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Czech Republic



Poland

Group A - Matchday 3
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Previous meetings

Head to Head

FIFA World Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
10/10/09	QR (GS)	Czech Republic - Poland	2-0	Prague	Necid 51, Plašil 72
11/10/08	QR (GS)	Poland - Czech Republic	2-1	Chorzow	Pawel Brozek 27, Błaszczykowski 53; Fenin 87

FIFA World Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
15/10/33	QR (GS)	Poland - Czechoslovakia	1-2	Warsaw	Martyna 52(p); Silny 35, Pelcner 78

	Qualifying								Final tournament				Total									
	Home				Away				Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L														
EURO																						
Czech Republic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Poland	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
FIFA*																						
Czech Republic	1	1	0	0	2	1	0	1	-	-	-	-	3	2	0	1	5	3				
Poland	2	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	-	-	-	-	3	1	0	2	3	5				
Friendly matches																						
Czech Republic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19	10	4	5	42	27				
Poland	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19	5	4	10	27	42				
Total																						
Czech Republic	1	1	0	0	2	1	0	1	-	-	-	-	22	12	4	6	47	30				
Poland	2	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	-	-	-	-	22	6	4	12	30	47				

* FIFA World Cup / FIFA Confederations Cup

Match background

UEFA EURO 2012 co-hosts Poland have recent history on their side as they look to end Group A with a victory against the Czech Republic having won three of the teams' last four encounters.

- Poland have drawn both games so far 1-1, against Greece and Russia respectively, while the Czechs bounced back from their opening 4-1 defeat by scoring twice in the first six minutes to defeat Greece 2-1.
- That means both teams will advance with a win. However, while Poland will be eliminated should they draw or lose, the Czechs could even afford to draw unless Greece beat Russia by five goals or fewer.

Head-to-head record

- Poland's record in five games against the Czech Republic is W3 D0 L2. The designated home team has won all five fixtures between the two teams.
- Their most recent encounters were in a pair of 2010 FIFA World Cup qualifiers; Poland won 2-1 in Chorzow but lost the return fixture 2-0 in Prague.
- Their first friendly meeting was in Ostrava on 12 March 1997, when the Czech hosts went 2-0 up through Pavel Kuka and Karel Rada, Jacek Zieliński pulling one back for Poland in the last minute.
- Poland reversed the score in a Warsaw friendly on 28 April 1999 thanks to Mirosław Trzeciak (15) and Artur Wichniarek (49), with Vratislav Lokvenc (79) replying for the Czech visitors.
- Almost nine years passed before the next friendly meeting in Larnaca, Cyprus on 6 February 2008. Wojciech Łobodziński (6) and Mariusz Lewandowski (29) gave the Poles a 2-0 win. Marcin Wasilewski, Dariusz Dudka, Łukasz Fabiański, Jakub Wawrzyniak and Rafał Murawski all featured for Poland.
- Poland's record in 17 games against Czechoslovakia and the transitional Republic of the Czechs and Slovaks was W3 D4 L10.
- Czech Republic coach Michal Bílek made his international debut against Poland, marking the occasion with Czechoslovakia's sole goal in a 3-1 defeat in Bratislava in 1987 just two minutes after coming on as substitute.
- Polish legend Włodzimierz Lubański made his last international appearance in a 1980 friendly draw against Czechoslovakia in Chorzow. His penalty in the 1-1 draw was his 48th goal for the national team – a Polish record which still stands.

Selected previous meetings

10 October 2009: Czech Republic 2-0 Poland (Necid 51, Plašil 72) – Prague, 2010 FIFA World Cup qualifying

Czech Republic: Čech, Pospěch, Sivok, Hubník, Jankulovski, Plašil, Rosický (Jarolím 78), Hübschman, Pudil (Štajner 86), Papadopoulos (Necid 46), Baroš.

Poland: Kowalewski, Rzeźniczak, Głowacki, Polczak, Gancarczyk, Błaszczykowski (Peszko 67), Iwański, M Lewandowski, Obraniak, Grosicki (Janczyk 81), Jeleń (R Lewandowski 64).

- Both teams missed out on a place in South Africa, the Czech Republic finishing third in qualifying Group 3 with 16 points from ten games, two places higher and five points more than Poland. Bílek was assistant to Ivan Hašek for this game, but ten days later was appointed head coach.

