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## 2015 Copa America Chile

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## History

This is the 44<sup>th</sup> **Copa América** or South American Championship and will take place in Chile from 11<sup>th</sup> June to 4<sup>th</sup> July. Uruguay are the current champions and also the record holders for most titles with 15. Argentina are just one behind on 14 but their last title came in 1993 and since then they have not won a major international trophy. Instead it has been Brazil that have dominated in recent years as they've triumphed in four of the last six editions to correct a poor historical record that saw them become South American champions just once between 1922 and 1989.

The current design consists of 12 teams split into three groups of four and has been the format since 1993. All 10 CONMEBOL nations are entered along with two invitees, typically from the CONCACAF confederation. Mexico has been one of the sides invited in each of the eight Copas since 1993 while Costa Rica and the USA have also appeared on multiple occasions. This year Jamaica will be making their first appearance.

The top two teams in each of the three groups plus the two best third-placed teams progress to a quarter-finals stage. 2011 marked the first time extra-time was used in the knockout stage as prior to that drawn matches would go straight to penalties.

## Last 10 Copa America Finals

Year	Host	Final			Third Place Match		
		Winners	Score	Runners-Up	Third Place	Score	Fourth Place
1987	Argentina	Uruguay	1 – 0	Chile	Colombia	2 – 1	Argentina
1989	Brazil	Brazil	N/A	Uruguay	Argentina	N/A	Paraguay
1991	Chile	Argentina	N/A	Brazil	Chile	N/A	Colombia
1993	Ecuador	Argentina	2 – 1	Mexico	Colombia	1 – 0	Ecuador
1995	Uruguay	Uruguay	1 – 1 5-3 Pens	Brazil	Colombia	4 – 1	United States
1997	Bolivia	Brazil	3 – 1	Bolivia	Mexico	1 – 0	Peru
1999	Paraguay	Brazil	3 – 0	Uruguay	Mexico	2 – 1	Chile
2001	Colombia	Colombia	1 – 0	Mexico	Honduras	2 – 2 5-4 Pens	Uruguay
2004	Peru	Brazil	2 – 2 4-2 Pens	Argentina	Uruguay	2 – 1	Colombia
2007	Venezuela	Brazil	3 – 0	Argentina	Mexico	3 – 1	Uruguay
2011	Argentina	Uruguay	3 – 0	Paraguay	Peru	4 – 1	Venezuela

\* In 1989 and 1991 there was no knockout stage with the four decided by a second group stage

## Venues



From 1975 to 1983 the three **Copa Américas** played were contested on a home and away basis and played throughout the year in each country with no fixed venue. Then from 1987 it was decided that one country should host the tournament and be held every two years (now switched to every four years) in rotation by the 10 CONMEBOL members.

We have, therefore, seen all 10 countries host since 1987 with Argentina starting the second cycle four years ago. Unlike the European Championships which are played in relatively consistent conditions in the European summer the Copa can be played in widely varying circumstances. On this occasion the tournament will be held in winter conditions in Chile with no altitude affects to consider.

The nine venues to be used are:

**Antofagasta**, Estadio Regional de Antofagasta. Capacity 21,178

**Viña del Mar**, Estadio Sausalito. Capacity 25,000

**Santiago**, Estadio Nacional. Capacity 48,665

**Santiago**, Estadio Monumental David Arellano. Capacity 47,347

**Concepción**, Estadio Municipal de Concepción. Capacity 33,000

**La Serena**, Estadio La Portada. Capacity 18,268

**Valparaíso**, Estadio Elías Figueroa. Capacity 23,000

**Rancagua**, Estadio El Teniente. Capacity 15,252

**Temuco**, Estadio Municipal Germán Becker

## Weather and Altitude

**Antofagasta:** Average June Temp 15°C, Rainfall 8mm, Average Humidity 79%, Altitude 40m

**Viña del Mar:** Average June Temp 10°C, Rainfall 79mm, Average Humidity 89%, Altitude 2m

**Santiago:** Average June Temp 10°C, Rainfall 170mm, Average Humidity 76%, Altitude 521m

**Concepción:** Average June Temp 10°C, Rainfall 208mm, Average Humidity 88%, Altitude 12m

**La Serena:** Average June Temp 12°C, Rainfall 15mm, Average Humidity 84%, Altitude 28m

**Valparaíso:** Average June Temp 10°C, Rainfall 79mm, Average Humidity 89%, Altitude 10m













**Rancagua:** Average June Temp 9°C, Rainfall 76mm, Average Humidity 81%, Altitude 572m

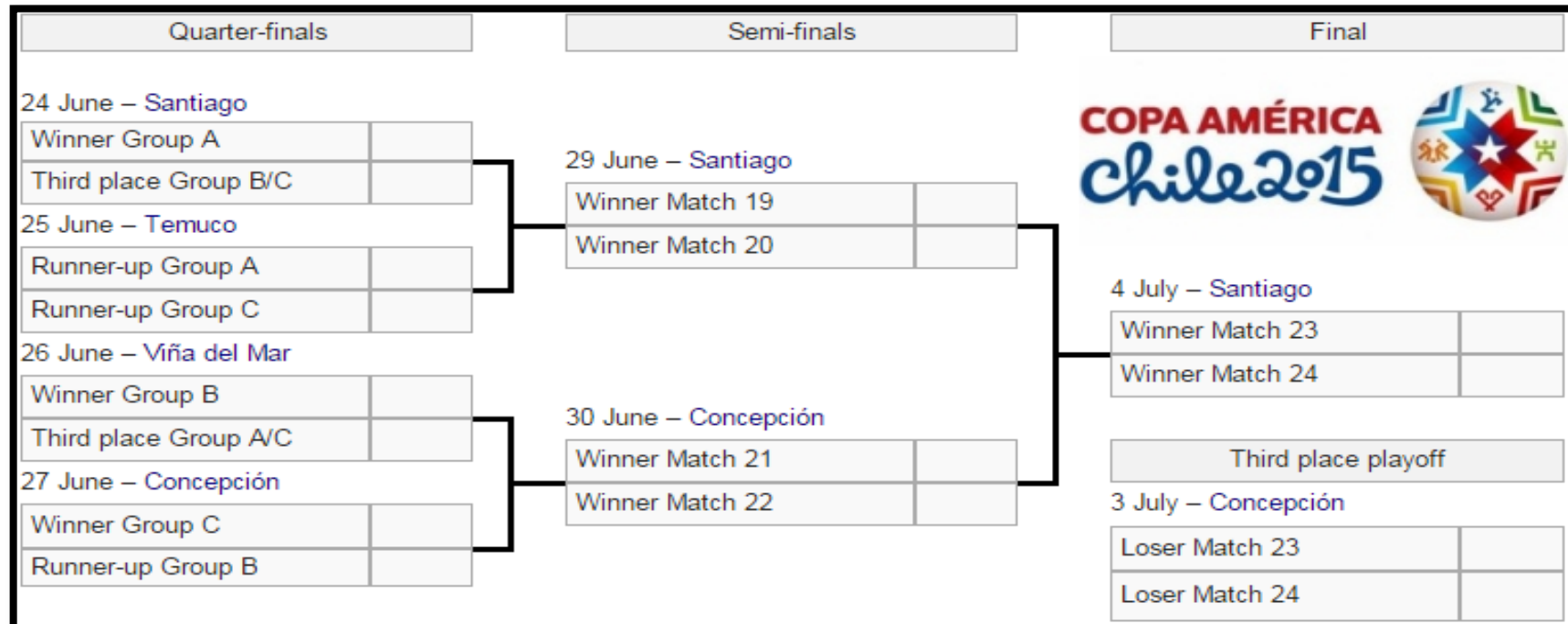
**Temuco:** Average June Temp 8°C, Rainfall 177mm, Average Humidity 89%, Altitude 360m

None of the stadiums are at a significant altitude with the highest city, Rancagua, almost 100 metres lower than Madrid, while the average temperatures will be more familiar to the European based stars than many of the players based in South America. This should provide a level playing field and allow the best players to excel, which hasn't always been the case in the Copa America.

This is most obviously the case with the 1997 championships in Bolivia where altitude played a significant part with the final being played in La Paz at over 3600m. Altitudes above 1500m start to have an impact on the body with it typically taking 1-2 weeks to adjust to that height and then another week for every extra 500m of altitude gained. Brazil emerged as champions but Bolivia, who are one of the weakest South American sides, reached the final. Not surprisingly their one Copa America title came in 1963 – the only other time they've hosted. The other two teams to reach the semis in 1997 were Mexico and Peru; two other nations with major cities located at altitude. Aside from 1997 the 2001 competition in Colombia and 1993 in Ecuador featured a number of matches at significant altitudes. In 2001 the final was contested by Colombia and Mexico while in 1993 the semi-finalists were Argentina (champions), Mexico (runners-up), Colombia (3<sup>rd</sup>) and Ecuador (4<sup>th</sup>) – experience of altitude clearly helped in these years.

## 2015 Copa America – Groups and Knockout Draw

Group A	Group B	Group C
 CHILE	 ARGENTINA	 BRAZIL
 MEXICO	 URUGUAY	 COLOMBIA
 ECUADOR	 PARAGUAY	 PERU
 BOLIVIA	 JAMAICA	 VENEZUELA



## Football Form Labs Rankings – 2015 Copa America

Team	FFL Grade	FFL Global Rank	Rank (Qualified Teams)	Group	Rank (Within Group)
Argentina	176.56	3	1	B	1
Colombia	174.45	4	2	C	1
Chile	168.33	6	3	A	1
Brazil	166.74	8	4	C	2
Mexico	164.94	9	5	A	2
Uruguay	158.93	12	6	B	2
Ecuador	156.67	17	7	A	3
Venezuela	147.73	28	8	C	3
Paraguay	145.39	36	9	B	3
Peru	144.11	40	10	C	4
Bolivia	141.66	48	11	A	4
Jamaica	137.78	58	12	B	4

The Football Form Labs Grading system is based around an Elo rating system and helped us pick out the two finalists at the 2014 World Cup as well as the champions at the 2012 European Championships. You can read our betting previews from these events here:

[World Cup 2014 Preview](#)

[European Championships 2012](#)



## Betting Odds & Expectations - 2015 Copa America

Team	Best Price	% Chance	Group Win	Group Win %
Argentina	3.25	31%	1.3	77%
Brazil	4.33	23%	1.62	62%
Chile	6	17%	1.57	64%
Colombia	7	14%	3	33%
Uruguay	15	7%	5	20%
Mexico	29	3%	6	17%
Ecuador	34	3%	8	13%
Paraguay	51	2%	15	7%
Peru	81	1%	19	5%
Venezuela	81	1%	21	5%
Bolivia	101	1%	26	4%
Jamaica	501	0%	67	1%

# 2015 Copa America – Outright Betting Preview

Argentina come into this year's Copa America as the undisputed favourites after their run to the final at last summer's World Cup. Brazil started as favourites 12 months ago, ahead of Argentina, and they've dominated this competition over the past 20 years. Chile have been installed as third favourites, with the advantage of playing at home, while the Colombian side that looked so exciting in Brazil are the fourth favourites and many pundits pick for glory.

These four make up 83% of the market and it's hard not to argue that they are the outstanding teams in the tournament. However, it should be noted that there is a history of surprise finalist and semi-finalists, with the final four in 2011 including un-fancied Paraguay, Peru and Venezuela, as well as a very good Uruguay side. In fact since 1993, when the tournament took the format it's kept till now, just 14 of the 32 semi-finalists had been in our top four ranked sides at the start of the competition and in none of the eight editions were more than two of the final four part of our top four ranked sides at the outset. Furthermore, nine of the 32 semi-finalists were in the bottom-half of our gradings ahead of the event. Going back another couple of Copas and just one of the last 20 teams to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> had made it past the Last 16 at the most recent World Cup with nine having not even played in it.

There are good reasons to explain the number of surprises, however, as with its current position in the football cycle the tournament often finds teams are under prepared and are using it as a time for experimentation. CONMEBOL switched to their current qualifying format for the World Cup of every side playing each other home and away ahead of the 1998 World Cup, which has meant that for the 1995, 1999, 2007 and 2011 Copas (and for 2015) no side has had competitive football for at least a year, with those that didn't qualify for the World Cup having gone longer. As the qualifiers are seen as at least important as the Copa, and teams are looking to develop for the next World Cup, some sides will bring a number of youngsters to try and build and regenerate their side. Furthermore, it can also mean that many sides have new managers as they enter the latest cycle of international football and coming into this event seven of the 12 teams have a different manager compared with 12 months ago.

The conditions can play a huge part with extreme altitudes in a number of countries, most notably seen at the 1997 Copa in Bolivia, and a wide variety of temperatures including a very hot edition in Venezuela in 2007. Another reason for more upsets than might be

expected has been that apart from in 2011 there was no extra-time in knock-out matches, with matches going straight to penalties.

And then there is the globalisation of South American football. 30 years ago you'd have struggled to find a player based outside their home continent playing in the Copa America, while 20 years ago even Brazil and Argentina still picked predominantly home based players. This remains the case for a few of the nations but the best players have almost exclusively moved to Europe, with Argentina naming just two home players and Brazil only five. With the continent's two biggest stars lining up for Barcelona in the Champions League final less than one week before the Copa's opening game can these players be expected to perform at their peak over the course of a potential six games in just 23 days?

This Copa may well prove to have fewer upsets than others, however, with no significant altitude and certainly no extreme heat to contend with. As for teams focus when it comes to the Copa, this has definitely been helped by the decision to move it to being played once every four years rather than the biennial contests which saw the 1997, 1999, 2001 and 2004 contests lead to a fixture congestion amongst all the World Cup qualifiers and many under strength and experimental sides being entered into the Copa. This year will be a key part of building towards Russia 2018 but there will be few teams going to Chile without their best available players.

When we look at the managerial changes we see that experience can be key with the three longest serving managers four years ago being in order; Oscar Tabarez with champions Uruguay, Gerardo Martino with runners-up Paraguay, and Cesar Farias with 4<sup>th</sup> placed Venezuela. This time around the weakest teams look to be the most unsettled with Bolivia, Ecuador, Paraguay and Peru all appointing their managers less than 200 days before the tournament begins.

As for whether Brazil, Argentina and the other nations will suffer from their stars being fatigued from tough European seasons we have seen how South American sides have starred at the last two World Cups so the evidence suggests their quality will see them through.

## **Teams**

Looking at the 2011 championship we see that three of the four semi-finalists were the three sides with the most experienced squads in terms of caps while in 2007 Argentina and Mexico finished second and third with the second and third most experienced squads. Chile and Argentina come into this tournament with the most caps in their squad and also the most international goals, while Brazil and Colombia have the two youngest average squad ages. Most of the weaker sides have selected a mix of experience and youth so the squad averages can be misleading, with Paraguay for example having three players with over 100 caps but then several less experienced players.

Chile were excellent in qualifying for the 2014 World Cup and came very close to knocking Brazil out having already seen off the 2010 champions Spain. Now on home soil they've brought the oldest and most experienced squad of anyone to this tournament and there are no thoughts on building for future challenges – this is all about winning now. They have an easy group but they lack the strength in depth and all-round quality of Argentina, Brazil and Colombia and with Sampaoli's high intensity tactics the compact nature of this tournament could be tough on them.

Coming into this year Mexico have chosen to concentrate on the Gold Cup later this summer and have brought several reserves albeit not quite to the extent of 2011 when they came with an under 22 side with a combined 98 caps. On that occasion they lost all three group games and being drawn in the easiest group should mean they avoid that fate again. Still, only Bolivia have picked a squad with fewer caps and that's despite the Mexican side containing Rafael Marquez, who has over 120 international appearances.

Ecuador have a terrible recent record in the Copa and generally outside of their home country. Losing their best player, Antonio Valencia, won't help matters and manager Gustavo Quinteros has had less than three months since taking over to prepare. However, given Mexico's selections they have a great chance to make the quarters but further progress is hard to see.

Bolivia should be the Group A whipping boys and have few positives. Their away record is abysmal, they have the least experienced squad, no stars and their manager has only taken over this year.

Argentina have come with a full compliment of stars that look to be in superb form. Martino took charge after the World Cup last summer so has had a reasonable bedding-in period and obviously knows Messi well from his time in charge of Barcelona. Aside from Demichelis their squad are all aged between 23 and 31 and in their prime.

Uruguay may be missing Luis Suarez and a side in transition but they still bring plenty of experience both on the pitch and particularly in the dugout, where Tabarez has been in charge for almost 10 years. That knowledge should make them tough to beat and no side will want to face them in the knockout stage after all the shocks four years ago.

Paraguay have had a terrible time since reaching the final four years ago as they finished last in South American qualifying for the World Cup and the new boss has called up several old stars who had looked past it in what appears a desperation move.

Jamaica, like Mexico, have the Gold Cup to consider in July and they are surely coming for the experience with their squad boasting the third fewest number of caps. Team spirit is good in the Reggae Boyz camp, however, and they'll hope to spring a surprise.

Brazil are bringing the youngest squad of any side and they have the most experimental look of any of the favourites. Dunga is back in charge for his second spell and won the title in 2007 with Robinho the star man on that occasion and this time they will look to Neymar to inspire them.

Colombia's squad is only slightly older than Brazil's but they have 40% more caps overall and they bring a settled side that are developing towards their peak. If Falcao can find his best form now he's back in his national jersey they are lethal up front and won't fear anyone.

Peru reached the semi-finals four years ago but they failed to build on that in a poor World Cup qualifying campaign. They have a number of experienced players in their squad but as a whole they look to have too many players at either the end or beginning of their international careers. With Ricardo Gareco having had little time to get to know his squad they will just hope to avoid coming bottom of the group.

Venezuela's problems are quite similar to Peru's and it's hard to see them having anything like the impact they had four years ago when making the semi-finals.

### **Winners Profile**

While there is this record of surprise semi-finalists and several reasons why this is the case it has to be noted that these teams have rarely gone on to win. Four years ago Uruguay crossed the River Plate to lift the trophy in Argentina just a year after finishing 4<sup>th</sup> in South Africa while Brazil had won four of the previous five Copa's.

Since 1989 six of the 10 Football Form Labs top-ranked teams (amongst those competing) going into the Copa America have gone on to become champions with two others reaching the final, where one was beaten on penalties. The other two top-ranked sides both lost at the quarter-finals stage although again one was beaten on penalties. Interestingly the two top-ranked sides that failed to reach the finals were also the only two to have been ranked outside our global top-three teams at the time.

World Cup form is also a key indicator with nine of the last 10 winners having played in the most recent World Cup and eight having made the quarters, of which six reached the semis and five went on to make the final. Furthermore, if you look at the team in the last 10 Copas with the best result at the most recent World Cup, they have won the title seven times, finished runners-up twice and third once, with one side losing in the quarters (there are 11 teams as in 2007 two sides had the equal best results at the previous World Cup). The only two sides to win the Copa in the past 10 editions having not been one of the two best teams at the most recent World Cup were Uruguay in 1995 and Colombia in 2001 – both of whom were playing with home advantage.

Home advantage was one reason for why Brazil went into last summer as the favourites but just as they failed to convert that into a triumph so have the last three Copa America hosts.

The globalisation of the game has generally lessened the impact of home advantage and while the hosts have always made the quarter-finals in the past 10 editions, in the first five of those they made at least the semis while in the most recent five they've been knocked out in the quarters on four occasions.

## Conclusions

Our rankings place Argentina top of the pile this time around, ahead of Colombia, Chile and then Brazil in fourth. We have Mexico fifth but they come with a weakened team while Uruguay are a far lesser side than the team that claimed the honours in 2011 with Luis Suarez still serving an international suspension.

Argentina are also the leading side from the last World Cup and the last two times they went into a Copa having reached the most recent World Cup final they went on to be champions (1991 and 1993).

Looking at positive omens for the lesser sides we see that since 2001 nine of the 10 teams to reach the semis having been ranked outside the top four had made at least the quarters in the preceding Copa with the other side having not competed in the preceding event. This of course gives us all four semi-finalists from four years ago.

It has often been said that for Lionel Messi to be truly regarded as the greatest player of all time he needs to lead Argentina to World Cup glory. However, neither Maradona nor Pele ever won a Copa America and having finished this season in his best form for this time of year since 2012 – when he set the record for most goals in a calendar year – Messi should be the difference in Chile this June. It is not only Messi that is in better form for Argentina than 12 months ago though, as Aguero has looked close to his best in Man City's final few games while he was hampered by injuries and well below his best in Brazil. In fact the squad as a whole looks superb. Such is the record of top-ranked sides and teams coming off excellent World Cup results that Argentina look superb value at their current price of 3.25 (9/4).

The argument against Argentina is their tough draw. However, reaching the semi-finals shouldn't be too difficult and at that stage whoever goes on to win is likely to have to beat two excellent teams. In fact the teams in Group C surely have the worst draw as while Brazil and Colombia should finish first and second the winner will probably face a difficult quarter-final against Uruguay before facing Argentina, giving them three tough knockout matches to negotiate. The group runner-up should have a relatively straightforward quarter-final against the runner-up from the weak Group A. We see little difference between Colombia and Brazil so at the larger price Colombia are the value pick of the two. With it definitely being advantageous to come second in the group it should pay to wait until Brazil and Colombia have played each other in the second round of group games. At that stage backing the team that looks like coming second in the group could be a good proposition. However,

we like the price for Colombia to win Group C and feel backing them on the outright as well adds some cover to the group bet.

Of the outsiders, Ecuador will expect to progress from Group A but the loss of Antonio Valencia leaves their squad looking short of experience and a likely quarter-final against the runners-up from Group C would be a tough task. While Uruguay look to be a team on the slide, particularly without Suarez, still have a lot of experience and have the potential to frustrate teams with greater quality but at 14/1 are too short given they are likely to land in the tough bottom half of the draw at which stage their price may even have lengthened.

We expect to see fewer shocks than has historically been the case and the Copa title looks likely to increase in prestige with its settled position in the world football cycle and ever increasing marketing. With the case for Argentina looking so strong we shall place our whole support in La Albiceleste.

**Recommendation: Argentina to win the Copa America at 3.25, Various**

# 2015 Copa America – Top Scorer Preview

## History

The Copa America has been in its current format of three groups of four teams since 1993 and in the eight tournaments that have taken place in that time the top scorer trophy has been awarded to 10 individuals, with the award being shared between two players in 1995 and 1999.

The last seven winners of the top goal scorer award in the Copa America all played in a side that at least made the semi-finals and so played the maximum number of six matches with their last game either the 3<sup>rd</sup> place play-off or the final itself. Indeed, five of the last six top goal scorers played in the team that lifted the trophy, with four of these Brazilians. However, prior to that the 1995 top goal scorer award was shared between Gabriel Batistuta and Luis Garcia whose Argentinean and Mexican sides only reached the quarter-final that year, whilst the 1993 award was picked up by Venezuelan Jose Dolgetta who netted all of his four goals in the group stage as his side could only manage third in the group.

Dolgetta was really something of an anomaly, as no other player whose team got knocked out at the group stage got within one goal of the top goal scorer award since 1993. Furthermore, since 1997, 11 of the 12 players to have won or got within one goal of the top goal scorer award were a part of sides that at least reached the semi-finals, with the exception being Paolo Wanchope in 2001 who managed to claim the runners up spot, scoring five goals in the four matches he played as his Costa Rica side were knocked out in the quarter-final by Uruguay.

