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On this day in the past



Team France 1930, back row (left-right): Augustin Chantrel, Marcel Pinel, Alexis Thepot, Marcel Capelle, Etienne Mattler, Alexandre Villaplane, Front row: Ernest Liberati, Edmond Delfour, Andre Maschinot, Lucien Laurent, Marcel Langiller. (Photo by Bob Thomas/Popperfoto/Getty Images)

1930

Montevideo hosted the first matches in the inaugural FIFA World Cup: France-Mexico and USA-Belgium. France's Lucien Laurent netted the first goal in the history of the event.

1950

Brazil overcame Spain 6-1 and Uruguay edged Switzerland 3-2 on the second matchday of the final group round. The South American pair would go on to meet three days later to decide the winners of the Jules Rimet Cup.

1966

Portugal made their FIFA World Cup debut with a 3-1 success over Hungary in Manchester.

1994

Italy and Brazil qualified for the Final by respectively beating Bulgaria 2-1 and Sweden 1-0 in the semi-finals

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Yesterday's highlights 12 July 2014



This is the first time that the Netherlands have gone through a FIFA World Cup™ unbeaten (five wins and two draws).

Brazil have finished fourth once already, in the 1974 edition. The Netherlands have never come third before.

The host team have finished fourth for the second time, following Korea Republic in 2002.

Brazil have lost back-to-back World Cup matches for the third time, having previously done so in 1966 and 1974.

Robin van Persie's penalty was the 100th goal conceded by Brazil in the World Cup. Only Germany have let in more, with 121.

Since the 2002 tournament when squads were increased to 23 players, the Netherlands are the first team to have used all the players on their roster.

Brazil have conceded 14 goals, more than any other host team in the competition's history. Switzerland shipped 11 goals in 1954.

Luiz Felipe Scolari oversaw his 21st World Cup match and is now third in the competition's appearance ranking for coaches, behind German tactician Helmut Schon (25) and fellow Brazilian Carlos Alberto Parreira (23).

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Today's match: THE Final

| 13.07.2014 RIO DE JANEIRO Match # 64 Kick-off 16:00 LT | | |
|--|---------------------------------|--|
| Referee: RIZZOLI Nicola (ITA) | | |
| Germany  | FIFA WORLD CUP 2014 | Argentina  |
| 17 / 4 | Goals for /goals against | 8 / 3 |
| 4 / 0 | Yellow cards / red cards | 6 / 0 |
| 18 | Number of players used | 20 |
| 8 | Number of goal scorers | 4 |
| 5 / 1 / 0 | Wins / draws / losses | 5 / 1 / 0 |

20 previous head-to-heads

| Date | City (Country) | Team A | Team B | Result | Status | Stage |
|------------|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|--------|--------------|
| 08.06.1958 | MALMO (SWE) | Argentina | Germany FR | 1:3 (1:2) | FWC | Group stage |
| 16.07.1966 | BIRMINGHAM (ENG) | Germany FR | Argentina | 0:0 | FWC | Group stage |
| 14.02.1973 | MUNICH (FRG) | Germany FR | Argentina | 2:3 (0:2) | F | |
| 05.06.1977 | BUENOS AIRES (ARG) | Argentina | Germany FR | 1:3 (0:1) | F | |
| 12.09.1979 | BERLIN WEST (FRG) | Germany FR | Argentina | 2:1 (0:0) | F | |
| 01.01.1981 | MONTEVIDEO (URU) | Germany FR | Argentina | 1:2 (1:0) | F | |
| 24.03.1982 | BUENOS AIRES (ARG) | Argentina | Germany FR | 1:1 (0:1) | F | |
| 12.09.1984 | DUSSELDORF (FRG) | Germany FR | Argentina | 1:3 (0:2) | F | |
| 29.06.1986 | MEXICO CITY (MEX) | Argentina | Germany FR | 3:2 (1:0) | FWC | Final |
| 16.12.1987 | BUENOS AIRES (ARG) | Argentina | Germany FR | 1:0 (0:0) | F | |
| 02.04.1988 | BERLIN WEST (FRG) | Argentina | Germany FR | 0:1 (0:1) | F | |
| 08.07.1990 | ROME (ITA) | Germany FR | Argentina | 1:0 (0:0) | FWC | Final |
| 15.12.1993 | MIAMI (USA) | Germany | Argentina | 1:2 (1:1) | F | |
| 17.04.2002 | STUTTGART (GER) | Germany | Argentina | 0:1 (0:0) | F | |
| 09.02.2005 | DUSSELDORF (GER) | Germany | Argentina | 2:2 (2:1) | F | |
| 21.06.2005 | NUREMBERG (GER) | Argentina | Germany | 2:2 (1:1) | FCC | Group stage |
| 30.06.2006 | BERLIN (GER) | Germany | Argentina | 1:1 AET (1:1, 0:0) PSO 4:2 | FWC | Quarterfinal |
| 03.03.2010 | MUNICH (GER) | Germany | Argentina | 0:1 (0:1) | F | |
| 03.07.2010 | CAPE TOWN (RSA) | Argentina | Germany | 0:4 (0:1) | FWC | Quarterfinal |
| 15.08.2012 | FRANKFURT/MAIN (GER) | Germany | Argentina | 1:3 (0:1) | F | |

