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Poland



Greece

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Previous meetings

Head to Head

1988 UEFA European Championship

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
29/04/87	PR (GS)	Greece - Poland	1-0	Athens	Saravakos 57
15/10/86	PR (GS)	Poland - Greece	2-1	Poznan	Dziekanowski 4(p), 39(p); Anastopoulos 12

FIFA World Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
19/05/85	QR (GS)	Greece - Poland	1-4	Athens	Anastopoulos 47; Smolarek 25, Ostrowski 58, Boniek 78, Dziekanowski 90
17/10/84	QR (GS)	Poland - Greece	3-1	Zabrze	Smolarek 62, Dziekanowski 65, 79; Mitropoulos 35

	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																		
Poland	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	-	-	-	-	2	1	0	1	2	2
Greece	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	-	-	-	-	2	1	0	1	2	2
FIFA*																		
Poland	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	-	-	-	-	2	2	0	0	7	2
Greece	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	-	-	-	-	2	0	0	2	2	7
Friendly matches																		
Poland	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	7	2	2	20	7
Greece	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	2	2	7	7	20
Total																		
Poland	2	2	0	0	2	1	0	1	-	-	-	-	15	10	2	3	29	11
Greece	2	1	0	1	2	0	0	2	-	-	-	-	15	3	2	10	11	29

* FIFA World Cup / FIFA Confederations Cup

Match background

Poland have history on their side as they seek to begin UEFA EURO 2012 on a victorious note having won ten of their previous 15 meetings with Greece – although the 2004 champions will recall their glorious summer eight years ago began against a host country.

Head-to-head record

- Poland's record in 15 games against Greece reads W10 D2 L3 F29 A11.
- Poland have won four of the teams' last five meetings and are unbeaten in the last six fixtures. However, Greece triumphed in their last competitive match, winning 1-0 in Athens in a UEFA European Championship qualifier in April 1987 thanks to Dimitris Saravakos's 57th-minute goal.
- Poland's Dariusz Dziekanowski scored in three of the teams' four competitive meetings, notching five goals during 1986 FIFA World Cup and 1988 UEFA European Championship qualifiers.
- Greece have yet to avoid defeat in Poland. Eight visits have brought eight losses with four goals scored and 22 conceded.
- Greece have not scored in the sides' last four contests. Their last goal came from Panagiotis Tsalouchidis in a 2-1 home defeat in Volos on 19 December 1990.
- Poland were also winners when the teams met on 29 May 2004, a Michalis Kapsis own goal separating the sides in Szczecin, although it was Greece who went on to UEFA EURO 2004 and glory just a few weeks later.
- The next meeting, in Bydgoszcz on 12 August 2009, was memorable for Ludovic Obraniak who came on as second-half substitute, opened the scoring within two minutes and added a second in the 79th minute.
- The teams last met in Greece in March 2011, playing out a goalless draw.

Selected previous meeting

29 March 2011: Greece 0-0 Poland – Georgios Karaiskakis Stadium, Piraeus, friendly

Greece: Chalkias, Vyntra, Moras, Papadopoulos, Lagos, Kone (Liberopoulos 67), Kafes, Karagounis (Katsouranis 73), Fetfatzidis (Torossidis 77), Mitroglou (Ninis 58), Samaras (Salpingidis 77).

Poland: Sandomierski, Piszczek, Żewłakow (Jodłowiec 63), Głowacki, Sadlok, Mierzejewski (Murawski 46), Dudka, Obraniak (Roger Guerreiro 83), Błaszczykowski, Peszko (Grosicki 77), Lewandowski (Kucharczyk 83).

- Poland's former Olympiacos FC defender Michał Żewłakow won a record-breaking 102nd cap for his country in the game, his last international appearance.

Form guide

- Poland have not played a competitive game since losing 1-0 at home against Slovakia in their final 2010 FIFA World Cup qualifier on 14 October 2009. They finished that campaign in a disappointing fifth place in the six-team section.
- Poland failed to win a game in their last major finals appearance, drawing one and losing two in the group stage as they made their continental finals debut at UEFA EURO 2008.
- This is only Poland's second UEFA European Championship finals tournament. By contrast, they have featured in seven World Cups, starting with a brief appearance at the 1938 finals in France.
- Greece come into the finals on a ten-game unbeaten run in competitive internationals, having won seven and drawn three of their qualifiers since bowing out of the 2010 World Cup finals with a 2-0 loss against Argentina.
- Greece lost all three of their games at UEFA EURO 2008, meaning they are without a victory in the final tournament since beating Portugal 1-0 in the final of UEFA EURO 2004.