Six goals, or a goal in each game for sides that reach the semi-finals, would have been enough to secure the top goal scorer award in each of the last eight editions of the Copa America since 1993, with Adriano's tally of seven goals in 2004 the highest over that period, whilst four goals was enough to win the award in the lower-scoring 1995 and 1993 instalments of the tournament. Filling your boots against weaker teams in the group stage isn't a necessity as only three of the last seven top scorers since 1997 averaged more goals per game in the groups than the knockouts. However, some easy group matches won't hurt and nine of the 10 top scorers did net at least twice at the group stage, the exception being Brazilian Rivaldo in the '99 tournament as he scored just one goal in the groups. So it has been important to look for forwards that have scored goals throughout the tournament and this has led to Golden Boot winners largely being their nation's main striker who has been a consistent scorer against the best teams as well as against weaker sides.

## Leading Contenders (Nation, Caps-Goals, Odds)

### Lionel Messi (Argentina, 97-45, 4.5)

Still only 27, Messi will expect to pick up his 100<sup>th</sup> cap for Argentina at the Copa America. His 97 games thus far have yielded 45 goals, a figure which despite being impressive appears merely mortal in comparison to the type of numbers he churns out for Barcelona season after season. Though he scored four goals in the group stage at the World Cup, Messi failed to score in any of the four



knockout games as Argentina suffered extra-time heartbreak at the hands of Germany in the final. Fitness could have played a part in Messi tailing off in the knockout stages and it is perhaps for this reason that the Argentine adopted a strict new diet following his World Cup disappointment. After a visit to a notorious Italian nutritionist, Messi gave up some of his favourite foods including milanesa, ice cream, and fizzy drinks, losing five kilos by the start of 2015 and this had a clear impact on his performance on the pitch as he looked back to his electric self. In the 18 league games this season prior to January's Ballon D'Or ceremony where he lost out to Ronaldo, Messi scored 16 goals, but in the 20 matches that followed he found the net 27 times, a 46% increase in his scoring rate. If the Argentine can bring that sort of form to his national side, who incidentally are favourites to win the tournament, then Messi will be surely up there in the goal scoring stakes.

### **Neymar (Brazil, 62-43, 7.5)**

Whilst Neymar's form for Brazil has never been questioned, scoring 43 goals in his 62 matches in Brazil's famous yellow shirt already, he did struggle to settle in at Barcelona last season after his big money move from Santos. Whilst he managed just 15 goals in his debut season in Spain, this term he's found the net 38 times as he's proved a vital part of Barcelona's much vaunted top three, together with Suarez and Messi. Whilst those three very much share the goals for Barcelona, Neymar scores the lion share for the Brazilian side on his own. Neymar's scored 13 goals in the 15 games he played for Brazil since 2014, accounting for 39.4% of their goals over that period. His importance to this Brazilian side is that their two defeats in this time came in the matches that Neymar missed through injury, the famous 7-1 defeat to Germany and a further 3-0 loss to Holland in the 3<sup>rd</sup> place play-off. Despite Messi being the favourite to be top goal scorer for the tournament, he is in fact a longer price at 1.8 to be top goal scorer for his side than Neymar is for Brazil (1.5), again demonstrating Brazil's reliance on the Barcelona man. If Dunga's side make it to the final then it will be surely on the back of a good tournament for their talisman and poster boy Neymar.

### **Sergio Aguero (Argentina, 60-23, 11)**

Aguero has scored 23 goals in his 60 appearances for Argentina and comes into the tournament after another impressive season for Manchester City. Despite the fact that his tally of 26 goals in 33 matches in the Premier League saw him average a goal every 97 minutes and made him the division's top scorer, the Argentine was remarkably unable to find a place in the PFA team of the year, ousted by Diego Costa and Englishman Harry Kane. Last season Aguero averaged a goal every 87 minutes for his combined appearances for City and Argentina throughout their World Cup qualifying campaign, but played little part in the World Cup finals due to injury. In an attempt to rid himself of these muscular injuries that have plagued him in recent campaigns, Aguero also adopted the same diet as his compatriot and close friend Lionel Messi this season and it seems to have done the trick as the only injury he picked up was through a clumsy tackle that damaged his knee ligaments. Aguero scored three times in just two starts (four appearances) in the 2011 Copa America and given the consistency of his goal scoring since then, he can expect to contribute his fair share of Argentina's goals. With the likes of Messi, Tevez, Higuain, and Pastore to choose from, it's unclear

exactly how Gerardo Martino will deploy his considerable attacking options but Aguero could well be at point of the attack with Messi starting from the right as he has done for Barcelona this season.

### **Alexis Sanchez (Chile, 79-26, 15)**

Sanchez's first season with Arsenal was an undoubted success as he scored 25 times, despite predominantly operating on the left wing rather than through the middle. For his national side Sanchez has operated as a centre forward and all across the frontline in a free role in recent times, though his goal scoring record has not been as impressive as the likes of Messi and Neymar. Since June 2013, Sanchez has started 21 games for Chile, scoring 12 goals in this time. It's interesting to note that in the four matches he started on the wing in the last two years, where he was so effective for Arsenal this season, he found the net five times, including an impressive brace against England at Wembley in November 2013. This suggests that Sanchez is most effective when cutting in from the flank rather than playing as a centre forward and he could struggle to compete with the likes of Messi and Neymar if played away from his preferred position. Chile do have a favourable draw when it comes to their group, alongside a weak Mexico side and two teams who historically have terrible records away from their home fortresses at altitude, Ecuador, and Bolivia.

### **Gonzalo Higuain (Argentina, 47-23, 17)**

Despite averaging a goal every two games for Napoli this season as he scored 29 goals in 58 games, Higuain finished the season as something of a villain with reports that he was attacked by his own fans as he missed a penalty at 2-2 in what was effectively a play-off with Lazio to qualify for the Champions League in the final game of the season, and Lazio of course went on to win 3-2. He also has a record of roughly one goal in every two games for Argentina as he's scored 23 times in 47 appearances and though he scored nine times in World Cup qualification at a better goal per minute ratio than either Messi or Aguero, he failed to impress at the tournament itself as he managed just one goal. He has undoubtedly been less impressive than Tevez and Aguero for his club this season and so we would be surprised if he gets a starting role in the Argentinean side in this tournament.

### **Carlos Bacca (Colombia, 17-7, 21)**

The story of Carlos Bacca this season has been a remarkable one. Just eight years ago he was working as a bus conductor and a fisherman back in Colombia but whilst his illustrious countryman Radamel Falcao was languishing at Manchester United this season, Bacca scored 28 goals in 56 games for Sevilla, including a brace in the Europa League final that helped his side lift the trophy. His role for Colombia thus far has been a marginal one as he only made one substitute appearance at the 2014 World Cup, but he has scored two goals in his last three appearances for his national side in friendlies. But, it looks like it will be Bacca that plays alongside Falcao up front, with Jackson Martinez and Teofilo Gutierrez likely to be back-ups in this tournament. With James Rodriguez and Juan Cuadrado in support of the front two, Colombia will surely be a force to reckon with and

given the contrasting fortunes they've experienced at their clubs this season, we can expect Bacca to outscore Falcao, who is also available to back at 21.0 for the top goal scorer award.

### **Carlos Tevez (Argentina, 68-13, 21)**

Much like his Juventus side, Tevez's performances this season were somewhat underappreciated and he was largely overlooked when it came to discussions about Europe's top forwards, despite the fact that he scored 29 times in 47 games. With everything else that he brings to a side with his incredible work rate, particularly when the opposition have the ball, Tevez was no longer able to be overlooked by Argentina for this tournament after he wasn't included in their World Cup squad. However, he could be reduced to just a substitute's role this time around, with Aguero likely to be above him in the Argentinean pecking order and Messi playing just off him. For this reason, both Tevez and Higuain look like ones to avoid in this market.

### **Edison Cavani (Uruguay, 68-24, 21)**

In the absence of Luis Suarez, Uruguay will be reliant on Cavani to spearhead their Copa America defence and the Uruguayan will surely relish being the main man as he has been forced to play a supporting role to Zlatan Ibrahimovic since he joined PSG, forced to operate largely from the wing. Despite not playing in his preferred position, Cavani still managed 31 goals in 52 matches for PSG this season. Since the World Cup and without Suarez in the side, Cavani has scored three goals in the five friendlies he's played for Uruguay. However, unless Uruguay can win their group and finish ahead of Argentina then they are likely to run into Brazil or Colombia in the quarter-finals, meaning that Cavani is unlikely to get the full allocation of six games to have a tilt at the top goal scorer award.

### **Our View**

Since Argentina are our favourites to lift the trophy and as was previously pointed out, five of the last six top goal scorers played in the team that won the Copa America, we can't look too far past Lionel Messi at 4.5. The Argentine, much like his team in general, is certainly in better form and shape going into this tournament than he was ahead of the World Cup, and we expect Messi to continue the sparkling form he showed for Barcelona here as he looks to add to his somewhat bare trophy cabinet of international honours, which thus far consists only of a 2008 Olympic gold medal and the 2005 FIFA World Club Championship.

Neymar is likely to be Messi's biggest contender for the top goal scorer award having also been in prolific form for Barcelona this season and at 7.5 he looks a solid alternative to the Argentine, but as Gianluigi Buffon remarked in the build up to the Champions League Final, Messi simply is in a different league at the moment, "an alien that dedicates himself to playing with humans". Nonetheless, for those concerned that Argentina's goals will be more shared out amongst their plethora of attacking options than those of Brazil, Neymar is certainly the one to back.

Away from the top two in the betting, Carlos Bacca certainly stands out at 21.0. Tevez, Aguero, and Higuain look like ones to avoid given the uncertainty over which of them will start and with question marks over whether Sanchez is as effective through the middle as he is out wide and also over how deep Edison Cavani's Uruguay will go into the tournament, Bacca looks like the one to back away from Messi and Neymar. We expect Bacca to highlight the improvement in his play and the regression of his strike partner Falcao after a season spent largely on the Old Trafford bench by outscoring him and odds of 3.25 about the Sevilla man being Colombia's top scorer look worth taking.

**Recommendations:     Lionel Messi to be Top Goalscorer at 4.5, Bet Fred**

**Carlos Bacca to be Top Goalscorer at 21 e/w (top 3 ¼ odds), Sky/Ladbrokes**

**Carlos Bacca to be Top Colombian Goalscorer at 3.25, BetVictor**

## Group A Betting Preview

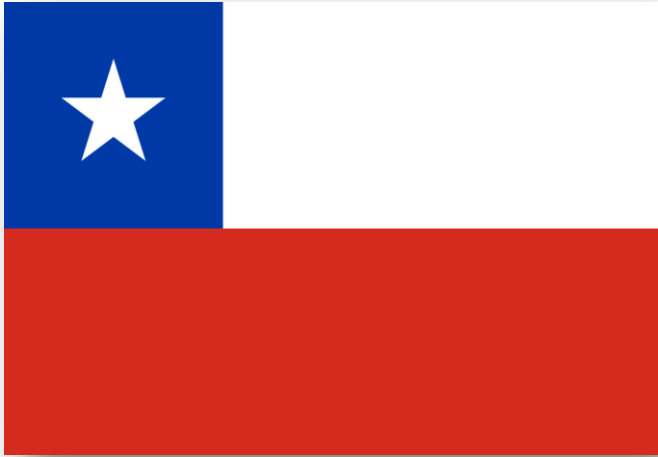
Chile opened up 1.57 to top Group A but that has long since vanished and Jorge Sampaoli's side are now no bigger than 1.50 to progress as group winners. With by far the best squad in the group plus home advantage can they be trusted to get the job done for short-priced backers? We're firmly in the yes camp.

Second in the betting Mexico are concentrating on the CONCACAF Gold Cup this summer. That tournament starts immediately after the more prestigious Copa America and Mexico's main European based stars have been given June off to prepare. Coach Miguel Herrera has talked up the merits of his second-string but then which manager wouldn't? Markets seem to trust Herrera as his side are narrowly second-favourites to finish in the top-two. The 1.7 offered on them to do so looks a terrible price from the outset but it's worth noting that they face group minnows Bolivia in their opener while their expected contenders for second-place Ecuador have their hardest game first up. The Chile-Mexico double in the first round of group games pays just 2.34 and if it lands we'd much prefer to take on Mexico in the top-two market then – probably by backing Ecuador.

With a fit Antonio Valencia we'd fancy Ecuador to finish above the Mexican reserves but the Man Utd star is unavailable for the duration of the tournament. Ecuador's main problem in international competitions is that the lack of home matches! During qualifying they have the huge advantage of hosting at altitude but they've no such bonus here.

Given our lack of confidence in either Mexico or Ecuador you'd be forgiven for thinking Bolivia were worth a punt at 6.0 to finish in the top-two. They aren't. We have Bolivia ranked as the second worst in the tournament and by far the worst in the pool. Bolivia's warm-up against Argentina will be their first match in 2015. Bolivia, like Ecuador, struggle when they aren't playing at altitude. The two met in a friendly in Florida last year with Ecuador winning 4-0 at a canter. Bolivia should lose all three here, so bet accordingly.

While we're keen on the 1.50 for Chile to top Group A we think a better play is to back them to beat both Ecuador and Mexico. There are no prices available for the latter match but Chile are 1.53 to beat Ecuador.



# CHILE

FIFA Ranking: 16

Form Labs Rating: 3/12

Coach: Jorge Sampaoli

Form		
05/06/2015	Chile 1 – 0 El Salvador	FRI
29/03/2015	Brazil 1 – 0 Chile	FRI
26/03/2015	Iran 2 – 0 Chile	FRI
28/01/2015	Chile 3 – 2 USA	FRI
19/11/2014	Chile 1 – 2 Uruguay	FRI
14/11/2014	Chile 5 – 0 Venezuela	FRI
15/10/2014	Chile 2 – 2 Bolivia	FRI
11/10/2014	Chile 3 – 0 Peru	FRI
10/09/2014	Chile 1 – 0 Haiti	FRI
07/09/2014	Chile 0 – 0 Mexico	FRI
28/06/2014	Brazil P1 – 1 Chile	WOC
23/06/2014	Netherlands 2 – 0 Chile	WOC
18/06/2014	Spain 0 – 2 Chile	WOC
13/06/2014	Chile 3 – 1 Australia	WOC
05/06/2014	Chile 2 – 0 N. Ireland	FRI
31/05/2014	Chile 3 – 2 Egypt	FRI
05/03/2014	Germany 1 – 0 Chile	FRI
23/01/2014	Chile 4 – 0 Costa Rica	FRI
20/11/2013	Brazil 2 – 1 Chile	FRI
15/11/2013	England 0 – 2 Chile	FRI



## Group A

TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	D	P
Chile	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mexico	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ecuador	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bolivia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

11-Jun	<b>Chile v Ecuador</b>	19:30/23:30
12-Jun	Mexico v Bolivia	19:30/23:30
15-Jun	Ecuador v Bolivia	17:00/21:00
15-Jun	<b>Chile v Mexico</b>	19:30/23:30
19-Jun	Mexico v Ecuador	17:00/21:00
19-Jun	<b>Chile v Bolivia</b>	19:30/23:30

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## Chile Squad





#	Pos.	Player	Date of birth (age)	Caps	Goals	Club
1	GK	Claudio Bravo (c)	April 13, 1983 (32)	89	0	Barcelona
12	GK	Paulo Garcés	August 2, 1984 (30)	1	0	Colo-Colo
23	GK	Johnny Herrera	May 9, 1981 (34)	11	0	Universidad de Chile
2	DF	Eugenio Mena	July 18, 1988 (26)	34	3	Cruzeiro
3	DF	Miiko Albornoz	November 30, 1990 (24)	5	1	Hannover 96
4	DF	Mauricio Isla	June 12, 1988 (26)	59	2	Juventus
13	DF	José Rojas	June 3, 1983 (32)	23	1	Universidad de Chile
17	DF	Gary Medel	August 3, 1987 (27)	73	6	Inter Milan
18	DF	Gonzalo Jara	August 29, 1985 (29)	75	3	Mainz 05
6	MF	David Pizarro	September 11, 1979 (35)	41	2	Fiorentina
16	MF	Jose Fuenzalida	February 22, 1985 (30)	26	1	Boca Juniors
8	MF	Arturo Vidal	May 22, 1987 (28)	63	9	Juventus
10	MF	Jorge Valdivia	October 19, 1983 (31)	61	6	Palmeiras
14	MF	Matías Fernández	May 15, 1986 (29)	62	14	Fiorentina
15	MF	Jean Beausejour	June 3, 1984 (31)	65	6	Colo-Colo
19	MF	Felipe Gutiérrez	October 8, 1990 (24)	22	1	Twente
5	MF	Francisco Silva	February 11, 1986 (29)	17	0	Club Brugge
20	MF	Charles Aránguiz	April 17, 1989 (26)	33	4	Internacional
21	MF	Marcelo Díaz	December 30, 1986 (28)	31	1	Hamburger SV
7	FW	Alexis Sánchez	December 19, 1988 (26)	79	26	Arsenal
9	FW	Mauricio Pinilla	February 4, 1984 (31)	33	6	Atalanta
11	FW	Eduardo Vargas	November 20, 1989 (25)	41	18	Napoli
22	FW	Ángelo Henríquez	April 13, 1994 (21)	5	2	Manchester United

### Expected Line-Up: 3-4-1-2

Sampaoli likes to set up with a 3-4-2-1 in their toughest games. However, they are flexible and in the easier group games may switch to a 4-3-3, although they can look vulnerable defensively when playing this way. Full-backs are encouraged to attack with a sitting midfielder dropping into defence to enable interchanging in attacking areas.



## Chile Key Personnel

	<b>Jorge Sampaoli</b> <b>Date of Birth</b> 13/03/60 <b>Place of Birth</b> Argentina <b>Appointed</b> December, 2012 <b>Total Record</b> P32 W18 D7 L7	<p>Argentine Sampaoli retired as a player aged 19 through injury and quickly settled into a management career with various spells in Peru, Chile and Ecuador. He has modeled his approach on Marcelo Bielsa's and his time in charge with Universidad de Chile arguably earned him the chance to take on the national team job after winning four trophies, including three league titles. His arrival in this role has seen an upturn in performances and results.</p>	<div data-bbox="1350 256 2143 794"> <b>Group Analysis</b>   <p>Chile have landed a fantastic draw and while confidence was already high that this team could become the first Chilean side to lift the Copa America that task now looks a lot more possible. They progressed from the group of death at last summer's World Cup but should have a smoother ride here against a second-string Mexican side and two inferior CONMEBOL sides in the shape of Ecuador and Bolivia.</p> <p>As long as they finish top of the group they will go into the top half of the draw and so likely avoid Argentina till the final. However, finishing second would lead to a very tough quarter-final with the runners-up from Group C, which should be either Colombia or Brazil.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1350 794 2143 1420"> <b>Expectations</b>   <p>Chile have never won the Copa America having previously finished runners-up on four occasions. They topped their group four years ago, ahead of eventual champions Uruguay. However, they were then upset in the quarter-finals by Venezuela.</p> <p>The nation is in buoyant mood after their World Cup performances last summer, where they nearly knocked Brazil out. That came after finishing 3rd in what is arguably the most competitive of all the World Cup qualifying confederation groups.</p> <p>This group of players is widely held as their greatest ever team and while most teams have viewed this tournament as a stepping stone the Chilean public are expecting glory on home soil and the team can expect to be backed by a passionate support.</p> </div>
	<b>Claudio Bravo</b> <b>GK</b> <b>Barcelona</b> <b>89 Caps, 0 Goals</b> <b>32 Years Old</b>	<p>Bravo is Chile's most capped player of all time and their captain. His performances at the World Cup led to a move to Barcelona where he won the Zamora Trophy for lowest goals-to-game ratio in La Liga. His experience will be crucial in keeping a defence that presses high up organized.</p>	
	<b>Arturo Vidal</b> <b>CM</b> <b>Juventus</b> <b>63 Caps, 9 Goals</b> <b>28 Years Old</b>	<p>Vidal can operate in numerous positions, which has developed him into an all-round midfielder. This will likely see him operate behind the front two where he can role use his strength, power and pace to drive the team forward. This will enable him to give support to attacks where he can supply incisive passes in the final third and also provide bursts into the box. A good finisher and an excellent penalty taker.</p>	
	<b>Alexis Sanchez</b> <b>LW/ST</b> <b>Arsenal</b> <b>79 Caps, 26 Goals</b> <b>26 Years Old</b>	<p>Sanchez has had a superb first season in the Premier League where he's proven to be one of the best players in the world. Has pace, trickery, vision and an eye for goal. Plus he offers the hard work that is a hallmark of this Chilean side. If Chile are to triumph it will probably be down to the brilliance of Sanchez.</p>	





# MEXICO

FIFA Ranking: 22

Form Labs Rating: 5/12

Coach: Miguel Herrera

Form		
07/06/2015	Brazil 2 – 0 Mexico	FRI
04/06/2015	Peru 1 – 1 Mexico	FRI
30/05/2015	Mexico 3 – 0 Guatemala	FRI
16/04/2015	USA 2 – 0 Mexico	FRI
01/04/2015	Mexico 1 – 0 Paraguay	FRI
29/03/2015	Mexico 1 – 0 Ecuador	FRI
18/11/2014	Belarus 3 – 2 Mexico	FRI
12/11/2014	Netherlands 2 – 3 Mexico	FRI
12/10/2014	Mexico 1 – 0 Panama	FRI
10/10/2014	Mexico 2 – 0 Honduras	FRI
10/09/2014	Bolivia 0 – 1 Mexico	FRI
07/09/2014	Chile 0 – 0 Mexico	FRI
29/06/2014	Netherlands 2 – 1 Mexico	WOC
23/06/2014	Croatia 1 – 3 Mexico	WOC
17/06/2014	Brazil 0 – 0 Mexico	WOC
13/06/2014	Mexico 1 – 0 Cameroon	WOC
07/06/2014	Mexico 0 – 1 Portugal	FRI
04/06/2014	Mexico 0 – 1 Bosnia	FRI
31/05/2014	Mexico 3 – 1 Ecuador	FRI
29/05/2014	Mexico 3 – 0 Israel	FRI



## Group A

TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	D	P
Chile	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Mexico</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ecuador	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bolivia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

11-Jun	Chile v Ecuador	19:30/23:30
12-Jun	<b>Mexico v Bolivia</b>	19:30/23:30
15-Jun	Ecuador v Bolivia	17:00/21:00
15-Jun	<b>Chile v Mexico</b>	19:30/23:30
19-Jun	<b>Mexico v Ecuador</b>	17:00/21:00
19-Jun	Chile v Bolivia	19:30/23:30

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## Mexico Squad





#	Pos.	Player	Date of birth (age)	Caps	Goals	Club
1	GK	José Corona	26 January 1981 (34)	35	0	Cruz Azul
12	GK	Alfredo Talavera	18 September 1982 (32)	16	0	Toluca
23	GK	Melitón Hernández	15 October 1982 (32)	1	0	Veracruz
2	DF	Julio Domínguez	8 November 1987 (27)	10	0	Cruz Azul
3	DF	Hugo Ayala	31 March 1987 (28)	16	0	UANL
4	DF	Rafael Márquez	13 February 1979 (36)	124	15	Verona
13	DF	Carlos Salcedo	29 September 1993 (21)	1	0	Guadalajara
14	DF	Juan C. Valenzuela	15 May 1984 (31)	19	0	Atlas
15	DF	Gerardo Flores	5 February 1986 (29)	8	0	Cruz Azul
16	DF	Adrián Aldrete	14 June 1988 (26)	16	0	Santos Laguna
21	DF	George Corral	18 July 1990 (24)	1	0	Querétaro
22	DF	Efraín Velarde	15 April 1986 (29)	6	0	Monterrey
5	MF	Juan Carlos Medina	22 August 1983 (31)	8	0	Atlas
6	MF	Javier Güemez	17 October 1991 (23)	4	0	Tijuana
8	MF	Marco Fabián	21 July 1989 (25)	22	6	Guadalajara
10	MF	Luis Montes	15 May 1986 (29)	13	3	León
11	MF	Javier Aquino	11 February 1990 (25)	26	0	Rayo Vallecano
17	MF	Mario Osuna	20 August 1988 (26)	1	0	Querétaro
7	FW	Jesús M. Corona	6 January 1993 (22)	2	0	Twente
9	FW	Raúl Jiménez	5 May 1991 (24)	29	6	Atlético de Madrid
18	FW	Enrique Esqueda	19 April 1988 (27)	8	1	UANL
19	FW	Vicente M. Vucoso	3 November 1981 (33)	10	4	Chiapas
20	FW	Eduardo Herrera	25 July 1988 (26)	3	1	UNAM

### Expected Line-Up: 3-5-2

Mexico have used a 3-5-2 shape since Miguel Herrera took over, which is the formation that the manager had good success with at América in Liga MX. When defending they switch to a 5-3-2 with just the strikers left ahead of play.



