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Having started their maiden UEFA European Under-21 Championship campaign with a 2-1 win against the Netherlands on 24 May, Ukraine will be hoping for a repeat performance when the sides meet again in the final at the Estádio do Bessa Século XXI. The tournament's conclusion echoes that of the last major finals to be held in Portugal, UEFA EURO 2004™, when underdogs Greece beat the hosts 2-1 in the opening fixture before triumphing 1-0 when the teams resumed hostilities in the final. There are also positive omens for the Dutch, however, and a repeat of the senior side's biggest success to date.

- Goals from Artem Milevskiy and Ruslan Fomin set Ukraine on course for victory in their first-ever match in a UEFA European U21 Championship finals, before Gijs Luirink reduced the deficit in added time. They were brought back to earth with a 1-0 defeat by holders Italy but reached the semi-finals as Group B winners with another 2-1 win, this time against Denmark. There they met 2004 finalists Serbia and Montenegro, prevailing 5-4 on penalties after playing out 120 goalless minutes.
- There were goals galore in Foppe de Haan's team's last-four game against hotly-tipped France as Nicky Hofs scored in extra time to settle a pulsating five-goal thriller. It continued a recovery after the slow start made against Ukraine, which saw the Netherlands held by Denmark before Daniël de Ridder's late strike against Italy guided them into the knockout stages.
- The earlier match between Ukraine and the Netherlands at the Estádio Municipal in Agueda – the opening Group B tie at these finals – marked the first competitive meeting of the countries at this level. In fact, the sides have rarely crossed paths at all, either since Ukraine became an independent state or when it was part of the Soviet Union.
- The countries have never encountered one another in a competitive game at either U17 or U19 level, although the Netherlands senior team did face the Soviet Union in three significant UEFA European Championship matches in the late 1980s and early 1990s. The sides were drawn together in Group B at the 1988 European Championship in West Germany, playing in the first round of games with the USSR, featuring current Ukraine U21 coach Olexiy Mykhaylychenko, getting off to a perfect start with a 1-0 victory at the Rhein Energie Stadion in Cologne, thanks to Vassili Rats's 52nd-minute goal.
- The Netherlands had the last laugh, however, after both teams won through to the final at the Olympiastadion in Munich. In front of 62,770 spectators, captain Ruud Gullit headed the Oranje into a 32nd-minute lead and success was effectively assured nine minutes after half-time when Marco van Basten doubled the advantage with a stunning volley from an acute angle, his fifth goal of the tournament, as the Netherlands claimed their only senior international honour.
- Four years later the countries renewed acquaintances at EURO '92 when the Netherlands were drawn alongside the same opponents, then competing as the Confederation of Independent States, in Group B. They shared a goalless draw in Gothenburg in their second fixture, with the CIS bowing out after the group stage and the Dutch losing on penalties to eventual winners Denmark in the semi-finals after a 2-2 draw.
- Martin Hansson of Sweden will referee the final. Hansson has been rewarded for impressive performances in the middle in the Portugal-Serbia and Montenegro and Netherlands-Italy games. The 35-year-old will be assisted by countryman Frederik Nilsson and England's Roger East. Another Englishman, Howard Webb, will undertake fourth official duties.

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Team facts

Netherlands

After negotiating their way out of a treacherous qualifying group, the Netherlands will be looking to make an impression at the 2006 UEFA Under-21 European Championship, with much of their hopes resting on the shoulders of AFC Ajax striker Klaas Jan Huntelaar.

Qualifying

The Dutch missed out on a place in the finals two years ago as they finished eleven points behind section winners Czech Republic, and expectations were not high when they were drawn together again, along with Romania, this time around. Foppe de Haan's side then collected just eight points from their first five fixtures, before storming to the summit with five consecutive victories. Much was down to Huntelaar, the then-SC Heerenveen forward taking his qualifying tally to ten with two in the second leg of the play-off victory against Slovenia which sealed a place in Portugal.

Team guide

Having finished as the top scorer in the entire qualifying competition, Huntelaar moved to Ajax in a €9m deal - making him the most expensive Dutch player ever to switch Eredivisie clubs. His success continued at the Amsterdam ArenA as he ended the season as the league's top scorer with 33 goals and was unsurprisingly named Netherlands' Young Player of the Season. He has more records in his sights as he now lies just three goals behind Roy Makaay and Arnold Bruggink's national mark of 15 U21 goals. Should he fail, Feyenoord's Romeo Castelen and RC Celta de Vigo's Daniël de Ridder could step into the goalscoring breach, while the likes of Collins John provide strong backup.

De Haan favours a 4-3-3 formation with captain Stijn Schaars dictating things from midfield. Urby Emanuelsson is expected to provide his foil on the left, while Feyenoord's Nicky Hofs has made a timely return from injury although he could find his position in the starting XI tested by 17-year-old Ismaïl Aisatti, who has made an impression since opting for the Dutch over Morocco.

The starting team in Portugal will be built on a sturdy defensive bedrock, with Ron Vlaar's name one of the first on the team sheet after he, Huntelaar and Castelen were all surprisingly left out of Marco van Basten's FIFA World Cup squad. The likes of Arnold Kruiswijk, Ramon Zomer and Gijs Luirink will all be vying for a place alongside the Feyenoord man, ahead of either FC Twente's Remko Pasveer or Kenneth Vermeer in the Dutch goal. SC Heerenveen goalkeeper Boy Waterman is out.

UEFA European Under-21 Championship record: semi-finals 1988, 1998; quarter-finals 1992.

Ukraine

Ukraine will make their UEFA European Under-21 Championship finals debut in Portugal, but as part of the USSR they have a rich history at this level. The victors in 1980 and 1990 both had heavy Ukrainian presences, while the current crop are cohesive unit determined to provide a few shocks this summer.

Qualifying

Olexiy Mykhaylychenko's team had a mixed qualifying campaign, starting with a 3-2 defeat by Denmark before three consecutive victories kick-started their campaign. One-goal losses to Turkey and again against Denmark, either side of a demoralising 1-1 draw in Albania, left Ukraine's hopes of progressing in the balance before they came storming back in the last five games, picking up 13 points from a maximum 15. That was enough to earn a play-off tie against Belgium but again they did it the hard way. A 3-2 home defeat left them in a perilous position, which worsened when they fell further behind in Lokeren before three unanswered goals saw them through. "I think we had more desire to win when it came to the crunch," Mykhaylychenko said. "It is very important for our country to perform well because we are at the very beginning of independent Ukrainian football history".

