



16 June 2018

Match highlights




Egypt-Uruguay

-  Uruguay win their first game of a World Cup campaign for the first time since 1970. Thereafter, they had drawn three and lost three of their opening matches.
-  Oscar Tabarez, 71, became the second-oldest coach in World Cup history.

Age [years / days]	Coach
71y 317d	REHHAGEL Otto, GER
71y 104d	TABAREZ Oscar, URU
70y 130d	MALDINI Cesare, ITA
68y 211d	PFISTER Otto, GER
68y 8d	CAPELLO Fabio, ITA
67y 334d	ARAGONES Luis, ESP
67y 202d	THYS Guy, BEL
67y 115d	PARREIRA Carlos Alberto, BRA
66y 337d	ZAGALLO Mario, BRA
66y 319d	HODGSON Roy, ENG

-  Tabarez climbed ninth on the list of coaches with the most World Cup matches overseen.

# Matches	Coach
25	SCHOEN Helmut, FRG
23	PARREIRA Carlos Alberto, BRA
21	SCOLARI Luiz Felipe, BRA
20	MILUTINOVIC Bora, SRB
20	ZAGALLO Mario, BRA
18	BEARZOT Enzo, ITA
18	HERBERGER Sepp, GER
18	HIDDINK Guus, NED
16	MICHEL Henri, FRA
16	TABAREZ Oscar, URU
16	THYS Guy, BEL

-  Fernando Muslera went second on the list of Uruguayans with the most World Cup appearances (12). Only Ladislao Mazurkiewicz, who also played in goal, has more (13).
-  Egypt are still without a World Cup win following their fifth attempt (2 draws, 3 defeats) and are on a run of 277 minutes without scoring in the competition.
-  José Gimenez became the first Uruguay player wearing the No2 shirt to score in the World Cup.

Morocco-Iran

- Iran end a seven-match winless run in the World Cup. Since a 2-1 defeat of USA in 1998, they had lost five and drawn two.
- Iran ended the AFC's 16-game winless streak in the World Cup (12 defeats, 4 draws). The confederation's last victory had been Japan's 3-1 reverse of Denmark at South Africa 2010.
- Aziz Bouhaddouz diverting the ball into the Morocco net in the 95th minute was the latest own-goal in World Cup history, eclipsing Nigeria's Joseph Yobo's 92nd-minute goal for France in 2014.
- Aziz Bouhaddouz scored Morocco's second own-goal at the World Cup. Youssef Chippe got one in Norway's favour in a 2-2 draw at France 1998.
- Carlos Queiroz is the only Portuguese to coach at three World Cups.
- Masoud Shojaei became the first Iranian to play in three World Cups (2006, 2014 & 2018).
- Achraf Hakimi (19 years & 223 days) and Amine Harit (20 & 362) became the youngest two Moroccans to play in the World Cup, surpassing Ali El Khattabi (21 & 144 in 1998).
- Mbark Boussoufa (33 years & 304 days) and Karim El Ahmadi (33 & 139) became the two oldest Moroccans to play in the World Cup, surpassing Abdelmajid Dolmy (33 & 59 in 1986).
- Morocco's Sofyan Amrabat came on for his brother Noureddine - the first substitution between siblings in World Cup history.

Portugal-Spain

- Cristiano Ronaldo became the first Portuguese to play in four World Cups.
- Fernando Hierro became the fourth man to have played for and coached Spain in the World Cup after Jose Santamaria (1962/1982), Luis Suarez (1962 & '66/1990) and Jose Camacho (1982 & '86/2002).
- Spain made their 60th World Cup appearance.
- Andres Iniesta and Sergio Ramos equalled Andoni Zubizarreta, Fernando Hierro, Xavi and Iker Casillas by playing in their fourth World Cup.
- Sergio Ramos moved joint-fourth on Spain's list of leading World Cup appearances beside Carles Puyol and Fernando Torres (all 14), behind Xavi (15), Andoni Zubizarreta (16) and Iker Casillas (17).
- Cristiano Ronaldo became the fourth player to score in four World Cups after Uwe Seeler, Pele and Miroslav Klose.
- Portugal have scored all seven of their penalties in the World Cup (excluding shootouts).
- Only two players have scored a penalty before the fourth minute, in which Ronaldo put Portugal ahead against Spain, in the World Cup. Johan Neeskens netted one in the second minute of the 1974 Final, while Robin van Persie did so in the third minute of the third-place playoff in 2014 against Brazil.
- Cristiano Ronaldo became the third Portuguese to score a World Cup hat-trick after Eusebio against Korea DPR in 1966 and Pauleta against Poland in 2002.

