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Italy

Group C - Matchday 1
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Previous meetings

Head to Head

UEFA EURO 2008

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
22/06/08	QF	Spain - Italy	0-0 aet (4-2pens)	Vienna	

FIFA World Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
09/07/94	QF	Italy - Spain	2-1	Boston	Baggio 25, Baggio 88; Caminero 58

1988 UEFA European Championship

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
14/06/88	GS-FT	Italy - Spain	1-0	Frankfurt am Main	Vialli 73

1980 UEFA European Championship

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
12/06/80	GS-FT	Spain - Italy	0-0	Milan	

FIFA World Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
01/06/34	QF	Italy - Spain	1-0	Florence	Meazza 11
31/05/34	QF	Italy - Spain	1-1	Florence	Ferrari 44; Regueiro 31

	Qualifying								Final tournament				Total					
	Home				Away				Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L										
EURO																		
Spain	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	0	2	1	3	0	2	1	0	1
Italy	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	2	0	3	1	2	0	1	0
FIFA*																		
Spain	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	0	1	2	3	0	1	2	2	4
Italy	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	2	1	0	3	2	1	0	4	2
Friendly matches																		
Spain	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	23	8	8	7	27	33
Italy	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	23	7	8	8	33	27
Total																		
Spain	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	0	3	3	29	8	11	10	29	38
Italy	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	3	3	0	29	10	11	8	38	29

* FIFA World Cup / FIFA Confederations Cup

Match background

The winners of the last two FIFA World Cups meet in their opening Group C game at UEFA EURO 2012, with Spain having not won a competitive game against Italy since their very first meeting, though the European champions did edge them out on penalties four years ago.

Head-to-head record

- Spain's record in 29 games against Italy is W8 D11 L10, but seven of those victories have come in friendly games.
- In the teams' ten competitive fixtures, Spain's record is W1 D4 L5, though those statistics include a UEFA EURO 2008 quarter-final that Spain won on penalties after a goalless 120 minutes, but which is classified as a draw. That sole outright Spanish victory, a 2-0 win, came in the sides' first meeting at the 1920 Olympic Games.
- In terms of FIFA World Cup and UEFA European Championship finals matches, Spain's record against Italy reads W0 D3 L3 – two of those draws and a loss coming in the continental competition.
- Italy inflicted the joint heaviest loss 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 of defeat.
- The sides first met at a UEFA European Championship in 1980 – the first to feature two groups of four – the game ending in 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.
- Spain's difficulties against Italy extended into the 1996 UEFA European Under-21 Championship final in Barcelona. Despite ending extra time with nine men, an Italy side featuring Francesco Totti beat Spain 5-4 on penalties after a 1-1 draw, with goalkeeper Angelo Pagotto (preferred to Gianluigi Buffon) making the decisive save from Spain's Raúl González.

Selected previous meetings

10 August 2011: Italy 2-1 Spain (Montolivo 11, Aquilani 84; Xabi Alonso 37pen) – Stadio San Nicola, Bari, friendly

Italy: Buffon, Chiellini, Criscito, Maggio, Ranocchia (Bonucci 77), De Rossi (Aquilani 65), Motta (Marchiso 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, Xabi Alonso, Iniesta (Thiago 46), Silva, Torres (Llorente 15).

- In the sides' 19th and most recent friendly, Riccardo Montolivo's only goal in 32 senior outings for Italy gave his side an early lead in Bari. The 27-year-old managed three goals as an Under-21 international, 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 win took Italy into the finals in the Netherlands at their hosts' expense.

22 June 2008: Spain 0-0 Italy (aet, Spain win 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 Aragonés's Spain failed to beat at UEFA EURO 2008, though Spain did come through their quarter-final meeting on penalties. Iker Casillas saved from Daniele De Rossi and Antonio Di Natale, with Gianluigi Buffon denying Daniel Guíza. Cesc Fàbregas converted the ninth penalty to send Spain through to the semi-finals.

9 July 1994: Italy 2-1 Spain (D Baggio 25, R Baggio 88; Caminero 58) – Foxboro Stadium, Boston, FIFA World Cup quarter-final

Italy: Pagliuca, Tassotti, Benarrivo, Albertini (Signori 46), Maldini, Costacurta, Conte (Berti 66), D Baggio, Massaro, R Baggio, Donadoni.

