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Please note that to view any associated video in this report, you will be taken to FIFA’s official YouTube page and internet access will therefore be required.
Before getting into the details of the extraordinary work performed by the FIFA Technical Study Group, which you will have the pleasure of discovering in this revamped report, we need to thank all those who contributed to making the 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ “the best FIFA World Cup to date”. That was the FIFA President’s stated aim and there has been widespread recognition that it was achieved, even by those who once doubted that Russia might be the right place to stage the most important sporting event in the world.

Our thanks go to the Russian authorities, who did an incredible job in providing magnificent, ultramodern facilities and a safe, hospitable environment that fostered a wonderful month-long celebration of football. We are also grateful to the tens of thousands of locals who welcomed us with genuine grace and warmth, and obviously to all those who were involved in the running of the tournament, from the Local Organising Committee (LOC) to the amazing volunteers and the FIFA administration.

Finally, although it goes without saying, we owe the biggest debt of all to those who played an active part in this tournament becoming such a beacon of hope and beauty. Therefore, a massive thank you to the players, coaches and officials, to the fans from all over the world and to all those behind the scenes, all of whom conducted themselves in an exemplary manner. Even with flawless organisation and stadiums, a spectacle of such grandeur simply would not have been possible without these people. It is undoubtably thanks to them that we enjoyed every single moment and that this fantastic World Cup will live for so long in the memory. In Russia, they made us fall in love with our game all over again – a game with unique and unrivalled appeal, which belongs to everybody and is for everybody, now and forever.
From a tactical perspective, the brand of football was very measured, but this did not have a negative impact. Indeed, the level was evenly balanced and almost every encounter was impassioned, enthralling and eagerly contested right down to the very last minute. It is clear that the great tacticians are always searching for ways to further control matches and minimise risk, but what was even more evident is that even the best-laid plans can suddenly mean nothing when the ball spins in an unexpected direction amid the unpredictability of our beautiful game. However well prepared you are, matches can take an unforeseen turn at any given moment as a result of goals and other key incidents, whether these come about due to a mistake or a stroke of genius.

We also saw that the pressing game was far less prevalent than previously, in what is a highly understandable development. At a tournament of the magnitude of the World Cup, energy levels and mental sharpness need to be conserved as far as possible and teams must focus on being consistent and having the ability to read matches better than the opposition.

We witnessed several traditional powerhouses surprisingly struggle. Germany and Spain did not appear to be fresh, Argentina were lacking a clear style of play and Brazil were unbalanced, and they all ended up paying the price despite their reputations. At the same time, we also saw a number of so-called “small” teams – the likes of Japan, Senegal and Korea Republic, to name but a few – closing the gap tactically but then falling just short of really going to the next level. Uruguay, Sweden and Mexico, three other historic names, produced some good performances but did not manage to cause a shock in the knockout stage. Then there were hosts Russia, whose fairy-tale turnaround in form had a whole nation dreaming of glory.

France were worthy winners. Under the steady stewardship of Didier Deschamps, who had a clear and precise vision of how to make the most of the players at his disposal and go all the way, they were the most settled and assured performers overall.

The biggest surprise package were Croatia, who gave millions around the world hope that one of the “small” teams could actually win the World Cup. Driven on by an exceptional Luka Modrić, the Croatian side never lost their composure or focus, demonstrating remarkable maturity, character and spirit. Meanwhile, Belgium were great entertainers and England finally began to deliver on their potential.

The World Cup served up many other enjoyable and unique stories, but this report focuses on the numbers and the in-depth analysis of the FIFA Technical Study Group. It is an outstanding testimony to everything that took place on and off the pitch during Russia 2018, an unforgettable World Cup that will also go down as a milestone for refereeing. The revolution that is the VAR system fills us with pride and over time we will see even more clearly how beneficial it is for the entire world of football. Just as importantly, this progress has been achieved without affecting the game, because the essence and traditions of football must always be preserved in all their glory.

Yours in football,

Zvonimir Boban
The FIFA Coaching & Player Development Department was responsible for the activities of the Technical Study Group, which comprised the following members:
Marco van Basten (FIFA Chief Technical Development Officer), Carlos Alberto Parreira (Brazil) – Head of the TSG, Emmanuel Amunike (Nigeria), Bora Milutinović (Serbia), Andy Roxburgh (Scotland), Branimir Ujević (FIFA TSG Project Leader) and Pascal Zuberbühler (FIFA Goalkeeping Specialist).
TOURNAMENT OBSERVATION
GOAL ANALYSIS

“The attackers looked very sharp: they created good opportunities and took them! The midfielders got forward in support and chipped in with goals. There was an attacking mentality”

CARLOS ALBERTO PARREIRA

There were some interesting stats in Russia and some new trends, too. This was a tournament of goals: we saw 169 goals, only two fewer than the record for a 32-team World Cup, which was set at France 1998 and equalled at Brazil 2014. Only one match out of 64 ended goalless (Denmark v. France), compared to five in Brazil and seven at South Africa 2010. We also saw more goals scored in the knockout stage than at the previous World Cup, up from 35 to 47.

“In the knockout phase, the matches were more open”

MARCO VAN BASTEN

“A lack of pressure on the man with the ball is the main factor that results in shots on goal. That is the number-one reason for goals being conceded in football and it won’t change any time soon”

CARLOS ALBERTO PARREIRA

This indicates that teams played with a lot of attacking firepower and were very good at taking their chances. The finishing was more clinical at Russia 2018, with teams averaging a goal from every 9.8 shots, three fewer than at South Africa 2010. Breaking this down further, shooting efficiency from outside the penalty area improved dramatically: the average strike rate was a goal per 29 long-range attempts, compared to one in 42 at Brazil 2014.

There were several strong counter-attacking sides at this World Cup and coaches were clearly wary of the threat of being caught on the break. One out of every two goals at Russia 2018 came from either set pieces or counter-attacks.

“In the past, only some teams used counter-attacks to great effect, but most sides are capable of doing so today”

EMMANUEL AMUNEKE
SET PLAYS

“As they say, ‘delivery is everything’”
CARLOS ALBERTO PARREIRA

Apart from penalties, the biggest change at this year’s tournament in terms of set plays concerned corners. At the 2018 World Cup, one in every 29 corners led to a goal, whereas the figure was 61 at South Africa 2010 and 36 at Brazil 2014. This trend of superior effectiveness continued through the knockout stage in Russia, where teams scored from one in every 31 corners compared to every 41 in Brazil.

There were some good dead-ball specialists at the World Cup in Russia and some good headers of the ball too. When you reach a stage when there’s not much difference between teams and defences are very well organised, then set plays become a vital weapon.

A lot of the matches at this World Cup came down to dead-ball situations. Eventual champions France offered a prime example of the importance of set plays at this tournament, notably in the semi-final against Belgium and then again in the title decider. Indeed, their first two goals in the final came from set pieces: a free kick and a penalty. When a match is tight, set plays can make all the difference and win trophies.

“It’s a special situation because you can push as many players as you want into the box and practise routines beforehand”
CARLOS ALBERTO PARREIRA

Moreover, the number of penalties awarded in the group stage significantly increased from previous editions, partly due to the presence of VAR.

“If I think back to my playing days, we didn’t spend a lot of time working on set pieces in training – maybe five or ten minutes. Today, more attention is being paid to these things”
MARCO VAN BASTEN
Teams at this World Cup were more compact in defence, with a tournament average of 26m between a side’s deepest defender and highest attacker out of possession. The amount of space available has been dramatically reduced, making it challenging to find openings.

A result of tight, compact defending is a decrease in the number of shots from outside the penalty area. This figure has dropped by a remarkable 32% since South Africa 2010. Defending in this style requires efficient organisation, good teamwork, awareness and leadership, especially from the central defenders.

From an attacking perspective, the role of the traditional number 9 has become more challenging due to the limited space. Quick ball circulation can help to create space and overcome compact units.

“Teams hardly had a chance to shoot from outside the box”
MARCO VAN BASTEN

“Space between the lines was practically non-existent at this World Cup”
CARLOS ALBERTO PARREIRA

“It is not possible to defend in this manner without good communication”
EMMANUEL AMUNEKE

“Players have to be very clever and technically skilful to create chances”
BORA MILUTINOVIC
ROLE OF THE FULL BACKS

“I still subscribe to the idea that full-backs are first and foremost defenders”

CARLOS ALBERTO PARREIRA

Their first thought should always be to defend. They must be defensively solid in 1v1 situations, strong in the tackle and effective at closing down opposition attackers to deny them space. Full-backs perform a balancing act for the team.

However, they can be very useful in attack at the right moments. Previously, the left- and right-sided midfielders almost exclusively occupied the wide areas, operating as wingers, but the game has evolved and this is no longer the case. We typically only used to see one full-back joining in with attacks, whereas now both full-backs look to exploit the space down the flanks.

Playing with a back three or five affects the defensive and attacking responsibilities and impact of the wide players. Nevertheless, regardless of whether they are lining up in a 3-5-2 or a 5-3-2, they operate as wing-backs. In general, fewer traditional overlaps are occurring due to teams’ dynamic interchanging of positions.

“Holding midfielders have such an important role as they give the team balance, allowing you to release both full-backs at the same time”

CARLOS ALBERTO PARREIRA
IMPORTANCE OF THE PLAYMAKER

“You cannot manufacture a maestro”

ANDY ROXBURGH

We saw less of the so-called playmakers at this World Cup, perhaps as a result of the way teams played. However, there were still some outstanding individuals in this area. Paul Pogba of France excelled, but Luka Modrić stole the show.

“I love watching Modrić pull the strings in games; he’s a class act”

BORA MILUTINOVIĆ

With his amazing technique and tactical awareness, Modrić dictated the pace of games, defended, attacked and even scored goals. He was so important for Croatia and you cannot imagine them without him in midfield. His contribution was crucial in taking the team all the way to the final.

The previous three World Cup-winning teams all had prominent playmakers. Andrea Pirlo was instrumental for Italy in 2006, we saw Andrés Iniesta and Xavi controlling the tempo of the game for Spain in 2010 and Bastian Schweinsteiger successfully played a similar role for Germany four years ago in Brazil. We are eager to see who the next great playmakers to emerge will be and how they will stamp their mark on their teams.

“Playmakers can impose themselves on games, speed up or slow down the tempo, switch play, create and make things happen”

CARLOS ALBERTO PARREIRA
GOALKEEPING ANALYSIS

“The goalkeepers at this World Cup were really versatile”

PASCAL ZUBERBÜHLER
(FIFA Goalkeeping Specialist)

On countless occasions, goalkeepers came out on top of one-on-one situations inside the penalty box through good positioning, timing and use of the “X-block“ technique.

It was obvious that certain teams had a clear plan to quickly transition when their goalkeeper had the ball, with their outfield players providing various options. The goalkeeper nevertheless had a key role, having to display quick thinking and decision-making when playing the ball out.

“Defending with so many bodies and so close to goal has its advantages and disadvantages. For goalkeepers, it can be so crowded that they cannot see the ball”

MARCO VAN BASTEN

There was a higher number of penalties at this World Cup compared to previous editions and we saw some fantastic, game-changing saves, with 25% of spot kicks in the group stage either saved or missed. We also witnessed some decisive goalkeeping performances in the penalty shoot-outs in the subsequent knockout rounds.

The previous section, on defending, noted how compactly and deeply teams defended at this World Cup. As a result, goalkeepers’ vision will have been reduced and they will have had less time to react. Deep defensive units also increase the risk of wicked deflections and a number of goals were conceded in this manner.

“Goalkeepers often used quick, short throws or passes to launch attacks”

PASCAL ZUBERBÜHLER
THE FOUR SEMI-FINALISTS

“They had a variety of attacking options”

ANDY ROXBURGH

England:
The only team at the World Cup whose full 23-man squad was based domestically, England had a very clear style of play and used a five-man midfield throughout the tournament. They were very solid in defence and had two players who linked up well up front, where adidas Golden Boot winner Harry Kane showed his prowess at dead-ball situations. They surpassed expectations and almost made it to the final.

“They took initiative, playing out from the back”

MARCO VAN BASTEN

Belgium:
Belgium were probably the most free-flowing team at the World Cup and were very technically gifted and incredibly versatile. They looked to attack as a team and played very entertaining football, winning six of their seven matches. Moreover, they did not concede too many goals in spite of their attacking approach, helped in no small part by having adidas Golden Glove winner Thibaut Courtois between the sticks. The conclusion we can draw is that if you want to go far in a tournament, you need strength at both ends of the pitch.

“They had a distinct way of playing based on their players and coaching philosophy. They had a game plan and believed in it”

CARLOS ALBERTO PARREIRA
Croatia:
Croatia had an incredible World Cup and came through three matches that went to extra time, with the leadership of adidas Golden Ball winner Luka Modrić proving instrumental. The team showed mental toughness and their highly experienced players from top-level clubs were key to bouncing back when they were a goal down, which they did no fewer than three times, showcasing impressive maturity and a powerful will to win along the way.

“The midfielders had a strong mentality and the individual quality to dictate play”
EMMANUEL AMUNIKE

France:
France did not win the trophy on the back of one performance: they won it over seven matches. They turned up with a very clear philosophy, were well prepared and built on the experience of the EURO two years ago. France played in a very balanced, compact manner and had an excellent side, with Paul Pogba and Antoine Griezmann launching attacks with real purpose and FIFA Young Player Award winner Kylian Mbappé wreaking havoc with his speed. France did not rely on ball possession, but rather focused on getting into the opposition’s half as fast as they could. And they had the players to do just that.

“They didn’t come to impress, they came to win”
CARLOS ALBERTO PARREIRA
TEAM PROFILES
ARGENTINA / CONMEBOL

2018 FIFA World Cup™ Squad

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Goal Location

83% Scored Inside Penalty-Area
17% Scored Outside Penalty-Area

Shots

3.0 Shots on Target per Goal
14.3 Average Number of Shots on Target per Match
9.5 Shots per Goal

Goals Scored (Including Own Goals)

Total Goals: 6 Open-Play Goals
0 Set-Play Goals

Average Possession: 64%

2018 FIFA World Cup™ Performance

Previous FIFA World Cup™ Performance

2014 FIFA World Cup™ - Runners-Up

Technical Staff

BECCACECE Sebastian (Assistant Coach)
DIEZ Nicolas (Assistant Coach)
SCALONI Lionel (Assistant Coach)
TOCALLI Hugo (Goalkeeper Coach)
DESIO Jorge (Physical Trainer)
BRESSAN Martin (Physical Trainer)
Team Compactness In & Out of Possession
- In Possession
- Out of Possession

739m²
574m²

Team Width, Team Length & Deepest Defender Line Height
- In Possession
- Deepest Defender
- Out of Possession
- Deepest Defender

Distance Covered Above 20km/h
9,7230m
FWC average 7,594m

Distance Covered Above 25km/h
1,968m
FWC average 2,026m

Total Distance Covered
99,880m
FWC average 104,662m

Goalkeeper Passes and Accuracy
- Pass Accuracy
  FWC average 68%
- Total Average Number of Passes
  FWC average 465

Pass Accuray
FWC average 82%

Team Passes and Accuracy
- Pass Accuracy
  FWC average 82%
- Total Average Number of Passes
  FWC average 465

Bypassed Opponents and Defenders
- Average Bypassed Opponents
  FWC average 264
- Average Bypassed Defenders
  FWC average 33

Average Bypassed Opponents
273
Average Bypassed Defenders
29

Final-Third and Penalty-Area Entries
- Average Penalty-Area Entries
  FWC average 32
- Average Final-Third Entries
  FWC average 58

Number of Zone 5 (>25km/h) Activities
# 313
FWC average 330

FWC average 2026m

Team Positional Insights
ARGENTINA / CONMEBOL

(The representation of player positions has been taken from one game. Team compactness, team width, team length & team deepest defender line height represents the team tournament average)
2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™

AUSTRALIA / AFC

Previous FIFA World Cup™ Performance
2014 FIFA World Cup™ - Group Stage

GROUP STAGE
16 June
France 2-1 Australia
21 June
Denmark 1-1 Australia
26 June
Australia 0-2 Peru

ROUNDOF 16
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QUARTER-FINAL
-

SEMI-FINAL
-

FINAL
-

2018 FIFA World Cup™ Squad

GOALKEEPERS

1 RYAN Mathew Brighton & Hove Albion FC (ENG) 270 0 0 47
12 JONES Brad Feyenoord Rotterdam (NED) 0 0 0 6
18 VUKOVIĆ Danny KRC Genk (BEL) 0 0 0 1

DEFENDERS

2 DEGENEK Milos Yokohama F-Marinos (JPN) 0 0 0 18
3 MEREDITH James Millwall FC (ENG) 0 0 0 2
5 MILLIGAN Mark Al Ahli SC (KSA) 270 0 0 71
6 JURMAN Matthew Suwon Samsung Bluewings FC (KOR) 0 0 0 4
16 BEHICH Aziz Bursaspor (TUR) 270 0 0 26
19 RISDON Joshua WS Wanderers FC (AUS) 270 0 0 11
20 SAINSBURY Trent Grasshopper Club (SUI) 270 0 0 38

MIDFIELDERS

8 LUONGO Massimo Queens Park Rangers FC (ENG) 0 0 0 36
13 MOOY Aaron Huddersfield Town FC (ENG) 270 0 0 37
15 JEDINAK Mile (C) Aston Villa FC (ENG) 270 2 0 79
22 IRVINE Jackson Hull City FC (ENG) 44 0 0 22
23 ROGIC Tom Celtic FC (SCO) 226 0 0 40

FORWARDS

4 CAHILL Tim Millwall FC (ENG) 37 0 0 107
7 LECKIE Mathew Hertha BSC (GER) 270 0 0 56
9 JURIC Tomi FC Luzern (SUI) 94 0 0 38
10 KRUSE Robbie VfL Bochum (GER) 210 0 0 67
11 NABBOUT Andrew Urawa Reds (JPN) 139 0 0 6
14 MACLAREN Jamie Hibernian FC (SCO) 0 0 0 6
17 ARZANI Daniel Melbourne City FC (AUS) 60 0 0 5
21 PETRATOS Dimitrios Newcastle United Jets FC (AUS) 0 0 0 2

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Average Possession

51%

Goal Location

Shots

4.0 Shots on Target per Goal

17.5 Average Shots per Match

Goals Scored (Including Own Goals)

Total Goals

2

Open-Play Goals

2

Set-Play Goals

Corners

0

Free Kicks

0

Penalties

2

Throw-ins

0

Average Number of Shots on Target per Match

2.7

Shots on Target per Goal

4.0

Scored Inside Penalty-Area

100%

Scored Outside Penalty-Area

0%
Team Compactness In & Out of Possession
- In Possession
- Out of Possession

Team Width, Team Length & Deepest Defender Line Height
- In Possession
- Deepest Defender

Team Shape Data Explanation
- Team Positional Insights

Team Passes and Accuracy
- Pass Accuracy: 85%
  FWC average 82%

Goalkeeper Passes and Accuracy
- Pass Accuracy: 89%
  FWC average 68%

Bypassed Opponents and Defenders
- Average Bypassed Opponents: 291
  FWC average 264
- Average Bypassed Defenders: 26
  FWC average 33

Final-Third and Penalty-Area Entries
- Average Final-Third Entries: 29
  FWC average 58
- Average Penalty-Area Entries: 53
  FWC average 32

Number of Zone 5 (>25km/h) Activities
- # 368
  FWC average 330

Total Distance Covered
- 110,187 m
  FWC average 104,662 m

Distance Covered Above 20km/h
- 8,323 m
  FWC average 7,594 m

Distance Covered Above 25km/h
- 2,377 m
  FWC average 2,026 m

(The representation of player positions has been taken from one game. Team compactness, team width, team length & team deepest defender line height represents the team tournament average)
2018 FIFA World Cup™ Squad

- **Goalkeeper:**
  - Thibaut Courtois (C)
  - Simon Mignolet
  - Koen Casteels

- **Defender:**
  - Toby Alderweireld
  - Thomas Vermaelen
  - Vincent Kompany
  - Jan Vertonghen
  - Thomas Meunier
  - Dedryck Boyata
  - Leander Dendonck

- **Midfielder:**
  - Axel Witsel
  - Kevin De Bruyne
  - Marouane Fellaini
  - Yannick Carrasco
  - Thorgan Hazard
  - Youri Tielemans
  - Nacer Chadli

- **Forward:**
  - Romelu Lukaku (C)
  - Eden Hazard
  - Dries Mertens
  - Adnan Januzaj
  - Michy Batshuayi

**Key Statistics**

- **Average Possession:** 53%
- **Average Number of Shots on Target per Match:** 5.7
- **Total Goals:** 16
  - Open-Play Goals: 15
  - Set-Play Goals: 1
- **Shots per Goal:** 6.7
- **Shots on Target per Goal:** 2.5
- **Shots on Target:** 153
- **Total Corners:** 0
- **Total Free Kicks:** 0
- **Total Penalties:** 1
- **Total Throw-Ins:** 0

**Previous FIFA World Cup™ Performance**

- **2014 FIFA World Cup™ - Quarter-Finals**

**Technical Staff**

- HENRY Thierry (Assistant Coach)
- JONES Graeme (Assistant Coach)
- LEWMENS Erwin (Goalkeeper Coach)
- VERGARA Iñaki (Goalkeeper Coach)
- EVANS Richard (Physical Trainer)
BELGIUM / UEFA

Team Compactness In & Out of Possession
- In Possession
- Out of Possession

811m²
612m²

Team Width, Team Length & Deepest Defender Line Height
- In Possession
- Deepest Defender
- Out of Possession
- Deepest Defender

Team Shape Data Explanation

(Belgium's positional insights and data representations are derived from a single game. The compactness, team width, team length, and team deepest defender line height represent the tournament average. The representation of player positions has been taken from one game.)