On this day in the past



1982

Germany FR suffer a surprise 2-1 defeat to Algeria in Gijón. Nevertheless, Algeria would later be eliminated at the end of the first stage whereas the Germans would go on to reach the final, where they would lose to Italy.

1982

Honduras make their FIFA World Cup debut with a 1-1 draw against hosts Spain.

2010

Chile defeat Honduras in their first World Cup win for 48 years, dating back to their 1-0 victory over Yugoslavia in the match for third place on 16 June 1962.

Next matches – 16 June



France - Australia



Group C				
Match #	Date	Referee designation	City	Time (LT) UTC +3
5	16-06-2018	Andres CUNHA (URU)	KAZAN	13:00

4 previous head-to-heads ([click](#) to view full match list)

	MP	W	D	L	GF	GA
Australia	4	1	1	2	2	8
France	4	2	1	1	8	2

Facts & figures

-  This is the fifth showdown between the two sides. France have the edge in the overall series with two victories to one, plus one draw. The last meeting was a friendly in 2013 in Paris, which France won 6-0 (Olivier Giroud netted twice, the other scorers were Karim Benzema, Yohan Cabaye, Mathieu Debuchy and Franck Ribery).
-  This is France's 60th World Cup fixture. Their first took place on 13 July 1930 on the opening matchday of the inaugural World Cup and produced a 4-1 French victory over Mexico, as well as the first goal in the competition's history, scored by Lucien Laurent.
-  Les Bleus opened their last three World Cup campaigns with a clean sheet, drawing 0-0 with Switzerland in 2006 and Uruguay in 2010, before beating Honduras 3-0 in 2014.
-  France are yet to win a World Cup fixture on 16 June, having lost 1-0 to Yugoslavia in 1954 and 3-1 to England in 1982.
-  Australia approach this game on the back of three straight World Cup defeats, having exited pointless from the group stage in 2014. The Socceroos' most recent positive result dates back to 2010, when they overcame Serbia 2-1. Furthermore, the Australians have failed to keep a clean sheet in their last ten outings, since tying 0-0 with Chile in 1974.







Peru – Denmark



Group C				
Match #	Date	Referee designation	City	Time (LT) UTC +3
6	16-06-2018	Bakary GASSAMA (GAM)	SARANSK	19:00

No previous head-to-heads

Facts & figures

-  The two teams go head-to-head for the first time.
-  Peru return to the competition 36 years after their last participation, at Spain 1982, which concluded with a 5-1 defeat by Poland. Los Incas are winless in their last six World Cup matches (two draws and four defeats), since prevailing 4-1 against Iran in 1978.
-  The three previous World Cup meetings between Denmark and South American teams yielded an average of five goals per game. The Danes overpowered Uruguay 6-1 in 1986, lost 3-2 to Brazil in 1998 and beat Uruguay again in 2002, by the scoreline of 2-1.
-  Although Age Hareide is the third Norwegian coach in the World Cup after Asbjorn Halvorsen (1938) and Egil Olsen (1994 and 1998), he is the first to guide a foreign team.









