

30 June 2013

Today's referees



Brazil – Spain (Final)
Bjorn KUIPERS (NED)

Bjorn Kuipers is the fifth European referee to take charge of a FIFA Confederations Cup final, and the fourth in a row. He follows in the footsteps of Swedes Andres Frisk (1999) and Martin Hansson (2009), Russia's Valentin Ivanov (2003) and Slovakian Lubos Michel (2005).

The Dutch official has already been selected for the finals of various tournaments. He was the man in the middle for Germany-England at the climax of the UEFA European U-21 Championship 2009 and Barcelona-Porto in the 2001 UEFA Super Cup final. This season, besides the Dutch Cup decider between AZ Alkmaar and PSV Eindhoven, he was also entrusted with the UEFA Europe League final between Chelsea and Benfica. In addition, Kuipers refereed the first leg of the UEFA Champions League semi-final between Borussia Dortmund and Real Madrid.

At international level, Kuipers took part in UEFA EURO 2012 and the FIFA Club World Cup 2010. In this FIFA Confederations Cup he has already officiated the first-round meeting between Nigeria and Uruguay.



Uruguay – Italy (match for third place)
Djamel HAIMOUDI (ALG)

Djamel Hamoudi is the second African referee to officiate a match for third place at the FIFA Confederations Cup, following Niger's Lucien Bouchardeau who took charge of Czech Republic-Uruguay in 1997.

This season Hamoudi oversaw Nigeria and Burkina Faso in the final of the CAF Africa Cup of Nations 2013, which was the third edition of the continental championship he has participated in. The Algerian official has also refereed two CAF Champions League finals, namely Coton Sport-Al Ahly in the return leg of the 2008 decider, followed by the first-leg match between Al Ahly and Esperance Tunisia in 2012.

In the FIFA Confederations Cup 2013, Hamoudi presided over the group-stage encounter between Spain and Tahiti. He has taken part in other FIFA events, specifically the FIFA U-20 World Cup 2011 and the FIFA Club World Cup 2012.



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FIFA Confederations Cup winning coaches

No foreign coach has ever won a FIFA Confederations Cup title. All eight winning coaches were native. Brazil's Mario Zagallo and Carlos Alberto Parreira are the only two to have won both the FIFA World Cup™ and the FIFA Confederations Cup.

Event	Team	Coach	Nationality	Matches
South Africa 2009	Brazil	DUNGA	Brazil	5
Germany 2005	Brazil	Carlos Alberto PARREIRA	Brazil	5
France 2003	France	Jacques SANTINI	France	5
Korea/Japan 2001	France	Roger LEMERRE	France	5
Mexico 1999	Mexico	Manuel LAPUENTE	Mexico	5
Saudi Arabia 1997	Brazil	Mario ZAGALLO	Brazil	5
Saudi Arabia 1995	Denmark	Richard MOELLER NIELSEN	Denmark	3
Saudi Arabia 1992	Argentina	Alfio BASILE	Argentina	2

Previous FIFA award winners

FIFA Fair Play Award

Event	FIFA Fair Play Award winner
South Africa 2009	Brazil
Germany 2005	Greece
France 2003	Japan
Korea/Japan 2001	Japan
Mexico 1999	Brazil
Saudi Arabia 1997	South Africa

adidas Golden Boot*

Event	adidas Golden Boot* winner	Goals scored
South Africa 2009	LUIS FABIANO (BRA)	5 goals
Germany 2005	ADRIANO (BRA)	5 goals
France 2003	Thierry HENRY (FRA)	4 goals/2 assists
Korea/Japan 2001	Robert PIRES / Eric CARRIERE (FRA)	2 goals/2 assists
Mexico 1999	RONALDINHO (BRA)	6 goals/4 assists
Saudi Arabia 1997	ROMÁRIO (BRA)	7 goals

*Prior to 2010 known as the adidas Golden Shoe



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adidas Golden Ball

Event	adidas Golden Ball winner
South Africa 2009	KAKA (BRA)
Germany 2005	ADRIANO (BRA)
France 2003	Thierry HENRY (FRA)
Korea/Japan 2001	Robert PIRES (FRA)
Mexico 1999	RONALDINHO (BRA)
Saudi Arabia 1997	DENILSON (BRA)

Candidates for the adidas Golden Ball at the FIFA Confederations Cup Brazil 2013 (in alphabetical order): Andres Iniesta (ESP), Neymar (BRA), Paulinho (BRA), Andrea Pirlo (ITA), Sergio Ramos (ESP), Luis Suarez (URU)

adidas Golden Glove *(first presented in 2009)*

Event	adidas Golden Glove winner
South Africa 2009	Tim HOWARD (USA)

- *adidas Golden Boot: top goalscorer*
- *adidas Golden Ball: most outstanding player*
- *adidas Golden Glove: most outstanding goalkeeper*



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The Final:

Brazil – Spain

30 June 2013, 19:00

Rio de Janeiro, Estadio do Maracana

Facts and figures

This will be the teams' first meeting since November 1999, when they drew a friendly match 0-0 in Vigo.

