

PORTUGAL - TURKEY

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Group A - Matchday 1



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Match background

As beaten finalists on home soil four years ago Portugal will hope to go one better at UEFA EURO 2008™, but standing in their way of a winning start in Geneva are a Turkey side no doubt relishing the return to the international spotlight after six years in the shadows.

- Turkey have not appeared at a major tournament since the 2002 FIFA World Cup, when their surprise run to the semi-finals was ended by a Brazil side coached by Luiz Felipe Scolari, the man now in charge of their opening opponents in Geneva.
- If that is a positive omen for Portuguese fans, they might also note that the Selecção won the countries' two previous meetings in UEFA European Championship final tournaments. Portugal were 1-0 winners against Turkey in the group stage at EURO '96™, where Fernando Couto's 66th-minute goal undid a side coached by Fatih Terim, then in his first spell as Turkey coach.
- Portugal repeated the feat four years later in the UEFA EURO 2000™ quarter-finals, Nuno Gomes getting both goals (44 and 56 minutes) in a 2-0 win against a Turkey side reduced to ten men by Alpay Özalan's 30th-minute red card.
- The teams for that 2000 meeting in Amsterdam were:
Turkey: Rüstü Reçber, Tayfur Havutçu, Ogün Temizkanoglu (Sergen Yalçın), Fatih Akyel, Alpay Özalan, Arif Erdem (Suat Kaya), Okan Buruk (Oktay Derelioglu), Hakan Şükür, Tayfun Korkut, Ergün Penbe, Hakan Ünsal
Portugal: Vítor Baía, Dimas, Jorge Costa, Fernando Couto, Sérgio Conceição, Costinha (Paulo Sousa), Paulo Bento, Luís Figo, Rui Costa (Capucho), João Pinto, Nuno Gomes (Sá Pinto).
- Overall, Portugal have won the countries' last five contests with Turkey's sole success coming in the first of their six meetings, a 3-1 victory in an Istanbul friendly in 1955. Future Galatasaray AS and Turkey coach Coşkun Özarı made his international debut in the match.
- This is Portugal's fourth successive appearance in the UEFA European Championship finals and their fifth overall. Their best performance came at UEFA EURO 2004™, where they finished runners-up after losing the final 1-0 to Greece in Lisbon. They had previously reached the semi-finals of the 1984 and 2000 tournaments.
- Turkey are appearing among Europe's élite for the third time. Their previous appearances came in 1996 and 2000 with their quarter-final run in the latter event their best showing to date.
- Portugal and Turkey both reached the FIFA World Cup semi-finals on their last appearance at a major tournament, Portugal in 2006 and Turkey four years earlier, when they took third place in Korea/Japan.



- Luiz Felipe Scolari's Portugal advanced to Austria/Switzerland as the second-placed team in Group A behind Poland, securing their UEFA EURO 2008™ berth by holding Finland 0-0 in Porto in their last qualifier. Their record in qualifying was W7 D6 L1.
- Turkey qualified as the second-placed team in Group C behind Greece. Nihat Kahveci made sure of their place in Austria/Switzerland with the solitary strike against Bosnia-Herzegovina in their concluding qualifier as Terim's team finished with a record of W7 D3 L2.
- Scolari's Brazil team defeated Turkey 1-0 through a goal from Ronaldo in the 2002 World Cup semi-final in Saitama, Japan.
- Portugal striker Nuno Gomes worked under Turkey coach Terim at Serie A club ACF Fiorentina in 2000/01.
- Tuncay Şanlı struck twice in Turkey's 4-2 triumph at home to Portugal in a UEFA European Under-21 Championship qualifier in October 2002.
- This is the 13th edition of the UEFA European Championship and the eighth edition that features a final tournament with a group phase.

Match facts

PORTUGAL

UEFA EURO 2008™ team qualifying statistics

- Portugal scored 24 goals in qualifying at an average of 1.71 per game. Germany led the way overall having found the net 35 times.
- Of the teams who qualified for UEFA EURO 2008™ only Poland (12 goals) and Turkey (eleven) conceded more than Portugal's total of ten.
- Portugal managed 101 shots on goal at an average of 7.71 per game in qualifying – more than any other side.
- Luiz Felipe Scolari's team also had the most shots wide in qualifying having missed the target on 112 occasions, an average of eight per game.
- Only Spain, with 110, won more corners in qualifying than Portugal's total of 103.
- Of the teams who qualified for UEFA EURO 2008™ only the Czech Republic, with 187, committed more fouls than Portugal's total of 169.
- Ricardo played all 1,260 minutes in qualifying Group A, and Cristiano Ronaldo missed only one of the 14 games.
- Of the final 23-man squad, only Quim and Rui Patrício did not feature in qualifying.
- Ronaldo was Portugal's top scorer in qualifying with eight goals, five more than Nuno Gomes and Simão. Northern Ireland's David Healy finished as the highest scorer overall having struck 13 times.
- Ronaldo also had the most shots on goal overall in qualifying with 31 attempts on target.
- The Portugal forward was fouled 48 times in qualifying, fewer only than Andy Selva of San Marino's total of 53.
- Ronaldo also had more shots wide than any other player in qualifying having missed the target 24 times. Ricardo Quaresma was third on that list with 15 shots wide while Nuno Gomes missed 14 times, two more than Deco.

Latest information

- When the squad landed at Geneva airport on 1 June they were given a memorable welcome by some of the 174,000 Portuguese citizens residing in Switzerland. A motorcade of 600 Portuguese followed the team bus by motorcycle to their training base, while others lined the streets waving red-and-green flags. An estimated 10,000 fans were waiting to greet the players in Neuchâtel.

Friendly results

- 31.05.2008: Portugal 2-0 Georgia (Moutinho, Simão)
- 26.03.2008: Portugal 1-2 Greece (Nuno Gomes)
- 06.02.2008: Italy 3-1 Portugal (Quaresma)

Injury news

• Deco has been rested for fatigue over the past few days, while Bosingwa has trained apart from the rest of the squad as he continues his recovery from a thigh problem.

Domestic information

• Four members of the Portuguese squad were in the FC Porto side that claimed the club's 17th Liga title – Bosingwa, Bruno Alves, Quaresma and Raul Meireles.

• Porto were beaten in the Portuguese Cup final, however, slipping to a 2-0 extra-time defeat by Sporting Clube de Portugal. Rui Patrício was in the Sporting side at the Estádio Nacional, as were João Moutinho and Miguel Veloso.

• Ronaldo and Nani helped Manchester United FC to a UEFA Champions League and Premier League double in 2007/08, the former scoring 42 goals for the club in all competitions. Ronaldo finished as both the top scorer in the UEFA Champions League, with eight goals, and the Premier League, where he struck 31 times.

• In Spain, Pepe claimed a Primera División winners medal in his first season with Real Madrid CF, even if an injury-blighted start to the campaign limited him to 19 league appearances.

TURKEY

UEFA EURO 2008™ qualifying statistics

• No Turkey player appeared in all 12 matches in qualifying Group C, although Tuncay Şanlı, Hamit Altıntop, Servet Çetin and Mehmet Aurélio all missed just one game.

