

TURKEY - CZECH REPUBLIC

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Group A - Matchday 9



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Match background

The scope for drama is considerable when Turkey and the Czech Republic meet in their concluding Group A game in Geneva both seeking the victory that would carry them into the quarter-finals of UEFA EURO 2008™.

- The teams will step out into the Stade de Genève on Sunday with identical records, having each collected three points, scored two goals and conceded three in their two games to date. The win-or-bust scenario is lent extra spice by the prospect that, should the game end in a draw, the teams would settle the contest for second place with a penalty shoot-out – a first of its kind in the UEFA European Championship.
- Should penalties be required, history would be on the side of the Czech Republic, who overcame France 6-5 in a shoot-out in the EURO '96™ semi-finals. Czechoslovakia defeated West Germany 5-3 on penalties to win the 1976 UEFA European Championship final and also overcame France 9-8 in a shoot-out in the third-placed match four years later. As Czechoslovakia and the Czech Republic, therefore, they have won three competitive shoot-outs out of three, scoring 20 spot-kicks and missing none.
- Turkey, in contrast, have never been involved in a competitive shoot-out at senior level.
- Turkey climbed level on points with the Czechs by coming from behind to defeat co-hosts Switzerland 2-1 last Wednesday, Arda Turan getting a 92nd-minute winner in Basel after Semih Şentürk (57) had cancelled out Hakan Yakin's first-half goal for the Swiss. Fatih Terim's men had earlier begun their campaign with a 2-0 opening-day loss to Portugal in Geneva, succumbing to second-half strikes from Pepe and Raul Meireles.
- Having opened the tournament with victory against Switzerland – Václav Svěčkoš (71) scoring the only goal – the Czechs came unstuck against Portugal, going down 3-1 in Geneva. Although Libor Sionko cancelled out Deco's early effort, Karel Brückner's men had no response to second-half goals from Cristiano Ronaldo and Ricardo Quaresma.
- The history of the fixture favours the Czech Republic. They won the countries' inaugural meeting 4-1 in Istanbul on 23 February 1994 and prevailed again in the next two friendly meetings on home soil: 3-0 in 1996 and 4-0 in 2003. Current Czech internationals Jan Koller and Milan Baroš were both on target in that latter success in Teplice, which also featured the international debuts of Turkey defender Servet Çetin and midfielder player Gökdeniz Karadeniz.
- Turkey retrieved a two-goal deficit to earn a 2-2 draw in the teams' most recent encounter in Izmir on 1 March 2006. Ümit Karan scored two late goals to cancel out earlier strikes from Karel Poborský and Jiří Štajner.



• The teams that day were:

Turkey: Rüştü Reçber, Mehmet Topuz, Tolga Seyhan, Gökhan Zan, Ugur Boral (Yıldırım Bastürk), Hasan Sas (Orhan Ak), Necati Ates, Hüseyin Çimşir (Ümit Karan), Tuncay Şanlı (Akin Ibrahim), Ersen Martin (Nuri Sahin), Gökhan Ünal (Halil Altıntop).

Czech Republic: Petr Čech, Martin Jiránek (Karel Piták), David Rozehnal, Tomáš Ujfaluši, Marek Jankulovski, Karel Poborský, Tomáš Rosický (Marek Heinz), Jan Polák, Jaroslav Plašil (Štěpán Vachoušek), Milan Baroš (Tomáš Jun), Jiří Štajner (Lukáš Zelenka).

• Turkey also came off second best against the former Czechoslovakia, recording one win, two draws and seven defeats in ten fixtures played between 1924 and 1981. Their solitary win was a 1-0 home success in a 1958 friendly.

• Turkey's two previous finals appearances in 1996 and 2000 brought a first-round exit followed by a quarter-final appearance.

• The Czech Republic's best performance in their three previous UEFA European Championship finals appearances was in 1996, when they reached the final. As part of the former Czechoslovakia, they were European champions in 1976.

• Turkey midfielder Emre Belözoğlu was a team-mate of Czech defender David Rozehnal at English Premier League side Newcastle United FC during the first half of the 2007/08 season.

• Jan Koller played in the AC Sparta Praha side that overcame Galatasaray AS in the 1995/96 UEFA Cup preliminary round. Two seasons later, Turkey's Emre was in the Galatasaray team that beat Sparta at home but lost 3-0 away in the UEFA Champions League group stage.

• Turkish internationals Sabri Sarioğlu, Ayhan Akman and Arda Turan were in the Galatasaray side that beat Czech side FK Mladá Boleslav 5-2 in Istanbul en route to a 6-3 aggregate triumph in the UEFA Champions League third qualifying round in August 2006. Arda (2) and Sabri both found the net against a Mladá Boleslav side containing Czech international Marek Matějovský.

• 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

TURKEY

UEFA EURO 2008™ statistics

- No Turkey player has appeared in all 14 matches in qualifying and at these finals, although Tuncay Şanlı, Hamit Altıntop, Servet Çetin and Mehmet Aurélio have all missed just one game.
- Of the final 23-man squad six players did not feature in qualifying: Tolga Zengin, Emre Güngör, Mehmet Topal, Uğur Boral, Kazım Kazım and Mevlüt Erdinç. Mehmet Topal, Kazım Kazım and Mevlüt have all appeared in the finals.
- 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 having struck 13 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; only Poland (12) of the teams at UEFA EURO 2008™ had a worse defensive record.