Team Passes and Accuracy
- 87% Total Average Number of Passes
- 537 FWC average 465

Goalkeeper Passes and Accuracy
- 80% Total Average Number of Passes
- 33 FWC average 28

Bypassed Opponents and Defenders
- 310 Average Bypassed Opponents
- 49 Average Bypassed Defenders

Final-Third and Penalty-Area Entries
- 30 Average Penalty-Area Entries
- 54 Average Final-Third Entries

Total Distance Covered
- 105,014 m FWC average 104,662 m

Distance Covered Above 20km/h
- 7,567 m FWC average 7,534 m

Number of Zone 5 (>25km/h) Activities
- 324 FWC average 330

Distance Covered Above 25km/h
- 2,144 m FWC average 2,026 m
2018 FIFA World Cup™ Squad

GOALKEEPERS

NUM NAME CLUB (COUNTRY) MINS G A CAPS
1 ALÍSSON AS Roma (ITA) 450 0 0 31
16 CASSIO SC Corinthians (BRA) 0 0 0 1
23 EDERSON Manchester City FC (ENG) 0 0 0 1

DEFENDERS

12 THIAGO SILVA (C) Paris Saint-Germain FC (FRA) 450 1 0 76
33 MIRANDA (C) FC Internazionale (ITA) 450 0 0 52
4 PEDRO GEROIMEL Grêmio FBPA (BRA) 0 0 0 2
6 FILIPE LUIS Atlético Madrid (ESP) 170 0 0 35
13 MARQUINHOS Paris Saint-Germain FC (FRA) 1 0 0 27
14 DANILO Manchester City FC (ENG) 90 0 0 19
22 FAGNER SC Corinthians (BRA) 360 0 0 8

MIDFIELDERS

5 CASEMIRO Real Madrid CF (ESP) 330 0 0 28
8 RENATO AUGUSTO Bejing Guan (CHN) 50 1 0 31
11 PHILIPPE Coutinho FC Barcelona (ESP) 436 2 2 41
15 PAULINHO FC Barcelona (ESP) 354 1 0 55
16 FERNANDINHO Manchester City FC (ENG) 155 0 0 49
18 FREDD Manchester City FC (ENG) 90 0 0 8
19 WILLIAN Chelsea FC (ENG) 359 0 0 62

FORWARDS

7 DOUGLAS COSTA Juventus FC (ITA) 77 0 0 27
9 GABRIEL JESUS Manchester City FC (ENG) 406 0 1 22
10 NEYMAR Paris Saint-Germain FC (FRA) 450 2 0 90
20 ROBERTO FIRMINO Liverpool FC (ENG) 82 0 0 25
21 TAISON FC Shakhtar Donetsk (UKR) 0 0 0 8

NUM = Squad Number; = Clean Sheet(s); MINS = Minute(s) Played; G = Goal(s); A = Assist(s); CAPS = Appearance as of 16th July 2018.

Average Possession

56%

Goal Location

Shots

Goals Scored (Including Own Goals)

Total Goals

8

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Team Compactness In & Out of Possession

- **In Possession**
  - 965m²
  - 679m²

- **Out of Possession**

Team Width, Team Length & Deepest Defender Line Height

- **In Possession**
  - 44m
  - 30m
  - 39m

- **Out of Possession**
  - 35m
  - 26m
  - 37m

Team Passes and Accuracy

- **Pass Accuracy**
  - 89%
  - FWC average 82%

- **Total Average Number of Passes**
  - 577
  - FWC average 465

Bypassed Opponents and Defenders

- **Average Bypassed Opponents**
  - 332
  - FWC average 264

- **Average Bypassed Defenders**
  - 45
  - FWC average 33

Goalkeeper Passes and Accuracy

- **Pass Accuracy**
  - 89%
  - FWC average 68%

- **Total Average Number of Passes**
  - 18
  - FWC average 28

Final-Third and Penalty-Area Entries

- **Average Final-Third Entries**
  - 37
  - FWC average 58

- **Average Penalty-Area Entries**
  - 33
  - FWC average 32

Number of Zone 5 (>25km/h) Activities

- **# 347**

- **FWC average 330**

Total Distance Covered

- **103,138 m**
  - FWC average 104,662 m

Distance Covered Above 20km/h

- **8,108 m**
  - FWC average 7,534 m

Distance Covered Above 25km/h

- **2,176 m**
  - FWC average 2,026 m
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Goalkeeper

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2018 FIFA World Cup™ Performance

Previous FIFA World Cup™ Performance
2014 FIFA World Cup™ - Quarter-Finals

Goal Location

83% Scored Inside Penalty-Area
17% Scored Outside Penalty-Area

Shots

2.0 Shots on Target per Goal
3.0 Average Number of Shots on Target per Match
6.5 Shots per Goal

Goals Scored (Including Own Goals)

Total Goals
2 Open-Play Goals
4 Set-Play Goals

Average Possession
51%
**COLOMBIA / CONMEBOL**

### Team Compactness In & Out of Possession
- **In Possession**: 819 m²
- **Out of Possession**: 613 m²

### Team Width, Team Length & Deepest Defender Line Height
- **In Possession**:
  - Deepest Defender
- **Out of Possession**:
  - Deepest Defender

### Team Passes and Accuracy
- **Pass Accuracy**: 81%
- **Total Average Number of Passes**: 453
- **FWC average**: 465

### Bypassed Opponents and Defenders
- **Average Bypassed Opponents**: 270
- **Average Bypassed Defenders**: 33

### Total Distance Covered
- **910,090 m**
- **FWC average**: 1,046,662 m

### Distance Covered Above 20km/h
- **97,585 m**
- **FWC average**: 75,594 m

### Distance Covered Above 25km/h
- **9,210 m**
- **FWC average**: 20,264 m

### Goalkeeper Passes and Accuracy
- **Pass Accuracy**: 65%
- **Total Average Number of Passes**: 27
- **FWC average**: 28

### Final-Third and Penalty-Area Entries
- **Final third**: 270
- **2nd third**: 64
- **1st third**: 29

### Number of Zone 5 (>25km/h) Activities
- **# 331**

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41% Average Possession

Goal Location

100% Scored Inside Penalty-Area
0% Scored Outside Penalty-Area

Shots

4.5 Shots on Target per Goal
14.0 Shots per Goal
9.3 Average Shots per Match
3.0 Average Number of Shots on Target per Match

Goals Scored (Including Own Goals)

Total Goals

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2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™

**COSTA RICA / CONCACAF**

**Team Compactness In & Out of Possession**
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### Previous FIFA World Cup™ Performance

**2014 FIFA World Cup™ - Group Stage**

- Lovren 56%
- Vida 17.0 Average Shots per Match
- Mandzukic 18
- Rebic 10
- Modric 6
- Rakitic 7
- Perisic 4

### Average Possession

- 56%

### Goals Scored (Including Own Goals)

- Total Goals: 14
- 12 Open-Play Goals
- 2 Set-Play Goals
- Corners: 0
- Free Kicks: 1
- Penalties: 1
- Throw-ins: 0

### Shots

- Shots on Target per Goal: 2.0
- Average Number of Shots on Target per Match: 17.0
- Shots per Goal: 8.5

### Goal Location

- 93% Scored Inside Penalty-Area
- 7% Scored Outside Penalty-Area

### Key Statistics

- Average Possession: 56%
- Average Number of Shots on Target per Match: 17.0
- Shots per Goal: 8.5
**Team Compactness In & Out of Possession**
- In Possession: 762m²
- Out of Possession: 437m²

**Team Width, Team Length & Deepest Defender Line Height**
- In Possession: Depth 29m, Width 38m
- Out of Possession: Depth 32m, Width 34m

**Team Passes and Accuracy**
- 83% Total Pass Accuracy
- 511 Total Number of Passes

**Goalkeeper Passes and Accuracy**
- 73% Total Pass Accuracy
- 32 Total Number of Passes

**Bypassed Opponents and Defenders**
- 278 Average Bypassed Opponents
- 30 Average Bypassed Defenders

**Final-Third and Penalty-Area Entries**
- 2nd (40) Average Penalty-Area Entries
- 1st (65) Average Final-Third Entries

**Total Distance Covered**
- 102,747 m

**Distance Covered Above 20km/h**
- 97,996 m

**Number of Zone 5 (>25km/h) Activities**
- 350

**Distance Covered Above 25km/h**
- 2,236 m
2018 FIFA World Cup™ Squad

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Goal Location

- 100% Scored Inside Penalty-Area
- 0% Scored Outside Penalty-Area

Shots

- 4.0 Shots on Target per Goal
- 3.0 Average Number of Shots on Target per Match
- 13.3 Shots per Goal

Goals Scored (Including Own Goals)

- 3 Open-Play Goals
- 1 Set-Play Goals
- Corners 0
- Free Kicks 0
- Penalties 0
- Throw-Ins 1

Average Possession

45%
DENMARK / UEFA

Team Compactness In & Out of Possession
- In Possession
- Out of Possession

803m²
584m²

Team Width, Team Length & Deepest Defender Line Height
- In Possession
- Deepest Defender

Final-Third and Penalty-Area Entries

Team Passes and Accuracy
- Pass Accuracy
- FWC average 82%
- Total Average Number of Passes
- FWC average 465

80%
397

Goalkeeper Passes and Accuracy
- Pass Accuracy
- FWC average 68%
- Total Average Number of Passes
- FWC average 28

57%
36

Bypassed Opponents and Defenders
- Average Bypassed Opponents
- FWC average 264
- Average Bypassed Defenders
- FWC average 33

238
35

Final-Third and Penalty-Area Entries
- Average Penalty-Area Entries
- FWC average 32
- Average Final-Third Entries
- FWC average 58

33
65

Total Distance Covered
- FWC average 104,662 m
- # 320

9,107,670 m

Distance Covered Above 20km/h
- FWC average 7,594 m
- 1,965 m

9,737 m

Number of Zone 5 (>25km/h) Activities
- FWC average 330

# 320

(The representation of player positions has been taken from one game. Team compactness, team width, team length & team deepest defender line height represents the team tournament average.)
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Average Possession: 44%

Previous FIFA World Cup™ Performance
1990 FIFA World Cup™ - Group Stage

Head Coach
Héctor Cúper (ARG)

Technical Staff
ELGHAMRAWY Osama (Assistant Coach)
FANTAGUZZI Jose (Assistant Coach)
SHOUDAF Mahmoud (Assistant Coach)
SALEM Ahmed (Goalkeeper Coach)
SARIOGLOU Antonios (Physical Trainer)
KIELY John (Physical Trainer)

Goal Location
50% Scored Inside Penalty-Area
50% Scored Outside Penalty-Area

Shots
2.5 Shots on Target per Goal
1.7 Average Number of Shots on Target per Match
14.5 Shots per Goal

Goals Scored (Including Own Goals)
Total Goals
1 Open-Play Goals
1 Set-Play Goals
0 Corners
0 Free Kicks
1 Penalties
0 Throw-Ins
EGYPT / CAF

Team Compactness In & Out of Possession
- In Possession
- Out of Possession

786m²
504m²

Total Distance Covered
- 109,157 m
- FWC average 104,662 m

Distance Covered Above 20km/h
- 7,887 m
- FWC average 7,934 m

Number of Zone 5 (>25km/h) Activities
- # 337
- FWC average 330

Average Bypassed Opponents
- 227
- FWC average 264

Average Bypassed Defenders
- 30
- FWC average 33

Total Average Number of Passes
- 448
- FWC average 465

Pass Accuracy
- 78%
- FWC average 68%

Goalkeeper Passes and Accuracy
- 52%
- FWC average 28

Final-Third and Penalty-Area Entries
- 28
- FWC average 32

Team Width, Team Length & Deepest Defender Line Height
- In Possession
- Deepest Defender
- Out of Possession
- Deepest Defender

Team Positional Insights
- Team Shape Data Explanation

(The representation of player positions has been taken from one game. Team compactness, team width, team length & team deepest defender line height represents the team tournament average)
ENGLAND / UEFA

2018 FIFA World Cup™ Squad

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1 PICKFORD Jordan
13 BUTLAND Jack
23 POPE Nick
2 WALKER Kyle
3 ROSE Danny
5 STONES John
6 MAGUIRE Harry
12 TRIPPIER Kieran
15 CAHILL Gary
16 JONES Phil
17 DELPH Fabian
18 YOUNG Ashley
22 ALEXANDER-ARNOLD Trent
4 DIER Eric (C)
7 LINGARD Jesse
8 HENDERSON Jordan
20 ALLI Dele
21 LOFTUS-CHEEK Ruben
9 KANE Harry (C)
10 STERLING Raheem
11 VARDY Jamie
14 WELBECK Danny
19 RASHFORD Marcus

CLUB (COUNTRY)
Everton FC (ENG)
Stoke City FC (ENG)
Burnley FC (ENG)
Manchester City FC (ENG)
Leicester City FC (ENG)
Tottenham Hotspur FC (ENG)
Chelsea FC (ENG)
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2018 FIFA World Cup™ Performance
2014 FIFA World Cup™ - Group Stage

Average Possession
53%

Previous FIFA World Cup™ Performance
2014 FIFA World Cup™ - Group Stage

2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™
Click On Match To See Highlights

GROUP STAGE
18 June
Tunisia 1-2 England
24 June
England 6-1 Panama
28 June
England 0-1 Belgium

ROUND OF 16
3 July
Colombia 1-1 England (AET)
England win on penalties (3-4)

QUARTER-FINAL
7 July
Sweden 0-2 England

SEMI-FINAL
11 July
Croatia 2-1 England (AET)

MATCH FOR 3RD PLACE
14 July
Belgium 2-0 England

ENGLAND
/
UEFA

2018 FIFA World Cup™

Goal Location

Scored Inside Penalty-Area
83%

Scored Outside Penalty-Area
17%

Shots

Shots on Target per Goal
2.3

Average Number of Shots on Target per Match
13.9

Shots per Goal
8.1

Goals Scored (Including Own Goals)

Total Goals
12

Open-Play Goals
3

Set-Play Goals
9

Corner
4

Free Kicks
2

Penalties
3

Throw-ins
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NUM = Squad Number; G = Goal(s); A = Assist(s); CAPS = Appearance as of 16th July 2018.

Head Coach
Gareth Southgate (ENG)

Technical Staff
BOOTHROYD Aidy (Assistant Coach)
HOLLAND Steve (Assistant Coach)
RUSSELL Allan (Assistant Coach)
MARGETSON Martyn (Goalkeeper Coach)
ROSENBLATT Ben (Physical Trainer)
CAVANAGH Bryson (Physical Trainer)
NAYLOR Michael (Physical Trainer)

ENGLAND / UEFA

Team Compactness In & Out of Possession
- In Possession
- Out of Possession

(Based on 1 game. Team compactness, team width, team length & team deepest defender line height represent the team tournament average.)

Team Passes and Accuracy
- 86% Total Average Number of Passes
- FWC average: 82% ▲

Goalkeeper Passes and Accuracy
- 77% Total Average Number of Passes
- FWC average: 68% ▲

Bypassed Opponents and Defenders
- 281 Average Bypassed Opponents
  - FWC average: 264 ▲
- 33 Average Bypassed Defenders
  - FWC average: 33 ▲

Final-Third and Penalty-Area Entries
- 39 Average Penalty-Area Entries
  - FWC average: 32 ▲
- 67 Average Final-Third Entries
  - FWC average: 58 ▲

Total Distance Covered
- 106,986 m FWC average: 104,662 m ▲

Distance Covered Above 20km/h
- 7,801 m FWC average: 7,534 m ▲

Number of Zone 5 (>25km/h) Activities
- # 335 FWC average: 330 ▲

Distance Covered Above 25km/h
- 2,229 m FWC average: 2,026 m ▲
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**Goal Location**
- 71% Scored Inside Penalty-Area
- 29% Scored Outside Penalty-Area

**Shots**
- 2.1 Average Number of Shots on Target per Goal
- 12.0 Average Shots per Match
- 4.3 Average Number of Shots on Target per Match
- 6.0 Shots per Goal

**Goals Scored (Including Own Goals)**
- Total Goals: 14
- Open-Play Goals: 9
- Set-Play Goals: 5

**Average Possession**: 48%
**Team Compactness In & Out of Possession**
- In Possession:
  - Team Compactness In Possession: 748m²
  - Team Compactness Out of Possession: 542m²

**Team Width, Team Length & Deepest Defender Line Height**
- In Possession:
  - Team Width: 28m
  - Team Length: 40m
  - Deepest Defender Line: 24m
- Out of Possession:
  - Team Width: 32m
  - Team Length: 40m
  - Deepest Defender Line: 34m

**Team Positional Insights**
- **Team Positional Insights**
- **Team Shape Data Explanation**
- **Team造型数据解释**

**Team Passes and Accuracy**
- **Pass Accuracy**
  - Total Average: 83%
  - Number of Passes: FWC average 465

**Goalkeeper Passes and Accuracy**
- **Pass Accuracy**
  - Total Average: 68%
  - Number of Passes: FWC average 26

**Bypassed Opponents and Defenders**
- **Average Bypassed Opponents**
  - Average: 263
  - FWC average: 264
- **Average Bypassed Defenders**
  - Average: 33
  - FWC average: 33

**Total Distance Covered**
- **Total Distance Covered**
  - Total: 100,953 m
  - FWC average: 104,662 m

**Distance Covered Above 20km/h**
- **Distance Covered Above 20km/h**
  - Total: 7,096 m
  - FWC average: 7,554 m

**Number of Zone 5 (>25km/h) Activities**
- **Number of Zone 5 (>25km/h) Activities**
  - Total: # 316
  - FWC average: 330

**Number of Zone 6 (>30km/h) Activities**

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(The representation of player positions has been taken from one game. Team compactness, team width, team length & team deepest defender line height represents the team tournament average)
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Goal Location

67% Average Possession

Previous FIFA World Cup™ Performance
2014 FIFA World Cup™ - Champions

Head Coach
Joachim Löw (GER)

Technical Staff
SCHNEIDER Thomas (Assistant Coach)
SORG Marcus (Assistant Coach)
KOEPKE Andreas (Goalkeeper Coach)
BROOME Oliver (Physical Trainer)
DIETRICH Nicklas (Physical Trainer)
FORSYTHE Shad (Physical Trainer)
NORMAN Darcy (Physical Trainer)

GROUP STAGE
17 June
Germany 0-1 Mexico
23 June
Germany 2-1 Sweden
27 June
Korea Republic 2-0 Germany

ROUND OF 16

QUARTER-FINAL

SEMI-FINAL

FINAL

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12 TRAPP Kevin Paris Saint-Germain FC (FRA) 0 0 0 3
22 TER STEGEN Marc-Andre FC Barcelona (ESP) 0 0 0 20

PLATTENHARDT Marvin Hertha BSC (GER) 79 0 0 7
HECTOR Jonas 1. FC Köln (GER) 165 0 0 40
GINTER Matthias VfB Stuttgart (GER) 0 0 0 18
HUMMELS Mats FC Bayern München (GER) 180 0 0 66
SUELE Niklas FC Bayern München (GER) 90 0 0 12
RUDIGER Antonio Chelsea FC (ENG) 90 0 0 25
BOATENG Jerome FC Bayern München (GER) 172 0 0 73
KIMMICH Joshua FC Bayern München (GER) 270 0 0 32

KHEDIRA Sami Juventus FC (ITA) 118 0 0 77
DRAXLER Julian Paris Saint-Germain FC (FRA) 135 0 0 46
KROOS Toni Real Madrid CF (ESP) 270 1 0 86
OEZIL Mesut Arsenal FC (ENG) 180 0 0 92
MUELLE Thomas FC Bayern München (GER) 207 0 0 94
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RUDY Sebastian FC Bayern München (GER) 31 0 0 26
BRANDT Julian Bayer 04 Leverkusen (GER) 19 0 0 19
GUENDOGAN Ilkay Manchester City FC (ENG) 59 0 0 27

WERNER Timo RB Leipzig (GER) 266 0 0 17
REUS Marco Borussia Dortmund (GER) 210 1 1 34
GOMEZ Mario VfB Stuttgart (GER) 88 0 1 78

NUM = Squad Number; T = Clean Sheet(s); MINS = Minute(s) Played; G = Goal(s); A = Assist(s); CAPS = Appearance as of 16th July 2018.

