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FIFA World Cup 1954: Uruguay - England 4:2, Quarter-final, Basel (SUI). Jimmy Dickinson (ENG, left) against Javier Ambrois (URU)
 FIFA World Cup 1974: Australia - Chile 0:0, Group stage, Berlin (FRG). Alberto Quintano (CHI) heads the ball towards the Australian goal
 FIFA World Cup 1986: Soviet Union - Belgium 2:2, AET 3:4, Round of 16, Leon (MEX). Jan Ceulemans (BEL) scores
 FIFA World Cup 2002: Croatia - Mexico 0:1, Group stage, Niigata (JPN). Milan Rapaic (CRO, right) against Gerardo Torrado
 FIFA World Cup 2006: Ghana - USA 2:1, Group stage, Nuremberg (GER). Stephen Appiah (GHA, left), Ben Olsen (USA)
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Glossary

Results

AET	After extra time
PSO	Penalty shoot-out
MP	Matches played
W	Wins
D	Draws
L	Losses

Competitions

FWC	FIFA World Cup™
FCC	FIFA Confederations Cup
OFT	Olympic Football Tournament
CF	Continental Final
CQ	Continental qualifier

Stages

GS	Group stage
QF	Quarter-final
SF	Semi-final

Note: country names in **bold** in Head-to-head table indicate the winner

Match Schedule of the 2014 FIFA World Cup Brazil™

Local times: Cuiaba & Manaus GMT-4, all other venues GMT -3

Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D
Brazil (BRA)	Spain (ESP)	Colombia (COL)	Uruguay (URU)
Croatia (CRO)	Netherlands (NED)	Greece (GRE)	Costa Rica (CRC)
Mexico (MEX)	Chile (CHI)	Côte d'Ivoire (CIV)	England (ENG)
Cameroon (CMR)	Australia (AUS)	Japan (JPN)	Italy (ITA)

Group Matches

Group A				
Date	Match	City	Match No	Time (LT)
12.06.2014	Brazil - Croatia	SAO PAULO	1	17:00
13.06.2014	Mexico - Cameroon	NATAL	2	13:00
17.06.2014	Brazil - Mexico	FORTALEZA	17	16:00
18.06.2014	Cameroon - Croatia	MANAUS	18	18:00
23.06.2014	Cameroon - Brazil	BRASILIA	33	17:00
23.06.2014	Croatia - Mexico	RECIFE	34	17:00
Group B				
Date	Match	City	Match No	Time (LT)
13.06.2014	Spain - Netherlands	SALVADOR	3	16:00
13.06.2014	Chile - Australia	CUIABA	4	18:00
18.06.2014	Spain - Chile	RIO DE JANEIRO	19	16:00
18.06.2014	Australia - Netherlands	PORTO ALEGRE	20	13:00
23.06.2014	Australia - Spain	CURITIBA	35	13:00
23.06.2014	Netherlands - Chile	SAO PAULO	36	13:00
Group C				
Date	Match	City	Match No	Time (LT)
14.06.2014	Colombia - Greece	BELO HORIZONTE	5	13:00
14.06.2014	Cote d'Ivoire - Japan	RECIFE	6	22:00
19.06.2014	Colombia - Cote d'Ivoire	BRASILIA	21	13:00
19.06.2014	Japan - Greece	NATAL	22	19:00
24.06.2014	Japan - Colombia	CUIABA	37	16:00
24.06.2014	Greece - Cote d'Ivoire	FORTALEZA	38	17:00
Group D				
Date	Match	City	Match No	Time (LT)
14.06.2014	Uruguay - Costa Rica	FORTALEZA	7	16:00
14.06.2014	England - Italy	MANAUS	8	18:00
19.06.2014	Uruguay - England	SAO PAULO	23	16:00
20.06.2014	Italy - Costa Rica	RECIFE	24	13:00
24.06.2014	Italy - Uruguay	NATAL	39	13:00
24.06.2014	Costa Rica - England	BELO HORIZONTE	40	13:00

Group E	Group F	Group G	Group H
Switzerland (SUI)	Argentina (ARG)	Germany (GER)	Belgium (BEL)
Ecuador (ECU)	Bosnia & Herzegovina (BIH)	Portugal (POR)	Algeria (ALG)
France (FRA)	Iran (IRN)	Ghana (GHA)	Russia (RUS)
Honduras (HON)	Nigeria (NGA)	USA (USA)	Korea Republic (KOR)

Group Matches

Group E				
Date	Match	City	Match No	Time (LT)
15.06.2014	Switzerland - Ecuador	BRASILIA	9	13:00
15.06.2014	France - Honduras	PORTO ALEGRE	10	16:00
20.06.2014	Switzerland - France	SALVADOR	25	16:00
20.06.2014	Honduras - Ecuador	CURITIBA	26	19:00
25.06.2014	Honduras - Switzerland	MANAUS	41	16:00
25.06.2014	Ecuador - France	RIO DE JANEIRO	42	17:00
Group F				
Date	Match	City	Match No	Time (LT)
15.06.2014	Argentina - Bosnia and Herzegovina	RIO DE JANEIRO	11	19:00
16.06.2014	Iran - Nigeria	CURITIBA	12	16:00
21.06.2014	Argentina - Iran	BELO HORIZONTE	27	13:00
21.06.2014	Nigeria - Bosnia and Herzegovina	CUIABA	28	18:00
25.06.2014	Nigeria - Argentina	PORTO ALEGRE	43	13:00
25.06.2014	Bosnia and Herzegovina - Iran	SALVADOR	44	13:00
Group G				
Date	Match	City	Match No	Time (LT)
16.06.2014	Germany - Portugal	SALVADOR	13	13:00
16.06.2014	Ghana - USA	NATAL	14	19:00
21.06.2014	Germany - Ghana	FORTALEZA	29	16:00
22.06.2014	USA - Portugal	MANAUS	30	18:00
26.06.2014	USA - Germany	RECIFE	45	13:00
26.06.2014	Portugal - Ghana	BRASILIA	46	13:00
Group H				
Date	Match	City	Match No	Time (LT)
17.06.2014	Belgium - Algeria	BELO HORIZONTE	15	13:00
17.06.2014	Russia - Korea Republic	CUIABA	16	18:00
22.06.2014	Belgium - Russia	RIO DE JANEIRO	31	13:00
22.06.2014	Korea Republic - Algeria	PORTO ALEGRE	32	16:00
26.06.2014	Korea Republic - Belgium	SAO PAULO	47	17:00
26.06.2014	Algeria - Russia	CURITIBA	48	17:00

Round of 16

Date	Match	City	Match No	Time (LT)
28.06.2014	1A - 2B	BELO HORIZONTE	49	13:00
28.06.2014	1C - 2D	RIO DE JANEIRO	50	17:00
29.06.2014	1B - 2A	FORTALEZA	51	13:00
29.06.2014	1D - 2C	RECIFE	52	17:00
30.06.2014	1E - 2F	BRASILIA	53	13:00
30.06.2014	1G - 2H	PORTO ALEGRE	54	17:00
01.07.2014	1F - 2E	SAO PAULO	55	13:00
01.07.2014	1H - 2G	SALVADOR	56	17:00

Quarter-finals

Date	Match	City	Match No	Time (LT)
04.07.2014	W49 - W50	FORTALEZA	57	17:00
04.07.2014	W53 - W54	RIO DE JANEIRO	58	13:00
05.07.2014	W51 - W52	SALVADOR	59	17:00
05.07.2014	W55 - W56	BRASILIA	60	13:00

Semi-final

Date	Match	City	Match No	Time (LT)
08.07.2014	W57 - W58	BELO HORIZONTE	61	17:00
09.07.2014	W59 - W60	SAO PAULO	62	17:00

Play-off for third place

Date	Match	City	Match No	Time (LT)
12.07.2014	L61 - L62	BRASILIA	63	17:00

Final

Date	Match	City	Match No	Time (LT)
13.07.2014	W61 - W62	RIO DE JANEIRO	64	16:00

Head-to-Heads

12 June 2014

12 June 2014
SAO PAULO - Arena de Sao Paulo

Brazil – Croatia
Match #1

Group A
17:00 LT

2 previous head-to-heads

Date	City (Country)	Team A	Team B	Result	Status	Stage
17.08.2005	SPLIT (CRO)	Croatia	Brazil	1:1 (1:1)	Friendly	-
13.06.2006	BERLIN (GER)	Brazil	Croatia	1:0 (1:0)	FWC	Group stage

	MP	W	D	L	GF	GA
Brazil	2	1	1	0	2	1
Croatia	2	0	1	1	1	2

Match facts for Brazil - Croatia

This is the third encounter between the two teams. The first was a friendly game held in 2005 in Split that finished 1-1 following goals from Nico Kranjcar and Ricardinho. The second meeting took place in the opening round of the 2006 FIFA World Cup™ in Berlin, when Brazil secured a 1-0 victory thanks to a goal from Kaka.

The host team has avoided defeat in the last eight Opening Matches, recording five wins (Italy 1934, Brazil 1950, Sweden 1958, Chile 1962 and Germany 2006) and three draws. Two of those stalemates ended 0-0, namely England-Uruguay in 1966 and Mexico-Soviet Union in 1970, whereas South Africa were held 1-1 by Mexico in 2010.

This is the fourth time that Brazil have played the World Cup Opening Match. In previous curtain-raisers *A Seleção* notched two wins (4-0 over Mexico in 1950 and 2-1 against Scotland in 1998) and one draw (0-0 against Yugoslavia in 1974).

Croatia have gone four matches without victory in the World Cup. After overcoming Italy 2-1 on 8 June 2002, the Croats conceded two 1-0 defeats (against Ecuador in 2002 and Brazil in 2006) before drawing their last two games at the Germany finals, 0-0 with Japan and 2-2 with Australia.

Brazil have kicked off their last eight World Cup campaigns (from 1982 to 2010) with a win. Furthermore the Brazilians have not lost their opening game in the competition since 1934, when they were defeated 3-1 by Spain.

The most frequent result in World Cup Opening Matches is 1-0, which has occurred on five occasions, followed by 0-0, which happened in four consecutive editions from 1966 to 1978.

With this match Luiz Felipe Scolari will become the tournament's joint-tenth most experienced coach by number of games, joining Hungary's Lajos Baroti on 15. By the end of the group round, Scolari will have increased his tally to 17 and risen to eighth place in the all-time rankings, leapfrogging Belgian Guy Thys and France's Henri Michel and moving to within one match of trio Enzo Bearzot, Sepp Herberger and Guus Hiddink.