• Of the final 23-man squad five players did not feature in qualifying: Tolga Zengin, Emre Güngör, Uğur Boral, Kazım Kazım and Mevlüt Erdinç.

• Hakan Şükür – who is not in the finals squad – was Turkey's top scorer in qualifying with six goals, three more than Nihat Kahveci and Tuncay. Northern Ireland's David Healy finished as the highest scorer overall having struck 13 times.

• Tuncay had 16 shots wide in qualifying, fewer only than Ronaldo who missed the target 24 times.

• Turkey scored 25 goals in qualifying at an average of 2.08 goals per game. Germany led the way overall having found the net 35 times.

• Turkey conceded eleven goals in qualifying, and only Poland (12) of the teams who will be at UEFA EURO 2008™ had worse defensive records.

• Turkey and Greece managed the joint lowest total shots on goal of the qualifiers with just 63 efforts apiece, at an average of 5.25 shots per game.

• Turkey were caught offside just 23 times in qualifying, more only than Poland (20 offsides) of the teams who will be in Austria and Switzerland.

Latest information

• An initial squad of 26 convened at the Antalya Gloria Golf Resort Hotel on 11 May, and following a five-day camp they travelled to their pre-UEFA EURO 2008™ of Marienfeld, Germany.

• On Tuesday the Turkey squad had a practice game, the 'substitute' team emerging 2-1 winners. Their goals came from a Gökhan Zan own goal and Semih Şentürk, with Hamit Altıntop's penalty providing the 'red' team's reply.

Friendly results

29.05.2008: Turkey 2-0 Finland (Tuncay, Semih)

25.05.2008: Turkey 2-3 Uruguay (Arda, Nihat)

20.05.2008: Turkey 1-0 Slovakia (Hakan)

26.03.2008: Belarus 2-2 Turkey (Tuncay, Tümer Metin)

06.02.2008: Turkey 0-0 Sweden

Injury news

• Tuncay has been struggling with a back injury, but came through training unscathed on Thursday, while Kazım Kazım (thigh muscle) and Hamit Altıntop (adductors) have both shaken off knocks.

• Gökhan Gönül was ruled out of the finals with a bruise on the second metatarsal of his right foot.

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- Servet Çetin (groin) and Hamit Altıntop (broken metatarsal) have both overcome injuries to take their places in Fatih Terim's squad

Miscellaneous

- Turkey reached the semi-finals of the UEFA European Under-17 Championship on home turf in May.

Domestic information

- There are eight members of Galatasaray AS's Turkish Süper Lig-winning squad in Turkey's party – Sabri Sarioğlu, Emre Aşık, Servet, Hakan Balta, Emre Güngör, Mehmet Topal, Ayhan Akman and Arda Turan.
- At the end of April Mehmet Topal was rewarded for his impressive season with Galatasaray with a two-year contract extension that will keep him at the club until May 2013.
- Gökdeniz Karadeniz has scored five goals in eleven games for FC Rubin Kazan this season, helping the side claim a surprise lead of the Russian Premier-Liga during the two-month summer break.
- Hamit Altıntop enjoyed a memorable debut season with FC Bayern München as he helped the Bavarian giants claim the double in Germany.
- Nihat struck 18 times as Villarreal CF finished runners-up to Real Madrid CF in the Primera División, ten points clear of FC Barcelona.

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Squad list

Portugal

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	BL	UEFA EURO 2008™				Overall Team	
						Qual. Pld	Qual. Gls	FT Pld	FT Gls		
Goalkeepers											
1	Ricardo	11.02.1976	32	Real Betis Balompíe	-	14	-	-	-	75	-
12	Quim	13.11.1975	32	SL Benfica	-	-	-	-	-	26	-
22	Rui Patrício	15.02.1988	20	Sporting Clube de Portugal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders											
2	Paulo Ferreira	18.01.1979	29	Chelsea FC	-	8	-	-	-	47	-
3	Bruno Alves	27.11.1981	26	FC Porto	-	7	1	-	-	11	1
4	Bosingwa	24.08.1982	25	FC Porto	-	5	-	-	-	8	-
5	Fernando Meira	05.06.1978	30	VfB Stuttgart	-	7	-	-	-	49	2
13	Miguel	04.01.1980	28	Valencia CF	-	10	-	-	-	47	1
14	Jorge Ribeiro	09.11.1981	26	Boavista FC	-	1	-	-	-	8	-
15	Pepe	26.02.1983	25	Real Madrid CF	-	1	-	-	-	3	-
16	Ricardo Carvalho	18.05.1978	30	Chelsea FC	-	8	1	-	-	43	4
Midfielders											
6	Raul Meireles	17.03.1983	25	FC Porto	-	5	-	-	-	9	-
8	Petit	25.09.1976	31	SL Benfica	-	7	-	-	-	54	4
10	João Moutinho	08.09.1986	21	Sporting Clube de Portugal	-	6	-	-	-	13	1
11	Simão	31.10.1979	28	Club Atlético de Madrid	-	8	3	-	-	61	15
17	Ricardo Quaresma	26.09.1983	24	FC Porto	-	11	1	-	-	21	2
18	Miguel Veloso	11.05.1986	22	Sporting Clube de Portugal	-	4	-	-	-	6	-
19	Nani	17.11.1986	21	Manchester United FC	-	9	1	-	-	13	2
20	Deco	27.08.1977	30	FC Barcelona	-	10	-	-	-	53	3
Forwards											
7	Cristiano Ronaldo	05.02.1985	23	Manchester United FC	-	13	8	-	-	55	20
9	Hugo Almeida	23.05.1984	24	Werder Bremen	-	4	2	-	-	9	2
21	Nuno Gomes	05.07.1976	31	SL Benfica	-	10	3	-	-	69	28
23	Hélder Postiga	02.08.1982	25	Panathinaikos FC	-	2	1	-	-	32	10
Coach											
-	Luiz Felipe Scolari	09.11.1948	59	BRA	-	11	-	-	-	6	-

