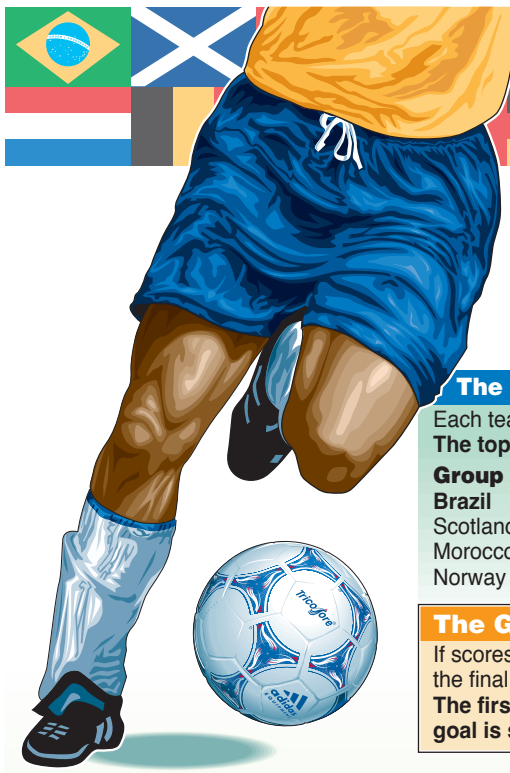
World Cup France 98



A record 32 teams from five continents will compete in soccer's most prestigious tournament, the FIFA World Cup. In stadia throughout France, an estimated 2.5 million people will attend the matches, with around 1.5 billion – one in five of the world's population – watching the final on TV, making it the biggest single sporting event in history



The competition.....

Seeded teams in bold

Each team plays three group matches, scoring 3 points for a win, 1 for a draw.
The top two teams in each group will progress to the knock-out stage of the competition

Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D	Group E	Group F	Group G	Group H
Brazil	**Italy**	**France**	**Spain**	**Holland**	**Germany**	**Romania**	**Argentina**
Scotland	Chile	South Africa	Nigeria	Belgium	U.S.	Colombia	Japan
Morocco	Cameroon	Saudi Arabia	Paraguay	South Korea	Yugoslavia	England	Jamaica
Norway	Austria	Denmark	Bulgaria	Mexico	Iran	Tunisia	Croatia

The Golden Goal...

If scores remain level after 90 minutes in any knock-out stage match, including the final itself, the game will be settled by the 'Golden Goal' rule
The first goal scored during extra time – 30 minutes – will decide the match. If no goal is scored during extra time, the match will be decided by a penalty shoot-out

Groups A / B

June				Venue
10	Brazil		Scotland	St-Denis
10	Morocco		Norway	Montpellier
16	Scotland		Norway	Bordeaux
16	Brazil		Morocco	Nantes
23	Brazil		Norway	Marseille
23	Scotland		Morocco	St-Etienne

Group A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1						
2						
3						
4						

June				Venue
11	Italy		Chile	Bordeaux
11	Cameroon		Austria	Toulouse
17	Chile		Austria	St-Etienne
17	Italy		Cameroon	Montpellier
23	Italy		Austria	St-Denis
23	Chile		Cameroon	Nantes

Group B	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1						
2						
3						
4						

Groups C / D

June				Venue
12	France		S Africa	Marseille
12	Saudi Arabia		Denmark	Lens
18	S Africa		Denmark	Toulouse
18	France		Saudi Arabia	St-Denis
24	France		Denmark	Lyon
24	S Africa		Saudi Arabia	Bordeaux

Group C	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1						
2						
3						
4						

June				Venue
12	Paraguay		Bulgaria	Montpellier
13	Spain		Nigeria	Nantes
19	Nigeria		Bulgaria	Paris
19	Spain		Paraguay	St-Etienne
24	Spain		Bulgaria	Lens
24	Nigeria		Paraguay	Toulouse

Group D	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1						
2						
3						
4						

Groups E / F

June				Venue
13	S Korea		Mexico	Lyon
13	Holland		Belgium	St-Denis
20	Belgium		Mexico	Bordeaux
20	Holland		S Korea	Marseille
25	Holland		Mexico	St-Etienne
25	Belgium		S Korea	Paris

Group E	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1						
2						
3						
4						

