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World Cup Moments

16 - The "Rooney stamp" refers to Wayne Rooney's infamous red card incident during the 2006 FIFA World Cup quarter-final match between England and Portugal. In the 62nd minute of the game, Rooney tangled with Portuguese defender Ricardo Carvalho. While trying to break free and regain his balance, Rooney stepped down on Carvalho's groin area.

17 - Zinedine Zidane's most famous and infamous red card occurred in the 110th minute of the 2006 FIFA World Cup Final between France and Italy. Playing in the final match of his professional career, the France captain received a straight red card for headbutting Italian defender Marco Materazzi in the chest.

18 - South Africa's celebration of the 2010 FIFA World Cup marked the historic milestone of being the first African nation to host the tournament. The celebration was defined by explosive street parties, the constant sound of vuvuzelas, and the iconic Diski Dance—a cultural football celebration incorporated into the games.

19 - Luis Suárez's deliberate goal-line handball against Ghana in the final minute of extra time during the 2010 FIFA World Cup quarter-final remains one of the most controversial and dramatic moments in football history. By blocking a certain, match-winning goal with his hands, Suárez prevented Ghana from becoming the first African nation ever to reach a World Cup semi-final

20 - Luis Suárez bit Italy defender Giorgio Chiellini on the shoulder during the 2014 FIFA World Cup in Brazil. The shocking incident occurred off the ball in Uruguay's 1-0 group-stage victory, leading to FIFA handing Suárez a four-month ban from all football-related activities and a nine-match international suspension

21 - Robin van Persie's iconic diving header was scored on 13 June 2014 during the Netherlands' opening group match against reigning champions Spain at the 2014 FIFA World Cup in Brazil. Dubbed "The Flying Dutchman," the spectacular 44th-minute goal leveled the score at 1-1 just before half-time, igniting a historic 5-1 demolition of Spain.

22 - Germany's 7–1 victory over Brazil on 8 July 2014 remains one of the most shocking and historic matches in association football history. Played as the first semi-final of the 2014 FIFA World Cup at the Estádio Mineirão in Belo Horizonte, Germany dismantled the tournament hosts in an unprecedented display of dominance. The match is widely referred to in Brazil as the Mineirazo, echoing the painful memory of the 1950 Maracanazo

23 - In the 2022 FIFA World Cup Final, Kylian Mbappé delivered one of the greatest individual performances in football history, scoring a legendary hat-trick for France against Argentina. Despite his heroic efforts, France ultimately drew the match 3–3 after extra time and lost 4–2 on penalties at the Lusail Stadium.

24 – Argentina are the current holders of the World Cup. They lifted the Trophy in 2022 after beating France 4-2 on penalties after an incredible match that ended 3-3.