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Four-time champions Italy have failed to qualify for the World Cup for the first time since 1958, after a goalless draw with Sweden ended hopes of qualifying for the 2018 tournament in Russia

Italy captain
Gianluigi Buffon

ITALY: RECORD AT FIFA WORLD CUP

1934		Champions	<i>bt Czechoslovakia</i>
1938		Champions	<i>bt Hungary</i>
1950		Group stage	
1954		Group stage	
1958		Did not qualify	
1962		Group stage	
1966		Group stage	
1970		Finalist	<i>lost to Brazil</i>
1974		Group stage	
1978		Fourth-place	
1982		Champions	<i>bt West Germany</i>
1986		Last 16	
1990		Third-place	
1994		Finalist	<i>lost to Brazil</i>
1998		Quarter-final	
2002		Last 16	
2006		Champions	<i>bt France</i>
2010		Group stage	
2014		Group stage	

