

2007 UEFA European Under-21 Championship

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Tournament schedule

Sunday 10 June	Kick-Off	Venue
Netherlands - Israel	18.15CET	Abe Lenstra, Heerenveen
Portugal - Belgium	20.45CET	Euroborg, Groningen
Monday 11 June		
Czech Republic - England	18.15CET	Gelredome, Arnhem
Serbia - Italy	20.45CET	De Goffert, Nijmegen
Wednesday 13 June		
Israel - Belgium	18.15CET	Abe Lenstra, Heerenveen
Netherlands - Portugal	20.45CET	Euroborg, Groningen
Thursday 14 June		
Czech Republic - Serbia	18.15CET	De Goffert, Nijmegen
England - Italy	20.45CET	Gelredome, Arnhem
Saturday 16 June		
Belgium - Netherlands	20.45CET	Abe Lenstra, Heerenveen
Israel - Portugal	20.45CET	Euroborg, Groningen
Sunday 17 June		
Italy - Czech Republic	20.45CET	Gelredome, Arnhem
England - Serbia	20.45CET	De Goffert, Nijmegen
Semi-finals - Wednesday 20 June		
Winners Group A - Runner-up B	18.15CET	Abe Lenstra, Heerenveen
Winners Group B - Runner-up A	20.45CET	Gelredome, Arnhem
Play-off - Thursday 21 June		
If England qualify for the semi-finals, a play-off will be needed to decide places for the 2008 Olympic Games	20.45CET	Goffert, Nijmegen
Final - Saturday 23 June		
Winners semi-final 1 - Winners semi-final 2	20.45CET	Euroborg, Groningen



Young stars take centre stage

No sooner had the celebrations ended on the Netherlands' UEFA European Under-21 Championship triumph last summer and coach Foppe De Haan was already plotting his defence of the title. Only twelve months have passed since the Dutch defeated Ukraine to claim the prize for the first time, and they will have flown by for De Haan who has rebuilt his squad from scratch during that period.

Dutch hopes

Just six of the squad that celebrated victory in Porto will defend the trophy on home soil, but that has not dimmed expectations. Klaas Jan Huntelaar, the Netherlands' four-goal hero in Portugal, is no longer available to supply the firepower, but the inclusion this time of senior international Ryan Babel should ensure the Dutch have plenty to celebrate. Babel is one of a number of full internationals looking to leave their mark on a tournament that has helped launch the careers of many of Europe's top players since its inception in 1978. The likes of Francesco Totti, Raúl González and Petr Čech got their grounding here and all eyes will be on Israeli starlet Ben Sahar, Manchester United FC recruit Nani and Belgium's exciting midfielder Maarten Martens as they strive to emulate their illustrious predecessors.

Heightened intensity

Sahar, still just 17, has already had a major impact for Israel, scoring on his debut in the play-offs when Guy Levy's side surprised heavily-fancied France to book their place in the finals for the first time. Israel have been drawn in Group A alongside the Netherlands, Portugal and Belgium and like the latter will start as outsiders. But with both sides bolstered by senior internationals, many of who saw action in the latest round of UEFA EURO 2008™ qualifiers, it would be no surprise if they succeeded at the expense of more lauded opposition. Indeed, as Israel have already proved, reputations count for nothing and if qualifying is any indication of what to expect in the final tournament we should be in for quite a ride. Fifty-one countries kicked off the 2007 edition in April last year, with that number reduced to 28 for the group stage which began in August. With the final tournament having been moved to odd years to prevent it clashing with the FIFA World Cup and UEFA European Championship, qualifying was necessarily truncated, heightening its intensity.

Serbia confident

Incredibly both Portugal and Serbia qualified despite losing the first legs of their respective play-offs by three goals and both will be determined to improve on last summer's performances. Portugal disappointed as hosts, failing to advance beyond the group stage, while Serbia, finalists as Serbia and Montenegro in 2004, were unfortunate to lose out on penalties to Ukraine in the semi-finals. Miroslav Djukić's side, spearheaded by the irrepresible Boško Janković, is packed full of experience and will not fear Group B rivals England, Italy and the Czech Republic.

Olympic goal

All four countries have won the competition (Serbia as part of Yugoslavia in 1978) with Italy leading the way with five triumphs. The Azzurrini failed to spark in Portugal, but with attack-minded Pierluigi Casiraghi and Gianfranco Zola now at the helm the likes of Riccardo Montolivo and Alessandro Rosina should shine. There are high expectations too for Stuart Pearce's England on their return to the competition for the first time since 2002, while the Czech Republic, despite losing captain Martin Latka to injury on the eve of the tournament, will draw inspiration from their victory that year. With a place in the Beijing Olympics the prize for the four semi-finalists, the incentives are greater than ever.

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Tournament statistics - Competition statistics

Group 1

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Bosnia-Herzegovina	2	1	1	0	4	3	4
Armenia	2	1	0	1	3	3	3
Norway	2	0	1	1	1	2	1

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
16.08.2006	Bosnia-Herzegovina - Armenia	3-2	Bilino Polje, Zenica
Goals: 0-1 A. Petrosyan 12, 1-1 Ibričić 16, 2-1 Džeko 38, 3-1 Vršajević 82, 3-2 Ghazaryan 92			
Bosnia-Herzegovina: Burić, Stjepanović, Memišević, Maksumić, Pandža, Maksimović, Pehlić (Dajić 58), Husić (Smajić 85), Jelić, Ibričić, Džeko (Vršajević 78)			
Armenia: Gasparyan, Aleksanyan, Stepanyan (Balabekyan 55), Arakelyan (Sahakyan 62), Arzumanyan, Tigranyan, Melkonyan, S. Sargsyan, A. Petrosyan (Gharabaghtsyan 53), Ghazaryan, Manucharyan			
Referee: Radek Matějek (CZE)			

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
02.09.2006	Armenia - Norway	1-0	Republican, Yerevan
Goals: 1-0 Gharabaghtsyan 22			
Armenia: Gasparyan, Aleksanyan, Yedigaryan (Safaryan 58), Baghdasaryan, Arzumanyan, Tigranyan, Melkonyan, S. Sargsyan (Ghazaryan 29), A. Petrosyan, Gharabaghtsyan (Chilingaryan 70), Melkonyan			
Norway: Jarstein, Ruud, Reginiussen (Førsund 54), Onstad, Rndarøy, Hauger, Sokolowski, Huseklepp (Elyounoussi 46), Tettey, Moen, Myklebust (Johannesen 87)			
Referee: Albert Toussaint (LUX)			

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
06.09.2006	Norway - Bosnia-Herzegovina	1-1	Viking, Stavanger
Goals: 1-0 Johannesen 24, 1-1 Ibišević 79			
Norway: Jarstein, Hagen, Førsund, Onstad, Holmvik (Nystrom 76), Høgli (Hauger 85), Tettey, Skjelbred, Elyounoussi (Huseklepp 80), Johannesen, Moen			
Bosnia-Herzegovina: Baotić, Muharemović, Memišević (Vršajević 57), Maksumić, Pandža, Čović, Maksimović, Salihović, Ibišević (Stjepanović 88), Ibričić, Džeko (Dajić 62)			
Referee: Igor Zakharov (RUS)			

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Group 2

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Spain	2	2	0	0	7	2	6
Slovakia	2	0	1	1	2	4	1
Albania	2	0	1	1	0	3	1

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
16.08.2006	Slovakia - Albania	0-0	National, Senec

Goals: -
Slovakia: Kuciak, Siva, Brezinský, T. Farkaš, Husár, Kopúnek, Pekarík (M. Farkaš 46), Mansyk (Kóňa 60), Božok, Jendrišek (Filo 78), Nemeč
Albania: Koliçi, Dushkaj, Arapi, Lila, Osmani, Agolli, Veliaj, Abazaj (Mema 82), El. Bakaj (Lika 79), Pema (Mado 92), Mile
Referee: Veaceslav Banari (MDA)

