



# UEFA EURO 2012

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Poland



Russia

**Group A - Matchday 2**  
**National Stadium Warsaw, Warsaw**  
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## Previous meetings

### Head to Head

#### 1984 UEFA European Championship

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
09/10/83	PR (GS)	USSR - Poland	2-0	Moscow	Demianenko 10, Blokhin 62
22/05/83	PR (GS)	Poland - USSR	1-1	Chorzow	Boniek 16; Wojcicki 62(og)

#### FIFA World Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
04/07/82	GS-FT	Poland - USSR	0-0	Barcelona	

#### FIFA World Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
24/11/57	QR (GS)	USSR - Poland	2-0	Leipzig	Streltsov 29, Fedosov 80
20/10/57	QR (GS)	Poland - USSR	2-1	Krakow	Ciezklik 43, 50; Ivanov 79
23/06/57	QR (GS)	USSR - Poland	3-0	Moscow	Tatushin 9, Simonyan 56, 77

	Qualifying								Final tournament				Total					
	Home				Away				Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L										
<b>EURO</b>																		
Poland	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	-	-	-	-	2	0	1	1	1	3
Russia	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	-	-	-	-	2	1	1	0	3	1
<b>FIFA*</b>																		
Poland	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	4	1	1	2	2	6
Russia	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	4	2	1	1	6	2
<b>Friendly matches</b>																		
Poland	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	2	2	4	10	19
Russia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	4	2	2	19	10
<b>Total</b>																		
Poland	2	1	1	0	3	0	0	3	1	0	1	0	14	3	4	7	13	28
Russia	3	3	0	0	2	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	14	7	4	3	28	13

\* FIFA World Cup / FIFA Confederations Cup

## Match background

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It has been honours even in three previous matches between Poland and Russia as the teams meet in Warsaw in the second round of UEFA EURO 2012 Group A fixtures.

### Head-to-head record

- Poland's record in three games against Russia is W1 D1 L1.
- The teams' first encounter since Russia became an independent nation was on 2 June 1996, Russia's final preparation match prior to their appearance at EURO '96. Yuri Kovtun (21) and Vladimir Beschastnykh (73) gave the hosts a 2-0 win in Moscow.
- Poland gained revenge in Chorzow on 27 May 1998 after neither team had qualified for that year's FIFA World Cup. Mirosław Trzeciak, making his first start for his country, scored in the fourth minute and a double from defender Tomasz Hajto (57, 90) sealed a 3-1 win after Aleksei Gerasimenko's eighth-minute equaliser.
- The most recent meeting was a 2-2 draw in Moscow in August 2007.
- Poland's record in 11 meetings with the Soviet Union was W2 D3 L6 F8 A23.
- A 0-0 draw with the USSR at the Camp Nou took Poland into the 1982 FIFA World Cup semi-finals. After losing 2-0 to Italy, Poland beat France 3-2 to take the bronze medal.
- Russian striker Viktor Ponedelnik hit a hat-trick as the USSR beat Poland 7-1 in a friendly ahead of the 1960 UEFA European Championship; Ponedelnik also got the winner in the final against Yugoslavia.
- The designated away team has never won a game between Poland and Russia or the USSR; the home side have recorded ten victories with four draws.

### Selected previous meetings

**22 August 2007: Russia 2-2 Poland (Sychev 21, Pavlyuchenko 34; Krzynówek 73 Błaszczykowski 77) – Lokomotiv Stadium, Moscow, friendly**

**Russia:** Gabulov (Shunin 46), V Berezutski (Anyukov 46; Vorobyov 84), Kolodin, A Berezutski (Torbinski 56), Saenko, Semshov, Arshavin, Bilyaletdinov, Zhirkov (Zyryanov 46), Sychev, Pavlyuchenko (Pogrebnyak 46).

**Poland:** Boruc (Kuszczak 46), Golański (Wasilewski 46), Dudka, Bąk (Żewłakow 46), Bronowicki, Błaszczykowski, R Sobolewski (Jop 67), Iwański (Łobodziński 67), M Lewandowski, Krzynówek, Matusiak (Piszczek 76).

- Guus Hiddink's Russia took a 2-0 lead before a Poland team led by fellow Dutchman Leo Beenhakker struck back, with Jakub Błaszczykowski's first international goal levelling things up.

### Form guide

- 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.
- 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.