The pair have crossed paths on five previous occasions in the FIFA World Cup. The first was in Italy in 1934, when Spain emerged 3-1 winners. The second meeting took place in 1950 in the same venue that this final will be held in, the Maracana stadium, where Brazil cantered to a 6-1 win. That result was Spain's third-heaviest defeat of all time, eclipsed only by 7-1 losses to Italy in the Men's Olympic Football Tournament 1928 and to England in a friendly match played in 1931.

Brazil and Spain have met in another three FIFA tournament finals, all of which ended in 1-0 wins to the South Americans. At the FIFA U-20 World Cup, the pair took each other into extra time during the 1985 final before meeting in the decider of the 2003 edition, when Dani Aves and Andres Iniesta were both on the field. Also in 2003, Brazil secured another 1-0 win at the climax of the FIFA U-17 World Cup, against a Spanish line-up that included Cesc Fabregas and David Silva.

The two sides also squared off in four FIFA Futsal World Cup finals, resulting in three wins for Brazil (1996, 2000 and 2012) and one for Spain (2000).

This is Brazil's fifth appearance in the final of the FIFA Confederations Cup. A Verde e Amarelo have won more titles than any other team, with no fewer than with three (1997, 2005, 2009), followed by France on two (2001, 2003). The only final they lost was the decider of the 1999 edition, which finished 4-3 in favour of Mexico. Brazil could become the first team to win three consecutive trophies.

Spain are contesting their first final in two FIFA Confederations Cup campaigns, having finished third in South Africa two years ago.

The only two finals that did not involve a South American side took place at the 2001 and 2003 editions, when France faced Japan and Cameroon respectively. By contrast, the 2005 finale featured two CONMEBOL teams, Brazil and Argentina.

It has been ten years since a European team reached the final. The last team to do it were France in 2003. The only two UEFA sides to have got this far before Spain were Denmark in 1995 and Les Bleus in 2001 and 2003, both of whom went on to win the trophy.

Two teams have won the FIFA Confederations Cup as reigning world and continental champions, namely France in 2001 and Brazil in 2005. Brazil also won the 1997 edition as world champions but the designated South American champions that year were Uruguay, who had won the title in 1995. Nevertheless prior to that December 1997 tournament, another edition of the Copa America was staged in June of the same year, which Brazil won.



Only one final in the history of the FIFA Confederations Cup went into extra time. That was the 2003 decider between France and Cameroon, which finished 1-0 in favour of Les Bleus following a golden goal by Thierry Henry in the 97th minute.

The highest-scoring final took place in 1999, when Mexico saw off Brazil 4-3. The biggest winning margin was achieved by Brazil in their 6-0 thrashing of Australia in 1997.

Three Brazilians spent last season playing in La Liga, namely Dani Alves at Barcelona, Marcelo at Real Madrid and Filipe Luis with Atletico Madrid.

This will be a tenth outing in the tournament for Vicente Del Bosque, who holds the record for the most appearances as coach in the FIFA Confederations Cup. The Spanish supremo could equal Mario Zagallo's record of having won the FIFA World Cup™, a continental championship and the FIFA Confederations Cup. Brazilian tactician Zagallo lifted the global trophy in 1970 before clinching the Copa America and the FIFA Confederations Cup in 1997.

A total of 15 players on the Spanish roster were also part of the squads that won both the FIFA World Cup and the UEFA European Championship.

Julio Cesar and Dani Alves have already lifted the FIFA Confederations Cup, back in 2009. The pair have won all the matches they have played in the competition, which is nine in the case of Julio Cesar and seven for Dani Alves.

The senior sides have met eight times before, with the series standing at four wins to Brazil, two to Spain and two draws.