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						Qual. Pld	Gls	FT Pld	Gls		
Goalkeepers											
1	Rüştü Reçber	10.05.1973	35	Beşiktaş JK	-	5	-	-	-	116	-
12	Tolga Zengin	10.10.1983	24	Trabzonspor	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
23	Volkan Demirel	27.10.1981	26	Fenerbahçe SK	-	5	-	-	-	21	-
Defenders											
2	Servet Çetin	17.03.1981	27	Galatasaray AS	-	11	1	-	-	29	1
4	Gökhan Zan	07.09.1981	26	Beşiktaş JK	-	7	-	-	-	20	-
13	Emre Güngör	01.08.1984	23	Galatasaray AS	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
15	Emre Aşık	13.12.1973	34	Galatasaray AS	-	4	-	-	-	27	2
Midfielders											
3	Hakan Balta	23.03.1983	25	Galatasaray AS	-	2	-	-	-	8	1
5	Emre Belözoğlu	07.09.1980	27	Newcastle United FC	-	7	1	-	-	56	4
6	Mehmet Topal	03.03.1986	22	Galatasaray AS	-	-	-	-	-	5	-
7	Mehmet Aurélio	15.12.1977	30	Fenerbahçe SK	-	11	-	-	-	19	1
10	Gökdeniz Karadeniz	11.01.1980	28	FC Rubin Kazan	-	9	1	-	-	47	6
11	Tümer Metin	14.10.1974	33	Fenerbahçe SK	-	6	2	-	-	24	7
14	Arda Turan	30.01.1987	21	Galatasaray AS	-	9	-	-	-	19	1
16	Uğur Boral	14.04.1982	26	Fenerbahçe SK	-	-	-	-	-	8	-
19	Ayhan Akman	23.02.1977	31	Galatasaray AS	-	2	-	-	-	11	-
20	Sabri Sarıoğlu	26.07.1984	23	Galatasaray AS	-	7	1	-	-	15	1
22	Hamit Altıntop	08.12.1982	25	FC Bayern München	-	11	2	-	-	42	2
Forwards											
8	Nihat Kahveci	23.11.1979	28	Villarreal CF	-	5	3	-	-	55	15
9	Semih Şentürk	29.04.1983	25	Fenerbahçe SK	-	2	-	-	-	4	1
17	Tuncay Şanlı	16.01.1982	26	Middlesbrough FC	-	11	3	-	-	54	15
18	Kazım Kazım	26.08.1986	21	Fenerbahçe SK	-	-	-	-	-	4	-
21	Mevlüt Erdinç	25.02.1987	21	FC Sochaux-Montbéliard	-	-	-	-	-	4	-
Coach											
-	Fatih Terim	14.09.1953	54	TUR	-	12	-	-	-	3	-

Head coach

Portugal: Luiz Felipe Scolari

Date of birth: 9 November 1948

Nationality: Brazilian

Playing career: SER Caxias, EC Juventude, EC Novo Hamburgo, SC Corinthians

Coaching career: Centro Sportivo Alagoano, EC Juventude (twice), Brasil de Pelotas (twice), Al-Shabab, Grêmio Foot-ball Porto Alegrense (twice), Goiás SC, Qadsia Sports Club (twice), Kuwait, Criciúma EC, Al-Ahli, Júbilo Iwata, SE Palmeiras, Cruzeiro EC, Brazil, Portugal

Credited by many as the man who rescued Brazilian football when the national team were at a low ebb, Luiz Felipe Scolari is hoping he can go one step better in his second UEFA European Championship campaign with Portugal.

The stage seemed set for the Brazilian to lead the Portuguese to glory on home soil when they breezed into the final of UEFA EURO 2004™ but, just as they had done in the opening game of the finals, Greece spoiled the party by winning 1-0. Four years on, Portugal will return to the continental finals having finished second behind Poland in Group A. The UEFA EURO 2004™ runners-up performed impressively at the 2006 FIFA World Cup, seeing off the Netherlands and England before losing 1-0 to France in the semi-finals. It was the country's best showing since 1966 and Scolari agreed a new two-year deal shortly after. It took a change to coaching in 1982 for Scolari to make an impact at the highest level. His reputation was established when he won the Copa Libertadores with Grêmio Foot-ball Porto Alegrense in 1995 and SE Palmeiras four years later.

His aggressive style was not such a big hit with the Brazilian public after he took charge of the national team. Indeed, after barely squeezing through qualifying for the 2002 FIFA World Cup, his promise that Brazil would reach the semi-finals was greeted with derision. However, he was to prove true to his word and more as, despite leaving out Romário, a side featuring Ronaldo, Ronaldinho and Rivaldo overcame Germany in the final in Japan.

Turkey: Fatih Terim

Date of birth: 4 September 1953

Nationality: Turkish

Playing career: Adana Demirspor, Galatasaray AS

Coaching career: MKE Ankaragücü, Göztepe AŞ, Turkey Under-21, Turkey, Galatasaray AS (twice), ACF Fiorentina, AC Milan, Turkey

Fatih Terim ensured Turkey did not fail to qualify for a third successive tournament, and he is determined to make a big impression. "Had we missed our chance, someone would have had to take responsibility and I would have done so," he said. "But now we are through and I made a promise we would qualify and make a significant contribution at the finals."

Appointed as Turkey coach in 2005 following a break from management, Terim – known as 'Imparator' ('The Emperor') in his home country for his leadership skills – could not guide Turkey through a 2006 FIFA World Cup play-off against Switzerland which ended fractiously in Istanbul.

He had previously been appointed as Turkey coach in 1993 and led them to the finals of EURO '96™. They lost all of their games in England, but just getting there was a major landmark as Turkey's first finals appearance since the 1954 FIFA World Cup. It was an achievement that epitomised Terim's belief that professional discipline and raw passion lie at the heart of any great team. A central defender in his youth, he played for Galatasaray AS for over a decade and represented Turkey 51 times, 31 of them as captain.

Jobs at MKE Ankaragücü and Göztepe followed before he was named assistant to national team coach Sepp Piontek and put in charge of the Under-21 side in 1991. After EURO '96™ he returned to Galatasaray, winning four league titles and the 1999/00 UEFA Cup. Serie A came calling and Terim took charge of ACF Fiorentina and AC Milan before returning to Galatasaray but problems behind the scenes brought about a temporary retirement in 2004.

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Match officials

Referee

Name	Nat.	Date of birth
Herbert Fandel	GER	09.03.1964

Match-by-match lineups

Final tournament Group A

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Switzerland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Czech Republic	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Portugal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Turkey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Date	Match	Result	Stadium/Venue
07.06.2008	Switzerland - Czech Republic	-	St. Jakob-Park, Basel
07.06.2008	Portugal - Turkey	-	Stade de Genève, Geneva
11.06.2008	Czech Republic - Portugal	-	Stade de Genève, Geneva
11.06.2008	Switzerland - Turkey	-	St. Jakob-Park, Basel
15.06.2008	Switzerland - Portugal	-	St. Jakob-Park, Basel
15.06.2008	Turkey - Czech Republic	-	Stade de Genève, Geneva

Qualifying round Portugal

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Poland	14	8	4	2	24	12	28
Portugal	14	7	6	1	24	10	27
Serbia	14	6	6	2	22	11	24
Finland	14	6	6	2	13	7	24
Belgium	14	5	3	6	14	16	18
Kazakhstan	14	2	4	8	11	21	10
Armenia	12	2	3	7	4	13	9
Azerbaijan	12	1	2	9	6	28	5

