

ENGLAND - SWEDEN

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Match background

Both England and Sweden will be attempting to end a long wait for international success when they meet in Gothenburg in the first semi-final of the 2009 UEFA European Under-21 Championship.

- England claimed the last of their two U21 titles 25 years ago, defeating Spain 3-0 on aggregate over two legs in the 1984 final. The years since have largely been barren, with no title at any since a side including Paul Scholes, Gary Neville, Sol Campbell and Robbie Fowler triumphed on home soil in the European U18 Championship in 1993. This time round hopes are high following wins against Finland (2-1) and Spain (2-0), coupled with a 1-1 draw against Germany, taking Stuart Pearce's side through as Group B winners to face Sweden. They will hope to fare better than two years ago when they went out to the Dutch hosts after a 32-penalty shoot-out.

- Sweden, meanwhile, have never won a UEFA men's competition, losing to Italy 2-1 on aggregate over two legs off the 1992 U21 final. The Scandinavian side last reached this stage five years ago, losing on penalties to Serbia and Montenegro in Oberhausen after a 1-1 draw. A measure of revenge was exacted on Matchday 3 of this competition, a 3-1 win against Serbia in Malmo taking the hosts into the last four as Group A runners-up following a 5-1 win against Belarus and 2-1 defeat by Italy.

- These teams last met in a friendly international in Kristianstad on 30 March 2004, playing out a 2-2 draw. Steven Taylor – ruled out of these finals by an achilles injury – was in the England side, who rescued a draw thanks to Michael Chopra's 90th-minute equaliser. Dean Ashton (14) had given England the lead, but strikes from Per Nilsson (58) and Johan Andersson (70) turned the tide.

- On the competitive front the teams have met four times over the years with England winning two, Sweden one and the other drawn.

- The full breakdown of those past competitive meetings is:

2000 Qualifying Group 5

04.09.1998, Sweden 0-2 England, Sundsvall

04.06.1999, England 3-0 Sweden, Huddersfield

1990 Qualifying Group 2

18.10.1988, England 1-1 Sweden, Coventry

05.09.1989, Sweden 1-0 England, Uppsala

- England had the better of the pair's fixtures in qualifying for the 2000 competition, goals from Jamie Carragher (9) and a Frank Lampard penalty (87) securing victory in Sundsvall in the opening round of matches in Group 5 in September 1998. Nine months later Carl Cort's double (29, 79) either side of a Richard Cresswell strike (44) secured a 3-0 success in Huddersfield. England went on to finish third in Group B at the final tournament in Slovakia, Sweden failing to progress from qualifying Group 5 having finished fourth in the five-team section.

- Sweden, however, had the better of the pair's contests in qualifying for the 1990 event, earning a 1-1 draw in Coventry after Klas Ingesson (67) cancelled out David White's 30th-minute opener. Hans Eklund scored the only goal in the 30th minute of the reverse fixture in Uppsala.



Semi-final records

This is England's eighth U21 semi-final, with two of the previous ties ending in victory. Their full record is:

20.06.2007, Netherlands 1-1 England (13-12 penalties), Heereveen
13.04.1988, France 4-2 England, Besancon
27.04.1988, England 2-2 France, London
09.04.1986, Italy 2-0 England, Pisa
23.04.1986, England 1-1 Italy, Swindon
18.04.1984, England 3-1 Italy, Manchester
02.05.1984, Italy 1-0 England, Florence
19.04.1982, Scotland 0-1 England, Glasgow
28.04.1982, England 1-1 Scotland, Manchester
16.04.1980, England 1-2 East Germany, Sheffield
23.04.1980, East Germany 1-0 England, Jena
19.04.1978, Yugoslavia 2-1 England, Novi Sad
02.05.1978, England 1-1 Yugoslavia, Manchester

• Sweden are in the last four for the fourth time having come out on top in one of their three past semi-finals. Their full record is:

05.06.2004, Sweden 1-1 Serbia and Montenegro (5-6 penalties), Oberhausen
22.04.1992, Scotland 0-0 Sweden, Aberdeen
29.04.1992, Sweden 1-0 Scotland, Orebro
25.04.1990, Sweden 1-1 USSR, Vaxjo
09.05.1990, USSR 2-0 Sweden, Simferopol

• At senior level England have not beaten Sweden since a 3-1 win in London on 22 May 1968. Of the 12 subsequent meetings, four have ended in Swedish wins with eight draws. Overall England have five victories, Sweden six with nine draws.

• In contrast to Sweden – who have never reached the last four of a UEFA European Championship at U17 or U19 level – several members of the England squad have been involved in semi-finals at youth level over the years.

• Four members of the England squad were in Heerenveen two years ago as Pearce's side went down 13-12 on penalties to the Netherlands following a 1-1 draw in a shoot-out that featured 32 kicks – a record for UEFA club competition. James Milner and Mark Noble both played all 120 minutes while Nedum Onouha missed extra time after limping off and Joe Hart was an unused substitute. Milner and Noble both scored two penalties apiece.

• Noble also tasted semi-final disappointment at the European U17 Championship in 2004, collecting a last-minute red card as he conceded the penalty from which Cesc Fàbregas gave Spain a 2-1 win. Fraizer Campbell and Richard Stearman were also in the England side for the fixture in Tours, with Joe Lewis among the substitutes.

• Martin Cranie and Milner were in the England team beaten 3-2 on penalties by Portugal in Viseu on 14 May 2003 after their European U17 Championship semi-final had finished 2-2, Milner scoring England's second goal and also finding the net in the shoot-out. Andrew Taylor was also in the squad.

