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Giddy up, er, unicorn!
ENGLAND'S crazy training!

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RUSSIA 2018
MOTD MAG HIGHLIGHTS!

Diego
strikes
for Spain!



Suarez
sends
Uruguay
through!





**It's that man
Ronaldo again!**



**Senegal start
with a victory!**



Osako has won
it for Japan!



What a howler
from **Caballero**!



Mbappe scores his first World Cup goal!



Neymar is up and running!

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THIS WEEK'S 6 BIGGEST FOOTY STORIES!

PICK YOUR WINNER! **TRIPPIER?**



PICK YOUR WINNER! **PICKFORD?**



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**FOUR UNICORNS...
THREE LIONS!**

England are making a big splash at the World Cup...

NERF ROCKETS, RUBBER chickens and now inflatable unicorns! England have had some bizarre preparation ideas for this World Cup, but they seem to be working! In the latest bonkers training tactic, Kieran Trippier, Jordan Pickford, Jesse Lingard and Harry Maguire all lined up for a unicorn race in the pool. Lol!

THE NEXT GAME!
 Thursday 28 June, 7pm
 England v Belgium
 Kaliningrad Stadium

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LINGARD?



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GOLDEN CHANCE!



Can Diego Costa become Spain's first-ever World Cup top scorer?

THERE HAVE BEEN 26 Golden Boot winners from 17 countries in 20 World Cups – and not one of them has been Spanish! But with Diego Costa's current form, that could change. The Atletico Madrid man is ready to make WC history!

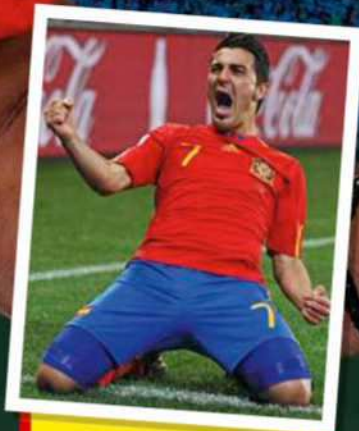
KETCH SAYS
Costa is flying in Russia – but he only scored three in La Liga for Atletico Madrid in 2017-18!



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GOLDEN BOOT WINNERS BY COUNTRY

5	Brazil	
3	Germany	
2	Italy	
2	Argentina	
2	Hungary	
1	England	
1	Colombia	
1	Croatia	
1	Bulgaria	
1	Russia	
1	Poland	
1	Portugal	
1	Chile	
1	France	
1	Soviet Union	
1	Yugoslavia	
1	Czechoslovakia	



SO CLOSE...

In 2010, David Villa scored the same amount as winner Thomas Muller, but the German assisted more so took the prize!



ONE IN, ONE OUT!



Arsenal are getting down to transfer business...

NEW GUNNERS BOSS Unai Emery isn't wasting any time at the Emirates. Last week he bought keeper Bernd Leno from Bayer Leverkusen for £19.3m then allowed Jack Wilshere to leave after 17 years at the club. It's all happening!

MORE GUNNERS GOSSIP!

Check out the word at Arsenal...

IN?

LUCAS TORREIRA £26m
 **SAMPDORIA** → **ARSENAL** 

SOKRATIS PAPASTATHOPOULOS £16m
 **B. DORTMUND** → **ARSENAL** 

GELSON MARTINS FREE
UNATTACHED → **ARSENAL** 

OUT?

CALUM CHAMBERS £18m
 **ARSENAL** → **FULHAM** 

DAVID OSPINA £12m
 **ARSENAL** → **TIGRES** 

CARL JENKINSON £6m
 **ARSENAL** → **BRIGHTON** 

Check out the latest rumours at bbc.co.uk/sport/football/gossip



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Man. City's De Bruyne
can speak French,
Dutch and English!

NOT SO
HAPPY
BIRTHDAY,



KEVIN!

Will England ruin De Bruyne's big day?

WE LIKE KEVIN De Bruyne and normally we'd want him to have a lovely birthday, full of loads of top presents, a massive cake and a million balloons. But not this birthday. Sorry, Kev. You see, the Belgian playmaker will be celebrating his 27th birthday on Thursday – the day England play Belgium in the massive Group G clash. So there's no way we want to see KDB celebrating his big day this year!

CALLING ALL ENGLAND FANS!

LET'S HAVE A SING-SONG!

On Thursday, as the teams are lining up for the anthems, your job is sing this special birthday song to KDB!



*No happy birthday for you,
No happy birthday for you,
No happy birthday for KDB...
Coz En-ger-land will go through!*

Let's play DE BRUYNE BIRTHDAY BINGO!

How many of these things can you spot or hear on Thursday? Fingers crossed!



Another mega England bundle



Marouane Fellaini is sent off



Roberto Martinez head in hands



Southgate dabbing Lingard



A wild bear invades the pitch



Hazard and De Bruyne arguing



A Romelu Lukaku own goal



VAR awarding England a penalty



Arsenal and Liverpool tried to sign Lemar last summer!

I'm coming for you C-Ron!



LA LIGA FOR LEMAR!

French ace seals huge £53m move to Atletico Madrid!

IT'S BEEN A good week for Atletico fans. Firstly, France superstar Antoine Griezmann ended months of uncertainty by signing a new contract to keep him in the Spanish capital until 2023 – then manager Diego Simeone splashed out a mammoth £53m to sign France's in-demand winger Thomas Lemar from Monaco. Here's the lowdown on Lemar...

THOMAS LEMAR

Age: 22 **Position:** Winger

Current club: Atletico Madrid

Career: Caen, Monaco

France caps/goals: 12/3

Playing style: He can play on both wings and up front. He's left-footed, has great dribbling skills and hit 23 goals in three seasons at Monaco!

Did you know? Monaco, in France's Ligue 1, signed Lemar for just £3.4m in 2015 – they've just sold him for 15 times that much!

Not to be confused with: A lemur

For the 1,000th time, I don't play for France!



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Big Six Quiz!
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My total
■ /6

Ali Daei, who played for Bayern Munich in the late 1990s, is the only male footballer to score more than 100 international goals!

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BETTER THAN RONALDO?

He's the only man to score more!

THIS IS ALI DAEI. You may not know who he is but Cristiano Ronaldo certainly does – the Iranian is now the only player in football history who's scored more international goals than C-Ron. Daei scored 109 goals for Iran between 1993 and 2006. But the way Ron's firing, don't back against him claiming top spot soon!

Ronaldo has now scored 85 goals for Portugal!



Since 2016, CR7 has scored 30 goals in 29 games for his country! If he carries on at this rate he'll pass Daei's record after 25 more games, which could be at Euro 2020!

	PLAYER	COUNTRY	GOALS
1	ALI DAEI	IRAN	109
2	Cristiano Ronaldo	Portugal	85
3	Ferenc Puskas	Hungary	84
4	Kunishige Kamamoto	Japan	80
5	Godfrey Chitalu	Zambia	79



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WORLD CUP 2018 FACE-OFF!

ENGLAND V



Yesssss! This match is gonna be flames, Paz!

BELGIUM



PLAYER BATTLES!



GROUP G, FINAL GAME
Thursday 28 June
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I'm buzzing!
Bring it on,
Ketch!

TURN OVER FOR MORE!



PICKFORD v COURTOIS

18	KICKING	15
13	HANDLING	17
16	ONE V ONES	17
14	AGILITY	13
13	STRENGTH	13
74	TOTAL	75



Paz says: This battle is so close – there's just a single point in it! Thibaut Courtois's handling and his one-v-one game is up there with the best!