Date	Match	Result	Stadium/Venue
06.09.2006	Finland - Portugal	1-1	Olympiastadion, Helsinki
Goals: 1-0 Johansson 22, 1-1 Nuno Gomes 42			
Portugal: Ricardo, Marco Caneira, Ricardo Costa, Carvalho, Nuno Valente, Costinha, Petit, Deco (Tiago 85), Nani (Ricardo Rocha 56), Cristiano Ronaldo, Nuno Gomes (João Moutinho 75)			
07.10.2006	Portugal - Azerbaijan	3-0	Bessa XXI, Porto
Goals: 1-0 Cristiano Ronaldo 25, 2-0 Carvalho 31, 3-0 Cristiano Ronaldo 63			
Portugal: Ricardo, Miguel, Carvalho, Ricardo Rocha, Nuno Valente (Marco Caneira 45), Costinha, Maniche (Tiago 64), Deco, Cristiano Ronaldo (Nani 73), Nuno Gomes, Simão			
11.10.2006	Poland - Portugal	2-1	Slaski, Chorzow
Goals: 1-0 Smolarek 9, 2-0 Smolarek 18, 2-1 Nuno Gomes 90+2			
Portugal: Ricardo, Miguel, Nuno Valente, Carvalho, Ricardo Rocha, Deco (Maniche 83), Petit (Nani 68), Costinha (Tiago 45), Simão, Nuno Gomes, Cristiano Ronaldo			
15.11.2006	Portugal - Kazakhstan	3-0	Cidade de Coimbra, Coimbra
Goals: 1-0 Simão 8, 2-0 Cristiano Ronaldo 30, 3-0 Simão 86			
Portugal: Ricardo, Miguel, Ferreira, Carvalho, Tonel (Jorge Andrade 77), Tiago, Deco (Carlos Martins 63), Raul Meireles, Cristiano Ronaldo (Quaresma 58), Simão, Nuno Gomes			

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- 24.03.2007 Portugal - Belgium 4-0 José Alvalade, Lisbon
Goals: 1-0 Nuno Gomes 53, 2-0 Cristiano Ronaldo 55, 3-0 Quaresma 69, 4-0 Cristiano Ronaldo 75
Portugal: Ricardo, Miguel, Carvalho, Jorge Andrade, Ferreira, Tiago, Petit (Fernando Meira 76), João Moutinho, Cristiano Ronaldo (Hugo Viana 78), Nuno Gomes, Quaresma (Nani 70)
- 28.03.2007 Serbia - Portugal 1-1 FK Crvena Zvezda, Belgrade
Goals: 0-1 Tiago 5, 1-1 Janković 37
Portugal: Ricardo, Ferreira, Jorge Andrade, Miguel (Marco Caneira 72), Carvalho, Petit, João Moutinho (Raul Meireles 77), Tiago, Cristiano Ronaldo, Nuno Gomes (Quaresma 82), Simão
- 02.06.2007 Belgium - Portugal 1-2 Roi Baudouin, Brussels
Goals: 0-1 Nani 43, 1-1 Fellaini 55, 1-2 Hélder Postiga 64
Portugal: Ricardo, Jorge Andrade, Ferreira, Fernando Meira, Miguel (Bosingwa 53), Deco, Petit, Tiago, Hélder Postiga (Hugo Almeida 79), Nani (Duda 86), Quaresma
- 22.08.2007 Armenia - Portugal 1-1 Republican, Yerevan
Goals: 1-0 Arzumanyan 11, 1-1 Cristiano Ronaldo 37
Portugal: Ricardo, Miguel, Fernando Meira, Jorge Andrade (Bruno Alves 76), Ferreira, Raul Meireles, Tiago, Deco, Cristiano Ronaldo, Hélder Postiga (Nuno Gomes 61), Simão (Quaresma 63)
- 08.09.2007 Portugal - Poland 2-2 Estádio do Sport Lisboa e Benfica, Lisbon
Goals: 0-1 Lewandowski 44, 1-1 Maniche 50, 2-1 Cristiano Ronaldo 73, 2-2 Krzynówek 88
Portugal: Ricardo, Bosingwa, Fernando Meira, Bruno Alves, Marco Caneira (Miguel 12), Deco, Maniche, Petit, Cristiano Ronaldo, Nuno Gomes (Quaresma 69), Simão (João Moutinho 81)
- 12.09.2007 Portugal - Serbia 1-1 José Alvalade, Lisbon
Goals: 1-0 Simão 11, 1-1 Ivanović 88
Portugal: Ricardo, Ferreira, Fernando Meira, Bruno Alves, Petit, Bosingwa, Deco (João Moutinho 77), Maniche (Raul Meireles 83), Cristiano Ronaldo, Nuno Gomes (Quaresma 65), Simão
- 13.10.2007 Azerbaijan - Portugal 0-2 Tofikh Bakhamov-Republic Stadium, Baku
Goals: 0-1 Bruno Alves 12, 0-2 Hugo Almeida 45
Portugal: Ricardo, Bruno Alves, Ferreira, Miguel (Jorge Ribeiro 75), Carvalho, Maniche, Deco, Miguel Veloso, Cristiano Ronaldo, Quaresma (Nani 70), Hugo Almeida
- 17.10.2007 Kazakhstan - Portugal 1-2 Tcentralny, Almaty
Goals: 0-1 Makukula 84, 0-2 Cristiano Ronaldo 90+1, 1-2 Byakov 90+3
Portugal: Ricardo, Miguel, Carvalho, Bruno Alves, Ferreira, Maniche (Nani 59), Deco, Miguel Veloso, Quaresma (João Moutinho 85), Hugo Almeida (Makukula 63), Cristiano Ronaldo
- 17.11.2007 Portugal - Armenia 1-0 Dr. Magalhães Pessoa, Leiria
Goals: 1-0 Hugo Almeida 42
Portugal: Ricardo, Bosingwa, Fernando Meira, Bruno Alves, Marco Caneira, Miguel Veloso, Maniche, Cristiano Ronaldo, Simão (Nani 77), Quaresma (Manuel Fernandes 60), Hugo Almeida (Makukula 68)
- 21.11.2007 Portugal - Finland 0-0 Estádio do Dragão, Porto
Goals: -
Portugal: Ricardo, Bosingwa, Pepe, Bruno Alves, Marco Caneira, Fernando Meira, Miguel Veloso, Maniche (Raul Meireles 73), Cristiano Ronaldo, Nuno Gomes (Makukula 77), Quaresma (Nani 84)

Qualifying round Turkey

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	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Greece	12	10	1	1	25	10	31
Turkey	12	7	3	2	25	11	24
Norway	12	7	2	3	27	11	23
Bosnia-Herzegovina	12	4	1	7	16	22	13
Moldova	12	3	3	6	12	19	12
Hungary	12	4	0	8	11	22	12
Malta	12	1	2	9	10	31	5

