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The first FIFA World Cup!

The history begins in Uruguay!



FIFA World Cup 1930

Key points

Tournament details:

- Host country: Uruguay (1st time);
- Dates: 13–30 July (18 days);
- Teams: 13;
- Venue(s): 3 (in 1 host city – Montevideo).

Final positions:

- Champions: Uruguay (1st title);
- Runners-up: Argentina;
- Third place: USA;
- Fourth place: Yugoslavia.

Tournament statistics:

- Matches played: 18;
- Goals scored: 70 (3.89 per match);
- Attendance: 590,549 (32,808 per match).



Estadio Centenario



Uruguay's fourth goal was scored by striker Héctor Castro.

FIFA World Cup 1930

Highlights

Host selection:

- Uruguay would be celebrating the centenary of its first constitution;
- Uruguay had successfully retained their football title at the 1928 Summer Olympics;
- Uruguay accepted to cover the expanses.

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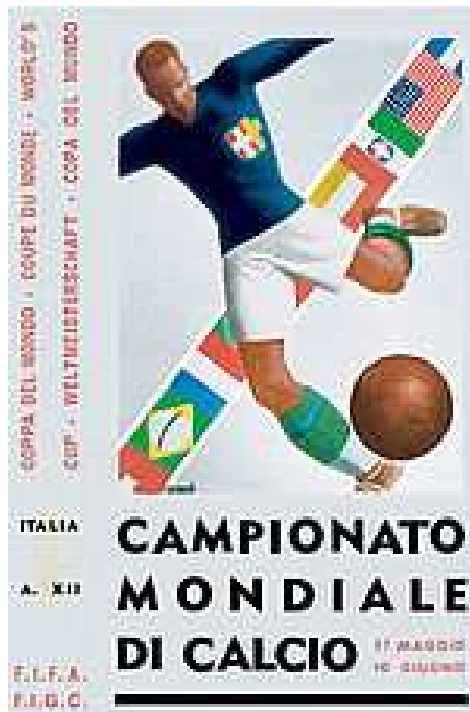
- The first World Cup was the only one without qualification and 2 months before the start of the tournament, no team from Europe had officially entered;
- FIFA president Jules Rimet intervened, and four European teams made the trip by sea: Belgium, France, Romania, and Yugoslavia;
- Lucien Laurent of France scored the first goal in World Cup history.

Results:

- Argentina, Uruguay, the United States and Yugoslavia each won their respective groups to qualify for the semi-finals;
- Argentina defeated USA by 6-1 while Uruguay won over Yugoslavia by 6-1;
- Uruguay won its first star by defeating Argentina 4-2.

The first political FIFA WC!

Dark-blue-shirt (black-shirt?) Italy
wins its 1st star!



FIFA World Cup 1934

Key points

Tournament details:

- Host country: Italy (1st time);
- Dates: 27 May – 10 June (15 days);
- Teams: 16 (from 4 confederations);
- Venue(s): 8 (in 8 host cities).

Final positions:

- Champions: Italy (1st title);
- Runners-up: Czechoslovakia;
- Third place: Germany;
- Fourth place: Austria.

Tournament statistics:

- Matches played: 17;
- Goals scored: 70 (4.12 per match);
- Attendance: 363,000 (21,353 per match).



Stadio Nazionale PNF



Italian team line up saluting Benito Mussolini

FIFA World Cup 1934

Highlights

Host selection:

- Italian bid was chosen in preference to one from Sweden.

Notes:

- Only one in which the reigning champions did not participate;
- First and only time the host nation was not granted automatic qualification;
- Egypt is the first African team to participate;
- This WC high-profile instance of a sporting event being used for overt political gain;
- Mussolini keen to use the tournament as a means of promoting fascism.

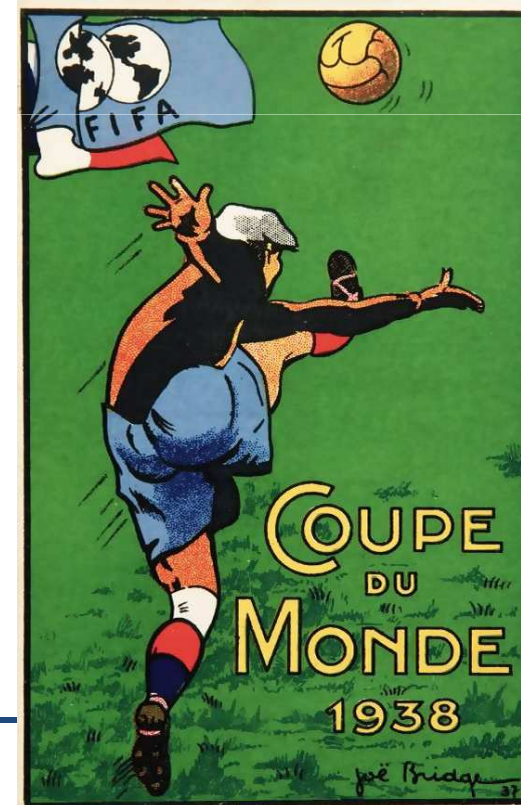
Results:

- Italy enters its 1st final by eliminating USA (7-1), Spain (1-1 and 1-0 after a rematch), Austria which was one of the best European team at this time (1-0);
- Czechoslovakia enters its 1st final by dispatching Romania (2-1), Switzerland (3-2) and Germany (3-1);
- Italy wins its first crown by beating Czechoslovakia by 2-1 aet;
- The match was really stressing and of good quality;
- Despite the fact Italy won at home before Mussolini, it appears that he didn't interfere to 'help' Italy.