13 June 2014

13 June 2014
NATAL – Estadio das Dunas

Mexico – Cameroon
Match #2

Group A
13:00 LT

1 previous head-to-head

Date	City (Country)	Team A	Team B	Result	Status
22.09.1993	LOS ANGELES (USA)	Mexico	Cameroon	1:0 (0:0)	Friendly

	MP	W	D	L	GF	GA
Cameroon	1	0	0	1	0	1
Mexico	1	1	0	0	1	0

Match facts for Mexico - Cameroon

The pair's only prior encounter dates back to 1993, when they faced off in a friendly match in Los Angeles. Mexico emerged triumphant 1-0 thanks to a goal from Daniel Guzman.

This is Mexico's 50th World Cup game. Their first was also the Opening Match of the inaugural edition on 13 July 1930, when they lost 4-1 to France in Montevideo. *El Tri* are eighth in the tournament's all-time appearance table with 49 matches played to date, having recorded 12 wins, 13 draws and 24 losses.

Mexico have never beaten an African team in the World Cup. Their three previous showdowns with CAF representatives culminated in a 3-1 defeat by Tunisia in 1978—which incidentally was the first African victory in the competition's history—followed by two draws, 0-0 with Angola in 2006 and 1-1 with South Africa in 2010.

The North Americans have accumulated 11 defeats and just one victory in World Cups played on South America soil, specifically the 1930, 1950, 1962 and 1978 editions. That solitary win finished 3-1 against Czechoslovakia in 1962 and was also Mexico's maiden victory in the competition.

Cameroon go into this match on the back of four successive World Cup defeats. Following their last win, 1-0 over Saudi Arabia in 2002 (the Cameroonians' only success in their last 13 matches), the Indomitable Lions lost 2-0 to Germany in 2002 before collecting another three defeats in the 2010 edition, 1-0 to Japan, 2-1 to Denmark and 2-1 to the Netherlands.

13 June 2014
SALVADOR – Arena Fonte Nova

Spain - Netherlands
Match #3

Group B
16:00 LT

10 previous head-to-heads

Date	City (Country)	Team A	Team B	Result	Status	Stage
05.09.1920	ANTWERP (BEL)	Netherlands	Spain	1:3 (0:2)	OFT	Consolation final
30.01.1957	MADRID (ESP)	Spain	Netherlands	5:1 (1:0)	Friendly	-
02.05.1973	AMSTERDAM (NED)	Netherlands	Spain	3:2 (2:1)	Friendly	-
23.01.1980	VIGO (ESP)	Spain	Netherlands	1:0 (0:0)	Friendly	-
16.02.1983	SEVILLE (ESP)	Spain	Netherlands	1:0 (1:0)	CQ / UEFA EURO	-
16.11.1983	ROTTERDAM (NED)	Netherlands	Spain	2:1 (1:1)	CQ / UEFA EURO	-
21.01.1987	BARCELONA (ESP)	Spain	Netherlands	1:1 (0:1)	Friendly	-
15.11.2000	SEVILLE (ESP)	Spain	Netherlands	1:2 (0:0)	Friendly	-
27.03.2002	ROTTERDAM (NED)	Netherlands	Spain	1:0 (1:0)	Friendly	-
11.07.2010	JOHANNESBURG (RSA)	Netherlands	Spain	0:1 AET	FWC	Final

	MP	W	D	L	GF	GA
Netherlands	10	4	1	5	11	16
Spain	10	5	1	4	16	11

Match facts for Spain - Netherlands

The teams have played each other ten times and Spain have marginally the better record in this fixture, with five wins to four. The only draw was a friendly match in Barcelona in 1987 that finished 1-1.

The pair's only previous skirmish in the World Cup came in the 2010 Final, when Spain narrowly beat the Netherlands thanks to Andres Iniesta's winner on 116 minutes.

For the first time in the competition's history, the finalists from the previous edition meet in the first round of the following tournament.

The sides' first encounter dates back to the Olympic Football Tournament 1920, when Spain prevailed 3-1 in Antwerp to clinch the silver medal. The match was necessary to determine the silver and bronze medallists after Czechoslovakia's withdrawal in the final against Belgium.

Vicente Del Bosque beat the Netherlands in the 2010 World Cup Final, but in his previous stint as *Oranje* coach, Louis Van Gaal beat Spain 2-1 in their own backyard, in a friendly in Seville played out on 15 November 2000.

The two managers crossed paths twice in Spain's *La Liga*, when they sat in opposing dugouts in *El Clásico* meetings between Real Madrid and Barcelona. Del Bosque was undefeated on both occasions, having seen his Real Madrid side win 3-0 in 2000 and draw 0-0 in 2002.

13 June 2014
CUIABA – Arena Pantanal

Chile - Australia
Match #4

Group B
18:00 LT

4 previous head-to-heads

Date	City (Country)	Team A	Team B	Result	Status	Stage
22.06.1974	BERLIN WEST (FRG)	Australia	Chile	0:0	FWC	Group stage
24.04.1996	ANTOFAGASTA (CHI)	Chile	Australia	3:0 (0:0)	Friendly	-
07.02.1998	MELBOURNE (AUS)	Australia	Chile	0:1 (0:1)	Friendly	-
09.02.2000	VALPARAISO (CHI)	Chile	Australia	2:1 (1:1)	Friendly	-

	MP	W	D	L	GF	GA
Australia	4	0	1	3	1	6
Chile	4	3	1	0	6	1

Match facts for Chile - Australia

Australia have played Chile four times before and are yet to win, having mustered just one 0-0 draw in their first meeting, at the 1974 World Cup. Chile have won all three matches since then, each of which were friendlies.

This is the 30th World Cup match to be contested by Chile, whose tournament record to date stands at nine victories, six draws and 14 defeats.

Australia have never scored against South American opposition in the World Cup. Besides that 0-0 draw with Chile in 1974, the Socceroos lost 2-0 to Brazil in 2006.

14 June 2014

14 June 2014
BELO HORIZONTE – Estadio Mineirao

Colombia - Greece
Match #5

Group C
13:00 LT

1 previous head-to-head

Date	City (Country)	Team A	Team B	Result	Status
05.06.1994	NEW YORK/NEW JERSEY (USA)	Colombia	Greece	2:0 (0:0)	Friendly

	MP	W	D	L	GF	GA
Colombia	1	1	0	0	2	0
Greece	1	0	0	1	0	2

Match facts for Colombia - Greece

Colombia ran out 2-0 victors in the only previous showdown between the sides, which was a friendly played on 5 June 1994 in New York. Herman Gaviria and Freddy Rincon got the goals that day.

This match marks two comebacks to the World Cup finals. The first is by Colombia, who last featured in 1998, while the second is by Jose Pekerman, who led Argentina in the 2006 edition.

In both of their two previous participations, Greece lost their opening match without scoring a goal, succumbing 4-0 to Argentina in 1994 and 2-0 to Korea Republic in 2010.

14 June 2014
RECIFE – Arena Pernambuco

Côte d'Ivoire - Japan
Match #6

Group C
22:00 LT

3 previous head-to-heads

Date	City (Country)	Team A	Team B	Result	Status
04.10.1993	TOKYO (JPN)	Japan	Cote d Ivoire	1:0 AET	Friendly
24.05.2008	TOYOTA (JPN)	Japan	Cote d Ivoire	1:0 (1:0)	Friendly
04.06.2010	SION (SUI)	Japan	Cote d Ivoire	0:2 (0:1)	Friendly

	MP	W	D	L	GF	GA
Cote d Ivoire	3	1	0	2	2	2
Japan	3	2	0	1	2	2

Match facts for Côte d'Ivoire - Japan

The two teams have never drawn in three previous meetings, all of which were friendlies. Japan lead the head-to-head series by two wins to one, although the African side won the most recent match 2-0, on 4 June 2010 in Sion, Switzerland. An own goal by Marcus Tulio Tanaka and a goal from Kolo Toure sealed the win for the Elephants.

Sabri Lamouchi was once coached by Alberto Zaccheroni as a player at Inter Milan in the 2003/04 season. Before then Lamouchi earned his 12th and last cap for the French national side in a 5-0 victory over Japan back in in 2001.

Japan are unbeaten against African opposition in the World Cup, having recorded two wins in as many matches without conceding a goal, 2-0 against Tunisia in 2002 and 1-0 over Cameroon in 2010. Curiously, both of those two victories against African teams took place on 14 June, the same date as this match.

14 June 2014
FORTALEZA – Estadio Castelao

Uruguay - Costa Rica
Match #7

Group D
16:00 LT

8 previous head-to-heads

Date	City (Country)	Team A	Team B	Result	Status	Stage
04.02.1990	MIAMI (USA)	Uruguay	Costa Rica	2:0 (2:0)	Friendly	-
14.05.1991	SAN JOSE (CRC)	Costa Rica	Uruguay	0:1 (0:0)	Friendly	-
02.08.1992	MONTEVIDEO (URU)	Uruguay	Costa Rica	2:1 (2:0)	Friendly	-
18.08.1999	MONTEVIDEO (URU)	Uruguay	Costa Rica	5:4	Friendly	-
16.07.2001	MEDELLIN (COL)	Uruguay	Costa Rica	1:1 (0:1)	CF / Copa America	Group stage
22.07.2001	ARMENIA (COL)	Costa Rica	Uruguay	1:2 (0:0)	CF / Copa America	Quarter-final
14.11.2009	SAN JOSE (CRC)	Costa Rica	Uruguay	0:1 (0:1)	FWC qualifier	-
18.11.2009	MONTEVIDEO (URU)	Uruguay	Costa Rica	1:1 (0:0)	FWC qualifier	-

	MP	W	D	L	GF	GA
Costa Rica	8	0	2	6	8	15
Uruguay	8	6	2	0	15	8

Match facts for Uruguay – Costa Rica

Uruguay have historically fared better in this fixture, winning six, drawing two and losing none of their eight previous meetings with Costa Rica.

The teams last squared up in the CONCACAF/CONMEBOL play-off for the 2010 World Cup. Uruguay won 1-0 at home and drew 1-1 in Costa Rica to book their place in South Africa.

Oscar Tabarez and Jorge Luis Pinto faced each other in a qualifier for the 2010 World Cup. Pinto was in charge of Colombia, who lost 1-0 at home to a Uruguayan team led by Tabarez.

Uruguay are without a win in their last three World Cup matches. After drawing 1-1 with Ghana in the quarter-finals four years ago and then scraping through on penalties, *La Celeste* subsequently recorded two straight 3-2 defeats, against the Netherlands in the semi-finals and Germany in the match for third place.

Meanwhile, Costa Rica are without a victory in five matches. After beating China PR 2-0 in 2002, *Los Ticos* drew their following match and lost the next four in a row.

Prior to Costa Rica, the only CONCACAF side that Uruguay had met twice in the World Cup were Mexico, against whom *Los Charrúas* drew 0-0 in 1966 and won 1-0 in 2010.

