



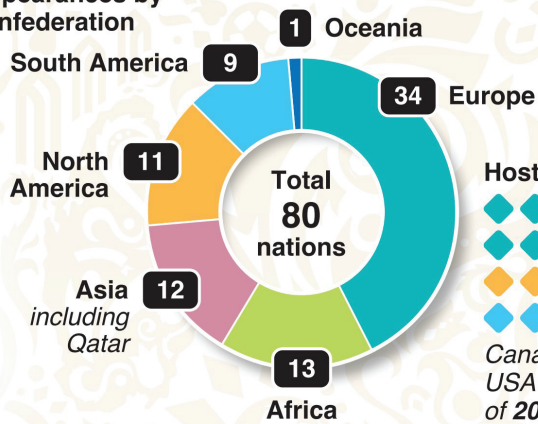
Qatar 2022: FIFA World Cup

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Qatar hosts the 22nd FIFA World Cup, marking the first time the showpiece has been held in the Middle East. After over a decade of controversy, Al Bayt Stadium, in Al Khor, is set to stage the opening match on November 20

PURPLE PRIDE: Qatar makes FIFA World Cup debut – 80th different nation to compete. **South Korea** finished fourth in 2002, the best performance by an Asian country to date

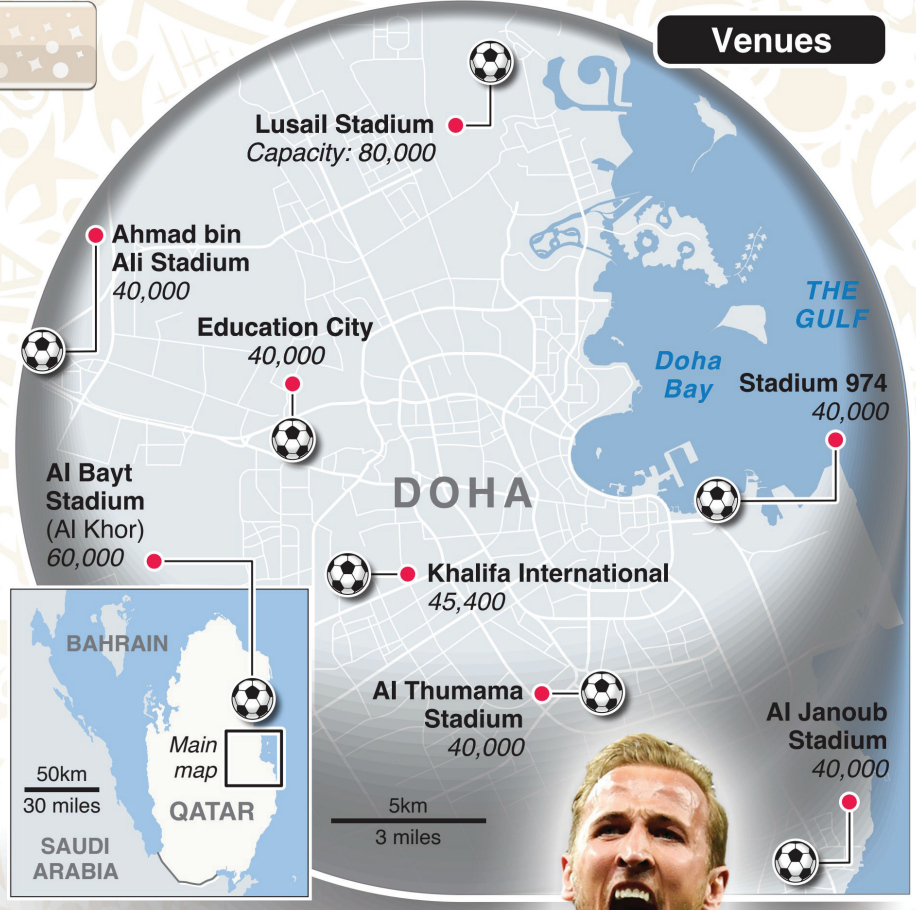
Appearances by confederation



WINNING FEELING: Victory for France would be first successive title win since 1962 – **Les Bleus** kick off campaign against Australia

Team	Win ratio	Tournament wins
Brazil	67.0%	67
Germany	61.5%	67
Italy	54.2%	45
Argentina	53.1%	43
France	51.5%	34
Spain	47.6%	30
England	42.0%	29
Netherlands	54.0%	27

Reigning European champions Italy failed to qualify for second consecutive World Cup