11 October 2008: Poland 2-1 Czech Republic (Brožek 27, Błaszczykowski 53; Fenin 87) – Chorzow, 2010 FIFA World Cup qualifying

Poland: Boruc, Wawrzyniak (Krzynówek 43), Dudka, Roger Guerreiro, Smolarek, Brožek (R Lewandowski 69), Murawski (Jodłowiec 90), Wasilewski, Żewłakow, Błaszczykowski, M Lewandowski.

Czech Republic: Čech, Grygera, Rozehnal (Sionko 58), Kováč, Jankulovski, Slepíčka (Svěrkoš 58), Šírl, Pospěch, Plašil, Baroš (Fenin 81) Ujfaluši.

- Martin Fenin's goal was his first at senior international level.

Form guide

- The Czech Republic have played at every EURO since splitting from Slovakia in 1993, reaching the final at EURO '96 and the semi-finals at UEFA EURO 2004.
- The Czechs also beat the co-hosts at UEFA EURO 2008, securing their only win of the finals against Switzerland, 1-0.
- 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.

Team ties

- Goalkeepers Wojciech Szczesny is a team-mate of Czech captain Tomáš Rosický at Arsenal FC.
- Czech defender Roman Hubník was a team-mate of Łukasz Piszczek at Hertha BSC Berlin in the second half of 2009/10. Hubník's brother Michal, also an international, has played in Poland for Legia Warszawa since January 2011.
- KKS Lech Poznań met AC Sparta Praha in the third qualifying round of the 2010/11 UEFA Champions League, the Czech side winning each game 1-0. Grzegorz Wojtkowiak and Sławomir Peszko (now with 1. FC Köln) were in the Polish team's lineup.
- Pavel Hapal, who won 31 caps for the Czech Republic in the 1990s, is now in charge of Polish club Zagłębie Lubin.
- Vratislav Lokvenc collected 74 caps for the Czech Republic between 1995 and 2006, but will have divided loyalties; his mother is from Poland.

Competition format

- If two or more teams are equal on points on completion of the group matches, the following criteria are applied to determine the rankings:
 - a) Higher number of points obtained in the matches played between the teams in question;
 - b) Superior goal difference resulting from the matches played between the teams in question;
 - c) Higher number of goals scored in the matches played between the teams in question;
 - d) If, after having applied criteria a) to c), two teams still have an equal ranking, criteria a) to c) are reapplied exclusively to the matches between the two teams in question to determine the final rankings of the two teams. If this procedure does not lead to a decision, criteria e) to i) apply in the order given;
 - e) superior goal difference in all group matches;
 - f) higher number of goals scored in all group matches;
 - g) position in the UEFA national team coefficient ranking system (see annex I, paragraph 1.2.2);
 - h) fair play conduct of the teams (final tournament);
 - i) drawing of lots
- The Group A coefficients are as follows:
 - Russia 33.212
 - Greece 32.455
 - Czech Republic 29.602
 - Poland 23.806
- If two teams which have the same number of points, the same number of goals scored and conceded play their last group match against each other and are still equal at the end of that match, the ranking of the two teams in question is determined by kicks from the penalty mark provided no other teams within the group have the same number of points on completion of all group matches. Should more than two teams have the same number of points, the criteria listed under paragraph 8.07 apply.

Match facts

CZECH REPUBLIC

- Petr Jiráček's goal against Greece came after two minutes 14 seconds, the joint-third fastest goal in UEFA European Championship history.
- Michal Bílek's side scored two goals inside the opening six minutes against Greece – no side had previously shipped two before the 14th minute at a UEFA European Championship.
- Tomáš Rosický, Jiráček and Daniel Kolář are all are booking away from a suspension.
- Václav Pilař was named Carlsberg Man of the Match against Greece.
- The Russia defeat was the Czech Republic's worst ever at a major final tournament, matching the 4-1 loss they suffered against Brazil in 1970 when part of Czechoslovakia.
- Petr Čech won his 92nd cap against Greece, moving above Pavel Nedvěd and Jan Koller into second in the Czech Republic's list of all-time appearance makers. Karel Poborský holds the record with 118.
- 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.

Injury news

- Rosický (achilles) and Čech (shoulder) both suffered knocks against Greece.

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.
- Pilař will join VfL Wolfsburg after UEFA EURO 2012 having signed a deal with the German side in January.
- 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.
- This is the third successive EUROS for five of the squad: Čech, Milan 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 adidas Golden Boot twice.

Pre-tournament friendlies

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

- David Lafata struck a 94th-minute winner as the Czechs beat Israel 2-1 in an unofficial friendly on 26/05.