14 June 2014
MANAUS – Arena Amazonia

England - Italy
Match #8

Group D
18:00 LT

24 previous head-to-heads

Date	City (Country)	Team A	Team B	Result	Status	Stage
13.05.1933	ROME (ITA)	Italy	England	1:1 (1:1)	Friendly	-
14.11.1934	LONDON (ENG)	England	Italy	3:2 (3:0)	Friendly	-
13.05.1939	MILAN (ITA)	Italy	England	2:2 (0:1)	Friendly	-
16.05.1948	TURIN (ITA)	Italy	England	0:4 (0:2)	Friendly	-
30.11.1949	LONDON (ENG)	England	Italy	2:0 (0:0)	Friendly	-
18.05.1952	FLORENCE (ITA)	Italy	England	1:1 (0:1)	Friendly	-
06.05.1959	LONDON (ENG)	England	Italy	2:2 (2:0)	Friendly	-
24.05.1961	ROME (ITA)	Italy	England	2:3 (1:1)	Friendly	-
14.06.1973	TURIN (ITA)	Italy	England	2:0 (1:0)	Friendly	-
14.11.1973	LONDON (ENG)	England	Italy	0:1 (0:0)	Friendly	-
28.05.1976	NEW YORK (USA)	England	Italy	3:2 (0:2)	Friendly	-
17.11.1976	ROME (ITA)	Italy	England	2:0 (1:0)	FWC qualifier	-
16.11.1977	LONDON (ENG)	England	Italy	2:0 (1:0)	FWC qualifier	-
15.06.1980	TURIN (ITA)	England	Italy	0:1 (0:0)	CF / UEFA EURO	Group stage
06.06.1985	MEXICO CITY (MEX)	Italy	England	2:1 (0:0)	Friendly	-
15.11.1989	LONDON (ENG)	England	Italy	0:0	Friendly	-
07.07.1990	BARI (ITA)	Italy	England	2:1 (0:0)	FWC	Match for 3 rd place
12.02.1997	LONDON (ENG)	England	Italy	0:1 (0:1)	FWC qualifier	-
04.06.1997	NANTES (FRA)	England	Italy	2:0 (2:0)	Friendly	-
11.10.1997	ROME (ITA)	Italy	England	0:0	FWC qualifier	-
15.11.2000	TURIN (ITA)	Italy	England	1:0 (0:0)	Friendly	-
27.03.2002	LEEDS (ENG)	England	Italy	1:2 (0:0)	Friendly	-
24.06.2012	KYIV (UKR)	England	Italy	0:0 AET PSO 2:4	CF / UEFA EURO	Quarter-final
15.08.2012	BERNE (SUI)	England	Italy	2:1 (1:1)	Friendly	-

	MP	W	D	L	GF	GA
England	24	8	7	9	30	27
Italy	24	9	7	8	27	30

See next page for the England – Italy match facts



Match facts for England – Italy

This is the 25th meeting between the two teams. Italy boast the better record in the series with nine victories to eight, plus seven draws. England emerged 2-1 winners in the last meeting, a friendly played on 15 August 2012 in Berne. Daniele De Rossi opened the scoring for *Gli Azzurri* before Phil Jagielka and Jermain Defoe replied for the Three Lions.

The pair have met only once at the World Cup, in 1990 in the match for third place, which the Italians won 2-1 on home soil.

This is the 60th World Cup match played by England, who also made their debut on Brazilian soil with a 2-0 win over Chile on 25 June 1950. The Three Lions are fifth in the all-time appearance rankings behind Germany, Brazil, Italy and Argentina.

Italy are without a victory in their last four World Cup matches. After winning the 2006 semi-final against Germany, *Gli Azzurri* drew the Final 1-1 against France before prevailing on penalties, then recorded another two 1-1 draws in their opening matches at the 2010 edition, against Paraguay and New Zealand, before losing 3-2 to Slovakia. The Italians' longest winless run was five matches between 1978 and 1982.

15 June 2014

15 June 2014
BRASILIA – Estadio Nacional

Switzerland - Ecuador
Match #9

Group E
13:00 LT

No previous head-to-heads

Match facts for Switzerland - Ecuador

The two sides have never gone toe-to-toe before.

The only goal conceded by Switzerland in their last seven FIFA World Cup™ matches was scored by Chile's Mark Gonzalez in 2010.

Ecuador have always kicked off their World Cup campaigns against European sides. In their two previous openers, *La Tri* lost 2-0 to Italy in 2002 before beating Poland 2-0 in 2006. To date, Ecuador have faced UEFA opposition in no fewer than five of their seven matches played in the competition.

This is the 30th World Cup game contested by Switzerland, who have accumulated nine victories, six draws and 14 defeats to date.

Ecuador lost their last two World Cup matches without scoring, having closed out their 2006 campaign with a 3-0 defeat by Germany and a 1-0 loss to England.

Switzerland have never beaten South American opponents in the World Cup. Since drawing 2-2 with Brazil in 1950, the Helvetians have run up four successive defeats against CONMEBOL sides, losing 3-1 to Chile in 1962, 2-0 to Argentina in 1966, 2-0 to Colombia in 1994 and 1-0 against to Chile in 2010.



15 June 2014
PORTO ALEGRE – Estadio Beira-Rio

France - Honduras
Match #10

Group E
16:00 LT

No previous head-to-heads

Match facts for France - Honduras

This is the sides' first showdown at any level.

France have scored 96 goals at the World Cup finals. Another four will make them the fifth team in the tournament's history to reach the milestone of 100 goals after Brazil, Germany, Italy and Argentina.

Honduras are the third CONCACAF side to play a World Cup match against France, who have already squared up to Mexico four times and Canada once.

Honduras are yet to win a game in the World Cup finals, having so far mustered three draws and as many defeats.

France have not won a World Cup match since beating Portugal 1-0 in the 2006 semi-finals. *Les Bleus* went on to draw 1-1 with Italy in that year's Final (then lost on penalties) and opened the 2010 campaign with another draw against Uruguay (0-0), before recording back-to-back defeats in their last two games, 2-0 to Mexico and 2-1 to South Africa.

This is the Hondurans' seventh World Cup match and their sixth against a European team. *Los Catrachos* previously faced Spain, Northern Ireland and Yugoslavia in 1982 followed by Spain again and Switzerland in 2010. Their only non-European opponents so far were Chile.

15 June 2014

RIO DE JANEIRO – Estadio do Maracana

Argentina - Bosnia & Herzegovina

Match #11

Group F

19:00 LT

2 previous head-to-heads

Date	City (Country)	Team A	Team B	Result	Status
14.05.1998	CORDOBA (ARG)	Argentina	Bosnia-Herzegovina	5:0 (2:0)	Friendly
18.11.2013	ST. LOUIS (USA)	Argentina	Bosnia-Herzegovina	2:0 (1:0)	Friendly

	MP	W	D	L	GF	GA
Argentina	2	2	0	0	7	0
Bosnia-Herzegovina	2	0	0	2	0	7

Match facts for Argentina – Bosnia and Herzegovina

The pair's previous history consists of two friendlies that were both won by Argentina. In 1998, three goals from Gabriel Batistuta and one apiece from Ariel Ortega and Javier Zanetti consigned the Bosnians to a 5-0 defeat, the heaviest in their history. The most recent engagement ended 2-0 in 2013 following a double from Sergio Aguero.

Bosnia-Herzegovina are the only tournament newcomers in this edition and the 77th team to play in the World Cup since its inception.

Not including the 1930 edition, Argentina are unbeaten in their last ten matches against World Cup debutants, with a record of nine wins and one draw. The only team that managed to avoid defeat against *La Albiceleste* were Germany DR in 1974.

Argentina have kicked off their last five World Cup campaigns with a win. Their last opening-day defeat dates back to 1990 when, as defending champions, they lost 1-0 to Cameroon. Between 1994 and 2010 the Argentinians successively beat Greece 4-0, Japan 1-0, Nigeria 1-0, Côte d'Ivoire 2-1 and Nigeria again 1-0.

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16 June 2014
CURITIBA – Arena da Baixada

Iran – Nigeria
Match #12

Group F
16:00 LT

1 previous head-to-head

Date	City (Country)	Team A	Team B	Result	Status
28.01.1998	HONG KONG (HKG)	Iran	Nigeria	0:1 (0:0)	Friendly

	MP	W	D	L	GF	GA
Iran	1	0	0	1	0	1
Nigeria	1	1	0	0	1	0

Match facts for Iran - Nigeria

The pair squared up once in a friendly in 1998, when Ahmed Garba's goal secured a 1-0 win for Nigeria.

Nigeria are winless in their last eight World Cup matches. Since beating Bulgaria 1-0 in 1998, the Super Eagles have racked up just two draws and six defeats.

Iran are themselves without a win in four World Cup games, having followed up a 2-1 victory over USA in 1998 with three losses and a draw.

16 June 2014
SALVADOR – Arena Fonte Nova

Germany - Portugal
Match #13

Group G
13:00 LT

17 previous head-to-heads

Date	City (Country)	Team A	Team B	Result	Status	Stage
27.02.1936	LISBON (POR)	Portugal	Germany	1:3 (0:1)	Friendly	-
24.04.1938	FRANKFURT/MAIN (GER)	Germany	Portugal	1:1 (0:1)	Friendly	-
19.12.1954	LISBON (POR)	Portugal	Germany FR	0:3 (0:1)	Friendly	-
27.04.1960	LUDWIGSHAFEN (FRG)	Germany FR	Portugal	2:1 (1:0)	Friendly	-
17.02.1982	HANOVER (FRG)	Germany FR	Portugal	3:1 (2:1)	Friendly	-
23.02.1983	LISBON (POR)	Portugal	Germany FR	1:0 (0:0)	Friendly	-
14.06.1984	STRASBOURG (FRA)	Germany FR	Portugal	0:0	CF / UEFA EURO	Group stage
24.02.1985	LISBON (POR)	Portugal	Germany FR	1:2 (0:2)	FWC Qualifier	-
16.10.1985	STUTTGART (FRG)	Germany FR	Portugal	0:1 (0:0)	FWC Qualifier	-
29.08.1990	LISBON (POR)	Portugal	Germany FR	1:1 (0:1)	Friendly	-
21.02.1996	PORTO (POR)	Portugal	Germany	1:2 (0:1)	Friendly	-
14.12.1996	LISBON (POR)	Portugal	Germany	0:0	FWC Qualifier	-
06.09.1997	BERLIN (GER)	Germany	Portugal	1:1 (0:0)	FWC Qualifier	-
20.06.2000	ROTTERDAM (NED)	Portugal	Germany	3:0 (1:0)	CF / UEFA EURO	Group stage
08.07.2006	STUTTGART (GER)	Germany	Portugal	3:1 (0:0)	FWC	Match for 3 rd place
19.06.2008	BASEL (SUI)	Portugal	Germany	2:3 (1:2)	CF / UEFA EURO	Quarter-final
09.06.2012	LVIV (UKR)	Germany	Portugal	1:0 (0:0)	CF / UEFA EURO	Group stage

	MP	W	D	L	GF	GA
Germany	17	9	5	3	25	16
Portugal	17	3	5	9	16	25

See next page for the Germany - Portugal match facts

Match facts for Germany - Portugal

This is the 100th World Cup match contested by Germany, who are the first team to reach this milestone. The Germans' record in the competition stands at 60 wins, 19 draws and 20 defeats. Their maiden match took place on 27 May 1934 and culminated in a 5-2 win over Belgium.

