



STORIES, LEGENDS AND HISTORY

The FIFA World Cup™ is rich in stories, legends and history. Now, a new documentary series looks in depth at the most intriguing stories of the last 50 years of this event, while – coming soon from the same source – FIFA World Cup™ Legends and FIFA World Cup™ History.

The FIFA World Cup™ provides a rich vein of programme material, contained exclusively within the FIFA Archive, the world's greatest assembly of quality film and television coverage from past tournaments.

In conjunction with Infront Archive Management Limited, The FIFA Archive is now working with top directors and production houses to make full use of its golden heritage of visual material, to create a range of high quality offerings for television.

Stories, legends and history - what the FIFA World Cup™ is all about.

FIFA World Cup™ Stories 6 x 30 minute series

"FIFA World Cup™ Stories" take a series of intriguing angles to provide new insight into some of the most fascinating stories in FIFA World Cup™ history.

The series of six half-hour programmes includes:

Holland's Quest - Holland has never won the world's greatest football trophy, yet it has often fielded world-beating teams. This programme re-examines Holland's two most focused attempts - in 1974 and 1978 - to win the FIFA World Cup™, when the Dutch introduced for the first time the concept of "Total Football". The programme also explores how Holland has continually entertained and enthralled football fans at subsequent events, while the "Holy Grail" of football continues to elude its grasp.

African Odyssey - The spectacular rise of African football on the World Cup stage has led many to speculate "when" an African nation will win the FIFA World Cup™. From the difficult early lessons of the 1970's through to the emergence of the dazzling skills and flair of Cameroon, Morocco and Senegal, the story of a continent in waiting.

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Young Shooting Stars - One of the most exciting aspects of this great event is that –time and again– it introduces a new cast of young football prodigies to a world audience. Pelé, Michael Owen, Maradona and Ronaldo are among those who made a global impact in their teens. This programme is a tribute to genius on the football field and makes full use of the Archive footage to remind us of the debut of some of football's greatest names.

FIFA World Cup™ Shocks - The unexpected is what makes football exciting. Highlighting the most surprising and shocking results in FIFA World Cup™ history - from North Korea's humbling of mighty Italy in 1966 to Cameroon's explosive entrance onto the World Cup stage in 1990 with its victory over the holders Argentina - this programme captures the moment, the effect and aftershock of the unexpected result.

Golden Boot Legends - Every FIFA World Cup™ tournament has a Golden Boot winner. Some, such as Ronaldo in 2002 and Gerd Muller in 1970, were not unexpected. But who could have predicted the impact that Paulo Rossi, Davor Sukur and Gary Lineker would have had on FIFA World Cup™ history?

Penalty Shoot-Out! - The drawn out agony of the penalty shoot out is the football equivalent to a duel, with sudden death waiting for one side or the other. No moments in football are more intense. This programme covers the dramatic finales of some great matches, where one kick of a ball can throw a nation into joy or despair and turn players from heroes to villains. The ultimate drama.

Coming soon...

The FIFA World Cup™ Legends Series 10 x 52 minute series

Football's legendary players are remembered - perhaps most enduringly - in the context of their FIFA World Cup™ performances, where nation meets nation and country becomes more important than club.

This is the context for a new series on soccer's super heroes, featuring:

- Pelé
- Maradona
- Cruyff
- Platini
- Ronaldo
- Zidane
- Baggio
- Kempes
- Beckenbauer
- Charlton

The FIFA World Cup™ Histories Series 20 x 52 minute series

The FIFA World Cup™ Histories Series makes full use of the depth and extent of the FIFA Archive to research 20 fascinating histories of the 20 most successful nations in World Cup football.

Brazil tops the list, with a record five FIFA World Cup™ triumphs; closely followed by European giants West Germany and Italy, who have each won the tournament three times.

Only seven countries have ever won the World Cup, but many other nations have come close, or upset the odds or delivered shock results. For example, Cameroon, the "giant killers" of Italia 90, who win their place on this list as the most exciting African team in recent history.

Featuring:

- Brazil
- Italy
- Germany
- France
- England
- Argentina
- Holland
- Spain
- Korea
- Sweden
- Belgium
- Uruguay
- Russia
- Czechoslovakia
- Romania
- Bulgaria
- USA
- Chile
- Poland
- Cameroon

