

How to watch Argentina vs. Spain and Halftime Show

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It all comes down to this. The biggest FIFA World Cup in history — which saw an all-time high 48 teams competing — is now down to just two final teams.

The highly anticipated final between Argentina and Spain is set for Sunday, July 19, with Argentina's Lionel Messi and his defending World Cup champion team looking to go back-to-back.

Justin Bieber, Madonna, BTS and Shakira will be headlining a historic first ever FIFA World Cup Final Halftime Show in what promises to be a must-watch sporting event.

Here is everything you need to know, including match kickoff time, and how and where you can watch the historic halftime show this weekend.

Argentina and Spain go head-to-head in 2026 FIFA World Cup

The 2026 FIFA World Cup Final sets the stage for an epic clash between generational legend Lionel Messi and future face of the sport, Lamine Yamal.

The monumental match is scheduled for Sunday, July 19 at 3 p.m. in MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J., where nearly 80,000 fans will watch on to witness history.

Argentina is coming off yet another magic ending in the semifinal against England that saw a 39-year-old Messi remind the world once more what he's made of.

Messi took the tight affair into his own hands with two breathtaking assists in crunch time that would see Argentina earn a spot in their second straight FIFA World Cup Final.

Spain, who is on quite a run of its own in the prestigious tournament, knocked off 2022 FIFA World Cup runners-up France with a dominant 2-0 performance, thanks to goals from Mikel Oyarzabal and Pedro Porro.

Prior to the tournament, Spanish forward Lamine Yamal was asked which player he would like to swap jerseys with, to which he answered, "With Messi in the Final".

Following his late-game heroics, Messi spoke on the upcoming FIFA World Cup Final.

"It's going to be a very special game, a very special final," he told the media. "A fantastic side, wonderful players. They play very well. I know them quite well."

Messi spent much of his club career playing for FC Barcelona, where he got to know much of the Spanish national team's players whom he will be going toe-to-toe with this weekend.

"I faced them in Barca, and you know, some of them are there. I still follow that team," Messi added.

Argentina and Spain have played against one another a total of 14 times in international matches, with each nation earning six wins apiece, with two draws in the mix.

Justin Bieber, Madonna, Shakira to headline historic FIFA World Cup Final Halftime Show

For the first time in tournament history, a FIFA World Cup Final Halftime Show will be taking place, with Justin Bieber, Madonna, Shakira, BTS, Burna Boy and the PS22 Chorus featuring Coldplay taking the stage for an 11-minute performance.

"The FIFA World Cup brings the world together in a way nothing else can. I'm grateful to be part of this Halftime Show, and even more grateful knowing it's already helping expand access to education for children around the world," said Bieber in a [press release](#).

The historic halftime show will be curated by Coldplay frontman Chris Martin in support of the FIFA Global Citizen Education Fund, whose mission is to expand access to quality education and football opportunities for children worldwide.

Also set to grace the stage are the Muppets from Sesame Street, along with Kermit and Miss Piggy, further reinforcing the halftime show's initiative for children.

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And after the game, fans looking for more entertainment can tune in to the closing ceremonies to see a special appearance by Tom Cruise, as well as musical performances from Laura Pausini, Nicole Scherzinger (Pussycat Dolls), Robbie Williams and IShowSpeed.

Where to watch the FIFA World Cup Final and Halftime Show in Ontario

With no games remaining on Canadian soil, there are plenty of ways to still catch the upcoming World Cup matches.

An interactive, updated map, which is the creation of Amsterdam startup [Dashmote](#), lists more than 300 watch parties daily where fans can gather to watch any game in the tournament.

The live tool, [Watch Party Radar](#), allows fans to locate verified screening events across Ontario, including venue details, event descriptions, special offers, ratings and even a search by specific team.

To locate a particular match, click on the date of choice, find it in the list of that day's schedule, and a live selection of locations appears that can be filtered in various ways, including outdoor venues, big screens, kid friendly events, and even dog-friendly venues.

[This free, live map tracks FIFA World Cup watch parties in Ontario, including 51 Canada-specific supporter locations](#)

France and England to play in third place match on Saturday, July 18

Prior to this weekend's main event, France and England will also be playing in a third-place game on Saturday, July 18 at 5 p.m.

The two European nations who fell in the semifinal will go head-to-head for bragging rights at Miami Stadium, featuring the likes of football stars Kylian Mbappé, Ousmane Dembele, Harry Kane and Jude Bellingham.

FIFA World Cup Final weekend broadcast and streaming schedule

For those planning to stay at home to catch this weekend's FIFA World Cup matches and halftime show, the broadcast and streaming schedule are as follows:

- **France vs. England:** Saturday, July 18 at 3 p.m. (TSN, CTV and Crave)
- **Argentina vs. Spain:** Sunday, July 19 at 3 p.m. (TSN, CTV and Crave)
- **FIFA World Cup Final Halftime Show:** Sunday, July 19 at halftime (TSN, CTV and Crave)