



# DPR Korea Football Association (North Korea)

**Region:** Asian Football Confederation

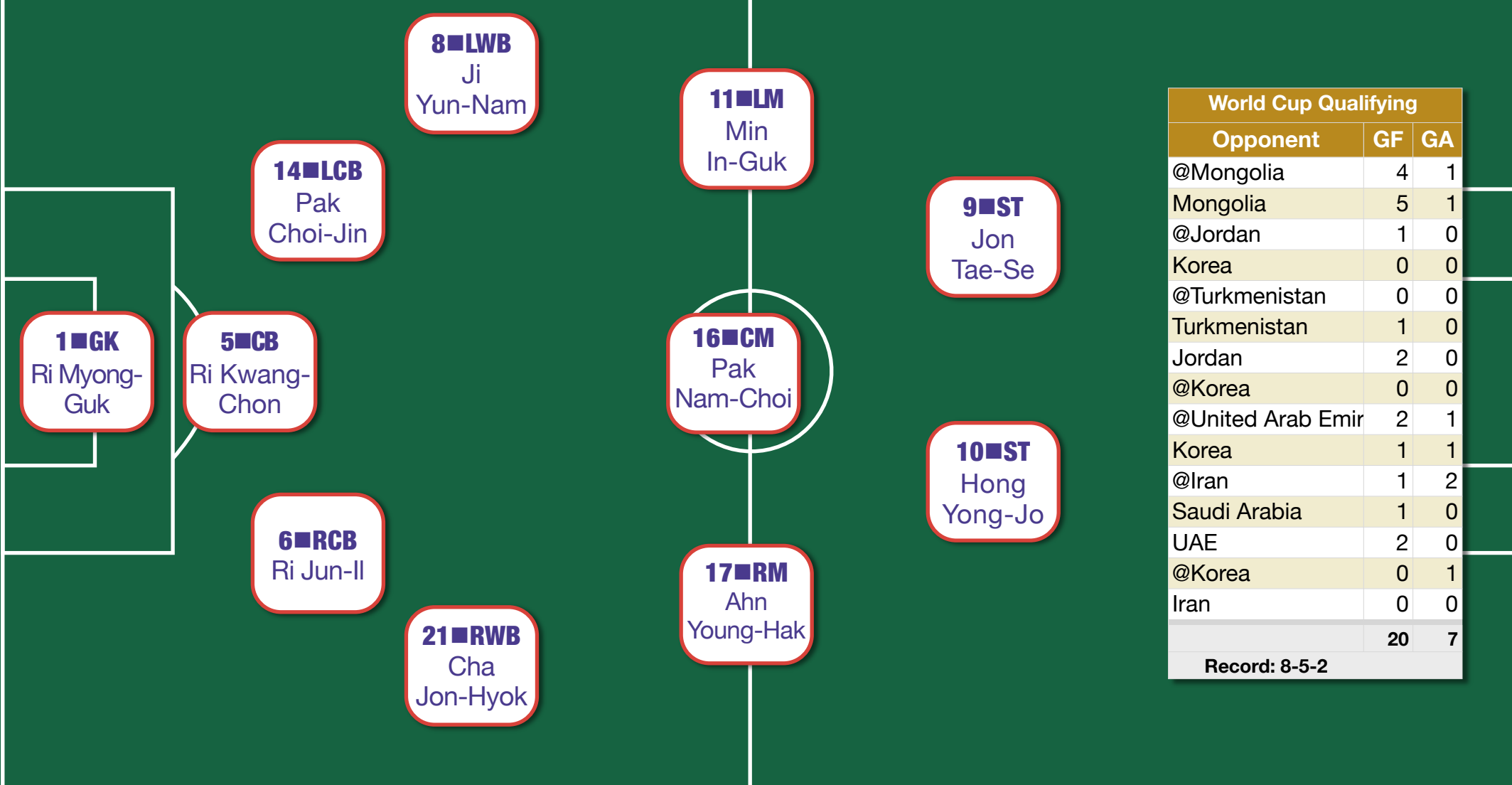
**World Cup appearances:** 1 (1966)

