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Spain



France

Quarter-finals

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Previous meetings

Head to Head

FIFA World Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
27/06/06	1/8	Spain - France	1-3	Hannover	Villa 28(p); Ribéry 41, Vieira 83, Zidane 90+2

UEFA EURO 2000

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
25/06/00	QF	Spain - France	1-2	Bruges	Mendieta 38(p); Zidane 32, Djorkaeff 44

EURO '96

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
15/06/96	GS-FT	France - Spain	1-1	Leeds	Djorkaeff 48; Caminero 85

EURO '92

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
12/10/91	PR (GS)	Spain - France	1-2	Seville	Abelardo 33; Fernández 12, Papin 15
20/02/91	PR (GS)	France - Spain	3-1	Paris	Sauzée 14, Papin 58, Blanc 76; Bakero 10

1984 UEFA European Championship

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
27/06/84	F	France - Spain	2-0	Paris	Platini 57, Bellone 90

	Qualifying								Final tournament				Total					
	Home				Away				Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L										
EURO																		
Spain	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	3	0	1	2	5	0	1	4	4	10
France	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	3	2	1	0	5	4	1	0	10	4
FIFA*																		
Spain	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	3
France	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	3	1
Friendly matches																		
Spain	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24	13	5	6	52	22
France	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24	6	5	13	22	52
Total																		
Spain	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	4	0	1	3	30	13	6	11	57	35
France	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	4	3	1	0	30	11	6	13	35	57

* FIFA World Cup / FIFA Confederations Cup

Match background

Defending champions Spain must reverse an anomaly of history when they take on France in their UEFA EURO 2012 quarter-final in Donetsk. Spain have never beaten their neighbours in a competitive fixture which holds only unhappy memories for them, not least UEFA European Championship defeats in the 1984 final and then the 2000 quarter-finals, when Laurent Blanc was in the France team.

- Group D runners-up France were the last side to eliminate Spain from a major international tournament – the 2006 FIFA World Cup – and now face Vicente del Bosque's holders, who arrive in Ukraine having finished top of the Polish-based Group C. France played England (1-1) and Ukraine (2-0) in Donetsk in the group stage.
- The winners will play Portugal in the semi-finals, also in Donetsk, on 27 June.

Head-to-head record

- These teams have faced each other on 30 occasions, starting with a friendly meeting in Bordeaux in April 1922 which Spain won 4-0. Overall Spain hold a narrow advantage in the head-to-head stakes with a record of W13 D6 L11.
- Spain have won three of the last four encounters, the exception being France's 3-1 win in the round of 16 of the 2006 World Cup. That result gave France a record of five wins and one draw from competitive fixtures against Spain.
- France beat Spain 3-1 at home and 2-1 away in qualifying for EURO '92. Blanc played in both games, scoring in the first. He was also on the pitch when the countries drew 1-1 in the group stage at EURO '96, José Luis Caminero cancelling out a goal by Youri Djorkaeff.
- The biggest winning margin between the teams came in an 8-1 Spain victory in a friendly in Zaragoza in April 1929 – one of seven Spanish wins from the first eight encounters.

Selected previous meetings

3 March 2010: France 0-2 Spain (Villa 21, Ramos 45) – Stade de France, Saint-Denis, friendly

France: Lloris, Sagna, Escudé, Ciani, Evra, Gourcuff, L Diarra, Toulalan, Ribéry (Malouda 74), Henry (Govou 64), Anelka (Cissé 77).

Spain: Casillas, Ramos, Puyol (Albiol 46), Piqué, Arbeloa; Alonso (Senna 64), Silva (Güiza 81), Busquets, Fàbregas (Xavi 46), Iniesta (Navas 64), Villa (Torres 46).

- Spain prevailed in the countries' most recent encounter, posting their first victory in France since 1968 against Raymond Domenech's hosts.

27 June 2006: Spain 1-3 France (Villa 28pen; Ribéry 41, Vieira 83, Zidane 90+2) – Niedersachsenstadion, Hanover, FIFA World Cup, round of 16

Spain: Casillas, Pablo, Puyol, Ramos, Pernía, Fàbregas, Xavi (Senna 72), Alonso, Villa (Joaquín 54), Torres, Raúl González (García 54).

France: Barthez, Sagnol, Thuram, Gallas, Abidal, Makelele, Vieira, Ribéry, Zidane, Malouda (Govou 74), Henry (Wiltord 88).

- Spain took the lead through a David Villa penalty but lost their lead to a Franck Ribéry strike and, eventually, the match as late goals from Patrick Vieira and Zinédine Zidane took France a step closer to the Berlin final.

25 June 2000: Spain 1-2 France (Mendieta 38pen; Zidane 32, Djorkaeff 44) – Jan Breydelstadion, Bruges, UEFA EURO 2000, quarter-final

Spain: Cañizares, Salgado, Helguera (Gerard 77), Paco, Aranzabal, Munitis (Etxeberria 73), Guardiola, Abelardo, Mendieta (Urzaiz 57), Alfonso, Raúl González.

France: Barthez, Thuram, Blanc, Desailly, Lizarazu, Deschamps, Vieira, Djorkaeff, Zidane, Dugarry, Henry (Anelka 81).

- A France team featuring Blanc continued their march towards another UEFA European Championship success. The outcome may have been different had Raúl González not sent a late penalty over the bar but goals from Zidane and Djorkaeff were enough to send the then World Cup holders through.

27 June 1984: France 2-0 Spain (Platini 57, Bellone 90) – Parc des Princes, Paris, UEFA European Championship, final

France: Bats, Battiston (Amoros 73), Bossis, Le Roux, Domergue, Tigana, Fernandez, Platini, Giresse, Lacombe (Genghini 80), Bellone.

