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Match background

Exactly three weeks after they opened their UEFA EURO 2012 finals campaigns with a 1-1 draw in Gdansk, Spain and Italy meet again in Kyiv for the right to be crowned European champions.

- The matchday one draw means Spain have not won a competitive game against Italy since their very first meeting – though they did edge them out on penalties in the quarter-finals four years ago en route to lifting the trophy for the second time. Vicente del Bosque’s side could now become the first team to successfully defend the UEFA European Championship. Italy are in the final for the first time in 12 years as they look to claim a second European crown and their first in 44 years.

Head-to-head record
- Spain's record in 30 games against Italy is W8 D12 L10, but seven of those victories have come in friendly games.
- In the teams’ 11 competitive fixtures, Spain's record is W1 D5 L5, including a UEFA EURO 2008 quarter-final that Spain won on penalties after a goalless 120 minutes but which is classified as a draw. The sole outright Spanish victory, a 2-0 win, came in the sides’ first meeting at the 1920 Olympic Games.
- In FIFA World Cup and UEFA European Championship finals matches, Spain’s record against Italy reads W0 D4 L3 – three of those draws and a loss coming in the continental competition.
- Italy inflicted the joint heaviest defeat in Spain’s history during the 1928 Olympics, beating them 7-1 in an Amsterdam replay following a 1-1 quarter-final draw. A 7-1 friendly loss against England on 9 December 1931 matched that margin.
- The sides first met at a UEFA European Championship in 1980, playing out a 0-0 draw. Current La Roja coach Vicente del Bosque, capped 18 times, ended his Spain career at the tournament but did not play against Italy.
- At the 1988 finals, Italy beat Spain 1-0 in the second Group 1 game in Frankfurt thanks to Gianluca Vialli’s 73rd-minute goal.
- Italy’s most recent competitive victory against Spain came in the 1994 World Cup quarter-finals in Boston, Roberto Baggio’s 88th-minute effort securing a 2-1 victory.

Selected previous meetings
10 June 2012: Spain 1-1 Italy (Fàbregas 64; Di Natale 61) – Arena Gdansk, Gdansk, UEFA EURO 2012, group stage
Spain: Casillas, Arbeloa, Piqué, Ramos, Alba, Alonso, Busquets, Xavi, Silva (Navas 64), Fàbregas (Torres 74), Iniesta.
Italy: Buffon, Chiellini, Bonucci, De Rossi, Maggio, Marchisio, Pirlo, Motta (Nocerino 90), Giaccherini, Balotelli (Di Natale 56), Cassano (Giovinco 65).
- Cesc Fàbregas salvaged a draw after Antonio Di Natale’s first international goal since June 2010 had put Italy in front.

10 August 2011: Italy 2-1 Spain (Montolivo 11, Aquilani 84; Alonso 37pen) – Stadio San Nicola, Bari, friendly
Italy: Buffon, Chiellini, Cricito, Maggio, Ranocchia (Bonucci 77), De Rossi (Aquilani 65), Motta (Marchisio 46), Montolivo (Nocerino 74), Pirlo, Cassano (Balotelli 59), Rossi (Pazzini 59).
Spain: Casillas (Valdés 46), Arbeloa, Albiol, Piqué (Busquets 45), Iraola (Villa 46), Cazorla (Mata 80), Javi Martínez, Alonso, Iniesta (Thiago 46), Silva, Torres (Llorente 15).
- In the sides’ 19th and most recent friendly, Riccardo Montolivo scored his only goal in 36 senior appearances. He managed three U21 goals, including one in Palencia on 10 October 2006 during a 2-1 play-off victory against a Spain side containing Raúl Albiol and David Silva that took Italy into the finals at their hosts’ expense.

22 June 2008: Spain 0-0 Italy (aet, Spain won 4-2 on penalties) – Ernst-Happel-Stadion, Vienna, UEFA EURO 2008, quarter-finals
Spain: Casillas, Ramos, Puyol, Marchena, Capdevila, Iniesta (Cazorla 59), Senna, Xavi (Fàbregas 60), Silva, Torres (Guíza 85), Villa.
Italy: Buffon, Zambrotta, Panucci, Chiellini, Grosso, Aquilani (Del Piero 108), De Rossi, Ambrosini, Cassano (Di Natale 75), Perrotta (Camoranesi 58), Toni.
- Roberto Donadoni’s Italy were the only side Luis Aragonès’s outfit failed to beat at UEFA EURO 2008, though Spain came through on penalties. Iker Casillas saved from Daniele De Rossi and Di Natale, Buffon denying Daniel Guíza. Fàbregas converted the ninth penalty to send Spain into the semi-finals.
Form guide
• The 1-1 draw in Gdansk ended Spain's run of 14 straight competitive victories since they surprisingly lost 1-0 to Switzerland in their opening game of the 2010 FIFA World Cup finals. They are now unbeaten in 19 competitive fixtures.