## Mexico Key Personnel

	<b>Miguel Herrera</b> <b>Date of Birth</b> 18/03/68 <b>Place of Birth</b> Hidalgo, Mexico <b>Appointed</b> October, 2013 <b>Total Record</b> P23 W14 D4 L5	Herrera went into the World Cup with just 9 months experience but they produced some good results, including a draw with Brazil in the group stage. He represented Mexico in the 1993 Copa America as a player and is a popular figure in Mexico despite his allegiance to Club America. He is renowned for being an attack-minded coach and his celebrations can be box office on the side of the pitch.	<div data-bbox="1361 256 2132 316"> <b>Group Analysis</b> </div> <p>Mexico are not expected to be serious contenders as they've looked to focus on the CONCACAF Gold Cup which starts almost immediately after this tournament finishes. As such they've brought a largely second-string side and so there tournament could be over much sooner. Four years ago they turned up with an Under-22 team and lost all their matches but this time the squad has a mixture of experience and youth, although the major stars have all been held back for later in the summer.</p> <p>They've played all three of their group opponents since the World Cup and have beaten Ecuador and Bolivia and drawn with Chile. However, it would be a surprise if they can match those results here.</p> <div data-bbox="1361 810 2132 858"> <b>Expectations</b> </div> <p>Mexico have twice made the finals, in 1993 and 2001, but have never lifted the trophy. Four years ago they were the worst team in Argentina as they finished bottom of a group containing Chile, Uruguay and Peru; losing all three matches and scoring just one goal.</p> <p>Miguel Herrera appears very bullish about his team's chances despite bringing a second-string squad and has talked of winning the Copa America as well as the Gold Cup.</p> <p>However, the Mexican Federation appears to be more realistic in its goals, but still expects a significantly better showing than in 2011.</p>
	<b>Rafael Márquez</b> <b>CB/DM</b> Verona <b>125 Caps, 15 Goals</b> <b>36 Years Old</b>	Captain and lynchpin at the heart of defence, despite his advancing years. He currently plays in the middle of the three, often starting attacks by bringing the ball out. While he can be pressured in possession due to his decreasing mobility, he is also susceptible to pace one-on-one. He demonstrates excellent reading of the game and his positioning is very good.	
	<b>Jesus Corona</b> <b>RW</b> Twente <b>4 Caps, 1 Goals</b> <b>22 Years Old</b>	Corona was one of Twente's best players last season, although the club's performances were disappointing overall. He can play right across the front line and act as both provider and finisher. Doesn't have much international experience but should start as a secondary striker behind Raul Jimenez.	
	<b>Raul Jimenez</b> <b>ST</b> Atletico Madrid <b>30 Caps, 6 Goals</b> <b>24 Years Old</b>	Jimenez struggled to adapt to life in La Liga as he only completed 90 minutes for Atletico twice all season and both those came against third tier CE L'Hospitalet in the Copa Del Rey. Having scored just once all season – and that was last September – he could come into this tournament rusty and struggling for confidence.	



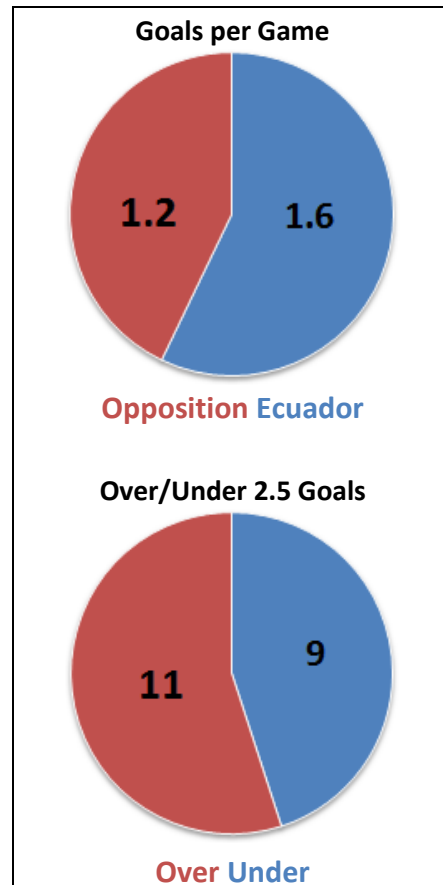
# ECUADOR

FIFA Ranking: 35

Form Labs Rating: 7/12

Coach: Gustavo Quinteros

Form		
06/06/15	Ecuador 4 – 0 Panama	FRI
04/06/15	Panama 1 – 1 Ecuador	FRI
01/04/15	Argentina 2 – 1 Ecuador	FRI
29/03/15	Mexico 1 – 0 Ecuador	FRI
15/10/14	El Salvador 1 – 5 Ecuador	FRI
11/10/14	USA 1 – 1 Ecuador	FRI
10/09/14	Brazil 1 – 0 Ecuador	FRI
07/09/14	Bolivia 0 – 4 Ecuador	FRI
25/06/14	Ecuador 0 – 0 France	WOC
20/06/14	Honduras 1 – 2 Ecuador	WOC
15/06/14	Switzerland 2 – 1 Ecuador	WOC
04/06/14	Ecuador 2 – 2 England	FRI
31/05/14	Mexico 3 – 1 Ecuador	FRI
17/05/14	Netherlands 1 – 1 Ecuador	FRI
05/03/14	Australia 3 – 4 Ecuador	FRI
20/11/13	Honduras 2 – 2 Ecuador	FRI
16/11/13	Ecuador 0 – 0 Argentina	FRI
16/10/13	Chile 2 – 1 Ecuador	WQS
11/10/13	Ecuador 1 – 0 Uruguay	WQS
10/09/13	Bolivia 1 – 1 Ecuador	WQS



## Group A

TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	D	P
Chile	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mexico	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Ecuador</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bolivia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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15-Jun	Chile v Mexico	19:30/23:30
19-Jun	<b>Mexico v Ecuador</b>	17:00/21:00
19-Jun	Chile v Bolivia	19:30/23:30

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## Ecuador Squad





#	Pos.	Player	Date of birth (age)	Caps	Goals	Club
1	GK	Librado Azcona	January 18, 1984 (31)	0	0	Independiente
12	GK	Esteban Dreer	November 11, 1981 (33)	0	0	Emelec
23	GK	A. Domínguez	June 5, 1987 (28)	25	0	LDU Quito
2	DF	Arturo Mina	October 8, 1990 (24)	2	0	Independiente
3	DF	Frickson Erazo	May 5, 1988 (27)	46	1	Grêmio
4	DF	Juan C. Paredes	July 8, 1987 (27)	47	0	Watford
10	DF	Walter Ayoví	August 11, 1979 (35)	99	8	Pachuca
16	DF	Mario Pineida	July 6, 1992 (22)	2	0	Independiente
18	DF	Óscar Bagüí	December 10, 1982 (32)	21	0	Emelec
20	DF	John Narváez	June 12, 1991 (23)	0	0	Emelec
21	DF	Gabriel Achilier	March 23, 1985 (30)	25	0	Emelec
5	MF	Renato Ibarra	January 20, 1991 (24)	23	0	Vitesse
6	MF	Christian Noboa	April 9, 1985 (30)	51	3	PAOK
7	MF	Jefferson Montero	September 1, 1989 (25)	44	8	Swansea City
11	MF	Juan Cazares	April 3, 1992 (23)	3	1	Banfield
14	MF	Osbaldo Lastra	August 10, 1983 (31)	2	0	Emelec
15	MF	Pedro Quiñónez	March 4, 1986 (29)	11	0	Emelec
19	MF	Pedro Larrea	May 21, 1986 (29)	0	0	LDU Loja
22	MF	Jonathan González	March 7, 1995 (20)	2	0	U. de G.
8	FW	Miller Bolaños	June 1, 1990 (25)	2	1	Emelec
9	FW	Fidel Martínez	February 15, 1990 (25)	12	2	U. de G.
13	FW	Enner Valencia	November 4, 1989 (25)	17	11	West Ham Utd
17	FW	Jaime Ayoví	February 21, 1988 (27)	31	9	Godoy Cruz

## Expected Line-Up: 4-4-2

Quinteros should stick to the 4-4-2 formation that Ecuador have favoured in recent years. They will look to release their wingers and press high up the pitch with their attackers while the central midfielders sit quite deep.



## Ecuador Key Personnel

	<b>Gustavo Quinteros</b> <b>Date of Birth</b> 15/02/1965 <b>Place of Birth</b> Argentina <b>Appointed</b> 16th March 2015 <b>Total Record</b> P2 W0 D0 L2	<p>Quinteros has only had a brief time to get to know his squad but he has international experience with Bolivia, whom he took to the Copa in Argentina four years ago. Has most recently been in charge of Ecuadorian club CS Emelec for the past three years so has a good knowledge of the home based players.</p>	<b>Group Analysis</b> <p>Ecuador have found themselves in the easiest of the three groups and will fancy their chances of progressing for the first time since 1997. They are used to having extreme altitude as an advantage at home and without that they tend to struggle on the road. Given that 1997 performance came at altitude in Bolivia and their previous quarter-final appearance was in 1993 when they were hosts, qualifying for the next stage will be a great result.</p> <p>They've won 11 of their last 12 matches against Bolivia and if they can take advantage of a weakened Mexico they should be able to finish in the top two in the group.</p> <b>Expectations</b> <p>Their best performances were 4<sup>th</sup> in 1959 and again in 1993 when they last hosted. Their recent record in the tournament is terrible though and they came bottom of their group four years ago</p> <p>The fans were pleasantly surprised that their team managed to qualify outright for the last World Cup, finishing ahead of Uruguay in the process. However many are under no illusion that it was achieved on the back of their home record, achieved at 9000ft above sea level in Estadio Olímpico Atahualpa. While they will not have that kind of advantage on their side here, they will consider themselves to have a real possibility of progression.</p>
	<b>Frickson Erazo</b> CB Gremio 46 Caps, 1 Goal 27 Years Old	<p>The back four is the weakest part of Ecuador's side. They are reliant on the powerful Erazo in the heart of defence, with his athleticism and strength crucial. Not the tallest defender around at just 180cm but he has good composure on the ball and should match up well against the strikers he will face in the group.</p>	
	<b>Christian Noboa</b> CM PAOK 51 Caps, 3 Goals 30 Years Old	<p>Noboa will look to set Ecuador's wingers off with his range of passing and after moving to PAOK from Russia in January he quickly established himself as a key part of their team. With Antonio Valencia ruled out his creativity will be key.</p>	
	<b>Enner Valencia</b> FW West Ham 17 Caps, 11 Goals 25 Years Old	<p>Valencia scored three goals at the World Cup last summer where he looked a real handful for opposing defenders. Initially he took that form into the Premier League where he was outstanding for West Ham in the first half of the season before his form vanished. His pace can provide an outlet for Ecuador and he is an excellent finisher if his confidence returns.</p>	





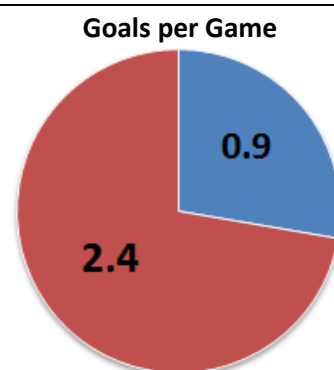
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FIFA Ranking: 92

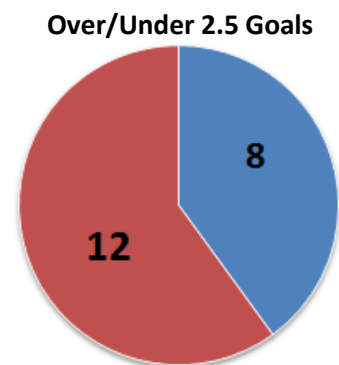
Form Labs Rating: 11/12

Coach: Mauricio Soria

Form		
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19/11/14	Bolivia 3 – 2 Venezuela	FRI
15/10/14	Chile 2 – 2 Bolivia	FRI
10/09/14	Bolivia 0 – 1 Mexico	FRI
07/09/14	Bolivia 0 – 4 Ecuador	FRI
07/06/14	Greece 2 – 1 Bolivia	FRI
30/05/14	Spain 2 – 0 Bolivia	FRI
16/10/13	Peru 1 – 1 Bolivia	WQS
10/09/13	Bolivia 1 – 1 Ecuador	WQS
06/09/13	Paraguay 4 – 0 Bolivia	WQS
15/08/13	Venezuela 2 – 2 Bolivia	FRI
12/06/13	Chile 3 – 1 Bolivia	WQS
07/06/13	Bolivia 1 – 1 Venezuela	WQS
06/04/13	Bolivia 0 – 4 Brazil	FRI
26/03/13	Bolivia 1 – 1 Argentina	WQS
22/03/13	Colombia 5 – 0 Bolivia	WQS
07/02/13	Bolivia 2 – 1 Haiti	FRI
15/11/12	Bolivia 1 – 1 Costa Rica	FRI
16/10/12	Bolivia 4 – 1 Uruguay	WQS
12/10/12	Bolivia 1 – 1 Peru	WQS



Opposition Bolivia



Over Under

## Group A

TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	D	P
Chile	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mexico	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ecuador	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Bolivia</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

11-Jun	Chile v Ecuador	19:30/23:30
12-Jun	<b>Mexico v Bolivia</b>	19:30/23:30
15-Jun	<b>Ecuador v Bolivia</b>	17:00/21:00
15-Jun	Chile v Mexico	19:30/23:30
19-Jun	Mexico v Ecuador	17:00/21:00
19-Jun	<b>Chile v Bolivia</b>	19:30/23:30

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## Bolivia Squad

#	Pos.	Player	Date of birth (age)	Caps	Goals	Club
1	GK	Romel Quiñónez	June 25, 1992 (22)	7	0	Bolívar
12	GK	José Peñarrieta	November 18, 1988 (26)	0	0	Petrolero Yacuiba
23	GK	Hugo Suárez	February 7, 1982 (33)	12	0	Blooming
2	DF	Miguel Hurtado	July 4, 1985 (29)	2	0	Blooming
4	DF	Leonel Morales	September 2, 1988 (26)	2	0	Blooming
5	DF	Ronald Eguino	February 20, 1988 (27)	8	0	Bolívar
14	DF	Edemir Rodríguez	October 21, 1984 (30)	16	0	Bolívar
16	DF	Ronald Raldes (c)	April 20, 1981 (34)	81	1	Oriente Petrolero
17	DF	Marvin Bejarano	March 6, 1988 (27)	20	0	Oriente Petrolero
21	DF	Cristian Coimbra	September 11, 1989 (25)	0	0	Blooming
22	DF	Edward Zenteno	December 5, 1984 (30)	15	0	Jorge Wilstermann
3	MF	A. Chumacero	April 22, 1991 (24)	21	1	The Strongest
6	MF	Danny Bejarano	January 3, 1994 (21)	8	0	Oriente Petrolero
8	MF	M. Smedberg-Dalence	May 10, 1984 (31)	1	0	IFK Göteborg
11	MF	Damián Lizio	June 30, 1989 (25)	2	1	O'Higgins
13	MF	Damir Miranda	October 6, 1985 (29)	4	0	Bolívar
15	MF	Sebastián Gamarra	January 15, 1997 (18)	0	0	Milan
19	MF	Wálter Veizaga	April 22, 1986 (29)	10	0	The Strongest
20	MF	Jhasmani Campos	May 10, 1988 (27)	27	2	Bolívar
7	FW	Alcides Peña	January 14, 1989 (26)	15	1	Oriente Petrolero
9	FW	Marcelo M. Moreno	June 18, 1987 (27)	49	12	Changchun Yatai
10	FW	Pablo Escobar	February 23, 1979 (36)	16	3	The Strongest
18	FW	Ricardo Pedriel	September 1, 1987 (27)	15	3	Mersin İdmanyurdu





## Expected Line-Up: 4-2-3-1

Soria is likely to adopt a 4-2-3-1 formation but given his lack of preparation time this could evolve as the tournament progresses.





## Bolivia Key Personnel

	<b>Mauricio Soria</b> <b>Date of Birth</b> 01/06/1966 <b>Place of Birth</b> Bolivia <b>Appointed</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2015 <b>Total Record</b> PO WO DO LO	<p>Soria represented Bolivia as a goalkeeper as a player and has had plenty of managerial success coaching in the Brazilian league. He's won the Bolivian title with three different clubs but has only taken over in charge of the national team this year and is yet to take charge of a game, although he was in temporary charge for Bolivia's 2-2 draw with Chile last October. He's promised to bring a new attacking mentality to the Bolivian side.</p>	<b>Group Analysis</b> <p>Bolivia have failed to make it past the group stage since they last hosted it in 1997 and while they have been drawn into the weakest group they still face an uphill battle to avoid finishing bottom.</p> <p>Home advantage is very significant for them when playing in South America and in the last five World Cup qualifying campaigns their away record is no wins, six draws and 37 defeats.</p>
	<b>Romel Quinonez</b> <b>GK</b> <b>Bolivar</b> <b>7 Caps, 0 Goals</b> <b>22 Years Old</b>	<p>Rose to prominence when his club made a surprise run to the semi-finals in last season's Copa Libertadores. Lacks experience, though, and not always consistent.</p>	
	<b>Pablo Escobar</b> <b>AM</b> <b>The Strongest</b> <b>16 Caps, 3 Goals</b> <b>36 Years Old</b>	<p>Escobar had ruled himself out of international contention since 2012 but even at the age of 36 he continues to be a prolific scorer in the Bolivian league.</p>	<b>Expectations</b> <p>Bolivia were winners in 1963 and reached the final in 1997. It is no coincidence that those were the two times they've hosted the tournament. They finished bottom of their group four years ago as they lost to Costa Rica and Colombia after a shock draw with Argentina in their opening game had raised their hopes.</p> <p>Little is expected from the Bolivian side when they are playing away from La Paz and they will just hope to get a positive result along the way.</p> <p>Confusion within the Bolivian FA last year saw three different managers across three matches and they've had a less than ideal preparation.</p>
	<b>M. M. Moreno</b> <b>ST</b> <b>Changchun Yatai</b> <b>49 Caps, 12 Goals</b> <b>27 Years Old</b>	<p>Moreno is a much travelled target man who has struggled to settle at one club. He's had spells with Shakhtar Donetsk and Werder Bremen in the past as well as several seasons in Brazil for a variety of clubs. With Soria promising to attack he will hope to get a few chances and he had the most prolific season of his career in 2014 at Cruzeiro.</p>	

## Group B Betting Preview

Argentina are the shortest price of all the group favourites having been drawn alongside a fading Uruguay, a very poor Paraguay side and a Jamaican team that is likely to be out of their depth.

We've already stated our preference for this Argentina side in our outright preview and it's hard to see them failing to win the group but at 1.30 they are not a price to get excited about at this stage. The straight forecast of Argentina/Uruguay at odds-against is sure to catch some people's attention but while we expect Uruguay to safely negotiate the group they are far from guaranteed to beat either Paraguay or Jamaica.

The Caribbean side have nothing to lose and they are not to be written off entirely. They have several solid players who have plenty of experience in the English leagues and they also have plenty of pace. If they can frustrate their South American opponents, who may be guilty of underestimating them, they have the ability to steal a goal on the break. Given Uruguay's attack is shorn of the brilliance of Suarez and Paraguay are traditionally a low scoring side – and this is one of their worst teams for a long time – Jamaica have a decent shot of qualifying for the knockout stage by sneaking into third place in the group.

It's not a group that offers a lot of betting opportunities, with Argentina set to dominate and question marks over the other sides but a small bet on the Reggae Boyz to advance will at least give you an underdog to cheer for.

