



UEFA EURO 2012 final tournament draw

Palace of Arts, Kyiv, Ukraine

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EURO winners' profiles

A representative of each of the 13 teams to have won a UEFA European Championship will participate in the draw ceremony.

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PAST WINNERS ATTENDING DRAW



Viktor Ponedelnik
USSR – 1960



Luis Suárez
Spain – 1964



Gianni Rivera
Italy – 1968



Paul Breitner
Germany – 1972



Antonín Panenka
Czechoslovakia – 1976



Horst Hrubesch
Germany – 1980



Alain Giresse
France – 1984



Marco van Basten
Netherlands – 1988



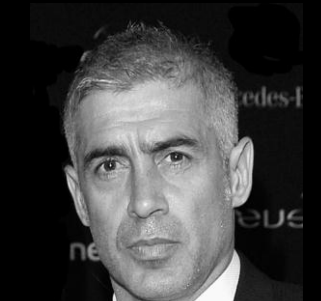
Peter Schmeichel
Denmark – 1992



Oliver Bierhoff
Germany – 1996



Zinedine Zidane
France – 2000



Antonios Nikopolidis
Greece – 2004



Joan Capdevila
Spain – 2008

VIKTOR PONEDELNIK**1960****Country:** USSR**Date of birth:** 22.05.1937**Position:** Forward**Caps:** 29**International honours:** UEFA European Championship (1960)**Clubs:** FC Rostov, FC SKA Rostov-na-Donu, FC Spartak Moskva

The first player to be called up to the Soviet Union national team while playing for a second division club, Ponedelnik justified the selection by hitting a hat-trick on his debut in a 7-1 win against Poland in May 1960. A few weeks later he became the toast of the Soviet Union as he headed in the extra-time winner in the UEFA European Championship final and finished joint top scorer at the finals. Ponedelnik amassed a total of 20 goals in his 29 international appearances before being forced into premature retirement at 29.

LUIS SUÁREZ**1964****Country:** Spain**Date of birth:** 02.05.1935**Position:** Midfielder**Caps:** 32**International honours:** UEFA European Championship (1964)

Clubs: Acción Católica Santo Tomás, Hércules CF La Coruña, Perseverancia CF La Coruña, RC Deportivo La Coruña (twice), Fabril Deportivo La Coruña, FC Barcelona, SE España Industrial Barcelona, FC Internazionale Milano, UC Sampdoria

Club honours:

- European Champion Clubs' Cup (1964, 1965)
- European / South American Cup (1964, 1965)
- Spanish Championship (1959, 1960)
- Spanish Cup (1957, 1959)
- Serie A (1963, 1965, 1966)

European Footballer of the Year: 1960

Suárez was the undisputed man of the match in the 1964 UEFA European Championship final against the USSR. The inside-forward controlled the game in the stylish, swaggering manner of a player full of confidence after inspiring Inter to a 3-1 victory against Real Madrid CF in the European Champion Clubs' Cup final a few weeks earlier. Winner of the Ballon d'Or in 1960, his international career spanned 15 years and yielded 32 appearances and 14 goals. Suárez later coached Spain at the 1990 FIFA World Cup.

GIANNI RIVERA**1968****Country:** Italy**Date of birth:** 18.08.1943**Position:** Midfielder**Caps:** 60**International honours:** UEFA European Championship (1968)**Clubs:** US Alessandria Calcio 1912, AC Milan**Club honours:**

- European Champion Clubs' Cup (1963, 1969)
- UEFA Cup Winners' Cup (1968, 1973)
- European / South American Cup (1969)
- Italian Championship (1962, 1968, 1979)
- Italian Cup (1967, 1972, 1973, 1977)

European Footballer of the Year: 1969

Italy's 'Golden Boy', Rivera does not hold the fondest memories of the 1968 UEFA European Championship. His final tournament was minutes old when he came off worst in a collision with the Soviet Union's Valentin Afonin in the last four. Before the days of substitutes, the Azzurri played the rest of the game with ten men before winning a coin toss. Milan's fragile but brilliant playmaker, who would grace four FIFA World Cups, was ruled out of the final and subsequent replay. Rivera won his second European Champion Clubs' Cup the following season, completing an eventful 18 months with the 1969 Ballon d'Or. He is now a politician.

PAUL BREITNER**1972****Country:** West Germany**Date of birth:** 05.09.1951**Position:** Defender/midfielder**Caps:** 48**International honours:** FIFA World Cup (1974), UEFA European Championship (1972)**Clubs:** FC Bayern München, Real Madrid CF, Eintracht Braunschweig**Club honours:**

- German Championship (1972, 1973, 1974, 1980, 1981)
- German Cup (1971, 1982)
- Spanish Championship (1975, 1976)
- Spanish Cup (1975)

The 1972 UEFA European Championship was the competition that first brought Breitner, his beard and frizzy hair, into the public eye and the attack-minded left-back was still a regular as Helmut Schön's side won the FIFA World Cup two years later, scoring the equalising penalty in the final against the Netherlands. He left FC Bayern München for Real Madrid CF in 1974 but returned to the club in 1978, and, now a midfielder, his 48th and last cap came in the 1982 World Cup final against Italy. As in 1974 he scored, but this time it was just a consolation.

