

# Korea/Japan 2002

## STADIUM GUIDE



## TOURNAMENT STATS

### WINNER Brazil

**FINAL**  
Brazil 2-0 Germany

**SEMI-FINALS**  
Germany 1-0 South Korea  
Brazil 1-0 Turkey

**THIRD PLACE PLAY-OFF**  
Turkey 3-2 South Korea

**TOP GOALSCORERS**  
**8 goals:** Ronaldo (Brazil)  
**5 goals:** Miroslav Klose (Germany); Rivaldo (Brazil)

**FASTEST GOAL**  
**10.8 seconds:** Hakan Sükür (Turkey v South Korea)

**TOTAL GOALS**  
161

**AVERAGE GOAL**  
2.51 per game

The 17th World Cup finals in Japan and Korea were not only the first to be played in Asia, but also the first to be staged outside of Europe or the Americas. As if to signify a shift in the balance of global football dominance, from the very first game it was a competition full of shocks and surprise results. It was a tournament that saw many of the established nations and the biggest stars of the world game catching an early return flight home, while it was also notable for the emergence of several overlooked football nations, such as Senegal, Turkey and South Korea. Nevertheless, the final would ultimately be played out between the World Cup's two most successful sides.

It was debutantes Senegal who provided the biggest shock in the opening game, with a single goal scored by Pape Bouba Diop defeating the holders and pre-tournament favourites France. In a physical game, the Africans over-powered the jaded looking French team, who were clearly missing the talismanic but injured Zinédine Zidane. France failed to score a single goal in three



qualifying games and were out of the tournament earlier than anyone could have expected, the first reigning champions to exit at the first Group Stage since Brazil in 1966.

Joint favourites Argentina also suffered the ignominy of elimination at the group stage. After a narrow win in their opening game against Nigeria, courtesy of a Gabriel Batistuta header, defeat to England and a draw against Sweden meant the hugely talented Argentine squad were to play no further part in the tournament. The clash with England was one of the most eagerly anticipated

games of the competition, and saw David Beckham convert the match-winning penalty to gain revenge for his dismissal in the same fixture four years previous.

The much-fancied Portuguese side were the other high-profile early casualties, losing out to both USA and joint hosts South Korea, who topped their group after having never before won a match at the finals. The South Koreans proved a revelation and were particularly well drilled for the competition by experienced international coach Gus Hiddink. In preparation for the tournament

Hiddink had persuaded the Korean football authorities to suspend their league championship in order to give him five months to transform the side in preparation for the World Cup.

An impressive looking Brazil, more assured and confident with every game, and perennial underachievers Spain were the only two countries to qualify from their respective groups with 100 per cent records, while Slovenia, China and Saudi Arabia went home without a point. Germany's 8-0 demolition of Saudi Arabia was, by quite a margin, the most one-sided of all the games of

## THE FINAL

**BRAZIL** (0) **2**  
**GERMANY** (0) **0**

Date Sunday June 30, 2002  
Attendance 69,029  
Venue International Stadium, Yokohama  
Referee Collina (Italy)

**Brazil Coach**  
Luiz Felipe Scolari

**Germany Coach**  
Rudi Völler

BRAZIL	
?? MARCOS	
?? LUCIO	
?? EDMILSON	
?? ROQUE JUNIOR	⚪
Booked: 6 mins	
?? CAFU	
?? KLEBERSON	
?? GILBERTO SILVA	
?? ROBERTO CARLOS	
?? RONALDINHO	
Subbed: 85 mins (Juninho)	
?? RIVALDO	
?? RONALDO	⚽
Goal: 67 mins, 79 mins. Subbed: 90 mins (Denilson)	
?? JUNINHO	Sub
?? DENILSON	Sub
GERMANY	
?? KAHN	
?? LINKE	
?? RAMELOW	
?? METZELDER	
?? FRINGS	
?? JEREMIES	
Subbed: 77 mins (Asamoah)	
?? HAMANN	
?? SCHNEIDER	
?? BODE	
Subbed: 84 mins (Ziege)	
?? NEUVILLE	
?? KLOSE	⚪
Booked: 9 mins. Subbed: 74 mins (Bierhoff)	
?? BIERHOFF	Sub
?? ASAMOAH	Sub
?? ZIEGE	Sub



## THE KOREAN CONSPIRACY

The South Korean team were the talk of the 2002 World Cup and by the time they exited at the semi-final stage, they had stunned world football more than once. But they also benefited from a series of fortuitous refereeing decisions in their decisive clashes with Italy and Spain.