Spain: Arconada, Urkiaga, Salva (Bonillo 85), Gallego, Julio Alberto (Sarabia 75), Víctor Muñoz, Camacho, Señor, Francisco López, Carrasco, Santillana.

- Michel Platini's record ninth goal of the finals set hosts France on their way to a first major honour, his free-kick squirming through the grasp of Luis Arconada, the Spain goalkeeper and his opposing captain. Arconada picked the ball out of his net once more in the last minute after Bruno Bellone chipped in.
- The teams will meet again in qualifying Group I for the 2014 World Cup, Spain hosting France on 16 October with the reverse fixture on 26 March 2013.

Form guide

- Since their defeat by France at Germany 2006, Spain have lost only three of 46 competitive UEFA European Championship and World Cup fixtures and won 40 of them.
- France were unbeaten in 23 matches before losing to Sweden in their last group fixture. It was the second-longest sequence without defeat in their history.
- France have won only one game in a final tournament since beating Portugal to reach the 2006 World Cup final, against Ukraine on matchday two.
- The last team to beat Spain at a UEFA European Championship was Portugal in 2004, when a late goal from Nuno Gomes cost Iñaki Sáez's team a place in the quarter-finals.
- Spain's record in UEFA European Championship quarter-finals is W2 L5.
1960 Soviet Union (Spain withdrew)
1964 Republic of Ireland 5-1 h, 2-0 a (7-1 agg)
1968 England 0-1 a, 1-2 h (1-3 agg)
1976 West Germany 1-1 h, 0-2 a (1-3 agg)
1996 England 0-0 (2-4 pens)
2000 France 1-2
2008 Italy 0-0 (4-2 pens)
- France's record in UEFA European Championship quarter-finals is W4 L2.
1960 Austria 5-2 h, 4-2 a (9-4 agg)
1964 Hungary 1-3 h, 1-2 a (2-5 agg)
1968 Yugoslavia 1-1 h, 1-5 a (2-6 agg)
1996 Netherlands 0-0 (5-4 pens)
2000 Spain 2-1
2004 Greece 0-1
- There was no quarter-final stage in 1984 when Spain and France met in the final.

Team ties

- Blanc spent one season in Spanish football with FC Barcelona in 1996/97, helping them win the Spanish Super Cup.
- Del Bosque's first European tie as a coach with Real Madrid CF was a 2-1 aggregate defeat by Paris Saint-Germain FC in the 1993/94 UEFA Cup Winners' Cup quarter-finals.
- France's now famous Génération '87 – Samir Nasri, Hatem Ben Arfa and Jérémy Menez, minus unused substitute Karim Benzema – got the better of Spain in the final of the UEFA European Under-17 Championship on 15 May 2004 on home soil in Chateauroux. Nasri secured France's 2-1 success one minute from time after Gerard Piqué had equalised for a Spain side also including Cesc Fàbregas.
- Benzema plays with Iker Casillas, Raúl Albiol, Sergio Ramos, Álvaro Arbeloa and Xabi Alonso at Real Madrid.
- Ramos scored past Olympique Lyonnais goalkeeper Hugo Lloris in a 4-0 UEFA Champions League group stage win with Madrid this season.
- Fernando Torres and Juan Mata were in the Chelsea FC side that triumphed in May's UEFA Champions League final against an FC Bayern München team featuring Ribéry. At Stamford Bridge the Spanish pair are team-mates of Florent Malouda.
- Fernando Llorente and Javi Martínez were in the Athletic Club side that beat Blaise Matuidi's PSG 2-0 in Spain in this season's UEFA Europa League group stage.
- Gaël Clichy and Nasri play with David Silva at Manchester City FC. Clichy, Nasri and Laurent Koscielny were team-mates of Fàbregas at Arsenal.
- Adil Rami and Jordi Alba are team-mates at Valencia CF.

Match facts

SPAIN

- Spain are 17 competitive games without defeat, since their 1-0 loss to Switzerland on 16/06/2010 at the FIFA World Cup. They have lost four of their 14 friendlies in that time, however.
- Álvaro Arbeloa, Jordi Alba, Fernando Torres, Xabi Alonso and Javi Martínez are all a booking away from a suspension.
- Cesc Fàbregas has made six substitute appearances in the UEFA European Championship, only one fewer than the Netherlands' Aron Winter's record of seven.
- Spain's 4-0 victory against the Republic of Ireland was their biggest ever win at a UEFA European Championship, surpassing two three-goal triumphs over Russia at UEFA EURO 2008.
- Xavi Hernández made 133 passes against Ireland (completing 114), breaking the record for a UEFA European Championship game of the Netherlands' Ronaldo Koeman, who mustered 117 against Denmark in 1992.
- Vicente del Bosque's side made 672 completed passes to Italy's 341, 810 to Ireland's 198 and 639 to Croatia's 231.
- Spain have had over 50% possession in 19 of their last 20 games at major final tournaments, the exception being the UEFA EURO 2008 final against Germany (46%).

Injury news

- Carles Puyol (knee) and Spain's record scorer, David Villa (broken leg), were ruled out of the finals.

Miscellaneous

- Andrés Iniesta (v Croatia, Italy) and Torres (v Ireland) have won Carlsberg Man of the Match awards here.
- Spain, minus players from Chelsea FC and Copa del Rey finalists FC Barcelona and Athletic Club, travelled to a training camp in Schruns, Austria, on 22/05. Juan Mata and Torres joined them on 26/05, with the final 23-man squad unveiled the following day. Spain arrived at their EURO base of Gniewino on 05/06.
- Spain's squad includes 12 of the party that won UEFA EURO 2008: Iker Casillas, Raúl Albiol, Iniesta, Xavi, Torres, Fàbregas, Santi Cazorla, Alonso, Sergio Ramos, Arbeloa, David Silva and Pepe Reina.
- Casillas, Xavi, Alonso and Torres were also in the UEFA EURO 2004 squad, and for Casillas this represents a national record fourth UEFA European Championship appearance as he was also at UEFA EURO 2000.