ANTONÍN PANENKA**1976****Country:** Czechoslovakia**Date of birth:** 02.12.1948**Position:** Midfielder**Caps:** 59**International honours:** UEFA European Championship (1976)**Clubs:** Bohemians 1905, SK Rapid Wien, VSE St. Pölten, SK Slovan Wien, ASV Hohenau, SV Wiesendorf**Club honours:**

- Austrian Championship (1982, 1983)
- Austrian Cup (1983, 1984, 1985)

The standout moment of Panenka's long career came in Belgrade on 20 June 1976 when he scored the winning penalty against West Germany in the UEFA European Championship final shoot-out. Displaying nerves of steel, the Czech midfielder audaciously lifted the ball over the diving Sepp Maier into the centre of the goal – a cheeky chip that would forever bear his name. The Bohemians playmaker was involved at the 1980 finals and the 1982 FIFA World Cup, where he scored two more penalties, and also helped Rapid to the 1985 UEFA Cup Winners' Cup final as the competition's joint highest scorer.

HORST HRUBESCH**1980****Country:** West Germany**Date of birth:** 17.04.1951**Position:** Forward**Caps:** 21**International honours:** UEFA European Championship (1980)**Clubs:** Hammer SpVg, SC Westünnen, SC Rot-Weiss Essen, Hamburger SV, R. Standard de Liège, Borussia Dortmund**Club honours:**

- European Champion Clubs' Cup (1983)
- German Championship (1979, 1982, 1983)

West Germany's match-winner in the 1980 UEFA European Championship final against Belgium, Hrubesch scored twice in Rome, his second goal a trademark bullet header in the 89th minute. It was a day of glorious redemption for the Hamburg forward who only weeks earlier had hobbled around the Santiago Bernabéu with an ankle injury as his side lost the European Cup final to Nottingham Forest FC. A latecomer to the international scene, 'The Heading Monster' was only called up after Klaus Fischer broke his leg, and would win just 21 caps. A three-time Bundesliga champion, he captained Hamburg to European Cup success against Juventus in 1983.

ALAIN GIRESSE**1984****Country:** France**Date of birth:** 02.08.1952**Position:** Midfielder**Caps:** 47**International honours:** UEFA European Championship (1984)**Clubs:** FC Girondins de Bordeaux, Olympique de Marseille**Club honours:**

- French Championship (1984, 1985)
- French Cup (1986)

A diminutive, zestful midfielder, Giresse was the perfect lieutenant to Michel Platini. He shone for Les Bleus at the 1982 FIFA World Cup, scoring twice against Northern Ireland and another in the epic semi-final defeat by West Germany. At the 1984 UEFA European Championship he was equally influential, knitting the play together and living up to his 'Le Moteur' (motor) nickname. At club level Giresse made over 500 appearances and won two French league titles with Bordeaux before joining Marseille. He went on to coach Paris Saint-Germain FC and Toulouse FC as well as the national teams of Georgia, Gabon and Mali.

MARCO VAN BASTEN**1988****Date of birth:** 31.10.1964**Position:** Forward**Caps:** 58**International honours:** UEFA European Championship (1988)**Clubs:** AFC Ajax, AC Milan**Club honours:**

- European Champion Clubs' Cup (1989, 1990)
- UEFA Cup Winners' Cup (1987)
- European / South American Cup (1989, 1990)
- Dutch Championship (1982, 1983, 1985)
- Dutch Cup (1983, 1986, 1987)
- Italian Championship (1988, 1992, 1993)

European Footballer of the Year: 1988, 1989, 1992**FIFA World Player of the Year:** 1992

Van Basten scored many fabulous goals, but the one for which he will always be remembered is his volley against USSR goalkeeper Rinat Dasaev in the EURO '88 final. It was his fifth goal of the tournament, following a hat-trick against England and a late winner in the semi-final against West Germany. The Dutch marksman scooped the Golden Boot and would win the first of his three Ballon d'Or awards that year. At Milan he twice won the European Champion Clubs' Cup before an ankle injury forced his premature retirement after 24 goals from 58 caps. Van Basten also coached his former club Ajax in 2008, after four years in charge of the Oranje.