Reader's battle winner:

.....



STONES v KOMPANY

15	HEADING	16
15	MARKING	16
14	POSITIONING	16
13	LEADERSHIP	18
15	PACE	13
72	TOTAL	79



Ketch says: Vincent Kompany trumps his Man. City team-mate in every department except pace. But Stonesy is more match-fit!

Reader's battle winner:

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ALLI v DE BRUYNE

17	FLAIR	16
15	PASSING	18
16	TECHNIQUE	17
17	WORK-RATE	14
15	VISION	19
80	TOTAL	84



Paz says: Kevin De Bruyne is one of the most complete midfielders in the game, but Dele Alli runs him close with a high flair and work-rate count!


Reader's battle winner:

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LINGARD v HAZARD

14	FIRST TOUCH	17
14	DRIBBLING	20
16	DETERMINATION	16
14	FINISHING	13
13	VISION	16
71	TOTAL	82

 **Ketch says:** Eden Hazard has more in his locker, but Jesse Lingard's superior finishing and determination will trouble the Belgians!


Reader's battle winner:

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KANE v LUKAKU

19	FINISHING	18
17	PENALTY TAKING	13
16	LONG SHOTS	13
16	COMPOSURE	15
13	JUMPING REACH	17
81	TOTAL	76

 **Paz says:** Harry Kane is untouchable in just about every department, but look at Romelu Lukaku's jumping. Careful on crosses, England!

Reader's battle winner:

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WORLD CUP



TEKKERS!



Got Cristiano Ronaldo's free-kick tek on lock? Prove it – and then try all of these other summer challenges!

STOBBSY SAYS
At 33, CR7 is the oldest hat-trick scorer in World Cup history!



TURN OVER FOR MORE!



CHALLENGE 1



TOP TIP
Visualise what will happen before you strike!

SCORE A TOP BINS FREE-KICK LIKE C-RON!



Next time you win a direct free-kick, grab the ball and unleash your inner Ronaldo into the top corner, dipping your strike up and over the wall!



CHALLENGE 2



CHALLENGE 3



TOP TIP
Stay on the move and be brave enough to try things on the ball!

STOBBSY SAYS
Golovin's assists are attracting attention from Arsenal and Chelsea!



TOP TIP
Use the instep of your big toe!

GET ASSISTS LIKE GOLOVIN!



Goals are over-rated. Be the difference-maker in the final third by laying on two assists for your team-mates, just like Russia's 22-year-old wonderkid Aleksandr Golovin!

CURL IT LIKE COUTINHO!



Cutting in from the left, bust out some right-footed whippage into the top-right bins from just outside the area. If you hit a screamer, celebrate like a boss – Phil Coutinho-style!



CHALLENGE 4



TOP TIP
Flick up the ball using your toes!

DINK IT LIKE LUKAKU!



When bearing down on goal one-on-one, don't be tempted to smash it into the back of the net – just delicately lift the ball over the sprawling keeper and reel off like Big Rom!

CHALLENGE 5



TOP TIP
Plant your standing foot to the side of the ball!

PING PASSES LIKE KROOS!



It's good to keep things simple, but occasionally a long, pinpoint-accurate pass is needed to slice through a defence and open up space. Do this and unlock your Kroos control!

CHALLENGE 6



TOP TIP
Stay high and wide, but onside!

SCORE ON THE COUNTER LIKE LOZANO!



If your team is under pressure, stay alert in attack like Mexico's lively Hirving Lozano, because a chance might be coming your way. Once you've won possession, race away at full speed and demand the ball!

TURN OVER FOR MORE!



CHALLENGE 7

TOP TIP
Keep your eyes locked on the ball!

HEAD IT LIKE GIMENEZ!



With just minutes to go, load the box for a set-piece and rise higher than any opposition defender to crash home a bullet header – like when Uruguay's Jose Gimenez downed Egypt!



CHALLENGE 8

TOP TIP
Predict opposition passes and react!

WIN IT BACK LIKE KANTE!



Become a midfield destroyer like France's tough-minded N'Golo Kante by intercepting, tackling and clearing every ball from danger in your midfield. You are the engine room!



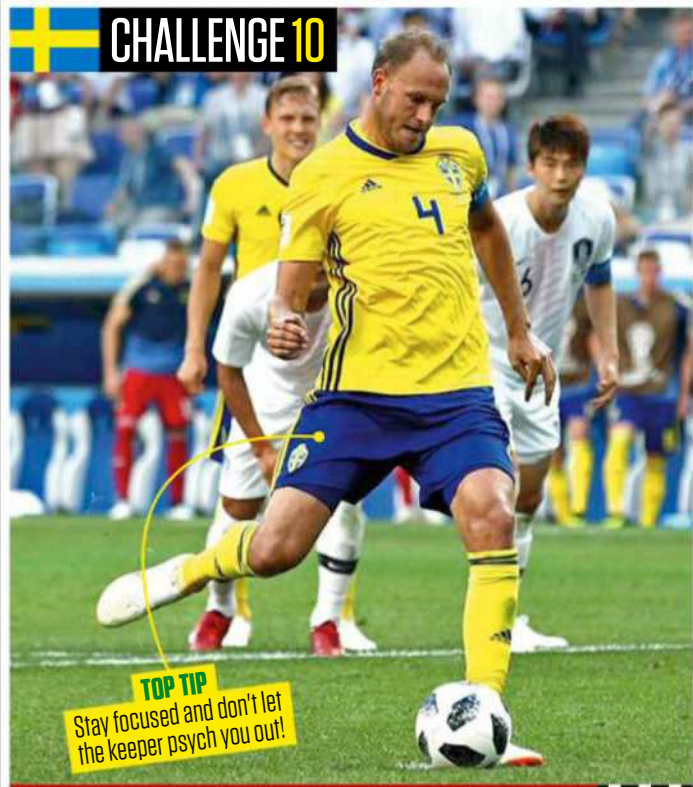
CHALLENGE 9

TOP TIP
Demand runners off the ball so you have options!

DICTATE PLAY LIKE MODRIC!



Don't be a passenger in midfield. Take control and find space! Ask for the ball from team-mates, keep it moving and be the spark of creativity. Luka Modric does a great job of this!



CHALLENGE 10

TOP TIP
Stay focused and don't let the keeper psych you out!

SLOT PENS LIKE GRANQVIST!



Stepping up to a penalty can give you all sorts of nervy feels, but here's how to tackle them – pick your spot early, stay calm and go for a strong, side-footed strike like this super Swede!



CHALLENGE 11



TOP TIP
Hit the target – anything can happen!

BE A GOAL POACHER LIKE KANE!

Become a fox in the box like Harry Kane by staying alert to any loose balls. If and when your chance comes, focus on a firm connection – with lots of power!

