

Five of England's worst defeats

USA 1 England 0 (1950, *Belo Horizonte*)

England, one of the favourites to win the World Cup in Brazil, lost to an amateur USA team that included a dishwasher, a hearse driver and a mailman. The story of this victory was later made into a movie, *The Game Of Their Lives*.

England 3 Hungary 6 (1953, *London*)

A Ferenc Puskas-led Hungary made headlines by scoring six goals on England's turf in this friendly match. The result was significant for being England's first defeat at home to a non-British or Irish opponent.

England 1 Germany 1 (1996, *London*)

As hosts of Euro 1996, England were looking to win the trophy on home soil. Tied at 1-1 after extra time, both teams netted their first five penalty kicks in a shootout. When Gareth Southgate's effort was saved, Germany's Andreas Moller sealed the win with his decisive kick.

Argentina 2 England 2 (1998, *Saint-Etienne*)

David Beckham was sent off in this World Cup match, but England managed to hold Argentina for 120 minutes. Trailing 3-4 in the shootout and needing to score, David Batty failed to convert and the Three Lions were knocked out.

Denmark 4 England 1 (2005, *Copenhagen*)

An England side with Beckham, Steven Gerrard and Wayne Rooney were torn to shreds as Denmark scored three goals in a seven-minute flurry. Although it was a friendly match, Denmark were ruthless in outclassing England from start to finish.