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
01.09.2006	Albania - Spain	0-3	Selman Stermazi, Tirana

Goals: 0-1 Silva 40, 0-2 Kepa 57, 0-3 Silva 72
Albania: Koliçi, Mile (Smajlaj 76), Arapi, El. Bakaj (Lika 46), Lila, Pema (Kuçi 76), Abazaj, Dushkaj, Veliaj, Agolli, Osmani
Spain: Cuéllar, Melli, Garrido, Albiol, Piqué, Zapater, Jurado, Raúl García (De la Red 63), Kepa (Soldado 63), Silva (Juanfran Torres 73), Gavilán
Referee: Siniša Zrnić (BIH)

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
05.09.2006	Spain - Slovakia	4-2	Luis Suner, Alzira

Goals: 0-1 Kopúnek 25, 1-1 Kepa 59, 1-2 Jendrišek 77, 2-2 Valera 87, 3-2 Soldado 88, 4-2 Silva 91
Spain: Cuéllar, Melli (Soldado 78), Garrido, Albiol, Piqué, Zapater, Jurado (Valera 74), Raúl García (De la Red 55), Kepa, Silva, Gavilán
Slovakia: Kuciak, Siva, Brezinský, T. Farkaš, Husár, Kopúnek, Kóňa (Zošák 66), Božok, Mansyk (Adámik 80), M. Farkaš, Filo (Jendrišek 55)
Referee: Bülent Demirlek (TUR)

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Group 3

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Serbia	2	2	0	0	5	1	6
Lithuania	2	1	0	1	1	2	3
Georgia	2	0	0	2	1	4	0

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
16.08.2006	Lithuania - Georgia	1-0	S. Darius & S. Girenas, Kaunas
Goals: 1-0 Panka 14			
Lithuania: Setkus, Ramonas, Rimavicius, Bartkus, Pilibaitis (Vezevicius 63), Labukas, Ivaskevicius, Kalonas, Mikoliunas (Lukša 72), Panka, Šernas (Urbsus 55)			
Georgia: Revishvili, Tomashvili, Grigalashvili, Ganugrava, S. Kashia, Pipia, Robakidze (Khubutia 90), Seturidze, Gotsiridze (Gelashvili 62), Merebashvili (Bzhalava 46), Navalovsky			
Referee: Petteri Kari (FIN)			

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
03.09.2006	Georgia - Serbia	1-3	Mikheil Meskhi, Tbilisi
Goals: 0-1 Mrdja 17, 1-1 Iashvili 45, 1-2 Babović 46, 1-3 D. Milovanović 66			
Georgia: Revishvili, Seturidze, S. Kashia, Khubutia, Eliava (Guchashvili 46), Martsvladze (Pipia 46), Imedashvili (Kobakhidze 71), Grigalashvili, Navalovsky, Gelashvili, Iashvili			
Serbia: Kahrman, Ivanović, D. Tošić, Rnić (Ivelja 34), Janković, D. Milovanović, Perović, Drinčić (Rakić 78), Babović (Smiljanić 69), Krasić, Mrdja			
Referee: Serbastien Coltescu (ROU)			

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
06.09.2006	Serbia - Lithuania	2-0	Vojvodina, Novi Sad
Goals: 1-0 Janković 29, 2-0 Smiljanić 65			
Serbia: Kahrman, Ivanović, D. Tošić, Rnić, Janković, D. Milovanović, Mrdja (Rakić 82), Perović, Babović (Ivelja 66), Smiljanić, Krasić (Radović 75)			
Lithuania: Setkus, Ramonas (Sokolov 37), Skrobilas, Rimavicius, Bartkus, Tomkevičius, Pilibaitis, Urbsus (Sidiauskas 46), Panka, Šernas, Razulis (S. Klevinskas 54)			
Referee: Asaf Kenan (ISR)			

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	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Belgium	2	2	0	0	3	1	6
Republic of Ireland	2	1	0	1	2	1	3
Greece	2	0	0	2	1	4	0

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
16.08.2006	Greece - Republic of Ireland	0-2	Panionios, Athens
Goals: 0-1 McShane 10, 0-2 Whelan 52			
Greece: Sifakis, Galitsios (Kotitsas 70), Pagonis (Aravidis 54), Torosidis, A. Papadopoulos, Tziolis, Pliagas, Arampatsis (Saganas 27), Petropoulos, Leontiou, Kapetanos			
Republic of Ireland: Doyle, Foley, Painter, Keegan, Bruce, McShane, Flood, Deery, Ward (Keogh 80), Whelan, Timlin			
Referee: Ivan Bebek (CRO)			

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
01.09.2006	Republic of Ireland - Belgium	0-1	Terryland Park, Galway
Goals: 0-1 Martens 58			
Republic of Ireland: Doyle, Foley, Painter, Keegan, Bruce, McShane, Flood, Deery (O'Donovan 79), Ward (Dixon 85), Whelan, Timlin (Keogh 68)			
Belgium: Cordier, Vanaudenaerde, Vandelannoite, Wuytens, Mulemo, Overmeire, De Mul (Fellaini 88), Blondel, Van Tornhout, Martens (Haroun 90), De Smet (Yulu-Matondo 19)			
Referee: Per Ivar Staberg (NOR)			

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
06.09.2006	Belgium - Greece	2-1	Olympisch, Antwerp
Goals: 0-1 Vandelannoite 67, 1-1 Haroun 69, 2-1 Haroun 88			
Belgium: Cordier, Vanaudenaerde, Vandelannoite, Wuytens, Mulemo, Overmeire, De Mul (Fellaini 85), Haroun, Van Tornhout (Messoudi 46), Martens, Yulu-Matondo (Mirallas 77)			
Greece: Andriolas, Kotitsas, Pagonis, Papazacharias, A. Papadopoulos, Tziolis (Kiriakidis 64), Aravidis (Mendrinis 77), Iliadis, Petropoulos, Kiliaras (Pliagas 55), Makos			
Referee: Peter Sippel (GER)			

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Group 5

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Italy	2	2	0	0	2	0	6
Austria	2	0	1	1	0	1	1
Iceland	2	0	1	1	0	1	1

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
16.08.2006	Austria - Iceland	0-0	Sonnensee Stadion, Ritzing

Goals: -
Austria: Özcan, Schicker, Dober, M. Berger, Sonnleitner, Fuchs, Hölzl (Thonhofer 46), Garics (Klein 70), Kienast, Kavlak, Hoffer (Mössner 65)
Iceland: Davíðsson, Sigurdsson, Hólm, G. T. Gunnarsson (Skulason 76), Sigurdsson, Vidarsson (Héðinsson 63), Saevarsson, Gislason, Baldvinsson (Thorarinsson 62), Hallfredsson, Bjarnason
Referee: Tsvetan Georgiev (BUL)

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
01.09.2006	Iceland - Italy	0-1	Laugardalsvöllur, Reykjavik

Goals: 0-1 Montolivo 56
Iceland: Davíðsson, Sigurdsson (Jonsson 74), Hólm, G. T. Gunnarsson, Sigurdsson, Héðinsson (Bjarnason 58), Saevarsson, Bjarnason, Gislason (Baldvinsson 74), Hallfredsson, Vidarsson
Italy: Curci, Potenza, Chiellini, Nocerino, Mantovani, Andreolli, Montolivo, Aquilani, Pazzini (Pelle 28), Rosina (Padoin 74), Lodi (Rossi 46)
Referee: Anders Hermansen (DEN)

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
05.09.2006	Italy - Austria	1-0	T. Morgnani, Forli

