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Sweden

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Match background

Spain and Sweden have become regular UEFA European Championship rivals in the 21st century, and meet for the third time in UEFA EURO 2020 to kick off Group E in Bilbao, a city in which hosts Spain have not played for 54 years.

- Three-time winners Spain have reason for confidence at San Mamés Stadium having taken four points off Sweden in qualifying – three of them in a comfortable home win.

- Both teams have become EURO regulars in recent years but, while Spain have reached the knockout stage at the last three tournaments, winning two of them, Sweden have not progressed beyond the group stage since 2004.

Previous meetings

- Penalties from Sergio Ramos (64) and Álvaro Morata (85), and a first international goal for Mikel Oyarzabal (87) earned Spain a 3-0 victory at the Santiago Bernabéu in Madrid on 10 June 2019 – Sweden's only qualifying defeat.

- Spain's three-match winning run against the Scandinavian side was ended in the Solna return on 15 October 2019, only a Rodrigo goal two minutes into added time rescuing a 1-1 draw after Marcus Berg's 50th-minute opener at the Friends Arena. The substitute's strike confirmed Spain's place at the final tournament; they went on to finish top of Group F unbeaten with 26 points, five more than the second-placed Swedes.

- Spain's victorious UEFA EURO 2008 campaign featured a group stage victory against Sweden, David Villa scoring a 92nd-minute winner in Innsbruck after Fernando Torres (15) and Zlatan Ibrahimović (34) had traded first-half goals; Villa's added-time strike took Luis Aragonés' side into the quarter-finals with a game to spare.

- Ramos also scored in a 3-0 Spain win in Madrid in UEFA EURO 2008 qualifying, after Sweden had won the first game in Solna 2-0; that is the Swedes' sole success in their last seven matches against Spain (D2 L4).

- Indeed, Sweden have beaten Spain only three times – and only once in Spain, a 3-1 friendly win in Salamanca in June 1988. They have conceded ten goals without scoring in losing their three subsequent matches away to Spain, where their record is W1 D1 L4.

- Sweden's only draw away to Spain came in Bilbao, in a friendly international on 8 November 1953, 2-2 the final score after the visitors had led 2-1.

- The sides have a victory apiece from their two meetings in the FIFA World Cup group stage, Sweden winning 3-1 in Sao Paulo at the 1950 tournament and Spain prevailing 1-0 in Buenos Aires 28 years later.

EURO facts: Spain

- This is Spain's seventh consecutive EURO. Champions in 1964, they were also victorious in 2008 and 2012 to become the first side to retain the Henri Delaunay trophy.

- Spain's defence of the trophy was ended by Italy in the round of 16 at UEFA EURO 2016, the Azzurri running out 2-0 winners.

- A 2-1 loss to Croatia on Matchday 3 at UEFA EURO 2016 – a result that meant Vicente del Bosque's side finished second behind their opponents in Group D – ended Spain's sequence of 14 EURO finals matches without defeat (W11 D3), stretching back to a 1-0 reversal against Portugal at UEFA EURO 2004; prior to Croatia, they had not conceded in seven EURO finals fixtures, since a 1-1 draw with Italy in 2012.

- Spain and Germany/West Germany are the most successful EURO teams having won three editions each.

- Spain qualified for UEFA EURO 2020 by winning eight and drawing two of their ten qualifiers.

- The three-time champions are one of five sides who did not lose a game in the UEFA EURO 2020 preliminaries, along with Belgium, Italy – who both won all their fixtures – Denmark and Ukraine.

- Spain had more shots (227), possession (70%) and completed a greater percentage of their passes (91%) than any other team in qualifying.

- Spain have never lost in Bilbao, although this is their first game there since a 2-0 UEFA European Championship qualifying defeat of Turkey in May 1967. Their overall record at the old San Mamés was W3 D3.

EURO facts: Sweden

- Sweden are competing at their sixth successive EURO finals, and their seventh in total. They have not made it through the group stage since reaching the quarter-finals of UEFA EURO 2004.

- Four years ago, Erik Hamrén's side finished bottom of Group E with one point from three matches. Having opened with a 1-1 draw against the Republic of Ireland, the Swedes lost 1-0 to both Italy and Belgium.

- A 2-0 defeat of France on Matchday 3 of UEFA EURO 2012 is Sweden's only victory in their last eight EURO finals

matches (D1 L6).

- Sweden's greatest feat to date is reaching, as hosts, the 1958 World Cup final, which they lost 5-2 to Brazil. In their best EURO campaign they progressed to the last four of the 1992 edition, again as hosts, succumbing 3-2 to Germany.
- Jan Andersson's team secured their place at UEFA EURO 2020 as runners-up to Spain in qualifying Group F, picking up 21 points from their ten matches (W6 D3 L1). Having lost 3-0 to Spain in their fourth qualifier, a result that equalled their biggest margin of defeat in a EURO game, Sweden won four of their next six matches (D2) to finish four points clear of third-placed Norway.
- That 1953 draw against Spain is Sweden's only previous match in Bilbao.
- Aside from their six games against Spain, Sweden have played two other matches in the country; a 1-0 win against Denmark and a 1-1 draw with Norway, both friendlies in La Manga in early 2000.

Links and trivia

- Have played together:

David de Gea & Victor Lindelöf (Manchester United 2017–)

Diego Llorente, Mikel Oyarzabal & Alexander Isak (Real Sociedad 2019–)

Iago Aspas & John Guidetti (Celta Vigo 2015–18)

Álvaro Morata & Dejan Kulusevski (Juventus 2020–)

- Pau López joined Roma in July 2019, with Robin Olsen departing on loan for Cagliari the following month.

