

Messi wins the World Cup for Argentina

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FIFA WORLD CUP
Qatar 2022



Argentina won the final, defeating defending champions France 4–2 on penalties following a 3–3 draw after extra time.

French player **Kylian Mbappé** became the first player to score a hatrick in a World Cup final since Geoff Hurst in the 1966 final and won the **Golden Boot** as he **scored the most goals** (eight) during the tournament.

Argentine captain **Lionel Messi** was voted the tournament's **best player**, winning the **Golden Ball**.

Emiliano Martínez, also from Argentina, won the **Golden Glove**, awarded to the tournament's best **goalkeeper**.

The **2022 FIFA World Cup** was the 22nd tournament organized by Fédération Internationale de Football Association. It was contested by 32 men's national teams

of FIFA's member associations. It was hosted by Qatar from 20 November to 18 December 2022. It is the second held entirely in Asia after the 2002 tournament in South Korea and Japan.

The Emir of Qatar honored Messi by a **traditional bisht**, while giving to him the Trophy, his team had earned. The Emir is going to be the employer of Messi, when he joins Paris Saint-Germain Football Club, which is owned by the Emir.

The Qatar national football team entered the event – their first World Cup – automatically as the host's national team, alongside 31 teams who were determined by the qualification process. Qatar lost all three group matches.

Canada had qualified for the world cup, for the first time in 2022. It lost to Croatia by 4-1 on Sunday 27th November 2022. On December 1, Canada lost its final match to Morocco by 2-1. The United States men's national team was eliminated by the Netherlands in the round of 16 of the 2022 FIFA World Cup on Saturday, 3rd December 2022 and the Netherlands advanced to the quarter-finals. On the same day, Australia went out of the tournament after the defeat from Argentina in the round 16. England were knocked out after quarter-final defeat to holders France on Sunday, 11th December 2022.

THE FINAL: After 63 matches and a month of thrilling games, Argentina and France met on Sunday, 18th December 2022 for the World Cup. Initially Argentina scored two goals in the first half of the match. In the 80th minute, Mbappe, of France, converted an 80th-minute penalty. Then he scored an equalizer within one minute after his first goal.

The match was then played in extra time. Messi again scored a goal. But Mbappe equalized with another penalty. The game then moved to a penalty shoot-out and Argentina won the World Cup 2022.

Notes: 1. Please read our report on “Qatar: Exploitation of Migrant Labor” dated December 16, 2022 at <https://diginews360.com/qatar-exploitation-of-migrant-labor-2/>

2. Please read our report on “Qatar: Is it Bribing Members of European Parliament?” dated December 12, 2022 at <https://diginews360.com/qatar-is-it-bribing-members-of-european-parliament/>

3. In our Report on “New Deal for Migrant Labourers” dated November 25, 2022 at <https://diginews360.com/fair-practices-in-qatar/>, we had expressed the hope that “the rich government of Qatar starts treating the poor migrant laborers in a humanitarian way.”

4. Please also read “Soccer: World Cup 2023 kicks off in Qatar” dated November 21, 2022 at <https://diginews360.com/soccer-world-cup-2023-kicks-off-in-qatar/>.