Team ties

- No Greek international has played for an Ekstraklasa club but Polish players have starred in Greece. Striker Krzysztof Warzycha scored 244 times in 390 games for Panathinaikos FC from 1989 to 2004, also taking Greek citizenship.
- Józef Wandzik, who made 249 appearances for the same club, went on to become one of many Polish coaches to work in Greece – among them Jacek Gmoch (13 clubs including Olympiacos, Panathinaikos and AEK Athens FC), Kazimierz Górski (four clubs including Panathinaikos and Olympiacos), Antoni Brzeźnańczyk, Andrzej Streljau, Marcin Bochynek, Henryk Kasperczak, Grzegorz Lato, Jerzy Kopa, Eugeniusz Piechaczek, Janusz Pekowski and Jacek Kowalik.

- Roger Guerreiro, who is not in the Poland squad, has been a team-mate of Grigoris Makos and Nikos Liberopoulos at AEK Athens FC since August 2009. Guerreiro scored Poland's only goal – the opener in the 1-1 draw with co-hosts Austria – at UEFA EURO 2008.
- Marcin Wasilewski's RSC Anderlecht beat AEK 4-1 in Brussels in the UEFA Europa League on 15 September 2011 and 2-1 in Athens on 1 December 2011. Liberopoulos captained AEK in the first game and Makos in the second.
- Wojciech Szczęśny was in goal for Arsenal FC when they beat Olympiacos 2-1 in London in the UEFA Champions League on 28 September 2011. Vassilis Torossidis was on the other side.
- For Olympiacos' 3-1 return win in Greece on 6 December, Łukasz Fabiański – a late withdrawal from Poland's squad – started for Arsenal but went off injured after 25 minutes. Torossidis was joined by international team-mate Avraam Papadopoulos in the home lineup.
- Fabiański was also between the posts when Arsenal were beaten 1-0 at Olympiacos on 9 December 2009, when Papadopoulos was in the home team.
- Robert Lewandowski and Łukasz Piszczek were in the Borussia Dortmund side who beat Olympiacos 1-0 in the UEFA Champions League group stage on 1 November 2011, Jakub Błaszczykowski coming off the bench in the 75th minute. Papadopoulos was again in the visiting side, as was José Holebas.
- Holebas had scored Olympiacos' opening goal in a 3-1 defeat of Dortmund on 19 October. Papadopoulos was also in the Olympiacos team, with Lewandowski, Piszczek and substitute Błaszczykowski all featuring again for Dortmund.
- From January to June 2009 Jakub Wawrzyniak was at Panathinaikos alongside Dimitris Salpingidis, Sotiris Ninis, Giorgos Karagounis, Alexandros Tzorvas and Kostas Katsouranis.
- Piszczek and Fanis Gekas were team-mates at Hertha BSC Berlin between January and June 2010.
- On 5 November 2009 Sokratis Papastathopoulos came on as a substitute in Genoa CFC's 3-2 victory against Obraniak's LOSC Lille Métropole in the UEFA Europa League group stage.
- On 20 September 2007 Panionios GSS won 2-0 at FC Sochaux-Montbéliard in a UEFA Cup first round first leg with Giannis Maniatis and Grigoris Makos in the visitors' lineup and Poland's Damien Perquis starting for the French side. All four also started Sochaux's 1-0 second-leg victory.
- On 13 December 2006, in the UEFA Cup group stage, Paweł Brożek scored Wisła Kraków's sole goal in a 3-1 defeat at Feyenoord. Dariusz Dudka was sent off after 79 minutes for Wisła, who also included Błaszczykowski.
- On 9 August 2005 Błaszczykowski, Dudka and Brożek started for Wisła when they defeated Panathinaikos 3-1 in the first leg of the UEFA Champions League third qualifying round. Brożek scored the first goal against a Panathinaikos team that featured Gekas in the starting lineup.
- Two weeks later Panathinaikos won 4-1 after extra time to eliminate a Wisła side that featured Dudka and Brożek in their starting lineup. Gekas started for Panathinaikos.
- As head coach of FC Porto, Fernando Santos faced Wisła in the second round of the 2000/01 UEFA Cup, drawing 0-0 in Poland and winning 3-0 in Portugal.
- Santos was coach to former Polish international striker Grzegorz Mielcarski at Porto (1998/99), defender Mirosław Sznaucner at PAOK FC (2007-2010), and strikers Warzycha and Emmanuel Olisadebe at Panathinaikos (2002/03).