Disciplinary news

• Turkey have six players a booking away from suspension: Gökhan Zan, Kazım Kazım, Sabri Sarioğlu, Tuncay, Mehmet Aurélio and Hakan Balta.

Latest information

• Switzerland 1-2 Turkey (Yakin 32; Semih 57, Arda 90)

Arda Turan's deflected goal gave Turkey a win that revived their finals' hopes and ended those of their opponents. Hakan Yakin put the co-hosts ahead but Semih, a prolific scorer from the bench for Fenerbahçe SK this season, levelled after his half-time introduction before Arda sealed a last-gasp triumph.

- Turkey coach Fatih Terim said: "It is a wonderful feeling; it is very good and the players needed this for their confidence. I congratulate them too on their incredible effort. We are still in the EURO, we are still here and that is very important. I said yesterday that this match was the beginning of the EURO for us."
- Terim made four changes to the team that lost to Portugal. Tümer Metin, Gökdeniz Karadeniz and Arda all started in midfield, while Emre Aşık came in for injured defender Gökhan Zan. Emre Belözoğlu was also ruled out, as Mevlüt and Kazım Kazım dropped to the substitutes' bench.
- Arda was named Carlsberg Match of the Match and Morten Olsen, following the match as part of the UEFA EURO 2008™ Technical Team, said: "There were a lot of good performances in a very difficult game, but Arda Turan had not only a good performance but also [scored] a very, very decisive goal. It was the match-winning performance."
- Turkey had got their campaign off to a disappointing start on 7 June as strikes from Pepe (61) and substitute Raul Meireles (90) consigned them to defeat at the Stade de Genève. It could have been worse for Fatih Terim as Nuno Gomes also rattled the woodwork twice.

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

- Servet Çetin (left knee) and Hakan Balta (foot) both overcame knocks to start against Switzerland. Emre, however, missed out with a hamstring injury after a scan on 9 June revealed a build-up of fluid in his leg and Gökhan Zan was ruled out too, having limped off ten minutes after half-time against Portugal after injuring his left knee as he fouled Simão.
- Turkey have announced that Tümer Metin will miss the Czech game with a groin injury.
- Gökhan Gönül was ruled out of the finals with a bruise on the second metatarsal of his right foot, though Servet Çetin (groin) and Hamit Altıntop (broken metatarsal) both overcame injuries to take their places in Terim's squad.

Domestic information

- There are eight members of Galatasaray AS's Turkish Süper Lig-winning squad in Turkey's party – Sabri Sarıoğlu, Emre Aşık, Servet, Hakan Balta, Emre Güngör, Mehmet Topal, Ayhan Akman and Arda Turan, with Mehmet Topal signing a two-year contract extension in April 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 league and cup double in Germany.
- Nihat struck 18 times as Villarreal CF finished runners-up to Real Madrid CF in the Primera División.

CZECH REPUBLIC

UEFA EURO 2008™ statistics

- Two Czech Republic players appeared in all 12 matches in qualifying Group D: Jaroslav Plašil and David Rozehnal. They each started the games against Switzerland and Portugal too.
- Two of the final 23-man squad did not feature in qualifying: Václav Svěrkoš and Rudolf Skácel, although the former came on in the first Group A game.
- Jan Koller struck six goals in qualifying, with David Healy of Northern Ireland finishing as the top scorer on 13 goals.
- The Czech Republic managed 27 qualifying goals at an average of 2.25 goals per game. Germany finished as the highest scorers with 35 goals. Karel Brückner's side conceded only five, the best defensive record along with France and the Netherlands.

Latest information

• Czech Republic 1-3 Portugal (Sionko 17; Deco 8, Ronaldo 63, Quaresma 90)

Cristiano Ronaldo scored one goal and set up two more as Portugal qualified for the quarter-finals as Group A winners with a game to spare. The winger teed up goals for Deco and substitute Ricardo Quaresma while scoring with a sublime finish himself. Libor Sionko had levelled with a thumping header.

• Czech Republic coach Karel Brückner said: "We played very well for long periods but were beaten by a very talented side on top of their game. Some players certainly did better in this match than in the Swiss game but if we're honest, we came up against a stronger side. In the first half we proved we are a great team in both defence and attack. We had more chances to score than we did in the Swiss game and played some very good football at times."

• Brückner made two changes to the side that edged Switzerland in the Group A opener on 7 June, with Marek Matějovský and Milan Baroš coming in for Jan Koller and David Jarolím.

• Four days earlier Svěrkoš had scored the only goal of the UEFA EURO 2008™ curtain-raiser against Switzerland in Basel. The Czech substitute struck after 71 minutes.

• With Tomáš Rosický missing the finals with a hamstring injury, Tomáš Ujfaluši has taken over as captain.

Injury news

• Zdeněk Pospěch watched the opening game on television as he recovered from flu, but he is now fully fit.

• Daniel Pudil was ruled out of the finals when he broke his hand as he celebrated SK Slavia Praha's league triumph. Skácel was drafted in to replace him.

