



Swiss Football Association

Region: Union of European Football Associations

World Cup appearances: 8 (1934, '38, '50, '54, '62, '66, '94, 2006)

Best World Cup finish: 6th (1950) **Current FIFA Ranking:** 24th

Continental titles: None

Country's population: 7,623,438 **GDP (per inhabitant):** \$41,700 **Life expectancy:** 80.97



Group H	Pts	W	D	L	GF	GA
Spain						
Honduras						
Switzerland						
Chile						

Name	Pos	No.	Club (league)	Caps	G
Diego Benaglio	G	1	Wolfsburg (Germany)	25	0
Marco Wölfli	G	12	Young Boys (Switzerland)	4	0
Johnny Leoni	G	21	Zürich (Switzerland)	0	0
Name	Pos	No.	Club (league)	Caps	G
Stephan Lichsteiner	D	2	Lazio (Italy)	26	0
Reto Ziegler	D	3	Sampdoria (Italy)	10	1
Philippe Senderos	D	4	Arsenal (England)	38	5
Steve von Bergen	D	5	Hertha Berlin (Germany)	10	0
Stéphane Grichting	D	13	Auxerre (France)	33	1
Ludovic Magnin	D	17	Zürich (Switzerland)	62	3
Mario Eggimann	D	22	Hannover (Germany)	62	3
Benjamin Huggel	M	6	Basel (Switzerland)	36	2
Tranquillo Barnetta	M	7	Bayer Leverkusen (Germany)	50	6
Gökhan Inler	M	8	Udinese (Italy)	34	3
Valon Behrami	M	11	West Ham United (England)	26	2
Marco Padalino	M	14	Sampdoria (Italy)	7	1
Hakan Yakin	M	15	Luzern (Switzerland)	80	20
Gelson Fernandes	M	16	Saint-Étienne (France)	22	1
Pirmin Schwegler	M	20	Eintracht Frankfurt (Germany)	3	0
Xherdan Shaqiri	M	23	Basel (Switzerland)	1	0
Alexander Frei	F	9	Basel (Switzerland)	73	40
Blaise Nfuko	F	10	Seattle Sounders FC (U.S.)	29	7
Eren Derdiyok	F	19	Bayer Leverkusen (Germany)	19	2
Albert Bunjaku	F	18	Nurnberg (Germany)	2	0

TEAM NOTES

Top players:

Alexander Frei's knee injury at the beginning of Euro 2008 put a damper on the co-host's tournaments. The captain is a world-class finisher and their talisman.

Tranquillo Barnetta gives the Swiss a touch of class and creativity in midfield, whereas Gökhan Inler provides the backbone.

Stéphane Grichting is coming off a strong season with Ligue 1 surprise Auxerre.

Keys to success:

Switzerland will have to compete in midfield against three teams who will offer different challenges in the middle of the pitch. However, that is where the matches will be won in Group H, and Switzerland has arguably the fewest resources amongst the four teams. The players will have to out-perform their more talent, deeper peers.

Outlook:

Ottmar Hitzfeld could navigate this team through the group, but there is not much farther the Swiss can go. Swiss is in a similar class with Chile and Honduras and can reasonable expect to get to the final 16. Whether they will is a different question.