**Recommendation: Jamaica to Qualify from Group B at 3.1, Ladbrokes**



# ARGENTINA

FIFA Ranking: 2

Form Labs Rating: 1/12

Coach: Gerardo Martino

Form		
06/06/2015	Argentina 5 – 0 Bolivia	FRI
01/04/2015	Argentina 2 – 1 Ecuador	FRI
28/03/2015	El Salvador 0 – 2 Argentina	FRI
18/11/2014	Argentina 0 – 1 Portugal	FRI
12/11/2014	Argentina 2 – 1 Croatia	FRI
14/10/2014	Hong Kong 0 – 7 Argentina	FRI
11/10/2014	Brazil 2 – 0 Argentina	FRI
03/09/2014	Germany 2 – 4 Argentina	FRI
13/07/2014	Germany E 1 – 0 Argentina	WOC
09/07/2014	Netherlands 0 – 0 P Argentina	WOC
05/07/2014	Argentina 1 – 0 Belgium	WOC
01/07/2014	Argentina E 1 – 0 Switzerland	WOC
25/06/2014	Nigeria 2 – 3 Argentina	WOC
21/06/2014	Argentina 1 – 0 Iran	WOC
15/06/2014	Argentina 2 – 1 Bosnia	WOC
07/06/2014	Argentina 2 – 0 Slovenia	FRI
04/06/2014	Argentina 3 – 0 Trinidad & T.	FRI
05/03/2014	Romania 0 – 0 Argentina	FRI
19/11/2013	Argentina 2 – 0 Bosnia	FRI
16/11/2013	Ecuador 0 – 0 Argentina	FRI



## Group B

TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	D	P
Argentina	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Uruguay	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Paraguay	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jamaica	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

13-Jun	Uruguay v Jamaica	15:00/19:00
<b>13-Jun</b>	<b>Argentina v Paraguay</b>	<b>17:30/21:30</b>
16-Jun	Paraguay v Jamaica	17:00/21:00
<b>16-Jun</b>	<b>Argentina v Uruguay</b>	<b>19:30/23:30</b>
20-Jun	Uruguay v Paraguay	15:00/19:00
<b>20-Jun</b>	<b>Argentina v Jamaica</b>	<b>17:30/21:30</b>

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## Argentina Squad





#	Pos.	Player	Date of birth (age)	Caps	Goals	Club
1	GK	Sergio Romero	February 22, 1987 (28)	58	0	Sampdoria
12	GK	Nahuel Guzmán	February 10, 1986 (29)	3	0	UANL
21	GK	Mariano Andújar	July 30, 1983 (31)	11	0	Napoli
2	DF	Ezequiel Garay	October 10, 1986 (28)	26	0	Zenit
3	DF	Nicolás Otamendi	February 12, 1988 (27)	19	1	Valencia
4	DF	Pablo Zabaleta	January 16, 1985 (30)	48	0	Manchester City
13	DF	Facundo Roncaglia	February 10, 1987 (28)	4	0	Genoa
15	DF	Martín Demichelis	December 20, 1980 (34)	44	2	Manchester City
16	DF	Marcos Rojo	March 20, 1990 (25)	31	1	Manchester Utd
23	DF	Milton Casco	April 11, 1988 (27)	0	0	Newell's Old Boys
5	MF	Fernando Gago	April 10, 1986 (29)	57	0	Boca Juniors
6	MF	Lucas Biglia	January 30, 1986 (29)	28	0	Lazio
7	MF	Ángel di María	February 14, 1988 (27)	59	11	Manchester Utd
8	MF	Érik Lamela	March 4, 1992 (23)	10	1	Spurs
14	MF	Javier Mascherano	June 8, 1984 (30)	111	3	Barcelona
17	MF	Roberto Pereyra	January 7, 1991 (24)	6	0	Juventus
18	MF	Javier Pastore	June 20, 1989 (25)	18	1	PSG
19	MF	Éver Banega	June 29, 1988 (26)	28	4	Sevilla
9	FW	Gonzalo Higuaín	December 10, 1987 (27)	47	23	Napoli
10	FW	Lionel Messi (c)	June 24, 1987 (27)	97	45	Barcelona
11	FW	Carlos Tevez	February 7, 1984 (31)	68	13	Juventus
20	FW	Sergio Agüero	June 2, 1988 (27)	60	23	Manchester City
22	FW	Ezequiel Lavezzi	May 3, 1985 (30)	39	4	PSG

### Expected Line-Up: 4-2-3-1

Argentina have switched between a 4-3-3 formation and a 4-2-3-1 where they replace one of the midfielders with another playmaker such as Pastore. In midfield Mascherano will sit while the players beside him will join in the attack and the movement of the front three allows them to rotate.



## Argentina Key Personnel

	<b>Gerardo Martino</b> <b>Date of Birth</b> 20/11/1962 <b>Place of Birth</b> Argentina <b>Appointed</b> 13th Aug 2014 <b>Total Record</b> P7 W5 D0 L2	Martino produced a superb result at the last Copa America as he took un-fancied Paraguay all the way to the final despite failing to win a single game. He's also enjoyed success in Argentina managing Newell's Old Boys and spent the 2013/14 campaign in charge of Barcelona.	<b>Group Analysis</b>  Chile have landed a fantastic draw and while confidence was already high that this team could become the first Chilean side to lift the Copa America that task now looks a lot more possible. They progressed from the group of death at last summer's World Cup but should have a smoother ride here against a second-string Mexican side and two inferior CONMEBOL sides in the shape of Ecuador and Bolivia.  As long as they finish top of the group they will go into the top half of the draw and so likely avoid Argentina till the final. However, finishing second would lead to a very tough quarter-final with the runners-up from Group C, which should be either Colombia or Brazil.
	<b>Javier Mascherano</b> <b>DM/CM/CB</b> <b>Barcelona</b> <b>111 Caps, 3 Goals</b> <b>30 Years Old</b>	Mascherano is the most experienced member of the Argentina squad and also one of the most versatile. Likely to play in midfield for his country, which was his natural position for many years, he provides excellent protection sitting in front of the back four. Despite his small size, he makes up for this with his reading of the game.	
	<b>Ángel di María</b> <b>LW/RW/AM</b> <b>Real Madrid</b> <b>59 Caps, 11 Goals</b> <b>27 Years Old</b>	While Messi may take a lot of the limelight for Argentina, Di María is arguably one of their most dangerous players. He has had a poor season for Man Utd, where he's often played a deeper role. He topped the assist rankings for Argentina in the South American World Cup qualifiers and may relish the space created by Messi taking so much of the defensive attention away.	<b>Expectations</b>  Only Uruguay have won more Copa Americas than Argentina but they have gone over 20 years since last lifting the trophy. Four years ago they were strongly fancied on home soil but after an underwhelming group stage they lost to eventual winners Uruguay on penalties in the quarter-finals  The nation is in expectant mood after going so close at the World Cup. Failing to win against Germany was a blow and they have had some mixed friendly results since the final, taking revenge against the World Cup winners but also losing to Brazil. However, with Lionel Messi back to his very best anything other than the title will be considered a failure.
	<b>Lionel Messi</b> <b>RW/LW/ST</b> <b>Barcelona</b> <b>97 Caps, 45 Goals</b> <b>27 Years Old</b>	Messi has arguably never gone into an international tournament in as good form as he is now. He was below his best last summer but was still voted the tournament's best player. He will be heavily marked but he is fully accustomed to this now and if teams focus too much on Messi the rest of this Argentine attack will punish them.	



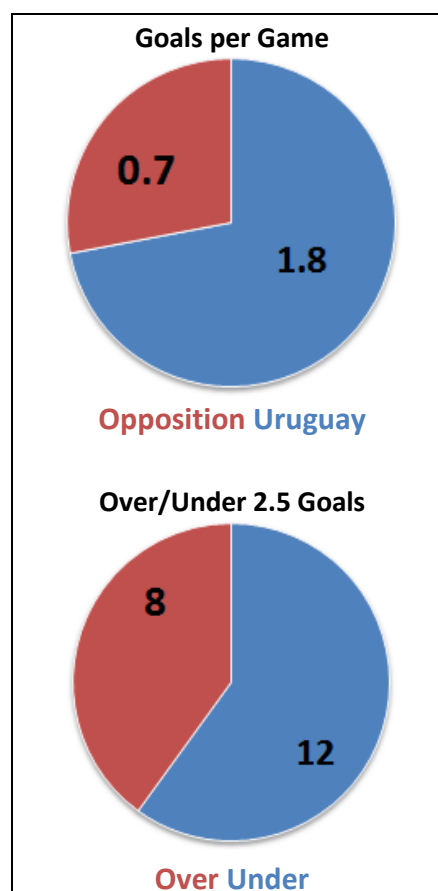
# URUGUAY

FIFA Ranking: 8

Form Labs Rating: 6/12

Coach: Óscar Tabárez

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06/06/2015	Uruguay 5 – 1 Guatemala	FRI
28/03/2015	Morocco 0 – 1 Uruguay	FRI
19/11/2014	Chile 1 – 2 Uruguay	FRI
13/11/2014	Uruguay 3 – 3 P Costa Rica	FRI
13/10/2014	Oman 0 – 3 Uruguay	FRI
10/10/2014	Saudi Arabia 1 – 1 Uruguay	FRI
08/09/2014	S. Korea 0 – 1 Uruguay	FRI
05/09/2014	Japan 0 – 2 Uruguay	WOC
28/06/2014	Colombia 2 – 0 Uruguay	WOC
24/06/2014	Italy 0 – 1 Uruguay	WOC
19/06/2014	Uruguay 2 -1 England	WOC
14/06/2014	Uruguay 1 – 3 Costa Rica	FRI
05/06/2014	Uruguay 2 – 0 Slovenia	FRI
31/05/2014	Uruguay 1 – 0 N. Ireland	FRI
05/03/2014	Austria 1 – 1 Uruguay	WQI
20/11/2013	Uruguay 0 – 0 Jordan	WQI
13/11/2013	Jordan 0 – 5 Uruguay	WQS
16/10/2013	Uruguay 3 – 2 Argentina	WQS
11/10/2013	Ecuador 1 – 0 Uruguay	WQS
10/09/2013	Uruguay 2 – 0 Colombia	WQS



## Group B

TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	D	P
Argentina	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Uruguay</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Paraguay	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jamaica	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

<b>13-Jun</b>	<b>Uruguay v Jamaica</b>	<b>15:00/19:00</b>
13-Jun	Argentina v Paraguay	17:30/21:30
16-Jun	Paraguay v Jamaica	17:00/21:00
<b>16-Jun</b>	<b>Argentina v Uruguay</b>	<b>19:30/23:30</b>
<b>20-Jun</b>	<b>Uruguay v Paraguay</b>	<b>15:00/19:00</b>
20-Jun	Argentina v Jamaica	17:30/21:30

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## Uruguay Squad





#	Pos.	Player	Date of birth (age)	Caps	Goals	Club
1	GK	Fernando Muslera	June 16, 1986 (28)	67	0	Galatasaray
12	GK	Rodrigo Muñoz	22 January 1982 (33)	0	0	Libertad
23	GK	Martín Silva	March 25, 1983 (32)	6	0	Vasco da Gama
2	DF	José Giménez	January 20, 1995 (20)	16	2	Atlético Madrid
3	DF	Diego Godín (c)	February 16, 1986 (29)	87	4	Atlético Madrid
4	DF	Jorge Fucile	November 19, 1984 (30)	43	0	Nacional
5	DF	Mathías Corujo	May 8, 1986 (29)	6	0	Universidad Chile
6	DF	Álvaro Pereira	November 28, 1985 (29)	66	6	Estudiantes
13	DF	Sebastián Coates	October 7, 1990 (24)	16	1	Sunderland
16	DF	M. Pereira	June 8, 1984 (30)	100	3	Benfica
18	DF	Gastón Silva	March 5, 1994 (21)	1	0	Torino
7	MF	Cristian Rodríguez	September 30, 1985 (29)	83	8	Atlético Madrid
10	MF	G.d. Arrascaeta	May 1, 1994 (21)	4	0	Cruzeiro
14	MF	Nicolás Lodeiro	March 21, 1989 (26)	36	3	Boca Juniors
15	MF	Guzmán Pereira	May 16, 1991 (24)	3	0	Universidad Chile
17	MF	Egidio Arévalo Ríos	January 1, 1982 (33)	66	0	UANL
19	MF	Carlos Sánchez	December 2, 1984 (30)	3	0	River Plate
20	MF	Álvaro González	October 29, 1984 (30)	50	3	Torino
8	FW	Abel Hernández	August 8, 1990 (24)	18	8	Hull City
9	FW	Diego Rolán	March 24, 1993 (22)	6	1	Bordeaux
11	FW	Christian Stuani	October 12, 1986 (28)	19	4	Espanyol
21	FW	Edinson Cavani	February 14, 1987 (28)	71	25	PSG
22	FW	Jonathan Rodríguez	July 6, 1993 (age 21)	5	1	Benfica

### Expected Line-Up: 4-4-2

Tabarez has tried a variety of formations but with the absence of Suarez they are likely to pack the midfield and play a more compact style.



## Uruguay Key Personnel

	<b>Óscar Tabárez</b> <b>Date of Birth</b> 03/03/47 <b>Place of Birth</b> Uruguay <b>Appointed</b> February, 2006 <b>Total Record</b> P149 W76 D36 L37	<p>Óscar Tabárez is currently in his 2<sup>nd</sup> spell in charge of the Uruguayan national team after leading them to the last 16 of the 1990 World Cup. Tabarez managed many high profile clubs between then and his return including Boca Juniors, Cagliari and AC Milan. Uruguay had failed to qualify for the 3 World Cups prior to his return but have since enjoyed huge success as reached the semis at the 2010 World Cup before winning the last Copa America.</p>	<b>Group Analysis</b>  <p>Uruguay are considered as the favourites to come second in the group despite the absence of key striker Luis Suarez. They thrashed Paraguay 3-0 in the final four years but have since drawn both meetings and that is likely to be the pivotal match in the group. They've only met Jamaica once before and that was in a friendly in 2004 when they lost 2-0. However, anything other than a win for the defending champions in their opening game would be a huge surprise.</p> <p>Beyond that they are likely to face either Colombia or Brazil in the quarter-finals and will have a tough task if they are going to reach the semi-finals for a sixth consecutive time.</p> <b>Expectations</b>  <p>They have won the tournament more times than any other nation, with 15 titles. Four years ago they finished behind Chile in the group stage before going on to beat Argentina on penalties in the quarter-finals. With all the other favourites knocked out at that stage they went on to win the tournament with Luis Suarez named as the best player.</p> <p>The squad is going through a rebuilding process since the last World Cup and while they are hopeful of putting up a good defence of their title the loss of Luis Suarez has dampened expectations and there is little pressure</p>
	<b>Diego Godin</b> <b>CB</b> <b>Atletico Madrid</b> <b>87 Caps, 4 Goals</b> <b>29 Years Old</b>	<p>A key player in Atletico's recent success, Godin is an experienced defender whose greatest strength comes aurally which also gives him a threat in the opposing area at set pieces. He is going to be partnered by Jose Gimenez who is also his teammate at Atletico.</p>	
	<b>Nicolas Lodeiro</b> <b>CM</b> <b>Boca Juniors</b> <b>36 Caps, 3 Goals</b> <b>26 Years Old</b>	<p>Talented playmaker who is coming to the fore more now that he is being given greater responsibility. If Uruguay are to pose an attacking threat his passing and ability to start the attacks will be key.</p>	
	<b>Edinson Cavani</b> <b>ST</b> <b>Paris Saint Germain</b> <b>71 Caps, 25 Goals</b> <b>28 Years Old</b>	<p>His goal scoring record isn't as good as Suarez's at either club level or international level but that doesn't stop him potentially being a key offensive player. Cavani has many attributes. He is tactically clever, physically strong and also quick and a good finisher. He has been played out of position at times but he'll get his chance to prove himself through the middle here.</p>	





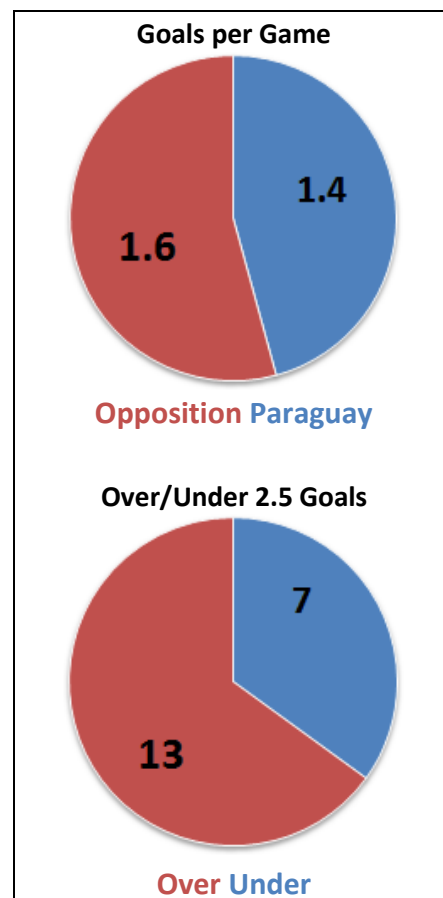
# PARAGUAY

FIFA Ranking: 81

Form Labs Rating: 9/12

Coach: Ramon Diaz

Form		
07/06/15	Paraguay 2 – 2 Honduras	FRI
01/04/15	Mexico 1 – 0 Paraguay	FRI
27/03/15	Costa Rica 0 – 0 Paraguay	FRI
19/11/14	Peru 2 – 1 Paraguay	FRI
14/11/14	Paraguay 2 – 1 Peru	FRI
14/10/14	China 2 – 1 Paraguay	FRI
10/10/14	S. Korea 2 – 0 Paraguay	FRI
07/09/14	Paraguay 0 – 0 UAE	FRI
01/06/14	France 1 – 1 Paraguay	FRI
29/05/14	Cameroon 1 – 2 Paraguay	FRI
06/03/14	Costa Rica 2 – 1 Paraguay	FRI
16/10/13	Paraguay 1 – 2 Colombia	WQS
11/10/13	Venezuela 1 – 1 Paraguay	WQS
11/09/13	Paraguay 2 – 5 Argentina	WQS
06/09/13	Paraguay 4 – 0 Bolivia	WQS
14/08/13	Germany 3 – 3 Paraguay	FRI
08/06/13	Paraguay 1 – 2 Chile	WQS
26/03/13	Ecuador 4 – 1 Paraguay	WQS
22/03/13	Uruguay 1 – 1 Paraguay	WQS
06/02/13	Paraguay 3 – 0 El Salvador	FRI



## Group B

TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	D	P
Argentina	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Uruguay	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Paraguay</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jamaica	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

13-Jun	Uruguay v Jamaica	15:00/19:00
<b>13-Jun</b>	<b>Argentina v Paraguay</b>	<b>17:30/21:30</b>
<b>16-Jun</b>	<b>Paraguay v Jamaica</b>	<b>17:00/21:00</b>
16-Jun	Argentina v Uruguay	19:30/23:30
<b>20-Jun</b>	<b>Uruguay v Paraguay</b>	<b>15:00/19:00</b>
20-Jun	Argentina v Jamaica	17:30/21:30

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## Paraguay Squad

#	Pos.	Player	Date of birth (age)	Caps	Goals	Club
1	GK	Justo Villar	June 30, 1977 (37)	107	0	Colo-Colo
12	GK	Antony Silva	February 27, 1984 (31)	7	0	Independiente Medellín
22	GK	Alfredo Aguilar	July 18, 1988 (26)	0	0	Guaraní
2	DF	Iván Piris	March 10, 1989 (26)	17	0	Udinese
3	DF	Marcos Cáceres	May 5, 1986 (29)	17	0	Newell's Old Boys
4	DF	Pablo Aguilar	April 2, 1987 (28)	17	4	América
5	DF	Bruno Valdez	October 6, 1992 (22)	0	0	Cerro Porteño
13	DF	Miguel Samudio	August 24, 1986 (28)	22	1	América
14	DF	Paulo da Silva	February 1, 1980 (35)	120	2	Toluca
19	DF	Fabián Balbuena	August 23, 1991 (23)	2	0	Libertad
6	MF	Osmar Molinas	May 3, 1987 (28)	8	0	Libertad
15	MF	Víctor Cáceres (c <sup>2</sup> )	March 25, 1985 (30)	60	1	Flamengo
16	MF	Eduardo Aranda	January 28, 1985 (30)	1	0	Olimpia
17	MF	Óscar Romero	July 4, 1992 (22)	10	1	Racing
20	MF	Osvaldo Martínez	April 8, 1986 (29)	29	1	América
21	MF	Néstor Ortigoza	December 7, 1984 (30)	21	1	San Lorenzo
23	MF	Richard Ortiz	May 22, 1990 (25)	15	4	Toluca
7	FW	Raúl Bobadilla	June 18, 1987 (27)	2	0	Augsburg
8	FW	Lucas Barrios	November 13, 1984 (30)	25	6	Montpellier
9	FW	Roque S. Cruz (c)	August 16, 1981 (33)	104	30	Cruz Azul
10	FW	Derlis González	March 23, 1994 (21)	8	1	Basel
11	FW	Édgar Benítez	November 8, 1987 (27)	40	6	Toluca
18	FW	Nelson Valdez	November 28, 1983 (31)	67	12	Eintracht Frankfurt

### Expected Line-Up: 4-3-3

Diaz only had a couple of games with which to look at his players so his formation is slightly unknown. However, he lined up with a 4-3-3 against Costa Rica and a 3-4-1-2 against Mexico. Either way the midfield will be expected to work hard and stay compact.



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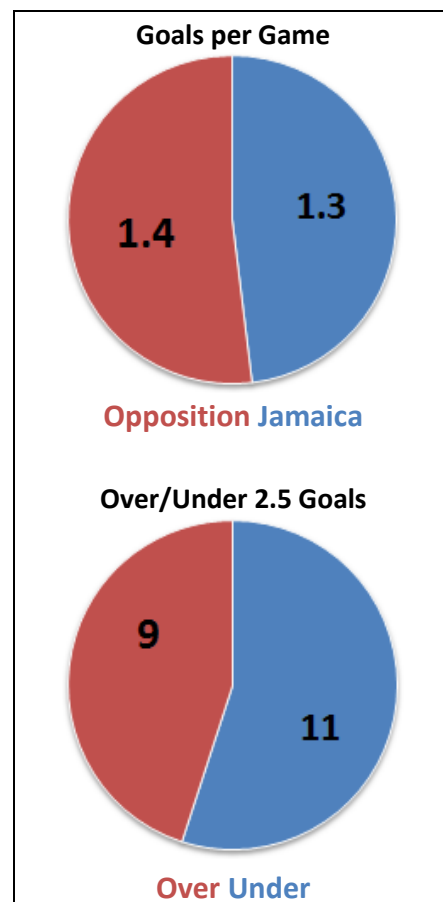
# JAMAICA

FIFA Ranking: 74

Form Labs Rating: 12/12

Coach: Winfried Schafer

Form		
31/03/15	Jamaica 3 – 0 Cuba	FRI
28/03/15	Jamaica 2 – 1 Venezuela	FRI
19/11/14	Jamaica 0 – 0 Trinidad &	CAC
17/11/14	Jamaica 2 – 0 Haiti	CAC
15/11/14	Jamaica 3 – 0 Antigua &	CAC
13/11/14	Jamaica 1 – 1 Martinique	CAC
10/10/14	Japan 1 – 0 Jamaica	FRI
10/09/14	Canada 3 – 1 Jamaica	FRI
08/06/14	France 8 – 0 Jamaica	FRI
04/06/14	Jamaica 2 – 2 Egypt	FRI
30/05/14	Switzerland 1 – 0 Jamaica	FRI
26/05/14	Serbia 2 – 1 Jamaica	FRI
05/03/14	St. Lucia 0 – 5 Jamaica	FRI
03/03/14	Barbados 0 – 2 Jamaica	FRI
20/11/13	Trinidad & Tobago 2 – 0	FRI
16/11/13	Jamaica 0 – 1 Trinidad &	FRI
16/10/13	Jamaica 2 – 2 Honduras	WQC
11/10/13	USA 2 – 0 Jamaica	WQC
11/09/13	Jamaica 1 – 1 Costa Rica	WQC
07/09/13	Panama 0 – 0 Jamaica	WQC



## Group B

TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	D	P
Argentina	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Uruguay	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Paraguay	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jamaica	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

13-Jun	Uruguay v Jamaica	15:00/19:00
13-Jun	Argentina v Paraguay	17:30/21:30
16-Jun	Paraguay v Jamaica	17:00/21:00
16-Jun	Argentina v Uruguay	19:30/23:30
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20-Jun	Argentina v Jamaica	17:30/21:30