| | MP | W | D | L | GF | GA |
|------------------|----|---|---|---|----|----|
| Argentina | 20 | 9 | 5 | 6 | 28 | 28 |
| Germany | 20 | 6 | 5 | 9 | 28 | 28 |



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Match facts for Germany vs Argentina

The teams have already met 20 times and Argentina lead the overall series with nine wins to Germany's six, plus five draws. Their last engagement was a friendly game staged on 15 August 2012 in Frankfurt, which the South Americans won 3-1 courtesy of a Sami Khedira own goal plus strikes by Angel Di Maria and Lionel Messi, before Benedikt Howedes netted a consolation for the hosts. The Germans played with ten men for an hour following the expulsion of goalkeeper Ron-Robert Zieler.

Thanks to this latest meeting, the pair's seventh in the FIFA World Cup™, Germany-Argentina becomes the most frequent fixture in the competition together with Brazil-Sweden and Germany-Serbia (including Yugoslavia).

Furthermore, with Sunday's match being the third World Cup title-decider between these two sides, Germany-Argentina is now also the most-played Final ahead of Brazil-Italy, which has occurred twice.

The Germans have the better head-to-head record in World Cup meetings, with three wins, two draws and one defeat. In Finals, however, the pair are level-pegging with one victory apiece, Argentina having triumphed in 1986 following on from Germany FR in 1990.

Germany won the last World Cup skirmish 4-0 in the 2010 quarter-finals and the scorers included current squad members Miroslav Klose (with a brace) and Thomas Muller, plus Arne Friedrich.

Miroslav Klose also netted the equaliser that secured a 1-1 draw with Argentina in the 2006 quarter-finals. A goalless period of extra-time followed before the Germans eventually went through on penalties.

Germany are playing a tournament-record eighth World Cup Final, having won three and lost four. Argentina, who last reached this stage 24 years ago, are contesting their fifth decider and have two wins and two losses under their belt.

For the 20th time in 20 editions, the title will not be won by a foreign coach.

No team has as much experience of penalty shoot-outs in the competition as Argentina, who have been involved in five and won four of them, losing only once to none other than Germany in 2006. *Die Nationalelf* themselves have a 100 per cent winning record in the four spot-kick duels they have contested.

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Referee for the Final



Nicola Rizzoli is the third Italian referee to take charge of a FIFA World Cup™ Final after Sergio Gonella in 1978 (Argentina-the Netherlands) and Pierluigi Collina in 2002 (Brazil-Germany).

Only England has produced more World Cup Final referees, with four.

Just as in this edition, all four previous Finals staged in South America (including the deciding fixture in 1950) were supervised by European referees. They were Belgium's John Langenus in 1930, England's George Reader in 1950, the former Soviet Union's Nikolaj Latychev in 1962 and Italy's Sergio Gonella in 1978.

List of goalscorers (status after the Match for 3rd Place)

| Player | (Country/No) | Goals | Assists | Minutes Played | Matches Played |
|--|--------------|-------|---------|----------------|----------------|
| RODRIGUEZ James | (COL , 10) | 6 | 2 | 400 | 5 |
| MUELLER Thomas | (GER , 13) | 5 | 3 | 562 | 6 |
| NEYMAR | (BRA , 10) | 4 | 1 | 457 | 5 |
| MESSI Lionel | (ARG , 10) | 4 | 1 | 573 | 6 |
| VAN PERSIE Robin | (NED , 9) | 4 | 0 | 548 | 6 |
| BENZEMA Karim | (FRA , 10) | 3 | 2 | 450 | 5 |
| ROBBEN Arjen | (NED , 11) | 3 | 1 | 690 | 7 |
| SCHUERRLE Andre | (GER , 9) | 3 | 0 | 156 | 5 |
| VALENCIA Enner | (ECU , 13) | 3 | 0 | 270 | 3 |
| SHAQIRI Xherdan | (SUI , 23) | 3 | 0 | 387 | 4 |
| Goalscorers of the remaining teams (ARG, BRA, GER, NED) | | | | | |
| KROOS Toni | (GER , 18) | 2 | 4 | 569 | 6 |
| KLOSE Miroslav | (GER , 11) | 2 | 0 | 193 | 4 |
| HUMMELS Mats | (GER , 5) | 2 | 0 | 388 | 5 |
| KHEDIRA Sami | (GER , 6) | 1 | 1 | 376 | 5 |
| HIGUAIN Gonzalo | (ARG , 9) | 1 | 1 | 493 | 6 |
| OEZIL Mesut | (GER , 8) | 1 | 1 | 535 | 6 |
| GOETZE Mario | (GER , 19) | 1 | 0 | 225 | 5 |
| DI MARIA Angel | (ARG , 7) | 1 | 0 | 422 | 5 |
| ROJO Marcos | (ARG , 16) | 1 | 0 | 494 | 5 |