Previous head-to-heads

Date	City (Country)	Team A	Team B	Result	Competition	Stage
27.05.1934	GENOA (ITA)	Spain	Brazil	3:1 (3:0)	1934 FIFA World Cup Italy	Prel. Round
13.07.1950	RIO DE JANEIRO (BRA)	Brazil	Spain	6:1 (3:0)	1950 FIFA World Cup Brazil	Final Round
06.06.1962	VINA DEL MAR (CHI)	Brazil	Spain	2:1 (0:1)	1962 FIFA World Cup Chile	Group Matches
07.06.1978	MAR DEL PLATA (ARG)	Brazil	Spain	0:0	1978 FIFA World Cup Argentina	Group Matches
08.07.1981	SALVADOR (BRA)	Brazil	Spain	1:0	Friendly 1981	
01.06.1986	GUADALAJARA (MEX)	Spain	Brazil	0:1 (0:0)	1986 FIFA World Cup Mexico	Group Matches
12.09.1990	GIJON (ESP)	Spain	Brazil	3:0 (1:0)	Friendly 1990	
13.11.1999	VIGO (ESP)	Spain	Brazil	0:0	Friendly 1999	

	MP	W	D	L	GF	GA
Brazil	8	4	2	2	11	8
Spain	8	2	2	4	8	11



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Spotlight

Brazil (BRA)

Confederation	CONMEBOL
Population (December 2012)	199,321,413
FIFA World Cup™ (No of participations - best rank; year)	19 – 1 st in 1958, 1962, 1970, 1994, 2002
Other FIFA competitions (best rank; year)	Olympic Football Tournaments: silver in 1984, 1988, 2012 FIFA U-17 World Cup: 1 st in 1997, 1999, 2003 FIFA U-20 World Cup: 1 st in 1983, 1985, 1993, 2003, 2011
Continental achievements (best rank; year)	Copa America: 1 st in 1919, 1922, 1949, 1989, 1997, 1999, 2004, 2007
Overall record, FIFA Confederations Cup	
No of participations - best rank; year	7 – 1 st in 1997, 2005, 2009
Number of matches played	32
Wins – draws – losses	22 – 5 – 5
Goals for – goals against	75 – 28
Best goalscorer	RONALDINHO, 9 goals (6: 1999; 3: 2005)
Most-capped player	DIDA, 22 matches (5: 1997; 5; 1999; 5: 2001; 3: 2003; 4:2005)

Brazil have racked up more FIFA Confederations Cup participations than any other team: this is their seventh since 1997, all of them consecutive. A *Seleção* have also won the most titles (three in 1997, 2005 and 2009) played the most matches (32), won the most games (22) and scored the most goals (75).

Brazil claimed their three FIFA Confederations Cup titles on three different continents, having lifted the trophy in Mexico in 1997, Germany in 2005 and South Africa in 2009.

Whenever Brazil have been crowned FIFA Confederations Cup champions, the following FIFA World Cup™ has been won by a European side, namely France in 1998, Italy in 2006 and Spain in 2010.

Brazil have won their last eleven FIFA Confederations Cup matches and are unbeaten in twelve. Their most recent defeat stretches back to 2005, when Mexico beat them 1-0 win in Hanover.

The record for the most appearances in the FIFA Confederations Cup is held by Brazil's Dida, who played 22 games over five campaigns between 1997 and 2005.

The road to the Final

Date	City	Team A	Team B	Result	Competition	Group
15.06.2013	BRASILIA	Brazil	Japan	3:0 (1:0)	FIFA Confederations Cup Brazil 2013	Group A
19.06.2013	FORTALEZA	Brazil	Mexico	2:0 (1:0)	FIFA Confederations Cup Brazil 2013	Group A
22.06.2013	SALVADOR DE BAHIA	Italy	Brazil	2:4 (0:1)	FIFA Confederations Cup Brazil 2013	Group A
26.06.2013	BELO HORIZONTE	Brazil	Uruguay	2:1 (1:0)	FIFA Confederations Cup Brazil 2013	Semi-final



