



World Cup history â?? Streaks and attacking records

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Days before the start of the 2026 World Cup, a collection of the most prominent historical records that have stood for decades in the archives of the [FIFA](#) returns to the forefront. At the top of the list are the long unbeaten streaks of national teams, in addition to the attacking dominance of a number of major teams since the first edition in 1930.

These figures do not just reflect match results; they summarize entire eras of footballing dominance and reveal the historical differences between various playing styles over time.

Longest unbeaten streaks

According to the official statistics issued by the [FIFA](#) the longest unbeaten streaks in the history of the tournament are as follows:

Brazil â?? 13 Matches Without Defeat (1958â??1966)

Brazil tops the historical list with a streak that spanned three consecutive editions, starting with the triumph in Sweden 1958, through the 1962 title, before the streak ended at the 1966 World Cup in England.

Italy â?? 12 Matches (1934â??1950)

Italy presented one of the longest streaks in tournament history, associated with two golden periods that included winning the World Cup twice during that era.

Argentina 11 Matches (1986-1990)

The Argentine national team maintained its unbeaten record during a run that extended from their 1986 triumph up to the 1990 World Cup.

West Germany 10 Matches (1982-1986)

Germany continued its strong presence in the 1980s with a series of positive results that led them to continuous competition for the title.

Spain 10 Matches (2006-2010)

Spain's golden streak was associated with the period of European dominance that culminated in the 2010 World Cup title.

Teams with the most goals scored

In terms of attacking power, specific national teams dominate the historical landscape of the World Cup, thanks to their long continuity in the tournament and the passing of successive generations of players, according to the numbers documented in [FIFA reports](#).

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Brazil 237 Goals

Brazil holds the lead thanks to its record participation in almost all tournament editions and its possession of successive generations of historical goal-scorers.

Germany 232 Goals

Germany comes in second place by a slight margin, with a consistent goal-scoring record across decades of competition at the highest level.

Argentina 152 Goals

Argentina continues to boost its goal tally, especially in recent editions of the tournament, followed by France (136 goals), then Italy (128 goals), then Spain (108 goals), followed by England (104 goals).

A reading of numbers before the 2026 World Cup

These statistics show that dominance in the World Cup was not just fleeting moments but the result of historical consistency among teams like Brazil, Germany, and Italy, whether in terms of results or attacking power.

With the tournament expanding to 48 teams in the 2026 edition, these figures remain a hard standard to break, although the increase in the number of matches may provide new opportunities to approach or

rewrite them in the future.

In any case, these records remain part of the World Cup memory, a reference point against which the evolution of the game is measured across more than nine decades of history.

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