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The Miracle on Grass

The "Miracle on Grass" was a World Cup group match where a hastily assembled United States team, largely composed of part-time players, pulled off a shocking 1-0 upset victory against heavily favored England.

Played on June 29, 1950, in Belo Horizonte, Brazil, the lone goal was scored by Joe Gaetjens.

England entered the tournament as the "Kings of Football" and was widely considered the best team in the world. The United States, by contrast, were major underdogs made up of amateurs, immigrants, and part-timers, and had recently lost seven straight international matches.