

## World Cup The winning teams, 1934-2002



### World Cup Winners stamps

Design by Madeleine Bennett, images by Getty Images. The Queen's silhouette is top right with the value at bottom right, and the flag of the relevant country at right with the years they won below. The football takes the form of a globe.

THE 2006 WORLD CUP FINALS will be held in Germany, 9 June - 9 July. Stamps featuring players from countries that have won the Cup from 1934 to 2002 go on sale at Post Office branches and philatelic outlets and Royal Mail Tallents House on 6 June. The stamps feature: 1st class England; 42p Italy; 44p Argentina, 50p Germany; 64p France; and 72p Brazil.

The stamps will be issued to Post Office branches in sheets of 25. However sheets of 50 with gutter margins will be available from Post Office philatelic outlets and Royal Mail Tallents House.

### Technical details

**Printer** Walsall Security Printers

**Process** Lithography

**Stamp size** 35mm square

**Sheets** 25 and 50

**Perforation** 14.5

**Phosphor** Two bands

**Gum** PVA

**Gutter pairs** Vertical

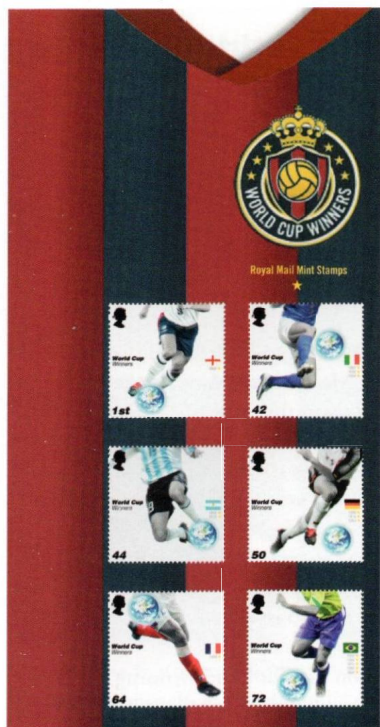
### Plate numbers and colours

**All values** W1 lemon ● W1 grey ● W1 yellow ● W1 magenta ● W1 blue ● W1 black ● W1 phosphor

FIRST DAY FACILITIES Unstamped Royal Mail FDC envelopes will be available from main Post Office branches and philatelic outlets about a week before 6 June, price 25p. The cover features a specially designed football badge. Orders for FDCs with stamps cancelled by a pictorial first day postmark of Tallents House or Balls Park, Hertford must reach Tallents House by the day of issue. Price £3.99 UK, £3.40 overseas. The cover and pictorial postmarks were designed by True North design group of Manchester.

Collectors may send stamped covers on the day of issue to: Royal Mail Tallents House, 21 South Gyle Crescent, Edinburgh EH12 9PB (for Tallents House postmark), or to a Royal Mail Special Handstamp Centres (Balls Park postmark) marking the outer envelope 'FD0621' (Tallents House), or 'FD0622' (for Balls Park). Covers can be posted or handed in at main Post Office branches for a Balls Park postmark. A non-pictorial Balls Park postmark is available from Special Handstamp Centres, request 'FD0622 NP'.

Details of sponsored handstamps for 6 June will be announced in the *British Postmark Bulletin* - available on subscription from Tallents House (£12.25 UK/Europe; £24.95 elsewhere).



Wembley Stadium, London, July 30 1966... A venue and a date that shines bright in English sporting history, the day when England became the football champions of the world. As Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth presented the Jules Rimet Trophy to Captain Bobby Moore, the 11 victorious players could hardly have imagined how their names would become part of World Cup legend for decades.

Now, 40 years on, England are again competing in the World Cup Finals, where the favourites will be the hosts, Germany, the champions, Brazil, and the usual suspects, Argentina, Italy and France.

**England**

Hosts 1966  
Champions 1966  
Runners-up  
Total goals scored in tournament 66  
Top scorer Gary Lineker, 6  
Most appearances Peter Shilton, 17

**Brazil**

Hosts 1950  
Champions 1958, 1962, 1970, 1994, 2002  
Runners-up 1950, 1994  
Total goals scored in tournament 93  
Top scorer Pelé, Ronaldo, 17  
Most appearances Dunga, Taffel, 6

Geoff Hurst scored the first, and still the only, hat-trick in a World Cup Final when England defeated West Germany 4-2 at London's Wembley Stadium. Though Hurst's first goal, a headed equaliser from Captain Bobby Moore's free-kick, was the best of the three, the others will live longer in the memory. At 2-2 in extra-time Hurst's shot hit the underside of the bar and bounced down. Was it over the line?