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Artem Milevskyy scored the decisive goal against Belgium three minutes into added time, and his link-up play with FC Metalist Kharkiv striker Ruslan Fomin could be central to Ukraine's hopes in Portugal. The pair fit in well with Mykhaylychenko's counterattacking philosophy, with the towering Milevskyy happy to drop into the side's four-man midfield to provide openings for his pacier partner.

His former FC Dynamo Kyiv team-mate Olexandr Aliyev is the creative focal point, and given time and space he can also punish opponents with a blistering long-range shot. FC Illichivets Mariupol's Adrian Pukanych is another dangerous playmaker while Dynamo winger Olexandr Sytnik and FC Metalurh Zaporizhyya's Olexiy Godin provide further attacking menace on the flanks. The onus is therefore on either Yevgeniy Cherebyachko or Olexandr Maksymov, both of whom play for FC Arsenal Kharkiv, to provide a defensive balance.

And up until their play-off tie, Ukraine's results were built on the foundations of a strong back line. Captain Olexandr Yatsenko orchestrated a defence which leaked just seven goals in 12 group games and although the goalkeeping jersey frequently changed hands, Mykhaylychenko looks likely to opt for Andriy Pyatov of FC Vorskla Poltava after Bohdan Shust received a FIFA World Cup call-up.

UEFA European Under-21 Championship record: First appearance.

Records for single match finals (since 1992-94 competition)

1992-94

20.04.1994 - Italy 1-0 Portugal (After extra time)
(Stade La Mosson, Montpellier, France - 6,263 - Serge Muhmenthaler (SUI))

1994-96

31.05.1996 - Italy 1-1 Spain (After extra time, Italy win 5-4 on penalties)
(Estadio Olímpico de Montjuïc, Barcelona, Spain - 35,500 - Günter Benkö (AUT))

1996-98

31.05.1998 - Greece 0-1 Spain
(Ghencea stadium, Bucharest, Romania - 7,000 - L'uboš Michel' (SVK))

1998-2000

04.06.2000 - Czech Republic 1-2 Italy
(Tehelné Pole stadium, Bratislava, Slovakia - 9,170 - Karl-Erik Nilsson (SWE))

2000-02

28.05.2002 - France 0-0 Czech Republic (After extra time, Czech Republic win 3-1 on penalties)
(St. Jakob-Park, Basle, Switzerland - 20,400 - Tom Henning Øvrebø (NOR))

2002-04

08.06.2004 - Italy 3-0 Serbia and Montenegro
(Ruhrstadion, Bochum, Germany - 20,092 - Luis Medina (ESP))

6: Finals

Six single match finals (from a total of 14) have taken place in the UEFA European Under-21 Championship since the finals format changed for the 1992-94 competition. To date, Italy have won all four finals in which they have appeared with Spain and the Czech Republic having won the other two. Other teams to have been involved in the six finals are France, Greece, and Serbia and Montenegro.

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5: Red cards

To date, five red cards have been issued in UEFA European Under-21 Championship single match finals. The last dismissals came in the 2002-04 final when Serbia and Montenegro players Nikola Mihajlović (33) and Branislav Ivanović (90+1) were both sent off by Spanish official Luis Medina in their 3-0 defeat by Italy. The Italians' previous victory in the competition also ended with a dismissal as Francesco Coco saw red in the last minute of their 2-1 defeat of the Czech Republic in the 1998-2000 final. Previously, Austrian match official Günter Benkö sent off Italian players Nicola Amoroso (36) and Raffaele Ametrano (105) in the 1994-96 final which Italy still won on penalties at Spain's expense.

4: Finals involving Italy

Italy have featured in four of the six single-match UEFA European Under-21 Championship finals to date, and the Azzurrini have won on each occasion. Portugal were their victims in 1994, followed by Spain two years later. The Spanish won the title in 1998, but Italy were again victors in 2000 thanks to a 2-1 defeat of the Czech Republic. Like Spain before them, the Czechs followed defeat in a final by Italy with a success of their own, on this occasion at France's expense. The Italians regained their title in 2004, beating Serbia and Montenegro 3-0.

3: Highest number of goals in a final

On two occasions, three goals have been scored in a single match UEFA European Under-21 Championship final. In the 1998-00 final, Italy triumphed 2-1 against the Czech Republic with Andrea Pirlo scoring both goals, the first from the penalty spot after 42 minutes with the winning goal coming nine minutes from time. Tomáš Došek had restored parity for the Czechs six minutes into the second half, but Pirlo had the final say. Italy were again winners at the climax of the 2002-04 competition when nine-man Serbia and Montenegro were on the receiving end of a 3-0 defeat with Daniele De Rossi (31), Cesare Bovo (83) and Alberto Gilardino (84) on the scoresheet. The 3-0 scoreline also provides the widest margin of victory in a single match final to date.

3: Final tournaments

Prior to the 2004-06 finals being held in Portugal, the UEFA European Under-21 Championship had staged three final tournaments each comprising eight teams. The 1998-00 finals were held in Slovakia, followed two years later by Switzerland, while the 2002-04 tournament was staged in Germany. Prior to the 1998-00 competition, the first final round of sorts, comprising eight teams, was held in Romania. This event featured a knockout format rather than the traditional group format used at most UEFA national team competition final tournaments.

2: Penalty shootouts

Two finals have ended in penalty shoot-outs, with nine-man Italy triumphing 5-4 in the 1994-96 final against Spain after the sides remained deadlocked after 120 minutes in Barcelona. Italian goalkeeper Angelo Pagotto, playing in favour of a 17-year-old Gianluigi Buffon, did enough to put off Iván De la Peña and Raúl González to ensure the Azzurrini prevailed. More recently, the Czech Republic defeated France 3-1 on penalties after the sides shared a goalless draw after extra time. Michal Pospíšil, Zdenek Grygera and Rudolf Skácel were all on the scoresheet for the Czechs. Camel Meriem had struck the opening penalty for France, only for Pierre Alain Frau, Julien Escudé and Jean-Alain Bounsong to squander the ensuing three spot-kicks for Raymond Domenech's side.

1: Goalless draws

The only final to date to end in a goalless draw came on 28 May 2002 when France and the Czech Republic failed to find the back of the net after 120 minutes of football. The Czechs ended as winners, though, securing the title 3-1 on penalties.

