



The biggest scorelines in World Cup history

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Senegal during the FIFA World Cup, Qatar 2022

Most football matches are decided by small margins, [but others are not](#). In fact, matches in the World Cup often feature remarkable scorelines not seen elsewhere. In such games, defensive structure can collapse, and goals accumulate quickly. Sometimes this happens through clear mismatches. At other times, it results from unusually open play. With the 2026 edition approaching in the United States, Canada and Mexico, a record 48 teams are taking part. This raises the bar. Uneven scorelines are all the more likely to appear, particularly when debut nations come up against established football powers.

Below are the [highest-scoring matches](#) in World Cup history, based on official FIFA records.

Nine-goal matches

Argentina 6-3 Mexico (1930) - This inaugural match showcased the drama that only the World Cup can deliver. Argentina defeated Mexico in a nine-goal contest.

Hungary 9-0 South Korea (1954) - Hungary produced one of the most one-sided wins in tournament history. They scored nine without reply.

West Germany 7-2 Türkiye (1954) - West Germany advanced comfortably with a seven-goal performance, during the play-off round.

France 6-3 West Germany (1958) - France finished third after a high-scoring match against West Germany.

Yugoslavia 9-0 Zaire (1974) - Yugoslavia recorded a nine-goal victory in the group stage. This stands as the most decisive result in any World Cup to date.

Ten-goal match

France 7â??3 Paraguay (1958) â?? A ten-goal match played out during a tournament defined by Just Fontaineâ??s scoring record. Consequently, this World Cup fixture remains legendary.

Eleven-goal matches

Brazil 6â??5 Poland (1938) â?? An open match ended narrowly in Brazilâ??s favour after a high-scoring contest typical of classic World Cup encounters.

Hungary 8â??3 West Germany (1954) â?? Hungaryâ??s attack overwhelmed West Germany in a group-stage meeting.

Hungary 10â??1 El Salvador (1982) â?? Hungary recorded the largest winning margin in World Cup history.

Twelve-goal record

Austria 7â??5 Switzerland (1954) â?? The highest-scoring match in World Cup history remains the 1954 quarter-final known as the â??Battle of Lausanneâ??, which produced 12 goals. World cup historians often cite this match for its non-stop action and drama. Austria came from behind in a match defined by constant swings in momentum.

Despite the expanded 2026 format, no match has yet rivalled Lausanneâ??s 12-goal record â?? 2026 will tell.

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