June				Venue
14	Yugoslavia		Iran	St-Etienne
15	Germany		U.S.	Paris
21	Germany		Yugoslavia	Lens
21	U.S.		Iran	Lyon
25	Germany		Iran	Montpellier
25	U.S.		Yugoslavia	Nantes

Group F	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1						
2						
3						
4						

Groups G / H

June				Venue
15	England		Tunisia	Marseille
15	Romania		Colombia	Lyon
22	Romania		England	Toulouse
22	Colombia		Tunisia	Montpellier
26	Romania		Tunisia	St-Denis
26	Colombia		England	Lens

Group G	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1						
2						
3						
4						

June				Venue
14	Argentina		Japan	Toulouse
14	Jamaica		Croatia	Lens
20	Japan		Croatia	Nantes
21	Argentina		Jamaica	Paris
26	Argentina		Croatia	Bordeaux
26	Japan		Jamaica	Lyon

Group H	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1						
2						
3						
4						

SECOND ROUND

June 27			June 28			June 29			June 30		
Match 1	Paris: Parc des Princes	9.00pm	**Match 3**	Lens	4.30pm	**Match 5**	Toulouse	9.00pm	**Match 7**	Bordeaux	4.30pm
A1		B2	C1		D2	E1		F2	G1		H2
Match 2	Marseille	4.30pm	**Match 4**	St-Denis: Stade de France	9.00pm	**Match 6**	Montpellier	4.30pm	**Match 8**	St-Etienne	9.00pm
B1		A2	D1		C2	F1		E2	H1		G2

QUARTER FINALS

July 3				July 4			
QF1	Nantes	9.00pm	**QF2**	St-Denis: Stade de France	4.30pm	**QF3**	Marseille	4.30pm	**QF4**	Lyon	9.00pm
Winner Match 1		**Winner Match 4**	**Winner Match 2**		**Winner Match 3**	**Winner Match 5**		**Winner Match 8**	**Winner Match 6**		**Winner Match 7**

SEMI-FINALS

Tuesday, July 7	*Marseille: Velodrome*	*9.00pm*
Winner QF1	**v**	**Winner QF3**
Wednesday, July 8	*Paris St-Denis: Stade de France*	*9.00pm*
Winner QF2	**v**	**Winner QF4**

Third place play-off

Saturday, July 11	*Paris: Parc des Princes*	*9.00pm*

WORLD CUP FINAL 1998

Sunday, July 12	***Paris St-Denis: Stade de France***	***9.00pm***

Match ball 1998 – the Tricolore

Adidas *Tricolore* – the official World Cup ball

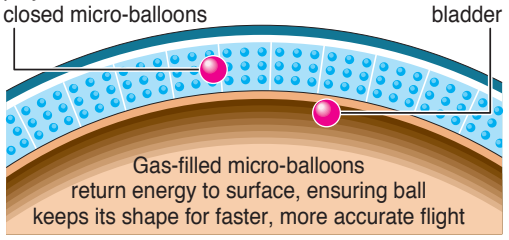
Lightweight synthetic ball



Inside the ball

Syntactic foam – tight polyurethane matrix of closed micro-balloons

Latex rubber bladder



France for the Cup?
As hosts, an inspired French team won the European Championships in 1984 – a feat they will hope to repeat by lifting the World Cup in the new Stade de France

What chance a new name inscribed on the trophy?
Only 10 countries have ever reached the final – and just six have actually won the tournament. Uruguay is the only previous winner not to have qualified for France 98

All times local time

Sources: FIFA, Adidas, France 98

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World Cup winners

1930	**Uruguay**	*4-2*	Argentina
1934	**Italy**	*2-1*	Czech.
1938	**Italy**	*4-2*	Hungary
1950	**Uruguay**	*2-1*	Brazil
1954	**Germany***	*3-2*	Hungary
1958	**Brazil**	*5-2*	Sweden
1962	**Brazil**	*3-1*	Czech.
1966	**England**	*4-2*	*Germany
1970	**Brazil**	*4-1*	Italy
1974	**Germany***	*2-1*	Holland
1978	**Argentina**	*3-1*	Holland
1982	**Italy**	*3-1*	*Germany
1986	**Argentina**	*3-2*	*Germany
1990	**Germany***	*1-0*	Argentina
1994	**Brazil**	*0-0*	Italy

(Brazil won 3-2 on pens.)

*West Germany