Spain: Zubizarreta, Ferrer, Otero, Abelardo, Goikoetxea, Bakero (Hierro 65), Sergi (Salinas 60), Caminero, Alkorta, Nadal, Luís Enrique.

• In Italy's most recent competitive victory against Spain, Javier Clemente's side were defeated by Arrigo Sacchi's men courtesy of Roberto Baggio's late winner.

Form guide

- World and European champions Spain come into the finals on a 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.
- Spain embarked on a run of ten straight UEFA European Championship victories after their last meeting with Italy, a 0-0 draw in the UEFA EURO 2008 quarter-finals, which – as mentioned above – La Roja won on penalties. They have gone 23 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 quarter-finals of the 2004 edition.
- Spain and Italy have not missed a major finals tournament since EURO '92, when both sides failed to make it to Sweden.
- Italy came through qualifying unbeaten (eight wins and two draws), last losing a competitive game when they went down 3-2 to Slovakia in their final 2010 World Cup finals game. They have gone 13 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.

Team ties

- Spain's David Silva and Italy's Mario Balotelli are team-mates at Manchester City FC.
- Italy's Antonio Cassano played at Real Madrid CF from January 2006 to summer 2007, with Spanish internationals Casillas and Sergio Ramos among his team-mates.
- Spain's Xabi Alonso scored Liverpool FC's equalising goal (converting the rebound after his penalty 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 Andrea 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 Gianluigi Buffon, Xavi Hernández was ultimately on the losing side as the Italians advanced 3-2 on aggregate.
- The midfielder 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.
- Andrés Iniesta and Antonio Nocerino scored for Barcelona and Milan respectively in the Catalan club's 3-1 victory in the 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 Fernando Torres were team-mates at Chelsea FC from January 2011 until Borini joined Swansea City FC on loan that March.
- Gerard 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. Daniele De Rossi made a substitute appearance for the hosts.
- AS 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 also beat Casillas when Milan enjoyed a 3-2 win in Madrid in the 2009/10 UEFA Champions League group stage.
- Fernando 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

- Spain are 14 competitive games without defeat, since their 1-0 loss to Switzerland on 16/06/2010 at the FIFA World Cup. They have lost four of their 14 friendlies in that time, however.
- Juanfran has yet to make a competitive appearance for Spain, though he made his senior international debut in a pre-tournament friendly win against Serbia on 26/05.

Injury news

- Cesc Fàbregas has not featured since picking up a thigh strain in the Copa del Rey final on 25/05.
- Carles Puyol (knee) and Spain's record scorer, David Villa (broken leg), were ruled out of the finals.

Miscellaneous

- Spain, minus players from Chelsea FC and Copa del Rey finalists FC Barcelona and Athletic Club, travelled to a training camp in Schruns, Austria, on 22/05. Juan Mata and Fernando Torres joined them on 26/05, with the final 23-man squad unveiled the following day. Spain arrived at their EURO base of Gniewino on 05/06.
- Spain's squad includes 12 members of the party that triumphed at UEFA EURO 2008: Iker Casillas, Raúl Albiol, Andrés Iniesta, Xavi Hernández, Fernando Torres, Fàbregas, Santi Cazorla, Xabi Alonso, Sergio Ramos, Álvaro Arbeloa, David Silva and Pepe Reina.
- Casillas, Xavi, Alonso and Torres were also in the UEFA EURO 2004 squad, and for Casillas this represents a national record fourth UEFA European Championship appearance as he was also at UEFA EURO 2000.
- Casillas kept his 73rd clean sheet for Spain against Serbia on 26/05, beating Edwin van der Sar's international record. He also celebrated a record 95th international victory when Spain defeated South Korea 4-1 on 30/05.

Pre-tournament friendlies

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

Casillas (Valdés 46); Arbeloa, Albiol, Ramos (Piqué 56), Alba; Xavi (Iniesta 46), Busquets (Juanfran 46), Xabi; Cazorla (Mata 67), Negredo (Navas 46), Silva.

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

Reina (Casillas 81); Arbeloa, Albiol, Ramos (Domínguez 57), Monreal; Cazorla (Adrián 57), Alonso (Bruno 65), Beñat; Silva, Torres (Soldado 57), Mata (Negredo 57).

