

Worksheet: World Cup – Group D

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Uruguay			
Costa Rica			

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ANSWERS

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Uruguay	7	La Celeste	Luis Suarez
Costa Rica	27	Los Ticos	Bryan Luiz

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