Pre-tournament friendlies

03/06 Spain 1-0 China (Silva 84)

30/05 Spain 4-1 South Korea (Torres 11, Alonso 52pen, Cazorla 55, Negredo 79; Kim Do Heon 43)

26/05 Spain 2-0 Serbia (Adrián 67, Cazorla 74pen)

- Casillas kept his 73rd clean sheet for Spain against Serbia on 26/05, beating Edwin van der Sar's international record. Five days later he celebrated a record 95th international win against South Korea 4-1.

UEFA EURO 2012 qualifying

- Spain won eight out of eight in Group I, becoming one of only five sides to go through a qualifying campaign with a 100% record in the history of the UEFA European Championship.
- Ramos and Villa were the only players to feature in all eight group games for Del Bosque's side. Two of the final tournament squad did not feature in qualifying: Reina and Juanfran.

Domestic information

- Casillas, Ramos, Arbeloa, Albiol and Alonso helped Real Madrid CF win the Spanish Liga for the first time in four campaigns, though Albiol made just five league starts.
- FC Barcelona's Víctor Valdés, Gerard Piqué, Xavi, Fàbregas, Iniesta, Sergio Busquets and Pedro Rodríguez won the Copa del Rey, Pedro scoring twice on 25/05 in a 3-0 final triumph against an Athletic side featuring Fernando Llorente and Javi Martínez. Barça also won the UEFA Super Cup, Spanish Super Cup and FIFA Club World Cup.
- Mata and Torres were UEFA Champions League and FA Cup winners with Chelsea, while Reina enjoyed English League Cup success with Liverpool FC. Silva was in the Manchester City FC side that won the English top flight for the first time in 44 years.
- Juanfran, who made his Spain debut against Serbia on 26/05, was in the Club Atlético de Madrid XI that defeated an Athletic team featuring Llorente and Javi Martínez in the UEFA Europa League final in Bucharest on 09/05.

FRANCE

- France were 23 games unbeaten, winning 16 since a 1-0 home defeat by Belarus on 03/09/2010, before losing to Sweden on Tuesday.
- Philippe Mexès serves a one-match suspension against Spain; Jérémy Ménez and Mathieu Debuchy are a booking away from a ban.
- Victory against Ukraine on 15/06 ended France's national-record eight final tournament games without a win stretching back to the defeat of Portugal in the 2006 FIFA World Cup semi-final.
- Before beating Ukraine, France had never won a match at the UEFA European Championship without either Michel Platini or Zinédine Zidane in the team.
- Olivier Giroud made his competitive debut for France against Ukraine; Laurent Koscielny awaits his.
- Laurent Blanc is making his debut as coach in a major tournament; he took part in four as a player.

Injury news

- Samir Nasri and Franck Ribéry sat out Wednesday's training session due to "minor problems".
- Yohan Cabaye missed the Sweden defeat with a thigh problem.
- Younès Kaboul (knee) and Loïc Rémy (thigh) withdrew from the preliminary squad due to injuries.
- Abou Diaby and Lassana Diarra were not considered for selection after injuries restricted their seasons, while Bacary Sagna broke a leg on 05/05.
- A recurring ankle problem was cited as the reason for Yoann Gourcuff failing to make the last 23.

Miscellaneous

- On 21/06, LOSC Lille Métropole announced Marvin Martin will join from FC Sochaux-Montbéliard.
- Blanc made two squad announcements due to the late finish of the Ligue 1 season. He first selected 12 foreign-based players, who began preparations at Clairefontaine on 18/05 minus Florent Malouda and Ribéry due to the following day's UEFA Champions League final. Fourteen France-based players teamed up with the squad on 24/05.
- Ribéry linked up ahead of the friendly against Iceland on 26/05 and Les Bleus travelled to Donetsk on 06/06.
- Six players have previous UEFA European Championship experience, all from 2008: Steve Mandanda, Malouda, Karim Benzema, Nasri, Patrice Evra and Ribéry.

Pre-tournament friendlies

05/06 France 4-0 Estonia (Ribéry 24, Benzema 36 47, Ménez 90+1)

31/05 France 2-0 Serbia (Ribéry 11, Malouda 16)

27/05 France 3-2 Iceland (Debuchy 52, Ribéry 84, Rami 87; Bjarnason 27, Sigthórsson 34)

UEFA EURO 2012 qualifying

- Hugo Lloris was the only man to play every minute of France's campaign, keeping six clean sheets in ten qualifiers.
- Les Bleus lost their opener at home to Belarus before embarking on a nine-match unbeaten run to top the section.
- Five of France's finals squad did not play in qualifying: Mandanda, Cédric Carrasso, Laurent Koscielny, Hatem Ben Arfa and Giroud.

Domestic information

- Malouda was a 73rd-minute substitute in Chelsea FC's UEFA Champions League final triumph against Ribéry's FC Bayern München on 19/05. He also featured a fortnight earlier in the dying moments of the FA Cup final, helping the Blues edge a 2-1 victory against Liverpool FC.
- Nasri and Gaël Clichy helped Manchester City FC win their first English top-flight title in 44 years.
- Giroud was Ligue 1's joint top scorer, registering 21 times as Montpellier Hérault SC sealed their first title.
- Lloris won his first trophy since joining Olympique Lyonnais in 2008 as Rémi Garde's team beat amateur side US Quevilly 1-0 to lift the French Cup on 28/04.
- Alou Diarra, Mathieu Valbuena and Mandanda helped Olympique de Marseille retain the League Cup, beating Lyon 1-0 in the final on 14/04.
- Benzema scored 21 goals in 34 Liga appearances, supplanting Zidane as the Spanish top flight's highest scoring Frenchman in the process, as Real Madrid CF claimed their first title since 2007/08.