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Team Roster Brazil

No	Pos	Player	Date of Birth	Matches Played	Minutes Played	Goals	Yellow Cards	International A-Caps	International A-Goals
1	GK	JEFFERSON	02.01.1983	0	0	0	0	7	0
2	DF	DANI ALVES	06.05.1983	4	360	0	1	68	5
3	DF	THIAGO SILVA	22.09.1984	4	360	0	1	39	1
4	DF	DAVID LUIZ	22.04.1987	4	304	0	2	26	0
5	MF	FERNANDO	03.03.1992	1	14	0	0	7	0
6	DF	MARCELO	12.05.1988	4	360	0	1	24	4
7	FW	LUCAS	13.08.1992	2	28	0	0	27	4
8	MF	HERNANES	29.05.1985	4	150	0	0	16	2
9	FW	FRED	03.10.1983	4	343	3	0	28	14
10	FW	NEYMAR	05.02.1992	4	322	3	1	38	23
11	MF	OSCAR	09.09.1991	4	315	0	0	21	6
12	GK	JULIO CESAR	03.09.1979	4	360	0	0	73	0
13	DF	DANTE	18.10.1983	2	57	1	0	5	1
14	DF	FILIFE LUIS	09.08.1985	0	0	0	0	4	0
15	DF	JEAN	24.06.1986	0	0	0	0	5	0
16	DF	REVER	04.01.1985	0	0	0	0	8	1
17	MF	LUIZ GUSTAVO	23.07.1987	4	360	0	2	9	0
18	MF	PAULINHO	25.07.1988	3	270	2	0	16	5
19	FW	HULK	25.07.1986	4	293	0	0	26	6
20	FW	BERNARD	08.09.1992	2	47	0	0	5	0
21	FW	JO	20.03.1987	2	17	2	0	6	2
22	GK	DIEGO CAVALIERI	01.12.1982	0	0	0	0	2	0
23	MF	JADSON	05.10.1983	0	0	0	0	7	1
Coach		SCOLARI Luiz Felipe	09.11.1948						



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Spain (ESP)	
Confederation	UEFA
Population (December 2012)	47,042,984
FIFA World Cup™ (No of participations - best rank; year)	13 – 1 st in 2010
Other FIFA competitions (best rank; year)	Olympic Football Tournament: Gold in 1992 FIFA U-17 World Cup: 2 nd in 1991, 2003, 2007 FIFA U-20 World Cup: 1 st in 1999
Continental achievements (best rank; year)	UEFA EURO: 1 st in 1964, 2008, 2012
Overall record, FIFA Confederations Cup	
No of participations - best rank; year	2 – Final in 2013
Number of matches played	9
Wins – draws – losses	7 – 1 – 1
Goals for – goals against	26 – 5
Best goalscorer	Fernando TORRES, 8 goals (3: 2009; 5: 2013) David VILLA, 6 goals (3: 2009; 3: 2013)
Most-capped player	Fernando TORRES, 8 matches (5: 2009; 3: 2013)

Spain have taken part in the FIFA Confederations Cup just once before, finishing third in 2009 after a 3-2 extra-time win over hosts South Africa.

Spain is now undefeated for 26 consecutive matches, their 3rd longest stretch.

No fewer than 18 members of the Spanish squad at the FIFA Confederations Cup 2009 went on to be crowned world champions the following year in South Africa.

The road to the Final

Date	City	Team A	Team B	Result	Competition	Group
16.06.2013	RECIFE	Spain	Uruguay	2:1 (2:0)	FIFA Confederations Cup Brazil 2013	Group B
20.06.2013	RIO DE JANEIRO	Spain	Tahiti	10:0 (4:0)	FIFA Confederations Cup Brazil 2013	Group B
23.06.2013	FORTALEZA	Nigeria	Spain	0:3 (0:1)	FIFA Confederations Cup Brazil 2013	Group B
27.06.2013	FORTALEZA	Spain	Italy	0:0 AET PSO 7:6	FIFA Confederations Cup Brazil 2013	Semi-final



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Team Roster Spain

No	Pos	Players	Date of Birth	Matches Played	Minutes Played	Goals	Yellow Cards	International A-Caps	International A-Goals
1	GK	CASILLAS Iker	20.05.1981	2	210	0	0	147	0
2	DF	ALBIOL Raul	04.09.1985	1	90	0	0	40	0
3	DF	PIQUE Gerard	02.02.1987	3	300	0	2	56	4
4	MF	MARTINEZ Javier	02.09.1988	3	129	0	0	13	0
5	DF	AZPILICUETA Cesar	28.08.1989	1	90	0	0	3	0
6	MF	INIESTA	11.05.1984	4	314	0	0	86	11
7	FW	VILLA David	03.12.1981	2	105	3	0	91	56
8	MF	XAVI	25.01.1980	3	287	0	0	125	11
9	FW	TORRES Fernando	20.03.1984	3	214	5	0	105	36
10	MF	FABREGAS Cesc	04.05.1987	3	140	0	0	3	13
11	FW	PEDRO	28.07.1987	3	235	1	0	30	13
12	GK	VALDES Victor	14.01.1982	1	90	0	0	15	0
13	FW	MATA Juan	28.04.1988	3	119	1	0	28	8
14	FW	SOLDADO Roberto	27.05.1985	2	150	1	0	11	6
15	DF	SERGIO RAMOS	30.03.1986	4	345	0	0	107	9
16	MF	BUSQUETS Sergio	16.07.1988	3	300	0	0	58	0
17	DF	ARBELOA Alvaro	17.01.1983	3	300	0	1	51	0
18	DF	ALBA Jordi	21.03.1989	3	300	2	0	21	4
19	DF	MONREAL Nacho	26.02.1986	1	90	0	0	13	0
20	MF	CAZORLA Santi	13.12.1984	2	101	0	1	56	9
21	MF	DAVID SILVA	08.01.1986	3	179	2	0	75	20
22	MF	NAVAS Jesus	21.11.1985	2	112	0	0	27	2
23	GK	REINA Pepe	31.08.1982	1	90	0	0	28	0
Coach		DEL BOSQUE Vicente	23.12.1950						



