



Football Association of Serbia

Region: Union of European Football Associations (UEFA)

World Cup appearances: None as Serbia (9 as part of Yugoslavia, 1 with Serbia and Montenegro)

Best World Cup finish: N/A **Current FIFA Ranking:** 15th

Continental titles: None

Country's population: 7,344,847 **GDP (per inhabitant):** \$10,400 **Life expectancy:** 74.09



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

Name	Pos	No.	Club (league)	Caps	G
Vladimir Stojkovic	G	1	Wigan Athletic (England)	32	0
Bojan Isailovic	G	12	Zagreb Lubin (Poland)	4	0
Andelko Duricic	G	23	Uniao Leiria (Portugal)	1	0
Name	Pos	No.	Club (league)	Caps	G
Antonio Rakavina	D	2	1860 Munich (Germany)	20	0
Aleksandar Kolarov	D	3	Lazio (Italy)	12	0
Nemanja Vidic	D	5	Manchester United (England)	45	2
Branislav Ivanovic	D	6	Chelsea (England)	30	4
Aleksandar Lukovic	D	13	Udinese (Italy)	20	0
Ivan Obradovic	D	16	Real Zaragoza (Spain)	11	1
Neven Subotic	D	20	Borussia Dortmund (Ger.)	12	1
Gojko Kacar	M	4	Hertha Berlin (Germany)	17	0
Zoran Tasic	M	7	Manchester United (England)	21	4
Dejan Stankovic	M	10	Internazionale (Italy)	87	13
Nenad Milijas	M	11	Wolverhampton Wanderers (Eng.)	16	3
Milan Jovanovic	M	14	Liverpool (England)	25	9
Milos Krasic	M	17	CSKA Moscow (Russia)	30	2
Milos Ninkovic	M	18	Dynamo Kyiv (Ukraine)	8	0
Radosav Petrovic	M	19	Partizan (Serbia)	8	0
Zdravko Kuzmanovic	M	22	Stuttgart (Germany)	27	4
Danko Lazovic	F	8	Zenit St. Petersburg (Russia)	36	10
Marko Pantelic	F	9	Ajax (Netherlands)	31	5
Nikola Zigic	F	15	Birmingham City (England)	44	16
Dragan Mrda	F	21	Vojvodina (Serbia)	5	2

TEAM NOTES

Top players:

The only right wing in this tournament better than **Milos Krasic** is Arjen Robben, and when the Dutch star breaks down, Krasic will have the stage to himself. For CSKA Moscow in Champions League, Krasic has shown he can dominate against elite competition - ask Manchester United.

Nemanja Vidic has a part in the discussion of the game's best central defenders - one of the game's best in the air be also possessing the speed to over for the rest of Serbia's defenders, should they ere.

Dejan Stankovic is the team's captain and anchor in central midfield. He's capable of contributing in attack as well as destroy build-up in front of the back line.

Keys to success:

Serbia has the talent to compete with any team in the world, yet we see points where they play down to their opponents, and in their two games against France, they failed to bring a confidence to the qualifiers that would have allowed them to control the struggling Blues. Serbia can neither lack confidence nor play down to their opponent's levels if they are going to live up to their potential, a potential that could have them win their group and make a long run in this year's tournament.

Outlook:

Serbia should get out of their group, and if they get the first place slot from it, they will have a relatively paved path to the quarterfinal. Radomir Antic should stress that as a goal. Serbia has the personnel to be one of the final eight, if not better, and it's not unreasonable to consider anything less a disappointment, history be damned.