• Spain embarked on a run of ten straight UEFA European Championship victories after their last meeting with Italy in the 2008 quarter-finals. They have gone 28 games without defeat in this competition since losing 2-0 in Sweden in a UEFA EURO 2008 qualifier on 7 October 2006.

• Spain's last defeat at a EURO was a 1-0 loss to hosts Portugal in the 2004 group stage that ended their interest in the competition.

• Italy lost a competitive game when they went down 3-2 to Slovakia in their last 2010 World Cup finals match – they have since won ten and drawn five. They have gone 18 games without a UEFA European Championship defeat over 90 minutes since losing 3-0 to the Netherlands in their opening match at UEFA EURO 2008.

• This is the fourth time teams who have already played in a UEFA European Championship meet again in the final. In 1988 the Netherlands opened with a 1-0 loss to the USSR but later beat the same opponents 2-0 to take the trophy; eight years later Germany overcame the Czech Republic 2-0 in the group stage and 2-1 in the final and in 2004 Greece were 2-1 winners against Portugal on the opening day and 1-0 victors in the final.

• Spain's shoot-out record in UEFA European Championships and World Cups is:
  5-4 v Denmark, 1984 UEFA European Championship semi-final
  4-5 v Belgium, 1986 FIFA World Cup quarter-final
  2-4 v England, EURO '96 quarter-final
  3-2 v Republic of Ireland, 2002 FIFA World Cup round of 16
  3-5 v South Korea, 2002 FIFA World Cup quarter-final
  4-2 v Italy, UEFA EURO 2008 quarter-final
  4-2 v Portugal, UEFA EURO 2012 semi-final

• Italy's shoot-out record is:
  3-4 v Argentina, 1990 FIFA World Cup semi-final
  2-3 v Brazil, 1994 FIFA World Cup final
  3-4 v France, 1998 FIFA World Cup quarter-final
  3-1 v Netherlands, UEFA EURO 2000 semi-final
  5-3 v France, 2006 FIFA World Cup final
  2-4 v Spain, UEFA EURO 2008 quarter-final
  4-2 v England, UEFA EURO 2012 quarter-final

Final pedigree
• Spain are in their fourth UEFA European Championship final:
  1964: Spain 2-1 USSR (Pereda 6, Marcelino 84; Khusainov 8) – Madrid
  1984: France 2-0 Spain (Platini 57, Bellone 90) – Paris
  2008: Germany 0-1 Spain (Torres 33) – Vienna

• Italy are in the showpiece for the third time:
  1968: Italy 1-1 Yugoslavia, aet (Domenghini 80; Džajić 39) – Rome
  Replay Italy 2-0 Yugoslavia (Riva 12, Anastasi 31) – Rome
  2000: France 2-1 Italy, aet golden goal (Wiltord 90, Trezeguet 103; Delvecchio 55) – Rotterdam

• Spain were also victorious in the 2010 World Cup on their sole final appearance; Italy claimed the world crown in 1934, 1938, 1982 and 2006 and were beaten in the 1970 and 1994 finals.

• Casillas, Sergio Ramos, Andrés Iniesta, Xavi Hernández, Fàbregas, David Silva and Fernando Torres all started Spain's 2008 final triumph, with Xabi Alonso and Santi Cazorla coming on as substitutes. No player has appeared in two victorious finals.

• Italy's Gianluigi Buffon, Andrea Pirlo and substitute De Rossi appeared in the 2006 World Cup final victory. Only 27 players – including Casillas, Ramos, Carles Puyol, Joan Capdevila, Iniesta, Xavi, Fàbregas, Alonso and Torres – have featured in UEFA European Championship and World Cup final wins. Gerard Piqué, Sergio Busquets, Pedro Rodríguez and Jesús Navas could also join the club having played in Spain's 2010 World Cup final victory.

• Del Bosque could become only the second coach to win the World Cup and UEFA European Championship, after West Germany's Helmut Schön in 1972 and 1974.
Chelsea FC pair Torres and Juan Mata could win the European Cup and UEFA European Championship in the same season. Luis Suárez (1964, FC Internazionale Milano and Spain) and Hans van Breukelen, Ronald Koeman, Barry van Aerle and Gerald Vanenburg (1988, PSV Eindhoven and the Netherlands) are the only players to have achieved the feat.