The last FIFA WC before WWII!

La seconda coppa per l'Italia di

Benito



FIFA World Cup 1938

Key points

Tournament details:

- Host country: France (1st time);
- Dates: 4 June – 19 June (16 days);
- Teams: 15 (from 4 confederations);
- Venue(s): 10 (in 10 host cities).

Final positions:

- Champions: Italy (2nd title);
- Runners-up: Hungary;
- Third place: Brazil;
- Fourth place: Sweden.

Tournament statistics:

- Matches played: 18;
- Goals scored 84 (4.67 per match);
- Attendance: 375,700 (20,872 per match).



Pozzo the mastermind as Italy retain their crown



Reims Vélodrome Municipal

FIFA World Cup 1938

Highlights

Host selection:

- France defeated Argentina and Germany in the first round of voting.

Notes:

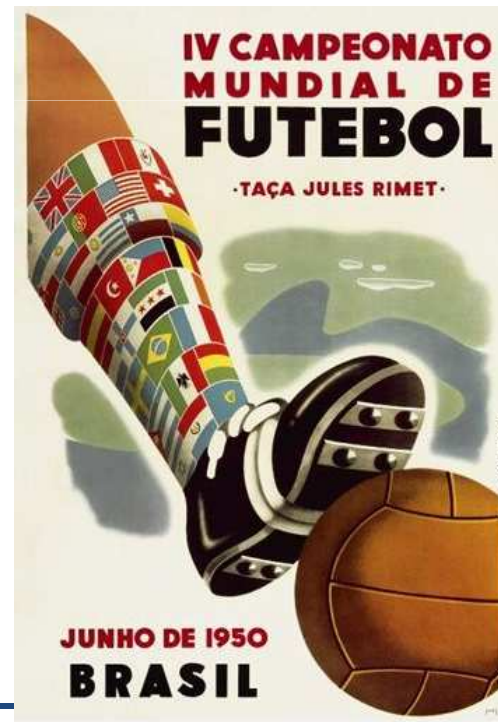
- Austria subsequently withdrew from the tournament because of Anschluss;
- First appearances: Cuba, Dutch East Indies (now Indonesia), Poland and Norway;
- A unified Germany team would not appear again until 1994.

Results:

- Italy enters its 1st final by eliminating Norway (2-1), France (3-1) and Brazil (2-1) while Brazilian coach decided to 'rest' one of the best players Leônidas for the final (strange and stupid strategy); Brazilians over confident? No, of course 😊;
- Hungary enters its first final by destroying Dutch East Indies (6-0), winning over Switzerland by 2-0 and hammering Sweden 5-1;
- Italy wins its second crown by beating Hungary by 4-2;
- Italy became the first team to successfully defend the title.

Brazil crucified by Ghiggia!

Uruguay 2, Brazil 0!



FIFA World Cup 1950

Key points

Tournament details:

- Host country: Brazil (1st time);
- Dates: 16 June – 4 July (19 days);
- Teams: 16 (from 4 confederations);
- Venue(s): 6 (in 6 host cities).

Final positions:

- Champions: Uruguay (2nd title);
- Runners-up: Brazil;
- Third place: Sweden;
- Fourth place: Spain.

Tournament statistics:

- Matches played: 22;
- Goals scored: 88 (4,0 per match);
- Attendance: 1,045,246 (47,511 per match).



The Maracana stadium

FIFA World Cup 1950

Highlights

Host selection:

- Brazil was awarded the tournament unopposed.

Notes:

- A lot of withdrawals (impossible to list them, see Wikipedia);
- Italian team decimated because of the Superga air crash disaster (travelled by boat rather than by plane).

Results:

- The final round involved Brazil, Uruguay, Spain and Sweden;
- Brazil defeated Sweden by 7-1 and Spain by 6-1 while Uruguay drew against Spain 2-2 and won over Sweden by 3-2;
- Big surprise when Uruguay won over Brazil before its audience by 2-1;
- Friaça opened the score in the 47th minute but Schiaffino equalized in the 66th minute and Ghiggia crucified Brazil and its supporters in the 79th minute!
- Uruguay became the second team to win a second crown after Italy.

A Taste of Swiss Chocolate!

Das Wunder von Bern!



FIFA World Cup 1954

Key points

Tournament details:

- Host country: Switzerland (1st time);
- Dates: 16 June – 4 July (19 days);
- Teams: 16 (from 4 confederations);
- Venue(s): 6 (in 6 host cities).

Final positions:

- Champions: West Germany (1st title);
- Runners-up: Hungary;
- Third place: Austria;
- Fourth place: Uruguay.

Tournament statistics:

- Matches played: 26;
- Goals scored: 140 (5.38 per match);
- Attendance: 768,607 (29,562 per match).



Morlock equalizing for West Germany

FIFA World Cup 1954

Highlights

Host selection:

- Switzerland was awarded the tournament unopposed.

First times:

- First appearances: Scotland, Turkey and South Korea.

