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GREAT TEAMS OF THE MEN'S WORLD CUP (VOL. 2)

1934 Italy

The first World Cup final hosted in Europe featured the first of two consecutive Italian victories at the tournament.

The Italian side played five South Americans, including one previous World Cup winner. Italy came in and won as the favorites.

1950 Uruguay

The Brazilian hosts of the 1950 World Cup came in as the heavy favorites. They had more preparation time for the final pool than Uruguay, who only faced Bolivia in group play. But the strong Uruguayan side silenced the Brazilian team and the Maracaña to win their second World Cup.

1954 West Germany

West Germany entered the 1954 World Cup unseeded, with low expectations and facing the favored Hungarian side. Having survived a group playoff match against

Turkey, the Germans sailed through to the final and shocked Hungary and the world in The Miracle of Berne.

1966 Soviet Union

A juggernaut of a team, the Soviet Union breezed through qualifications and a group stage that featured a shockingly good North Korean side. After a semifinal with West Germany seeped in historical bitterness, the USSR barely missed the podium in favor of Portugal.

	Home	Away
Team Rating	5	4
Team Defense	3	3
Clutch Points	9	9

	Home	Away
Team Rating	5	1
Team Defense	3	2
Clutch Points	10	2

	Home	Away
Team Rating	5	3
Team Defense	3	1
Clutch Points	11	5

	Home	Away
Team Rating	3	4
Team Defense	3	3
Clutch Points	7	8

MONZEGLIO	Eraldo
ROSETTA	Viri
ALLEMANDI	Luigi
CALIGARIS	Umberto
ORSI	Raimundo
SCHIAVIO	Angelo
GUAITA	Enrique
GUARISI	Filo
BOREL II	Farfallino
DEMARIA	Attilio
ARCARI	Pietro
MONTI	Luis
MEAZZA	Peppino
BERTOLINI	Luigi
FERRARI	Giovanni
PIZZIOLO	Mario
FERRARIS	Attilio
CASTELLAZZI	Armando
VARGLIEN I	Mario
COMBI	Gianpiero
CAVANNA	Giuseppe
MASETTI	Guido

PKA	GUAITA
PKB	MEAZZA

GONZALEZ	Matias
VILCHES	Hector
TEJERA	Eusebio
MARTINEZ	William
PEREZ	Julio
MIGUEZ	Oscar
GHIGGIA	Alcides
SCHIAFFINO	Pepe
VIDAL	Ernesto
BRITOS	Julio
MORAN	Ruben
BURGUENO	Juan
RIJO	Luis
ANDRADE	Victor
VARELA	Obdulio
GONZALEZ	Juan
GAMBETTA	Schubert
PINI	Rodolfo
ROMERO	Carlos
ORTUNO	Washington
MASPOLI	Roque
PAZ	Anibal

PKA	MIGUEZ
PKB	GAMBETTA

POSIPAL	Jupp
KOHLMEYER	Werner
LIEBRICH	Werner
LABAND	Fritz
BAUER	Hans
ERHARDT	Ertl
MORLOCK	Max
WALTER	Ottmar
RAHN	Helmut
SCHAFER	Hans
HERRMANN	Richard
KLODT	Berni
PFUFF	Alfred
BIESINGER	Uli
WALTER	Fritz
ECKEL	Horst
MAI	Charly
METZNER	Karl-Heinz
MEBUS	Paul
TUREK	Toni
KUBSCH	Heinz
KWIATKOWSKI	Heinz

PKA	WALTER, F
PKB	MORLOCK

SHESTERNYOV	Albert
PONOMARYOV	Vladimir
DANILOV	Vasiliy
AFONIN	Valentin
GETMANOV	Viktor
KORNEYEV	Aleksey
OSTROVSKIS	Leonids
METREVELI	Slava
BANISHEVSKIY	Anatoliy
MALOFEYEV	Eduard
CHISLENKO	Igor
KHUSAINOV	Galimzyan
SEREBRYANIKOV	Viktor
PORKUYAN	Valeriy
MARKAROV	Eduard
VORONIN	Valery
SABO	Yozhef
KHURTSILAVA	Murtaz
SICHINAVA	Georgi
YASHIN	Lev
KAVAZASHVILI	Anzor
BANNIKOV	Viktor

PKA	METREVELI
PKB	CHISLENKO

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Having been forced to qualify for the first time in twelve years, the 1970 Brazilian squad featured the first man to win the World Cup as both player and manager. The team presented what is arguably the best forward line in World Cup history and won out as clearly the best team in the tournament.

1974 Netherlands

Barely surviving qualifications, the 1974 Dutch side set out to prove they belonged in the Finals. After the group stage, many questioned the assumption of West Germany as the favorites due to Dutch domination. The two teams met in the final where Holland just couldn't match the German team spirit.

1982 France

After a slow start, and a strange group stage match against Kuwait, France fought their way through to the 1982 semifinals. And what a semifinal that was. France and West Germany squared off in the first World Cup Finals match to head to a shootout. France would lose, but would later take home the bronze.

1990 Italy

The first Europeans to host the World Cup Finals twice, Italy entered into the lowest scoring and highest carded Finals with positive expectations. But the Italian side had trouble scoring, a curse which led them to a semifinal shootout with Argentina. They would then go on to defeat England to claim third on home ground.

