Bulletin 3 – 9 July 2026

Welcome to our third 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.

Goals, goals, goals

Yes, there are more games at this World Cup than any previous tournament which suggests there should be more goals (and there are), but the goals per game is also higher than any recent tournament. Just 8 matches remain of the 104 total, and there have a been a staggering **defenders and 'keepers cover your eyes** 280 goals. That equates to 2.92 goals per game and means you'd have to go back to Mexico 1970 to find a higher average (2.96). Clearly something to do with the altitude…

Comeback kings

As well as a gluttony of goals, this World Cup has served up some cracking comebacks. The latest instalment was Tuesday evening (BST) where Argentina eventually overcame Mo Salah's Egypt. A glimpse into how I heard about it…at 78 minutes, the game was 2-0 to Egypt and I left to play my own 7-a-side game. After a short journey, I parked up to hear Enzo Fernandez has just scored… to win the game to make it 3-2 Argentina. Absolute scenes in Buenos Aires I'm sure!

The tournament has reached the quarter final stage, and the pressure will crank up another notch. To kick us off, France play Morocco in a mouthwatering tie this evening. And in case you hadn't heard… England play Norway at 10pm on Saturday, weather permitting!

Trivia

Last time, we asked which country has appeared in the most FIFA World Cup tournaments without ever reaching a semi-final?

The answer was Mexico who have been knocked out at the last 16 stage in 8 of the last 9 tournaments (including 2026!).

Results

Mark Warnes has edged past **Rob Walker** and **Daniel Jinks** to occupy top spot as we head towards the business end of the tournament.

Will Rose can take the plaudits as the only person to correctly predict 7 of the 8 quarter finalists. His only omission being Switzerland.

Neil Kennedy

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Ranking	Player	Points	Daily Ranking Change	Daily Points Change
1	Mark Warnes	522	-	+30
2	Rob Walker	519	-	+30
3	Daniel Jinks	518	-	+30
4	Dwaine Crawford	516	-	+30
5	Nick Peden	513	-	+30
6	Sharon Royston	509	-	+30
7	Joseph Keenan	502	+1	+30
8	Andy Pritchard	495	+3	+30
8	John Escott	495	-1	+20
10	John McLeod	494	+2	+30
11	Amrita Dasgupta	492	+3	+30
11	Will Rose	492	+3	+30
13	Daniel Sirl	491	-4	+20
14	Andy Hall	490	-4	+20
15	Sam Mullock	489	+1	+30
16	Darren Goodall	484	-4	+20
17	Oliver Nicholls	480	+7	+30
18	Craig Moran	479	+8	+30
18	Tim Jones	479	+8	+30
20	Paul Marriott	478	+8	+30
20	Lucas Eagleton	478	-3	+20
22	Chris Marson	476	-4	+20
22	Charlotte White	476	-4	+20
24	Chris Williams	475	-4	+20
24	Riley McDonagh	475	+6	+30
26	Dale Walmsley	473	-5	+20
26	James Gardner	473	-5	+20
26	Shelby Trott	473	+5	+30
29	Duncan Carter	471	-6	+20
30	Caroline Parker	470	+4	+30
30	Peter Wattle	470	-6	+20
30	Thomas Bargery	470	+4	+30
33	Michael Savidge	469	+5	+30
34	Dan Chapman	468	-6	+20
34	Will Pickles	468	+5	+30
36	Olly Wallace	462	-4	+20
37	Brendan O'Connor	461	-4	+20
37	James Allen	461	+3	+30
39	Anees Afsar	460	-5	+20
39	George Koeltgen	460	-5	+20
41	Oliver Whiles	459	+1	+30
42	Marcus Johansson	457	+2	+30
43	Michael Johnson	455	+3	+30
44	Ed Winstanley	453	+4	+30
45	Lewis Ward	452	+5	+30
45	Jude Keane	452	+5	+30

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47	Gary Symons	451	-7	+20
48	George Orton	449	-6	+20
48	Jonny Gill	449	+4	+30
50	Nick Saxton	446	-5	+20
51	Sarah Abraham	445	-5	+20
52	John Small	443	-4	+20
52	Michael Donaghy	443	+5	+30
54	Dan Smith	439	-2	+20
54	Jon Gulzar	439	-2	+20
56	Mark Rowlinson	436	-1	+20
57	Virginie Allen	435	-1	+20
58	Bryan Gardner	430	-	+20
59	Henry Burton-Wilson	429	+7	+40
60	Nicola Brocklesby	428	+2	+30
61	Tim Poil	425	+2	+30
62	Alex Riches	423	-3	+20
63	Oliver Bartle	420	-3	+20
64	Tino Muchirahondo	419	-3	+20
65	Dave Jones	416	+3	+30
66	Louis Hargreaves	415	+10	+40
67	Callum Wilson	414	+4	+30
68	Simon Wrighthouse	413	-4	+20
69	Sean Delaney	410	-4	+20
70	George Metcalf	409	-4	+20
71	Michael O'Donnell	407	+2	+30
72	Andy Yates	406	-4	+20
72	Elliot Malcolm	406	+3	+30
74	George Kennedy	405	+2	+30
74	Neil Kennedy	405	-4	+20
76	Katie Fairclough	404	-5	+20
77	Usman Asif	403	+2	+30
78	Annie Lunn	401	+2	+30
79	Patrick Goudard	397	+2	+30
79	Innes Woodhouse	397	-6	+20
81	Eddie Hopkins	394	-3	+20
82	Freya Toovey	391	+1	+30
83	Hannah Duncan	389	+1	+30
84	Kester Young	387	-3	+20
85	Andy Wyatt	385	-	+30
86	James Wallace	384	-	+30
87	Jack Riley	379	+1	+30
88	William Sadler	378	+2	+30
89	Rob Tailyour-Hayes	374	-3	+20
90	Jamie McLeod	369	-2	+20
91	Ranbir Khinda	362	+2	+30
92	Sean Richmond	356	-1	+20

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93	Toni Johnson	354	-1	+20
94	Declan Keohane	351	-	+20
95	Henry Tapper	346	-	+20
96	Tracey Underdown	341	-	+20
97	Cara Scobie	339	-	+20
98	Graham Hutchinson	337	-	+20
99	Claire Herbert	334	-	+20
100	Aaron Evans	331	+2	+30
101	Alen Manoj	324	-1	+20
102	Debbie Barthrop	323	-1	+20
103	Luke Tamblin	291	-	+30
104	James Milligan	260	-	+50