Friendly results

30.05.2008 Czech Republic 3-1 Scotland (Sionko 2, Kadlec)

27.05.2008 Czech Republic 2-0 Lithuania (Koller 2)

26.03.2008 Denmark 1-1 Czech Republic (Koller)

06.02.2008 Czech Republic 0-2 Poland

Miscellaneous

• Pavel Nedvěd watched the win against Switzerland from the stands, while Vladimír Šmicer worked as a TV reporter in Basel and the injured Rosický was doing punditry work in Prague.

• Karel Poborský's famous lob against Portugal at EURO '96™ has been voted the best individual goal in the latest Carlsberg Goal of the Day poll on euro2008.com.

Domestic information

• Tomáš Sivok and Michal Kadlec both won the Czech Cup with AC Sparta Praha, Kadlec scoring the decisive penalty in the shoot-out that followed a goalless draw against FC Slovan Liberec in the final. Sivok had been at Sparta on loan from Udinese Calcio, but on the eve of the finals he signed a four-year deal with Beşiktaş JK.

• Stanislav Vlček claimed a Czech 1. Liga winners' medal with SK Slavia Praha despite leaving to join RSC Anderlecht in January. Vlček had the unusual pleasure of winning trophies with different clubs in the same season as an Anderlecht side also including compatriot Jan Polák won the Belgian Cup. Polák scored in the 3-2 win against KAA Gent in the final.

• In England, Milan Baroš lifted the FA Cup after joining Portsmouth FC from Olympique Lyonnais in January.

• After helping ACF Fiorentina claim a UEFA Champions League qualifying place, Ujfaluši announced he will leave on a free transfer this summer "I still have to decide which club, but I will certainly move to Spain," he said.

Squad list

Turkey

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	BL	UEFA EURO 2008™				Overall Team	
						Qual.	Gls	FT	Pld	Gls	Pld
Goalkeepers											
1	Reçber Rüştü	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	-	2	-	23	-
Defenders											
2	Servet Çetin	17.03.1981	27	Galatasaray AS	-	11	1	2	-	31	1
4	Gökhan Zan	07.09.1981	26	Beşiktaş JK	*	7	-	1	-	21	-
13	Emre Güngör	01.08.1984	23	Galatasaray AS	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
15	Emre Aşık	13.12.1973	34	Galatasaray AS	-	4	-	2	-	29	2
20	Sabri Sarıoğlu	26.07.1984	23	Galatasaray AS	*	7	1	1	-	16	1
22	Hamit Altıntop	08.12.1982	25	FC Bayern München	-	11	2	2	-	44	2
Midfielders											
3	Hakan Balta	23.03.1983	25	Galatasaray AS	*	2	-	2	-	10	1
5	Emre Belözoğlu	07.09.1980	27	Newcastle United FC	-	7	1	1	-	57	4
6	Mehmet Topal	03.03.1986	22	Galatasaray AS	-	-	-	1	-	6	-
7	Mehmet Aurélio	15.12.1977	30	Fenerbahçe SK	*	11	-	2	-	21	1
10	Gökdeniz Karadeniz	11.01.1980	28	FC Rubin Kazan	-	9	1	1	-	48	6
11	Tümer Metin	14.10.1974	33	Fenerbahçe SK	-	6	2	1	-	25	7
14	Arda Turan	30.01.1987	21	Galatasaray AS	-	9	-	1	1	20	2
16	Uğur Boral	14.04.1982	26	Fenerbahçe SK	-	-	-	-	-	8	-
17	Tuncay Şanlı	16.01.1982	26	Middlesbrough FC	*	11	3	2	-	56	15
19	Ayhan Akman	23.02.1977	31	Galatasaray AS	-	2	-	-	-	11	-
Forwards											
8	Nihat Kahveci	23.11.1979	28	Villarreal CF	-	5	3	2	-	57	15
9	Semih Şentürk	29.04.1983	25	Fenerbahçe SK	-	2	-	2	1	6	2
18	Kazım Kazım	26.08.1986	21	Fenerbahçe SK	*	-	-	2	-	6	-
21	Mevlüt Erdinç	25.02.1987	21	FC Sochaux-Montbéliard	-	-	-	1	-	5	-
Coach											
-	Fatih Terim	14.09.1953	54	TUR	-	12	-	2	-	-	-