1: Finals decided during extra time

The first UEFA European Under-21 Championship single match final, played in Montpellier on 20 April 1994, ended in an extra time victory for Italy with Pierluigi Orlandini (97) scoring the only goal of the game not long after entering the fray as a replacement for Filippo Inzaghi, as the likes of Luís Figo, Rui Costa, Sá Pinto and Costinha were denied what would have been a maiden trophy for Portugal.

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Competition information

The trophy

The UEFA European Under-21 Championship trophy was created by Bertoni in Milan for the 1996-98 campaign after Italy kept the previous one following their three consecutive tournament wins.

Medals

The 37-centimetre-high trophy is made of brass, glass and Plexiglas, weighs seven kilograms and cost 10,000 Swiss Francs. The winning nation will get to keep the trophy until next year's championship in the Netherlands and will also receive a scaled-down replica. Thirty gold medals will be presented to the winning team and 30 silver medals to the runners-up. In addition, every participating nation will receive a plaque to commemorate their participation in Portugal. Carlsberg Man of the Match awards will be handed out after each match too.

Facts and figures

Serbia and Montenegro were the most prolific scorers of the eight finalists in qualifying, scoring 34 goals in their 12 games. Denmark also struck 34 but played two more games having been in a pool containing seven teams, meaning Portugal's record of 32 in 12 matches is marginally better. Germany, Ukraine, Netherlands, Italy follow in that order, while after registering just 16 times in 12 outings, France's forwards were least productive.

Biggest win

There were 258 games in qualifying, including 16 play-off matches. Spain's 14-0 demolition of San Marino in El Ejido proved both the highest scoring game and, unsurprisingly, the biggest margin of victory. Indeed, it was the biggest win in the competition's history, eclipsing Austria's 10-0 triumph against Liechtenstein in 1990. Eight months later the sides met again in Serravalle and Spain secured a record 10-1 away win, but still saw their hopes of a place in the finals ended.

Home truths

No team has won the competition on home territory since the switch to a new format in 1994. Until then the final had been decided on a two-legged basis but the move to an eight-team tournament has yet to produce dividends for the hosts. Spain came closest in 1996, as they reached the final where they lost on penalties to an Italy team which appears to revel away from home. The Azzurrini have won four of the six finals since the new format was introduced, and will be going for a seventh this summer - as Portugal aim to break the home nation's duck.

Accent on youth

At 16 years and seven months, Serbia and Montenegro midfielder Slobodan Rajković was the youngest player to appear in qualifying when he started in his side's 2-0 defeat by Spain in Madrid in September. He came up against a man over six years his senior that day, in the form of Daniel Jarque Gonzáles; one of five players that appeared in qualifying born on 1 January 1983 – the maximum limit of eligibility for the competition. Meanwhile, Group 7 was the place to be if you wanted to see hat-tricks as ten of the 20 three-goal hauls in qualifying came in the section's 15 fixtures. Belgium accounted for two of those and finalists Serbia and Montenegro another three. Both were eclipsed by Spain who racked up five in their ten matches. Of the finalists, Serbian quartet Milan Purović, Lazar Popović, Ljubiša Vukelja and Mirko Vučinić all struck hat-tricks, along with Dutch striker Romeo Castelen and Anthony Le Tallec of France. Greece's Lampros Choutos holds the record with three hat-tricks in eight games in qualification for the 2000 tournament.

Route to the finals

Ten weeks after Italy won the UEFA European Under-21 Championship for the fifth time in Bochum, 17 August 2004, qualifying began for the 2006 edition with Romania and Slovakia respectively defeating Finland and Luxembourg 1-0. Thirteen months, eight days and 240 games later a qualifying round consisting of 48 nations and eight groups concluded, with Portugal setting the standard by winning all ten of their matches in Group 3.

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Play-offs

The eight group winners and runners-up had little time to digest sealing a berth in the play-offs for the final tournament as the draw took place for the eight two-legged matches at UEFA headquarters in Nyon on 13 October 2005. Denmark (4-1 v Russia), Germany (3-0 v Czech Republic), the Netherlands (2-0 v Slovenia) and Serbia and Montenegro (5-2 v Croatia) enjoyed relatively comfortable passages, while Italy edged out Hungary 2-1, France pipped England 3-2 and Portugal were pushed all the way by Switzerland before prevailing 3-2.

Dramatic win

Ukraine enjoyed the most dramatic of qualifications, Artem Milevsky scoring three minutes into added time to secure a 3-1 victory in Belgium and 5-4 aggregate success. Four of the teams which had competed in the 2004 finals had progressed again, with one of them, Portugal, being awarded host status for this summer's tournament by UEFA's Executive Committee on 15 December.

New format

This UEFA European Under-21 Championship will be the last of its kind. From 2007, the competition moves to odd-numbered years, freeing it from a clash with the FIFA World Cup and UEFA European Championship, and giving more space to an event which competition manager Pascal Cornu believes showcases "the stars of tomorrow".

Dutch next

That decision was announced by the UEFA Executive Committee last June, and the 2007 championship was awarded six months later to the Netherlands after an impressive Dutch bid saw them selected ahead of seven other hopefuls. UEFA Chief Executive Lars-Christer Olsson said of the U21 final round: "It has been living in the shadow of the big championships as it has been played just before the final rounds." The move will suit the players too. The likes of Andrea Pirlo, Petr Čech and Alberto Gilardino have been on winning teams in the last three editions, but 2002 runners-up France, who lost on penalties to the Czech Republic after a 0-0 draw, were denied a key man, Djibril Cissé, because he was called into Les Bleus' World Cup squad.

Increased numbers

That conflict will no longer occur. "It will give the opportunity for national associations to give players who would usually be at the World Cup or EURO the opportunity to play at another important tournament," Cornu said. Indeed, a record 51 teams have entered the 2007 event, three more than this year's tournament. Another advantage is that the hosts can be picked more than a year in advance. Previously, the finals venue was selected from among the eight qualifiers once the play-offs ended in November - such as Portugal for 2006 - leaving little more than six months to organise the 15-game competition. However, the Netherlands have more than 18 months to plan their show, and in future, the hosts will be chosen with more than two years' notice. Royal Netherlands Football Association (KNVB) general secretary Harry Been, who will oversee the 2007 event, agrees wholeheartedly, having already staged a successful FIFA World Youth Championship last year. "You need a year at least," he said. "The change by UEFA to odd years also gives us more time to market the competition. We had a very successful tournament in 2005 and that gives us a very good feeling about 2007. What we are also trying to do is make it an 'event', and we seem to be on our way."

