

# Best 10 FIFA World Cup finals



**1930 – Host: Uruguay**  
**Uruguay 4 Argentina 2**  
*Venue: Estadio Centenario*

## ★ Game of Two Halves:

Each team provides its own ball for half the match. Uruguay produce a stunning 2nd half display with theirs, to claim the World Cup trophy from Jules Rimet



**1938 – France**  
**Italy 4 Hungary 2**  
*Olympique de Colombes*

## ★ Azzurri Double:

Italy become the first team to defend the title successfully. Player of the tournament – the skillful Silvio Piola – scores twice, sealing victory for Italy in a pulsating final



**1958 – Sweden**  
**Brazil 5 Sweden 2**  
*Rasunda Stadium*

## ★ Birth of a Legend:

At 17, Pele becomes the youngest player in a World Cup final. He scores twice; the second – a lob and volley – arguably one of the best goals in World Cup history



**1966 – England**  
**England 4 W. Germany 2\***  
*Wembley Stadium*

## ★ They Think It's All Over:

An iconic moment in English culture, Geoff Hurst's hat-trick – the only one to date in a World Cup final – seals a dramatic extra-time victory over bitter rivals, Germany



**1970 – Mexico**  
**Brazil 4 Italy 1**  
*Estadio Azteca*

## ★ Brazilian Masterclass:

After victories in 1958 and 1962, Brazil retain the Jules Rimet trophy with an emphatic win over Italy, Pele ending his World Cup career as the only player to win 3 times



**1978 – Argentina**  
**Argentina 3 Netherlands 1\***  
*Estadio Monumental*

## ★ Dutch Despair:

After losing the 1974 final, the Dutch face hosts Argentina, but despite playing "Total Football" they fall short once again – extra time goals for Argentina sealing victory



**1986 – Mexico**  
**Argentina 3 W. Germany 2**  
*Estadio Azteca*

## ★ Magnificent Maradona:

Creative flair, unstoppable dribbling runs – and the "Hand of God". Maradona ensures Argentina survive a trademark German comeback to claim their 2nd World Cup victory



**1990 – Italy**  
**W. Germany 1 Argentina 0**  
*Stadio Olimpico*

## ★ German Revenge:

One of the most ill-tempered finals in World Cup history – Dezotti and Monzon both dismissed for Argentina – as Germany clinch victory with an 85th min Brehme penalty



**1998 – France**  
**France 3 Brazil 0**  
*Stade de France*

## ★ Fearless French:

Brazil's sixth World Cup final appearance, but the compact French midfield overpower the Brazilian playmakers as goals from Zidane (2) and Petit ease the hosts to victory



**2002 – Korea/Japan**  
**Brazil 2 Germany 0**  
*Int. Stadium Yokohama*

## ★ Fifth for Brilliant Brazil:

In the first World Cup to be held in Asia, Brazil claim their fifth title with two goals from Golden Boot winner and all-time World Cup top scorer (with 15 goals), Ronaldo

**Pele Brazil**  
*Playing career 1957-71*

*92 appearances, 77 goals*  
*Three-time World Cup winner: 1958, 1962, 1970*