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Czech Republic

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						Qual. Pld	Gls	FT Pld	Gls		
Goalkeepers											
1	Petr Čech	20.05.1982	26	Chelsea FC	-	10	-	2	-	61	-
16	Jaromír Blažek	29.12.1972	35	1. FC Nürnberg	-	1	-	-	-	14	-
23	Daniel Zítka	20.06.1975	32	RSC Anderlecht	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
Defenders											
2	Zdeněk Grygera	14.05.1980	28	Juventus	-	4	1	2	-	55	2
6	Marek Jankulovski	09.05.1977	31	AC Milan	-	9	2	2	-	66	10
12	Zdeněk Pospěch	14.12.1978	29	FC København	-	3	-	-	-	8	-
13	Michal Kadlec	13.12.1984	23	AC Sparta Praha	-	2	-	-	-	6	1
21	Tomáš Ujfaluši	24.03.1978	30	ACF Fiorentina	-	10	-	2	-	70	2
22	David Rozehnal	05.07.1980	27	S.S. Lazio	-	12	-	2	-	47	-
Midfielders											
3	Jan Polák	14.03.1981	27	RSC Anderlecht	*	9	1	2	-	40	6
4	Tomáš Galásek	15.01.1973	35	1. FC Nürnberg	-	9	-	2	-	68	1
5	Radoslav Kováč	27.11.1979	28	FC Spartak Moskva	-	10	1	1	-	24	1
14	David Jarolím	17.05.1979	29	Hamburger SV	-	6	1	2	-	18	1
17	Marek Matějovský	20.12.1981	26	Reading FC	-	4	1	1	-	11	1
18	Tomáš Sivok	15.09.1983	24	AC Sparta Praha	-	2	-	-	-	6	-
19	Rudolf Skácel	17.07.1979	28	Hertha BSC Berlin	-	-	-	-	-	5	1
20	Jaroslav Plašil	05.01.1982	26	CA Osasuna	-	12	1	2	-	39	2
Forwards											
7	Libor Sionko	01.02.1977	31	FC København	-	5	3	2	1	32	7
8	Martin Fenin	16.04.1987	21	Eintracht Frankfurt	-	3	-	-	-	5	-
9	Jan Koller	30.03.1973	35	1. FC Nürnberg	-	11	6	2	-	89	54
10	Václav Svěrkoš	01.11.1983	24	FC Baník Ostrava	-	-	-	1	1	3	1
11	Stanislav Vítčok	26.02.1976	32	RSC Anderlecht	-	4	-	2	-	12	-
15	Milan Baroš	28.10.1981	26	Portsmouth FC	-	8	3	1	-	65	31
Coach											
-	Karel Brückner	13.11.1939	68	CZE	-	12	-	2	-	-	-

Head coach

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.

Czech Republic: Karel Brückner

Date of birth: 13 November 1939

Nationality: Czech

Playing career: SK Sigma Olomouc, FC Baník Ostrava

Coaching career: SK Sigma Olomouc (five times), FK Prostějov, 1. FC Brno, Czech Republic Under-21 (twice), MŠK Žilina, FC Baník Ostrava, FK Drnovice, AŠK Inter Bratislava, Czech Republic

Karel Brückner seems to know exactly what makes one of Europe's most enigmatic football nations tick. Having worked with many of the Czech Republic squad for a decade, first as Under-21 coach and now with the seniors, Brückner has an impressive record of achievement that he maintained during qualifying for UEFA EURO 2008™. The Czechs advanced winners of Group D, finishing ahead of a Germany side whom they defeated 3-0 in Munich to secure qualification in style.

Under Brückner's guidance they came close to reaching the final of UEFA EURO 2004™ too, losing to Greece in the semi-finals. Despite their first-round exit at the 2006 FIFA World Cup, where their prospects were hit by injury problems, Brückner immediately agreed a new two-year contract, although he will step down after this summer's finals.

By no means an outstanding player, Brückner made his name as a coach with hometown team SK Sigma Olomouc, leading them to the top division in the former Czechoslovakia in 1984. He took Sigma to the quarter-finals of the UEFA Cup in 1991/92 where they succumbed to Real Madrid CF. Spells at FK Drnovice and Slovakian side AŠK Inter Bratislava followed but he returned to Olomouc in 1995, leading them to second place in the Czech top flight - their best ever finish - before being hired by the Football Association of the Czech Republic in 1997.

He moulded the Czech U21 side into a force but by the time they won the UEFA European Under-21 Championship in Switzerland in 2002, Brückner – nicknamed Klekí Petra for his resemblance to a native American teacher in a popular Czech television show – had replaced Jozef Chovanec as senior national team coach. Since then, Brückner's judgement has rarely failed him. Still living in Olomouc, the veteran continues to incorporate the best of the young talent at his disposal. His side shone at UEFA EURO 2004™ and will hope to do the same four years on.

Match officials

Referee	Peter Fröjdfeldt (SWE)
Assistant referees	Stefan Wittberg (SWE), Henrik Andrén (SWE)
Fourth official	Grzegorz Gilewski (POL)
Reserve official	Jan Petter Randen (NOR)
UEFA Delegate	Trygve Bornø (NOR)

Referee

Name	Nat.	Date of birth
Peter Fröjdfeldt	SWE	14.11.1963

Peter Fröjdfeldt has made a lasting impression since his elevation to join Europe's top-ranked referees. The Eskilstuna-based official reached the higher Swedish levels in the mid-1990s, made his top-flight bow in 1997, and has passed the 200-match mark in the élite Swedish domestic game. His FIFA international badge followed at the start of 2001.

Early years of picking up experience were followed by his UEFA Champions League debut in September 2003 with the meeting of FC Dynamo Kyiv and FC Lokomotiv Moskva. Fröjdfeldt's promotion to UEFA Elite status came in January 2005 and he continued to get regular appointments at the highest club and international levels, including six FIFA World Cup qualifiers.