Euroborg final

Fourteen cities expressed an interest in holding matches, a list which was cut to seven before Eredivisie teams SC Heerenveen (Abe Lenstra stadium), FC Groningen (Euroborg), BV Vitesse (Gelredome) and NEC Nijmegen (De Goffert) were awarded host-club status for 2007 at a ceremony at KNVB headquarters in Zeist in April. The action is provisionally scheduled to get under way on 10 June, with the tournament - which will serve as a qualifying event for the 2008 Beijing Olympics - concluding 13 days later at the 20,000-capacity Euroborg.

Football in Portugal

Modern football was introduced to Portugal in 1884 by Guilherme Pinto Basto, who had recently returned from studying in England. However, it was not until four years later that the first official football match took place just outside Lisbon, in the picturesque coastal village of Cascais.

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First stadium

The game remained bubbling under until 1893, when a side from Cascais took on a team of English expats. In the same year the first football ground was built in central Lisbon, in Campo Pequeno, the site of the present-day bullfighting arena. Clubs soon formed, Lisbonense being swiftly followed by Real Ginásio Club, Carcavelos Club and the English exiles' Cabo Submarino. In 1894 King D. Carlos I sponsored a north v south representative match, and by 1910 there were three regional associations based in Lisbon, Porto and Portalegre, merging into one four years later.

Championship begins

The first world war led to a pause in the development of football, but 1921 saw both Portugal's inaugural international, a 3-1 defeat by Spain in Madrid, and the first national championship, a knockout competition finally won the following June by FC Porto. In 1926 the Portuguese Football Federation was formed, and the sport was well and truly established. Already Porto, SL Benfica and Sporting Clube de Portugal, along with CF Os Belenenses, were dominating national competition, and the big three took over completely when the Campeonato da 1ª Divisão began in 1938/39, Porto again the first winners.

Big three

Although not yet one of Europe's leading football powers, Portugal were founder members of UEFA in 1954, and within a decade had emerged as a continental force. That was helped, ironically, by a Hungarian exile and a player from the Portuguese colony of Mozambique. The vastly experienced Budapest-born coach Béla Guttmann had already led Porto to the title when he joined Benfica in 1959, and within two years the capital club had become the first team other than Real Madrid CF to win the European Champion Clubs' Cup.

Black Panther

Not content with that Guttmann then signed a Mozambican teenager whom he had first heard of from gossip in a Lisbon hairdresser's salon. Within a year Eusébio had scored the decisive goals in their 5-3 European Cup final win against Madrid, and over the next ten years or so he took Benfica and Portugal to unmatched heights, emerging as top scorer at the 1966 FIFA World Cup as Portugal reached the semi-finals.

Continental honours

Across the capital, Sporting had already won the 1963/64 UEFA Cup Winners' Cup, and even after Eusébio left Benfica in 1975, Portuguese clubs continued to thrive. Porto overcame FC Bayern München in 1987 to claim the European Cup and Benfica reached the final twice in the 1980s. Porto added a UEFA Cup in 2003 and the UEFA Champions League the following term, while Sporting lost the 2005 UEFA Cup final at their own Estádio José Alvalade.

Semi-final appearance

The national team's fortunes have been more mixed, but in 1984 they reached the UEFA European Championship semi-finals, losing a classic match to France in the semi-finals. In the late 1980s a 'golden generation' including Rui Costa, João Pinto and Luís Figo dominated international youth tournaments, and reached the quarter-finals of EURO '96™, the semi-finals in 2000 and the final on home soil at UEFA EURO 2004™, where they were beaten 1-0 by Greece. They will hope for better fortune at the 2006 FIFA World Cup having qualified impressively.

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All-time statistics

Head-to-head record

Date	Comp.	Stage	Match	Res	Venue
24.05.2006	U21	GS - FT	Ukraine - Netherlands	2-1	Agueda

National team competition record

Netherlands

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
UEFA European Under-21 Championship	120	61	25	34	214	125

Ukraine

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
UEFA European Under-21 Championship	64	32	14	18	109	64

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Head coach profiles

Foppe de Haan

Date of birth: 26 June 1943

Playing career: GAVC Grouw, SC Heerenveen, SV De Enschedese Boys, VV Akkrum

Coaching career: VV Drachtster Boys (1977-80), ACV Brasschaat (1980-83), VV Steenwijk (1983-85), Heerenveen (1985-88 and 1992-04), Netherlands Under-21s (2004-).

Lippenhuizen-born Foppe de Haan showed a degree of talent as a midfielder with Grouw, Heerenveen, Enschedese Boys and Akkrum, but his understanding of the game and his training as a games teacher marked him out as a coach of the future. Sure enough, the friendly Friesland native started training youngsters at Akkrum in 1974 before taking on a similar role at Heerenveen two years later.

His first spells as a head coach came with amateur sides Drachtster Boys, ACV - whom he led to an amateur title - and Steenwijk before being offered the post of coach at Heerenveen, then in the second division. He led the club from 1985 until 1988 when a run of poor results saw him step down to take over the coaching of the club's youth players.

However, he was handed the top job again in October 1992, and succeeded in winning his side promotion to the Eredivisie and leading them to the 1992/93 Dutch Cup final - where they lost 6-2 to AFC Ajax. In the following years, Heerenveen helped the likes of Jon Dahl Tomasson and Ruud van Nistelrooij prepare for European stardom while playing UEFA Cup football and reaching another Dutch Cup final in 1996/97, going down 4-2 against Roda JC.

Named coach of the year in the Netherlands in 1997 and 2000, De Haan stepped down at Heerenveen in the summer of 2004 as the longest-serving club coach in Dutch history, having survived 12 years at the helm. Having been appointed technical co-ordinator for youth football by the KNVB, and U21 coach, he led the Netherlands to the quarter-finals of the 2005 FIFA World Youth Championship on home soil before sealing a spot in the 2006 UEFA European Under-21 Championship finals by virtue of a play-off defeat of Slovenia.

Olexiy Mykhaylychenko

Date of birth: 30 March 1963

Playing career: FC Dynamo Kyiv, UC Sampdoria, Rangers FC, Soviet Union, CIS, Ukraine

Coaching career: FC Dynamo Kyiv (2002-04), Ukraine Under-21s (2004-).