Team facts

Team facts: Spain

UEFA European Championship record

2008: winners

2004: group stage, final tournament

2000: quarter-finals

1996: quarter-finals

1992: qualifying

1988: group stage, final tournament

1984: runners-up

1980: group stage, final tournament

1976: quarter-finals

1972: qualifying

1968: quarter-finals

1964: winners

1960: quarter-finals

Team EURO records

Final tournament win

4-0: Spain v Republic of Ireland, 14/06/12, group stage

Final tournament loss

2-0: Germany v Spain, 17/06/88, group stage

2-0: France v Spain, 27/06/84, final

Qualifying win

12-1: Spain v Malta, 21/12/83

Qualifying loss

1-3: three times, most recently France v Spain, 20/02/91

0-2: three times, most recently Sweden v Spain, 07/10/06

Note: Spain's quarter-final against the Soviet Union on 22/05/60 was awarded **3-0** to the Soviet Union after Spain withdrew

Player EURO records

Final tournament appearances

11: Iker Casillas

11: Fernando Torres

10: Rafael Gordillo

9: Cesc Fàbregas

9: Andrés Iniesta

9: Xabi Alonso

Final tournament goals

4: David Villa

4: Fernando Torres

3: Alfonso Pérez

3: Cesc Fàbregas

Overall appearances

38: Iker Casillas

31: Andoni Zubizarreta

29: Xavi Hernández

27: Raúl González

27: Sergio Ramos

Overall goals

19: Raúl González

18: David Villa

14: Carlos Santillana

10: Fernando Hierro

Team facts: France

UEFA European Championship record

2008: group stage

2004: quarter-finals

2000: winners

1996: semi-finals

1992: group stage, final tournament

1988: did not qualify

1984: winners

1980: did not qualify

1976: did not qualify

1972: did not qualify

1968: Quarter-finals

1964: Quarter-finals

1960: Fourth place

Team EURO records

Final tournament win

5-0: France v Belgium, 16/06/84, group stage

Final tournament loss

4-1: Netherlands v France, 13/06/08, group stage

Qualifying win

10-0: France v Azerbaijan, 06/09/95

Qualifying loss

5-1: Yugoslavia v France, 24/04/68

Player EURO records

Final tournament appearances

16: Lilian Thuram

14: Zinédine Zidane

13: Laurent Blanc

13: Didier Deschamps

12: Marcel Desailly

12: Bixente Lizarazu

Final tournament goals

9: Michel Platini

6: Thierry Henry

5: Zinédine Zidane

Overall appearances

47: Lilian Thuram

36: Didier Deschamps

35: Laurent Blanc

34: Marcel Desailly

33: Zinédine Zidane

Overall goals

18: Thierry Henry

12: Jean-Pierre Papin

12: David Trezeguet

11: Zinédine Zidane

11: Youri Djorkaeff

Squad list

Spain

No	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	UEFA EURO 2012				Overall	
						Qual.		FT		Team	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers											
1	Iker Casillas	20/05/81	31	Real Madrid CF	-	7	-	3	-	134	-
12	Víctor Valdés	14/01/82	30	FC Barcelona	-	1	-	-	-	8	-
23	Pepe Reina	31/08/82	29	Liverpool FC	-	-	-	-	-	25	-
Defenders											
2	Raúl Albiol	04/09/85	26	Real Madrid CF	-	3	-	-	-	34	-
3	Gerard Piqué	02/02/87	25	FC Barcelona	-	7	-	3	-	42	4
4	Javi Martínez	02/09/88	23	Athletic Club	*	2	-	1	-	8	-
5	Juanfran	09/01/85	27	Club Atlético de Madrid	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
15	Sergio Ramos	30/03/86	26	Real Madrid CF	-	8	1	3	-	89	6
17	Álvaro Arbeloa	17/01/83	29	Real Madrid CF	*	6	-	3	-	38	-
18	Jordi Alba	21/03/89	23	Valencia CF	*	1	-	3	-	8	-
Midfielders											
6	Andrés Iniesta	11/05/84	28	FC Barcelona	-	5	1	3	-	68	10
8	Xavi Hernández	25/01/80	32	FC Barcelona	-	6	2	3	-	112	11
10	Cesc Fàbregas	04/05/87	25	FC Barcelona	-	2	-	3	2	66	10
14	Xabi Alonso	25/11/81	30	Real Madrid CF	*	6	1	3	-	99	13
16	Sergio Busquets	16/07/88	23	FC Barcelona	-	7	-	3	-	42	-
20	Santi Cazorla	13/12/84	27	Málaga CF	-	5	-	1	-	44	6
21	David Silva	08/01/86	26	Manchester City FC	-	6	4	3	1	61	17
22	Jesús Navas	21/11/85	26	Sevilla FC	-	1	-	2	1	19	2
Forwards											
7	Pedro Rodríguez	28/07/87	24	FC Barcelona	-	2	-	-	-	15	2
9	Fernando Torres	20/03/84	28	Chelsea FC	*	3	2	3	2	96	30
11	Álvaro Negredo	20/08/85	26	Sevilla FC	-	1	2	1	-	11	6
13	Juan Mata	28/04/88	24	Chelsea FC	-	3	2	-	-	18	5
19	Fernando Llorente	26/02/85	27	Athletic Club	-	5	3	-	-	20	7
Coach											
-	Vicente del Bosque	23/12/50	61	-	-	8	-	3	-	3	-