In 2005/06 Fröjdfeldt became a regular face in the UEFA Champions League and the married father of two has become well used to high-profile appointments, ending the 2007/08 club season by taking charge of the UEFA Cup final between FC Zenit St. Petersburg and Rangers FC in Manchester. Back in Sweden, Fröjdfeldt has become the main man in the middle following Anders Frisk's retirement, and has taken charge of a number of important Allsvenskan fixtures. He also took charge of the 2006 Scandinavian Royal League final in April that year, in which FC København defeated Lillestrøm SK 1-0, and the 2007 Swedish Cup final. An arena manager by profession, he lists his favourite hobby as golf.

Match-by-match lineups

Final tournament Group A

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Portugal	2	2	0	0	5	1	6
Czech Republic	2	1	0	1	2	3	3
Turkey	2	1	0	1	2	3	3
Switzerland	2	0	0	2	1	3	0

Date	Match	Result	Stadium/Venue
07.06.2008	Switzerland - Czech Republic	0-1	St. Jakob-Park, Basel
Goals: 0-1 Svěrkoš 71			
Switzerland: Benaglio, Magnin, Senderos, Lichtsteiner (Vonlanthen 75), Inler, Frei (Hakan Yakin 46), Streller, Fernandes, Barnetta, Behrami (Derdiyok 84), Müller			
Czech Republic: Čech, Grygera, Polák, Galásek, Jankulovski, Sionko (Vlček 83), Koller (Sværkoš 56), Jarolím (Kováč 87), Plašil, Ujfaluši, Rozehnal			
07.06.2008	Portugal - Turkey	2-0	Stade de Genève, Geneva
Goals: 1-0 Pepe 61, 2-0 Raul Meireles 90+3			
Portugal: Ricardo, Ferreira, Bosingwa, Cristiano Ronaldo, Petit, João Moutinho, Simão (Raul Meireles 83), Pepe, Carvalho, Deco (Fernando Meira 90+2), Nuno Gomes (Nani 69)			
Turkey: Volkan Demirel, Servet Çetin, Hakan Balta, Gökhan Zan (Emre Aşık 55), Emre Belözoğlu, Aurélio, Nihat Kahveci, Tuncay Şanlı, Kazım Kazım, Mevlüt Erdinç (Sabri Sarioğlu 46), Hamit Altıntop (Semih Şentürk 76)			
11.06.2008	Czech Republic - Portugal	1-3	Stade de Genève, Geneva
Goals: 0-1 Deco 8, 1-1 Sionko 17, 1-2 Cristiano Ronaldo 63, 1-3 Quaresma 90+1			
Czech Republic: Čech, Grygera, Polák, Galásek (Koller 73), Jankulovski, Sionko, Baroš, Matějovský (Vlček 68), Plašil (Jarolím 85), Ujfaluši, Rozehnal			
Portugal: Ricardo, Ferreira, Bosingwa, Cristiano Ronaldo, Petit, João Moutinho (Fernando Meira 75), Simão (Quaresma 80), Pepe, Carvalho, Deco, Nuno Gomes (Hugo Almeida 79)			
11.06.2008	Switzerland - Turkey	1-2	St. Jakob-Park, Basel
Goals: 1-0 Hakan Yakin 32, 1-1 Semih Şentürk 57, 1-2 Arda Turan 90+2			
Switzerland: Benaglio, Magnin, Senderos, Lichtsteiner, Inler, Hakan Yakin (Gygax 85), Derdiyok, Fernandes (Cabanas 76), Barnetta (Vonlanthen 66), Behrami, Müller			
Turkey: Volkan Demirel, Servet Çetin, Hakan Balta, Aurélio, Nihat Kahveci (Kazım Kazım 85), Gökdeniz Karadeniz (Semih Şentürk 46), Tümer Metin (Mehmet Topal 46), Arda Turan, Emre Aşık, Tuncay Şanlı, Hamit Altıntop			
15.06.2008	Switzerland - Portugal	-	St. Jakob-Park, Basel
15.06.2008	Turkey - Czech Republic	-	Stade de Genève, Geneva

Qualifying round Turkey

Group C

	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

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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: Rüştü 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: Rüştü Reçber, Hamit Altıntop, Servet Çetin, Gökhan Zan, Aurélio, Gökdeniz 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: Rüştü Reçber, Servet Çetin, Hamit Altıntop, Gökhan Zan, Aurélio, Gökdeniz 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 Gökdeniz Karadeniz 81			
Turkey: Volkan Demirel, Servet Çetin, Hamit Altıntop, Gökhan Zan, İbrahim Üzülmez (Volkan Yaman 19), Aurélio, Tümer Metin (Gökdeniz 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), Emre Belözoğlu, Gökdeniz 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: Rüştü Reçber, Hamit Altıntop, Servet Çetin, Gökhan Zan, İbrahim Üzülmez, Aurélio, Sabri Sarioğlu (Ümit Karan 77), Gökdeniz 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 (Gökdeniz Karadeniz 52), Emre 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, Gökdeniz Karadeniz (Halil Altıntop 61), Ayhan Akman (Serdar Özkan 67), Tuncay Şanlı, Gökhan, Nihat Kahveci (Emre 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, Emre Belözoğlu, Mehmet Topuz, Aurélio, Arda Turan (Tümer Metin 69), İnan (Ümit Karan 46), Tuncay Şanlı, Gökhan			
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, Emre Belözoğlu (Arda Turan 71), İbrahim Üzülmez, Aurélio, Gökdeniz 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 Emre Belözoğlu 31, 1-2 Nihat Kahveci 59			
Turkey: Volkan Demirel, İbrahim Kas (Gökhan Gönül 15), Emre Aşık, Servet Çetin, Hakan Balta, Hamit Altıntop, Aurélio, Emre Belözoğlu, Arda Turan (Tuncay Şanlı 87), Nihat Kahveci, Semih Şentürk (Yusuf 67)			