Born in Kiev, now the capital of the independent Ukraine, Olexiy Mykhaylychenko started out in midfield for Dynamo in 1983 and quickly earned a reputation as a player with plenty of attacking ideas. With Dynamo, he won three Soviet league titles and three USSR Cups in addition to the UEFA Cup Winners' Cup in 1985/86 following a 3-0 victory against Club Atlético de Madrid.

Perhaps his finest year came when he finished as a runner-up with the Soviet Union at the 1988 UEFA European Championship, under fellow-Ukrainian Valeriy Lobanovskiy, and won Olympic gold in Seoul. After moving to Italy to play for Sampdoria, he became the first Ukrainian and Soviet national to win the Serie A title in 1990/91 before unexpectedly moving on to Rangers where he added five titles and three Scottish Cups to his collection.

After hanging up his boots in 1996, Mykhaylychenko returned to Dynamo as assistant coach the following year. He continued in that role until 2002 when he was briefly caretaker coach before being handed the job on a full-time basis. He won two Ukrainian titles and one Ukrainian Cup in his two years in charge as well as competing in the UEFA Champions League.

Appointed U21 coach in 2004, he steered Ukraine to the finals of the 2006 UEFA European Under-21 Championship at the first attempt having previously led the same side to the last 16 of the 2005 FIFA World Youth Championship in the Netherlands. Named as a member of Ukraine's all-star team of the 20th century, Mykhaylychenko also received the Soviet Master of Sports honour in 1988 and the Friendship of Nations Order in 1989.

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Squad list

Netherlands

No	Player	DoB	Current Season			
			Qual.		Finals	
			Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers						
1	Kenneth Vermeer	10.01.86	-	-	4	-
21	Michel Vorm	20.10.83	-	-	-	-
22	Remko Pasveer	08.11.83	4	-	-	-
Defenders						
2	Paul Verhaegh	01.09.83	8	-	2	-
3	Gijs Luirink	12.09.83	2	1	4	1
4	Ramon Zomer	13.04.83	7	-	3	-
5	Urby Emanuelson	16.06.86	4	-	4	-
16	Dwight Tiendalli	21.10.85	5	-	2	-
17	Ron Vlaar	16.02.85	1	-	3	-
18	Arnold Kruiswijk	02.11.84	9	-	-	-
19	Edson Braafheid	08.04.83	9	-	3	-
Midfielders						
6	Stijn Schaars	11.01.84	10	-	4	-
8	Nicky Hofs	17.05.83	5	1	4	2
10	Ismaïl Aissati	16.08.88	2	-	4	-
12	Haris Medunjanin	08.03.85	-	-	2	-
20	Demy de Zeeuw	26.05.83	5	-	3	-
Forwards						
7	Romeo Castelen	03.05.83	5	4	3	-
9	Klaas Jan Huntelaar	12.08.83	12	10	4	2
11	Daniël De Ridder	06.03.84	12	-	4	1
13	Patrick Gerritsen	13.03.87	-	-	1	-
14	Collins John	17.10.85	4	3	2	-
15	Fred Benson	10.04.84	-	-	-	-
Coach						
	Foppe De Haan	26.06.43	12	-	4	-

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Ukraine

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			Qual.		Finals	
			Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers						
1	Andriy Pyatov	28.06.84	6	-	4	-
12	Olexandr Rybka	10.04.87	-	-	1	-
22	Yevgen Shirayev	22.02.84	5	-	-	-
Defenders						
2	Olexandr Romanchuk	21.10.84	9	-	4	-
3	Mykola Ischenko	09.03.83	10	-	1	-
4	Dmytro Nevmyvaka	19.03.84	5	-	-	-
5	Olexandr Yatsenko	24.02.85	10	1	4	-
6	Dmytro Chygrynskiy	07.11.86	8	2	4	-
15	Grigoriy Yarmash	04.01.85	9	-	4	-
Midfielders						
8	Olexandr Aliyev	03.02.85	12	5	4	-
9	Adrian Pukanych	22.06.83	13	5	3	-
13	Serhiy Pylypchuk	26.11.84	-	-	-	-
14	Yevgen Cheberyachko	19.06.83	10	-	4	-
17	Taras Mikhalik	28.10.83	1	-	4	-
18	Olexiy Godin	02.02.83	1	-	1	-
19	Olexandr Maksymov	13.02.85	5	-	3	-
20	Olexandr Sytnik	02.01.85	6	-	-	-
21	Andriy Oberemko	18.03.84	5	-	3	-
Forwards						
7	Maxym Feschuk	25.11.85	6	2	2	-
10	Artem Milevskiy	12.01.85	13	4	4	2
11	Ruslan Fomin	02.03.86	5	3	4	2
16	Ivan Kryvosheyenko	11.05.84	1	-	1	-
Coach						
	Olexiy Mykhaylychenko	30.03.63	11	-	4	-

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Player statistics

Netherlands

No.	Player	Matchday						SF	F
		1	2	3	4	5	6		
Goalkeepers									
1	Kenneth Vermeer	-	90	-	90	-	90	120	-
21	Michel Vorm	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
22	Remko Pasveer	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders									
2	Paul Verhaegh	-	80(-)	-	90	-	-	-	-
3	Gijs Luirink	-	90	-	90	-	90	120	-
4	Ramon Zomer	-	-	-	86(-)	-	1(+)	74	-
5	Urby Emanuelson	-	90	-	90	-	60(-)	70(-)	-
16	Dwight Tiendalli	-	-	-	-	-	90	120	-
17	Ron Vlaar	-	90	-	-	-	90	120	-
18	Arnold Kruiswijk	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
19	Edson Braafheid	-	44(-)	-	-	-	30(+)	50	-
Midfielders									
6	Stijn Schaars	-	90	-	90	-	72(-)	120	-
8	Nicky Hofs	-	71(-)	-	90	-	89(-)	120	-
10	Ismail Aissati	-	46(+)	-	90	-	90	91	-
12	Haris Medunjanin	-	19(+)	-	4(+)	-	-	-	-
20	Demy de Zeeuw	-	-	-	22(+)	-	90	46(-)	-
Forwards									
7	Romeo Castelen	-	90	-	-	-	90	120	-
9	Klaas Jan Huntelaar	-	90	-	90	-	90	120	-
11	Daniël De Ridder	-	90	-	68(-)	-	18(+)	29	-
13	Patrick Gerritsen	-	-	-	45(-)	-	-	-	-
14	Collins John	-	10(+)	-	45(+)	-	-	-	-
15	Fred Benson	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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Player statistics

