



German players celebrate with the World Cup after beating Argentina in the final at the Maracana in Rio de Janeiro. Germany won the trophy for the fourth time.



Germany goalkeeper Manuel Neuer redefined the role by playing as a sweeper keeper.



Colombia's James Rodriguez scored the highest six goals to win the golden boot.



Portugal superstar Cristiano Ronaldo was the biggest flop of the tournament.



Dutch superstar Arjen Robben was unlucky not to win the Golden Ball after an excellent World Cup.



Pop superstar Shakira of Colombia enthralled the audience with her singing and dancing during the closing ceremony held before the final match of the World Cup.



Uruguay striker Luis Suarez was at the centre of a biting storm and was thrown out of the tournament by FIFA.



Singers Jennifer Lopez, Pitbull and Cladia Leitte perform during the opening ceremony.



Brazil's David Luiz is consoled by Thiago Silva after a disastrous performance against Germany.



Germany striker Miroslav Klose became the record scorer in World Cup history after netting his 16th goal.



Brazil striker Neymar was stretchered off the field. This was a big blow for the hosts from which they could not recover.



Brazil defender Marcelo scores an own goal which was also the opening goal of the tournament.



Netherlands striker Robin van Persie became known as the 'Flying Dutchman' after his stunning goal against Spain.



Argentina talisman Lionel Messi is in shock after losing the World Cup final to Germany in a classic encounter. He however was voted as the tournament's best player.



A forlorn Andres Iniesta leaves the field as world champions Spain made a humiliating first round exit.



Germany midfielder Bastian Schweinsteiger is bloodied during an epic battle in the final.