Date	Match	Result	Stadium/Venue
06.09.2006	Turkey - Malta	2-0	Commerzbank Arena, Frankfurt am Main
Goals: 1-0 Nihat Kahveci 56, 2-0 Tümer Metin 77			
Turkey: Reçber, Mehmet Topuz, Can Arat, Gökhan Zan, Aurélio, Fatih Tekke (Nihat Kahveci 45), Yıldırım Baştürk (Arda Turan 45), Tümer Metin, Ergün, Hakan Şükür (Nuri 85), Hamit Altıntop			
07.10.2006	Hungary - Turkey	0-1	Ferenc Puskás, Budapest
Goals: 0-1 Tuncay Şanlı 41			
Turkey: Reçber, Hamit Altıntop, Servet Çetin, Gökhan Zan, Aurélio, Karadeniz (Hüseyin Çimşir 63), Arda Turan (Mehmet Topuz 90+1), İbrahim Üzülmez, Sabri Sarioğlu, Tuncay Şanlı (Can Arat 90+3), Hakan Şükür			
11.10.2006	Turkey - Moldova	5-0	Commerzbank Arena, Frankfurt am Main
Goals: 1-0 Hakan Şükür 35, 2-0 Hakan Şükür 37 (pen) , 3-0 Hakan Şükür 43, 4-0 Tuncay Şanlı 68, 5-0 Hakan Şükür 73			
Turkey: Reçber, Servet Çetin, Hamit Altıntop, Gökhan Zan, Aurélio, Karadeniz (Tümer Metin 60), Arda Turan (Nihat Kahveci 72), İbrahim Üzülmez, Sabri Sarioğlu, Tuncay Şanlı, Hakan Şükür (Halil Altıntop 81)			
24.03.2007	Greece - Turkey	1-4	Georgios Karaiskakis Stadium, Athens
Goals: 1-0 Kyrgiakos 5, 1-1 Tuncay Şanlı 27, 1-2 Gökhan 55, 1-3 Tümer Metin 70, 1-4 Karadeniz 81			
Turkey: Volkan Demirel, Servet Çetin, Hamit Altıntop, Gökhan Zan, İbrahim Üzülmez (Volkan Yaman 19), Aurélio, Tümer Metin (Karadeniz 80), Sabri Sarioğlu, Gökhan (Hüseyin Çimşir 57), Hakan Şükür, Tuncay Şanlı			
28.03.2007	Turkey - Norway	2-2	Commerzbank Arena, Frankfurt am Main
Goals: 0-1 Brenne 31, 0-2 Andresen 40, 1-2 Hamit Altıntop 72, 2-2 Hamit Altıntop 90			
Turkey: Volkan Demirel, Sabri Sarioğlu, Servet Çetin, Emre Aşık, Hamit Altıntop, Tümer Metin (Volkan Yaman 45), Belözoğlu, Karadeniz (Yıldız 79), Aurélio, Hakan Şükür (Hüseyin Çimşir 90+3), Tuncay Şanlı			
02.06.2007	Bosnia-Herzegovina - Turkey	3-2	Koševo, Sarajevo
Goals: 0-1 Hakan Şükür 13, 1-1 Muslimović 27, 1-2 Sabri Sarioğlu 39, 2-2 Džeko 45+2, 3-2 Ćustović 90			
Turkey: Reçber, Hamit Altıntop, Servet Çetin, Gökhan Zan, İbrahim Üzülmez, Aurélio, Sabri Sarioğlu (Ümit Karan 77), Karadeniz (Hüseyin Çimşir 46), Arda Turan (Yıldırım Baştürk 64), Tuncay Şanlı, Hakan Şükür			
08.09.2007	Malta - Turkey	2-2	Ta' Qali, Ta' Qali
Goals: 1-0 Said 41, 1-1 Hakan Şükür 45, 2-1 Schembri 76, 2-2 Servet Çetin 78			
Turkey: Hakan Arıkan, Servet Çetin, İbrahim Toraman, Hamit Altıntop, İbrahim Üzülmez, Sabri Sarioğlu (Karadeniz 52), Belözoğlu, Arda Turan (Ayhan Akman 30), Tuncay Şanlı (Deniz Barış 66), Halil Altıntop, Hakan Şükür			
12.09.2007	Turkey - Hungary	3-0	Inönü, Istanbul
Goals: 1-0 Gökhan 68, 2-0 Aurelio 72, 3-0 Halil Altıntop 90+3			
Turkey: Hakan Arıkan, Emre Aşık, Hamit Altıntop, Servet Çetin, İbrahim Üzülmez, Aurélio, Karadeniz (Halil Altıntop 61), Ayhan Akman (Serdar Özkan 67), Tuncay Şanlı, Gökhan, Nihat Kahveci (Belözoğlu 46)			
13.10.2007	Moldova - Turkey	1-1	Zimbru, Chisinau
Goals: 1-0 Frunza 11, 1-1 Ümit Karan 63			
Turkey: Hakan Arıkan (Volkan Demirel 17), Servet Çetin, Gökhan Zan, İbrahim Üzülmez, Belözoğlu, Mehmet Topuz, Aurélio, Arda Turan (Tümer Metin 69), İnan (Ümit Karan 46), Tuncay Şanlı, Gökhan			

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17.10.2007 Turkey - Greece

0-1

Ali Sami Yen, Istanbul

Goals: 0-1 Amanatidis 79

Turkey: Volkan Demirel, Servet Çetin, Gökhan Zan, Hamit Altıntop, Belözoğlu (Arda Turan 71), İbrahim Üzülmez, Aurélio, Karadeniz (Hakan Şükür 65), Ümit Karan (Tümer Metin 46), Gökhan, Tuncay Şanlı

17.11.2007 Norway - Turkey

1-2

Ullevål, Oslo

Goals: 1-0 Hagen 12, 1-1 Belözoğlu 31, 1-2 Nihat Kahveci 59

Turkey: Volkan Demirel, İbrahim Kas (Gökhan Gönül 15), Emre Aşık, Servet Çetin, Hakan Balta, Hamit Altıntop, Aurélio, Belözoğlu, Arda Turan (Tuncay Şanlı 87), Nihat Kahveci, Semih Şentürk (Yusuf 67)

21.11.2007 Turkey - Bosnia-Herzegovina

1-0

Ali Sami Yen, Istanbul

Goals: 1-0 Nihat Kahveci 43

Turkey: Reçber, Gökhan Gönül, Emre Aşık, Servet Çetin, Hakan Balta, Hamit Altıntop, Aurélio, Belözoğlu, Arda Turan (Tuncay Şanlı 76), Nihat Kahveci (Karadeniz 90), Semih Şentürk (Sabri Sarıoğlu 61)

Competition facts

UEFA European Championship: Did you know?

- Only three sides have ever won the UEFA European Championship on home soil: Spain (1964), Italy (1968) and France (1984).
- No side has ever retained the trophy, and no player has appeared in two victorious UEFA European Championship finals.
- Since 1980, when the final tournament expanded to become an eight-team event, the hosts have only failed to reach the semi-finals – or better – twice. Italy finished second in Group 2 in 1980, when only the top side in each of the sections progressed to the final, and in 2000 Belgium – co-hosts with the Netherlands, who did reach the semi-finals – finished third in their section.
- UEFA EURO 2008™ is Germany's tenth successive UEFA European Championship final tournament, more appearances than any other side – they last missed out as West Germany in 1968. The Netherlands are taking part in the finals for the sixth successive edition.
- Italy are bidding to become only the third team to hold the UEFA European Championship and FIFA World Cup at the same time. West Germany won the European title in 1972 and added the world crown two years later, while France claimed the 1998 World Cup and UEFA EURO 2000™.
- A total of 15 players appeared in both those finals; for West Germany, Sepp Maier, Franz Beckenbauer, Hans-Georg Schwarzenbeck, Paul Breitner, Uli Hoeness and Gerd Müller played in each, while Fabien Barthez, Marcel Desailly, Bixente Lizarazu, Lilian Thuram, Didier Deschamps, Youri Djorkaeff, Patrick Vieira, Zinédine Zidane and Christophe Dugarry also achieved the feat for France.
- Having played in Manchester United FC's UEFA Champions League final victory in Moscow on 21 May, Edwin van der Sar, Patrice Evra, Nani and Cristiano Ronaldo can join the exclusive band of five players who have appeared in European Champion Clubs' Cup and UEFA European Championship final victories in the same year: Luis Suárez achieved the feat with FC Internazionale Milano and Spain in 1964, while in 1988 PSV Eindhoven quartet Hans van Breukelen, Ronald Koeman, Barry van Aerle and Gerald Vanenburg were all in the victorious Netherlands side.
- Wim Kieft and Nicolas Anelka came agonisingly close to joining this club. A European Cup finalist with PSV in 1988, Kieft was an unused substitute in the Netherlands European Championship triumph, while Nicolas Anelka was to be similarly thwarted with France in 2000 after appearing in Real Madrid CF's UEFA Champions League final. Anelka's Madrid team-mate from 2000, Christian Karembou, holds the as yet unique position of being an unused substitute in both European Cup and European Championship final victories in the same year.
- **Fastest goal in an opening match**
7 minutes: Giorgos Karagounis (Portugal 1-2 **Greece**, Lisbon, 12.06.2004)
11 minutes: Milan Galić (France 4-5 **Yugoslavia**, Paris, 06.07.1960)
19 minutes: Anton Ondruš (**Czechoslovakia** 3-1 Netherlands, Zagreb, 16.06.1976)