Goals: 1-0 Montolivo 83
Italy: Curci, Potenza, Chiellini, Padoin, Mantovani, Andreolli, Montolivo, Aquilani (Morosini 89), Pelle (Pozzi 82), Rosina, Rossi (Lazzari 70)
Austria: Almer, Schicker (Klein 85), Metz (Wolf 78), M. Berger, Pöllhuber, Fuchs, Thonhofer, Garics, Kienast (Hoffer 62), Idrizaj, Harnik
Referee: Pavel Královec (CZE)

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	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Russia	2	2	0	0	8	2	6
Hungary	2	1	0	1	6	3	3
Finland	2	0	0	2	1	10	0

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
16.08.2006	Hungary - Finland	5-0	Megyeri úti, Budapest
Goals: 1-0 Priskin 25, 2-0 Feczesin 44, 3-0 Balogh 72, 4-0 Priskin 78, 5-0 Feczesin 81			
Hungary: Kovacs, Vaskó, Pollák, Balogh, Rodenbücher, Magasföldi (Tőzsér 79), Sándor, Vadócz, Bori (Tisza 77), Feczesin (Kanta 87), Priskin			
Finland: Maenpaä, Lampi, Moisaner (Hauhia 46), Halsti, Nyman, Lehtonen, Manninen, Eremenko, Ääritalo (Hetemaj 71), Vuorinen, Santala (Lehtinen 64)			
Referee: Thomas Einwaller (AUT)			

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
03.09.2006	Finland - Russia	1-5	Veritas, Turku
Goals: 0-1 Bazhenov 3, 1-1 Lampi 41, 1-2 Savin 53, 1-3 Denisov 75, 1-4 Savin 80, 1-5 Bazhenov 89			
Finland: Liskola, Lampi, Hauhia, Halsti, Nyman, Lehtonen, Manninen (Lehtinen 74), Vellamo, Taulo (Eremenko 59), Vuorinen, Ääritalo (Hetemaj 46)			
Russia: Khomich, Bazhenov, Taranov, Cherenchikov, Sabitov, Denisov, Torbinskiy (Savin 46), Pavlenko (Shishkin 86), Eshchenko, Kolesnikov (Nababkin 46), Vorobyev			
Referee: Johny Ver Eecke (BEL)			

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
06.09.2006	Russia - Hungary	3-1	Eduard Streltsov, Moscow
Goals: 1-0 Denisov 21, 2-0 Bazhenov 54, 3-0 Bazhenov 76, 3-1 Feczesin 84			
Russia: Khomich, Bazhenov, Taranov, Cherenchikov, Sabitov, Denisov (Torbinskiy 52), Savin, Pavlenko (Dantzev 88), Eshchenko, Vorobyev (Shishkin 46), Nababkin			
Hungary: Kovacs, Balogh (Rodenbücher 81), Vaskó, Máté, Pollák, Bori, Sándor, Vadócz, Tőzsér (Magasföldi 62), Feczesin, Priskin (Tisza 62)			
Referee: Daniel Stalhammar (SWE)			

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Group 7

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Portugal	2	2	0	0	4	0	6
Poland	2	1	0	1	3	3	3
Latvia	2	0	0	2	1	5	0

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
16.08.2006	Poland - Latvia	3-1	Polonia, Warsaw
Goals: 0-1 Višnakovs 2, 1-1 Błaszczykowski 43, 2-1 Kucharski 50, 3-1 Szalachowski 92			
Poland: Fabiański, Wojtkowiak, Rzelniczak, Telichowski, Kucharski, Błaszczykowski, Szalachowski, Smolinski (Celeban 46), Bandrowski, Zganiacz (Tralka 46), Piszczek			
Latvia: Steinbors, Kuznecovs, Golubevs, Kozans, Jemelins, Abramenko (Malasenoks 67), Semjonovs, Višnakovs, Surnins, Rafalskis (Laizans 54), Zigajevs (Lukjanovs 76)			
Referee: Sergiy Berezka (UKR)			

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
01.09.2006	Latvia - Portugal	0-2	Daugava, Riga
Goals: 0-1 Silvestre Varela 62, 0-2 Paulo Machado 88			
Latvia: Steinbors, Kuznecovs, Golubevs (Rafalskis 83), Jemelins, Kosmacovs (Malasenoks 80), Cauna, Blanks (Lukjanovs 92), Abramenko, Surnins, Laizans, Zigajevs			
Portugal: Paulo Ribeiro, João Pereira (Moreira 91), Manuel da Costa, Amoreirinha, Miguel Veloso, Organista, Ruben Amorim (Filipe Oliveira 67), Paulo Machado, Yannick Djaló (Vieirinha 67), Silvestre Varela, Ricardo Vaz Té			
Referee: Jérôme Laperriere (SUI)			

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
05.09.2006	Portugal - Poland	2-0	Dr. Jorge Sampaio, Vila Nova de Gaia (Porto)
Goals: 1-0 Manuel da Costa 53, 2-0 Paulo Machado 56			
Portugal: Paulo Ribeiro, João Pereira, Manuel da Costa, Amoreirinha, Miguel Veloso, Organista, Ruben Amorim, Paulo Machado, Vieirinha (Moreira 46), Silvestre Varela (Ivanildo 72), Ricardo Vaz Té (Almeida 86)			
Poland: Fabiański, Wojtkowiak, Kucharski, Telichowski, Rzelniczak, Szalachowski (Celeban 66), Bartczak, Smolinski (Podgorski 46), Bandrowski, Zganiacz, Piszczek			
Referee: Craig Thomson (SCO)			

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	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
England	2	1	1	0	5	4	4
Switzerland	2	1	0	1	5	4	3
Moldova	2	0	1	1	3	5	1

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
15.08.2006	England - Moldova	2-2	Portman Road, Ipswich
Goals: 1-0 Walcott 3, 1-1 Alexeev 75, 2-1 Nugent 76, 2-2 Zislis 86			
England: Carson, Richards, Baines, Taylor, Ferdinand, Huddlestone, Reo-Coker, Routledge, Walcott (Jerome 66), Nugent, Bentley (Ambrose 76)			
Moldova: Cebanu, Bordian, Golovatenco, Bulgaru, Epureanu, Se. Namasco, Tigirlas (Bolohan 91), Gatcan, Bugaiov (Zislis 85), Alexeev, Suvorov (Onica 63)			
Referee: Vusal Aliyev (AZE)			

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
01.09.2006	Moldova - Switzerland	1-3	Sheriff, Tiraspol
Goals: 0-1 Dzemaili 13, 0-2 Dzemaili 19, 0-3 Esteban 28, 1-3 Suvorov 47			
Moldova: Cebanu, Bordian, Golovatenco, Bulgaru, Epureanu, Se. Namasco, Tigirlas (Zmeu 46), Gatcan (Zislis 68), Bugaiov, Alexeev, Suvorov (Soimu 87)			
Switzerland: Leoni, Lichtsteiner, Ziegler (Bühler 86), Dzemaili, Djourou, Schwegler, Barnetta, Fernandes, Esteban, Margairaz (Kuzmanovic 68), Vonlanthen (Salatic 89)			
Referee: Jorge Sousa (POR)			

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
06.09.2006	Switzerland - England	2-3	Allmend, Lucerne
Goals: 0-1 Walcott 13, 0-2 Nugent 19, 1-2 Vonlanthen 29, 2-2 Barnetta 70, 2-3 Milner 88			
Switzerland: Leoni, Lichtsteiner, Ziegler (Bühler 83), Dzemaili, Djourou (Salatic 24), Schwegler, Barnetta, Fernandes (Antic 89), Esteban, Margairaz, Vonlanthen			
England: Carson, Hoyte, Baines, Taylor, Ferdinand, Huddlestone, Reo-Coker, Bentley (Milner 46), Walcott, Nugent (Jerome 69), Routledge (Young 78)			
Referee: Stéphane Lannoy (FRA)			

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Group 9

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Czech Republic	2	2	0	0	4	1	6
Belarus	2	1	0	1	2	2	3
Cyprus	2	0	0	2	0	3	0