Argentina – Iceland



Group D				
Match #	Date	Referee designation	City	Time (LT) UTC +3
7	16-06-2018	Szymon MARCINIAK (POL)	MOSCOW	16:00

No previous head-to-heads

Facts & figures

-  The pair have never faced each other before.
-  Argentina have twice played World Cup games on 16 June, winning both of them: 1-0 against Uruguay in the Round of 16 in 1986 and 6-0 against Serbia and Montenegro in 2006.
-  It was on 16 June 2006 that Lionel Messi made his World Cup bow, in the 6-0 win over Serbia and Montenegro. The diminutive forward replaced Maxi Rodriguez in the 75th minute and struck the game's final goal 13 minutes later, which was also the first of five he has bagged in the competition.
-  The last European side to win their maiden match in the World Cup were Croatia, who downed Jamaica 3-1 in 1998. UEFA newcomers following in their footsteps have posted three defeats and a draw: Slovenia lost 3-1 to Spain in 2002, Ukraine crashed 4-0 to Spain, Slovakia drew 1-1 with New Zealand and Bosnia and Herzegovina succumbed 2-1 to Argentina.
-  Argentina have not kicked off a World Cup with defeat against a debutant side since 1934, when they lost 3-2 to Sweden. Subsequent showdowns produced five wins for *La Albiceleste*: 1-0 over Bulgaria in 1962, 4-0 against Greece in 1994, 1-0 against Japan in 1998, 2-1 over Côte d'Ivoire in 2006 and another 2-1 scoreline four years ago, against Bosnia and Herzegovina.
-  Argentina have failed to score for 322 consecutive minutes of play (since Gonzalo Higuain's strike eight minutes into the quarter-final with Belgium in 2014), their longest World Cup goal drought in history.









Croatia – Nigeria



Group D				
Match #	Date	Referee designation	City	Time (LT) UTC +2
8	16-06-2018	Sandro RICCI (BRA)	KALININGRAD	21:00

No previous head-to-heads

Facts & figures

-  The two sides lock horns for the first time at senior level, although they have faced off twice in youth tournaments: Nigeria ran out 5-2 winners in the FIFA U-20 World Cup 2011, whereas Croatia prevailed 2-1 in the FIFA U-17 World Cup 2015.
-  All five of the victories obtained by Nigeria in their 18 World Cup appearances to date came against European teams. The *Super Eagles* beat Bulgaria 3-0 and Greece 2-0 in 1994, Spain 3-2 and Bulgaria 1-0 in 1998, followed by Bosnia and Herzegovina 1-0 in 2014.
-  Croatia are facing African opposition for the second time in the World Cup. The first meeting culminated in a 4-0 victory over Cameroon four years ago in Brazil, which is the Croats' most emphatic win in the event.
-  Exactly four years ago on 16 June, Nigeria recorded their only 0-0 draw in World Cup history, against IR Iran in Curitiba.
-  Croatia were defeated in three of their first four World Cup opening matches. After dispatching Jamaica 3-1 in their maiden game in 1998, they lost once to Mexico (1-0 in 2002) and twice to Brazil (1-0 in 2006 and 3-1 in 2014).
-  Gernot Rohr is the fourth German coach to take charge of an African team in the World Cup. He follows in the footsteps of Winni Schaefer with Cameroon in 2002, Otto Pfister with Togo in 2006 and Volker Finke four years ago, also with Cameroon. Schaefer was the only one to score any points (with victory over Saudi Arabia and a draw with Republic of Ireland).

17 June



Brazil – Switzerland










Group E				
Match #	Date	Referee designation	City	Time (LT) UTC +3
9	17-06-2018	Cesar RAMOS (MEX)	ROSTOV-ON-DON	21:00

8 previous head-to-heads ([click](#) to view full match list)

