

## Bulletin 10 - 5 December 2022

### Group G

This group provided plenty of entertainment on Friday evening as Serbia and Switzerland shared five goals, with the Swiss taking the game 3 – 2 to secure their place in the knockout stages at the expense of the Serbs who end their competition with another high scoring encounter.

An albeit much changed already qualified Brazil side were humbled by an eventually 10 man Cameroon in what could arguably be the upset of the tournament so far, although there's plenty of competition for that accolade! The Indomitable Lions ending the game a man down due to match winner Vincent Aboubakar's exposing celebrations landing him a second yellow card in the closing minutes of the game.

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### Group H

South Korea took on Portugal and Ghana tackled old foes Uruguay in the last round on fixtures in this group with all four sides in with a chance of qualification, but it was the sides mentioned in the first clash that progress to the knockout stages as South Korea shocked Portugal in a 2-1 victory for the Asian side to see them through to the last 16

In the other game, the Black Stars were looking for revenge for their exit at the hands of Uruguay (Luis Suarez) 12 years ago in South Africa. Despite losing the fixture 2 – 0, the Ghanaians managed to stop the well fancied La Celeste progressing any further in the competition as they add themselves to the list of high profile early exits.

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### Knockout Stages

#### **Netherlands 3 – 1 USA**

Are the Dutch beginning to find their form at just the right in the tournament? The Oranje eased past the States on Saturday afternoon with first half goals from Ex-Man Utd players Memphis Depay and Daley Blind putting them 2 – 0 up at half time. The yanks pulled one back with 15 minutes to play but were dealt a blow just five minutes later as Dumfries added a third to send them packing.

#### **Argentina 2 – 1 Australia**

The arguably overachieving Soccerroo's took on the other South American giant left in the competition in Argentina. Lionel Messi was on the scoresheet again alongside Man City's Alvarez as Argentina broke into a 2-goal lead. A Fernandez own goal brought Australia back into the game as they pressured the white and sky blue in the closing stages of the tie, trying to find the equaliser, but it wasn't to be and they bow out of the competition having given a very solid account of themselves, as Messi's men soldier on. Is it written in the stars that he will be lifting the trophy in a couple of weeks' time?



## France 3 – 1 Poland

Kylian Mbappé once again stars for France as they cruise into the quarter finals after seeing off Poland on Sunday afternoon. The leading goal scorer of the tournament so far bagged a brace but not before Olivier Giroud became les Bleus record scorer. A consolation penalty scored by Robert Lewandowski deep into stoppage time was too little too late for the Poles who were outclassed on the day.

## England 3 - 0 Senegal

Gareth Southgate's men appear to be back in the groove after the positive result against Wales in the week, with the goalless draw versus the USA now a distant memory. Three more goals without reply put down a marker to the rest of the sides left in the competition.

Jordan Henderson was on the scoresheet first before Harry Kane opened his account for the tournament just before the break as England toppled the AFCON champions. The ever-improving Bukayo Saka scored the third in the second half to round off a dominating performance with little threat from Senegal in the latter stages especially, as the Three Lions progress to the quarter finals where they unquestionably face their toughest test yet against the reigning champions France.

## Results

With the conclusion of the group stage and several knockout games played there's been plenty of change in the leaderboard but **Matthew Allen** remains in top spot. Shoutouts for **Gary Symons, James Milligan, Josh Titley** and **Peter Norman** who all managed to pick 12 correct sides that made it through to the last 16, more than anyone else, highlighting how unpredictable this year's tournament has been so far. Extra kudos for Gary who was comfortably the weekend's top scorer collecting 111 points, ascending to third in the standings – is the leader under threat?

As we've now reached the knockout stages, a quick reminder of how the scoring works. You score points for each team you correctly predicted to reach each stage, as follows:

- 5 points for each team you correctly predicted to reach the last-16
- 10 points for each team you correctly predicted to reach the quarter finals
- 20 points for each team you correctly predicted to reach the semi-finals
- 25 points for each team you correctly predicted to reach the finals
- 30 points if you correctly predicted the winner
- 30 points if you correctly predicted the top-goalscorer

Updated leaderboard below reflects games up to and including England's win on Sunday evening.