CHALLENGE 12



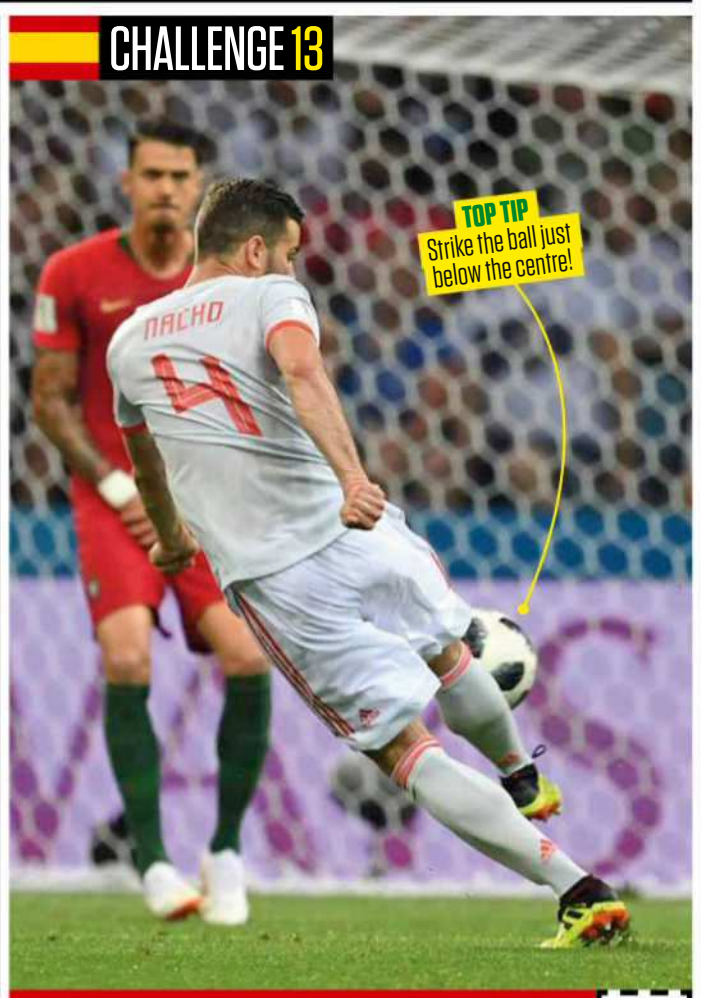
STOBBSY SAYS
Here's a top fact – Halldorsson is also a film director in Iceland!

TOP TIP
Keep your hands strong!

SAVE A PEN LIKE HALLDORSSON!

Giving away a penalty isn't the end of the world. Stand tall, give the taker the eyes and fully commit to one side like Iceland's hero Hannes Halldorsson did against Lionel Messi!

CHALLENGE 13



TOP TIP
Strike the ball just below the centre!

SIDEWINDER LIKE NACHO!

When the ball next drops to you on the edge of the box, cut across it, adding backspin like Nacho's sidewinder tek for Spain against Portugal. Get over it, though, so it doesn't rise!

TURN OVER FOR MORE!

CHALLENGE 14

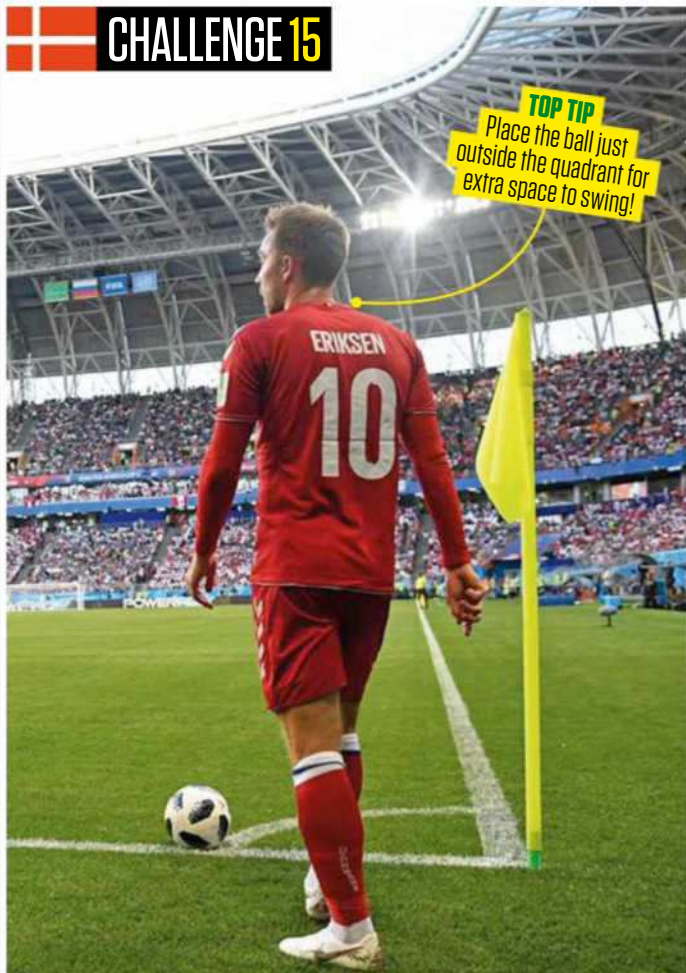


TOP TIP
Keep the ball on your furthest foot away from the defender!

HOLD IT UP STRONGLY LIKE COSTA! ✓

Like Spain's beastly baller Diego Costa, always keep hard-tackling defenders at arm's length so they can't get near the ball. Then, if the space opens, pop a shot off!

CHALLENGE 15



TOP TIP
Place the ball just outside the quadrant for extra space to swing!

TAKE CORNERS LIKE ERIKSEN! ✓

Denmark star Christian doesn't just float them in – he whips them with pace and purpose, almost always to the head of a team-mate. Start taking them and aim for the penalty spot!

CHALLENGE 16



STOBBSY SAYS
Messi completed the most dribbles against Iceland with eight!

TOP TIP
Stay low and take lots of little touches!

DRIBBLE LIKE MESS! ✓

Are you always getting crowded out by defenders? Drop your shoulder, jink your way through the gaps and race away with possession like Leo does for Argentina. He never gets caught!



CHALLENGE 17

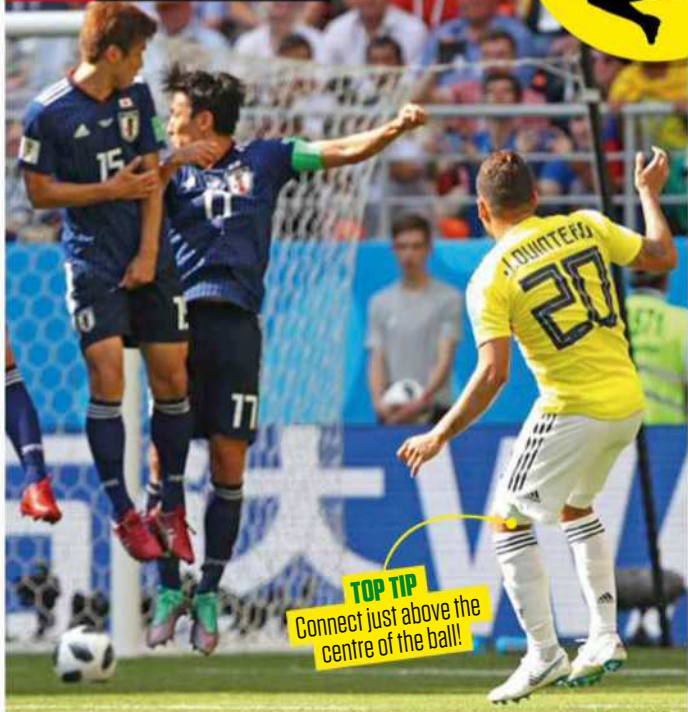


TOP TIP
Play without fear!

SHINE LIKE MILINKOVIC-SAVIC!

Serbia's £61m-rated Sergej Milinkovic-Savic tries everything and anything in the final third, so bring your own magic to the pitch whether it's from a rabona cross or an overhead kick!

CHALLENGE 18



TOP TIP
Connect just above the centre of the ball!

