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## THE WORLD CUP HISTORY:

The World Cup was founded in 1930 by Frenchman Jules Rimet. The cup was designed and made by a French sculptor, Abel Lafleur. 30 cm in height, weighing 1,82 kg and made of pure gold, in 1950 this statuette became a trophy passed on to each winner and the team to win the tournament three times got to keep it (Brazil achieved this in 1970). In 1983 the Cup was stolen and it has never been found. The tournament using Jules Rimet Cup was organized for a total of 9 times from 1930 to 1970.



The FIFA World Cup was founded in 1971. It was designed by Italian Silvio Gazzanigi. Made of 18-carat gold and malachite, the cup is 36 cm tall and weighs 5 kg. The sculpture represents two victorious football players holding a globe in their raised hands. The trophy is passed on to each winning team that gets to keep an identical - gold-plated replica. The making of the statue cost about \$50,000, today its value is expected to cost over \$10,000,000. The World Cup trophy that has been used today has been staged for 8 times from 1974 until 2002.

### 1st. World Cup in Uruguay, 1930 :

At the 1929 FIFA congress, Uruguay was chosen to arrange the first ever World Cup to honor its achievements in sports. Even though Uruguay offered to pay all expenses, only four European countries made the three week trip to South America. The hosts built a fantastic stadium in Montevideo that can hold 95,000. The Stadium

was finished only five days after the World Cup has started!

### 2nd. World Cup in Italy, 1934 :

Uruguay, who won the previous tournament in 1930, surprisingly did not participate. So immediately one of the main attractions was missing. There was 16 teams took part in the tournament. Argentina and Brazil took part, but both with average teams. With the fascist dictator Mussolini behind his team; everything was set up for Italy. Players such as Orsi, Monti, and De Maria from Argentina were drafted into the Italian squad after it was found they had double nationalities. The championships were no victory for football, but Mussolini was pleased with the outcome.



### 3rd. World Cup in France, 1938 :

In this third championships, there were 36 nations involved. Norway reached the finals for the first time. Again Italy was the final winner. At this tournament the game was played in a more mature and collective way, with more speed and technical play. Three players stood out above others: Meazza, Ferrarri and Fiola.



### 4th. World Cup Brazil in 1950 :

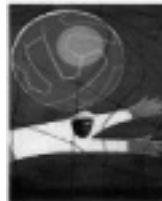
European teams from countries most affected by World War II (among others the Polish team) didn't enter the qualifiers. The silver medalists of the last championships, Hungary, Czechoslovakia and Argentina didn't participate either. Most countries in the world used the years 1945-50 to rebuild their countries. As Usual, Brazil was the biggest favorite of the tournament. Uruguay could not be written off, they had won three championships in a row and had since not participated in following tournaments. The final between Bra-



zil and Uruguay was played in front of amazing 203 000 people. Brazil had impressed everyone in the early stages and took the lead 1-0.

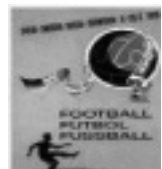
### 5th. World Cup in Switzerland, 1954 :

Wankdorf stadium in Bern, 4. July 1954: Hungary's magical "Magyars", who were undefeated in 31 games over 4 years, met West-Germany in the final of the 5th World-Cup. Unluckily, this time they lost 3-2 to the confusion of all football lovers. This legendary team who many regard as one of the best ever never would become world champions. After the World-Cup they continued to win and win until thousands of Russian tanks rolled into Budapest in November 1956.



### 6th. World Cup in Sweden, 1958 :

Garincha, Didi, Gilmar, Zito and Pele were just some of Brazilians stars in 1958, who rewrote the history books. Hundreds of Swedish flooded to the Brazilian training ground to catch a glimpse of their ball control and technique. This championship would be the breakthrough for a 17 year old boy from Sao-Paulo, Pele, who amazed the world with his skills and goals. In the final against the hosts, Brazil won 5-2 with Pele scoring 2 of the goals. At the semi final and final together he scored 5 goals!



### 7th. World Cup in Chile, 1962 :

It was expected that Brazil would defend his title. It did, but after scoring in the opening match, Pele was injured and did not play the rest of the tournament. Brazil met Czechoslovakia in the final and won easily. Even without Pele, Brazil was too strong for the rest of the football world. Teams such as England and West-Germany were in the process of building new teams. Argentina, Italy and Uruguay were mostly keen on fighting than on playing good soccer.



### 8th. World Cup in England, 1966 :

England will win the World-Cup on home soil, said the English manager Alf Ramsey. The games founders had been in 4 previous tournaments, but with disappointment. In 66 they started slowly with a draw against Uruguay, but slowly found form as the tournament went on. In this tournament, they stood as winners and Ramsey as a national hero. The victory was not only popular and deserved, but also controversial. The scoring that decided the final is still discussed to this day!



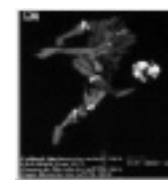
### 9th. World Cup in Mexico, 1970 :

The world believes the 1970 World-Cup was the best ever played! It was a championship where different styles came against each other. Football won that day as Brazil won 4-1 playing some of the best football ever seen. Again Pele was inspiring along with Jairzinho, Gerson, Felix and Carlos Alberto. They showed the world how football should be played. 1970 proved to be the farewell to who many regard as the greatest: Pele.



### 10th. World Cup in Germany, 1974 :

In 1974 the world first met the Dutch "total football" side, with players of great skill, none more than Johan Cruyff. In the final they met the host nation with their own superstar, Franz Beckenbauer. Germany ran out winners, but the Dutch side won many fans with their brand of passing football. The World-Cup in 74 was known as the rock and roll football, a lot of the players were having beard and long hair.



### 11th. World Cup in Argentina,