



Deschamps breaks World Cup record after 48 years

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French manager Didier Deschamps has [continued to make history](#) at the World Cup finals, becoming the most successful manager in the tournament's history with 18 wins, surpassing the previous record of 17 held by Germany's [Helmut Schäfer](#)

The [new record](#) came after he led the French national team to a 3-0 victory over Sweden in the round of 32 at the 2026 World Cup, adding yet another achievement to a distinguished career spanning more than a decade at the helm of Les Bleus.

Deschamps' breaking of the record was not merely a statistical footnote; it brought to an end a historic record that had stood for nearly 48 years, as Helmut Schäfer had held the top spot since the conclusion of his participation in the 1978 World Cup in Argentina, before the French manager succeeded in claiming the top spot during the current edition of the tournament.

World Cup record breaker

Deschamps is considered one of the most prominent figures in the tournament's history, having won the title as captain of the French national team in the 1998 tournament. He then led Les Bleus back to the podium as manager at the 2018 World Cup in Russia, before also guiding France to the final of the 2022 World Cup in Qatar, becoming one of the few to have achieved glory both as a player and as a manager.

With this achievement, the French manager stands alone at the top of the list of the most successful managers in World Cup history, ahead of Helmut Schäfer (16 wins) and the Brazilian Luiz Felipe Scolari (14), marking a new milestone that cements his place amongst the greatest managers the tournament has ever seen.

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