



# Korea Football Association

**Region:** Asian Football Confederation (AFC)

**World Cup appearances:** 7 (1954, '86, '90, '94, '98, 2002, 2006)

**Best World Cup finish:** 4th (2002) **Current FIFA Ranking:** 47th

**Continental titles:** Asian Cup (1956, 1960)

**Country's population:** 48,636,068 **GDP (per inhabitant):** \$28,000 **Life expectancy:** 78.81

Formation: 4-4-2



World Cup Qualifying		
Opponent	GF	GA
Turkmenistan	4	0
@Korea DPR	0	0
Jordan	2	2
@Jordan	1	0
@Turkmenistan	3	1
Korea DPR	0	0
@Korea DPR	1	1
United Arab Emirates	4	1
@Saudi Arabia	2	0
@Iran	1	1
Korea DPR	1	0
@UAE	2	0
Saudi Arabia	0	0
Iran	1	1
	<b>22</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Record: 7-7-0</b>		

Group B	Pts	W	D	L	GF	GA
Argentina						
South Korea						
Nigeria						
Greece						

Name	Pos	No.	Club (league)	Caps	G
Lee Woon-Jae	G	1	Suwon Bluewings (Korea)	130	0
Kim Young-Kwang	G	21	Ulsan Horang-i (Korea)	14	0
Jung Sung-Ryong	G	18	Seongnam Ilhwa (Korea)	15	0
Name	Pos	No.	Club (league)	Caps	G
Lee Yong-Pyo	D	12	Al-Hilal (Saudi Arabia)	112	5
Cha Du-Ri	D	22	Freiburg (Germany)	46	4
Kim Dong-Jin	D	15	Ulsan Horang-i (Korea)	61	2
Oh Beom-Seok	D	2	Ulsan Horang-i (Korea)	37	2
Kang Min-Soo	D	23	Suwon Bluewings (Korea)	31	0
Cho Yong-Hyung	D	4	Jeju United (Korea)	31	0
Lee Jung-Soo	D	14	Kashima Antlers (Japan)	24	2
Kim Hyung-Il	D	3	Pohang Steelers (Korea)	2	0
Kim Nam-Il	M	5	Tom Tomsk (Russia)	92	2
Park Ji-Sung	M	7	Manchester United (Englar)	88	12
Kim Jung-Woo	M	8	Gwangju Phoenix (Korea)	54	4
Lee Chung-Yong	M	17	Bolton Wanderers (Englanc)	23	3
Ki Sung-Yueng	M	16	Celtic (Scotland)	21	4
Kim Jae-Sung	M	13	Pohang Steelers (Korea)	7	2
Kim Bo-Kyung	M	6	Oita Trinita (Japan)	6	0
Ahn Jung-Hwan	F	9	Dalian Shide (China)	70	17
Lee Dong-Gook	F	20	Jeonbuk Motors (Korea)	83	25
Park Chu-Young	F	10	Monaco (France)	40	14
Yeom Ki-Hun	F	19	Suwon Bluewings (Korea)	33	3
Lee Seung-Yeoul	F	11	FC Seoul (Korea)	8	3

## TEAM NOTES

### Top players:

**Park Ji-Sung** is the most successful player in the country's history and will wear the armband during the World Cup. On the right win, he will be counted on to me more of an attacking threat than he is at Manchester United.

**Ki Sung-Yong** is a highly skilled central midfielder who gives Korea a playmaker that could be the difference between the early exit of 2006 and advancing to the second round.

**Lee Young-Pyo** is the team's most capped outfield player and provides an attacking dimension from the left back position. Now 33-years-old, Lee can still provide Korea a bit of quality on the ball.

### Keys to success:

While you hear so much about a team's spine, South Korea has questions down theirs. The Tigers of Asia, having many of their talents allocated to the wide positions, will have to rely on organization in lieu of talent through the middle of the team.

### Outlook:

In a touch Group B, South Korea should be confident. If they take care of business against Nigeria and Greece - a reasonable expectation for them - the Koreans will be back in the second round. With Group B paired opposite Group A in the Round of 16, Korea will not face an insurmountable second round obstacle.