



FIFA World Cup Final 2018

France

Coach
Didier Deschamps
Captain
Hugo Lloris

WORLD CUP RECORD

W33 D13 L19

Appearances: **15**

Best finish: **Winner (1998)**

2014 performance

Quarter-final

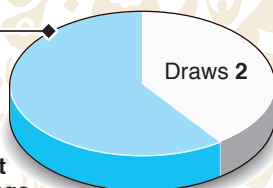
2018: Topped Group C before confident displays in knock-out stages against Argentina, Uruguay and strong Belgium team



**Luzhniki Stadium, Moscow
July 15**

HEAD-TO-HEAD

France 3 Croatia 0



Recent meetings

2011	France	0-0	Croatia
2004	Croatia	2-2	France

France unbeaten in five meetings with Croatia, including 2-1 victory in 1998 World Cup semi-final

Croatia

Coach
Zlatko Dalic
Captain
Luka Modric

WORLD CUP RECORD

W11 D4 L7

Appearances: **5**

Best finish: **Third place (1998)**

2014 performance

Group stage

2018: Unbeaten in Group D to secure top spot. Dispatched host Russia before reaching final with extra-time victory over England



FRENCH FLAIR

Third final, after 1998 victory and loss to Italy in 2006. Team inspired by teenage star **Kylian Mbappe** (left)

ROAD TO FINAL

W Australia	2-1	Match 1	W Nigeria	2-0
W Peru	1-0	Match 2	W Argentina	3-0
D Denmark	0-0	Match 3	W Iceland	2-1
W Argentina	4-3	Last 16	W Denmark	1-1*
W Uruguay	2-0	QF	W Russia	2-2*
W Belgium	1-0	SF	W England	2-1†

CROATIAN CREATIVITY

In first final of major tournament as independent nation. "Golden Generation" of stars includes **Ivan Rakitic**, **Mario Mandzukic** and **Luka Modric** (right)



SHOOTING BOOTS: Goals

Mbappe	3
Griezmann	3
Mandzukic	2
Perisic	2
Modric	2

EYE FOR GOAL: Total shots

Perisic	20
Griezmann	19
Rakitic	14
Giroud	14
Rebic	13

PLAYMAKERS: Passes

Modric	368
Kante	317
Rakitic	309
Varane	276
Lovren	275

*Penalties 3-2, Pens 4-3, †After extra time

COMPETITION STATISTICS

FATIGUE FACTOR	10	Goals scored	12
Croatia have played 90 mins more football than France, with three periods of extra-time and two penalty shoot-outs	4	Goals against	5
	75	Total shots	100
	24	Shots on target	26
	2331	Passes completed	2757
	19	Corners	34
	49%	Possession	54%

PROBABLE LINE-UPS



ROLL CALL OF CHAMPIONS

European teams extend winning streak to fourth successive World Cup

1930	Uruguay	Host: Uruguay
1934	Italy	Italy
1938	Italy	France
1950	Uruguay	Brazil
1954	W. Germany	Switzerland
1958	Brazil	Sweden
1962	Brazil	Chile
1966	England	England
1970	Brazil	Mexico

1974	W. Germany	W. Germany
1978	Argentina	Argentina
1982	Italy	Spain
1986	Argentina	Mexico
1990	West Germany	Italy
1994	Brazil	United States
1998	France	France
2002	Brazil	South Korea/Japan
2006	Italy	Germany
2010	Spain	South Africa
2014	Germany	Brazil

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MATCHBALL: TELSTAR 2018
Modern interpretation of iconic Telstar used from 1970-74, based on similar carcass to 2014 **Brazuca**

RUSSIA 2018

LUZHNIKI STADIUM

Opened: **1956** Capacity: **80,000**

Built in 1950s as flagship stadium of Soviet Union. Hosted 1980 Olympic Games and 2008 Champions League final