**Best World Cup finish:** 8th **Current FIFA Ranking:** 105th

**Continental titles:** None

**Country's population:** 22,757,275 **GDP (per inhabitant):** \$1,900 **Life expectancy:** 64.13

Formation: 5-3-2



World Cup Qualifying		
Opponent	GF	GA
@Mongolia	4	1
Mongolia	5	1
@Jordan	1	0
Korea	0	0
@Turkmenistan	0	0
Turkmenistan	1	0
Jordan	2	0
@Korea	0	0
@United Arab Emir	2	1
Korea	1	1
@Iran	1	2
Saudi Arabia	1	0
UAE	2	0
@Korea	0	1
Iran	0	0
	<b>20</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Record: 8-5-2</b>		

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

Name	Pos	No.	Club (league)	Caps	G
Ri Myong-Guk	G	1	Pyongyang City (Korea DP)	29	0
Him Myong-Gil	G	18	Amrokgang (Korea DPR)	11	0
Kim Myong-Won	G	20	Amrokgang (Korea DPR)	9	0
Name	Pos	No.	Club (league)	Caps	G
Cho Jong-Hyok	D	2	Amrokgang (Korea DPR)	32	0
Ri Jun-II	D	3	Sobaeksu (Korea DPR)	27	0
Ri Kwang-Chon	D	5	April 25 (Korea DPR)	41	1
Ji Yun-Nam	D	8	April 25 (Korea DPR)	22	2
Pak Chol-Jin	D	13	Amrokgang (Korea DPR)	35	0
Pak Nam-Chol	D	14	Amrokgang (Korea DPR)	12	0
Nam Song-Chol	D	16	April 25 (Korea DPR)	42	1
Ri Kwang-Hyok	D	21	Kyonggongop (Korea DPR)	15	0
Pak Nam-Chil	M	4	April 25 (Korea DPR)	36	5
Kim Kum-II	M	6	April 25 (Korea DPR)	12	1
Mun In-Guk	M	11	April 25 (Korea DPR)	42	6
Kim Yong-Jun	M	15	Pyongyang City (Korea DP)	53	7
Ahn Young-Hak	M	17	Omiya Ardija (Japan)	24	2
Ri Chol-Myong	M	19	Pyongyang City (Korea DP)	12	1
Kim Yong-II	M	22	Rimyongsu (Korea DPR)	7	0
Pak Sung-Hyok	M	23	Sobaeksu (Korea DPR)	6	0
An Chol-Hyok	F	7	Rinyongsu (Korea DPR)	15	7
Jong Tae-Se	F	9	Kawasaki Frontale (Japan)	21	14
Hong Yong-Jo	F	10	FC Rostov (Russia)	40	11
Choe Kum-Chol	F	12	Rimyongsu (Korea DPR)	16	5

## TEAM NOTES

### Top players:

**Jong Tae-Se** is called the Asian Rooney. Not the North Korean Rooney. The Asian Rooney. He scored 21 goals in all-competitions in 2009 for Kawasaki Frontale. Like Jong, **Ahn-Young-Hak** is a Japanese-born North Korean. His presence in midfield is the first line of a robust defense.

**Kim Myong-Won** is listed as a goalkeeper, but he is actually a forward who will be barred from playing his position in South Africa. Korea DPR registered him as a goalkeeper and has been informed by FIFA that he will not be allowed to play another position

### Keys to success:

Neither Portugal nor Cote d'Ivoire are organized in attack, so Korea DPR could give them trouble. One huge upset and another draw could send the North Koreans through. The key will be maintaining a stalwart defense that gave up less than half-a-goal per match in qualifying.

### Outlook:

Korea DPR has the approach to get one, maybe two points, and they should consider either formula a victory. There is a reason this team is ranked 105th in the world.