

GERMANY - ENGLAND

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Örjans vall, Halmstad

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Group B - Matchday 3



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Match background

Their place in the semi-finals assured, England take on Germany in their closing Group B fixture needing a point to win the section while Horst Hrubecsh's side can guarantee their presence in the last four by avoiding defeat in Halmstad.

- England beat Spain 2-0 on Thursday to move on to six points following their 2-1 defeat of Finland. Having been held 0-0 by the Iberians in their opener, Germany's 2-0 success against Finland means they would advance with a defeat at Örjans vall providing Spain fail to beat the Finns and overturn a four-goal differential.

- Should Germany and Spain finish level on points, goal difference and goals scored, then coefficient ranking will come into play. Based on points obtained divided by the number of matches played in qualifying for the 2007 and 2009 finals (group stage only), Spain's coefficient is superior, 3.400 to Germany's 2.700.

- England have enjoyed the better of the countries' competitive meetings down the years, notably with victories over the Germans in the 1982 UEFA European Championship final and also in the qualifying play-off for the 2007 finals in the Netherlands.

- England have four wins and just one defeat from the previous eight encounters.

- The full breakdown of past results is:

2007 Qualifying play-off

06.10.06 England 1-0 Germany, Coventry

10.10.06 Germany 0-2 England, Leverkusen

2006 Qualifying Group 6

25.03.05 England 2-2 Germany, Hull

06.09.05 Germany 1-1 England, Mainz

2002 Qualifying Group 9

06.10.00 England 1-1 Germany, Derby

31.08.01 Germany 1-2 England, Freiburg

1982 Final

21.09.82 England 3-1 Germany, Sheffield

12.10.82 Germany 3-2 England, Bremen

- England's only competitive defeat by Germany came in the second leg of the 1982 U21 final, although they still lifted the trophy for the first time thanks to a 3-1 victory at Bramall Lane three weeks earlier.

- Pierre Littbarski scored a hat-trick as he led West Germany's recovery in the second leg in Bremen but a 3-2 win was not enough to deny England the trophy.

- Gary Owen (2) and Justin Fashanu were England's scorers when they raced into a 3-0 lead in the first leg in Sheffield, before Rudi Völler's late strike gave the visitors hope.



- Mike Duxbury extended England's aggregate advantage with an early goal in the return, and though Littbarski hit back ten minutes later, Paul Goddard's strike 13 minutes from time looked to have put the tie beyond doubt. Littbarski scored twice more (80, 84) to set up a thrilling climax, but it was not enough.

- Theo Walcott came off the bench to score two unanswered goals in Leverkusen when England won the play-off to advance to the 2007 finals at the expense of their great rivals 3-0 on aggregate.

- Leading 1-0 thanks to Leighton Baines' first-leg strike, England had goalkeeper Scott Carson to thank for keeping out Gonzalo Castro's 22nd-minute penalty before Walcott secured their progress with his two goals in the final five minutes.

- Both teams finished with ten men following the dismissals of Markus Brzenska and Steven Taylor.

- The lineups for that second-leg contest were:

Germany: Michael Rensing, Dominik Reinhardt, Patrick Ochs (Sebastian Freis 83), Markus Brzenska, Jan Roberto Hilbert (Sascha Dum 69), Gonzalo Castro, Kevin-Prince Boateng, Eugen Polanski, Stefan Kiessling, Aaron Hunt, Mario Gómez.

England: Scott Carson, Micah Richards, Leighton Baines, Steven Taylor, Anton Ferdinand, Tom Huddlestone, Nigel Reo-Coker, James Milner, Gabriel Agbonlahor (Theo Walcott 76), David Nugent (Justin Hoyte 66), Ashley Young (Cameron Jerome 94).

- Gabriel Agbonlahor, James Milner and Micah Richards all featured in both legs of that play-off tie while the only survivor in the Germany squad is Castro. Jerome Boateng's brother Kevin-Prince figured for the Germans too.

- England secured first place at Germany's expense in their qualifying group for the 2002 competition thanks to a win and a draw against their rivals. Daniel Bierofka's late strike cancelled out Titus Bramble's opener to earn Germany a point at Pride Park, but England secured a 2-1 win in Freiburg ten months later. Francis Jeffers snatched the three points in the third minute of added time after Joe Cole and Christoph Metzelder had traded goals.

