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Czech Republic

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Previous meetings

Head to Head

EURO '96

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
19/06/96	GS-FT	Russia - Czech Republic	3-3	Liverpool	Mostovoi 49, Tetradze 54, Beschastnykh 85; Suchopárek 5, Kuka 19, Šmicer 88

FIFA World Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
29/11/81	QR (GS)	Czechoslovakia - USSR	1-1	Bratislava	Vojáček 34; Blokhin 14
28/10/81	QR (GS)	USSR - Czechoslovakia	2-0	Tbilisi	Shengelia 28, 46

1976 UEFA European Championship

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
22/05/76	QF	USSR - Czechoslovakia	2-2 agg: 2-4	Kyiv	Buryak 53, Blokhin 87; Móder 45, 82
24/04/76	QF	Czechoslovakia - USSR	2-0	Bratislava	Móder 34, Panenka 47

1960 UEFA European Championship

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
06/07/60	SF	Czechoslovakia - USSR	0-3	Marseille	Ivanov 34, 56, Ponedelnik 66

	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																		
Russia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	1	2	1	4	1	2	1	8	7
Czech Republic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	1	2	1	4	1	2	1	7	8
FIFA*																		
Russia	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	-	-	-	-	2	1	1	0	3	1
Czech Republic	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	-	-	-	-	2	0	1	1	1	3
Friendly matches																		
Russia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	4	2	1	13	7
Czech Republic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	1	2	4	7	13
Total																		
Russia	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	4	1	2	1	13	6	5	2	24	15
Czech Republic	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	4	1	2	1	13	2	5	6	15	24

* FIFA World Cup / FIFA Confederations Cup

Match background

Russia and the Czech Republic met for the only time at EURO '96, and both will be eager to make a positive start in UEFA EURO 2012 Group A when they face off again in Wroclaw.

Head-to-head record

- The sole encounter between Russia and the Czech Republic came at the finals in England 16 years ago. In the final Group C fixture in Liverpool on 19 June, the Czechs needed a point to advance at the expense of Italy and Russia – and achieved their aim with a 3-3 draw.
- It was the first appearance at the UEFA European Championship final tournament for both sides as Russia and the Czech Republic.
- The USSR and Czechoslovakia met in the first semi-final of what was then called the European Nations' Cup in 1960. The Soviet team were 3-0 winners in Marseille with Valentin Ivanov scoring twice and Viktor Ponedelnik once.
- That was the only final tournament fixture between the teams; of 12 official meetings the Soviet Union won six and Czechoslovakia two with four draws. The sides also played in the 1976 quarter-finals, when the finals was a four-team tournament, the Czechoslovakians securing a 2-0 first-leg lead in Bratislava and holding on for a 2-2 draw in the Kyiv return en route to lifting the title.

Selected previous meeting

19 June 1996: Russia 3-3 Czech Republic (Mostovoi 49, Tetradze 54, Beschastnykh 85; Suchopárek 5, Kuka 19, Šmicer 88) – Anfield, Liverpool, EURO '96 group stage

Russia: Cherchesov, Nikiforov, Tetradze, Gorloukovitch, Yanovski, Karpin, Radimov, Khokhlov, Tsybalar (Shalimov 67), Simutenkov (Mostovoi 46), Kolyvanov (Beschastnykh 46).

Czech Republic: Kouba, Horňák, Kubík, Suchopárek, Látal, Bejbl, Nedvěd, Berger (Němeček 90), Němec, Poborský, Kuka (Šmicer 69).

- Replacement Vladimír Šmicer came to the rescue, taking Dušan Uhrin's side through as section runners-up thanks to a superior head-to-head record against Italy and leaving Oleg Romantsev's Russia at the foot of the group with one point. The Czechs went on to lose to Germany in the final.

Form guide

- Russia are unbeaten in eight competitive games – six wins and two draws – since a 1-0 home defeat by Slovakia in their second UEFA EURO 2012 qualifier. They scored eight goals without conceding in their final four qualifiers.
- Russia reached the semi-finals of UEFA EURO 2008, losing 3-0 to eventual winners Spain – who had also beaten them 4-1 in the group stage.
- Russia have missed just one EURO since the break-up of the former Soviet Union, UEFA EURO 2000, though they had not progressed beyond the group stage before UEFA EURO 2008.
- The Czech Republic have played at every EURO since Czechoslovakia split in 1993, reaching the final at EURO '96 and the semi-finals at UEFA EURO 2004.
- The Czechs have won their last three competitive games since losing 2-0 at home to European champions Spain in qualifying.

