



Norway Stun Brazil 2-1: Haaland's World Cup Masterclass Sends Five-Time Champions Home

Description

The **Norway Brazil World Cup 2026** Round of 16 clash at MetLife Stadium, New Jersey on 5 July 2026 will go down as one of the great shocks in World Cup history. Erling Haaland scored twice in the final 12 minutes to fire Norway to a stunning 2-1 victory, eliminating five-time champions Brazil and sending his nation into a first-ever World Cup quarter-final.



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Haaland's Norway Brazil World Cup 2026 Masterclass

For most of the afternoon in East Rutherford, it looked as though Brazil's class and individual brilliance would see them through. The Seleção controlled the tempo and created several dangerous chances, but Norway's goalkeeper held firm and the back line stayed resolute. Then came Haaland.

With 11 minutes remaining and the match goalless, the Manchester City striker met a deep cross with a thunderous header to break the deadlock in the 79th minute – a moment that sent the red-clad Norwegian end of the stadium into delirium. Just when Brazilian hearts dared to hope for an equaliser, Haaland struck again in stoppage time, drilling a ferocious finish inside the far post to make it 2-0 in the 90th minute.

Neymar pulled one back from the penalty spot deep into injury time – widely described as his farewell gesture for the national side – but the consolation did nothing to alter the historic scoreline. Final result: **Norway 2-1 Brazil**.



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Historic Result: Norway Through to Quarter-Finals

This is the earliest Brazil have been knocked out of a FIFA World Cup since 1990, when Argentina eliminated them in the Round of 16 in Turin. For Ståle Solbakken's Norway side, it is the furthest they have ever progressed at a World Cup or European Championship – a remarkable achievement for a footballing nation more accustomed to near-misses in qualifying than deep tournament runs.

“All of Norway must enjoy themselves. This is one of the craziest days in Norwegian history and it is just to savour it,” said a jubilant Haaland to Norwegian broadcaster NRK after the match. His manager was equally euphoric: “Now we can beat anyone. But we have to prepare,” added Solbakken.

Haaland's brace took his tally to seven goals for the tournament, levelling him with Kylian Mbappé and Lionel Messi at the top of the Golden Boot standings. Seven goals in five matches – it is the stuff of legend.



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What's Next: Quarter-Final in Miami

Norway now await the winner of the match between England and Mexico – their quarter-final is scheduled for Miami. It promises to be another electric occasion, with a nation of five million daring to dream of a World Cup semi-final.

Elsewhere in the [Round of 16 at this World Cup](#), there has been no shortage of drama. Argentina have navigated their path through the tournament with Messi pulling the strings, as seen in their [earlier victory over Cape Verde](#). Keep up with all the latest World Cup and sports action on our [LBRD Sports page](#).

For the neutral observer, this World Cup continues to be a spectacular spectacle. But for Norwegians everywhere – including the large contingent in Singapore – 5 July 2026 is a date that will live forever.

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