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Previous final matches

Date	Venue	Match	Result
28.06.2009	Johannesburg, Ellis Park Stadium (RSA)	USA – Brazil	2:3 (2:0)
29.06.2005	Frankfurt, Waldstadion (GER)	Brazil – Argentina	4:1 (2:0)
29.06.2003	St. Denis, Stade de France (FRA)	Cameroon – France	0:1 AET (0:0)
10.06.2001	Yokohama, Int. Stadium (JPN)	Japan – France	0:1 (0:1)
04.08.1999	Mexico City, Azteca (MEX)	Mexico – Brazil	4:3 (2:1)
21.12.1997	Riyadh, King Fahd Stadium (KSA)	Brazil – Australia	6:0 (3:0)
13.01.1995*	Riyadh, King Fahd Stadium (KSA)	Argentina – Denmark	0:2 (0:1)
20.10.1992*	Riyadh, King Fahd Stadium (KSA)	Saudi Arabia – Argentina	1:3 (0:2)

Winners at a glance

Year	Winners	Runners-up	Host country
2009	Brazil or USA	Brazil or USA	South Africa
2005	Brazil	Argentina	Germany
2003	France	Cameroon	France
2001	France	Japan	Korea Republic / Japan
1999	Mexico	Brazil	Mexico
1997	Brazil	Australia	Saudi Arabia
1995*	Denmark	Argentina	Saudi Arabia
1992*	Argentina	Saudi Arabia	Saudi Arabia

*Intercontinental Championship for the King Fahd Cup



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Final match round-ups

FIFA Confederations Cup South Africa 2009

Final	USA – Brazil 2-3 (2-0)	Ellis Park Stadium - Johannesburg (RSA), 28.06.2009
Attendance	52,291	
Referee	Martin HANSSON (SWE)	
Goals scored	Clint DEMPSEY (USA) 10', Landon DONOVAN (USA) 27', LUIS FABIANO (BRA) 46', 74', LUCIO (BRA) 84'	

FIFA Confederations Cup Germany 2005

Final	Brazil – Argentina 4-1 (2-0)	Waldstadion - Frankfurt /Main (GER), 29.06.2005
Attendance	45,591	
Referee	Lubos MICHEL (SVK)	
Goals scored	ADRIANO (BRA) 11', KAKA (BRA) 16', RONALDINHO (BRA) 47', ADRIANO (BRA) 63', Pablo AIMAR (ARG) 65'	

FIFA Confederations Cup France 2003

Final	Cameroon – France 0-1 AET	Stade de France - PARIS/SAINT-DENIS (FRA), 29.06.2003
Attendance	51,985	
Referee	Valentin IVANOV (RUS)	
Goal scored	Thierry HENRY (FRA) 97' (golden goal)	

FIFA Confederations Cup Korea/Japan 2001

Final	Japan – France 0-1 (0-1)	International Stadium Yokohama – YOKOHAMA (JPN), 10.06.2001
Attendance	65,533	
Referee	Ali BUJSAIM (UAE)	
Goal scored	Patrick VIEIRA (FRA) 30'	

FIFA Confederations Cup Mexico 1999

Final	Mexico – Brazil 4-3 (2-1)	Azteca - Mexico City (MEX), 04.08.1999
Attendance	110,000	
Referee	Anders FRISK (SWE)	
Goals scored	Miguel ZEPEDA (MEX) 13', Jose Manuel ABUNDIS (MEX) 28', SERGINHO (BRA) 43' pen., RONI (BRA) 47', Miguel ZEPEDA (MEX) 51', Cuauhtemoc BLANCO (MEX) 62', ZE ROBERTO (BRA) 63'	



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FIFA Confederations Cup Saudi Arabia 1997