Team ties
- Silva and Mario Balotelli are team-mates at Manchester City FC.
- Antonio Cassano played at Real Madrid CF from January 2006 to summer 2007, alongside Casillas and Ramos.
- Alonso scored Liverpool FC’s equalising goal (converting the rebound after his spot kick had been parried by Dida) in the 2005 UEFA Champions League final against AC Milan which finished 3-3, the Premier League club going on to win the penalty shoot-out. Italy’s Pirlo was on the losing side in Istanbul.
- Pirlo and Alonso met again in the final two years later when Milan ran out 2-1 winners in Athens. Pepe Reina started in goal for Liverpool while Álvaro Arbeloa came on as a late substitute.
- Despite scoring a second-leg goal in FC Barcelona’s 2002/03 UEFA Champions League quarter-final against a Juventus team featuring Buffon, Xavi was ultimately on the losing side as the Italian side advanced 3-2 on aggregate.
- Xavi was also on target against Italian opposition in this season’s UEFA Champions League group stage, scoring the winner in a 3-2 win against Milan at San Siro.
- Iniesta and Antonio Nocerino scored for Barcelona and Milan respectively in the Catalan club’s 3-1 victory in the 2011/12 UEFA Champions League quarter-finals after the goalless first-leg draw at San Siro. Ignazio Abate played for Milan in the same game.
- Fabio Borini and Torres were team-mates at Chelsea between January and March 2011.
- Piqué scored just two goals in official competition while at Manchester United FC between 2004 and 2008, the second of which came in a 1-1 UEFA Champions League group stage draw away to AS Roma on 12 December 2007. De Rossi made a substitute appearance for the hosts.
- Roma’s De Rossi and Cassano both found the target against Casillas’s Real Madrid on 28 September 2004 but it was not enough to prevent the Italian side losing 4-2 at the Santiago Bernabéu.
- Pirlo’s Milan enjoyed a 3-2 win against Casillas and Madrid in the 2009/10 UEFA Champions League group stage.
- Torres’s first senior goal for Spain came in a 1-1 friendly against Italy in Genoa on 28 April 2004.
- Italian international Thiago Motta was born in Brazil and started his European career with Barcelona. He moved to Genoa CFC in 2008 and joined FC Internazionale Milano a year later. Having been in the Barça squad when the UEFA Champions League was won in 2006, he picked up the title again in 2010 with Inter after helping to eliminate Barça in the semi-finals, although he was sent off in the second leg at the Camp Nou.
**Match facts**

**SPAIN**

- Vicente del Bosque could become only the second coach to win the FIFA World Cup and UEFA European Championship. Helmut Schön was at the West Germany helm for the 1972 EURO and 1974 World Cup.

- If Fernando Torres scores in Kyiv he will become the first player to register in two EURO finals.

- Iker Casillas, Andrés Iniesta, Xavi Hernández, Torres, Cesc Fàbregas, Santi Cazorla, Xabi Alonso, Sergio Ramos and David Silva all featured in the 2008 showpiece. No player has appeared in two UEFA European Championship final wins, though Rainer Bonhof was a non-playing member of the West Germany squads in 1972 and 1980.

- Spain are 19 competitive games without defeat since a 1-0 loss to Switzerland on 16/06/2010 at the World Cup. They have lost four of their 14 friendlies in that time, however.

- Spain are ten games unbeaten, winning seven since their 1-0 defeat by England on 12/11/2011. Their semi-final shoot-out triumph is classed as a draw.

- Casillas has gone 419 minutes without conceding, since Antonio Di Natale's 61st-minute effort for Italy on 10/06. Spain have kept nine successive clean sheets in major tournament knockout games.

- Fàbregas made his seventh substitute appearance at the UEFA European Championship against Portugal, equalling a record held by the Netherlands' Aron Winter and Cazorla.

- Del Bosque's team have made 3,417 completed passes at UEFA EURO 2012, to their opponents' 1,530. It was 672/341 against Italy, 810/198 v Ireland, 639/231 v Croatia, 638/429 v France and 658/331 v Portugal.

- Spain have had over 50% possession in 21 of their last 22 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**

- On 28/06, FC Barcelona announced they have agreed a €14m fee to re-sign Jordi Alba from Valencia CF on a five-year deal, subject to a medical next week.

