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Bulletin 2 – 3 July 2026

Welcome to our second bulletin of the First Actuarial Monkey World Cup 2026. Throughout the tournament, we will be giving you updates on the latest happenings from Canada, Mexico and USA, and the current standings in our competition to ensure you're all aware of how well (or not!) you're doing.

So here is your whistlestop tour of the results so far as the knock-out stages are well underway.

VAR controversies

Eight years on since VAR was introduced to the international stage at the Russia 2018 World Cup has not resisted its temptation to stir up controversy. This world cup has already seen its fair share of heated debate surrounding the technology. The latest iterations in the round of 32 being Belgium's controversially awarded penalty in the dying minutes of their 3-2 comeback against Senegal and the use of 'snick-o-meter' to deny Josko Gvardiol an equaliser in extra time against Portugal.

I sense we haven't heard the last of it either…

England: stay up or catch up?

Despite the calmed assuredness of Thomas Tuchel, Declan Rice and many others in the England camp that they were going to advance past DR Congo, a lot of the nation were on tenterhooks as they tucked into their tea (the name for the evening meal in the north, not dinner!) on Wednesday evening. On Sunday night/Monday morning, any snack consumed will be a midnight one as England fans deliberate their sleeping patterns to squeeze in the match against hosts Mexico.

For those not compromising their sleep for this round of 16 match, BBC are offering a no-spoilers catch-up viewing at 7.10am on Monday.

Trivia

One to mull over this weekend…

Which country has appeared in the most FIFA World Cup tournaments without ever reaching a semi-final?

Results

A congested leaderboard sets up an exciting finish for a couple of weeks' time. But it is **Daniel Jinks** who has just about managed to separate himself from others as we head into the quarter finals next week.

Look out for **Will Pickles**, **Gary Symons** and **James Milligan** in future leaderboards, who have all predicted 12 out of the 13 teams who have so far made it through to the round of 16.

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Ranking	Player	Points	Daily Ranking Change	Daily Points Change
1	Daniel Jinks	463	0	30
2	Mark Warnes	457	0	30
3	Nick Peden	453	0	30
4	Rob Walker	449	2	35
4	Sharon Royston	449	2	35
6	Dwaine Crawford	446	-2	30
7	John Escott	445	-2	30
8	Joseph Keenan	442	3	35
9	Andy Hall	440	-1	30
10	John McLeod	439	-1	30
10	Sam Mullock	439	-1	30
12	Andy Pritchard	435	3	35
13	Darren Goodall	434	-1	30
14	Lucas Eagleton	433	-1	30
15	Amrita Dasgupta	432	2	35
16	Daniel Sirl	431	-2	30
17	James Gardner	428	4	35
18	Charlotte White	426	0	30
19	Chris Williams	425	-4	25
20	Dan Chapman	423	4	35
21	Peter Wattle	420	-1	25
21	Oliver Nicholls	420	6	35
23	Tim Jones	419	6	35
24	Dale Walmsley	418	-3	25
24	Paul Marriott	418	7	35
26	Olly Wallace	417	-1	30
26	Will Rose	417	-1	30
28	Chris Marson	416	4	35
28	Duncan Carter	416	-10	20
30	Anees Afsar	415	4	35
30	Caroline Parker	415	4	35
30	Riley McDonagh	415	4	35
30	Thomas Bargery	415	-3	30
34	Michael Savidge	414	-5	30
35	Shelby Trott	413	2	35
36	Brendan O'Connor	411	-4	30
37	Craig Moran	409	-14	20
38	Nick Saxton	406	1	30
39	Will Pickles	403	6	35
40	Marcus Johansson	402	-2	25
41	George Koeltgen	400	-1	25
41	Michael Johnson	400	2	30
41	Sarah Abraham	400	-1	25
44	Jon Gulzar	394	0	25
44	Oliver Whiles	394	-2	20
46	Ed Winstanley	393	3	35



Ranking	Player	Points	Daily Ranking Change	Daily Points Change
47	Jude Keane	392	3	35
48	James Allen	391	-2	25
48	Gary Symons	391	3	35
50	George Orton	389	-3	25
50	Jonny Gill	389	4	35
52	Michael Donaghy	388	-4	25
53	Mark Rowlinson	386	-2	30
54	Lewis Ward	382	6	35
55	Bryan Gardner	380	2	30
55	Virginie Allen	380	-2	25
57	Dan Smith	379	-3	25
57	George Metcalf	379	2	30
59	John Small	378	2	35
60	Nicola Brocklesby	373	-4	20
60	Simon Wrighthouse	373	1	30
62	Andy Yates	371	2	30
63	Oliver Bartle	370	-6	20
64	Tim Poil	365	5	35
65	Katie Fairclough	364	1	30
65	Henry Burton-Wilson	364	7	35
65	Tino Muchirahondo	364	0	25
68	Alex Riches	363	-7	20
69	Dave Jones	361	-2	30
69	Elliot Malcolm	361	-2	30
71	Sean Delaney	360	-2	30
72	Freya Toovey	356	3	30
73	Callum Wilson	354	-1	25
74	Usman Asif	353	3	35
75	George Kennedy	350	-6	20
75	Louis Hargreaves	350	1	30
77	Eddie Hopkins	349	2	35
78	Innes Woodhouse	347	-4	20
78	Michael O'Donnell	347	2	35
80	Annie Lunn	346	2	35
81	Neil Kennedy	345	-3	30
82	Patrick Goudard	342	-2	30
83	Kester Young	337	0	30
84	Andy Wyatt	335	1	35
85	Hannah Duncan	334	1	35
86	Jack Riley	329	0	30
86	James Wallace	329	0	30
88	Declan Keohane	326	-4	25
89	Rob Tailyour-Hayes	324	0	30
89	Jamie McLeod	324	0	30
91	Ranbir Khinda	322	2	35
92	William Sadler	318	2	35

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93	Cara Scobie	314	-2	25
94	Toni Johnson	309	-3	20
95	Tracey Underdown	301	4	35
96	Henry Tapper	296	-1	20
96	Sean Richmond	296	1	25
98	Alen Manoj	289	-2	15
98	Claire Herbert	289	2	25
100	Debbie Barthrop	288	-2	20
101	Graham Hutchinson	282	0	20
102	Aaron Evans	276	0	25
103	Luke Tamblin	236	0	30
104	James Milligan	157	0	35