France

No	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	UEFA EURO 2012				Overall	
						Qual.		FT		Team	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers											
1	Hugo Lloris	26/12/86	25	Olympique Lyonnais	-	10	-	3	-	36	-
16	Steve Mandanda	28/03/85	27	Olympique de Marseille	-	-	-	-	-	15	-
23	Cédric Carrasso	30/12/81	30	FC Girondins de Bordeaux	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Defenders											
2	Mathieu Debuchy	28/07/85	26	LOSC Lille Métropole	*	1	-	3	-	8	1
3	Patrice Evra	15/05/81	31	Manchester United FC	-	5	-	1	-	42	-
4	Adil Rami	27/12/85	26	Valencia CF	-	9	-	3	-	23	1
5	Philippe Mexès	30/03/82	30	AC Milan	S	5	1	3	-	29	1
13	Anthony Réveillère	10/11/79	32	Olympique Lyonnais	-	5	1	-	-	17	1
21	Laurent Koscielny	10/09/85	26	Arsenal FC	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
22	Gaël Clichy	26/07/85	26	Manchester City FC	-	4	-	2	-	14	-
Midfielders											
6	Yohan Cabaye	14/01/86	26	Newcastle United FC	-	3	-	2	1	15	1
7	Franck Ribéry	07/04/83	29	FC Bayern München	-	4	-	3	-	63	10
8	Mathieu Valbuena	28/09/84	27	Olympique de Marseille	-	4	-	-	-	12	2
11	Samir Nasri	26/06/87	24	Manchester City FC	-	8	1	3	1	34	4
12	Blaise Matuidi	09/04/87	25	Paris Saint-Germain FC	-	1	-	-	-	4	-
14	Jérémy Ménez	07/05/87	25	Paris Saint-Germain FC	*	2	-	2	1	15	2
15	Florent Malouda	13/06/80	32	Chelsea FC	-	9	3	2	-	79	9
17	Yann M'Vila	29/06/90	21	Stade Rennais FC	-	8	1	2	-	21	1
18	Alou Diarra	15/07/81	30	Olympique de Marseille	-	6	-	3	-	44	-
19	Marvin Martin	10/01/88	24	FC Sochaux-Montbéliard	-	4	-	2	-	14	2
20	Hatem Ben Arfa	07/03/87	25	Newcastle United FC	-	-	-	2	-	13	2
Forwards											
9	Olivier Giroud	30/09/86	25	Montpellier Hérault SC	-	-	-	2	-	8	1
10	Karim Benzema	19/12/87	24	Real Madrid CF	-	7	3	3	-	48	15
Coach											
-	Laurent Blanc	19/11/65	46	-	-	10	-	3	-	3	-

Head coach

Spain: Vicente del Bosque

Date of birth: 23 December 1950

Nationality: Spanish

Playing career: Real Madrid Castilla, Córdoba CF, CD Castellón, Real Madrid CF

Coaching career: Real Madrid Castilla, Real Madrid CF, Beşiktaş JK, Spain

- Came up through the youth ranks at Real Madrid and became an important member of the team as a defensive midfielder during the 1970s, winning five league titles in six seasons and four Spanish Cups.
- Capped 18 times, Del Bosque ended Spain career at the 1980 UEFA European Championship in Italy – his only major tournament as a player. Also appeared for Madrid in the 1981 European Champion Clubs' Cup final against Liverpool FC.
- Joined Madrid's coaching staff shortly after stopping playing in 1984 and spent many years in youth development, stepping up in 1994 and 1996 as the first team's interim coach.
- Given the job full time in November 1999, he won seven trophies including two UEFA Champions League triumphs and two Spanish titles. Left in 2003 and resurfaced briefly in Turkey with Beşiktaş.
- Succeeded Luis Aragonés as Spain coach in July 2008. Set a new global record by winning his opening 13 matches and steered the European champions to the 2010 FIFA World Cup with a perfect qualifying record. Went on to guide Spain to a first world title in South Africa with a final victory against the Netherlands and subsequently took team to UEFA EURO 2012 with wins in all eight qualifiers.

France: Laurent Blanc

Date of birth: 19 November 1965

Nationality: French

Playing career: Montpellier Hérault SC, Napoli SSC, Nîmes Olympique SC, AS Saint-Étienne, AJ Auxerre, FC Barcelona, Olympique de Marseille, FC Internazionale Milano, Manchester United FC

Coaching career: FC Girondins de Bordeaux, France

- The defender's 20-year club career brought a French Cup win with Montpellier in 1990, a 1996 league and cup double with Auxerre, the 1997 UEFA Cup Winners' Cup with Barcelona and a Premier League title with United just before retirement in 2003.
- Nicknamed Le Président on account of his authority, elegance and leadership.
- Famous for 'good luck' kiss on goalkeeper Fabien Barthez's bald head before kick-offs, he won the 1998 FIFA World Cup on home soil after scoring France's golden goal winner against Paraguay in the last 16, but missed the Paris final after being sent off in the semis.
- Helped France win UEFA EURO 2000, scoring against Denmark in the group stage, before retiring from international football that year with 97 caps and 16 goals.
- Spent four years gaining coaching qualifications before taking charge of Bordeaux in June 2007. His team finished second in his first season and won a championship and League Cup double in 2009. Guided Bordeaux into 2009/10 UEFA Champions League quarter-finals before succeeding Raymond Domenech as France coach that summer, leading his new team to UEFA EURO 2012.