- Iniesta (v Croatia, Italy), Torres (v Republic of Ireland), Alonso (v France) and Ramos (v Portugal) have won Carlsberg Man of the Match awards at UEFA EURO 2012.

- Spain's 4-0 victory against the Republic of Ireland was their biggest win at a UEFA European Championship.

- Spain's squad includes 12 of the party that won in 2008: Casillas, Raúl Albiol, Iniesta, Xavi, Torres, Fàbregas, Cazorla, Alonso, Ramos, Álvaro Arbeloa, David Silva and Pepe Reina. Casillas, Xavi, Alonso and Torres were in the 2004 squad, and for Casillas this is a national record fourth EURO as he was also at UEFA EURO 2000.

- 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 to Liga glory, Albiol making five league starts.

- 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 Club side, featuring Fernando Llorente and Javi Martínez. Barça also won the UEFA Super Cup, Spanish Super Cup and FIFA Club World Cup.

- Juan Mata and Torres (Chelsea FC: UEFA Champions League and FA Cup), Silva (Manchester City FC: Premier League) and Reina (Liverpool FC: League Cup) all won trophies with English sides.

- Juanfran, who made his Spain debut against Serbia on 26/05, was in the Club Atlético de Madrid XI that defeated an Athletic team boasting Llorente and Javi Martínez in the UEFA Europa League final in Bucharest on 09/05.
ITALY

• Italy have won just two of their last eight games in regulation time and were a national-record six matches without a victory in major final tournaments before beating the Republic of Ireland on 18/06.

• Coach Cesare Prandelli is unbeaten in competitive internationals, recording ten wins and five draws to date, with the shoot-out triumph over England classed as a draw.

• Christian Maggio is available after serving a one-match suspension against Germany.

• In the semis, Mario Balotelli became only the second Italy player to score twice in one EURO game, after Pierluigi Casiraghi against Russia in 1996. He also became the first Azzurri player to register three goals at one UEFA European Championship, a tally that equals Antonio Cassano’s national-record haul at all EURO finals.

• Andrea Pirlo made 146 passes against England, completing 117 – the most at UEFA EURO 2012, extra time included.

Injury news

• Giorgio Chiellini injured his hamstring against Ireland and missed the quarter-final before returning for the semi.

• Daniele De Rossi overcame sciatica problems to face Germany; Ignazio Abate did not play as he was unable to train in the lead up to the game due to muscle fatigue suffered in the quarter-final.

• Cassano was expected to miss the rest of the season after undergoing heart surgery on 04/11 but returned to action at the start of April.

Miscellaneous

• Pirlo (v Croatia, England and Germany) is the only player to have picked up three Carlsberg Man of the Match awards at UEFA EURO 2012. Cassano took the honour against Ireland.

• Pirlo’s effort against Croatia was the first goal direct from a free-kick at the UEFA European Championship since Marek Heinz versus Germany at UEFA EURO 2004.

• Italy have never scored an extra-time goal at the UEFA European Championship in seven attempts.

• Fabio Borini is yet to make his competitive debut for Italy.


• Italy lost 3-0 to Russia in Zurich on 01/06 in their only pre-tournament friendly. Their meeting with Luxembourg in Parma, scheduled for 29/05, was cancelled after an earthquake.

UEFA EURO 2012 qualifying

• Italy’s tally of 26 points from ten games was a national record in a qualifying section for a major tournament.

• The Azzurri finished with the best defensive record across the nine groups, conceding only two goals.

• Discounting the six minutes of the home game against Serbia before it was abandoned, Italy did not concede for 625 minutes between Estonia finding the net in their opening fixture and Serbia’s goal 13 months later.

• Chiellini played every minute of Italy’s campaign; Cassano was the only other ever-present member of the squad and also the Azzurri’s six-goal leading scorer.

• Six of the squad did not play in qualifying: Angelo Ogbonna, Abate, Giaccherini, Di Natale, Borini and Diamanti.

Domestic information

• The Italy squad features seven members of the Juventus side that went through the Serie A season unbeaten en route to the title: Buffon, Barzagli, Leonardo Bonucci, Chiellini, Giaccherini, Claudio Marchisio and Pirlo. Pirlo has not been on the losing side in Serie A since 18 December 2010, when he was at AC Milan.

• The Bianconeri suffered their first defeat of the season in their last outing, losing 2-0 to a Napoli side featuring De Sanctis and Maggio in the Coppa Italia final on 20/05.

• Balotelli scored 13 goals in 23 games and was sent off twice as Manchester City FC won the Premier League.