Notes:

- Spain was eliminated by Turkey;
- All-time records were set or equaled at this tournament, and have not been surpassed (see Wikipedia 😊).

Results:

- West Germany enter its 1st final by dispatching Yugoslavia (2-0) and defeating Austria (6-1);
- Hungary enters its 2nd and last final by beating Brazil (4-2) in a very violent match called '*Battle of Berne*' and Uruguay (4-2, aet);
- West Germany won its first crown over Hungary by 3-2 whereas it was hammered 8-3 by this same Hungarian team in the group matches (ironic isn't it?? 😊 but Puskas was injured).

FIFA WC hosted in Sweden!

After the 1950 disillusion, the first
Brazilian samba!



FIFA World Cup 1958

Key points

Tournament details:

- Host country: Sweden (1st time);
- Dates: 8–29 June (22 days);
- Teams: 16 (from 3 confederations);
- Venue(s): 12 (in 12 host cities).

Final positions:

- Champions: Brazil (1st title);
- Runners-up: Sweden;
- Third place: France;
- Fourth place: West Germany.

Tournament statistics:

- Matches played: 35;
- Goals scored: 126 (3.6 per match);
- Attendance: 819,810 (23,423 per match).



Brazilian team celebrating its first crown



France's Just Fontaine celebrates netting 13 goals at the 1958 tournament - but was it all real?

FIFA World Cup 1958

Highlights

Host selection:

- 4 bidding nations involved: Argentina, Chile, Mexico, and Sweden;
- Swedish delegates lobbied other countries at the FIFA Congress held in Rio de Janeiro in 1950.

First times:

- First appearance: USSR;
- Qualification of all the United Kingdom's Home Nations: England, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland.

Results:

- Brazil enters its final by defeating Wales (1-0) and France (5-2);
- Sweden enters its final by defeating USSR (2-0) and West Germany (3-1);
- France won its 3rd place by beating West Germany 5-2;
- Brazil defeated Sweden by 5-2 and became the 1st (and the last!) south-American team to win its crown in Europe.

A Culminating Violent Football!

La segunda brasileira samba!



FIFA World Cup 1962

Key points

Tournament details:

- Host country: Chile (1st time);
- Dates: May 30 – June 17 (19 days);
- Teams: 16 (from 3 confederations);
- Venue(s): 4 (in 4 host cities).

Final positions:

- Champions: Brazil (2nd title);
- Runners-up: Czechoslovakia;
- Third place: Chile;
- Fourth place: Yugoslavia.

Tournament statistics:

- Matches played: 32;
- Goals scored: 89 (2.78 per match);
- Attendance: 893,172 (27,912 per match).



Italy's Giorgio Ferrini is removed from the pitch by policemen!



Zito celebrating his goal

FIFA World Cup 1962

Highlights

Host selection:

- 2 bidding nations involved: Chile and Argentina;
- Chile won 32 votes to Argentina's 11.

First times:

- Use of goal average to separate teams with the same amount of points.

Notes:

- Various FA worry about the country's ability to organize the tournament in comparison to Argentina's superior sports infrastructure and prestige;
- Chile earthquakeed before the tournament (Valdivia 1960);
- Violent atmosphere culminated in the match between Chile and Italy (2–0) known as the '*Battle of Santiago*' (Ken Aston (referee) sent two Italians off and police had to intervene).

Results:

- Brazil enters its final by defeating England (3-1) and Chile (4-2);
 - Czechoslovakia enters its final by defeating Hungary (1-0) and Yugoslavia (3-1);
 - Brazil re-defeated Czechoslovakia by 3-1 and became the 2nd team to succeed to retain its title.
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God saves the Football!

**At last, England wins its
(controversial? 😊) 1st crown!**



FIFA World Cup 1966

Key points

Tournament details:

- Host country: England (1st time);
- Dates: 11–30 July (20 days);
- Teams: 16 (from 4 confederations);
- Venue(s): 8 (in 7 host cities).

Final positions:

- Champions: England (1st title);
- Runners-up: West Germany;
- Third place: Portugal;
- Fourth place: USSR.

Tournament statistics:

- Matches played: 32;
- Goals scored: 89 (2.78 per match);
- Attendance: 1,563,135 (48,848 per match).



The German referee struggling in explaining why Rattin is sent off

FIFA World Cup 1966

Highlights

Host selection:

- 3 bidding nations involved: England, West Germany and Spain.

First times:

- First participation: Portugal and North Korea.

Notes:

- Sixteen African nations boycotted the tournament in protest at a 1964 FIFA ruling (the 3 2nd-round winners from the African zone required to enter a play-off round against the winners of the Asian zone in order to win a place at the finals).

Results:

- Biggest surprise: Italy beaten by North Korea 0-1 and eliminated;
 - Controversial victory of West Germany over Uruguay by 4-0 (2 Uruguayans sent off);
 - Portugal eliminated North Korea by 5-3 after being headed 0-3 (many thanks Eusebio);
 - Controversial victory of England over Argentina by 1-0 (1 Argentinian sent off);
 - Controversial victory of England over West Germany (2-2, 4-2 aet): lot of mistakes from the referee and Hurst's shot hit the crossbar, bounced down onto the goal line, and was awarded as a goal;
 - Need to improve the arbitration and find a clear way to warn and expel a player.
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Shiny Football 4, Catenaccio 1!

