZALEZ Raul (ITA)
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Reserve Assistant: GOMOLKO Vitalij (LTU)

Braziil v. Portugal 9-7 (1-2, 6-3, 2-2)
16 24.11.2019 21:00 ASUNCION

BRA: 1 MAD*, 12 Rafa PaDilha, 2 RAFINHA, 3 ANTONIO, 4 CATARINO*, 5 FILIPE, 6 LUCAD, 7 BOKINHA, 8 BRUNO XAVIER (C)*, 9 RODRIGO*, 10 DATINHA*, 11 MAURICINHO
POR: 1 MAO*; 12 RAFA PADILHA, 2 RAFINHA, 4 CATARINO*, 5 FILIPE, 6 LUCAO, 7 BOKINHA, 8 BRUNO XAVIER (C)*, 9 RODRIGO*, 10 DATINHA*, 11 MAURICINHO

Scores: 1-0 3’50’’ IGUDIA (5), 2-0 5’11’’ IORBEE (7)

Referee: SHAO Liang (CHN)
Referee: BORISOV Roman (RUS)
Reserve Assistant: FAROUK Harry (EGY)

Oman v. Nigeria 1-3 (1-1, 0-1, 0-1)
22 26.11.2019 17:50 ASUNCION

OMA: 12 YOUNIS AL OWAIAS*, 3 JALAL AL SINANI*, 4 EID AL FARI*, 5 MADNHAAR AL ARAIMI, 6 MUSHEL AL ARAIMI *, 7 AHMED AL MASHAFRI, 8 NOOH AL ZADJALI, 9 SAMI AL BULUSHI, 10 KHALID AL ORAIMI (C)*, 11 SHARIF AL BULUSHI
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Scores: 0-1 4’40’’ ED AL FARS (4), 0-2 7’48’’ JORDAN AL SINANI (3), 1-0 10’19’’ OGBONNA (10), 2-0 14’55’’ OGBONNA (10), 2-1 19’15’’ MUSHEL AL ARAIMI (6), 2-2 19’28’’ ED AL FARS (4), 2-3 23’18’’ SAMI AL BULUSHI (9), 3-0 25’21’’ OGBONNA (10), 4-0 26’06’’ TAIWO (4), 4-1 26’47’’ KHALID AL ORAIMI (10), 5-0 30’20’’ IGUDIA (5)

Referee: BORISOV Roman (RUS)
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Referee: BENCHABANE Sofien (FRA)
Reserve Assistant: GOMOLKO Vitalij (LTU)

Nigeria v. Brazil 2-12 (1-2, 1-2, 0-8)
24 26.11.2019 21:00 ASUNCION

NGA: 1 PAUL*; 12 TALE, 2 OHWOFERIA*, 3 EKUIJUMI Egan-Osi, 4 TAIWO, 5 IGUDIA*, 6 TALE (C), 7 IOBEE, 8 ABU*, 9 BADMUS, 10 OGBONNA*, 11 KAREEM
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Scores: 1-0 0’43’’ MAURICINHO (11), 1-1 8’22’’ JORDAN  (5), 1-2 11’54’’ ABU (8), 2-2 12’01’’ BRUNO XAVIER (8), 2-3 16’09’’ ABU (8), 2-4 18’19’’ OGBONNA (10), 2-5 23’28’’ TALE (6)

Referee: DOMINGUEZ Gustavo (PAR)
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Reserve Assistant: FAROUK Harry (EGY)

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- * = Starting five
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04.12.1953  
Portugal  
Head Coach

Coaching staff  
- LUIS BILRO (Assistant Coach)  
- REIS Tiago (Assistant Coach)  
- LIMA Luis (Team Doctor)  
- PRATA Alberto (Team Doctor)  
- AFONSO Ricardo (Physiotherapist)  
- FARINHA Eduardo (Physiotherapist)  
- NASCIMENTO Luís (Physiotherapist)

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- LEO MARTINS (11)  
- JORDAN (5)  
- COIMBRA (2)  
- BE MARTINS (8)  
- BELCHIOR (10)  
- TORRES (4)  
- ANDRE LOURENÇO (3)  
- MADJER (7)  
- own goal (SEN)  

Disciplinary record
- Yellow cards: 6  
- Red cards (indirect): 0  
- Red cards (direct): 0

