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Moments of the World Cup

DELPHINE TROIANELLI

FRANCE



“I took these pictures on the day of the World Cup final, after France won its second star, 20 years later. It was a very emotional moment that brought all the French together. It was anarchy. It was crazy to see and experience. Many people were gathered on the famous Place de la Bourse in Bordeaux where there is a large fountain. People were in the fountain. They sang and danced.”

JEAN CLAUDE BATTAREL

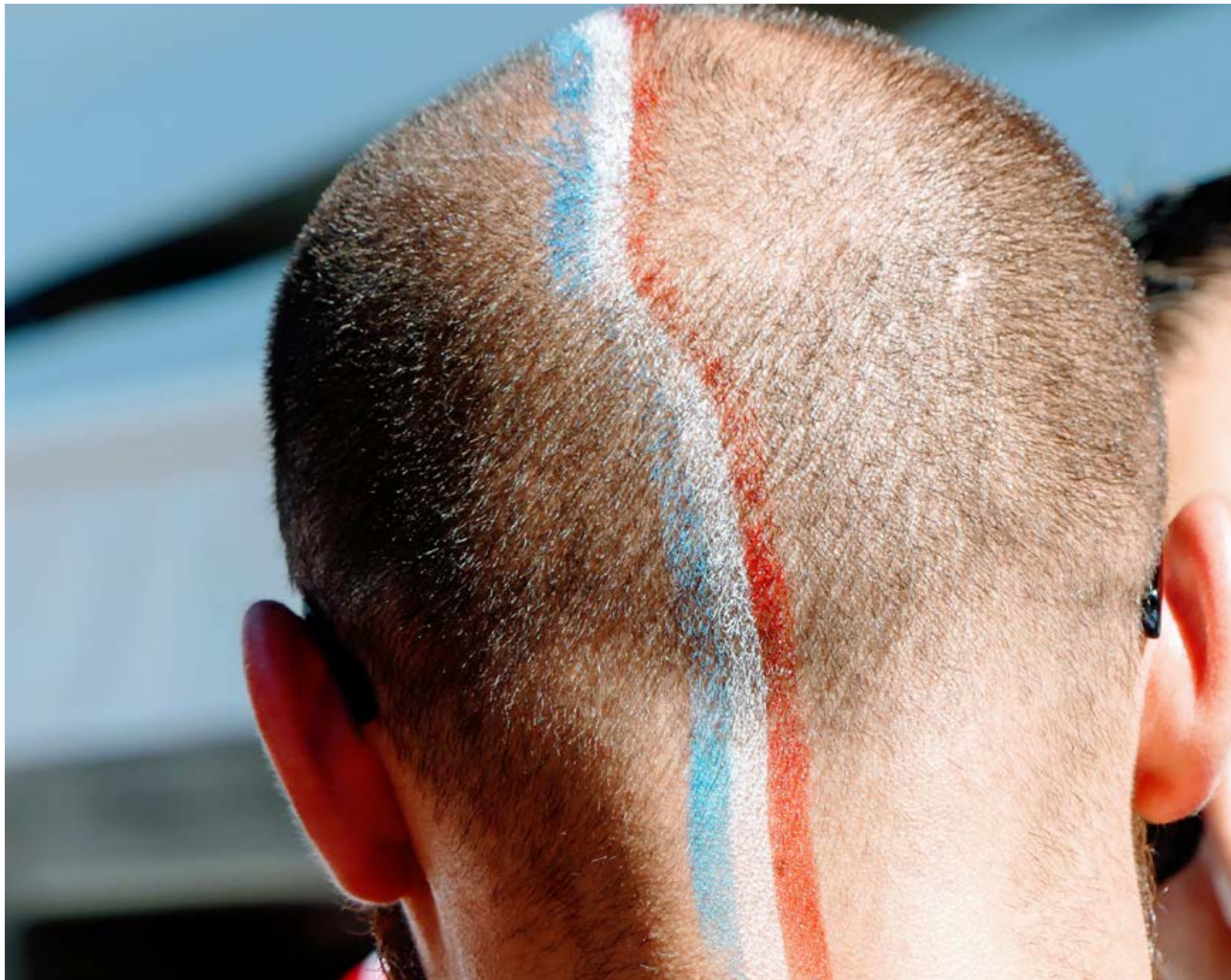


“This day was so particular during the final match, no necessity to see the images to know. From everywhere... apartments pubs, bars, cafes, in the deserted streets you can hear the clamours. After the final goal, many many people took to the streets dancing, jumping, singing, kissing. So exceptional in this area! Then they began to walk from every street and all converged at Place de la Bastille, many with the flag bleu, blanc rouge. It was a great day of fraternity, joy and happiness. The principal slogan was, “We are French, We Win, We are World Champions” and believe me in this particular area with so many different cultures it was a unique experience!”