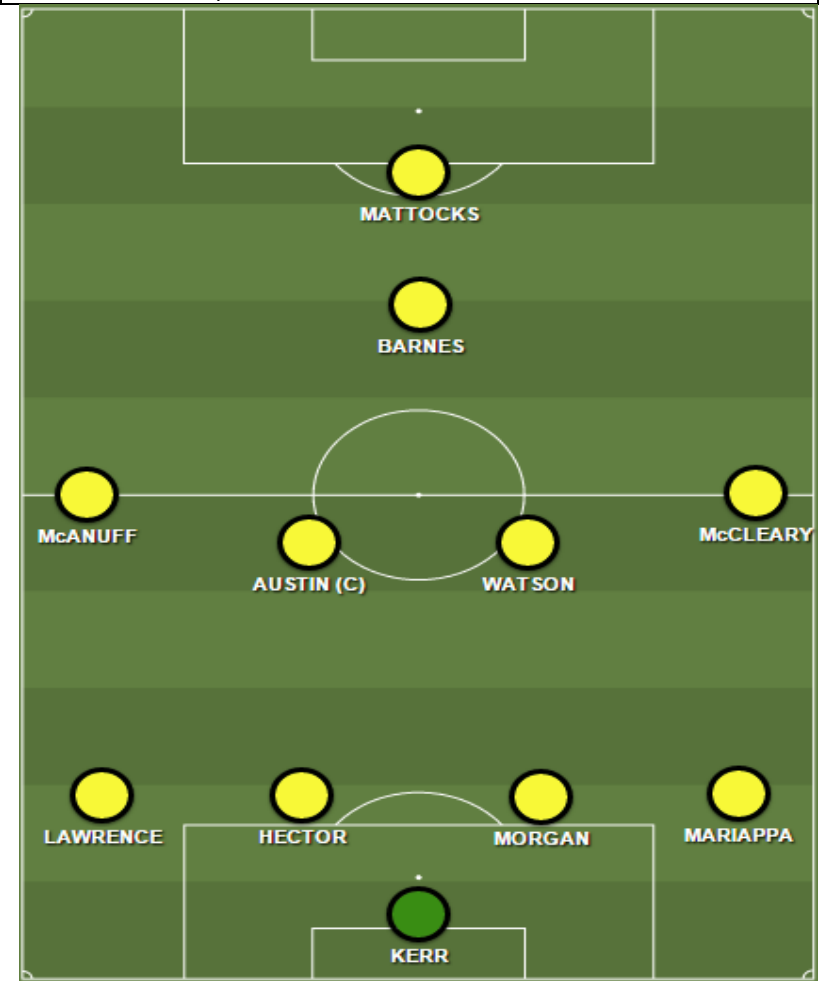
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## Jamaica Squad





#	Pos.	Player	Date of birth (age)	Caps	Goals	Club
1	GK	Duwayne Kerr	16 February 1987 (28)	11	0	Sarpsborg 08
12	GK	Dwayne Miller	14 July 1987 (27)	34	0	Syrianska
23	GK	Ryan Thompson	7 January 1985 (30)	3	0	Pittsburgh Riverhounds
2	DF	Daniel Gordon	16 January 1985 (30)	5	1	Karlsruher SC
3	DF	Michael Hector	19 July 1992 (22)	0	0	Reading
4	DF	Wes Morgan	21 January 1984 (31)	12	0	Leicester City
8	DF	Hughan Gray	25 March 1987 (28)	11	0	Waterhouse
19	DF	Adrian Mariappa	3 October 1986 (28)	21	0	Crystal Palace
20	DF	Kemar Lawrence	17 September 1992 (22)	16	2	New York Red Bulls
21	DF	Jermaine Taylor	14 January 1985 (30)	80	0	Houston Dynamo
5	MF	Lance Laing	28 February 1988 (27)	4	0	FC Edmonton
10	MF	Jobi McAnuff	3 November 1981 (33)	13	0	Leyton Orient
15	MF	Je-Vaughn Watson	22 October 1983 (31)	41	1	FC Dallas
16	MF	Joel Grant	26 August 1987 (27)	10	1	Yeovil Town
17	MF	Rodolph Austin	1 June 1985 (30)	73	6	Unattached
22	MF	Garath McCleary	15 May 1987 (28)	9	1	Reading
6	FW	Deshorn Brown	22 December 1990 (24)	9	2	Vålerenga
7	FW	Romeo Parkes	20 November 1990 (24)	3	1	Isidro Metapán
9	FW	Giles Barnes	5 August 1988 (26)	2	1	Houston Dynamo
11	FW	Darren Mattocks	2 September 1990 (24)	22	8	Vancouver Whitecaps
13	FW	Dino Williams	31 March 1990 (25)	8	0	Montego Bay Utd
14	FW	Allan Ottey	18 December 1992 (22)	0	0	Montego Bay Utd
18	FW	Simon Dawkins	1 December 1987 (27)	8	2	Derby County

## Expected Line-Up: 4-4-1-1

Schafer is expected to line-up with the 4-4-1-1 formation he used in the friendly victories in March with an attacking midfielder behind a central striker and two wingers who will look to join the attack while the central midfielders sit deep.



## Jamaica Key Personnel

	<b>Winfried Schafer</b> <b>Date of Birth</b> 10/01/1950 <b>Place of Birth</b> Mayen, Germany <b>Appointed</b> 17th July 2013 <b>Total Record</b> P21 W7 D5 L9	Schafer has seen his team keep four clean sheets in their last five games and he has previous experience at international tournament success having taken Cameroon to the 2002 African Nations Cup title.	<div data-bbox="1361 256 2078 316"><b>Group Analysis</b></div> <div data-bbox="1361 316 2078 826"> <p>Jamaica are making their debut and will take on the holders in their opening game before facing Argentina in their final group match. While they are huge underdogs in those matches they will hope to cause an upset against Paraguay in between and with only four of the 12 sides eliminated after the group stage that could be enough to see them through to the quarter-finals.</p> <p>They can take confidence from their three previous games against Paraguay and Uruguay as they've won all of them and when they met Argentina in a 2010 friendly they were beaten by just one goal after keeping the game level till half-time.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1361 826 2078 874"><b>Expectations</b></div> <div data-bbox="1361 874 2078 1420"> <p>This is Jamaica's first participation in the Copa America although they will hope to also feature in the centenary edition next year.</p> <p>The team are riding a high after triumphing in the Caribbean Cup last year and winning both friendlies this year.</p> </div>
	<b>Kemar Lawrence</b> <b>LB</b> <b>NY Red Bulls</b> <b>16 Caps, 2 Goals</b> <b>22 Years Old</b>	Lawrence will look to get forward as much as possible from left back and has already scored twice for his country.	
	<b>Jobi McAnuff</b> <b>LW</b> <b>Leyton Orient</b> <b>13 Caps, 0 Goals</b> <b>33 Years Old</b>	McAnuff moved to Leyton Orient last season after several successful years with Reading and he will provide plenty of experience even if he's won only 13 caps. With Lawrence overlapping him a lot of Jamaica's best attacks are likely to come down the left flank.	
	<b>Darren Mattocks</b> <b>ST</b> <b>Vancouver</b> <b>22 Caps, 8 Goals</b> <b>24 Years Old</b>	Mattocks has scored three goals in his 12 MLS appearances this year as he's often used on the wing rather than through the middle where he's likely to play for Jamaica. He's scored in each of his last five appearances for the national team so opposing defences will have to be wary of his pace and eye for a goal.	

## Group C Betting Preview

Brazil are strong favourites to win Group C at 1.62, despite the presence of a very talented Colombian side. That price is partly a reflection of the fact Colombia last beat the Seleção 24 years ago and also simply that they are Brazil. Colombia are 3.0 to top the group and it is very much a two-horse race between the two with Peru and Venezuela at 21.0 and 26.0 respectively.

There are good reasons for the two outsiders being the price they are, with a lack of quality and poor preparation being to the fore and we're in agreement with the markets that neither have much chance of breaking into the top two. So that essentially leaves us with the group being decided by the outcome of the Brazil v Colombia game in the second round of matches.

Brazil went off at around 1.80 when the teams met in the World Cup a year ago and we didn't make them value then and we don't feel they are value now. They had home advantage 12 months ago and arguably a stronger team, although the selection of Fred rather contradicts that. The loss of three players expected to start, Oscar, Luis Gustavo and Marcelo, through injury has been rather overlooked as none of them are Neymar but they all played in the impressive 3-1 win over France that raised expectations to the point that Brazil are only just behind Argentina in the betting.

Our gradings actually rate Colombia higher than Brazil and unlike their more illustrious rivals they look potentially stronger than last summer with Falcao fit again, albeit struggling for form at club level, and Carlos Bacca and James Rodriguez coming off outstanding seasons. It certainly wouldn't be a surprise to see the match between the two group heavyweights end all-square, in which case first and second is likely to come down to a shootout between who can score the most in their other games. Given Colombia look to be at least the match of Brazil going forward – the doubts they have are with a rookie backline – they could easily win the group in this scenario.

The one conflict, however, is that winning the group isn't actually likely to be the most desirable outcome when it comes to the knockout stages. Nevertheless with the Brazil/Colombia game coming in the second round of matches and not the last they should be keen to go for the win. For us Colombia are far too big to win the group but in case they come second, in which case they should see their outright price shorten far more than the group winner when going into the knockout stage, backing them on the outright offers some cover for the group bet.

**Recommendation:**      **1pt Colombia to Win Group C at 3.0, Various**

**0.25pt Colombia to Win the Copa America each/way at 6.5, Various**





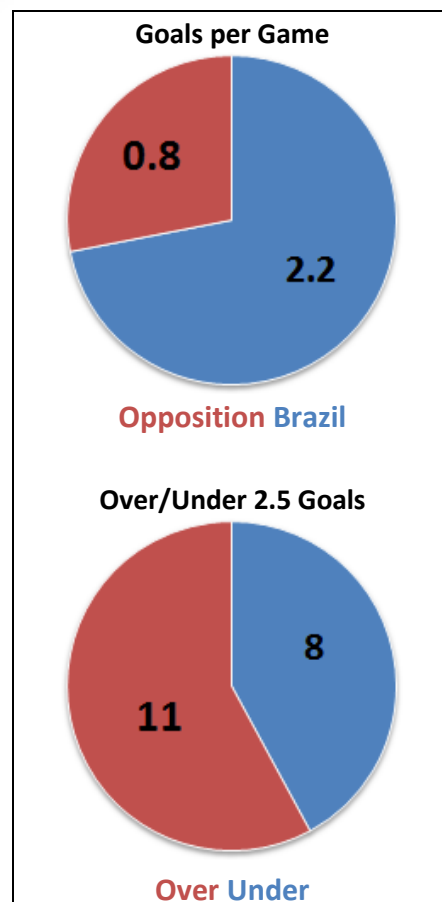
# BRAZIL

FIFA Ranking: 5

Form Labs Rating: 4/12

Coach: Dunga

Form		
10/06/15	Brazil - Honduras	FRI
07/06/15	Brazil 2 – 0 Mexico	FRI
29/03/15	Brazil 1 - 0 Chile	FRI
26/03/15	France 1 – 3 Brazil	FRI
18/11/14	Austria 1 – 2 Brazil	FRI
12/11/14	Turkey 0 – 4 Brazil	FRI
14/10/14	Japan 0 – 4 Brazil	FRI
11/10/14	Brazil 2 – 0 Argentina	FRI
10/09/14	Brazil 1 – 0 Ecuador	FRI
06/09/14	Brazil 1 – 0 Colombia	FRI
12/07/14	Brazil 0 – 3 Netherlands	WOC
08/07/14	Brazil 1 – 7 Germany	WOC
04/07/14	Brazil 2 – 1 Colombia	WOC
28/06/14	Brazil P 1 – 1 Chile	WOC
23/06/14	Brazil 4 – 1 Cameroon	WOC
17/06/14	Brazil 0 – 0 Mexico	WOC
12/06/14	Brazil 3 – 1 Croatia	WOC
06/06/14	Brazil 1 – 0 Serbia	FRI
03/06/14	Brazil 4 – 0 Panama	FRI
05/03/14	South Africa 0-5 Brazil	FRI



## Group C

TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	D	P
Brazil	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Colombia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Peru	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Venezuela	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

14-Jun	Colombia v Venezuela	16:00/20:00
<b>14-Jun</b>	<b>Brazil v Peru</b>	<b>18:30/22:30</b>
<b>17-Jun</b>	<b>Brazil v Colombia</b>	<b>21:00/01:00</b>
18-Jun	Peru v Venezuela	20:30/00:30
21-Jun	Colombia v Peru	16:00/20:00
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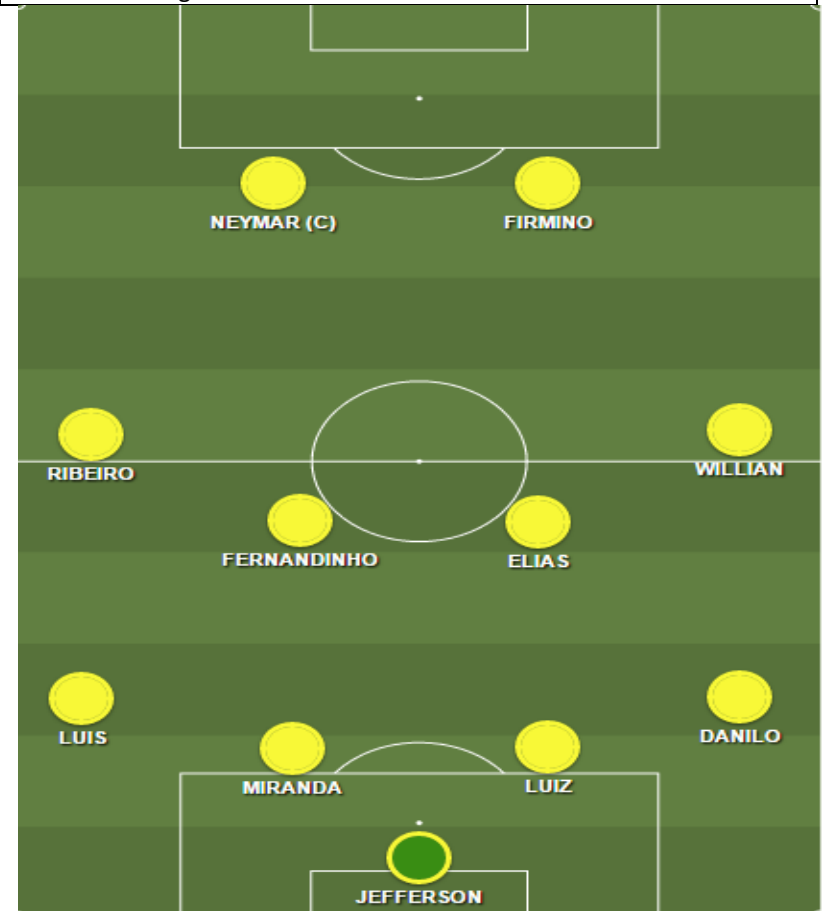


## Brazil Squad

#	Pos.	Player	Date of birth (age)	Caps	Goals	Club
1	GK	Jefferson	January 2, 1983 (32)	16	0	Botafogo
12	GK	Neto	July 19, 1989 (25)	0	0	Fiorentina
23	GK	Marcelo Grohe	January 13, 1987 (28)	0	0	Grêmio
2	DF	Danilo	July 15, 1991 (23)	13	0	Porto
3	DF	Miranda	September 7, 1984 (30)	15	0	Atlético Madrid
4	DF	David Luiz	April 22, 1987 (age 28)	47	3	PSG
5	DF	Marquinhos	May 14, 1994 (21)	4	0	PSG
6	DF	Filipe Luís	August 9, 1985 (29)	12	0	Chelsea
13	DF	Fabinho	October 23, 1993 (21)	0	0	Monaco
14	DF	Thiago Silva	September 22, 1984 (30)	54	3	PSG
15	DF	Geferson	May 13, 1994 (21)	0	0	Internacional
8	MF	Elias	May 16, 1985 (30)	19	0	Corinthians
11	MF	Douglas Costa	September 14, 1990 (24)	4	0	Shakhtar Donetsk
16	MF	Casemiro	February 23, 1992 (23)	7	0	Porto
17	MF	Fred	March 5, 1993 (22)	2	0	Shakhtar Donetsk
18	MF	Roberto Firmino	October 2, 1991 (23)	4	2	Hoffenheim
19	MF	Willian	August 9, 1988 (26)	20	4	Chelsea
20	MF	Everton Ribeiro	April 10, 1989 (26)	3	0	Al-Ahli
21	MF	Philippe Coutinho	June 12, 1992 (22)	6	0	Liverpool
22	MF	Fernandinho	May 4, 1985 (30)	14	2	Manchester City
7	FW	Robinho	January 25, 1984 (31)	96	27	Santos
9	FW	Diego Tardelli	May 10, 1985 (30)	9	2	Shandong
10	FW	Neymar (c)	February 5, 1992 (23)	62	43	Barcelona

### Expected Line-Up: 4-4-2

Dunga favours a 4-2-3-1 or 4-4-2 formation with two holding midfielders sitting to allow the front four to attack without being too concerned with defensive duties. The full backs will push forward, often playing more like wingers and allowing the wide forwards to come inside. Dunga has set up without a poacher to spearhead the attack and preferred to use an attacking midfielder as a 'false 9'.



## Brazil Key Personnel

	<p><b>Dunga</b>  <b>Date of Birth</b>  31/10/1963  <b>Place of Birth</b>  Ijuí, Brazil  <b>Appointed</b>  22nd July 2014  <b>Total Record *</b>  P76 W57 D12 L7</p> <p><small>* Includes previous spell</small></p>	<p>Dunga was a World Cup winning captain for Brazil as a player and is now in his second stint managing the national side. He's only had one other, brief and disappointing, managerial position aside from these appointments and was a controversial appointment after the World Cup. However, his tactics have given Neymar greater freedom and while they keep winning the fans will be happy. In his first spell in charge he led Brazil to Copa glory in Venezuela 2007 and will expect to repeat that here.</p>
	<p><b>David Luiz</b>  <b>CB/DM</b>  <b>Paris Saint Germain</b>  <b>47 Caps, 3 Goals</b>  <b>28 Years Old</b></p>	<p>Brazil's defence had a solid look to it 12 months ago but, without the suspended Thiago Silva, Luiz went AWOL against Germany. Miranda looks set to be his partner this time after being overlooked previously. Luiz will be key to both facets of the game as his ability to bring the ball out of defence is vital to starting attacks. Defensively, his pace is a key asset, especially in one-on-one situations, but his reading of the game can be costly.</p>
	<p><b>Neymar</b>  <b>LW/RW</b>  <b>Barcelona</b>  <b>62 Caps, 45 Goals</b>  <b>23 Years Old</b></p>	<p>Neymar is Brazil's best attacker but he is without doubt also their most creative. Heavily built up as their best player in Brazil, he will be under significant pressure having taken over as captain. He's been Brazil's standout performer in last summer's World Cup and the 2013 Confederations Cup. He will draw 2 or 3 defenders around him leaving space for his teammates to exploit.</p>
	<p><b>Roberto Firmino</b>  <b>ST</b>  <b>Hoffenheim</b>  <b>4 Caps, 2 Goals</b>  <b>23 Years Old</b></p>	<p>Firmino has been plucked from relative obscurity since last summer as Dunga has looked to play with a more mobile and creative forward than the statuesque Fred. He plays as an attacking midfielder for Hoffenheim and his introduction should see plenty of interchanging with Neymar. He's made a good start to his international career; scoring twice and adding an assist in just 165 minutes of action since his debut last November.</p>

### Group Analysis

Brazil will be favourites for their group but it should be the most competitive of the three groups with highly fancied Colombia also here, although it would be a surprise if either Venezuela or Peru are able to produce a shock. Brazil are looking to redeem themselves after their nightmare exit in last summer's home World Cup. Dunga has replaced Scolari for his second stint in charge of the Seleção, having previously led them to success in the 2007 Copa America.

Brazil have won all eight matches since the World Cup, including wins over each of their three biggest rivals for this tournament; Chile, Argentina and Colombia.

Should they win the group they will likely face Uruguay in the quarter-finals and then Argentina in the semis.

### Expectations

Brazil were looking for a third consecutive title in 2011 but after topping their group, albeit with just one win, they suffered a shock exit in the quarter-finals on penalties to Paraguay. They've won four of the last six Copas and have reached the final in seven of the last nine editions

Without the pressure of playing at home they will be confident of showing greater flair and freedom, particularly with Neymar coming off a superb season for Barcelona

Results since last summer have raised hopes that this side can achieve what was expected of the 2014 team. However, it won't take much for the fans and critics to remember both last summer's failings and Dunga's lack of managerial success.



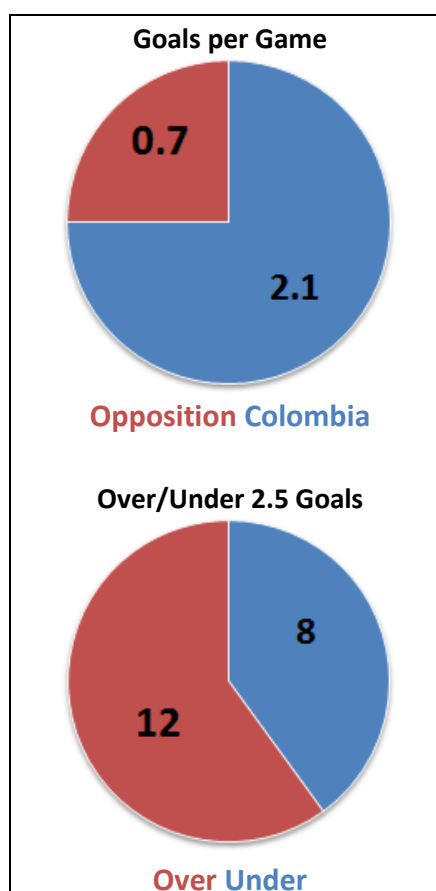
# COLOMBIA

FIFA Ranking: 4

Form Labs Rating: 2/12

Coach: José Pékerman

Form		
05/06/15	Colombia 1 – 0 Costa Rica	FRI
30/03/15	Colombia 3 – 1 Kuwait	FRI
26/03/15	Bahrain 0 – 6 Colombia	FRI
18/11/14	Slovenia 0 – 1 Colombia	FRI
14/11/14	United States 1 – 2 Colombia	FRI
15/10/14	Canada 0 – 1 Colombia	FRI
11/10/14	Colombia 3 – 0 El Salvador	FRI
06/09/14	Brazil 1 – 0 Colombia	FRI
04/07/14	Brazil 2 – 1 Colombia	WOC
28/06/14	Colombia 2 – 0 Uruguay	WOC
24/06/14	Japan 1 – 4 Colombia	WOC
19/06/14	Colombia 2 – 1 Cote d'Ivoire	WOC
14/06/14	Colombia 3 – 0 Greece	WOC
07/06/14	Colombia 3 – 0 Jordan	FRI
31/05/14	Colombia 2 – 2 Senegal	FRI
05/03/14	Colombia 1 – 1 Tunisia	FRI
19/11/13	Netherlands 0 – 0 Colombia	FRI
14/11/13	Belgium 0 – 2 Colombia	FRI
16/10/13	Paraguay 1 – 2 Colombia	WQS
11/10/13	Colombia 3 – 3 Chile	WQS



## Group C

TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	D	P
Brazil	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Colombia</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Peru	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Venezuela	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

<b>14-Jun</b>	<b>Colombia v Venezuela</b>	<b>16:00/20:00</b>
14-Jun	Brazil v Peru	18:30/22:30
<b>17-Jun</b>	<b>Brazil v Colombia</b>	<b>21:00/01:00</b>
18-Jun	Peru v Venezuela	20:30/00:30
<b>21-Jun</b>	<b>Colombia v Peru</b>	<b>16:00/20:00</b>
21-Jun	Brazil v Venezuela	18:30/22:30

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## Colombia Squad





#	Pos.	Player	Date of birth (age)	Caps	Goals	Club
1	GK	David Ospina (c <sup>2</sup> )	August 31, 1988 (26)	52	0	Arsenal
12	GK	Camilo Vargas	September 1, 1989 (25)	4	0	Atlético Nacional
23	GK	Cristian Bonilla	June 2, 1993 (22)	0	0	La Equidad
2	DF	Cristián Zapata	September 30, 1986 (28)	31	0	Milan
3	DF	Pedro Franco	April 23, 1991 (24)	4	0	Beşiktaş
4	DF	Santiago Arias	January 13, 1992 (23)	14	0	PSV
7	DF	Pablo Armero	November 2, 1986 (28)	63	2	Flamengo
13	DF	Darwin Andrade	February 11, 1991 (24)	2	0	Standard Liège
14	DF	Carlos Valdés	May 22, 1985 (30)	16	2	Nacional
18	DF	Juan Camilo Zúñiga (c <sup>2</sup> )	December 14, 1985 (29)	58	1	Napoli
22	DF	Jeison Murillo	May 27, 1992 (23)	5	0	Granada
5	MF	Edwin Valencia	March 29, 1985 (30)	15	0	Santos
6	MF	Carlos Sánchez	February 6, 1986 (29)	54	0	Aston Villa
8	MF	Edwin Cardona	December 8, 1992 (22)	4	1	Monterrey
10	MF	James Rodríguez	July 12, 1991 (23)	32	12	Real Madrid
11	MF	Juan Cuadrado	May 26, 1988 (27)	39	5	Chelsea
15	MF	Alexander Mejía	September 7, 1988 (26)	17	0	Monterrey
9	FW	Radamel Falcao (c)	February 10, 1986 (29)	56	24	Monaco
16	FW	Víctor Ibarbo	May 19, 1990 (25)	12	1	Roma
17	FW	Carlos Bacca	September 8, 1986 (28)	17	7	Sevilla
19	FW	Teófilo Gutiérrez	May 28, 1985 (30)	38	14	River Plate
20	FW	Luis Muriel	April 18, 1991 (24)	5	1	Sampdoria
21	FW	Jackson Martínez	October 3, 1986 (28)	35	10	Porto

## Expected Line-Up: 4-2-2-2

Pékerman's favoured formation is a 4-2-2-2 and they should go with that to get the most of his striking option. His side is also familiar with a 4-2-3-1 formation but with Guarín and Aguilera's absences they look set to stick with two wide players and two central strikers in attack while they play with two holding players in the centre of midfield.