- The rivalry between Germany and England at senior level is well documented. England hold the advantage in head-to-head meetings with the past 31 matches having produced 15 wins for England, ten for Germany and six draws.

- England manager Stuart Pearce was involved in two of the countries' most famous meetings in modern times.

- Pearce had a penalty saved in his country's FIFA World Cup semi-final shoot-out defeat by West Germany in 1990. Chris Waddle also failed from the spot as the Germans prevailed 4-3 on spot-kicks following a 1-1 draw.

- Pearce endured further heartache against Germany at EURO '96™, as part of the side beaten in another semi-final shootout, once again after a 1-1 draw.

- He was also in the England team that went down 3-1 to West Germany in a September 1987 friendly match. For his club side Nottingham Forest FC, Pearce had no better luck – losing 7-2 on aggregate against FC Bayern München in the 1995/96 UEFA Cup quarter-finals.

- Germany coach Hrubesch has his own unhappy memories of Anglo-German contests having been part of the Hamburger SV side beaten 1-0 by Nottingham Forest in the 1980 European Champion Clubs' Cup final.

- Germany's Dennis Aogo and Boateng were in the Hamburg side that eliminated a Manchester City FC side including Nedum Onuoha and Richards from the UEFA Cup quarter-finals in April.

- Aogo featured in both Hamburg's 3-1 home first-leg success and their 2-1 second-leg loss in Manchester, in which Boateng also played. Richards and Onuoha appeared in both legs for City while England goalkeeper Joe Hart watched both matches from the bench.

Squad news

- "We started poorly, lacking any real movement and inviting them to come at us, which they did," said Horst Hrubesch after the Finland win. "The goal was pivotal and as soon as we scored we were Germany again but it's a shame we couldn't get a third because that could be important – we want to progress as group winners."

- Scorer of Germany's opening goal, Benedikt Höwedes was named man of the match by the UEFA Technical Study Group.

- Hrubesch made one change from the side that had drawn with Spain, Marcel Schmelzer replacing the injured Sebastian Boenisch at left-back. Mesut Özil started after overcoming a back problem.

- Boenisch picked up an ankle injury in the first half against Spain and although fears of a fracture have been allayed, pulled ligaments mean he is likely to miss the England game.
- Gonzalo Castro (right thigh) and Jerome Boateng (back) were only involved in light training on Saturday after picking up minor injuries against Finland.
- Germany have seven players within a yellow card of a suspension. Ashkan Dejagah, Andreas Beck and Sami Khedira were booked against Spain while Marko Marin, Özil, Patrick Ebert and Schmelzer all picked up yellow cards in the Finland win.
- Pearce made two changes to the side which started against Finland for the 2-0 defeat of Spain. Nedum Onuoha shook of a groin injury to take the place of Michael Mancienne as the Chelsea FC defender served a one-match suspension following his first-half dismissal against the Finns.
- Onuoha partnered his Manchester City FC club-mate Micah Richards in central defence. Richards, who sustained a minor thigh strain after scoring the winner against Finland, was voted man of the match.
- Adam Johnson was the beneficiary of the other change, making his tournament debut on the left side of the attack with Theo Walcott dropping to the bench and Milner starting on the right.
- Walcott, previously taken off at half-time against Finland, replaced Johnson after 62 minutes and set up the second goal for Milner after a superb burst down the right flank. Another substitute, Fraizer Campbell, had opened the scoring six minutes earlier (67).
- Milner saw a 32nd-minute penalty saved brilliantly by Spain goalkeeper Sergio Asenjo. The Aston Villa FC player was shown his second yellow card of the group stage in the 82nd minute and is therefore suspended against Germany.
- Joe Hart, Richards and Gabriel Agbonlahor are all within one booking of a suspension.
- Agbonlahor was taken off in the 39th minute against Spain because of a shin injury.
- Pearce said: "The players have a strong determination among themselves to want to be successful this summer. We kept doing what we're good at all game and we were stronger in the second half – I thought beforehand that would be the case and credit to the players for that."

