

# CROATIA - TURKEY

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Matchday 14 - Quarter-finals,



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### Match background

Croatia face the first team they ever played in a final tournament on the European stage when they meet Turkey in the second UEFA EURO 2008™ quarter-final at the Ernst-Happel-Stadion in Vienna.

- Turkey were the opposition for Croatia's tournament debut at EURO '96™ and Slaven Bilić, now coach of Croatia but then a fixture in their defence, would settle happily for a repeat of the result that day, Goran Vlaović scoring the only goal in Nottingham after 86 minutes.
- If Croatia produced the late show then, it is Turkey who have provided much of the last-gasp drama here in Austria and Switzerland. After losing their opening game 2-0 to Portugal, Fatih Terim's team responded in style to secure second spot in Group A – albeit while shredding their supporters' nerves in the process. First they retrieved a half-time deficit to defeat co-hosts Switzerland 2-1 through goals from Semih Şentürk and Arda Turan, the latter's winning strike coming two minutes into added time.
- They topped that by coming from two goals behind to beat the Czech Republic 3-2 in a thrilling group decider last Sunday, captain Nihat Kahveci turning the game on its head with two goals in the final four minutes. After Czech pair Jan Koller (34) and Jaroslav Plašil (62) had found the net, Arda (75) gave Turkey hope before Nihat's double strike on 87 and 89 minutes.
- The only downside came with the last-minute dismissal of goalkeeper Volkan Demirel who will miss this quarter-final through suspension and also the semi-final, should Turkey win.
- Croatia's passage to the last eight was more straightforward, Bilić's men recording three straight wins to finish top of Group B. After Luka Modrić's fourth-minute penalty earned a narrow win against co-hosts Austria, Croatia underlined their potential by defeating Germany 2-1, Darijo Srna (24) and Ivica Olić (62) their scorers, before Lukas Podolski (79) narrowed the deficit late on.
- With first place in the section already secured, Ivan Klasnić (53) then ensured Croatia a 100 per cent record in the group with the only goal of their meeting with Poland on Monday.
- Both teams have reached the quarter-finals only once before, Croatia at EURO '96™ and Turkey at UEFA EURO 2000™. Both were beaten, Croatia going down 2-1 to Germany while Turkey lost 2-0 to Portugal.
- This will be the fourth meeting between two teams who first played each other at EURO '96™. Terim was coach of Turkey that day in what was also their first appearance at a UEFA European Championship final tournament. Bilić and his assistants Aljoša Asanović and Robert Prosinečki all played, and it was from an Asanović pass that Vlaović sprinted through to score the only goal.



- The teams for that game on 11 June 1996 were:

**Turkey:** Rüştü Reçber, Alpay Özalın, Vedat Inceefe, Tugay Kerimođlu, Ogün Temizkanoglu, Hakan Şükür, Rahim Zafer, Sergen Yalçın, Abdullah Ercan, Arif Erdem (Hami Mandirali 82), Hakki Tolunay Kafkas (Saffet Sancaklı).

**Croatia:** Dražen Ladić, Robert Jarni, Igor Štimac, Nikola Jerkan, Slaven Bilić, Aljoša Asanović, Robert Prosinečki, Davor Šuker (Dubravko Pavličić 90), Zvonimir Boban (Zvonimir Soldo 57), Alen Bokšić (Goran Vlaović 73), Mario Stanić.

• Since then the teams have met twice more, drawing on both occasions. It finished 1-1 when they faced off in June 1997 in a Kirin Cup match in the Japanese city of Sendai. Ertuğrul Sağlam's 80th-minute goal cancelled out Tomislav Erceg's opener for Croatia in a game where Croatia's Dario Šimić and Turkey's Rüştü Reçber both featured.

• Turkey fought back from two goals down to earn a draw in their most recent meeting, a Zagreb friendly in March 2004. Croatia led 2-0 through goals from Tomo Šokota (2) and Srna (72) but within six minutes of their second goal it was 2-2 after Turkey's Zafer Biryol (73) and Çağdaş Atan (78) found the net.

- The starting lineups that evening were:

**Croatia:** Stipe Pletikosa, Mario Tokić, Josip Šimunić, Tomaš Stjepan, Igor Tudor, Boris Živković, Ivica Mornar, Marko Babić, Dado Pršo, Milan Rapaic, Tomo Šokota.

**Turkey:** Rüştü Reçber, Fatih Akyel, Ümit Özat, Deniz Bariş, Hakan Şükür, Tuncay Şanlı, Nihat Kahveci, Gökdeniz Karadeniz, Ibrahim Toramani, Tolga Seyhan, Serkan Balci.

- Turkey captain Emre Belözoglu played with Croatia defender Šimić at FC Internazionale Milano in 2001/02.
- Croatia defender Vedran Ćorluka will not want to remember the last time he faced Turkey forward Tuncay Şanlı. Tuncay was part of the Middlesbrough FC team that beat Ćorluka's Manchester City FC 8-1 on the final day of the 2007/08 English Premier League season on 11 May.
- Besides leading Turkey to their first EURO finals in 1996, coach Terim also oversaw the first triumph by a Turkish team in European competition when Galatasaray AS beat Arsenal FC in the 2000 UEFA Cup final.
- Although Terim's Galatasaray won that final on penalties, neither Croatia nor Turkey have ever contested a penalty shoot-out in a major final tournament.
- This is the 13th edition of the UEFA European Championship and the fourth final tournament that features a quarter-final stage. There were no quarter-finals in the 1980, 1984, 1988 and 1992 editions of the competition, with the teams going straight from the group stage into the semi-finals.
- The winners of this tie will meet the winners of the quarter-final match between Group A winners Portugal and Germany, the runners-up in Group B, in the first semi-final at Basel's St. Jakob-Park, on Wednesday 25 June.
- The winners of that game will be the designated home team for the final at Vienna's Ernst-Happel-Stadion on 29 June.

## Match facts

### CROATIA

#### UEFA EURO 2008™ statistics

- Two players have appeared in all 15 matches in Croatia's campaign, qualifying and finals: Niko Kranjčar and Vedran Ćorluka, while Luka Modrić had been ever-present before being rested against Poland. Mario Galinović is the only member of the 23-man squad yet to make an appearance in this campaign, qualifying or finals after Hrvoje Vejić, Nikola Pokrivač and Nikola Kalinić all played in the Poland game.
- Eduardo da Silva struck ten goals in qualifying, fewer only than David Healy. Mladen Petrić managed seven.
- Croatia scored 28 times in qualifying at 2.33 goals per game, fewer only than Germany (35) and Slovakia (33).
- Croatia conceded eight times in their 12 qualifying matches. France, the Czech Republic and the Netherlands had the best defensive records with five goals conceded each.
- Only Danijel Pranjić started all three of Croatia's group games en route to the quarter-finals.

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### Disciplinary news

• Croatia have seven players a yellow card away from suspension: Robert Kovač, Modrić, Darijo Srna, Jerko Leko, Josip Šimunić, Vejić and Ognjen Vukojević.

### Team information

#### • Monday 16 June: Poland 0-1 Croatia (Klasnić 53)

Slaven Bilić rested nine players yet Croatia still proved too strong as Ivan Klasnić's strike earned victory in Klagenfurt to finish on maximum points in Group B and confirm their opponents' early exit.

• Bilić said: "It's a great achievement to win three games in a row, especially at a European Championship. Our victory was well-deserved and if [Artur] Boruc had not been such an excellent goalkeeper in the first half we could have been two goals ahead at half-time. We did not win because Poland were bad, but because we played excellently."

• Klasnić was named Carlsberg Man of the Match by the UEFA Technical Team, with Roy Hodgson explaining: "There were lots of good candidates from Croatia and you could quite easily have chosen any of the forwards or midfielders, but we decided on Klasnić because he scored the decisive goal." Modrić and Stipe Pletikosa claimed the awards against Germany and Austria respectively.

• Klasnić's goal was his first for Croatia since October 2006 having undergone two kidney transplants in 2007.

• Dario Šimić made his 99th international appearance against Poland. No one has won 100 caps for Croatia.

• Four days earlier Bilić's side sealed their place in the quarter-finals as goals in either half from Srna (24) and Ivica Olić (62) earned only Croatia's second ever win against Germany. Lukas Podolski's 79th-minute strike proved in vain and their opponents' bad night was complete when Bastian Schweinsteiger was sent off late on.