• Four England players have been on the winning side in a UEFA European Championship semi-final. Andrew Taylor, Noble and captain Cranie helped the U19s overcome Serbia and Montenegro 3-1 in Lurgan on 26 July 2005. The final, however, ended in defeat by the same scoreline to France.

• Danny Rose has also experienced semi-final success as part of the England side that beat France 1-0 in the 2007 European U17 Championship, although once again John Peacock's side went on to lose by the same scoreline against Spain in the final thanks to a Bojan Krkić strike.

• Cranie was captain of an England team that beat Sweden 1-0 in a European U19 Championship Elite round Group 1 game on 28 March 2005; Andrew Taylor again an unused substitute.

• England's Arsenal FC pair Kieran Gibbs and Theo Walcott will be hoping for a change of fortune having already been on the losing side in the semi-finals of the FA Cup, 2-1 to Chelsea FC on 18 April, and the UEFA Champions League, 4-1 on aggregate against Manchester United FC on 29 April and 5 May, this season.

• Jack Rodwell is the only other England player to have appeared in a semi-final this season. The 18-year-old came on in the 70th minute and helped Everton FC defeat Manchester United FC on penalties.

• Six Sweden players were involved in the last four of the 2008 Swedish Cup.

• Emil Johansson's Hammarby lost 1-0 to Rasmus Elm's Kalmar FF after extra time in one semi-final.

- Suspended for the game against England, Pontus Wernbloom scored twice in IFK Göteborg's 3-0 semi-final win at Enköpings IF, and also scored the last penalty as his side overcame Kalmar 5-4 on spot-kicks after a 0-0 draw in the final. Mattias Bjärsmyr, Gustav Svensson and Robin Söder were also members of that triumphant IFK squad.
- Pearce will also be hoping for a change of fortune in international semi-finals. That 2007 defeat with the U21s aside, his playing career is perhaps best remembered for two games against Germany: the 1990 FIFA World Cup semi-final, where he missed England's fourth kick in a 4-3 penalty shoot-out defeat by West Germany after a 1-1 draw in Turin, and the meeting between the sides at the same stage of EURO '96™, Pearce converting his penalty this time though England still lost, going down 6-5 on spot-kicks following another 1-1 draw.
- The England manager was never on the winning side against Sweden in an international as a player, taking part in two goalless draws in qualifying for the 1990 World Cup and losing 2-1 in the final Group 1 game as England were eliminated from EURO '92.
- Sweden's joint-coach Tommy Söderberg masterminded a 2-1 home win against England in UEFA EURO 2000™ qualifying on 5 September 1998 and also guided his side to a goalless draw at Wembley on 5 June 2000. Sharing the coaching duties with Lars Lagerbäck, Sweden drew 1-1 with England in the group stage of the 2002 World Cup and also oversaw a 1-1 friendly draw in Manchester in November 2001 and a 1-0 Sweden win in Gothenburg on 31 March 2004.
- England defeated Spain 2-0 at the Gamla Ullevi in the group stage and should feel at home in Gothenburg. Due to its thriving trade with the British, Gothenburg was known as "Lilla London" (Little London) in the 18th century.
- Sweden's Mattias Bjärsmyr, Robin Söder, Gustav Svensson and the suspended Pontus Wernbloom all play their club football at the Gamla Ullevi for IFK Göteborg.
- Sweden left-back Martin Olsson plays his club football in England with Blackburn Rovers FC, whom he joined from Högarbors BK in January 2006. He made nine Premier League appearances for the club in 2008/09 and scored his first goal in a 1-0 victory against an Everton FC team that included England's Jack Rodwell in the League Cup third round on 24 September 2008.

Squad news

England

- Pearce made ten changes to the side that beat Spain for the 1-1 draw against Germany. Left-winger Adam Johnson was the only player to retain his place in the starting XI, and responded with a performance which earned him the Carlsberg Man of the Match award.
- Mark Noble and Micah Richards received the award respectively in the victories against Finland and Spain.
- Scott Loach, Andrew Taylor, Richard Stearman, Andrew Driver and Danny Rose all made their first appearances in the competition. As did goalkeeper Joe Lewis who became the 23rd and final squad member to feature when he replaced Loach at half-time.
- Rose was booked and is within one booking of a suspension along with Hart, Richards and Gabriel Agbonlahor.
- Agbonlahor was omitted from the squad for the Germany game after going off in the 39th minute against Spain because of a shin injury.
- Theo Walcott injured his knee after replacing Fraizer Campbell in the 58th minute.
- England finished top of Group B with seven points which meant they did not have to leave their base in Varberg for the semi-final. Stuart Pearce's side were also unbeaten in the 2007 group stage, tallying five points to earn a semi-final against the Netherlands which they lost 13-12 on penalties.
- Goalkeeper Hart joined Birmingham City FC on a one-season loan on Wednesday having lost his place at Manchester City FC following the arrival of Shay Given during the January window.

Sweden

- Sweden fielded the same starting XI for the third match in succession against Serbia, but will be forced to make changes for the semi-final as Emir Bajrami and Pontus Wernbloom are suspended after picking up their second booking of the tournament. Ola Toivonen and Marcus Berg are both one caution away from suspension. Sweden have committed more fouls, 63, than any other team.
- Sweden have no injury worries for the game against England.