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

Casillas; Juanfran, Ramos (Domínguez 46), Albiol, Alba (Monreal 46); Navas, Bruno Soriano (Javi García 72), Xabi Alonso (Beñat 46), Cazorla; Soldado (Adrián 46), Negredo (Silva 46).

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 Vicente del Bosque's side.
- Jordi Alba made his international debut in the 3-1 home victory against Scotland on 11/10/2011.
- Two of the final tournament squad did not feature in qualifying: Pepe Reina and Juanfran.

Domestic information

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

ITALY

- The Azzurri have lost their last three games.
- Coach Cesare Prandelli goes into his first major final tournament unbeaten in competitive internationals, recording eight wins and two draws to date.
- Emanuele Giaccherini is the only uncapped member of the Italy squad, though Fabio Borini and Alessandro Diamanti are yet to make their competitive debuts.

Injury news

- Giorgio Chiellini and Riccardo Montolivo arrived at Italy's training camp with thigh injuries suffered on the last day of the Serie A season on 13/05, though Montolivo started against Russia on 01/06.
- Antonio 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

- Italy gathered at Coverciano, Florence, on 21/05, with players of Juventus, SSC Napoli and Paris Saint-Germain FC joining four days later due to domestic duties. The Azzurri arrived in Krakow on 05/06.
- At 1.64m, Sebastian Giovinco is the smallest player at UEFA EURO 2012.
- Gianluigi Buffon surpassed Dino Zoff as Italy's third highest appearance maker in February, and is now on 114 caps behind only Fabio Cannavaro (136) and Paolo Maldini (126).
- Eight of the squad have previous UEFA European Championship experience: Buffon (2004, 2008), Cassano (2004, 2008), Andrea Pirlo (2004, 2008), Chiellini (2008), Andrea Barzagli (2008), Daniele De Rossi (2008), Antonio Di Natale (2008) and Morgan De Sanctis (2008).

Pre-tournament friendly

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

Buffon (De Sanctis 46); Maggio, Bonucci, Barzagli, Balzaretti (Ogbonna 53); De Rossi (Motta 60), Pirlo (Giovinco 68); Marchisio; Montolivo (Nocerino 60); Cassano (Di Natale 68), Balotelli.

- Italy's friendly with Luxembourg in Parma, scheduled for 29/05, was cancelled after the region was struck on the morning of the game by an earthquake with a magnitude of 5.8 on the Richter scale.

UEFA EURO 2012 qualifying

- Italy progressed with two games to spare and finished the campaign undefeated, their tally of 26 points from ten games a national record in a qualifying section for a major tournament.
- The Azzurri also 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.
- Of the final squad, six players did not feature in qualifying: Angelo Ogbonna, Ignazio 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, Bonucci, Chiellini, Giaccherini, Claudio Marchisio and Pirlo.
- The Bianconeri suffered their first defeat of the season in their last outing in the Coppa Italia final on 20/05, losing 2-0 to a Napoli side featuring De Sanctis and Christian Maggio.
- Mario Balotelli scored 13 goals in 23 appearances and was sent off twice as Manchester City FC won their first English top-flight title in 44 years.
- Di Natale struck 23 goals 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 Alessandro 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.
- Andrea Pirlo has not been on the losing side in Serie A since 18 December 2010, when he was at AC Milan.

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

4-1: Spain v Russia, 10/06/08, 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

10: Rafael Gordillo

8: Iker Casillas

8: Carles Puyol

8: Fernando Torres

8: Víctor Muñoz

8: Alfonso Pérez

8: Luis Arconada

Final tournament goals

4: David Villa

3: Alfonso Pérez

Overall appearances

35: Iker Casillas

31: Andoni Zubizarreta

27: Raúl González

26: Xavi Hernández

26: Carlos Marchena

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: four times, most recently France v Italy, 17/06/08, 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

