

Outright Odds: eighty/one

Team C Winners: 9/one

The Ivory Coast topped their qualifying group although the margins in between accomplishment and failure were being so powerful it came all the way down to only one penalty kick with just 4 minutes of qualification remaining.

From the penultimate qualifying match, the Ivorians wanted a victory [Inibet](#) in opposition to Cameroon to ensure qualification, Nevertheless they missing three-two in Abidjan. Their subsequent 3-1 away get at Sudan can be meaningless if World Cup mainstays Cameroon defeat Egypt. The match was all square at 1-one until eventually Cameroon have been awarded a penalty four minutes into personal injury time. An effective spot kick would send out them by way of but Pierre Wome hit the surface from the submit as well as Ivory Coast were being heading to Germany.

The Ivory Coastline are arguably the strongest African side taking part in the finals, with Cameroon, Nigeria, Morocco and Senegal all failing to qualify. However, they are also pitted from the toughest group and may have to be at their most effective versus regular favourites like Argentina and Holland.

Chelsea striker Didier Drogba prospects the front line and contributed 9 aims as his place capable for The very first time in 8 tries. Arsenal defender Kolo Toure is among the most recognisable defender nevertheless the crew oozes high-quality from gamers primarily plying their trade in France.

Partnering Drogba in attack is Lens ahead Aruna Dindane while playmaker Bonaventure Kalou, from Paris St Germain and St. Ettienes Didier Zakora are all effective at producing an effects. In defence <http://query.nytimes.com/search/sitesearch/?action=click&contentCollection=TopBar&WT.nav=searchWid> Toure is joined by Abdoulaye Meite from Marseille, Strasbourgs Etienne Boka and veteran Cyrille Domoraud, now actively playing for Creteil.



Getting placed in such a tricky qualifying team, the Ivorians will benefit significantly from getting a mentor of Henri Michels stature. The vastly experienced mentor is in control of his sixth countrywide group adhering to stints at France, Cameroon, Morocco, Tunisia plus the United Arab Emirates. With twenty many years expertise to connect with upon, He'll guarantee Drogba and co. are completely organized to the endeavor forward.

When the staff are strong in many locations, They're also probe to an absence of concentration. This was highlighted inside their qualifier versus Cameroon which could have observed them overlook out on a place while in the finals. Additionally, there are uncertainties elevated on their own ability to play absent from your home right after qualifying defeats to Egypt and Cameroon and a goalless draw with Libya.

Suggested Guess:

Senegal burst on to the Global scene 4 many years ago every time they conquer an less than-par France one-0 inside the opening game Therefore the Ivory Coast could possibly do the same. If they could do the unthinkable and beat possibly Argentina or Holland, some extent within their remaining match towards Serbia & Montenegro could see them by to the last sixteen.

Ivory Coastline vs Serbia & Montenegro draw @ five/two