Match officials

Referee	Nicola Rizzoli (ITA)
Assistant referees	Renato Faverani (ITA), Andrea Stefani (ITA)
Additional assistant referees	Gianluca Rocchi (ITA), Paolo Tagliavento (ITA)
Fourth official	Craig Thomson (SCO)
Reserve official	Alasdair Ross (SCO)
UEFA Delegate	Armen Minasyan (ARM)
UEFA Referee observer	Kyros Vassaras (GRE)

Referee

Name	Date of birth	Nationality
Nicola Rizzoli	05/10/1971	ITA

• Born in the Italian town of Mirandola in October 1971, Nicola Rizzoli is following in the footsteps of one of the most famous referees of recent years, Pierluigi Collina, who also started his career as part of the group of match officials based in Bologna.

• An architect by profession, Rizzoli was promoted to the refereeing lists for Serie A and B in 2001, making his top-flight debut the following year.

• His major breakthrough came in 2006/07 when he took charge of some of Serie A's most high-profile fixtures, including the game between AS Roma and FC Internazionale Milano and the derbies in Milan and Rome. By the end of that season he had become a regular presence as a fourth official in the UEFA Champions League and UEFA Cup.

• Rizzoli made his only refereeing appearance in UEFA EURO 2008 qualifying in the Netherlands-Slovenia match in October 2007 having received his FIFA badge earlier that year. Also in the middle for three 2010 FIFA World Cup qualifiers.

• He was selected in the UEFA Champions League proper for the first time at the start of 2008/09, taking charge of two games in that season's group stage. Rizzoli oversaw six more the following season, which concluded with him refereeing the first UEFA Europa League final in Hamburg having taken charge of the Coppa Italia showpiece a week earlier, and was in the middle for five matches in the 2010/11 UEFA Champions League.

UEFA European Championship matches featuring teams from the two countries involved in this match

Date	Competition	Stage	Home	Away	Result	Venue
11/06/12	EURO	GS	France	England	1-1	Donetsk

Other matches

Date	Competition	Stage	Home	Away	Result	Venue
17/10/07	EURO	QR	Netherlands	Slovenia	2-0	Eindhoven
07/09/10	EURO	QR	Switzerland	England	1-3	Basel
03/06/11	EURO	QR	Belgium	Turkey	1-1	Brussels
11/10/11	EURO	QR	Denmark	Portugal	2-1	Copenhagen
15/11/11	EURO	PO	Montenegro	Czech Republic	0-1	Podgorica
17/06/12	EURO	GS	Portugal	Netherlands	2-1	Kharkiv

Competition facts

UEFA European Championship final tournament: Did you know?

- Germany are the most competition's most successful side having lifted the trophy in 1972, 1980 (both as West Germany) and 1996, reaching the final in 1976, 1992 and 2008. Only Spain (1964, 2008) and France (1984, 2000) have also triumphed more than once.
- 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 ever appeared in two victorious UEFA European Championship finals. The Soviet Union (1960, 1964) and West Germany (1972, 1976) returned to the finals as holders only to lose, while Rainer Bonhof twice picked up a winners' medal with West Germany (1972, 1980) but did not play in either tournament.
- Berti Vogts was a winner as a player with West Germany in 1972 and as coach of Germany in 1996, making him the only man to win as player and coach.
- Since 1980, when the final tournament expanded to become an eight-team event, the hosts or co-hosts have only failed to reach the semi-finals – or better – three times: Italy (1980), Belgium (2000) and Austria and Switzerland (2008).
- UEFA EURO 2012 is Germany's 11th successive UEFA European Championship final tournament – they last missed out as West Germany in 1968. The Netherlands are taking part in the finals for the seventh successive edition.
- Germany are appearing in the finals for the eleventh time, one more than Russia. This is the ninth tournament for the Netherlands and Spain.
- Five teams have qualified for the finals with a perfect record, including Spain and Germany this time round. The others are France (1992 and 2004) and Czech Republic (2000).
- The Netherlands' 6-1 defeat of Yugoslavia in the UEFA EURO 2000 quarter-finals is the biggest win in a final tournament. Three games have finished 5-0, most recently Sweden's 2004 defeat of Bulgaria.
- That 2000 Netherlands win is also the biggest margin of victory in a UEFA European Championship quarter-final, going back to 1960. Before the final tournament expanded to eight teams in 1980, five teams scored five goals in a single last-eight fixture: France (5-1 v Austria, 1960), Spain (5-1 v Republic of Ireland, 1964), Netherlands (5-0 v Belgium, 1976) and Yugoslavia twice (5-1 v both Portugal, 1960 and France, 1968).
- Since quarter-finals were re-introduced in 1996, the biggest margin of victory aside from the Dutch's 6-1 triumph in 2000 is the Czech Republic's 3-0 defeat of Denmark four years later. Only two other teams have scored three goals or more, both in 2008: Germany beat Portugal 3-2 and Russia were 3-1 victors against the Netherlands, the latter after extra time.
- Spain are seeking to retain the trophy having already 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 won the 1998 World Cup and UEFA EURO 2000. No team has ever won three consecutive world and continental titles.
- 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 played in both matches, while Fabien Barthez, Marcel Desailly, Bixente Lizarazu, Lilian Thuram, Didier Deschamps, Youri Djorkaeff, Patrick Vieira, Zinédine Zidane and Christophe Dugarry also achieved the feat for France.
- Iker Casillas, Sergio Ramos, Carles Puyol, Joan Capdevila, Andrés Iniesta, Xavi Hernández, Cesc Fàbregas, Xabi Alonso and Fernando Torres played in Spain's 2008 EURO final win and the 2010 World Cup success.
- Five players have appeared in European 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 Breucklen, Ronald Koeman, Barry van Aerle and Gerald Vanenburg were all in the victorious Netherlands side.
- Wim Kieft and Nicolas Anelka narrowly missed out on this club. A Champion Clubs' Cup finalist with PSV in 1988, Kieft was an unused substitute in the Netherlands' European triumph, while Nicolas Anelka was similarly thwarted with France in 2000 after appearing in Real Madrid CF's UEFA Champions League final. Anelka's Madrid team-mate

Christian Karembeu holds the unique position of being an unused substitute in both European Cup and European Championship final victories in the same year.