Italy were dispatched in the second round, but the Italian media complained that a good goal had been disallowed and their star player had been unnecessarily red-carded. The Spanish were also angered to have two goals disallowed in the quarter-final. The manner of the defeat even prompted the president of the Spanish football federation to resign from the international referee's committee. The match sparked a diplomatic row and the Spanish media, like the Italians before them, focussed on conspiracy



the tournament. The other group winners were Denmark, Germany, Sweden, Mexico and Japan, much to the delight of an enthusiastic co-host nation.

With Germany and England securing routine wins (against Paraguay and Denmark respectively) in the opening games of the second round, it was left to South Korea to provide the major upset of this stage. However, some controversial refereeing marred their 2-1 golden goal victory over the Italians, which saw Francesco Totti sent-off for diving, and an apparently good Italy goal ruled out.

Despite the loss of influential captain Roy Keane, who walked out on the Republic Of Ireland squad

before they had even arrived at the World Cup, the Irish qualified for the knockout rounds, only to be eliminated by Spain on penalties. The other games at this stage saw wins for USA over Mexico, Senegal over Sweden, and Brazil over Belgium, while a headed goal from Turkey's Umit Davala ended the dreams of Japan.

The quarter-final stage consisted of four established football nations (Brazil, Germany, England, Spain), and four countries inexperienced at this level of competition (USA, South Korea, Turkey and Senegal). Brazil beat England 2-1, countering an opportunistic Michael Owen strike with late defence-splitting goal from Rivaldo and a freak long-range shot from Ronaldinho, who was red-carded shortly after scoring.

Germany were fortunate to get past USA 1-0, especially after a blatant handball in their own penalty area had gone unnoticed. Turkey secured a golden goal victory over an unlucky Senegal, and South Korea were giant-killers once again. This time Gus Hiddink's superbly conditioned and disciplined team got the better of Spain, but again the victory was not without controversy, the Spanish side furious that two perfectly good goals had been disallowed.

The semi-finals saw the established powers assert some domination. Brazil eased past a spirited Turkey 1-0 with a memorable goal from



a rejuvenated Ronaldo, eager to atone for his pale performance in the 1998 World Cup Final. Germany narrowly got the better of the South Koreans with a solitary goal from Michael Ballack, but a booking during the game meant that Germany's match-winner would miss the final through suspension.

Despite sharing seven world titles between them, Brazil and Germany had never met in the final stages of any tournament. Going into the competition both nations had been considered to be fielding their weakest teams in living memory. Indeed, both had stumbled through the qualification process. At one point it had seemed highly possible that Brazil would fail to reach the finals for the first time in their history, and the Germans only made it through the backdoor of the play-offs. But against all expectations, in Yokohama the two football giants faced each other to contest the championship of the world.

Brazil started the final as favourites but they would have to beat Oliver Kahn, who had conceded just one goal in the competition. A largely uneventful first half saw two bookings (Roque Junior for Brazil and Miroslav Klose for Germany, both cautioned in the first ten minutes), while Kleberson hit the bar for Brazil and a couple of half-chances fell to Ronaldo. In the 67th minute, however, Kahn spilt Rivaldo's shot into the path of the grateful Ronaldo, who pounced on the ball to



score. The Brazilian was on the scoresheet again 12 minutes later, curling the ball past Kahn to make it 2-0.

Shortly after the final whistle, skipper Cafu, in his third World Cup final, lifted the trophy to mark Brazil's record-breaking and wholly deserved fifth title win. Despite complaints over poor organisation in respect of ticket allocation, the first World Cup outside of Europe and the Americas was superbly staged. The wide-eyed enthusiasm of the supporters of both host nations was one of the lasting memories of a successful tournament. No respecter of reputations, the 2002 World Cup in Korea/Japan will also be remembered as one when the smaller football nations fought back



## THE GERMANS COME GOOD

Germany expected little from the 2002 World Cup. After a 5-1 defeat to England during qualification, fans faced a new low as their team came close to missing out on the finals. Booking their place via the play-offs, for the first time the Germans travelled to the World Cup as outsiders.

Germany's media had written off the team's chances, but this had a bonding effect on the players and brought fans behind the team in a way not experienced for years. At best it was thought that Germany would qualify from a weak group and reach the quarter-finals before being knocked out by Italy, and without the weight of expectation, fans prepared for an enjoyable World Cup.

The further the team went, the more the fans celebrated, and German flag factories struggled to keep up with the insatiable