Match facts

POLAND

- Poland have kept a national-record five successive clean sheets, going unbreached in 461 minutes since Tamás Priskin's goal in a 2-1 defeat of Hungary on 15/11/2011.
- Poland have won five of their last six games, drawing the other 0-0 with Portugal.
- The UEFA EURO 2012 opener will be Franciszek Smuda's first competitive fixture as Poland coach – he has overseen only friendlies since his October 2009 appointment.
- Twelve members of the squad are yet to play a competitive game for Poland: Wojciech Szczęśny, Grzegorz Sandomierski, Przemysław Tytoń, Sebastian Boenisch, Marcin Kamiński, Damien Perquis, Adam Matuszczyk, Eugen Polanski, Maciej Rybus, Adrian Mierzejewski, Rafał Wolski and Artur Sobiech.

Injury news

- Perquis, out with a broken elbow since 03/03, marked his return to action with a goal against Slovakia on 26/05.
- Łukasz Fabiański was ruled out of the Poland squad on 24/05 with a shoulder injury picked up in training; he was replaced by Sandomierski, who was called back from holiday in Tenerife.

Miscellaneous

- Kamiński will join German 2. Bundesliga team TSV 1860 München following UEFA EURO 2012 after agreeing a switch from KKS Lech Poznań.
- The Poland squad and their families convened in Belek, Turkey on 08/05 before the players switched to Lienz, Austria on 16/05 for a 12-day training camp. They had two days off before gathering at Warsaw's Hyatt Hotel on 31/05.
- Tomasz Frankowski, the Ekstraklasa's 15-goal second highest scorer last season with Jagiellonia Białystok (and top in 2010/11), is Poland's attacking coach at UEFA EURO 2012.
- Five of the squad played at UEFA EURO 2008: Jakub Wawrzyniak, Marcin Wasilewski, Dariusz Dudka, Łukasz Piszczek and Rafał Murawski. Jakub Błaszczykowski was a late withdrawal four years ago through injury.

Friendly results

02/06 Poland 4-0 Andorra (Obraniak 13, Lewandowski 37, Błaszczykowski 39pen, Wasilewski 78pen) Szczęśny; Piszczek (Wojtkowiak 46), Wasilewski, Perquis, Boenisch; Murawski (Dudka 58), Błaszczykowski, Polanski, Rybus (Wolski 46); Obraniak (Mierzejewski 58), Lewandowski (Sobiech 60).

26/05 Poland 1–0 Slovakia (Perquis 30) Szczęśny; Piszczek, Wasilewski, Perquis (Kamiński 69), Boenisch; Murawski (Dudka 46), Polanski (Matuszczyk 46); Błaszczykowski (Mierzejewski 63), Obraniak (Wolski 80), Rybus; Lewandowski (Paweł Brożek 46).

22/05 Poland 1-0 Latvia (Sobiech 82) Fabiański; Boenisch (Wawrzyniak 72), Wasilewski, Jodłowiec (Kamiński 64), Wojtkowiak; Polanski, Murawski, Paweł Brożek (Sobiech 57), Grosicki, Wolski (Kucharczyk 46), Mierzejewski (Matuszczyk 46).

29/02/2012 Poland 0-0 Portugal
16/12/2011 Poland 1-0 Bosnia and Herzegovina
15/11/2011 Poland 2-1 Hungary
11/11/2011 Poland 0-2 Italy
11/10/2012 Poland 2-0 Belarus
07/10/2011 South Korea 2-2 Poland
06/09/2011 Poland 2-2 Germany
02/09/2011 Poland 1-1 Mexico
10/08/2011 Poland 1-0 Georgia

Domestic information

- There are five Poland-based players in the squad – Kamiński included – but none from the clubs that finished first and second this season, WKS Śląsk Wrocław and Ruch Chorzów.
- Wolski and Jakub Wawrzyniak won the Polish Cup with Legia Warszawa, beating Ruch 3-0 in the final on 24/04.
- Błaszczykowski, Piszczek and Robert Lewandowski were key members of the Borussia Dortmund squad that defended their Bundesliga crown. Lewandowski struck 22 goals in 34 league outings, and scored a hat-trick in the 5-2 victory over FC Bayern München in the German Cup final on 12/05 as Dortmund completed their first double.