Kylian Mbappé
French talisman, 23, scored in 2018 triumph over Croatia to become youngest player to score in World Cup final since **Pele** in 1958



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Top goalscorers:

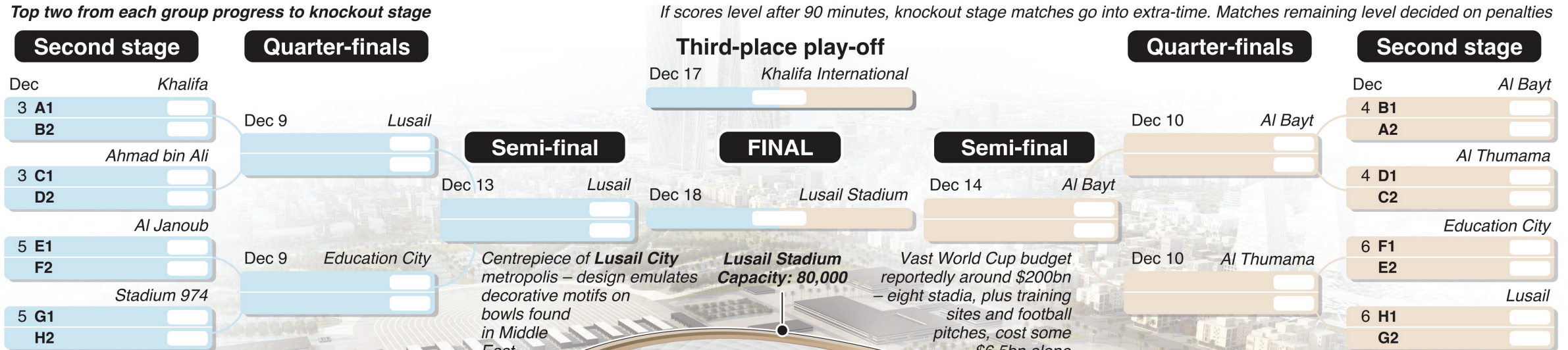
England's **Harry Kane** (right) – 2018 Golden Boot winner – scored 12 goals in qualifying matches. Surpassed by **Cyle Larin** (inset) with 13 goals, as Canada reached first World Cup since 1986



Competition schedule

32 teams contest total of 64 matches, played at eight venues, over four weeks

Group	Teams	Stadium	Start Date	End Date
A	Qatar, Ecuador, Netherlands, Senegal	Al Bayt, Al Thumama, Khalifa	Nov 20	Nov 29
B	England, Iran, USA, Wales	Khalifa, Ahmad bin Ali	Nov 21	Nov 25
C	Argentina, Saudi Arabia, Mexico, Poland	Lusail, Stadium 974, Education City	Nov 22	Nov 26
D	Denmark, Tunisia, France, Australia	Education City, Al Janoub	Nov 22	Nov 26
E	Germany, Japan, Spain, Costa Rica	Khalifa, Al Thumama, Ahmad bin Ali	Nov 23	Nov 27
F	Morocco, Croatia, Belgium, Canada	Al Bayt, Ahmad bin Ali, Al Thumama, Khalifa	Nov 23	Nov 27
G	Switzerland, Cameroon, Brazil, Serbia	Al Janoub, Lusail	Nov 24	Nov 28
H	Uruguay, Portugal, South Korea, Ghana	Education City, Stadium 974, Education City, Lusail	Nov 24	Nov 28



ROLL CALL OF CHAMPIONS

Year	Score	Host nation
1930	Uruguay 4-2	Argentina Uruguay
1934	Italy 2-1	Czechoslovakia Italy
1938	Italy 4-2	Hungary France
1950	Uruguay 2-1	Brazil Brazil
1954	West Germany 3-2	Hungary Switzerland
1958	Brazil 5-2	Sweden Sweden
1962	Brazil 3-1	Czechoslovakia Chile
1966	England 4-2	West Germany England
1970	Brazil 4-1	Italy Mexico
1974	West Germany 2-1	Netherlands West Germany

1978	Argentina 3-1	Netherlands Argentina
1982	Italy 3-1	West Germany Spain
1986	Argentina 3-2	West Germany Mexico
1990	West Germany 1-0	Argentina Italy
1994	Brazil 0-0 (3-2 pens)	Italy USA
1998	France 3-0	Brazil France
2002	Brazil 2-0	Germany Korea/Japan
2006	Italy 1-1 (5-3 pens)	France Germany
2010	Spain 1-0	Netherlands South Africa
2014	Germany 1-0	Argentina Brazil
2018	France 4-2	Croatia Russia



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