- In 2008 Germany's Michael Ballack, then with Chelsea FC, became the first player to appear in European Cup and EURO final defeats in the same year.
- Four players have followed European Cup final defeat with EURO victory in the same year: Ignacio Zoco and Amancio Amaro (1964, Real Madrid CF and Spain) and Manny Kaltz and Horst Hrubesch (1980, Hamburger SV and West Germany).
- Lothar Matthäus is the oldest player to appear in a UEFA European Championship finals; he was aged 39 years 91 days in Germany's 3-0 loss to Portugal at UEFA EURO 2000.
- Jetro Willems became the youngest player to grace a UEFA European Championship when he started the Netherlands' opening Group B match against Denmark at UEFA EURO 2012. The PSV Eindhoven defender was aged 18 years and 71 days, breaking the record held by Belgium's Enzo Scifo, who was 18 years and 115 days against Yugoslavia in 1984.
- Before UEFA EURO 2012, five players had appeared in four final tournaments: Lothar Matthäus, Peter Schmeichel, Alessandro Del Piero, Edwin van der Sar and Lilian Thuram. Olof Mellberg and Iker Casillas joined the group in Poland and Ukraine.
- Austria's Ivica Vastic is the oldest player to score having found the net in a 1-1 draw against Poland at UEFA EURO 2008 aged 38 years 257 days.
- Johan Vonlanthen was 18 years 141 days old when scoring in Switzerland's 3-1 defeat by France at UEFA EURO 2004, making him the youngest player to strike in the finals.
- Russia's Dmitri Kirichenko scored the fastest goal in a UEFA European Championship; his effort against Greece at UEFA EURO 2004 was timed at 67 seconds.
- There have been eight hat-tricks in a final tournament: Dieter Müller (1976), Klaus Allofs (1980), Michel Platini (1984, twice), Marco van Basten (1988), Sérgio Conceição (2000), Patrick Kluivert (2000) and David Villa (2008).

Match-by-match lineups

Spain

Final tournament Group C

Standings

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Spain	3	2	1	0	6	1	7
Italy	3	1	2	0	4	2	5
Croatia	3	1	1	1	4	3	4
Republic of Ireland	3	0	0	3	1	9	0

Matchday 1 (10/06/12)

Spain 1-1 Italy

Goals: 0-1 Di Natale 61, 1-1 Fàbregas 64

Spain: Casillas, Piqué, Iniesta, Xavi Hernández, Fàbregas (Torres 74), Xabi Alonso, Sergio Ramos, Busquets, Arbeloa, Jordi Alba, Silva (Jesús Navas 64)

Matchday 2 (14/06/12)

Spain 4-0 Republic of Ireland

Goals: 1-0 Torres 4, 2-0 Silva 49, 3-0 Torres 70, 4-0 Fàbregas 83

Spain: Casillas, Piqué, Iniesta (Santi Cazorla 80), Xavi Hernández, Torres (Fàbregas 74), Xabi Alonso (Javi Martínez 65), Sergio Ramos, Busquets, Arbeloa, Jordi Alba, Silva

Matchday 3 (18/06/12)

Croatia 0-1 Spain

Goals: 0-1 Jesús Navas 88

Spain: Casillas, Piqué, Iniesta, Xavi Hernández (Negredo 89), Torres (Jesús Navas 61), Xabi Alonso, Sergio Ramos, Busquets, Arbeloa, Jordi Alba, Silva (Fàbregas 73)

Quarter-finals

(23/06/12)

Spain v France

France

Final tournament Group D

Standings

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
England	3	2	1	0	5	3	7
France	3	1	1	1	3	3	4
Ukraine	3	1	0	2	2	4	3
Sweden	3	1	0	2	5	5	3

Matchday 1 (11/06/12)

France 1-1 England

Goals: 0-1 Lescott 30, 1-1 Nasri 39

France: Lloris, Debuchy, Evra, Rami, Mexès, Cabaye (Ben Arfa 85), Ribéry, Benzema, Nasri, Malouda (Martin 85), A. Diarra

Matchday 2 (15/06/12)

Ukraine 0-2 France

Goals: 0-1 Ménez 53, 0-2 Cabaye 56

France: Lloris, Debuchy, Rami, Mexès, Cabaye (M'Vila 68), Ribéry, Benzema (Giroud 76), Nasri, Ménez (Martin 73), A. Diarra, Clichy

Matchday 3 (19/06/12)

Sweden 2-0 France

Goals: 1-0 Ibrahimović 54, 2-0 Larsson 90+1

France: Lloris, Debuchy, Rami, Mexès, Ribéry, Benzema, Nasri (Ménez 77), M'Vila (Giroud 83), A. Diarra, Ben Arfa (Malouda 59), Clichy

Quarter-finals

(23/06/12)

Spain v France

UEFA information

Children of Chernobyl visit Kyiv match

At the invitation of UEFA President Michel Platini, 150 Ukrainian and Belarusian children from the Children of Chernobyl Relief and Development Fund in Ukraine and the children's rehabilitation centre Nadezhda were given the football thrill of a lifetime when they attended the Group D match between Sweden and France at the Olympic Stadium in Kyiv. Before visiting the stadium, a group of the children met with the renowned Ukrainian rock band S.K.A.Y., whose members gave the boys and girls with gifts. In the stadium further surprises awaited the children at half-time, as they were introduced to UEFA general secretary Gianni Infantino and Croatian legend Davor Šuker – one of European football's most renowned strikers. Both answered questions from the enthusiastic youngsters, whose big day was rewarded with another entertaining 90 minutes of action.

