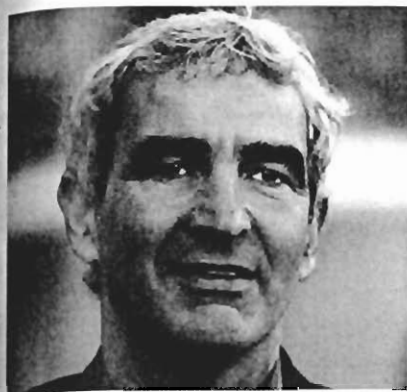
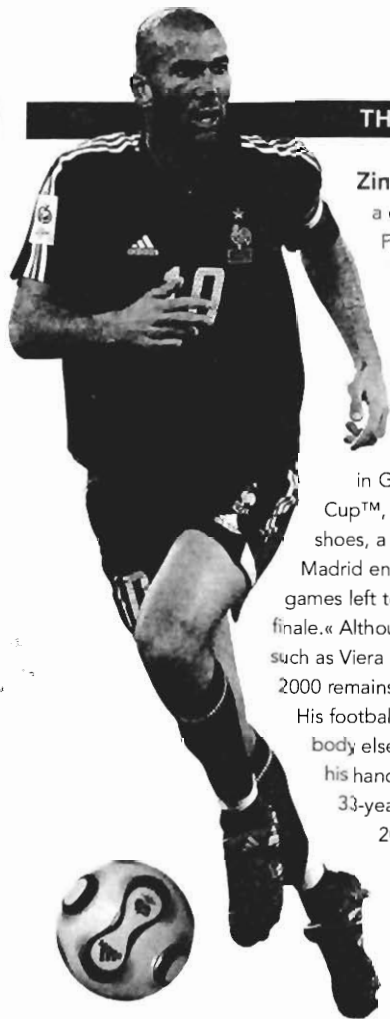


THE COACH



Raymond Domenech Domenech was appointed head coach of the «Équipe Tricolore» after the EURO 2004. An uncompromising left defence player, the native of Lyon played in 433 league and eight international games. In 1978 and 1982 he narrowly missed the appointment to the World Cup roster of «Les Bleus.» In 1993, Domenech took over France's U-21 national team, which subsequently featured such players as Zidane, Vieira, Henry, Trezeguet, Anelka, Gallas and Cisse. Domenech, who is said to have a brusque and abrasive manner, is considered a strong proponent of discipline.

THE STAR



Zinedine Zidane On 17 August 2005, a wave of collective relief swept across France. After a 14-month abstinence, Zinedine Zidane resumed his career in the national jersey. With the luminary's return to the midfield of the «Équipe Tricolore,» normalcy also returned to France, meaning that the national team easily passed the qualification for the final round in Germany. After the 2006 FIFA World Cup™, Zidane will finally take off his football shoes, a year before his contract with Real Madrid ends. The elegant playmaker has seven games left to top his career with a »grande finale.« Although France also has other top players such as Viera or Henry, the European champion of 2000 remains the key figure in the French team. His football genius decides games. Hardly anybody else combines lightness and efficiency in his handling of the ball as impressively as the 33-year-old FIFA World Footballer of 1998, 2000 and 2003. At the latest by 9 July, »the best No. 10 since Michel Platini« will enter the football stage for the last time. A new chapter of life will then start for the father of four sons.

Drive your way

	No.	Name	Born	Club	Intern. games/goals
GOAL		Landreau, Mickael	14/05/1979	Nantes	3/0
		Barthez, Fabien	28/06/1971	Marseille	80/0
		Coupet, Gregory	31/12/1972	Lyon	18/0
DEFENCE	2	Boumsong, Jean-Alain	14/12/1979	Newcastle (ENG)	19/1
	3	Abidal, Eric	11/07/1979	Lyon	8/0
	5	Gallas, William	17/08/1977	Chelsea (ENG)	40/1
	13	Silvestre, Mikael	09/08/1977	Manchester Utd. (ENG)	39/2
	15	Thuram, Lilian	01/01/1972	Juventus (ITA)	114/2
	17	Givet, Gael	09/10/1981	Monaco	11/0
MIDFIELD	19	Sagnol, Willy	18/03/1977	Bayern Munich (GER)	38/0
	21	Chimbonda, Pascal	21/02/1979	Wigan (ENG)	1/0
		Vieira, Patrick	23/06/1976	Juventus (ITA)	87/4
		Makelele, Claude	18/02/1973	Chelsea (ENG)	43/0
		Malouda, Florent	13/06/1980	Lyon	13/2
		Dhorasoo, Vikash	10/10/1973	Paris St-Germain	16/1
		Zidane, Zinedine	23/06/1972	Real Madrid (ESP)	132/28
ATTACK		Diarra, Alou	15/07/1981	Lens	9/0
	9	Govou, Sidrey	27/07/1979	Lyon	19/3
	11	Wiltord, Sylvain	10/05/1974	Lyon	80/26
	12	Henry, Thierry	17/08/1977	Arsenal (ENG)	78/33
	14	Saha, Louis	08/08/1978	Manchester Utd. (ENG)	9/2
	20	Trezeguet, David	15/10/1977	Juventus (ITA)	63/32
	Ribery, Franck	07/04/1983	Marseille	3/0	
		COACH			
		Domenech, Raymond	24/01/1952		

FIFA World Cup scorecard

	1930	1934
		16
1938	1950	1954
Q		
1958	1962	1966
3 rd		
1970	1974	1978
1982	1986	1990
4 th	3 rd	
1994	1998	2002
	1 st	

- did not participate or did not qualify
- qualified for the final round
- reached the round of sixteen
- reached the quarterfinals
- FIFA Football World Champion
- Runners-up
- 3rd place
- 4th place