UEFA European Championship final tournament: All-time records

• Leading scorer in a final tournament

- 1960:** 2 François Heutte (FRA), Viktor Ponedelnik (URS), Valentin Ivanov (URS), Drazen Jerković (YUG)
1964: 2 Jesús María Pereda (ESP), Ferenc Bene (HUN), Deszö Novák (HUN)
1968: 2 Dragan Džajić (YUG)
1972: 4 Gerd Müller (FRG)
1976: 4 Dieter Müller (FRG)
1980: 3 Klaus Allofs (FRG)
1984: 9 Michel Platini (FRA)
1988: 5 Marco van Basten (NED)
1992: 3 Henrik Larsen (DEN), Karl-Heinz Riedle (GER), Dennis Bergkamp (NED), Tomas Brodin (SWE)
1996: 5 Alan Shearer (ENG)
2000: 5 Patrick Kluivert (NED), Savo Milošević (YUG)
2004: 5 Milan Baroš (CZE)

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• Oldest player to appear:

39yrs 91days: Lothar Matthäus (Portugal 3-0 **Germany**, 20.06.2000)

38yrs 308days: Morten Olsen (Italy 2-0 **Denmark**, 17.06.1988)

38yrs 271days: Peter Shilton (**England** 1-3 Netherlands, 15.06.1988)

• Youngest player to appear:

18yrs 115days: Enzo Scifo (**Belgium** 2-0 Yugoslavia, 13.06.1984)

18yrs 128days: Valeri Bozhinov (Sweden 2-1 **Bulgaria**, 14.06.2004)

18yrs 137days: Johan Vonlanthen (England 3-0 **Switzerland**, 17.06.2004)

18yrs 233days: Wayne Rooney (France 2-1 **England**, 13.06.2004)

• Oldest player to score:

34yrs 213days: Nené (**Portugal** 1-0 Romania, 20.06.1984)

34yrs 205days: Laurent Blanc (**France** 3-0 Denmark, 11.06.2000)

34yrs 92days: Ladislav Pavlovič (**Czechoslovakia** 2-0 France, 09.07.1960)

• Youngest player to score:

18yrs 141days: Johan Vonlanthen (**Switzerland** 1-3 France, 21.06.2004)

18yrs 237days: Wayne Rooney (**England** 3-0 Switzerland, 17.06.2004)

• Most goals in a match:

9: France 4-5 Yugoslavia (06.07.1960)

7: Netherlands 6-1 Yugoslavia (25.06.2000)

7: Yugoslavia 3-4 Spain (21.06.2000)

• Biggest victory:

6-1: Netherlands v Yugoslavia (25.06.2000)

5-0: Sweden v Bulgaria (14.06.2004)

5-0: Denmark v Yugoslavia (16.06.1984)

5-0: France v Belgium (16.06.1984)

• Fastest hat-trick

18mins: Michel Platini (**France** 3-2 Yugoslavia, 19.06.1984)

• Fastest goals

1min 7 secs: Dmitri Kirichenko (**Russia** 2-1 Greece, 20.06.2004)

2mins 7secs: Sergei Aleinikov (England 1-3 **Soviet Union**, 18.06.1988)

2mins 14 secs: Alan Shearer (Germany 1-1 (6-5pens) **England**, 26.06.1996)

2mins 25secs: Michael Owen (Portugal 2-2 (6-5pens) **England**, 24.06.2004)

2mins 27secs: Hristo Stoichkov (**Bulgaria** 1-0 Romania, 13.06.1996)

• Appearances

Players

Qualifying and final tournament

45: Lilian Thuram (FRA)

39: Peter Schmeichel (DEN)

39: Vitalis Astafjevs (LVA)

38: Hakan Şükür (TUR)

37: Sargis Hovsepyan (ARM)

36: Didier Deschamps (FRA)

36: Theodoros Zagorakis (GRE)

36: Rüştü Reçber (TUR)

35: Mart Poom (Estonia)

35: Jari Litmanen (Finland)

35: Laurent Blanc (France)

35: Fabio Cannavaro (Italy)

35: Mario Frick (Liechtenstein)

35: Dorinel Munteanu (Romania)

35: Gheorghe Popescu (Romania)

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Final tournament

14: Karel Poborský (CZE)
14: Lilian Thuram (FRA)
14: Zinédine Zidane (FRA)
14: Luís Figo (POR)
13: Peter Schmeichel (DEN)
13: Laurent Blanc (FRA)
13: Didier Deschamps (FRA)
13: Jürgen Klinsmann (FRG/GER)
13: Thomas Hässler (FRG/GER)
13: Paolo Maldini (ITA)
13: Edwin van der Sar (NED)
13: Phillip Cocu (NED)
13: Dennis Bergkamp (NED)

Teams

Final tournament

10: West Germany/Germany
8: Spain; Netherlands
7: Denmark; England; France; Italy

• Goals

Overall

22: Jon Dahl Tomasson (DEN)
22: Hakan Şükür (TUR)
20: Jan Koller (CZE)
20: Davor Šuker (YUG/CRO)
19: Raúl González (ESP)
18: Zlatko Zahovic (SLO)
17: Thierry Henry (FRA)
17: Shota Arveladze (GEO)
16: Gerd Müller (FRG)
16: Marco van Basten (NED)
15: Hristo Stoitchkov (BUL)
15: Jürgen Klinsmann (GER)

Final tournament

9: Michel Platini (FRA)
7: Alan Shearer (ENG)
6: Patrick Kluivert (NED)
5: Milan Baroš (CZE)
5: Zinédine Zidane (FRA)
5: Thierry Henry (FRA)
5: Jürgen Klinsmann (GER)
5: Marco Van Basten (NED)
5: Nuno Gomes (POR)
5: Savo Milošević (YUG)