Average age: 31/09  
Number of players playing abroad: 1

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ITALY

Final ranking: 2nd place

Disciplinary record
Yellow cards 12
Red cards (indirect) 0
Red cards (direct) 0

Average age 32/03
Number of players playing abroad 0

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RUSSIA

Final ranking: 3rd place

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01.12. Russia v. Japan 5-4 (2-3, 1-1, 2-0)

Disciplinary record
Yellow cards 9
Red cards (indirect) 0
Red cards (direct, includes 1 red card for team official) 2

Average age 31/03
Number of players playing abroad 0

Goalscorers
ZEMSKOV Fedor (11) 10
NIKONOROV Boris (9) 5
ROMANOV Kirill (3) 4
MAKAROV Alexey (4) 3
PAPOROTNYI Artur (10) 3
NOVIKOV Andrei (2) 2
SHISHIN Dmitry (6) 2
own goal (SEN) 1

Coaching staff
LEONOV Ilya Assistant Coach
BUKHLITSKIY Andrey Goalkeeper Coach
RUBTSOV Oleg Technical Assistant
BADMAEV Mingiyan Team Doctor
LELEKOV Aleksandr Masseur

LIKHACHEV
Mikhail
17.05.1978
Russia
Head Coach

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### JAPAN

Final ranking: 4th place

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#### Disciplinary record

- **Yellow cards**: 10
- **Red cards (indirect)**: 0
- **Red cards (direct, includes 1 red card for team official)**: 1

#### Average age

33/09

#### Number of players playing abroad

0

## Coaching staff

- **Head Coach**: RAMOS Ruy
  - 09.02.1957
  - Japan

- **Assistant Coach**: MAKINO Shinji
- **Team Doctor**: HIRANO Atsushi, SHINJO Hirotaka, YANAGISAWA Yohei
- **Physiotherapist**: KAZAMA Takaumi, NAMIKI Masanari, TSUSHIMA Masahiro

## Goalscorers

- **AKAGUMA Takuya (2)**: 7
- **MOREIRA Ozu (10)**: 7
- **OBA Takaaki (7)**: 3
- **OKUYAMA Masanori (11)**: 2
- **TABATA Teruki (5)**: 2
- **KOMAKI Masayuki (8)**: 1
- **MATSUO Naoya (6)**: 1
- **YAMAUCHI Shusei (9)**: 1

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**BRAZIL**

Final ranking: 5th place

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### Disciplinary record

- **Yellow cards:** 2
- **Red cards (indirect):** 0
- **Red cards (direct):** 0

### Average age

29/11

### Number of players playing abroad

0

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**Goalscorers**

- BOKINHA (7) | 6
- RODRIGO (9) | 6
- MAURICINHO (11) | 5
- FILIPE (5) | 4
- CATARINO (4) | 3
- BRUNO XAVIER (8) | 2
- LUCAO (6) | 2
- DATINHA (10) | 1
- MAO (1) | 1
- RAFINHA (2) | 1
- Own goal (POR) | 1

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**Coaching staff**

- **KURTZ Renato**: Team Doctor
- **PINTO Hugo**: Physiotherapist

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**GILBERTO SOUSA**

28.08.1977
BRAZIL
Head Coach

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SENEGAL

Final ranking: 6th place

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Goalscorers

- DIAGNE Mamour (10) 6
- MENDY Raoul (4) 5
- DIASSY Lansana (9) 2
- DIATTA Ninou (2) 2
- FALL Babacar (7) 2
- SYLLA Mamadou (5) 2

Disciplinary record

- Yellow cards: 2
- Red cards (indirect): 0
- Red cards (direct): 0

Average age: 28/08

Number of players playing abroad: 4

Coaching staff

- DEME Cheikh: Assistant Coach
- DIALLO Mamadou: Assistant Coach
- KA Thierno: Team Doctor
- NIANG Ousmane: Kinesiologist

SYLLA Oumar
27.03.1979
Senegal
Head Coach
URUGUAY

Final ranking: 7th place

Matches

- 21.11. Uruguay v. Mexico: 1-0 (0-0, 0-0, 1-0)
- 23.11. Uruguay v. Italy: 4-3 (1-2, 2-0, 1-1)
- 25.11. Tahiti v. Uruguay: 6-4 (2-1, 2-0, 2-3)
- 28.11. Japan v. Uruguay: 3-2 (2-0, 1-1, 0-1)

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Average age: 31/11
Number of players playing abroad: 0

