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UEFA Under-21 Championship play-off draw concluded

Title holders Italy to face Poland; Iberian derby between Spain and Portugal

Following today's IX Extraordinary UEFA Congress at Žofín Palace in Prague, the draw ceremony took place for the play-off matches of the 2000/2002 European Under-21 Championship. The draw was conducted by Lars-Åke Lagrell, Chairman of the UEFA National Teams Committee.

The nine group-winners and the seven best runners-up from the qualifying competition, which was completed last weekend, were entered into the draw. The seven best group-winners were drawn against the seven runners-up, while the two remaining group-winners were drawn against each other.

Italy, the current title-holders, have been paired with Poland, while the 1998 champions, Spain, who only finished second in their qualifying group and reached the play-off stage as the seventh and last possible runner-up, will have to face their neighbours from Portugal.

The two-legged play-off matches are scheduled to take place on 10/11 and 13/14 November 2001, in parallel to the 2002 World Cup play-off matches. The runners-up will play the first-leg matches at home. If no result is reached after the end of the second-leg match, extra time of two times 15 minutes will be played. If there is still no result at the end of extra time then the winner will be determined by a penalty shoot-out.

2000/2002 European Under-21 Championship Draw for the Play-offs Prague, 11 October 2001

1	Poland	-	Italy
2	Croatia	-	Czech Republic
3	Sweden	-	Belgium
4	Greece	-	Turkey
5	Romania	-	France
6	Netherlands	-	England
7	Spain	-	Portugal
8	Ukraine	-	Switzerland

Match dates: 10/11 November 2001 (1st leg) 13/14 November 2001 (2nd leg)

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