# Olympic Games: Soccer Odds

# Men’s is down to eight teams, and Brazil remains minus favorite to win the tournament.

# The host nation sputtered through its first two games but is coming off a dominant performance against a Danish team it was chasing in Group A.

# Brazil has not proved that they can succeed on the world stage when playing at home and the minus odds given to them are not nearly valuable enough to attract many bets. They are facing a Colombian team in the quarterfinals that will have a ton of motivation to upset their South American rivals and that have recent winning experience.

# Behind Brazil sits Portugal at +550 and Germany at +500, two teams that received an unfortunate draw and will have to play each other in the round of eight. This game will eliminate one of the two teams, and the winner will have the best chance of taking down the Brazilians so you may want to wait one more round to place a bet on either the Germans or Portuguese.

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# South Korea has looked excellent through group play and managed to eliminate the defending champion Mexican team with a 1-0 victory in their last match. Son Heung-min, a reserve midfielder for Tottenham of the Premier League, has been the clear leader of this South Korean squad that has very favorable +1100 odds to take gold at Rio.

# Before the tournament started, the South Koreans had +650 odds to win their group and +4000 to win gold so they are no strangers to overcoming long odds.

# The preliminary round has come to an end and with some surprising results through group play, there are some very interesting bets in the futures market.

# To no one’s surprise, the Americans are still the favorites to take their fourth consecutive gold medal and have moved their line from +150 to +120. They will play Sweden in the quarterfinals Friday but are not my favorite bet on the board after narrowly slipping by France in group play.

# After a shocking loss to the Canadians in Group F action, the Germans placed second and drew China in the quarterfinals. Germany is third on the futures board at +395 and will avoid the U.S. until the gold medal match, assuming they make it far.

# Team Canada (+950) has once again made some noise at the Olympics and placed first in their group after a surprising upset of the Germans. Canada challenged the U.S. at the London Olympics in 2012 but had their dreams shattered when they lost their lead in the dying minutes of their semifinal against the American women. Canada is on track to face the U.S. in the gold medal game and if that happens, there should be fireworks.

# France at +500 is a good bet. They played the Americans very hard and have drawn one of the most favorable paths to the final. For a team that is ranked second in the world, the French are receiving little respect. The final prediction is yours, sign up now at <http://www.heritagesports.eu/>