• On 8 June Modrić's fourth-minute penalty, the earliest successful spot-kick in finals history, secured victory in Vienna against Austria after Olić had been brought down by René Aufhauser. It was only Croatia's second victory in ten matches at a major finals – a 2-1 win against Italy in the 2002 FIFA World Cup the other.

### Injury news

• According to Bilić "it's 99 per cent certain" that Dario Knežević will miss the rest of the tournament after straining knee ligaments during a collision with Vedran Runje during the first half of the Poland win.

• Ever-present in qualifying, Eduardo was ruled out of the finals with a compound double fracture of his left leg.

### Friendly results

31.05.2008: Hungary 1-1 Croatia (N. Kovač)

24.05.2008: Croatia 1-0 Moldova (N. Kovač)

26.03.2008: Scotland 1-1 Croatia 1-1 (Kranjčar)

06.02.2008: Croatia 0-3 Netherlands

### Miscellaneous

• Not content with simply coaching Croatia, Bilić has also written a fans' song for the finals with his rock band, Rawbau. Named Vatreno Ludilo (Flaming Madness), the song was performed by the band from a rooftop in Sofia in April.

### Domestic information

• Vukojević and Modrić helped NK Dinamo Zagreb claim the league-and-cup double in Croatia. Club captain Modrić scored 13 league goals before agreeing a €21m transfer to England's Tottenham Hotspur FC in April.

• Vukojević is also on the move, taking time out from pre-UEFA EURO 2008™ training on 26 May to seal a reported €8m switch to FC Dynamo Kyiv. The midfielder agreed a five-year deal.

• Srna also claimed the domestic double with FC Shakhtar Donetsk in Ukraine. Mario Galinović helped Panathinaikos FC to the Greek title, while Kranjčar played every game of Portsmouth FC's successful FA Cup run.

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### UEFA EURO 2008™ statistics

• No Turkey player has appeared in all 15 matches in qualifying and at these finals, although Tuncay Şanlı, Hamit Altıntop, Servet Çetin and Mehmet Aurélio have all missed just one game.

• Of the final 23-man squad six did not feature in qualifying: Emre Güngör, Mehmet Topal, Kazım Kazım, Mevlüt Erdinç, Uğur Boral and Tolga Zengin. The first four have all appeared in the finals.

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- Hakan Şükür – who is not in the finals squad – was Turkey's top scorer in qualifying with six goals, three more than Nihat Kahveci and Tuncay. Northern Ireland's David Healy finished as the highest scorer having struck 13 times.
- Turkey scored 25 goals in qualifying at an average of 2.08 goals per game. Germany led the way overall having found the net 35 times. Turkey conceded eleven; only Poland (12) of the teams at UEFA EURO 2008™ had a worse defensive record.

### Disciplinary news

- Volkan Demirel and Mehmet Aurélio are both suspended for the Croatia game, and another eight Turkey players are a booking away from a ban: Gökhan Zan, Kazım Kazım, Sabri Sarioğlu, Tuncay, Hakan Balta, Mehmet Topal, Arda Turan and Emre Aşık.

### Latest information

#### • Sunday 15 June: Turkey 3-2 Czech Republic (Arda 75, Nihat 87 89; Koller 34, Plašil 62)

Captain Nihat booked ten-man Turkey a quarter-final place after an exhilarating game in Geneva. Two goals down with 15 minutes remaining, Arda Turan's low effort gave Turkey a fighting chance before Nihat capitalised on a Petr Čech mistake to level. The striker then completed the comeback although there was still time for Volkan to be sent off.

- Turkey coach Fatih Terim said: "It wouldn't have mattered if we'd lost 2-0 or 4-0, so we had to go for it. Even after we pulled level, I was signalling for the team to try for a third goal. We didn't start well because, simply put, we couldn't. We never gave up hope though and our performance in the second half was very good."
- Nihat was named Carlsberg Match of the Match, with UEFA Technical Study Group member Jerzy Engel explaining: "At the crucial moments he was always there, trying very hard for 90 minutes and at the end he gave a fantastic win to his team."
- Four days earlier Arda had been the man responsible for the last-gasp winner, reviving Turkey hopes with a 2-1 victory against Switzerland. Hakan Yakin put the co-hosts ahead but Semih Şentürk levelled after his half-time introduction before Arda sealed three points in the dying seconds.

- Turkey had got their campaign off to a disappointing start on 7 June as strikes from Portugal's Pepe (61) and substitute Raul Meireles (90) consigned them to defeat in Geneva. Nuno Gomes also rattled the woodwork twice.

### Injury news

- Defender Güngör was taken off with a left calf injury after 63 minutes against the Czech Republic and has been ruled out of the rest of UEFA EURO 2008™.
- Tümer Metin will not recover in time from a groin injury sustained against Switzerland to feature in the quarter-finals and Servet has been severely hampered by hip and knee complaints. Emre Belözoğlu has missed the last two games with a groin injury but Nihat, Semih, Ayhan Akman and Hakan Balta have all shaken off knocks.
- Gökhan Gönül was ruled out of the finals with a bruise on the second metatarsal of his right foot, though Servet Çetin (groin) and Hamit Altıntop (broken metatarsal) both overcame injuries to take their places in Terim's squad.

### Friendly results

29.05.2008: Turkey 2-0 Finland (Tuncay, Semih)

25.05.2008: Turkey 2-3 Uruguay (Arda, Nihat)

20.05.2008: Turkey 1-0 Slovakia (Hakan)

26.03.2008: Belarus 2-2 Turkey (Tuncay, Tümer Metin)

06.02.2008: Turkey 0-0 Sweden

### Domestic information

- There are eight members of Galatasaray AS's Turkish Süper Lig-winning squad in Turkey's party – Sabri Sarioğlu, Emre Aşık, Servet, Hakan Balta, Emre Güngör, Mehmet Topal, Ayhan Akman and Arda Turan, with Mehmet Topal signing a two-year contract extension in April that will keep him at the club until May 2013.
- Gökdeniz Karadeniz has scored five goals in eleven games for FC Rubin Kazan this season, helping the side claim a surprise lead of the Russian Premier-Liga during the two-month summer break.
- Hamit Altıntop enjoyed a memorable debut season with FC Bayern München with a league and cup double in Germany while Nihat struck 18 times as Villarreal CF finished second in the Primera División.

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### Squad list

#### Croatia

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	BL	UEFA EURO 2008™				Overall Team	
						Qual.	Gls	FT	Gls	Pld	Gls
<b>Goalkeepers</b>											
1	Stipe <b>Pletikosa</b>	08.01.1979	29	FC Spartak Moskva	-	10	-	2	-	71	-
12	Mario <b>Galinović</b>	15.11.1976	31	Panathinaikos FC	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
23	Vedran <b>Runje</b>	10.02.1976	32	RC Lens	-	2	-	1	-	5	-
<b>Defenders</b>											
2	Dario <b>Šimić</b>	12.11.1975	32	AC Milan	-	9	-	1	-	99	3
3	Josip <b>Šimunić</b>	18.02.1978	30	Hertha BSC Berlin	*	10	-	2	-	64	3
4	Robert <b>Kovač</b>	06.04.1974	34	BV Borussia Dortmund	*	11	-	2	-	76	-
5	Vedran <b>Čorluka</b>	05.02.1986	22	Manchester City FC	-	12	-	3	-	23	-
6	Hrvoje <b>Vejić</b>	08.06.1977	31	FC Tom Tomsk	*	-	-	1	-	3	-
13	Nikola <b>Pokrivač</b>	26.11.1985	22	AS Monaco FC	-	-	-	1	-	2	-
15	Dario <b>Knežević</b>	20.04.1982	26	AS Livorno Calcio	-	1	-	3	-	10	1
<b>Midfielders</b>											
7	Ivan <b>Rakitić</b>	10.03.1988	20	FC Schalke 04	-	4	1	2	-	10	1
8	Ognjen <b>Vukojević</b>	20.12.1983	24	NK Dinamo Zagreb	*	1	-	2	-	7	1
10	Niko <b>Kovač</b>	15.10.1971	36	FC Salzburg	-	10	-	2	-	79	13
11	Darijo <b>Srna</b>	01.05.1982	26	FC Shakhtar Donetsk	*	9	3	2	1	57	16
14	Luka <b>Modrić</b>	09.09.1985	22	NK Dinamo Zagreb	*	12	1	2	1	28	4
16	Jerko <b>Leko</b>	09.04.1980	28	AS Monaco FC	*	8	-	2	-	54	2
19	Niko <b>Kranjčar</b>	13.08.1984	23	Portsmouth FC	-	12	2	3	-	44	6
22	Danijel <b>Pranjić</b>	02.12.1981	26	SC Heerenveen	-	3	-	3	-	14	-
<b>Forwards</b>											
9	Nikola <b>Kalinić</b>	05.01.1988	20	HNK Hajduk Split	-	-	-	1	-	2	-
17	Ivan <b>Klasnić</b>	29.01.1980	28	Werder Bremen	-	2	1	1	1	29	9
18	Ivica <b>Olić</b>	14.09.1979	28	Hamburger SV	-	8	1	2	1	56	10
20	Igor <b>Budan</b>	22.04.1980	28	Parma FC	-	1	-	1	-	6	-
21	Mladen <b>Petrić</b>	01.01.1981	27	BV Borussia Dortmund	-	10	7	3	-	26	9
<b>Coach</b>											
-	Slaven Bilić	11.09.1968	39	CRO	-	12	-	3	-	-	-

