



HISTORY OF FIFA WORLD CUP

FIFA, or Federation Internationale de Football Association, is an organization founded in 1904 by representatives of seven European countries: France, Belgium, Denmark, the Netherlands, Spain, Sweden, and Switzerland. They codified the rules of the game in international matches and organized competitions. However, they did not originally envision hosting a World Cup event.

A LOOK BACK INTO THE HISTORY



- The format of the competition involves a Qualification Phase. It takes place over the preceding three years to determine which teams qualify for the World Cup. The Host Nation automatically qualifies for the World Cup.
- Thirty two teams compete in the World Cup for the title at venues within the Host Nation. The FIFA World Cup matches take place during a period of about a month.
- The 20 World Cup tournaments have been won by 8 National Teams.
- > Brazil has won five times, and they are the only team to have played in every tournament.
- > The other World Cup winners are Germany and Italy, with four titles each;
- > Argentina and inaugural winner Uruguay, with two titles each; (Now France in This Category)
- > England and Spain, with one title each.

SOME FACT ABOUT FIFA

- FIFA World Cup is the 'World's most widely viewed sporting event,' and it takes place every four years.
- The first World Cup was conducted in Uruguay in 1930 and was also won by the host nation.
- 32 teams participate in the World Cup.
- The least number of people who turned up to watch a World Cup match was just 300 back in 1930 in Uruguay.
- 2014 FIFA World Cup broke all records with approximately 3.2 billion fans who watched the matches all over the world and an average of 53,000 spectators per match.
- The 1970 World Cup hosted by Mexico was the first to be televised in colour
- The World Cup has been held 20 times since 1930 and Brazil has won the maximum number of times i.e five.
 - Italy and Germany hold the second place with four wins each.
- The oldest footballer to score in World Cup match was Roger Milla of Cameroon at the age of 42 years 39 days in USA' 94
- Just once in the history of World Cup, two countries were host nations.
 South Korea and Japan both were host nations in 2002.
- It has been rumoured that in 1950 India withdrew from the World Cup when they were not allowed to play barefoot.
- The first African to score at the World

- **Cup was abdulrahman Fawzi of Egypt** in 1934
- Least number of teams participated in 1950. Just 13 teams played after India, Turkey and Scotland withdrew.
- The World Cup was skipped in 1942 and 1946 due to World War N.
- Italy (1934 and 1938 and Brazil (1958 and 1962) are the only nations to have won consecutive titles.
- Brazil is the only nation to play in each tournament.
- West Germany (1982-1990) and Brazil (1994-2002) are the only mations to apper in three consecutive World Cup finals.
- Brazil hosted the 20th edition from June 12-July 13th 2014.
- Africa hosted the FIFA World Cup for the first time in 2010 in South Africa.
- For the very first time since 1958, Italy will not be part of the FIFA World Cup.
- This World Cup will see the debuts of two new teams: Iceland and Panama.





1) In 2010, Russia was given the right to host Football World Cup 2018 for the first time in its history by FIFA. It started from 14th to July 15th.

2) FIFA World Cup matches were held in 11 cities. The names of the cities are given below.

- Saint Petersburg
- Samara
- Saransk
- Sochi

- Ekaterinburg
- Volgograd
- Rostov-on-Don
- Moscow

- Kazan
- Nizhny Novgorod
- Kaliningrad

Final matches of the world cup were held in the beautiful city of Moscow which is the capital of Russia.

- 3) The World Cup Russia 2018 brand identity and logo were unveiled on October 28th, 2014, in space by Cosmonauts at the International Space Station which was projected onto the Bolshoi Theatre in Moscow.
- 4) Russian national Football team qualified for the World Cup 2018 automatically as one place is reserved for the host nation. But they were currently ranked 70th according to FIFA official ranking.
- 5) Essam El-Hadary, who represented Egypt, would become the oldest player to play in the world Cup 2018. The veteran goalkeeper is currently 45 years old.
- 6) Two smallest nations Panama and Iceland created history when they qualified for the 1st time after years of struggle. This shows if you work hard you can achieve anything.
- 7) Indonesia was expelled by FIFA for participating in World Cup Russia 2018 qualifiers because of its government's interference in the game.





The Official Mascot of FIFA World Cup 2018, Zabivaka, is all set to celebrate the opening ceremony.

Brazilian player Ronaldo and British Pop Star Robbie Williams will be attending the opening ceremony. Robbie Williams sang alongside Russian soprano Aida Garifullina shortly before Russia face Saudi Arabia in the first match of the FIFA World Cup 2018 at Moscow's Luzhniki Stadium.