- Berg became the highest scorer at a UEFA European U21 Championship final tournament when he took his tally to five with two goals in Tuesday's 3-1 win against Serbia. Toivonen scored Sweden's third and the pair have now combined for seven goals between, the most productive partnership in the tournament.
- FC Groningen striker Berg passed the previous high of four goals in a final tournament, which had been attained by five players: Andrea Pirlo (Italy, 2000), Alberto Gilardino (Italy, 2004), Klaas Jan Huntelaar (Netherlands, 2006), Maceo Rigters (Netherlands, 2007) and Johan Elmander (Sweden, 2004).
- Berg had become the first player to score a hat-trick in a match at a U21 final tournament when he scored three in Sweden's 5-1 win in their Group A opener against Belarus.
- That had been Berg's first game for the U21s since he played in a 1-1 friendly draw with France on 31 May 2008. He has scored once in seven appearances for the senior Sweden team since then. Prior to this tournament his only previous U21 goal had come in a 4-2 defeat against France on 14 November 2006.
- Sweden are the top scorers in the tournament with nine goals from three matches. They have also conceded more goals than any of the other semi-finalists, four, and are yet to keep a clean sheet.
- Including friendly matches, Sweden have not kept a clean sheet in five games. Their friendly results in 2009 are:
11.02.2009 Italy 1-1 Sweden
27.03.2009 Finland 1-0 Sweden
31.03.2009 Spain 0-0 Sweden
05.06.2009 Sweden 2-1 Poland
09.06.2009 Sweden 2-1 Estonia
- Gabriel Özkan made his competitive U21 debut when he replaced Rasmus Elm with a minute to play against Serbia
- Elm has more assists, three, than any other player in the tournament. Bajrami, who won Sweden's penalty in the 14th minute against Serbia, is second on two, level with Italy's Sebastian Giovinco and Mesut Özil of Germany.
- England were Berg's pre-tournament favourites. "I had tipped England as the eventual champions, but we'll try to stop them," he said. "They're a very good team; nearly all of them have Premier League experience. I think only one player in the Swedish team [Martin Olsson of Blackburn Rovers] has that. If we can raise our game another few notches we'll give them a really tough match."

Team facts

England

After coming so close in 2007, England will attempt to achieve a hat-trick of Under-21 titles in Sweden this summer. Stuart Pearce's men reached the semi-finals two summers ago in the Netherlands, only to lose on penalties to the eventual champions, 13-12.

That was the first time England had got to the last four since 1986, and their best run since the eight-team final round was introduced in 2000. England had been a dominant force in the competition's early days, however, making it to the semi-finals in the first two editions in 1978 and 1980, before finally winning the tournament in 1982 by beating West Germany 5-4 on aggregate. Dave Sexton's charges successfully defended the trophy two years later – Mark Hateley, Howard Gayle and Mel Sterland scoring in a 3-0 aggregate triumph over Spain. However, a last-four defeat by Italy in 1986 marked the start of a downturn, exacerbated when an Eric Cantona-inspired France repeated the dose two seasons later. This will be England's fourth participation in the final round – they went out in the group stage in 2000 and 2002 before their near miss in the Netherlands.

Tournament record

Winners: 1982, 1984

Semi-finalists: 1978, 1980, 1986, 1988, 2007

Final tournament appearances: 2000, 2002, 2007, 2009

2009 qualifying

P10 W8 D2 L0 F22 A5

Top scorer: James Milner, 5 goals

Most appearances: 10 Joe Hart, Steven Taylor, James Milner

Biggest win: 3-0 v Montenegro (A) 07.09.2007, Republic of Ireland (A) 16.10.2007, Republic of Ireland (H) 05.02.2008.

Biggest defeat: None

Youngest player: Joe Mattock (17 years, 6 months, 1 day v Bulgaria on 16.11.2007)

Oldest player: James Milner (04.01.1986)

Red cards: Tom Huddlestone

Friendly results since qualifying

18.11.2008 England 2-0 Czech Republic

10.02.2009 England 2-3 Ecuador

27.03.2009 Norway 0-5 England

31.03.2009 England 0-2 France

08.06.2009 England 7-0 Azerbaijan

England U21s capped at senior level: Joe Hart, Theo Walcott, Gabriel Agbonlahor, Micah Richards

Players with previous U21 Championship final tournament experience

Netherlands 2007: James Milner, Mark Noble, Nedum Onuoha, Joe Hart

Most capped player

All-time: 44 James Milner

Current: 44 James Milner

Leading scorer

All-time: 13 Alan Shearer, Francis Jeffers

Current: 9 James Milner

Biggest wins

Final Tournament: 6-0 England v Turkey 29.05.2000

2000 group stage, Tehelné Pole, Bratislava

Qualifying: 8-1 England v Finland 12.10.1977

1978 qualifying group stage, Boothferry Park, Hull

Heaviest defeats

Final tournament: 3-1 Portugal v England 22.05.2002

2002 group stage, Hardturm, Zurich

Qualifying: 4-0 Romania v England 14.10.1980

1982 qualifying group stage, Ilie Oana, Ploiesti

Sweden

The only other time Sweden appeared in the Under-21 finals in their current eight-team format was the 2004 championship in Germany when a side featuring forwards Johan Elmander and Markus Rosenberg collected maximum points from the group stage, beating Portugal, Germany and Switzerland. In the semi-finals, however, Sweden lost a penalty shoot-out to Serbia and Montenegro, the match having finished 1-1 after both full time and extra time.

It was the Swedes' best showing in the competition since the early 1990s. Their most notable performance had come in 1992 when Tomas Brolin and Patrik Andersson played a big part in taking them to the final. Opponents Italy, led by Demetrio Albertini, proved too strong though in the last final to be decided over two legs, prevailing 2-1 on aggregate. Two years before, Sweden had again got to the last four where they fell to the eventual winners from the Soviet Union. The team also made a quarter-final appearance in 1986, knocking out West Germany, Czechoslovakia and Portugal before succumbing to Italy.