Goal Location

100% Scored Inside Penalty-Area
0% Scored Outside Penalty-Area

Shots

10.0 Shots on Target per Goal
24.0 Average Shots per Match
36.0 Shots per Goal

Goals Scored (Including Own Goals)

Total Goals 2
1 Open-Play Goals
1 Set-Play Goals

Corners 0
Free Kicks 1
Penalties 0
Throw-ins 0
GERMANY / UEFA

Team Compactness In & Out of Possession
- In Possession
- Out of Possession

Team Width, Team Length & Deepest Defender Line Height
- In Possession
- Deepest Defender

Final-Third and Penalty-Area Entries

Bypassed Opponents and Defenders
- Average Bypassed Opponents: 404
- Average Bypassed Defenders: 40

Total Distance Covered
- Total: 111,857 m
- Above 20km/h: 7,660 m
- Above 25km/h: 1,887 m

Team Shape Data Explanation

Team Positional Insights

Goalkeeper Passes and Accuracy
- Total Average Number of Passes: 668
- FWC average: 465

Pass Accuracy
- FWC average: 82%

Final-Third and Penalty-Area Entries
- Average Final-Third Entries: 61
- Average Penalty-Area Entries: 35
- FWC average: 32

Number of Zone 5 (>25km/h) Activities
- Total: 341
- FWC average: 330

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*Average Possession: 37%*
ICELAND / UEFA

Team Passes and Accuracy
- Pass Accuracy: 70% (FWC average 82%)
- Total Average Number of Passes: 292 (FWC average 465)

Goalkeeper Passes and Accuracy
- Pass Accuracy: 58% (FWC average 68%)
- Total Average Number of Passes: 29 (FWC average 28)

Bypassed Opponents and Defenders
- Average Bypassed Opponents: 201 (FWC average 264)
- Average Bypassed Defenders: 28 (FWC average 33)

Final-Third and Penalty-Area Entries
- Average Final-Third Entries: 55 (FWC average 58)
- Average Penalty-Area Entries: 32 (FWC average 32)

Team Compactness In & Out of Possession
- In Possession: 538m² (58%)
- Out of Possession: 435m² (57%)

Team Width, Team Length & Deepest Defender Line Height
- Deepest Defender In Possession: 26m
- Deepest Defender Out of Possession: 29m

Team Positional Insights
- Team Compactness, team width, team length & team deepest defender line height represents the team tournament average

Number of Zone 5 (>25km/h) Activities
- # 304 (FWC average 330)

Distance Covered Above 20km/h
- 9,170m (FWC average 7,594m)

Distance Covered Above 25km/h
- 1,837m (FWC average 2,026m)
2018 FIFA World Cup™ Squad

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Goal Location

100% Scored Inside Penalty-Area
0% Scored Outside Penalty-Area

Shots

2.0 Shots on Target per Goal
11.5 Shots per Goal
1.3 Average Number of Shots on Target per Match
7.7 Average Shots on Target per Match

Goals Scored (Including Own Goals)

Total Goals
2
1 Set-Play Goals

Average Possession
33%

2018 FIFA World Cup™ - Group Stage
GROUP STAGE
15 June
Morocco 0-1 IR Iran
20 June
IR Iran 0-1 Spain
25 June
IR Iran 1-1 Portugal

ROUND OF 16

QUARTER-FINAL

SEMI-FINAL

FINAL
### Team Compactness In & Out of Possession
- **In Possession**
  - IRAN: 449m²
  - FWC average: 510m²

- **Out of Possession**
  - IRAN: 510m²
  - FWC average: 530m²

### Team Width, Team Length & Deepest Defender Line Height
- **In Possession**
  - Deepest Defender
    - IRAN: 24m
    - FWC average: 25m

- **Out of Possession**
  - Deepest Defender
    - IRAN: 24m
    - FWC average: 27m

### Team Passes and Accuracy
- **Pass Accuracy**
  - IRAN: 64%
  - FWC average: 82%

### Goalkeeper Passes and Accuracy
- **Pass Accuracy**
  - IRAN: 39%
  - FWC average: 68%

### Bypassed Opponents and Defenders
- **Average Bypassed Opponents**
  - IRAN: 149
  - FWC average: 264

- **Average Bypassed Defenders**
  - IRAN: 28
  - FWC average: 33

### Total Distance Covered
- **Total Average**
  - IRAN: 103,757 m
  - FWC average: 104,662 m

### Distance Covered Above 20km/h
- **Total Average**
  - IRAN: 8,200 m
  - FWC average: 7,534 m

### Distance Covered Above 25km/h
- **Total Average**
  - IRAN: 2,250 m
  - FWC average: 2,026 m

### Number of Zone 5 (>25km/h) Activities
- **Total Average**
  - IRAN: 365
  - FWC average: 330

### Final-Third and Penalty-Area Entries
- **Average Final-Third Entries**
  - IRAN: 23
  - FWC average: 32

- **Average Penalty-Area Entries**
  - IRAN: 47
  - FWC average: 58

(The representation of player positions has been taken from one game. Team compactness, team width, team length & team deepest defender line height represents the team tournament average.)
**Goal Location**

- **Within Penalty Area**: 83%
- **Outside Penalty Area**: 17%

**Shots**

- **Shots on Target per Goal**: 2.7
- **Total Shots per Match**: 10.0
- **Shots per Goal**: 6.7

**Goals Scored (Including Own Goals)**

- **Total Goals**: 6
  - **Open-Play**: 4
  - **Set-Play**: 2

**Average Possession**: 52%

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**Previous FIFA World Cup™ Performance**

- **2014 FIFA World Cup™ - Group Stage**

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**Head Coach**

- **Akira Nishino (JPN)**

**Technical Staff**

- MORIYASU Hajime (Assistant Coach)
- TEGURAMORI Makoto (Assistant Coach)
- HAMANO Yukiya (Goalkeeper Coach)
- SHIMODA Takashi (Goalkeeper Coach)
- HAYAKAWA Naoki (Physical Trainer)
- OGAI Tomohiro (Physical Trainer)
- KIKUSHIMA Ryosuke (Physical Trainer)
- KUBOTA Takeharu (Physical Trainer)
- MAEDA Hiroshi (Physical Trainer)
- IKEUCHI Makoto (Physical Trainer)

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**2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™**

- **Group Stage**
  - 19 June: Colombia 1-2 Japan
  - 24 June: Japan 2-2 Senegal
  - 28 June: Japan 0-1 Poland

- **Round of 16**
  - 2 July: Belgium 3-2 Japan

- **Quarter-Final**

- **Semi-Final**

- **Final**

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**Average Possession**: 52%
**Team Compactness In & Out of Possession**
- **In Possession**
  - **Japan**: 86%
- **Out of Possession**
  - **Japan**: 69%

**Team Width, Team Length & Deepest Defender Line Height**
- **In Possession**
  - **Deepest Defender**
  - **Japan**: 38m
- **Out of Possession**
  - **Deepest Defender**
  - **Japan**: 34m

**Team Passes and Accuracy**
- **Pass Accuracy**
  - **Japan**: 86%
  - **FWC Average**: 82%

**Goalkeeper Passes and Accuracy**
- **Pass Accuracy**
  - **Japan**: 69%
  - **FWC Average**: 68%

**Bypassed Opponents and Defenders**
- **Average Bypassed Opponents**
  - **Japan**: 262
  - **FWC Average**: 264
- **Average Bypassed Defenders**
  - **Japan**: 35
  - **FWC Average**: 33

**Final-Third and Penalty-Area Entries**
- **Final Third**
  - **Japan**: 26
  - **FWC Average**: 32
- **2nd Third**
  - **Japan**: 60
  - **FWC Average**: 58

**Total Distance Covered**
- **Japan**: 104,425 m
- **FWC Average**: 104,662 m

**Distance Covered Above 20km/h**
- **Japan**: 7,995 m
- **FWC Average**: 7,534 m

**Number of Zone 5 (>25km/h) Activities**
- **Japan**: #348
- **FWC Average**: 330

**Distance Covered Above 25km/h**
- **Japan**: 2,293 m
- **FWC Average**: 2,026 m

(The representation of player positions has been taken from one game. Team compactness, team width, team length & team deepest defender line height represents the team tournament average.)
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GOALKEEPERS

1 KIM Seunggyu Vissel Kobe (JPN) 0 0 0 33
21 KIM Jinhyeon Cerezo Osaka (JPN) 0 0 0 15
23 JO Hyeonwoo Daegu FC (KOR) 270 0 0 9

DEFENDERS

2 LEE Yong Jeonbuk Hyundai (KOR) 270 0 0 31
3 JUNG Seunghyun Sagan Tosu FC (JPN) 0 0 0 6
4 OH Bansuk Jeju United (KOR) 0 0 0 2
5 YUN Youngsun Seongnam FC (KOR) 90 0 0 7
6 PARK Jocho Ulsan Hyundai FC (KOR) 28 0 0 37
12 KIM Minwoo Sangju Sangmu FC (KOR) 146 0 0 22
14 HONG Chul Sangju Sangmu FC (KOR) 96 0 0 16
19 KIM Younggeun Guangzhou Evergrande FC (CHN) 270 1 0 56
20 JANG Hyeonsoo FC Tokyo (JPN) 270 0 0 54
22 GO Yohan FC Seoul (KOR) 11 0 0 20

MIDFIELDERS

8 JU Sejong Asan Mugunghwa FC (KOR) 85 0 1 12
10 LEE Seungwoo Hellas Verona FC (ITA) 43 0 0 6
13 KOO Jacheol FC Augsburg (GER) 129 0 0 70
15 JUNG Wooyoung Vissel Kobe (JPN) 127 0 0 32
16 KI Sungyong (C) Swansea City AFC (WAL) 180 0 0 104
17 LEE Jaesung Jeonbuk Hyundai (KOR) 270 0 1 38
18 MOON Seomin Incheon United FC (KOR) 146 0 0 5

FORWARDS

7 SON Heungmin (C) Tottenham Hotspur FC (ENG) 270 2 0 70
9 KIM Shinwook Jeonbuk Hyundai (KOR) 66 0 0 51
11 HWANG Heechan FC Red Bull Salzburg (AUT) 202 0 0 17

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Goal Location

67% Scored Inside Penalty-Area

33% Scored Outside Penalty-Area

11.3 Average Shots per Match

3.7 Average Number of Shots on Target per Match

11.3 Shots per Goal

3.7 Shots on Target per Goal

Total Goals

3

Goals Scored (Including Own Goals)

1 Set-Play Goals

3 Open-Play Goals

Average Possession

40%

Corner 1

Free Kicks 0

Penalties 0

Throw-Ins 0
2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™

**Team Compactness In & Out of Possession**
- In Possession
- Out of Possession

- 751m²
- 501m²

**Team Width, Team Length & Deepest Defender Line Height**
- In Possession
- Deepest Defender
- Out of Possession
- Deepest Defender

**Team Passes and Accuracy**
- 79%
- Total Average
- Number of Passes
- FWC average 465

**Goalkeeper Passes and Accuracy**
- 69%
- Total Average
- Number of Passes
- FWC average 28

**Bypassed Opponents and Defenders**
- 198 Average Bypassed Opponents
- FWC average 264
- 31 Average Bypassed Defenders
- FWC average 33

**Final-Third and Penalty-Area Entries**
- 25 Average Penalty-Area Entries
- FWC average 32
- 43 Average Final-Third Entries
- FWC average 58

**Total Distance Covered**
- 106,583 m
- FWC average 104,662

**Distance Covered Above 20km/h**
- 77,953 m
- FWC average 73,934

**Number of Zone 5 (>25km/h) Activities**
- # 355
- FWC average 330

**Distance Covered Above 25km/h**
- 2,167 m
- FWC average 2,026

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MEXICO / CONCACAF

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Average Possession

54%

Goal Location

Shots

3.3 Average Number of Shots on Target per Match

4.3 Shots on Target per Goal

20.3 Shots per Goal

Goals Scored (Including Own Goals)

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Previous FIFA World Cup™ Performance

2014 FIFA World Cup™ - Round of 16

17 June
12 Mexico

23 June
2 Mexico

27 June
3 Sweden

ROUND OF 16
2 July
Brazil 2-0 Mexico

GROUP STAGE
17 June
Germany 0-1 Mexico

Korea Republic 1-2 Mexico

16 June
Mexico 0-3 Sweden

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FINAL

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GROUP STAGE
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GROUP STAGE
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Final
2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™

**Team Compactness In & Out of Possession**
- In Possession
- Out of Possession

- **844m²**
- **584m²**

**Team Pases and Accuracy**
- **85%**
  - Pass Accuracy
  - FWC average 82%

**Goalkeeper Passes and Accuracy**
- **72%**
  - Pass Accuracy
  - FWC average 68%

**Bypassed Opponents and Defenders**
- **270**
  - Average Bypassed Opponents
  - FWC average 264

- **33**
  - Average Bypassed Defenders
  - FWC average 33

**Final-Third and Penalty-Area Entries**
- **29**
  - Average Penalty-Area Entries
  - FWC average 32

**Total Distance Covered**
- **98,660 m**

**Distance Covered Above 20km/h**
- **6,970 m**

**Number of Zone 5 (>25km/h) Activities**
- **# 306**

**Distance Covered Above 25km/h**
- **1,978 m**

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**Head Coach**

Hervé Renard (FRA)

**Technical Staff**

- BEAUMELLE Patrice (Assistant Coach)
- HADJI Mustafa (Assistant Coach)
- SENCE Philippe (Goalkeeper Coach)

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**Goal Location**

- **100%** Scored Inside Penalty-Area
- **0%** Scored Outside Penalty-Area

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**Shots**

- **5.0** Shots on Target per Goal
- **11.3** Average Shots per Match
- **17.0** Shots per Goal

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**Average Possession**

49%
**Team Passes and Accuracy**

- **Average Bypassed Opponents**: 230
  - FWC average: 264
- **Average Bypassed Defenders**: 24
  - FWC average: 33

**Goalkeeper Passes and Accuracy**

- **Average Penalty-Area Entries**: 29
  - FWC average: 32
- **Average Final-Third Entries**: 52
  - FWC average: 58

**Total Distance Covered**

- **106,483 m**
  - FWC average: 104,662 m

**Distance Covered Above 20km/h**

- **8,700 m**
  - FWC average: 7,534 m

**Distance Covered Above 25km/h**

- **2,407 m**
  - FWC average: 2,026 m

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**Total Goals**

- 2 Open-Play Goals
- 1 Set-Play Goals

**Average Possession**

46%

**Goal Location**

- 100% Scored Inside Penalty-Area
- 0% Scored Outside Penalty-Area

**Shots**

- 3.0 Shots on Target per Goal
- 3.0 Average Number of Shots on Target per Match
- 13.0 Shots per Goal
- 13.0 Average Shots per Match

**Goals Scored (Including Own Goals)**

- 3 Total Goals

**Technical Staff**

- AMAPAKABO Imama (Assistant Coach)
- YUSUF Salisu (Assistant Coach)
- AGU Alloy (Goalkeeper Coach)
- PIONETTI Enrico (Goalkeeper Coach)
- GINES Bernard (Physical Trainer)
- ROYER Jean Luc (Physical Trainer)

**Previous FIFA World Cup™ Performance**

- 2014 FIFA World Cup™ - Round of 16

**2018 FIFA World Cup™ Squad Preview**

- Click On Match To See Highlights

**GROUP STAGE**

- 16 June: Croatia 2-0 Nigeria
  - 22 June: Nigeria 2-0 Iceland
  - 26 June: Nigeria 1-2 Argentina

**ROUND OF 16**

- QUARTER-FINAL
- SEMI-FINAL
- FINAL

**2018 FIFA World Cup™ Squad**

- NUM = Squad Number
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- MINS = Minute(s) Played
- G = Goal(s)
- A = Assist(s)
- CAPS = Appearance as of 16th July 2018
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Team Compactness In & Out of Possession
- In Possession
- Out of Possession

Team Width, Team Length & Deepest Defender Line Height
- In Possession
- Deepest Defender

Team Positional Insights

Team Passes and Accuracy
- 77%
- Pass Accuracy: FWC average 82%
- 406
  - Total Average Number of Passes
  - FWC average 465

Goalkeeper Passes and Accuracy
- 56%
- Pass Accuracy: FWC average 68%
- 21
  - Total Average Number of Passes
  - FWC average 28

Bypassed Opponents and Defenders
- 257
  - Average Bypassed Opponents
  - FWC average 264
- 31
  - Average Bypassed Defenders
  - FWC average 33

Final-Third and Penalty-Area Entries
- 29
  - Average Penalty-Area Entries
  - FWC average 32
- 56
  - Average Final-Third Entries
  - FWC average 58

Total Distance Covered
- 99,343 m
- FWC average 104,662 m

Distance Covered Above 20 km/h
- 97,130 m
- FWC average 79,554 m

Number of Zone 5 (>25 km/h) Activities
- 313
- FWC average 330

Distance Covered Above 25 km/h
- 92,013 m
- FWC average 20,263 m
Panama / CONCACAF

2018 FIFA World Cup™

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GROUP STAGE
18 June
Belgium 3-0 Panama
24 June
England 6-1 Panama
28 June
Panama 1-2 Tunisia

ROUND OF 16

QUARTER-FINAL

SEMI-FINAL

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2018 FIFA World Cup™ Squad

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Average Possession

40%

Goal Location

100% Scored Inside Penalty-Area
0% Scored Outside Penalty-Area

Shots

4.0 Shots on Target per Goal

7.7 Average Number of Shots on Target per Match

11.5 Shots per Goal

Goals Scored (Including Own Goals)

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Team Compactness In & Out of Possession
- In Possession
- Out of Possession

- 744m²
- 456m²

Team Width, Team Length & Deepest Defender Line Height
- In Possession
- Deepest Defender
- Out of Possession
- Deepest Defender

- 356
- 38m
- 29m
- 38m
- 33m
- 20m
- 31m

Final-Third and Penalty-Area Entries

- 226
- Average Bypassed Opponents
  FWC average 264
- 27
- Average Bypassed Defenders
  FWC average 33
- 21
- Average Penalty-Area Entries
  FWC average 32

- 97,117 m # 303
- FWC average 104,662 m
- 6,953 m 1,897 m
- FWC average 7,554 m
- 2,026 m

Number of Zone 5 (>25km/h) Activities
- # 303
- FWC average 330

Team Shape Data Explanation

Team Positional Insights

(The representation of player positions has been taken from one game. Team compactness, team width, team length & team deepest defender line height represents the team tournament average)
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**Technical Staff**

ALVES Hugo (Assistant Coach)
SANTIN Sergio (Assistant Coach)
SOLANO Nolberto (Assistant Coach)
HONORES Luis (Goalkeeper Coach)
BONILLO Nestor (Physical Trainer)
VACCARINI Adrian (Physical Trainer)

**Head Coach**

Ricardo Gareca (ARG)

**Average Possession**

52%

**Goal Location**

100% Scored Inside Penalty-Area
0% Scored Outside Penalty-Area

**Shots**

5.5 Shots on Target per Goal
10.7 Average Number of Shots on Target per Match
16.0 Shots per Goal

**Goals Scored (Including Own Goals)**

Total Goals
2 Open-Play Goals
0 Set-Play Goals
0 Corners
0 Free Kicks
0 Penalties
0 Throw-ins
Team Compactness In & Out of Possession
- In Possession
- Out of Possession

Team Width, Team Length & Deepest Defender Line Height
- In Possession
- Deepest Defender
- Out of Possession
- Deepest Defender

Team Shape Data Explanation

Team Positional Insights

Team Passes and Accuracy
- 82%
- Total Average Number of Passes: 473
- FWC average: 465

Goalkeeper Passes and Accuracy
- 55%
- Total Average Number of Passes: 27
- FWC average: 28

Bypassed Opponents and Defenders
- 284 Average Bypassed Opponents
  - FWC average: 264
- 31 Average Bypassed Defenders
  - FWC average: 33

Final-Third and Penalty-Area Entries
- 27 Average Penalty-Area Entries
  - FWC average: 32
- 50 Average Final-Third Entries
  - FWC average: 58

Total Distance Covered
- 102,277 m
- FWC average: 104,662 m

Distance Covered Above 20km/h
- 97,517 m
- FWC average: 7,594 m

Number of Zone 5 (>25km/h) Activities
- 327
- FWC average: 330

Distance Covered Above 25km/h
- 1,947 m
- FWC average: 2026 m

(The representation of player positions has been taken from one game. Team compactness, team width, team length & team deepest defender line height represents the team tournament average.)
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**Goalkeepers**

1. SZCZESNY Wojciech (Juventus FC, ITA) - MINS 180, G 0, A 0, CAPS 37
2. BIALKOWSKI Bartosz (Ipswich Town FC, ENG) - MINS 0, G 0, A 0, CAPS 1
22. FABIANSKI Lukasz (Swansea City AFC, WAL) - MINS 90, G 0, A 0, CAPS 46

**Defenders**

2. PAZDAN Michal (Legia Warsaw, POL) - MINS 170, G 0, A 0, CAPS 35
3. JEDRZEJCZYK Artur (Legia Warsaw, POL) - MINS 90, G 0, A 0, CAPS 37
4. CIONEK Thiago (SPAL Ferrara, ITA) - MINS 90, G 0, A 0, CAPS 20
5. BEDNAREK Jan (Southampton FC, ENG) - MINS 225, G 0, A 0, CAPS 6
15. GLIK Kamil (AS Monaco, FRA) - MINS 100, G 0, A 0, CAPS 5
18. BERESZYŃSKI Bartosz (UC Sampdoria, ITA) - MINS 169, G 0, A 0, CAPS 11
20. PISZCZEK Lukasz (Borussia Dortmund, GER) - MINS 173, G 0, A 0, CAPS 65

**Midfielders**

6. GÓRALSKI Jacek (PFC Ludogorets Razgrad, BUL) - MINS 180, G 0, A 0, CAPS 7
8. LINETTY Karol (UC Sampdoria, ITA) - MINS 0, G 0, A 0, CAPS 20
10. KRYCHOWIAK Grzegorz (West Bromwich Albion FC, ENG) - MINS 270, G 0, A 0, CAPS 54
11. GROSICKI Kamil (Hull City FC, ENG) - MINS 213, G 0, A 0, CAPS 1
20. KOWNACKI Dawid (UC Sampdoria, ITA) - MINS 74, G 0, A 0, CAPS 4

**Forwards**

9. LEWANDOWSKI Robert (FC Bayern München, GER) - MINS 270, G 0, A 0, CAPS 98
13. RYBUS Maciej (FC Lokomotiv Moscow, RUS) - MINS 180, G 0, A 0, CAPS 5
19. ZIELINSKI Piotr (SSC Napoli, ITA) - MINS 259, G 0, A 0, CAPS 36
21. KURZAWA Rafal (Gornik Zabrze, POL) - MINS 79, G 0, A 0, CAPS 1

**Technical Staff**

JUSZCZAK Gerard (Assistant Coach)
MALOWIEJSKI Hubert (Assistant Coach)
RZEPKA Remigiusz (Assistant Coach)
ZAJAC Bogdan (Assistant Coach)
TKOCZ Jaroslaw (Goalkeeper Coach)

**Head Coach**

LEWANDOWSKI (POL)

**Average Possession**

49%

**Goals Scored (Including Own Goals)**

Total Goals

- 0 Open-Play Goals
- 2 Set-Play Goals

- Corners: 0
- Free Kicks: 2
- Penalties: 0
- Throw-Ins: 0
**Team Compactness In & Out of Possession**
- **In Possession**: 907m²
- **Out of Possession**: 619m²

**Team Width, Team Length & Deepest Defender Line Height**
- **In Possession**
  - Deepest Defender
  - Team Width: 47m
  - Team Length: 29m
- **Out of Possession**
  - Deepest Defender
  - Team Width: 37m
  - Team Length: 28m

**Team Positional Insights**
- Team Shape Data Explanation
- Team Passes and Accuracy
  - **83%**
  - Pass Accuracy FWC average 82%
- Team Width, Team Length & Deepest Defender Line Height
  - **271**
  - Average Bypassed Opponents FWC average 264
  - **39**
  - Average Bypassed Defenders FWC average 33
- **500**
  - Total Average Number of Passes FWC average 465
- **28**
  - Total Average Number of Passes FWC average 26
- **35**
  - Average Penalty-Area Entries FWC average 32
- **67**
  - Average Final-Third Entries FWC average 58
- **907m²**
  - Total Distance Covered
- **619m²**
  - Distance Covered Above 20km/h
  - **105,330 m** FWC average 104,662
  - **97,197 m** FWC average 7,554
- **29m**
  - Distance Covered Above 25km/h
  - **2,057 m** FWC average 2,026

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2018 FIFA World Cup™ Performance

2014 FIFA World Cup™ - Group Stage

Head Coach
Fernando Santos (POR)

Technical Staff
COSTA Joao (Assistant Coach)
VALE Ilidio (Assistant Coach)
JUSTINO (Goalkeeper Coach)

Goal Location

Scored Inside Penalty-Area = 67%
Scored Outside Penalty-Area = 33%

Shots

2.3 Shots on Target per Goal
3.5 Average Number of Shots on Target per Match
9.2 Shots per Goal
13.8 Average Shots per Match

Goals Scored (Including Own Goals)

Total Goals
6
2 Open-Play Goals
Free Kicks
1
Penalties
4 Set-Play Goals
Throw-ins
0