DRILL IT LIKE QUINTERO!

Struggling with the Cristiano Ronaldo free-kick knuckleball tek? Try something different like Colombia's Juan Quintero. His under-the-wall drill shot against Japan was a clever touch!

CHALLENGE 19



TOP TIP
Keep your eye on the ball!

VOLLEY LIKE REBIC!

When the ball is falling from the sky and you're in range, don't take a touch. Instead, try something special like Croatia's Ante Rebic and hit it on the volley with power and precision!

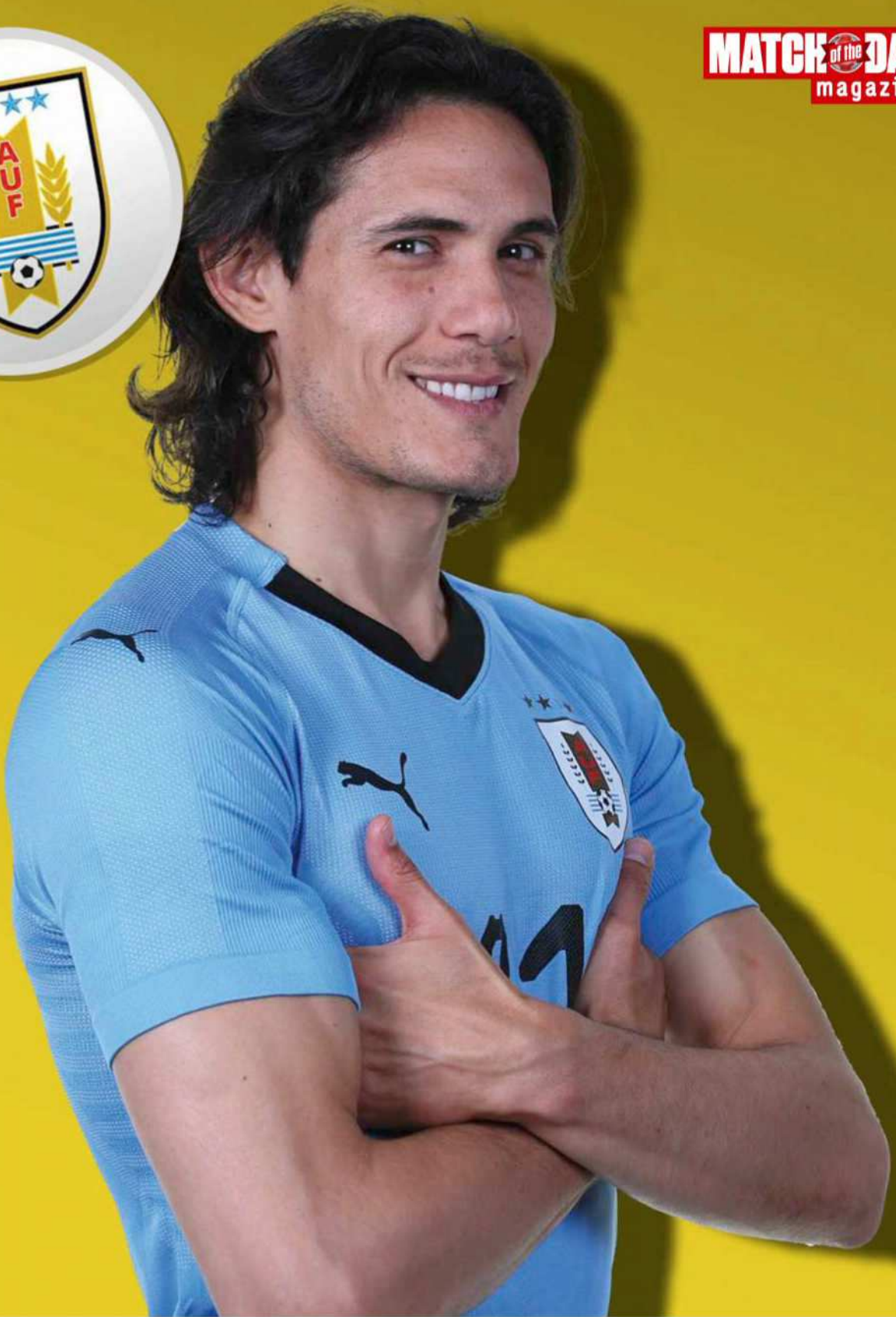
CHALLENGE 20



TOP TIP
Track and follow your team-mate's shot in!

MAKE SURE LIKE MBAPPE!

This isn't difficult tekkers to master, but it's what winners do. If the ball is heading towards an empty net at a slow pace, make sure like Kylian Mbappe and poke it in with your toes!



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CAVANI

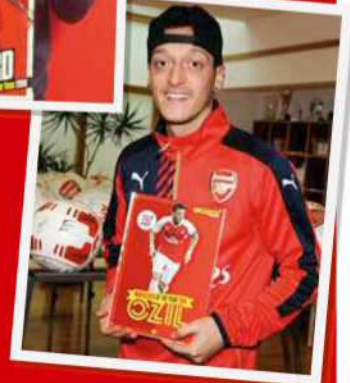
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Cheers, MOTD readers!

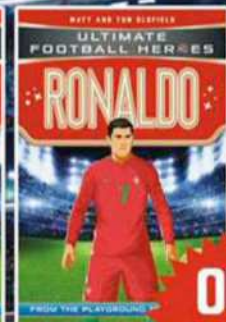
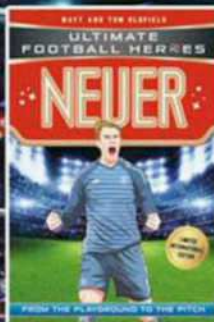
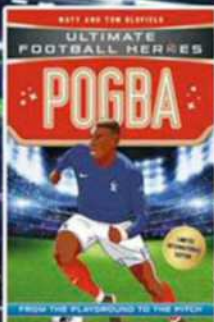
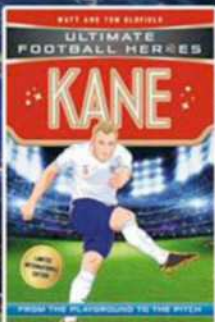
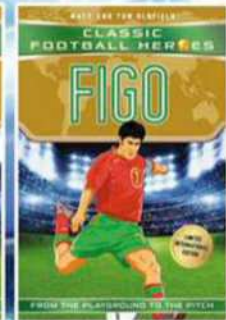
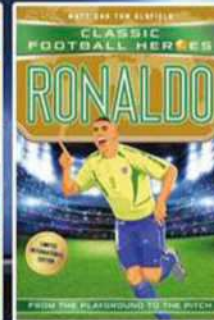
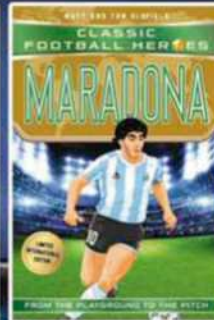
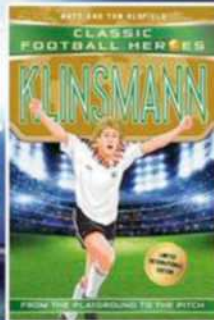
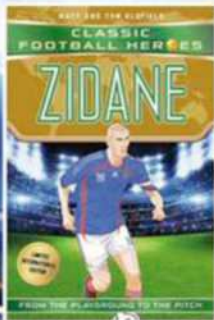
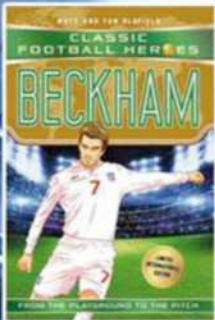


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C-Ron hammers home the first free-kick of the tournament to complete an epic hat-trick!



