RingCentral footballers bring home silverware for England at the FIFCO Corporate World Cup

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London, 29th October 2026 – Heartbreak turned to joy at the FIFCO Corporate World Cup in October for a team of footballers from the UK business of cloud communications provider RingCentral.

The team earned the honour of representing England at the international tournament in Antalya, Turkey, after winning The Big Goal Cup at St George's Park, The Home of England Football, in June.

Up against corporate teams from around the globe, RingCentral were narrowly beaten in the quarter-finals by a last-gasp goal from eventual World Cup winners Iran, who afterwards named RingCentral as their toughest opponents.

But the players did not come home empty-handed. Reaching the last eight earned them a place in The Bowl Cup. Putting their World Cup disappointment behind them, they beat a team from India 2-0, then won the final 2-0 against a strong Iraq side to claim The Bowl Cup for England.

"RingCentral did England proud, following in the footsteps of Elite Group, who competed in the World Cup last year," said Keith Mabbutt, CEO of the Street Soccer Foundation and co-founder of The Big Goal.

"The team never gave up, even when things went against them, and to finish fifth in the world and bring home silverware is a tremendous achievement."

Reflecting on the experience, Thomas John, Vice President Partners – International at RingCentral, said: "It's extremely hard to sum up the emotions of the last four days. As I've said before, the mission alone meant we were already winning, by helping The Big Goal and the Street Soccer Foundation to end youth homelessness.

"The time away was beyond special: the cause, the camaraderie, the cultural experience, and the list goes on. Coming back with a trophy was the icing on a life-changing cake. The memories we've made will last long into our careers, and the friendships we've forged will continue to bear fruit well into the future.

"I'd like to thank The Big Goal for uniting our business in a way we never imagined. We're already looking forward to competing in The Big Goal Cup again next year and hopefully pulling on those England shirts once more."

Team manager Sanjay Sharma, Senior Account Executive at RingCentral, added: "It was an absolute honour and privilege to manage such brilliant colleagues, teammates and now champions."

The road to Dubai 2027

The Big Goal Cup 2027 offers an exclusive pathway to represent England at the FIFCO Corporate World Cup, which will be held in Dubai next year. The Big Goal Cup is open only to official members of The Big Goal. Companies wishing to take part can join at www.TheBigGoal.co.uk.

Caption: RingCentral's England team at the FIFCO World Cup in Antalya, Turkey.

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About The Big Goal

The Big Goal is Britain's fastest-growing business-led movement investing in youth opportunity, powered by the Street Soccer Foundation. It brings together employers from across the UK to help tackle youth homelessness and create pathways into employment, education and independence. Through annual membership, businesses collectively fund The Big Goal Youth Opportunity Network, supporting nationally recognised Street Soccer Academies, employability programmes and opportunities that help young people experiencing homelessness and disadvantage build brighter futures. The Big Goal transforms

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About the Street Soccer Foundation

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About RingCentral

RingCentral empowers businesses to communicate effortlessly through the cloud and use the power of AI to unlock conversational insights, making every employee and customer experience smarter, and everyday work more productive and efficient. The company is headquartered in Belmont, California, and serves 600,000 customers across 46 countries via a global workforce of 8,000 people.

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