Average Possession
54%
The representation of player positions has been taken from one game. Team compactness, team width, team length & team deepest defender line height represents the team tournament average.
2018 FIFA World Cup™
Click On Match To See Highlights

GROUP STAGE
14 June
Russia 5-0 Saudi Arabia
19 June
Russia 3-1 Egypt
25 June
Uruguay 3-0 Russia

ROUND OF 16
1 July
Spain 1-1 Russia (AET)
Russia win on penalties (3-4)

QUARTER-FINAL
7 July
Russia 2-2 Croatia (AET)
Croatia win on penalties (3-4)

SEMI-FINAL
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2018 FIFA World Cup™ Performance
2014 FIFA World Cup™ - Group Stage

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Average Possession 38%

Goal Location

- 82% Scored Inside Penalty-Area
- 18% Scored Outside Penalty-Area

Shots

- 1.6 Shots on Target per Goal
- 3.6 Average Number of Shots on Target per Match
- 4.5 Shots per Goal

Goals Scored (Including Own Goals)

- 6 Open-Play Goals
- 5 Set-Play Goals
- Corners 0
- Free Kicks 4
- Penalties 1
- Throw-ins 0
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Team Compactness In & Out of Possession
- In Possession
- Out of Possession

Team Width, Team Length & Deepest Defender Line Height
- In Possession
- Deeper Defender
- Out of Possession
- Deeper Defender

Team Shape Data Explanation
- Team Positional Insights

Team Passes and Accuracy
- Total Average Number of Passes: 352
  - Passes Accuracy: 75%
    - FWC average: 82%

Bypassed Opponents and Defenders
- Average Bypassed Opponents: 224
  - FWC average: 264
- Average Bypassed Defenders: 35
  - FWC average: 33

Goalkeeper Passes and Accuracy
- Total Average Number of Passes: 26
  - Passes Accuracy: 50%
    - FWC average: 68%

Final-Third and Penalty-Area Entries
- Average Final-Third Entries: 31
  - Average Penalty-Area Entries: 62
    - FWC average: 58

Total Distance Covered
- Total Distance Covered: 110,716 m
  - FWC average: 104,662 m

Distance Covered Above 20km/h
- Distance Above 20km/h: 8,246 m
  - FWC average: 7,554 m

Number of Zone 5 (>25km/h) Activities
- Total Number of Activities: # 350
  - FWC average: 330

Distance Covered Above 25km/h
- Distance Above 25km/h: 2,066 m
  - FWC average: 2,026 m

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**2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™**

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**ROUND OF 16**
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**QUARTER-FINAL**
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**SEMI-FINAL**
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**FINAL**
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**Head Coach**

Juan Antonio Pizzi (ESP)

**Technical Staff**

CARLEN Rolando (Assistant Coach)
CORREA Felipe (Assistant Coach)
PFEITAS Emiliano (Assistant Coach)
PIZZI Nicolas Antonio (Assistant Coach)
SUAREZ Manuel (Assistant Coach)
HOEK Frans (Goalkeeper Coach)
RICHINO Alejandro (Physical Trainer)

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**Goals Scored (Including Own Goals)**

- **Total Goals**
  - 2 Open-Play Goals
  - 1 Set-Play Goals
  - 1 Penalty
  - 0 Corners
  - 0 Free Kicks
  - 0 Throw-Ins

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**Previous FIFA World Cup™ Performance**

- 2006 FIFA World Cup™ - Group Stage

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**Goal Location**

- **Scored Inside Penalty-Area**: 100%
- **Scored Outside Penalty-Area**: 0%

**Shots**

- **Shots on Target per Goal**: 4.5
- **Average Number of Shots on Target per Match**: 3.0
- **Shots per Goal**: 18.5

**Average Possession**

- 58%
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Goalkeeper

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Average Possession

44%
**Team Compactness In & Out of Possession**
- In Possession
- Out of Possession

**Team Width, Team Length & Deepest Defender Line Height**
- In Possession
- Out of Possession

**Bypassed Opponents and Defenders**
- 217 Average Bypassed Opponents
  - FWC average 264
- 33 Average Bypassed Defenders
  - FWC average 33

**Total Distance Covered**
- 101,977 m
  - FWC average 104,662 m

**Distance Covered Above 20km/h**
- 98,137 m
  - FWC average 7,554 m

**Distance Covered Above 25km/h**
- 2,383 m
  - FWC average 2,026 m

**Team Passes and Accuracy**
- 79%
  - Pass Accuracy
  - FWC average 62%

**Goalkeeper Passes and Accuracy**
- 39%
  - Pass Accuracy
  - FWC average 68%

**Number of Zone 5 (>25km/h) Activities**
- 354
  - FWC average 330

**Final-Third and Penalty-Area Entries**
- 33
  - Average Penalty-Area Entries
  - FWC average 32
- 58
  - Average Final-Third Entries
  - FWC average 58

(The representation of player positions has been taken from one game. Team compactness, team width, team length & team deepest defender line height represents the team tournament average.)
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### Goalkkeepers

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**Goal Location**

- **Scored Inside Penalty-Area:** 50%
- **Scored Outside Penalty-Area:** 50%

**Shots**

- **Average Number of Shots on Target per Match:** 11.3
- **Shots on Target per Goal:** 3.5
- **Shots per Goal:** 17.0

**Goals Scored (Including Own Goals)**

- **Total Goals:**
  - 2 Open-Play Goals
  - 1 Set-Play Goals
  - 1 Free Kicks
  - 1 Penalties
  - 0 Throw-Ins

**Average Possession:** 45%
Team Compactness In & Out of Possession

- In Possession: 861 m²
- Out of Possession: 631 m²

Team Width, Team Length & Deepest Defender Line Height

- In Possession
  - Deepest Defender: 41m
- Out of Possession
  - Deepest Defender: 35m

Team Shape Data Explanation

- In Possession
  - Deepest Defender: 38m

Final-Third and Penalty-Area Entries

- 257 Average Bypassed Opponents
  - FWC average: 264
- 35 Average Bypassed Defenders
  - FWC average: 33

Total Distance Covered

- 112,987 m
  - FWC average: 104,662 m

Distance Covered Above 20 km/h

- 97,747 m
  - FWC average: 7,594 m

Goalkeeper Passes and Accuracy

- 64% Total Average
  - Number of Passes: 26
  - FWC average: 28

Number of Zone 5 (>25 km/h) Activities

- 353
  - FWC average: 330

Distance Covered Above 25 km/h

- 1,933 m
  - FWC average: 2,026 m
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**Goalkeepers**

1. De Gea David (Manchester United FC (ENG)) MINS 390 G 0 A 0 CAPS 33
2. Carvajal Daniel (Real Madrid CF (ESP)) MINS 230 G 0 A 1 CAPS 18
3. Arrizabalaga Kepa (Athletic Bilbao (ESP)) MINS 0 G 0 A 1 CAPS 0
4. Reina Pepe (SSC Napoli (ITA)) MINS 0 G 0 A 36 CAPS 0

**Defenders**

5. Carvajal Daniel (Real Madrid CF (ESP)) MINS 230 G 0 A 19 CAPS 0
6. Ramos Sergio (C) (Real Madrid CF (ESP)) MINS 390 G 0 A 156 CAPS 0
7. Pique Gerard (FC Barcelona (ESP)) MINS 390 G 0 A 102 CAPS 0
8. Nacho (Real Madrid CF (ESP)) MINS 160 G 0 A 19 CAPS 0
9. Azpilicueta Cesar (Chelsea FC (ENG)) MINS 0 G 0 A 22 CAPS 0
10. Odrizola Alvaro (Real Sociedad (ESP)) MINS 0 G 0 A 4 CAPS 0
11. Iniesta Andres (FC Barcelona (ESP)) MINS 284 G 0 A 131 CAPS 0
12. Monreal Nacio (Arsenal FC (ENG)) MINS 0 G 0 A 66 CAPS 0
13. Alba Jordi (FC Barcelona (ESP)) MINS 390 G 0 A 66 CAPS 0
14. Vazquez Lucas (Real Madrid CF (ESP)) MINS 83 G 0 A 9 CAPS 0
15. Rodrigo (Valencia CF (ESP)) MINS 23 G 0 A 9 CAPS 0
16. Asensio Marco (Real Madrid CF (ESP)) MINS 131 G 0 A 15 CAPS 0
17. Thiam (FC Bayern München (GER)) MINS 94 G 0 A 31 CAPS 0
18. Isco (Real Madrid CF (ESP)) MINS 390 G 0 A 32 CAPS 0
19. Costa (Atletico Madrid (ESP)) MINS 320 G 0 A 24 CAPS 0
20. Silva David (Manchester City FC (ENG)) MINS 327 G 0 A 125 CAPS 0

**Midfielders**

21. Reina Pepe (SSC Napoli (ITA)) MINS 0 G 0 A 36 CAPS 0
22. De Gea David (Manchester United FC (ENG)) MINS 390 G 0 A 33 CAPS 0
23. Arrizabalaga Kepa (Athletic Bilbao (ESP)) MINS 0 G 0 A 1 CAPS 0

**Forwards**

24. Rodrigo (Valencia CF (ESP)) MINS 23 G 0 A 9 CAPS 0
25. Vazquez Lucas (Real Madrid CF (ESP)) MINS 83 G 0 A 9 CAPS 0
26. Asensio Marco (Real Madrid CF (ESP)) MINS 131 G 0 A 15 CAPS 0
27. Thiam (FC Bayern München (GER)) MINS 94 G 0 A 31 CAPS 0
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2018 FIFA World Cup™ Performance

2014 FIFA World Cup™ - Group Stage

**Head Coach**

Fernando Hierro (ESP)

**Technical Staff**

Calero Julian (Assistant Coach)
Ochotorena Jose (Goalkeeper Coach)
Martinez Juan Carlos (Physical Trainer)

**Previous FIFA World Cup™ Performance**

- 2014 FIFA World Cup™ - Group Stage

2018 FIFA World Cup™ Squad

- DE GEA David
- Nacho
- Pique
- Ramos
- Thiago
- Asensio
- Koke
- Ramos
- Monreal
- Alba
- Vazquez
- Rodrigo
- Rodrigo
- Vazquez
- Asensio
- Costa
- Silva

**Average Possession**

69%

**Goal Location**

86% Scored Inside Penalty-Area
14% Scored Outside Penalty-Area

**Shots**

- 3.3 Shots on Target per Goal
- 18.0 Average Number of Shots on Target per Match
- 10.3 Shots per Goal

**Goals Scored (Including Own Goals)**

- Total Goals: 7
- Open-Play Goals: 4
- Set-Play Goals: 3
- Corner Shots: 2
- Free Kicks: 1
- Penalties: 0
- Throw-ins: 0
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GROUP STAGE
18 June
Sweden 1-0 Korea Republic
23 June
Germany 2-1 Sweden
27 June
Mexico 0-3 Sweden

ROUND OF 16
3 July
Sweden 1-0 Switzerland

QUARTER-FINAL
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SEMI-FINAL
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FINAL
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GOALKEEPERS
NUM NAME CLUB (COUNTRY) MINS G A CAPS
1 OLSEN Robin FC Kobenhavn (DEN) 450 0 0 23
12 JOHNSSON Karl-Johan EA Guingamp (FRA) 0 0 0 5
23 NORDFELDT Kristoffer Swansea City AFC (WAL) 0 0 0 8

DEFENDERS
2 LUSTIG Mikael Celtic FC (SCO) 352 0 0 70
3 LINDELOF Victor Manchester United FC (ENG) 360 0 0 25
4 GRANQVIST Andreas (C) FC Krasnodar (RUS) 450 2 0 77
5 OLSSON Martin Swansea City AFC (WAL) 33 0 0 45
6 AUGUSTINSSON Ludwig SV Werder Bremen (GER) 450 1 0 20
14 HELANDER Filip Bologna FC (ITA) 0 0 0 4
16 KRAFTH Emil Bologna FC (ITA) 93 0 0 15
18 JANSSON Pontus Leeds United FC (ENG) 95 0 0 17

MIDFIELDERS
7 LARSSON Sebastian Hull City FC (ENG) 318 0 0 104
8 EKDAL Albin Hamburger SV (GER) 421 0 0 39
10 FORSBERG Emil RB Leipzig (GER) 417 1 0 41
13 SVENSSON Gustav Seattle Sounders FC (USA) 132 0 0 16
15 HIJEMARK Oscar Genoa CFC (ITA) 29 0 0 24
17 CLAESSON Viktor FC Krasnodar (RUS) 434 0 2 27
19 ROHDEN Marcus FC Crotone (ITA) 0 0 0 12
21 DURMAZ Jimmy Toulouse FC (FRA) 16 0 0 46

FORWARDS
9 BERG Markus Al Ain FC (UAE) 426 0 0 62
11 GUIDETTI John Deportivo Alaves (ESP) 37 0 0 22
20 TOIVonen Olga Toulouse FC (FRA) 400 1 1 64
22 THELIN Isaac Kiese KV Waafland-Beveren (BEL) 37 0 0 24

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Previous FIFA World Cup™ Performance
2006 FIFA World Cup™ - Round of 16

Head Coach
Janne Andersson (SWE)

Technical Staff
VETTERGREN Peter (Assistant Coach)
ELFVENDAL Maths (Goalkeeper Coach)
BALSOM Paul (Physical Trainer)

Average Possession
39%

Goal Location

83% Scored Inside Penalty-Area
17% Scored Outside Penalty-Area

Shots

3.5 Shots on Target per Goal
11.2 Average Number of Shots on Target per Match
9.3 Shots per Goal

Goals Scored (Including Own Goals)

Total Goals
4 Open-Play Goals
0 Corners
0 Free Kicks
2 Penalties
2 Throw-ins
Team Compactness In & Out of Possession
- In Possession
- Out of Possession

Team Width, Team Length & Deepest Defender Line Height
- In Possession
- Deepest Defender
- Out of Possession
- Deepest Defender

Total Distance Covered
- In Possession
- Out of Possession

Number of Zone 5 (>25km/h) Activities

Distance Covered Above 20km/h

Distance Covered Above 25km/h

(Based on one game. Team compactness, team width, team length & team deepest defender line height represents the team tournament average.)
2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™

GROUP STAGE
17 June
Brazil 1-1 Switzerland
22 June
Serbia 1-2 Switzerland
27 June
Switzerland 2-2 Costa Rica

ROUND OF 16
3 July
Sweden 1-0 Switzerland

QUARTER-FINAL
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SEMI-FINAL
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FINAL
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2018 FIFA World Cup™ Squad

GOALKEEPERS

NUM NAME CLUB (COUNTRY) MINS G A CAPS
1 SOMMER Yann VfL Borussia Mönchengladbach (GER) 360 0 0 39
12 MVOGO Yvon RB Leipzig (GER) 0 0 0 0
21 BUERKI Roman Borussia Dortmund (GER) 0 0 0 9

DEFENDERS

2 LICHTSTEINER Stephan (C) Juventus FC (ITA) 267 0 0 103
3 MOUBANDJE Francois Toulouse FC (FRA) 0 0 0 18
4 ELVEDI Nico VfL Borussia Mönchengladbach (GER) 0 0 0 6
5 AKANJI Manuel Borussia Dortmund (GER) 360 0 0 11
6 LANG Michael FC Basel (SUI) 102 0 0 27
13 RODRIGUEZ Ricardo AC Milan (ITA) 360 0 0 57
20 DJOUROU Johan Antalyaspor AS (TUR) 90 0 0 75
22 SCHAER Fabian Deportivo La Coruña (ESP) 270 0 0 42
8 FREULER Remo Atalanta Bergamo (ITA) 0 0 0 10
10 XHAKA Granit Arsenal FC (ENG) 360 1 0 66
11 BEHRAMI Valon (C) Udinese Calcio (ITA) 311 0 0 83
14 ZUBER Steven TSG 1899 Hoffenheim (GER) 252 1 0 15
15 DZEMAILI Blerim Bologna FC (ITA) 326 1 0 69
16 FERNANDES Nelson Eintracht Frankfurt (GER) 0 0 0 67
17 ZAKARIA Denis VfL Borussia Mönchengladbach (GER) 49 0 1 12
23 SHAQIRI Xherdan Stoke City FC (ENG) 351 1 1 74

MIDFIELDERS

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Average Possession

58%

Goal Location

80% Scored Inside Penalty-Area

20% Scored Outside Penalty-Area

Shots

2.8 Shots on Target per Goal

3.5 Average Number of Shots on Target per Match

14.5 Total Goals

1.6 Shots per Goal

Goals Scored (Including Own Goals)

Total Goals

5

4 Open-Play Goals

1 Set-Play Goals

Technical Staff

MANICONE Antonio (Assistant Coach)
FOLETTI Patrick (Goalkeeper Coach)
RIEDWYL Oliver (Physical Trainer)

Head Coach

Vladimir Petkovic (SUI)
**Team Compactness In & Out of Possession**
- In Possession: 924 m²
- Out of Possession: 681 m²

**Team Width, Team Length & Deepest Defender Line Height**
- In Possession: Depth 29m, Width 32m, Deepest Defender 37m
- Out of Possession: Depth 34m, Width 32m, Deepest Defender 34m

**Team Shape Data Explanation**
- (The representation of player positions has been taken from one game. Team compactness, team width, team length & team deepest defender line height represents the team tournament average)

**Team Passes and Accuracy**
- Total Average Number of Passes: 555
- FWC average: 465
- Pass Accuracy: 86%
- FWC average: 82%

**Goalkeeper Passes and Accuracy**
- Total Average Number of Passes: 37
- FWC average: 28
- Pass Accuracy: 75%
- FWC average: 68%

**Bypassed Opponents and Defenders**
- Average Bypassed Opponents: 285
- FWC average: 264
- Average Bypassed Defenders: 31
- FWC average: 33

**Total Distance Covered**
- 106,563 m
- FWC average: 104,662 m

**Distance Covered Above 20km/h**
- 97,333 m
- FWC average: 7,594 m

**Distance Covered Above 25km/h**
- 1,795 m
- FWC average: 2,026 m

**Final-Third and Penalty-Area Entries**
- Final Third: 38
- FWC average: 32
- 2nd Third: 51
- FWC average: 58

**Number of Zone 5 (>25km/h) Activities**
- # 322
- FWC average: 330

**Number of Zone 5 (25km/h) Activities**
- No specific data provided

**Total Average Number of Zone 5 Activities**
- # 322
- FWC average: 330

**Team Positional Insights**
- Team compactness, team width, team length & team deepest defender line height represent the team tournament average.
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**Team Compactness In & Out of Possession**
- **In Possession**: 726m²
- **Out of Possession**: 511m²

**Team Width, Team Length & Deepest Defender Line Height**
- **In Possession**
- **Deepest Defender**: 38m
- **Out of Possession**
- **Deepest Defender**: 31m

**Team Shape Data Explanation**

**Team Passes and Accuracy**
- **Pass Accuracy**: 83%
- **FWC average**: 62%
- **Total Average Number of Passes**: 497
- **FWC average**: 465

**Bypassed Opponents and Defenders**
- **Average Bypassed Opponents**: 259
- **FWC average**: 264
- **Average Bypassed Defenders**: 31
- **FWC average**: 33

**Goalkeeper Passes and Accuracy**
- **Pass Accuracy**: 74%
- **FWC average**: 68%
- **Total Average Number of Passes**: 22
- **FWC average**: 28

**Final-Third and Penalty-Area Entries**
- **Final Third**: 30
- **2nd Third**: 46
- **1st Third**:

**Total Distance Covered**
- **103,813 m**
- **FWC average**: 104,662 m

**Distance Covered Above 20km/h**
- **98,113 m**
- **FWC average**: 7,594 m

**Distance Covered Above 25km/h**
- **2,307 m**
- **FWC average**: 20,262 m

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Average Possession

48%

Goal Location

- 71% Scored Inside Penalty-Area
- 29% Scored Outside Penalty-Area

Shots

- 3.0 Shots on Target per Goal
- 12.4 Average Number of Shots on Target per Match
- 8.9 Shots per Goal

Goals Scored (Including Own Goals)

- Total Goals
  - 3 Open-Play Goals
  - 4 Set-Play Goals
  - Corners 2
  - Free Kicks 2
  - Penalties 0
  - Throw-ins 0

Previous FIFA World Cup™ Performance
2014 FIFA World Cup™ - Round of 16

2018 FIFA World Cup™ Start

GROUP STAGE
15 June
Egypt 0-1 Uruguay
29 June
Uruguay 0-0 Saudi Arabia
25 June
Uruguay 3-0 Russia

ROUNDS OF 16
30 June
Uruguay 2-1 Portugal

QUARTER-FINAL
6 July
Uruguay 0-2 France

SEMI-FINAL

FINAL

Head Coach
Óscar Tabárez (URU)

Technical Staff
REBOLLO Mario (Assistant Coach)
OTERO Celso (Assistant Coach)
HERRERA Jose (Physical Trainer)
URRUTIA Sebastian (Physical Trainer)
ANTIVERO Enrique (Physical Trainer)
VARGAS Ciro (Physical Trainer)
Team Compactness In & Out of Possession

- In Possession
- Out of Possession

Team Shape Data Explanation

Team Width, Team Length & Deepest Defender Line Height

- In Possession
- Deepest Defender
- Out of Possession
- Deepest Defender

Team Positional Insights

Team Passes and Accuracy

- 79% Total Average
- 460 Number of Passes
- FWC average 68%

Goalkeeper Passes and Accuracy

- 73% Total Average
- 28 Number of Passes
- FWC average 28

Bypassed Opponents and Defenders

- 230 Average Bypassed Opponents
- 31 Average Bypassed Defenders
- FWC average 264
- FWC average 33

Final-Third and Penalty-Area Entries

- 33 Average Penalty-Area Entries
- 63 Average Final-Third Entries
- FWC average 32
- FWC average 58

Total Distance Covered

- 104,256 m
- FWC average 104,662 m

Distance Covered Above 20km/h

- 6,774 m
- FWC average 7,554 m

Distance Covered Above 25km/h

- 1,724 m
- FWC average 2,026 m

Number of Zone 5 (>25km/h) Activities

- # 300
- FWC average 330

Pass Accuracy

- FWC average 82%▼

Final

2nd

third

1st

Average Bypassed Opponents and Defenders

1st

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PERFORMANCE INSIGHTS
Average passes and success %