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						Qual. Pld	Gls	FT Pld	Gls		
<b>Goalkeepers</b>											
1	Rüştü Reçber	10.05.1973	35	Beşiktaş JK	-	5	-	-	-	116	-
12	Tolga Zengin	10.10.1983	24	Trabzonspor	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
23	Volkan Demirel	27.10.1981	26	Fenerbahçe SK	S	5	-	3	-	24	-
<b>Defenders</b>											
2	Servet Çetin	17.03.1981	27	Galatasaray AS	-	11	1	3	-	32	1
4	Gökhan Zan	07.09.1981	26	Beşiktaş JK	*	7	-	1	-	21	-
13	Emre Güngör	01.08.1984	23	Galatasaray AS	-	-	-	1	-	2	-
15	Emre Aşık	13.12.1973	34	Galatasaray AS	*	4	-	3	-	30	2
20	Sabri Sarıoğlu	26.07.1984	23	Galatasaray AS	*	7	1	2	-	17	1
22	Hamit Altıntop	08.12.1982	25	FC Bayern München	-	11	2	3	-	45	2
<b>Midfielders</b>											
3	Hakan Balta	23.03.1983	25	Galatasaray AS	*	2	-	3	-	11	1
5	Emre Belözoğlu	07.09.1980	27	Newcastle United FC	-	7	1	1	-	57	4
6	Mehmet Topal	03.03.1986	22	Galatasaray AS	*	-	-	2	-	7	-
7	Mehmet Aurélio	15.12.1977	30	Fenerbahçe SK	S	11	-	3	-	22	1
10	Gökdeniz Karadeniz	11.01.1980	28	FC Rubin Kazan	-	9	1	1	-	48	6
11	Tümer Metin	14.10.1974	33	Fenerbahçe SK	-	6	2	1	-	25	7
14	Arda Turan	30.01.1987	21	Galatasaray AS	*	9	-	2	2	21	3
16	Uğur Boral	14.04.1982	26	Fenerbahçe SK	-	-	-	-	-	8	-
17	Tuncay Şanlı	16.01.1982	26	Middlesbrough FC	*	11	3	3	-	57	15
19	Ayhan Akman	23.02.1977	31	Galatasaray AS	-	2	-	-	-	11	-
<b>Forwards</b>											
8	Nihat Kahveci	23.11.1979	28	Villarreal CF	-	5	3	3	2	58	17
9	Semih Şentürk	29.04.1983	25	Fenerbahçe SK	-	2	-	3	1	7	2
18	Kazım Kazım	26.08.1986	21	Fenerbahçe SK	*	-	-	3	-	7	-
21	Mevlüt Erdinç	25.02.1987	21	FC Sochaux-Montbéliard	-	-	-	1	-	5	-
<b>Coach</b>											
-	Fatih Terim	14.09.1953	54	TUR	-	12	-	3	-	-	-

Head coach

**Croatia: Slaven Bilić**

**Date of birth:** 11 September 1968

**Nationality:** Croatian

**Playing career:** HNK Hajduk Split, Karlsruher SC, West Ham United FC, Everton FC, Hajduk

**Coaching career:** Hajduk, Croatia Under-21, Croatia

With Croatia finishing top of Group E in qualifying, former international defender Slaven Bilić has already rewarded the Croatian Football Federation for the faith they showed when hiring him as national team coach in July 2006 at the age of 37. Bilić is determined their achievements will not end there, signing a new contract in May until 2010 and saying: "This is one of the best national teams I have seen in the last five years."

Bilić, who has a law degree, began as a coach during 2002/03 with HNK Hajduk Split, the hometown club where he first made his name. He had gone back to the capital after several years abroad and it was soon clear he had loftier ambitions. He was appointed to lead Croatia's Under-21 side in summer 2004 and the team won their qualifying group for the 2006 UEFA European Under-21 Championship but missed out on the finals after a play-off defeat by Serbia and Montenegro.

Bilić was absent for that tie as he was in hospital after back surgery. He began as a defender with Hajduk and spent six years there before moving on to Bundesliga side 1. FC Kaiserslautern in 1993. West Ham United FC paid a then club-record fee of €2.3m for his services in January 1996 and his form in England earned him a place in Croatia's team at EURO '96™, where he helped them reach the quarter-finals before Everton FC came calling with a €6.6m bid in March 1997.

Capped 44 times by his country, his greatest achievement came at the 1998 FIFA World Cup when he helped Croatia to a third-place finish in their first finals appearance. During 1999/00, he returned home to Hajduk and fans in Split could see him indulge his other passion, heavy metal, when playing guitar in a band called Rawbau.

**Turkey: Fatih Terim**

**Date of birth:** 4 September 1953

**Nationality:** Turkish

**Playing career:** Adana Demirspor, Galatasaray AS

**Coaching career:** MKE Ankaragücü, Göztepe AŞ, Turkey Under-21, Turkey, Galatasaray AS (twice), ACF Fiorentina, AC Milan, Turkey

Fatih Terim ensured Turkey did not fail to qualify for a third successive tournament, and he is determined to make a big impression. "Had we missed our chance, someone would have had to take responsibility and I would have done so," he said. "But now we are through and I made a promise we would qualify and make a significant contribution at the finals."

Appointed as Turkey coach in 2005 following a break from management, Terim – known as 'Imparator' ('The Emperor') in his home country for his leadership skills – could not guide Turkey through a 2006 FIFA World Cup play-off against Switzerland which ended fractiously in Istanbul.

He had previously been appointed as Turkey coach in 1993 and led them to the finals of EURO '96™. They lost all of their games in England, but just getting there was a major landmark as Turkey's first finals appearance since the 1954 FIFA World Cup. It was an achievement that epitomised Terim's belief that professional discipline and raw passion lie at the heart of any great team. A central defender in his youth, he played for Galatasaray AS for over a decade and represented Turkey 51 times, 31 of them as captain.

Jobs at MKE Ankaragücü and Göztepe followed before he was named assistant to national team coach Sepp Piontek and put in charge of the Under-21 side in 1991. After EURO '96™ he returned to Galatasaray, winning four league titles and the 1999/00 UEFA Cup. Serie A came calling and Terim took charge of ACF Fiorentina and AC Milan before returning to Galatasaray but problems behind the scenes brought about a temporary retirement in 2004.

**Match officials**

<b>Referee</b>	Roberto Rosetti (ITA)
<b>Assistant referees</b>	Alessandro Griselli (ITA), Paolo Calcagno (ITA)
<b>Fourth official</b>	Manuel Mejuto González (ESP)
<b>Reserve official</b>	Juan Carlos Yuste Jiménez (ESP)
<b>UEFA Delegate</b>	Trygve Bornø (NOR)
<b>UEFA Referee observer</b>	Jozef Marko (SVK)

**Referee**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Nat.</b>	<b>Date of birth</b>
Roberto Rosetti	ITA	18.09.1967

Since first tasting UEFA competition with the UEFA European Under-17 Championship finals back in April 2002, Roberto Rosetti has enjoyed a rapid rise to the very highest levels of football. That was underlined when he was one of the European referees chosen for the 2006 FIFA World Cup. He was given four appointments in Germany, including the second-round meeting between Spain and France, and at 1.90m was the tallest official at the finals.

The Turin-based hospital manager, who enjoys playing tennis in his spare time, has been a highly-regarded match official in Italy for some years and earned his FIFA international badge in 2002. One of his first major continental club appointments came when he took charge of the 2004 UEFA Intertoto Cup final between FC Schalke 04 and FC Slovan Liberec. Rosetti, who speaks English and French as well as his native Italian, worked at the 2003 FIFA U-20 World Cup and then, in summer 2005, had three games at the FIFA Confederations Cup, which served as an ideal warm-up for the World Cup the following year.