PORTUGAL 3

Ronaldo 4 (pen), 44, 88



SPAIN 3

Costa 24, 55, Nacho 58

VAR goes into overdrive with France scraping past Australia – they need a pen and an own goal to do it!



FRANCE 2

Griezmann 58 (pen), Behich 81 (og)



AUSTRALIA 1

Jedinak 62 (pen)



Poulsen punishes Peru after the South Americans miss a pen!



PERU 0



DENMARK 1

Poulsen 59



Woah! Lionel Messi has a penalty saved as underdogs Iceland produce yet another surprise!



ARGENTINA 1

Aguero 19



ICELAND 1

Finnbogason 23



Aleksandar Kolarov fires home a cracker to see Serbia start with a bang!



COSTA RICA 0



SERBIA 1

Kolarov 56



Barca baller Philippe Coutinho curls in a worldie - but Brazil drop two points!



BRAZIL 1

Coutinho 20



SWITZERLAND 1

Zuber 50



Yet another VAR pen is given and Sweden win their first opening World Cup match since 1958!



SWEDEN 1

Granqvist 65 (pen)



SOUTH KOREA 0

TURN OVER FOR MORE!



CROATIA 2

Etebo 32 (og), Modric 71 (pen)



NIGERIA 0

Luka's pen seals the three points for Croatia!



Mexico dish out the first major shock of the tournament!



GERMANY 0



MEXICO 1

Lozano 35



Romelu Lukaku joins the Golden Boot race with a double!



BELGIUM 3

Mertens 47, Lukaku 69, 75



PANAMA 0



Cheryshev makes it three goals in two games!



RUSSIA 3

Fathy 47 (og), Cheryshev 59, Dzyuba 62



EGYPT 1

Salah 73 (pen)

Osako scores and it's game over for ten-man Colombia!



COLOMBIA 1

Quintero 39



JAPAN 2

Kagawa 6 (pen), Osako 73

Krychowiak's howler lets in Niang for a tap-in!



POLAND 1

Krychowiak 86



SENEGAL 2

Gioneke 37 (og), Niang 60

It's absolute limbs in Russia as Haz bags a injury-time winner!



TUNISIA 1

Sassi 35 (pen)



ENGLAND 2

Kane 11, 90

TURN OVER FOR MORE!



After a stinker against Egypt, Luis is back to his deadly best!



URUGUAY 1

Suarez 23



S. ARABIA 0



C-Ron scores his fourth goal in two games - it's his tournament so far!



PORTUGAL 1

Ronaldo 4



MOROCCO 0



Iran make Spain work for the win - but they can't keep Diego quiet!



IRAN 0



SPAIN 1

Costa 54



Another day, another controversial VAR pen - but The Socceroos don't mind!



DENMARK 1

Eriksen 7



AUSTRALIA 1

Jedinak 38 (pen)



FRANCE 1

Mbappe 34



PERU 0

Kylian becomes France's youngest-ever scorer at the World Cup!



BRAZIL 2

Coutinho 90, Neymar 90



COSTA RICA 0

Brazil leave it until injury time to break the deadlock!



ARGENTINA 0



CROATIA 3

Rebic 53, Modric 80, Rakitic 90

Luka slams home a worldie - putting Argentina in big trouble!

51



C-Ron's hat-trick was the World Cup's 51st treble – and the 51st of his career!



Five penalties were awarded across four games on the third matchday – three scored, two missed!

1-0

Since 1998, all four of Serbia's World Cup wins have ended 1-0!



Russia are the second team in World Cup history to score five or more in two opening group fixtures – with five different scorers!



When Germany last lost their first fixture in 1982, they went on to reach the final!



England have never lost to an African nation in seven World Cup meetings – they've won four and drawn three!

2018 WORLD CUP RESULTS DAY 1 TO DAY 9

GROUP A

Russia 5-0 Saudi Arabia
Egypt 0-1 Uruguay
Russia 3-1 Egypt
Uruguay 1-0 Saudi Arabia

GROUP B

Morocco 0-1 Iran
Portugal 3-3 Spain
Portugal 1-0 Morocco
Iran 0-1 Spain

GROUP C

France 2-1 Australia
Peru 0-1 Denmark
Denmark 1-1 Australia
France 1-0 Peru

GROUP D

Argentina 1-1 Iceland
Croatia 2-0 Nigeria
Argentina 0-3 Croatia

GROUP E

Costa Rica 0-1 Serbia
Brazil 1-1 Switzerland
Brazil 2-0 Costa Rica

GROUP F

Germany 0-1 Mexico
Sweden 1-0 South Korea

GROUP G

Belgium 3-0 Panama
Tunisia 1-2 England

GROUP H

Colombia 1-2 Japan
Poland 1-2 Senegal

52 MATCHES STILL TO COME!



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SURPRISE WORLD CUP STARS!

TOP
TALENT
TEARING
IT UP IN
RUSSIA!



10 HANNES HALLDORSSON
ICELAND KEEPER

First he stood out wearing his short-sleeved stopper top, then he psyched out Lionel Messi and saved his penalty!



PAZ SAYS
Milinkovic-Savic might be a Prem target but his dad wants him to go to Juve. Don't listen, SMS!



8 DIEGO COSTA
SPAIN STRIKER

Yes, we know he's a global star – but Costa didn't register a shot on target at the last World Cup. His latest form is a welcome surprise!



GET IN! Diego Costa fires home his second against Portugal!

Man. United are super keen on this guy!

9 SERGEJ MILINKOVIC-SAVIC
SERBIA MIDFIELDER

At 6ft 3in, it's impossible not to notice SMS. He's known as The Sergeant at Lazio – because he commands the midfield!





7

HIRVING LOZANO MEXICO WINGER

Few players have run rings around Germany's backline like lethal Lozano. His epic pace and trickery has sent Group F into a spin!



6

KIERAN TRIPPIER ENGLAND RIGHT-BACK

Prem fans know what Tripps can do, but no one expected him to create six chances against the Tunisians – more than any player in that game!

VALON BEHRAMI SWITZERLAND MIDFIELDER

Not many players can keep Neymar as quiet as the ex-West Ham flop did. In his fourth World Cup, Behrami is ripping it up!



5

Behrami had a 93% pass success rate against Brazil – the best on the pitch!

4

DENIS CHERYSHEV RUSSIA WINGER

Believe it or not, this guy wasn't even tipped to be in Russia's squad. Two star shows later and he's become a fully fledged national hero!



AARON MOOY AUSTRALIA MIDFIELDER

Some questioned if the Huddersfield ace could produce at the elite level. Just ask Paul Pogba and Christian Eriksen – he matched them pass for pass!



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ANDRE CARRILLO PERU WINGER

Peru had 17 efforts without scoring against Denmark – the most by any team so far – thanks to this Watford loanee. Who knew he was so quick?!



1

YUYA OSAKO JAPAN FORWARD

Had Shinji Okazaki been fully fit, Osako wouldn't have started Japan's first game. But he created one, scored one and made a mint tackle!



TRUE OR FALSE...

QUIZ 1

RADAMEL FALCAO!

How much do you know about Colombia's captain?



WANT MORE?

TURN TO p52 FOR MORE QUIZ ACTION!

1

Falcao is a Champions League winner!