The sides square up for the 18th time and it is Germany who have fared better historically with nine wins to Portugal's three, the other five matches having ended drawn. *Die Nationalelf* also won the last three meetings, including the match for third place at the 2006 World Cup, which ended 3-1 following a Bastian Schweinsteiger brace and a Petit own goal for the Germans, with Nuno Gomes replying for the Portuguese.

Germany have won their opening match in every World Cup since 1990. In no fewer than four of those six matches, the Germans scored at least four goals, beating Yugoslavia 4-1 in 1990, Saudi Arabia 8-0 in 2002, Costa Rica 4-2 in 2006 and Australia 4-0 four years ago.

In the group round of the last two World Cups, Portugal conceded just once in six matches. That goal was scored by Jose Fonseca in the 2-1 success over Mexico.

Germany coach Joachim Low has already guided his charges to two victories over Portugal at the UEFA European Championship, 3-2 in the 2008 quarter-finals and 1-0 in the group round in 2012. Low's opposite number in that 2012 encounter was current Portugal coach Paulo Bento.

16 June 2014	Ghana - USA	Group G
NATAL – Estadio das Dunas	Match #14	19:00 LT

2 previous head-to-heads

Date	City (Country)	Team A	Team B	Result	Status	Stage
22.06.2006	NUREMBERG (GER)	Ghana	USA	2:1 (2:1)	FWC	Group stage
26.06.2010	RUSTENBURG (RSA)	USA	Ghana	1:2 AET (1:1, 0:1)	FWC	Round of 16

	MP	W	D	L	GF	GA
Ghana	2	2	0	0	4	2
USA	2	0	0	2	2	4

Match facts for Ghana - USA

Ghana and USA meet for the third consecutive edition. The west Africans won both of the previous duels 2-1, in the group round in 2006 and after extra time in the Round of 16 in 2010.

This is USA's 30th World Cup game and Ghana's tenth.

USA are facing African opponents for the third straight match in the World Cup. At the 2010 edition, the Americans edged Algeria 1-0 on the final matchday of the opening round before losing to current opponents Ghana after extra time in the Round of 16.

USA coach Jurgen Klinsmann scored twice against Ghana in a 6-1 friendly win by Germany in 1993.

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17 June 2014 **Belgium - Algeria** Group H
BELO HORIZONTE - Estadio Mineirao Match #15 13:00 LT

2 previous head-to-heads

Date	City (Country)	Team A	Team B	Result	Status
14.05.2002	BRUSSELS (BEL)	Belgium	Algeria	0:0	Friendly
12.02.2003	ANNABA (ALG)	Algeria	Belgium	1:3 (0:2)	Friendly

	MP	W	D	L	GF	GA
Algeria	2	0	1	1	1	3
Belgium	2	1	1	0	3	1

Match facts for Belgium - Algeria

The sides have played each other twice before and Belgium are as yet to lose, having drawn 0-0 in Brussels in 2002 and won 3-1 in Annaba in 2003. Among the Belgian players who saw action in that scoreless draw was current coach Marc Wilmots.

Belgium have drawn five of their last seven World Cup games. After grinding out five consecutive draws from 1998 to 2002, *Les Diables Rouges* rounded off their Korea Republic/Japan campaign with a win over Russia and a defeat by Brazil in the Round of 16.

Algeria are on a six-match winless streak in the World Cup. Since overcoming Chile 3-2 in 1982, the Desert Foxes have racked up two draws and four defeats.

Exactly 60 years ago on 17 June 1954, Belgium played out the highest-scoring draw in World Cup history, tying 4-4 with England after extra time. Twelve years ago on 17 June 2002, the Belgians contested their last match in the competition, against Brazil.

Algeria have gone five straight matches without scoring, a World Cup record that they share with Bolivia (1930-1994). With 481 minutes played since Djamel Zidane netted their last goal in a 1-1 draw with Northern Ireland in 1986, the Algerians could still surpass the all-time longest drought of 517 minutes, which was also established by Bolivia.

17 June 2014
CUIABA - Arena Pantanal

Russia - Korea Republic
Match #16

Group H
18:00 LT

1 previous head-to-head

Date	City (Country)	Team A	Team B	Result	Status
19.11.2013	DUBAI (UAE)	Russia	Korea Republic	2:1 (1:1)	Friendly

	MP	W	D	L	GF	GA
Korea Republic	1	0	0	1	1	2
Russia	1	1	0	0	2	1

Match facts for Russia – Korea Republic

The sides' only previous engagement took place just days before the 2014 World Cup Final Draw. In Dubai on 19 November 2013, Russia ran out 2-1 winners courtesy of goals from Fyodor Smolov and Dmitriy Tarasov, after Kim Shin-Wook had put the Koreans in front.

Korea Republic are the third Asian team to face Russia in the World Cup after Korea DPR, who lost 3-0 to Soviet Union in 1966, and Japan, who beat the Russians 1-0 in 2002.

Russia (competing before the 1994 edition as Soviet Union) have not drawn a World Cup fixture for 11 matches. Since tying 1-1 with France in 1986 they have recorded four wins and seven defeats.

Korea Republic have kicked off their last three World Cup campaigns with a victory, seeing off Poland 1-0 in 2002, Togo 2-1 in 2006 and Greece 2-1 in 2010.

Exactly twenty years ago on 17 June 1994, Korea Republic's current coach Hong Myung-Bo scored the first of two World Cup goals in his playing career. The Koreans were losing 2-0 to Spain at the time, but went on to salvage a 2-2 draw.

17 June 2014
FORTALEZA - Estadio Castelao

Brazil - Mexico
Match #17

Group A
16:00 LT

38 previous head-to-heads

Date	City (Country)	Team A	Team B	Result	Status	Stage
24.06.1950	RIO DE JANEIRO (BRA)	Brazil	Mexico	4:0 (1:0)	FWC	Group stage
06.04.1952	SANTIAGO DE CHILE (CHI)	Mexico	Brazil	0:2 (0:0)	Friendly	-
16.06.1954	GENEVA (SUI)	Brazil	Mexico	5:0 (4:0)	FWC	Group stage
08.03.1956	MEXICO CITY (MEX)	Mexico	Brazil	1:2 (0:1)	Friendly	-
06.03.1960	SAN JOSE (CRC)	Mexico	Brazil	2:2 (0:1)	Friendly	-
15.03.1960	SAN JOSE (CRC)	Mexico	Brazil	1:2 (1:2)	Friendly	-
30.05.1962	VINA DEL MAR (CHI)	Brazil	Mexico	2:0 (0:0)	FWC	Group stage
07.07.1968	MEXICO CITY (MEX)	Mexico	Brazil	0:2 (0:1)	Friendly	-
10.07.1968	MEXICO CITY (MEX)	Mexico	Brazil	2:1 (1:1)	Friendly	-
31.10.1968	RIO DE JANEIRO (BRA)	Brazil	Mexico	1:2 (1:1)	Friendly	-
03.11.1968	BELO HORIZONTE (BRA)	Brazil	Mexico	2:1 (2:1)	Friendly	-
30.09.1970	RIO DE JANEIRO (BRA)	Brazil	Mexico	2:1 (1:0)	Friendly	-
31.03.1974	RIO DE JANEIRO (BRA)	Brazil	Mexico	1:1 (0:0)	Friendly	-
04.06.1976	GUADALAJARA (MEX)	Mexico	Brazil	0:3 (0:1)	Friendly	-
08.06.1980	RIO DE JANEIRO (BRA)	Brazil	Mexico	2:0	Friendly	-
12.12.1990	LOS ANGELES (USA)	Brazil	Mexico	0:0	Friendly	-
31.07.1992	LOS ANGELES (USA)	Mexico	Brazil	0:5 (0:4)	Friendly	-
08.08.1993	MACEIO (BRA)	Brazil	Mexico	1:1 (0:0)	Friendly	-
16.12.1993	GUADALAJARA (MEX)	Mexico	Brazil	0:1 (0:1)	Friendly	-
21.01.1996	LOS ANGELES (USA)	Brazil	Mexico	0:2 (0:0)	CF / CONCACAF Gold Cup	Final
30.04.1997	MIAMI (USA)	Mexico	Brazil	0:4 (0:3)	Friendly	-
16.06.1997	SANTA CRUZ (BOL)	Brazil	Mexico	3:2 (0:2)	CF / Copa America	Group stage
16.12.1997	RIYADH (KSA)	Brazil	Mexico	3:2 (1:0)	FCC	Group stage
03.07.1999	CIUDAD DEL ESTE (PAR)	Brazil	Mexico	2:1 (2:0)	CF / Copa America	Group stage
14.07.1999	CIUDAD DEL ESTE (PAR)	Mexico	Brazil	0:2 (0:2)	CF / Copa America	Semi-final
04.08.1999	MEXICO CITY (MEX)	Mexico	Brazil	4:3 (2:1)	FCC	Final
07.03.2001	GUADALAJARA (MEX)	Mexico	Brazil	3:3 (1:0)	Friendly	-
12.07.2001	CALI (COL)	Brazil	Mexico	0:1 (0:1)	CF / Copa America	Group stage
30.04.2003	GUADALAJARA (MEX)	Mexico	Brazil	0:0	Friendly	-
13.07.2003	MEXICO CITY (MEX)	Mexico	Brazil	1:0 (0:0)	CF / CONCACAF Gold Cup	First stage
27.07.2003	MEXICO CITY (MEX)	Brazil	Mexico	0:1 AET	CF / CONCACAF Gold Cup	Final
18.07.2004	PIURA (PER)	Mexico	Brazil	0:4 (0:1)	CF / Copa America	Quarter-final
19.06.2005	HANOVER (GER)	Mexico	Brazil	1:0 (0:0)	FCC	First stage
27.06.2007	PUERTO ORDAZ (VEN)	Brazil	Mexico	0:2 (0:2)	CF / Copa America	First stage
12.09.2007	FOXBOROUGH (USA)	Brazil	Mexico	3:1 (1:1)	Friendly	-
11.10.2011	TORREON (MEX)	Mexico	Brazil	1:2 (1:0)	Friendly	-
03.06.2012	ARLINGTON (USA)	Brazil	Mexico	0:2 (0:2)	Friendly	-
19.06.2013	FORTALEZA (BRA)	Brazil	Mexico	2:0 (1:0)	FCC	First stage

	MP	W	D	L	GF	GA
Brazil	38	22	6	10	71	36
Mexico	38	10	6	22	36	71

See next page for the Brazil - Mexico match facts



Match facts for Brazil - Mexico

Brazil and Mexico have already locked horns no fewer than 38 times. The South Americans have fared better in past encounters with 22 wins to Mexico's ten, plus six draws. The pair last crossed paths in the FIFA Confederations Cup on 19 June, 2013, when Brazil prevailed 2-0 in Fortaleza following goals from Neymar and Jo.