Team ties

- Russia coach Dick Advocaat recorded a home draw (1-1) and away defeat (1-3) against the Czech Republic during UEFA EURO 2004 qualifying while in charge of the Netherlands. The Czechs were also 3-2 winners against his Dutch side at the finals in Portugal.
- Czech goalkeeper Petr Čech had former Russia captain Aleksei Smertin (2004-06) and Yuri Zhirkhov (2009-11) as team-mates at Chelsea FC.
- Czech Republic captain Tomáš Rosický is a team-mate of Andrey Arshavin at Arsenal FC.
- Czech defender Roman Hubník made nine league appearances for Russian club FC Moskva between 2007 and 2008.
- Since moving to Russia in January 2009, Tomáš Necid has been a team-mate of Igor Akinfeev, Sergei Ignashevich, Aleksei Berezutski, Kirill Nababkin and Alan Dzagoev at PFC CSKA Moskva.

- Necid scored the Czechs' 90th-minute equaliser against Russia in the 2006 UEFA European Under-17 Championship final in Luxembourg, making the score 2-2 – only for the Russians to win the penalty shoot-out 5-3. Tomáš Pekhart was Necid's attacking partner in the Czech team.
- The coach of the winning Russian team was Igor Kolyvanov – one of the starters against the Czechs at EURO '96 – although none of the victorious Russian squad featured in UEFA EURO 2012 qualifying.
- Former Czech midfielder Jiří Jarošík was at CSKA Moskva between 2003 and 2005. He also played for PFC Krylya Sovetov Samara from 2008 to 2010.

Match facts

RUSSIA

- Russia are 14 matches unbeaten, winning seven and drawing seven since a 1-0 friendly defeat by Iran on 09/02/2011.
- Russia have conceded just twice in their last 11 games.
- Defenders Vladimir Granat and Kirill Nababkin are yet to make a competitive appearance for Russia but both made their debuts in pre-tournament friendlies.

Injury news

- Igor Akinfeev started against Lithuania on 29/05, his first international appearance since 10/08/2011 after seven-and-a-half months out with a knee problem.
- Defender Roman Shishkin (stomach) and Vasili Berezutski (thigh) miss UEFA EURO 2012 with injuries.

Miscellaneous

- Eleven of the squad were also at UEFA EURO 2008: Akinfeev, Vyacheslav Malafeev, Aleksandr Anyukov, Aleksei Berezutski, Yuri Zhirkov, Sergei Ignashevich, Konstantin Zyryanov, Igor Semshov, Roman Shirokov, Andrey Arshavin and Roman Pavlyuchenko.
- There are seven survivors of UEFA EURO 2004: Akinfeev, Malafeev, Anyukov, Roman Sharonov, Marat Izmailov, Semshov and Aleksandr Kerzhakov.
- Russia have the oldest forwards in Poland/Ukraine with an average age of 30, compared to England's 23 and Poland's 24.
- Sharonov was a substitute against Uruguay on 25/05, his first appearance for Russia since 2004.
- Coach Dick Advocaat will step down at the end of EURO to take the reins at PSV Eindhoven.
- Pavel Pogrebnyak is a free agent after spending the second half of 2011/12 at Fulham FC.

Pre-tournament friendlies

01/06 Italy 0-3 Russia (Kerzhakov 59; Shirokov 75 89)

Malafeev (Akinfeev 46); A Berezutski, Nababkin, Ignashevich, Zhirkov (Kombarov 87); Shirokov, Denisov, Dzagoev (Kokorin 85), Zyryanov; Arshavin, Kerzhakov (Pavlyuchenko 62).

29/05 Lithuania 0-0 Russia

Akinfeev; Anyukov, A Berezutski, Ignashevich, Kombarov (Zhirkov 46); Shirokov (Semshov 72), Denisov, Zyryanov (Dzagoev 46), Izmailov (Kokorin 46); Arshavin, Kerzhakov (Pavlyuchenko 46).

25/05 Russia 1-1 Uruguay (Kerzhakov 49; Suárez 47)

Malafeev; Anyukov, A Berezutski (Sharonov 46), Ignashevich, Zhirkov (D Kombarov 69); Shirokov, Denisov, Zyryanov (Glushakov 79), Izmailov (Kokorin 79); Arshavin, Pogrebnyak (Kerzhakov 46).