TRUE
FALSE



2

He's the oldest forward in the Colombia squad!

TRUE
FALSE



3

His nickname translates to The Bear!

TRUE
FALSE



4

Radamel wears Nike boots!

TRUE
FALSE



5

He's scored over 200 goals in his career!

TRUE
FALSE



6

Falcao is 28 years old!

TRUE
FALSE



WHICH FOOTY GRADE DID YOU GET?

- 1-2 = C Worse than Falcao's loan spell at Chelsea!
- 3-4 = B Like Falcao at Man. United – could do better!
- 5-6 = A Played a blinder, like his Atletico Madrid days!

Your total

/ 6

ANSWERS!
1 FALSE - BUT HE'S WON THE EUROPA LEAGUE TWICE
2 TRUE
3 FALSE - THE TIGER
4 TRUE
5 TRUE
6 FALSE - HE'S 32





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MEXICO & WEST HAM

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LOLS!

HAIR WE GO!

Are people are talking more about Neymar's new 'do than his tekkers on the pitch?

I think it looks sick!



FUNNIES

TUMBLEWEED!

Bro, are we bros? Er... Ney?



Hey, pasta me the ball!



SPAGHETTI!



What do you call a policeman with blond hair?

A fair cop!

Where did you get your inspiration?



LISA SIMPSON!

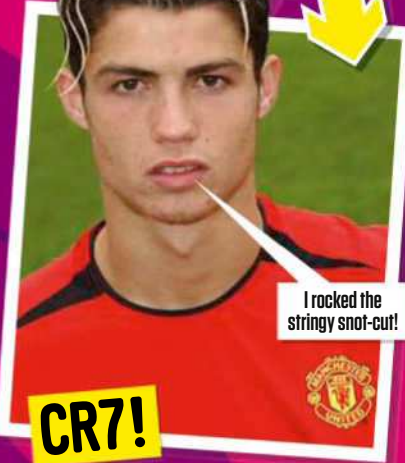
BIRD'S NEST!

Oi, stay still, mate!



I rocked the stringy snot-cut!

CR7!



Thinking outside of the box!

Illustration: Paul Cemmick

Gary Lineker is prepping for the next game...

But something strange is happening in the studio...

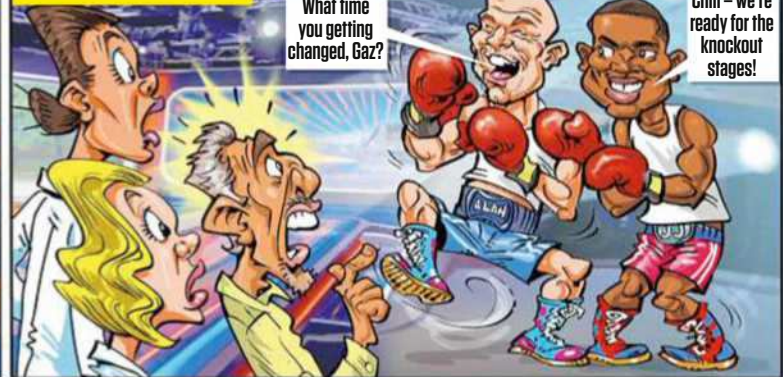
This could be an interesting show...



The last 16 - this is where things get interesting!



Er, guys, what are you wearing?



What time you getting changed, Gaz?

Chill - we're ready for the knockout stages!



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TRANSFER



ARSENAL

A new keeper has been signed in Bernd Leno, now they need steel in midfield – Sevilla bruiser **Steven N'Zonzi** is their top target!



BOURNEMOUTH

Colombian midfielder **Jefferson Lerma** is the subject of a massive £18m bid from The Cherries. Boss Eddie Howe is hoping to push through a deal when the versatile baller returns from World Cup duty!



CARDIFF

The Bluebirds don't have much cash to spend, so boss Neil Warnock is sniffing around the Championship for some cheap deals. Reading's massive Icelandic striker **Jon Dadi Bodvarsson** would be a snip at £5m!



CHELSEA

Boss Antonio Conte could be on his way, but The Blues are making transfer moves – they're chasing Inter Milan's Croatia forward **Ivan Perisic**!



FULHAM

It's all about **Aleksandar Mitrovic** for The Cottagers. His 12 goals in 20 games on loan in 2017-18 took them back to the Prem, but now Newcastle won't accept anything less than £20m to make it a permanent move!



HUDDERSFIELD

They've bagged left winger Ramadan Sobhi from Stoke and now The Terriers want fellow Egyptian **Ahmed Elmohamady** to join him. Aston Villa would take a cut-price deal for the 30-year-old right-back!



MAN. CITY

Pep Guardiola is thinking big this summer – he wants to make a major swoop for France forward **Kylian Mbappe** before his permanent move to PSG goes through. All he needs is about £200m to make it happen!



MAN. UNITED

An overhaul of The Red Devils' midfield could continue with another Serbian to partner Nemanja Matic. Lazio enforcer **Sergej Milinkovic-Savic** is hot property at £80m – PSG and Real Madrid are also interested!



TOTTENHAM

Mauricio Pochettino is eyeing a speedy winger, which is why he wants PSV's Mexican wonderkid **Hirving Lozano**!



WATFORD

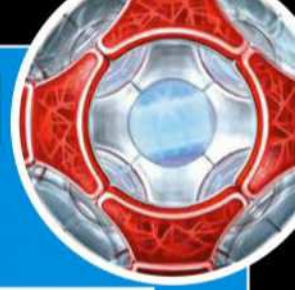
Marseille keeper **Steve Mandanda** wants a return to the Prem and Watford need a new stopper – we smell a deal!



BITES!

Are you on the move, Ketch?

Nah, I'm staying on me sofa!



Away from the World Cup, transfer action is **hotting up** – check out the gossip!



BRIGHTON

After staying loyal to Hull last season, Polish winger **Kamil Grosicki** could be set for a Prem return with Brighton. He'll cost £10m!



BURNLEY

Chelsea still can't guarantee **Ruben Loftus-Cheek** a starting spot, so another season-long loan looks likely. The chance to play Europa League footy with The Clarets could swing it for the England midfielder!



CRYSTAL PALACE

Gaffer Roy Hodgson has a striker problem to solve this summer – Alaves' Swedish ace **John Guidetti** and Denmark's **Nicolai Jorgensen**, currently at Feyenoord in Holland, are both potential options!



EVERTON

Wow, The Toffees are close to signing Messi! Well, the Iranian Messi, that is. Rubin Kazan forward **Sardar Azmoun** turned down a move to Merseyside last summer, but new boss Marco Silva is hoping to change his mind!



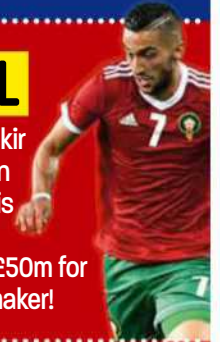
LEICESTER

With their previously solid defence in need of a shake-up, manager Claude Puel has made sounds about Mexico's **Carlos Salcedo**. The Eintracht Frankfurt man can play anywhere across the back four!



LIVERPOOL

A move for Nabil Fekir is on hold, so Jurgen Klopp has turned his attention to **Hakim Ziyech**. Ajax want £50m for the Morocco playmaker!



NEWCASTLE

Rafa Benitez wants Anderlecht midfielder **Leander Dendoncker**. If that doesn't happen, he'll consider West Brom winger Nacer Chadli!