## Colombia Key Personnel

	<b>José Pékerman</b> <b>Date of Birth</b> 03/09/49 <b>Place of Birth</b> Argentina <b>Appointed</b> January, 2012 <b>Total Record</b> P32 W22 D5 L5	<p>Jose Pékerman has plenty of experience having taken Argentina to the World Cup finals in Germany 2006 before leading Colombia last summer. His other previous coaching roles were in the Mexican League and a long spell as Argentina Under-20 manager where he enjoyed plenty of success.</p>	<b>Group Analysis</b>  Colombia went into the World Cup determined to show they were one of the best teams in the world and they achieved that as they lit up the competition with their wonderful forwards and attacking midfielders showing their full potential. They must now back those performances up and build on them.  Their first task will be to end a winless streak against Brazil that dates back to the 1991 Copa America – incidentally the last time it was held in Chile. However, they should safely qualify for the quarter-finals and finishing as group runners-up could benefit them as they would go into the easier half of the draw. Either way making the semis will be their minimum expectation.  <b>Expectations</b>  They were winners on home turf in 2001 to claim their first, and so far only, Copa America but despite reaching the quarter-finals in the last 9 editions that remains their only trip to the final. Four years ago they topped their group, ahead of hosts Argentina, but then lost to Peru in the quarter-finals after extra-time  Confidence is high as they've continued to show good form since the World Cup. Mario Yepes has retired but Falcao's return fills the leadership void and several of their squad are at the peaks of their career. James Rodriguez and Carlos Bacca, in particular, have had outstanding seasons and will hope to be two of the stars of the tournament
	<b>Jeison Murillo</b> <b>CB</b> <b>Granada</b> <b>5 Caps, 0 Goals</b> <b>23 Years Old</b>	<p>Colombia are an attack minded side with an inexperienced defence. Murillo is expected to become their main centre-back for the next decade and has been the outstanding defender for struggling Granada in the past couple of seasons. He will join Internazionale next season and offers plenty of pace and strength.</p>	
	<b>James Rodriguez</b> <b>AM/LW</b> <b>Real Madrid</b> <b>32 Caps, 12 Goals</b> <b>23 Years Old</b>	<p>James Rodriguez will be a vital player if Colombia are to claim a second Copa America. He will either play on the left of the attacking midfield pair in a 4-2-2-2 or in the hole behind the striker in a 4-2-3-1. He is the technically gifted, creative talent that supplies the forwards with the opportunities whilst also posing a goal threat himself top scorer in last summer's World Cup.</p>	
	<b>Carlos Bacca</b> <b>FW</b> <b>Sevilla</b> <b>17 Caps, 7 Goals</b> <b>28 Years Old</b>	<p>Carlos Bacca had a superb season for Sevilla as they qualified for the Champions League after winning the Europa League. He scored seven times in Sevilla's European run, including twice in the final and added 20 in the league. He offers electric pace and hard work and has found the net four times for Colombia since the World Cup.</p>	



# PERU

FIFA Ranking: 63

Form Labs Rating: 10/12

Coach: Ricardo Gareca

Form		
02/06/15	Peru 1 – 1 Mexico	FRI
01/04/15	Peru 0 – 1 Venezuela	FRI
19/11/14	Peru 2 – 1 Paraguay	FRI
14/11/14	Paraguay 2 – 1 Peru	FRI
15/10/14	Peru 1 – 0 Guatemala	FRI
11/10/14	Chile 3 – 0 Peru	FRI
09/09/14	Qatar 0 – 2 Peru	FRI
04/09/14	Iraq 0 – 2 Peru	FRI
07/08/14	Peru 3 – 0 Panama	FRI
03/06/14	Switzerland 2 – 0 Peru	FRI
30/05/14	England 3 – 0 Peru	FRI
16/10/13	Peru 1 – 1 Bolivia	WQS
12/10/13	Argentina 3 – 1 Peru	WQS
11/09/13	Venezuela 3 – 2 Peru	WQS
07/09/13	Peru 1 – 2 Uruguay	WQS
14/08/13	S. Korea 0 – 0 Peru	FRI
11/06/13	Colombia 2 – 0 Peru	WQS
08/06/13	Peru 1 – 0 Ecuador	WQS
01/06/13	Panama 1 – 2 Peru	FRI
18/04/13	Peru 0 – 0 Mexico	FRI



## Group C

TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	D	P
Brazil	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Colombia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Peru</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Venezuela	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

14-Jun	Colombia v Venezuela	16:00/20:00
<b>14-Jun</b>	<b>Brazil v Peru</b>	<b>18:30/22:30</b>
17-Jun	Brazil v Colombia	21:00/01:00
<b>18-Jun</b>	<b>Peru v Venezuela</b>	<b>20:30/00:30</b>
<b>21-Jun</b>	<b>Colombia v Peru</b>	<b>16:00/20:00</b>
21-Jun	Brazil v Venezuela	18:30/22:30

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## Peru Squad





#	Pos.	Player	Date of birth (age)	Caps	Goals	Club
1	GK	Diego Penny	22 April 1984 (31)	14	0	Sporting Cristal
12	GK	Salomón Libman	25 February 1984 (31)	6	0	Universidad C. Vallejo
23	GK	Pedro Gallese	23 February 1990 (25)	6	0	Juan Aurich
2	DF	Jair Céspedes	22 May 1984 (31)	4	0	Juan Aurich
3	DF	Hansell Riojas	15 October 1991 (23)	3	0	Universidad C. Vallejo
4	DF	Carlos Zambrano	10 July 1989 (25)	29	4	Eintracht Frankfurt
13	DF	Luis Advíncula	2 March 1990 (25)	41	0	Vitória de Setúbal
15	DF	Christian Ramos	4 November 1988 (26)	39	1	Juan Aurich
16	DF	Pedro P. Requena	24 January 1991 (24)	2	0	Universidad C. Vallejo
19	DF	Yoshimar Yotún	7 April 1990 (25)	39	1	Malmö
5	MF	Josepmir Ballón	21 March 1988 (27)	35	0	Sporting Cristal
6	MF	Juan M. Vargas	5 October 1983 (31)	53	4	Fiorentina
7	MF	Paolo Hurtado	27 July 1990 (24)	15	2	Paços de Ferreira
8	MF	Edwin Retamoso	23 February 1982 (33)	11	0	Real Garcilaso
17	MF	Carlos Lobatón	6 February 1980 (35)	33	1	Sporting Cristal
20	MF	Christian Cueva	23 November 1991 (23)	7	0	Alianza Lima
21	MF	Joel Sánchez	11 June 1989 (25)	2	0	Universidad San Martín
22	MF	Carlos Ascues	6 June 1992 (23)	6	5	Melgar
9	FW	Paolo Guerrero	1 January 1984 (31)	56	21	Corinthians
10	FW	Jefferson Farfán	26 October 1984 (30)	64	17	Schalke 04
11	FW	Yordy Reyna	17 September 1993 (21)	8	2	Leipzig
14	FW	Claudio Pizarro	3 October 1978 (36)	76	19	Bayern Munich
18	FW	André Carrillo	14 June 1991 (23)	23	1	Sporting

## Expected Line-Up: 4-4-2

The favoured formation is likely to be a 4-4-2 with split strikers that could well be 4-2-3-1 as the central midfielders are tasked with protecting the back four while the wide players look to join in the attack. However, with so little preparation time Gareca may choose to change things around as the tournament progresses.



## Peru Key Personnel

	<p><b>RICARDO GARECA</b>  <b>Date of Birth</b>  10/02/1958  <b>Appointed</b>  9th Feb 2015  <b>Total Record</b>  P1 W0 D0 L1</p>	<p>Argentinean Gareca was only appointed in February, meaning he's had just one game in charge ahead of naming his squad. This lack of preparation has given Gareca only a brief chance to observe the largely domestic based squad.</p> <p>While he had a spell managing domestically in Peru several years his reputation is mostly built on a successful period in charge of Velez in Argentina.</p>	<p><b>Group Analysis</b></p> <p>They've been drawn into the toughest possible group along with two of the big favourites. Having also lost to the fourth side in the group, Venezuela, this year they face an uphill battle just to avoid coming last.</p> <p>Since 1999 they've played Brazil and Colombia 22 times and have won only once, back in 2001, and they've scored just once in the last six of those games.</p> <p><b>Expectations</b></p> <p>They are two-time winners (1939 and 1975) but those are the only two times they've reached the final. They came third four years ago after finishing third in their group and then causing a shock against Colombia in the quarter-finals.</p> <p>A lack of preparation for the coach means they haven't had a chance to assess and develop the tactics and players as much as would be ideal.</p> <p>With their competitive away record showing 21 defeats in their last 22 games little is expected of Peru and they will just hope to put up some respectable performances and aim for a win against Venezuela.</p>
	<p><b>Carlos Zambrano</b>  <b>CB</b>  <b>Eintracht Frankfurt</b>  <b>24 Caps, 3 Goals</b>  <b>25 Years Old</b></p>	<p>The Eintracht Frankfurt centre-back has a big reputation but has struggled for consistency and is prone to picking up bookings. A mixture of injuries and suspensions meant he played just half Frankfurt's games in the Bundesliga this season but he is tall and strong and presents a threat from set pieces.</p>	
	<p><b>Josepmir Ballon</b>  <b>CM</b>  <b>Sporting Cristal</b>  <b>22 Caps, 0 Goals</b>  <b>27 Years Old</b></p>	<p>Ballon passes the ball around well and has good defensive capabilities having played at centre-back and right-back for his club in recent times. His role will be crucial in trying to protect the defence against the star-studded attacks of Brazil and Colombia.</p>	
	<p><b>Paolo Guerrero</b>  <b>ST</b>  <b>Corinthians</b>  <b>49 Caps, 19 Goals</b>  <b>31 Years Old</b></p>	<p>Top scorer in the last Copa Guerrero has lots of experience having starred for Corinthians in recent years and previously represented Bayern Munich. If he's given a chance he is good enough to punish teams. Along with veterans Claudio Pizarro and Jefferson Farfan he offers Peru experience and leadership in attack but whether he'll get the supply to show his ability remains to be seen.</p>	





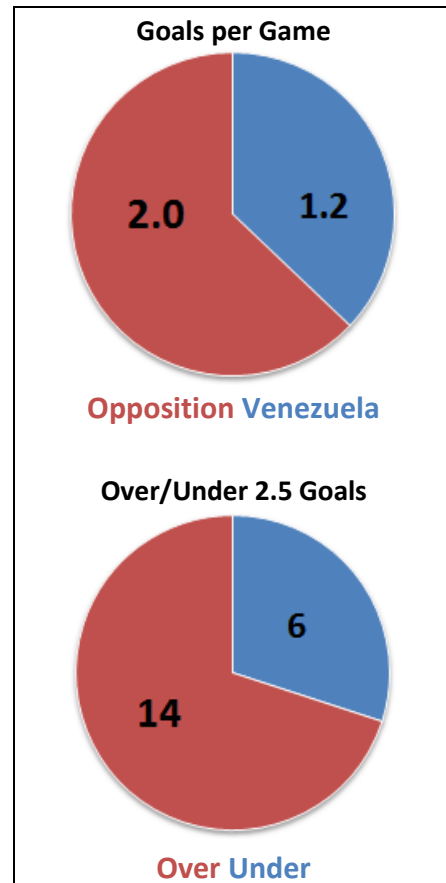
# VENEZUELA

FIFA Ranking: 69

Form Labs Rating: 8/12

Coach: Noel Sanvicente

Form		
01/04/15	Peru 0 – 1 Venezuela	FRI
28/03/15	Jamaica 2 – 1 Venezuela	FRI
11/02/15	Venezuela 2 – 1 Honduras	FRI
05/02/15	Honduras 2 – 3 Venezuela	FRI
19/11/14	Bolivia 3 – 2 Venezuela	FRI
14/11/14	Chile 5 – 0 Venezuela	FRI
09/09/14	Japan 3 – 0 Venezuela	FRI
05/09/14	S. Korea 3 – 1 Venezuela	FRI
06/03/14	Honduras 2 – 1 Venezuela	FRI
11/10/13	Venezuela 1 – 1 Paraguay	WQS
11/09/13	Venezuela 3 – 2 Peru	WQS
07/09/13	Chile 3 – 0 Venezuela	WQS
15/08/13	Venezuela 2 – 2 Bolivia	FRI
12/06/13	Venezuela 0 – 1 Uruguay	WQS
07/06/13	Bolivia 1 – 1 Venezuela	WQS
23/05/13	Venezuela 2 – 1 El Salvador	FRI
27/03/13	Venezuela 1 – 0 Colombia	WQS
23/03/13	Argentina 3 – 0 Venezuela	WQS
15/11/12	Venezuela 1 – 3 Nigeria	FRI
16/10/12	Venezuela 1 – 1 Ecuador	WQS



## Group C

TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	D	P
Brazil	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Colombia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Peru	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Venezuela	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

<b>14-Jun</b>	<b>Colombia v Venezuela</b>	<b>16:00/20:00</b>
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<b>21-Jun</b>	<b>Brazil v Venezuela</b>	<b>18:30/22:30</b>

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## Venezuela Squad





#	Pos.	Player	Date of birth (age)	Caps	Goals	Club
1	GK	Alain Baroja	October 23, 1989 (25)	3	0	Caracas
12	GK	Dani Hernández	October 21, 1985 (29)	20	0	Tenerife
23	GK	Wuilker Faríñez	February 15, 1998 (17)	0	0	Caracas
2	DF	Wilker Ángel	March 18, 1993 (22)	1	1	Deportivo Táchira
3	DF	Andrés Túñez	March 15, 1987 (28)	11	0	Buriram United
4	DF	O. Vizcarrondo	May 31, 1984 (31)	61	8	Nantes
5	DF	F. Amorebieta	March 29, 1985 (30)	12	1	Middlesbrough
6	DF	Gabriel Cichero	April 25, 1984 (31)	56	4	Mineros de Guayana
16	DF	Roberto Rosales	November 20, 1988 (26)	54	0	Málaga
20	DF	Grenddy Perozo	February 28, 1986 (29)	45	2	Ajaccio
8	MF	Tomás Rincón	January 13, 1988 (27)	58	0	Genoa
10	MF	Ronald Vargas	December 2, 1986 (28)	17	3	Balikesirspor
11	MF	César González	October 1, 1982 (32)	57	5	Deportivo Táchira
13	MF	Luis Manuel Seijas	June 23, 1986 (28)	53	2	Santa Fe
14	MF	Franklin Lucena	February 20, 1981 (34)	58	2	Deportivo La Guaira
15	MF	Alejandro Guerra	July 9, 1985 (29)	42	4	Atlético Nacional
18	MF	Juan Arango	May 17, 1980 (35)	124	22	Tijuana
19	MF	Rafael Acosta	February 13, 1989 (26)	9	0	Mineros de Guayana
22	MF	Jhon Murillo	June 4, 1995 (20)	1	1	Benfica
7	FW	Miku	August 19, 1985 (29)	50	10	Rayo Vallecano
9	FW	Salomón Rondón	September 16, 1989 (25)	38	12	Zenit Saint Petersburg
17	FW	Josef Martínez	May 19, 1993 (22)	17	3	Torino
21	FW	Gelmin Rivas	March 23, 1989 (26)	3	0	Deportivo Táchira

### Expected Line-Up: 4-2-3-1

The favoured formation is a 4-2-2-2 but that may switch to a 4-2-3-1 as Sanvicente looks to keep his team more compact and more protected against the attacking threats he will face in a tough group.



## Venezuela Key Personnel

	<b>NOEL SANVICENTE</b> <b>Date of Birth</b> 21/12/1964 <b>Place of Birth</b> Venezuela <b>Appointed</b> 17th Jul 2014 <b>Total Record</b> P8 W3 D1 L4	<p>"Chita" has had domestic success in Venezuela as he's won the league seven times, as a coach with two different clubs. He took over last summer so has had plenty of time to work with the players and has selected a mixture of home and European based players</p>	<b>Group Analysis</b>  Venezuela's only warm-up friendly, against Bolivia, was cancelled meaning they face the risk of going into the tournament underprepared. With a very tough group that leaves them with an uphill task as they look to qualify for the quarter-finals.  They beat Peru in April and a repeat of that will give them a chance of making it through as one of the best third-placed teams, particularly if they can pick up a point from their other games. They are actually unbeaten in their last three competitive games against Colombia, winning twice.  <b>Expectations</b>  Venezuela have never reached the final of the Copa with their 4 <sup>th</sup> place in 2011 their best ever result. They were only a penalty shoot-out away from reaching the final four years ago after they were unbeaten in a group featuring Brazil  The success four years ago was followed by a win over Argentina in the qualifiers that led to hopes this team could reach the World Cup. That optimism has since evaporated after they scored just 14 times in 16 qualifiers  Chita is a popular coach in Venezuela and with three ins from their four matches in 2015 they will at least hope to beat Peru.
	<b>Oswaldo Vizcarrondo</b> <b>CB</b> <b>Nantes</b> <b>61 Caps, 8 Goals</b> <b>30 Years Old</b>	<p>Vizcarrondo offers a commanding presence at the heart of the defence and having played for Sanvicente in domestic football he has a good relationship with the coach. However, he lacks pace and against the likes of Carlos Bacca and Neymar he could be exposed.</p>	
	<b>Tomas Rincon</b> <b>CM</b> <b>Genoa</b> <b>56 Caps, 0 Goals</b> <b>27 Years Old</b>	<p>Rincon links the defence and attack and is coming off a good season in Serie A. With the defence looking vulnerable to pace he will have to keep his discipline.</p>	
	<b>Salomon Rondon</b> <b>ST</b> <b>Zenit</b> <b>39 Caps, 12 Goals</b> <b>25 Years Old</b>	<p>Rondon is their main attacking threat and he scored five of their 14 goals in the World Cup qualifiers. He scored 13 times for Zenit last season as they won the title and finished the campaign in good form. However, he last found the net for Venezuela back in 2013 and if he can't end that drought it is hard to see where their goals will come from.</p>	

## Player Absences - 2015 Copa America

Team	Player	Reason	Importance
<b>Argentina</b>	None		
<b>Bolivia</b>	Juan Carlos Arce	Injury	Starter
<b>Brazil</b>	Diego Alves	Injury	Squad
<b>Brazil</b>	Marcelo	Injury	Starter
<b>Brazil</b>	Oscar	Injury	Starter
<b>Brazil</b>	Luis Gustavo	Injury	Starter
<b>Chile</b>		Injury	Squad
<b>Colombia</b>	Abel Aguilar	Injury	Starter
<b>Colombia</b>	Fredy Guarin	Injury	Squad
<b>Colombia</b>	Juan Fernando Quintero	Injury	Squad
<b>Colombia</b>	Eder Alvarez Balanta	Injury	Squad
<b>Ecuador</b>	Antonio Valencia	Injury	Key
<b>Ecuador</b>	Angel Mena	Injury	Squad
<b>Ecuador</b>	Felipe Caicedo	Injury	Squad
<b>Jamaica</b>	None		
<b>Mexico</b>	Guillermo Ochoa	Rested	Key
<b>Mexico</b>	Hector Moreno	Rested	Starter
<b>Mexico</b>	Hector Herrera	Rested	Starter
<b>Mexico</b>	Andres Guardado	Rested	Key
<b>Mexico</b>	Javier Hernandez	Rested	Key
<b>Mexico</b>	Carlos Vela	Rested	Key
<b>Mexico</b>	Gio dos Santos	Rested	Key
<b>Mexico</b>	Jonathan dos Santos	Rested	Squad
<b>Paraguay</b>	Oscar Cardozo	Injury	Squad
<b>Paraguay</b>	Celso Ortiz	Injury	Squad
<b>Peru</b>	Cristian Benavente	Not Selected	Squad
<b>Uruguay</b>	Martin Caceres	Injury	Starter
<b>Uruguay</b>	Luis Suarez	Suspension	Key
<b>Venezuela</b>	Alexander Gonzalez	Injury	Squad