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21.11.2007 Turkey - Bosnia-Herzegovina 1-0 Ali Sami Yen, Istanbul

Goals: 1-0 Nihat Kahveci 43

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

Qualifying round Czech Republic

Group D

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Czech Republic	12	9	2	1	27	5	29
Germany	12	8	3	1	35	7	27
Republic of Ireland	12	4	5	3	17	14	17
Slovakia	12	5	1	6	33	23	16
Wales	12	4	3	5	18	19	15
Cyprus	12	4	2	6	17	24	14
San Marino	12	0	0	12	2	57	0

Date Match Result Stadium/Venue

02.09.2006 Czech Republic - Wales 2-1 Na Stínadlech, Teplice

Goals: 1-0 Lafata 76, 1-1 Jiránek 85 (o.g.) , 2-1 Lafata 89

Czech Republic: Čech, Galásek (Kováč 87), Jankulovski, Štajner (Sionko 45+2), Koller, Rosický, Jiránek, Kulič (Lafata 75), Plašil, Ujfaluši, Rozehnal

06.09.2006 Slovakia - Czech Republic 0-3 Tehelné Pole, Bratislava

Goals: 0-1 Sionko 10, 0-2 Sionko 21, 0-3 Koller 57

Czech Republic: Čech, Jankulovski, Jiránek, Ujfaluši, Rozehnal, Polák (Kováč 72), Galásek, Sionko (Štajner 77), Rosický, Plašil, Koller

07.10.2006 Czech Republic - San Marino 7-0 U Nisy, Liberec

Goals: 1-0 Kulič 15, 2-0 Polák 22, 3-0 Baroš 28, 4-0 Koller 43, 5-0 Jarolím 49, 6-0 Koller 52, 7-0 Baroš 68

Czech Republic: Čech, Ujfaluši, Grygera, Rozehnal (Zápotočný 45), Jankulovski, Jarolím, Polák, Rosický (Plašil 63), Baroš, Kulič (Lafata 45), Koller

11.10.2006 Republic of Ireland - Czech Republic 1-1 Lansdowne Road, Dublin

Goals: 1-0 Kilbane 62, 1-1 Koller 64

Czech Republic: Čech, Polák, Ujfaluši, Kováč, Jankulovski, Jiránek, Rosický, Plašil (Grygera 85), Rozehnal, Koller, Baroš (Jarolím 82)

24.03.2007 Czech Republic - Germany 1-2 Sparta Stadium, Prague

Goals: 0-1 Kuranyi 42, 0-2 Kuranyi 62, 1-2 Baroš 77

Czech Republic: Čech, Ujfaluši (Vlček 84), Jiránek, Rozehnal, Jankulovski, Sionko (Plašil 46), Rosický, Galásek (Kulič 62), Polák, Koller, Baroš

28.03.2007 Czech Republic - Cyprus 1-0 U Nisy, Liberec

Goals: 1-0 Kováč 22

Czech Republic: Čech, Ujfaluši, Grygera (Kováč 12), Rozehnal, Jankulovski, Galásek, Rosický, Polák, Jarolím, Koller, Baroš (Plašil 77)

02.06.2007 Wales - Czech Republic 0-0 Millennium, Cardiff

Goals: -

Czech Republic: Čech, Ujfaluši, Kováč, Jankulovski, Rozehnal, Polák (Jarolím 65), Sivok (Matějovský 83), Rosický, Plašil, Koller, Baroš (Kulič 46)

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08.09.2007 San Marino - Czech Republic 0-3 Olimpico, Serravalle

Goals: 0-1 Rosický 33, 0-2 Jankulovski 75, 0-3 Koller 90+3

Czech Republic: Čech, Ujfaluši, Rozehnal, Kováč, Jankulovski, Galásek (Plašil 82), Rosický, Jarolím (Polák 69), Kulič (Viček 56), Fenin, Koller

12.09.2007 Czech Republic - Republic of Ireland 1-0 Sparta Stadium, Prague

Goals: 1-0 Jankulovski 15

Czech Republic: Čech, Ujfaluši, Rozehnal, Kováč, Jankulovski, Sionko (Viček 74), Galásek (Sivok 46), Rosický, Polák, Plašil, Baroš (Jarolím 89)

17.10.2007 Germany - Czech Republic 0-3 Allianz Arena, Munich

Goals: 0-1 Sionko 2, 0-2 Matějovský 23, 0-3 Plašil 63

Czech Republic: Čech, Kováč, Rozehnal, Ujfaluši, Pospěch, Galásek, Pudil (Kulič 73), Matějovský, Sionko (Viček 58), Plašil, Koller (Fenin 79)