• Di Natale struck 23 times as Udinese Calcio finished third in Serie A, the third successive season he has hit 20 or more. He did not manage more than 17 before he reached the age of 30.

• Giovinco (15), Marchisio (9) and Diamanti (8) all established personal bests in front of goal in Serie A, while Nocerino’s return of ten in 35 games was four more than he had mustered in his previous four seasons combined.
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
13: Iker Casillas
12: Fernando Torres
11: Cesc Fàbregas
11: Andrés Iniesta
11: Xabi Alonso

Final tournament goals
4: David Villa
4: Fernando Torres
3: Alfonso Pérez
3: Cesc Fàbregas

Overall appearances
40: Iker Casillas
31: Andoni Zubizarreta
31: Xavi Hernández
29: Sergio Ramos
27: Raúl González
27: Andrés Iniesta

Overall goals
19: Raúl González
18: David Villa
14: Carlos Santillana
10: Fernando Hierro
Team facts: Italy

UEFA European Championship record
2008: quarter-finals
2004: group stage, final tournament
2000: runners-up
1996: group stage, final tournament
1992: did not qualify
1988: semi-finals
1984: did not qualify
1980: fourth place
1976: did not qualify
1972: quarter-finals
1968: winners
1964: last 16
1960: did not enter

Team EURO records
Final tournament win
2-0: five times, most recently Italy v Republic of Ireland, 18/06/12, group stage

Final tournament loss
3-0: Netherlands v Italy, 09/06/08, group stage

Qualifying win
6-0: Italy v Turkey, 02/12/62

Qualifying loss
0-3: Italy v Sweden, 15/10/83

Player EURO records
Final tournament appearances
13: Paolo Maldini
13: Alessandro Del Piero
12: Gianluigi Buffon
12: Antonio Cassano
11: Gianluca Zambrotta
10: Andrea Pirlo

Final tournament goals
3: Mario Balotelli
3: Antonio Cassano
2: Pierluigi Casiraghi
2: Filippo Inzaghi
2: Andrea Pirlo
2: Francesco Totti

Overall appearances
44: Gianluigi Buffon
35: Fabio Cannavaro
33: Paolo Maldini
33: Andrea Pirlo
32: Alessandro Del Piero

Top scorers

Overall goals
14: Filippo Inzaghi
10: Luigi Riva
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Spain v Italy

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**Italy**

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Squad list
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.

Italy: Cesare Prandelli
Date of birth: 19 August 1957
Nationality: Italian
Playing career: US Cremonese, Atalanta BC, Juventus
Coaching career: Atalanta BC, US Lecce, Hellas-Verona FC, AC Venezia, Parma FC, AS Roma, ACF Fiorentina, Italy

- Made his name as a promising coach in the prestigious youth system at Atalanta, the club where he finished his playing career in 1990 after three league titles with Juventus (1981, 1982, 1984).
- His six seasons in Turin also brought the 1983 Coppa Italia, the 1984 UEFA Cup Winners' Cup and the European Champion Clubs' Cup a year later, although he struggled to win a regular role.
- Having impressed at Atalanta, Prandelli accepted the head coach position at Lecce in 1997 but resigned the following January. He then earned promotion to the top flight with both Verona and Venezia before further boosting his burgeoning reputation after moving to Parma in 2002.
- In 2004 Prandelli took over at Roma but soon left as wife Manuele – who sadly died in November 2007 – fell seriously ill. He moved to Fiorentina in 2005, leading them to a fourth place in his first season although they were subsequently stripped of their achievement for their part in Italy's sporting fraud trial.
- Prandelli guided the club to the 2007/08 UEFA Cup semi-finals and was awarded the Panchina d'Oro for the best coach in Serie A, in 2008. Took the Viola into the UEFA Champions League group stage in 2008/09 and the round of 16 a year later before succeeding Marcello Lippi as Italy coach, signing a four-year deal and guiding the Azzurri to UEFA EURO 2012 unbeaten.

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Match officials

Referee
Pedro Proença (POR)

Assistant referees
Bertino Miranda (POR), Ricardo Santos (POR)

Additional assistant referees
Manuel De Sousa (POR), Duarte Gomes (POR)

Fourth official
Cüneyt Çakır (TUR)

Reserve official
Bahattin Duran (TUR)

UEFA Referee observer
David R. Elleray (ENG)

Pedro Proença has been on the rise in European refereeing circles since taking charge of the UEFA European Under-19 Championship final in 2004. He achieved UEFA Premier referee status in January 2007 but had been a fixture on the international scene for some time, enjoying regular outings in UEFA’s two high-profile club competitions since making his UEFA Champions League group stage debut on matchday one of the 2007/08 campaign.