Team facts

Germany

Given Germany's glittering football history, their lack of success at this level comes as a surprise. Germany have never won the UEFA European Under-21 Championship and have rarely come close since unification. In 1982, a West Germany team boasting Rudi Völler, Thomas Allofs and Pierre Littbarski lost 5-4 on aggregate to England in a two-legged final; they have also fallen at the quarter-final stage on several occasions.

Even so, this is just the third time since 2000 that Germany have reached the finals and they have never advanced beyond their group since the current tournament format was introduced nine years ago. That run looked likely to end on home soil in 2004, but a side including Lukas Podolski and Bastian Schweinsteiger were unable to get out of their section. More disappointment followed in 2006 when Dieter Eilts's men seemed certain to progress to the semi-finals only for João Moutinho's added-time strike for Portugal to let Serbia and Montenegro in through by the back door. The Democratic Republic of Germany fared better in the competition's early days, being runners-up in the first two tournaments in 1978 and 1980, succumbing over two legs to Yugoslavia and the Soviet Union respectively.

Tournament record

Winners: –

Runners-up: 1978, 1980 (Democratic Republic of Germany); 1982 (West Germany)

Final tournament appearances: 1998, 2004, 2006, 2009

2009 qualifying

P10 W6 D3 L1 F26 A4

Top scorer: Rouwen Hennings, 7 goals

Most appearances: 9 Andreas Beck

Biggest win: 7-0 v Luxembourg (A) 20.11.2007

Biggest defeat: 0-1 v Moldova (A) 19.08.2008

Youngest player: Richard Sukuta-Pasu (18 years, 1 month, 26 days v Moldova on 19.08.2008)

Oldest player: Pascal Bieler (26.02.1986)

Red cards: None

Friendly results since qualifying

18.11.2008 Germany 1-0 Italy
10.02.2009 Republic of Ireland 1-1 Germany
27.03.2009 Germany 0-4 Netherlands
31.03.2009 Germany 1-1 Belarus

Capped at senior level: Gonzalo Castro, Marko Marin, Manuel Neuer, Andreas Beck, Mesut Özil

Players with previous U21 final tournament experience

2006 Portugal – Florian Fromlowitz, Gonzalo Castro

Most capped player

All-time: 31 Fabian Ernst
Current: 24 Andreas Beck

Leading scorer

All-time: 18 Pierre Littbarski
Current: 13 Rouwen Hennings

Biggest wins

Final tournament:2-0 Germany v Finland
2009 group stage, Örjans vall, Halmstad

Qualifying:8-0 Germany v Albania 23.03.2001
2002 qualifying group stage, Köln-Süd, Cologne

Germany v Republic of Ireland 23.03.1993
1994 qualifying group stage, Baunatal

Heaviest defeats

Final tournament: 0-3 France v Germany 25.05.2006
2006 group stage, Estádio D. Afonso Henriques, Guimaraes

Qualifying:1-4 France v Germany 26.03.1996
1996 quarter-finals, Stade Saint-Symphorien, Metz

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: 2-0 England v Spain 18.06.2009
2009 group stage, Gamla Ullevi, Gothenburg
England v Serbia 17.06.2007
2007 group stage, De Goffert, Nijmegen