Goalscorers

- LADUCHE Gaston (5): 4
- BELLA Nicolas (11): 2
- CAPURRO Marcelo (10): 2
- COSTA Guillermo (2): 1
- LAENS Andres (9): 1
- MIRANDA Santiago (3): 1

Coaching staff

- OLIVAR Ana: Team Doctor
- MOLINA Daniel: Physical Trainer

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SWITZERLAND

Final ranking: 8th place

SCHIRINZI Angelo
05.11.1972
Switzerland
Head Coach

Matches
21.11. Switzerland v. USA 8-6 (3-1, 2-1, 3-4)
23.11. Paraguay v. Switzerland 7-6 a.e.t. (1-2, 0-2, 4-1, 1-2)
25.11. Japan v. Switzerland 5-3 (2-1, 2-0, 1-2)
28.11. Italy v. Switzerland 5-4 (1-2, 1-1, 3-1)

Goalscorers
OTT Noel (10) 7
STANKOVIC Dejan (9) 7
BORER Philipp (4) 2
HODEL Glenn (11) 2
JAEGGY Mo (8) 2
MOUNOUD Eliott (1) 1
OSTGEN Jan (5) 1

Disciplinary record
Yellow cards 6
Red cards (indirect) 0
Red cards (direct) 0

Average age 29/01
Number of players playing abroad 1

Coaching staff
CATTONI Juan
Team Doctor
GROSSENBACHER Robert
Physiotherapist
KLAUSER Georg
Physiotherapist

Goalscorers
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TAHITI

Final ranking: 9th place

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23.11. Tahiti v. Mexico 6-1 (1-0, 2-0, 3-1)
25.11. Tahiti v. Uruguay 6-4 (2-1, 2-0, 2-3)

Disciplinary record
Yellow cards 3
Red cards (indirect) 1
Red cards (direct) 2

Average age 31/00
Number of players playing abroad 0

Goalscorers
CHAN-KAT GERVAIS (5) 3
TEPA PATRICK (6) 3
TERITIAU ARIIHAU (3) 3
LABASTE TEARII (10) 2
LI FUNG KUEE RAIMANA (7) 2
TAIARUI HEIMANU (4) (9) 1

Coaching staff
ZAVERONI Teva Assistant Coach
CUEVAS Carlos Team Doctor
PAUWELS Danny Physiotherapist

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PARAGUAY

Final ranking: 10th place

Matches
21.11. Paraguay v. Japan 4-5 (0-0, 1-3, 3-2)
23.11. Paraguay v. Switzerland 6-7 a.e.t. (1-2, 0-2, 4-1, 1-2)
25.11. USA v. Paraguay 1-5 (0-2, 0-2, 1-1)

Disciplinary record
Yellow cards 4
Red cards (indirect) 0
Red cards (direct, includes 1 red card for team official) 2

Average age 27/09
Number of players playing abroad 0

Goalscorers
ROLON Jesus (5) 4
CARBALLO Carlos (8) 3
MORAN Pedro (6) 3
BARRETO Edgar (7) 2
OJEDA Luis (4) 1
OVELAR Carlos (1) 1
ROLON Yoao (12) 1

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BELARUS

Final ranking: 11th place

Matches
22.11. Belarus v. United Arab Emirates 5-1 (1-0, 1-0, 3-1)
24.11. Belarus v. Senegal 2-7 (0-2, 1-0, 1-5)
26.11. Russia v. Belarus 5-3 (1-3, 2-0, 2-0)

Disciplinary record
Yellow cards 3
Red cards (indirect) 0
Red cards (direct, includes 1 red card for team official) 2

Average age 29/06
Number of players playing abroad 7

Goalscorers
BRYSHTESEI HAHAR (8) 4
HAPON ALEH (9) 2
KANSTANTSINAU IVAN (11) 1
MAKAREVICH VALERY (12) 1
SAMSONOV DZIANIS (5) 1
SAVICH ILLA (3) 1

Coaching staff
PAZ Jaime Assistant Coach
TUMILOVICH Gennadiy Goalkeeper Coach
ZHUKOV Igor Team Doctor
HARBACHOU KANstantsin Masseur
KARALIOU Mikhail Masseur

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UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

Final ranking: 12th place

 Matches
22.11. Belarus v. United Arab Emirates 5-1 (1-0, 1-0, 3-1)
24.11. Russia v. United Arab Emirates 1-4 (0-1, 1-1, 0-2)
26.11. United Arab Emirates v. Senegal 1-3 (0-0, 0-0, 1-3)