A financial director from Pinhal Novo, Proença enjoys skiing in his spare time along with a love of reading and writing.

Notable matches include the 2007 and 2010 Portuguese Cup finals, and he also ran the rule over two FC Porto successes in the domestic Super Cup in August 2003 and 2006.

Proença took charge of two UEFA EURO 2008 qualifiers and was at the 2009 European U21 Championship, overseeing three games as a referee and acting as fourth official in Germany’s 4-0 final defeat of England.

Promoted to UEFA’s Elite category at the start of 2009/10, he oversaw four games in that season’s UEFA Champions League group stage and five in the 2010/11 competition. The next season brought six more UEFA Champions League engagements, ending with the final between FC Bayern München and Chelsea FC in Munich, and there was another high point to come at UEFA EURO 2012, where he oversaw four matches culminating in the Spain-Italy final.

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Competition facts

UEFA European Championship final: Did you know?

Finals
1960: USSR 2-1 Yugoslavia, aet (Metreveli 49, Ponedelnik 113; Galić 43) – Paris
1964: Spain 2-1 USSR (Pereda 6, Marcelino 84; Khusainov 8) – Madrid
1968: Italy 1-1 Yugoslavia, aet (Domenghini 80; Džajić 39) – Rome
Replay Italy 2-0 Yugoslavia (Riva 12, Anastasi 31) – Rome
1972: West Germany 3-0 USSR (G Müller 27 58, Wimmer 52) – Brussels
1976: Czechoslovakia 2-2 West Germany, aet, 5-3 pens (Švehlík 8, Dobiaš 25; D Müller 28, Hölzenbein 89) – Belgrade
1980: Belgium 1-2 West Germany (Vandereycken 75pen; Hrubesch 10 88) – Rome
1984: France 2-0 Spain (Platini 57, Bellone 90) – Paris
1988: USSR 0-2 Netherlands (Gullit 32, Van Basten 54) – Munich
1992: Denmark 2-0 Germany (Jensen 18, Vilfort 78) – Gothenburg
1996: Czech Republic 2-1 Germany, aet golden goal (Berger 59pen; Bierhoff 73 95) – London
2000: France 2-1 Italy, aet golden goal (Wiltord 90, Trezeguet 103; Delvecchio 55) – Rotterdam
2004: Portugal 0-1 Greece (Charisteas 57) – Lisbon
2008: Germany 0-1 Spain (Torres 33) – Vienna

• No side has ever retained the trophy, and no player has appeared in two victorious 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.

• Five finals have gone to extra time, including the first, between the Soviet Union and Yugoslavia in 1960, with the former running out 2-1 winners in Paris. Three subsequent finals have also been decided in 30 additional minutes. Italy defeated 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 after a 2-2 draw, a penalty shoot-out was required – the first in UEFA European Championship finals history. Antonín Panenka settled the contest, his memorable chip giving the Czechoslovakians a 5-3 victory in what remains the only final shoot-out in the competition.

• A one-goal margin of victory is the most common outcome in the UEFA European Championship final with seven teams having won by one goal since the tournament started in 1960, most recently Spain in 2008. That 1-0 win was the second in succession by that scoreline in the EURO showpiece following Greece’s 2004 triumph against Portugal – previous teams to prevail by one goal had all triumphed 2-1.

• Four teams have won 2-0: Denmark (1992), the Netherlands (1988), France (1984) and Italy (1968 replay).

• West Germany’s 3-0 win against the Soviet Union in the 1972 final is the largest margin of victory in a EURO final.

• Teams have come from behind to win a final only three times, most recently France against Italy in 2000. Germany also achieved the feat against the Czech Republic in 1996, as did the USSR in the first final against Yugoslavia in 1960. Eight years later, Italy came from a goal down to earn a 1-1 draw against Yugoslavia in the final and won the subsequent replay 2-0.

• To date, of the eight teams who have held a half-time lead in the UEFA European Championship final, all bar two have gone on to win. Spain (2008), Denmark (1992), Netherlands (1988), West Germany (1980), Czechoslovakia (1976) and West Germany (1972) all ultimately lifted the trophy, but in the first final in 1960, Yugoslavia’s 1-0 lead at the interval was turned into a 2-1 defeat against the Soviet Union, while eight years later Italy cancelled out Yugoslavia’s 1-0 half-time advantage lead to draw 1-1 and won the replay.

• Of the 36 goals in UEFA European Championship finals, 14 have been scored in the first half and 19 in the second, with the remaining three coming in extra time.