The two sides have already met three times in the World Cup and the Brazilians won on each occasion without conceding a goal, triumphing 4-0 in 1950, 5-0 in 1954 and 2-0 in 1962. The previous showdown in Brazil in 1950 was also the sides' debut meeting.

Mexico have only beaten South American opponents once in the World Cup, during the 2002 edition when they saw off Ecuador 2-1 in the group round. In other encounters against CONMEBOL teams, El Tri have picked up two draws and no fewer than eight defeats.

Luiz Felipe Scolari has already faced Mexico in the World Cup, but as coach of Portugal, whom he guided to a 2-1 first-round victory in the 2006 edition. The goals were scored by Maniche, Simao from the penalty spot and Jose Fonseca for Mexico. As Brazil coach, Felipão ("Big Phil") also thwarted the Mexicans in the FIFA Confederations Cup 2013, leading his countrymen to a 2-0 win.

18 June 2014

18 June 2014
MANAUS - Arena Amazonia

Cameroon - Croatia
Match #18

Group A
18:00 LT

No previous head-to-heads

Match facts for Cameroon - Croatia

The two sides have never met before.

This is also Croatia's first encounter against African opposition in the World Cup.

Cameroon's last World Cup victory over a European side dates back to 1990, when they beat Romania 2-1. That remains the Lions' only success against teams from the Old Continent. In all the Africans have lost seven and drawn five of their 13 duels against UEFA teams.

18 June 2014
RIO DE JANEIRO – Estadio do Maracana

Spain – Chile
Match #19

Group B
16:00 LT

10 previous head-to-heads

Date	City (Country)	Team A	Team B	Result	Status	Stage
29.06.1950	RIO DE JANEIRO (BRA)	Spain	Chile	2:0 (2:0)	FWC	Group stage
12.07.1953	SANTIAGO DE CHILE (CHI)	Chile	Spain	1:2	Friendly	-
14.07.1960	SANTIAGO DE CHILE (CHI)	Chile	Spain	0:4	Friendly	-
17.07.1960	SANTIAGO DE CHILE (CHI)	Chile	Spain	1:4	Friendly	-
05.07.1981	SANTIAGO DE CHILE (CHI)	Chile	Spain	1:1	Friendly	-
08.09.1993	ALICANTE (ESP)	Spain	Chile	2:0 (0:0)	Friendly	-
19.11.2008	VILLARREAL (ESP)	Spain	Chile	3:0 (1:0)	Friendly	-
25.06.2010	TSHWANE/PRETORIA (RSA)	Chile	Spain	1:2 (0:2)	FWC	Group stage
02.09.2011	ST. GALL (SUI)	Spain	Chile	3:2 (0:2)	Friendly	-
10.09.2013	GENEVA (SUI)	Spain	Chile	2:2 (1:2)	Friendly	-

	MP	W	D	L	GF	GA
Chile	10	0	2	8	8	25
Spain	10	8	2	0	25	8

Match facts for Spain - Chile

World champions Spain largely dominated the sides' ten previous meetings, winning eight and drawing the other two. The last encounter, a friendly played out in Geneva on 10 September 2013, ended in a 2-2 draw. The goals were scored by Roberto Soldado and Jesus Navas for Spain, plus a double from Chile's Edu Vargas.

Brazil hosted the teams' maiden meeting in the 1950 World Cup, when goals from Estanislao Basora and Zarra helped Spain secure a 2-0 victory at the Maracana stadium in Rio de Janeiro. The pair's second World Cup showdown came four years ago in South Africa and ended 2-1, with goals from Spaniards David Villa and Andres Iniesta as well as Chile's Rodrigo Millar.

This is the third time in nine participations that Chile have faced the defending champions. Both previous occasions were won by the holders, namely Brazil who triumphed 4-2 in 1962 and 4-1 in 1998.

18 June 2014
PORTO ALEGRE – Estadio Beira-Rio

Australia - Netherlands
Match #20

Group B
13:00 LT

3 previous head-to-heads

Date	City (Country)	Team A	Team B	Result	Status
04.06.2006	ROTTERDAM (NED)	Netherlands	Australia	1:1 (1:0)	Friendly
06.09.2008	EINDHOVEN (NED)	Netherlands	Australia	1:2 (1:1)	Friendly
10.10.2009	SYDNEY (AUS)	Australia	Netherlands	0:0	Friendly

	MP	W	D	L	GF	GA
Australia	3	1	2	0	3	2
Netherlands	3	0	2	1	2	3

Match facts for Australia - Netherlands

The Netherlands are yet to beat Australia following three previous encounters, all of which were friendly games played between 2006 and 2009. Australia have the edge in the overall series with one win and two draws.

Australia were guided by a Dutch coach in their last two World Cup campaigns, namely Guus Hiddink in 2006 and Pim Verbeek in 2010.

The Netherlands have recorded four victories in as many encounters against AFC sides in the World Cup, overcoming Iran 3-0 in 1978, Saudi Arabia 2-1 in 1994, Korea Republic 5-0 in 1998 and Japan 1-0 in 2010.

19 June 2014

19 June 2014 BRASILIA – Estadio Nacional	Colombia - Côte d'Ivoire Match #21	Group C 13:00 LT
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No previous head-to-heads

Match facts for Colombia – Côte d'Ivoire

The two teams meet for the first time.

Jose Pekerman has already beaten Côte d'Ivoire in the World Cup, back in 2006 as coach of Argentina, when he masterminded a 2-1 group-match victory over the African side.

Colombia have an even head-to-head record against African opponents in the World Cup. In the first of two prior meetings, *Los Cafeteros* were beaten 2-1 after extra time by Cameroon in the Round of 16 in 1990. In the second match they edged Tunisia 1-0 in 1998.

19 June 2014 NATAL – Estadio das Dunas	Japan – Greece Match #22	Group C 19:00 LT
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1 previous head-to-head

Date	City (Country)	Team A	Team B	Result	Status	Stage
19.06.2005	FRANKFURT/MAIN (GER)	Greece	Japan	0:1 (0:0)	FCC	First stage

	MP	W	D	L	GF	GA
Greece	1	0	0	1	0	1
Japan	1	1	0	0	1	0

Match facts for Japan - Greece

The pair's only previous engagement took place in the Confederations Cup 2005, when a goal from Masashi Oguro sealed a 1-0 win for Japan.

In all five of their participations, Japan have come up against European opposition in their second match. Before Greece in this edition, the Samurai Blue lost 1-0 to Croatia in 1998, beat Russia 1-0 in 2002, faced Croatia again in 2006 (drawing 0-0) and lost 1-0 to the Netherlands in 2010.

19 June 2014
SAO PAULO – Arena de Sao Paulo

Uruguay - England
Match #23

Group D
16:00 LT

10 previous head-to-heads

Date	City (Country)	Team A	Team B	Result	Status	Stage
31.05.1953	MONTEVIDEO (URU)	Uruguay	England	2:1 (1:0)	Friendly	-
26.06.1954	BASEL (SUI)	Uruguay	England	4:2 (2:1)	FWC	Quarter-final
06.05.1964	LONDON (ENG)	England	Uruguay	2:1 (1:0)	Friendly	-
11.07.1966	LONDON (ENG)	England	Uruguay	0:0	FWC	Group stage
08.06.1969	MONTEVIDEO (URU)	Uruguay	England	1:2 (0:1)	Friendly	-
15.06.1977	MONTEVIDEO (URU)	Uruguay	England	0:0	Friendly	-
13.06.1984	MONTEVIDEO (URU)	Uruguay	England	2:0 (1:0)	Friendly	-
22.05.1990	LONDON (ENG)	England	Uruguay	1:2 (0:1)	Friendly	-
29.03.1995	LONDON (ENG)	England	Uruguay	0:0	Friendly	-
01.03.2006	LIVERPOOL (ENG)	England	Uruguay	2:1 (0:1)	Friendly	-

	MP	W	D	L	GF	GA
England	10	3	3	4	10	13
Uruguay	10	4	3	3	13	10

Match facts for Uruguay - England

This is the 11th meeting between England and Uruguay and it is the South Americans who have their noses in front with four wins, three defeats and three draws from ten previous meetings. The pair are meeting for the third time in the World Cup. Back in 1954, reigning champions Uruguay emerged 4-2 victors in the quarter-finals, before the sides played out a 0-0 draw in 1966. England won the last match 2-1 on 1 March 2006 in Liverpool, when Omar Pouso gave the visitors the lead before the hosts fought back in the last 15 minutes through Peter Crouch and then Joe Cole with an injury-time winner.

Roy Hodgson returns to the World Cup 20 years since guiding Switzerland at the 1994 edition. His opposite number Oscar Tabarez made a similar comeback at South Africa 2010, 20 years after taking charge of Uruguay in his first finals at Italy 1990. However the record is held by Brazilian tactician Mario Zagallo (1970-1994), who went 28 years between successive participations as coach at the World Cup.

20 June 2014

20 June 2014
RECIFE – Arena Pernambuco

Italy - Costa Rica
Match #24

Group D
13:00 LT

1 previous head-to-head

Date	City (Country)	Team A	Team B	Result	Status
11.06.1994	NEW HAVEN (USA)	Italy	Costa Rica	1:0 (0:0)	Friendly

	MP	W	D	L	GF	GA
Costa Rica	1	0	0	1	0	1
Italy	1	1	0	0	1	0

Match facts for Italy – Costa Rica

The sides' only previous showdown was played out 20 years ago on 11 June 1994, in a World Cup warm-up match that was held in New Haven and won 1-0 by Italy.

Italy are unbeaten against CONCACAF teams in the World Cup, having recorded four wins followed by three consecutive draws, all by the scoreline of 1-1 (against Mexico in 1994 and 2002, then against USA in 2006).