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
16.08.2006	Belarus - Cyprus	1-0	Gradski, Borisov
Goals: 1-0 Pavlyuchek 72			
Belarus: Amelchenko, Tigorev, Plaskonny, Radkov, Yaroslavski, Pavlyuchek, Dobrovolski, Skverniuk, Kuchuk, Komarovski, Kovel			
Cyprus: D. Stylianou, L. Stylianou, Pelagia, Paraskevas, Merkis, Panagi, Solomou (Christou 58), Samaras, Constantinou (Dimitriou 76), Pavlou, Eleftheriou (Iona 66)			
Referee: Pavel Olsiak (SVK)			

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
02.09.2006	Cyprus - Czech Republic	0-2	Dasaki Achnas, Famagusta
Goals: 0-1 Dimitriou 16, 0-2 Holenda 66			
Cyprus: D. Stylianou, Georgiades, Panagi, Solomou, Eleftheriou, Constantinou (Iona 68), Merkis, Samaras, Dimitriou (Efthimiou 64), Vasiliou (Pavlou 73), L. Stylianou			
Czech Republic: Zlámal, Kaufman (Knakal 77), Latka, Hubník, Kadlec, Hušek, Frejlach, Jirsák (Holenda 59), Papadopoulos, Kolář (Holek 86), Pudil			
Referee: Kevin Blom (NED)			

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
06.09.2006	Czech Republic - Belarus	2-1	Stonky, Uherske Hradiste
Goals: 1-0 Frejlach 68, 2-0 Frejlach 85, 2-1 Kovel 93			
Czech Republic: Zlámal, Kaufman, Latka, Hubník, Kadlec, Hušek, Fillo (Frejlach 67), Holek, Holenda (Papadopoulos 81), Kolář (Tomašák 88), Pudil			
Belarus: Amelchenko, Tigorev, Pavlyuchek, Radkov, Plaskonny, Pavlov, Denisevich, Bychanok (Mazaleuski 73), Skverniuk (Stasevich 51), Komarovski (Kuchuk 73), Kovel			
Referee: David McKeon (IRL)			

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Group 10

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Germany	2	2	0	0	8	3	6
Romania	2	1	0	1	4	5	3
Northern Ireland	2	0	0	2	2	6	0

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
16.08.2006	Romania - Northern Ireland	3-0	UNIREA, Urziceni
Goals: 1-0 Pulhac 33, 2-0 Keseru 41, 3-0 Florescu 84			
Romania: Minca, Radoi, M. Constantin, Pulhac (Radu 89), Moti, Herea (Ropotan 80), Surdu, Florescu, Cristea (Curelea 20), Prepelita, Keseru			
Northern Ireland: McGovern, Ward, Hughes, Mac Ardle, McChrystal, Evans, Gilfilan (Clarke 65), Brunt, Thompson (Stewart 82), Shiels, Scullion (Turner 76)			
Referee: Christoforos Zografos (GRE)			

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
01.09.2006	Northern Ireland - Germany	2-3	Mourneview Park, Lurgan
Goals: 0-1 Hilbert 13, 0-2 Helmes 36, 0-3 Trochowski 66, 1-3 Shiels 69, 2-3 Stewart 81			
Northern Ireland: McGovern, Ward (Stewart 75), Hughes, Evans, Mac Ardle, Smylie (Turner 57), Gilfilan, Clarke, Thompson, Shiels, Scullion (Buchanan 59)			
Germany: Rensing, Reinhardt, Schönheim, Brzenska, Matip, Castro, Hilbert, Ottl (Kruska 62), Kiessling (Rafael 9), Trochowski, Helmes (Gómez 87)			
Referee: Peter Rasmussen (DEN)			

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
05.09.2006	Germany - Romania	5-1	Jade, Wilhelmshaven
Goals: 1-0 Gómez 13, 2-0 Helmes 19, 3-0 Helmes 40, 3-1 Pulhac 74, 4-1 Castro 78, 5-1 Hunt 84			
Germany: Rensing, Reinhardt, Schönheim (Ottl 60), Brzenska, Matip, Castro, Hilbert (Ochs 77), Polanski, Gómez, Trochowski (Hunt 84), Helmes			
Romania: Minca, Sapunaru, M. Constantin, Pulhac, Moti, Herea (Ropotan 59), Surdu, Florescu, Cristea, Prepelita (Radu 41), Keseru (Chiacu 77)			
Referee: Serge Gumienny (BEL)			

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	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Sweden	2	2	0	0	5	1	6
Denmark	2	1	0	1	3	2	3
F.Y.R. Macedonia	2	0	0	2	1	6	0

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
16.08.2006	Sweden - F.Y.R. Macedonia	3-1	Tingvalla, Karlstad
Goals: 1-0 Goitom 15, 2-0 Farnerud 65, 2-1 F. Ivanovski 81, 3-1 Goitom 83			
Sweden: Dahlin, Lustig, Granqvist, Bjärsmyr, Wendt, Lindgren, Zengin (Wernblom 65), Djuric, Holmén, Farnerud (Sjöhage 77), Goitom			
F.Y.R. Macedonia: Madzovski, Todorovski, Osmani, Stanceski, Sikov, Goran Popov, Tenekedziev, Brnjacevski (Savik 79), F. Ivanovski, Manevski (Mitrev 68), Trickovski (Kirovski 59)			
Referee: Andrejs Sipailo (LVA)			

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
02.09.2006	F.Y.R. Macedonia - Denmark	0-3	Gradski, Skopje
Goals: 0-1 Curth 21, 0-2 Lorentzen 50, 0-3 Curth 69			
F.Y.R. Macedonia: Madzovski, Tenekedziev (Mitrev 31), Osmani, Stanceski, Sikov, Goran Popov, Brnjacevski, Manevski (Trickovski 67), F. Ivanovski, Nedzipi (Aksentiev 53), Ilijoski			
Denmark: T. Rasmussen, Jakobsen, Rasmusen, S. Jensen, Kildentoft, Zimling (Bernburg 75), Kvist, Thygesen (Olsen 80), Curth, Lorentzen (Bergvold 57), Simon Poulsen			
Referee: Panayiotis Kailis (CYP)			

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
05.09.2006	Denmark - Sweden	0-2	Farum Park, Farum
Goals: 0-1 Holmén 84, 0-2 Zengin 89			
Denmark: T. Rasmussen, Jakobsen, Troest (Kildentoft 51), S. Jensen, Rasmusen, Zimling, Kvist, Thygesen, Curth, Lorentzen (Bergvold 84), Simon Poulsen (Olsen 61)			
Sweden: Dahlin, Stoor, Granqvist, Bjärsmyr, Wendt, Holmén, Lindgren, Farnerud (Lustig 92), Wernblom, Goitom (Berg 68), Runström (Zengin 63)			
Referee: Mark Clattenburg (ENG)			

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Group 12

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Bulgaria	2	2	0	0	5	1	6
Ukraine	2	1	0	1	2	4	3
Croatia	2	0	0	2	2	4	0

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
16.08.2006	Ukraine - Bulgaria	0-3	Bannikov, Kiev
Goals: 0-1 Atanasov 43, 0-2 Bozhinov 57, 0-3 Bozhinov 64			
Ukraine: Pyatov, Dopilka, Kitsuta, Yatsenko, Oberemko, Feschuk, Aliyev, Kryvosheyenko (Kravchenko 56), Fomin (Yaroshenko 70), Yarmash, Maksymov			
Bulgaria: Mihaylov, Milanov, Hristov, Zanev, Nikolov, Yankov, Atanasov (Popov 79), Palankov (Karamatev 92), Domovchiyski, Bozhinov (Genkov 81), Manolev			
Referee: Mark Whitby (WAL)			