• Spain’s Jesús María Pereda scored the fastest goal in a EURO final having broken the deadlock in the sixth minute of the 1964 showpiece. Galimzian Khusainov levelled two minutes later, the second fastest goal in a final.

• Three teams have held 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, France claimed the 1998 World Cup and UEFA EURO 2000 and Spain triumphed at UEFA EURO 2008 and the 2010 World Cup. No team has won three major tournaments in a row; West Germany were within a shoot-out of that before their 1976 loss to Czechoslovakia.
A total of 24 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.


UEFA European Championship final tournament: Did you know?

Five players have appeared in European Cup and UEFA European Championship final wins 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 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.

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).

In contrast, ten players have played in European Cup final victories and EURO final defeats in the same year: Sepp Maier, Hans-Georg Schwarzenbeck, Franz Beckenbauer and Uli Hoeness (1976, FC Bayern München and West Germany) and Ricardo Carvalho, Nuno Valente, Costinha, Maniche, Deco and Paulo Ferreira (2004, FC Porto and Portugal).

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.

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.

Helmut Schön is the only coach to win the European Championship and World Cup, having guided Germany to victory in the former competition in 1972 and the latter two years later. His team also finished runners-up in the 1966 World Cup and 1976 European Championship.

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.

Match-by-match lineups

Spain

Final tournament Group C

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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, Fábregas (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 Fábregas 83
Spain: Casillas, Piqué, Iniesta (Santi Cazorla 80), Xavi Hernández, Torres (Fábregas 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 (Fábregas 73)

Quarter-finals
(23/06/12)
Spain 2-0 France
Goals: 1-0 Xabi Alonso 19, 2-0 Xabi Alonso 90+1(pen)
Spain: Casillas, Piqué, Iniesta (Santi Cazorla 84), Xavi Hernández, Fábregas (Torres 67), Xabi Alonso, Sergio Ramos, Busquets, Arbeloa, Jordi Alba, Silva (Pedro Rodríguez 65)

Semi-finals
(27/06/12)
Portugal 0-0 Spain (2-4 P)
Spain: Casillas, Piqué, Iniesta, Xavi Hernández (Pedro Rodríguez 87), Negredo (Fábregas 54), Xabi Alonso, Sergio Ramos, Busquets, Arbeloa, Jordi Alba, Silva (Jesús Navas 60)

Final
(01/07/12)
Spain v Italy

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Italy

Final tournament Group C

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Matchday 1 (10/06/12)
Spain 1-1 Italy
Goals: 0-1 Di Natale 61, 1-1 Fàbregas 64
Italy: Buffon, Maggio, Chiellini, Thiago Motta (Nocerino 90), Marchisio, Balotelli (Di Natale 56), Cassano (Giovinco 65), Giaccherini, De Rossi, Bonucci, Pirlo

Matchday 2 (14/06/12)
Italy 1-1 Croatia
Goals: 1-0 Pirlo 39, 1-1 Mandžukić 72
Italy: Buffon, Maggio, Chiellini, Thiago Motta (Montolivo 62), Marchisio, Balotelli (Di Natale 69), Cassano (Giovinco 83), Giaccherini, De Rossi, Bonucci, Pirlo

Matchday 3 (18/06/12)
Italy 2-0 Republic of Ireland
Goals: 1-0 Cassano 35, 2-0 Balotelli 90
Italy: Buffon, Chiellini (Bonucci 57), Thiago Motta, Balzaretti, Abate, Marchisio, Cassano (Diamanti 63), Di Natale (Balotelli 74), Barzagli, De Rossi, Pirlo

Quarter-finals
(24/06/12)
England 0-0 Italy (2-4 P)
Italy: Buffon, Balzaretti, Abate (Maggio 90+1), Marchisio, Balotelli, Cassano (Diamanti 78), Barzagli, De Rossi (Nocerino 80), Montolivo, Bonucci, Pirlo

Semi-finals
(28/06/12)
Germany 1-2 Italy
Goals: 0-1 Balotelli 20, 0-2 Balotelli 36, 1-2 Özil 90+2(pen)
Italy: Buffon, Chiellini, Balzaretti, Marchisio, Balotelli (Di Natale 70), Cassano (Diamanti 58), Barzagli, De Rossi, Montolivo (Thiago Motta 64), Bonucci, Pirlo