UEFA EURO 2012 qualifying

- Three of 17 Russia's goals – all of them decisive – came courtesy of deflections: Shirokov v Republic of Ireland, Semshov v Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Dzagoev v Slovakia.
- Ignashevich's goal against Andorra on 11/10/2011 was his 50th in professional football – he is the most prolific ever defender in Russia.

Domestic information

- The squad features seven members of FC Zenit St Petersburg's title-winning team: Malafeev, Anyukov, Igor Denisov, Shirokov, Zyryanov, Arshavin and Kerzhakov.
- They prevailed at the end of a transitional 14-month, 44-game campaign as Russia switches to a winter season. Malafeev (41 league appearances), Zyryanov (41) and Denisov (40) all missed only a handful of matches.
- Denisov was named player of the season by the Russian Football Union.
- Kerzhakov scored 23 goals and made nine assists in 32 league outings for Zenit and was the second highest scorer in the division despite enduring five months out with an ankle injury.
- Sharonov was in the FC Rubin Kazan team that captured their maiden Russian Cup, beating an FC Dinamo Moskva side featuring Vladimir Granat, Semshov and Aleksandr Kokorin 1-0 in the final on 09/05.

CZECH REPUBLIC

- The Russia game will be Michal Bílek's first at a major final tournament.
- Vladimír Darida, who won his first cap in the friendly against Hungary on 01/06, is yet to make a competitive appearance for the Czech Republic.
- Petr Čech has won 91 caps and is joint-second in the Czech Republic's list of all-time appearance makers with Pavel Nedvěd and Jan Koller. Karel Poborský holds the record with 118.

Injury news

- Milan Baroš has been suffering from a thigh strain and missed training on Wednesday.
- Tomáš Rosický suffered a calf injury in Arsenal FC's final game of the season on 13/05 and missed the Czech Republic's pre-tournament friendlies but returned to training on 04/06.
- Michal Kadlec played the pre-tournament friendlies wearing a face mask after undergoing surgery on a broken nose suffered on duty for Bayer 04 Leverkusen on 28/04. Jaroslav Drobný suffered a hip injury in a collision with Czech team-mate Tomáš Pekhart on 21/04 in Hamburger SV's Bundesliga game against 1. FC Nurnberg.

Miscellaneous

- Bílek signed a one-year deal on 27/05, with a 12-month option if the Czechs qualify for the 2014 FIFA World Cup.
- Čech agreed new terms with Chelsea FC on 28/05, tying him to the club until summer 2016.
- The Czech Republic convened in Prague on 20/05, with Jaroslav Plašil (21/05) and Čech (24/05) following after club commitments. The Czechs arrived at their EURO base of Wroclaw on 03/06 by train – as they did when, as Czechoslovakia, they finished runners-up at the 1934 FIFA World Cup.
- This is the third successive UEFA European Championship for five of the squad: Čech, Baroš, Rosický, Plašil and Tomáš Hübschman.
- There are three more survivors of UEFA EURO 2008: Michal Kadlec, Tomáš Sivok and Plašil.
- Baroš was the five-goal top scorer at UEFA EURO 2004 – no player has won the UEFA European Championship adidas Golden Boot twice.

Pre-tournament friendlies

01/06 Czech Republic 1-2 Hungary (Kadlec 24pen; Dzsudzsák 7, Gyurcsó 88)

Čech; Sivok (Hubník 46), Kadlec, Limberský, Gebre Selassie; Plašil (Lafata 80), Kolář (Pekhart 60), Pilař, Jiráček (Hübschman 80); Baroš (Darida 60), Rezek (Rajtoral 73).

- On 26/05, David Latafa struck a 94th-minute winner as the Czech Republic beat Israel 2-1 in an unofficial friendly in Graz, Austria. Baroš (17) had broken the deadlock from the penalty spot.

UEFA EURO 2012 qualifying

- Václav Pilař and Petr Jiráček both scored their first senior international goals as the Czech Republic secured a 3-0 aggregate victory over Montenegro in the play-offs.
- The Czechs' tally of 12 group stage goals was the lowest of all finalists.
- After Baroš missed from the spot in the opening loss to Lithuania, penalty-taking duties passed to defender Kadlec, who subsequently converted three out of three.
- Kadlec was the only ever-present during qualifying, play-offs included. Two of the squad did not feature in qualifying: Drobný and Darida.