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

Squad list

Germany

| No. | Player | DoB | Age | Club | BL | Current season | | | | Overall U21 | |
|--------------------|--------------------|------------|-----|------------------------------|----|----------------|-----|------|-----|-------------|-----|
| | | | | | | a Qual. | Gls | a FT | Gls | Pld | Gls |
| Goalkeepers | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | Manuel Neuer | 27.03.1986 | 23 | FC Schalke 04 | - | 5 | - | 2 | - | 7 | - |
| 12 | Florian Fromlowitz | 02.07.1986 | 22 | Hannover 96 | - | 2 | - | - | - | 3 | - |
| 23 | Tobias Sippel | 22.03.1988 | 21 | 1. FC Kaiserslautern | - | 1 | - | - | - | 1 | - |
| Defenders | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 | Andreas Beck | 13.03.1987 | 22 | TSG 1899 Hoffenheim | * | 8 | - | 2 | - | 10 | - |
| 3 | Sebastian Boenisch | 01.02.1987 | 22 | Werder Bremen | - | 3 | - | 1 | - | 4 | - |
| 4 | Benedikt Höwedes | 29.02.1988 | 21 | FC Schalke 04 | - | 5 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 2 |
| 5 | Jerome Boateng | 03.09.1988 | 20 | Hamburger SV | - | 3 | - | 2 | - | 5 | - |
| 6 | Dennis Aogo | 14.01.1987 | 22 | Hamburger SV | - | 6 | 1 | 2 | - | 8 | 1 |
| 14 | Fabian Johnson | 11.12.1987 | 21 | TSV 1860 München | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 15 | Mats Hummels | 16.12.1988 | 20 | BV Borussia Dortmund | - | 5 | - | - | - | 5 | - |
| 16 | Daniel Schwaab | 23.08.1988 | 20 | SC Freiburg | - | 5 | - | - | - | 5 | - |
| 21 | Marcel Schmelzer | 22.01.1988 | 21 | BV Borussia Dortmund | * | - | - | 2 | - | 2 | - |
| Midfielders | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 7 | Patrick Ebert | 17.03.1987 | 22 | Hertha BSC Berlin | * | 3 | 1 | 2 | - | 5 | 1 |
| 8 | Sami Khedira | 04.04.1987 | 22 | VfB Stuttgart | * | 5 | 3 | 2 | - | 7 | 3 |
| 10 | Mesut Özil | 15.10.1988 | 20 | Werder Bremen | * | 7 | 4 | 2 | - | 9 | 4 |
| 17 | Dennis Grote | 09.08.1986 | 22 | VfL Bochum 1848 | - | 7 | - | - | - | 7 | - |
| 18 | Daniel Adlung | 01.10.1987 | 21 | VfL Wolfsburg | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 19 | Änis Ben-Hatira | 18.07.1988 | 20 | Hamburger SV | - | - | - | 2 | - | 2 | - |
| 20 | Gonzalo Castro | 11.06.1987 | 22 | Bayer 04 Leverkusen | - | 3 | - | 2 | - | 12 | 1 |
| Forwards | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9 | Ashkan Dejagah | 05.07.1986 | 22 | VfL Wolfsburg | * | 4 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 9 | 3 |
| 11 | Marko Marin | 13.03.1989 | 20 | VfL Borussia Mönchengladbach | * | 3 | - | 2 | - | 5 | - |
| 13 | Sandro Wagner | 29.11.1987 | 21 | FC Bayern München | - | 1 | - | 1 | - | 2 | - |
| 22 | Chinedu Ede | 05.02.1987 | 22 | Hertha BSC Berlin | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Coach | | | | | | | | | | | |
| - | Horst Hrubesch | 17.04.1951 | 58 | GER | - | - | - | 2 | - | 2 | - |

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

1 - : Total appearances in Under21 Championship including all qualifying round and play-off matches

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England

| No. | Player | DoB | Age | Club | BL | Current season | | | | Overall U21 | |
|--------------------|--------------------|------------|-----|----------------------------|----|----------------|-----|----------|-----|-------------|-----|
| | | | | | | a Qual. Pld | Gls | a FT Pld | Gls | 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 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 22 | Scott Loach | 27.05.1988 | 21 | Watford FC | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Defenders | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 | Martin Cranie | 26.09.1986 | 22 | Portsmouth FC | - | 5 | - | 2 | - | 7 | - |
| 3 | Andrew Taylor | 01.08.1986 | 22 | Middlesbrough FC | - | 5 | - | - | - | 5 | - |
| 5 | Richard Stearman | 19.08.1987 | 21 | Wolverhampton Wanderers FC | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 6 | Nedum Onuoha | 12.11.1986 | 22 | Manchester City FC | - | 4 | 1 | 1 | - | 11 | 1 |
| 15 | Jack Rodwell | 11.03.1991 | 18 | Everton FC | - | - | - | 1 | - | 1 | - |
| 16 | James Tomkins | 29.03.1989 | 20 | West Ham United FC | - | - | - | 1 | - | 1 | - |
| 17 | Micah Richards | 24.06.1988 | 20 | Manchester City FC | * | - | - | 2 | 1 | 5 | 1 |
| 18 | Michael Mancienne | 08.01.1988 | 21 | Chelsea FC | - | 4 | - | 1 | - | 5 | - |
| 19 | Kieran Gibbs | 26.09.1989 | 19 | Arsenal FC | - | - | - | 2 | - | 2 | - |
| 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 | S | 10 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 30 | 8 |
| 8 | Craig Gardner | 25.11.1986 | 22 | Aston Villa FC | - | 4 | - | 1 | - | 5 | - |
| 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 | 1 | - | 8 | 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 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 23 | Danny Rose | 02.07.1990 | 18 | Tottenham Hotspur FC | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 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 | 2 | - | 13 | 5 |
| 21 | Fraizer Campbell | 13.09.1987 | 21 | Manchester United FC | - | 3 | - | 2 | 1 | 5 | 1 |
| Coach | | | | | | | | | | | |
| - | Stuart Pearce | 24.04.1962 | 47 | ENG | - | 10 | - | 2 | - | 16 | - |