	MP	W	D	L	GF	GA
Brazil	8	3	3	2	10	8
Switzerland	8	2	3	3	8	10

Facts & figures

-  This is the ninth duel between the two sides and the South Americans have fared marginally better in the past with three victories to two, the other three games having ended all-square. The last skirmish was a friendly game that took place on 14 August 2013 in Basel and was won 1-0 by Switzerland, thanks to an own goal by Dani Alves.
-  Seven of the pair's eight previous meetings were on friendly terms, although the very first one took place in the World Cup. It ended 2-2 in Sao Paulo on 28 June 1950, with the hosts twice taking the lead through Alfredo II and Baltazar, only for Jackie Fattton to equalise each time, his last goal coming two minutes from the final whistle.
-  Brazil play this fixture after two successive World Cup defeats, specifically 7-1 to Germany and 3-0 to the Netherlands in 2014. They have only recorded back-to-back reverses in another two editions, losing to Hungary and Portugal in 1966 and the Netherlands and Poland in 1974. The five-time world champions have never lost three successive matches in the event.
-  This is the fifth World Cup fixture played on 17 June by Brazil, who have never lost on this date (three victories and a draw). The Brazilians beat Czechoslovakia 3-1 in the 1962 Final, Uruguay by the same scoreline in the 1970 semi-finals, Belgium 2-0 in the Round of 16 in 2002 and drew 0-0 with Mexico four years ago in the group stage.
-  Switzerland are unbeaten in their last four World Cup opening matches. Since starting the 1966 finals with a 5-0 loss to Germany FR, the Helvetians have earned two draws (1-1 with USA in 1994 and 0-0 with France in 2006) and two victories (1-0 over Spain in 2010 and 2-1 against Ecuador in 2014).
-  Brazil have kicked off their last nine world title campaigns with a victory. The last opening match they failed to win ended 1-1 against Sweden in 1978. A *Canarinho* have fallen to opening-matchday defeats in two World Cups, in 1930 (2-1 to Yugoslavia) and 1934 (3-1 to Spain), but have since accumulated 16 victories and two draws.
-  A *Seleção* conceded at least one goal in each of their last five World Cup fixtures. Their longest consecutive run without a clean sheet is six matches and has occurred twice: between the 1934 and 1938 editions and between the 1998 and 2002 editions.




Costa Rica - Serbia



Group E				
Match #	Date	Referee designation	City	Time (LT) UTC +4
10	17-06-2018	Malang DIEDHIOU (SEN)	SAMARA	16:00

No previous head-to-heads

Facts & figures

-  The pair have only faced each other in the Olympic Football Tournament, at the edition contested in the former Soviet Union in 1980. The game was played in Minsk and ended 3-2 to Yugoslavia, as Serbia were then known.
-  Costa Rica are unbeaten in their last five World Cup games (all were played in the 2014 tournament). *Los Ticos'* most recent defeat dates back to 2006, when they lost 2-1 to Poland. The longest undefeated run by a CONCACAF team is six matches and was achieved by Mexico between the 1994 and 1998 editions.
-  Appearing under the banner of Yugoslavia, Serbia won all three of their prior World Cup encounters with CONCACAF opposition, subduing Mexico 4-1 in 1950, Honduras 1-0 in 1982 and USA 1-0 in 1998.
-  Costa Rica have tied their last three World Cup fixtures. The tournament benchmark of five successive draws was set by Belgium between 1998 and 2002.
-  On 17 June in 1982, Serbia (playing as Yugoslavia) made their World Cup debut in Spain, drawing 0-0 in Zaragoza with Northern Ireland.



Germany - Mexico













Group F				
Match #	Date	Referee designation	City	Time (LT) UTC +3
11	17-06-2018	Alireza FAGHANI (IRN)	MOSCOW	18:00

11 previous head-to-heads ([click](#) to view full match list)

