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RUSSIA 2018

Players at the 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ Facts & Figures

Statistical Kit



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Happy Birthday to...



When	Turning...
12 JUNE	
PHILIPPE COUTINHO (BRA)	26
Sergei KARASEV (RUS) - Referee	39
Davinson SANCHEZ (COL)	22
13 JUNE	
Keisuke HONDA (JPN)	32
14 JUNE	
Andre CARRILLO (PER)	27
15 JUNE	
Saliou CISS (SEN)	29
Albert GUDMUNDSSON (ISL)	21
Yussuf Yurary POULSEN (DEN)	24
MOHAMED SALAH (EGY)	26
16 JUNE	
Odion IGHALO (NGA)	29
Fernando MUSLERA (URU)	32
17 JUNE	
Alan DZAGOEV (RUS)	28
Jordan HENDERSON (ENG)	28
Jair MARRUFO (USA) - Referee	41
Nestor PITANA (ARG) - Referee	43
Rodney WALLACE (CRC)	30
18 JUNE	
Amine HARIT (MAR)	21
Miguel HERNANDEZ (MEX) - Assistant Referee	41
19 JUNE	
Dylan BRONN (TUN)	23
Andrej KRAMARIC (CRO)	27
Jose Luis RODRIGUEZ (PAN)	20
Ragnar SIGURDSSON (ISL)	32
20 JUNE	
Majid HOSSEINI (IRN)	22
Kalidou KOULIBALY (SEN)	27
21 JUNE	
Francois MOUBANDJE (SUI)	28
23 JUNE	
Fakhreddine BEN YOUSSEF (TUN)	27
Kristoffer NORDFELDT (SWE)	29



When	Turning...
24 JUNE	
Emerson DE CARVALHO (BRA) - Assistant Referee	46
Lionel MESSI (ARG)	31
Isaac Kiese THELIN (SWE)	26
Yaser TULEFAT (BHR) - Assistant Referee	44
25 JUNE	
Rodrigo BENTANCUR (URU)	21
Koen CASTEELS (BEL)	26
Ayroub EL KAABI (MAR)	25
Miguel LAYUN (MEX)	30
Toru SAGARA (JPN) - Assistant Referee	42
Bassem SRARFI (TUN)	21
26 JUNE	
YAHIA ALSHEHRI (KSA)	28
Josel CAMPBELL (CRC)	26
27 JUNE	
Abdelhak ETCHALI (ALG) - Assistant Referee	37
Massimiliano IRRATI (ITA) - VAR Referee	39
28 JUNE	
Leon BALOGUN (NGA)	30
Kevin DE BRUYNE (BEL)	27
Pawel GIL (POL) - VAR Referee	42
Oscar HILJEMARK (SWE)	26
Gernot ROHR (GER) - Coach Team Nigeria	65
29 JUNE	
Ever BANEGA (ARG)	30
Emil HALLFREDSSON (ISL)	34
1 JULY	
MOHAMED ABDELSHAFY (EGY)	33
Farouk BEN MUSTAPHA (TUN)	29
Mehdi CARCELA (MAR)	29
Lucas VAZQUEZ (ESP)	27
2 JULY	
Joel AGUILAR (SLV) - Referee	43
Yassine MERIAH (TUN)	25
Danny ROSE (ENG)	28
3 JULY	
Ola TOIVONEN (SWE)	32
5 JULY	
Ashkan DEJAGAH (IRN)	32
Dejan LOVREN (CRO)	29



When	Turning...
6 JULY	
Bartosz BIALKOWSKI (POL)	31
KIM Jinhyeon (KOR)	31
7 JULY	
Youssef AIT BENNASSER (MAR)	22
Jose IZQUIERDO (COL)	26
8 JULY	
Francisco CALVO (CRC)	26
SON Heungmin (KOR)	26
Kevin TRAPP (GER)	28
9 JULY	
Ronald MATARRITA (CRC)	24
Ashley YOUNG (ENG)	33
10 JULY	
Mario GOMEZ (GER)	33
SHERIF EKRAMY (EGY)	35
11 JULY	
MOHAMED ELNENY (EGY)	26
Andrija ZIVKOVIC (SRB)	22
12 JULY	
Bartosz BERESZYNSKI (POL)	26
Lukas LERAGER (DEN)	25
James RODRIGUEZ (COL)	27
13 JULY	
ABDALLA SAID (EGY)	33
Guillermo OCHOA (MEX)	33
Eduardo SALVIO (ARG)	28
Roberto MARTINEZ (ESP) - Coach Team Belgium	45
14 JULY	
Artur DIAS (POR) - VAR Referee	39
Anouar HMILA (TUN) - Assistant Referee	44
Sergey IGNASHEVICH (RUS)	39
15 JULY	
DANILO (BRA)	27
MUTO Yoshinori (JPN)	26