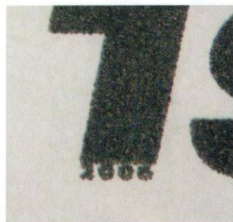
Russian linesman Tofik Bakharov thought it was and awarded one of the World Cup tournament's most famous goals. Then, in stoppage time, Hurst ran from halfway on to a Moore pass and thumped the ball into the back of the German net with the very last kick of this dramatic match. Kenneth Wolstenholme's TV match commentary was to become a legend: "Some people are on the pitch. They think it's all over. It is now!"

Brazil have won 5 of the 17 World Cup Final tournaments. When Cafu, in 2002, lifted the trophy in Japan, it laid to rest the ghost of the 1994 Paris final when they were such a disappointment against France. This time Ronaldo showed his true form, scoring both goals as Brazil beat Germany 2-0. Ronaldo finished top marksman in the tournament with 8 goals out of Brazil's tally of 18. Cafu, the Brazil Captain, became the first to play in three World Cup Finals. In the USA in 1994, Brazil finished on top of the world, but following the first goalless final they triumphed only when Roberto Baggio of Italy blazed over the bar to end the penalty shoot-out. Mexico 1970 saw Brazil at their best with Pelé, the game's greatest player, in his full pomp. Pelé scored the first goal - unusually for him with a header - and laid on a spectacular fourth for Carlos Alberto as Brazil outplayed Italy 4-1 in the final.

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PHILATELIC PRODUCTS A well-illustrated pack (price £3.55) and stamp cards (£1.80 set) will be available from main Post Office branches and philatelic outlets and Tallents House. The pack, written by Ian Cole, was designed by True North and features players from countries that have won the World Cup. It includes some interesting facts – buy one to find out who has captained more matches than anyone else in World Cup history, and how much Geoff Hurst's 1966 England team shirt sold for in 2002! A World Cup medal cover will also be available, price £14.95; details to follow ●

The presentation pack (top of page) shows Diego Maradona of Argentina (winners in 1978 and 1986), Paolo Rossi, Italy (1934, 1938, 1982), Zinedine Zidane, France (1998), Geoff Hurst, England (1966); Pelé, Brazil (1958, 1962, 1970, 1994, 2002) and Franz Beckenbauer, W Germany (1954, 1974, 1990)



The year of issue is printed at the base of the figure 1 on the 1st class World Cup Winners stamp. Shown 1500% actual size. See also p250 for more on 'hidden' dates.

**World Cup stamps** This is the third Royal Mail issue marking the World Cup. Three stamps were issued on 1 June to mark the 1966 finals, staged in England (11-30 July). The stamps featured players with ball (4d stamp designed by David Gentleman), goalmouth melee (6d, William Kempster), and goalkeeper saving goal (1s3d, David Caplan). The 4d stamp was reissued with the additional caption 'ENGLAND/WINNERS' positioned above the players on 18 August. This proved enormously popular, the entire printing of 12.5 million stamps selling out almost overnight, with queues at the Philatelic Bureau, then in London, and at the Trafalgar Square Post Office. Bobby Moore, the captain of the England team, featured on stamps in 1996 (Football Legends, below, top right) and in 1999 (Millennium Entertainers' Tale set, below, bottom centre). Sadly, Moore is no longer around to celebrate the 40th anniversary of England's win this July.

The second World Cup issue was in 2002, when the finals were held in Japan and Korea. There was a single 1st class stamp showing the Crowned Lion with Shield of St George, an adapted version of the 1st class English country stamp, plus a miniature sheet containing four stamps with composite design making up the English (St George) flag. A Smilers sheet contained one of the miniature sheet stamps and 20 labels showing supporters or match scenes. Two of the stamps were also issued in self-adhesive format in a stamp book.

A stamp was designed in preparation for Scotland winning the World Cup in 1978; sadly it wasn't needed, but the design (shown here in August 1998, page 360) created considerable interest when displayed at the Glasgow 2000 stamp exhibition in 2000.

Other football stamps are the 1988 34p Sports Organizations (Centenary of Football League, below, bottom left), 1996 Football Legends issue, and 2000 1st class Millennium Body & Bone (Hampden Park, Glasgow, below, bottom right) •