	MP	W	D	L	GF	GA
Germany	11	5	5	1	24	10
Mexico	11	1	5	5	10	24

Facts & figures

-  The two sides meet for the 12th time and Germany have fared better historically with five victories, five draws and one defeat. The Germans' last win came in the FIFA Confederations Cup 2017, when they dominated the pair's semi-final duel 4-1 in Sochi. The goals were scored by Leon Goretzka (two), Timo Werner and Amin Younes for the Germans, with Marco Fabian replying for Mexico. In the opposing dugouts that day were the teams' current coaches, Joachim Loew and Juan Carlos Osorio.
-  This is the fourth time that Germany and Mexico have crossed paths in the World Cup. The Europeans ran out 6-0 winners during the group stage in 1978 and squeezed through on penalties in the 1986 quarter-finals following a 0-0 draw after extra time, before prevailing 2-1 in the Round of 16 in 1998.
-  Mexico's only victory against Germany dates back to 15 June 1985, when they emerged 2-0 victors in a friendly match at the Azteca stadium in Mexico City, courtesy of goals from Manuel Negrete and Luis Flores.
-  Germany are unbeaten against CONCACAF opposition in the World Cup, with six victories and a draw from seven meetings against a total of three teams (Costa Rica, Mexico and USA).
-  *Die Nationalelf* are undefeated in their last eight World Cup games, having amassed seven victories and a draw since losing 1-0 to Spain in 2010. The Germans' longest unbeaten run in the event is 11 games between 1990 and 1994.
-  In World Cup games contested on 17 June, the Germans have recorded three wins and one defeat. The victories occurred in 1954 (4-1 against Turkey), 1986 (1-0 over Morocco) and 1994 (1-0 against Bolivia). The only defeat was the famous semi-final in 1970, which *Die Nationalmannschaft* lost 4-3 to Italy after extra time. By contrast, Mexico have an even record in World Cup fixtures played on 17 June, with one victory (2-0 over France in 2010), one draw (0-0 with Brazil in 2014) and one defeat (2-0 to USA in 2002).
-  In each of their last seven World Cup openers, Germany have emerged victorious, scoring 27 goals (an average of 3.8 per game) and conceding only three. Whereas, *El Tri* are undefeated in their last five opening matchdays, notching four victories and a draw since losing 1-0 to Norway in 1994.
-  The defending champions in each of the last two editions failed to win their opening match: Italy drew 1-1 with Paraguay in 2010, while Spain were trounced 5-1 by the Netherlands four years ago.
-  Mexico face the reigning champions for the third time, having lost without scoring on the previous two occasions, by the scorelines of 2-0 against Brazil in 1962 and 6-0 against Germany FR in 1978.
-  Germany have never lost the first match of their title defence after winning a World Cup. They defeated Argentina 3-1 in 1958, drew 0-0 with Poland in 1978 and edged Bolivia 1-0 in 1994.

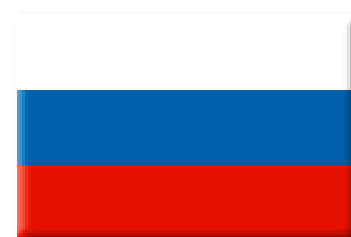
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A 33-stop journey through Russian and Soviet football history as we countdown towards the FIFA World Cup Final at the Luzhniki on July 15th.

29 days to the FINAL

29 international caps won by one of the best strikers in the Soviet Union's history, Viktor Ponedelnik. The forward from Rostov-on-Don was the hero in France during the first-ever European Championship in 1960; his goal in the 113th minute of extra time in the final against Yugoslavia earned the USSR the title of continental champions. Ponedelnik also managed two goals in the 1962 World Cup in Chile, where the Soviet Union reached the quarter-finals. He embarked on a successful journalism career following his retirement as a footballer, working as sports correspondent and editor-in-chief of the weekly magazine *Football-Hockey*.

Russian Football Dictionary



How to say...

in Russian

Penalty	Пенальти / penalti
Free kick	Штрафной удар / shtrafnoy oodar
Wall	Стенка / stenka
Distance	Расстояние / rasstayaniye

Happy Birthday to...

Players, coaches and referees celebrating their Birthday

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From Russia with Love

Remembering the teams missing out in this year's FIFA World Cup

South Africa

FIFA World Cup™ facts & figures

Participations 3 (1998, 2002, 2010)
Best achievement Group stage 1998, 2002, 2010



South Africa were the first, and still the only, African country to host a FIFA World Cup.

In 2010, Brazilian tactician Carlos Alberto Parreira set a record for the most participations as coach when he took charge of South Africa in his sixth World Cup.



Also in 2010, the Bafana Bafana became the only hosts to be eliminated in the competition's opening round.



Switching Roles

Nine of the coaches competing in Russia 2018 have playing experience in the FIFA World Cup™. They will feature in our Stats of the Day together with other players/managers who have shaped the competition's history.

GARETH SOUTHGATE

The former Aston Villa, Crystal Palace and Middlesbrough centre-back participated in two editions of the FIFA World Cup™ with the England team. He contested two fixtures in 1998, as a starter against Tunisia and a second-half substitute for Graeme Le Saux in the Round of 16 match against Argentina, which the Three Lions lost on penalties. Southgate returned four years later as part of England's 23-man squad but did not get any game time.