11: Gianluca Zambrotta

9: Alessandro Nesta

9: Stefano Fiore

Final tournament goals

2: Antonio Cassano

2: Pierluigi Casiraghi

2: Filippo Inzaghi

2: Francesco Totti

Overall appearances

39: Gianluigi Buffon

35: Fabio Cannavaro

33: Paolo Maldini

32: Alessandro Del Piero

28: Christian Panucci

28: Andrea Pirlo

Top scorers

Overall goals

14: Filippo Inzaghi

10: Luigi Riva

9: Alessandro Del Piero

8: Antonio Cassano

7: Gianluca Vialli

7: Gianfranco Zola

Squad list

Spain

No	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	UEFA EURO 2012				Overall	
						Qual.		FT		Team	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers											
1	Iker Casillas	20/05/81	31	Real Madrid CF	-	7	-	-	-	131	-
12	Víctor Valdés	14/01/82	30	FC Barcelona	-	1	-	-	-	8	-
23	Pepe Reina	31/08/82	29	Liverpool FC	-	-	-	-	-	25	-
Defenders											
2	Raúl Albiol	04/09/85	26	Real Madrid CF	-	3	-	-	-	34	-
3	Gerard Piqué	02/02/87	25	FC Barcelona	-	7	-	-	-	39	4
4	Javi Martínez	02/09/88	23	Athletic Club	-	2	-	-	-	7	-
5	Juanfran	09/01/85	27	Club Atlético de Madrid	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
15	Sergio Ramos	30/03/86	26	Real Madrid CF	-	8	1	-	-	86	6
17	Álvaro Arbeloa	17/01/83	29	Real Madrid CF	-	6	-	-	-	35	-
18	Jordi Alba	21/03/89	23	Valencia CF	-	1	-	-	-	5	-
Midfielders											
6	Andrés Iniesta	11/05/84	28	FC Barcelona	-	5	1	-	-	65	10
8	Xavi Hernández	25/01/80	32	FC Barcelona	-	6	2	-	-	109	11
10	Cesc Fàbregas	04/05/87	25	FC Barcelona	-	2	-	-	-	63	8
14	Xabi Alonso	25/11/81	30	Real Madrid CF	-	6	1	-	-	96	13
16	Sergio Busquets	16/07/88	23	FC Barcelona	-	7	-	-	-	39	-
20	Santi Cazorla	13/12/84	27	Málaga CF	-	5	-	-	-	43	6
21	David Silva	08/01/86	26	Manchester City FC	-	6	4	-	-	58	16
22	Jesús Navas	21/11/85	26	Sevilla FC	-	1	-	-	-	17	1
Forwards											
7	Pedro Rodríguez	28/07/87	24	FC Barcelona	-	2	-	-	-	15	2
9	Fernando Torres	20/03/84	28	Chelsea FC	-	3	2	-	-	93	28
11	Álvaro Negredo	20/08/85	26	Sevilla FC	-	1	2	-	-	10	6
13	Juan Mata	28/04/88	24	Chelsea FC	-	3	2	-	-	18	5
19	Fernando Llorente	26/02/85	27	Athletic Club	-	5	3	-	-	20	7
Coach											
-	Vicente del Bosque	23/12/50	61	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-

Italy

No	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	UEFA EURO 2012				Overall	
						Qual.		FT		Team	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers											
1	Gianluigi Buffon	28/01/78	34	Juventus	-	6	-	-	-	114	-
12	Salvatore Sirigu	12/01/87	25	Paris Saint-Germain FC	-	1	-	-	-	2	-
14	Morgan De Sanctis	26/03/77	35	SSC Napoli	-	1	-	-	-	5	-
Defenders											
2	Christian Maggio	11/02/82	30	SSC Napoli	-	4	-	-	-	16	-
3	Giorgio Chiellini	14/08/84	27	Juventus	-	10	-	-	-	50	2
4	Angelo Ogbonna	23/05/88	24	Torino FC	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
6	Federico Balzaretti	06/12/81	30	US Città di Palermo	-	4	-	-	-	8	-
7	Ignazio Abate	12/11/86	25	AC Milan	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
15	Andrea Barzagli	08/05/81	31	Juventus	-	2	-	-	-	29	-
19	Leonardo Bonucci	01/05/87	25	Juventus	-	6	1	-	-	14	2
Midfielders											
5	Thiago Motta	28/08/82	29	Paris Saint-Germain FC	-	3	1	-	-	8	1
8	Claudio Marchisio	19/01/86	26	Juventus	-	6	1	-	-	20	1
13	Emanuele Giaccherini	05/05/85	27	Juventus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16	Daniele De Rossi	24/07/83	28	AS Roma	-	7	1	-	-	72	10
18	Riccardo Montolivo	18/01/85	27	ACF Fiorentina	-	8	-	-	-	33	1
21	Andrea Pirlo	19/05/79	33	Juventus	-	9	1	-	-	83	9
22	Alessandro Diamanti	02/05/83	29	Bologna FC	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
23	Antonio Nocerino	09/04/85	27	AC Milan	-	4	-	-	-	11	-
Forwards											
9	Mario Balotelli	12/08/90	21	Manchester City FC	-	2	-	-	-	8	1
10	Antonio Cassano	12/07/82	29	AC Milan	-	10	6	-	-	29	9
11	Antonio Di Natale	13/10/77	34	Udinese Calcio	-	-	-	-	-	37	10
17	Fabio Borini	29/03/91	21	AS Roma	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
20	Sebastian Giovinco	26/01/87	25	Parma FC	-	3	-	-	-	8	-
Coach											
-	Cesare Prandelli	19/08/57	54	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-