- **Spain**: 804 passes, 92% success
- **Germany**: 668 passes, 91% success
- **Argentina**: 613 passes, 88% success
- **Brazil**: 610 passes, 89% success
- **Switzerland**: 577 passes, 86% success
- **Japan**: 555 passes, 86% success
- **England**: 521 passes, 86% success
- **Croacia**: 519 passes, 86% success
- **Australia**: 511 passes, 86% success
- **Poland**: 500 passes, 86% success
- **Tunisia**: 497 passes, 86% success
- **Portugal**: 497 passes, 84% success
- **Peru**: 473 passes, 83% success
- **France**: 460 passes, 79% success
- **Uruguay**: 453 passes, 88% success
- **Colombia**: 448 passes, 78% success
- **Egypt**: 440 passes, 80% success
- **Mexico**: 434 passes, 79% success
- **Morocco**: 413 passes, 77% success
- **Serbia**: 408 passes, 79% success
- **Nigeria**: 406 passes, 78% success
- **Denmark**: 397 passes, 78% success
- **Costa Rica**: 380 passes, 79% success
- **Panama**: 368 passes, 79% success
- **Russia**: 356 passes, 79% success
- **Senegal**: 344 passes, 79% success
- **Korea Republic**: 336 passes, 79% success
- **Sweden**: 325 passes, 79% success
- **Iceland**: 292 passes, 70% success
- **Iran**: 244 passes, 64% success

**FWC 2010** winner: 443 passes, 80% success
**FWC 2014** winner: 442 passes, 82% success
**FWC 2018** winner: 473 passes, 84% success
Average bypassed opponents

- Germany: 404
- Brazil: 332
- Spain: 327
- Belgium: 310
- Saudi Arabia: 302
- Portugal: 299
- Australia: 285
- Peru: 281
- England: 278
- Croatia: 273
- Poland: 271
- Colombia: 270
- Mexico: 263
- France: 262
- Japan: 259
- Tunisia: 257
- Serbia: 257
- Nigeria: 253
- Denmark: 238
- Costa Rica: 237
- Morocco: 230
- Uruguay: 227
- Egypt: 226
- Panama: 224
- Russia: 217
- Senegal: 210
- Korea Republic: 198
- Sweden: 195
- Iran: 149

FWC 2010: 283
FWC 2014: 279
FWC 2018: 264
## Average bypassed defenders

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Average penalty area entries

- Germany: 61
- Spain, Croatia, England: 43
- Switzerland, Brazil: 40
- Argentina, Poland, Ukraine: 38
- Senegal, Denmark, Japan, Korea Republic, Iran, Peru: 37
- Iceland: 36
- Russia, Tunisia, Sweden, Saudi Arabia, Mexico, Morocco, Nigeria, Colombia: 35
- Algeria, Costa Rica, Peru, Saudi Arabia, Nigeria: 33
- France, Costa Rica, Egypt, Peru, Japan: 34
- Brazil, Argentina: 36
- Germany: 36

FWC 2018™ winner:
- France: 29
- Belgium, Switzerland, Peru, Japan: 28
- Korea Republic, Iran, Panama: 27
Average number of crosses

- Germany (46)  
- Brazil (29)  
- Croatia (26)  
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FWC 2010 winner: Russia (12.8)
FWC 2014 winner: Germany (10.0)
FWC 2018 winner: France (9.8)
Average shots on target per goal

- Russia: 1.6
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- Croatia: 2.0
- Iran: 2.0
- France: 2.1
- England: 2.3
- Portugal: 2.3
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- Morocco: 5.0
- Peru: 5.5
- Iceland: 6.5
- Germany: 10.0

FWC 2010 winner: 4.0
FWC 2014 winner: 3.5
FWC 2018™ winner: 3.0
Average shots outside penalty area per goal

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FWC 2010: 35.7
FWC 2014: 41.5
FWC 2018: 28.5
Average compactness (m²) in/out of possession

- **Senegal**
- **Brazil**
- **Switzerland**
- **Poland**
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Average team length (m) in/out of possession
Average deepest defender height (m) in/out of possession

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- Shots on target conceded: Number of shots on target conceded by the goalkeeper.
- FWC 2018™ winner: The goalkeeper's team that won the 2018 FIFA World Cup.
FIFA AWARDS
This award goes to the best player in the final competition on the basis of a ranking compiled by the FIFA Technical Study Group. A Silver Ball and a Bronze Ball are awarded to the second and third best players.

**ADIDAS GOLDEN BALL**

Luka Modric (CRO, 10)

ADIDAS SILVER BALL:
Eden Hazard (BEL, 10)

ADIDAS BRONZE BALL:
Antoine Griezmann (FRA, 7)

Harry Kane (ENG, 9)

ADIDAS SILVER BOOT:
Antoine Griezmann (FRA, 7)

ADIDAS BRONZE BOOT:
Romelu Lukaku (BEL, 9)

This award is given to the top goalscorer of the 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™. Assists were included if two or more players were equal on goals scored. The FIFA Technical Study Group decided whether an assist was to be counted. If two or more players remained equal, the player who had played fewer minutes in the final competition was ranked first. A Silver Boot and a Bronze Boot are awarded to the second and third best goalscorers.
The top goalkeeper award at the 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ is given by the FIFA Technical Study Group based on the performances throughout the final competition.

The FIFA Fair Play Trophy is awarded to the team with the best fair play record, according to a points system and criteria specified in the competition regulations.

The FIFA Young Player Award was given to the best young player in Russia, as selected by the FIFA TSG. The player had to have been born on or after 1 January 1997.
MATCH INFORMATION
## MATCH INFORMATION: GROUP A

### Russia v. Saudi Arabia 5-0 (2-0)

**14.06.2018 18:00 MOSCOW 78,011**

**RUS:**
1 AKINFEEV (C), 2 MARIO FERNANDES, 3 KUTEPOV, 4 IGNASHEVICH, 8 GAZINSKY, 9 DZAGOEV, 10 SMOLOV, 11 ZOBNIN, 17 GOLOVIN, 18 ZHIRKOV, 19 SAMEDOV

**KSA:**
1 ABDULLAH ALMUIAOUF, 3 OSAMA HAWSAWI (C), 5 OMAR HAWSAWI, 6 MOHAMMED ALBURYOY, 7 SALMAN ALFAJAL, 8 YAHIA ALSHEHRI, 10 MOHAMMED ALSAHLAWI, 13 YASSER ALSHAHRANI, 14 ABDULLAH OTAYF, 17 TAISEER ALJASSAM, 18 SALEH ALDAWALI

**Scores:**
1-0 12' GAZINSKY (8), 2-0 43' CHERYSHEV (6), 3-0 71' DZYUBA (22), 4-0 90' +1 CHERYSHEV (6), 5-0 90' +4 GOLOVIN (17)

**Referee:** Nestor PITANA (ARG)
**Assistant referees:** Hernan MAIDANA (ARG), Juan Pablo BELATTI (ARG)
**4th official:** Sandro RICCI (BRA)
**Reserve assistant referee:** Emerson DE CARVALHO (BRA)
**Substitutions:**
RUS: 24' out DZAGOEV (9), in CHERYSHEV (6), 64' out SAMEDOV (19), in KUZIAEV (7), 90' +4 out GOLOVIN (17)
KSA: 64' out ABDULLAH OTAYF (14), in FAHAD ALMUWALLAD (19), 72' out YAHIA ALSHEHRI (8), in HATAN BAHBRI (9), 85' out MOHAMMED ALSAHLAWI (10), in MUHANNAD ASIRI (20)

**Cautions:**
RUS: 88' GOLOVIN (17)
KSA: 90' +3 TAISEER ALJASSAM (17)

**Expulsions:** –

### Egypt v. Uruguay 0-1 (0-0)

**15.06.2018 17:00 EKATERINBURG 27,015**

**EGY:**
23 MOHAMED ELSHENAWY, 24 ALI GABR, 26 AHMED HEGAZY, 7 AHMED FATHI (C), 8 TAREK HAMED, 9 MARWAN MOHSEN, 13 MOHAMED ABDELSHAFY, 17 MOHAMED ELMON, 19 ABDULLAH SAHAB, 21 TREZEGUET, 22 AMR WARDA

**URU:**
1 MUSLERA, 2 GIMENEZ, 3 GODIN (C), 4 VARELA, 6 BENTANCUR, 8 NANDEZ, 9 SUAREZ, 10 DE ARRASCAETA, 15 VECINO, 21 CAVANI, 22 CACERES

**Scores:**
0-1 89' GIMENEZ (2)

**Referee:** Bjorn KUIPERS (NED)
**Assistant referees:** Sander VAN ROEKEL (NED), Erwin ZEINSTRA (NED)
**4th official:** Miloud MAZIC (SRB)
**Reserve assistant referee:** Milovan RISTIC (SRB)
**Substitutions:**
EGY: 50' out TAREK HAMED (8), in SAM MORSY (5), 63' out MARWAN MOHSEN (9), in KAHIRABA (11), 82' out AMR WARDA (22), in RAMADAN SOBHY (14)
URU: 58' out NANDEZ (8), in SANCHEZ (5), 59' out DE ARRASCAETA (10), in RODRIGUEZ (7), 87' out VECINO (15), in TORREIRA (14)

**Cautions:**
EGY: 90' +3 SAM MORSY (5), 90' +6 AHMED HEGAZY (6)

**Expulsions:** –

## Notes

Hosts Russia could not have wished for a better start to their own FIFA World Cup™ following their resounding 5-0 victory over Saudi Arabia. Iury Gazinsky scored the first goal of Russia 2018 with a firmly-placed header, before substitute Denis Cheryshev - who replaced the injured Alan Dzagoev - scored the second before the break. Artem Dzyuba’s goal came mere moments after being introduced before Cheryshev’s stunner and Aleksandr Golovin’s free kick sealed the victory.

See match highlights:
Russia v Saudi Arabia - 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ - Match 1

Uruguay were made to work overtime before finally edging a late 1-0 win over Egypt in their opening Group A contest in Ekaterinburg. Defender Jose Gimenez was the unlikely hero with a towering last-minute winning header, after Egypt had impressed with their organisation. Star forwards Edinson Cavani and Luis Suarez were largely starved of opportunities, although the former hit the post with a free-kick, as Uruguay finished strongly. Egypt’s star forward Mohamed Salah failed to make an appearance after injury and the Pharaohs’ Russia 2018 opener ended on a sour note.

See match highlights:
Egypt v Uruguay - 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ - Match 2
Russia’s delight in their home FIFA World Cup™ continued after a hotly-contested clash with Egypt burst into life in the second half. After a frenetic opening period, lacking the chances the energy and endeavour warranted, Egypt captain Ahmed Fathi handed Russia a gift by deflecting into his own net – already the fifth own-goal at Russia 2018. Denis Cheryshev and Artem Dzyuba then repeated their opening-match heroics by netting twice in three minutes to extinguish almost all of Egypt’s remaining hope. Mohamed Salah struck from the penalty spot, but the Pharaohs must rely on Saudi Arabia doing them a favour to keep their slender chance of progression alive.

See match highlights:
Russia v Egypt - 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ - Match 17

With the temperatures reaching 32°C, La Celeste had good reason to conserve their energy. They took the lead after 23 minutes, when Luis Suarez sidefooted into an empty net after Saudi goalkeeper Mohammed Alowais had tried and failed to claim a corner.

After moving into pole position to qualify for the next round, the Uruguayans paced themselves, continuing to probe but without exerting themselves too much, despite the fact that a draw with Russia in their final game will leave them second in Group A.

In the lead-up to the match, Saudi Arabia coach Juan Antonio Pizzi had urged his players to be competitive, putting the emphasis more on the right mindset than on strategy and tactics. He has reason to be satisfied despite their elimination. Though not the strongest side in the competition, the Saudis battled hard and had chances to score.

See match highlights:
Uruguay v Saudi Arabia - 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ - Match 18
Uruguay beat hosts Russia 3-0 thanks to goals from forward duo Luis Suarez and Edinson Cavani, alongside an own goal from Denis Cheryshev, to finish as Group A winners.

Suarez opened the scoring in the tenth minute, curling in a free-kick from just outside Russia’s penalty area to score his seventh World Cup finals goal, surpassing Diego Forlan in second place all-time for Uruguay. La Celeste’s lead was then doubled when Cheryshev scored the sixth own goal at Russia 2018, equalling the record for a single World Cup (1998), after Diego Laxalt’s shot took a heavy deflection.

Things went from bad to worse for the hosts when defender Igor Smolnikov was given his marching orders in the 36th minute after receiving two yellow cards.

Attacking changes at the break from Russia head coach Stanislav Cherchesov brought goalscoring opportunities but they could not breach 100-cap Fernando Muslera’s goal.

Cavani had the final say of the evening when he pounced on an Akinfeev parry following captain Diego Godin’s header.

Cavani equalled team-mate Suarez’s record by scoring at three different World Cups (2010, 2014 and 2018).

See match highlights: Uruguay v Russia - 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ - Match 33

Saudi Arabia and Egypt signed off their 2018 FIFA World Cup™ participation with an absorbing spectacle at Volgograd Arena that was only settled in the final minute. The match between Group A’s two already-eliminated sides had everything: fight, emotion, goals, broken records and a dramatic twist at the end.

Mohamed Salah’s neatly-taken lob over the onrushing goalkeeper looked to have knocked the wind out of the Saudi sails, and they almost conceded a second to the Liverpool forward immediately afterwards. However, Juan Antonio Pizzi’s team refused to give in and instead scored twice themselves – once at the end of each half.

But not before a unique piece of World Cup history: legendary Pharaohs shot-stopper Essam Elhadary, who at 45 years and 161 days is now the oldest player ever to feature at the tournament, superbly thwarted one penalty kick only to be beaten by Salman Alfaraj from 12 yards moments later. Salem Aldawsari rolled home a volley to snatch victory with the game’s final influential touch.

See match highlights: Saudi Arabia v Egypt - 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ - Match 34

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Cristiano Ronaldo was Portugal’s saviour once again as he scored a hat-trick to secure a draw against Spain. It was the Real Madrid man’s highest goal tally in a FIFA World Cup™ match.

He kicked off with an early penalty, deceiving Nacho inside the box to win it and then stroking the ball home from the spot. Fortunately for *La Roja*, Diego Costa was also at his bristling best, getting the better of the Portugal defence to level the scores. Isco then thumped a rasping drive against the bar. Yet while Spain dominated possession they were vulnerable on the counter, and it was on the break that Ronaldo put his side back in front, firing in a drive that David de Gea was unable to hold.

Costa scored his second equaliser of the night just after the restart before Nacho atoned for his penalty-box trip on Ronaldo by powering a superb half-volley in off the post, his first goal for Spain. As the clock ticked down, however, Gerard Pique brought down CR7 just outside the box, with the Portugal star dusting himself down to complete the scoring with a sublime free-kick.

See match highlights:
Portugal v Spain - 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ - Match 3

For the second time on Friday, a last-minute goal has transformed the state of a group at the 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™, and cut down a North African side. While it was Uruguay in the earlier encounter, a heartbreaking own goal sunk Morocco in IR Iran’s favour for a 1-0 win. Morocco flew out of the traps in Saint Petersburg, carving out some sensational chances, but Iran easily could have gone in ahead at the break. By contrast, the second-half hardly had an opening worthy of note, until deep in stoppage time when Aziz Bouhaddouz headed into his own net.

See match highlights:
Morocco v IR Iran - 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ - Match 4
Cristiano Ronaldo was the star man for Portugal at the 2018 FIFA World Cup™ for the second match running, scoring the winner against Morocco at the Luzhniki Stadium to eliminate the North Africans. After his hat-trick heroics against Spain in his side's opener claimed a single point, one goal was enough to secure all three today.

Morocco played their part in an enthralling match, their vociferous fans cheering their side on for consistent waves of attack against the stern Portuguese defence. Younes Belhanda came closest for the Atlas Lions, but his header was superbly kept out by Rui Patricio.

In the end, it was a decisive header from Ronaldo that claimed the win, his strike coming after just four minutes. Portugal will come up against a familiar face in Carlos Queiroz in their final Group B fixture, while Morocco will have purely pride to play for when they face Spain.

See match highlights:
Portugal v Morocco - 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ - Match 19

IR Iran and Spain rounded off Matchday 2 in Group B, with La Roja securing a deserved 1-0 win to record their first victory at the 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™. Fernando Hierro made two changes to Spain’s starting line-up following their opening match against Portugal, as Dani Carvajal and Lucas Vazquez respectively replaced Nacho and Koke. However, the Iberians struggled to break down a reshuffled Iranian defence that included Majid Hosseini in place of the injured Roozbeh Cheshmi. Indeed, Spain’s first clear opening did not arrive until around the half-hour mark, when David Silva went close with a sideways scissor kick, before narrowly missing the target again just before the break with a deflected shot. The second half started brightly and Gerard Pique, earning his 100th cap for Spain, had a chance from a corner before Sergio Busquets tried his luck from the edge of the penalty area. Team Melli had a sight of goal at the other end of the pitch in the 53rd minute, but Karim Ansarifard’s shot could only brush the side netting. Spain took the lead with their next attack a minute later, the ball ricocheting into the net off Diego Costa, who registered his third goal in two matches. Iran grew more adventurous after falling behind and Vahid Amiri almost levelled matters with a header that flew just over.

See match highlights:
IR Iran v Spain - 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ - Match 20
Portugal struggled to a 1-1 draw against Iran in Saransk, a result that leaves them on five points, just behind rivals Spain on goals scored. Iran finish with four points and are eliminated despite an encouraging performance, especially in the second half.

Ricardo Quaresma’s moment of brilliance just before half-time seemed to have been decisive for the Portuguese, but Karim Ansarifard scored a penalty deep in injury time after Cedric’s handball.

Despite the lion’s share of possession and chances, it was a frustrating night for the European champions, who could have had an insurance goal earlier except captain Cristiano Ronaldo saw his penalty saved by Iranian goalkeeper Ali Beiranvand.

Spain’s objective at the start of the match was simple: to stay top of Group B. Though already eliminated, Morocco had an objective of their own: to ensure they did not leave the competition goalless.

Spain were the first to fulfil their aim, as forward Khalid Boutaib capitalised on a misunderstanding between Sergio Ramos and Andres Iniesta to sprint clear and slip the ball under David De Gea with 14 minutes on the clock. Clearly stung, *La Roja* took just five minutes to reply, with Iniesta slipping the perfect pass to Isco, who fired home from close range.

That was not the cue for the Spanish machine to click into gear, however, as the Atlas Lions continued to make life difficult for them. Boutaib scampered clear once more only to be denied by De Gea, and though Diego Costa was inches away from converting another pinpoint Iniesta pass before the break, the Moroccans went close yet again when Nourredine Amrabat struck the angle of post and bar with a fizzing drive ten minutes into the second half.

Spain’s response to that scare was to keep the ball and bump up their possession stats, though it was the Africans who struck next when Youssef En Nesyri powered home a header from a corner with nine minutes remaining. But just when Morocco though the points were theirs, Iago Aspas scored with a fine back-heeled flick in stoppage time as Spain ultimately made first place theirs.

See match highlights:
Spain v Portugal - 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ - Match 35
Spain v Morocco - 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ - Match 36

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Spain v. Morocco

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IR Iran v. Portugal

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IR Iran v Portugal - 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ - Match 35
Spain v Morocco - 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ - Match 36

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### MATCH INFORMATION: GROUP C

#### France v. Australia

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**AUS:**
1 RYAN, 5 MILLIGAN, 7 LECKIE, 10 KRUSE, 11 NABBOUT, 13 MOOY, 15 JEDINAK (C), 16 BEHICH, 19 RISDON, 20 SANSBURY, 23 ROGIC

**Scorers:**
1-0 58' GRIEZMANN (7, pen.), 1-1 62' JEDINAK (15, pen.), 2-1 81' BEHICH (16, own goal)

**Referee:**
Andres CUNHA (URU)

**Assistant referees:**
Nicolas TARAN (URU), Mauricio ESPINOSA (URU)

**4th official:**
Julio BASCUÑAN (CHI)

**Reserve assistant referee:**
Christian SCHIEMANN (CHI)

**Substitutions:**
FRA: 70' out GRIEZMANN (7), in GIROUD (9), 76' out TOLISSO (12), in MATUIDI (14)
AUS: 64' out NABBOUT (11), in JUDIC (9), 72' out ROGIC (23), in IRVINE (22), 84' out KRUSE (10), in ARZANI (17)

**Cautions:**
FRA: 76' TOLISSO (12)
AUS: 13' LECKIE (7), 57' RISDON (19), 87' BEHICH (16)

**Expulsions:**

The third matchday of the 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ began with the Group C encounter between France and Australia in Kazan. Although Les Bleus made a bright start, stars Kylian Mbappe, Paul Pogba and Antoine Griezmann were unable to capitalise on their chances. The Aussies gained a foothold in the game after the first 15 minutes, with Hugo Lloris palming their best first-half opportunity clear when team-mate Corentin Tolisso threatened to deflect a free-kick into his own net.

The action then came thick and fast after the interval. After consulting with the video assistant referees (VAR team), referee Andres Cunha awarded France a penalty that Griezmann coolly converted. Samuel Umtiti then handled the ball in the box just a few minutes later, with Mile Jedinak scoring the resulting spot-kick. Didier Deschamps’ side ultimately turned the match back in their favour, thanks to an own goal from Australia defender Aziz Behich.

Both teams will be back in action on Thursday 21 June, when France take on Peru, while Australia will be under pressure against Denmark.

See match highlights:
France v Australia - 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ - Match 5

#### Peru v. Denmark

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1 GALLESE; 2 RODRIGUEZ (C), 6 TRAUCO, 8 CUEVA, 10 FARFAN, 13 TAPIA, 15 RAMOS, 17 ADVINCULA, 18 CARRILLO, 19 YOTUN, 20 FLORES

**DEN:**
1 SCHMEICHEL; 4 KJAER (C), 6 CHRISTENSEN, 7 KVIST, 8 DELANEY, 9 JORGENSEN Mathias, 10 ERIKSEN, 14 DALSGAARD, 17 LARSEN, 20 POULSEN, 23 SISTO

**Scorers:**
0-1 59' POULSEN (20)

**Referee:**
Bakary GASSAMA (GAM)

**Assistant referees:**
Jean Claude BIRUMUSHAHU (BDI), Abdelhak ETCHIALI (ALG)

**4th official:**
Mehdi ABID CHAREF (ALG)

**Reserve assistant referee:**
Anouar HMILA (TUN)

**Substitutions:**
PER: 62' out FLORES (20), in GUERRERO (9), 85' out FARFAN (10), in RUDIAZ (11), 87' out TAPIA (13), in AGUNDO (23)
DEN: 35' out KVIST (7), in SCHONE (19), 67' out SISTO (23), in BRAITHWAITE (11), 81' out CHRISTENSEN (6), in JORGENSEN Nicolai (13)

**Cautions:**
PER: 38' TAPIA (13)
DEN: 86' DELANEY (8), 90'+3 POULSEN (20)

**Expulsions:**

Denmark edged out Peru thanks to Yussuf Poulsen’s second-half goal to join France on three points in Group C of the 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™. Peru fans were out in force in Saransk, making their players feel right at home. Suitably inspired, they dominated the first half but could not make the most of the opportunities they created.

