



French Football Federation

Region: Union of European Associations (UEFA)

World Cup appearances: 12 (1930, '34, '38, '54, '58, '66, '78, '82, '86, '98, 2002, '06)

Best World Cup finish: First (1998); **Current FIFA Ranking:** 10th

Continental titles: European Championship (1984, 2000)

Country's population: 64,057,792 **GDP (per inhabitant):** \$32,800 **Life expectancy:** 81.09



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

Name	Pos	No.	Club (league)	Caps	G
Hugo Lloris	G	1	Lyon (France)	9	0
Steve Mandanda	G	16	Marseille (France)	13	0
Cédric Carrasso	G	23	Bordeaux (France)	0	0
Name	Pos	No.	Club (league)	Caps	G
Bacary Sagna	D	2	Arsenal (England)	18	0
Éric Abidal	D	3	Barcelona (Spain)	53	0
Anthony Réveillère	D	4	Lyon (France)	5	0
William Gallas	D	5	Arsenal (England)	79	4
Marc Planus	D	6	Bordeaux (France)	0	0
Patrice Evra	D	13	Manchester United (England)	28	0
Sébastien Squillaci	D	17	Sevilla (Spain)	19	0
Gaël Clichy	D	22	Arsenal (England)	3	0
Franck Ribéry	M	7	Bayern Munich (Germany)	43	7
Yoann Gourcuff	M	8	Bordeaux (France)	18	1
Jérémy Toulalan	M	14	Lyon (France)	32	0
Florent Malouda	M	15	Chelsea (England)	52	3
Alou Diarra	M	18	Bordeaux (France)	25	0
Abou Diaby	M	19	Arsenal (England)	3	0
Mathieu Valbuena	M	20	Marseille (France)	1	1
Djibril Cissé	F	9	Panathinaikos (Greece)	28	9
Sidney Govou	F	10	Lyon (France)	44	10
André-Pierre Gignac	F	11	Toulouse (France)	11	4
Thierry Henry	F	12	Barcelona (Spain)	119	51
Nicolas Anelka	F	21	Chelsea (England)	65	14

TEAM NOTES

Top players:

Franck Ribéry is their best and most important player and could make-or-break France's World Cup, with a new formation that will highlight his play.

Yoann Gourcuff continues to carry high expectations from the club world, expectations he's failed to meet with the national team.

William Gallas must return to full health in the center of defense for a France team that has been inconsistent at the back.

Keys to success:

France has to settle on a formation, develop some cohesion, and adopt some tactics that will allow them to score against reasonably organized defenses.

Outlook:

Will need a drastic change-of-course to survive long past their group, where they could finish anywhere from first to fourth. If they go get out of Group A, will likely fall to Argentina or South Korea.