



Uruguayan Football Association

Region: South American Football Confederation (CONMEBOL)

World Cup appearances: 10 (1930, '50, '54, '62, '66, '70, '74, '86, '90, 2002)

Best World Cup finish: First (1930, '38) **Current FIFA Ranking:** 16th

Continental titles: South American Championship (1916, '17, '20, '23, '24, '26, '35, '42, '56, '67)
Copa América (1983, '87, '85)

Country's population: 3,510,386 **GDP (per inhabitant):** \$12,700 **Life expectancy:** 76.55

Formation: 4-3-1-2



World Cup Qualifying		
Opponent	GF	GA
Bolivia	5	0
@Paraguay	0	1
Chile	2	2
@Brazil	1	2
Venezuela	1	1
Peru	6	0
@Colombia	1	0
Ecuador	0	0
@Argentina	1	2
@Bolivia	2	2
Paraguay	2	0
@Chile	0	0
Brazil	0	4
@Venezuela	2	2
@Peru	0	1
Colombia	3	1
@Ecuador	2	1
Argentina	0	1
Total	28	20
Record: 6-6-6		

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

Name	Pos	No.	Club (league)	Caps	G
Fernando Muslera	G	1	Lazio (Italy)	6	0
Juan Castillo	G	12	Depotivo Cali (Ecuador)	11	0
Martín Silva	G	23	Defensor Sporting (Uruguay)	1	0
Name	Pos		Club (league)	Caps	G
Diego Lugano	D	2	Fenerbahçe (Turkey)	43	4
Diego Godín	D	3	Villareal (Spain)	38	3
Jorge Fucile	D	4	Porto (Portugal)	24	0
Andrés Scotti	D	6	Coco-Colo (Chile)	26	1
Maxi Pereira	D	16	Benfica (Portugal)	37	0
Mauricio Victorino	D	20	Universidad de Chile (Chile)	5	0
Martín Cáceres	D	22	Barcelona (Spain)	19	0
Walter Gargano	M	5	Napoli (Italy)	28	0
Sebastián Eguren	M	8	AIK (Sweden)	27	5
Álvaro Pereira	M	11	Porto (Portugal)	15	2
Nicolás Lodeiro	M	14	Ajax (Netherlands)	4	0
Diego Pérez	M	15	Monaco (France)	50	0
Ignacio González	M	17	Valencia (Spain)	21	1
Egidio Arévalo Ríos	M	18	Peñarol (Uruguay)	6	0
Álvaro Fernández	M	21	Universidad de Chile (Chile)	7	0
Edinson Cavani	F	7	Palermo (Italy)	14	2
Luis Suárez	F	9	Ajax (Netherlands)	30	10
Diego Forlán	F	10	Atlético Madrid (Spain)	37	24
Sebastián Abreu	F	13	Botafogo (Brazil)	56	30
Sebastián Fernández	F	19	Banfield (Argentina)	6	0

TEAM NOTES

Top players:

Diego Forlán and **Luis Suárez** are in the conversation with Spain's tandem as the best striker partnership in the tournament. In qualifying, Ecuador was reminded just how quickly these two can steal a match.

Nicolás Lodeiro, whether he plays on the left or in the middle, is the creative presence in a midfield that can be a problem for the Celeste.

Diego Lugano and **Diego Godín** are a strong, recognizable pair in the middle of defense who will force Uruguay's opposition to do something beyond the ordinary to win matches.

Keys to success:

Uruguay needs stronger play in midfield, particularly creating for and linking up with Forlán and Suárez. Lodeiro will be key - the only player in the middle of the formation who can make life easier for the scorers. If he has a good tournament, Uruguay goes from talented to dangerous.

Outlook:

They are in the most evenly matched group and could finish anywhere from first to fourth. Given the form of France and talent of South Africa, Uruguay should be disappointed if they do not make the final 16.