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Team facts

Team facts: Portugal

UEFA European Championship record

2004: Runners-up
2000: Semi-finals
1996: Quarter-finals
1992: Qualifying
1988: Qualifying
1984: Semi-finals
1980: Qualifying
1976: Qualifying
1972: Qualifying
1968: Qualifying
1964: Preliminary round
1960: Quarter-finals

Key facts

Overall

Pld: 108 **W:** 58 **D:** 26 **L:** 24 **F:** 183 **A:** 98

Final tournament

Pld: 19 **W:** 10 **D:** 4 **L:** 5 **F:** 27 **A:** 16

Qualifying

Pld: 89 **W:** 48 **D:** 22 **L:** 19 **F:** 156 **A:** 82

Records

Qualifying

Biggest win

8-0: Portugal v Liechtenstein, 09.06.1999, UEFA EURO 2000™ qualifying Group 7
8-0: Portugal v Liechtenstein, 18.12.1994, UEFA EURO '96™ qualifying Group 6
7-0: Portugal v Azerbaijan, 26.03.1999, UEFA EURO 2000™ qualifying Group 7
7-0: Liechtenstein v Portugal, 15.08.1995, UEFA EURO '96™ qualifying Group 6

Biggest loss

5-0: USSR v Portugal, 27.04.1983, 1984 UEFA European Championship qualifying Group 2
5-0: Czechoslovakia v Portugal, 30.04.1975, 1976 UEFA European Championship qualifying Group 1
5-1: Yugoslavia v Portugal, 22.05.1960, 1960 UEFA European Championship quarter-finals

Final tournament

Biggest win

3-0: Portugal v Germany, 20.06.2000, UEFA EURO 2000™ Group A
3-0: Croatia v Portugal, 19.06.1996, UEFA EURO '96™ Group D

Biggest loss

3-2: France v Portugal, 23.06.1984, 1984 UEFA European Championship semi-finals
2-1: France v Portugal, 28.06.2000, UEFA EURO 2000™ semi-finals
2-1: Portugal v Greece, 12.06.2004, UEFA EURO 2004™ Group A
1-0: Portugal v Greece, 04.07.2004, UEFA EURO 2004™ final
1-0: Czech Republic v Portugal, 23.06.1996, UEFA EURO '96™ quarter-finals

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EURO appearances (players)

Overall

34: Luís Figo
33: Vítor Baía
29: Fernando Couto
25: João Pinto
24: Paulo Sousa
24: Nené
23: Nuno Gomes

Final tournament

14: Luís Figo
12: Fernando Couto
12: Rui Costa
11: Nuno Gomes
10: Costinha

Top scorers

Overall

14: João Pinto
12: Rui Costa
10: Cristiano Ronaldo
8: Luís Figo
8: Nuno Gomes
8: Nené

Final tournament

5: Nuno Gomes
3: Sérgio Conceição

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Team facts: Turkey

UEFA European Championship record

2004: Play-offs for final tournament
2000: Quarter-finals
1996: Group stage, final tournament
1992: Qualifying
1988: Qualifying
1984: Qualifying
1980: Qualifying
1976: Qualifying
1972: Qualifying
1968: Qualifying
1964: Preliminary round
1960: Last 16

Key facts

Overall record

Pld: 95 **W:** 35 **D:** 22 **L:** 38 **F:** 110 **A:** 135

Qualifying

Pld: 88 **W:** 34 **D:** 21 **L:** 33 **F:** 107 **A:** 126

Final tournament

Pld: 7 **W:** 1 **D:** 1 **L:** 5 **F:** 3 **A:** 9

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Records

Qualifying

Biggest win

5-0: Turkey v Moldova, 11.10.2006, UEFA EURO 2008™ qualifying Group C

5-0: Turkey v Liechtenstein, 16.10.2002, UEFA EURO 2004™ qualifying Group 7

5-0: Turkey v Iceland, 12.10.1994, UEFA EURO '96™ qualifying Group 3

Biggest loss

8-0: England v Turkey, 14.10.1987, 1988 UEFA European Championship qualifying Group 4

6-0: Italy v Turkey, 02.12.1962, 1964 UEFA European Championship preliminary round

Final tournament

Biggest win

2-0: Turkey v Belgium, 19.06.2000, UEFA EURO 2000™ Group B

Biggest loss

3-0: Turkey v Denmark, 19.06.1996, UEFA EURO '96™ Group D

EURO appearances (players)

Overall

38: Hakan Şükür

36: Rüstü Reçber

31: Tugay Kerimoğlu

30: Alpay Özalan

25: Ogün Temizkanoğlu

22: Sergen Yalçın

Final tournament

7: Hakan Şükür

7: Ogün Temizkanoğlu

7: Arif Erdem

7: Rüstü Reçber

7: Alpay Özalan

6: Tugay Kerimoğlu

Top scorers

Overall

22: Hakan Şükür

6: Nihat Kahveci

Final tournament

2: Hakan Şükür

1: Okan Buruk

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UEFA information

'Wonderful atmosphere'

UEFA President Michel Platini has joined millions of football fans in Europe and around the world in heralding the long-awaited arrival of UEFA EURO 2008™. "As President of UEFA I am very proud that this tournament is kicking off," he said in Basel. "UEFA and EURO 2008 SA under COO Martin Kallen have been working hard for very many years to ensure the best possible conditions for players, spectators and the media. Everything is being done to ensure that there will be a wonderful atmosphere for the fans coming to Austria and Switzerland from the whole of Europe. What is really important are the feelings and emotions that will be felt by the spectators, thanks to the games that they will be watching. There is going to be a lot of drama, there will be pain and joy, and the best team will be the winner. I also hope that football will be the winner. I'm expecting wonderful emotions and I'm passing the ball on to all the players, who are key to our success."

Everything in place

UEFA EURO 2008™ organisers in host countries Austria and Switzerland say that everything is in place for what they hope will be the best EURO tournament ever. "We are ready, and everything has been working according to plan," said Euro 2008 SA COO Martin Kallen. "UEFA has been working very closely together with Austria and Switzerland since 2002 to make sure that this will be a great event. We will see if that is the case on 29 June." Meanwhile, Kallen warned fans against buying EURO tickets on the black market. "All of the tickets have been sold – there is not a single ticket left, and there has not been for a while," he explained. "We are obviously trying to prevent tickets being sold, but any tickets sold at this point are black market tickets. I would recommend that no one sells tickets on the black market, as there will be sanctions."

International Broadcast Centre opened

UEFA President Michel Platini has opened the International Broadcast Centre in Vienna – the nerve centre of broadcasting for UEFA EURO 2008™. At a ceremony attended by Austria's federal chancellor Alfred Gusenbauer, Vienna's mayor Michael Häupl and the President of the Austrian Football Federation, Friedrich Stickler, Mr Platini switched on the TV video feeds from all the Austrian and Swiss venues in the IBC Master Control Room with a symbolic push of the button. For the first time in EURO history, UEFA will produce the television signal for the tournament itself through UEFA Media Technologies SA, the 100 per cent owned UEFA subsidiary which is in charge of the Host Broadcast Operations.