Ban and fine for Bendtner

The UEFA Control and Disciplinary Body has suspended Denmark's Nicklas Bendtner for one competitive fixture for improper conduct at the Group B match against Portugal on 13 June. This suspension applies to the next 2014 FIFA World Cup match, including the qualifying competition, for which Bendtner is eligible. He has also been fined €100,000.

€80,000 fine for HNS

The Croatian Football Federation (HNS) has been fined €80,000 for the setting-off and throwing of fireworks, and the improper conduct of supporters (racist chants, racist symbols) at the Group C match against Italy in Poznan on 14 June.

RFS appeal against decision

The Football Union of Russia (RFS) has appealed against the decision by the UEFA Control and Disciplinary Body on 13 June to impose a deduction of six points for the qualifying competition of the next UEFA European Championship. This decision is suspended for a probationary period running from now until the end of the play-offs for the UEFA EURO 2016 finals. The RFS was also fined €120,000. The RFS was facing charges for the improper conduct of its supporters (crowd disturbances), the setting off and throwing of fireworks and the display of illicit banners at the Group A match against the Czech Republic in Wroclaw on 8 June.

EURO Legends choose Carlsberg Man of the Match

Legends who have graced past EUROS will be making a key contribution to UEFA EURO 2012 by voting for and helping to present the Carlsberg Man of the Match Award at each of the 31 games in Poland and Ukraine – and fans will join them in deciding who wins the coveted prize each time. A EURO legend, invited by UEFA President Michel Platini, will be present at each match. A fan vote will be accessible via the UEFA.com match centre, and the EURO Legend will take into consideration the fans' vote before making the final decision on the most outstanding man on the field during the match. A glittering array of superstars are being lined up to decide who wins each UEFA EURO 2012 Carlsberg Man of the Match Award. Fernando Couto (Portugal), Christian Karembeu (France), Predrag Mijatović (Montenegro), Peter Schmeichel (Denmark), Allan Simonsen (Denmark), Davor Šuker (Croatia) and Patrick Vieira (France) are among those who will act as award ambassadors in Poland and Ukraine.

Showcase games

UEFA EURO 2012 is welcoming disabled athletes to demonstrate their football skills at matches taking place ahead of the quarter-finals. These games form part of UEFA's RESPECT Inclusion projects, initiatives implemented by CAFE (Centre for Access to Football in Europe) to promote the integration of disabled players and fans into football. The showcase games give EURO 2012 fans the opportunity to watch disabled players compete against each other. A total of four matches are being staged at stadiums 90 minutes before the quarter-final games – a seven-a-side game for athletes with intellectual disabilities from Special Olympics Poland; a five-a-side game for blind and partially-sighted players from the CROSS association; a seven-a-side game for deaf players; and a seven-a-side game for players with locomotive disabilities, such as cerebral palsy.

Tournament charity benefits from EURO goals

Fans in the stadiums and in front of their TV screens have been hailing the goals at UEFA EURO 2012, and the Centre for Access to Football in Europe (CAFE), the official tournament charity, have had more reason than most to cheer with joy. UEFA is donating €3,000 to CAFE for each goal scored at the tournament. The group stage featured no less than 60 goals in 24 games – which means that European football's governing body donated €180,000, to contribute to improved access and facilities for disabled football fans. As part of the Respect programme at UEFA EURO 2012, UEFA is working with CAFE to manage separate Respect Inclusion initiatives, and football followers and other benefactors are being encouraged to donate money for upcoming schemes.

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 2012 qualifying: Total UEFA EURO 2012 appearances/goals in qualifying competition only.

FT: Total UEFA EURO 2012 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

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

WWC: FIFA Women's World Cup • **WCHAMP:** UEFA European Women's 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

ELITE: Elite round

3rdPO: Third-place play-off

GS-FT: Group stage – final tournament

3QR: Third qualifying round

R1: First round

R2: Second round

R3: Third round

R4: Fourth round

SF: Semi-finals

R16: round of 16

R32: Round of 32

1st: first leg

2nd: second leg

PO: Play-off

(Rep): Replay

PO - FT: Play-off for Final

Tournament

Prom/rel PO: Promotion/relegation play-off

:: Other abbreviations

(aet): Match decided after extra time

No.: Number

aetps: Match decided after extra time

o.g.: Own goal

and penalty shoot-out

ag: Match decided on away goals

(P): Penalty

agg: Aggregate

AP: Appearances

Comp.: Competition

D: Drawn

DoB: Date of birth

GA: Goals against

GF: Goals for

gg: Match decided by golden goal

L: Lost

Nat.: Nationality

N/a: Not applicable

(+): Denotes player introduced

(+/-): Denotes player introduced and substituted

(P): Penalty

Pld: Matches played

Pos.: Position

Pts: Points

R: Sent off (straight red card)

Res.: Result

sg: Match decided by silver goal

t: Match decided by toss of a coin

W: Won

Y: Booked

Y/R: Sent off (two yellow cards)

:: Statistics

(-): Denotes player substituted

(*): Denotes player sent off

:: Squad list

D: Disciplinary

S: Suspended

*: Misses next match if booked

#: Suspended for at least one match

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