**La terceira muito bonita e ultima
samba por rei Pele!**



mEXICO 70

FIFA World Cup 1970

Key points

Tournament details:

- Host country: Mexico (1st time);
- Dates: 31 May – 21 June 1970 (22 days);
- Teams: 16 (from 5 confederations);
- Venue(s): 5 (in 5 host cities).

Final positions:

- Champions: Brazil (3rd title);
- Runners-up: Italy;
- Third place: West Germany;
- Fourth place: Uruguay.

Tournament statistics:

- Matches played: 32;
- Goals scored: 95 (2.97 per match);
- Attendance: 1,604,065 (50,127 per match).



Estadio Azteca

FIFA World Cup 1970

Highlights

Host selection:

- 6 bidding nations involved: Argentina, Australia, Colombia, Japan, Mexico and Peru;
- Mexico won over Argentina.

First times:

- First participation: El Salvador, Israel, and Morocco;
- First WC hosted in North America, and staged outside South America and Europe;
- Idea of language-neutral colored cards originated with English referee Ken Aston (got the idea while sitting in his car at a traffic light);
- The first major use of the cards (no players sent off in that tournament);
- Evgeny Lovchev became the first player to be booked on a WC match;
- Games were broadcast live around the world and for the first time in color.

Notes:

- A war erupted between Honduras and San Salvador because of a play-off match that acted as a catalyst (see Football War); when I say politics and football are linked 😊;
- North Korea, quarter-finalists at the previous tournament, disqualified during the process after refusing to play in Israel for political reasons.

FIFA World Cup 1970

Highlights

Results:

- West Germany defeated England (4-2 aet) while Brazil eliminated quietly Peru (4-2), Uruguay won over USSR and Italy eliminated Mexico (4-1);
- The semi final between Italy and West Germany is considered as one of the most dramatic and impactful semi finals (Game of Century):

Italy won over West Germany 4-3 aet;

Italy led for the majority of the match, after Roberto Boninsegna scored in the 8th minute;

Franz Beckenbauer dislocated his shoulder, but stayed on the field carrying his dislocated arm in a sling (already used their two permitted substitutions);

Karl-Heinz Schnellinger equalized for West Germany during injury time;

Gerd Müller put Germany ahead in the 94th minute;

Tarcisio Burgnich tied it back up four minutes later and Luigi Riva put the Italians back in front;

Gerd Müller scored again for West Germany to tie up the score at 3–3;

As television cameras were still replaying Müller's goal, Italy's Gianni Rivera scored the game-winning goal in the 111th minute;

FIFA World Cup 1970

Highlights

Results:

- In the final, Brazil won over Italy by 4-1:
 - Brazil opened the scoring with Pelé in the 18th minute;
 - Roberto Boninsegna equalized for Italy after a series of blunders in the Brazilian defense;
 - Gérson restored the Brazilians' lead in the 66th minute;
 - Further goals from Jairzinho and Carlos Alberto rewarded Brazil's attacking play and secured a 4–1 victory;
- Brazil won its third crown within 12 years, a record.



Locals – Total football: 1-0!

**Kaiser Beckenbauer gewinnt gegen
den fliegenden Holländer Cruijf!**



FIFA World Cup 1974

Key points

Tournament details:

- Host country: West Germany (1st time);
- Dates: 13 June – 7 July (25 days);
- Teams: 16 (from 5 confederations);
- Venue(s): 9 (in 9 host cities).

Final positions:

- Champions: West Germany (2nd title);
- Runners-up: Netherlands;
- Third place: Poland;
- Fourth place: Brazil.

Tournament statistics:

- Matches played: 38;
- Goals scored: 97 (2.55 per match);
- Attendance: 1,865,762 (49,099 per match).



Cruyff and Beckenbauer shaking hands before the final

FIFA World Cup 1974

Highlights

Host selection:

- West Germany agreed a deal with Spain (Spain supports West Germany and West Germany allows Spain to bid for the 1982 World Cup unopposed).

First times:

- First participation: Australia, East Germany, Haiti and Zaire (first sub-Saharan team);
- The Jules Rimet Trophy had been won for the third time by Brazil in 1970 and awarded permanently to the Brazilians;
- Carlos Caszely of Chile became the first player to be sent off with a red card in a World Cup match.

Notes:

- The tournament held mostly in bad weather, stadia had few protected places;

Results:

- Yugoslavia won over Zaire by 9-0, Poland won over Haiti by 7-0 (that hurts);
- Poland made sensation by defeating Argentina (3–2), Haiti (7–0), then Italy (2–1), respectively;
- Italians knocked out of the WC Argentina sneaking to the 2nd group round on goal difference;

FIFA World Cup 1974

Highlights

Results:

- Scotland edged out of the tournament on goal difference (could only manage a 2–0 margin against Zaire);
- 'Ajax' dutch team defeated Uruguay (2-0), Bulgaria (4-1) and drew against Sweden (0-0);
- West Germany knocked out Chile (1-0), Australia (3-0) and East Germany (1-0);
- Netherlands defeated Argentina (4-0), East Germany (2-0) and Brazil (2-0);
- West Germany defeated Yugoslavia (2-0), Sweden (4-2) and Poland (1-0);
- The Total Football team defeated in its first final by the 'locals' 1-2 because of Gerd Müller!



