

World Cup Stories

Passion, Drama, and War

FIFA WORLD CUP RUSSIA 2018

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Introduction

"Some people think football is a matter of life and death. I don't like that attitude. I can assure them it is much more serious than that" Bill Shankly



FIFA WORLD CUP

Introduction

- World cup has interesting stories
- Parallel history of world cup (politics, war)
- My personal story

Disclaimer: Criticism for any player or team or entity does not imply criticism for the country or the nation



Soccer Starter Kit

- 90 minute game. The winner is the team that scores more goals
- League:
 - Win = 3 points (2 points before 1994)
 - Draw = 1 point
 - Loss = 0 points
- Knockout:
 - Win = Pass to next round
 - Loss = Knocked out
 - Draw = Play for 30 extra minutes. If draw stands, we go for penalty kicks



World Cup Starter Kit

- The most important championship organized by FIFA for national teams
- Started in 1930, and held once every 4 years
- World cup was not played in 1942 and 1946 due to WWII
- Qualifying tournament is held for each continent over 3 years before the world cup



Uruguay 1930

- Uruguay are champions of football in 1924 and 1928 summer Olympics
- At 1930, Uruguay celebrates centenary of independence
- Uruguay were selected as hosts
- Participation is by invitation
- Most European teams boycotted (Long trip by boat, protest against Uruguay selection)
- Only Belgium, Romania, France, Yugoslavia participated from Europe. 9 teams from North and South America
- Romania team and King Carol II



Uruguay 1930

- Final: Uruguay 4 2 Argentina
- First goal scored by French Lucien Laurent versus Mexico
- 2-3-5 is the dominant formation (Pyramid of Cambridge)
- Coaches as referees
- Guillermo Stabile (From bench to top scorer due to exams)
- Final game ball dispute





Italy 1934

- First time to have qualifying tournament
- Uruguay boycotted in response to European boycott in 1930
- British teams (England Scotland Wales Ireland) had no interest
- Italy had to qualify even after they were selected as hosts
- 16 teams
 - Europe: 12
 - South America: 2
 - North America: 1
 - Africa: 1



Italy 1934

Toward

Halfback

Winger

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Inside Forward

Back

Right Winae

Right

Halfback

Inside

Forward

Back

- Final: Italy 2 1 Czechoslovakia
- Knockout format
- Very tough play and many injuries (Italy vs. Spain)
- Fascist propaganda
- Luis Monti (two finals) and Vittorio Pozzo (Metodo)



Egypt in Italy 1934

- First Arab and African team to participate in World cup
- Coached by Scottish "James McRae" (2-3-5 formation)
- Lost to Hungary (2-4)
 - 2-2 first half. Two goals scored by Abdel Rahman Fawzy. A third goal was disallowed as offside
 - A foul was committed against Egyptian goal keeper before 4th goal







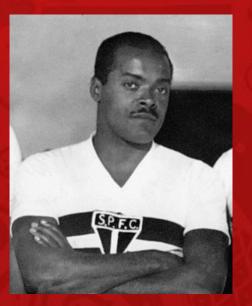


France 1938

- Final: Italy 4 2 Hungary
- Austria qualified but Annexed by Nazi Germany. Austrian players were included in Germany roster
- Dutch East Indies (Indonesia) is the first Asian team
- Leonidas and Brazil









Brazil 1950

- Final: Uruguay 2 1 Brazil
- Group Stage followed by a league among group winners
- British teams to join for first time
- India qualified but withdrew (never qualified again)
- Maracanazo and Barbosa (Shocking loss and Toughest punishment). SPOILER: Not the last shock

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Switzerland 1954

- Final: Germany 3 2 Hungary
- Group stage followed by a knockout from now on
- Germany is back in qualifiers as West Germany and Saarland. East Germany shows up starting 1958 qualifiers
- Game with maximum number of goals in the world cup Austria 7 - 5 Switzerland
- Mighty Hungary vs. German Miracle (Miracle of Bern)

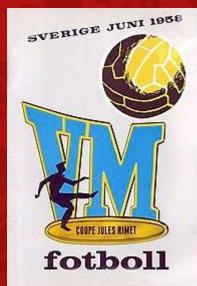


Sweden 1958

- Final: Brazil 5 2 Sweden
- Pele (1958 1970)







Chile 1962

- Final: Brazil 3 1 Czechoslovakia
- Battle of Santiago





England 1966

- Final: England 4 2 Germany
- Eusebio North Korea
- England's goal in the final





Mexico 1970

- Final: Brazil 4 1 Italy
- Football War: El Salvador vs. Honduras
- Last world cup for Pele
- First time to have substitutions
- Italy vs. West Germany (Game of the Century)
 - Early goal by Italy
 - 90 minute equalizer by West Germany
 - 5 Goals in 30 minutes extra time



