



Federação Portuguesa de Futebol

Region: Union of European Football Associations (UEFA)

World Cup appearances: 4 (1966, '86, 2002, '06)

Best World Cup finish: 3rd (1966) **Current FIFA Ranking:** 3rd

Continental titles: None

Country's population: 10,735,765 **GDP (per inhabitant):** \$21,800 **Life expectancy:** 78.38



Group G	Pts	W	D	L	GF	GA
Brazil						
Portugal						
Cote d'Ivoire						
North Korea						

Name	Pos	No.	Club (league)	Caps	G
Eduardo	G	1	Braga (Portugal)	14	0
Beto	G	12	Porto (Portugal)	1	0
Daniel Fernandes	G	22	Iraklis (Israel)	2	0
Name	Pos	No.	Club (league)	Caps	G
Paulo Ferreira	D	3	Chelsea (England)	61	0
Fabio Coentrão	D	23	Benfica (Portugal)	3	0
Duda	D	5	Málaga (Spain)	15	1
Miguel	D	13	Valencia (Spain)	56	1
Ricardo Carvalho	D	6	Chelsea (England)	62	4
Bruno Alves	D	2	Porto (Portugal)	30	5
Rolando	D	4	Porto (Portugal)	8	0
Ricardo Costa	D	21	Valencia (Spain)	8	0
Pepe	M	15	Real Madrid (Spain)	24	2
Pedro Mendes	M	8	Sporting CP (Portugal)	7	0
Miguel Veloso	M	14	Sporting CP (Portugal)	11	1
Raul Meireles	M	16	Porto (Portugal)	33	5
Tiago	M	19	Atlético Madrid (Spain)	50	1
Deco	M	20	Chelsea (England)	73	5
Danny	M	10	Zenit St. Petersburg (Russia)	10	1
Simão	F	11	Atlético Madrid (Spain)	80	21
Nani	F	17	Manchester United (England)	36	7
Cristiano Ronaldo	F	7	Real Madrid (Spain)	71	22
Liédson	F	9	Sporting CP (Portugal)	9	3
Hugo Almeida	F	18	Werder Bremen (Germany)	25	7

TEAM NOTES

Top players:

Cristiano Ronaldo was last year's FIFA World Player of the Year and remains just as dangerous after his move to Real Madrid, able to play either wing or a striker's position.

Pepe is Ronaldo's teammate in Madrid, where he plays central defense. For Portugal, he will be in defensive midfield, forming a dominant defending trio with **Ricardo Carvalho** and **Bruno Alves**, should Pepe be fully recovered from his knee injury.

Deco is the player that makes everything tick in midfield, particularly important on a team that has two ways to attack: Ronaldo, and everything else. That everything else involves Deco getting the most out of **Nani**.

Keys to success:

That defending trio - if they play to their capabilities, Portugal will be difficult for anybody to beat. They seem to have problems scoring goals, but their defending keeps them in every match.

Outlook:

Even before Didier Drogba got hurt, they were likely to get through to the second round. Once there, they get Spain.