17.11.2007 Czech Republic - Slovakia 3-1 Sparta Stadium, Prague

Goals: 1-0 Grygera 13, 2-0 Kulič 76, 2-1 Kadlec 79 (o.g.) , 3-1 Rosický 83

Czech Republic: Blažek, Pospěch, Kováč, Rozehnal, Grygera (Kadlec 45), Polák (Matějovský 86), Galásek, Rosický, Plašil, Koller, Baroš (Kulič 70)

21.11.2007 Cyprus - Czech Republic 0-2 GSP, Nicosia

Goals: 0-1 Pudil 11, 0-2 Koller 74

Czech Republic: Zítka, Pospěch, Kováč, Rozehnal, Kadlec, Plašil (Kladrubský 87), Galásek, Matějovský, Pudil, Kulič (Baroš 57), Koller (Fenin 76)

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 finals.
- Since 1980, when the tournament became 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 section progressed to the final, and in 2000 Belgium – co-hosts with the Netherlands, who did reach the semi-finals – came 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 and France's Fabien Barthez, Marcel Desailly, Bixente Lizarazu, Lilian Thuram, Didier Deschamps, Yuri Djorkaeff, Patrick Vieira, Zinedine Zidane and Christophe Dugarry.
- 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 won the European Cup with PSV and Real Madrid CF in 1988 and 2000 respectively yet remaining on the bench for the Netherlands' and France's European Championship triumphs in those years. Anelka's Madrid and France team-mate from 2000, Christian Karembou, holds the unique position of being an unused substitute in both final victories in the same year.
- A total of ten players have been UEFA European Championship final losers after appearing in a European Cup victory: Sepp Maier, Hans-Georg Schwarzenbeck, Franz Beckenbauer and Uli Hoeness (1976, FC Bayern München and West Germany) and Paulo Ferreira, Ricardo Carvalho, Nuno Valente, Costinha, Maniche and Deco (2004, FC Porto and Portugal).
- Conversely six Chelsea players – Petr Čech, Claude Makelele, Carvalho, Michael Ballack, Florent Malouda and Anelka – could join a list of four players who followed European Cup final defeat with EURO victory in the same year: Ignacio Zoco and Amancio Amaro (1964, Real Madrid and Spain) and Manny Kaltz and Hörst Hrubesch (1980, Hamburger SV and West Germany).

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 Kluyvert (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:

38yrs 257 days: Ivica Vastic (**Austria** 1-1 Poland, 12.06.2008)

35 years 62 days: Christian Panucci (**Italy** 1-1 Romania, 13.06.2008)

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

• 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

47: Lilian Thuram (FRA)

39: Peter Schmeichel (DEN)

39: Vitalis Astafjevs (LVA)

38: Hakan Şükür (TUR)

37: Sargis Hovsepyan (ARM)

36: Edwin van der Sar (NED)

36: Didier Deschamps (FRA)

36: Theodoros Zagorakis (GRE)

36: Rüştü Reçber (TUR)

35: Mart Poom (EST)

35: Jari Litmanen (FIN)

35: Laurent Blanc (FRA)

35: Fabio Cannavaro (ITA)

35: Mario Frick (LIE)

35: Dorinel Munteanu (ROM)

35: Gheorghe Popescu (ROM)

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Final tournament

16: Lilian Thuram (FRA)
15: Edwin van der Sar (NED)
14: Karel Poborský (CZE)
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: 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: Thierry Henry (FRA)
6: Patrick Kluivert (NED)
5: Milan Baroš (CZE)
5: Zinédine Zidane (FRA)
5: Jürgen Klinsmann (GER)
5: Marco Van Basten (NED)
5: Ruud van Nistelrooy (NED)
5: Nuno Gomes (POR)
5: Savo Milošević (YUG)

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Team facts

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: 97 **W:** 36 **D:** 22 **L:** 39 **F:** 112 **A:** 138

Final tournament

Pld: 9 **W:** 2 **D:** 1 **L:** 6 **F:** 5 **A:** 12

Qualifying

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

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: Oğün Temizkanoğlu

22: Sergen Yalçın

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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
1: Semih Şentürk
1: Arda Turan

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Team facts: Czech Republic

UEFA European Championship record

2004: Semi-finals
2000: Group stage, final tournament
1996: Runners-up
1992: Qualifying (as Czechoslovakia)
1988: Qualifying (as Czechoslovakia)
1984: Qualifying (as Czechoslovakia)
1980: Third place (as Czechoslovakia)
1976: Winners (as Czechoslovakia)
1972: Qualifying (as Czechoslovakia)
1968: Qualifying (as Czechoslovakia)
1964: Preliminary round (as Czechoslovakia)
1960: Third place (as Czechoslovakia)

Key facts

Overall record

Pld: 120 W: 74 D: 24 L: 22 F: 238 A: 98

Final tournament

Pld: 24 W: 11 D: 5 L: 8 F: 34 A: 29

Qualifying

Pld: 96 W: 63 D: 19 L: 14 F: 204 A: 69

Records

Qualifying

Biggest win

7-0: Czech Republic v San Marino, 07.10.2006, UEFA EURO 2008™ qualifying Group D
6-0: Czechoslovakia v Cyprus, 16.04.1983, 1984 UEFA European Championship qualifying Group 5
6-1: Czech Republic v Malta, 06.09.1994, UEFA EURO '96™ qualifying Group 5

