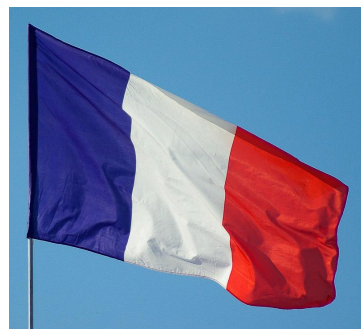


Golden Generations: France 1998-2000



1) Discussion

- a) Do you watch French football?
 - b) Who are your favourite French football players?
 - c) What do you think of the French national team?
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2) Vocabulary

a) Match the vocabulary to the definition.

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| 1) Intelligent (adjective) | a) To play against or meet. |
| 2) Crucial (adjective) | b) To stop working. |
| 3) To face (verb) | c) To do very well. |
| 4) Leader (noun) | d) Very important. |
| 5) To excel (verb) | e) Strong and able to recover quickly. |
| 6) To retire (verb) | f) Smart and good at thinking. |
| 7) Resilient (adjective) | g) A person who guides or is in charge. |
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b) Complete the sentences with the vocabulary from exercise 2a.

Intelligent Crucial To Face Leader
To Excel To Retire Resilient

- 1) After winning the World Cup at a young age, Ronaldinho continued to _____ in football.
- 2) In the World Cup final, Germany had to _____ Argentina and won 1-0.
- 3) After many years, David Beckham decided to _____ from football.
- 4) Paolo Maldini was a great _____ for the Italian team.
- 5) Claude Makélélé played a _____ role for Chelsea from 2003-2009.
- 6) Despite injuries, Carles Puyol stayed _____ and continued to play well.
- 7) Xavi was a very _____ player and helped FC Barcelona win a lot of games and trophies.



3) Quick Read - Read the article quickly and answer the question.

a) What trophies did France win from 1998-2000?

France 1998-2000

From 1998 to 2000, French football had a lot of success. The team manager was Aimé Jacquet. He was very intelligent and played a crucial role in the team's victories. The most significant player was Zinedine Zidane. He was exceptionally skillful.

In 1998, France won the World Cup, a great achievement for the country. The final match took place on July 12, 1998. France faced Brazil and won 3-0. Zidane scored two headers in the first half before Emmanuel Petit scored a third in the second half.

Other important players in 1998 included Thierry Henry, Laurent Blanc, and Didier Deschamps. Thierry Henry was a quick and talented forward. Laurent Blanc was a strong defender and a great leader. Didier Deschamps, the team captain, helped organise the team on the field.

After their World Cup victory, France continued to excel. They prepared for the next major tournament, Euro 2000. The team made some changes. New players like David Trezeguet and Robert Pirès joined the squad. Aimé Jacquet retired, and Roger Lemerre took over as the new manager.

In Euro 2000, France performed well again. They got to the final and played against Italy. The final match was on July 2, 2000. France won 2-1, with David Trezeguet scoring the winning goal. This goal was special because it was a "golden goal."

Other key players during this time were Patrick Vieira, Lilian Thuram, and Fabien Barthez. Patrick Vieira was a strong midfielder who could defend and attack. Lilian Thuram was a quick and resilient defender. Fabien Barthez, the team's goalkeeper, made many crucial saves.

From 1998 to 2000, French football was very powerful. They won two major tournaments and had many outstanding players. Zinedine Zidane was the star, but the team worked hard and played excellently together. This period is remembered as one of the best in French football history.



4) Discussion

- a) What do you think about the 1998-2000 French team?
- b) Who do you think was the most important player?
- c) Do you think they would have won without Zidane?
- d) Is this team one of the best teams ever?

