

DRAW CONDUCTORS

LOUIS SAHA

Former French international Louis Saha (40), who won 20 caps for the national football team and played in the semi-final of the 2006 FIFA World Cup™, started out at FC Metz, but spent most of his career playing in England, for Fulham, Manchester United and Everton. With the Red Devils, he won two consecutive English Premier League titles (2007 and 2008) and one UEFA Champions League title (2008).

ALEX SCOTT

An Arsenal Ladies legend, Alex Scott (34) has had an illustrious career with no less than five English Women's Premier League titles, seven FA Cups and a UEFA Women's Champions League (2008). The formidable right-back made 140 appearances for The Lionesses and was named in Great Britain's squad for the 2012 London Olympics. She ended her international career in September 2017 and has since become a TV presenter and pundit for the BBC and Sky.

DRAW ASSISTANTS

DIDIER DESCHAMPS

Didier Deschamps (50) moved into the dugout after a glittering playing career, during which he won pretty much every major trophy out there, including the FIFA World Cup™ on home soil in 1998. The Frenchman guided Monaco to the UEFA Champions League final in 2004, led Juventus to Italian Serie B glory in 2007 and Marseille to the French Ligue 1 crown in 2010, ending the latter's 18-year title drought in the process. With such an impressive track record behind him, the ex-holding midfielder was a natural choice to assume the reins of the French national team when the job became vacant in 2012. With Deschamps at the helm, *Les Bleus* finished as runners-up at UEFA EURO 2016 before going one better two years later, when they were crowned world champions in Russia. Thanks to this triumph, Deschamps became just the third man to win the FIFA World Cup™ as both a player and a coach, after Brazil's Mário Zagallo and Germany's Franz Beckenbauer.

MARIE BOCHET

At the age of just 24, Marie Bochet has already cemented her status as one of France's greatest-ever Paralympians. Having amassed eight gold medals across three Paralympic Games (Vancouver 2010, Sochi 2014 and Pyeongchang 2018), not to mention 15 world titles, she has truly excelled in every discipline of alpine skiing. She also served as the French flag bearer during the opening ceremony of the Paralympics in Korea Republic. Beyond her career on the slopes, Bochet is also a member of the Paris 2024 Athletes' Commission, which is composed of 18 French sportspeople, who will play an active role in the delivery of the 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

CINDY PARLOW CONE

Cindy Cone (née Parlow) was an ever-present figure for USA, as they won the 1999 FIFA Women's World Cup™, and her place in the all-conquering side was consistent for a decade from 1995. A powerful, attack-minded player, she was part of the USA side that finished third in the 2003 finals, while she also won two gold medals and a silver medal in three Women's Olympic Football Tournaments. She went into coaching for a short time after retiring as a player, leading Portland Thorns to the inaugural National Women's Soccer League (NWSL) championship in 2013.

KAKÁ

A champion at the 2002 FIFA World Cup Korea/Japan™, Kaká is a Brazilian football icon. Though he also had spells at São Paulo, Real Madrid and Orlando City, his finest hour at club level came at AC Milan, with whom he won the UEFA Champions League title in 2007. That same year, he was awarded the Ballon d'Or. The accomplished playmaker, now 36, hung up his boots at the end of 2017.

MICHAEL ESSIEN

A cult hero at Chelsea in the 2000s, Michael Essien made his professional debut for French outfit Bastia. He subsequently shot to prominence at Lyon, whom he helped to capture the French Ligue 1 crown in 2004 and 2005. After five seasons in the French top flight, he moved to the Blues, where he won two English Premier League titles (2006 and 2010) and one UEFA Champions League (2012) crown, four years after an unfortunate defeat in the final. The former box-to-box Ghanaian midfielder, now 35, who finished second in La Liga in 2013 with Real Madrid, is currently enjoying spending more time with his family, while plotting his next move.

AYA MIYAMA

A star midfielder of the Japanese national team for over a decade, Aya Miyama won the FIFA Women's World Cup 2011™ and reached the final in 2015. She won 162 caps and scored 38 goals for the *Nadeshiko*, playing 17 of those matches and scoring six of those goals at World Cups. She also played 12 matches in the Women's Olympic Football Tournament, winning the silver medal in 2012 as captain.

STEPHANIE JONES

More commonly known as Steffi Jones, in her 14-year career, the German coach and former international won two bronze medals at the 2000 and 2004 Olympics, the FIFA Women's World Cup 2003™ and three consecutive European Championships with *Die Nationalelf*. After retiring, the former defender moved on to help organise the FIFA Women's World Cup Germany 2011 before becoming Germany's women's national team coach.

DRAW MODERATORS

DENIS BROGNIART

A sports journalist for nearly 20 years on TF1, Denis Brogniart is a key personality in the French media. He has presented shows such as “Automoto” and “Téléfoot” and anchored live coverage of all the important sporting events on TF1, including several UEFA Champions Leagues, FIFA World Cups and Rugby World Cups. He not only specialises in sports journalism, but is also a key presenter on TF1 and hosts one of its most popular shows, “KohLanta”.

AMANDA DAVIES

Amanda Davies is a sports journalist for CNN International, based in London. Since she joined the channel in 2012, on her show “World Sport”, she has presented a number of major sporting events, such as the Summer and Winter Olympic Games, FIFA World Cups, UEFA Champions League finals, the Tour de France and the World Athletics Championships. She also hosts CNN’s monthly Formula 1 show “The Circuit”, often interviewing the top drivers. Previously, Davies worked as a BBC presenter, where she covered the sports section of the morning news. She also hosted a programme on international football called “Sportsworld Have Your Say” on BBC World News.