Players

Through the Ages

Top five oldest players of the participating teams

At the age of nearly 45, Egyptian goalkeeper **ESSAM ELHADARY** could replace Colombian counterpart **Faryd MONDRAGON** as the oldest player in FIFA World Cup™ history. MONDRAGON took to the field four years ago in Brazil aged 43 years and three days. ESSAM ELHADARY is even older than three of the coaches participating in Russia, namely Senegalese tactician Aliou CISSE, Serbian Mladen KRSTAJIC and Spaniard Roberto MARTINEZ, who is calling the shots for Belgium. In addition, Mexico's **Rafael MARQUEZ** could earn himself a place just outside the all-time top ten.

Oldest players		
Date of birth	Name	Age at kick-off - 14 June 2018
15.01.1973	ESSAM ELHADARY (EGY)	45y 150d
13.02.1979	Rafael MARQUEZ (MEX)	39y 121d
14.07.1979	Sergey IGNASHEVICH (RUS)	38y 336d
06.12.1979	Tim CAHILL (AUS)	38y 191d
26.01.1981	Jose CORONA (MEX)	37y 139d

Top five youngest players of the participating teams

Australian **Daniel ARZANI** is the youngest player participating in the 2018 World Cup at the age of 19 and a half, followed by Frenchman **Kylian MBAPPE**, who is just over two weeks older. Also among the five youngest players involved in this edition are Moroccan **Achraf HAKIMI**, Nigeria's **Francis UZOHO** and England's **Trent ALEXANDER-ARNOLD**, who are all under 20 years old.

Youngest players		
Date of birth	Name	Age at kick-off - 14 June 2018
04.01.1999	Daniel ARZANI (AUS)	19y 161d
20.12.1998	Kylian MBAPPE (FRA)	19y 176d
04.11.1998	Achraf HAKIMI (MAR)	19y 222d
28.10.1998	Francis UZOHO (NGA)	19y 229d
07.10.1998	Trent ALEXANDER-ARNOLD (ENG)	19y 250d

Familiar Faces

Players who played in previous FIFA World Cups

A total of 200 players have been squad members in at least one previous World Cup and 176 have actually played in the competition. In particular, 186 players were involved in Brazil 2014, 61 in South Africa 2010, 21 in Germany 2006 and one player, Mexico's Rafael MARQUEZ, also took part in the 2002 edition in Korea Republic and Japan.

If fielded, MARQUEZ will become the third player to see action in five editions, following his compatriot Antonio CARBAJAL and Germany's Lothar MATTHAUS.

By contrast, eight players could take to the field in their fourth World Cup: Argentina's Javier MASCHERANO and Lionel MESSI, Australia's Tim CAHILL, Mexican Andres GUARDADO, Portugal's Cristiano RONALDO, Spaniards Andres INIESTA and Sergio RAMOS and Switzerland's Valon BEHRAMI.

Two players are making their return to the World Cup after a 12-year absence, namely Randall AZOFEIFA (1 game for Costa Rica in 2006) and Lukasz FABIANSKI, who was with Poland's squad in Germany but did not play.

Among the players rostered for the 2018 finals, Javier MASCHERANO and Rafael MARQUEZ have played the most World Cup matches, with 16, one more than Lionel MESSI and two ahead of Mesut ÖZIL on 14. Behind them on 13 are Cristiano RONALDO, Thomas MULLER, Manuel NEUER and Sergio RAMOS.

By contrast, 53 players have scored at least one goal in the World Cup. The top scorer among those present in Russia is Germany's Thomas MULLER with ten, followed by Colombia's James RODRIGUEZ with six and the quartet of Tim CAHILL, Gonzalo HIGUAIN, Lionel MESSI and Luis SUAREZ on five.

Former winners out in force

A total of 15 world champions are participating in Russia, consisting of six Spaniards and nine Germans. The 2010 title winners are Sergio BUSQUETS, Andres INIESTA, Gerard PIQUE, Sergio RAMOS, Pepe REINA and David SILVA, while the 2014 victors are Jerome BOATENG, Julian DRAXLER, Matthias GINTER, Mats HUMMELS, Sami KHEDIRA, Toni KROOS, Thomas MULLER, Manuel NEUER and Mesut ÖZIL.

National team appearances and goals

(as of 4 June 2018)

Of the players participating in Russia, 35 have accumulated at least 100 caps for their national team. Top of the pile is Egyptian goalkeeper ESSAM ELHADARY with 157, followed by Spain's Sergio RAMOS with 151 and Portugal's Cristiano RONALDO with 149.

Twenty players are yet to win their first international cap.

