

Report on the Last Five FIFA World Cups

1. **2018 FIFA World Cup (Russia)** - **Dates**: June 14 - July 15, 2018 - **Highlights**: - Host Nation: Russia (first time in Eastern Europe) - Total Teams: 32 - Notable Matches: France vs. Croatia (Final) - **Final Score**: France 4 - 2 Croatia - **Champion**: France (2nd title) - **Golden Ball**: Luka Modrić (Croatia) - **Golden Boot**: Harry Kane (England) - 6 goals - **Attendance**: Over 3 million spectators across the matches. - **Remark**: The tournament was estimated to cost over \$14.2 billion, making it the most expensive World Cup until 2022.

2. **2014 FIFA World Cup (Brazil)** - **Dates**: June 12 - July 13, 2014 - **Highlights**: - Host Nation: Brazil (second time) - Total Teams: 32 - Notable Matches: Germany vs. Argentina (Final) - **Final Score**: Germany 1 - 0 Argentina (after extra-time) - **Champion**: Germany (4th title) - **Golden Boot**: James Rodríguez (Colombia) - 6 goals - **Remark**: The tournament included the shocking semi-final where Germany defeated Brazil 7-1.

3. **2010 FIFA World Cup (South Africa)** - **Dates**: June 11 - July 11, 2010 - **Highlights**: - Host Nation: South Africa (first African country to host) - Total Teams: 32 - Notable Matches: Spain vs. Netherlands (Final) - **Final Score**: Spain 1 - 0 Netherlands (after extra-time) - **Champion**: Spain (1st title) - **Golden Boot**: Thomas Müller (Germany) - 5 goals - **Remark**: Spain's victory marked the first World Cup win for a European nation outside Europe.

4. **2006 FIFA World Cup (Germany)** - **Dates**: June 9 - July 9, 2006 - **Highlights**: - Host Nation: Germany (second time) - Total Teams: 32 - Notable Matches: Italy vs. France (Final) - **Final Score**: 1 - 1 (Italy won 5-3 on penalties) - **Champion**: Italy (4th title) - **Golden Boot**: Miroslav Klose (Germany) - 5 goals - **Remark**: The tournament attracted an estimated television audience of 26.29 billion viewers.

5. **2002 FIFA World Cup (Korea/Japan)** - **Dates**: May 31 - June 30, 2002 - **Highlights**: - Host Nations: South Korea and Japan (first World Cup jointly hosted) - Total Teams: 32 - Notable Matches: Brazil vs. Germany (Final) - **Final Score**: Brazil 2 - 0 Germany - **Champion**: Brazil (5th title) - **Golden Boot**: Ronaldo (Brazil) - 8 goals - **Remark**: Featured significant upsets, including France and Argentina failing to progress past the group stage.

Conclusion The FIFA World Cup is a pinnacle event in men's football, showcasing remarkable talent and bringing nations together. The recent tournaments have seen surprising upsets, record attendances, and memorable matches that have captivated fans worldwide.