UEFA EURO 2012 qualifying

- Pilař and 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: Drobny and Darida.

Domestic information

- Čech saved penalties from Arjen Robben in extra 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 overcame 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 Wolfsburg in December and Pilař followed a month later, though he remained at Plzeň for the second half of the season.

POLAND

- Poland are eight matches unbeaten, winning five and drawing three.
- Wojciech Szczęśny is available after serving a one-match suspension following his dismissal on the opening day. Robert Lewandowski and Eugen Polanski are a booking away from a ban.
- Lewandowski, scorer of the first goal at UEFA EURO 2012, has registered seven in his last six games for club and country.
- Poland had gone a national-record 512 minutes without conceding before Dimitris Salpingidis's equaliser for Greece.
- 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.
- Eight players have made their competitive debuts for Poland at UEFA EURO 2012: Szczęśny, Przemysław Tytoń, Sebastian Boenisch, Damien Perquis, Eugen Polanski and Maciej Rybus (v Greece); Adam Matuszczyk and Adrian Mierzejewski (v Russia).
- Lewandowski (v Greece) and Jakub Błaszczykowski (v Russia) have received Carlsberg Man of the Match awards.
- Four members of the squad are yet to play a competitive game for Poland: Grzegorz Sandomierski, Marcin Kamiński, 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.

Team facts

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

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

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

Final tournament goals

5: Milan Baroš

4: Vladimír Šmicer

3: Jan Koller

3: Zdeněk Nehoda

Overall appearances

36: Petr Čech

35: Jan Koller

34: Karel Poborský

34: Tomáš Rosický

31: Pavel Nedvěd

31: Jiří Němec

Overall goals

21: Jan Koller

12: Patrik Berger

12: Milan Baroš

9: Vladimír Šmicer

9: Zdeněk Nehoda

Team facts: Poland

UEFA European Championship record

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2004: did not qualify

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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

5: Marcin Wasilewski

4: Dariusz Dudka

4: Rafał Murawski

3: Nine players

Final tournament goals

1: Jakub Błaszczykowski

1: Roger Guerreiro

1: Robert Lewandowski

Overall appearances

28: Jacek Bąk

20: Mariusz Lewandowski

19: Maciej Żurawski

19: Jacek Krzynówek

18: Michał Żewłakow

17: Marcin Wasilewski

Overall goals

9: Euzebiusz Smolarek

8: Andrzej Juskowiak

6: Włodzimierz Lubański

Squad list

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	-	2	-	92	-
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	-	2	-	12	-
3	Michal Kadlec	13/12/84	27	Bayer 04 Leverkusen	-	10	4	2	-	36	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	1	-	23	2
6	Tomáš Sivok	15/09/83	28	Beşiktaş JK	-	7	1	2	-	28	3
8	David Limberský	06/10/83	28	FC Viktoria Plzeň	-	-	-	1	-	10	-
12	František Rajtoral	12/03/86	26	FC Viktoria Plzeň	-	-	-	1	-	4	-
Midfielders											
9	Jan Rezek	05/05/82	30	Anorthosis Famagusta FC	-	5	2	1	-	14	3
10	Tomáš Rosický	04/10/80	31	Arsenal FC	*	9	-	2	-	87	20
11	Milan Petržela	19/06/83	28	FC Viktoria Plzeň	-	2	-	1	-	11	-
13	Jaroslav Plašil	05/01/82	30	FC Girondins de Bordeaux	-	9	2	2	-	73	6
14	Václav Pilař	13/10/88	23	VfL Wolfsburg	-	3	1	2	2	11	3
17	Tomáš Hübschman	04/09/81	30	FC Shakhtar Donetsk	-	7	-	2	-	45	-
18	Daniel Kolář	27/10/85	26	FC Viktoria Plzeň	*	4	-	1	-	12	1
19	Petr Jiráček	02/03/86	26	VfL Wolfsburg	*	5	1	2	1	10	2
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	2	-	91	41
20	Tomáš Pekhart	26/05/89	23	1. FC Nürnberg	-	5	-	1	-	11	-
21	David Lafata	18/09/81	30	FK Jablonec	-	2	-	1	-	19	3
Coach											
-	Michal Bílek	13/04/65	47	-	-	10	-	2	-	2	-