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
03.09.2006	Bulgaria - Croatia	2-1	Balgarska Armia, Sofia
Goals: 1-0 Bozhinov 53, 1-1 Brkljača 58, 2-1 Popov 81			
Bulgaria: Mihaylov, Nikolov, Milanov, Zanev, Hristov, Zalatinski (Karamatev 76), Manolev (Popov 69), Yankov, Bozhinov, Atanasov, Domovchiyski (Tsvetan 11)			
Croatia: Subašić, Mujdža, Glavina, Ipša (Rivić 57), Vukman, Vučko (Vručina 57), Pokrivač, Brkljača, Busić (Dinjar 67), Jertec, Mandzukic			
Referee: Martin Atkinson (ENG)			

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
06.09.2006	Croatia - Ukraine	1-2	Kantrida, Rijeka
Goals: 0-1 Feschuk 29, 1-1 Busić 61, 1-2 Yatsenko 84			
Croatia: Subašić, Mujdža, Bartulović, Pokrivač, Ipša, Vučko, Mandzukic, Brkljača, Busić, Jertec (Dinjar 65), Glavina (Rivić 70)			
Ukraine: Pyatov, Romanchuk, Yatsenko, Oberemko, Kravchenko (Khudobyak 46), Feschuk (Kryvosheyenko 92), Dopilka, Kobin, Yarmash, Yaroshenko, Maksymov			
Referee: Viktor Kassai (HUN)			

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	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Israel	2	1	1	0	3	2	4
Turkey	2	0	2	0	0	0	2
Wales	2	0	1	1	2	3	1

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
16.08.2006	Israel - Wales	3-2	Mandemakers, Waalwijk
Goals: 1-0 Tamuz 26, 1-1 Williams 60, 2-1 Srur 64, 2-2 Williams 66, 3-2 Rafaelov 79			
Israel: Al Madon, Shpungin, Keinan, Maymon, Peser, Jan, Dizani, Srur (T. Cohen 83), Rafaelov, Melikson (Peretz 90), Tamuz (Hemad 95)			
Wales: Price, Eardley, Jacobson, Critchell (Williams 54), Morgan (James 87), Williams, Blake (Gunter 51), Crofts, Davies, Edwards, Davies			
Referee: Paulius Malžinskas (LTU)			

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
02.09.2006	Wales - Turkey	0-0	Ninian Park, Cardiff
Goals: -			
Wales: Price, Eardley, Bale, James, Morgan, Williams, McDonald, Edwards, Fleetwood (Haldane 74), Davies, Jacobson			
Turkey: Kirintili, Uğur, Teber, Bekir, Çakmak, Dagan (Mehmet 70), Burak Yılmaz, Inan, Kerim Zengin (Caner 31), Cakir, Ibrahim Akın (Gökhan Güleç 59)			
Referee: Dragomir Tanović (SRB)			

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
06.09.2006	Turkey - Israel	0-0	19 Mayıs, Ankara
Goals: -			
Turkey: Kirintili, Uğur, Teber, Bekir, Çakmak, Mehmet (Dagan 31), Burak Yılmaz (İbrahim Akın 46), Inan, Gökhan Güleç, Cakir, Elmas (Güngör 52)			
Israel: Al Madon, Jan, Shpungin, Peser, Maymon, Melikson, Dizani, Baruchyan (Taga 85), Shechter (Dayan 94), Itzhaki (Rafaelov 77), Srur			
Referee: Damir Skomina (SVN)			

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Group 14

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
France	2	2	0	0	5	1	6
Slovenia	2	1	0	1	1	2	3
Scotland	2	0	0	2	1	4	0

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
16.08.2006	Slovenia - Scotland	1-0	Fazanerija, Murska Sobota
Goals: 1-0 Burgič 56			
Slovenia: S. Handanovič, Brecko, Jokič, R. Božič, Kelhar, Pahor (Travner 64), Semler, Vršič (Pečnik 78), Burgič, Stevanovič, Birska (Kronaveter 92)			
Scotland: Marshall, Whittaker, Wilson, Thomson, Diamond, Broadfoot, Scott Brown, Naismith, Elliot (Foster 74), Adam (Beattie 65), Wallace (Quinn 65)			
Referee: Marek Miłkołajewski (POL)			

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
01.09.2006	Scotland - France	1-3	Pittodrie, Aberdeen
Goals: 0-1 Briand 3, 0-2 Zubar 16, 0-3 Briand 83, 1-3 Adam 86			
Scotland: Marshall, Wilson, Steven Smith, Thomson (Wallace 46), Diamond (Hutton 46), Broadfoot, Whittaker, Scott Brown, Beattie (Fletcher 63), Adam, Naismith			
France: Mandanda (Lloris 46), Ebondo, Berthod, Bourillon, Zubar, Clément, Diarra, Gouffran (Gourcuff 60), Benzema (Metuidi 83), Briand, Sinama Pongolle			
Referee: Tiziano Pieri (ITA)			

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
05.09.2006	France - Slovenia	2-0	La Licorne, Amiens
Goals: 1-0 Gourcuff 65, 2-0 Sinama Pongolle 80			
France: Lloris, Ebondo, Berthod, Bourillon, Zubar, Clément (Metuidi 67), Diarra, Nasri (Haddad 81), Briand, Benzema (Gourcuff 32), Sinama Pongolle			
Slovenia: S. Handanovič, Brecko, Travner, Urbanc, Kelhar, Džinič, Vršič (Jelič 71), Korun (Mihelič 46), Burgič, Stevanovič, Zajc (Kirm 46)			
Referee: Pavel Cristian Balaj (ROU)			

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Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
06.10.2006	Serbia - Sweden	0-3	Vojvodina, Novi Sad

Goals: 0-1 Djuric 4, 0-2 Djuric 9, 0-3 Holmén 73**Serbia:** Kahriman, Ivanović, D. Tošić, Rnić (Rukavina 76), Kolarov, Janković, D. Milovanović, Drinčić, Pavlović (Smiljanić 46), Krasić (Babović 60), Mrdja**Sweden:** Dahlin, Stoor, Granqvist, Karl Svensson, Wendt, Lindgren, Zengin, Wernblom, Djuric (Larsson 65), Holmén, Goitom (Sjöhage 78)**Referee:** Stéphane Lannoy (FRA)

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
10.10.2006	Sweden - Serbia	0-5	Edsborg, Trollhattan

Goals: 0-1 Mrdja 9, 0-2 Janković 11, 0-3 Babović 35, 0-4 Babović 59, 0-5 Krasić 66**Sweden:** Dahlin (Sahlman 46), Stoor (Larsson 71), Granqvist, Karl Svensson, Wendt, Lindgren, Zengin, Wernblom (Berg 63), Djuric, Holmén, Goitom**Serbia:** Kahriman, Ivanović, D. Tošić, Kolarov, Smiljanić, Janković, D. Milovanović, Rukavina, Babović (Ivelja 89), Krasić (Drinčić 76), Mrdja**Referee:** Knut Kircher (GER)

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
06.10.2006	Czech Republic - Bosnia-Herzegovina	2-1	Strelnice, Jablonec nad Nisou

Goals: 1-0 Kolář 33, 1-1 Salihović 53, 2-1 Hubník 70**Czech Republic:** Zlámal, Kaufman, Latka, Hubník, Kadlec, Švec, Janda (Blažek 77), Frejlach (Holek 90), Holenda (Papadopoulos 63), Kolář, Pudil**Bosnia-Herzegovina:** Baotić, Muharemović, Memišević, Maksumić, Pandža, Čović, Maksimović (Vršajević 87), Salihović, Dajić (Ibišević 79), Ibričić, Džeko (Husić 92)**Referee:** Pedro Proença (POR)

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
10.10.2006	Bosnia-Herzegovina - Czech Republic	1-1	Olympic Stadium Asim Ferhatovic Hase, Sarajevo