## George Metcalf



Ranking	Player	Points	Daily Ranking Change	Daily Points Change
1	Matthew Allen	276	-	+88
2	Oliver Nicholls	271	+2	+99
3	Gary Symons	268	+10	+111
4	James Gardner	265	+3	+96
5	Andrew Pritchard	264	-3	+81
6	Dan Jinks	258	+13	+107
7	Mark Warnes	257	-4	+81
8	Andrew Hall	255	+2	+96
8	Tim Jones	255	+10	+103
10	Craig Moran	254	-4	+84
11	Steve Higginbottom	253	-6	+82
12	Mara Aleixo	251	-4	+87
13	Neil Kennedy	248	-3	+89
14	Ashraf Mitha	247	+3	+94
15	Talha Gulzar	246	+7	+97
16	James Milligan	244	-1	+90
17	Luke Vickers	243	-2	+89
17	Mel Wilson	243	-4	+86
19	Emma Robinson	241	-9	+82
20	Daniel Sirl	240	+6	+96
21	Dan Chapman	238	-12	+78
21	Rob Walker	238	+1	+89
21	Usman Asif	238	+9	+99
24	John Stock	237	+13	+103
25	Ed Winstanley	236	+16	+106
26	Bailey Coe	235	-7	+84
26	Ross Bennett	235	-7	+84
28	Amrita Dasgupta	234	+16	+106
28	Larisa Wood	234	-2	+90
30	Stan Hutchinson	233	-2	+92
31	John Small	231	+4	+96
32	Olly Roper	230	+20	+106
33	John McLeod	229	-9	+82
33	Sharon Royston	229	-2	+91
35	Stephen Kilgannon	228	+5	+97
36	George Kennedy	227	-3	+91
37	Duncan Carter	223	-12	+77
37	Wendy Ludman	223	+2	+91
39	Eesha Savani	222	+2	+92
40	Jasper Ellis	219	-7	+83
40	Nick Saxton	219	-12	+78
42	Josh Titley	217	+4	+90
42	Tim Poil	217	+2	+89
44	Darren Goodall	215	+6	+90
44	James Saxton	215	+10	+93
44	Paul Marriott	215	-1	+86
47	Peter Norman	214	+16	+101
48	Michael Johnson	213	+2	+88
49	Charlotte White	212	-11	+79
50	Richard Stoddart	211	-19	+73



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51	Chris Williams	210	+20	+106
51	Toni Johnson	210	+1	+86
53	Eddie Hopkin	208	-18	+73
54	Marcus Johansson	207	-8	+80
55	Mark Rowlinson	206	+2	+86
56	George Metcalf	205	-10	+78
57	Sam Ashworth	204	+20	+106
57	Sean Delaney	204	+6	+91
59	Chris Marson	203	+10	+97
60	Derek Allen	202	+1	+86
60	Katie Sutton	202	+2	+87
62	George Bilsby	200	+5	+88
62	Jamie McLeod	200	-8	+78
62	Stuart Briely	200	-5	+80
65	Charlotte Adshead	198	-2	+85
65	Ian Metcalf	198	-11	+76
67	George Hinkley	195	-21	+68
68	Jonathan Hugh	194	-	+86
68	Tim Barlow	194	-8	+77
70	William Rose	192	-7	+79
71	Henry Tapper	188	-12	+69
71	Joe Bronstein	188	+1	+85
73	Katie Morgan	187	+4	+89
74	Michael Garland	186	+5	+89
75	Graham Edmonds	185	-	+86
75	Max Mauchline	185	-	+86
77	James Allen	184	+2	+87
78	Phil Mann	181	+11	+94
79	Chas Goddard	180	+4	+84
80	Hilary Salt	179	-11	+73
80	Richard Noutch	179	+5	+85
82	Ivan Taylor	178	-3	+81
83	Bex Thompson	174	+4	+83
84	Zoe Sadler	171	-12	+68
85	Mike Common	169	+6	+92
85	Rob Young	169	+3	+79
87	Benjamin Robinson	167	-8	+70
88	Lance Havell	162	-14	+61
88	Owen Adams	162	-2	+69
90	Dale Walmsley	157	+2	+81
91	Claire Herbert	156	-1	+75
92	Kieran Armstrong	155	-8	+60
93	Andy Wyatt	127	-	+60
94	Michael O'Donnell	102	-	+82

