

Russia Vs. South Korea: The Facts

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Russia play South Korea in a World Cup Group H match in Cuiaba on Tuesday.

Where: The Pantanal Arena, Cuiaba

Capacity: 42,968

When: 2 a.m. on Wednesday Moscow time or 6 p.m Tuesday local time.

Referee: TBC

Probable teams:

Russia: 1-Igor Akinfeev, 14-Vasili Berezutski, 4-Sergey Ignashevich, 22-Andrey Eshchenko, 3-Georgi Schennikov, 18-Yury Zhirkov, 19-Alexabder Samedov, 20-Victor Faizulin, 7-Igor Denisov, 17-Oleg Shatov, 9-Alexander Kokorin

South Korea: 21-Jung Sung-ryong, 13-Lee Yong, 3-Kwak Tae-hwi, 6-Kim Young-gwon, 22-Kim Chang-soo, 7-Ki Sung-yeung, 16-Han Kook-young, 9-Lee Chung-yong, 14-Son Heung-min, 8-Koo Ja-cheol, 12-Park Chu-young.

Key Facts:

- South Korea's best finish at a World Cup was fourth place in 2002 on home soil. They became the first Asian side to reach the semi-finals after a run that saw them defeat Portugal, Italy and Spain before falling to Germany in the last four.
- After the break up the Soviet Union, Russia have appeared at two World Cup finals, failing to make it out of the group stage in 1994 and 2002.
- South Korea have won their last three World Cup openers, beating Poland 1-0 in 2002, Togo 2-1 in 2006 and Greece 2-1 in 2010.
- Russia finished an impressive 2014 qualifying campaign top of a group that also included Portugal.

Previous meetings: The only previous meeting between the teams was just before the draw for the World Cup finals, when Russia beat South Korea 2-1 in a November friendly in Dubai last year.

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