Domestic information

- Čech saved penalties from Arjen Robben in regulation time and Ivica Olić and Bastian Schweinsteiger in the shoot-out as Chelsea beat FC Bayern München in the UEFA Champions League final on 19/05. The previous week the Blues beat Liverpool FC in the FA Cup final.
- Lafata struck a record 25 goals in the Gambrinus Liga for FK Jablonec, taking the top scorer honour for the second successive season.
- Theodor Gebre Selassie was the only player to feature in every minute of the 30-game Gambrinus Liga campaign, racking up 2,700 minutes for FC Slovan Liberec.
- Seven of the squad played in the UEFA Champions League for FK Viktoria Plzeň: David Limberský, František Rajtoral, Milan Petržela, Daniel Kolář, Pilař, Darida and Jiráček. Jiráček moved to VfL Wolfsburg in December and Pilař followed a month later, though he remained at Plzeň for the second half of the season.

Team facts

Team facts: Russia

UEFA European Championship record

2008: semi-finals
2004: group stage, final tournament
2000: did not qualify
1996: group stage, final tournament
1992: group stage, final tournament (as Commonwealth of Independent States)
1988: runners-up (as Soviet Union)
1984: did not qualify (as Soviet Union)
1980: did not qualify (as Soviet Union)
1976: quarter-finals (as Soviet Union)
1972: runners-up (as Soviet Union)
1968: fourth place (as Soviet Union)
1964: runners-up (as Soviet Union)
1960: winners (as Soviet Union)

Team EURO records

Final tournament win

0-3: Czechoslovakia v Soviet Union, 06/07/60, semi-finals

Final tournament loss

4-1: Spain v Russia, 10/06/08, group stage
0-3: four times, most recently Russia v Spain, 26/06/08, semi-finals

Qualifying win

0-7: San Marino v Russia, 07/06/95

Qualifying loss

3-0: England v Russia, 12/09/07
3-0: Republic of Ireland v Soviet Union, 30/10/74

Player EURO records

Final tournament appearances

6: Aleksandr Anyukov
6: Igor Semshov
5: 15 players

Final tournament goals

3: Roman Pavlyuchenko
3: Valentin Ivanov
3: Viktor Ponedelnik
2: Andrey Arshavin

Overall appearances

34: Sergei Ignashevich
34: Viktor Onopko
25: Aleksandr Anyukov
25: Andrey Arshavin
23: Vasili Berezutski

Overall goals

9: Aleksandr Kerzhakov
9: Roman Pavlyuchenko
8: Valeri Karpin
8: Vladimir Beschastnykh

Team facts: Czech Republic

UEFA European Championship record

2008: group stage, final tournament

2004: semi-finals

2000: group stage, final tournament

1996: runners-up

1992: did not qualify (as Czechoslovakia)

1988: did not qualify (as Czechoslovakia)

1984: did not qualify (as Czechoslovakia)

1980: third place (as Czechoslovakia)

1976: winners (as Czechoslovakia)

1972: did not qualify (as Czechoslovakia)

1968: did not qualify (as Czechoslovakia)

1964: did not qualify (as Czechoslovakia)

1960: third place (as Czechoslovakia)