All-time World Cup winners

- 1930: Uruguay 4 Argentina 2
- 1934: Italy 2 Czechoslovakia 1
- 1938: Italy 4 Hungary 2
- 1950: Uruguay 2 Brazil 1
- 1954: West Germany 3 Hungary 2
- 1958: Brazil 5 Sweden 2
- 1962: Brazil 3 Czechoslovakia 1
- 1966: England 4 West Germany 2 (after extra time)
- 1970: Brazil 4 Italy 1
- 1974: West Germany 2 Netherlands 1
- 1978: Argentina 3 Netherlands 1
- 1982: Italy 3 West Germany 1
- 1986: Argentina 3 West Germany 2
- 1990: West Germany 1 Argentina 0
- 1994: Brazil O Italy O (Brazil won 3-2 on penalties)
- 1998: France 3 Brazil 0
- 2002: Brazil 2 Germany 0
- 2006: Italy 1 France 1 (Italy won 5-3 on penalties)
- 2010: Spain 1 Netherlands 0
- 2014: Germany 1 Argentina 0
- 2018: France 4 Croatia 2

Winner

FRANCE 256 Cr.

Runner-up

CROATIA 189 Cr.

3rd Place

Belgium 162 Cr.

4th Place

England 142 Cr.

WINNER - 2018



Herry Kane (06) (Englend)



Kylian Mbappe (France)



Luka Modric (Croatia)



Thibaut Courtois (Belgium)

A LOOK BACK INTO FINAL - 2018

- 43 per cent of the goals scored at the 2018 World Cup came from setpiece situations (73 of 169), more than at any other edition of the competition since 1966.
- There were **22 penalties** scored at the 2018 World Cup, the most in any edition of the competition.
- There were nine winning goals scored in the 90th minute or later at the 2018 World Cup (excluding extra-time), more than at any other edition of the tournament.
- Portugal talisman Cristiano Ronaldo is just the fourth player to score in four different World Cup tournaments (2006, 2010, 2014 and 2018) after Pele, Uwe Seeler and Miroslav Klose. Ronaldo became the first European player in history to score in eight consecutive major tournaments (World Cup and European Championships).
- Since 1966, only Grzegorz Lato & Andrzej Szarmach (5 for Poland) and Michael Ballack & Miroslav Klose (5 for Germany) have combined for more World Cup goals than Edinson Cavani & Luis Suarez (4 for Uruguay).
- Mexico's Rafael Marquez (39y 139d) became the oldest outfield player to start a World Cup knockout match since Stanley Matthews (39y 145d), in 1954 for England v Uruguay.
- Essam El-Hadary (45y 161d) broke the record for the oldest player to appear at a World Cup, with the Egyptian goalkeeper aged two years & 158 days older than Colombian Faryd Mondragón, who previously held the record. He also saved a penalty in this match for Egypt.
- Against Argentina in the round of 16, France's Kylian Mbappe became
 the first teenager to score at least twice in a World Cup match since
 Pele netted twice for Brazil against Sweden in the 1958 final.
- England scored nine goals from set pieces at the 2018 World Cup the most by a team in a single World Cup tournament since 1966.

A LOOK BACK INTO FINAL - 2018

- Gareth Southgate's side had six different players score for them in this tournament; their most ever in a single World Cup campaign.
- Harry Kane scored six goals for England in the 2018 tournament; the joint-best by an England player in a single World Cup campaign, following Gary Lineker in 1986.
 Following his goal against Colombia, Kane became the first player to score in six consecutive England appearances since Tommy Lawton did so in 1939.
- Kane scored six goals from six shots on target at the 2018 World Cup the last player to score as many as six goals at a World Cup tournament while converting 100 per cent of his shots on target was Jairzinho in 1970 for Brazil (7 goals from 7 shots on target).
- Dele Alli is the second youngest player to score for England at the World Cup (22y 87d), behind only Michael Owen (18y 190d against Romania in 1998).
- Kylian Mbappé (19y 207d) is the second youngest player to score in a World Cup final, after Pele for Brazil in 1958 (17y 249d).
- Mario Mandzukic became the first ever player to score an own goal in a World Cup final. Mandzukic is only the second player in World Cup history to score a goal for his team and an own goal in the same match, after the Netherlands' Ernie Brandts against Italy in 1978.
- France became the first team to score four goals in a World Cup final since Brazil beat Italy 4-1 in 1970.
- This was the highest-scoring World Cup final since England beat West Germany 4-2 back in 1966.
- Croatia is the first team to lose in their first ever appearance in a World Cup final since the Netherlands in 1974 (1-2 vs West Germany).



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