

# World Cup Records: Top Records, Greatest Records

## Individual Records

- **Most goals scored in a single World Cup:** Just Fontaine (France, 1958) - 13 goals
- **Most goals scored in World Cup history:** Miroslav Klose (Germany) - 16 goals
- **Most assists in a single World Cup:** Thomas Müller (Germany, 2010) - 6 assists
- **Most assists in World Cup history:** Lionel Messi (Argentina) - 9 assists
- **Most appearances in World Cups:** Lothar Matthäus (Germany) - 25 appearances
- **Most minutes played in World Cups:** Paolo Maldini (Italy) - 2,217 minutes
- **Most clean sheets in a single World Cup:** Fabien Barthez (France, 1998) - 5 clean sheets
- **Most clean sheets in World Cup history:** Peter Shilton (England) - 10 clean sheets

## Team Records

- **Most World Cup titles:** Brazil - 5 titles

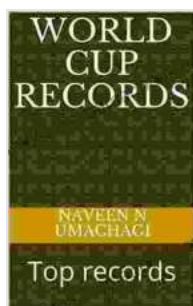
- **Most consecutive World Cup titles:** Italy (1934, 1938) and Brazil (1958, 1962) - 2 consecutive titles
- **Most World Cup appearances:** Brazil - 22 appearances
- **Most matches played in World Cups:** Brazil - 114 matches
- **Most goals scored in a single World Cup:** Hungary (1954) - 27 goals
- **Most goals conceded in a single World Cup:** Zaire (1974) - 14 goals
- **Biggest margin of victory in a World Cup match:** Hungary 10-1 El Salvador (1982)
- **Longest winning streak in World Cups:** Brazil (1958-1962) - 11 consecutive wins

## **Greatest Records**

- **Pele's iconic goal in the 1970 World Cup final:** Pele's goal against Italy in the 1970 World Cup final is widely regarded as one of the greatest goals in football history. He received the ball on the left wing, beat two defenders, and then fired a powerful shot into the top corner of the net. This goal helped Brazil secure their third World Cup title and cemented Pele's status as one of the greatest footballers of all time.
- **Maradona's "Hand of God" goal in the 1986 World Cup quarter-final:** Diego Maradona's controversial goal against England in the 1986 World Cup quarter-final is one of the most infamous moments in football history. Maradona used his hand to punch the ball into the net, but the referee failed to see the infringement. This goal helped Argentina advance to the semi-finals and ultimately win the tournament.

- **Zidane's iconic header in the 2006 World Cup final:** Zinedine Zidane's header against Italy in the 2006 World Cup final is one of the most memorable moments in football history. Zidane received a cross from the left wing and then headed the ball into the net with perfect precision. This goal gave France their first World Cup title since 1998 and cemented Zidane's status as one of the greatest midfielders of all time.

The World Cup is a tournament that has produced some of the most iconic moments and records in football history. From individual feats to team achievements, the World Cup has witnessed some truly remarkable performances. The records listed in this article are a testament to the skill, determination, and passion of the players who have graced the World Cup stage. As the tournament continues to grow in popularity and prestige, we can expect to see even more incredible records set in the years to come.



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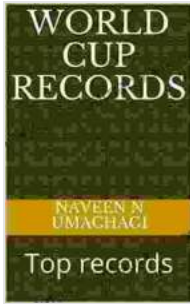
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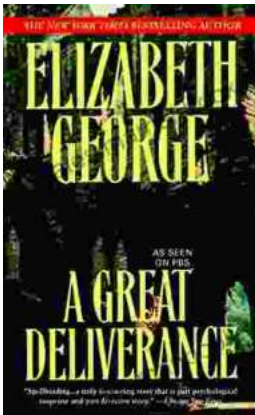


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