With the World Cup knockout phase having begun, here is an overview of the teams advancing to the last 16 at the tournament in Qatar:

In the knockout stage the teams will play each other once, with the winning team going to the next round. There are a total of four rounds: Round of 16, quarter-finals, semi-finals and final, which will take place on Dec. 18.

The Netherlands secured a place in the last 16 with victories over African champions Senegal and hosts Qatar, topping Group A despite a 1-1 draw with Ecuador. They will take on the USA on Saturday.

Argentina is another team that clawed back the top spot in Group C with wins over Mexico and Poland after a shocking loss in the opener against Saudi Arabia. They will next face Australia on Saturday.

For the first time since 1986, Poland squeezed out of their group to reach the knockout stage in the last 16 as runners-up of Group C after a win over Saudi Arabia, a draw with Mexico and a loss to Argentina. They meet France on Sunday.

Reigning champion France delivered on expectations and became the first team to qualify for the last 16 with consecutive Group D wins over Australia and Denmark, followed by a 1-0 loss to Tunisia.

Well, Australia claimed a spot in the last 16 as Group D runners-up with 6 points from wins over Tunisia and Denmark. They go on to face Argentina on Saturday.

Japan was another Asian side that surged into the last 16 as the unlikely winners of Group E after the Samurai Blue staged two stunning comeback wins over Germany and Spain, losing only to Costa Rica. They will face Croatia on Monday.

Spain survived but clinched a spot in the last 16 with a blowout against Costa Rica, followed by a draw with Germany and a loss to Japan. They will meet Morocco on Tuesday.

Morocco topped Group F with wins over Canada and Belgium following a goalless draw with Croatia, and will play against Spain on Tuesday.

Croatia joined the last 16 after two goalless draws with Morocco and Belgium and a 4-1 victory over Canada. They will next face Japan on Monday.

Favourites Brazil booked their ticket for the knockout stage with back-to-back wins against Switzerland and Serbia, followed by a 1-0 loss to Cameroon. They will face South Korea on Monday. It goes down in books, Cameroon is the only African nation to have defeated Brazil in a World Cup tournament.

Switzerland secured the runners-up spot in Group G with a 3-2 win over Serbia and a victory over Cameroon, and will go on to play Portugal on Tuesday.

Portugal finished Group H with a defeat by South Korea but held on to their top spot to face Switzerland on Tuesday.

South Korea is the other Asian side that clinched entry to the knockout stage with a last-gasp win over already-qualified Portugal, following a goalless draw with Uruguay and a loss to Ghana.

What is the schedule for the knockout stage?

December 3

Netherlands vs United States (11 p.m.)

December 4

Argentina vs Australia (3 a.m.)

France vs Poland (11 p.m.)

December 5

England vs Senegal (3 a.m.)

Japan vs Croatia (11 p.m.)

December 6

Brazil vs South Korea (3 a.m)

Morocco vs Spain (11 p.m.)

December 7

Portugal vs Switzerland (3 a.m.)