

If money played part in the World Cup



If matches in the 2018 FIFA World Cup were won by teams with the highest combined player value, it would probably go like this...

GROUP STAGE

GROUP A	
	URUGUAY 372.50 9 PKT
	EGYPT 197.23 6 PKT
	RUSSIA 161.83 3 PKT
	SAUDI ARABIA 18.70 0 PKT

GROUP B	
	SPAIN 1,030.00 9 PKT
	PORTUGAL 464.50 6 PKT
	MOROCCO 125.05 3 PKT
	IRAN 43.05 0 PKT

Spain and Portugal are top teams in this group in terms of player value.

Cristiano Ronaldo alone is valued at 120 mln EUR - it's almost three times the value of the whole team from Iran!

GROUP C	
	FRANCE 1,080.00 9 PKT
	DENMARK 262.80 6 PKT
	AUSTRALIA 50.00 3 PKT
	PERU 37.50 0 PKT

GROUP D	
	ARGENTINA 710.50 9 PKT
	CROATIA 360.00 6 PKT
	NIGERIA 134.75 3 PKT
	ICELAND 76.00 0 PKT

Argentina owns its high rank in part to **Lionel Messi** - his value sits at around 180 mln EUR!

GROUP E	
	BRAZIL 981.00 9 PKT
	SERBIA 267.45 6 PKT
	SWITZERLAND 218.10 3 PKT
	COSTA RICA 40.98 0 PKT

GROUP F	
	GERMANY 883.00 9 PKT
	MEXICO 145.10 6 PKT
	SWEDEN 119.75 3 PKT
	SOUTH KOREA 85.03 0 PKT

Neymar, the most expensive player of the parisian club PSG, adds as much as 180 mln EUR to the already high value of the Brazil team.

GROUP G	
	ENGLAND 874.00 9 PKT
	BELGIUM 754.00 6 PKT
	TUNISIA 58.13 3 PKT
	PANAMA 8.43 0 PKT

GROUP H	
	SENEGAL 297.20 9 PKT
	POLAND 274.80 6 PKT
	COLUMBIA 256.85 3 PKT
	JAPAN 73.40 0 PKT

If money played its part, Polish team would take second place in its group. This feat is made easier by the high value of its best forward - **Robert Lewandowski** (90 mln EUR).

ROUND OF 16

URUGUAY 372.50 1A	0 - 1	PORTUGAL 464.50 2B
FRANCE 1,080.00 1C	1 - 0	CROATIA 360.00 2D
SPAIN 1,030.00 1B	1 - 0	EGYPT 197.23 2A
ARGENTINA 710.50 1D	1 - 0	DENMARK 262.80 2C
BRAZIL 981.00 1E	1 - 0	MEXICO 145.10 2F
ENGLAND 874.00 1G	1 - 0	POLAND 274.80 2H
GERMANY 883.00 1F	1 - 0	SERBIA 267.45 2E
SENEGAL 297.20 1H	0 - 1	BELGIUM 754.00 2G

QUARTER-FINALS

PORTUGAL 464.50 2B	0 - 1	FRANCE 1,080.00 1C
BRAZIL 981.00 1E	1 - 0	ENGLAND 874.00 1G
GERMANY 883.00 1F	1 - 0	BELGIUM 754.00 2G
SPAIN 1,030.00 1B	1 - 0	ARGENTINA 710.50 1D

Even Ronaldo and Messi were not enough for Portugal and Argentina to advance to semi-finals.

SEMI-FINALS

BRAZIL 981.00 1E	0 - 1	FRANCE 1,080.00 1C
SPAIN 1,030.00 1B	1 - 0	GERMANY 883.00 1F

Two surprises at this stage - Germany, a previous World Cup winner and current FIFA ranking leader, and Brazil, a 5-time world champion, both fail to advance further in 2018.

FINALS

3. PLACE	BRAZIL 981.00 1E	1 - 0	GERMANY 883.00 1F
WINNER	SPAIN 1,030.00 1B	0 - 1	FRANCE 1,080.00 1C

If World Cup could be won by team value alone, the first place would go to France, currently ranked 7th in FIFA World Ranking.

The team has many high value players, who add up to over 1 billion EUR.

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