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.

Match officials

Referee	Viktor Kassai (HUN)
Assistant referees	Gabor Erös (HUN), György Ring (HUN)
Additional assistant referees	István Vad (HUN), Tamás Bogнар (HUN)
Fourth official	William Collum (SCO)
Reserve official	Alasdair Ross (SCO)
UEFA Delegate	Christian Schmölzer (AUT)
UEFA Referee observer	Jaap Uilenberg (NED)

Referee

Name	Date of birth	Nationality
Viktor Kassai	10/09/1975	

- Viktor Kassai works as a travel agent in his native Hungary and his progress to UEFA's list of Elite referees has ensured plenty of opportunities to broaden his horizons still further.
- Born on 10 September 1975, Kassai has taken charge of more than 100 matches in the Hungarian top flight, getting his first taste of international action in the 2001 UEFA Regions' Cup.
- Kassai, whose principle interests are sports and film, officiated two UEFA Cup matches in 2003/04 and the following season brought his first UEFA Champions League engagement, the second qualifying round first leg between HNK Hajduk Split and Shelbourne FC. Went on to officiate FIFA World Cup and UEFA European Under-21 Championship games the same season.
- In July 2005 Kassai refereed three games at the European U19 Championship in Northern Ireland and has remained a regular in international fixtures ever since, also working at the 2007 FIFA U-20 World Cup in Canada.
- Worked as a fourth official at UEFA EURO 2008, where he was given three matches, and was a referee at the football tournament at the Olympic Games in Beijing later that summer, taking charge of the final as Argentina defeated Nigeria. Oversaw four games at the 2010 World Cup, including the Germany-Spain semi-final, and seven matches in the UEFA Champions League the following season, concluding with the Wembley final between FC Barcelona and Manchester United FC.

Date	Competition	Stage	Home	Away	Result	Venue
25/03/11	EURO	QR	Spain	Czech Republic	2-1	Granada

Other matches

Date	Competition	Stage	Home	Away	Result	Venue
11/10/06	EURO	QR	Belarus	Slovenia	4-2	Minsk
02/06/07	EURO	QR	Estonia	Croatia	0-1	Tallinn
22/08/07	EURO	QR	Finland	Kazakhstan	2-1	Tampere
17/10/07	EURO	QR	France	Lithuania	2-0	Nantes
03/09/10	EURO	QR	England	Bulgaria	4-0	London
02/09/11	EURO	QR	Belarus	Bosnia and Herzegovina	0-2	Minsk
11/11/11	EURO	PO	Estonia	Republic of Ireland	0-4	Tallinn

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 Matthäus is the oldest player to appear in a UEFA European Championship finals; he was aged 39 years 91 days in Germany's 3-0 loss to Portugal at UEFA EURO 2000.
- 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 C

Standings

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Spain	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Italy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Republic of Ireland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Croatia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Matchday 1 (10/06/12)

Spain v Italy

Matchday 2 (14/06/12)

Italy v Croatia

Spain v Republic of Ireland

Matchday 3 (18/06/12)