Ukraine

No.	Player	Matchday						SF	F
		1	2	3	4	5	6		
Goalkeepers									
1	Andriy Pyatov	-	90	-	90	-	90	120(-)	-
12	Olexandr Rybka	-	-	-	-	-	-	1(+)	-
22	Yevgen Shirayev	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders									
2	Olexandr Romanchuk	-	90	-	90	-	90	120	-
3	Mykola Ischenko	-	-	-	11(+)	-	-	-	-
4	Dmytro Nevmyvaka	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	Olexandr Yatsenko	-	90	-	79(-)	-	90	120	-
6	Dmytro Chygrynskiy	-	90	-	90	-	90	120	-
15	Grigoriy Yarmash	-	90	-	90	-	90	120	-
Midfielders									
8	Olexandr Aliyev	-	10(+)	-	90	-	12(+)	62	-
9	Adrian Pukanych	-	74(-)	-	-	-	67(-)	58(-)	-
13	Serhiy Pylypchuk	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
14	Yevgen Cheberyachko	-	90	-	90	-	90	120	-
17	Taras Mikhalik	-	90	-	44(+)	-	90	120	-
18	Olexiy Godin	-	-	-	-	-	-	101	-
19	Olexandr Maksymov	-	90	-	-	-	90	120	-
20	Olexandr Sytnik	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
21	Andriy Oberemko	-	16(+)	-	90	-	23(+)	-	-
Forwards									
7	Maxym Feschuk	-	1(+)	-	60(-)	-	-	-	-
10	Artem Milevskiy	-	89(-)	-	90	-	90	19(-)	-
11	Ruslan Fomin	-	80(-)	-	30(+)	-	78(-)	120	-
16	Ivan Kryvosheyenko	-	-	-	46(-)	-	-	-	-

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Tournament schedule

Final tournament - Group phase

Date	Grp	Home	Res	Away	
23/05/06	Grp A	Serbia and Montenegro	0 - 1	Germany	Barcelos
23/05/06	Grp A	Portugal	0 - 1	France	Braga
24/05/06	Grp B	Ukraine	2 - 1	Netherlands	Agueda
24/05/06	Grp B	Italy	3 - 3	Denmark	Aveiro
25/05/06	Grp A	France	3 - 0	Germany	Guimaraes
25/05/06	Grp A	Portugal	0 - 2	Serbia and Montenegro	Barcelos
26/05/06	Grp B	Denmark	1 - 1	Netherlands	Aveiro
26/05/06	Grp B	Italy	1 - 0	Ukraine	Agueda
28/05/06	Grp A	Germany	0 - 1	Portugal	Guimaraes
28/05/06	Grp A	France	2 - 0	Serbia and Montenegro	Braga
29/05/06	Grp B	Netherlands	1 - 0	Italy	Aveiro
29/05/06	Grp B	Denmark	1 - 2	Ukraine	Agueda

Semi-finals

Date	Grp	Home	Res	Away	
01/06/06	Grp	France	2-3 (aet)	Netherlands	Braga
01/06/06	Grp	Ukraine	0-0 (p)	Serbia and Montenegro	Aveiro

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
France	3	3	0	0	6	0	9
Serbia and Montenegro	3	1	0	2	2	3	3
Portugal	3	1	0	2	1	3	3
Germany	3	1	0	2	1	4	3
	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Ukraine	3	2	0	1	4	3	6
Italy	3	1	1	1	4	4	4
Netherlands	3	1	1	1	3	3	4
Denmark	3	0	2	1	5	6	2

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General competition information

There will be a new name on the UEFA European Under-21 Championship trophy as the Netherlands and Ukraine contest the final at the Estádio do Bessa Século XXI in Porto at 19.45 on Sunday. In Thursday's semi-finals, Nicky Hofs scored twice and Klaas Jan Huntelaar the other - "a beauty" according to his coach Foppe de Haan - as the Dutch defeated France 3-2 after extra time in Braga. There may have been no goals but the drama was as unrelenting in Aveiro as Ukraine saw off Serbia and Montenegro 5-4 on penalties after 120 goalless minutes.

The Netherlands have been designated as the home team in the showpiece. As such, they will wear (subject to approval) their traditional orange shirt with white shorts and blue socks. Having played in their all-yellow strip throughout the tournament so far, Ukraine will be wearing a blue shirt with yellow shorts and socks in Porto.

Referee: Martin Hansson of Sweden has been named as referee for Sunday's final. One of six referees appointed to oversee the 15 matches in northern Portugal, Hansson has been rewarded for impressive performances in the middle in the Portugal-Serbia and Montenegro and Netherlands-Italy games. The 35-year-old will be assisted by countryman Fredrik Nilsson and England's Roger East. Another Englishman, Howard Webb, will undertake fourth official duties.

UEFA Cup: Ten teams will be involved in the UEFA Fair Play draw at half-time on Sunday night with two places in the 2006/07 UEFA Cup first qualifying round up for grabs. The clubs have been put forward by their respective national associations after they finished the 2005/06 UEFA competition season with a fair play coefficient higher than 8.0 in the UEFA Fair Play ranking. The Allsvenskan club Gefle IF have already earned a UEFA Cup place after Sweden topped the standings.

Along with a team from Slovenia, the sides are: IFK Mariehamn (Finland), KSV Roeselare (Belgium), JK Tammeka Tartu (Estonia), FK Riga (Latvia), NAC Breda (Netherlands), SK Brann (Norway), FC Aarau (Switzerland), Haverfordwest County AFC (Wales), BV Borussia Dortmund (Germany). The fair play coefficient is based on criteria such as positive play, respect of the opponent, respect of the referee, behaviour of the crowd and of the team officials as well as cautions and dismissals.

Scouts: There are a limited number of tickets available for scouts and club representatives wishing to attend the final. Those interested are required to email scouts@uefa.ch asap with 'U21 Scout Ticket Request' as the subject.

Tickets: Fans wishing to attend the final can buy tickets on the gate with tickets ranging in price from €5-€15.

Closing ceremony: A short ceremony will precede the match between the Netherlands and Ukraine featuring Portuguese rap artist Boss AC.

Inheriting his mother's passion for music - Ana Firmino is one of Cape Verde's greatest musical talents - Boss AC has developed an unusual hip-hop sound since his first album Mandachuva in 1998, which was recorded in the United States. He has gone on to branch out into television and movies, while continuing to work with some of the greatest names in Portuguese music. In 2002, he recorded, produced and mixed his second album Rimar Contra a Maré. With his music reflecting the fusion between Portuguese and African influences, Boss AC released his most successful album R.A.P. (Ritmo, Amor e Palavras) last year. It sold more than 30,000 copies in Portugal and in September last year he was nominated for the MTV European Music Awards in Lisbon.