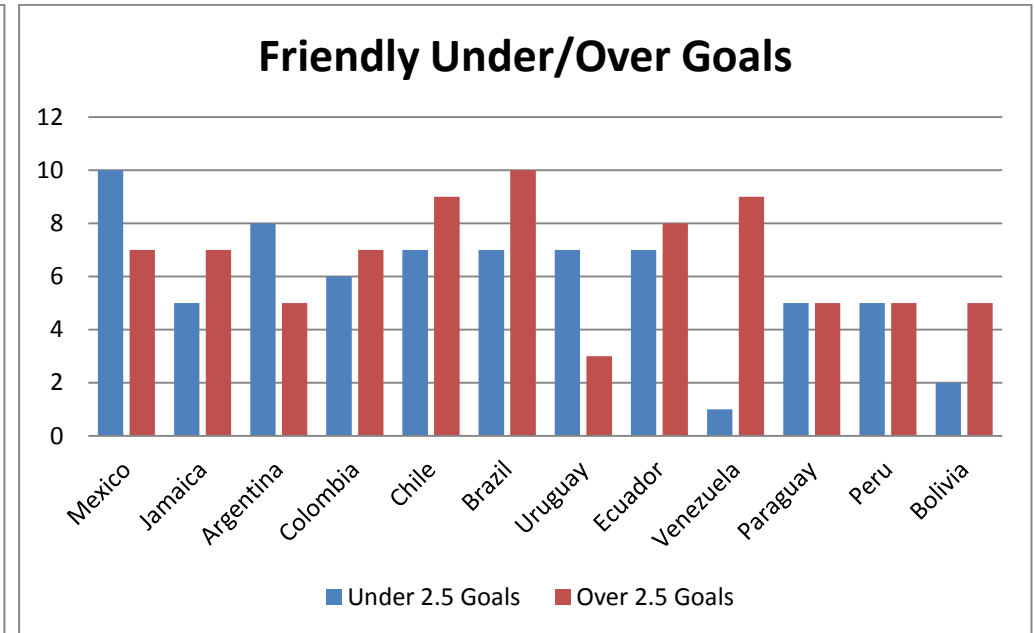
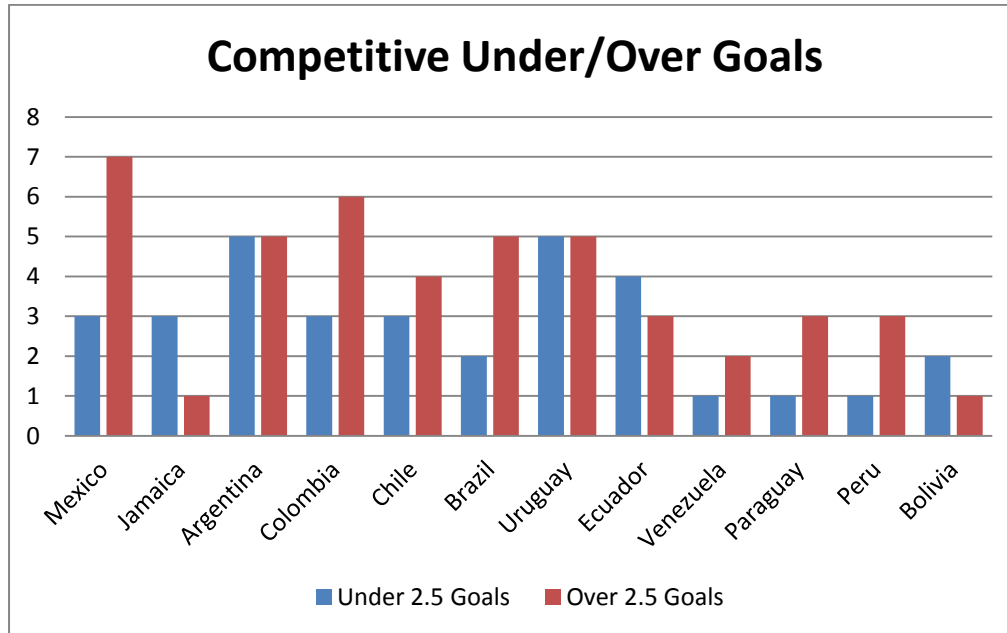
## Total International Caps, Goals and Ages - 2015 Copa America

Team	Total Int. Caps	Total Int. Goals	Average Age
Argentina	872	132	27.9
Bolivia	331	24	27.1
Brazil	407	86	26.0
Chile	959	112	28.3
Colombia	573	80	26.2
Ecuador	464	44	27.1
Jamaica	395	26	27.1
Mexico	379	36	27.8
Paraguay	699	70	28.2
Peru	572	78	27.3
Uruguay	772	69	27.0
Venezuela	790	80	27.3

## Competitive Team Form - 2015 Copa America

Team	2014 World Cup	2014 CONMEBOL	2011 Copa America
		WC Qualifying	
Argentina	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	QF
Bolivia	DNP	8 <sup>th</sup>	Group
Brazil	4 <sup>th</sup>	DNP	QF
Chile	L16	3 <sup>rd</sup>	QF
Colombia	QF	2 <sup>nd</sup>	QF
Ecuador	Group	4 <sup>th</sup>	Group
Jamaica	DNP	DNP	DNP
Mexico	L16	DNP	Group
Paraguay	DNP	9th	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Peru	DNP	7 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Uruguay	L16	5 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>
Venezuela	DNP	6 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>

## Under/Over 2.5 - Team matches since 1<sup>st</sup> August 2013



## Tournaments Penalty Records Since 1990 – 2015 Copa America

Team	Form (most recent first)	Copa America Record
Argentina	WLLLWLWWWW	2011 QF v URU – Lost, 2004 Final v BRA – Lost, 1995 QF v BRA – Lost, 1993 SF v COL – Won, 1993 QF v BRA – Won
Bolivia	None	None
Brazil	WLWWWWLWWL	2011 QF v PAR – Lost, 2007 SF v URU – Won, 2004 Final v ARG – Won, 2004 SF v URU – Won, 1995 Final v URU – Lost, 1995 QF v ARG – Won, 1993 QF v ARG – Lost
Chile	LL	1999 SF v URU – Lost
Colombia	WLW	1995 QF v PAR – Won, 1993 SF v ARG – Lost, 1993 QF v URU – Won
Ecuador	L	1997 QF v MEX – Lost
Jamaica	None	None
Mexico	WWLL	1999 QF v PER – Won, 1997 QF v ECU – Won, 1995 QF v USA – Lost
Paraguay	WWWLL	2011 SF v VEN – Won, 2011 QF v BRZ – Won, 1999 QF v URU – Lost, 1995 QF v COL – Lost
Peru	L	1999 QF v MEX – Lost
Uruguay	WWLLLWWWL	2011 QF v ARG – Won, 2007 SF v BRA – Lost, 2004 SF v BRA – Lost, 2001 3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> v HON – Lost, 1999 SF v CHI – Won, 1999 QF v PAR – Won, 1995 Final v BRA – Won, 1993 QF v COL – Lost
Venezuela	L	2011 SF v PAR – Lost

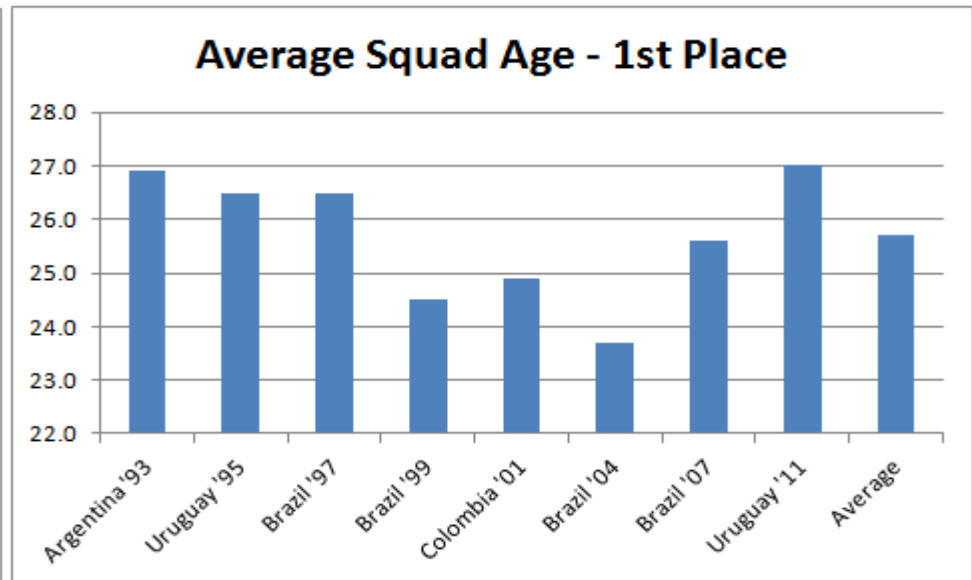
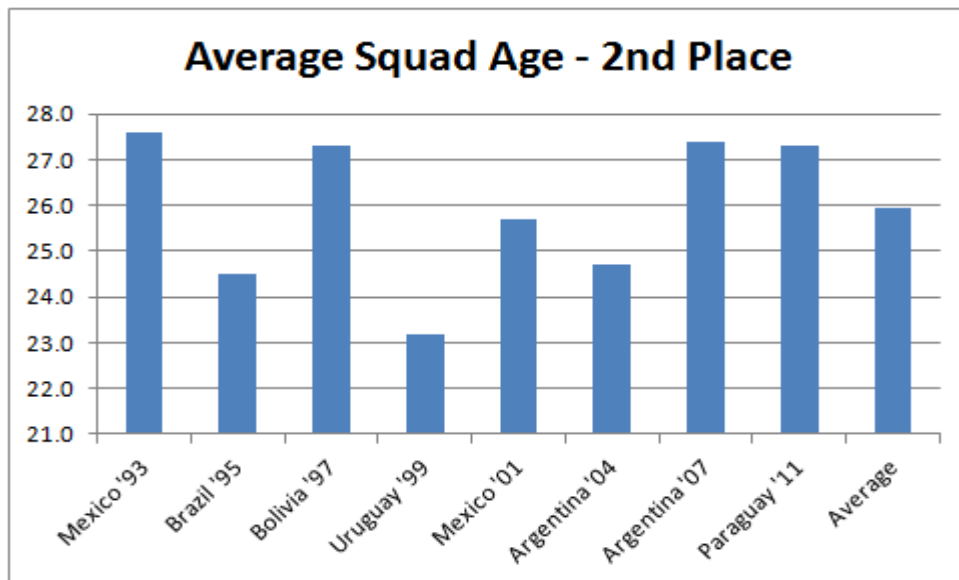
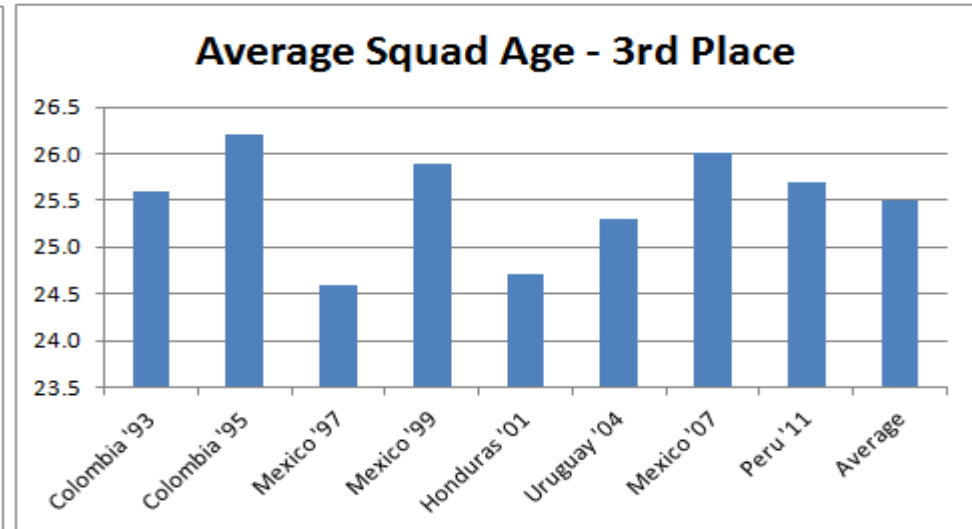
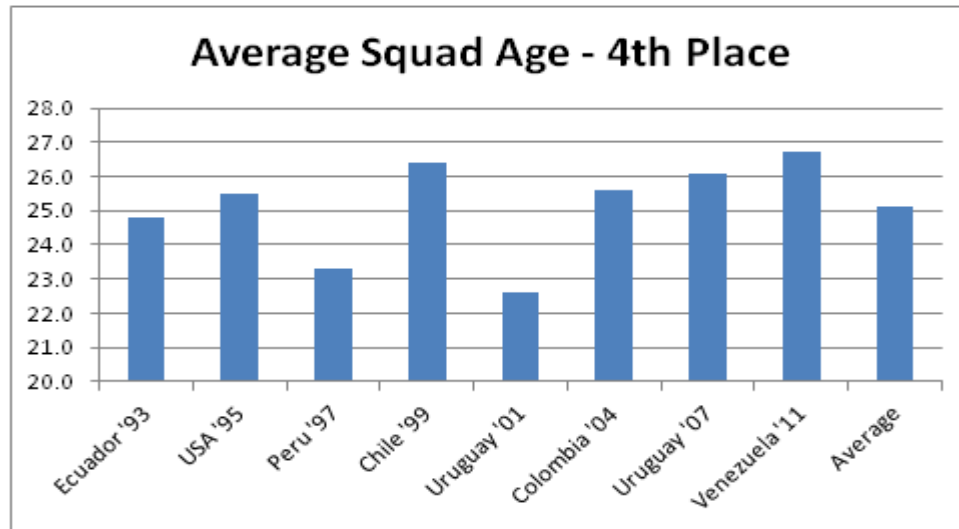


# Copa America Finalists Form & Gradings 1989-2011

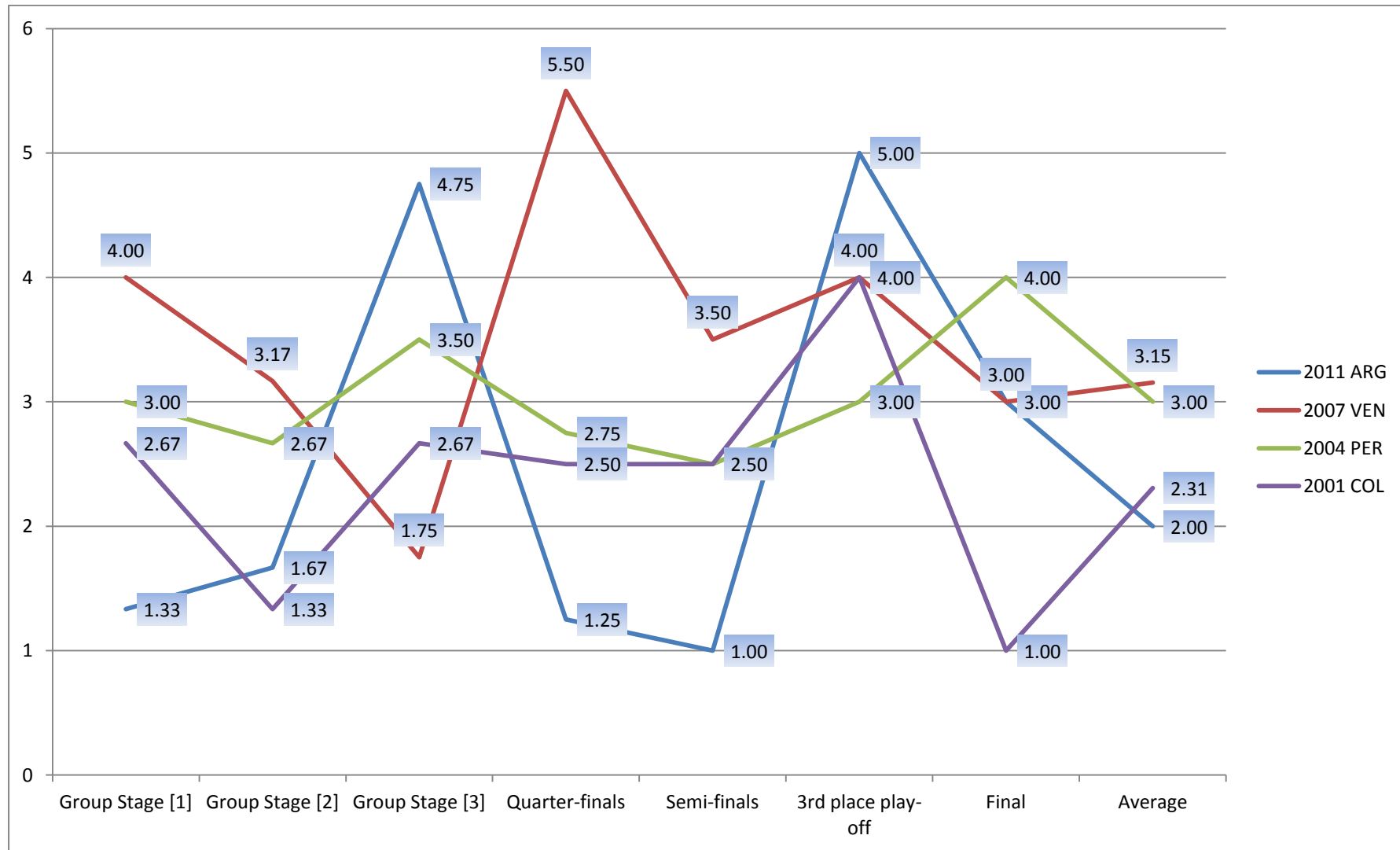
Year	Winner	Ave. Age	FFL Grade	FFL Ranking	FFL Rank (qual'd teams)	Previous Copa	Previous WC Position
1989	Brazil	25.4	179.75	2	1	6	QF
1991	Argentina	24.6	176.16	3	2	3	2
1993	Argentina	26.9	182.17	1	1	1	2
1995	Uruguay	26.5	152.88	23	5	QF	DNP
1997	Brazil	26.5	184.92	1	1	2	1
1999	Brazil	24.5	181.34	2	1	1	2
2001	Colombia	24.9	152.30	27	8	QF	Group
2004	Brazil	23.7	178.07	1	1	QF	1
2007	Brazil	25.6	180.72	1	1	1	QF
2011	Uruguay	27.0	166.29	7	3	4	4

Year	Runner-Up	Ave. Age	FFL Grade	FFL Ranking	FFL Rank (qual'd teams)	Previous Copa	Previous WC Position
1989	Uruguay	25.3	152.68	21	4	1	L16
1991	Brazil	24.7	176.62	2	1	1	L16
1993	Mexico	27.6	157.90	18	3	DNP	DNP
1995	Brazil	24.5	186.12	1	1	QF	1
1997	Bolivia	27.3	146.43	27	7	QF	Group
1999	Uruguay	23.2	150.80	25	6	Group	DNP
2001	Mexico	25.7	153.61	29	7	3	L16
2004	Argentina	24.7	165.98	8	2	DNP	Group
2007	Argentina	27.4	176.03	3	2	2	QF
2011	Paraguay	27.3	161.18	12	6	QF	QF

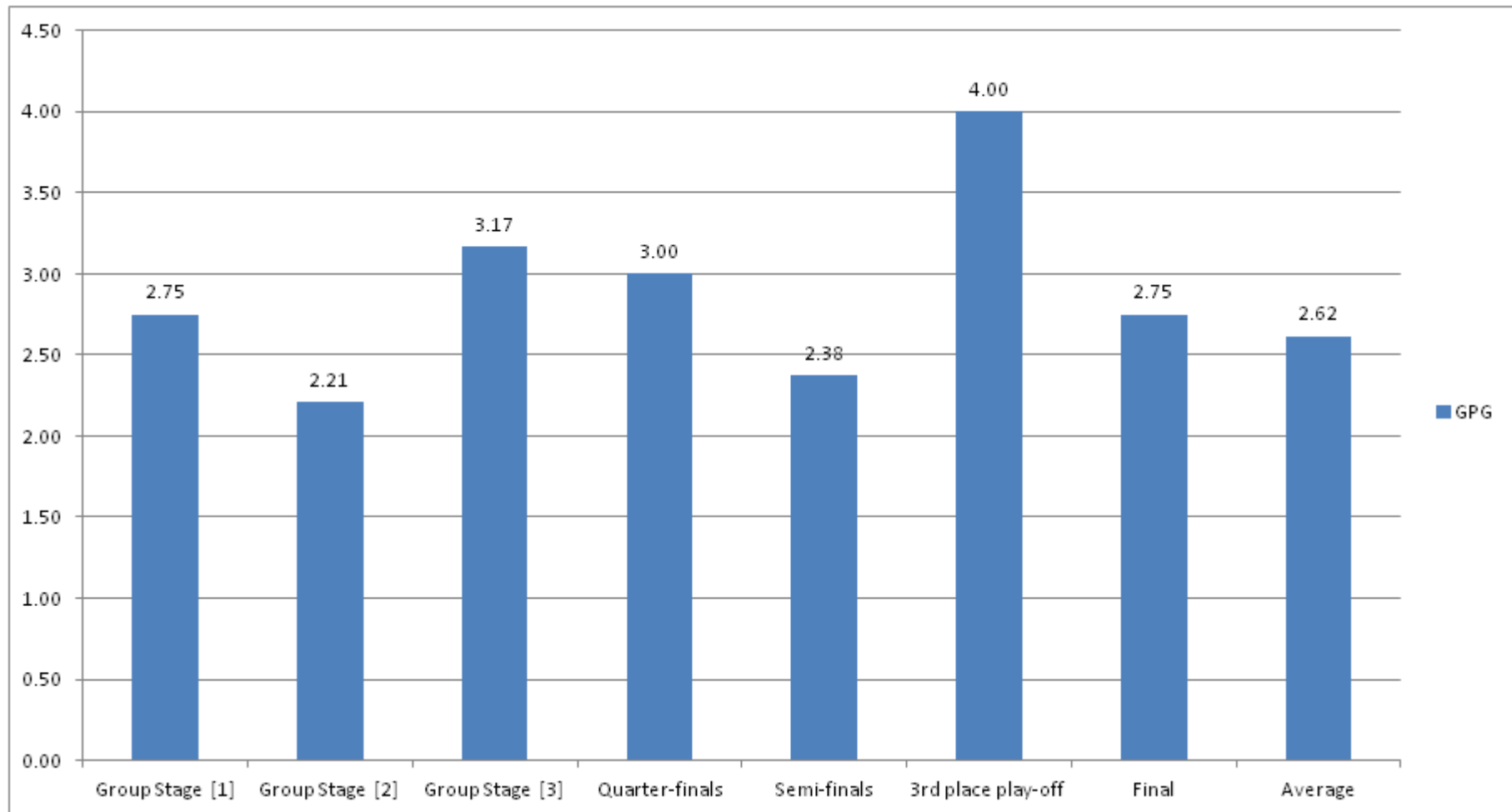
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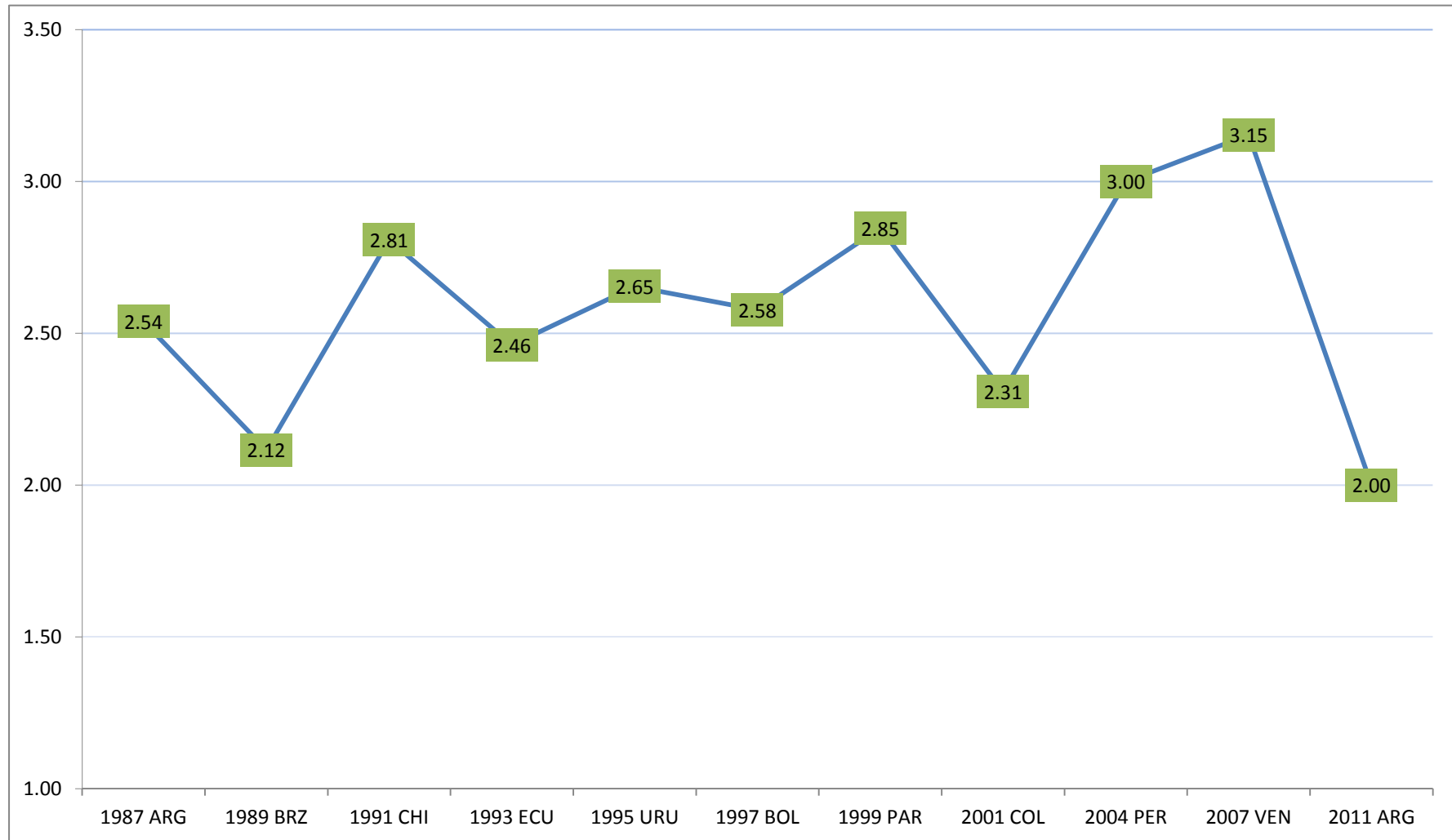
## Average Goals per Round – Copa Americas – 2001, 2004, 2007 and 2011