Locals – Total football: 2-0!

**The Kempes' tango (or Videla's
title?)!**



Argentina 78



Argentina 78

FIFA World Cup 1978

Key points

Tournament details:

- Host country: Argentina (1st time);
- Dates: 1–25 June (25 days);
- Teams: 16 (from 5 confederations);
- Venue(s): 6 (in 5 host cities).

Final positions:

- Champions: Argentina (1st title);
- Runners-up: Netherlands;
- Third place: Brazil;
- Fourth place: Italy.

Tournament statistics:

- Matches played: 38;
- Goals scored: 102 (2.68 per match);
- Attendance: 1,545,791 (40,679 per match).



Kempes lifting the crown and celebrating his goal

FIFA World Cup 1978

Highlights

Host selection:

- Argentina's bid unopposed after Mexico's withdrawal.

First times:

- First participation: Iran and Tunisia.

Notes:

- Logo based on Juan Perón's signature gesture and military leadership tried to change that, without success;
- Because of the political turmoil, some countries, most notably the Netherlands, considered publicly whether they should participate in the event. Despite this, all teams eventually took part without restrictions.

Results:

- Argentina needed to win by a margin of four goals to proceed to the final and did so by defeating Peru by 6–0 (is it not surprising 😊, political aspects????);
- Argentina defeated Netherlands 3-1 aet (thanks to Kempes, 2 goals) and won its first crown.

Rossi made his impact!

Terza stella per la Squadra Azzurra!



ESPAÑA 82

FIFA World Cup 1982

Key points

Tournament details:

- Host country: Spain (1st time);
- Dates: 13 June – 11 July (29 days);
- Teams: 24 (from 6 confederations);
- Venue(s): 17 (in 14 host cities).

Final positions:

- Champions: Italy (3^d title);
- Runners-up: Germany;
- Third place: Poland;
- Fourth place: France.

Tournament statistics:

- Matches played: 52;
- Goals scored: 146 (2.81 per match);
- Attendance: 2,109,723 (40,572 per match).



Schumacher's assault on Battiston



Tardelli and Cabrini celebrating the third star

FIFA World Cup 1982

Highlights

Host selection:

- Spain's bid unopposed after an agreement with West Germany.

First times:

- First participation: Algeria, Cameroon, Honduras, Kuwait and New Zealand;
- The first semi-final involving a penalty shoot-out;
- The 1982 competition used a unique format.

Notes:

- FIFA introduced a revised qualification system at subsequent World Cups in which the final two games in each group were played simultaneously.

Results:

- Hungary defeated El Salvador 10–1, equaling the largest margin of victory ever recorded in the finals;
- As usual, Italy began with 3 straight draws 😊
- The infamous Disgrace of Gijon: collusion between West Germany and Austria to eliminate Algeria (that said, if Algeria had won over Chile 3-0 (score in the half-time) instead of 3-2, Algeria would have been qualified);

FIFA World Cup 1982

Highlights

Results:

- Bryan Robson's goal against France after only 27 seconds;
- Sheikh Fahad Al-Ahmed Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, brother of the Kuwaiti Emir and president of the Kuwaiti Football Association, rushed onto the pitch to remonstrate with the referee. Stupar countermanded his initial decision and disallowed the goal to the fury of the French;
- The match between Brazil and Italy pitted Brazil's attack against Italy's defense, with the majority of the game played around the Italian area; a poor clearance from an Italian corner kick went back to the Brazilian six-yard line where Rossi and Francesco Graziani were waiting. Rossi connecting to get a hat trick and sending Italy into the lead for good;
- West Germany – France: Schumacher's action has been described as "one of history's most shocking fouls"; Battiston, still unconscious and with a broken jaw, was carried off the field on a stretcher; final score 3-3 after France headed 3-1 (!)... and France was defeated in penalty shoot-out ☹;
- Nonetheless, Italy koes West Germany and won its 3d crown.

Maradona 2, Thatcher 1!

Primera corona por El Pibe de Oro!



FIFA World Cup 1986

Key points

Tournament details:

- Host country: Mexico (2nd time);
- Dates: 31 May – 29 June (30 days);
- Teams: 24 (from 5 confederations);
- Venue(s): 12 (in 9 host cities).

Final positions:

- Champions: Argentina (2nd title);
- Runners-up: Germany;
- Third place: France;
- Fourth place: Belgium.

Tournament statistics:

- Matches played: 52;
- Goals scored: 132 (2.54 per match);
- Attendance: 2,394,031 (46,039 per match).



The well known hand of God



FIFA World Cup 1986

Highlights

Host selection:

- Colombia originally chosen as hosts by FIFA but...;
- ... could not afford to host the World Cup under the terms that FIFA demanded because of economic concerns;
- Mexico won over Canada and the United States of America.

First times:

- First participation: Canada, Denmark and Iraq. ;
- Mexico the 1st country to host the FIFA WC twice.

Notes:

- Official mascot was Pique, a jalapeño pepper, characteristic of Mexican cuisine, but...;
- ... caused a degree of controversy within Mexico for its ethnic stereotypes;
- Argentina – England had a particular flavor because of the Falklands war (political aspects of football???)