Record attendances: The UEFA European Under-21 Championship in Portugal has received an emphatic vote of confidence from the football public. Attendance figures reached 160,592 following the semi-finals, shattering the previous record of 110,000 set in the 2004 competition in Germany - a tournament which saw 16 games, one more than this one where there is no third-placed play-off.

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For each game, the attendances have been as follows:

SCG v GER: 3,245 (Barcelos)
POR v FRA: 26,875 (Braga)
UKR v NED: 4,250 (Agueda)
ITA v DEN: 11,250 (Aveiro)
FRA v GER: 8,023 (Guimaraes)
POR v SCG: 9,968 (Barcelos)
DEN v NED: 8,021 (Aveiro)
ITA v UKR: 6,873 (Agueda)
FRA v SCG: 8,585 (Braga)
GER v POR: 28,174 (Guimaraes)
DEN v UKR: 5,784 (Agueda)
NED v ITA: 14,300 (Aveiro)
FRA v NED: 7,887 (Braga)
UKR v SCG: 17,357 (Aveiro)

Pascal Cornu, UEFA U21 competition manager, said: "The Portuguese people have proved once again their passion for football as the attendances have shown." FPF tournament director João Morais added: "We are all very excited. UEFA and ourselves are very pleased about achieving these figures. It was really a big challenge because Germany was a great tournament, a very successful one."

TV audience figures: International viewing figures continue to impress. The Netherlands' victory against France attracted a 32.8 per cent market share for Talpa, while Serbo-Montenegrin broadcaster B92 attracted 2.3 million viewers and a market share of 31 per cent (its usual market share is 5.3 per cent) for the shoot-out defeat by Ukraine. RAI 2 produced impressive audiences of approximately 4m per match for Italy's group stage matches. In Portugal, host broadcaster TVI returned great audience and market share figures for the three matches featuring the home team, with 2.3m (60.1 per cent), 2m (56.9 per cent) and 1.9m (58.4 per cent) respectively. The market shares in Portugal remain strong, despite the exit of the hosts.

Man of the Match: The following players have picked up Carlsberg Man of the Match awards:

SCG v GER: Lukas Sinkiewicz (Germany)
POR v FRA: Jimmy Briand (France)
UKR v NED: Artem Milevskiy (Ukraine)
ITA v DEN: Rasmus Würtz (Denmark)
FRA v GER: Rio Antonio Mavuba (France)
POR v SCG: Milan Stepanov (Serbia and Montenegro)
DEN v NED: Thomas Kahlenberg (Denmark)
ITA v UKR: Giorgio Chiellini (Italy)
FRA v SCG: Lassana Diarra (France)
GER v POR: Néilson (Portugal)
DEN v UKR: Artem Milevskiy (Ukraine)
NED v ITA: Daniël de Ridder (Netherlands)
FRA v NED: Nicky Hofs (Netherlands)
UKR v SCG: Andriy Pyatov (Ukraine)

Top scorer: Denmark's Thomas Kahlenberg tops the scoring list with three goals from as many matches. Bryan Bergougnoux of France took his tally to two against the Dutch but has also gone home. Klaas Jan Huntelaar and Nicky Hofs of the Netherlands and Ukraine duo Artem Milevskiy and Ruslan Fomin have also scored twice. Sixteen players have scored one goal, while there have also been two own goals - both from Portugal.

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Fair Play: Denmark lead the tournament Fair Play ranking going into the final.

DEN: 8.095 (3 matches)

UKR: 7.937 (4 matches)

GER: 7.892 (3 matches)

NED: 7.446 (4 matches)

SCG: 7.357 (4 matches)

FRA: 7.241 (4 matches)

ITA: 7.238 (3 matches)

POR: 6.916 (3 matches)

Bookings list: All yellow cards were wiped out for the knockout stage and as no Netherlands or Ukraine players received red cards in the final round of group matches or semi-final, all are eligible for Sunday's final. Ten Dutch players have been booked in their four matches, Nicky Hofs and Klaas Jan Huntelaar twice. Six Ukrainians have been shown a yellow card, Olexandr Romanchuk and Grygoriy Yarmash twice.

Competition format: Amendments have been made since the initial publication of the 2004/06 UEFA European Under-21 Championship competition regulations. As per the decision of the UEFA Executive Committee, if the final is a draw at the end of normal playing time, two 15-minute periods of extra time will be played. If the teams are still equal after extra time, the winners will be determined by kicks from the penalty mark.

Commercial programme: This is the first tournament in the new UEFA EUROTOP programme, and the commercial set-up for this event has ten global sponsors, supported by four local Portuguese companies, who are all running extensive promotional activities to bring the event to the fans. The ten global sponsors are adidas, Carlsberg, Coca-Cola, Continental, CTT, Ford, JVC, MasterCard, McDonald's and Montepio, while Sical, SportZone, TMN and Galp comprise the four local partners.

The UEFA U21 Caravan: featuring games, competitions, inflatables and music, visited schools in Braga and Aveiro on Thursday morning before travelling to the Estádio Municipal de Braga and the Estádio Municipal de Aveiro. The Caravan will make its final stop at the Estádio do Bessa in Porto on Sunday afternoon, having been in Porto city centre that morning.

uefa.com coverage: uefa.com will provide coverage on Sunday's final in seven languages - English, French, German, Spanish, Italian, Portuguese and Russian. The popular Match Centre application will provide up-to-date information from the Bessa stadium as the game happens, with goal updates, statistics, reports, reviews and news. There will also be live audio available through uefa.com Action.

uefa.com Team of the Tournament: On Monday, uefa.com will publish a Team of the Tournament selected by our team of journalists in northern Portugal.