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Match-by-match lineups - Group B

| | Pld | W | D | L | GF | GA | Pts |
|---------|-----|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| England | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 6 |
| Germany | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 4 |
| Spain | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| Finland | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 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 | | | |
| Finland: Jaakkola, Raitala, Portin, Turunen, Sparv, Hämäläinen (Vasara 80), M. Hetemaj (Hakola 86), Sadik, Parikka (Pukki 65), Aho, P. Hetemaj | | | |
| 15.06.2009 | Spain - Germany | 0-0 | Gamla Ullevi, Gothenburg |
| Goals: - | | | |
| Spain: Sergio Asenjo, Monreal, Torrejón, Javi Martínez, Sisi (Diego Capel 70), Raúl García, Bojan (Xisco 82), Jurado, Granero (Pedro León 87), Sergio Sánchez, Chico | | | |
| Germany: Neuer, Beck, Boenisch (Schmelzer 38), Höwedes, J.Boateng, Aogo, Khedira, Dejagah, Özil, Marin (Ben-Hatira 70), Castro (Ebert 86) | | | |
| 18.06.2009 | Germany - Finland | 2-0 | Örjans vall, Halmstad |
| Goals: 1-0 Höwedes 59, 2-0 Dejagah 61 | | | |
| Germany: Neuer, Beck, Höwedes, J.Boateng, Aogo (Ebert 46), Khedira, Dejagah, Özil (Wagner 85), Marin (Ben-Hatira 58), Castro, Schmelzer | | | |
| Finland: Jaakkola, Raitala, Portin, Turunen, Sparv, Hämäläinen (Otaru 75), M. Hetemaj (Kokko 81), Sadik, Aho, P. Hetemaj, Vasara (Pukki 64) | | | |
| 18.06.2009 | Spain - England | 0-2 | Gamla Ullevi, Gothenburg |
| Goals: 0-1 Campbell 67, 0-2 Milner 73 | | | |
| Spain: Sergio Asenjo, Monreal, Javi García, Torrejón, Javi Martínez (Xisco 69), Raúl García, Bojan (Diego Capel 57), Jurado, Azpilicueta, Mario Suárez (Pedro León 81), Adrián López | | | |
| England: Hart, Cranie, Cattermole, Onuoha, Milner (Gardner 84), Agbonlahor (Campbell 39), Noble, Johnson (Walcott 62), Muamba, Richards, Gibbs | | | |
| 22.06.2009 | Finland - Spain | - | Gamla Ullevi, Gothenburg |
| 22.06.2009 | Germany - England | - | Örjans vall, Halmstad |

Match officials

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| Referee | Peter Rasmussen (DEN) |
| Assistant referees | Oleksandr Voytyuk (UKR), Alain Hoxha (AUT) |
| Fourth official | Tony Chapron (FRA) |
| UEFA Delegate | Arno Sargsyan (ARM) |
| UEFA Referee observer | Hugh Dallas (SCO) |

Referees

| Name | Nat. | Date of birth | U21 | UEFA |
|-----------------|-------------|----------------------|------------|-------------|
| Peter Rasmussen | DEN | 15.10.1975 | 2 | 12 |

Peter Rasmussen

- Born in Denmark on 15 October 1975, Peter Rasmussen started his refereeing career in 1994 and was promoted to take charge of Danish Superligaen matches in 2006.
- Rasmussen, who lives in Odense with his wife and two children and works in customer services for a ventilation company, was the fourth official at the 2007 UEFA European Under-19 Championship final between Spain and Greece in Linz, a match Spain won 1-0.
- The Dane was in charge of two UEFA EURO 2008™ qualifying matches and made his first UEFA Champions League appearance in the second qualifying round tie between SK Rapid Wien and Anorthosis Famagusta FC in August 2008. He was also in the middle for the Danish Cup final in May 2009.