Tournament record

Winners: –

Runners-up: 1992

Semi-finalists: 1990, 2004

Quarter-finalists: 1986, 1998

Final tournament appearances: 1998, 2004, 2009

Friendly results since finals draw

19.11.2008 Netherlands 0-3 Sweden

11.02.2009 Italy 1-1 Sweden

27.03.2009 Finland 1-0 Sweden

31.03.2009 Spain 0-0 Sweden

05.06.2009 Sweden 2-1 Poland

09.06.2009 Sweden 2-1 Estonia

Capped at senior level: Denni Avdic, Rasmus Bengtsson, Marcus Berg, Mattias Bjärnsmyr, Johan Dahlin, Andreas Landgren, Gustav Svensson, Mikael Lustig, Ola Toivonen, Pontus Wernbloom

Players with previous U21 final tournament experience: None

Most capped player

All-time: 35 Alexander Farnerud

Current: 30 Mattias Bjärnsmyr

Leading scorer

All-time: 12 Alexander Farnerud, Johan Elmander

Current: 11 Ola Toivonen

Biggest wins

Final tournament: 5-1 Sweden v Belarus 16.06.09

2009 group stage, Malmö New Stadium, Malmö

Qualifying: 6-0 Sweden v Malta 03.06.2005

2006 qualifying group stage, Öljans vall, Halmstad

Sweden v Bulgaria 06.10.1992

1994 qualifying group stage, Öljans vall, Halmstad

Sweden v Cyprus 01.05.1991

1992 qualifying group stage, Olympia, Helsingborg

Heaviest defeats

Final tournament: 0-1 Sweden v Norway 24.05.98

1998 quarter-finals, Steaua Stadium, Bucharest

Qualifying: 0-5 Sweden v Serbia 10.10.2006

2007 play-off, Edsberg Stadium, Trollhattan

Squad list

England

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	BL	Current season				Overall U21	
						a Qual.		a FT		Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers											
1	Joe Hart	19.04.1987	22	Manchester City FC	*	10	-	2	-	12	-
13	Joe Lewis	06.10.1987	21	Peterborough United FC	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
22	Scott Loach	27.05.1988	21	Watford FC	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
Defenders											
2	Martin Cranie	26.09.1986	22	Portsmouth FC	-	5	-	2	-	7	-
3	Andrew Taylor	01.08.1986	22	Middlesbrough FC	-	5	-	1	-	6	-
5	Richard Stearman	19.08.1987	21	Wolverhampton Wanderers FC	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
6	Nedum Onuoha	12.11.1986	22	Manchester City FC	-	4	1	1	-	11	1
15	Jack Rodwell	11.03.1991	18	Everton FC	-	-	-	2	1	2	1
16	James Tomkins	29.03.1989	20	West Ham United FC	-	-	-	2	-	2	-
17	Micah Richards	24.06.1988	21	Manchester City FC	*	-	-	2	1	5	1
18	Michael Mancienne	08.01.1988	21	Chelsea FC	-	4	-	2	-	6	-
19	Kieran Gibbs	26.09.1989	19	Arsenal FC	-	-	-	3	-	3	-
Midfielders											
4	Lee Cattermole	21.03.1988	21	Wigan Athletic FC	-	5	-	2	1	7	1
7	James Milner	04.01.1986	23	Aston Villa FC	-	10	5	2	1	30	8
8	Craig Gardner	25.11.1986	22	Aston Villa FC	-	4	-	2	-	6	-
10	Mark Noble	08.05.1987	22	West Ham United FC	-	7	3	2	-	13	3
11	Adam Johnson	14.07.1987	21	Middlesbrough FC	-	7	2	2	-	9	2
12	Fabrice Muamba	06.04.1988	21	Bolton Wanderers FC	-	8	-	2	-	10	-
20	Andrew Driver	20.11.1989	19	Heart of Midlothian FC	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
23	Danny Rose	02.07.1990	18	Tottenham Hotspur FC	*	-	-	1	-	1	-
Forwards											
9	Gabriel Agbonlahor	13.10.1986	22	Aston Villa FC	*	8	4	2	-	12	4
14	Theo Walcott	16.03.1989	20	Arsenal FC	-	7	1	3	-	14	5
21	Fraizer Campbell	13.09.1987	21	Manchester United FC	-	3	-	3	1	6	1
Coach											
-	Stuart Pearce	24.04.1962	47	ENG	-	10	-	3	-	17	-

Key: Squad list is ordered by position and then numerically

No. Number, **Nat.** Nationality, **DoB** Date of birth, **Pld** Matches played, **Gls** Goals