He followed that with two UEFA Champions League matches in the 2005/06 campaign, along with three in the UEFA Cup. When relaxing away from sport, Rosetti enjoys reading and watching movies, and took charge of four UEFA Champions League matches in 2006/07, including Liverpool FC's 1-0 defeat of PSV Eindhoven in the quarter-final second leg. He ended the following club season by taking charge of the UEFA Champions League semi-final second leg between Chelsea FC and Liverpool.



Match-by-match lineups

**Final tournament Group B Croatia**

	<b>Pld</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>GF</b>	<b>GA</b>	<b>Pts</b>
Croatia	3	3	0	0	4	1	9
Germany	3	2	0	1	4	2	6
Austria	3	0	1	2	1	3	1
Poland	3	0	1	2	1	4	1

<b>Date</b>	<b>Match</b>	<b>Result</b>	<b>Stadium/Venue</b>
08.06.2008	Austria - Croatia	0-1	Ernst Happel, Vienna
<b>Goals:</b> 0-1 Modrić 4 (pen)			
<b>Croatia:</b> Pletikosa, Šimunić, R.Kovač, Ćorluka, N.Kovač, Srna, Modrić, Olić (Vukojević 83), Kranjčar (Knežević 61), Petrić (Budan 72), Pranjić			
08.06.2008	Germany - Poland	2-0	Wörthersee, Klagenfurt
<b>Goals:</b> 1-0 Podolski 20, 2-0 Podolski 72			
12.06.2008	Croatia - Germany	2-1	Wörthersee, Klagenfurt
<b>Goals:</b> 1-0 Srna 24, 2-0 Olić 62, 2-1 Podolski 79			
<b>Croatia:</b> Pletikosa, Šimunić, R.Kovač, Ćorluka, Rakitić, N.Kovač, Srna (Leko 80), Modrić, Olić (Petrić 72), Kranjčar (Knežević 85), Pranjić			
12.06.2008	Austria - Poland	1-1	Ernst Happel, Vienna
<b>Goals:</b> 0-1 Guerreiro 30, 1-1 Vastic 90+3 (pen)			
16.06.2008	Austria - Germany	0-1	Ernst Happel, Vienna
<b>Goals:</b> 0-1 Ballack 49			
16.06.2008	Poland - Croatia	0-1	Wörthersee, Klagenfurt
<b>Goals:</b> 0-1 Klasnić 53			
<b>Croatia:</b> Runje, Šimić, Vejić, Rakitić, Vukojević, Pokrivač, Knežević (Ćorluka 27), Leko, Klasnić (Kalinić 74), Petrić (Kranjčar 75), Pranjić			

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**Group E**

	<b>Pld</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>GF</b>	<b>GA</b>	<b>Pts</b>
Croatia	12	9	2	1	28	8	29
Russia	12	7	3	2	18	7	24
England	12	7	2	3	24	7	23
Israel	12	7	2	3	20	12	23
F.Y.R. Macedonia	12	4	2	6	12	12	14
Estonia	12	2	1	9	5	21	7
Andorra	12	0	0	12	2	42	0

<b>Date</b>	<b>Match</b>	<b>Result</b>	<b>Stadium/Venue</b>
06.09.2006	Russia - Croatia	0-0	Lokomotiv Stadium, Moscow
<b>Goals:</b> -			
<b>Croatia:</b> Pletikosa, R.Kovač, Ćorluka, Sabljic, Šerić, N.Kovač, Modrić, Kranjčar, Rapaić (Petrić 58), Klasnić (Babić 88), Eduardo (Leko 71)			

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07.10.2006 Croatia - Andorra 7-0 Maksimir, Zagreb  
**Goals:** 1-0 Petrić 12, 2-0 Petrić 37, 3-0 Petrić 48, 4-0 Petrić 50, 5-0 Klasnić 58, 6-0 Balaban 62, 7-0 Modrić 83  
**Croatia:** Pletikosa, Šimić, Šimunić, R.Kovač, Čorluka, N.Kovač (Leko 69), Modrić, Klasnić, Kranjčar, Petrić (Balaban 60), Eduardo (Babić 64)

11.10.2006 Croatia - England 2-0 Maksimir, Zagreb  
**Goals:** 1-0 Eduardo 61, 2-0 G. Neville 69 (o.g.)  
**Croatia:** Pletikosa, Šimić, Šimunić, R.Kovač, Čorluka, Rapaić (Olić 76), N.Kovač, Modrić, Kranjčar (Babić 89), Eduardo (Leko 81), Petrić

15.11.2006 Israel - Croatia 3-4 Ramat Gan, Tel Aviv  
**Goals:** 1-0 Colautti 8, 1-1 Srna 35 (pen) , 1-2 Eduardo 39, 1-3 Eduardo 54, 2-3 Benayoun 68, 2-4 Eduardo 72, 3-4 Colautti 89  
**Croatia:** Runje, Šimić, Šimunić, R.Kovač, Čorluka, N.Kovač, Srna (Olić 88), Modrić, Kranjčar (Babić 70), Petrić, Eduardo (Leko 81)

24.03.2007 Croatia - F.Y.R. Macedonia 2-1 Maksimir, Zagreb  
**Goals:** 0-1 Sedloski 36, 1-1 Srna 58, 2-1 Eduardo 87  
**Croatia:** Pletikosa, Šimić, Šimunić, Čorluka, Rapaić (Srna 45), Babić, Balaban (Budan 79), N.Kovač, Modrić, Kranjčar, Eduardo

02.06.2007 Estonia - Croatia 0-1 A Le Coq Arena, Tallinn  
**Goals:** 0-1 Eduardo 32  
**Croatia:** Pletikosa, Šimunić, R.Kovač, Čorluka, Babić, N.Kovač, Srna, Modrić, Kranjčar (Leko 74), Petrić (Olić 54), Eduardo (Balaban 84)

06.06.2007 Croatia - Russia 0-0 Maksimir, Zagreb  
**Goals:** -  
**Croatia:** Pletikosa, Čorluka, Šimić, R.Kovač, Šimunić, Srna (Leko 8), N.Kovač, Modrić, Kranjčar (Petrić 66), Eduardo, Olić (Babić 83)

08.09.2007 Croatia - Estonia 2-0 Maksimir, Zagreb  
**Goals:** 1-0 Eduardo 39, 2-0 Eduardo 45+1  
**Croatia:** Pletikosa, Šimić, Šimunić, R.Kovač, Čorluka, N.Kovač, Srna (Babić 82), Modrić, Kranjčar (Rakitić 61), Petrić (Olić 72), Eduardo

12.09.2007 Andorra - Croatia 0-6 Estadi Comunal, Andorra La Vella  
**Goals:** 0-1 Srna 34, 0-2 Petrić 38, 0-3 Petrić 44, 0-4 Kranjčar 49, 0-5 Eduardo 55, 0-6 Rakitić 64  
**Croatia:** Runje, Srna, R.Kovač, Čorluka, Knežević, Kranjčar, Modrić (Balaban 46), Leko, Babić, Petrić (Pranjić 46), Eduardo (Rakitić 62)

13.10.2007 Croatia - Israel 1-0 Maksimir, Zagreb  
**Goals:** 1-0 Eduardo 52  
**Croatia:** Pletikosa, Šimić, Šimunić, R.Kovač, Čorluka, Srna, Modrić, Leko, Olić (Rakitić 81), Kranjčar (Pranjić 46), Eduardo

17.11.2007 F.Y.R. Macedonia - Croatia 2-0 Gradski, Skopje  
**Goals:** 1-0 Maznov 71, 2-0 Naumoski 83  
**Croatia:** Pletikosa, Šimić, Šimunić, R.Kovač, Čorluka, N.Kovač, Srna, Modrić, Kranjčar (Vukojević 75), Petrić (Mandžukić 42), Eduardo (Olić 54)

21.11.2007 England - Croatia 2-3 Wembley (new), London  
**Goals:** 0-1 Kranjčar 8, 0-2 Olić 14, 1-2 Lampard 56 (pen) , 2-2 Crouch 65, 2-3 Petrić 77  
**Croatia:** Pletikosa, Čorluka, Šimić, R.Kovač, Šimunić, Srna, Modrić, N.Kovač, Kranjčar (Pranjić 75), Olić (Rakitić 84), Eduardo (Petrić 69)

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Portugal	3	2	0	1	5	3	6
Turkey	3	2	0	1	5	5	6
Czech Republic	3	1	0	2	4	6	3
Switzerland	3	1	0	2	3	3	3