Goals: 1-0 Salihović 52, 1-1 Frejlach 82**Bosnia-Herzegovina:** Baotić, Muharemović, Memišević, Maksimović, Pandža, Čović, Dajić (Stjepanović 85), Salihović, Ibišević, Smajić (Vršajević 77), Džeko**Czech Republic:** Zlámal, Kaufman, Latka, Hubník, Kadlec, Švec, Janda (Papadopoulos 55), Frejlach, Holenda (Blažek 74), Kolář (Holek 88), Pudil**Referee:** Serge Gumienny (BEL)

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
06.10.2006	Russia - Portugal	4-1	Eduard Streltsov, Moscow

Goals: 1-0 Denisov 5, 1-1 Paulo Machado 12, 2-1 Nababkin 47, 3-1 Savin 63, 4-1 Denisov 90**Russia:** Khomich, Taranov, Cherenchikov, Torbinskiy (Vorobyev 79), Denisov, Savin (Salugin 80), Pavlenko (Dantzev 88), Eshchenko, Nababkin, Shishkin, Rebko**Portugal:** Paulo Ribeiro, Amoreirinha, João Pereira, Miguel Veloso, Organista, Ricardo Vaz Té (Yannick Djaló 67), João Moutinho, Paulo Machado (Silvestre Varela 84), Rolando, Ruben Amorim, Moreira (Filipe Oliveira 55)**Referee:** Costas Kapitanis (CYP)

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Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
10.10.2006	Portugal - Russia	3-0	Dr. Jorge Sampaio, Vila Nova de Gaia (Porto)
Goals: 1-0 João Moutinho 32, 2-0 Yannick Djaló 66, 3-0 Taranov 72			
Portugal: Paulo Ribeiro, Amoreirinha, Miguel Veloso, Manuel da Costa (Hélder 46), Filipe Oliveira, Organista, Ricardo Vaz Té, João Moutinho, Silvestre Varela (Moreira 57), Valente (Ruben Amorim 70), Yannick Djaló			
Russia: Khomich, Taranov, Cherenchikov, Denisov, Savin (Torbinskiy 22), Pavlenko (Dantzev 58), Eshchenko, Nababkin, Shishkin, Kolesnikov, Rebko (Vorobyev 76)			
Referee: Pieter Vink (NED)			

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
06.10.2006	England - Germany	1-0	Ricoh Arena, Coventry
Goals: 1-0 Baines 77			
England: Carson, Richards, Baines, Taylor, Ferdinand, Huddlestone, Reo-Coker, Milner, Walcott (Young 65), Nugent (Watson 81), Routledge (Agbonlahor 71)			
Germany: Rensing, Reinhardt, Ochs, Brzenska, Matip, Castro, Boateng (Dum 77), Polanski (Ottl 46), Kiessling, Hunt, Gómez			
Referee: Matteo Simone Trefoloni (ITA)			

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
10.10.2006	Germany - England	0-2	BayArena, Leverkusen
Goals: 0-1 Walcott 85, 0-2 Walcott 92			
Germany: Rensing, Reinhardt, Ochs (Freis 83), Brzenska, Hilbert (Dum 69), Castro, Boateng, Polanski, Kiessling, Hunt, Gómez			
England: Carson, Richards, Baines, Taylor, Ferdinand, Huddlestone, Reo-Coker, Milner, Young (Jerome 94), Nugent (Hoyte 66), Agbonlahor (Walcott 76)			
Referee: Jaroslav Jára (CZE)			

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
06.10.2006	Italy - Spain	0-0	Alberto Braglia, Modena
Goals: -			
Italy: Curci, Potenza, Chiellini, Nocerino, Mantovani, Andreolli, Montolivo, Aquilani, Pozzi (Pelle 69), Rosina (Lazzari 83), Palladino (Rossi 57)			
Spain: Moyá, Javier Flaño, Garrido, Melli, Albiol, Zapater, Arizmendi (Santi Cazorla 77), Raúl García, Kepa, Silva (Jurado 72), Gavilán			
Referee: Darko Ceferin (SVN)			

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
10.10.2006	Spain - Italy	1-2	La Balastera, Palencia
Goals: 0-1 Chiellini 25, 0-2 Montolivo 35, 1-2 Soldado 60			
Spain: Moyá, Javier Flaño, Garrido, Melli, Albiol, Zapater, Arizmendi (Jurado 54), Raúl García (De la Red 46), Kepa (Soldado 46), Silva, Gavilán			
Italy: Curci, Potenza, Chiellini, Nocerino, Mantovani, Andreolli, Montolivo, Aquilani (Pisano 90), Pelle, Rosina (Lazzari 78), Palladino (Padoin 67)			
Referee: Gerald Lehner (AUT)			

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
07.10.2006	Belgium - Bulgaria	1-1	Schiervelde, Roeselare
Goals: 1-0 Legear 74, 1-1 Tsvetan 89			
Belgium: Bailly, Vanaudenaerde, Vandelannoite, Wuytens, Mulemo, Overmeire, Yulu-Matondo (Pocognoli 77), Haroun, De Sutter (Fellaini 88), Martens, Messoudi (Legear 71)			
Bulgaria: Mihaylov, Milanov, Hristov, Nikolov, Zanev, Ivanov, Manolev (K. Hazurov 88), Palankov (Zalatinski 71), Atanasov, Popov, Tsvetan			
Referee: Craig Thomson (SCO)			

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Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
11.10.2006	Bulgaria - Belgium	1-4	Balgarska Armia, Sofia
Goals: 0-1 De Smet 19, 0-2 Martens 36, 1-2 Tsvetan 56, 1-3 De Smet 78, 1-4 Legear 87			
Bulgaria: Mihaylov, Skerlev (Karamatev 84), Hristov, Nikolov, Zanev, Ivanov, Manolev (K. Hazurov 40), Palankov, Atanasov, Popov, Tsvetan			
Belgium: Bailly, Vanaudenaerde, Vandelannoite, Lombaerts (Ciman 50), Pocognoli, Overmeire, De Smet (Legear 87), Haroun, De Sutter, Martens (Fellaini 78), Blondel			
Referee: Carlos Megía Dávila (ESP)			

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
07.10.2006	France - Israel	1-1	Michel-d'Ornano, Caen
Goals: 0-1 Sahar 50, 1-1 Zubar 79			
France: Mandanda, Ebondo, Berthod (Dia 67), Bourillon, Zubar, Mavuba, Gouffran, Diarra, Briand, Benzema (Metuidi 53), Sinama Pongolle (Nasri 53)			
Israel: Al Madon, Shpungin, Peser, Maymon, Keinan, Jan, Srur (Dayan 86), Baruchyan, Peretz, Rafaelov (Danin 45), Sahar (Taga 75)			
Referee: Howard Webb (ENG)			

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
11.10.2006	Israel - France	1-0	Herzeliya Municipal, Hertzeliya
Goals: 1-0 Taga 93			
Israel: Al Madon, Shpungin, Danin, Maymon, Keinan, Jan, Srur (Taga 89), Baruchyan, Peretz (Sahar 80), Melikson (Ben Shushan 58), Tamuz			
France: Mandanda, Ebondo, Berthod, Zubar, Bourillon, Mavuba, Diarra, Metuidi (Le Tallec 54), Briand (Benzema 74), Nasri, Gouffran (Sinama Pongolle 63)			
Referee: Oleh Oriekhov (UKR)			

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Tournament statistics - Team statistics, 2006/07 season

Cumulative Team Statistics

Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	SG	Y	R
Serbia	4	3	1	1	10	4	19	13	1
Belgium	4	3	0	1	8	3	15	11	2
England	4	3	0	1	8	4	16	13	1
Portugal	4	3	1	0	8	4	14	9	1
Czech Republic	4	3	0	1	7	3	13	7	2
Israel	4	2	0	2	5	3	9	19	1
Italy	4	4	0	1	4	1	8	6	1