BL Booking list: * Misses next match if booked, **S** Suspended

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Goalkeepers											
1	Johan Dahlin	08.09.1986	22	FC Lyn Oslo	-	-	-	3	-	7	-
12	Pär Hansson	22.06.1986	23	Helsingborgs IF	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
23	Kristoffer Nordfeldt	23.06.1989	20	Brommapojkarna	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders											
2	Mikael Lustig	13.12.1986	22	Rosenborg BK	-	-	-	3	-	5	-
3	Mattias Bjärnsmyr	03.01.1986	23	IFK Göteborg	-	-	-	3	-	5	-
4	Rasmus Bengtsson	26.06.1986	22	Trelleborgs FF	-	-	-	3	-	3	-
5	Emil Johansson	11.08.1986	22	Hammarby	-	-	-	3	-	3	-
6	Per Karlsson	02.01.1986	23	AIK Solna	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
8	Andreas Landgren	17.03.1989	20	Helsingborgs IF	-	-	-	2	-	2	-
17	Martin Olsson	17.05.1988	21	Blackburn Rovers FC	-	-	-	2	-	2	-
22	Joel Ekstrand	04.02.1989	20	Helsingborgs IF	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Midfielders											
11	Robin Söder	01.04.1991	18	IFK Göteborg	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
13	Gustav Svensson	07.02.1987	22	IFK Göteborg	-	-	-	3	1	3	1
14	Guillermo Molins	26.09.1988	20	Malmö FF	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
15	Labinot Harbuzi	04.04.1986	23	Malmö FF	-	-	-	2	-	2	-
16	Pierre Bengtsson	12.04.1988	21	AIK Solna	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
18	Rasmus Elm	17.03.1988	21	Kalmar FF	*	-	-	3	-	3	-
20	Emir Bajrami	07.03.1988	21	IF Elfsborg	S	-	-	3	-	3	-
21	Gabriel Özkan	23.05.1986	23	AIK Solna	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
Forwards											
7	Ola Toivonen	03.07.1986	22	PSV Eindhoven	*	-	-	3	2	3	2
9	Marcus Berg	17.08.1986	22	FC Groningen	*	-	-	3	5	5	5
10	Denni Avdic	05.09.1988	20	IF Elfsborg	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
19	Pontus Wernbloom	25.06.1986	23	IFK Göteborg	S	-	-	3	-	7	-
Coach											
-	Tommy Söderberg	19.08.1948	60	SWE	-	-	-	3	-	13	-
-	Jörgen Lennartsson	10.04.1965	44	SWE	-	-	-	3	-	3	-

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Match-by-match lineups -

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
England	3	2	1	0	5	2	7
Germany	3	1	2	0	3	1	5
Spain	3	1	1	1	2	2	4
Finland	3	0	0	3	1	6	0

Date	Match	Result	Stadium/Venue
15.06.2009	England - Finland	2-1	Örjans vall, Halmstad
Goals: 1-0 Cattermole 15, 1-1 Sparv 33 (pen) , 2-1 Richards 53			
England: Hart, Cranie, Cattermole, Milner, Agbonlahor (Rodwell 86), Noble, Muamba, Walcott (Campbell 46), Richards (Tomkins 89), Mancienne, Gibbs			
18.06.2009	Spain - England	0-2	Gamla Ullevi, Gothenburg
Goals: 0-1 Campbell 67, 0-2 Milner 73			
England: Hart, Cranie, Cattermole, Onuoha, Milner (Gardner 84), Agbonlahor (Campbell 39), Noble, Johnson (Walcott 62), Muamba, Richards, Gibbs			
22.06.2009	Germany - England	1-1	Örjans vall, Halmstad
Goals: 1-0 Castro 5, 1-1 Rodwell 30			
England: Loach (Lewis 46), A. Taylor, Stearman, Gardner, Johnson, Rodwell, Tomkins, Mancienne, Driver (Gibbs 71), Campbell (Walcott 58), Rose			

Match-by-match lineups -

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Italy	3	2	1	0	4	2	7
Sweden	3	2	0	1	9	4	6
Serbia	3	0	2	1	1	3	2
Belarus	3	0	1	2	2	7	1

Date	Match	Result	Stadium/Venue
16.06.2009	Sweden - Belarus	5-1	Malmö New Stadium, Malmo
Goals: 0-1 Kislyak 33, 1-1 Martynovich 34 (o.g.) , 2-1 Berg 38, 3-1 Berg 44, 4-1 Berg 81, 5-1 Svensson 89			
Sweden: Dahlin, Lustig, Bjärsmyr, R.Bengtsson, Johansson, Toivonen (Harbuzi 84), Berg, Svensson (Landgren 89), Elm, Wernbloom, Bajrami (Molins 71)			
19.06.2009	Sweden - Italy	1-2	Olympia, Helsingborg
Goals: 0-1 Balotelli 23, 0-2 Acquafresca 53, 1-2 Toivonen 89			
Sweden: Dahlin, Lustig, Bjärsmyr, R.Bengtsson, Johansson, Toivonen, Berg, Svensson (Harbuzi 66), Elm, Wernbloom, Bajrami (Olsson 66)			
23.06.2009	Serbia - Sweden	1-3	Malmö New Stadium, Malmo
Goals: 0-1 Berg 7, 0-2 Berg 15 (pen) , 1-2 Kačar 27, 1-3 Toivonen 29			
Sweden: Dahlin, Lustig, Bjärsmyr, R.Bengtsson, Johansson, Toivonen, Berg (Landgren 89), Svensson, Elm (Özkan 89), Wernbloom, Bajrami (Olsson 79)			

Match officials

Referee	Cüneyt Çakir (TUR)
Assistant referees	Joël De Bruyn (BEL), Oleksandr Voytyuk (UKR)
Fourth official	Bjorn Kuipers (NED)
UEFA Delegate	Benny Jacobsen (DEN)
UEFA Referee observer	Jørn West Larsen (DEN)

Referees

Name	Nat.	Date of birth	U21	UEFA
Cüneyt Çakir	TUR	23.11.1976	3	8

Cüneyt Çakir

- One of Turkey's most promising match officials, Cüneyt Çakir has enjoyed a rapid rise up the ladder since his UEFA debut as the fourth official in the UEFA Champions League first qualifying round game between Skonto FC and Sliema Wanderers FC in July 2003.
- He took charge of two matches at the 2007 UEFA European Under-19 Championship in Austria and was also the referee for two qualifying fixtures in the run-up to UEFA EURO 2008™.
- Çakir, who lives with his wife in Istanbul and works in insurance, made his refereeing debut in the UEFA Cup proper in 2008/09, taking charge of two games including the group-stage fixture between FC Twente and FC Schalke 04 in December 2008. He has been in the middle for more than 100 matches in the Turkish Süper Lig.