Results:

- During the group stage, nothing special apart from the defeat of West Germany again Denmark 0-2 and Morocco topped its group;
- Then began the craziness of football 😊

FIFA World Cup 1986

Highlights

Results:

- Argentina enters its final by defeating Uruguay (1-0), England (2-1) and Belgium (2-0);
- Argentina – England a crazy game: Maradona scored two times in a different way; first goal scored illegally (Hand of God) whereas the second one considered as the Goal of Century; he dribbled half the length of the field past five English players before scoring;
- In Argentina, the game seen as revenge for the Falklands War (politics??? 😊);
- What about France – Brazil?; Careca scores after 18 minutes and Platini scored his 41st goal in the 40th minute; no more goals... penalty shoot-out and Luis Fernandez scored the ultimate penalty;
- West Germany enters its final by defeating Morocco 1-0, Mexico (0-0, 4-1 penalty shoot-out) and France (once again, 2-0);
- Argentina won its second crown over West Germany by 3-2 thanks to... Burruchaga 😊

Welcome back catenaccio!

**Der dritte Stern (aber nicht der
schönste)!**



ITALIA'90

FIFA World Cup 1990

Key points

Tournament details:

- Host country: Italy (2nd time);
- Dates: 8 June – 8 July (31 days);
- Teams: 24 (from 5 confederations);
- Venue(s): 12 (in 12 host cities).

Final positions:

- Champions: Germany (3rd title);
- Runners-up: Argentina;
- Third place: Italy;
- Fourth place: England.

Tournament statistics:

- Matches played: 52;
- Goals scored: 115 (2.21 per match);
- Attendance: 2,516,215 (48,389 per match).



Hard times for the once-stared Maradona!

FIFA World Cup 1990

Highlights

Host selection:

- Two bidding nations involved: Italy and USSR;
- Italy won over USSR by 11 votes to 5.

First times:

- The two semi-finals decided in penalty shootouts;
- First participation: Costa Rica, Ireland and the United Arab Emirates;
- 16 red cards, including the first ever dismissal in a final;
- Introduction of the pre-match Fair Play Flag;
- The first time a team from UEFA won the final against a non-European team.

Notes:

- Negative tactics led to the introduction of the back-pass rule in 1992, and three points for a win instead of two at future World Cups;
- 1990 World Cup one of the most watched events in television history (estimated 26.69 billion non-unique viewers over the course of the tournament);
- Because of the semi-finals, idea of the golden goal;
- The England national team forced to play all their matches in Cagliari (because of hooligans).

FIFA World Cup 1990

Highlights

Results:

- Cameroon defeated reigning champions Argentina, 1-0, despite ending the match with only nine men (!);
- Argentina enters its 4th final after having defeated Brazil (1-0), Yugoslavia (0-0, 3-2 penalty shoot-out) and Italy (1-1, 4-3 penalty shoot-out);
- West Germany enters its 5th final after having defeated Netherlands (2-1), Czechoslovakia (1-0) and England (1-1, 4-3 penalty shoot-out);
- West Germany wins its 3d crown by defeating Argentina 1-0 after a controversial penalty scored by Brehme who said there was no foul;
- Argentina were the first team to fail to score in a World Cup Final;
- Argentina reduced to 9 players (!).



World Cup visits USA!

4th Brazilian samba!



FIFA World Cup 1994

Key points

Tournament details:

- Host country: United States of America (1st time);
- Dates: 17 June – 17 July (31 days);
- Teams: 24 (from 5 confederations);
- Venue(s): 9 (in 9 host cities).

Final positions:

- Champions: Brazil (4th title);
- Runners-up: Italy;
- Third place: Sweden;
- Fourth place: Bulgaria.

Tournament statistics:

- Matches played: 52;
- Goals scored: 141 (2.71 per match);
- Attendance: 3,587,538 (68,991 per match).



FIFA World Cup 1994

Highlights

Host selection:

- Three bidding nations involved: United States, Brazil and Morocco;
- Only took one round with the United States bid receiving a little over half of the votes by the executive committee members;
- FIFA's hope; lead to a growth of interest in the sport;
- Tends to show that financial and sportive aspects are chained together.

First times:

- First World Cup in USA;
- First participation: Greece, Nigeria and Saudi Arabia;
- First final involving a penalty shoot-out after a 0-0 (surprisingly, Italy was involved 😊);
- Erwin Sanchez scored the Bolivia's first ever World Cup goal.

Notes:

- One condition imposed by FIFA was the creation of a professional soccer league; MLS founded in 1993 and operating in 1996;
- Defender Andrés Escobar was shot to death outside a bar in a Medellin suburb; apparently in retaliation for the own goal he scored against the USA; the murderers were never arrested; Colombia a no-law country?

FIFA World Cup 1994

Highlights

Results:

- The United States' 2–1 victory over Colombia was its first World Cup victory since 29 June 1950;
- Sweden's 3–1 victory over Russia was the nation's 1st WC victory since 3 July 1974;
- Oleg Salenko became the 1st (and remains the only) man ever to score 5 goals in a single WC game (Russia – Cameroon 6-1);
- While facing Norway, Italy able to salvage an important 1–0 victory despite the Pagliuca's dismissal... and enters the knock-out round as the last best third;
- Italy enters its 5th final after having defeated Nigeria, Spain and Bulgaria with 2-1 victories (!);
- Brazil enters its 5th final after having defeated USA (1-0), Netherlands (3-2) and Sweden (1-0);
- Brazil wins its 4th crown after a penalty shoot-out (3-2).