GREECE

- The Poland game marks coach Fernando Santos' debut in a major tournament finals.
- José Holebas, Kostas Fortounis and Stelios Malezas all made their Greece debuts in friendlies and are yet to make a competitive international appearance.
- Captain Giorgos Karagounis has won 117 caps for Greece, three shy of Theodoros Zagorakis's national record.
- Centre-back Kyriakos Papadopoulos has scored three goals in eight internationals.

Injury news

- Vassilis Torossidis (knee) and Sotiris Ninis (shoulder) missed the Armenia friendly on 31/05 with injuries.
- Kyriakos Papadopoulos made a goalscoring return to action against Armenia in what was his first outing since 14/04 because of groin and, more recently, toe problems.

Miscellaneous

- Ninis will join Parma FC from Panathinaikos FC after UEFA EURO 2012.
- Greece convened at their headquarters at Agios Kosmas on 22/05 and travelled to Austria that evening for a training camp at Kitzbuhel. They arrived at their UEFA EURO 2012 base of Legionowo, near Warsaw, on 03/06.
- There are three survivors of Greece's UEFA EURO 2004-winning squad in Poland/Ukraine: Karagounis, Kostas Katsouranis and Kostas Chalkias. Chalkias, understudy to Antonis Nikopolidis in 2004 and 2008, is yet to make his finals debut.
- Eight members of the UEFA EURO 2008 squad are back again: Karagounis, Katsouranis and Chalkias, Dimitris Salpingidis, Nikos Liberopoulos, Giorgos Samaras, Fanis Gekas and Torossidis.
- At 38, Chalkias is the oldest player at UEFA EURO 2012.
- Born and raised in Germany by a Greek father and a Uruguayan mother, Holebas became a full international on 11/11/2011, four days after acquiring Greek citizenship.
- Papadopoulos is the most common surname in Greece: central defenders Kyriakos and Avraam are not related.

Pre-tournament friendlies

31/05 Greece 1-0 Armenia (K Papadopoulos 23)

Sifakis; Papastathopoulos (Makos 60), K Papadopoulos, A Papadopoulos, Holebas (Tzavellas 60); Katsouranis, Maniatis, Karagounis (Fotakis 46); Salpingidis (Mitroglou 85), Gekas (Fetfatzidis 60), Fortounis (Samaras 46).

26/05 Slovenia 1-1 Greece (Kurtić 87; Torossidis 8)

Chalkias; Torossidis (Tziolis 23), Papastathopoulos, A Papadopoulos, Holebas; Katsouranis (Malezas 46), Maniatis (Liberopoulos 64), Karagounis; Ninis (Kone 72), Gekas (Mitroglou 65), Samaras (Fortounis 46).

- Panagiotis Kone was sent off in the second minute of added time against Slovenia.

UEFA EURO 2012 qualifying

- Greece qualified undefeated for the first time in a major tournament.
- Karagounis was ever-present in the starting XI during qualifying; Salpingidis also played a part in every game.
- Greece were the lowest scorers of the sides that reached UEFA EURO 2012 with 14 goals. Those strikes came from 11 different players and ten came between the hour mark and full time.
- Of the final 23-man squad, four did not play in qualifying: Holebas, Fortounis, Chalkias and Malezas.

Domestic information

- Torossidis, Avraam Papadopoulos, Holebas, Maniatis and Fetfatzidis won the double in Greece with Olympiacos FC. Fetfatzidis won the Super League goal of the year award for his lob against Atromitos FC, on 22/04.
- Samaras celebrated his second league title in Scotland with Celtic FC in April.
- Kyriakos Papadopoulos made 11 appearances as FC Schalke 04 reached the UEFA Europa League quarter-finals.
- Tzavellas is the only player in Greece's squad who featured for a second-tier club this season, finishing eighth in France's Ligue 2 with AS Monaco FC.
- Fortounis's 1. FC Kaiserslautern were relegated after picking up just four Bundesliga wins all season.