West Germany 1974

- Final: Germany 2 1 Netherlands
- Netherlands total football
- Chile vs. USSR. 11 players face an empty net
- Zaire (from kings to traitors)





Argentina 1978

- Final: Argentina 3 1 Netherlands
- Jorge Rafael Videla. A world cup that serves dictatorships
- Argentina vs. Peru game





Spain 1982

- Final: Italy 3 1 Germany
- Brilliant Brazilian team
- Biggest victory in world cup history Hungary 10 - 1 El Salvador
- Disgrace of Gijon



Mexico 1986

- Final: Argentina 3 2 Germany
- Maradona world cup (Best goal + Worst cheat)





Italy 1990

- Final: Germany 1 0 Argentina
- Defensive boring football dominates
- Roger Milla (Back from retirement to glory)





Egypt in Italy 1990

- Back to world cup after 56 years
- Draw with European champions (Netherlands) 1 1
- Most boring game versus Ireland 0 0
- Losing to England 0 1
- El-Gohary





USA 1994

- Final: Brazil 0 (3) 0 (2) Italy
- Own goal cost is your life (Escobar)
- Roger Milla (Oldest goal scorer in world cup history)
- End of Maradona
- Excellent campaigns by Sweden, Bulgaria, Romania, Saudi Arabia, and Nigeria

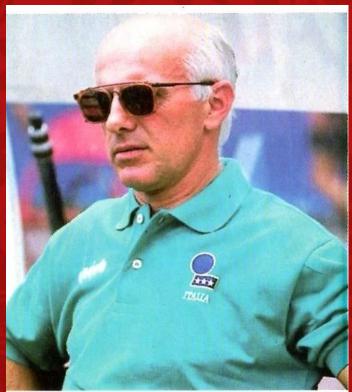






USA 1994

- Final: Brazil 0 (3) 0 (2) Italy
- Arrigo Sacchi (Italy tactics)
- Roberto Baggio penalty miss









France 1998

- Final: France 3 0 Brazil
- Best world cup I have seen
- Real version of captain Tsubasa
- Croatia ousted Romania and Germany
- Lilian Thuram (2 goals only)









South Korea and Japan 2002

- Final: Brazil 2 0 Germany
- Brazil was about to miss world cup
- South Korea and referees' help
- Excellent campaigns for Turkey and Senegal
- Fastest goal in world cup history (11 seconds)







Germany 2006

- Final: Italy 1 (5) 1 (3) France
- Lehmann and penalties
- Master scene: Zidane
 - Last game before retirement
 - Excellent performance
 - Brilliant penalty
 - End with a red card









South Africa 2010

- Final: Spain 1 0 Netherlands
- Worst world cup I watched.
- Defensive tactics and Tiki-Taka
- France rebels
- England goal disallowed
- Maradona as a coach (worst ever)
- Jabulani and Vuvuzela
- Ghana lost by a cheating Suarez
- North Korea







Brazil 2014

- Final: Germany 1 0 Argentina
- 4-2-3-1 is the dominant formation
- Surprising first stage knockouts: Spain, Italy, England
- Good campaigns by Algeria and Costa Rica
- A new Maracanazo (Germany 7 Brazil 1)









Records

• Most participating team: Brazil (21) - Germany (19)

Germany was not invited to 1930 and banned from 1950. They cannot be blamed

Champions: Brazil (5), Germany (4), Italy (4), Argentina (2), Uruguay (2), Spain (1), France (1), England (1)

• Top goal scorers: Klose (Germany - 16), Ronaldo (Brazil - 15), Gerd Muller (Germany - 14), Fontaine (France - 13)



RUSSIA 2018

Russia 2018

- USA did not qualify for the first time since 1990
- Surprising absence of Netherlands and Italy
- Chile complain backfired
- Remarkable debutants: Iceland and Panama
- 32 teams
 - Europe: 14
 - South America: 5
 - North America: 3
 - Africa: 5
 - Asia: 5





Russia 2018

- First game: Russia vs. Saudi Arabia on June 14th
- Favorites: Brazil, Germany, Spain
- Powerful squads: France, Belgium
- Argentina is not helping Messi (2006 2018)





Egypt in 2018

- In group A with Uruguay Russia Saudi Arabia
- Well-known Players: Mohamed Salah Mohamed Elneny
- Coached by Argentinian Hector Cuper (Defensive playing style)
- If El-Hadary plays a single minute, he will be the oldest to play in world cup (45 years old)



2022 and 2026

• World cup 2022 will be held in Qatar

- First Arab and Middle Eastern country to host world cup
- First world cup in winter
- Corruption accusations about 2018 and 2022 host selection process
- Workers' conditions
- World cup 2026
 - 48 teams
 - A joint hosting bid presented by USA Canada Mexico
 - A hosting bid presented by Morocco
 - Host selection by voting of all FIFA members for the first time
 - Decision may be announced on 13 June 2018



Video Links

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3gELBavbzWQ
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