Zidane 2, Gronaldo 0 😊!

Cocorico, la première étoile!!



FIFA World Cup 1998

Key points

Tournament details:

- Host country: France (2nd time);
- Dates: 10 June – 12 July (33 days);
- Teams: 32 (from 5 confederations);
- Venue(s): 10 (in 10 host cities).

Final positions:

- Champions: France (1st title);
- Runners-up: Brazil;
- Third place: Croatia;
- Fourth place: Netherlands.

Tournament statistics:

- Matches played: 64;
- Goals scored: 171 (2.67 per match);
- Attendance: 2,785,100 (43,517 per match).



Ronaldo a bit disappointed

FIFA World Cup 1998

Highlights

Host selection:

- Three bidding nations involved: France, Morocco and Switzerland;
- After Switzerland withdrawal, France won over Morocco;
- Members of FIFA's executive committee bribed in order to promote the France 1998 and 2010 World Cups (does it really matter ☺);
- Tends to show that financial and sportive aspects are chained together.

First times:

- Fourth officials used electronic boards, instead of cardboard;
- First World Cup since the introduction of golden goals;
- Banning of tackles from behind;
- Allowance of three substitutions per game;
- Extension to 32 teams in the finals;
- First participation: Croatia, Jamaica, Japan (thank you Captain Tsubasa!) and South Africa.

FIFA World Cup 1998

Highlights

Results:

- Japan lost its three group-stage matches by single-goal margin (not too bad for a 1st appearance);
- Morocco – Scotland (3-0) was only Morocco's second ever victory at a World Cup;
- After a solid 1996 Euro, France won its three group-stage matches;
- Surprisingly, Spain eliminated in third place after Paraguay beat Nigeria;
- France enters its 1st final after having defeated Paraguay (1-0 aet, golden goal), Italy (0-0, 4-3 penalty shoot-out) and Croatia (2-1);
- Brazil enters its 6th final after having defeated Chile (4-1), Denmark (3-2) and Netherlands (1-1, 4-2 penalty shoot-out);
- France defeated holders Brazil 3–0, with two goals from Zinedine Zidane and a stoppage time strike from Emmanuel Petit;
- Late Thierry Rolland: 'After that, we can die in peace... the later the better of course!'

World Cup visits Asia!

World Cup of Shame ☹️!



2002
FIFA WORLD CUP
KOREA JAPAN

FIFA World Cup 2002

Key points

Tournament details:

- Host country: South Korea and Japan (1st time);
- Dates: 31 May – 30 June (31 days);
- Teams: 32 (from 5 confederations);
- Venue(s): 20 (in 20 host cities).

Final positions:

- Champions: Brazil (5th title);
- Runners-up: Germany;
- Third place: Turkey;
- Fourth place: South Korea.

Tournament statistics:

- Matches played: 64;
- Goals scored: 161 (2.52 per match);
- Attendance: 2,705,197 (42,269 per match).



Totti expelled by the 'referee'

FIFA World Cup 2002

Highlights

Host selection:

- Three bidding nations involved: South Korea, Japan and Mexico;
- South Korea and Japan agreed to unite their bids and won over Mexico.

First times:

- First World Cup to be held in Asia, a continent other than Europe or the Americas;
- Two nations organizing the WC;
- First participation: China, Ecuador, Senegal and Slovenia.

Note:

- Issue: football fans in Europe used to watching international matches on or close to their time zone (games taking place in the European morning);
- Solution: some schools and businesses chose to open late on match days or set up communal watching events before the start of work.

Results:

- Hit '*How South Korea Enters the WC Semi Final*' and make your opinion! ☹
- Nothing more to say !!!!

Materazzi – Zidane: 1-0!

La quarta stella per la Azzurra!



FIFA World Cup 2006

Key points

Tournament details:

- Host country: Germany (2nd time);
- Dates: 9 June – 9 July (31 days);
- Teams: 32 (from 6 confederations);
- Venue(s): 12 (in 12 host cities).

Final positions:

- Champions: Italy (4th title);
- Runners-up: France;
- Third place: Germany;
- Fourth place: Portugal.

Tournament statistics:

- Matches played: 64;
- Goals scored: 147 (2.3 per match);
- Attendance: 3,359,439 (52,491 per match).



The final summarized in three photos

FIFA World Cup 2006

Highlights

Host selection:

- Four bidding nations involved: Germany, South Africa, England and Morocco;
- Three rounds of voting required;
- Germany won over South Africa;
- On 22 March 2016: the FIFA Ethics Committee was opening proceedings into the bid.

First times:

- For the first time since the 1982 WC, all six confederations represented at the finals tournament;
- First participation: Ivory Coast, Trinidad and Tobago, Angola, Ghana, Togo and Ukraine;
- Australia enters the round of 16.

Note:

- The qualification of the Ivory Coast brought about a temporary peace agreement during the First Ivorian Civil War (convinced President Laurent Gbagbo to restart peace talks).