Croatia v Spain

Italy v Republic of Ireland

UEFA information

A celebration of football

The European football family and its guests gathered together at Warsaw's Royal Castle to herald the start of UEFA EURO 2012. Speaking to government ministers, representatives of the eight host cities, members of European national football associations, and sporting and business guests from throughout Europe and beyond, UEFA President Michel Platini encapsulated the anticipation for the tournament. "We are finally there! The people of Poland and Ukraine have been waiting for more than five years for this moment," said Mr Platini. "The three weeks which lie ahead must be an immense festival, a popular celebration of the most beautiful sport in the world, because football is just one thing – happiness in its purest form." The UEFA President welcomed the presidents of the 16 participating associations on stage, and presented them with a symbolic gift – a hand-crafted silver football boot. "Good luck to you all," he said. "I hope all your players will behave in an exemplary manner on the pitch, and hope especially that they will succeed in making us dream during this EURO."

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.

UEFA charity donation for EURO goals

Committed to providing improved access and facilities for disabled football fans, UEFA is donating €3,000 for every goal scored at UEFA EURO 2012 to the Centre for Access to Football in Europe (CAFE), the official tournament charity. As part of the Respect programme at UEFA EURO 2012, UEFA is working with CAFE to manage separate Respect Inclusion initiatives, and football followers and other benefactors are being encouraged to donate money for upcoming schemes. CAFE was set up via UEFA's CHF1m charity cheque in 2009 to promote and ensure equal access across the region covered by UEFA's member national associations. It provides support, guidance and advice to partners and stakeholders, which include UEFA, national associations, leagues and clubs, disabled fans and disabled supporter groups.

Technical Team studies tactical trends

UEFA's Technical Team of experienced technicians will look at the trends and talking points at UEFA EURO 2012 from a coaching point of view, helping to produce a report on the tournament. Appropriately, it is an 11-man team captained by UEFA's technical director Andy Roxburgh. "The brief is to provide a permanent record of the event from a coach's viewpoint and to trigger debate on the trends and talking points which emerge from it," he said. "A EURO, alongside the FIFA World Cup and the UEFA Champions League, is where benchmarks are laid and the most significant trends at the elite end of the game become apparent. These can supply valuable information in terms of pinpointing facets of the game which might need to be built into youth development programmes throughout UEFA's member associations."

Alongside Roxburgh will be Fabio Capello, Jerzy Engel, Dusan Fitzel, Gérard Houllier, Lars Lagerbäck, György Mezey and Holger Osieck, with Jean-Paul Brigger and Walter Gagg providing FIFA input, while Mordechai Shpigler will act as linkman to UEFA's Development & Technical Assistance Committee. The technical team's work is based on first-hand observations at each of the 31 matches. At least two of the team will attend every fixture to make sure each side is watched by a pair of expert eyes. One of the other tasks facing the technical team will be to acknowledge outstanding individual contributions and, after the final in Kyiv, Roxburgh and his team will be getting together to put the finishing touches to UEFA's All-Star Squad.

Legend

:: All-time statistics

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

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

Goals for/against: Goals totals include the outcome of disciplinary decisions (eg match forfeits when a 3-0 result is determined). Goals totals do not include goals scored from the penalty mark during a penalty shoot-out after a tie ended in a draw.

:: Squad list

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

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

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

Overall: Total international appearances/goals.

DoB: Date of birth

Age: based on the date press kit was last updated

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

:: Match officials

The match officials appointed to officiate the fixture.

National team competitions

EURO: UEFA European Football Championship

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

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

U21: UEFA European Under-21 Championship

U17: UEFA Under-17 Championship • **U16:** UEFA European Under-16 Championship

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

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

:: Competition stages

F: Final

GS: Group stage

GS1: First group stage

GS2: Second group stage

KO1: First knockout round

PR: Preliminary round

QF: Quarter-finals

QR: Qualifying round

QR1: First qualifying round

QR2: Second qualifying round

FT: Final tournament

ELITE: Elite round

3rdPO: Third-place play-off

GS-FT: Group stage – final tournament

3QR: Third qualifying round

R1: First round

R2: Second round

R3: Third round

R4: Fourth round

SF: Semi-finals

R16: round of 16

R32: Round of 32

1st: first leg

2nd: second leg

PO: Play-off

(Rep): Replay

PO - FT: Play-off for Final

Tournament

Prom/rel PO: Promotion/relegation play-off

:: Other abbreviations

(aet): Match decided after extra time

No.: Number 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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