

The History of the Football World Cup under the Eye of Philately



12/11/1986: Stamp block of the Central African Republic in honor of the champion Argentina brings, in the background, the Azteca stadium, host of the final; Captain Diego Armando Maradona (deceased in 2020) raising the FIFA Cup in the foreground; the campaign of the two finalist teams from the round of 16; and the highlight for the image of Jorge Luis Burruchaga, author of the decisive goal in the 84th minute of the match closing the score of 3x2 against Germany

1990 – June 8th to July 8th, ITALY

Twenty-four countries played in the 14th edition of the World Cup in 12 Italian cities. The National Teams of Germany and Argentina re-edited the final of the previous edition. Costa Rica, Ireland and the United Arab Emirates played in the tournament for the first time.

Honoring the winning team, the Italian post office reissued the stamp of the German team with a change in face value and the inscription "Campione del Mondo". In 1966 and 1978, the hosts of the Cups had highlighted their achievement on new stamps after the end of the competition. The 52 games in the tournament attracted 2,516,215 fans.

Champions: **West Germany** Runners-up: **Argentina**



07/09/1990: Reissue of the German national team stamp, one day after the end of the tournament, in honor of the winner of the competition. Changed face value and added inscription "Campione del Mondo"



05/16/1988: the Ciao doll, World Cup mascot



09/12/1989: The Football World Cup on the host country's stamp