Like Tardelli in 1982, Grosso doesn't believe it after scoring against Germany in semi final

FIFA World Cup 2006

Highlights

Results:

- Italy – USA: 1-1 with a 10-against-9-players match;
- France enters the knock-out round with a 2-0 victory over Togo;
- Portugal-Netherlands (1-0) was called the '*battle of Nuremberg*' (16 yellow cards and 4 players sent off after a second bookable offense) but not comparable with the infamous '*battle of Santiago*' in 1962 😊;
- Italy-Australia: 1-0 with a controversial penalty scored by Totti, but Materazzi got a controversial red card;
- France eliminated Spain 3-1 while Spanish supporters singing '*Au revoir Zinedine Zidane*' (rhythm of Pet Shop Boys' Go West);
- Italy enters its 6th final by eliminating Ukraine (3-0) and Germany (2-0 aet);
- France enters its 2nd final by eliminating Brazil and Portugal 1-0;
- Italy-France: second final involving penalty shoot-out (after Brazil-Italy);
- Zidane opened the scoring by converting a controversial seventh-minute penalty kick, Materazzi then leveled the scores in the 19th minute following a Pirlo's corner;
- Zidane head-butted Materazzi in the chest in an off-the-ball incident and was sent off;
- Trezeguet (who scored the golden goal against Italy in the Euro 2000 final) didn't score his penalty (ironic isn't it ? 😊).

World Cup visits Africa!

La primera estrella de la Roja!



FIFA World Cup 2010

Key points

Tournament details:

- Host country: South Africa (1st time);
- Dates: 11 June – 11 July (31 days);
- Teams: 32 (from 6 confederations);
- Venue(s): 10 (in 9 host cities).

Final positions:

- Champions: Spain (1st title);
- Runners-up: Netherlands;
- Third place: Germany;
- Fourth place: Uruguay.

Tournament statistics:

- Matches played: 64;
- Goals scored: 145 (2.27 per match);
- Attendance: 3,178,856 (49,670 per match).



FIFA World Cup 2010

Highlights

Host selection:

- Five African nations placed bids to host the 2010 World Cup: Egypt, Morocco, South Africa and a joint bid from Libya and Tunisia;
- Co-hosted tournaments not allowed, Tunisia withdrew from the bidding process and Libya does not meet the list of requirements;
- South Africa received 14 votes, Morocco received 10 votes and Egypt no votes;
- Blazer: "I and others on the Fifa executive committee agreed to accept bribes in conjunction with the selection of South Africa as the host nation for the 2010 WC."

First times:

- Both of the finalists from the 2006 WC (Italy and France) eliminated in the initial stage of the competition.

Results:

- New Zealand ended the tournament as the only undefeated team after drawing their three group matches;
- Germany enters its semi-final after having defeated England (4-1) and Argentina (4-0);
- Spain wins its first crown with 1-0 victories after its group matches.

**Der vierte Weltmeistertitel für
Deutschland!**

Brazil, where is your sixth star 😊?



**FIFA WORLD CUP
Brasil**

FIFA World Cup 2014

Key points

Tournament details:

- Host country: Brazil (2nd time);
- Dates: 12 June – 13 July 2014 (32 days);
- Teams: 32 (from 5 confederations);
- Venue(s): 12 (in 12 host cities).

Final positions:

- Champions: Germany (4th title);
- Runners-up: Argentina;
- Third place: Netherlands;
- Fourth place: Brazil (should wait for the sixth star ☺).

Tournament statistics:

- Matches played: 64;
- Goals scored: 171 (2.67 per match);
- Attendance: 3,429,873 (53,592 per match).



After the disillusion of 1950, the 1-7 of 2014

FIFA World Cup 2014

Highlights

Host selection:

- Held in South America for the first time since 1978;
- Second consecutive World Cup outside of Europe (1st time);
- Second withdrawal of Colombia from the process.

First times:

- Bosnia and Herzegovina the only team with no previous appearance;
- Introduction of the goal-line technology to avoid ghost goals;
- Use of vanishing foam by the referees;
- Colombia and Costa Rica enter the quarter-finals;
- Germany is the first European team to win in south America.

Results:

- Spain became the 4th nation to be eliminated in the first round while holding the World Cup crown;
- Argentina enters the final with single-goal margin victories (except for the semi-final, victory over Netherlands after a penalty shoot-out);
- Germany humiliated Brazil with a 7-1 victory (biggest defeat in Brazilian history since 1920).

Conclusion

Biggest success of sport:

- FIFA World Cup now a (the?) world main event;
- Widely broadcasted and watched on TV around the world;
- 2014 World Cup final attracted 1.01 billion viewers (1/6 of humanity!);
- No need to talk about the financial aspects 😊.

Homogenization of the level:

- Results with large margins tend to be rare (although there are always exceptions);
- Big fishes may be annoyed or swallowed by the little ones (yes, a contradiction 😊);
- Due to dissemination of football techniques around the world and professionalization of football players.

But:

- UEFA and Conmebol rule over football (11 – 9);
- African and Asian teams struggling to enter the semi finals;
- Conmebol decided that Copa America and Euro played the same year and the winner of Copa will defy the winner of Euro (a sort of Super World Cup);
- So, shall we use '*World Cup*' or '*UEFA-Conmebol Cup*' (back to 1930 😊)?