

## Argentina

Coach  
**Lionel Scaloni**  
Captain: **Lionel Messi**

### WORLD CUP RECORD

**W47 D16 L24**

Appearances: **18**  
Best finish: **Winner (1978, 1986)**  
2018 performance: **Last 16**

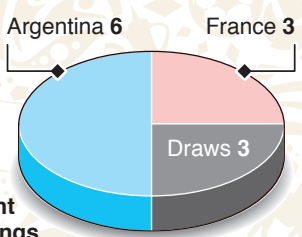
**2022:** Topped Group C, recovering from shock opening defeat to Saudi Arabia. Edged Netherlands in fiery encounter before easing into final with victory over Croatia

**Lionel Messi**  
Vowed final will be last World Cup game of career



**Lusail Stadium, December 18**

### HEAD-TO-HEAD



### Recent meetings

2018	France	4-3	Argentina
2009	France	0-2	Argentina

**Fourth World Cup meeting – Argentina winning in 1930 and 1978, before Les Bleus secured 4-3 victory in pulsating Last 16 clash in 2018**

### GLORY DAYS

Argentina have lost just one of last 42 matches – won **Copa America** title in 2021

### ROAD TO FINAL

<b>L</b> S. Arabia	1-2	Match 1	<b>W</b> Australia	4-1
<b>W</b> Mexico	2-0	Match 2	<b>W</b> Denmark	2-1
<b>W</b> Poland	2-0	Match 3	<b>L</b> Tunisia	0-1
<b>W</b> Australia	2-1	Last 16	<b>W</b> Poland	3-1
<b>D</b> Netherlands	*2-2	QF	<b>W</b> England	2-1
<b>W</b> Croatia	3-0	SF	<b>W</b> Morocco	2-0

### Kylian Mbappé

Surpassed **Pele (7)** for most FIFA World Cup strikes before 24th birthday (9 goals)

## France

Coach  
**Didier Deschamps**  
Captain: **Hugo Lloris**

### WORLD CUP RECORD

**W39 D13 L20**

Appearances: **16**  
Best finish: **Winner (1998, 2018)**  
2018 performance: **Winner**

**2022:** Topped Group D with assured displays against Australia and Denmark. Dispatched strong England team before ending Morocco's fairytale to reach fourth final in last seven tournaments

### HISTORIC FEAT

France aiming to become first nation to retain World Cup since Brazil in 1962



### SHOOTING BOOTS: Goals

Messi	5
Mbappé	5
Alvarez	4
Giroud	4

### EYE FOR GOAL: Shots

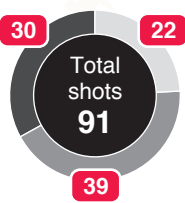
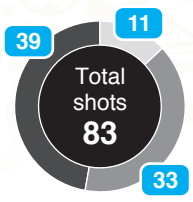
Mbappé	Total: 25
Messi	23
Giroud	16
Alvarez	10

### PLAYMAKERS: Passes

Otamendi	464
De Paul	410
Tchouaméni	371
Fernández	335

### TEAM STATISTICS (6 matches)

12	Goals scored	13
5	Goals against	5
3297	Passes completed	2773
26	Crosses completed	46
33	Corners	33
58%	Average possession	54%



### Shots breakdown

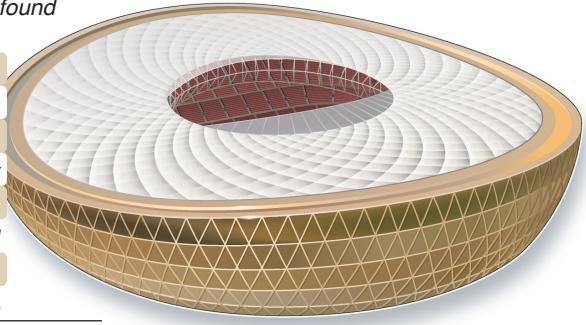
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### ROLL CALL OF CHAMPIONS

Eight separate nations have lifted World Cup since 1930, all from football powerhouses of Europe and South America

**Lusail Stadium:** Centrepiece of Lusail City metropolis – design emulates decorative motifs on bowls found in Middle East



<b>1930 Uruguay</b>	Host: Uruguay	<b>1966 England</b>	England	<b>1994 Brazil</b>	United States
<b>1934 Italy</b>	Italy	<b>1970 Brazil</b>	Mexico	<b>1998 France</b>	France
<b>1938 Italy</b>	France	<b>1974 West Germany</b>	W. Germany	<b>2002 Brazil</b>	S. Korea/Japan
<b>1950 Uruguay</b>	Brazil	<b>1978 Argentina</b>	Argentina	<b>2006 Italy</b>	Germany
<b>1954 West Germany</b>	Switzerland	<b>1982 Italy</b>	Spain	<b>2010 Spain</b>	South Africa
<b>1958 Brazil</b>	Sweden	<b>1986 Argentina</b>	Mexico	<b>2014 Germany</b>	Brazil
<b>1962 Brazil</b>	Chile	<b>1990 West Germany</b>	Italy	<b>2018 France</b>	Russia