UEFA European Under-21 Championship matches involving teams from the two countries involved in this match

Date	Comp.	Stage	Match	Res.	Venue
15.06.2009	U21	GS - FT	England - Finland	2-1	Halmstad

Head coach

England: Stuart Pearce

Date of birth: 24 April 1962

Playing career: Wealdstone FC, Coventry City FC, Nottingham Forest FC, Newcastle United FC, West Ham United FC, Manchester City FC, England (78 caps, five goals)

Coaching career: Nottingham Forest (1996-97 player-manager), Manchester City (2001-05 first-team coach), Manchester City (2005-2007 manager), England Under-21s (part-time since February 2007, full-time since May 2007)

As an England player Stuart Pearce wore his heart on his sleeve and he demands the same pride and passion from his Under-21 charges. Pearce was named England coach in February 2007 and has enjoyed an impressive run of success so far, leading England to the semi-finals of the 2007 UEFA European U21 Championship – where they lost in a penalty shoot-out against eventual champions the Netherlands – and then back to the final tournament in 2009.

Pearce began his professional career with Coventry City FC before coming under the influence of Brian Clough following a 1987 transfer to Nottingham Forest FC. A left-back, he made his international debut in a friendly against Brazil that year and became a fans' favourite during a 78-match England career. His disappointment after missing a penalty in England's shoot-out defeat by Germany in the 1990 FIFA World Cup semi-finals was felt by the nation, yet they shared his joy when he successfully converted in the penalties victory against Spain at EURO '96™.

Forest gave Pearce his first chance in management midway through 1996/97, but as player-manager he was unable to keep his side in the top division. He left to continue playing, at Newcastle United FC, before heading home to London to represent West Ham United FC. Two years later Pearce moved on again, linking up with Kevin Keegan as first-team coach at Manchester City FC. When Keegan departed in 2005, Pearce took over, surviving his first seven games unbeaten, although he was sacked in May 2007. Three months beforehand, Pearce had been appointed U21 boss on a part-time basis. He took the role full time after parting company with City.

Sweden: Tommy Söderberg and Jörgen Lennartsson

Tommy Söderberg

Date of birth: 19 August 1948

Playing career: Ängby IF, Continental

Coaching career: BK Väster (1972), IF Brommapojkarna youth team (1973-77), Spånga IS (1980-81), IF Brommapojkarna (1982-85), Djurgårdens IF FF (1986-89), Djurgården youth team (1990), AIK Solna (1991-93), Sweden U21 (1994-1997), Sweden (1998-2004), Sweden U21 (2004-)

Jörgen Lennartsson

Date of birth: 10 April 1965

Playing career: Växjö Norra IF, FK Växjö

Coaching career: Växjö Norra youth team (1979-88), Vederslöv/Dänningelanda 1989, Östers IF youth team (1990-93), Helsingborgs IF youth team (1994-99), Helsingborg assistant coach (2000-01), BK Häcken (2002-04), Sweden U21 assistant coach (2004-05), Sweden U17 (2005-06), Sweden U21 (2006-)

The coaching team of Tommy Söderberg and Jörgen Lennartsson have been in joint command of the Under-21 side since 2006. Both coaches have a wealth of experience at club and international level.

Stockholm-native Söderberg first occupied the U21 helm in the mid-1990 before stepping up to the seniors in 1998. He passed his first serious test with flying colours, defeating England 2-1 in a UEFA EURO 2000™ qualifier en route to qualifying for the tournament. Working with young players has always been Söderberg's passion, and he chose to return to the U21 post when his contract with the full squad expired. By then he had taken Sweden to the 2002 FIFA World Cup and to UEFA EURO 2004™, together with Lars Lagerbäck. Söderberg returned to the concept of joint leadership when he asked Jörgen Lennartsson to join him in guiding Sweden's next generation.

Lennartsson started coaching in his home town of Vaxjo, deciding at the age of 23 that he had greater potential as a coach than a player. In 1995, Helsingborgs IF handpicked Lennartsson to oversee their youth team and five years later he had his first taste of managing senior players when he was promoted to assistant coach. Lennartsson helped steer Helsingborg into the UEFA Champions League, knocking out FC Internazionale Milan along the way, and then got the chance to become a head coach at BK Häcken in 2002, steering the small Gothenburg outfit to promotion to the Allsvenskan two years later before taking up his current post.

Competition facts

Sweden are striving to become only the second team to win the competition on home territory since the switch to a new format from a two-legged final in 1994. Until the Netherlands triumphed last time out, Spain had come closest to ending that streak when they lost the 1996 showpiece on penalties to Italy.

Previous winners (hosts)

2007 Netherlands (Netherlands)*
2006 Netherlands (Portugal) *
2004 Italy (Germany) *
2002 Czech Republic (Switzerland) *
2000 Italy (Slovakia)
1998 Spain (Romania)
1996 Italy (Spain)
1994 Italy (France)
1992 Italy
1990 USSR
1988 France
1986 Spain
1984 England
1982 England
1980 USSR
1978 Yugoslavia
*Current format

Leading scorers (competitive matches)

All-time

15 Lampros Choutos (Greece)
14 Roy Makaay (Netherlands), Klaas Jan Huntelaar (Netherlands)
12 Francis Jeffers (England), Imre Szabics (Hungary), Steffen Iversen (Norway), Óscar García (Spain)
11 Andrea Pirlo (Italy), Alberto Gilardino (Italy), Hélder Postiga (Portugal), Hugo Almeida (Portugal), Spartak Gogniev (Russia), Ricardo Cabanas (Switzerland)

