



The Football Association

Region: Union of European Football Associations (UEFA)

World Cup appearances: 12 (1950, '54, '58, '62, '66, '70, '82, '86, '90, '98, 2002, '06)

Best World Cup finish: 1st (1966) **Current FIFA Ranking:** 8th

Continental titles: None

Country's population: 51,446,000 **GDP (per inhabitant):** \$38,000 **Life expectancy:** 77.6



| Group C | Pts | W | D | L | GF | GA |
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| England | | | | | | |
| United States | | | | | | |
| Slovenia | | | | | | |
| Algeria | | | | | | |

| Name | Pos | No. | Club (league) | Caps | G |
|-----------------------|-----|-----|-----------------------------|------|----|
| David James | G | 1 | Portsmouth (England) | 50 | 0 |
| Robert Green | G | 12 | West Ham United (England) | 10 | 0 |
| Joe Hart | G | 23 | Manchester City (England) | 3 | 0 |
| Name | Pos | No. | Club (league) | Caps | G |
| Glen Johnson | D | 2 | Liverpool (England) | 22 | 1 |
| Ashley Cole | D | 3 | Chelsea (England) | 78 | 0 |
| Michael Dawson | D | 5 | Tottenham Hotspur (England) | 0 | 0 |
| John Terry | D | 6 | Chelsea (England) | 60 | 6 |
| Stephen Warnock | D | 13 | Aston Villa (England) | 1 | 0 |
| Matthew Upson | D | 15 | West Ham United (England) | 19 | 1 |
| Jamie Carragher | D | 18 | Liverpool (England) | 36 | 0 |
| Ledley King | D | 20 | Tottenham Hotspur (England) | 20 | 2 |
| Steven Gerrard | M | 4 | Liverpool (England) | 80 | 16 |
| Aaron Lennon | M | 7 | Tottenham Hotspur (England) | 17 | 0 |
| Frank Lampard | M | 8 | Chelsea (England) | 78 | 20 |
| Joe Cole | M | 11 | Chelsea (England) | 54 | 10 |
| Gareth Barry | M | 14 | Manchester City (England) | 36 | 2 |
| James Milner | M | 16 | Aston Villa (England) | 8 | 0 |
| Shaun Wright-Phillips | M | 17 | Manchester City (England) | 31 | 6 |
| Michael Carrick | M | 22 | Manchester United (England) | 22 | 0 |
| Peter Crouch | F | 9 | Tottenham Hotspur (England) | 38 | 21 |
| Wayne Rooney | F | 10 | Manchester United (England) | 60 | 25 |
| Jermain Defoe | F | 19 | Tottenham Hotspur (England) | 39 | 11 |
| Emile Heskey | F | 21 | Aston Villa (England) | 58 | 7 |

TEAM NOTES

Top players:

Wayne Rooney has been purported by many to be a Messi, Ronaldo-level player. He is not, but he is still somebody that can carry a team, and England will be built around him.

Steven Gerrard has inherited the captaincy from the injured Rio Ferdinand. With England uncertain to get goals from Rooney's partner, Gerrard will be needed for his scoring.

John Terry struggled at the end of his Premier League season, but if the Chelsea captain can regain a modicum of form, many of England's worries will be alleviated.

Keys to success:

England needs to stay healthy, with Gareth Barry threatening to join Rio Ferdinand and David Beckham out of the World Cup. If that problem's contained, Fabio Capello will be hoping for consistency at the back, where he's been forced to forge a new central defense partnership in front of an uncertain goalkeeping situation.

Outlook:

England is the class of Group C, but paired opposite a deep Group D, there will be no easy Round of 16 match. England has semifinal expectations, but they will be hard-pressed to meet them.