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Match officials for first 12 EURO 2004™ matches

Italian Pierluigi Collina to officiate opening match Portugal - Greece

UEFA today announced the appointments of the officials for the first 12 of the 31 matches at UEFA EURO 2004™.

Italian Pierluigi Collina has been appointed to take charge of the UEFA EURO 2004™ opening match between tournament hosts Portugal and Greece at the Estádio do Dragão in Porto on Saturday.

Switzerland's Urs Meier will be in charge of the tournament's second game – Saturday's other Group A match between Spain and Russia at the Estádio Algarve in Faro/Loulé.

Lucílio Cardoso Cortez Batista of Portugal has been put in charge of the Group B opener between Switzerland and Croatia in Leiria on Sunday, while Sunday's other Group B match between France and England in Lisbon has been assigned to Germany's Markus Merk.

Twelve referees in all are officiating at the tournament and each will work alongside two assistant referees from his own country, as UEFA looks to use the experience and understanding between proven referee teams to achieve consistency in decision-making. Four other referees are also in Portugal as fourth officials for various matches, and together with the other referees, are ready to deputise in the event of injury or illness.

The full list for the first twelve matches is attached overleaf.

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UEFA EURO 2004™**Match Official Appointments – First 12 Matches**

Date	Match	Referee	Assistant referee 1	Assistant referee 2	4th Official
12.06.2004	Portugal / Greece	COLLINA Pierluigi (ITA)	IVALDI Marco (ITA)	PISACRETA Narciso (ITA)	HAMER Alain (LUX)
12.06.2004	Spain / Russia	MEIER Urs (SUI)	BURAGINA Francesco (SUI)	KÄPPELI Rudolf (SUI)	NIELSEN Kim Milton (DEN)
13.06.2004	Switzerland / Croatia	BATISTA Lucilio (POR)	JANUARIO Paulo (POR)	CARDINAL Jose (POR)	HAUGE Terje (NOR)
13.06.2004	France / England	MERK Markus (GER)	SCHRÄER Christian (GER)	SALVER Jan-Hendrik (GER)	MICHEL Lubos (SVK)
14.06.2004	Denmark / Italy	MEJUTO GONZALEZ Manuel Enrique (ESP)	MARTINEZ SAMANIEGO Oscar (ESP)	GUERRERO ALONSO Rafael (ESP)	DE BLEECKERE Frank (BEL)
14.06.2004	Sweden / Bulgaria	RILEY Michael (ENG)	SHARP Philip (ENG)	TURNER Glenn (ENG)	DOUGAL Stuart (SCO)
15.06.2004	Czech Republic / Latvia	VEISSIERE Gilles (FRA)	ARNAULT Frédéric (FRA)	VALLIN Serge (FRA)	VASSARAS Kyros (GRE)
15.06.2004	Germany / Netherlands	FRISK Anders (SWE)	PETERSSON Kenneth (SWE)	EKSTRÖM Peter (SWE)	IVANOV Valentin (RUS)
16.06.2004	Russia / Portugal	HAUGE Terje (NOR)	HÖLVIK Steinar (NOR)	BORGAN Ole Hermann (NOR)	DE BLEECKERE Frank (BEL)
16.06.2004	Greece / Spain	MICHEL Lubos (SVK)	SRAMKA Igor (SVK)	BALKO Martin (SVK)	DOUGAL Stuart (SCO)
17.06.2004	England / Switzerland	IVANOV Valentin (RUS)	DUPANAU Yury (BLR)	ENIUTIN Vladimir (RUS)	VASSARAS Kyros (GRE)
17.06.2004	Croatia / France	NIELSEN Kim Milton (DEN)	LARSEN Jens (DEN)	JEPSEN Joergen (DEN)	FRISK Anders (SWE)