### Team ties

- Maciej Rybus joined FC Terek Grozny from Legia Warszawa in February and has scored three goals in eleven league starts for the Russian Premier League club.
- Poland goalkeeper Wojciech Szczęsny is a team-mate of Russia captain Andrey Arshavin at Arsenal FC.
- As Netherlands coach, Dick Advocaat faced Poland twice in qualifying for the 1994 World Cup, drawing 2-2 in Rotterdam on 14 October 1992 and then winning 3-1 in Poznan on 17 November 1993. In the former fixture, Advocaat's team were 2-0 down after 21 minutes; in the latter they went behind to Marek Leśniak's early goal but responded through Dennis Bergkamp (2) and Ronald de Boer.
- Advocaat was coach to two former Polish internationals: Tomasz Iwan at PSV Eindhoven (1997/98) and Dariusz Adamczuk at Rangers FC (1999-2002).
- Advocaat was also coach to Eugen Polanski at VfL Borussia Mönchengladbach in 2004/05 but the future Poland midfielder made only one Bundesliga appearance, as a late substitute against SV Werder Bremen in February 2005.

- Poland goalkeeper Przemysław Tytoń, who saved a penalty against Greece on matchday one having come on as a substitute following Szczęsny's red card, will play under Advocaat next season. The 25-year-old spent 2011/12 on loan at PSV from Roda JC and made the move permanent in January; Advocaat will take over as the Dutch club's coach again following UEFA EURO 2012.
- Former Poland goalkeeper Wojciech Kowalewski was at FC Spartak Moskva (2003-07) and FC Sibir Novosibirsk (2010).
- Another former Polish international, defender Mariusz Jop, spent five years (2004-09) at FC Moskva.
- Poland midfielder Rafał Murawski played for FC Rubin Kazan between 2009 and 2010.
- Legia Warszawa were 5-4 aggregate winners against Spartak Moskva in the 2011/12 UEFA Europa League play-offs. After a 2-2 home draw Legia, captained by Michał Żewłakow, came from 2-0 down to win 3-2 in Moscow, Janusz Gol scoring an added-time winner.
- The clubs also met in the 1995/96 UEFA Champions League group stage, Spartak winning 2-1 at home and 1-0 away. The Russian club finished first and the Polish side second, although both were beaten in the quarter-finals.

## Match facts

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### POLAND

- Wojciech Szczęsny serves a one-match suspension following his dismissal on the opening day. He became the 35th player to be sent off at the UEFA European Championship.
- Robert Lewandowski, scorer of the first goal at UEFA EURO 2012, has registered seven in his last five appearances for club and country.
- Poland had gone a national-record 512 minutes without conceding before Dimitris Salpingidis's equaliser for Greece. The sequence stretched back to Tamás Priskin's goal in a 2-1 defeat of Hungary on 15/11/2011.
- Poland have won five of their last seven games, drawing the others.
- The UEFA EURO 2012 opener was Franciszek Smuda's first competitive fixture as Poland coach – he had overseen only friendlies since his October 2009 appointment.
- Six players made their competitive debuts for Poland against Greece: Szczęsny, Przemysław Tytoń, Sebastian Boenisch, Damien Perquis, Eugen Polanski and Maciej Rybus.
- Lewandowski was named as the Carlsberg Man of the Match for Poland's tournament opener against Greece.
- Six members of the squad are yet to play a competitive game for Poland: Grzegorz Sandomierski, Marcin Kamiński, Adam Matuszczyk, 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

- Grzegorz Wojtkowiak 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

02/06/2012 Poland 4-0 Andorra (Obraniak 13, Lewandowski 37, Błaszczykowski 39pen, Wasilewski 78pen)  
26/05/2012 Poland 1-0 Slovakia (Perquis 30)  
22/05/2012 Poland 1-0 Latvia (Sobiech 82)  
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  
11/10/2011 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

### 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 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.

## **RUSSIA**

- Russia are 15 matches unbeaten, winning eight and drawing seven since a 1-0 friendly defeat by Iran on 09/02/2011.
- Russia have conceded just three times in their last 12 games.
- Roman Shirokov has scored three goals in his Russia's last two outings.
- Alan Dzagoev, twice on target in the opening day victory over the Czech Republic, went into this tournament on the back of his worst Russian top-flight campaign in terms of goals. He managed five in 31 league appearances for PFC CSKA Mokva.
- Dzagoev was named as the Carlsberg Man of the Match for Russia's tournament opener against the Czech Republic.
- Defenders Vladimir Granat and Kirill Nababkin are yet to make a competitive appearance for Russia. While Granat is the only uncapped player in the squad, Nababkin made his debut in a pre-tournament friendly against Italy on 01/06.