Perhaps the pressure of Peru’s 36-year absence from the world finals weighed heavy on their shoulders, with Christian Cueva missing a penalty just before the break. Playing a more patient game, the Danes were unable to generate any clear-cut chances as the first half ended goalless.

Adopting a more adventurous approach after the restart, Denmark were rewarded when Christian Eriksen’s precise through-ball allowed Poulsen to open the scoring. Though the South Americans piled the pressure on in search of an equaliser, the Danes held firm, with keeper Kasper Schmeichel pulling off some fine stops.

See match highlights:
Peru v Denmark - 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ - Match 6
France v. Peru

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France needed a lone first-half strike from teenage sensation Kylian Mbappe to edge past Peru and end the South American’s hopes of reaching Russia 2018’s Round of 16. France’s all-star side were made to work overtime before subduing a brave Peru in front of a buoyant South American-flavoured crowd.

La Blanquirroja enjoyed good periods throughout the match and were outplayed only in the final quarter-hour of the first half. It was at that point that Mbappe broke the deadlock with a close-range tap-in. It proved enough for France to maintain their lead at the top of Group C and shore up a ticket to the last 16.

Peru can consider themselves unlucky with Paolo Guerrero denied and Pedro Aquino hitting the post. Peru’s campaign is now over after successive 1-0 defeats.

See match highlights: [France v Peru - 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ - Match 21](#)

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Denmark v. Australia

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Denmark and Australia played in an evenly-fought, intense contest, ending in a 1-1 draw in their second match in Group C at the 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ in Samara. Christian Eriksen opened the scoring in the seventh minute when Nicolai Jorgensen laid off a well-placed pass for the Tottenham Hotspur star to beyond Socceroos keeper Mat Ryan. However a Yussuf Poulsen handball inside the Danish area - following a VAR review - presented Australia the break they need. Mile Jedinak converted the resulting penalty and a yellow card for Poulsen means he will miss Denmark’s next match.

With the high intensity continuing into the second period, both teams creating scoring opportunities, but to no avail. The result sees Australia end a run of four consecutive World Cup defeats, while Denmark are unbeaten in their last 17 games.

See match highlights: [Denmark v Australia - 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ - Match 22](#)
The first goalless draw of the 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ has seen Denmark progress to the Round of 16, joining today’s opponents France - who top Group C ahead of the Danes.

With ten changes across the two sides, there was a certain lack of cohesion to each team’s play. Christian Eriksen went closest for the Danes on two occasions, either side of the interval. The first chance saw him denied by a combination of Steve Mandanda - the oldest French player to make his World Cup debut, aged 33 - and Lucas Hernandez. After the break, the No10 snatched at an opening after some nice build-up play.

France, for their part, looked largely uninspired - even with their talisman Antoine Griezmann starting up front. Kylian Mbappe made a late cameo, but his introduction could not break the deadlock.

See match highlights:

Denmark v France - 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ - Match 37

Yet to find the net at this FIFA World Cup™, Peru finally struck when it mattered least to see off Australia 2-0 in their last Group C encounter. Already eliminated, Los Incas set about their task with calmness and patience before breaking the deadlock with their first chance on 18 minutes, Andre Carrillo volleying a splendid effort inside the far post from a cross. It was a wonderful finish and a memorable moment, sparking joy among the sea of Peru supporters decked out in red.

For Australia, that early goal was a damaging blow to their hopes of clinching a spot in the last 16. The Socceroos needed a victory combined with a France win against Denmark to advance, but the situation in the other game began to matter far less after Paolo Guerrero doubled the deficit five minutes after the break, adding to his assist for the opener. It was a wonderful finish and a memorable moment, sparking joy among the sea of Peru supporters decked out in red.

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Australia v Peru - 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ - Match 38

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MATCH INFORMATION: GROUP D

Argentina v. Iceland
1-1 (1-1)

The action at Moscow’s Spartak Stadium got off to a thrilling start with the match between FIFA World Cup™ veterans Argentina and debutants Iceland. Despite stamping their authority on the game’s opening stages, La Albiceleste struggled to find space against a deep-lying Icelandic defence. The breakthrough came in the 19th minute when Sergio Aguero fired the ball home on the turn to give Argentina a 1-0 lead. The South Americans’ joy was short-lived, however, as Alfred Finnbogason made history by scoring his country’s first-ever World Cup goal just four minutes later.

Lionel Messi had the biggest opportunity to take the lead in the second half, but his penalty was saved by Iceland goalkeeper Hannes Halldorsson. Although Argentina continued to press for a goal, they were repeatedly denied by the Nordic side’s staunch defensive efforts.

See match highlights:
Argentina v. Iceland - 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ - Match 7

Croatia v. Nigeria
2-0 (1-0)

No shots on target, one goal. The statistics at half-time during Croatia’s meeting with Nigeria reflected an opening 45 minutes shaded by the Balkan side – but largely dominated by defenders. Ivan Perisic went closest to hitting the target with an effort from 20m after a quarter of an hour, but in the end it was Nigeria’s Oghenekaro Etebo who brought joy to the huge Croatian contingent in Kaliningrad, beating his own goalkeeper following a corner.

Cautious in the first half, Nigeria came out with more purpose after the break, only for Dejan Lovren and Domagoj Vida to keep Odion Ighalo well and truly quiet. In fact, just as the Super Eagles began turning up the pressure on Danijel Subasic’s goal, the *Vatreni* (The Fiery Ones) responded by doubling their lead, Luka Modric converting from the spot after William Ekong held Mario Mandzukic in the box. It was no less than Modric deserved after a superb display that earned him the Budweiser Man of the Match award.

See match highlights:
Croatia v. Nigeria - 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ - Match 8
Croatia advanced to the Round of 16 for the second time in their history after cruising to victory over Argentina. With Lionel Messi lacking in inspiration, *La Albiceleste* paid for their defensive frailties on a dark night and are now on the verge of exiting the competition.

The eastern Europeans were content to sit back in the first half, aware that Jorge Sampaoli’s side had the greater need to attack. Though Argentina tried to take the initiative and enjoyed the lion’s share of possession, they were unable to convert it into chances, with Sergio Aguero and a visibly ill-at-ease Messi largely anonymous. And when the South Americans finally carved out a clear-cut opportunity, Enzo Perez contrived to shoot wide with the goal gaping.

Showing more ambition after the restart, the Croatians promptly revealed the shortcomings of their opponents’ rearguard. A penetrating presence on the right, Ante Rebic capped a fine display by capitalising on a Willy Caballero error with a superb finish.

Sampaoli turned to his bench for an immediate solution, and though Gonzalo Higuain, Paulo Dybala and Cristian Pavon all showed flashes of inspiration after coming on, there was to be no revival. Taking full advantage of Argentina’s lack of composure at the back, Luka Modric and Ivan Rakitic both scored to compound their misery.

See match highlights:
Argentina v Croatia - 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ - Match 23

Nigeria got their first win of the 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ by beating tournament debutants Iceland 2-0 in Volgograd. The result means the race for second place in Group D will go down to the last game on 26 June. Ultimately, three teams will compete for a spot in the Round of 16 on the final day, with the Super Eagles still able to top the pool ahead of already-qualified Croatia.

The hero of the match was undoubtedly Ahmed Musa, who came alive in the second half and played superbly, scoring both Nigerian goals. His first finish in particular will surely live long in the memory as one of the goals of the tournament: he controlled Victor Moses’ cross with one touch, setting himself up for an unstoppable half-volley with his second. Both Musa’s strikes were warmly received by the crowd at the Volgograd Arena, many of whom are familiar with the striker from his spells at CSKA Moscow.

Interestingly, while the Super Eagles took control in the second half, in the first they failed to register a single shot on target on Hannes Halldorsson’s goal. The Icelanders came close to narrowing the deficit towards the end of the match, but their main star Gylfi Sigurdsson spurned a glorious chance from the penalty spot.

See match highlights:
Nigeria v Iceland - 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ - Match 24
A late Marcos Rojo goal sent Argentina into the 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ knockout stages in dramatic style. Needing a win to have any chance of progression, the defender volleyed La Albiceleste 2-1 in front in the 86th minute to break Nigerian hearts.

Victor Moses’s second-half penalty looked to be enough to earn Nigeria a crucial point, cancelling out a stunning Lionel Messi opener. A raucous and partisan crowd roared on the South Americans, with Messi’s superb thigh control and finish providing a huge emotional release after a frustrating tournament.

 Denied a second when Francis Uzoho tipped his free-kick onto the post, Argentina looked to be drifting out of the competition, only for Rojo to score the winner against the Super Eagles for the second finals running. In turn he inflicted Nigeria’s fifth World Cup defeat from five meetings with Argentina, all by a solitary goal.

See match highlights: Nigeria v Argentina - 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ - Match 39

Croatia beat Iceland 2-1 in Rostov-on-Don in an exciting match in which the Icelanders also had one eye on events in Saint Petersburg, where Argentina and Nigeria were also battling to qualify from Group D. Yet in compiling their third straight win, Croatia condemned their opponents to an early exit from the 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™.

Iceland made them work for the points, though. Overrun by the Croatians in the early stages, they began to push forward on learning that Argentina had taken the lead in their game, creating four good chances in the closing ten minutes of the first half. Alfred Finnbogasson passed up one of them, while Croatia keeper Lovre Kalinic did his bit to keep the game goalless.

Milan Badelj put Zlatko Dalic’s side ahead with a right-footed strike eight minutes after the restart. Sverrir Ingason then thumped a header against the bar before Birkr Bjarnason contrived to miss a gilt-edged chance.

Gylfi Sigurdsson pulled the northerners level from the spot to send their fans wild, and when Argentina scored their late winner, Croatia’s dreams were shattered in the final minutes when Ivan Perisic scampered clear to secure the points for Croatia.

See match highlights: Iceland v Croatia - 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ - Match 40

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### Nigeria v. Argentina (1-2 (0-1))

**39  26.06.2018  21:00  ST. PETERSBURG  64,468**

**NGA:** 23 UZOH; 2 IDOWU, 4 NDIDI, 5 EKONG, 6 BALOGUN, 7 MUSA, 8 ETBEO, 10 MIKEL (C), 11 MOSES, 14 IHEANACHO, 22 OMERUO

**ARG:** 12 ARMANI; 2 MERCADO, 3 TAGLIAFICO, 7 BANEGA, 9 HIGUAIN, 10 MESSI (C), 11 DI MARIA, 14 MASCHERANO, 15 PEREZ, 16 ROJO, 17 OTAMENDI

**Scores:** 0-1 14’ MESSI (10), 1-1 51’ MOSES (11, pen.), 1-2 86’ ROJO (16)

**Referee:** Cuneyt CAKIR (TUR)

**Assistant referees:** Bahattin DURAN (TUR), Tarik ONGUN (TUR)

**4th official:** Bjorn KUIPERS (NED)

**Reserve assistant referee:** Sander VAN ROEKEL (NED)

**Substitutions:**

- **NGA:** 46’ HT out IHEANACHO (14), in IGHALO (9), 90’ out OMERUO (22), in WODI (18), 90+2 out MUSA (7, in NWANKWO (13)

- **ARG:** 61’ out PEREZ (15), in PAVON (32), 72’ out DI MARIA (11), in MICZA (13), 80’ out TAGLIAFICO (3), in AGUERO (19)

**Cautions:**

- **NGA:** 32’ BALOGUN (6), 90+1 MESSI (10)

- **ARG:** 49’ MASCHERANO (14), 64’ BANEGA (7), 90+4 MESSI (10)

**Expulsions:** –

### Iceland v. Croatia (1-2 (0-0))

**40  26.06.2018  21:00  ROSTOV-ON-DON  43,472**

**ISL:** 1 HALLDORSSON, 2 SAEVARSSON, 5 INGASON, 6 SIGURDSSON Ragnar, 7 GUDMUNDSSON Johann, 8 BJARNASON, 10 SIGURDSSON Gyff, 11 FINNBOGASON, 17 GUNNARSSON (C), 18 MAGNUSSON, 20 HALLFREDSSON

**CRO:** 12 KALINIC Lovre, 4 PERISIC, 5 CORLUKA, 8 KOVACIC, 9 KRAMARIC, 10 MORDIC (C), 13 JEDVAJ, 15 CALETA-CAR, 19 BADELI, 20 PIVARIC, 22 PIVARIC

**Scores:** 0-1 53’ BADELI (19), 1-1 76’ SIGURDSSON Gyff (10, pen.), 1-2 90’ PERISIC (4)

**Referee:** Antonio MATEU (ESP)

**Assistant referees:** Pau CEBRIAN (ESP), Roberto DIAZ (ESP)

**4th official:** John PITTI (PAN)

**Reserve assistant referee:** Gabriel VICTORIA (PAN)

**Substitutions:**

- **ISL:** 70’ out SIGURDSSON Ragnar (6, in SIGURDARSON (9), 85’ out FINNBOGASON (11, in GUDMUNDSSON Albert (4), 90’ out BJARNASON (8), in TRAUSTASON (21)

- **CRO:** 65’ out MORDIC (10), in BRADARIC (14), 70’ out PIVARIC (20), in LOVREN (6), 81’ out KOVACIC (8), in RAKITIC (7)

**Cautions:**

- **ISL:** 59’ HALLFREDSSON (20), 64’ FINNBOGASON (11), 84’ SAEVARSSON (2)

- **CRO:** 14’ PIVARIC (20), 83’ JEDVAJ (13)

**Expulsions:** –

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See match highlights:

- Nigeria v Argentina - 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ - Match 39
- Iceland v Croatia - 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ - Match 40
Brazil looked all set to party at one stage but ended up trapped in Switzerland’s intricate defensive web, with a 1-1 draw a fair result as the two sides made their Group E debuts at the 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™. Having dominated possession but without creating clear-cut chances, the tournament favourites took the lead after 20 minutes thanks to the kind of strike Philippe Coutinho has become known for: a spectacular curling drive from outside the box that curled right into the far corner of Yann Sommer’s net.

It looked as if the Rostov night would have a samba beat, but the Swiss had other ideas. Maintaining their intensity, they conjured up an equaliser just after the restart, with Steven Zuber nodding home from inside the six-yard box. The five-time world champions promptly lost their poise, and though they created some late chances, both their finishing and their play was slightly off key.

See match highlights:
Brazil v Switzerland - 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ - Match 9

Costa Rica edged Serbia 1-0 after Aleksandar Kolarov scored the third direct free-kick of the 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™. In a tightly-contested duel at the Samara Arena, with both teams creating several goalscoring chances, it was Serbia’s day, as the Orlovi put a precious three points on the board.

See match highlights:
Costa Rica v Serbia - 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ - Match 10
Brazil broke Costa Rican hearts as they snatched a last-minute 2-0 win in Saint Petersburg. While late goals from Philippe Coutinho and Neymar kick-start their 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™, back-to-back defeats have ended the Central Americans’ hopes of progression.

A Seleção controlled the game from start to finish, averaging two-thirds of possession while largely camped in the Costa Rican half. Chances were slim in the opening period, with the best falling to Los Ticos’ Celso Borges as they threatened on the counter-attack.

Brazil got their eye in after the break, though, finally fashioning the clear-cut opportunities they had been threatening. While Gabriel Jesus rattled the bar, it took until the start of stoppage time for Coutinho to pounce on a loose ball before Neymar side-footed home with virtually the final kick of the game.

See match highlights:
Brazil v Costa Rica - 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ - Match 25

Knowing that victory over Switzerland would have taken them into the last 16, Serbia made a fast start to the match. After causing Yann Sommer problems with his first header of the night, Aleksandar Mitrovic made no mistake with his second to put his side ahead with five minutes gone.

Having done the hardest part, the Serbians wanted more. Driven on by Dusan Tadic, who was in inspired form down the right flank, they strove to extend their lead. The Swiss hung in, patiently putting moves together but without genuinely threatening. Blerim Dzemaili had their best chance half an hour in, forcing Serbia keeper Vladimir Stojkovic to push the ball clear.

Rejuvenated after the break, the Swiss took just seven minutes to pull level, thanks to Granit Xhaka’s sublime drive from outside the box. The angle of post and bar then denied Xhaka, though the diminutive Swiss forward would have the last laugh. Sprinting clear of the Serbian defence as injury time approached, Shaqiri planted the ball beneath the advancing Stojkovic to move his side into second place in the pool.

See match highlights:
Serbia v Switzerland - 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ - Match 26
Brazil will face Mexico in a FIFA World Cup Round of 16 clash in Samara after they won Group E by beating Serbia 2-0 at the Spartak Moscow Stadium.

The South Americans thus finished on seven points from three matches, while Serbia were left facing an early flight home after failing to get the win they so desperately needed. Brazil took the lead in the 36th minute when Paulinho raced through to on a through ball by Philippe Coutinho to lob over the on-rushing goalkeeper Vladimir Stojkovic. Serbia pushed for an equaliser but lacked the cutting edge and were caught by a classic sucker-punch when Thiago Silva headed home powerfully from an outswinging Neymar corner on 68 minutes.

See match highlights:
Serbia v Brazil - 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ - Match 41

Switzerland needed a point from their final Group E game to make sure of a place in the Round of 16 at the 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™, and they got it with a 2-2 draw against Costa Rica. Though Los Ticos were already out of the competition, they at least had the consolation of scoring their first goals of the competition and collecting their first points.

As in their two previous games, the Swiss were slow out of the blocks, but eventually managed to stem the Tico tide before taking the lead on 31 minutes, with Stephan Lichtsteiner crossing into the box and Blerim Dzemaili lashing home a loose ball. Die Nati struggled for inspiration after the break, their midfield short on ideas and their incursions into the opposition box proving all too rare. Finding themselves still in the game, Costa Rica levelled through a fine Kendall Waston header. Though the Swiss regained the lead late on, the Costa Ricans levelled in stoppage time, when a Bryan Ruiz penalty cannoned off the bar, onto to keeper Yann Sommer’s head, and into the back of the net.

See match highlights:
Switzerland v Costa Rica - 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ - Match 42

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MATCH INFORMATION: GROUP F

Germany v. Mexico 0-1 (0-1)

11 17.06.2018 18:00 MOSCOW 78,011

GER: 1 NEUER (C), 2 PLATENHARDT, 6 HUMMELS, 7 KHEDIRA, 10 OEZIL, 11 WERNER, 13 MUELLER, 17 BOATENG, 18 KIMMICH
MEX: 13 OCHOA, 2 AYALA, 3 SALCEDO, 7 LAYUN, 11 VELA, 14 HERNANDEZ, 15 MORENO, 16 HERRERA, 18 GUARDADO, 22 LOZANO, 23 GALLARDO

Scores: 0-1 35' LOZANO (22)
Referee: Alireza FAGHANI (IRN)
Assistant referees: Reza SOKHANDAN (IRN), Mohammadreza MANSOURI (IRN)
4th official: Mohammed Abdulla MOHAMMAD (UAE)
Reserve assistant referee: Mohamed ALHMMAM (UAE)

Substitutions: GER: 60' out KHEDIRA (6), in REUS (11), 79' out PLATENHARDT (2), in REUS (11), 86' out WERNER (9), in BRANDT (20)
MEX: 58' out VELA (11), in ALVAREZ (21), 66' out LOZANO (22), in JIMENEZ (9), 74' out GUARDADO (18), in MARQUEZ (4)

Cautions: GER: 83' MUELLER (13), 84' HUMMELS (5)
MEX: 40' MORENO (15), 90' HERRERA (16)

Expulsions: –

Mexico pulled off a historic victory in the opening game of 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia Group F, defeating World Cup holders Germany 1-0 in front of a fervent - and full - Luzhniki Stadium.

Juan Carlos Osorio’s masterplan worked to perfection, with El Tri soaking up the long spells of German possession and hitting Die Nationalmannschaft on the counter-attack. Hirving Lozano’s strike was a result of a swift break, with green shirts swarming forwards and the PSV Eindhoven man coolly converting past Manuel Neuer.

Joachim Low’s side played their part in an enthralling encounter, with Toni Kroos hitting a free kick against the crossbar. Their efforts were ultimately in vain, with the Mexicans claiming all three points.

See match highlights: Germany v Mexico - 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ - Match 11

Sweden v Korea Republic 1-0 (0-0)

12 18.06.2018 15:00 NIZHNI NOVGOROD 42,300

SWE: 1 OLSEN, 2 LUSTIG, 4 GRANQVIST (C), 6 AUGUSTINSSON, 7 LARSSON, 8 EKDAL, 9 BERG, 10 FORSBERG, 17 CLAESSON, 18 JANSSON, 20 TOIVONEN
KOR: 23 JO; 2 LEE Yong, 6 PARK, 7 SON, 9 KIM Shinwook, 11 HWANG, 13 KOO, 16 Ki (C), 17 LEE Jaesung, 19 KIM Younggwon, 20 JANG

Scores: 1-0 65' GRANQVIST (4, pen.)
Referee: Joel AGUILAR (SLV)
Assistant referees: Juan ZUMBA (SLV), Juan Carlos MORA (CRC)
4th official: Norbert BRIAL (NCL)
Reserve assistant referee: Bertrand BRIAL (NCL)

Substitutions: SWE: 71' out EKDAL (8), in HULÉMAREK (15), 77' out TOIVONEN (20), in THEUN (22), 81' out LARSSON (7), in SVENSSON (13)
KOR: 28' out PARK (6), in KIM Minwook (12), 66' out KIM Shinwook (9), in JUNG Wooyoung (15), 73' out KOO (13), in LEE Seungwoo (10)

Cautions: SWE: 61' CLAESSON (17)
KOR: 13' KIM Shinwook (9), 55' HWANG (11)

Expulsions: –

Following an absence of 12 long years, Sweden marked their return to the FIFA World Cup™ in style in the opening match of Group F. The desire of Janne Andersson’s charges was there for all to see as they emerged victorious over a disappointing Korea Republic.