Date	Match	Result	Stadium/Venue
07.06.2008	Switzerland - Czech Republic	0-1	St. Jakob-Park, Basel
<b>Goals:</b> 0-1 Svěrkoš 71			
07.06.2008	Portugal - Turkey	2-0	Stade de Genève, Geneva
<b>Goals:</b> 1-0 Pepe 61, 2-0 Raul Meireles 90+3			
<b>Turkey:</b> Volkan Demirel, Servet Çetin, Hakan Balta, Gökhan Zan (Emre Aşık 55), Emre Belözoğlu, Aurélio, Nihat Kahveci, Tuncay Şanlı, Kazım Kazım, Mevlüt Erdinç (Sabri Sarioğlu 46), Hamit Altıntop (Semih Şentürk 76)			
11.06.2008	Czech Republic - Portugal	1-3	Stade de Genève, Geneva
<b>Goals:</b> 0-1 Deco 8, 1-1 Sionko 17, 1-2 Cristiano Ronaldo 63, 1-3 Quaresma 90+1			
11.06.2008	Switzerland - Turkey	1-2	St. Jakob-Park, Basel
<b>Goals:</b> 1-0 Hakan Yakin 32, 1-1 Semih Şentürk 57, 1-2 Arda Turan 90+2			
<b>Turkey:</b> Volkan Demirel, Servet Çetin, Hakan Balta, Aurélio, Nihat Kahveci (Kazım Kazım 85), Gökdeniz Karadeniz (Semih Şentürk 46), Tümer Metin (Mehmet Topal 46), Arda Turan, Emre Aşık, Tuncay Şanlı, Hamit Altıntop			
15.06.2008	Switzerland - Portugal	2-0	St. Jakob-Park, Basel
<b>Goals:</b> 1-0 Hakan Yakin 71, 2-0 Hakan Yakin 83 (pen)			
15.06.2008	Turkey - Czech Republic	3-2	Stade de Genève, Geneva
<b>Goals:</b> 0-1 Koller 34, 0-2 Plašil 62, 1-2 Arda Turan 75, 2-2 Nihat Kahveci 87, 3-2 Nihat Kahveci 89			
<b>Turkey:</b> Volkan Demirel, Servet Çetin, Hakan Balta, Mehmet Topal (Kazım Kazım 57), Aurélio, Nihat Kahveci, Semih Şentürk (Sabri Sarioğlu 46), Emre Güngör (Emre Aşık 63), Arda Turan, Tuncay Şanlı, Hamit Altıntop			

## Qualifying round Turkey

### Group C

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Greece	12	10	1	1	25	10	31
Turkey	12	7	3	2	25	11	24
Norway	12	7	2	3	27	11	23
Bosnia-Herzegovina	12	4	1	7	16	22	13
Moldova	12	3	3	6	12	19	12
Hungary	12	4	0	8	11	22	12
Malta	12	1	2	9	10	31	5

Date	Match	Result	Stadium/Venue
06.09.2006	Turkey - Malta	2-0	Commerzbank Arena, Frankfurt am Main
<b>Goals:</b> 1-0 Nihat Kahveci 56, 2-0 Tümer Metin 77			
<b>Turkey:</b> Rüştü Reçber, Mehmet Topuz, Can Arat, Gökhan Zan, Aurélio, Fatih Tekke (Nihat Kahveci 45), Yıldırım Baştürk (Arda Turan 45), Tümer Metin, Ergün, Hakan Şükür (Nuri 85), Hamit Altıntop			
07.10.2006	Hungary - Turkey	0-1	Ferenc Puskás, Budapest
<b>Goals:</b> 0-1 Tuncay Şanlı 41			
<b>Turkey:</b> Rüştü Reçber, Hamit Altıntop, Servet Çetin, Gökhan Zan, Aurélio, Gökdeniz Karadeniz (Hüseyin Çimşir 63), Arda Turan (Mehmet Topuz 90+1), İbrahim Üzülmez, Sabri Sarioğlu, Tuncay Şanlı (Can Arat 90+3), Hakan Şükür			

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- 11.10.2006 Turkey - Moldova 5-0 Commerzbank Arena, Frankfurt am Main  
**Goals:** 1-0 Hakan Şükür 35, 2-0 Hakan Şükür 37 (pen), 3-0 Hakan Şükür 43, 4-0 Tuncay Şanlı 68, 5-0 Hakan Şükür 73  
**Turkey:** Rüştü Reçber, Servet Çetin, Hamit Altıntop, Gökhan Zan, Aurélio, Gökdeniz Karadeniz (Tümer Metin 60), Arda Turan (Nihat Kahveci 72), İbrahim Üzülmez, Sabri Sarioğlu, Tuncay Şanlı, Hakan Şükür (Halil Altıntop 81)
- 24.03.2007 Greece - Turkey 1-4 Georgios Karaiskakis Stadium, Athens  
**Goals:** 1-0 Kyrgiakos 5, 1-1 Tuncay Şanlı 27, 1-2 Gökhan 55, 1-3 Tümer Metin 70, 1-4 Gökdeniz Karadeniz 81  
**Turkey:** Volkan Demirel, Servet Çetin, Hamit Altıntop, Gökhan Zan, İbrahim Üzülmez (Volkan Yaman 19), Aurélio, Tümer Metin (Gökdeniz Karadeniz 80), Sabri Sarioğlu, Gökhan (Hüseyin Çimşir 57), Hakan Şükür, Tuncay Şanlı
- 28.03.2007 Turkey - Norway 2-2 Commerzbank Arena, Frankfurt am Main  
**Goals:** 0-1 Brenne 31, 0-2 Andresen 40, 1-2 Hamit Altıntop 72, 2-2 Hamit Altıntop 90  
**Turkey:** Volkan Demirel, Sabri Sarioğlu, Servet Çetin, Emre Aşık, Hamit Altıntop, Tümer Metin (Volkan Yaman 45), Emre Belözoğlu, Gökdeniz Karadeniz (Yıldız 79), Aurélio, Hakan Şükür (Hüseyin Çimşir 90+3), Tuncay Şanlı
- 02.06.2007 Bosnia-Herzegovina - Turkey 3-2 Koševo, Sarajevo  
**Goals:** 0-1 Hakan Şükür 13, 1-1 Muslimović 27, 1-2 Sabri Sarioğlu 39, 2-2 Džeko 45+2, 3-2 Ćustović 90  
**Turkey:** Rüştü Reçber, Hamit Altıntop, Servet Çetin, Gökhan Zan, İbrahim Üzülmez, Aurélio, Sabri Sarioğlu (Ümit Karan 77), Gökdeniz Karadeniz (Hüseyin Çimşir 46), Arda Turan (Yıldıray Baştürk 64), Tuncay Şanlı, Hakan Şükür
- 08.09.2007 Malta - Turkey 2-2 Ta' Qali, Ta' Qali  
**Goals:** 1-0 Said 41, 1-1 Hakan Şükür 45, 2-1 Schembri 76, 2-2 Servet Çetin 78  
**Turkey:** Hakan Arıkan, Servet Çetin, İbrahim Toraman, Hamit Altıntop, İbrahim Üzülmez, Sabri Sarioğlu (Gökdeniz Karadeniz 52), Emre Belözoğlu, Arda Turan (Ayhan Akman 30), Tuncay Şanlı (Deniz Bariş 66), Halil Altıntop, Hakan Şükür
- 12.09.2007 Turkey - Hungary 3-0 İnönü, Istanbul  
**Goals:** 1-0 Gökhan 68, 2-0 Aurelio 72, 3-0 Halil Altıntop 90+3  
**Turkey:** Hakan Arıkan, Emre Aşık, Hamit Altıntop, Servet Çetin, İbrahim Üzülmez, Aurélio, Gökdeniz Karadeniz (Halil Altıntop 61), Ayhan Akman (Serdar Özkan 67), Tuncay Şanlı, Gökhan, Nihat Kahveci (Emre Belözoğlu 46)
- 13.10.2007 Moldova - Turkey 1-1 Zimbru, Chisinau  
**Goals:** 1-0 Frunza 11, 1-1 Ümit Karan 63  
**Turkey:** Hakan Arıkan (Volkan Demirel 17), Servet Çetin, Gökhan Zan, İbrahim Üzülmez, Emre Belözoğlu, Mehmet Topuz, Aurélio, Arda Turan (Tümer Metin 69), İnan (Ümit Karan 46), Tuncay Şanlı, Gökhan
- 17.10.2007 Turkey - Greece 0-1 Ali Sami Yen, Istanbul  
**Goals:** 0-1 Amanatidis 79  
**Turkey:** Volkan Demirel, Servet Çetin, Gökhan Zan, Hamit Altıntop, Emre Belözoğlu (Arda Turan 71), İbrahim Üzülmez, Aurélio, Gökdeniz Karadeniz (Hakan Şükür 65), Ümit Karan (Tümer Metin 46), Gökhan, Tuncay Şanlı
- 17.11.2007 Norway - Turkey 1-2 Ullevål, Oslo  
**Goals:** 1-0 Hagen 12, 1-1 Emre Belözoğlu 31, 1-2 Nihat Kahveci 59  
**Turkey:** Volkan Demirel, İbrahim Kas (Gökhan Gönül 15), Emre Aşık, Servet Çetin, Hakan Balta, Hamit Altıntop, Aurélio, Emre Belözoğlu, Arda Turan (Tuncay Şanlı 87), Nihat Kahveci, Semih Şentürk (Yusuf 67)
- 21.11.2007 Turkey - Bosnia-Herzegovina 1-0 Ali Sami Yen, Istanbul  
**Goals:** 1-0 Nihat Kahveci 43  
**Turkey:** Rüştü Reçber, Gökhan Gönül, Emre Aşık, Servet Çetin, Hakan Balta, Hamit Altıntop, Aurélio, Emre Belözoğlu, Arda Turan (Tuncay Şanlı 76), Nihat Kahveci (Gökdeniz Karadeniz 90), Semih Şentürk (Sabri Sarioğlu 61)