Final
(01/07/12)
Spain v Italy
UEFA information

Spectacular closing ceremony
The UEFA EURO 2012 closing ceremony will be an unforgettable curtain-raiser to the final between Spain and Italy. Inspired by football, the 16 participating teams and the tournament's values, the 12-minute show will be presented shortly before kick-off and will feature more than 600 volunteer performers. The concept has been created to celebrate the end of a historical event — the first UEFA European Championship staged in central and eastern Europe. It will also promote the participating nations together with key competition values: unity, rivalry and passion. Both the opening and closing ceremonies were devised by Marco Balich, the president of Filmmaster Events, along with artistic director Lida Castelli and show director Bryn Walters. Balich has designed many international events, including the 2002 Olympic flag handover in Salt Lake City, the 2006 Olympic ceremonies in Turin and the Carnival of Venice. The official tournament song, Endless Summer, will be performed live by German singer Oceana. The hit is the first single from Oceana's new studio album, recorded in London, New York and Berlin with producers including Rob Davis (Kylie Minogue) and Blair McKichan (Lily Allen). The national anthems of both finalists will be presented by Tamara Khodakova and Mykhailo Humenniy, soloists from the Kyiv Municipal Academic Opera and Ballet Theatre, under the leadership of Anzhela Maslennikova.

EURO Legends choose Carlsberg Man of the Match
Legends who have graced past EUROs have been 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 have joined them in deciding who wins the coveted prize each time. A EURO legend, invited by UEFA President Michel Platini, has been present at each match. A fan vote has been accessible via the UEFA.com match centre, and the EURO Legend has taken 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 has decided who has won 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 have acted as award ambassadors in Poland and Ukraine.

Fines imposed on RFEF, RFS
The UEFA Control and Disciplinary Body have imposed fines of €20,000 and €30,000, respectively, on the Royal Spanish Football Federation (RFEF) and the Football Union of Russia (RFS). The sanction against the RFEF has been imposed for the improper conduct of its fans (racist behaviour, racist chanting) during the Group C fixture against Italy in Gdansk on 10 June. The RFS has been fined for the improper conduct of its fans (racist behaviour, racist chanting) at the Group A game against the Czech Republic in Wroclaw on 8 June.

FANtertainment guaranteed
The matchday experience has been given heightened flavour thanks to the FANtertainment programme delivered live to spectators before, during and after the 31 matches in Poland and Ukraine. Fans got outstanding value for money when they turned up at each of the eight venues, with local entertainers relishing a fantastic opportunity to show off their skills and provide exactly what is needed for spectators – FANtertainment guaranteed. FANtertainment comprised a three-hour pre-match programme and which also kept the supporters hooked during the half-time interval and after the final whistle and which has had a positive impact on the overall UEFA EURO 2012 matchday experience. FANtertainment has been more than just a show for the fans; it has been an entertaining production geared towards making spectators part of the unique EURO experience. Giant screen content has been used to enthral and unite the fans inside the stadium, as well as supplying information about the teams. Thousands of local artists and performers have captivated the supporters courtesy of FANtertainment. Two live bands, and a DJ, have kept the temperature high at each venue. Four freestylers have been showing their gymnastic abilities and ease with a football at each stadium. Stilt walkers, eight per venue, have especially excited younger supporters.

Respect Diversity
At the semi-finals in Donetsk and Warsaw the captains of the national teams of Spain, Portugal, Germany and Italy – Iker Casillas, Cristiano Ronaldo, Philipp Lahm and Gianluigi Buffon – reaffirmed their stance against racism and encouraged intercultural dialogue between fans. The matches were the culmination of UEFA's Respect campaign for UEFA EURO 2012. The Respect Diversity project has been implemented by UEFA's long-time partner the FARE network and its local counterpart in Poland/Ukraine, Never Again.

Goals cheered for charity
The Centre for Access to Football in Europe (CAFE), the official tournament charity, has been cheering every goal at UEFA EURO 2012. UEFA is donating €3,000 to CAFE for each goal scored at the tournament: 72 goals have been scored in the 30 matches so far.
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

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**Other abbreviations**

- **No.:** Number
- **ae:** Match decided after extra time
- **o.g:** Own goal and penalty shoot-out
- **ag:** Match decided on away goals
- **agg:** Aggregate
- **Comp.:** Competition
- **D:** Drawn
- **DoB:** Date of birth
- **GA:** Goals against
- **GG:** Goals for
- **L:** Lost
- **Nat.:** Nationality
- **N/a:** Not applicable
- **y:** Booked
- **Y/R:** Sent off (two yellow cards)

**Statistics**

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

**Squad list**

- **D:** Disciplinary
- **S:** Suspended

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