



# Fédération Algérienne de Football

**Region:** Confédération Africaine de Football (CAF)

**World Cup appearances:** 2 (1982, '86)

**Best World Cup finish:** First Round **Current FIFA Ranking:** 30th

**Continental titles:** African Cup of Nations (190)

**Country's population:** 34,586,184 **GDP (per inhabitant):** \$7,000 **Life expectancy:** 74.26



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

Name	Pos	No.	Club (league)	Caps	G
Lounès Gaouaoui	G	1	ASO Chlef (Algeria)	48	0
Faouzi Chaouchi	G	16	ES Sétif (Algeria)	10	0
Raïs M'Bohli	G	23	Slavia Sofia (Hungary)	1	0

  

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Madjid Bougherra	D	2 Rangers (Scotland)	41	3
Nadir Belhadj	D	3 Portsmouth (England)	45	5
Anta Yahia	D	4 Bochum (Germany)	44	5
Rafik Halliche	D	5 Nacional (Portugal)	16	1
Habib Bellaid	D	12 Eintracht Frankfurt (Germany)	1	0
Carl Medjani	D	14 AC Ajaccio (France)	0	0
Adbelkader Laïfaoui	D	18 ES Sétif (Algeria)	6	0
Djamel Mesbah	D	20 Lecce (Italy)	1	0
Yazid Mansouri	M	6 Lorient (France)	67	0
Ryad Boudebouz	M	7 FC Sochaux (France)	2	0
Mehdi Lacen	M	8 Racing Santander (Spain)	3	0
Karim Ziani	M	15 Wolfsburg (Germany)	55	5
Adlène Guedioura	M	17 Wolverhampton (England)	2	0
Hassan Yebda	M	19 Benfica (Portugal)	9	0
Foued Kadir	M	21 Valenciennes (France)	2	0
Djamel Abdoun	M	22 Nantes (France)	7	0
Abdelkader Ghezzal	F	9 (Siena)	19	3
Rafik Saïfi	F	10 Istres (France)	60	18
Rafik Djebbour	F	11 AEK Athens (Greece)	16	3
Karim Matmour	F	13 Borussia Monchengladbach (Ger.)	22	2

## TEAM NOTES

### Top players:

One of the squad's few world class players, there aren't many clubs in the world for whom **Nedir Beldaj** would not play. Unfortunately for Algeria, suspension will leave him out of their match with Slovenia.

**Madjid Bougherra** is the other elite player on this team. The strong central defender can also be a threat in the air on set pieces - defending or attacking.

**Karim Ziani** is one of the few creative presences in an otherwise stoic group. His quickness could give England and Slovenia problems.

### Keys to success:

Algeria seems to have a problem with focus. In January's Cup of Nations, they combined remarkable performances (defeating Cote d'Ivoire) with huge losses (Malawi, Egypt) that saw them come-apart mid-match. In a tough group that portends three close matches for the Desert Foxes, they'll need 270 minutes of focus.

### Outlook:

It's difficult to see the Foxes breaking-down Slovenia or stopping England. By their third match (against the United States), they could be playing for pride.