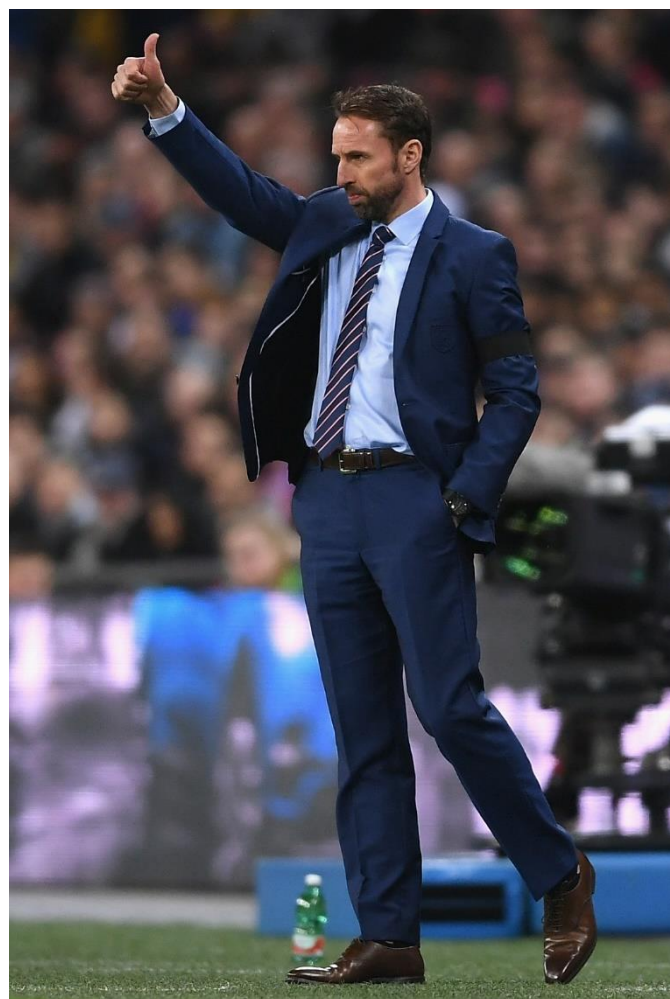


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Football Fashion

Costa Rica in 1990



...and now



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Striking snaps from tournaments past



'Which position can I take?' – An unexpected guest challenges Ron Springett during the 1962 quarterfinal match Brazil – England.

Tantalizing Trivia

Today's question

Twelve goals have been scored within the first minute of play, but only one team has netted twice in this time frame. Which team is that?

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

Yesterday's solution

Which team has recorded the most 0-0 draws?

→ *England, who have played out 11 goalless stalemates*



Memorabilia marvel

Designed to showcase the extraordinary history of the FIFA World Cup, the FIFA World Football Museum in Zurich covers all aspects of international football's rich heritage and shows how the beautiful game connects and inspires the world. With an interactive, multimedia display of exhibits, the museum explores the emotions that football awakens around the world on a daily basis. Exhibition space of more than 3,000 square meters offers a fascinating journey through time. During the 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ we are happy to present a few of the many objects.

1978

Kimberley Shirt lent to the French team for their 1978 FIFA World Cup group match against Hungary



In 1978, many people still didn't have colour television. And on black-and-white TV screens, dark colours were hard to tell apart. So when the blue shirts of France met the red of Hungary in a World Cup match in Mar del Plata, Argentina, someone had to change. That someone was France – but an error by their team supervisor led to both teams arriving with white shirts. The match was delayed for 40 minutes before the arrival of France's replacement kit, provided by local club Kimberley, who still play in green-and-white stripes. It wasn't the first such incident at a World Cup. In 1934 Austria had to borrow shirts from Napoli in the play-off for third place against Germany. In 1950 Mexico had to borrow Cruzeiro's shirts for the match against Switzerland, while Argentina wore Malmo's shirts against West Germany at the 1958 finals in Sweden.

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