All-time statistics - Overall record, 1976/78 season-to date

Most matches played in UEFA European Under-21 Championship

Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
Italy	163	103	35	25	289	113
England	147	85	33	29	276	122
Serbia	131	63	34	34	229	151
Portugal	126	70	21	35	219	129
Netherlands	121	62	25	34	217	125
Czech Republic	115	64	22	29	223	111
Belgium	109	53	28	28	188	110
Israel	70	29	16	25	101	89

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Tournament statistics - Player statistics, 2006/07 season

Belgium								
	Matches	Goals	Starts	Full	Out	In	Y	R
Goalkeepers								
1 Logan Bailly	2	-	2	2	-	-	-	-
12 Frank Boeckx	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
21 Michaël Cordier	2	-	2	2	-	-	-	-
Defenders								
2 Sepp De Roover	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4 Thomas Vermaelen	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 Landry Mulemo	3	-	3	2	1	-	-	-
6 Nicolas Lombaerts	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
15 Sébastien Pocognoli	2	-	1	1	-	1	-	-
18 Laurent Ciman	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
20 Anthony Vanden Borre	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Midfielders								
7 Killian Overmeire	4	-	4	4	-	-	1	-
8 Faris Haroun	4	2	3	3	-	1	1	-
10 Jan Vertonghen	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11 Maarten Martens	4	2	4	3	1	-	-	-
13 Guillaume Gillet	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
14 Tom De Mul	2	-	2	-	2	-	1	-
17 Marouane Fellaini	4	-	-	-	-	4	-	-
22 Jonathan Blondel	2	-	2	2	-	-	2	-
23 Axel Witsel	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Forwards								
9 Kevin Mirallas	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
16 Tom De Sutter	2	-	2	1	1	-	-	-
19 Stijn De Smet	2	2	2	-	2	-	-	-

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Czech Republic									
	Matches	Goals	Starts	Full	Out	In	Y	R	
Goalkeepers									
1 Zdeněk Zlámal	4	-	4	4	-	-	-	-	-
16 Josef Kubásek	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
23 Milan Švenger	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders									
2 Josef Kaufman	4	-	4	3	1	-	1	-	-
3 Martin Kuncel	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4 Roman Hubník	4	1	4	4	-	-	-	-	-
5 Michal Kadlec	4	-	4	4	-	-	-	-	-
13 Martin Klein	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
21 Milan Kopic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Midfielders									
6 Luboš Hušek	2	-	2	2	-	-	1	-	-
7 Daniel Kolář	4	1	4	1	3	-	-	-	-
8 Tomáš Jirsák	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
9 Tomáš Krbecek	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11 Daniel Pudil	4	-	4	4	-	-	1	-	-
12 Michal Švec	2	-	2	2	-	-	1	-	-
15 František Rajtoral	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
17 Jiří Kladrubský	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
18 Jan Kysela	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20 Filip Rýdel	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Forwards									
10 Jan Holenda	4	1	3	-	3	1	1	-	-
14 Michal Papadopoulos	4	-	1	1	-	3	1	-	-
19 Martin Fillo	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
22 Jan Blažek	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-

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England								
	Matches	Goals	Starts	Full	Out	In	Y	R
Goalkeepers								
1 Scott Carson	4	-	4	4	-	-	2	-
13 Joe Hart	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
22 Ben Alnwick	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders								
2 Justin Hoyte	2	-	1	1	-	1	-	-
3 Leighton Baines	4	1	4	4	-	-	1	-
4 Steven Taylor	4	-	4	3	1	-	-	-
5 Anton Ferdinand	4	-	4	4	-	-	2	-
6 Gary Cahill	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
14 Liam Rosenior	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20 Nedum Onuoha	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
23 Peter Whittingham	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Midfielders								
7 Nigel Reo-Coker	4	-	4	4	-	-	2	-
9 Kieran Richardson	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
12 Wayne Routledge	3	-	3	1	2	-	1	-
15 James Milner	3	1	2	2	-	1	-	-
17 Tom Huddlestone	4	-	4	4	-	-	1	-
18 Mark Noble	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Forwards								
10 David Nugent	4	2	4	1	3	-	-	-
11 Ashley Young	3	-	1	1	-	2	-	-
16 Leroy Lita	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
19 Matt Derbyshire	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
21 James Vaughan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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Israel								
	Matches	Goals	Starts	Full	Out	In	Y	R
Goalkeepers								
1 Ohad Levita	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
18 Tom Al Madon	4	-	4	4	-	-	2	-
23 Yossi Shekel	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders								
2 Yuval Shpungin	4	-	4	4	-	-	-	-
3 Eliran Danin	2	-	1	1	-	1	1	-
4 Shai Maymon	4	-	4	4	-	-	1	-
5 Dekel Keinan	3	-	3	3	-	-	1	-
6 Lior Jan	4	-	4	4	-	-	-	-
12 Rami Duani	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
13 Nitzan Damari	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 Naor Peser	3	-	3	2	1	-	1	-
19 Dani Bondarv	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Midfielders								
7 Idan Srur	4	1	4	1	3	-	2	-
8 Aviram Baruchyan	3	-	3	2	1	-	1	-
20 Amir Taga	3	1	-	-	-	3	-	-
21 Shiran Yeiny	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
22 Lior Rafaelov	3	1	2	1	1	1	1	-
Forwards								
9 Barak Itzhaki	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
10 Toto Tamuz	2	1	2	2	-	-	1	-
11 Omer Peretz	3	-	2	1	1	1	1	-
14 Shlomi Arbeitman	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16 Amit Ben Shushan	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
17 Ben Sahar	2	1	1	-	1	1	-	-

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Italy								
	Matches	Goals	Starts	Full	Out	In	Y	R
Goalkeepers								
1 Gianluca Curci	4	-	4	4	-	-	-	-
12 Emiliano Viviano	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
22 Andrea Consigli	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders								
2 Marco Andreolli	4	-	4	4	-	-	-	-
3 Giorgio Chiellini	4	1	4	4	-	-	-	-
5 Andrea Mantovani	4	-	4	4	-	-	-	-
13 Andrea Coda	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
14 Domenico Criscito	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 Michele Canini	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
17 Andrea Raggi	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Midfielders								
4 Antonio Nocerino	3	-	3	2	1	-	2	-
6 Marco Motta	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7 Riccardo Montolivo	4	3	4	4	-	-	-	-
8 Alberto Aquilani	4	-	4	3	1	-	2	-
10 Alessandro Rosina	4	-	4	1	3	-	1	-
16 Daniele Dessena	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
18 Simone Padoin	3	-	1	1	-	2	-	-
21 Andrea Lazzari	3	-	-	-	-	3	-	-
23 Luca Cigarini	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Forwards								
9 Giampaolo Pazzini	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
11 Giuseppe Rossi	3	-	1	-	1	2	-	-
19 Graziano Pelle	4	-	2	1	1	2	-	-
20 Raffaele Palladino	2	-	2	-	2	-	-	-