The Swedes were rewarded for an enterprising performance in which they created a series of goal scoring chances. As much due to their own profligacy as to the opposition backline, the hoards of Scandinavian fans in Nizhny Novgorod were made to wait until the second half before the deadlock was broken. The Taeguk Warriors conceded a penalty in the 65th minute following confirmation by VAR, and Swedish captain Andreas Granqvist shouldered the responsibility, coolly converting the resulting spot kick.

Korea Republic pushed hard to find a way back into the game, but to no avail. Their disappointing series of results at the World Cup continues: they have now gone six matches without a win, a run that dates back to their victory over Greece in 2010.

See match highlights: Sweden v Korea Republic - 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ - Match 12
The atmosphere at Fisht Stadium in Sochi was raucous and intense on Saturday as Germany and Sweden went toe-to-toe in a Group F match that more than lived up to expectations. Keeping supporters on the edge of their seat until the dying seconds, Toni Kroos’s incredible free-kick secured all three points for the reigning world champions with a 2-1 victory.

The game started as it would go on: Germany attacked Robin Olsen’s goal with abandon, but the Swedish rearguard stood firm. However, like against Mexico, the counter-attacking sucker punch was their downfall. Having already threatened, Ola Toivonen found a way past the imposing Manuel Neuer with a fantastic lob just after the half-hour mark.

Low rallied his troops and sent on Mario Gomez at half-time to bolster the German front line, but it was the irrepressible Marco Reus who conjured up an equaliser, the ball bouncing in off his knee. Despite enjoying the lion’s share of possession, Germany continued to squander chances, with Gomez missing the most clear-cut opportunity.

Jerome Boateng’s sending-off for a second yellow card in the 82nd minute hardly improved matters for Germany, nor did Olsen’s stunning reflex saves or a Julian Brandt shot that came back off the post. However, the Blagult No1 could do nothing about Kroos’ stoppage-time winner, which flew past him like a rocket and put an end to his team’s hopes of taking something from the game.

See match highlights: Germany v Sweden - 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ - Match 27

Amid scorching heat in Rostov and a cauldron-like atmosphere created by almost 20,000 fans, Mexico beat Korea Republic 2-1 in Group F to put one foot in the 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ knockout stage.

El Tri initially struggled to break down the Koreans, who set up in a defensive tactical shape and left the livewire Son Heungmin to plough a lone furrow up front. However, after Carlos Vela’s 26th-minute penalty had broken the deadlock, the Mexicans were able to breathe easier and better guard themselves against counter attacks thereafter. Even so, Guillermo Ochoa was called into action to prevent Son from equalising shortly before half-time.

The Taeguk Warriors were forced to come out of their shell and push forward as the match wore on, but this more open approach suited Mexico down to the ground, paving the way for them to double their lead. El Tri fans in Rostov Arena were in full voice after Javier Hernandez struck in the 66th minute and will have gone away with high hopes that their country will finally break their Round of 16 hoodoo this year.

As for Korea Republic, Son’s stoppage-time screamer from outside the box will have served as scant consolation given that the result left them staring elimination in the face.

See match highlights: Korea Republic v Mexico - 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ - Match 28
Korea Republic v. Germany

### 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ – Match 43

**Korea Republic v. Germany**

**Score:** 2-0 (0-0)

**Date and Time:** 27.06.2018 17:00 KAZAN

**Attendance:** 41,835

**KOR:** 23 ID; 2 LEE Yong, 5 YUN, 7 SON (C), 13 KOO, 14 HONG, 15 JUNG, 17 LEE Jaesung, 18 MOON, 19 KIM Younggwon, 20 JANG

**GER:** 1 NEUER (C); 3 HECTOR, 5 HUMMELS, 6 KHEDIRA, 8 KROOS, 9 WERNER, 10 OEZIL, 11 REUS, 14 GORETZKA, 15 SUELE, 18 KIMMICH

**Scorers:** 1-0 90'+3 KIM Younggwon (19), 2-0 90'+6 SON (7)

**Referee:** Mark GEIGER (USA)

**Assistant referees:** Joe FLETCHER (CAN), Frank ANDERSON (USA)

**4th official:** Julio BASCUÑAN (CHI)

**Reserve assistant referee:** Christian SCHIEMANN (CHI)

**Substitutions:**

**KOR:** 56' out KOO (13), in HWANG (11),
69' out MOON (18), in JU (8),
79' out HWANG (17), in GO (22)

**GER:** 58' out KHEDIRA (6), in GOMEZ (23),
63' out GORETZKA (14), in MUELLER (13),
78' out HECTOR (3), in BRANDT (20)

**Cautions:**

**KOR:** 9' JUNG (15), 23' LEE Jaesung (17),
48' MOON (18), 65' SON (7)

**Expulsions:** –

Korea Republic’s historic 2-0 win over Germany in Kazan may not have been enough for the Taeguk Warriors to progress to the Round of 16 from Group F, but it will nevertheless go down as a result for the ages as the reigning champions were also eliminated from the 2018 FIFA World Cup™ at the first hurdle.

The pattern of the first half was as expected, with Germany trying to set the tempo and the South Koreans looking to hit them on the break. However, neither team seriously threatened to score and the only dangerous chance was from a swerving Koo Jacheol free-kick that caused Manuel Neuer some difficulty, but the goalkeeper managed to block it and then flick the ball away just in time before Son Heungmin could get to the rebound.

Die Nationalmannschaft had a glorious opportunity to break the deadlock at the start of the second period but Leon Goretzka’s header was brilliantly saved by Jo Hyeonwoo.

Timo Werner went close shortly after that following excellent interplay between Mesut Ozil and Marco Reus, as Germany started to push forward with greater purpose. That left the east Asians with room to exploit on the counter-attack, but they were unable to take advantage due to wayward final balls. However, ultimately it was a defender, Kim Younggwon, who scored to pave the way for the South Koreans’ historic triumph, before Son sealed the victory with a late second.

See match highlights:

Korea Republic v. Germany - 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ – Match 43

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Mexico v. Sweden

### 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ – Match 44

**Mexico v. Sweden**

**Score:** 0-3 (0-0)

**Date and Time:** 27.06.2018 19:00 EKATERINBURG

**Attendance:** 33,061

**MEX:** 13 OCHOA; 3 SALCEDO, 7 LAYUN, 11 VELA, 14 HERNANDEZ, 15 MORENO, 16 HERRERA, 18 GUARDADO (C), 21 ALVAREZ, 22 LOZANO, 23 GALLARDO

**SWE:** 1 OLSEN; 2 LUSTIG, 3 LINDELOF, 4 GRANQVIST (C), 7 LARSSON, 8 EKDAL, 9 BERG, 10 FORSBERG, 17 CLAESSON, 20 TOIVONEN

**Scorers:**

0-1 50' AUGUSTINSSON (6),
0-2 62' GRANQVIST (4, pen.),
0-3 74' ALVAREZ (21, own goal)

**Referee:** Nestor PITANA (ARG)

**Assistant referees:** Hernan MAIDANA (ARG), Juan Pablo BELATTI (ARG)

**4th official:** Andres CUNHA (URU)

**Reserve assistant referee:** Mauricio ESPINOSA (URU)

**Substitutions:**

**MEX:** 65' out GALLARDO (23), in FABIAN (8),
75' out GUARDADO (18), in CORONA Jesus (17),
89' out LAYUN (7), in PERALTA (19)

**SWE:** 57' out LARSSON (7), in SVENSSON (13),
68' out BERG (9), in THELIN (22),
80' out EKDAL (8), in HILJEMARK (15)

**Cautions:**

**MEX:** 1' ALVAREZ (21), 61' MORENO (15),
86' LAYUN (7)

**SWE:** 26' LARSSON (7), 88' LUSTIG (2)

**Expulsions:** –

Sweden turned in a perfect performance to reach the Round of 16 in style with a 3-0 victory over Group F pace-setters Mexico. El Tri were only saved from a cruel exit due to Germany’s defeat against Korea Republic.

The Europeans started in powerful fashion, dominating goalscoring opportunities and constantly looking dangerous in the air. However, they had to wait until five minutes into the second half to break the deadlock, as Ludwig Augustinsson swept home at the back post.

Looking for a two goal win to guarantee progression, Sweden doubled their advantage when Andreas Granqvist converted from the penalty spot just past the hour mark. And the Blagula were in dreamland with 16 minutes remaining after Mexico defender Edson Alvarez forced the ball over his own line.

Mexico built late momentum but Sweden remained impressively resolute at the back. And in remarkable scenes, a wave of noise swept through the arena in the dying minutes as the massive Mexican contingent received news of the unexpected result in Kazan.

See match highlights:

Mexico v Sweden - 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ – Match 44

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**GROUP F**
The first-half proceedings did not come as a major surprise, as Panama stuck together and worked for each other in building a wall that Belgium’s talented individuals were unable to breach. Though lacking imagination, Les Diables Rouges still created the clearest chances, with Panama captain Roman Torres working wonders to put a dangerous cross from Kevin De Bruyne out for a corner with 22 minutes gone.

Frustrated and empty-handed at the break, Romelu Lukaku, Eden Hazard and Dries Mertens returned reinvigorated, not least the Napoli man, who had the Belgium fans cheering when he fired a sumptuous volley past Jaime Penedo just two minutes into the second half. Having finally taken the lead, the men in red found their rhythm and the space in which to express themselves, with Lukaku getting in on the act. After opening his account with a header from a superb De Bruyne cross, he coolly clipped the ball home following a penetrating Hazard run. At last Belgium could breathe easy, their World Cup campaign safely under way. As for Panama, they will need to up their game when they take on England and Tunisia.

England snatched victory in the dying moments of their opening fixture against Tunisia at the 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ at the Volgograd Arena. Immediately establishing a firm hold on their encounter, Gareth Southgate’s team created a series of excellent chances before Harry Kane scored the opener, reacting quickest to a rebound and slotting home from close range.

Nevertheless, the north Africans refused to lose heart after conceding or even when their goalkeeper Mouez Hassan was forced off through injury shortly afterwards. The Eagles of Carthage remained organised and disciplined, putting pressure on England all over the pitch and patiently waiting for an opening. Their opportunity finally came when Kyle Walker committed a foul in the English penalty area, allowing Ferjani Sassi to level from the spot.

In the second half, Tunisia sat deep and hardly created any promising chances, but captain Kane stepped up to the plate, heading home his second of the match in additional time, again from close range, to save the day for the Three Lions.

See match highlights:
Belgium v Panama - 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ - Match 13
Tunisia v England - 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ - Match 14
Romelu Lukaku and Eden Hazard each scored twice and substitute Michy Batshuayi added a deserved fifth as Belgium cruised past Tunisia to edge closer to a place in the Round of 16.

Lukaku’s clinically taken brace, coming in the wake of a double against Panama in the Red Devils’ opening match, established him as Belgium’s most prolific scorer at a single FIFA World Cup™. Hazard kicked off the scoring by opening his account at Russia 2018 in the sixth minute from the penalty spot, before Lukaku doubled the Red Devils’ lead after 16 minutes with an angled left-foot finish.

The Carthage Eagles pulled a goal back courtesy of a Dylan Bronn header but Lukaku then made it 3-1 in first-half stoppage time with a dinked finish to convert Thomas Meunier’s clever through ball. Hazard then got his second in the 51st minute of a thrilling contest from a defence-splitting Kevin de Bruyne pass before Belgium substitute Batshuayi and Tunisia skipper Wahbi Khazri rounded off the scoring.

The North Africans’ World Cup hopes now hang by a thread and they will need Panama to beat England in tomorrow’s match to stand any chance of continuing in this competition.

See match highlights:
Belgium v Tunisia - 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ - Match 29

England hit a brittle Panama side for six to seal qualification for the 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ knockout stage, a result that booked Belgium’s Round of 16 berth too while eliminating Los Canaleros and Tunisia. Only top spot in Group G will be on the line when the Three Lions and Red Devils do battle next time out.

Gareth Southgate’s team once again showcased their dead-ball prowess: two of their goals were penalties and a further two were headers from a corner and free-kick respectively. As for the Panamanians, they knew in advance that they would have to be clinical to stand any chance of getting something out of the game. Instead, they spurned the first two opportunities of the match and then promptly capitulated, finding themselves 2-0 down shortly after.

John Stones headed home a brace, while Harry Kane hit the tournament’s second hat-trick so far, twice converting convincingly from the spot and then completing his treble when a Ruben Loftus-Cheek shot flicked off him and he diverted into the net.

Despite taking a pummelling, Panama also had grounds to celebrate when they scored their first-ever World Cup goal courtesy of a fine finish from 12 yards from Felipe Baloy.

See match highlights:
England v Panama - 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ - Match 30
Panama v. Tunisia 1-2 (1-0)

Panama

46 28.06.2018  21:00 SARANSK  37,168

PAN: 1 PENEDO; 4 ESCOBAR, 5 VERMAELEN, 13 MACHADO, 16 CHADLI, 23 DENDONCKER
TUN: 16 MATHLOUTHI (C); 4 MERIAH, 5 HADDADI, 6 BEDOUI, 9 TORRES Gabriel, 11 VARDY, 15 CAHILL

Scores: 0-1 51' BEN YOUSSEF Fakhreddine (8), 1-2 66' KHAZRI (10)
Referee: Nawaf SHUKRALLA (BHR)
Assistant referees: Yaser TULELAT (BHR), Taleb AL MARRI (QAT)
4th official: Mehdi ABID CHAREF (ALG)
Reserve assistant referee: Hiroshi YAMAUCHI (JPN)

Substitutions: PAN: 46' HT out TORRES Gabriel (9), in CUMMINGS (3), 56' out TORRES Roman (5), in TEJADA (18), 81' out AVILA (19), in ARROYO (16)
TUN: 46' HT out SASSI (13), in BADRI (9), 77' out SUTI (23), in KHAUL (15), 89' out KHAZRI (10), in SIFRAI (18)

Cautions: PAN: 78' AVILA (19), 80' GOMEZ (6), 90'+6 TEJADA (18)
TUN: 44' SASSI (13), 71' BADRI (9), 90'+3 CHAALLEI (20)
Expulsions: –

Tunisia will fly home with their first win at the FIFA World Cup™ in 40 years after beating Panama 2-1 at the Mordovia Arena in Saransk. Fakhreddine Ben Yousef made World Cup history during the finale of Russia 2018’s Group G action as his second-half equaliser marked the 2,500th goal in tournament history. The Carthage Eagles controlled the tempo of the game in the first half and created a few early chances, but Panama took the lead against the run of play from an own goal. Jose Luis Rodriguez’s strike from distance took a deflection off Tunisia defender Yassine Meriah, which sent goalkeeper Aymen Mathlouthi the wrong way. Tunisia came out firing in the second half, though, and it was not long before Ben Yousef’s milestone strike levelled the score. Eleven minutes later, Tunisia No10 Wahbi Khazri put the North African side in front, slotting past Jaime Penedo from close range. The win marked Tunisia’s first victory at the World Cup since Argentina 1978, while Los Canaleros are forced to head home without a point to pack up from their maiden encounter, the England and Belgium coaches rang the changes compared to their previous fixtures. As a result, there was unsurprisingly a disjointed and somewhat subdued feel to the game right from the off, with many players struggling to find their bearings. That is not to say there were no chances. The Belgians were the first to threaten. Jordan Pickford denied Mousa Dembele early on before keeping out Marouane Fellaini. Trent Alexander-Arnold then saw his cross-shot whistle narrowly past the post on the half-hour mark and Ruben Loftus-Cheek failed to find the target with a header four minutes later. However, that was about as good as it got in the first half, leaving the crowd at the Kaliningrad Stadium craving more action after the break. Soon enough, Adnan Januzaj ensured that the fans would go home having got their money’s worth. With just six minutes on the clock in the second period, the Belgium attacking midfielder dropped a shoulder, skipped past Danny Rose and curled a sumptuous left-footed strike into the top corner. To their credit, the Three Lions did not lie down after going behind. Phil Jones had an opportunity to equalise after an hour and Marcus Rashford twice went close, but Belgium held on to secure their third win in as many matches at Russia 2018 and clinch top spot in the group.

See match highlights:
Panama v Tunisia - 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ - Match 46

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With both teams already through to the Round of 16 before a ball had been kicked and relatively little riding on this encounter, the England and Belgium coaches rang the changes compared to their previous fixtures. As a result, there was unsurprisingly a disjointed and somewhat subdued feel to the game right from the off, with many players struggling to find their bearings. That is not to say there were no chances. The Belgians were the first to threaten. Jordan Pickford denied Mousa Dembele early on before keeping out Marouane Fellaini. Trent Alexander-Arnold then saw his cross-shot whistle narrowly past the post on the half-hour mark and Ruben Loftus-Cheek failed to find the target with a header four minutes later. However, that was about as good as it got in the first half, leaving the crowd at the Kaliningrad Stadium craving more action after the break. Soon enough, Adnan Januzaj ensured that the fans would go home having got their money’s worth. With just six minutes on the clock in the second period, the Belgium attacking midfielder dropped a shoulder, skipped past Danny Rose and curled a sumptuous left-footed strike into the top corner. To their credit, the Three Lions did not lie down after going behind. Phil Jones had an opportunity to equalise after an hour and Marcus Rashford twice went close, but Belgium held on to secure their third win in as many matches at Russia 2018 and clinch top spot in the group.

See match highlights:
England v Belgium - 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ - Match 45

GROUP G
Senegal have recorded the first African win at the 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™, beating Poland 2-1 at the Spartak Stadium in Moscow. It evoked memories of their most recent World Cup campaign - their debut 16 years ago - in which they defeated holders France in Seoul in their opening match. The Poles are not quite as huge a scalp as Les Bleus, but the African side were underdogs nevertheless, and belied that status with their energetic performance. Idrissa Gueye's low drive was deflected into his own net by Thiago Cionek, but the Teranga Lions were good value for their lead. Mbaye Niang seized an opportunity in the hesitant Poland defence to round Wojciech Szczesny and double his side's advantage after the break.

Grzegorz Krychowiak's decision-making was partly to blame for Senegal's second and he made some amends by reducing the arrears with a late goal. But it was ultimately in vain as Aliou Cisse's side held on to claim three points - their first World Cup win since Cisse captained the side to victory against Sweden in the Korea/Japan 2002 Round of 16.

In catching Colombia cold at the Mordovia Arena, Japan earned their first ever win over Los Cafeteros, avenging their 4-1 defeat to the same opponents at Brazil 2014, and picked up three precious points in their bid to advance from Group H. The game began at a frenetic pace, with Japan forcing a penalty that led to a red card for Colombia defender Carlos Sanchez allowing Shinji Kagawa to put the Asian side ahead from the spot. Cafetero coach Jose Pekerman shuffled his pack to give his side a chance of overcoming their numerical disadvantage and getting back into the game. Battling for every ball, Colombia captain Radamel Falcao earned the free-kick from which Juan Quintero equalised before half-time. Japan dominated the second half, creating a series of chances before Yuya Osako headed in the winner from a set-piece. This time there was to be no comeback, despite the arrival of James Rodriguez and Carlos Bacca on the pitch and a valiant late push by Los Cafeteros.

See match highlights:
Poland v Senegal - 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ - Match 15
Colombia v Japan - 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ - Match 16
Colombia secured an important 3-0 (1-0) victory to leave their Group H fate in their own hands, while Poland’s 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ adventure will come to an end after the group stage.

Both teams came into this match under pressure after suffering defeats in their respective openers. The tension was palpable, with both sides starting tentatively and neither wanting to fall behind in front of a sell-out crowd of 42,873 at the Kazan Arena. The first real chance came in the 40th minute, when the consistently lively James Rodriguez crossed the ball into the penalty area for Yerry Mina to nod home.

The Biało-czerwoni were forced to throw caution to the wind in the second half, creating counterattacking space for their South American opponents in the process. The best opportunity for an equaliser fell to Robert Lewandowski, but his close-range effort was denied by the onrushing David Ospina. In the 70th minute Juan Quintero played a dream pass to Falcao, who stroked the ball past Wojciech Szczesny with the outside of his boot to double Colombia’s advantage. Juan Cuadrado made it 3-0 just a few minutes later to put the result beyond doubt, courtesy of another assist from James.

See match highlights:

Poland v Colombia - 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ - Match 31

Japan twice came from behind to peg back Senegal as the two Group H leaders played out a pulsating 2-2 draw at the Ekaterinburg Arena. The result keeps the pair at the group summit after each had won their respective opening outings. Senegal started with real attacking intent and they were rewarded as star forward Sadio Mane took full advantage of some defensive hesitancy to score after 11 minutes. Despite enjoying more possession, Japan remained on the back foot until Takashi Inui netted just past the half-hour, with a smart curling finish from inside the penalty area.

Yuya Osako missed a golden opportunity on the hour mark, and Inui hit the crossbar minutes later as Japan’s attacking outlets found space. Senegal made Japan pay for their profligacy as 19-year-old Moussa Wague lashed home on 71 minutes, but substitute Keisuke Honda equalised seven minutes later, finishing off Inui’s cut-back pass from close range.

See match highlights:

Japan v Senegal - 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ - Match 32
Japan knew that a draw against Poland would guarantee their spot in the knockout phase at the 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™, but events in Group H transpired in such a way that the Samurai Blue progressed on the back of a defeat. It is the third time the East Asians have made it past the group stage at a World Cup finals, having achieved the feat in back in 2002 and 2010.

Akira Nishino made six changes to the line-up that started against Colombia and Senegal, and it would be fair to say the large-scale rotation did his team no favours. The Japanese lacked a cutting edge in attack, and it was Poland who created the two best chances of the game. Shortly before the interval, Eiji Kawashina was forced into a spectacular diving save to claw Kamil Grosicki’s header off the goalline, but the goalkeeper could do nothing about Jan Bednarek’s short-range volleyed finish in the second half.

For the Poles, who even before the start of today’s match knew they were on their way home, it was their first win in the competition.

See match highlights: Japan v Poland - 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ - Match 47

Yerry Mina scored his second goal at the 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ to see Colombia defeat Senegal 1-0 at Samara Arena and finish as Group H winners.

In the group’s other match, Poland edged Japan 1-0 meaning Senegal and the Blue Samurai finished level on four points, however the latter became the first team in history to advance to the World Cup knockout stage on the fair play rule. The game was played evenly throughout, with few significant goalscoring chances of note. The decisive moment came when Los Cafeteros’ towering centre-back Mina leapt above his markers to head in the winning goal in the second half.

