

FIFA World Cup Russia 2018 - England vs Tunisia Review

England's first match of the campaign came on Monday as England's talisman Harry Kane scored a brace to win us the game in the 91st minute. However, there were several controversial moments in the match.

The first came in the first few minutes, when Tunisia's first choice goalkeeper made a fantastic save. Harry Maguire fired a bullet header that was destined to ripple the top corner of the net when cat-like goalkeeper Hassen made a fantastic full-stretched save to tip the ball off the line. However, it wasn't enough. As Tunisian players watched in disbelief, Harry Kane followed up the shot and tapped the ball over the line.

England 1 - 0 Tunisia.

Later in the game, the referee did not need **Video Assistant Referee (VAR)** to see that Kyle Walker, England's first choice right-back, had hit the Tunisian striker in the face before he had the chance to shoot. The referee pointed straight to the spot.

English goalkeeper Jordan Pickford guessed the correct way, but unfortunately the ball crept under him and the score became **England 1 - 1 Tunisia.**

Following a free kick into the box for England, replays from the VAR office showed that Harry Kane was wrestled to the ground in a Rugby-style fashion. However, the referee chose not to go and check the footage and allowed play to go on without penalisation.

England 1 - 1 Tunisia

A similar event took place not long after; this time Harry Kane being hugged around the neck and pushed to the floor. Again, the referee did not see the event and chose to play on.

England 1 - 1 Tunisia

In the dying embers of the game, Harry Maguire floated a header from a corner to the back post. In the 91st minute, Harry Kane managed to finish up Maguire's efforts with a curved header into the corner of the goal.

England 2 - 1 Tunisia

And that's how it finished...

After the first round of fixtures in Group G, these are the group standings.

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| 1 | Belgium | Goal Difference +3 |
| 2 | England | Goal Difference +1 |
| 3 | Tunisia | Goal Difference -1 |
| 4 | Panama | Goal Difference -3 |

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