In a final tournament since 2000

4 Andrea Pirlo (Italy, 2000), Alberto Gilardino (Italy, 2004), Klaas Jan Huntelaar (Netherlands, 2006), Maceo Rigters (Netherlands, 2007), Johan Elmander (Sweden, 2004)
3 Thomas Kahlenberg (Denmark, 2006), Leroy Lita (England, 2007), Massimo Maccarone (Italy, 2002), Giorgio Chiellini (Italy, 2007), Nicky Hofs (Netherlands, 2006), Hugo Almeida (Portugal, 2004), Markus Rosenberg (Sweden, 2004)

Per U21 campaign (qualifying to final) since 2000

2007: 4 Theo Walcott (England), Maceo Rigters (Netherlands), Igor Denisov (Russia), Nikita Bazhenov (Russia), Dragan Mrdja (Serbia)
2006: 14 Klaas Jan Huntelaar (Netherlands)
2004: 11 Alberto Gilardino (Italy)
2002: 9 Ricardo Cabanas (Switzerland)
2000: 15 Lampros Choutos (Greece)

Biggest wins

All-time

14-0: Spain v San Marino, 08.02.2005
2006 qualifying group stage, Estadio Santo Domingo, El Ejido

Final tournament

6-0: England v Turkey, 29.05.2000
2000 final tournament group stage, Tehelné Pole Stadium, Bratislava

Final

4-1: Netherlands v Serbia, 23.06.2007
2007 Euroborg, Groningen, Netherlands

Most goals in a game

All-time

14: Spain 14-0 San Marino (see above)

Final tournament

7: Czech Republic 4-3 Croatia, 01.06.2000

2000 group stage, Mestský Stadium, Trenčín, Slovakia

Final

8: Yugoslavia 4-4 German Democratic Republic 31.05.1978
(second leg, Yugoslavia won 5-4 on agg), Mostar, Yugoslavia

Record attendance

All-time

42,000: Turkey 1-1 Germany, 18.11.2003

2004 qualifying play-off, Sükrü Saraçoğlu Stadium, Istanbul

Final tournament

35,500: Italy 1-1 Spain (Italy win 5-4 on pens), 31.05.1996

1996 final, Olímpico de Montjuïc, Barcelona

Final

35,500: Italy 1-1 Spain (see above)

Competition information

• **Qualifying:** Qualifying kicked off on 31 May 2007 and ran until 15 October 2008 with a group stage followed by play-offs to determine which seven nations joined Sweden, who qualified automatically as hosts, at the eight-team final tournament.

• **How the 2009 final round works:** The group stage is based on a league system (three points for a win, one for a draw, none for a defeat) to produce four semi-finalists.

If two or more teams are equal on points on completion of all the matches in their group, the following criteria will be used to determine the rankings in the order given:

- a) number of points obtained in the matches among the teams in question;
- b) goal difference in 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 equal on points);
- d) goal difference in all the group matches;
- e) number of goals scored in all the group matches;
- f) coefficient from the qualifying competitions (only group stage matches) for the 2006/07 and 2007/09 UEFA European Under-21 Championship (points obtained divided by the number of matches played);
- g) goal difference from the play-offs;
- h) average number of goals scored per play-off;
- i) fair play conduct of the teams (final tournament);
- h) drawing of lots.

If two teams with the same number of points, 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 penalties, provided no other teams within the group have the same number of points on completion of all group matches.

The winners and runners-up in each group play each other over one match to produce the two finalists – Winner Group A v Runner-up Group B/Winner Group B v Runner-up Group A. If in the semi-finals or final the match ends in a draw, extra time then penalties will be played to determine the winner.

- **Eligibility:** Players are eligible to play in the competition if they were born on or after 1 January 1986.
- **Disciplinary information:** A player is automatically suspended for the next match after two cautions in two different matches. Yellow cards are not cancelled after the group stage but do expire on completion of the competition.
- **Referees:** The six referees chosen to officiate in Sweden are among the most promising in Europe. The selection includes Peter Rasmussen (Denmark), Tony Chapron (France), Bjorn Kuipers (Netherlands), Pedro Proença (Portugal), Claudio Circhetta (Switzerland) and Cüneyt Çakir (Turkey).
- **Trophy:** The UEFA European Under-21 Championship trophy was created for the 1996-98 campaign after Italy kept the previous one following their three consecutive tournament wins. A bigger trophy, 60cm as opposed to the previous 37cm, has been forged for this summer's finals. The winning nation will receive a full-sized replica of the trophy.
- **Medals:** 33 gold medals are presented to the winning team and 33 silver medals to the runners-up. The teams beaten in the semi-finals will each receive 33 bronze medals.
- **Ambassadors:** Four former internationals with an aggregate of 395 Sweden caps have been enlisted as ambassadors for the four cities hosting matches. Marcus Allbäck (Gothenburg), Niclas Alexandersson (Halmstad), Roland Nilsson (Helsingborg) and Patrik Andersson (Malmö) will supplement the work of the overall tournament ambassador, striker Henrik Larsson.
- **Carlsberg Man of the Match:** A member of the UEFA Technical Study Group will select a man of the match at every game in the finals. The player will receive his award at the post-match press conference.
- **Official ball:** The adidas TERRAPASS was unveiled at the tournament draw in Gothenburg with a futuristic design to celebrate the colours of host nation Sweden. The bright blue and yellow of the Swedish flag are enhanced by 12 watermarks containing the silhouette of Europe, along with the official event logo.
- **Official song:** Get Up and Go by indie artist Keren DeBerg is the official tune of the finals and will be played at every match before being performed live at the final. Keren DeBerg's personal website can be found at www.kerendeborg.com.