Poland

No	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	UEFA EURO 2012				Overall	
						Qual.		FT		Team	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers											
1	Wojciech Szczęsny	18/04/90	22	Arsenal FC	-	-	-	1	-	11	-
12	Grzegorz Sandomierski	05/09/89	22	KRC Genk	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
22	Przemysław Tytoń	04/01/87	25	PSV Eindhoven	-	-	-	2	-	7	-
Defenders											
2	Sebastian Boenisch	01/02/87	25	SV Werder Bremen	-	-	-	2	-	8	-
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	-	-	-	2	-	50	2
14	Jakub Wawrzyniak	07/07/83	28	Legia Warszawa	-	-	-	-	-	26	-
15	Damien Perquis	10/04/84	28	FC Sochaux-Montbéliard	-	-	-	2	-	9	1
20	Łukasz Piszczek	03/06/85	27	Borussia Dortmund	-	-	-	2	-	26	-
Midfielders											
5	Dariusz Dudka	09/12/83	28	AJ Auxerre	-	-	-	1	-	64	2
6	Adam Matuszczyk	14/02/89	23	Fortuna Düsseldorf 1895	-	-	-	1	-	20	1
7	Eugen Polanski	17/03/86	26	1. FSV Mainz 05	*	-	-	2	-	10	-
8	Maciej Rybus	19/08/89	22	FC Terek Grozny	-	-	-	1	-	22	1
10	Ludovic Obraniak	10/11/84	27	FC Girondins de Bordeaux	-	-	-	2	-	25	5
11	Rafał Murawski	09/10/81	30	KKS Lech Poznań	-	-	-	2	-	45	1
16	Jakub Błaszczykowski	14/12/85	26	Borussia Dortmund	-	-	-	2	1	53	10
18	Adrian Mierzejewski	06/11/86	25	Trabzonspor AŞ	-	-	-	1	-	24	1
19	Rafał Wolski	10/11/92	19	Legia Warszawa	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
21	Kamil Grosicki	08/06/88	24	Sivasspor	-	-	-	-	-	13	-
Forwards											
9	Robert Lewandowski	21/08/88	23	Borussia Dortmund	*	-	-	2	1	44	15
17	Artur Sobiech	12/06/90	22	Hannover 96	-	-	-	-	-	5	1
23	Paweł Brożek	21/04/83	29	Trabzonspor AŞ	-	-	-	1	-	35	8
Coach											
-	Franciszek Smuda	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	-

Head coach

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.

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.

Match officials

Referee	Craig Thomson (SCO)
Assistant referees	Alasdair Ross (SCO), Derek Rose (SCO)
Additional assistant referees	William Collum (SCO), Euan Norris (SCO)
Fourth official	Fredy Fautrel (FRA)
Reserve official	Frédéric Cano (FRA)
UEFA Delegate	Nodar Akhalkatsi (GEO)
UEFA Referee observer	Iouri Baskakov (RUS)

Referee

Name	Date of birth	Nationality
Craig Thomson	20/06/1972	SCO

• Craig Thomson has put the judgement he has acquired as a lawyer to good use to become a promising international referee.

• Thomson, who has been officiating since the age of 16 and counts golf, reading and cinema among his hobbies, made his first foray into international refereeing in spring 2003 when he took charge of two UEFA European Under-19 Championship elite round fixtures.

• That September he refereed his first competitive U21 game and stepped up to the UEFA Champions League first qualifying round in summer 2004. Thomson made his FIFA World Cup qualifying debut that September and also featured in UEFA EURO 2008 qualifying, subsequently acting as fourth official in three group matches at the final tournament.

• He officiated at three UEFA Cup matches in 2006/07 and took charge of two games at the 2007 UEFA European U21 Championship finals before making his UEFA Champions League group stage debut when Rosenborg BK played Valencia CF in October 2007, going on to make regular appearances over subsequent seasons.

• Thomson also worked at the FIFA U-17 World Cup in the Korea Republic the same year, although his career highlights remain his 'Old Firm' games between Celtic FC and Rangers FC, the 2007, 2010 and 2011 Scottish League Cup finals and the 2009 Scottish Cup final.

