

THE GERMAN SOCCER MANCHINES

A tribute to the football exploits of the
german football federation



The German Football badge with handwritten names
of the 2018 World Cup Squad

THE HISTORY OF GERMAN FOOTBALL

• 1900 to 1933

The German football
federation (*DFB: Deutscher
Fußball-Bund*) was founded on
28 January 1900 in Leipzig by
representatives of 86 clubs.
The vote held to establish the
association was 62:22 in
favour (84 votes).

• 1945 to 1963

In the aftermath of World War
II, German organisations were
disbanded by the allies. FIFA
decided in November 1945 to
ban the no longer existing DFB
(and Japan's football
association) from international
competition, while the Austrian
association was re-founded.

• 1933 to 1945

The role of DFB and its
representatives like Felix
Linnemann under Nazi
Germany was documented in
100 Jahre DFB and by Nils
Havemann in Fußball unterm
Hakenkreuz.

• 1963 to present

The DFB has hosted the World
Cup in 1974 and 2006.
Germany also hosted the 1988
European Championship. Upon
reunification in 1990, the East
German Deutscher Fußball-
Verband der DDR (DFV) was
absorbed into the DFB.

“Men were taught how to play the beautiful game of football,
the Germans, well those ones were MADE
to play football”
-- Anonymous

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