SOUTHAMPTON

After just 23 appearances and loads of loan spells since 2011, Costa Rica forward **Joel Campbell** could finally leave Arsenal – Saints boss Mark Hughes reckons he could fit the bill and is lining up an £8m bid!



WEST HAM

After sealing a deal for Lukasz Fabianski, The Hammers now want to add some quality to their midfield by making snapping up **Jack Wilshere**, who's available on a free transfer after being let go by Arsenal!



WOLVES

Wolves want Portugal winger **Gelson Martins** from Sporting Lisbon – the good news is he could sign on a free!



Check out the latest transfer rumours online at bbc.co.uk/sport/football/gossip

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WORLD CUP



CHILL TIME!

These lads have been having a right good laugh over in Russia – and not just on the pitch!

HARRY KANE



Photo: @harrykane



Two goals and a MOTM trophy! Not a bad WC debut for Haz – and Raheem Sterling was buzzing for him!

Happy Birthday Skip 🤖



Photo: @trentaalb98

TRENT ALEXANDER-ARNOLD



Double-A stitched up club captain Jordan Henderson by snapping him while he was taking 40 winks!

ROY OF THE ROVERS



ERIC DIER

Did he see me lose



Dele Alli and Dier have been gaming. Let's hope this is the only losing Dele does while in Russia!

NEYMAR



Why so glum? Is it because of our hairstyle gags? Ney and Gabriel Jesus need to find some smiles!

LUIS SUAREZ



Luis didn't score against Egypt, but he was chuffed that his mate Jose Gimenez got one!

MATEO KOVACIC



"Hide your chin!" Matty and Marcelo Brozovic are out - we didn't say "Simon says" first. LOL!

IT'S 0-0 AFTER FORTY MINUTES AS MELCHESTER TAKE ON QUALITY SPANISH SIDE VARAGOSA...

RACE!

IF YOU DONT GET OUT THERE AND START SHOWING ME SOME OF THE SKILLS YOU HAD IN TRAINING ILL TAKE YOU OFF.

MOVE!

YES BOSS!

ROY GETS HOLD OF THE BALL AND GETS OUT TO SHOW WHAT HE CAN DO...

I NEED A GOAL QUICK!

OH MAN, I'M BOUND TO BE SUBBED NOW...

TO BE CONTINUED NEXT WEEK...

WORLD CUP 2018 MATCH PREVIEWS!

SUPER 7



Must-see
WORLD CUP
stonkers!

Groups will be won and lost with these final fixtures!

The club clash!

DENMARK v FRANCE



Tue 26 June, 3pm, ITV1

Such is France's strength, Didier Deschamps could name a whole new 11 here and it would still be a team of world beaters. Tasty club clashes include Chelsea's Olivier Giroud against Andreas Christensen and Spurs keeper Hugo Lloris up against Christian Eriksen!



The Gylfi game!

ICELAND v CROATIA



Tue 26 June, 7pm, BBC One

They'll always be a tight-knit unit, but Iceland need Gylfi Sigurdsson to be in top form to inspire his team-mates. The Everton ace will be facing one of the best midfields in Russia, so expect some seriously physical back-up from his viking buddies!



The familiar foes!

NIGERIA v ARGENTINA



Tue 26 June, 7pm, BBC One

These two have met in four of the last six World Cups, and Nigeria came from two down to beat The Albiceleste in a friendly last November – in Russia! With 20 goals in their last four encounters, this could be the highest-scoring game of the tournament!



The Son song!

SOUTH KOREA v GERMANY



Wed 27 June, 3pm, ITV1

With just four players competing in Europe's big five leagues, South Korea rely heavily on main man Son Heung-min to score, assist, track back and pretty much do everything. It's a good job he used to play in the Bundesliga and knows all about his opponents, then!



The pace problem!

SERBIA v BRAZIL



Wed 27 June, 7pm, ITV1

An ageing Serbia defence struggle to cope with pace, so facing one of the quickest attacks in Russia could be a problem. Squad rotation might see a start for samba star Fred – the £52m Man. United signing could face new team-mate Nemanja Matic!



The Rob job!

JAPAN v POLAND



Thu 28 June, 3pm, BBC One

Nooooo! It's the final day of group games, which means two horrible truths – we're halfway through the competition and will soon have a one-day break in action. Time for Robert Lewandowski to ramp up the Golden Boot race and make us forget all about it!



The Prem clash!

ENGLAND v BELGIUM



Thu 28 June, 7pm, ITV1

Nothing like saving the best until last, is there? The Three Lions go for Group G glory in their most eagerly anticipated World Cup contest in years. With a combined 35 players across both squads playing in the Prem last season, it'll be like watching **Match of the Day!**



THE PLANET'S TOUGHEST WORLD CUP QUIZ!

There's no need for VAR in our quiz warm-up!

WANT MORE?
TURN OVER FOR
MORE QUIZ ACTION!

1



Q1 LUIS SUAREZ IS...

- A** An extinct flying reptile that preyed upon fish and other small animals
- B** A unit of length, roughly equivalent to a 40th of a yard
- C** A footballer who plays as a striker for Uruguay and Barcelona

2



Q2 MILE JEDINAK IS...

- A** A food usually made from ground meat, salt and spices, encased in a skin
- B** A tailless amphibian with a short stout body and short legs
- C** An Australian footballer who plays for Aston Villa

3



Q3 DEJAN LOVREN IS...

- A** A small, slender meat-eating mammal related to the stoat
- B** A hat with a high crown and a wide brim worn by cowboys
- C** A Croatian footballer who plays as a centre-back for Liverpool

4



Q4 STANISLAV CHERCHESOV IS...

- A** The current president of the United States Of America
- B** A hard-boiled egg enclosed in sausage meat, rolled in breadcrumbs, and fried
- C** A former footballer and current boss of the Russia national team

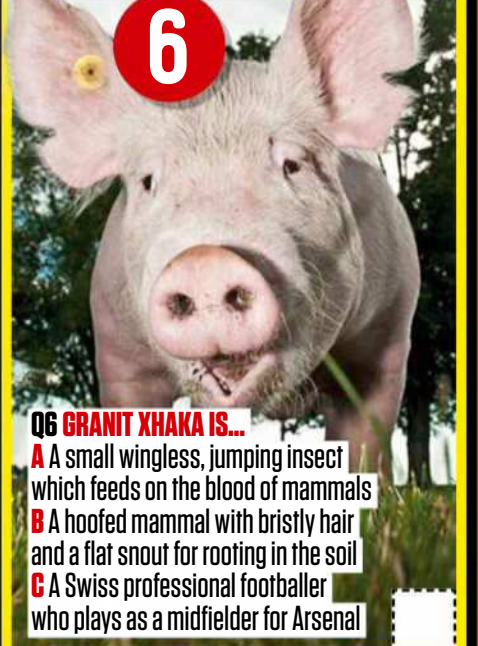
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Q5 PEPE IS...

- A** An unpleasantly thick liquid substance usually found in underground caves
- B** A noisy release of air from the stomach through the mouth
- C** A 35-year-old centre-back for Portugal and Turkish club Besiktas

6



Q6 GRANIT XHAKA IS...

- A** A small wingless, jumping insect which feeds on the blood of mammals
- B** A hoofed mammal with bristly hair and a flat snout for rooting in the soil
- C** A Swiss professional footballer who plays as a midfielder for Arsenal



ZIELINKSKI

POLAND & NAPOLI

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BRAIN

TEASERS!

Robert Lewandowski is Poland's all-time leading goalscorer! He's bagged 55 goals in 96 games for his national side!