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

No matches found

Other matches

Date	Competition	Stage	Home	Away	Result	Venue
15/11/06	EURO	QR	Finland	Armenia	1-0	Helsinki
02/06/07	EURO	QR	Latvia	Spain	0-2	Riga
26/03/11	EURO	QR	Armenia	Russia	0-0	Yerevan
02/09/11	EURO	QR	Israel	Greece	0-1	Tel Aviv
11/10/11	EURO	QR	France	Bosnia and Herzegovina	1-1	Paris
13/06/12	EURO	GS	Denmark	Portugal	2-3	Lviv

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.
- 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
Russia	2	1	1	0	5	2	4
Czech Republic	2	1	0	1	3	5	3
Poland	2	0	2	0	2	2	2
Greece	2	0	1	1	2	3	1

Matchday 1 (08/06/12)

Poland 1-1 Greece

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

Poland: Szczęsny, 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

Czech Republic: Čech, Gebre Selassie, M. Kadlec, Hubník, Sivok, Rezek (Hübschman 46), Rosický, Plašil, Pilař, Baroš (Lafata 85), Jiráček (Petržela 76)

Matchday 2 (12/06/12)

Greece 1-2 Czech Republic

Goals: 0-1 Jiráček 3, 0-2 Pilař 6, 1-2 Gekas 53

Czech Republic: Čech, Gebre Selassie, M. Kadlec, Sivok, Limberský, Rosický (Kolář 46), Plašil, Pilař, Baroš (Pekhart 64), Hübschman, Jiráček

Poland 1-1 Russia

Goals: 0-1 Dzagoev 37, 1-1 Błaszczykowski 57

Poland: Tytoń, Boenisch, Dudka (Mierzejewski 73), Polanski (Matuszczyk 85), Lewandowski, Obraniak (Pawel Brożek 90+3), Murawski, Wasilewski, Perquis, Błaszczykowski, Piszczek

Matchday 3 (16/06/12)

Czech Republic v Poland

UEFA information

UEFA statement on Warsaw incidents

UEFA condemns the isolated incidents that occurred on Tuesday in Warsaw prior to and after the Poland-Russia match, when some groups of known troublemakers pelted the police with missiles and attacked fans irrespective of the team they were supporting. Those arrested and charged will have to be dealt with by the relevant authorities. UEFA's philosophy is to create a welcoming environment coupled with a low-profile approach to policing. The focus should be on facilitating the enjoyment of the matches by genuine football fans and isolating the tiny percentage of troublemakers. UEFA is in a constant dialogue with the public authorities in order to achieve this aim. UEFA is determined that the overwhelmingly peaceful and festive atmosphere that has so far pervaded at UEFA EURO 2012 will be continued right up to and including the final in Kyiv on Sunday 1 July.

Vigilance at training sessions

Further to an incident that occurred at a Dutch national team training session on 8 June, UEFA has written to the mayors of the Polish and Ukrainian cities where open training sessions are scheduled to take place to ask that all effective and necessary measures – including an increased police presence – be implemented to prevent any display of discriminatory or racist behaviour at such public sessions. UEFA has also requested that the authorities ensure that any person found to be engaging in racist behaviour be immediately ejected from the stadium and its vicinity, and that criminal proceedings be launched against such individuals. A letter was also sent to the sports minister of Poland, Joanna Mucha, to ask for the full support of the Polish authorities in dealing with these important matters. Any such behaviour is totally incompatible with UEFA's zero-tolerance policy towards any type of discriminatory conduct. UEFA is nevertheless confident that the local authorities will deal adequately with the issue.

Suspended points deduction for RFS

The UEFA Control and Disciplinary Body has decided to impose a deduction of six points on the Football Union of Russia (RFS) for the qualifying competition of the next UEFA European Championship. This decision is suspended for a probationary period running from now until the end of the play-offs for the UEFA EURO 2016 finals. The RFS has also been fined €120,000. The RFS was facing charges for the improper conduct of its supporters (crowd disturbances), the setting off and throwing of fireworks and the display of illicit banners at last Friday's UEFA EURO 2012 Group A match against the Czech Republic in Wroclaw. An appeal can be lodged against this decision within three days of the dispatch of the written decision.

PZPN, RFS face proceedings

UEFA has opened disciplinary proceedings against the Polish Football Association (PZPN) for the setting off of fireworks by spectators at Tuesday's UEFA EURO 2012 Group A match against Russia in Warsaw. Disciplinary proceedings have also been opened against the Football Union of Russia (RFS) for the setting off and throwing of fireworks, displaying illicit banners and the invasion of the pitch by a supporter. However, Tuesday's incidents do not have any impact on the probation period for the sanction imposed on the RFS following the incidents at their first match against the Czech Republic in Wroclaw. This means the six-point deduction is still currently suspended. The UEFA Control and Disciplinary Body will deal with both cases on 17 June.

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.

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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