FIFA World Cup 2026 – Day 1

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Mexico v South Africa

Estadio Banorte
(Mexico City Stadium)

14	FIFA rank	**60**
Host	Qualifying	W5 D3 L2

OPTA prediction (%)

65.7	Draw: **20.1**	**14.2**

Head-to-head

2	Draw: **1**	**1**



South Korea v Czechia

Estadio Akron
(Guadalajara Stadium)

25	FIFA rank	**39**
W11 D5 L0	Qualifying	W5 D3 L2

OPTA prediction (%)

42.9	Draw: **26.0**	**31.1**

Head-to-head

1	Draw: **1**	**1**

RECENT FIFA WORLD CUP OPENING MATCHES

1990	**Argentina**	0-1	Cameroon	◀ ***Defending champion***	*Milan, Italy*
1994	**Germany**	1-0	Bolivia		*Chicago, United States*
1998	**Brazil**	2-1	Scotland		*Saint-Denis, France*
2002	**France**	0-1	Senegal		*Seoul, South Korea*
2006	**Germany**	4-2	Costa Rica	◀ ***Host nation***	*Munich, Germany*
2010	**South Africa**	1-1	Mexico		*Johannesburg, South Africa*
2014	**Brazil**	3-1	Croatia		*São Paulo, Brazil*
2018	**Russia**	5-0	Saudi Arabia		*Moscow, Russia*
2022	**Qatar**	0-2	Ecuador		*Al Khor, Qatar*

Sources: FIFA, OPTA

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