

2026 World Cup Prediction Game Final Report

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What an absolute delight the past 39 days have been! Each of the 104 matches were special in their own way and we've had goalfests, controversy, heartbreak, ecstasy and everything in between! Thank you to each and every one of you for your enthusiasm and energy throughout!

1 Points Table

Rank	Player	Points	Group Stage MCR	Change
1	Pankaj	314	0.3472	↑
2	Joaquín	305	0.4583	↑
3	Shyam	297	0.3889	↑
4	Rohan	290	0.4167	↓
5	Saujanya	289	0.3611	↑
6	<i>Kaleb</i>	286	0.3194	↑
7	Brian	283	0.4306	↓
8	Akshath	282	0.4167	↓
9	Praveen	275	0.4167	↑
10	Octavio	274	0.3889	↓
11	Ritesh	272	0.3889	↑
12	Shankar	265	0.4028	↓
13	Claude	263	0.3472	↓
14	Dylan	263	0.4306	↓
15	Saathvik	260	0.3472	↑
16	Gemini	259	0.3611	↑
17	PK	259	0.4306	↓
18	Josh	258	0.3889	↓
19	Pratik	250	0.375	↓
20	Adarsh	250	0.4568	↑
21	Luigi	250	0.4722	↓
22	Nitish	249	0.4306	↓
23	Anuroop	249	0.4583	↓
24	Vatsin	247	0.5139	↑
25	Amir	244	0.3611	↓
26	Shreyas	236	0.4861	↓
27	Abhijeet	234	0.3889	↓
28	Smarak	232	0.375	↓
29	Mustafa	229	0.375	↓
30	Hari	208	0.4583	↓

2 Rules Update

- I decided to award five points (instead of fifteen) for correctly calling the runner-up, since you already received ten for them going to the final.

3 Analytics

Average Points: 262.4

Standard Deviation: 23.7

Median: 259.5

Range: 106

- The theoretical maximum is 672 points. Our champion Pankaj finished with just about 47% of that number. Kudos!
- At the beginning of the tournament, the most commonly picked champion was Spain with ten of you backing them to go all the way. Vamos!
- FOURTEEN of you had Mbappé winning Golden Boot, clinical!
- Rodri winning Golden Ball and England finishing third were both total surprises, with no one getting either of those right.

4 Champions



Figure 1: Podium



Figure 2: Champion — Pankaj Kalwani



Figure 3: Runner-Up — Joaquín



Figure 4: Third Place — me (rigged fr)



Figure 5: Paul Award — Kaleb Reid

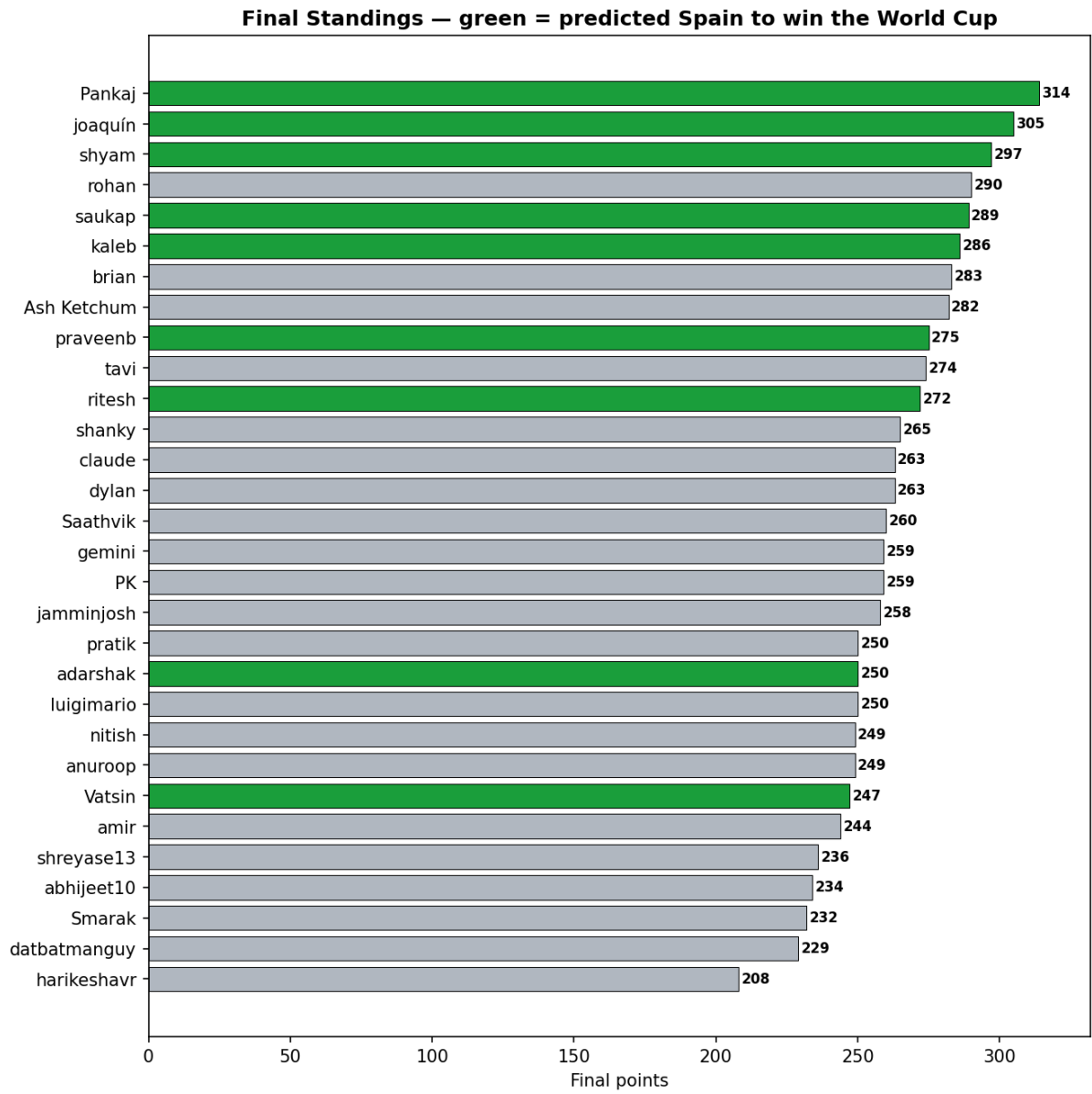


Figure 6: Final Standings

Note: Anuroop changed his mind from Spain to France, which is why there are nine here