Team facts

Team facts: Poland

UEFA European Championship record

2008: group stage, final tournament

2004: did not qualify

2000: did not qualify

1996: did not qualify

1992: did not qualify

1988: did not qualify

1984: did not qualify

1980: did not qualify

1976: did not qualify

1972: did not qualify

1968: did not qualify

1964: did not qualify

1960: last 16

Team EURO records

Final tournament win

N/A

Final tournament loss

2-0: Germany v Poland, 08/06/08, group stage

Qualifying win

5-0: three times, most recently Poland v Azerbaijan, 24/03/07

Qualifying loss

1-4: twice, most recently Slovakia v Poland, 11/10/95

0-3: three times, most recently Sweden v Poland, 11/06/03

Player EURO records

Final tournament appearances

3: Artur Boruc

3: Dariusz Dudka

3: Marcin Wasilewski

3: Michał Żewłakow

3: Euzebiusz Smolarek

3: Jacek Krzynówek

3: Wojciech Łobodziński

3: Mariusz Lewandowski

3: Roger Guerreiro

3: Marek Saganowski

Final tournament goals

1: Roger Guerreiro

Overall appearances

28: Jacek Bąk

20: Mariusz Lewandowski

19: Maciej Żurawski

19: Jacek Krzynówek

18: Michał Żewłakow

16: Grzegorz Lato

Overall goals

9: Euzebiusz Smolarek

8: Andrzej Juskowiak

6: Włodzimierz Lubański

Team facts: Greece

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1980: group stage, final tournament

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1964: did not qualify

1960: last 16

Team EURO records

Final tournament win

1-2: Portugal v Greece, 12/06/04, group stage

1-0: three times, most recently Portugal v Greece, 04/07/04, final

Final tournament loss

1-3: Greece v Czechoslovakia, 14/06/80, group stage

0-2: Greece v Sweden, 10/06/08, group stage

Qualifying win

8-1: Greece v Finland, 11/10/78

Qualifying loss

7-1: France v Greece, 01/10/58

Player EURO records

Final tournament appearances

9: Antonis Nikopolidis

9: Traianos Dellas

9: Kostas Katsouranis

9: Angelos Charisteas

8: Giourkas Seitaridis

8: Angelos Basinas

7: Giorgos Karagounis

Final tournament goals

4: Angelos Charisteas

1: Five players

Overall appearances

36: Theodoros Zagorakis

35: Giorgos Karagounis

29: Kostas Katsouranis

26: Angelos Charisteas

25: Antonis Nikopolidis

25: Stelios Giannakopoulos

Overall goals

11: Angelos Charisteas

9: Nikos Anastopoulos

7: Nikos Machlas

6: Fanis Gekas

6: Dimitrios Saravakos

6: Panagiotis Tsalouchidis

Squad list

Poland

No	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	UEFA EURO 2012				Overall	
						Qual.		FT		Team	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers											
1	Wojciech Szczęsny	18/04/90	22	Arsenal FC	-	-	-	-	-	10	-
12	Grzegorz Sandomierski	05/09/89	22	KRC Genk	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
22	Przemysław Tytoń	04/01/87	25	PSV Eindhoven	-	-	-	-	-	5	-
Defenders											
2	Sebastian Boenisch	01/02/87	25	SV Werder Bremen	-	-	-	-	-	6	-
3	Grzegorz Wojtkowiak	26/01/84	28	KKS Lech Poznań	-	-	-	-	-	19	-
4	Marcin Kamiński	15/01/92	20	KKS Lech Poznań	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
13	Marcin Wasilewski	09/06/80	31	RSC Anderlecht	-	-	-	-	-	48	2
14	Jakub Wawrzyniak	07/07/83	28	Legia Warszawa	-	-	-	-	-	25	-
15	Damien Perquis	10/04/84	28	FC Sochaux-Montbéliard	-	-	-	-	-	7	1
20	Łukasz Piszczek	03/06/85	27	Borussia Dortmund	-	-	-	-	-	24	-
Midfielders											
5	Dariusz Dudka	09/12/83	28	AJ Auxerre	-	-	-	-	-	63	2
6	Adam Matuszczyk	14/02/89	23	Fortuna Düsseldorf 1895	-	-	-	-	-	19	1
7	Eugen Polanski	17/03/86	26	1. FSV Mainz 05	-	-	-	-	-	8	-
8	Maciej Rybus	19/08/89	22	FC Terek Grozny	-	-	-	-	-	21	1
10	Ludovic Obraniak	10/11/84	27	FC Girondins de Bordeaux	-	-	-	-	-	23	5
11	Rafał Murawski	09/10/81	30	KKS Lech Poznań	-	-	-	-	-	43	1
16	Jakub Błaszczykowski	14/12/85	26	Borussia Dortmund	-	-	-	-	-	51	9
18	Adrian Mierzejewski	06/11/86	25	Trabzonspor AŞ	-	-	-	-	-	23	1
19	Rafał Wolski	10/11/92	19	Legia Warszawa	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
21	Kamil Grosicki	08/06/88	23	Sivasspor	-	-	-	-	-	13	-
Forwards											
9	Robert Lewandowski	21/08/88	23	Borussia Dortmund	-	-	-	-	-	42	14
17	Artur Sobiech	12/06/90	21	Hannover 96	-	-	-	-	-	5	1
23	Paweł Brożek	21/04/83	29	Trabzonspor AŞ	-	-	-	-	-	34	8
Coach											
-	Franciszek Smuda	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Greece