Team EURO records

Final tournament win

3-0: Czech Republic v Denmark, 27/06/04, quarter-finals

Final tournament loss

0-3: Czechoslovakia v Soviet Union 06/07/60, semi-finals

Qualifying win

7-0: Czech Republic v San Marino, 07/10/06

Qualifying loss

3-0: Finland v Czechoslovakia, 09/09/87

3-0: England v Czechoslovakia, 30/10/74

Player EURO records

Final tournament appearances

14: Karel Poborský

12: Pavel Nedvěd

11: Vladimír Šmicer

10: Jan Koller

9: Marek Jankulovski

9: Jirí Nemeč

Final tournament goals

5: Milan Baroš

4: Vladimír Šmicer

3: Jan Koller

3: Zdeněk Nehoda

Overall appearances

35: Jan Koller

34: Petr Čech

34: Karel Poborský

32: Tomáš Rosický

31: Pavel Nedvěd

31: Jiří Němec

30: Pavel Kuka

Overall goals

21: Jan Koller

12: Patrik Berger

12: Milan Baroš

9: Vladimír Šmicer

9: Zdeněk Nehoda

Squad list

Russia

No	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	UEFA EURO 2012				Overall	
						Qual.		FT		Team	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers											
1	Igor Akinfeev	08/04/86	26	PFC CSKA Moskva	-	6	-	-	-	52	-
13	Anton Shunin	27/01/87	25	FC Dinamo Moskva	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
16	Vyacheslav Malafeev	04/03/79	33	FC Zenit St Petersburg	-	4	-	-	-	25	-
Defenders											
2	Aleksandr Anyukov	28/09/82	29	FC Zenit St Petersburg	-	8	-	-	-	65	1
3	Roman Sharonov	08/09/76	35	FC Rubin Kazan	-	-	-	-	-	8	-
4	Sergei Ignashevich	14/07/79	32	PFC CSKA Moskva	-	9	1	-	-	75	5
5	Yuri Zhirkov	20/08/83	28	FC Anzhi Makhachkala	-	8	-	-	-	52	-
12	Aleksei Berezutski	20/06/82	29	PFC CSKA Moskva	-	6	-	-	-	48	-
19	Vladimir Granat	22/05/87	25	FC Dinamo Moskva	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
21	Kirill Nababkin	08/09/86	25	PFC CSKA Moskva	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Midfielders											
6	Roman Shirokov	06/07/81	30	FC Zenit St Petersburg	-	8	1	-	-	22	6
7	Igor Denisov	17/05/84	28	FC Zenit St Petersburg	-	7	-	-	-	26	-
8	Konstantin Zyryanov	05/10/77	34	FC Zenit St Petersburg	-	9	-	-	-	50	7
9	Marat Izmailov	21/09/82	29	Sporting Clube de Portugal	-	-	-	-	-	33	2
15	Dmitri Kombarov	22/01/87	25	FC Spartak Moskva	-	-	-	-	-	5	-
17	Alan Dzagoev	17/06/90	21	PFC CSKA Moskva	-	8	4	-	-	20	4
18	Aleksandr Kokorin	19/03/91	21	FC Dinamo Moskva	-	-	-	-	-	5	-
22	Denis Glushakov	27/01/87	25	FC Lokomotiv Moskva	-	3	1	-	-	9	1
23	Igor Semshov	06/04/78	34	FC Dinamo Moskva	-	7	1	-	-	57	3
Forwards											
10	Andrey Arshavin	29/05/81	31	Arsenal FC	-	10	-	-	-	71	17
11	Aleksandr Kerzhakov	27/11/82	29	FC Zenit St Petersburg	-	5	2	-	-	61	19
14	Roman Pavlyuchenko	15/12/81	30	FC Lokomotiv Moskva	-	7	4	-	-	47	20
20	Pavel Pogrebnyak	08/11/83	28	Fulham FC	-	7	2	-	-	32	8
Coach											
-	Dick Advocaat	27/09/47	64	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-

