



THAILAND'S Football Revival

Breaking into FIFA's Top 100

Thailand has hovered between ranks 110–130 for much of the past decade, showing occasional progress but lacking the consistency to maintain a top-100 position.

However, with steady performances in regional tournaments like the ASEAN Football Federation (AFF) Championship and World Cup qualifiers, the team has demonstrated notable growth.



Top 100 Status

Thailand's return to the FIFA top 100 is its first since March 2010, marking a symbolic milestone and reflecting significant improvements in footballing standards over the past decade.

Top 100 Benefits



Greater visibility
in global football



Increased opportunities
for competitive friendlies
with higher-ranked
nations



Enhanced
sponsorship and
investment
opportunities





Key Milestones

2018

Runner-up in the **AFF Championship**, boosting confidence and ranking points.

2019

AFC Asian Cup - Reached the Round of 16, a major achievement that improved the country's ranking.

2022

AFC Asian Cup Qualifiers - Critical wins that strengthened Thailand's ranking.

2022

AFF Championship - Thailand won the tournament, earning significant ranking points and enhancing their reputation.



ASEAN & ASIA Comparison

Thailand's top 100 breakthrough places them among the leading Southeast Asian nations, alongside Vietnam, which has consistently performed well.

On a broader Asian scale, Thailand's achievement highlights their growing competitiveness against countries with stronger football infrastructures.

Current AFC & FIFA Rankings

AFC
15th

FIFA
97th

Thailand ranks 1st in ASEAN,
ahead of rivals like Vietnam



AFC & FIFA Rankings

Team	AFC	FIFA
Japan	1	15
Iran	2	18
South Korea	3	23
Australia	4	26
Qatar	5	48
Iraq	6	56
Uzbekistan	7	58
Saudi Arabia	8	59
United Arab Emirates	9	63
Jordan	10	64
Oman	11	80
Bahrain	12	81
China	13	90
Syria	14	95
Thailand	15	97

Historical Ranking Highlights

CURRENT RANK
97th (Dec 2024)

HIGHEST RANK
43rd (Sep 16, 1998)

LOWEST RANK
165th (Oct 23, 2014)

BIGGEST CLIMB
26 places (Dec 19, 1995)

BIGGEST FALL
25 places (Jan 27, 1999)

AVERAGE RANK
100th





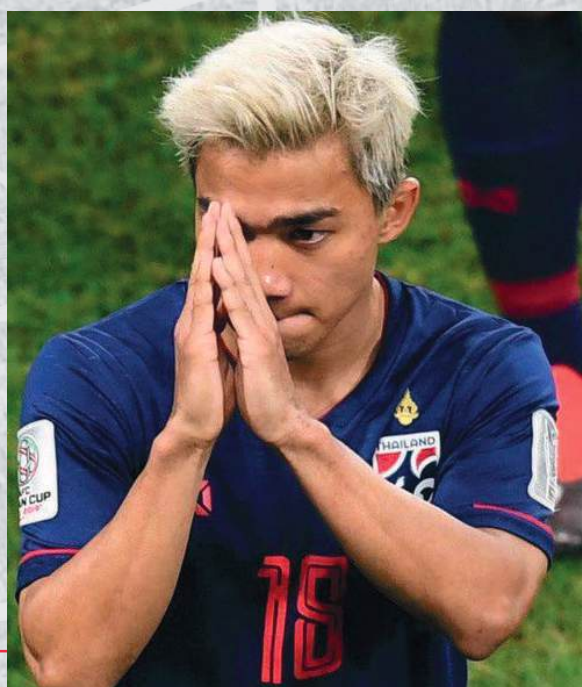
Key Players



Teerasil Dangda

Position: Forward

Contributions: Thailand's all-time leading goal scorer. Pivotal in AFF Championship successes with crucial goals. International experience in Spain (UD Almería) and Japan (Sanfrecce Hiroshima, Shimizu S-Pulse) has elevated his leadership and game.



Chanathip Songkrasin ("Messi Jay")

Position: Attacking Midfielder

Contributions: Known for dribbling, vision, and creating scoring opportunities. Key performer in Thailand's 2022 AFF Championship victory. Success in Japan's J-League with Consadole Sapporo and Kawasaki Frontale brought global recognition to Thai football.



Theerathon Bunmathan

Position: Left-Back/Defensive Midfielder

Contributions: Versatile player, combining defensive solidity with attacking precision through crosses and set-pieces. Played a crucial leadership role in Thailand's AFF Championship victories. Won the J-League title in 2019 with Yokohama F. Marinos, showcasing top-level experience.



Thailand's return to the FIFA top 100 symbolizes the team's steady development, reclaiming their status as ASEAN's football powerhouse and signaling continued growth on the Asian stage.

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