## Average Goals per Round – Copa Americas – 2001 to 2011



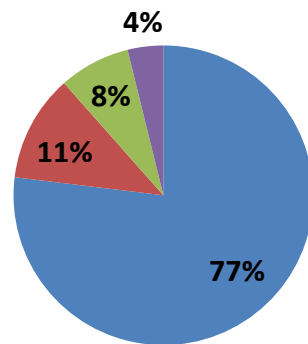
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## Results of Teams scoring first – Copa Americas 2001, 2004, 2007 & 2011

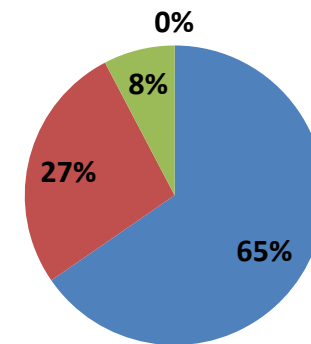
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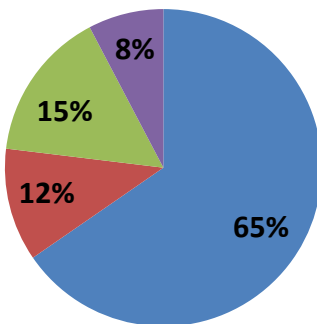
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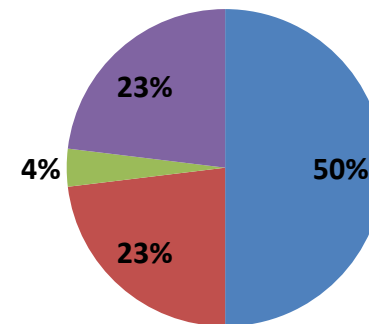
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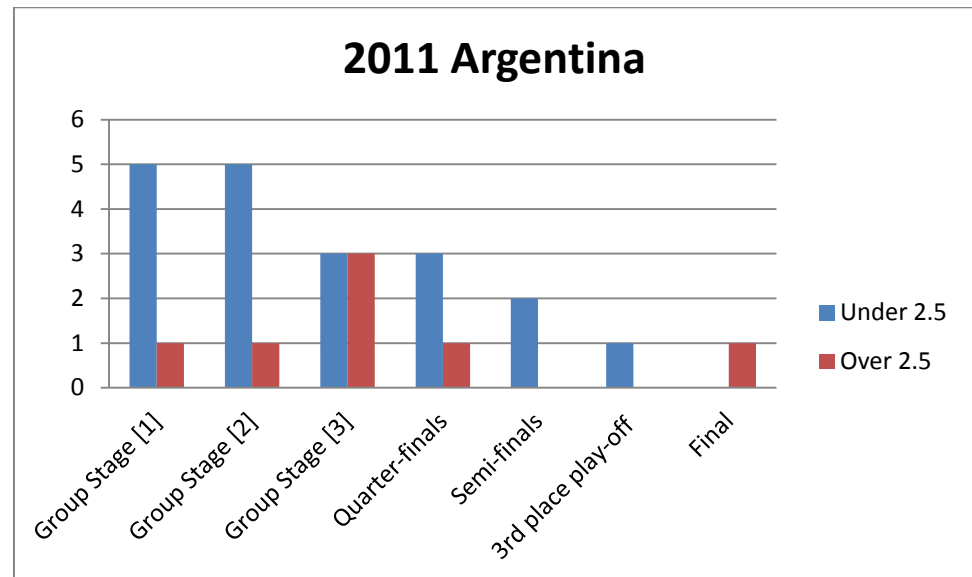
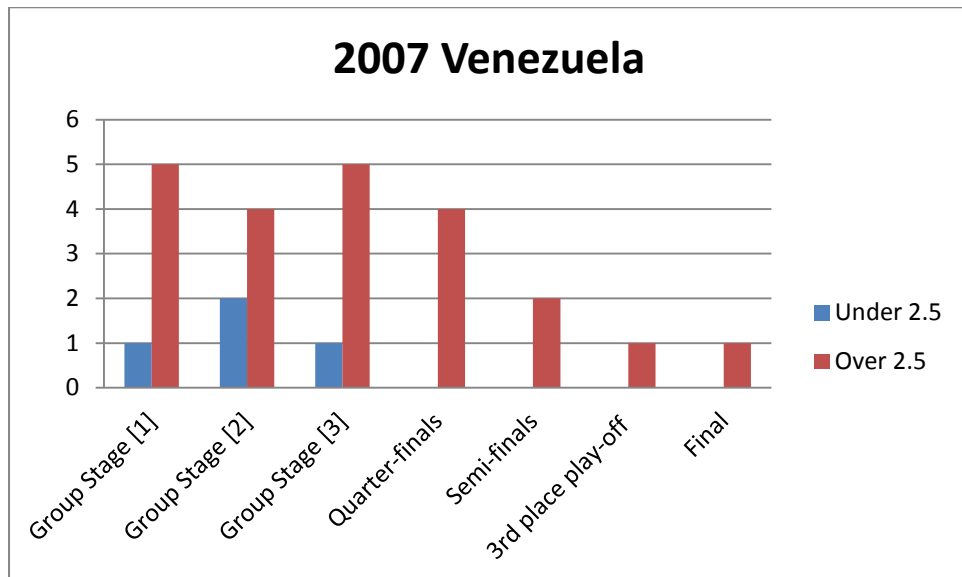
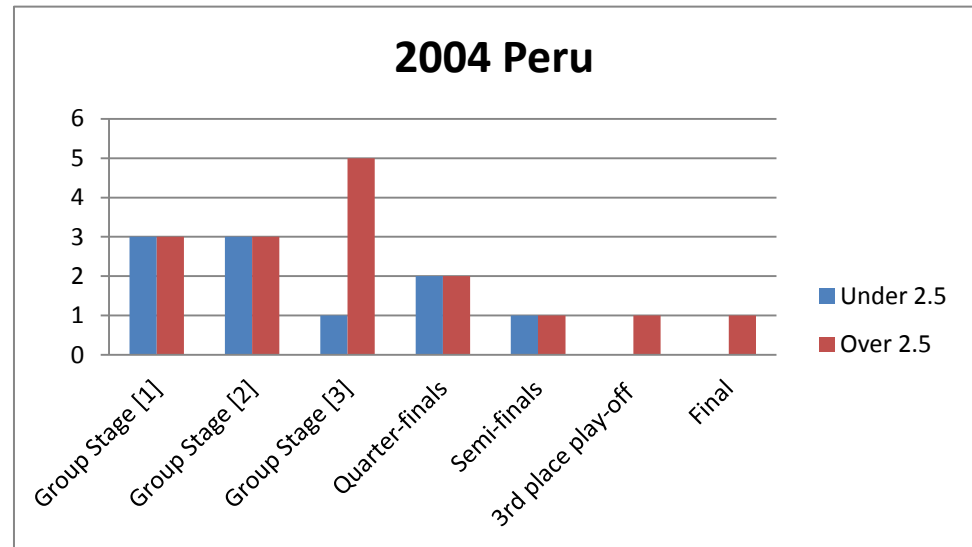
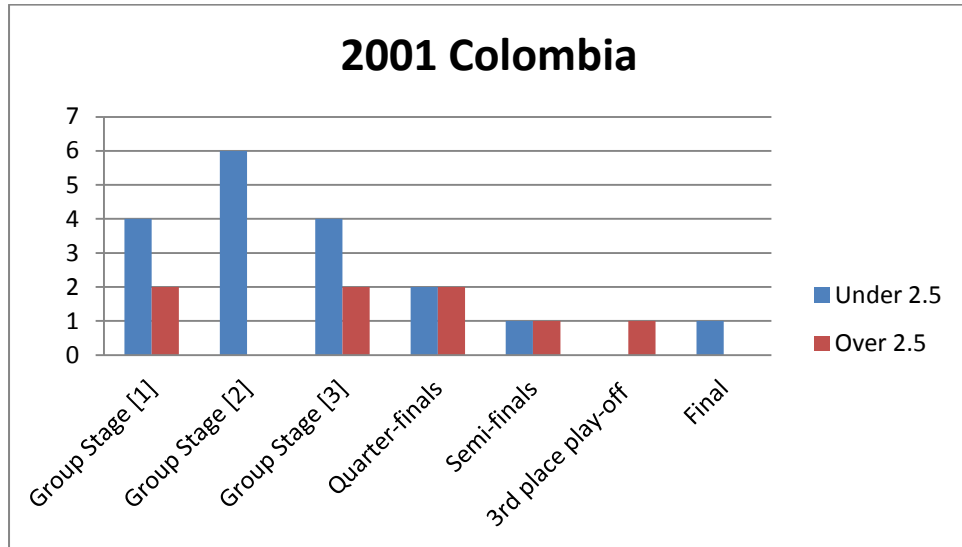


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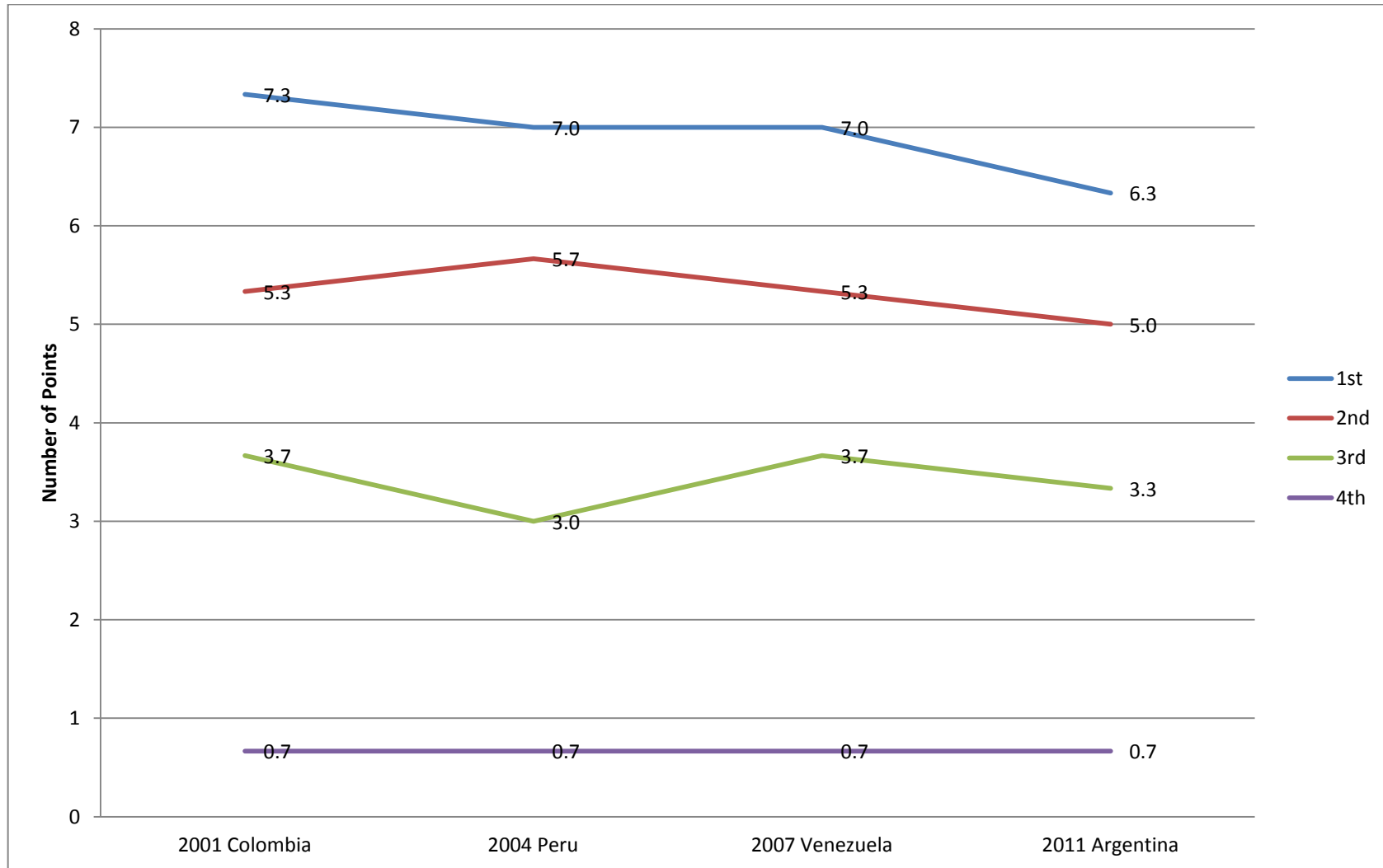
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## Under/Over 2.5 Goals – Copa Americas 2001, 2004, 2007 & 2011

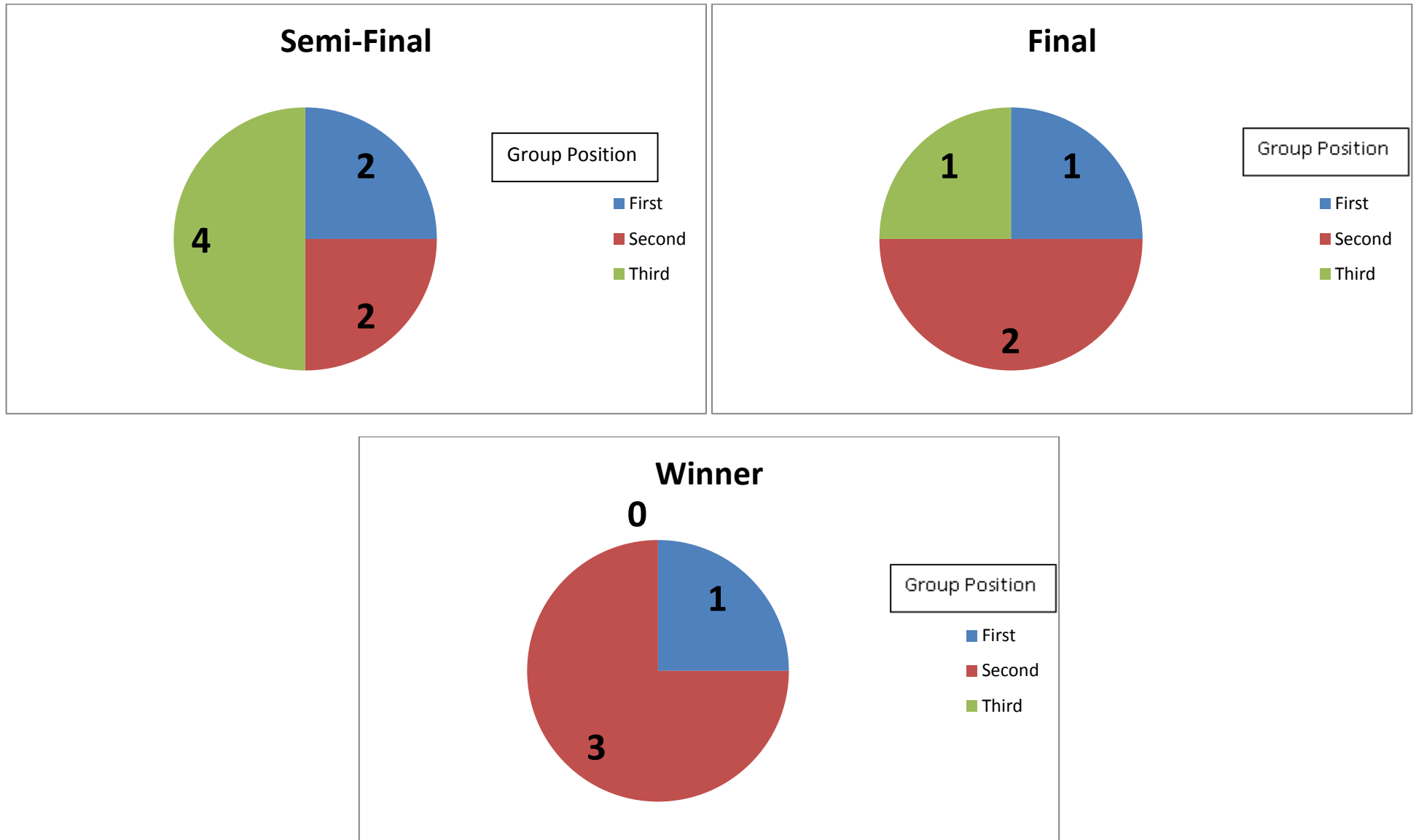


## Average Points per Position - Copa Americas 2001, 2004, 2007 & 2011

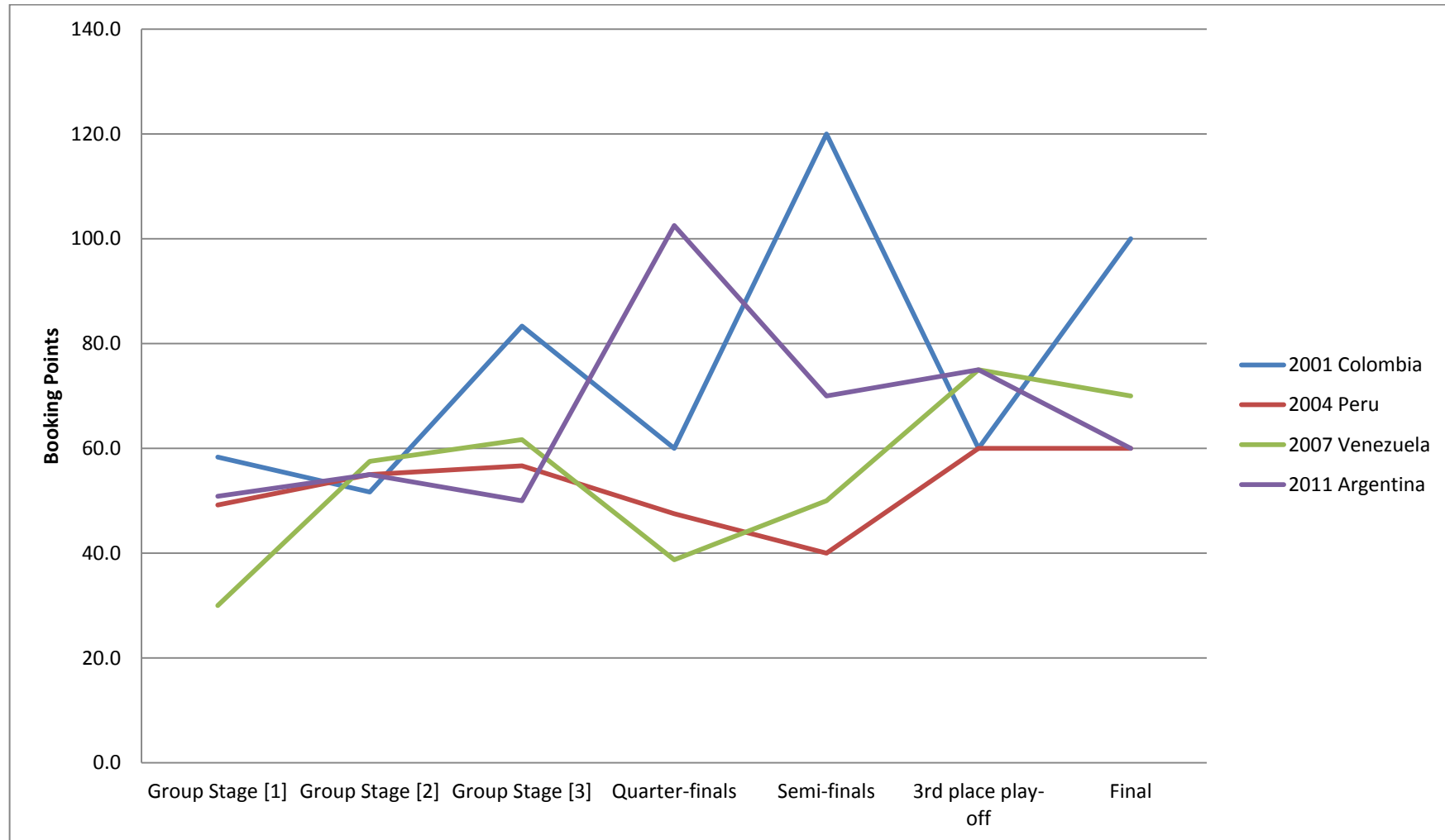




## Path to the Final - Copa Americas 2001, 2004, 2007 & 2011



## Average Booking Points per Round – Copa Americas – 2001 to 2011



## Booking Points and Total Red Cards – Copa Americas – 2001 to 2011