Czech Republic

No	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	UEFA EURO 2012				Overall	
						Qual.		FT		Team	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers											
1	Petr Čech	20/05/82	30	Chelsea FC	-	9	-	-	-	90	-
16	Jan Laštuvka	07/07/82	29	FC Dnipro Dnipropetrovsk	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
23	Jaroslav Drobný	18/10/79	32	Hamburger SV	-	-	-	-	-	6	-
Defenders											
2	Theodor Gebre Selassie	24/12/86	25	FC Slovan Liberec	-	4	-	-	-	10	-
3	Michal Kadlec	13/12/84	27	Bayer 04 Leverkusen	-	10	4	-	-	34	8
4	Marek Suchý	29/03/88	24	FC Spartak Moskva	-	2	-	-	-	4	-
5	Roman Hubník	06/06/84	28	Hertha BSC Berlin	-	9	1	-	-	22	2
6	Tomáš Sivok	15/09/83	28	Beşiktaş JK	-	7	1	-	-	26	3
8	David Limberský	06/10/83	28	FC Viktoria Plzeň	-	-	-	-	-	9	-
12	František Rajtoral	12/03/86	26	FC Viktoria Plzeň	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
Midfielders											
9	Jan Rezek	05/05/82	30	Anorthosis Famagusta FC	-	5	2	-	-	13	3
10	Tomáš Rosický	04/10/80	31	Arsenal FC	-	9	-	-	-	85	20
11	Milan Petržela	19/06/83	28	FC Viktoria Plzeň	-	2	-	-	-	10	-
13	Jaroslav Plašil	05/01/82	30	FC Girondins de Bordeaux	-	9	2	-	-	71	6
14	Václav Pilař	13/10/88	23	VfL Wolfsburg	-	3	1	-	-	9	1
17	Tomáš Hübschman	04/09/81	30	FC Shakhtar Donetsk	-	7	-	-	-	43	-
18	Daniel Kolář	27/10/85	26	FC Viktoria Plzeň	-	4	-	-	-	11	1
19	Petr Jiráček	02/03/86	26	VfL Wolfsburg	-	5	1	-	-	8	1
22	Vladimír Darida	08/08/90	21	FC Viktoria Plzeň	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Forwards											
7	Tomáš Necid	13/08/89	22	PFC CSKA Moskva	-	5	1	-	-	26	7
15	Milan Baroš	28/10/81	30	Galatasaray AŞ	-	7	1	-	-	89	41
20	Tomáš Pekhart	26/05/89	23	1. FC Nürnberg	-	5	-	-	-	10	-
21	David Lafata	18/09/81	30	FK Jablonec	-	2	-	-	-	18	3
Coach											
-	Michal Bílek	13/04/65	47	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-

Head coach

Russia: Dick Advocaat

Date of birth: 27 September 1947

Nationality: Dutch

Playing career: ADO Den Haag (twice), Roda JC, VVV Venlo, Chicago Sting, Sparta Rotterdam, K. Berchem Sport, FC Utrecht

Coaching career: DSVP, HFC Haarlem, FC Dordrecht, Netherlands (twice), PSV Eindhoven, Rangers FC, VfL Borussia Mönchengladbach, United Arab Emirates, Korea Republic, FC Zenit St Petersburg, AZ Alkmaar, Belgium, Russia

- A combative midfielder, Advocaat's playing career lasted 18 years and included three seasons in the North American Soccer League with Chicago Sting.
- Twice served as assistant coach to Rinus Michels with the Dutch national team, where he earned the nickname Little General. Then took charge himself and led the Oranje to the 1994 FIFA World Cup quarter-finals in the United States.
- Won the Dutch Cup and Eredivisie with PSV (1995-98) before moving to Scotland and picking up domestic treble in the first of four seasons with Rangers. He then opted for a second spell with the Netherlands and led team to UEFA EURO 2004 semi-finals. Two years later he was in charge of South Korea at the World Cup finals.
- Returned to club football with Zenit, winning the Russian title in 2007 and the UEFA Cup – where he defeated former club Rangers – and UEFA Super Cup a year later. Left in August 2009, becoming Belgium coach two months later before agreeing to coach AZ Alkmaar for the rest of the season.
- Took charge of Russia in May 2010, clinching a place at UEFA EURO 2012 with a 6-0 defeat of Andorra on the last day of qualifying. In April 2012 he announced his decision to depart after that summer's finals and subsequently agreed a return to PSV.

Czech Republic: Michal Bílek

Date of birth: 13 April 1965

Nationality: Czech

Playing career: AC Sparta Praha (four times), RH Cheb, Real Betis Balompié, FK Viktoria Žižkov, FK Teplice

Coaching career: FK Teplice, CS Cartaginés, Czech Republic Under-19, FK Chmel Blšany, FK Viktoria Plzeň, AC Sparta Praha, MFK Ružomberok, Czech Republic

- A gritty midfielder who was an expert at free-kicks and penalties, Bílek had four spells at Sparta, the most memorable between 1986 and 1990 during which he won three league titles and two Czechoslovakian Cups.
- Travelled to the 1990 FIFA World Cup as the reigning Czechoslovakian Player of the Year; featured in all five matches at right-back to help Czechoslovakia to quarter-finals, scoring from the penalty spot in the opening two matches against the United States and Austria.
- Extended his international career beyond break-up of Czechoslovakia, winning 35 caps and scoring 11 goals.
- Had slow start to coaching career, including spell in Costa Rica, but eventually established himself at top level back at home and was appointed coach of Sparta in September 2006; won domestic double in his first season but dismissed in May 2008.
- Led Slovakian club Ružomberok in 2008/09 before taking on assistant role to former team-mate Ivan Hašek with Czech national side. Promoted to top job in October 2009 as Hašek returned to his position as association president and guided the Czechs to UEFA EURO 2012 via a play-off win against Montenegro.

