

World Cup Double Winners



1) Discussion

- a) What has been your favourite World Cup so far?
 - b) Which team do you think is the best ever to win the World Cup?
 - c) Can you name any World Cup winning managers?
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2) Vocabulary

a) Match the vocabulary to the definition.

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| 1) Rare (adjective) | a) Able to do many different things. |
| 2) Versatile (adjective) | b) To mix things together. |
| 3) To Emphasize (verb) | c) Well-organized and following rules. |
| 4) Dominant (adjective) | d) To stop something from continuing as usual. |
| 5) Disciplined (adjective) | e) Not common, hard to find. |
| 6) To Disrupt (verb) | f) Strongest or most powerful. |
| 7) To Blend (verb) | g) To show that something is important. |
| 8) Mastery (noun) | h) Great skill or knowledge in something. |
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b) Complete the sentences with the vocabulary from exercise 2a.

Rare Versatile To Emphasize Dominant Disciplined
To Disrupt To Blend Mastery

- 1) N'Golo Kanté is famous for his ability to _____ the opponent's play, stopping opponent's attacks and winning the ball back.
- 2) Real Madrid have been able to _____ young talents with experienced players to create a balanced and effective team.
- 3) Philipp Lahm was known for being _____ ; he played both as a right-back and as a central midfielder for Bayern Munich and Germany.
- 4) It is not _____ for a player to win both the Ballon d'Or and the World Cup in the same year, as Zinedine Zidane did in 1998 and Fabio Cannavaro did in 2006.
- 5) Luka Modrić's _____ of ball control and passing made him one of the greatest midfielders of all time.
- 6) Johan Cruyff used to _____ the importance of possession.
- 7) Paolo Maldini was a _____ defender, known for his strict adherence to tactics and positioning.
- 8) During his career, Diego Maradona was often the most _____ player on the pitch, able to change the outcome of a game single-handedly.



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

- a) What players/managers are mentioned in the article and what countries did they represent?

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Winning the FIFA World Cup as both a player and a manager is a rare and amazing achievement. Only three people have done this: Mario Zagallo, Franz Beckenbauer, and Didier Deschamps. Each has made a big impact on football history with their unique skills and contributions.

Mario Zagallo is a legendary Brazilian footballer. He was an important player for Brazil when they won the World Cup in 1958 and 1962. As a player, Zagallo was a versatile forward, known for his speed, vision, and goal-scoring ability. Even during his playing days, he was tactically intelligent, often seen organising attacks and positioning himself well. As a manager, Zagallo led Brazil to World Cup victory in 1970. He used an attacking 4-3-3 formation that emphasised creativity and flair. His team, with stars like Pelé, Jairzinho, and Tostão, is often called one of the greatest in football history.

Known as "Der Kaiser," Franz Beckenbauer was a dominant figure in German football. He revolutionised the sweeper (libero) role with his excellent defensive skills and ability to start attacks from the back. Beckenbauer captained West Germany to World Cup victory in 1974. As a manager, he led Germany to win the World Cup in 1990. His tactics included a disciplined defence and efficient counter-attacks. Beckenbauer's deep understanding of the game helped him create a strong team with players like Lothar Matthäus and Jürgen Klinsmann.

Didier Deschamps was a tough and influential midfielder. He captained France to their first World Cup victory in 1998. Known for his leadership, tactical knowledge, and ability to disrupt the opponent's play, Deschamps was the heart of the French midfield. As a manager, he led France to win the World Cup again in 2018. Deschamps used a 4-2-3-1 formation, focusing on a solid defence and explosive attacks. He effectively used the talents of players like Kylian Mbappé and Antoine Griezmann, blending youth and experience to build a strong team.



These three football legends have reached the highest level of success both as players and managers. Their exceptional understanding and mastery of the game continue to inspire future generations of footballers and managers around the world.

4) Discussion

- a) What are your thoughts on these 3 football legends?
- b) Which one is the most impressive for you?
- c) Who do you think will be the ex-player to win the World Cup as a manager?
- d) Do you think someone else will win the World Cup as a player and as a manager?