Support for fans

The "fan embassies" project is designed to provide support to fans during UEFA EURO 2008™. Apart from facilities at each of the eight venues where fans can go for assistance, there will also be mobile fan embassies moving from stadium to stadium. The project is being run by people familiar with the fan scene in the participating countries, together with local fan experts. It is hoped that this co-operation will also be put to use well after UEFA EURO 2008™. The project leaders are UEFA's long-standing partners FARE (Football Against Racism in Europe) in co-operation with the FSI (Football Supporters International), Fairplay-vidc (Austria's Vienna Institute for international Dialogue and Co-operation) and Projektorganisation Öffentliche Hand (a Swiss state project organisation).

Location of fan embassies:

- Vienna: Vorplatz Museumsquartier
- Klagenfurt: Fancamp, Messegelände
- Salzburg: Ferdinand-Hanusch-Platz
- Innsbruck: Fancamp Innsbruck
- Zurich; Rathausplatz
- Basel: Marktplatz
- Berne: Waisenhausplatz
- Geneva: Place du Rhône

Official song

Can You Hear Me? by Enrique Iglesias is the official song of UEFA EURO 2008™, with the Spanish star scheduled to perform live at the final in Vienna on 29 June. The 33-year-old, who has had No1 hit records across the globe with songs such as Rhythm Divine, Be With You, Hero, Escape, Do You Know? and Tired of Being Sorry, will make his appearance in the ten-minute closing ceremony at the Ernst-Happel-Stadion. "I'm really pleased to be able to contribute to the football festival in Switzerland and Austria; it's an honour for me to perform at the final," said the Spaniard.

Competition information

• **Format:** The UEFA EURO 2008™ group stage draw in Lucerne on 2 December 2007 divided the 14 qualifiers and co-hosts Austria and Switzerland into four groups of four. Each country plays each other once. Three points are awarded for a win, one point for a draw and no points for a defeat. If two or more teams are equal on points on completion of the group matches, the following criteria are applied to determine the rankings:

- a) number of points obtained in the matches among the teams in question;
- b) goal difference from the matches among the teams in question;
- c) number of goals scored in the matches among the teams in question (if more than two teams finish level on points);
- d) goal difference in all group matches;
- e) number of goals scored in all the group matches;
- f) coefficient from the qualifying competitions for the 2006 FIFA World Cup and UEFA EURO 2008™ (points obtained divided by number of matches played);
- g) Fair Play conduct of teams in the final tournament;
- h) drawing of lots

• **Key dates:** The quarter-finals are played on 19, 20, 21 and 22 June in the following format:

Match 1 Winner Group A v Runner-up Group B

Match 2 Winner Group B v Runner-up Group A

Match 3 Winner Group C v Runner-up Group D

Match 4 Winner Group D v Runner-up Group C

The semi-finals are played on 25 and 26 June:

Winner Match 1 v Winner Match 2

Winner Match 3 v Winner Match 4

The final is played at the Ernst-Happel-Stadion in Vienna on Sunday 29 June, with the winners of Semi-final 1 being designated as the home team for administrative purposes.

• **Disciplinary information:** As a rule, a player who is sent off is suspended for the next match in the competition. The Control and Disciplinary Body is entitled to augment this punishment. In the case of repeated cautions, a player is suspended for one match after two cautions in two different matches. In May, UEFA's Executive Committee decided at its meeting in Moscow to cancel single yellow cards after the quarter-finals of UEFA EURO 2008™. Consequently, a situation will not arise whereby players receive a second yellow card of the tournament in the semi-finals and are suspended for the final as a result.

• **Player eligibility:** The 16 participants in the final tournament had to submit a final list of 23 players – of which three had to be goalkeepers – at least ten days before the opening match of the tournament, on 7 June. In the event of a serious injury to a listed player before his team's first match in the final tournament, the player in question could be substituted only if a doctor from the UEFA Medical Committee and the team doctor both confirmed the injury was serious enough to prevent the player taking part.

• **Financial information:** UEFA has earmarked a total of €184m for the 16 teams competing in UEFA EURO 2008™ compared to €129m at UEFA EURO 2004™. The 16 teams in the final tournament will each receive a participating fee of €7.5m with a performance bonus of €1m for a win during the group stage and €500,000 for a draw. The eight teams who reach the quarter-finals will all receive an additional payment of €2m, with the four teams who progress to the semi-finals collecting an extra €3m. For the teams who take the field for the final at the Ernst-Happel-Stadion on 29 June, the runners-up will receive €4.5m with the winners collecting €7.5m. Therefore, if the victorious side at the final win all three of their group games, they would collect a maximum of €23m.

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Legend

:: All-time statistics

The all-time record of the competing teams in the UEFA European Championship.

Final tournament: The UEFA European Championship was a four-team event in 1960, 1964, 1968, 1972 and 1976. From 1980 it was expanded to an eight-team finals and remained in that format in 1984, 1988 and 1992 until 1996, when the current 16-team format was adopted.

Goals for/against: Goals totals include the outcome of disciplinary decisions (eg match forfeits when a 3-0 result is determined). Goals totals do not include goals scored from the penalty mark during a penalty shoot-out after a tie ended in a draw.

:: Squad list

The eligible list of players ordered first by playing position and then numeric order.

UEFA EURO 2008™ qualifying: Total UEFA EURO 2008™ appearances/goals in qualifying competition only.

FT: Total UEFA EURO 2008™ appearances/goals in final tournament only.

Overall: Total international appearances/goals.

DoB: Date of birth

Age: based on the date press kit was last updated

BL: Booking list (*: misses next match if booked, S: suspended)

:: Match officials

The match officials appointed to officiate the fixture.

National team competitions

EURO: UEFA European Football Championship • **U21:** UEFA European Under-21 Championship

WC: FIFA World Cup • **CONFCUP:** Confederation Cup

FRIE: Friendly internationals • **U21FRIE:** Under-21 friendly internationals

U21: UEFA European Under-21 Championship

U19: UEFA Under-19 Championship • **U18:** UEFA European Under-18 Championship

:: Competition stages

F: Final

GS: Group stage

GS1: First group stage

GS2: Second group stage

KO1: First knockout round

PR: Preliminary round

QF: Quarter-finals

QR: Qualifying round

QR1: First qualifying round

QR2: Second qualifying round

FT: Final tournament

QR3: Third qualifying round

R1: First round

R2: Second round

R3: Third round

R4: Fourth round

SF: Semi-finals

1/8: Eighth-finals

1/16: Sixteenth-finals

1st: first leg

2nd: second leg

P-O: Play-off

:: Other Abbreviations

AP: Appearances

Comp.: Competition

D: Drawn

DoB: Date of birth

GA: Goals against

GF: Goals for

L: Lost

Nat.: Nationality

N/a: Not Applicable

No.: Number

Pld: Matches played

Pos.: Position

Pts: Points

R: Sent off (red card)

Res.: Result

W: Won

Y: Booked

Y/R: Sent off (yellow card then direct red)

:: Statistics

(-) : Denotes player substituted

(*) : Denotes player dismissed/sent off

(+) : Denotes player introduced

(+/-) : Denotes player introduced and substituted