Match officials

Referee	Howard Webb (ENG)
Assistant referees	Michael Mullarkey (ENG), Peter Kirkup (ENG)
Additional assistant referees	Martin Atkinson (ENG), Mark Clattenburg (ENG)
Fourth official	Manuel De Sousa (POR)
Reserve official	Bertino Miranda (POR)
UEFA Delegate	Nodar Akhalkatsi (GEO)
UEFA Referee observer	Herbert Fandel (GER)

Referee

Name	Date of birth	Nationality
Howard Webb	14/07/1971	

- Howard Webb has made tremendous progress in recent years, both in his native England – where highlights include the 2006/07 League Cup final and the 2008/09 FA Cup final – but also abroad, particularly in 2009/10.
- His appointment on matchday two of the 2006/07 campaign was his first taste of the UEFA Champions League proper, reward for an impressive performance at the UEFA European Under-21 Championship in Portugal.
- A former police officer who enjoys keeping fit, Webb already has a long career behind him having been inspired to pick up the whistle by his father at the age of 18. Took charge of the 2005 FA Community Shield, and that November was in the middle for his first senior international between Northern Ireland and Portugal.
- Having overseen five qualifiers, Webb was referee for two games at UEFA EURO 2008 and in 2008/09 took charge of the UEFA Cup semi-final first leg between Werder Bremen and Hamburger SV.
- The following season he became the fifth Englishman to oversee the European Cup final when FC Internazionale Milano overcame FC Bayern München in Madrid. Even better was to come at the FIFA World Cup, however, where Webb refereed three matches before becoming the first Englishman since Jack Taylor in 1974 to be awarded the final as Spain beat the Netherlands 1-0.

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

Date	Competition	Stage	Home	Away	Result	Venue
17/10/07	EURO	QR	Germany	Czech Republic	0-3	Munich

Other matches

Date	Competition	Stage	Home	Away	Result	Venue
06/09/06	EURO	QR	Netherlands	Belarus	3-0	Eindhoven
24/03/07	EURO	QR	Lithuania	France	0-1	Kaunas
12/09/07	EURO	QR	Ukraine	Italy	1-2	Kyiv
21/11/07	EURO	QR	Slovenia	Bulgaria	0-2	Celje
12/06/08	EURO	GS	Austria	Poland	1-1	Vienna
18/06/08	EURO	GS	Greece	Spain	1-2	Salzburg
08/10/10	EURO	QR	Germany	Turkey	3-0	Berlin
06/09/11	EURO	QR	Romania	France	0-0	Bucharest
07/10/11	EURO	QR	Greece	Croatia	2-0	Piraeus
11/11/11	EURO	PO	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Portugal	0-0	Zenica

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)

Russia v Czech Republic

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.

Respect campaign under way

UEFA President Michel Platini, Dutch legend Clarence Seedorf and Italian refereeing great Pierluigi Collina joined forces in Warsaw to launch UEFA's Respect campaign for UEFA EURO 2012 in Poland and Ukraine. Respect, UEFA's social responsibility programme, was launched in 2008, and its objective is to support local communities, tackle social issues and work towards unity and respect across gender, race, religion and ability. The Respect project at UEFA EURO 2012 is receiving a UEFA financial contribution of up to €3m, and involves four main strands – UEFA's commitment to combat racism (Respect Diversity), increasing and improving access for fans with disabilities (Respect Inclusion), promoting health through physical activity (Respect Your Health), and fostering intercultural dialogue between fans and the host cities (Respect Fan Culture).

UEFA is also promoting the idea of Respect at UEFA EURO 2012 through a jersey-exchanging initiative in which several football luminaries – including Seedorf and Collina – are acting as campaign ambassadors. By linking Respect with swapping shirts, European football's governing body hopes to make a connection with players and fans alike, encouraging everyone to exchange jerseys as a sign of respect for diversity.

The campaign, aimed at players, officials, football fans and large TV audiences, will be visible through a 30-second TV spot which will be broadcast in all European territories at half-time during matches and in the fan zones, as well as on giant screens at the stadiums.

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

aetps: Match decided after extra time

o.g.: Own goal

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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