ABE RAATS



“The sound of the referee blowing his whistle changed into a overwhelming explosion of happiness and cheering, people came running from every corner! They didn't know what to do with themselves. Some climbed street lamps others drove around in their cars honking their horns, until late at night! A march spontaneously started to the Champs Elysee where everyone came together to celebrate the World Cup win! I was expecting it to be insane but this... I would have never imagined this in my wildest dreams! I doubt I will ever witness something like this again!”



SYLVIE SAINT-PHAR

“It was a fabulous moment at the end of the semi-finale, in the great place of my beautiful city of Tours. I saw this man in front of me with his amazing colored head and I made this photo...”

MD.EMAUL KABIR

BANGLADESH

People decorated their homes, offices, markets, vehicles with the flags of the team they support. They paint walls and alleyways as part of the World Cup fever. Many of them hang huge banners and flags over the front of their buildings, most of them Argentinean and Brazilian flags.

Just like if it were two major political parties of the country, people also have debates, arguments and troll each other online. World Cup football is not just a tournament it's a festival, a celebration in Bangladesh”



“In spite of not having Football in Bangladesh, people go crazy for it, adopting other country's teams as their own. Bangladesh is known as a cricket playing nation but during the World Cup the whole nation splits between supporting Argentina and Brazil, despite having distance with the South American countries. Brazil was the most popular team here but after Maradona's charismatic football in 1986, Argentina earned a huge number of supporters in Bangladesh.





ERICK GONZALES

MEXICO



“I can only describe that the atmosphere felt amazing! It was a carnival with drums and chants and non stop nerve-wrenching action during the games. What still sticks with me till this day is the chant “Dale Dale Dale Tricolor” which essentially means lets go Mexico”

**ADLAN
MANSRI**
PALESTINE





“I was walking in the streets of Ramallah, Palestine, looking for a bar or a cafe to watch England-Belgium, the game before the final, because I was on assignment for my agency. I kept walking and didn’t find anything interesting until I stopped at this huge cafe in front of the vegetable market in the city centre. First I was just looking from outside when a guy, I presume he owned the bar, came to me and start talking to me. He asked me a couple of friendly question, where I’m from, etc...

I told him that I was French-Algerian, he invited me to his cafe, offered me tea. I asked him if it was possible to take pictures of the people, only men.

He told me no problem and started making jokes about one of his friends: “if you take a picture of him, put it in a frame with “I am a piece of shit” written under it” and everybody started laughing. Most of the men were either talking or playing cards games or Backgammon while smoking strong cigarettes or hookah. I am not sure that they really cared about the game, except for a bunch of guys who were actually watching it.

It was very nice and very welcoming, everyone was cool, some of them were posing for me when I was taking pictures. I don’t usually like when people pose for me, but those guys had something different. They were old and you could tell that their lives were a struggle. I enjoyed being there, the light was amazing at that moment, the windows were filtering it in a wonderful way.”

ASYRAF FRASID KENYA



“This image was captured at an orphanage in Lodwar, in Turkana County, Kenya. I spent a few evenings watching the children playing soccer in the compound of their hostels.

I found that although the children are underprivileged, it does not stop them from having fun and does not limit them from being imaginative and innovative. The handmade ball has the right weight and size to have the feel of a real soccer ball and a real soccer match can be played at the kind of field they have in Lodwar. Lodwar has an arid climate; it is usually dry where grasses can barely grow.

Some of them do not even own a single pair of shoes, let alone be able to afford a real soccer ball. They collected a bunch of torn socks which they then put together into a ball. Good for spending the evenings together over a friendly match.

To me this image symbolizes life’s simple pleasures, hope, togetherness, and that imagination has no boundaries.”



SEBASTIAN JAUREGUI

RUSSIA



“In the 4 years that I have been living in Moscow, I don’t think I ever saw Red Square like I did that afternoon. Between Russians, Argentines, Saudis, Colombians, Swedes and Icelanders, it was hard to tell who was the loudest. The square was packed with football fans from all over the world cheering for their teams and the energy was higher than expected by anyone that day.”