Put your thinking caps on and get stuck in, readers!

1

Which of these three players is England captain at the 2018 World Cup?

A



B



C



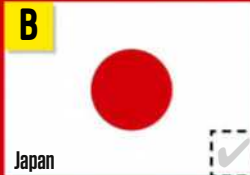
2

Which Asian country DID NOT co-host the World Cup back in 2002?

A



B



C



3

How many days does the World Cup last, from the first game to the final?

A

32

B

36

C

40

4

Which footy legend is the highest-rated Icon on the FIFA 18 WC update?

A



B



C



5

Which German club does Poland striker Robert Lewandowski play for?

A



B



C





ANSWERS!

1=C 2=A 3=A 4=B 5=B
6=A 7=B 8=C 9=B 10=A

Your total
 /10

WANT MORE?
 TURN TO p66 FOR MORE QUIZ ACTION!

6


7


8


9

10

Group H hopefuls Japan are known by what nickname?

A  Samurai Blue

B  Samurai Purple

C  Samurai White

Which of these Mexican stars is their country's all-time record goalscorer?

A 

B 

C 

Tunisia forward Wabhi Khazri is currently signed to which League One club?

A  Scunthorpe

B  Shrewsbury

C  Sunderland

What job did England keeper Nick Pope have before playing football?

A  Builder

B  Milkman

C  Postman

Which of these countries is the highest in the FIFA world rankings?

A  Chile

B  Mexico

C  Peru

All stats correct up to 27 June 2018

COMPETITIONS

WIN!

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- A** Atletico Madrid
- B** Barcelona
- C** Real Madrid

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One lucky **MOTD Mag** reader will win a mega Art of Football bundle!

Q For your chance to win, tell us which of these forwards **ISN'T** at the World Cup:

- A** Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang
- B** Edinson Cavani
- C** Romelu Lukaku

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Q For your chance to win, tell us which country Thomas Muller plays for:

- A** France
- B** Germany
- C** Japan

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Paz & Ketch

The column that... hasn't missed a World Cup game!

We've still got the knock-out rounds to come, Ketch!



I'm loving it, Paz!

THAT THING WHEN...



Okay, okay we'll watch it!

YOUR LITTLE BRO DOESN'T WANT TO WATCH THE WORLD CUP!



YOU THINK YOU'RE BALE IN THE CHAMPIONS LEAGUE FINAL!

This is harder than it looks!



Seriously, I need to go now!

Ten more minutes!

MUM CALLS YOU IN FOR DINNER!



Come on, Colombia!

WATCHING THE WORLD CUP COMES BEFORE SAVING THE PLANET!



Can I play next game?

Nice work, bro!

YOU AND YOUR MATE GET THAT FIRST VICTORY ROYALE!

WORLD CUP NUMBERS!

GERMANY 48

Germany scored the most goals in the last three World Cups – 14 in 2006, 16 in 2010 and 18 in 2014!

UNLUCKY 16

Mexico have qualified for the World Cup 16 times but have never passed the quarter-finals stage!

N. AMERICA 2026

The World Cup in 2026 will be the first one hosted by three countries – Mexico, Canada and USA! It'll be the third time Mexico have hosted the finals!



KANE'S GOLDEN BOOT CHANCES!

How many goals does Haz need to win the Golden Boot? Here are the winners from the last ten finals!



- 2014 JAMES RODRIGUEZ 6
- 2010 DIEGO FORLAN, THOMAS MULLER, WESLEY SNEIJDER & DAVID VILLA 5
- 2006 MIROSLAV KLOSE 5
- 2002 RONALDO 8
- 1998 DAVOR SUKER 6
- 1994 OLEG SALENKO & HRISTO STOICHKOV 6
- 1990 SALVATORE SCHILLACI 6
- 1986 GARY LINEKER 6
- 1982 PAOLO ROSSI 6
- 1978 MARIO KEMPES 6

Messi gets his feathers ruffled!

Illustration: Paul Cemmick





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This is a hoot, Ketch!
PAZ!

More like a scoot, Paz!

KETCH!

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WHAT MOTD READERS HAVE BEEN UP TO...

THE WHOLE WORLD ON A PLATE!

HARRY DAY painted all the World Cup 2018 teams' flags onto this epic plate. Tasty!



Winner of the week!

Unreal! That must have taken you ages, Harry!

WIN!



Our winner of the week gets an amazing Mitre ball!



LION CUB!

CHARLIE DODDS gets his first taste of the World Cup. Aaah!

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Send your **ENGLAND SELFIES** to pazandketch@motdmag.com – show your support for The Three Lions!



It's up for grabs in Russia – but **Harry Daniels** is a winner!

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THUMBS UP!

HARRY shows off his awesome World Cup issue of **MOTD mag** – good lad!



WHAT THE STARS HAVE BEEN UP TO...



Chelsea ledge **Didier** starts his own Prem legends five-a-side team!



Oriol cheers on Japan and his Southampton bud **Maya Yoshida!**

We're loving these – keep sending them in, readers!



BUZZING FOR IT!

BEN OWEN is ready and waiting for the next Three Lions clash!



WORLD CUP FEVER!

CHARLIE PARKER is taking over the whole house with his flag!



COVER STAR!

OSCAR made his very own World Cup MOTD mag cover. Scenes!

WHAT MOTD MAG HAVE BEEN UP TO...

17 JUN

Ketch completed the Royal Windsor triathlon for charity. Well done, mate!



18 JUN

We had front-row seats for Tunisia v England at The Soccer Lounge. Nice one!



21 JUN

Stobbsy won the World Cup with Nigeria on the FIFA 18 WC update!

22 JUN

This T-rex gives MOTD mag the big thumbs up!



Matic

Nemanja and the Serbia boys jet home after beating Costa Rica!

Shearer



MOTD pundit Alan meets Ryan Sessegnon, Phil Foden & Mason Mount!

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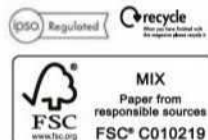


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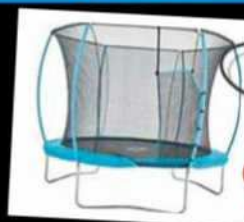


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1
In which country does Uruguay keeper Fernando Muslera play his club footy?



PLAYER 1

PLAYER 2

2
Which member of the Uruguay squad is their most-capped player with 125 caps?



PLAYER 1

PLAYER 2

3
How many Serie A players are representing Uruguay this summer – four, five or six?



PLAYER 1

PLAYER 2

4
What was manager Oscar Tabarez's position when he played professionally – defender or striker?



PLAYER 1

PLAYER 2

5
The highest-scoring player in the squad has 51 goals – is it Edinson Cavani or Luis Suarez?



PLAYER 1

PLAYER 2

6
Which member of the Uruguay squad has played for Barcelona, Juventus and Southampton?



PLAYER 1

PLAYER 2

7
Juventus baller Rodrigo Bentancur is the youngest in their squad – but is he 18, 19 or 20 years old?



PLAYER 1

PLAYER 2

8
When was the last time Uruguay won the World Cup – 1950, 1970 or 1990?



CHAMP Uruguay World Cup winner Aldice Giggia!

PLAYER 1

PLAYER 2

ANSWERS!
1 Turkey 2 Maxi Pereira 3 Five 4 Defender 5 Luis Suarez 6 Martin Caceres 7 20 8 1950

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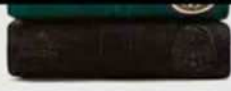


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