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FIFA World Cup stats at a glance

Goals, cards, attendances - comparative statistics

| FIFA World Cup™ | Teams / Matches | Goals | Average | Yellow / Red cards* | Average | Attendance** | Average |
|--------------------|-----------------|------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------------|---------------|
| Brazil 2014 | 32 / 63 | 170 | 2.70 | 177 / 10 | 2.81 / 0.16 | 3,355,135 | 53,256 |
| South Africa 2010 | 32 / 64 | 145 | 2.27 | 245 / 17 | 3.83 / 0.27 | 3,178,856 | 49,670 |
| Germany 2006 | 32 / 64 | 147 | 2.30 | 307 / 28 | 4.80 / 0.44 | 3,359,439 | 52,491 |
| Korea/Japan 2002 | 32 / 64 | 161 | 2.52 | 260 / 17 | 4.06 / 0.27 | 2,705,197 | 42,269 |
| France 1998 | 32 / 64 | 171 | 2.67 | 250 / 22 | 3.91 / 0.34 | 2,785,100 | 43,517 |
| USA 1994 | 24 / 52 | 141 | 2.71 | 221 / 15 | 4.25 / 0.29 | 3,587,538 | 68,991 |
| Italy 1990 | 24 / 52 | 115 | 2.21 | 165 / 16 | 3.17 / 0.31 | 2,516,215 | 48,389 |
| Mexico 1986 | 24 / 52 | 132 | 2.54 | 137 / 8 | 2.63 / 0.15 | 2,394,031 | 46,039 |
| Spain 1982 | 24 / 52 | 146 | 2.81 | 99 / 5 | 1.90 / 0.10 | 2,109,723 | 40,572 |
| Argentina 1978 | 16 / 38 | 102 | 2.68 | 59 / 3 | 1.55 / 0.08 | 1,545,791 | 40,679 |
| Germany FR 1974 | 16 / 38 | 97 | 2.55 | 87 / 5 | 2.29 / 0.13 | 1,865,753 | 49,099 |
| Mexico 1970 | 16 / 32 | 95 | 2.97 | 51 / 0 | 1.59 / 0 | 1,603,975 | 50,124 |
| England 1966 | 16 / 32 | 89 | 2.78 | 21 / 5 | 0.66 / 0.16 | 1,563,135 | 48,848 |
| Chile 1962 | 16 / 32 | 89 | 2.78 | 1 / 6 | 0.03 / 0.19 | 893,172 | 27,912 |
| Sweden 1958 | 16 / 35 | 126 | 3.6 | 0 / 3 | 0 / 0.09 | 819,810 | 23,423 |
| Switzerland 1954 | 16 / 26 | 140 | 5.38 | 0 / 3 | 0 / 0.12 | 768,607 | 29,562 |
| Brazil 1950 | 13 / 22 | 88 | 4 | 1 / 0 | 0.05 / 0 | 1,045,246 | 47,511 |
| France 1938 | 15 / 18 | 84 | 4.67 | 0 / 4 | 0 / 0.22 | 375,700 | 20,872 |
| Italy 1934 | 16 / 17 | 70 | 4.12 | 0 / 1 | 0 / 0.06 | 363,000 | 21,353 |
| Uruguay 1930 | 13 / 18 | 70 | 3.89 | 0 / 1 | 0 / 0.06 | 590,549 | 32,808 |

* Yellow cards do not include second cautions in same match / No. of red cards includes direct expulsions and indirect expulsions due to second caution in same match

**Attendance figures relate to the number of spectators as indicated in official FIFA match reports and not number of tickets sold. Figures also include double headers.