



Netherlands World Cup 2026 Squad: Van Dijk, Depay And De Jong Lead Oranje

Description

The [Netherlands World Cup 2026 squad](#) is built around familiar names, but Ronald Koeman's 26-man list has one important twist: it is heavy with players shaped by the Premier League, Serie A and Barcelona-level midfield football rather than a single domestic core.

Captain Virgil van Dijk remains the obvious reference point. Frenkie de Jong gives Koeman the passing hub. Memphis Depay has recovered from a thigh problem in time to make the squad, while Cody Gakpo, Donyell Malen, Noa Lang and Wout Weghorst give the attack several different profiles.

The squad remains provisional until FIFA confirms the final submitted lists on 2 June 2026. As of 31 May 2026, this is the official Netherlands group named for the tournament.

The Full Netherlands Squad

- Goalkeepers: Mark Flekken, Robin Roefs, Bart Verbruggen.
- Defenders: Nathan Ake, Denzel Dumfries, Jorrel Hato, Jurrien Timber, Jan Paul van Hecke, Virgil van Dijk, Micky van de Ven.
- Midfielders: Frenkie de Jong, Marten de Roon, Ryan Gravenberch, Teun Koopmeiners, Tijjani Reijnders, Guus Til, Quinten Timber, Mats Wieffer.
- Forwards: Brian Brobbey, Memphis Depay, Cody Gakpo, Justin Kluivert, Noa Lang, Donyell Malen, Crysencio Summerville, Wout Weghorst.

Koeman's Shape And The Big Absence

Koeman has enough defenders to play with either a back four or a three-centre-back structure, but the squad points toward pragmatism rather than romance. Van Dijk organises the line, Van de Ven gives recovery pace, and Dumfries remains one of the most direct right-sided runners in international football.



Cody Gakpo gives the Netherlands a flexible forward option. Photo: [Timmy96 / CC0, via Wikimedia Commons](#).

The notable absentee is Jeremie Frimpong, whose omission removes one of the most explosive right-sided options from the pool. That makes Dumfries even more important and puts more creative responsibility on De Jong, Reijnders and Gravenberch when the Netherlands need to progress through midfield rather than attack around the outside.

The Key Players

Van Dijk is still the player who changes the emotional temperature of this team. The Netherlands have attacking names, but their tournament floor is set by whether the captain can keep the back line calm when the pressure rises.

Depay is the interesting attacking question. FIFA's squad note highlights his recovery from injury, and the Netherlands need him because he brings a different kind of final-third threat: dropping off, combining, taking free-kicks and carrying the personality of a scorer who is not afraid of big moments.



Frenkie de Jong remains the Netherlands's midfield tempo-setter. Photo: [Yuliia Perekopaiko / CC BY-SA 4.0, via Wikimedia Commons](#).

De Jong is the player Singapore viewers may want to watch most closely if the game gets cagey. When he receives from the centre-backs and drives beyond the first line, the Oranje suddenly look less predictable. Without that carry, the attack can become a little too reliant on crosses and individual runs.

Fixtures And Tournament Path

The Netherlands open Group G against Japan at Dallas Stadium on 14 June, meet Sweden at Houston Stadium on 20 June, then finish against Tunisia at Kansas City Stadium on 25 June. That is not a soft group. Japan and Sweden both have the discipline to punish slow possession, while Tunisia can make games uncomfortable if the Netherlands do not score early.

Put this Oranje squad beside LBRDâ??s guides to [France](#), [Portugal](#) and [Argentina](#) and the difference is clear. The Netherlands may not have the loudest attacking depth, but they have enough elite structure to make every knockout opponent uncomfortable.

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