	Home	Away
Team Rating	5	5
Team Defense	4	5
Clutch Points	10	11

	Home	Away
Team Rating	4	4
Team Defense	4	4
Clutch Points	8	8

	Home	Away
Team Rating	4	2
Team Defense	4	2
Clutch Points	8	2

	Home	Away
Team Rating	4	3
Team Defense	5	5
Clutch Points	9	6

CARLOS ALBERTO	
BRITO	Hercules
JOEL	
MARCO ANTONIO	
EVERALDO	
FONTANA	Jose
BALDOCCHI	Jose
ZE MARIA	
PELE	
JAIRZINHO	
TOSTAO	
EDU	
ROBERTO	
DARIO	
GERSON	
PIAZZA	Wilson
CLODOALDO	
CAJU	
RIVELINO	Roberto
FELIX	
ADO	
LEAO	Emerson
PKA	PELE
PKB	CARLOS ALBERTO

KROL	Ruud
SUURBIER	Wim
RIJSBERGEN	Wim
ISRAEL	Rinus
van IERSSEL	Kees
STRIK	Pleun
VOS	Harry
CRUYFF	Johan
REP	Johnny
RENSENBRINK	Rob
KEIZER	Piet
GEELS	Ruud
van HANEGEM	Wim
NEESKENS	Johan
HAAN	Arie
JANSEN	Wim
de JONG	Theo
van de KERKHOF	Rene
van de KERKHOF	Willy
JONGBLOED	Jan
SCHRIJVERS	Piet
TREIJTEL	Eddy
PKA	NEESKENS
PKB	KEIZER

BOSSIS	Maxime
JANVION	Gerard
TRESOR	Marius
LOPEZ	Christian
AMOROS	Manuel
BATTISTON	Patrick
MAHUT	Philippe
SIX	Didier
LACOMBE	Bernard
ROCHETEAU	Dominique
SOLER	Gerard
COURIOL	Alain
BELLONE	Bruno
PLATINI	Michel
GIRESE	Alain
GENGHINI	Bernard
LARIOS	Jean-Francois
TIGANA	Jean Amadou
GIRARD	Rene
CASTANEDA	Jean-Luc
ETTORI	Jean-Luc
BARATELLI	Dominique
PKA	LARIOS
PKB	PLATINI

BARESI	Franco
BERGOMI	Giuseppe
DE AGOSTINI	Luigi
FERRARA	Ciro
FERRI	Riccardo
MALDINI	Paolo
VIERCHOWOD	Pietro
ANCELOTTI	Carlo
BERTI	Nicola
de NAPOLI	Fernando
GIANNINI	Giuseppe
MAROCCHI	Giancarlo
DONADONI	Roberto
BAGGIO	Roberto
CARNEVALE	Andrea
MANCINI	Roberto
SCHILLACI	Toto
SERENA	Aldo
VIALLI	Gianluca
ZENGA	Walter
TACCONI	Stefano
PAGLIUCA	Gianluca
PKA	SCHILLACI
PKB	CARNEVALE

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2006 Argentina

Drawn into the tournament's supposed group of death as the top seed, Argentina would top their group, introduce Messi to the world and make it through to the quarter in an overtime win, but would fall in a shootout with Germany, earning an unused sub a red card on their way off the pitch.

	Home	Away
Team Rating	5	3
Team Defense	3	3
Clutch Points	10	5

SORIN	Juan Pablo
HEINZE	Gabriel
AYALA	Roberto
COLOCCINI	Fabrizio
MILITO	Gabriel
BURDISO	Nicolas
SCALONI	Lionel
CUFRE	Leandro
SAVIOLA	Javier
CRESPO	Hernan
TEVEZ	Carlos
MESSI	Leo
PALACIO	Rodrigo
CRUZ	Julio
RIQUELME	Juan
CAMBIASSO	Esteban
RODRIGUEZ	Maxi
MASCHERANO	Javier
GONZALEZ	Lucho
AIMAR	Pablo
ABBONDANZIERI	Pato
FRANCO	Leo
USTARI	Oscar

PKA	RIQUELME
PKB	CRESPO

2014 Germany

In a Brazil-hosted tournament in which Brazil were the heavy favorites, the 2014 German side became the first European team to win in South America. And they won with no singular superstar, but instead a team full of the famous united German spirit.

	Home	Away
Team Rating	4	5
Team Defense	3	4
Clutch Points	7	10

BOATENG	Jerome
MERTESACKER	Per
HOWEDES	Benni
HUMMELS	Mats
DURM	Erik
MUSTAFI	Shkodran
GINTER	Matthias
GROSSKREUTZ	Kevin
MULLER	Thomas
OZIL	Mesut
KLOSE	Miroslav
PODOLSKI	Lukas
KROOS	Toni
LAHM	Philipp
KHEDIRA	Sami
SCHWEINSTEIGER	Bastian
SCHURRLE	Andre
DRAXLER	Julian
KRAMER	Christoph
GOTZE	Mario
NEUER	Manuel
WEIDENFELLER	Roman
ZIELER	Ron-Robert

PKA	OZIL
PKB	MULLER