Disciplinary record
Yellow cards 1
Red cards (indirect) 0
Red cards (direct) 0

Average age 31/10
Number of players playing abroad 0

Goalscorers
AHMED BESHR (3) 1
ALI KARIM (9) 1
ALI MOHAMMAD (8) 1
HESHAM MUNTASER (7) 1
MOHAMED ALJASMI (1) 1
WALEED BESHR (4) 1

Coaching staff
ALMAAZMI Saeed Assistant Coach
VASQUES Victor Goalkeeper Coach
AL ALI Abdulla Team Doctor
YOSHINAGA Leandro Physiotherapist
KOVACS Andras Masseur

Goalscorers
AHMED BESHR (3) 1
ALI KARIM (9) 1
ALI MOHAMMAD (8) 1
HESHAM MUNTASER (7) 1
MOHAMED ALJASMI (1) 1
WALEED BESHR (4) 1

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Final ranking: 13th place

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24.11. Nigeria v. Oman 5-6 (1-2, 1-3, 3-1)
26.11. Oman v. Portugal 1-3 (1-1, 0-1, 0-1)

Disciplinary record
Yellow cards 2
Red cards (indirect) 0
Red cards (direct) 0

Average age 30/01
Number of players playing abroad 0

Goalscorers
EID AL FARSI (4) 2
JALAL AL SINANI (3) 2
SAMI AL BULUSHI (9) 2
KHALID AL ORAIMI (10) 1
MUSHEL AL ARAIMI (6) 1
NOOH AL ZADJALI (8) 1

Coaching staff
Khatibu Yusuf Goalkeeper Coach
Al Jufaili Abd Al M. Team Doctor
Da Silva Ricardo Physical Trainer
Al Wardi Majid Physiotherapist
Andrukov Andry Masseur

TALIB AL THANAWI
27.05.1964
Oman
Head Coach

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USA
Final ranking: 14th place

Matches
21.11. Switzerland v. USA 8-6 (3-1, 2-1, 3-4)
23.11. USA v. Japan 3-4 (1-1, 1-1, 1-2)
25.11. USA v. Paraguay 1-5 (0-2, 0-2, 1-1)

Disciplinary record
Yellow cards 5
Red cards (indirect) 0
Red cards (direct) 0
Average age 31/01
Number of players playing abroad 0

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Goalscorers
CANALE ALESSANDRO (9) 2
LEOPOLDO JASON (2) 2
PERERA NICOLAS (7) 2
REYES OSCAR (10) 2
SANTOS JASON (6) 1
TOTH CHRISTOPHER (1) 1

Coaching staff
FARBEROFF Francis Assistant Coach
FERNANDEZ Ruben Goalkeeper Coach
MIZUNO Ricky Technical Assistant
BARNES Juliet Physical Trainer
WARTNER Daniel Kinesiologist

SOTO Edwin
14.06.1972
USA
Head Coach

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MEXICO
Final ranking: 15th place

Matches
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23.11. Tahiti v. Mexico                                  6-1 (1-0, 2-0, 3-1)
25.11. Mexico v. Italy                                   2-6 (0-2, 0-4, 2-0)

Disciplinary record
Yellow cards 7
Red cards (indirect) 0
Red cards (direct) 0

Average age 30/03
Number of players playing abroad 0

Goalscorers
MALDONADO RAMON (7) 1
SAMANO ERICK (8) 1
VIZCARRA JOSE (11) 1

Coaching staff
GUZMAN Jorge Team Doctor

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NIGERIA

Final ranking: 16th place

Matches
22.11. Portugal v. Nigeria 10-1 (0-1, 5-0, 5-0)
24.11. Nigeria v. Oman 5-6 (1-2, 1-3, 3-1)
26.11. Nigeria v. Brazil 2-12 (1-2, 1-2, 0-8)

Disciplinary record
Yellow cards 3
Red cards (indirect) 0
Red cards (direct) 1

Average age 25/05
Number of players playing abroad 0

Goalscorers
OGBONNA EMEKA (10) 3
ABU AZEEZ (8) 2
EKUJUMI EGAN-OSI (3) 1
IGUDIA GODSPOWER (5) 1
TAIWO ADAMS (4) 1

Coaching staff
OYUDO Elochukwu Team Doctor

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