No	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	UEFA EURO 2012				Overall	
						Qual.		FT		Team	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers											
1	Kostas Chalkias	30/05/74	38	PAOK FC	-	-	-	-	-	30	-
12	Alexandros Tzorvas	12/08/82	29	US Città di Palermo	-	3	-	-	-	16	-
13	Michalis Sifakis	09/09/84	27	Aris Thessaloniki FC	-	6	-	-	-	12	-
Defenders											
2	Giannis Maniatis	12/10/86	25	Olympiacos FC	-	3	-	-	-	9	-
3	Giorgos Tzavellas	26/11/87	24	Eintracht Frankfurt	-	3	-	-	-	6	-
4	Stelios Malezas	11/03/85	27	PAOK FC	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
5	Kyriakos Papadopoulos	23/02/92	20	FC Schalke 04	-	4	2	-	-	8	3
8	Avraam Papadopoulos	03/12/84	27	Olympiacos FC	-	7	-	-	-	33	-
15	Vassilis Torossidis	10/06/85	26	Olympiacos FC	-	7	2	-	-	44	6
19	Sokratis Papastathopoulos	09/06/88	23	SV Werder Bremen	-	8	-	-	-	28	-
20	José Holebas	27/06/84	27	Olympiacos FC	-	-	-	-	-	4	-
Midfielders											
6	Grigoris Makos	18/01/87	25	AEK Athens FC	-	3	-	-	-	11	-
10	Giorgos Karagounis	06/03/77	35	Panathinaikos FC	-	10	1	-	-	117	8
16	Giorgos Fotakis	29/10/81	30	PAOK FC	-	2	1	-	-	10	2
18	Sotiris Ninis	03/04/90	22	Panathinaikos FC	-	7	1	-	-	19	2
21	Kostas Katsouranis	21/06/79	32	Panathinaikos FC	-	9	-	-	-	91	9
22	Kostas Fortounis	16/10/92	19	1. FC Kaiserslautern	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
23	Giannis Fetfatzidis	21/12/90	21	Olympiacos FC	-	6	2	-	-	13	3
Forwards											
7	Giorgos Samaras	21/02/85	27	Celtic FC	-	8	1	-	-	54	7
9	Nikos Liberopoulos	04/08/75	36	AEK Athens FC	-	2	-	-	-	75	13
11	Kostas Mitroglou	12/03/88	24	Atromitos FC	-	5	-	-	-	13	-
14	Dimitris Salpingidis	18/08/81	30	PAOK FC	-	10	1	-	-	56	7
17	Fanis Gekas	23/05/80	32	Samsunspor	-	4	1	-	-	58	21
Coach											
-	Fernando Santos	10/10/54	57	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-

Head coach

Poland: Franciszek Smuda

Date of birth: 22 June 1948

Nationality: Polish

Playing career: Unia Racibórz, MKS Odra Wodzisław Śląski, KS Ruch Chorzów, KS Stal Mielec, GKS Piast Gliwice, Wisła Garfield, Hartford Bicentennials, Legia Warszawa, Los Angeles Aztecs, Oakland Stompers, San Jose Earthquakes, SpVgg Fürth, VfR Coburg

Coaching career: VfR Coburg, ASV Forth, FC Herzogenaurach, Altay GK, Konyaspor, KS Stal Mielec, RTS Widzew Łódź (three times), Wisła Kraków (twice), Legia Warszawa, Piotrcovia Piotrków Trybunalski, AC Omonia, MKS Odra Wodzisław Śląski, Zagłębie Łubin (twice), KKS Lech Poznań, Poland

- Spent a significant part of his playing career as a defender in the North American Soccer League during the 1970s. Retired after a spell in Germany, where he also started coaching.
- Moved on to Turkey, but relegated from top flight with Konyaspor in 1993 and returned home to Poland – after a 16-year absence – to coach former club Stal Mielec.
- Led Widzew Łódź to undefeated title success in 1996, defending the crown the following season and playing in the UEFA Champions League. Also a title winner with Wisła Kraków in 1999.
- Flitted between teams over next few years before establishing himself once again at Lech Poznań and leading the club through the UEFA Cup group stage, to victory in the Polish Cup and third place in the league in 2008/09.
- Left for Zagłębie Łubin, succeeding Leo Beenhakker as Poland coach after the national team's failure to qualify for the 2010 FIFA World Cup. Coached Zagłębie in tandem with the UEFA EURO 2012 co-hosts until the end of December 2009.

