

FIFA World Cup team guide

A SOUTH AFRICA
Rank 90
Coach: **Carlos Alberto Parreira** BRA
Player to watch: **Steven Pienaar**
3 Tournaments
Best finish: 1st round
Record: W1-D3-L2



URUGUAY
Rank 18
Coach: **Oscar Tabarez**
Player to watch: **Luis Suarez**
11 Tournaments
2 Winner 1930, 1950
Record: W15-D10-L15



MEXICO
Rank 17
Coach: **Javier Aguirre**
Player to watch: **Rafael Marquez**
14 Tournaments
Best finish: Quarter-finals
Record: W11-D12-L22



FRANCE
Rank 10
Coach: **Raymond Domenech**
Player to watch: **Franck Ribery**
13 Tournaments
1 Winner 1998
Record: W25-D10-L16



B ARGENTINA
Rank 7
Coach: **Diego Maradona**
Player to watch: **Lionel Messi**
15 Tournaments
2 Winner 1978, 86
Record: W33-D13-L19



SOUTH KOREA
Rank 47
Coach: **Huh Jung-Moo**
Player to watch: **Park Ji-Sung**
8 Tournaments
Best finish: Semi-finals
Record: W4-D7-L13



NIGERIA
Rank 20=
Coach: **Lars Lagerback** SWE
Player to watch: **Obafemi Martins**
4 Tournaments
Best finish: Round of 16
Record: W4-D1-L6



GREECE
Rank 12
Coach: **Otto Rehhagel** GER
Player to watch: **Angelos Charisteas**
2 Tournaments
Best finish: First round
Record: W0-D0-L3



C ENGLAND
Rank 8
Coach: **Fabio Capello** ITA
Player to watch: **Wayne Rooney**
13 Tournaments
1 Winner 1966
Record: W25-D17-L13



ALGERIA
Rank 31
Coach: **Rabah Saadane**
Player to watch: **Karim Ziani**
3 Tournaments
Best finish: First round
Record: W2-D1-L3



UNITED STATES
Rank 14
Coach: **Bob Bradley**
Player to watch: **Landon Donovan**
9 Tournaments
Best finish: Semi-finals
Record: W6-D3-L16



SLOVENIA
Rank 23
Coach: **Matjaz Kek**
Player to watch: **Milivoje Novakovic**
2 Tournaments
Best finish: First round
Record: W0-D0-L3



D GERMANY
Rank 6
Coach: **Joachim Low**
Player to watch: **Michael Ballack**
17 Tournaments
3 Winner 1954, 74, 1990
Record: W55-D19-L18
**All as W. Germany*



SERBIA
Rank 16
Coach: **Radomir Antic**
Player to watch: **Nemanja Vidic**
11 Tournaments*
Best finish: Semi-finals
Record: W16-D8-L16
**Includes Yugoslavia*



AUSTRALIA
Rank 20=
Coach: **Pim Verbeek** NED
Player to watch: **Tim Cahill**
3 Tournaments
Best finish: Round of 16
Record: W1-D2-L4



GHANA
Rank 32
Coach: **Milovan Rajevac** SRB
Player to watch: **Michael Essien**
2 Tournaments
Best finish: Round of 16
Record: W2-D0-L2



E NETHERLANDS
Rank 4
Coach: **Bert van Marwijk**
Player to watch: **Arjen Robben**
9 Tournaments
Best finish: Finalists
Record: W16-D10-L10



JAPAN
Rank 45
Coach: **Takeshi Okada**
Player to watch: **Shunsuke Nakamura**
4 Tournaments
Best finish: Round of 16
Record: W2-D2-L6



DENMARK
Rank 35
Coach: **Morten Olsen**
Player to watch: **Nicklas Bendtner**
4 Tournaments
Best finish: Quarter-finals
Record: W7-D2-L4



CAMEROON
Rank 19
Coach: **Paul Le Guen** FRA
Player to watch: **Samuel Eto'o**
6 Tournaments
Best finish: Quarter-finals
Record: W4-D7-L6



F ITALY
Rank 5
Coach: **Marcello Lippi**
Player to watch: **Gianluigi Buffon**
17 Tournaments
4 Winner 1934, 38, 1982, 2006
Record: W44-D19-L14



NEW ZEALAND
Rank 78
Coach: **Ricki Herbert**
Player to watch: **Ryan Nelsen**
2 Tournaments
Best finish: First round
Record: W0-D0-L3



PARAGUAY
Rank 30
Coach: **Gerardo Martino** ARG
Player to watch: **Roque Santa Cruz**
8 Tournaments
Best finish: Round of 16
Record: W6-D7-L9



SLOVAKIA
Rank 38
Coach: **Vladimir Weiss**
Player to watch: **Marek Hamsik**
9 Tournaments*
Best finish: Finalists
Record: W11-D5-L14
**Includes Czechoslovakia*



G BRAZIL
Rank 1
Coach: **Dunga**
Player to watch: **Kaka**
19 Tournaments
5 Winner 1958, 62, 70, 94, 2002
Record: W64-D14-L14



CÔTE D'IVOIRE
Rank 27
Coach: **Sven-Goran Eriksson** SWE
Player to watch: **Didier Drogba**
2 Tournaments
Best finish: First round
Record: W1-D0-L2



NORTH KOREA
Rank 106
Coach: **Kim Jong-Hun**
Player to watch: **Mun In-Guk**
2 Tournaments
Best finish: Quarter-finals
Record: W1-D1-L2



PORTUGAL
Rank 3
Coach: **Carlos Queiroz**
Player to watch: **Cristiano Ronaldo**
5 Tournaments
Best finish: Semi-finals
Record: W11-D1-L7



H SPAIN
Rank 2
Coach: **Vicente del Bosque**
Player to watch: **Xavi Hernandez**
13 Tournaments
Best finish: Semi-finals
Record: W22-D12-L15



HONDURAS
Rank 40
Coach: **Reinaldo Rueda** COL
Player to watch: **Carlos Pavon**
2 Tournaments
Best finish: First round
Record: W0-D2-L1



SWITZERLAND
Rank 26
Coach: **Ottmar Hitzfeld** GER
Player to watch: **Alexander Frei**
9 Tournaments
Best finish: Quarter-finals
Record: W8-D5-L13



CHILE
Rank 15
Coach: **Marcelo Bielsa** ARG
Player to watch: **Humberto Suazo**
8 Tournaments
Best finish: Semi-finals
Record: W7-D6-L12