### **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**

- Roman Pavlyuchenko has scored 21 goals for Russia, only five shy of Vladimir Beschastnykh's post-Soviet record.
- 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 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.
- 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)

29/05 Lithuania 0-0 Russia

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

- Sharonov was a substitute against Uruguay on 25/05, his first appearance for Russia since 2004.

### **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.

## Team facts

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### 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

**4:** Marcin Wasilewski

**3:** Artur Boruc

**3:** Dariusz Dudka

**3:** Michał Żewłakow

**3:** Euzebiusz Smolarek

**3:** Jacek Krzynówek

**3:** Wojciech Łobodziński

**3:** Mariusz Lewandowski

**3:** Rafał Murawski

**3:** Roger Guerreiro

**3:** Marek Saganowski

##### Final tournament goals

**1:** Roger Guerreiro

**1:** Robert Lewandowski

##### Overall appearances

**28:** Jacek Bąk

**20:** Mariusz Lewandowski

**19:** Maciej Żurawski

**19:** Jacek Krzynówek

**18:** Michał Żewłakow

##### Overall goals

**9:** Euzebiusz Smolarek

**8:** Andrzej Juskowiak

**6:** Włodzimierz Lubański

**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**

**4-1:** Russia v Czech Republic, 08/06/12, group stage

**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**

**7:** Aleksandr Anyukov

**6:** Roman Pavlyuchenko

**6:** Igor Semshov

**6:** Yuri Zhirkov

**Final tournament goals**

**4:** Roman Pavlyuchenko

**3:** Valentin Ivanov

**3:** Viktor Ponedelnik

**2:** Andrey Arshavin

**2:** Alan Dzagoev

**Overall appearances**

**35:** Sergei Ignashevich

**34:** Viktor Onopko

**26:** Aleksandr Anyukov

**26:** Andrey Arshavin

**23:** Vasili Berezutski

**23:** Aleksandr Kerzhakov

**23:** Yuri Zhirkov

**Overall goals**

**10:** Roman Pavlyuchenko

**9:** Aleksandr Kerzhakov

**8:** Valeri Karpin

**8:** Vladimir Beschastnykh



# Squad list

## Poland

No	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	UEFA EURO 2012				Overall	
						Qual.		FT		Team	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
<b>Goalkeepers</b>											
1	Wojciech Szczęsny	18/04/90	22	Arsenal FC	S	-	-	1	-	11	-
12	Grzegorz Sandomierski	05/09/89	22	KRC Genk	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
22	Przemysław Tytoń	04/01/87	25	PSV Eindhoven	-	-	-	1	-	6	-
<b>Defenders</b>											
2	Sebastian Boenisch	01/02/87	25	SV Werder Bremen	-	-	-	1	-	7	-
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	32	RSC Anderlecht	-	-	-	1	-	49	2
14	Jakub Wawrzyniak	07/07/83	28	Legia Warszawa	-	-	-	-	-	26	-
15	Damien Perquis	10/04/84	28	FC Sochaux-Montbéliard	-	-	-	1	-	8	1
20	Łukasz Piszczek	03/06/85	27	Borussia Dortmund	-	-	-	1	-	25	-
<b>Midfielders</b>											
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	-	-	-	1	-	9	-
8	Maciej Rybus	19/08/89	22	FC Terek Grozny	-	-	-	1	-	22	1
10	Ludovic Obraniak	10/11/84	27	FC Girondins de Bordeaux	-	-	-	1	-	24	5
11	Rafał Murawski	09/10/81	30	KKS Lech Poznań	-	-	-	1	-	44	1
16	Jakub Błaszczykowski	14/12/85	26	Borussia Dortmund	-	-	-	1	-	52	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	24	Sivasspor	-	-	-	-	-	13	-
<b>Forwards</b>											
9	Robert Lewandowski	21/08/88	23	Borussia Dortmund	-	-	-	1	1	43	15
17	Artur Sobiech	12/06/90	21	Hannover 96	-	-	-	-	-	5	1
23	Paweł Brożek	21/04/83	29	Trabzonspor AŞ	-	-	-	-	-	34	8
<b>Coach</b>											
-	Franciszek Smuda	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-