Final	Brazil – Australia 6-0 (3-0)	King Fahd International Stadium - RIYADH (KSA), 21.12.1997
Attendance	65,000	
Referee	Pirom ANPRASERT (THA)	
Goals scored	RONALDO (BRA) 15', 27'; ROMÁRIO (BRA) 38', 53'; RONALDO (BRA) 59' pen., ROMÁRIO (BRA) 75'	

Intercontinental Championship for the King Fahd Cup 1995

Final	Denmark – Argentina 2-0 (1-0)	King Fahd International Stadium – Riyadh (KSA), 13.01.1995
Attendance	35,000	
Referee	Ali BUJSAIM (UAE)	
Goals scored	Michael LAUDRUP (DEN) 8', Peter RASMUSSEN (DEN) 75'	

Intercontinental Championship for the King Fahd Cup 1992

Final	Argentina – Saudi Arabia 3:1	King Fahd International Stadium – Riyadh (KSA), 20.10.1992
Attendance	75,000	
Referee	An-Yan LIM KEE CHONG (MRI)	
Goals scored	Leonardo RODRIGUEZ (ARG) 18', Claudio CANIGGIA (ARG) 24', Diego SIMEONE (ARG) 64', Saeed OWAIRAN (KSA) 65'	



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Match for third place:

Uruguay - Italy

30 June 2013, 13:00

Salvador, Arena Fonte Nova

Facts and figures

This is the third showdown between European and South American teams in the match for third place. Both prior meetings finished in favour of UEFA representatives, with Czech Republic winning 1-0 against Uruguay in 1997, and Turkey edging Colombia 2-1 in 2003.

Of the eight matches for third place that have been played in previous editions, only one went to a penalty shoot-out, back in 1995 when Mexico edged past Nigeria. Another two resulted in extra-time victories, 4-3 to Germany against Mexico in 2005 and 3-2 to Spain against South Africa in 2009.

Four European sides have contested a match for third place and all of them won. Following Czech Republic in 1997 (1-0 over Uruguay) and Turkey in 2003 (2-1 against Colombia), there were extra-time wins for Germany against Mexico (4-3) in 2005 and Spain against South Africa (3-2) in 2009. UEFA teams have finished third in each of the last three editions.

By contrast, South American sides have lost three out of three third-place play-offs. Besides the above-mentioned defeats to Uruguay in 1997 and Colombia in 2003, Brazil went down 1-0 against Australia in 2001.

The two highest-scoring third-place matches in the competition's history both produced seven goals, with USA beating Côte d'Ivoire 5-2 in 1992, before Germany edged Mexico 4-3 after extra time in 2005.

The pair have played each other on eight previous occasions and it is Uruguay who marginally lead the head-to-head series, with three wins to Italy's two in addition to three draws.

The sides have faced off three times in FIFA final tournaments. The South Americans emerged 3-2 winners in the semi-finals of the Men's Olympic Football Tournament 1928, before two FIFA World Cup™ meetings resulted in a 0-0 draw in 1970 and a 2-0 Italian victory in 1990.

Between them, Uruguay and Italy won the first four FIFA World Cups from 1930 to 1950.

The pair's last meeting was a friendly played out in Rome on 15 November 2011, when Uruguay emerged 1-0 winners thanks to a goal by Sebastian Fernandez.

Uruguay coach Oscar Washington Tabarez has managed in Italy with Cagliari and AC Milan.

Eight players on the Uruguayan roster spent last season playing for Italian clubs. They include Martin Caceres, who won the Scudetto with Juventus, Alvaro Gonzalez, who clinched the Coppa Italia with Lazio, and Edinson Cavani, who was the top scorer in Serie A with 29 goals for Napoli. Another four members of the Celeste squad played in the Italian top flight earlier in their careers, namely Matias Aguirregaray, Diego Forlan, Fernando Muslera and Gaston Ramirez.



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Previous head-to-heads

Date	City (Country)	Team A	Team B	Result	Competition	Stage
07.06.1928	AMSTERDAM (NED)	Italy	Uruguay	2:3 (1:3)	OFT Amsterdam 1928	Second Stage
06.06.1970	PUEBLA (MEX)	Uruguay	Italy	0:0	1970 FIFA World Cup Mexico (TM)	Group Matches
15.03.1980	MILAN (ITA)	Italy	Uruguay	1:0	Friendly 1980	
03.01.1981	MONTEVIDEO (URU)	Uruguay	Italy	2:0 (0:0)	Mundialito 1981	First Stage
22.04.1989	VERONA (ITA)	Italy	Uruguay	1:1 (0:0)	Friendly 1989	A-Matches
25.06.1990	ROME (ITA)	Italy	Uruguay	2:0 (0:0)	1990 FIFA World Cup Italy (TM)	Round of sixteen
17.04.2002	MILAN (ITA)	Italy	Uruguay	1:1 (0:0)	Friendly 2002	
15.11.2011	ROME (ITA)	Italy	Uruguay	0:1 (0:1)	Friendly 2011	