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

| Date | Comp. | Stage | Match | Res. | Venue |
|-------------|--------------|--------------|----------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| 01.09.2006 | U21 | QR | Northern Ireland - Germany | 2-3 | Lurgan |
| 18.06.2009 | U21 | GS - FT | Germany - Finland | 2-0 | Halmstad |

Head coach

Germany: Horst Hrubesch

Date of birth: 17 April 1951

Playing career: SC Westünnen, Hammer SV, SC Rot-Weiss Essen, Hamburger SV, R. Standard de Liège, BV Borussia Dortmund, West Germany (21 caps, 6 goals)

Coaching career: SC Rot-Weiss Essen (1986-87), VfL Wolfsburg (1988-89), FC Wacker Innsbruck (1991-92), FC Hansa Rostock (1993), SG Dynamo Dresden (1994-95), FK Austria Wien (1995-96), Samsunspor (1997), Germany youth setup (2000 to present)

Horst Hrubesch replaced Dieter Eilts as Germany coach in January and will lead the team during the 2009 UEFA European Under-21 Championship. He will make way for Rainer Adrion on 1 July, when he will resume his role as coach of the U19 side. Hrubesch is now into his ninth year with the German Football Association (DFB) and enjoyed his greatest success in 2008, guiding his side to glory in the UEFA European U19 Championship.

He remains best known, however, for his exploits as a player. Nicknamed Das Kopfball-Ungeheuer (the Header Beast) Hrubesch was all-conquering in the air. Having waited until he was 28 for his international debut, in only his fifth game he scored both goals in West Germany's 1980 UEFA European Championship final win against Belgium. He was capped 21 times, his last game the 1982 FIFA World Cup final. He had fired in the winning spot-kick in the thrilling semi-final win against France following an epic 3-3 draw. At club level Hrubesch helped Hamburger SV to league titles in 1979, 1982, and 1983 and captained them to victory against Juventus in the 1983 European Champion Clubs' Cup final. He had two seasons in Belgium with R. Standard de Liège before retiring with Dortmund in 1986, scoring 136 goals in 224 Bundesliga matches overall.

Since returning to SC Rot-Weiss Essen as coach in 1986, Hrubesch has had spells in charge of a number of German clubs as well as stints in Austria and Turkey. He has enjoyed his greatest success since joining the DFB in 2000 and has developed an excellent reputation for his work with the country's top young players. He also had a short spell as assistant to Erich Ribbeck at UEFA EURO 2000™.

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.

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 | 20.45 | Spain | Gothenburg |
| 22.06.2009 | Grp B | Germany | 20.45 | England | Halmstad |
| 23.06.2009 | Grp A | Serbia | 20.45 | Sweden | Malmo |
| 23.06.2009 | Grp A | Belarus | 20.45 | Italy | Helsingborg |

Group A

| Pos. | Team | Pld | W | D | L | GF | GA | Pts |
|------|---------|-----|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| 1 | Italy | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| 2 | Sweden | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 3 | 3 |
| 3 | Serbia | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| 4 | Belarus | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 1 |

Group B

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

Top scorers - Final tournament

- 3** - Marcus Berg (SWE)
- 1** - Ola Toivonen (SWE)
- 1** - Gustav Svensson (SWE)
- 1** - Sergei Kislyak (BLR)
- 1** - James Milner (ENG)
- 1** - Fraizer Campbell (ENG)
- 1** - Lee Cattermole (ENG)
- 1** - Micah Richards (ENG)
- 1** - Tim Sparv (FIN)
- 1** - Ashkan Dejagah (GER)

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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