See match highlights: Senegal v Colombia - 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ - Match 48

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ROUND OF 16

Uruguay v. Portugal 2-1 (1-0)

49  30.06.2018  21:00  SOCHI 44,287

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Expulsions: –

Cautions: –

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France v. Argentina 4-3 (1-1)

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84' out JOAO MARIO (10), in MANUEL FERNANDES (4)

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In the first of the Round of 16 encounters at the 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™, France defeated Argentina 4-3 in a spectacular game to match their achievement from four years ago and book a place in the quarter-finals. 

Proceedings began at a frenetic pace, with not even ten minutes played when Antoine Griezmann curled a free-kick against the crossbar after Kylian Mbappe had been fouled. A few minutes later Mbappe was again brought down, this time in the penalty area, and Greizmann made no mistake from the spot. Argentina needed a spell of possession to compose themselves and digest going behind. They also needed something special to get back into the game, and Angel Di Maria provided it with a stunning long-range strike to bring them level, against the run of play, before the interval. Buoyed by that equaliser, the South Americans turned the game on its head in the second period. Lionel Messi collected the ball after a free-kick was only half-cleared, and his shot on the turn was diverted into the net by Gabriel Mercado. Les Bleus did not need to wait long to provide the perfect response to going behind, however. Benjamin Pavard scored a wonder goal of his own to make it 2-2, before the irrepressible Mbappe scored twice in four minutes. Argentina replied yet again late on through substitute Sergio Aguero, but it was too little, too late for the South Americans.

See match highlights:
France v Argentina - 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ - Match 50
Spain v. Russia

**1-1 a.e.t. (1-1, 1-1) 3-4 PSO**

**51 01.07.2018 17:00 MOSCOW**

**ESP:** 1 DE GEA; 3 PIQUE, 4 NACHO, 5 BOSQUETS, 8 KOKE, 15 RAMOS (C), 18 ALBA, 19 COSTA, 20 ASESENSO, 21 SILVA, 22 ISCO

**RUS:** 1 AKINFEEV (C); 2 MARIO FERNANDES, 3 KUTEPOV, 4 IGNASEVICH, 7 KUZIAEV, 11 ZOBNIN, 13 KUDRIASHOV, 17 GOLOVIN, 18 ZHIRKOV, 19 SAMEDOV, 22 DZYUBA

**Scores:** 1-0 12' IGNASEVICH (4, own goal), 1-1 4' MANDZUKIC (17)

**Penalty Shoot-out:** 0-0 ERIKSEN (10), 0-0 BADELJ (19), 0-1 KJAER (4), 1-0 INIESTA (6), 1-1 SMOLOV (10), 2-1 PIQUE (3), 2-2 SCHONE (19), 2-2 PIVARIC (22), 2-2 MODRIC (10), 3-2 RAKITIC (7)

**Referee:** Bjorn KUPERS (NED)

**Assistant referees:** Sander VAN ROEKELE (NED), Erwin ZINSTRA (NED)

**4th official:** Clement TURPIN (FRA)

**Reserve assistant referee:** Nicolas DANOS (FRA)

**Substitutions:** ESP: 46' HT out KJAER (4), in SCHONE (19), 66' HT out CORNELIUS (21), in JORGENSEN Nicolai (9), 108' out MANDZUKIC (17), in BADELJ (19)

**Cautions:** ESP: 40' PIQUE (3)

**Expulsions:** –

Russia defeated Spain on penalties to earn victory after the inaugural shootout of the 2018 FIFA World Cup™. Koke saw his effort saved by Igor Akhmeef, before Iago Aspas’s unsuccessful spot kick sent the Luzhniki Stadium in Moscow into delirium. It had all started so well for La Roja - who silenced the Luzhniki in the opening moments - a set-piece providing the opportunity for Spain to take the lead. Sergio Ramos proved a nuisance to Sergei Ignashevich, and the veteran defender turned the ball into his own net. But Russia did not wilt in the sticky Moscow evening. The imperious Artem Dzyuba revelled in his battle with Ramos and Gerard Pique, and another one of his victorious skirmishes against the latter resulted in the Barcelona man handling inside the box. Dzyuba himself stepped up and sent David De Gea the wrong way.

The second half settled into a pattern of Spanish possession and Russian counter-attacks, but beside a late save by Akhmeef from Andres Iniesta, neither side looked ready to win the game in normal time. A brave defensive performance from Russia in extra time earned them a penalty shootout against the 2010 winners, where Akhmeef was ultimately the hero.

See match highlights:

Spain v Russia - 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ - Match 51

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Croatia v Denmark

**1-1 a.e.t. (1-1, 1-1) 3-2 PSO**

**52 01.07.2018 21:00 NIZHNI NOVGOROD**

**CRO:** 23 SUBASIC, 2 VRSALJKO, 3 STRINIC, 4 PERSIC, 6 LOVREN, 7 RAKITIC, 10 MODRIC (C), 11 KOSTAS ZRINEC, 17 MANDZUKIC, 18 ALBA, 19 COSTA, 20 ASESENSO (PAR)

**DEN:** 1 SCHMEICHEL; 4 KJAER (C), 5 KNUDSEN, 6 CHRISTENSEN, 8 DELANEY, 10 ERIKSEN, 11 BRATHWAITE, 13 JORGENSEN Mathias, 14 DALSGAARD, 20 POULSEN, 21 CORNELIUS

**Scores:** 0-1 11' JORGENSEN Mathias (13), 1-1 41' DZYUBA (22, pen.)

**Penalty Shoot-out:** 1-0 INIESTA (6), 1-1 SMOLOV (10), 2-1 PIQUE (3), 2-2 SCHONE (19), 2-2 PIVARIC (22), 2-2 MODRIC (10), 3-2 RAKITIC (7)

**Referee:** Nestor PITANA (ARG)

**Assistant referees:** Hernan MAIDANA (ARG), Juan Pablo BELATTI (ARG)

**4th official:** Enrique CACERES (PAR)

**Reserve assistant referee:** Eduardo CARDIZO (PAR)

**Substitutions:** CRO: 71' out BRATHWAITE (19), in VAJAL (2), 98' out SAMEDOV (19), in CHERYSHEV (6), 108' out IGNASEVICH (4), in KRAMARIC (9), 109' out KRUZIC (21), in KOVACIC (8), 115' out JORGENSEN Mathias (13)

**Cautions:** DEN: 80' out ERIKSEN (10), in INIESTA (6), 104' out MODRIC (10), in KRAMARIC (9), 112' out KOSTAS ZRINEC (10), in JORGENSEN Mathias (13)

**Expulsions:** –

After a thrilling start to the match, with both sides scoring in the opening four minutes, Croatia needed penalties to see off a brave Denmark side that played their most adventurous football of the competition but without reward.

The Danes opened the scoring in the opening minute, as Christian Eriksen clipping the crossbar. Croatia became more dominant as the half wore on, with Luka Modric directing traffic from a more withdrawn position than in other games. Denmark had their chances, however, with Christian Eriksen clipping the crossbar.

The Scandinavians grew in belief as the minutes passed, but let themselves down with some wayward finishing. Short on energy, the Vatreni were unable to find the back of the net themselves, and the match ticked into extra time. Croatia tried to force the pace late on, and passed up a golden chance to win it when Kasper Schmeichel denied Modric from the spot with four minutes remaining. The Danes waited for the shootout, confident in Schmeichel's penalty-saving expertise. The keeper stopped two, but Subasic went one better to take his side through.

See match highlights:

Croatia v Denmark - 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ - Match 52
Neymar scored his sixth FIFA World Cup™ goal, before substitute Roberto Firmino added one late on, to lift Brazil past Mexico 2-0 to advance into the quarter-finals at Russia 2018.

The first 20 minutes of the match started with El Tri pressuring the South Americans' backline, but eventually Tite's side were able to grow into the game, ultimately generating more goalscoring opportunities and looking the likelier to break the deadlock.

It took until after the break, though, and once the second half commenced, it wasn’t long until Neymar was wheeling away in celebration. He slid in to finish from close range after Willian sent in a dangerous, low cross on 51 minutes. Brazil continued to create scoring chances and, with full-time closing in fast, Firmino tapped in at the back post as Neymar turning provider to seal victory.

See match highlights: Brazil v Mexico - 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ - Match 53

Belgium's team of stars demonstrated their strength of character by coming back from two goals down to claim victory over Japan in a wild game at the Rostov Arena. The manner of the win will surely fill the side with confidence as they now advance to the quarter-finals of the 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ where they will face none other than Brazil.

Following a tight first half in which both defences had the upper hand, barring the odd minor lapse in concentration, Japan took a commanding lead with two goals at the start of the second half. Genki Haraguchi put the Blues ahead with an angled finish in the 48th minute, before Takashi Inui fired in a wonderful long-range strike for his second goal of the tournament.

Nobody doubted the ability of Roberto Martinez’s side, but here was a true test of their resolve. After a frantic few minutes, the manager opted for a change in approach with the introduction of the 6'4" danger man Marouane Fellaini, and the tactical shift paid dividends. In the 69th minute, Jan Vertonghen’s looping header threw Les Diables Rouges a lifeline, before Fellaini himself headed home the equaliser five minutes later.

As the game progressed, extra time seemed an inevitability. Yet Nacer Chadli had other ideas, the substitute applying the finishing touch to a textbook counter-attack in the fourth minute of stoppage time to send the Belgium fans into delirium.

See match highlights: Belgium v Japan - 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ - Match 54
Sweden v. Switzerland
1-0 (0-0)

Swedish booking their place in the FIFA World Cup™ quarter-finals for the first time in almost a quarter of a century after Emil Forsberg forced a slender 1-0 win over Switzerland in Saint Petersburg.

A cagey encounter from the outset, Sweden fell back on their tried and tested formula: sit deep, defend solidly and strike on the counter-attack. As such, Switzerland were the more active influence in the game when it came to possession, but the reactive approach from Janne Andersson’s side proved the more fertile. Chances were limited, but the better of them fell at Swedish feet.

In something of a war of attrition, as time progressed glimpses of a potential pivotal moment began to shine through, with only poor finishing and good fortune snuffing them out. However, it was fortune that eventually brought about the winner.

Forsberg was given far too much space at the edge of the box and, having failed to live up to his pre-tournament billing as Sweden’s star attraction, saw his effort deflect wildly off Manuel Akanji into the top corner, sending them into the last eight.

See match highlights:
Sweden v Switzerland - 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ - Match 55

Colombia v. England
1-1 a.e.t. (1-1, 0-0) 3-4 PSO

England defeated Colombia to reach the quarter-finals of the 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™. Penalties were needed at Moscow’s Spartak Stadium to decide the match and keep alive the Three Lions’ dream of a second World Cup title after 1966.

After a frenetic opening, England began to dictate the tempo of the game. Harry Kane, Raheem Sterling and Jesse Lingard kept moving well between the lines and were rewarded with several set piece opportunities. Without injured superstar James Rodriguez, Colombia relied on quick counterattacks but rarely posed a threat in front of the opposition’s goal.

The second half got off to the perfect start for England. After being brought down in the penalty area, captain Kane converted the resulting penalty to give his team the lead. Undeterred, Colombia threw everything forward in the final quarter of an hour and snatched an equaliser through Yerry Mina in the 93rd minute.

Although both teams pushed for a winner in extra time, penalties were ultimately necessary to determine the outcome. After Jordan Henderson’s shot was saved for England and Mateus Uribe and Carlos Bacca both failed to score for Colombia, Dier’s successful penalty kick sealed the Three Lions’ place in the last eight.

See match highlights:
Colombia v England - 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ - Match 56
France won through to the World Cup semi-finals for the first time in 12 years after seeing off a combative Uruguay side that struggled in the absence of the injured Edinson Cavani. Los Charrúas made a strong start all the same, with Cavani’s replacement Cristhian Stuani shooting across the face of goal. At the back, meanwhile, La Celeste were their usual organised selves, giving away no space whatsoever. Seeing more of the ball, France put some good moves together only to struggle in the box, where the Uruguayans were quick to snuff out any danger. Ironically, France’s opener came from a set-piece, habitually one of La Celeste’s strengths, with Raphael Varane glancing a header home from Antoine Griezmann’s pinpoint delivery. The Uruguayans would have equalised on the stroke of half-time but for a miraculous stop from Hugo Lloris, who dived full-length to claw away a Martin Caceres header.

In a bid to turn the game around, Uruguay coach Oscar Tabarez rang the changes in the second half, sending on Maxi Lopez and Cristian Rodriguez. Their Russia 2018 hopes came to an end, however, when a Griezmann shot deceived Fernando Muslera and slipped through the goalkeeper’s hands and over the line.

See match highlights: Uruguay v France - 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ - Match 57

Belgium beat Brazil 2-1 in Kazan to set the first semi-final of 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ in stone, and booked their return to the final four for the first time in three decades. A Seleção seized control of the match in the first half, seeing Thiago Silva’s effort hit the post, as the Red Devils rode their luck while relying on the counter-attack. The Belgians were ahead against the run of play after Fernandinho, replacing the suspended Casemiro, deviated a flicked-on corner into his own net. There was nothing fortunate about the European side’s second. Reminiscent of their on-the-break winner against Japan, Kevin De Bruyne polished off a flawless attack move with a sumptuously struck finish.

The South Americans tried to pile the pressure on their opponents again after half-time but a combination of the excellent Thibaut Courtois and feverish defending proved too much to break down. As the spurred chances stacked up, it was left to substitute Renato Augusto to head home a Coutinho cross to hand Brazil hope.

Belgium refused to fold, however, in the enthralling closing stages, ensuring Roberto Martinez’s side reached the World Cup semi-finals for only the second time in their history. See match highlights: Brazil v Belgium - 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ - Match 58
### Russia v. Croatia

#### 2-2 a.e.t. (1-1, 1-1) 3-4 PSO

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**Scorers:**

- RUS: 1-0 31' Cheryshev (6), 1-1 39' Kramaric (9), 1-2 101' Vida (21), 2-2 115' Mario Fernandes (2)
- CRO: 0-0 Smolov (10), 0-1 Brozovic (11), 1-1 Dzagoev (9), 1-1 Kovacic (8), 1-1 Mario Fernandes (2), 2-1 Modric (10), 2-2 Ignashevich (4), 2-3 Vida (21), 3-3 Kuziaev (7), 3-4 Rakitic (7)

**Penalty Shoot-out:**

- RUS: 0-0 Smolov (10), 0-1 Brozovic (11), 1-1 Dzagoev (9), 1-1 Kovacic (8), 1-1 Mario Fernandes (2), 2-1 Modric (10), 2-2 Ignashevich (4), 2-3 Vida (21), 3-3 Kuziaev (7), 3-4 Rakitic (7)
- CRO: 0-0 Subasic, 0-1 Rakitic (7), 1-0 Lovren (6), 1-1 Vida (21)

**Substitutions:**

- RUS: Reserve assistant referee: Jerson DOS SANTOS (ANG)
- CRO: 4th official: Emerson DE CARVALHO (BRA), Marcelo VAN GASSE (BRA)

**Referee:** Bjorn KUIPERS (NED)

**Assistant referees:** Sandro RICCI (BRA), Sander VAN ROEKEL (NED), Erwin ZEINSTRA (NED)

**Reserve assistant referee:** Janny SIKAZWE (ZAM)

Twenty years on from Croatia first taking the FIFA World Cup™ by storm, Zlatko Dalic’s team have booked the country’s place in the semi-finals for the second time in their history. Having emerged victorious on penalties after a gruelling encounter, the Balkan side have also got a monkey off their back by ending their hoodoo against World Cup hosts, having been knocked out by France in 1998 and lost to Brazil in the Opening Match of the 2014 edition.

Roared on by a boisterous crowd at the Fisht Stadium, the Russians sought to press high up the pitch early on. Yet despite this pressure and the din, which rose to deafening levels every time the hosts sprang forward on the break, the Croats refused to be cowed, continuing to play their game and giving as good as they got.

It was from one such counter-attack that Russia took the lead, Denis Cheryshev unleashing a left-footed piledriver that flew into the top corner. However, the Vatreni were not about to lie down and hit back a few minutes later. Andrej Kramaric stooping to head past Igor Akinfeev and ensuring the home fans’ celebrations were short-lived.

Besides an Ivan Perisic strike that clattered Akinfeev’s post, clear-cut chances were few and far between in the second half, which was as tense as it was bereft of goalscoring action. Domagoj Vida headed home in the first period of extra time to silence the Russian supporters again, only for fans up and down the country to erupt with joy when Mario Fernandes equalised with just minutes remaining. Fernandes would go from hero to villain in the shoot-out though, his miss proving decisive as Stanislaw Cherchesov’s charges ultimately bowed out.

### Sweden v. England

#### 0-2 (0-1)

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**Scorers:**

- SWE: 0-1 30’ Maguire (6), 0-2 59’ Alli (20)
- ENG: 1-0 30’ Maguire (6), 1-1 39’ Alli (20)

**Referee:** Bjorn KUPERS (NED)

**Assistant referees:** Sander VAN ROEKEL (NED), Erwin ZEINSTRA (NED)

**4th official:** Antonio MATEU (ESP)

**Reserve assistant referee:** Pau CEBRIAN (ESP)

**Substitutions:**

- SWE: 65’ out Toivonen (20), in Guidetti (11), 65’ out Forsberg (10), in Olsson (5), 85’ out Krafth (16), in Jansson (18)
- ENG: 77’ out Alli (20), in Delphi (17), 85’ out Henderson (8), in Dier (4), 90’+1 out Sterling (10), in Rashford (19)

**Cautions:**

- SWE: 87’ Guidetti (11), 90’+4 Larsson (7)
- ENG: 87’ Maguire (6)

**Expulsions:** –

England advanced to their first FIFA World Cup™ semi-final since Italy 1990 with a 2-0 win over Sweden thanks to a pair of headed goals by Harry Maguire and Dele.

After a tepid opening half hour, Maguire was able to spring above his marker and latch on to the end of a floated Ashley Young corner to give the Three Lions the lead.

England goalkeeper Jordan Pickford was notably called into action early in the second half when he saved Marcus Berg’s header. But Dele doubled the Three Lions’ lead when he timed his run at the back post and headed in a cross delivered by Jesse Lingard.

England held on to their two-goal cushion thanks to several Pickford saves to seal their place in the semi-finals for the first time since 1990.

### See match highlights:

- **Russia v Croatia - 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ - Match 59**
- **Sweden v England - 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ - Match 60**
Samuel Umtiti’s headed winner has returned France to the FIFA World Cup™ Final for the third time in 20 years, sealing a 1-0 win over Belgium in Saint Petersburg.

The first half saw chances at either end, with Belgium captain Eden Hazard going close before Hugo Lloris and Thibaut Courtois denied Toby Alderweireld and Benjamin Pavard respectively to ensure the opening period ended all square.

Having seen the best chances come from defenders, it was apt that a centre-back opened the scoring. After Raphael Varane performed heroics in the quarter-finals against Uruguay, this time it was Umtiti, stealing a march on his marker Marouane Fellaini to meet Antoine Griezmann’s corner at the near post and flick a header beyond Thibaut Courtois.

Once ahead, France locked down, robbing the Red Devils’ star names of space to pick through in the final third, grinding down the clock - while looking to strike on the counter - until their place in the Moscow finale was confirmed.

Croatia have reached their first FIFA World Cup™ Final, coming from behind to defeat England 2-1 after extra time at the Luzhniki Stadium in Moscow - with Mario Mandzukic’s extra-time goal the decisive strike.

The game had started so well for the Three Lions. Less than five minutes were on the clock when Kieran Trippier curled a delicious free-kick past the helpless Danijel Subasic.

Croatia struck back after the break. After continually increasing the pressure on the Three Lions, Sime Vrsaljko’s pinpoint cross was met by Ivan Perisic, who snuck in to level from close range. Less than five minutes later, Perisic found himself in space in the English penalty area, but his effort struck the post, and the follow-up was gratefully held by Jordan Pickford.

The Inter Milan man’s effort off the woodwork was the closest either side came to taking the lead before the 90 minutes were up, meaning England faced a second period of extra time at Russia 2018 - with Croatia undertaking a third consecutive additional 30 minutes.

Vatreni did not need penalties this time. Mandzukic ghosted behind the English defence, who momentarily lost concentration, and the Juventus man hammered home a historic strike to send his country into their maiden World Cup Final.
Thomas Meunier and Eden Hazard struck at either end of their Play-off for Third Place with England to secure bronze at the 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ - their best-ever performance at the global finals.

Belgium began superbly. Early pressure quickly turned into an early goal, with Meunier nipping in behind Danny Rose to tuck Nacer Chadli’s cross past Jordan Pickford. Dominant and lively, they looked set to extend that lead until England regained their composure, dulling the incisive swipes of the Belgians’ passing as the half wore on.

Gareth Southgate’s side gritted their teeth and began to dominate possession either side of half-time, probing for openings in the final third. While these were not plentiful, they looked the more likely to score, though the spectre of a Belgian counter loomed throughout.

Eric Dier saw his cute, dinked effort hooked off the line by Toby Alderweireld in their best opportunity of the day, with Hazard sealing bronze on the break. Kevin De Bruyne slipped him in superbly and the final result was never in doubt as the Belgium captain tucked away assuredly.

See match highlights:
Belgium v. England - 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ - Match 63
France have won the 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ after defeating Croatia 4-2 in a thoroughly entertaining Final at the Luzhniki Stadium in Moscow in what was a fitting end to an outstanding tournament.

Despite Croatia having the majority of possession in the opening stages, France took the lead in somewhat fortuitous circumstances. Antoine Griezmann’s lofted free kick from the French right was nodded into his own net by Mario Mandzukic.

Ivan Perisic levelled with a calm effort from the edge of the penalty area, but he would turn from hero to villain. A cross from the French right-hand side was handled by the Croatia No 4, with a penalty awarded after a VAR review.

After the interval, France increased their lead through Paul Pogba, whose performances in the tournament deserved a goal in its finale. After Kylian Mbappe stretched the Croatian defence, Griezmann teed up Pogba, who finished after seeing his initial effort blocked.

After his tireless running tired the Croatian defence, it was only fitting that Mbappe himself got on the scoresheet, hitting a sweetly-struck effort from the edge of the penalty area with which Danijel Subasic stood no chance.

Mandzukic then scored in the same net, but this time to Croatia’s advantage, capitalising on some carelessness by Hugo Lloris to reduce the deficit.

In the end, the big No17’s strike was not enough to spark yet another miraculous Croatian comeback, and Les Bleus emulate their heroes of 1998 - including coach Didier Deschamps - in securing their second World Cup title.

See match highlights: [France v Croatia - 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ - Match 64](#)
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