PETER SCHMEICHEL**1992****Country:** Denmark**Date of birth:** 18.11.1963**Position:** Goalkeeper**Caps:** 129**International honours:** UEFA European Championship (1992)**Clubs:** Gladsaxe/Hero BK, Hvidovre IF, Brøndby IF, Manchester United FC, Sporting Clube de Portugal, Aston Villa FC, Manchester City FC**Club honours:**

- UEFA Champions League (1999)
- UEFA Super Cup (1991)
- Danish Championship (1987, 1988, 1990, 1991)
- Danish Cup (1989)
- English Championship (1993, 1994, 1996, 1997, 1999)
- English Cup (1994, 1996, 1999)
- English Football League Cup (1992)
- Portuguese Championship (2000)

For much of his career, Schmeichel was considered by many to be the world's best goalkeeper, but the match that made him was the EURO '92 final. He played in countless big games, including the 1999 UEFA Champions League final, but the 1992 showdown with Germany in Gothenburg was arguably the match of Schmeichel's life. Impressive en route to the final, notably saving Marco van Basten's penalty in the semi-final shoot-out, here he surpassed himself with three world-class stops, two from Jürgen Klinsmann, in a fairy-tale triumph against the world champions. EURO '92 was one of four UEFA European Championships Schmeichel attended. He also played in the 1998 FIFA World Cup before quitting international football with a record 129 caps.

OLIVER BIERHOFF**1996****Country:** Germany**Date of birth:** 01.05.1968**Position:** Forward**Caps:** 70**International honours:** UEFA European Championship (1996)**Clubs:** FC Bayer 05 Uerdingen, Hamburger SV, VfL Borussia Mönchengladbach, SV Austria Salzburg, Ascoli Calcio 1898, Udinese Calcio, AC Milan, AS Monaco, AC Chievo Verona**Club honours:**

- Italian Championship (1999)

Germany were trailing 1-0 to the Czech Republic in the EURO '96 final when Berti Vogts introduced Udinese striker Bierhoff midway through the second half. Within four minutes he had headed his team level, then five minutes into extra time he struck the first major international golden goal. Germany had a new national hero though for Bierhoff, who had only made his debut a few months earlier, it was just the start. He went on to star for Milan and won his 70th and final cap in the 2002 FIFA World Cup final, bowing out with 37 goals. He now has a senior role at the German Football Association (DFB).

ZINÉDINE ZIDANE**2000****Country:** France**Date of birth:** 23.06.1972**Position:** Midfielder**Caps:** 108**International honours:** FIFA World Cup (1998), UEFA European Championship (2000)**Clubs:** AS Cannes, FC Girondins de Bordeaux, Juventus, Real Madrid CF**Club honours:**

- UEFA Champions Leagues (2002)
- UEFA Super Cup (1996, 2002)
- European / South American Cup (1996, 2002)
- Italian Championship (1997, 1998)
- Spanish Championship (2003)

European Footballer of the Year: 1998**FIFA World Player of the Year:** 1998, 2000, 2003

The finest footballer of his generation, Zidane's jour de gloire came when his two headers won the 1998 FIFA World Cup. Crowned 1998 European and World Footballer of the Year, he arguably played even better leading France to victory at UEFA EURO 2000, his late semi-final penalty against Portugal one of many highlights. 'Zizou' retired from international football only to return in 2006 and win the best player award at the World Cup – despite his sending off in the final. A title winner in Italy and Spain, his world record €76m switch from Juventus to Madrid was partly repaid by his spectacular decisive goal in the 2002 UEFA Champions League final.

ANTONIOS NIKOPOLIDIS**2004****Country:** Greece**Date of birth:** 04.01.1971**Position:** Goalkeeper**Caps:** 90**International honours:** UEFA European Championship (2004)**Clubs:** Anagennisi Arta FC, Panathinaikos FC, Olympiacos FC**Club honours:**

- Greek Championship (1990, 1991, 1995, 1996, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2011)
- Greek Cup (1991, 1993, 1994, 1995, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2008, 2009)

Nicknamed 'Clooney' because of his resemblance to the Hollywood heart-throb, Nikopolidis earned his own global admiration in summer 2004, producing the form of his life to help Greece to UEFA European Championship glory. Clean sheets in each of the three knockout rounds underpinned the triumph and while he was an ever-present at the tournament, his residence in Greece's goal lasted much longer than that; he made 56 consecutive starts for them from October 2001 to February 2006. Nikopolidis joined Olympiacos FC in 2004 after 15 years at arch-rivals Panathinaikos FC, and took his tally to 11 Greek championships before retiring in summer 2011.

JOAN CAPDEVILA**2008****Country:** Spain**Date of birth:** 03.02.1978**Position:** Defender**Caps:** 60**International honours:** FIFA World Cup (2010), UEFA European Championship (2008)**Clubs:** RCD Espanyol, Club Atlético de Madrid, RC Deportivo La Coruña, Villarreal CF, SL Benfica**Club honours:**

- Spanish Cup (2002)

Capdevila made his international debut in 2002 but it was not until UEFA EURO 2008 qualifying, enjoying the form of his life at Villarreal, that he cemented his place at left-back. His formative experience playing in midfield for Deportivo meant he was comfortable in possession – perfect for Luis Aragonés's Spain – but he was a defender first and foremost. Capdevila was part of the back line that did not concede during the knockout phase in Austria and Switzerland, and he marked Germany's Bastian Schweinsteiger out of the final. He played every minute of their 2010 FIFA World Cup triumph and made four appearances as Spain breezed through qualifying for Poland and Ukraine.

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