• **TV rights:** Television rights for the finals have been sold to more than 130 countries and territories worldwide. Partnerships exist with leading broadcasters in all the participating countries including RAI (Italy), Sky Sports (UK), TV Viisi (Finland), TV4 (Sweden), RTS (Serbia), Sogecable (Spain), ZDF and DSF (Germany) and Belarus TV (Belarus). Free live streaming will be available on www.uefa.com in Europe in all the remaining national associations where broadcast rights have not been acquired and outside Europe in Japan and India among others. [uefa.com](http://www.uefa.com) will also be offering free two-minute highlights of each game as well as extensive full highlights and full match reruns. Regular vodcasts and video features will be available to complement the extensive news and live coverage on site.

uefa.com: A team of reporters in Sweden is helping [uefa.com](http://www.uefa.com) provide unrivalled coverage in eight European languages – English, Swedish, French, German, Spanish, Italian, Portuguese, Russian – including a live MatchCentre for every game. The Swedish version is run in close co-operation with the host national association.

• **Quicklinks:** A media information guide is being updated daily on [uefa.com](http://www.uefa.com), providing times of press conferences and training. It can be accessed via this link:

<http://www.uefa.com/competitions/under21/finals/newsid=836979.html>

Tournament schedule

Final tournament

Date		Home	Res.	Away	Venue
15.06.2009	Grp B	England	2 - 1	Finland	Halmstad
15.06.2009	Grp B	Spain	0 - 0	Germany	Gothenburg
16.06.2009	Grp A	Sweden	5 - 1	Belarus	Malmo
16.06.2009	Grp A	Italy	0 - 0	Serbia	Helsingborg
18.06.2009	Grp B	Germany	2 - 0	Finland	Halmstad
18.06.2009	Grp B	Spain	0 - 2	England	Gothenburg
19.06.2009	Grp A	Sweden	1 - 2	Italy	Helsingborg
19.06.2009	Grp A	Belarus	0 - 0	Serbia	Malmo
22.06.2009	Grp B	Finland	0 - 2	Spain	Gothenburg
22.06.2009	Grp B	Germany	1 - 1	England	Halmstad
23.06.2009	Grp A	Serbia	1 - 3	Sweden	Malmo
23.06.2009	Grp A	Belarus	1 - 2	Italy	Helsingborg

Group A

Pos.	Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1	Italy	3	2	1	0	4	2	7
2	Sweden	3	2	0	1	9	4	6
3	Serbia	3	0	2	1	1	3	2
4	Belarus	3	0	1	2	2	7	1

Group B

Pos.	Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1	England	3	2	1	0	5	2	7
2	Germany	3	1	2	0	3	1	5
3	Spain	3	1	1	1	2	2	4
4	Finland	3	0	0	3	1	6	0

Semi-finals

Date	Home	Res.	Away	Venue
26.06.2009	Italy	20.45	Germany	Helsingborg
26.06.2009	England	18.00	Sweden	Gothenburg

Top scorers - Final tournament

- 5** - Marcus Berg (SWE)
- 3** - Robert Acquafresca (ITA)
- 2** - Ola Toivonen (SWE)
- 2** - Sergei Kislyak (BLR)
- 1** - Gustav Svensson (SWE)
- 1** - Gojko Kačar (SRB)
- 1** - Mario Balotelli (ITA)
- 1** - Marc Torrejón (ESP)
- 1** - Pedro León (ESP)
- 1** - James Milner (ENG)

Legend

:: Squad list

No: number
DoB: date of birth
Qual: qualifying
FT: final tournament
Pld: played
Gls: goals
Overall U21: final tournament only

:: Match officials

Nat: nationality
DoB: date of birth

Under-21: Total matches officiated in the UEFA European U21 Championship including all qualifying round matches. Matches as the fourth official are not included in these statistics. These are the official statistics considered valid for communicating official records in the competition.

UEFA: Total matches officiated in all UEFA competitions including all qualifying round matches. Matches where the official has acted as the fourth official are not included in these statistics. These are the official statistics considered valid for communicating official records in the competition.

:: Group statistics/Tournament schedule

Pos: position
Pld: played
W: won
D: drawn
L: lost
GF: goals for
GA: goals against
Pts: points

:: NOTE: All-time statistics

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.

:: Competitions

Club competitions

ECCL: European Champions Clubs' Cup/UEFA Champions League
UCUP: UEFA Cup • **UCWC:** UEFA Cup Winners' Cup
SCUP: UEFA Super Cup • **UIC:** UEFA Intertoto Cup
ICF: Inter-Cities Fairs Cup

National team competitions

EURO: UEFA European Football Championship
WC: FIFA World Cup • **CONFCUP:** Confederation Cup
FRIE: Friendly internationals • **U21FRIE:** Under-21 friendly internationals
U21: UEFA European Under-21 Championship
U17: UEFA Under-17 Championship • **U16:** UEFA European Under-16 Championship
U19: UEFA Under-19 Championship • **U18:** UEFA European Under-18 Championship

:: Competition stages

F: Final	QR3: Third qualifying round
GS: Group stage	R1: First round
GS1: First group stage	R2: Second round
GS2: Second group stage	R3: Third round
KO1: First knockout round	R4: Fourth round
PR: Preliminary round	SF: Semi-finals
QF: Quarter-finals	1/8: Eighth-finals
QR: Qualifying round	1/16: Sixteenth-finals
QR1: First qualifying round	1st: first leg
QR2: Second qualifying round	2nd: second leg
FT: Final tournament	P-O: Play-off

:: Statistics

(-) : Denotes player substituted

(*) : Denotes player dismissed/sent off

(+) : Denotes player introduced

(+/-) : Denotes player introduced and substituted

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