World Cup 2006 team guide

Who's who at the FIFA World Cup in Germany

GERMANY — A



Winners 1954, 1974, 1990 (as West Germany)

Coach: **Jurgen Klinsmann**
Player to watch: **Michael Ballack**

COSTA RICA



Best finish: Last 16, 1990

Coach: **Alexandre Guimaraes**
Player to watch: **Paolo Wanchope**

POLAND



Semi-finalists 1974, 1982

Coach: **Pawel Janas**
Player to watch: **Maciej Zurawski**

ECUADOR



Qualified 2002

Coach: **Luis Fernando Suarez**
Player to watch: **Luis Valencia**

ENGLAND — B



Winners 1966

Coach: **Sven-Goran Eriksson**
Player to watch: **Wayne Rooney**

PARAGUAY



Best finish: Last 16, 1998, 2002

Coach: **Anibal Ruiz**
Player to watch: **Roque Santa Cruz**

TRINIDAD & TOBAGO



First World Cup appearance

Coach: **Leo Beenhakker**
Player to watch: **Dwight Yorke**

SWEDEN



Finalists 1958

Coach: **Lars Lagerback**
Player to watch: **Zlatan Ibrahimovic**

ARGENTINA — C



Winners 1978, 1986

Coach: **Jose Pekerman**
Player to watch: **Lionel Messi**

COTE D'IVOIRE



First World Cup appearance

Coach: **Henri Michel**
Player to watch: **Didier Drogba**

SERBIA & MONTENEGRO



First World Cup appearance

Coach: **Ilija Petkovic**
Player to watch: **Mladen Krstajic**

NETHERLANDS



Finalists 1974, 1978

Coach: **Marco van Basten**
Player to watch: **Arjen Robben**

MEXICO — D



Quarter-finalists 1970, 1986

Coach: **Ricardo La Volpe**
Player to watch: **Oswaldo Sanchez**

IRAN



Qualified 1978, 1998

Coach: **Branko Ivankovic**
Player to watch: **Ali Karimi**

ANGOLA



First World Cup appearance

Coach: **Luis Oliveira Goncalves**
Player to watch: **Fabrice Akwa**

PORTUGAL



Semi-finalists 1966

Coach: **Luiz Felipe Scolari**
Player to watch: **Deco**

ITALY — E



Winners 1934, 1938, 1982

Coach: **Marcello Lippi**
Player to watch: **Luca Toni**

GHANA



First World Cup appearance

Coach: **Ratomir Dujkovic**
Player to watch: **Michael Essien**

UNITED STATES



Semi-finalists 1930

Coach: **Bruce Arena**
Player to watch: **DaMarcus Beasley**

CZECH REPUBLIC



Finalists 1934, 1962 (as Czechoslovakia)

Coach: **Karel Bruckner**
Player to watch: **Petr Cech**

BRAZIL — F



Winners 1958, 1962, 1970, 1994, 2002

Coach: **Carlos Alberto Parreira**
Player to watch: **Ronaldinho**

CROATIA



Semi-finalists 1998

Coach: **Zlatko Kranjcar**
Player to watch: **Dado Prso**

AUSTRALIA



Qualified 1974

Coach: **Guus Hiddink**
Player to watch: **Harry Kewell**

JAPAN



Best finish: Last 16, 2002

Coach: **Zico**
Player to watch: **Shunsuke Nakamura**

FRANCE — G



Winners 1998

Coach: **Raymond Domenech**
Player to watch: **Thierry Henry**

SWITZERLAND



Quarter-finalists 1934, 1938, 1954

Coach: **Jakob Kuhn**
Player to watch: **Philippe Senderos**

KOREA



Semi-finalists 2002

Coach: **Dick Advocaat**
Player to watch: **Park Ji-sung**

TOGO



First World Cup appearance

Coach: **Stephen Keshi**
Player to watch: **Emmanuel Adebayor**

SPAIN — H



Semi-finalists 1950

Coach: **Luis Aragones**
Player to watch: **Fernando Torres**

UKRAINE



First World Cup appearance

Coach: **Oleg Blokhin**
Player to watch: **Andriy Shevchenko**

TUNISIA



Qualified 1978, 1998, 2002

Coach: **Roger Lemerre**
Player to watch: **Hatem Trabelsi**

SAUDI ARABIA



Best finish: Last 16, 1994

Coach: **Gabriel Calderon**
Player to watch: **Yasser Al-Qahtani**

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