



German Football Association

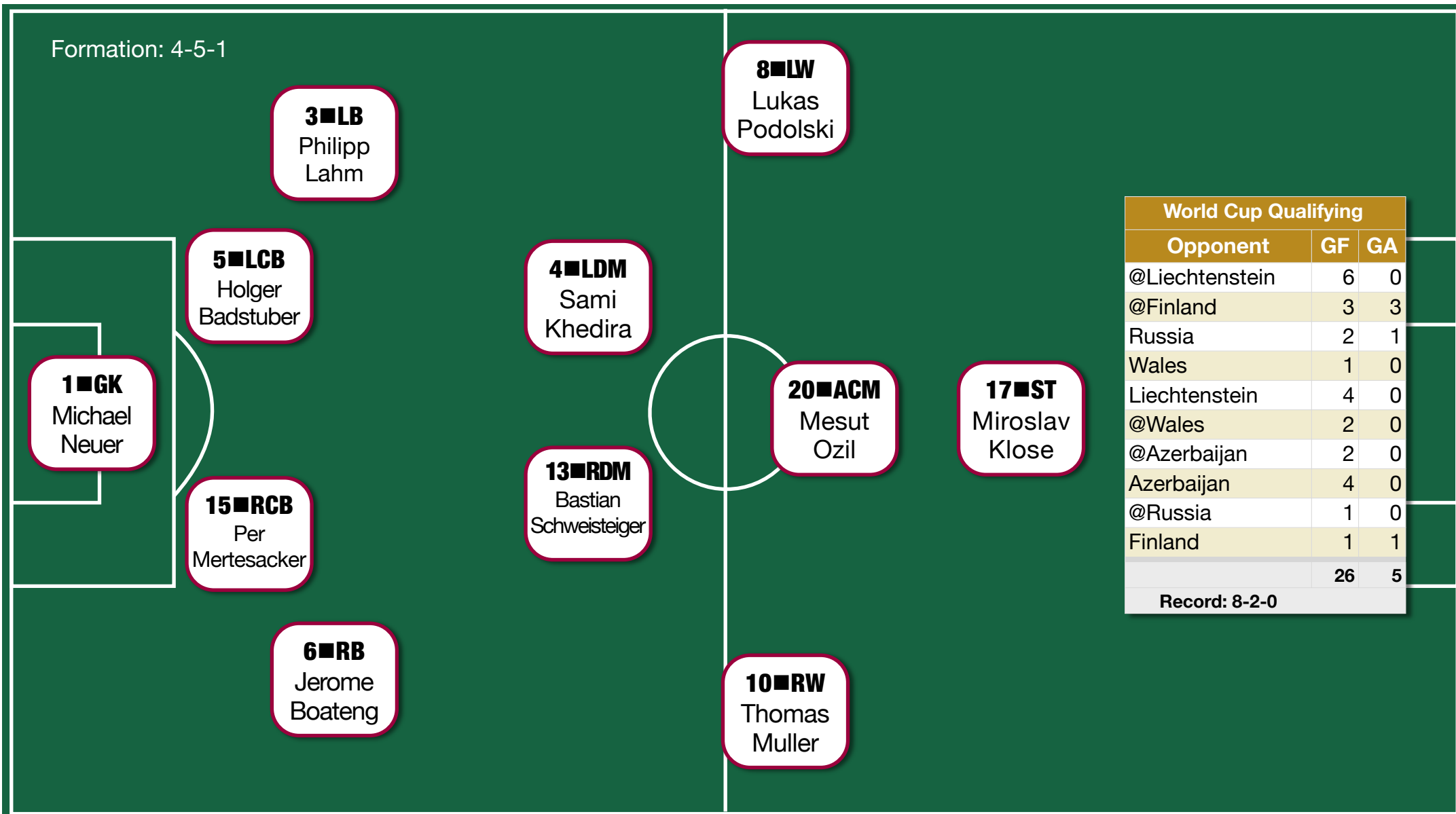
Region: Union of European Football Associations (UEFA)

World Cup appearances: 16 (1934, '38, '54, '58, '62, '66, '70, '74, '78, '82, '86, '90, '94, '98, 2002, '06)

Best World Cup finish: 1st (1954, '74, '90) **Current FIFA Ranking:** 6th

Continental titles: European Championships (1972, '80, '96)

Country's population: 82,282,988 **GDP (per inhabitant):** \$34,100 **Life expectancy:** 79.41



Group D	Pts	W	D	L	GF	GA
Germany						
Serbia						
Ghana						
Australia						

Name	Pos	No.	Club (league)	Caps	G
Manuel Neuer	G	1	Schalke (Germany)	5	0
Tim Wiese	G	12	Werder Bremen (Germany)	2	0
Hans-Jörg Butt	G	22	Bayern Munich (Germany)	3	0
Name	Pos	No.	Club (league)	Caps	G
Marcell Jansen	D	2	Hamburg (Germany)	30	2
Arne Friedrich	D	3	Hertha Berlin (Germany)	72	0
Dennis Aogo	D	4	Hamburg (Germany)	2	0
Serder Tasci	D	5	Stuttgart (Germany)	12	0
Holger Badstuber	D	14	Bayern Munich (Germany)	2	0
Philipp Lahm	D	16	Bayern Munich (Germany)	65	4
Per Mertesacker	D	17	Werder Bremen (Germany)	62	1
Jérôme Boateng	D	20	Hamburg (Germany)	5	0
Sami Khedira	M	6	Stuttgart (Germany)	5	0
Bastian Schweinsteiger	M	7	Bayern Munich (Germany)	75	21
Mesut Özil	M	8	Werder Bremen (Germany)	10	1
Piotr Trochowski	M	15	Hamburg (Germany)	32	2
Toni Kroos	M	18	Bayer Leverkusen (Germany)	4	0
Marko Marin	M	21	Werder Bremen (Germany)	9	1
Stefan Kießling	F	9	Bayer Leverkusen (Germany)	4	0
Lukas Podolski	F	10	Köln (Germany)	73	38
Miroslav Klose	F	11	Bayern Munich (Germany)	96	48
Thomas Müller	F	13	Bayern Munich (Germany)	2	0
Cacau	F	19	Stuttgart (Germany)	8	3
Mario Gómez	F	23	Bayern Munich (Germany)	34	12

TEAM NOTES

Top players:

Philipp Lahm will take up the armband in the absence of injured captain Michael Ballack. Equally adept on the left or right flanks, Lahm moved to the left for Germany to work with left wing **Lukas Podolski**.

Bastian Schweinsteiger is another jack-of-all trades who is becoming more of a central midfielder with each passing match. He will also be leaned upon to fill the Ballack void.

Per Mertesacker must hold this back line together better than he does **Werder Bremen's**, while Bremen teammate **Mesut Ozil** looks set to break-out as a star - Joachim Löw's most important player in attack.

Keys to success:

Germany has the depth to deal with the injuries they've incurred: Michael Ballack, Hieko Westermann, Rene Adler. If the team incurs any injuries to non-strikers, they will finally start to feel the weight of the ailments. From this point forward, Germany needs to stay healthy.

Outlook:

News of German's demise has been greatly exaggerated. There is the possibility they could finish second in group, but the Nationalmannschaft is fine and prepared for a lone World Cup run.