	MP	W	D	L	GF	GA
Uruguay	8	3	3	2	8	7
Italy	8	2	3	3	7	8



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Competition wrap-up after the semi-finals

Total attendance:	687,746
Average attendance:	49,125
Number of goals:	61
Goal average:	4.36
Most goals scored:	15 Spain
Least goals scored:	1 Tahiti
Most goals conceded:	24 Tahiti
Least goals conceded:	1 Spain
Number of penalties:	8 (4 converted, 4 missed)
Number of own goals:	3
Goals scored by substitutes:	8 (out of 61, 13.11%)
Goals first half v. second half:	25 v. 36
-goals in additional time 1st half:	2
-goals in additional time 2nd half:	2
Goals in first 10 minutes:	7 (11.48%)
Goals in last 10 minutes:	11 (18.03%)
Goals in extratime:	0
Top goalscorer:	5 TORRES Fernando (ESP)
Youngest goalscorer:	21y 4m NEYMAR (BRA), 15.06.2013 (Brazil - Japan)
Fastest goal:	1' 20" HERNANDEZ Abel (URU), 23.06.2013 (Uruguay - Tahiti)
Highest number of assists:	2 CAZORLA Santi (ESP) 2 ENDO Yasuhito (JPN) 2 GARGANO Walter (URU) 2 IDEYE Brown (NGA) 2 LODEIRO Nicolas (URU) 2 MUSA Ahmed (NGA) 2 NEYMAR (BRA) 2 VILLA David (ESP)
Highest wins:	10 - 0, 20.06.2013 (Spain - Tahiti)
Highest-scoring matches:	10 - 0, 20.06.2013 (Spain - Tahiti)
Highest number of wins:	4 Brazil
Highest number of defeats:	3 Japan 3 Tahiti
Number of yellow cards:	41 (avg/game 2.93)
Number of red cards:	2 (avg/game 0.14)
Most yellow cards:	8 Brazil
Least yellow cards:	2 Tahiti
Most red cards:	1 Tahiti 1 Uruguay



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Comparative Statistics

Year Host Country	2013 Brazil	2009 South Africa	2005 Germany	2003 France	2001 Korea/ Japan	1999 Mexico	1997 Saudi Arabia	1995 Saudi Arabia	1992 Saudi Arabia
Teams	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	6	4
Matches	14	16	16	16	16	16	16	8	4
Goals	61	44	56	37	31	55	52	19	18
Goal Average	4.36	2.75	3.50	2.31	1.94	3.44	3.25	2.38	4.50
Attendance	687,746	584,894	603,106	491,700	557,191	970,000	333,500	165,000	169,500
Attendance Average	49,125	36,556	37,694	30,731	34,824	60,625	20,844	20,625	42,375
Yellow cards	41	50	71	67	48	55	54	33	11
Yellow card average	2.93	3.12	4.44	4.19	3	3.44	3.38	4.12	2.75
Red cards	2	4	3	4	1	6	4	1	2
Red card average	0.14	0.25	0.19	0.25	0.06	0.38	0.25	0.12	0.50



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List of Goalscorers

Rank	Player	Country/No	Goals	Assists	Minutes Played	Matches Played
1	TORRES Fernando	(ESP , 9)	5	1	214	3
2	HERNANDEZ Abel	(URU , 11)	4	1	90	1
3	VILLA David	(ESP , 7)	3	2	105	2
4	NEYMAR	(BRA , 10)	3	2	322	4
5	FRED	(BRA , 9)	3	1	343	4
6	ODUAMADI Nnamdi	(NGA , 20)	3	0	134	2
7	HERNANDEZ Javier	(MEX , 14)	3	0	270	3
8	SUAREZ Luis	(URU , 9)	3	0	284	4
9	DAVID SILVA	(ESP , 21)	2	1	179	3
10	BALOTELLI Mario	(ITA , 9)	2	1	266	3
11	JO	(BRA , 21)	2	0	17	2
12	OKAZAKI Shinji	(JPN , 9)	2	0	270	3
	PAULINHO	(BRA , 18)	2	0	270	3
14	ALBA Jordi	(ESP , 18)	2	0	300	3
15	LODEIRO Nicolas	(URU , 14)	1	2	117	2
16	MATA Juan	(ESP , 13)	1	1	119	3
17	FORLAN Diego	(URU , 10)	1	1	201	3
18	PEDRO	(ESP , 11)	1	1	235	3
19	CAVANI Edinson	(URU , 21)	1	1	270	3
20	PIRLO Andrea	(ITA , 21)	1	1	300	3
21	GIACCHERINI Emanuele	(ITA , 22)	1	1	340	4
22	DANTE	(BRA , 13)	1	0	57	2
23	GIOVINCO Sebastian	(ITA , 10)	1	0	90	2
24	SOLDADO Roberto	(ESP , 14)	1	0	150	2
25	PEREZ Diego	(URU , 15)	1	0	159	2
26	HONDA Keisuke	(JPN , 4)	1	0	269	3
27	ECHIEJILE Uwa	(NGA , 3)	1	0	270	3
	KAGAWA Shinji	(JPN , 10)	1	0	270	3
	LUGANO Diego	(URU , 2)	1	0	270	3
	MIKEL John Obi	(NGA , 10)	1	0	270	3
	TEHAU Jonathan	(TAH , 17)	1	0	270	3
32	DE ROSSI Daniele	(ITA , 16)	1	0	300	3
33	CHIELLINI Giorgio	(ITA , 3)	1	0	390	4