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Match officials

Referee	Martin Hansson (SWE)
Assistant referees	Fredrik Nilsson (SWE), Roger East (ENG)
Fourth official	Howard Webb (ENG)
UEFA Delegate	Heinz Fahnler (AUT)
UEFA Referee observer	Jaap Uilenberg (HOL)
UEFA Media Officer	Alexis Dedes (GRE)

Referee

Name	Nat.	DoB	UNDER21	UEFA
Martin Hansson	SWE	06.04.1971	3	15

UEFA European Under-21 Championship matches involving teams from the two countries involved in this match

Date	Comp.	Stage	Match	Res	Venue
29.05.2006	U21	GS - FT	Netherlands-Italy	1-0	Aveiro

UEFA European Under-21 Championship Other matches

Date	Comp.	Stage	Match	Res	Venue
19.11.2003	U21	P-O	Czech Republic-Switzerland	1-2*(3-4)	Ostrava
25.05.2006	U21	GS - FT	Portugal-Serbia and Montenegro	0-2	Barcelos

Other matches

Date	Comp.	Stage	Match	Res	Venue
22.04.2001	U16	GS - FT	Germany-Belgium	1-2	Durham
25.04.2001	U16	GS - FT	Scotland-Finland	3-1	Barnsley
27.04.2001	U16	GS - FT	Russia-Netherlands	0-0	York
06.05.2001	U16	P-O 3rd	Croatia-England	4-1	Durham
07.07.2001	UIC	R2	SC Heerenveen-FHK Liepajas Metalurgs	6-1	Heerenveen
01.08.2001	UCL	QR2	FC Sheriff-RSC Anderlecht	1-2	Tiraspol
07.11.2001	U19	PR	Serbia and Montenegro-Belgium	1-0	Zemun
13.07.2002	UIC	R2	FC St. Gallen-Willem II	1-1	St Gallen
29.08.2002	UCUP	QR	NK Gorica-AFC Rapid Bucuresti	1-3	Nova Gorica
17.09.2002	UCUP	R1	FC Girondins de Bordeaux-FK Matador Púchov	6-0	Bordeaux
23.10.2002	U19	QR1	Scotland-Serbia and Montenegro	1-4	Beltinci
25.10.2002	U19	QR1	Serbia and Montenegro-Slovenia	1-4	Murska Sobota
14.11.2002	UCUP	R2	Grasshopper-Club-PAOK FC	1-1	Zurich
29.03.2003	FRIE.	R1	Estonia-Canada	2-1	
12.07.2003	UIC	R2	FC Tobol Kostanay-K. Sint-Truidense VV	1-0	Kostanay
16.10.2003	UCUP	R1	FK Teplice-1. FC Kaiserslautern	1-0	Teplice
26.08.2004	UCUP	QR2	FK Austria Wien-FC Illychivets Mariupil	3-0	Vienna
16.09.2004	UCUP	R1	FK Ventspils-Amica Sport	1-1	Ventspils
02.12.2004	UCUP	GS	KSK Beveren-SL Benfica	0-3	Beveren
16.02.2005	UCUP	1/16	FK Partizan-FC Dnipro Dnipropetrovsk	2-2	Belgrade
04.06.2005	WC	QR	Belarus-Slovenia	1-1	Minsk
16.08.2005	U21FRIE	R1	Norway-Switzerland	2-1	Hamar
07.09.2005	WC	QR	Czech Republic-Armenia	4-1	Olomouc
27.09.2005	UCL	GS	Juventus-SK Rapid Wien	3-0	Turin
12.10.2005	WC	QR	Wales-Azerbaijan	2-0	Cardiff
01.12.2005	UCUP	GS	FK Crvena Zvezda-AS Roma	3-1	Belgrade
16.02.2006	UCUP	1/16	FC Thun-Hamburger SV	1-0	Berne

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Legend

Competitions

ECCLC: European Champion Clubs' Cup/UEFA Champions League

UCUP: UEFA Cup

UCWC: UEFA Cup Winners' Cup

SCUP: UEFA Super Cup

UIC: UEFA Intertoto Cup

EURO: UEFA European Football Championship

U21: UEFA European Under-21 Championship

WC: FIFA World Cup

CONFCUP: FIFA Confederations Cup

FRIE: A International friendly matches

U21 FRIE: Under-21 international friendly matches

Competition stages

F: Final

FT: Final tournament

GS: Group stage

GS1: First group stage

GS2: Second group stage

KO1: First knockout round

PO: Play-off(s)

PR: Preliminary round

QF: Quarter-finals

QR: Qualifying round or qualifying competition

QR1: First qualifying round

QR2: Second qualifying round

QR3: Third qualifying round

R1: First round

R2: Second round

R3: Third round

R4: Fourth round

SF: Semi-finals

1/8: Eighth-finals

1/16: Sixteenth-finals

1st: First leg

2nd: Second leg

3P: Third place play-off

5P: Fifth place play-off

7P: Seventh place play-off

8P: Eighth place play-off

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Other abbreviations

AP: Appearances
Comp: Competition
D: Drawn
DoB: Date of birth
GA: Goals against
GF: Goals for
L: Lost
Nat: Nationality
No: Number
Pld: Matches played
Pos: Position
Pts: Points
R: Sent off (red card)
Res: Result
W: Won
Y: Booked (yellow card)
Y/R: Sent off (yellow card then direct red)

NOTE: All-time statistics

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.

NOTE: Squad list

Squad list is ordered by position and then numerically

- 1: U21 - Total appearances and goals scored in the 2004-2006 UEFA European Under-21 Championship qualifying round and final tournament
- 2: U21 - Total appearances and goals scored in the 2004-2006 UEFA European Under-21 Championship final tournament

KEY: Bookings list

The current disciplinary situation in the competition.

*****: Misses next match if booked
#: Suspended for at least one match
+: Provisionally suspended
R: Sent off (red card)
S: Suspended
Y: Booked (yellow card)
Y/R: Sent off (yellow card then direct red)
R*: Sent off (red card) in the competition
S*: Suspended following cautions received in the competition
Y*: Booked (yellow card) in the UEFA Cup
Y/R*: Sent off (yellow card then direct red) in the competition

Note: The bookings list is destined for the press. It is given to the competing teams for information purposes only and therefore has no legal value. In the event of any discrepancy, only the correspondence addressed directly to the teams will be considered as the authoritative version.

KEY: Player statistics

(-): Denotes player substituted
(+): Denotes player introduced
(*): Denotes player dismissed/sent off
(+/-): Denotes player introduced and substituted

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NOTE: Match officials

1: U21 - Total matches officiated in UEFA European Under-21 Championship including all qualifying round matches. Matches where the official has acted as the fourth official are not included in these statistics. These are the official statistics considered valid for communicating official records in the competition.

2: UEFA - Total matches officiated in all UEFA competitions including all qualifying round matches. Matches where the official has acted as the fourth official are not included in these statistics. These are the official statistics considered valid for communicating official records in the competition.