### Competition facts

#### UEFA European Championship: Did you know?

- Only three sides have ever won the UEFA European Championship on home soil: Spain (1964), Italy (1968) and France (1984).
- No side has ever retained the trophy, and no player has appeared in two victorious finals.
- A total of 23 matches in the final tournament – including five finals – have gone to extra time, with eleven decided by a penalty shoot-out, including the third-placed match between Czechoslovakia and Italy at the 1980 finals when no extra time was played.
- At UEFA EURO 2004™ the quarter-finals between England and Portugal and the Netherlands and Sweden were eventually settled with a shoot-out, while Greece defeated the Czech Republic in extra time in their semi-final tie.
- The first UEFA European Championship final, between the Soviet Union and Yugoslavia in 1960, was settled by extra time with the former running out 2-1 winners in Paris. Three subsequent finals have also required 30 additional minutes, Italy defeating Yugoslavia in a replay in 1968 after the first game had gone to extra time. Germany overcame the Czech Republic 2-1 with a golden goal in 1996 and four years later France beat Italy by the same scoreline, also with a golden goal, in Rotterdam – the last time extra time was needed in the final.
- The 1976 final between Czechoslovakia and West Germany also went to extra time but, with the sides locked together at 2-2, a penalty shoot-out was required to separate them – the first in UEFA European Championship finals history. Antonín Panenka settled the penalty contest, his memorable chip giving the Czechoslovakians a 5-3 victory in what remains the only final shoot-out in the competition.
- At the final tournament, four quarter-finals have required extra time – in 2004, Portugal v England and Sweden v the Netherlands, and England v Spain and France v the Netherlands in 1996 – and all four were ultimately decided by a shoot-out.
- UEFA EURO 2008™ is Germany's tenth successive UEFA European Championship final tournament, more appearances than any other side – they last missed out as West Germany in 1968. The Netherlands are taking part in the finals for the sixth successive edition.
- Italy are bidding to become only the third team to hold the UEFA European Championship and FIFA World Cup at the same time. West Germany won the European title in 1972 and added the world crown two years later, while France claimed the 1998 World Cup and UEFA EURO 2000™.
- A total of 15 players appeared in both those finals; for West Germany, Sepp Maier, Franz Beckenbauer, Hans-Georg Schwarzenbeck, Paul Breitner, Uli Hoeness and Gerd Müller and France's Fabien Barthez, Marcel Desailly, Bixente Lizarazu, Lilian Thuram, Didier Deschamps, Youri Djorkaeff, Patrick Vieira, Zinedine Zidane and Christophe Dugarry.
- Having played in Manchester United FC's UEFA Champions League final victory in Moscow on 21 May, Edwin van der Sar can join the exclusive band of five players who have appeared in European Champion Clubs' Cup and UEFA European Championship final victories in the same year. Luis Suárez achieved the feat with FC Internazionale Milano and Spain in 1964, while in 1988 PSV Eindhoven quartet Hans van Breukelen, Ronald Koeman, Barry van Aerle and Gerald Vanenburg were all in the victorious Netherlands side.
- Wim Kieft and Nicolas Anelka won the European Cup with PSV and Real Madrid CF in 1988 and 2000 respectively yet remaining on the bench for the Netherlands' and France's European Championship triumphs in those years. Anelka's Madrid and France team-mate from 2000, Christian Karembeu, holds the unique position of being an unused substitute in both final victories in the same year.
- A total of ten players have been UEFA European Championship final losers after appearing in a European Cup victory: Sepp Maier, Hans-Georg Schwarzenbeck, Franz Beckenbauer and Uli Hoeness (1976, FC Bayern München and West Germany) and Paulo Ferreira, Ricardo Carvalho, Nuno Valente, Costinha, Maniche and Deco (2004, FC Porto and Portugal).
- Conversely Chelsea's Michael Ballack could still join a list of four players who followed European Cup final defeat with EURO victory in the same year: Ignacio Zoco and Amancio Amaro (1964, Real Madrid and Spain) and Manny Kaltz and Hörst Hrubesch (1980, Hamburger SV and West Germany).