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Fair Play Points for Fair Play Award

Team	Points	Matches	Average	Match 1	Match 2	Match 3	Match 4
Spain	3632	4	Ø 908	850	914	943	925
Italy	3450	4	Ø 863	825	875	850	900
Brazil	3379	4	Ø 845	950	829	775	825
Uruguay	3289	4	Ø 822	750	914	825	800
Nigeria	2772	3	Ø 924	943	886	943	-
Japan	2675	3	Ø 892	857	875	943	-
Mexico	2618	3	Ø 873	875	800	943	-
Tahiti	2610	3	Ø 870	971	914	725	-

Note: Only teams qualified for the semi-finals may win the Fair Play Award

Attendance Statistics

No	Date	Time	Venue City	Stadium	Match	Stage	Attendance
1	15.06.2013	16:00	Brasilia	Estadio Nacional	Brazil - Japan	Group A	67'423
2	16.06.2013	16:00	Rio de Janeiro	Estadio do Maracana	Mexico - Italy	Group A	73'123
3	16.06.2013	19:00	Recife	Arena Pernambuco	Spain - Uruguay	Group B	41'705
4	17.06.2013	16:00	Belo Horizonte	Estadio Mineirao	Tahiti - Nigeria	Group B	20'187
5	19.06.2013	16:00	Fortaleza	Estadio Castelao	Brazil - Mexico	Group A	57'804
6	19.06.2013	19:00	Recife	Arena Pernambuco	Italy - Japan	Group A	40'489
7	20.06.2013	16:00	Rio de Janeiro	Estadio do Maracana	Spain - Tahiti	Group B	71'806
8	20.06.2013	19:00	Salvador de Bahia	Arena Fonte Nova	Nigeria - Uruguay	Group B	26'769
9	22.06.2013	16:00	Salvador de Bahia	Arena Fonte Nova	Italy - Brazil	Group A	48'874
10	22.06.2013	16:00	Belo Horizonte	Estadio Mineirao	Japan -Mexico	Group A	52'690
11	23.06.2013	16:00	Fortaleza	Estadio Castelao	Nigeria - Spain	Group B	51'263
12	23.06.2013	16:00	Recife	Arena Pernambuco	Uruguay - Tahiti	Group B	22'047
13	26.06.2013	16:00	Belo Horizonte	Estadio Mineirao	Brazil - Uruguay	Semi-final	57'483
14	27.06.2013	16:00	Fortaleza	Estadio Castelao	Spain - Italy	Semi-final	56,083
15	30.06.2013	13:00	Salvador de Bahia	Arena Fonte Nova	Uruguay - Italy	3rd place	
16	30.06.2013	19:00	Rio de Janeiro	Estadio do Maracana	Brazil - Spain	Final	

Total	687,746
Average	49,125



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Disciplinary Statistics

Team	Y	2Y	R
Brazil	8	0	0
Italy	7	0	0
Japan	4	0	0
Mexico	6	0	0
Nigeria	3	0	0
Spain	4	0	0
Tahiti	2	1	0
Uruguay	7	1	0

Total Cautions	41
- plus 4 cautions resulting in expulsion due to second caution in same match.	
- average per match:	2.93

Total Expulsions	2
- including 2 expulsions resulting from second caution in same match.	
- average per match:	0.14

Y=Single yellow card
2Y=Expulsion due to second caution in same match
R=Direct red card