## Russia

No	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	UEFA EURO 2012				Overall	
						Qual.		FT		Team	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
<b>Goalkeepers</b>											
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	-	1	-	26	-
<b>Defenders</b>											
2	Aleksandr Anyukov	28/09/82	29	FC Zenit St Petersburg	-	8	-	1	-	66	1
3	Roman Sharonov	08/09/76	35	FC Rubin Kazan	-	-	-	-	-	8	-
4	Sergei Ignashevich	14/07/79	32	PFC CSKA Moskva	-	9	1	1	-	76	5
5	Yuri Zhirkov	20/08/83	28	FC Anzhi Makhachkala	-	8	-	1	-	53	-
12	Aleksei Berezutski	20/06/82	29	PFC CSKA Moskva	-	6	-	1	-	49	-
19	Vladimir Granat	22/05/87	25	FC Dinamo Moskva	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
21	Kirill Nababkin	08/09/86	25	PFC CSKA Moskva	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
<b>Midfielders</b>											
6	Roman Shirokov	06/07/81	30	FC Zenit St Petersburg	-	8	1	1	1	23	7
7	Igor Denisov	17/05/84	28	FC Zenit St Petersburg	-	7	-	1	-	27	-
8	Konstantin Zyryanov	05/10/77	34	FC Zenit St Petersburg	-	9	-	1	-	51	7
9	Marat Izmailov	21/09/82	29	Sporting Clube de Portugal	-	-	-	-	-	33	2
15	Dmitri Kombarov	22/01/87	25	FC Spartak Moskva	-	-	-	-	-	4	-
17	Alan Dzagoev	17/06/90	21	PFC CSKA Moskva	-	8	4	1	2	21	6
18	Aleksandr Kokorin	19/03/91	21	FC Dinamo Moskva	-	-	-	1	-	6	-
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
<b>Forwards</b>											
10	Andrey Arshavin	29/05/81	31	Arsenal FC	-	10	-	1	-	72	17
11	Aleksandr Kerzhakov	27/11/82	29	FC Zenit St Petersburg	-	5	2	1	-	62	19
14	Roman Pavlyuchenko	15/12/81	30	FC Lokomotiv Moskva	-	7	4	1	1	48	21
20	Pavel Pogrebnyak	08/11/83	28	Fulham FC	-	7	2	-	-	32	8
<b>Coach</b>											
-	Dick Advocaat	27/09/47	64	-	-	10	-	1	-	-	-

## Head coach

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### 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.

### 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.

## Match officials

<b>Referee</b>	Wolfgang Stark (GER)
<b>Assistant referees</b>	Jan-Hendrik Salver (GER), Mike Pickel (GER)
<b>Additional assistant referees</b>	Florian Meyer (GER), Deniz Aytekin (GER)
<b>Fourth official</b>	István Vad (HUN)
<b>Reserve official</b>	Gabor Erös (HUN)
<b>UEFA Delegate</b>	Geir Thorsteinsson (ISL)
<b>UEFA Referee observer</b>	Hugh Dallas (SCO)

### Referee

Name	Date of birth	Nationality
Wolfgang Stark	20/11/1969	GER

• Hailing from Landshut in Bavaria, bank employee Wolfgang Stark has been a German Football Association (DFB) referee since 1994 and took charge of 53 matches in the 2. Bundesliga before stepping up to the top flight in 1997. Two years later he became a FIFA official, overseeing his first international in March 2001, a goalless draw between Azerbaijan and Moldova.

• In 1999 he was selected to travel to the FIFA U-17 World Cup in New Zealand and the UEFA European Under-18 Championship in Sweden, also spending a valuable month refereeing in Japan's J-League in September 2001.

• Stark was a regular in qualifying for both the 2006 FIFA World Cup and UEFA EURO 2008, when he took charge of five matches including the Group C game between Greece and Turkey in 2007. He has been in the middle for top domestic fixtures too, with Bayer 04 Leverkusen's match against FC Schalke 04 in 2004 among his personal favourites to date.

• Stark continues to earn a number of high-profile matches. He oversaw the 2010/11 UEFA Champions League semi-final first leg between Real Madrid CF and FC Barcelona, and took charge of three matches at the 2010 World Cup finals in South Africa and the 2011 German Cup final.

• The German official was then awarded the 2012 UEFA Europa League final between Spanish rivals Club Atlético de Madrid and Athletic Club, his biggest appointment to date.