Greece: Fernando Santos

Date of birth: 19 October 1954

Nationality: Portuguese

Playing career: SL Benfica, CS Marítimo, GD Estoril-Praia

Coaching career: GD Estoril-Praia, CF Estrela da Amadora, FC Porto, AEK Athens FC (twice), Panathinaikos FC, Sporting Clube de Portugal, SL Benfica, PAOK FC, Greece

- A left-back, Santos started his playing days at hometown club Benfica before two-year spells with Marítimo and Estoril-Praia. Retired in 1975.
- After a career change as a technician – Santos holds a degree in electrical and telecommunications engineering – he returned to football in 1987, taking over at former club Estoril-Praia. Stayed for seven years, guiding them to two promotions and the Portuguese top flight.
- Had four seasons with Estrela da Amadora prior to joining Porto in 1998. Led club to the league title in his first season, adding two domestic cups before leaving for AEK in 2001. Again made an instant impact, winning the 2002 Greek Cup.
- Joined Panathinaikos that summer but reign proved brief. Returned home to Sporting in 2003/04 before rejoining AEK in summer 2004, steadying the ship after a turbulent spell. Left in 2006 for Benfica, where he lasted a year, swiftly opting for yet another Greek sojourn with PAOK.
- Revived the club's fortunes, leading them to runners-up spot in the league in 2009/10 to win a place in the UEFA Champions League third qualifying round. Announced his departure in May 2010 and was confirmed as Otto Rehhagel's successor as Greece coach six weeks later, proving an immediate success as he led them to UEFA EURO 2012 as winners of qualifying Group F.

Match officials

Referee	Carlos Velasco Carballo (ESP)
Assistant referees	Roberto Alonso Fernández (ESP), Juan Carlos Yuste Jiménez (ESP)
Additional assistant referees	David Fernández Borbalán (ESP), Carlos Clos Gómez (ESP)
Fourth official	Gianluca Rocchi (ITA)
Reserve official	Renato Faverani (ITA)
UEFA Delegate	Geir Thorsteinsson (ISL)
UEFA Referee observer	Pierluigi Collina (ITA)

Referee

Name	Date of birth	Nationality
Carlos Velasco Carballo	16/03/1971	

• Carlos Velasco Carballo made his debut in the Spanish Liga in 2004 and has progressed rapidly through the ranks, getting his first taste of the UEFA Champions League group stage in the FC Shakhtar Donetsk-FK Partizan game in September 2010.

• An engineer from Madrid, Velasco Carballo's first taste of European competition came in April 2005 when he was selected as fourth official for three UEFA European Under-19 Championship elite round games.

• Held the same role in qualifying for the UEFA Champions League and UEFA Cup from 2005/06 onwards, also working as fourth official at the UEFA EURO 2008 qualifier between Turkey and Malta in September 2006.

• Awarded his first UEFA Champions League refereeing appointment when Anorthosis Famagusta FC took on SK Rapid Wien in the second qualifying round in July 2008, the following June he oversaw his only 2010 FIFA World Cup qualifier, a 2-2 draw between Cyprus and Montenegro.

• A regular as a referee in the 2009/10 UEFA Europa League, where he oversaw six matches in total, Velasco Carballo was also entrusted with the Estonia-Italy fixture at the start of UEFA EURO 2012 qualifying in September 2010. He reached another career pinnacle when he was appointed to officiate at the 2010/11 UEFA Europa League final between FC Porto and SC Braga.