### UEFA European Championship final tournament: All-time records

#### • Leading scorer in a final tournament

**1960:** 2 François Heutte (FRA), Viktor Ponedelnik (URS), Valentin Ivanov (URS), Drazen Jerković (YUG)

**1964:** 2 Jesús María Pereda (ESP), Ferenc Bene (HUN), Deszö Novák (HUN)

**1968:** 2 Dragan Džajić (YUG)

**1972:** 4 Gerd Müller (FRG)

**1976:** 4 Dieter Müller (FRG)

**1980:** 3 Klaus Allofs (FRG)

**1984:** 9 Michel Platini (FRA)

**1988:** 5 Marco van Basten (NED)

**1992:** 3 Henrik Larsen (DEN), Karl-Heinz Riedle (GER), Dennis Bergkamp (NED), Tomas Brodin (SWE)

**1996:** 5 Alan Shearer (ENG)

**2000:** 5 Patrick Kluivert (NED), Savo Milošević (YUG)

**2004:** 5 Milan Baroš (CZE)

#### • Oldest player to appear:

**39yrs 91days:** Lothar Matthäus (Portugal 3-0 **Germany**, 20.06.2000)

**38yrs 308days:** Morten Olsen (Italy 2-0 **Denmark**, 17.06.1988)

**38yrs 271days:** Peter Shilton (**England** 1-3 Netherlands, 15.06.1988)

#### • Youngest player to appear:

**18yrs 115days:** Enzo Scifo (**Belgium** 2-0 Yugoslavia, 13.06.1984)

**18yrs 128days:** Valeri Bozhinov (Sweden 2-1 **Bulgaria**, 14.06.2004)

**18yrs 137days:** Johan Vonlanthen (England 3-0 **Switzerland**, 17.06.2004)

**18yrs 233days:** Wayne Rooney (France 2-1 **England**, 13.06.2004)

#### • Oldest player to score:

**38yrs 257 days:** Ivica Vastic (**Austria** 1-1 Poland, 12.06.2008)

**35yrs 77 days:** Jan Koller (Turkey 3-2 **Czech Republic**, 15.06.2008)

**35yrs 62 days:** Christian Panucci (**Italy** 1-1 Romania, 13.06.2008)

#### • Youngest player to score:

**18yrs 141days:** Johan Vonlanthen (**Switzerland** 1-3 France, 21.06.2004)

**18yrs 237days:** Wayne Rooney (**England** 3-0 Switzerland, 17.06.2004)

#### • Most goals in a match:

**9:** France 4-5 Yugoslavia (06.07.1960)

**7:** Netherlands 6-1 Yugoslavia (25.06.2000)

**7:** Yugoslavia 3-4 Spain (21.06.2000)

#### • Biggest victory:

**6-1:** Netherlands v Yugoslavia (25.06.2000)

**5-0:** Sweden v Bulgaria (14.06.2004)

**5-0:** Denmark v Yugoslavia (16.06.1984)

**5-0:** France v Belgium (16.06.1984)

#### • Fastest hat-trick

**18mins:** Michel Platini (**France** 3-2 Yugoslavia, 19.06.1984)

#### • Fastest goals

**1min 7 secs:** Dmitri Kirichenko (**Russia** 2-1 Greece, 20.06.2004)

**2mins 7secs:** Sergei Aleinikov (England 1-3 **Soviet Union**, 18.06.1988)

**2mins 14 secs:** Alan Shearer (Germany 1-1 (6-5pens) **England**, 26.06.1996)

**2mins 25secs:** Michael Owen (Portugal 2-2 (6-5pens) **England**, 24.06.2004)

**2mins 27secs:** Hristo Stoichkov (**Bulgaria** 1-0 Romania, 13.06.1996)

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### • Appearances

#### Players

#### Qualifying and final tournament

47: Lilian Thuram (FRA)  
39: Peter Schmeichel (DEN)  
39: Vitalis Astafjevs (LVA)  
38: Hakan Şükür (TUR)  
37: Sargis Hovsepyan (ARM)  
36: Edwin van der Sar (NED)  
36: Didier Deschamps (FRA)  
36: Theodoros Zagorakis (GRE)  
36: Rüştü Reçber (TUR)

#### Final tournament

16: Lilian Thuram (FRA)  
15: Edwin van der Sar (NED)  
14: Karel Poborský (CZE)  
14: Zinédine Zidane (FRA)  
14: Luís Figo (POR)

### Teams

#### Final tournament

10: West Germany/Germany  
8: Spain; Netherlands  
7: Denmark; England; France; Italy

### • Goals

#### Overall

22: Jon Dahl Tomasson (DEN)  
22: Hakan Şükür (TUR)  
21: Jan Koller (CZE)  
20: Davor Šuker (YUG/CRO)  
19: Raúl González (ESP)  
18: Zlatko Zahovic (SLO)  
17: Thierry Henry (FRA)  
17: Shota Arveladze (GEO)  
16: Gerd Müller (FRG)  
16: Marco van Basten (NED)  
15: Hristo Stoitchkov (BUL)  
15: Jürgen Klinsmann (GER)

#### Final tournament

9: Michel Platini (FRA)  
7: Alan Shearer (ENG)  
6: Thierry Henry (FRA)  
6: Patrick Kluivert (NED)  
6: Nuno Gomes (POR)  
5: Milan Baroš (CZE)  
5: Zinédine Zidane (FRA)  
5: Jürgen Klinsmann (GER)  
5: Marco Van Basten (NED)  
5: Ruud van Nistelrooy (NED)  
5: Savo Milošević (YUG)

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## Team facts

### Team facts: Croatia

#### UEFA European Championship record

**2004:** Group stage, final tournament

**2000:** Qualifying

**1996:** Quarter-finals

**1992:** n/a

**1988:** n/a

**1984:** n/a

**1980:** n/a

**1976:** n/a

**1972:** n/a

**1968:** n/a

**1964:** n/a

**1960:** n/a

#### Key facts

##### Overall record

**Pld:** 50 **W:** 31 **D:** 11 **L:** 8 **F:** 90 **A:** 39

##### Final tournament

**Pld:** 10 **W:** 5 **D:** 2 **L:** 3 **F:** 13 **A:** 12

##### Qualifying

**Pld:** 40 **W:** 26 **D:** 9 **L:** 5 **F:** 77 **A:** 27

#### Records

##### Qualifying

##### Biggest win

**7-0:** Croatia v Andorra, 07.10.2006, UEFA EURO 2008™ qualifying Group E

**7-1:** Croatia v Estonia, 03.09.1995, UEFA EURO '96™ qualifying Group 4

**6-0:** Andorra v Croatia, 12.09.2007, UEFA EURO 2008™ qualifying Group E

##### Biggest loss

**2-0:** F.Y.R. Macedonia v Croatia, 17.11.2007, UEFA EURO 2008™ qualifying Group E

**2-0:** Bulgaria v Croatia, 12.10.2002, UEFA EURO 2004™ qualifying Group 8

**2-0:** Republic of Ireland v Croatia, 05. 90.1998, UEFA EURO 2000™ qualifying Group 8

##### Final tournament

##### Biggest win

**3-0:** Croatia v Denmark, 16.06.1996, UEFA EURO '96™ Group D

##### Biggest loss

**3-0:** Croatia v Portugal, 19.06.1996, UEFA EURO '96™ Group D

#### EURO appearances (players)

##### Overall

**30:** Dario Šimić

**26:** Robert Kovač

**22:** Stipe Pletikosa

**22:** Niko Kovač

**21:** Josip Šimunić

**21:** Davor Šuker

**21:** Milan Rapaić



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### Final tournament

**5:** Niko Kovač  
**5:** Robert Kovač  
**5:** Josip Šimunić  
**5:** Ivica Olić  
**5:** Dario Šimić  
**4:** Zvonimir Boban  
**4:** Robert Jarni  
**4:** Davor Šuker  
**4:** Goran Vlaović  
**4:** Aljoša Asanović  
**4:** Slaven Bilić  
**4:** Darijo Srna

### Top scorers

#### Overall

**19:** Davor Šuker  
**10:** Eduardo da Silva  
**7:** Mladen Petrić

### Final tournament

**3:** Davor Šuker

**Last updated:** 17.06.2008

### Team facts: Turkey

#### UEFA European Championship record

**2004:** Play-offs for final tournament  
**2000:** Quarter-finals  
**1996:** Group stage, final tournament  
**1992:** Qualifying  
**1988:** Qualifying  
**1984:** Qualifying  
**1980:** Qualifying  
**1976:** Qualifying  
**1972:** Qualifying  
**1968:** Qualifying  
**1964:** Preliminary round  
**1960:** Last 16

#### Key facts

##### Overall record

**Pld:** 98 **W:** 37 **D:** 22 **L:** 39 **F:** 115 **A:** 140

##### Final tournament

**Pld:** 10 **W:** 3 **D:** 1 **L:** 6 **F:** 8 **A:** 14

##### Qualifying

**Pld:** 88 **W:** 34 **D:** 21 **L:** 33 **F:** 107 **A:** 126

#### Records

##### Qualifying

##### Biggest win

**5-0:** Turkey v Moldova, 11.10.2006, UEFA EURO 2008™ qualifying Group C  
**5-0:** Turkey v Liechtenstein, 16.10.2002, UEFA EURO 2004™ qualifying Group 7  
**5-0:** Turkey v Iceland, 12.10.1994, UEFA EURO '96™ qualifying Group 3

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### Biggest loss

**8-0:** England v Turkey, 14.10.1987, 1988 UEFA European Championship qualifying Group 4

**6-0:** Italy v Turkey, 02.12.1962, 1964 UEFA European Championship preliminary round

### Final tournament

#### Biggest win

**2-0:** Turkey v Belgium, 19.06.2000, UEFA EURO 2000™ Group B

#### Biggest loss

**3-0:** Turkey v Denmark, 19.06.1996, UEFA EURO '96™ Group D

### EURO appearances (players)

#### Overall

**38:** Hakan Şükür

**36:** Rüstü Reçber

**31:** Tugay Kerimoğlu

**30:** Alpay Özalan

**25:** Ogün Temizkanoğlu

**22:** Sergen Yalçın

#### Final tournament

**7:** Hakan Şükür

**7:** Ogün Temizkanoğlu

**7:** Arif Erdem

**7:** Rüstü Reçber

**7:** Alpay Özalan

**6:** Tugay Kerimoğlu

#### Top scorers

##### Overall

**22:** Hakan Şükür

**8:** Nihat Kahveci

##### Final tournament

**2:** Hakan Şükür

**2:** Nihat Kahveci

**2:** Arda Turan

**1:** Okan Buruk

**1:** Semih Şentürk

**Last updated:** 16.06.2008

### UEFA information

#### 'A great tournament so far'

As UEFA EURO 2008™ moves into the knockout stage, UEFA has praised the overall attitude of players and coaches in what the UEFA General Secretary David Taylor described today as "a great tournament so far". Mr Taylor said that the race for the European crown remained wide open, helping to give the UEFA European Championship its particular appeal. "We've seen some absolutely great games, we've now completed the group phase with 24 international matches and there has only been one 0-0 draw; the football really has been entertaining," he said. "This is a special tournament, and I think almost any of the last eight teams can win it. This is what gives this tournament its special appeal, the uncertainty of who is going to win that makes for a great sporting competition."