Twenty-four years ago on 20 June 1990, Costa Rica reached the Round of 16 for the first and only time by clinching a 2-1 victory against another European side, namely Sweden.

20 June 2014
SALVADOR – Arena Pernambuco

Switzerland - France
Match #25

Group E
16:00 LT

36 previous head-to-heads

Date	City (Country)	Team A	Team B	Result	Status	Stage
12.02.1905	PARIS (FRA)	France	Switzerland	1:0 (0:0)	Friendly	-
08.03.1908	GENEVA (SUI)	Switzerland	France	1:2 (1:0)	Friendly	-
23.04.1911	GENEVA (SUI)	Switzerland	France	5:2 (4:0)	Friendly	-
18.02.1912	PARIS (FRA)	France	Switzerland	4:1 (0:0)	Friendly	-
09.03.1913	GENEVA (SUI)	Switzerland	France	1:4 (1:2)	Friendly	-
08.03.1914	PARIS (FRA)	France	Switzerland	2:2 (0:1)	Friendly	-
29.02.1920	GENEVA (SUI)	Switzerland	France	0:2 (0:1)	Friendly	-
22.04.1923	PARIS (FRA)	France	Switzerland	2:2 (1:2)	Friendly	-
23.03.1924	GENEVA (SUI)	Switzerland	France	3:0 (2:0)	Friendly	-
25.04.1926	PARIS (FRA)	France	Switzerland	1:0 (1:0)	Friendly	-
11.03.1928	LAUSANNE (SUI)	Switzerland	France	4:3 (3:0)	Friendly	-
23.03.1930	PARIS (FRA)	France	Switzerland	3:3 (2:2)	Friendly	-
20.03.1932	BERNE (SUI)	Switzerland	France	3:3 (2:1)	Friendly	-
11.03.1934	PARIS (FRA)	France	Switzerland	0:1 (0:1)	Friendly	-
27.10.1935	GENEVA (SUI)	Switzerland	France	2:1 (1:1)	Friendly	-
10.10.1937	PARIS (FRA)	France	Switzerland	2:1 (1:0)	Friendly	-
08.03.1942	MARSEILLES (FRA)	France	Switzerland	0:2 (0:2)	Friendly	-
08.04.1945	LAUSANNE (SUI)	Switzerland	France	1:0 (0:0)	Friendly	-
08.06.1947	LAUSANNE (SUI)	Switzerland	France	1:2 (1:2)	Friendly	-
04.06.1949	PARIS (FRA)	France	Switzerland	4:2 (2:0)	Friendly	-
14.10.1951	GENEVA (SUI)	Switzerland	France	1:2 (0:2)	Friendly	-
11.11.1953	COLOMBES (FRA)	France	Switzerland	2:4 (1:4)	Friendly	-
09.10.1955	BASEL (SUI)	Switzerland	France	1:2 (0:1)	Friendly	-
16.04.1958	PARIS (FRA)	France	Switzerland	0:0	Friendly	-
12.10.1960	BASEL (SUI)	Switzerland	France	6:2 (2:1)	Friendly	-
11.11.1963	PARIS (FRA)	France	Switzerland	2:2 (2:0)	Friendly	-
03.05.1970	BASEL (SUI)	Switzerland	France	2:1 (1:0)	Friendly	-
23.04.1977	GENEVA (SUI)	Switzerland	France	0:4 (0:1)	Friendly	-
19.08.1986	LAUSANNE (SUI)	Switzerland	France	2:0 (0:0)	Friendly	-
02.02.1988	TOULOUSE (FRA)	France	Switzerland	2:1 (2:1)	Friendly	-
27.05.1992	LAUSANNE (SUI)	Switzerland	France	2:1 (1:1)	Friendly	-
20.08.2003	GENEVA (SUI)	Switzerland	France	0:2 (0:1)	Friendly	-
21.06.2004	COIMBRA (POR)	Switzerland	France	1:3 (1:1)	CF / UEFA EURO	Group stage
26.03.2005	SAINT-DENIS (FRA)	France	Switzerland	0:0	FWC qualifier	-
08.10.2005	BERNE (SUI)	Switzerland	France	1:1 (0:0)	FWC qualifier	-
13.06.2006	STUTTGART (GER)	France	Switzerland	0:0	FWC	Group stage

	MP	W	D	L	GF	GA
France	36	15	9	12	62	58
Switzerland	36	12	9	15	58	62

See next page for the Switzerland - France match facts

Match facts for Switzerland - France

This is the teams' 37th meeting. France lead the head-to-head series by 15 victories to 12, with the other nine games having ended in draws. Switzerland have not beaten France since 1992, when they snatched a 2-1 friendly win. That was followed by two French victories and three straight draws in the last three showdowns.

No fewer than 32 of the sides' previous duels were friendly matches. Only the last four were competitive fixtures: a French victory in the opening stage of the UEFA European Championship 2004 was followed in 2005 by two draws in the group round of the 2006 World Cup preliminary tournament (0-0 in France and 1-1 in Switzerland) and a goalless draw in the group stage of the 2006 FIFA World Cup™.

Switzerland-France is the 250th World Cup match between European teams.

20 June 2014

CURITIBA – Arena da Baixada

Honduras - Ecuador

Match #26

Group E

19:00 LT

13 previous head-to-heads

Date	City (Country)	Team A	Team B	Result	Status
07.12.1984	TEGUCIGALPA (HON)	Honduras	Ecuador	0:0	Friendly
15.06.1988	TEGUCIGALPA (HON)	Honduras	Ecuador	1:1 (0:0)	Friendly
17.06.1988	TEGUCIGALPA (HON)	Honduras	Ecuador	0:1 (0:0)	Friendly
28.01.2000	GUAYAQUIL (ECU)	Ecuador	Honduras	1:1	Friendly
29.01.2000	TEGUCIGALPA (HON)	Honduras	Ecuador	1:1	Friendly
08.03.2000	QUITO (ECU)	Ecuador	Honduras	1:3 (1:0)	Friendly
07.07.2001	MIAMI (USA)	Honduras	Ecuador	1:1 (0:0)	Friendly
28.04.2004	FORT LAUDERDALE (USA)	Honduras	Ecuador	1:1 (1:0)	Friendly
25.01.2006	GUAYAQUIL (ECU)	Ecuador	Honduras	1:0 (0:0)	Friendly
12.09.2007	SAN PEDRO SULA (HON)	Honduras	Ecuador	2:1 (0:0)	Friendly
09.02.2011	LA CEIBA (HON)	Honduras	Ecuador	1:1 (1:1) PSO 4:5	Friendly
29.02.2012	GUAYAQUIL (ECU)	Ecuador	Honduras	2:0 (1:0)	Friendly
19.11.2013	HOUSTON (USA)	Honduras	Ecuador	2:2 (0:1)	Friendly

	MP	W	D	L	GF	GA
Ecuador	13	3	8	2	14	13
Honduras	13	2	8	3	13	14

Match facts for Honduras - Ecuador

The sides drew no fewer than eight of their 13 previous encounters, all of which were friendly games. Honduras have the slightly better record in this fixture, with three victories to two.

The pair's last skirmish was played out in Houston, USA last November and ended 2-2. Ecuador took the lead through Jaime Ayovi before Carlos Costly hit back with a double for Honduras. Finally an 89th-minute equaliser from Enner Valencia salvaged a draw for the South Americans.

Besides facing European opponents in both of their previous campaigns, Ecuador also played a CONCACAF team, losing 2-1 to Mexico in 2002 and overcoming Costa Rica 3-0 in 2006.

21 June 2014

21 June 2014
BELO HORIZONTE – Estadio Mineirao

Argentina - Iran
Match #27

Group F
13:00 LT

1 previous head-to-head

Date	City (Country)	Team A	Team B	Result	Status
22.03.1977	MADRID (ESP)	Iran	Argentina	1:1	Friendly

	MP	W	D	L	GF	GA
Argentina	1	0	1	0	1	1
Iran	1	0	1	0	1	1

Match facts for Argentina - Iran

The pair's only previous engagement dates back to 1977, when they took part in a four-team tournament to mark the 75th anniversary of the founding of Real Madrid. Team Melli secured a 1-1 draw against the future world champions at the Santiago Bernabeu stadium, with Mohammed Sadeghi's equaliser cancelling out Daniel Bertoni's earlier penalty for the South Americans.

Exactly 16 years ago on 21 June, 1998, Iran achieved their first World Cup victory by beating USA 2-1 in Lyon thanks to goals from Hamid Estili and Mehdi Mahdavia, despite Brian McBride reducing the deficit in the closing minutes.

Argentina have earned three victories in as many meetings with Asian opponents in the World Cup. *La Albiceleste* overcame Korea Republic twice (3-1 in 1986 and 4-1 in 2010) and Japan once (1-0 in 1998).

21 June 2014
CUIABA – Arena Pantanal

Nigeria - Bosnia and Herzegovina
Match #28

Group F
18:00 LT

No previous head-to-heads

Match facts for Nigeria – Bosnia and Herzegovina

The teams have never crossed paths before.

21 June 2014
FORTALEZA – Estadio Castelao

Germany – Ghana
Match #29

Group G
16:00 LT

2 previous head-to-heads

Date	City (Country)	Team A	Team B	Result	Status	Stage
14.04.1993	BOCHUM (GER)	Germany	Ghana	6:1 (0:1)	Friendly	-
23.06.2010	JOHANNESBURG (RSA)	Ghana	Germany	0:1 (0:0)	FWC	Group stage

	MP	W	D	L	GF	GA
Germany	2	2	0	0	7	1
Ghana	2	0	0	2	1	7

Match facts for Germany - Ghana

This is the 800th match in the history of the World Cup.

The Germans won both of the pair's previous meetings, 6-1 in a friendly match in 1993 and 1-0 in the 2010 World Cup, when Mesut Ozil netted the winner.

Germany have a good record against African opposition in their six previous World Cup meetings, having collected four wins, one draw and just one defeat, 2-1 against Algeria in 1982. The Germans bagged a total of seven goals in those matches, all in the second half. They have also kept clean sheets in their last three encounters against CAF representatives, thwarting Morocco 1-0 in 1986, Cameroon 2-0 in 2002 and Ghana 1-0 in 2010.

22 June 2014

22 June 2014
MANAUS – Arena Amazonia

USA - Portugal
Match #30

Group G
18:00 LT

5 previous head-to-heads

Date	City (Country)	Team A	Team B	Result	Status	Stage
20.09.1978	SETUBAL (POR)	Portugal	USA	1:0 (1:0)	Friendly	-
07.10.1980	LISBON (POR)	Portugal	USA	1:1 (0:0)	Friendly	-
19.12.1990	PORTO (POR)	Portugal	USA	1:0 (1:0)	Friendly	-
03.06.1992	CHICAGO (USA)	USA	Portugal	1:0 (1:0)	Friendly	-
05.06.2002	SUWON (KOR)	USA	Portugal	3:2 (3:1)	FWC	Group stage

	MP	W	D	L	GF	GA
Portugal	5	2	1	2	5	5
USA	5	2	1	2	5	5

Match facts for USA - Portugal

The teams kick off with an even head-to-head record from five previous encounters, having earned two wins apiece and one draw. Their only showdown in the World Cup was also their last meeting in 2002, which USA won 3-2 in the first round.