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

No matches found

Other matches

Date	Competition	Stage	Home	Away	Result	Venue
03/09/10	EURO	QR	Estonia	Italy	1-2	Tallinn
25/03/11	EURO	QR	Hungary	Netherlands	0-4	Budapest
06/09/11	EURO	QR	Croatia	Israel	3-1	Zagreb

Competition facts

UEFA European Football 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.
- 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 Karembou 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 Matthas 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.
- Belgium's Enzo Scifo is the youngest player to feature; he was 18 years 115 days in the 2-0 defeat of Yugoslavia at the 1984 finals.
- Five players have appeared in four final tournaments: Lothar Matthäus, Peter Schmeichel, Alessandro Del Piero, Edwin van der Sar and Lilian Thuram.
- 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

Final tournament Group A

Standings

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Poland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Greece	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Russia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Czech Republic	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Matchday 1 (08/06/12)

Poland v Greece

Matchday 2 (12/06/12)

Greece v Czech Republic

Poland v Russia

Matchday 3 (16/06/12)

Greece v Russia

Czech Republic v Poland

UEFA information

UEFA President's EURO message

"Make us dream" is the message from UEFA President Michel Platini and millions of football fans across the globe to the players of 16 expectant teams at the start of UEFA EURO 2012 in Poland and Ukraine. The UEFA President spoke of his excitement at the footballing feast that lies ahead – and thanked the co-hosts for their outstanding efforts in bringing five years of preparations to fruition. "We are ready," said Mr Platini in Warsaw on Wednesday. "It has been a long, hard challenge, but I hope that it will be a great party. Poland and Ukraine have worked with considerable passion since 2007. It is a great challenge for both countries, and for UEFA. In all modesty, I think that this challenge is being met. I am very happy – the two countries made enormous efforts and a great amount of work to enable [the competition] to succeed. [They] have worked with all their hearts and I would like to congratulate them and thank them on behalf of football."

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.

Referees Committee briefs EURO teams

Members of the UEFA Referees Committee have been meeting the coaches and players of the 16 participating teams ahead of UEFA EURO 2012 to discuss the instructions given to the referees for the tournament in Poland and Ukraine. The committee members – all vastly-experienced former international match officials – have emphasised the message that cooperation between the coaches, players and referees will contribute to the success and image of the tournament. Protection of players and the game's image, and punishment for mobbing the referee, as well as for incidents of mass confrontation, are among the instructions delivered by the UEFA Referees Committee to the 12 refereeing teams.

IBC opens

The International Broadcast Centre (IBC) in Warsaw, which will act as the focal point and hub for all broadcast operations at UEFA EURO 2012, was officially opened on Tuesday by UEFA President Michel Platini, Poland's sports minister Joanna Mucha and the deputy mayor of Warsaw, Jacek Wojciechowicz. Located at the Warszawskie Centrum EXPO XXI in Warsaw, the IBC's master control room will receive television signals from all eight stadiums in Poland and Ukraine via fibre networks and distribute them to broadcast partners, and thus on to the millions of fans watching around the world. In total, UEFA will bring nine multilateral feeds from the 32 match coverage cameras back to the IBC. These can be booked by broadcast partners and then used within their programming. Broadcast partners will also be sending their own unilateral feeds to Warsaw before distributing them to their respective home countries and audiences.

UEFA EURO 2012 opening ceremony

The performance will start 20 minutes before kick-off of the tournament's opening match between Poland and Greece. The concept for the UEFA EURO 2012 opening ceremony has been developed by Marco Balich, Olympic producer and president of events and ceremonies company Filmmaster Events. Balich created the opening and closing ceremonies of the Turin Winter Olympics in 2006 and is also known in Ukraine, having produced the opening ceremony of the Donbass Arena in Donetsk in 2009.

The 12-minute show will combine heritage and innovation to bring sport and culture together and mark the start of a historical event, the first UEFA European Championship to be staged in central and eastern Europe. Renowned Hungarian classical pianist Adam Gyorgy will perform a Chopin Étude in a minor (Op.25 Nr.11) to bring the pure classical tradition of Chopin into a sport environment. Italian DJ and producer DJ Karmatronic – who has done successful remixes for some of the world's top artists – will perform his own music from a DJ booth as well and an unpublished track that he wrote together with Adam Gyorgy, which is entitled "The Game of the World". The opening ceremony will include mass choreographies involving more than 800 volunteer performers from as many as 63 countries around the world. The national anthems of Poland and Greece will be sung by the Academic Choir of the University of Warsaw. The 75 choir members will be conducted by the choir master Irina Bogdanovich.

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

Prom/rel PO: Promotion/relegation play-off

:: Other abbreviations

(aet): Match decided after extra time

No.: Number and penalty shoot-out

ag: Match decided on away goals

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

(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

(+): Denotes player introduced

(+/-): Denotes player introduced and substituted

:: Squad list

D: Disciplinary

S: Suspended

*: Misses next match if booked

#: Suspended for at least one match

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