



Mexican Football Federation

Region: Confederation of North, Central American and Caribbean Association Football (CONCACAF)

World Cup appearances: 13 (1930, '50, '54, '58, '62, '66, '70, '78, '86, '94, '98, 2002, '06)

Best World Cup finish: Quarterfinals (1970, '86) **Current FIFA Ranking:** 17th

Continental titles: CONCACAF Championship (1965, '71, '77), Gold Cup (1993, '96, '98, 2003, '09)

Country's population: 112,468,855 **GDP (per inhabitant):** \$13,500 **Life expectancy:** 76.26

Formation: 4-3-3

Opponent	GF	GA
Honduras	2	1
Jamaica	3	0
Canada	2	1
@Jamaica	0	1
@Canada	2	2
@Honduras	0	1
@United States	0	2
Costa Rica	2	0
@Honduras	1	3
@El Salvador	1	2
Trinidad/Tobago	2	1
United States	2	1
@Costa Rica	3	0
Honduras	1	0
El Salvador	4	1
@Trinidad/Tobago	2	2
Total	27	18

Record: 9-2-5

Group A	Pts	W	D	L	GF	GA
South Africa						
Mexico						
France						
Uruguay						

Name	Pos	No.	Club (league)	Caps	G
Guillermo Ochoa	G	1	America (Mexico)	37	0
Óscar Pérez	G	12	Chiapas (Mexico)	51	0
Luis Ernesto Michel	G	23	Guadalajara (Mexico)	4	0
Name	Pos	No.	Club (league)	Caps	G
Francisco Javier Rodriguez	D	2	PSV (Netherlands)	47	1
Carlos Salcido	D	3	PSV (Netherlands)	72	6
Rafael Márquez	D	4	Barcelona (Spain)	90	10
Paul Aguilar	D	13	Pachuca (Mexico)	9	2
Héctor Moreno	D	15	AZ (Netherlands)	9	0
Efraín Juárez	D	16	UNAM (Mexico)	18	0
Jonny Magallón	D	19	Guadalajara (Mexico)	52	3
Jorge Torres Nilo	D	20	UANL (Mexico)	8	0
Ricardo Osorio	D	5	Stuttgart (Germany)	75	1
Gerardo Torrado	M	6	Cruz Azul (Mexico)	113	6
Israel Castro	M	8	UNAM (Mexico)	30	1
Andrés Guardado	M	18	Deportivo La Coruña (Spain)	55	8
Giovani dos Santos	M	17	Tottenham (England)	25	5
Pablo Barrera	M	7	UNAM (Mexico)	20	3
Alberto Medina	M	22	Guadalajara (Mexico)	55	5
Guillermo Franco	F	9	West Ham United (England)	21	7
Cuauhtémoc Blanco	F	10	Veracruz (Mexico)	117	38
Carlos Vela	F	11	Arsenal (England)	27	8
Javier Hernández	F	14	Manchester United (England)	11	7
Adolfo Bautista	F	21	Guadalajara (Mexico)	37	11

TEAM NOTES

Top players:

Rafa Marquez's return from knee injury could be a very good thing - adding leadership and a great long ball at the back - or a hinderance if the Barcelona defender does not regain his form before June 11.

Gerrado Torrado is one of the better holders of the ball in this tournament and can't afford to have a bad tournament, given Mexico's lack of depth at that position.

Guillermo Ochoa is considered by many to be the best goalkeeper outside of Europe and, wearing the one shirt for the first time in the World Cup, can not afford a learning curve in a tight Group A.

Keys to success:

Mexico's group will afford El Tri the opportunity to dominate the midfield, something Aguirre's men are more than capable of doing. Maintaining possession and staying active off-the-ball will be the key to Mexico living-up to their potential.

Outlook:

Anything less than a quarterfinal should be considered a disappointment for Mexico, but it will not be easy. France and Uruguay will be difficult, as will their June 11 match against hosts South Africa. In the Round of 16, they could face a difficult South Korea team, but they have to expect to get to the quarters and face a team like England.