

Women's World Cup final breaks Twitter record

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Japan's Homare Sawa lifts the trophy following the final match between Japan and the United States at the Women's Soccer World Cup in Frankfurt, Germany, Sunday, July 17, 2011. Japan won the match in a penalty shootout. (AP Photo/Frank Augstein)

(AP) -- The Women's World Cup final between Japan and the United States set the record for tweets per second, eclipsing the wedding of Prince William and Kate and the death of Osama bin Laden.

Japan rallied twice to tie the United States 2-2 after extra time before

winning a penalty shootout on Sunday in Frankfurt, Germany. The U.S. was aiming for its third [World Cup](#) victory, while Japan lifted the World Cup trophy for the first time after going 0-25 against the Americans over the years.

The exciting climax drew 7,196 tweets per second, according to Twitter. Paraguay's penalty shootout win over Brazil in a Copa America quarterfinal later the same day came close to beating it with 7,166.

The previous record of 6,939 was set just after midnight in Japan on New Year's Day. Other spikes include bin Laden's death (5,106 per second) and the [Super Bowl](#) in February (4,064).

Spain's World Cup win over the Netherlands in July 2010 managed a high of 3,051, although the record for the tournament (3,283) was set when Japan beat Denmark in the group stage - another statistic pointing to Twitter's popularity in Japan.

The record-breaking numbers Sunday reflect a sharp rise in Twitter usage. Its users send 200 million tweets per day, compared to 10 million two years ago, according to [Twitter](#).

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