Among players in Russia who are their country's leading marksman, Cristiano RONALDO leads the pack with 81 goals, followed by Lionel MESSI with 61 and Brazil's NEYMAR on 53.

Coming through the ranks

Among the finalists in Russia, 60 players representing eight different teams have already won a FIFA tournament other than the World Cup. The earliest such honour was the FIFA Confederations Cup title won by Rafael MARQUEZ in 1999.

ARGENTINA
Olympic Football Tournament
Sergio AGUERO (2008), Ever BANEGA (2008), Wilfredo CABALLERO (2004), Angel DI MARIA (2008), Federico FAZIO (2008), Javier MASCHERANO (2004, 2008), Lionel MESSI (2008)
FIFA U-20 WORLD CUP
Sergio AGUERO (2005), Ever BANEGA (2007), Lucas BIGLIA (2005), Wilfredo CABALLERO (2001), Angel DI MARIA (2007), Federico FAZIO (2007), Gabriel MERCADO (2007), Lionel MESSI (2005)
BRAZIL
FIFA Confederations Cup
FILIPE LUIS (2013), MARCELO (2013), MIRANDA (2009), NEYMAR (2013), PAULINHO (2013), THIAGO SILVA (2013)
Olympic Football Tournament
GABRIEL JESUS (2016), MARQUINHOS (2016), NEYMAR (2016), RENATO AUGUSTO (2016)
FIFA U-20 WORLD CUP
CASEMIRO (2011), DANILO (2011), FERNANDINHO (2003), PHILIPPE COUTINHO (2011)
FRANCE
FIFA U-20 WORLD CUP
Alphonse AREOLA (2013), Paul POGBA (2013), Florian THAUVIN (2013), Samuel UMTITI (2013)
GERMANY
FIFA Confederations Cup
Julian BRANDT (2017), Julian DRAXLER (2017), Matthias GINTER (2017), Leon GORETZKA (2017), Jonas HECTOR (2017), Joshua KIMMICH (2017), Marvin PLATTENHARDT (2017), Sebastian RUDY (2017), Antonio RÜDIGER (2017), Niklas SÜLE (2017), Marc-Andre TER STEGEN (2017), Kevin TRAPP (2017), Timo WERNER (2017).
MEXICO
FIFA CONFEDERATIONS CUP
Rafael MARQUEZ (1999)
Olympic Football Tournament
Javier AQUINO (2012), Jose CORONA (2012), Giovanni DOS SANTOS (2012), Marco FABIAN (2012), Hector HERRERA (2012), Raul JIMENEZ (2012), Oribe PERALTA (2012), Diego REYES (2012)
FIFA U-17 World Cup
Giovanni DOS SANTOS (2005), Hector MORENO (2005), Carlos VELA (2005)
NIGERIA
FIFA U-17 World Cup
Kelechi IHEANACHO (2013), Francis UZOHO (2013)
SERBIA
FIFA U-20 World Cup
Marko GRUJIC (2015), Sergej MILINKOVIC-SAVIC (2015), Predrag RAJKOVIC (2015), Milos VELJKOVIC (2015), Andrija ZIVKOVIC (2015).
SWITZERLAND
FIFA U-17 World Cup
Ricardo RODRIGUEZ (2009), Haris SEFEROVIC (2009), Granit XHAKA (2009)

Coaches

Top five oldest coaches of the participating teams

Uruguayan Oscar TABAREZ will become the second-oldest coach in World Cup history, second only to German supremo Otto REHHAGEL, who guided Greece at the 2010 edition aged 71 years and 317 days. Also entering the all-time top ten will be Argentinian Jose PEKERMAN, who is leading Colombia in Russia and occupies fourth place, behind Cesare MALDINI and ahead of Otto PFISTER.

Oldest			
Date of birth	Name	Team	Age at kick-off - 14 June 2018
03.03.1947	Oscar TABAREZ (URU)	Uruguay	71y 103d
03.09.1949	Jose PEKERMAN (ARG)	Colombia	68y 284d
19.05.1952	Bert VAN MARWIJK (NED)	Australia	66y 26d
01.03.1953	Carlos QUEIROZ (POR)	IR Iran	65y 105d
28.06.1953	Gernot ROHR (GER)	Nigeria	64y 351d

Top five youngest coaches of the participating teams

Three of the coaches in Russia are under 45 years of age. The youngest is Senegalese coach Aliou CISSE, followed by Serbian Mladen KRSTAJIC and Belgium's Spanish coach Roberto MARTINEZ.