Jürgen Klinsmann was Germany's coach when they defeated Portugal 3-1 in the match for third place at the 2006 World Cup.

22 June 2014

RIO DE JANEIRO – Estadio do Maracana

Belgium – Russia

Match #31

Group H

13:00 LT

8 previous head-to-heads

	City (Country)	Team A	Team B	Result	Status	Stage
22.05.1966	BRUSSELS (BEL)	Belgium	Soviet Union	0:1 (0:1)	Friendly	-
24.04.1968	MOSCOW (URS)	Soviet Union	Belgium	1:0 (0:0)	Friendly	-
06.06.1970	MEXICO CITY (MEX)	Soviet Union	Belgium	4:1 (1:0)	FWC	Group stage
01.07.1982	BARCELONA (ESP)	Belgium	Soviet Union	0:1 (0:0)	FWC	2 nd round
15.06.1986	LEON (MEX)	Soviet Union	Belgium	3:4 AET (2:2, 1:0)	FWC	Round of 16
24.04.1996	BRUSSELS (BEL)	Belgium	Russia	0:0	Friendly	-
14.06.2002	SHIZUOKA (JPN)	Belgium	Russia	3:2 (1:0)	FWC	Group stage
17.11.2010	VORONEZH (RUS)	Russia	Belgium	0:2 (0:1)	Friendly	-

	MP	W	D	L	GF	GA
Belgium	8	3	1	4	10	12
Russia	8	4	1	3	12	10

Match facts for Belgium – Russia

The pair have met eight times already, including matches involving the Soviet Union. Russia lead the series 4-3, with one match having ending drawn.

This is their fifth meeting at the World Cup, where each side has claimed two victories apiece. The first two showdowns were won by Russia (then Soviet Union), 4-1 in the group round in 1970 and 1-0 in the second group round in 1982. The Belgians clinched the next two matches, 4-3 after extra time in the Round of 16 in 1986 and 3-2 in the opening round of the 2002 edition.

Belgium coach Marc Wilmots is his country's all-time top scorer at the World Cup with five goals. The former midfielder's last strike came against none other than Russia in that 3-2 win in 2002.

22 June 2014
PORTO ALEGRE – Estadio Beira-Rio

Korea Republic – Algeria
Match #32

Group H
16:00 LT

1 previous head-to-head

Date	City (Country)	Team A	Team B	Result	Status
14.12.1985	NEZAHUALCOYOTL (MEX)	Korea Republic	Algeria	2:0	Friendly

	MP	W	D	L	GF	GA
Algeria	1	0	0	1	0	2
Korea Republic	1	1	0	0	2	0

Match facts for Korea Republic – Algeria

The pair's only prior encounter was a friendly match held in 1985 that culminated in a 2-0 Korean victory, with goals from Kim Jong-Boo and Choi Soon-Ho.

This is the 30th World Cup match contested by Korea Republic, who have clocked up more appearances in the event than any other Asian team.

Korea Republic are undefeated against African teams in the World Cup, having beaten Togo 2-1 in 2006 and drawn 2-2 with Nigeria four years ago.

Algeria face Asian opposition for the first time in the World Cup.

23 June 2014

23 June 2014
BRASILIA – Estadio Nacional

Cameroon - Brazil
Match #33

Group A
17:00 LT

4 previous head-to-heads

Date	City (Country)	Team A	Team B	Result	Status	Stage
24.06.1994	SAN FRANCISCO (USA)	Brazil	Cameroon	3:0 (1:0)	FWC	Group stage
13.11.1996	CURITIBA (BRA)	Brazil	Cameroon	2:0 (1:0)	Friendly	-
31.05.2001	IBARAKI (JPN)	Brazil	Cameroon	2:0 (0:0)	FCC	Group stage
19.06.2003	PARIS/SAINT-DENIS (FRA)	Brazil	Cameroon	0:1 (0:0)	FCC	Group stage

	MP	W	D	L	GF	GA
Brazil	4	3	0	1	7	1
Cameroon	4	1	0	3	1	7

Match facts for Cameroon – Brazil

The pair have gone toe-to-toe on four previous occasions and Brazil have the edge historically with three wins to Cameroon's one. However, Cameroon won the last encounter, in the Confederations Cup 2003 when a Samuel Eto'o strike sealed a 1-0 victory.

The first meeting between the sides took place in the 1994 World Cup and resulted in a convincing 3-0 win to Brazil, who netted through Romario, Marcio Santos and Bebeto.

This is the 100th World Cup match played by Brazil, who are the second side to reach this milestone following Germany. The South Americans' maiden match ended in a 2-1 loss to Yugoslavia on 14 July 1930.

This is Cameroon's first showdown against a host team in the World Cup.

23 June 2014
RECIFE – Arena Pernambuco

Croatia - Mexico
Match #34

Group A
17:00 LT

3 previous head-to-heads

Date	City (Country)	Team A	Team B	Result	Status	Stage
22.10.1992	ZAGREB (CRO)	Croatia	Mexico	3:0 (1:0)	Friendly	-
16.06.1999	SEOUL (KOR)	Mexico	Croatia	1:2	Friendly	-
03.06.2002	NIIGATA (JPN)	Croatia	Mexico	0:1 (0:0)	FWC	Group stage

	MP	W	D	L	GF	GA
Croatia	3	2	0	1	5	2
Mexico	3	1	0	2	2	5

Match facts for Croatia – Mexico

The sides have squared up on three previous occasions and Croatia lead the head-to-head series by two victories to one. However, both of the Europeans' victories were in friendly matches, whereas Mexico won the only competitive fixture, 1-0 in the 2002 World Cup courtesy of a penalty from Cuauhtemoc Blanco.

That 2002 meeting was the first of six World Cup matches played by current Croatia coach Nico Kovac.

23 June 2014
CURITIBA – Arena da Baixada

Australia - Spain
Match #35

Group B
13:00 LT

No previous head-to-heads

Match facts for Australia – Spain

This is the first meeting between the two teams.

Australia have never lost their final group match in three previous participations. The Socceroos drew 0-0 with Chile in 1974 and 2-2 with Croatia in 2006, before overcoming Serbia 2-1 four years ago.

Spain are unbeaten against AFC opponents in the World Cup, having won two of their four previous skirmishes, 1-0 against Saudi Arabia in 2006 and 3-1 against Korea Republic in 1990. Spain tied another two matches against the South Koreans, 2-2 in 1994 and 0-0 in 2002, although the Spaniards went on to lose the latter match on penalties.

23 June 2014
SAO PAULO – Arena de Sao Paulo

Netherlands – Chile
Match #36

Group B
13:00 LT

1 previous head-to-head

Date	City (Country)	Team A	Team B	Result	Status	Stage
08.06.1928	ROTTERDAM (NED)	Netherlands	Chile	2:2 AET (2:2, 0:0)*	OFT	Consolation final

* Netherlands were declared winners after drawing of lots

	MP	W	D	L	GF	GA
Chile	1	0	1	0	2	2
Netherlands	1	0	1	0	2	2

Match facts for Netherlands – Chile

The two teams' only prior encounter took place 86 years ago in the consolation final of the Olympic Football Tournament 1928. The fixture finished 2-2 but the Netherlands were declared the winners after drawing lots.

24 June 2014

24 June 2014 **Japan - Colombia** Group C
CUIABA – Arena Pantanal Match #37 16:00 LT

2 previous head-to-heads

Date	City (Country)	Team A	Team B	Result	Status	Stage
22.06.2003	ST. ETIENNE (FRA)	Japan	Colombia	0:1 (0:0)	FCC	Group stage
05.06.2007	SAITAMA (JPN)	Japan	Colombia	0:0	Friendly	-

	MP	W	D	L	GF	GA
Colombia	2	1	1	0	1	0
Japan	2	0	1	1	0	1

Match facts for Japan – Colombia

Colombia are unbeaten in two previous meetings with Japan, having won 1-0 in the Confederations Cup 2003 and played out a goalless draw in a friendly in 2007.

Japan have never got the better of a South American side in the World Cup. After losing 1-0 to Argentina in 1998 and 4-1 to Brazil in 2006, the Japanese drew 0-0 with Paraguay 0-0 after extra time in the Round of 16 in 2010, before going out on penalties.

24 June 2014 **Greece - Côte d'Ivoire** Group C
FORTALEZA – Estadio Castelao Match #38 17:00 LT

No previous head-to-heads

Match facts for Greece – Côte d'Ivoire

The two teams have never faced each other before.

As a player, Sabri Lamouchi earned his second cap for France in a 3-1 friendly victory over Greece in 1996.

24 June 2014
NATAL – Estadio das Dunas

Italy - Uruguay
Match #39

Group D
13:00 LT

9 previous head-to-heads

Date	City (Country)	Team A	Team B	Result	Status	Stage
07.06.1928	AMSTERDAM (NED)	Italy	Uruguay	2:3 (1:3)	OFT	Semi-final
06.06.1970	PUEBLA (MEX)	Uruguay	Italy	0:0	FWC	Group stage
15.03.1980	MILAN (ITA)	Italy	Uruguay	1:0	Friendly	-
03.01.1981	MONTEVIDEO (URU)	Uruguay	Italy	2:0 (0:0)	Friendly	-
22.04.1989	VERONA (ITA)	Italy	Uruguay	1:1 (0:0)	Friendly	-
25.06.1990	ROME (ITA)	Italy	Uruguay	2:0 (0:0)	FWC	Round of 16
17.04.2002	MILAN (ITA)	Italy	Uruguay	1:1 (0:0)	Friendly	-
15.11.2011	ROME (ITA)	Italy	Uruguay	0:1 (0:1)	Friendly	-
30.06.2013	SALVADOR (BRA)	Uruguay	Italy	2:2 AET (2:2, 0:1) PSO 2:3	FCC	Play-off for 3 rd place

	MP	W	D	L	GF	GA
Italy	9	2	4	3	9	10
Uruguay	9	3	4	2	10	9

Match facts for Italy – Uruguay

This is the tenth head-to-head meeting between the two sides. Uruguay are marginally ahead in the series with three wins to two, the remaining four meetings having ended drawn. The teams' last encounter came in the match for third place at the Confederations Cup 2013, which finished 2-2 following goals from Davide Astori and Alessandro Diamanti for Italy and an Edinson Cavani double for the South Americans. Italy proceeded to clinch third spot on penalties.