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

Date	Competition	Stage	Home	Away	Result	Venue
11/10/06	EURO	QR	Poland	Portugal	2-1	Chorzow

### Other matches

Date	Competition	Stage	Home	Away	Result	Venue
12/10/02	EURO	QR	Sweden	Hungary	1-1	Solna
11/06/03	EURO	QR	England	Slovakia	2-1	Middlesbrough
06/09/03	EURO	QR	Ukraine	Northern Ireland	0-0	Donetsk
24/03/07	EURO	QR	Greece	Turkey	1-4	Athens
08/09/07	EURO	QR	Iceland	Spain	1-1	Reykjavik
13/10/07	EURO	QR	Croatia	Israel	1-0	Zagreb
21/11/07	EURO	QR	Sweden	Latvia	2-1	Solna
09/10/10	EURO	QR	Israel	Croatia	1-2	Ramat Gan
07/10/11	EURO	QR	Montenegro	England	2-2	Podgorica
15/11/11	EURO	PO	Portugal	Bosnia and Herzegovina	6-2	Lisbon

## Competition facts

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### 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.
- Jetro Willems became the youngest player to grace a UEFA European Championship when he started the Netherlands' opening Group B match against Denmark at UEFA EURO 2012. The PSV Eindhoven defender was aged 18 years and 71 days, breaking the record held by Belgium's Enzo Scifo, who was 18 years and 115 days against Yugoslavia in 1984.
- 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
<b>Russia</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>
Greece	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
<b>Poland</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
Czech Republic	1	0	0	1	1	4	0

#### Matchday 1 (08/06/12)

##### Poland 1-1 Greece

Goals: 1-0 Lewandowski 17, 1-1 Salpingidis 51

Poland: Szczęśny, Boenisch, Polanski, Rybus (Tytoń 70), Lewandowski, Obraniak, Murawski, Wasilewski, Perquis, Błaszczykowski, Piszczek

##### Russia 4-1 Czech Republic

Goals: 1-0 Dzagoev 15, 2-0 Shirokov 24, 2-1 Pilař 52, 3-1 Dzagoev 79, 4-1 Pavlyuchenko 82

Russia: Malafeev, Anyukov, Ignashevich, Zhirkov, Shirokov, Denisov, Zyryanov, Arshavin, Kerzhakov (Pavlyuchenko 73), A. Berezutski, Dzagoev (Kokorin 84)

#### Matchday 2 (12/06/12)

##### Poland v Russia

#### Matchday 3 (16/06/12)

##### Greece v Russia

##### Czech Republic v Poland

## UEFA information

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### Proceedings opened against RFS

After having looked at the security reports and available images, UEFA has opened disciplinary proceedings against the Football Union of Russia (RFS) for the improper conduct of its supporters (crowd disturbances), the setting off and throwing of fireworks and the display of illicit banners at Friday's UEFA EURO 2012 Group A match in Wroclaw between Russia and the Czech Republic. The Control and Disciplinary Body will review the case on Wednesday 13 June. In addition, regarding reports of alleged abuse directed at Czech Republic players from Russia fans, UEFA is investigating this further and is working with FARE to collect more evidence.

### 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.

### 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 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," 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 to pinpoint 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.

### 'Respect Diversity – Football Unites'

The UEFA/FARE 'Respect Diversity – Football Unites' programme at UEFA EURO 2012 was launched at an event at the Polish Foreign Ministry in Warsaw. The programme includes monitoring at matches, anti-discrimination messages at every game, a joint protocol on the reporting of incidents, a commitment to take disciplinary sanctions and a campaign focus at the semi-finals that will include diversity messages from team captains. Speakers at the event were UEFA Executive Committee member and the chairman of UEFA's Fair Play and Social Responsibility Committee, Peter Gilliéron, Poland's deputy foreign affairs minister Beata Stelmach, deputy sports minister Jacek Foks, minister for equality Agnieszka Kozłowska-Rajewicz, Rafał Pankowski from the Warsaw-based Never Again association and coordinator of the FARE programme for UEFA EURO 2012, and Wilfried Lemke, the United Nations Secretary General's special adviser on sport for development and peace.

"We are here to celebrate diversity: diversity in football and diversity in society," Peter Gilliéron told the audience. "For the past decade, under the leadership of UEFA and our friends at FARE, football has been striving to better itself and to contribute to a betterment of society by fostering tolerance and respect."



## 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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