World Cup Stories
Passion, Drama, and War
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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
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
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

- 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
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 Maracanazazo (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

- 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
• 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
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EBwZv0eFrCM
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dbJljqjny2Jk
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pu1WanatiAM
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