In both of the pair's two prior meetings in the World Cup, Uruguay failed to score. Their first engagement took place in the group round in 1970 and ended 0-0, before Italy prevailed 2-0 in the Round of 16 in 1990. That was the Italians' last win over Uruguay, against whom they have since conceded two draws and a defeat.

This is Uruguay's 50th game in the World Cup. Their first was a 1-0 win over Peru played out on 18 July 1930 in Montevideo.



24 June 2014
BELO HORIZONTE – Estadio Mineirao

Costa Rica - England
Match #40

Group D
13:00 LT

No previous head-to-heads

Match facts for Costa Rica – England

The sides have never played each other before.

Costa Rica are the fourth CONCACAF opponents that England have faced in the World Cup after USA (twice), Mexico and Trinidad and Tobago. USA were the only one of those teams that the Three Lions failed to beat, having lost 1-0 here in Brazil in 1950 and drawn 1-1 in 2010. The other two teams, Mexico and Trinidad and Tobago, were defeated 2-0 in 1966 and 2006 respectively.

25 June 2014

25 June 2014
MANAUS – Arena Amazonia

Honduras - Switzerland
Match #41

Group E
16:00 LT

1 previous head-to-head

Date	City (Country)	Team A	Team B	Result	Status	Stage
25.06.2010	MANGAUNG/BLOEMFONTEIN (RSA)	Switzerland	Honduras	0:0	FWC	Group stage

	MP	W	D	L	GF	GA
Honduras	1	0	1	0	0	0
Switzerland	1	0	1	0	0	0

Match facts for Honduras - Switzerland

The only previous meeting between the sides was 0-0 draw in the World Cup on 25 June 2010.

Switzerland are undefeated against CONCACAF representatives, having earned one victory (2-1 over Mexico in 1950) and two draws (1-1 with USA in 1994 and 0-0 with Honduras four years ago).

25 June 2014
RIO DE JANEIRO – Estadio do Maracana

Ecuador – France
Match #42

Group E
16:00 LT

1 previous head-to-head

Date	City (Country)	Team A	Team B	Result	Status
27.05.2008	GRENOBLE (FRA)	France	Ecuador	2:0 (0:0)	Friendly

	MP	W	D	L	GF	GA
Ecuador	1	0	0	1	0	2
France	1	1	0	0	2	0

Match facts for Ecuador - France

France won 2-0 in the pair's only previous encounter, a friendly match played in 2008 in Grenoble which was decided by a brace from Bafetimbi Gomis.

France have not lost a World Cup match against South American opposition since 1978, when they succumbed 2-1 to Argentina. Since then the French have accrued three wins and three draws, with no goals conceded in the last five showdowns.

25 June 2014
PORTO ALEGRE – Estadio Beira-Rio

Nigeria - Argentina
Match #43

Group F
13:00 LT

6 previous head-to-heads

Date	City (Country)	Team A	Team B	Result	Status	Stage
25.06.1994	BOSTON (USA)	Argentina	Nigeria	2:1 (2:1)	FWC	Group stage
10.01.1995	RIYADH (KSA)	Nigeria	Argentina	0:0	FCC	Group stage
02.06.2002	IBARAKI (JPN)	Argentina	Nigeria	1:0 (0:0)	FWC	Group stage
12.06.2010	JOHANNESBURG (RSA)	Argentina	Nigeria	1:0 (1:0)	FWC	Group stage
01.06.2011	ABUJA (NGA)	Nigeria	Argentina	4:1 (3:0)	Friendly	-
06.09.2011	DHAKA (BAN)	Argentina	Nigeria	3:1 (2:0)	Friendly	-

	MP	W	D	L	GF	GA
Argentina	6	4	1	1	8	6
Nigeria	6	1	1	4	6	8

Match facts for Nigeria - Argentina

The sides have faced off six times before and Argentina have largely dominated with four victories to Nigeria's one, plus one draw. The first four showdowns took place in FIFA competitions including the World Cup, where Argentina won all three meetings in 1994, 2002 and 2010. The other tournament was the FIFA Confederations Cup 1995, where the teams played out a draw. Most recently in 2011, they met in two friendlies, earning one victory each.

Historical rivals in other FIFA competitions, Argentina and Nigeria have also locked horns in three finals. Nigeria prevailed 3-2 in the decider of the Men's Olympic Football Tournament 1996, whereas Argentina won 2-1 in the FIFA U-20 World Cup 2005 and clinched gold at the Beijing Olympics in 2008 with a 1-0 victory.

All five previous World Cup duels between Argentina and African teams were decided by the odd goal. After opening their 1990 campaign with a 1-0 defeat against Cameroon, *La Albiceleste* edged Nigeria 2-1 in 1994, 1-0 in 2002 and 1-0 in 2010, as well as beating Côte d'Ivoire 2-1 in 2006.

25 June 2014
SALVADOR – Arena Fonte Nova

Bosnia and Herzegovina - Iran
Match #44

Group F
13:00 LT

5 previous head-to-heads

Date	City (Country)	Team A	Team B	Result	Status
22.07.2001	BIHAC (BIH)	Bosnia-Herzegovina	Iran	2:2 (2:1)	Friendly
10.08.2001	TEHRAN (IRN)	Iran	Bosnia-Herzegovina	4:0 (1:0)	Friendly
02.02.2005	TEHRAN (IRN)	Iran	Bosnia-Herzegovina	2:1 (1:1)	Friendly
31.05.2006	TEHRAN (IRN)	Iran	Bosnia-Herzegovina	5:2 (3:2)	Friendly
12.08.2009	SARAJEVO (BIH)	Bosnia-Herzegovina	Iran	2:3 (0:0)	Friendly

	MP	W	D	L	GF	GA
Bosnia-Herzegovina	5	0	1	4	7	16
Iran	5	4	1	0	16	7

Match facts for Bosnia and Herzegovina - Iran

Iran are unbeaten in five past meetings with Bosnia-Herzegovina between 2001 and 2009, having notched four wins and a draw.

Iran were the first national team to play Bosnia-Herzegovina, in a friendly match back in 1993. The Bosnians emerged 3-1 victors in Tehran, although the match was not officially registered as the Bosnian Football Federation was not yet a member of FIFA.

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RECIFE – Arena Pernambuco

USA - Germany
Match #45

Group G
13:00 LT

9 previous head-to-heads

Date	City (Country)	Team A	Team B	Result	Status	Stage
13.06.1993	CHICAGO (USA)	USA	Germany	3:4 (1:3)	Friendly	-
18.12.1993	PALO ALTO (USA)	USA	Germany	0:3 (0:1)	Friendly	-
15.06.1998	PARIS (FRA)	Germany	USA	2:0 (1:0)	FWC	Group stage
06.02.1999	JACKSONVILLE (USA)	USA	Germany	3:0	Friendly	-
30.07.1999	GUADALAJARA (MEX)	USA	Germany	2:0 (1:0)	FCC	Group stage
27.03.2002	ROSTOCK (GER)	Germany	USA	4:2 (1:1)	Friendly	-
21.06.2002	ULSAN (KOR)	Germany	USA	1:0 (1:0)	FWC	Quarter-final
22.03.2006	DORTMUND (GER)	Germany	USA	4:1 (0:0)	Friendly	-
02.06.2013	WASHINGTON DC (USA)	USA	Germany	4:3 (2:0)	Friendly	-

	MP	W	D	L	GF	GA
Germany	9	6	0	3	21	15
USA	9	3	0	6	15	21

Match facts for USA – Germany

None of the pair's previous nine encounters ended drawn. Germany have the better record in this fixture with six wins to USA's three, although the Americans won the last meeting 4-3 in June 2013.

This is the teams' third clash in the World Cup and Germany are yet to lose. They triumphed 2-0 in 1998, when current USA coach Klinsmann scored the second goal, and 1-0 in the 2002 quarter-finals. USA won the only other engagement in a FIFA event, at the Confederations Cup 1999.

Klinsmann is the third German coach to face his home nation in the World Cup. His predecessors were Sepp Piontek, who led Denmark to a 2-0 win over Germany FR in 1986, and Winnie Schaefer, whose Cameroon side lost 2-0 in 2002.



26 June 2014
BRASILIA – Estadio Nacional

Portugal - Ghana
Match #46

Group G
13:00 LT

No previous head-to-heads

Match facts for Portugal – Ghana

The two sides draw swords for the first time.

Portugal have an even head-to-head record against African opposition in the World Cup, having notched one win (1-0 over Angola in 2006), one draw (0-0 with Côte d'Ivoire in 2010) and one defeat (3-1 against Morocco in 1986).

26 June 2014
SAO PAULO – Arena de São Paulo

Korea Republic - Belgium
Match #47

Group H
17:00 LT

3 previous head-to-heads

Date	City (Country)	Team A	Team B	Result	Status	Stage
12.06.1990	VERONA (ITA)	Belgium	Korea Republic	2:0 (0:0)	FWC	Group stage
25.06.1998	PARIS (FRA)	Belgium	Korea Republic	1:1 (1:0)	FWC	Group stage
05.06.1999	SEOUL (KOR)	Korea Republic	Belgium	1:2 (0:0)	Friendly	-

	MP	W	D	L	GF	GA
Belgium	3	2	1	0	5	2
Korea Republic	3	0	1	2	2	5

Match facts for Korea Republic – Belgium

Korea Republic have played Belgium three times and are yet to win. The first two meetings took place in the World Cup and resulted in a 2-0 Belgian victory in 1990 and a 1-1 draw in 1998. Their last skirmish dates back to 1999 in Seoul, where *Les Diables Rouges* plundered a 2-1 win.

The two coaches played against each other in that draw at the 1998 World Cup.

26 June 2014
CURITIBA – Arena da Baixada

Algeria – Russia
Match #48

Group H
17:00 LT

1 previous head-to-head

Date	City (Country)	Team A	Team B	Result	Status
04.11.1964	ALGIERS (ALG)	Algeria	Soviet Union	2:2 (0:1)	Friendly

	MP	W	D	L	GF	GA
Algeria	1	0	1	0	2	2
Russia	1	0	1	0	2	2

Match facts for Algeria – Russia

Almost 50 years have passed since the pair's only previous tussle, a 2-2 friendly draw played out in November 1964.

Including games played as Soviet Union, this is Russia's 40th appearance in the World Cup.

Russia have collected three victories in as many World Cup matches against African teams. The east Europeans overpowered Cameroon 4-0 in 1990 (as Soviet Union) and again 6-1 in 1994 (when Oleg Salenko bagged five goals), before downing Tunisia 2-0 in 2002.