The UEFA General Secretary praised the main protagonists – the players and coaches – for the way that they have approached UEFA EURO 2008™ thus far, with just three red cards in the 24 games. "UEFA is heavily promoting the motto of 'respect'; in high-level competition the stakes are high, but the players have a good respect for each other, for the game and for the referees," he said. "You're always going to get individual incidents, but I think we've noticed that this tournament is marked by a much better attitude all round."

#### Zero tolerance for racism

The football family and anti-racism campaigners joined forces at the start of UEFA EURO 2008™ to deliver a strong message: racist conduct, discrimination and intolerance have no place at the tournament, or in the future. A key gathering in Basel brought together representatives of UEFA and the FARE (Football Against Racism in Europe) network for a reception featuring former players, administrators and non-government organisations to signal the beginning of a three-week anti-discrimination programme at UEFA EURO 2008™. The Unite Against Racism programme, run by the FARE network with UEFA's backing, as well as with the support of the professional players' union FIFPro, has included an advertising spot broadcast at every game – Different Languages, One Goal: No To Racism – pitch-side boards and activities with fans, culminating in high-profile activities on the field at the semi-finals in Basel and Vienna on 25 and 26 June.

#### Football For All

Fans arriving early for the first quarter-final between Portugal and Germany were treated to a fascinating curtain-raiser as the blind football teams of England and Spain met at St. Jakob-Park. The match was part of UEFA's Football for All campaign promoting disability sport, and was the first of four such games which preface the quarter-finals taking place in Basel and at the Ernst-Happel-Stadion in Vienna. Blind football matches consist of two seven-minute halves, and with three guides on each team giving instructions, quiet is required in the stadium so players can hear them. The ball is filled with a device that makes a rattling sound so the players can hear when it is near.

Further matches:

20 June (Vienna): Players with learning disabilities (Special Olympics SO) – SO Austria v ÖBSV Austria

21 June (Basel): Players with physical disabilities (Paralympics) – Switzerland v Germany

22 June (Vienna): Players with cerebral palsy – Republic of Ireland v Netherlands

#### New pitch in Basel

There were positive reactions to the new pitch at Basel's St. Jakob-Park, used for the first time for Thursday's quarter-final between Portugal and Germany. The pitch was brought in from the Netherlands to replace the surface which had suffered under the deluge of rain at last week's group-stage match between Switzerland and Turkey. "All the reactions we got are OK – official reactions from both teams and also from our experts. We're highly satisfied as regards the quality of the pitch for matches," said Euro 2008 SA media relations head Wolfgang Eichler. "It will take a couple of days for it to really look good, to have a uniform colour and look lush and green. It should be looking much better for the next match. For the players, the quality was excellent and there were absolutely no complaints."

#### Fan Zones a hit

Halfway through the tournament the official UEFA EURO 2008™ Fan Zones in the eight host cities had between them attracted over 2.5 million visitors. At the same point during UEFA EURO 2004™ in Portugal, the figure stood at around 200,000. "We have been very pleased with the way things have gone," said UEFA General Secretary David Taylor. "A special atmosphere has been created by the fans of the countries coming to Switzerland and Austria. It's something that maybe the club game could learn from – Fan Zones with the fans mixing and mingling, and creating fun. That is a very noticeable and very welcome trend we think is fantastic. The numbers of fans supporting Russia and Romania from the east of Europe – seeing them come in these numbers and enjoy the tournament is a new development. Even with these mixed weather patterns, the Fan Zones have been first class."

## Competition information

• **Format:** If the result stands as a draw at the end of normal playing time, extra time of two periods of 15 minutes shall be played. If the two teams are still level after extra time, the winners shall be determined by kicks from the penalty mark.

• **Key dates:** The quarter-finals are played on 19, 20, 21 and 22 June in the following format:

Match 1 Winner Group A v Runner-up Group B

Match 2 Winner Group B v Runner-up Group A

Match 3 Winner Group C v Runner-up Group D

Match 4 Winner Group D v Runner-up Group C

The semi-finals are played on 25 and 26 June:

Winner Match 1 v Winner Match 2

Winner Match 3 v Winner Match 4

The final is played at the Ernst-Happel-Stadion in Vienna on Sunday 29 June, with the winners of Semi-final 1 being designated as the home team for administrative purposes.

• **Disciplinary information:** As a rule, a player who is sent off is suspended for the next match in the competition. The Control and Disciplinary Body is entitled to augment this punishment. In the case of repeated cautions, a player is suspended for one match after two cautions in two different matches. In May, UEFA's Executive Committee decided at its meeting in Moscow to cancel single yellow cards after the quarter-finals of UEFA EURO 2008™. Consequently, a situation will not arise whereby players receive a second yellow card of the tournament in the semi-finals and are suspended for the final as a result.

• **Player eligibility:** The 16 participants in the final tournament had to submit a final list of 23 players – of which three had to be goalkeepers – at least ten days before the opening match of the tournament, on 7 June. In the event of a serious injury to a listed player before his team's first match in the final tournament, the player in question could be substituted only if a doctor from the UEFA Medical Committee and the team doctor both confirmed the injury was serious enough to prevent the player taking part.

• **Financial information:** UEFA has earmarked a total of €184m for the 16 teams competing in UEFA EURO 2008™ compared to €129m at UEFA EURO 2004™. The 16 teams in the final tournament will each receive a participating fee of €7.5m with a performance bonus of €1m for a win during the group stage and €500,000 for a draw. The eight teams who reach the quarter-finals will all receive an additional payment of €2m, with the four teams who progress to the semi-finals collecting an extra €3m. For the teams who take the field for the final at the Ernst-Happel-Stadion on 29 June, the runners-up will receive €4.5m with the winners collecting €7.5m. Therefore, if the victorious side at the final win all three of their group games, they would collect a maximum of €23m.

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### Legend

**:: All-time statistics**

The all-time record of the competing teams in the UEFA European Championship.

**Final tournament:** The UEFA European Championship was a four-team event in 1960, 1964, 1968, 1972 and 1976. From 1980 it was expanded to an eight-team finals and remained in that format in 1984, 1988 and 1992 until 1996, when the current 16-team format was adopted.

**Goals for/against:** 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 after a tie ended in a draw.

**:: Squad list**

The eligible list of players ordered first by playing position and then numeric order.

**UEFA EURO 2008™ qualifying:** Total UEFA EURO 2008™ appearances/goals in qualifying competition only.

**FT:** Total UEFA EURO 2008™ appearances/goals in final tournament only.

**Overall:** Total international appearances/goals.

**DoB:** Date of birth

**Age:** based on the date press kit was last updated

**BL:** Booking list (\*: misses next match if booked, S: suspended)

**:: Match officials**

The match officials appointed to officiate the fixture.

**National team competitions**

**EURO:** UEFA European Football Championship • **U21:** UEFA European Under-21 Championship

**WC:** FIFA World Cup • **CONFCUP:** Confederation Cup

**FRIE:** Friendly internationals • **U21FRIE:** Under-21 friendly internationals

**U21:** UEFA European Under-21 Championship

**U19:** UEFA Under-19 Championship • **U18:** UEFA European Under-18 Championship

**:: Competition stages**

**F:** Final

**GS:** Group stage

**GS1:** First group stage

**GS2:** Second group stage

**KO1:** First knockout round

**PR:** Preliminary round

**QF:** Quarter-finals

**QR:** Qualifying round

**QR1:** First qualifying round

**QR2:** Second qualifying round

**FT:** Final tournament

**QR3:** Third qualifying round

**R1:** First round

**R2:** Second round

**R3:** Third round

**R4:** Fourth round

**SF:** Semi-finals

**1/8:** Eighth-finals

**1/16:** Sixteenth-finals

**1st:** first leg

**2nd:** second leg

**P-O:** Play-off

**:: Other Abbreviations**

**AP:** Appearances

**Comp.:** Competition

**D:** Drawn

**DoB:** Date of birth

**GA:** Goals against

**GF:** Goals for

**L:** Lost

**Nat.:** Nationality

**N/a:** Not Applicable

**No.:** Number

**Pld:** Matches played

**Pos.:** Position

**Pts:** Points

**R:** Sent off (red card)

**Res.:** Result

**W:** Won

**Y:** Booked

**Y/R:** Sent off (yellow card then direct red)

**:: Statistics**

**(-)** : Denotes player substituted

**(\*)** : Denotes player dismissed/sent off

**(+)** : Denotes player introduced

**(+/-)** : Denotes player introduced and substituted