FIFA World Cup Final 2026

July 19, MetLife Stadium, New York / New Jersey

Spain

Coach
Luis de la Fuente
Captain: **Rodri Hernández**

WORLD CUP RECORD

W37	D18	L19

Appearances: **17**
Best finish: **Winner** *(2010)*
2022 performance: **Last 16**

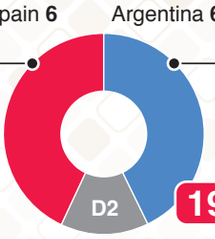
2026: *Topped Group H despite humbling opening draw with surprise package Cabo Verde. Late strikes edged Portugal and Belgium before impressive win over France sealed final berth*





HEAD-TO-HEAD
All-time meetings

Spain 6 — Argentina 6



Goals scored

19	18



Argentina

Coach
Lionel Scaloni
Captain: **Lionel Messi**

WORLD CUP RECORD

W54	D17	L24

Appearances: **19**
Best: **Winner** *(1978, 1986, 2022)*
2022 performance: **Winner**

2026: *Topped Group J with Messi at imperious best. Dramatic comebacks and extra-time triumphs in knock-out stage – most notably against Egypt – epitomised team's fighting spirit*

Continental champions of Europe and South America meet in FIFA World Cup for first time since 1966. Teams had been due to face each other in Finalissima in March – hosted by Qatar – but showpiece was cancelled due to Iran conflict



CARBON COPY
Spain are unbeaten in their last 37 matches, hoping to emulate 2010 FIFA World Cup title after European success

Lamine Yamal
Spanish apprentice

ROAD TO FINAL

D	Cabo Verde	0-0	*Match 1*	W	Algeria	3-0
W	S. Arabia	4-0	*Match 2*	W	Austria	2-0
W	Uruguay	1-0	*Match 3*	W	Jordan	3-1
W	Austria	3-0	*Last 32*	W	Cabo Verde	3-2*
W	Portugal	1-0	*Last 16*	W	Egypt	3-2
W	Belgium	2-1	*QF*	W	Switzerland	3-1*
W	France	2-0	*SF*	W	England	2-1

HISTORIC FEAT
Argentina aiming to become first nation to retain World Cup since Brazil in 1962

Lionel Messi
Argentinian master



Goals for / against
13 / 01

Yellow / red cards
06 / 00

Fouls committed
80

TEAM STATISTICS

4156	Passes completed	4324
1146	Linebreaks completed	934
45	Corners	37
1641	Pressing applied	1609
800.0	Distance covered (km)	813.0
120	42 / 46	113
	Total shots / Shots on target	

Goals for / against
19 / 07

Yellow / red cards
09 / 00

Fouls committed
88

PLAYER STATISTICS

Goal contributions

Messi	Oyarzabal	La.Martínez	Fernandez
8 *Goals*	5	3	2 *(0)* Merino
Assists 4	1	1	2 *(0)* Porro
			2 *(0)*

Attacking returns

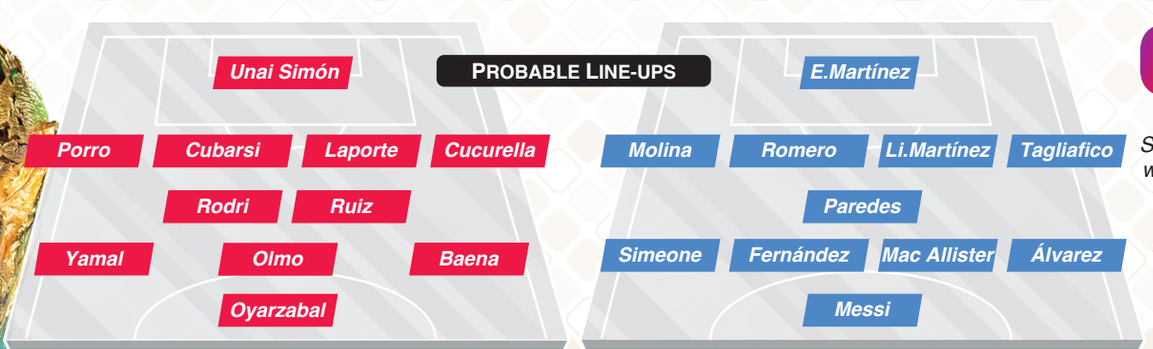
Messi	Oyarzabal	Yamal	Álvarez
19 *Shots on target*	11	10	5
Total 34	22	23	11

Playmakers

Rodri	Laporte	Cubarsi	Paredes
694 *Passes completed*	568	566	521
Accuracy 93%	94%	97%	95%



PROBABLE LINE-UPS



Opta BY STATS PERFORM

*Pre-tournament, Spain were favourites with **16.1%** chance of winning title, while Argentina were given **10.4%** chance of retaining trophy*

adidas Trionda Final ball 2026
Gold and black edition introduced for final four matches of World Cup



ROLL CALL OF CHAMPIONS

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

1930	**Uruguay**	*Host: Uruguay*	1970	**Brazil**	*Mexico*	1998	**France**	*France*
1934	**Italy**	*Italy*	1974	**West Germany**	*W. Germany*	2002	**Brazil**	*S. Korea/Japan*
1938	**Italy**	*France*	1978	**Argentina**	*Argentina*	2006	**Italy**	*Germany*
1950	**Uruguay**	*Brazil*	1982	**Italy**	*Spain*	2010	**Spain**	*South Africa*
1954	**West Germany**	*Switzerland*	1986	**Argentina**	*Mexico*	2014	**Germany**	*Brazil*
1958	**Brazil**	*Sweden*	1990	**West Germany**	*Italy*	2018	**France**	*Russia*
1962	**Brazil**	*Chile*	1994	**Brazil**	*United States*	2022	**Argentina**	*Qatar*
1966	**England**	*England*						

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