- Have played in Spain:

Alexander Isak (Real Sociedad 2019–)

John Guidetti (Celta Vigo 2015–18, Alavés 2018–)

- Marcus Berg scored a penalty to put Krasnodar 2-0 up away to Sevilla in the 2020/21 UEFA Champions League group stage. However, despite Jesús Navas's red card, the Spanish club fought back to win 3-2.
- Koke scored against Malmö for Atlético de Madrid home (5-0) and away (2-0) in the 2014/15 UEFA Champions League group stage, with Olsen in goal and Emil Forsberg in midfield for the Swedish side.

Team facts

UEFA European Championship records: Spain

History

2016 – round of 16
2012 – winners
2008 – winners
2004 – group stage
2000 – quarter-finals
1996 – quarter-finals
1992 – did not qualify
1988 – group stage
1984 – runners-up
1980 – group stage
1976 – quarter-finals
1972 – did not qualify
1968 – quarter-finals
1964 – winners
1960 – quarter-finals

Final tournament win

4-0 twice, most recently v Italy, 01/07/12

Final tournament defeat

2-0 three times, most recently v Italy, 27/06/16

Qualifying win

12-1: Spain v Malta, 21/12/83

Qualifying defeat

1-3 three times, most recently France v Spain, 20/02/91
0-2 three times, most recently Sweden v Spain, 07/10/06

*Spain's quarter-final against the Soviet Union on 22/05/60 was awarded **3-0** to the Soviet Union after Spain withdrew*

Final tournament appearances

16: Cesc Fàbregas
16: Andrés Iniesta
15: Sergio Ramos
15: David Silva
14: Iker Casillas
13: Fernando Torres
12: Xabi Alonso

Final tournament goals

5: Fernando Torres
4: David Villa
3: Álvaro Morata
3: Alfonso Pérez
3: Cesc Fàbregas
3: David Silva

Overall appearances

49: Sergio Ramos
48: Iker Casillas
37: Andrés Iniesta
36: David Silva
32: Sergio Busquets
32: Cesc Fàbregas
32: Xavi Hernández
30: Andoni Zubizarreta
28: Xabi Alonso
27: Raúl González

Overall goals

19: Raúl González
18: David Villa
13: Carlos Santillana
10: Fernando Hierro
10: David Silva
9: Fernando Torres
8: Paco Alcácer
8: Álvaro Morata
8: Sergio Ramos

UEFA European Championship records: Sweden

History

2016 – group stage
2012 – group stage
2008 – group stage
2004 – quarter-finals
2000 – group stage
1996 – did not qualify
1992 – semi-finals
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 – quarter-finals
1960 – did not participate

Final tournament win

5-0: Sweden v Bulgaria, 14/06/04

Final tournament defeat

2-0: Russia v Sweden, 18/06/08

Qualifying win

6-0 twice, most recently Sweden v San Marino, 07/09/10

Qualifying defeat

1-4 three times, most recently Sweden v Austria, 08/09/15

0-3 five times, most recently Spain v Sweden, 10/06/19

Final tournament appearances

13: Olof Mellberg
13: Andreas Isaksson
13: Zlatan Ibrahimović
12: Kim Källström
10: Henrik Larsson
10: Fredrik Ljungberg

Final tournament goals

6: Zlatan Ibrahimović
4: Henrik Larsson
3: Tomas Brodin

Overall appearances

49: Kim Källström
49: Andreas Isaksson
43: Zlatan Ibrahimović
37: Sebastian Larsson
36: Olof Mellberg
35: Anders Svensson
31: Fredrik Ljungberg
29: Andreas Granqvist
27: Johan Elmander

26: Mikael Lustig

Overall goals

25: Zlatan Ibrahimović

12: Marcus Allbäck

7: Henrik Larsson

7: Kim Källström

6: Johnny Ekström

6: Johan Elmander

6: Sebastian Larsson

Legend

:: Previous meetings

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

:: Squad list

Qual.: Total European Qualifiers appearances/goals for UEFA EURO 2020 only.

FT: Total UEFA EURO 2020 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

D: Disciplinary (*: misses next match if booked, S: suspended)

:: Team facts

EURO finals: The UEFA European Championship was a four-team event in 1960, 1964, 1968, 1972 and 1976 (when the preliminary round and quarter-finals were considered part of qualifying).

From 1980 it was expanded to an eight-team finals and remained in that format in 1984, 1988 and 1992 until 1996, when the 16-team format was adopted. UEFA EURO 2016 was the first tournament to be played as a 24-team finals.

Records of inactive countries

A number of UEFA associations have been affected by dissolution or splits of member associations. For statistical purposes, the records of these inactive countries have been allocated elsewhere: therefore, all Soviet Union matches are awarded to Russia; all West Germany – but not East Germany – matches are awarded to Germany; all Yugoslavia and Serbia & Montenegro matches are awarded to Serbia; all Czechoslovakia matches are allocated to both the Czech Republic and Slovakia.

Abandoned/forfeited matches

For statistical purposes, when a match has been started and then abandoned but later forfeited, the result on the pitch at the time of abandonment is counted. Matches that never started and were either cancelled or forfeited are not included in the overall statistics.

Competitions

Other abbreviations

(aet): After extra time

No.: Number

ag: Match decided on away goals

agg: Aggregate

AP: Appearances

Comp.: Competition

D: Drawn

DoB: Date of birth

ET: Extra Time

GA: Goals against

GF: Goals for

gg: Match decided by golden goal

L: Lost

Nat.: Nationality

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pens: Penalties

og: Own goal

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)

N/A: Not applicable