



A Glance on The Fifa Soccer World Cup

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The Federation International de Football Association is the French name of International Federation of Association Football, which is commonly known as FIFA. It's headquarter is in Zurich, Switzerland. Currently, Sepp Blatter is the president of the organization. The organization was established in the year 1904. FIFA is organizing international events since 1930. It has contributed the most in the Football World Cup events which drawn the attention and viewership across the world. It has 200 plus nation members across the world. It has maximum number of member nations compared to any other international body or even members of the Olympic committee. The World Cup event has been organized in the gap of every four years, but the even had been suspended between 1942-1946 due to Second World War.

The latest FIFA World Cup tournament winner is Spain, who won it in the year 2010. Spain defeated Netherlands in the final of the world cup. The winner was decided in the extra time given in which Spain won by one goal. This tournament was held in South Africa. There are 19 world cup tournaments held till date and won by eight nations. Twentieth FIFA World Cup will be held in Brazil in the months of June and July 2014, which will be hosted by Brazil, the most successful team. Brasil is the team who played last seven tournaments and



won five of them. The second most successful team of the World Cup tournament is Italy, who won the cup four times. Argentina and Germany come in third place. Both of these nations won the cups for three times. England, Uruguay, France and Spain won the most prestigious cup respectively one time only.

Description of the World Cup (from 1930 to 2010)

In its first ever event in 1930, only 13 nations participated and was hosted by Uruguay. The host Uruguay itself won the First world cup. Argentina got the runner up award, which lost to Uruguay by 2-4 leaving behind 11 other participants.

The second edition of the world cup was held in the year 1934. The participant nations also increased to 18 which was earlier 13 in the first world cup. This time the host was Italy who defeated Czechoslovakia in the last round in given extra time by 2-1. This way Italy was announced the winner of the second world cup. World champion, Italy maintained its reputation by winning third world cup defeating Hungary by 4-2, which was held in France in 1938. In this tournament 16 teams participated but because of Austria's merged with Germany so final count decreased to 15.

In its fourth edition in 1950, Uruguay won the world cup for the second time. In the final game, Uruguay defeated Brazil by 2-1 who also were the host of the tournament. The final round consisted of four teams, Brazil, Uruguay, Sweden and Spain. Uruguay was declared as the winner of the event on the basis of round robin. Only 13 teams out of 16 participated in the tournament.



Next edition of the FIFA World Cup was held in Switzerland in 1954. In this tournament, West Germany had beaten Hungary by 3-2 and won the fifth edition of world cup. This time also 16 teams participated in this edition of the world cup.

Brazil won got the chance to win the first world cup in the year 1958. In the final match, Brazil met with Sweden. In this match, Brazil won by 5 goals over two goals done by Sweden. In the year 1962, Brazil once again bagged the world cup by 3-1 margin. This year Brazil won its second world cup title held in Chile after defeating Czechoslovakia.

England hosted the FIFA world cup even in 1966 and won the title itself. This time, West Germany became the runner up. England defeated West Germany in the extra time allotted by 4-2 goals and won the title for the first time.

Mexico got the chance to host the FIFA World Cup in the year 1970. This time again all 16 teams participated in the event. This time, the event's final clash was very tough and interesting because both the teams who reached finals already had won 2-2 titles respectively. Brazil and Italy were tough opponents, but Brazil won the title for the third time by defeating Italy with the difference of two goals by hitting four goals.

The edition of the FIFA World Cup 1974 was held in Germany and the tournament was won by West Germany. This was second time that Germany once again defeated Netherlands by 2-1 and became the world champion.



In the year 1978, Argentina hosted the world cup tournament and became the winner of the tournament itself. In this edition, Argentina defeated Netherlands in the extra time given by 3-1.

In 1982 edition of the world cup, final held between West Germany and Italy, in which Italy defeated its opponent by 3-1. This year's event was hosted Spain in which Italy won the world cup title for the third time. This time 24 teams participated in the tournament from around the world.

In 1986, once again West Germany had to face the defeat in the final match. This was the third time that West Germany got defeat in the finals. This time, Argentina defeated West Germany by 3-2 and won the title for the second time. This was the second time that Mexico hosted the world cup tournament and the same 24 teams from around the world participated in the tournament.

In 1990, Italy was hosting the FIFA World Cup for the second time and 24 nations' team participated in the tournament. Two same teams, West Germany and Argentina, were again facing each other in the finals like last edition of 1986. But this time, Germany defeated Argentina by 1 goal taking revenge of the last defeat. West Germany was crowned with the World Cup title for the third time.

United States of America hosted the FIFA World Cup for the first time in 1994. Brazil and Italy locked their horns for the second time in the finals. This confrontation



seemed to have neck-to-neck fight as both teams were equally strong but Brazil had beaten Italy by 3-2 in the penalty shootout.

France was hosting the FIFA World Cup for the second time in 1998. The final match was played between France and Brazil and France defeated Brazil hitting three goals again zero goal. This was the first time when France held the title and became the world champion. This was the second time, when Brazil lost in finals and could not win the cup. In 1998, total number of teams participated in were 32.

South Korea and Japan co-hosted the world cup in 2002. Brazil won this world cup for the record fifth time and it also holds the record for winning the cup for the maximum number of the times becoming the most successful team in the world. In this event, Brazil defeated Germany in the finals and won the cup.

In 2006, Germany hosted the FIFA World Cup for the second time. In this edition, final was played between Italy and France. Italy became the winner for the fourth time defeating France by 5-1 goals, which was decided by penalty shootouts.

Johannesburg, a city of South Africa is known as a Soccer City. This city hosted the FIFA World Cup tournament in the year 2010. Spain and Netherlands were facing off in the final match. The final match was quite interesting as the match ended up with no result and extra time was awarded, in which Spain had beaten Netherlands and FIFA Soccer World Cup had a new champion in the form of Spain. Andres Iniesta was awarded the Man of the Match



award too for his winning goal. Netherlands missed the cup for the second time as he lost in finals.

We are about to witness the latest edition of the FIFA World Cup in 2014. There are millions and billions of soccer fans across the world. Such is the craze and obsession for the game and the reason is FIFA World Cup is organized in the long gap of four years. The sport is full of uncertainties. No one can guess or say for sure that who will be the winner. If we look at the statistics of the game,, then we find out that Brazil is the only team who reached in finals for record seven times and won it for 5 times, which also is a record in itself. The last thing is fans keep an on each and every game of the tournament to enjoy the every moment of the game and keep their excitement high to see their favorite team win or who wins the World Cup?



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