Youngest			
Date of birth	Name	Team	Age at kick-off - 14 June 2018
24.03.1976	Aliou CISSE (SEN)	Senegal	42y 82d
04.03.1974	Mladen KRSTAJIC (SRB)	Serbia	44y 102d
13.07.1973	Roberto MARTINEZ (ESP)	Belgium	44y 336d
11.10.1970	SHIN Taeyong (KOR)	Korea Republic	47y 246d
03.09.1970	Gareth SOUTHGATE (ENG)	England	47y 284d

Teams

Top five oldest participating teams

Oldest (years/months)	
Average age	Teams
29/07	Costa Rica
29/05	Mexico
29/04	Panama
29/03	Argentina
29	Egypt

Top five youngest participating teams

Youngest (years/months)	
Average age	Teams
26	Nigeria
26/01	France
26/01	England
26/07	Tunisia
26/10	Serbia

Average age in the past twenty years

With an average age of nearly 28 years, the playing contingent in this edition is the oldest in the competition's history.

Average age	
FIFW World Cup™	Average age (years/months)
1998	27/07
2002	27/06
2006	27/05
2010	27/05
2014	27/03
2018	27/11

Where do they come from?

In the below statistics the calculation is based on the player's club of the season 2017/18

Number of players in domestic leagues

Only 27% of the players represent domestic clubs (199 out of 736). England is the only team in which all the players play club football on home soil, followed by Russia (21 out of 23) and Saudi Arabia (20 out of 23). By contrast, no members of the Senegal or Sweden squads play their trade at home and four squads (Belgium, Iceland, Nigeria and Switzerland) have only one player who plays in his native country.

Players in domestic leagues		Country
100%	(23/23)	England
91,3%	(21/23)	Russia
86,9%	(20/23)	Saudi Arabia
73,9%	(17/23)	Spain
65,2%	(15/23)	Germany
52,2 %	(12/23)	Korea Republic
39,1 %	(9/23)	France, IR Iran
34,8%	(8/23)	Egypt, Japan, Mexico
26,1%	(6/23)	Costa Rica, Portugal, Tunisia
21,7%	(5/23)	Peru'
17,4%	(4/23)	Poland
13,0%	(3/23)	Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Colombia, Denmark, Panama, Serbia
8,7 %	(2/23)	Croatia, Morocco, Uruguay
4,3 %	(1/23)	Belgium, Island, Nigeria, Switzerland
0 %	(0/23)	Senegal, Sweden

The 55 countries represented by at least one player

The 736 players at the 2018 FIFA World Cup™ play their trade in 55 different countries. No fewer than 124 are signed to English clubs, while the Spanish and German leagues account for the next biggest contingents. Among non-qualified countries the Italian championship is the most represented, with no fewer than 58 players.

Number of players	Country
124 (17%)	England
81 (11%)	Spain
67 (9%)	Germany
58 (8%)	Italy
49 (7%)	France
36	<i>Russia</i>
30	<i>Saudi Arabia</i>
22	<i>Mexico, Turkey</i>
19	<i>Portugal</i>
18	<i>USA</i>
16	<i>Belgium</i>
15	<i>Japan, Netherlands</i>
13	<i>Korea Republic</i>
10	<i>Egypt</i>
9	<i>Argentina, Brazil, IR Iran,</i>
8	<i>China PR, Denmark</i>
7	<i>Costa Rica, Peru, Scotland</i>
6	<i>Colombia, Tunisia, Wales</i>
5	<i>Greece</i>
4	<i>Poland, Switzerland</i>
3	<i>Australia, Croatia, Panama, Serbia, Sweden, Ukraine</i>
2	<i>Austria, Bulgaria, Chile, Guatemala, Israel, Morocco, Qatar, UAE, Uruguay</i>
1	<i>Canada, Finland, Guinea, Honduras, Island, Nigeria, Norway, Romania, South Africa, Slovakia</i>

Where they play (by confederation)

Almost three-quarters of the players contesting in this edition of the FIFA World Cup belong to European clubs.

	Confederation
73.9%	European Zone
11.1 %	Asian Zone
7.3 %	North, Central American & Caribbean Zone
4.8 %	South American Zone
2.9 %	African Zone

Clubs with seven and more players at the FIFA World Cup™

Number of players	Playing at...
16	Manchester City FC (ENG)
15	Real Madrid FC (ESP)
14	FC Barcelona (ESP)
12	Chelsea FC (ENG), Paris St. Germain FC (FRA), Tottenham Hotspur FC (ENG)
11	FC Bayern München (GER), Juventus FC (ITA), Manchester United FC (ENG)
9	Al Ahli SC (KSA), Al Hilal SFC (KSA), Atletico Madrid (ESP)
8	AS Monaco (FRA), Leicester City FC (ENG)
7	Al Ahly SC (EGY), Arsenal FC (ENG), Borussia Dortmund (GER), Liverpool FC (ENG), Sporting CP (POR), VFL Borussia Mönchengladbach (GER)

The Russia 2018 squads officially confirmed are published on FIFA.com