Biggest loss

3-0: England v Czechoslovakia, 30.10.1974, 1976 UEFA European Championship qualifying Group 1
3-0: Finland v Czechoslovakia, 09.09.1987, 1988 UEFA European Championship qualifying Group 6

Final tournament

Biggest win

3-0: Czech Republic v Denmark, 27.06.2004, UEFA EURO 2004™ quarter-finals

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Biggest loss

3-0: Czechoslovakia v Soviet Union, 29.05.1960, 1960 UEFA European Championship semi-finals

EURO appearances (players)

Overall

34: Karel Poborský

34: Jan Koller

31: Pavel Nedvěd

31: Jirí Nemeč

30: Pavel Kuka

Final tournament

14: Karel Poborský

12: Pavel Nedvěd

11: Vladimír Šmicer

9: Jirí Nemeč

Top scorers

Overall

20: Jan Koller

12: Patrik Berger

11: Milan Baroš

9: Vladimír Šmicer

9: Zdenek Nehoda

Final tournament

5: Milan Baroš

4: Vladimír Šmicer

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UEFA information

Platini positive

UEFA President Michel Platini has given a positive overview of the early stage at UEFA EURO 2008™. "There is no denying that the instructions calling for respect have had an undeniable impact. In the stadiums, there have been no incidents to report; the crowds have been enthusiastic and excited by all the action on the field. We've heard all the different groups of supporters singing their national anthems, as well as respecting and even applauding the national anthem of the other team. Bravo! I must also mention the exemplary conduct of the coaches, who are setting a fine example to all their less experienced fellow coaches. On the field, we've seen some great football, with some exciting action and a quantity of goals which is well within the average for a 16-team European Championship final round. Everyone agrees that the quality of the television broadcasts is excellent, and the viewing figures are breaking records in many countries. I hope, therefore, that all these positive trends continue – and that the weather improves."

Zero tolerance for racism

The football family and anti-racism campaigners have joined forces at the start of UEFA EURO 2008™ to deliver a strong message: racist conduct, discrimination and intolerance will have no place at the tournament, or in the future. A key gathering in Basel brought together representatives of UEFA and the FARE (Football Against Racism in Europe) network for a reception featuring former players, administrators and non-government organisations to signal the beginning of a three-week anti-discrimination programme at UEFA EURO 2008™. The Unite Against Racism programme, run by the FARE network with UEFA's backing, as well as with the support of the professional players' union FIFPro, will include an advertising spot broadcast at every game – Different Languages, One Goal: No To Racism – pitch-side boards and activities with fans, culminating in high-profile activities on the field at the semi-finals in Basel and Vienna on 25 and 26 June.

Ronaldo scores for the Red Cross

Portugal star Cristiano Ronaldo was humbled after meeting landmine victim Mohammad Kabir at the national team's base in Neuchatel. The Afghan lost a leg while playing football in Kabul. "There are always lessons to learn in life," said the 23-year-old, who is the ambassador for the UEFA EURO 2008™ Score for the Red Cross campaign, which will benefit landmine victims in Afghanistan. "[Mohammad] was left without his dream of being able to be a player – and one who knew he was a good player." The Manchester United FC forward, whose first goal of UEFA EURO 2008™ against the Czech Republic on Wednesday earned a €4,000 UEFA donation for the campaign, added: "I liked him a lot. He seemed an amazing guy to me, but he was also full of energy and motivation to keep on with his life. He knows that life doesn't finish here, and that he has to go on. It's very sad, though, for a dream to end in this way."

Big screen in Berne

UEFA EURO 2008™ host city Berne has installed a third giant screen for public viewing in the city's Kornhausplatz for the Netherlands' final two Group C games against France and Romania. The move comes after 30,000 Dutch fans invaded Berne for their team's first match against Italy, and even more Dutch fans were expected for the French match in the city's Stade de Suisse. The city and UEFA agreed to the move to enable more fans to enjoy the EURO match experience, and to cope with the expected extra influx of Dutch supporters into the Swiss federal capital.

Fan Zone fun

Despite the cool weather at the start of UEFA EURO 2008™, the official Fan Zones in the eight host cities had already attracted over one million visitors altogether after five match days. Martin Kallen, Chief Operating Officer of Euro 2008 SA, is delighted at the success of the Fan Zones: "The atmosphere in the Fan Zones is tremendous. Fans from the different nations are having a good time together and creating a friendly mood. The big winners are the fans. The excellent organisational arrangements made by the host cities, as well as the efficiency of the security forces and the police, have contributed to this success," said Martin Kallen, praising the efforts of the host cities. He is confident that UEFA EURO 2008™ will continue to be a success, and that plenty more fans and local people will flock to the UEFA EURO 2008™ Fan Zones to savour the tournament.

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

If two teams which have the same number of points, the same number of goals scored and conceded play their last group match against each other and are still equal at the end of that match, the ranking of the two teams in question will be determined by kicks from the penalty mark, provided no other teams within the group have the same number of points on completion of all group matches. Should more than two teams have the same number of points, the criteria (a) to (h) will apply.

• **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