



Top Team 2007 – Argentina

Although South America continue to dominate the upper reaches of the FIFA/Coca-Cola World Ranking, there has been a spectacular change at the very top with Argentina in first place at the end of the year for the first time in the history of the World Ranking, thereby claiming the crown from serial winners and arch-rivals Brazil.

Argentina's record in 2007 brought them 11 victories, two draws and three defeats. Their march to the final of the *Copa América* and a successful start to their quest to qualify for the 2010 FIFA World Cup™ are the main reasons for Argentina sitting proudly in first place at the end of 2007.

Nevertheless, they only hold a narrow advantage over Brazil, defeat by the *Seleção* in the final of the *Copa América* having cut the Argentinians' lead to just a few points. The battle for the top spot in 2008 certainly promises to be an exciting one ...

Argentina's record in 2007

Date	Match	Result	Status
07.02.2007	France v. Argentina	0-1	F
18.04.2007	Argentina v. Chile	0-0	F
02.06.2007	Switzerland v. Argentina	1-1	F
05.06.2007	Algeria v. Argentina	3-4	F
28.06.2007	Argentina v. USA	4-1	CF
02.07.2007	Argentina v. Colombia	4-2	CF
05.07.2007	Argentina v. Paraguay	1-0	CF
08.07.2007	Argentina v. Peru	4-0	CF
11.07.2007	Mexico v. Argentina	0-3	CF
15.07.2007	Brazil v. Argentina	3-0	CF
22.08.2007	Norway v. Argentina	2-1	F
11.09.2007	Australia v. Argentina	0-1	F
13.10.2007	Argentina v. Chile	2-0	WQ
16.10.2007	Venezuela v. Argentina	0-2	WQ
17.11.2007	Argentina v. Bolivia	3-0	WQ
20.11.2007	Colombia v. Argentina	2-1	WQ

WQ = 2010 FIFA World Cup™ qualifiers, CF = Copa América 2007, F = Friendly

FIFA Top Team

2007:	Argentina
2002-06:	Brazil
2001:	Honduras
2000:	Netherlands
1994-99:	Brazil
1993	Germany



Best Mover 2007 – Mozambique

Football in Africa is still on the up, with Mozambique the fifth team from the African continent to claim the title of Best Mover in the 15-year history of the FIFA/Coca-Cola World Ranking. Having started the year in 128th place, the *Mambas* climbed to 75th on the back of an impressive Africa Cup of Nations qualifying campaign, securing a total of 245 points in 2007. As with the Top Team award, the race to be named Best Mover of 2007 was keenly contested, with Norway claiming 240 points and jumping from 50th to 29th place.

For Mozambique, however, 75th represents the country's second-best end-of-year position since the introduction of the world ranking. The *Mambas* were in 67th place at the end of 1997, so there is reason to believe that their ascent up the table may not yet be over ...

Mozambique's record in 2007

<i>Date</i>	<i>Match</i>		<i>Result</i>	<i>Status</i>
24.03.2007	Burkina Faso	v. Mozambique	1-1	CQ
28.04.2007	Mozambique	v. Seychelles	2-0	F
29.04.2007	Mozambique	v. Zimbabwe	0-0	F
03.06.2007	Mozambique	v. Burkina Faso	3-1	CQ
17.06.2007	Mozambique	v. Senegal	0-0	CQ
20.08.2007	Mozambique	v. Zimbabwe	0-0	F
08.09.2007	Tanzania	v. Mozambique	0-1	CQ
29.09.2007	Zambia	v. Mozambique	3-0	F

CQ = CAN 2008 qualifiers, F = Friendly

FIFA Best Mover			
2007	Mozambique		
2006	Italy	1999	Slovenia
2005	Ghana	1998	Croatia
2004	China PR	1997	Yugoslavia
2003	Bahrain	1996	South Africa
2002	Senegal	1995	Jamaica
2001	Costa Rica	1994	Croatia
2000	Nigeria	1993	Colombia