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Netherlands									
	Matches	Goals	Starts	Full	Out	In	Y	R	
Goalkeepers									
1	Boy Waterman	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16	Kenneth Vermeer	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
23	Tim Krul	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders									
2	Gianni Zuiverloon	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3	Ron Vlaar	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4	Arnold Kruiswijk	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	Erik Pieters	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
18	Ryan Donk	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
19	Calvin Jong-A-Pin	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
21	Frank van der Struijk	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Midfielders									
6	Hedwiges Maduro	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
8	Royston Drenthe	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11	Daniël de Ridder	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
12	Luigi Bruins	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
17	Haris Medunjanin	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Forwards									
7	Julian Jenner	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9	Ryan Babel	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10	Ismail Aissati	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
13	Maceo Rigters	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
14	Roy Beerens	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15	Robbert Schilder	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20	Tim Janssen	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
22	Otman Bakkal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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Portugal									
	Matches	Goals	Starts	Full	Out	In	Y	R	
Goalkeepers									
1 Paulo Ribeiro	4	-	4	4	-	-	-	-	-
12 Ricardo Batista	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
23 João Botelho	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders									
2 Amoreirinha	4	-	4	4	-	-	1	-	-
3 João Pereira	3	-	3	2	1	-	-	-	-
5 Semedo	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11 José Gonçalves	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
13 Rolando	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
21 Antunes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
22 Manuel da Costa	3	1	3	2	1	-	3	-	-
Midfielders									
4 Miguel Veloso	4	-	4	4	-	-	-	-	-
6 Organista	4	-	4	4	-	-	-	-	-
7 Filipe Oliveira	3	-	1	1	-	2	-	-	-
8 Manuel Fernandes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10 João Moutinho	2	1	2	2	-	-	-	-	-
14 Paulo Machado	3	3	3	2	1	-	2	-	-
15 Ruben Amorim	4	-	3	2	1	1	1	-	-
18 Nani	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Forwards									
9 Hugo Almeida	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16 João Moreira	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
17 Ricardo Vaz Té	4	-	4	2	2	-	1	-	-
19 Silvestre Varela	4	1	3	1	2	1	-	-	-
20 Yannick Djaló	3	1	2	1	1	1	-	-	-

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Serbia									
	Matches	Goals	Starts	Full	Out	In	Y	R	
Goalkeepers									
1	Damir Kahrman	4	-	4	4	-	-	1	-
12	Igor Stefanović	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
23	Aleksandar Kesić	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders									
2	Branislav Ivanović	4	-	4	4	-	-	1	-
4	Nemanja Rnić	3	-	3	1	2	-	2	-
5	Gojko Kačar	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6	Aleksandar Kolarov	2	-	2	2	-	-	-	-
11	Duško Tošić	4	-	4	4	-	-	1	-
15	Predrag Pavlović	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
19	Dušan Basta	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20	Slobodan Rajković	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
22	Nikola Petković	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Midfielders									
3	Antonio Rukavina	2	-	1	1	-	1	-	-
7	Milan Smiljanić	4	1	2	2	-	2	-	-
8	Boško Janković	4	2	4	4	-	-	2	-
10	Dejan Milovanović	4	1	4	4	-	-	2	-
13	Nikola Drinčić	3	-	2	1	1	1	-	-
14	Stefan Babović	4	3	3	-	3	1	-	-
16	Djordje Ivelja	3	-	-	-	-	3	-	-
17	Miloš Krasić	4	1	4	1	3	-	1	-
Forwards									
9	Djordje Rakić	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
18	Dragan Mrdja	4	2	4	3	1	-	2	-
21	Zoran Tošić	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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Previous meetings

Group A: Netherlands - Israel

Date	Competition	Stage	Match		Venue			
09.10.1998	U21	QR	Netherlands - Israel	3-0	Tilburg			
07.09.1999	U21	QR	Israel - Netherlands	0-1	Hertzeliya			
			Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
Netherlands			2	2	0	0	4	0
Israel			2	0	0	2	0	4

Group A: Portugal - Belgium

Date	Competition	Stage	Match		Venue			
10.10.1978	U21	QR	Portugal - Belgium	0-0	Setubal			
16.10.1979	U21	QR	Belgium - Portugal	2-1	La Louviere			
14.02.1989	U21	QR	Portugal - Belgium	1-1	Amadora			
05.09.1989	U21	QR	Belgium - Portugal	1-1	Beveren			
			Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
Portugal			4	0	3	1	3	4
Belgium			4	1	3	0	4	3

Group A: Israel - Belgium

No matches have been played between the two teams

Group A: Netherlands - Portugal

Date	Competition	Stage	Match		Venue			
16.10.1990	U21	QR	Portugal - Netherlands	0-0	Porto			
15.10.1991	U21	QR	Netherlands - Portugal	1-1	Utrecht			
10.10.2000	U21	QR	Netherlands - Portugal	1-1	Tilburg			
27.03.2001	U21	QR	Portugal - Netherlands	3-0	Felgueiras			
			Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
Netherlands			4	0	3	1	2	5
Portugal			4	1	3	0	5	2

Group A: Belgium - Netherlands

Date	Competition	Stage	Match		Venue			
13.12.1996	U21	QR	Belgium - Netherlands	2-2	Liege			
05.09.1997	U21	QR	Netherlands - Belgium	5-2	Den Haag			
13.11.1999	U21	P-O	Netherlands - Belgium	2-2	Heerenveen			
17.11.1999	U21	P-O	Belgium - Netherlands	0-2	Mouscron			
			Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
Belgium			4	0	2	2	6	11
Netherlands			4	2	2	0	11	6

Group A: Israel - Portugal

No matches have been played between the two teams

Group B: Czech Republic - England

No matches have been played between the two teams

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Group B: Serbia - Italy

Date	Competition	Stage	Match		Venue			
13.11.1980	U21	QR	Italy - Yugoslavia	1-0	Bologna			
16.10.1981	U21	QR	Yugoslavia - Italy	1-0	Belgrade			
11.04.1990	U21	SF	Yugoslavia - Italy	0-0	Zagreb			
09.05.1990	U21	SF	Italy - Yugoslavia	2-2	Parma			
11.10.2002	U21	QR	Italy - Serbia and Montenegro	4-1	Avellino			
09.09.2003	U21	QR	Serbia and Montenegro - Italy	1-0	Novi Sad			
29.05.2004	U21	GS - FT	Italy - Serbia and Montenegro	2-1	Bochum			
08.06.2004	U21	F	Italy - Serbia and Montenegro	3-0	Bochum			
			Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
Serbia			8	2	2	4	6	12
Italy			8	4	2	2	12	6

Group B: Czech Republic - Serbia

Date	Competition	Stage	Match		Venue			
26.03.1980	U21	QF	Czechoslovakia - Yugoslavia	1-1	Nitra			
04.04.1980	U21	QF	Yugoslavia - Czechoslovakia	2-1				
09.11.1996	U21	QR	Yugoslavia - Czech Republic	3-0	Novi Sad			
01.04.1997	U21	QR	Czech Republic - Yugoslavia	0-1	Pribram			
			Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
Czech Republic			4	0	1	3	2	7
Serbia			4	3	1	0	7	2

Group B: England - Italy

Date	Competition	Stage	Match		Venue			
08.03.1978	U21	QF	England - Italy	2-1	Manchester			
05.04.1978	U21	QF	Italy - England	0-0	Rome			
18.04.1984	U21	SF	England - Italy	3-1	Manchester			
02.05.1984	U21	SF	Italy - England	1-0	Florence			
09.04.1986	U21	SF	Italy - England	2-0	Pisa			
23.04.1986	U21	SF	England - Italy	1-1				
12.02.1997	U21	QR	England - Italy	1-0	Bristol			
10.10.1997	U21	QR	Italy - England	0-1	Rieti			
27.05.2000	U21	GS - FT	Italy - England	2-0	Bratislava			
20.05.2002	U21	GS - FT	Italy - England	2-1	Basle			
			Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
England			10	4	2	4	9	10
Italy			10	4	2	4	10	9

Group B: Italy - Czech Republic

Date	Competition	Stage	Match		Venue			
11.11.1982	U21	QR	Czechoslovakia - Italy	2-1				
27.04.1983	U21	QR	Italy - Czechoslovakia	2-1	Trieste			
04.06.2000	U21	F	Czech Republic - Italy	1-2	Bratislava			
25.05.2002	U21	SF	Czech Republic - Italy	3-2	Zurich			
			Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
Italy			4	2	0	2	7	7
Czech Republic			4	2	0	2	7	7

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Group B: England - Serbia								
Date	Competition	Stage	Match				Venue	
19.04.1978	U21	SF	Yugoslavia - England			2-1	Novi Sad	
02.05.1978	U21	SF	England - Yugoslavia			1-1	Manchester	
11.11.1986	U21	QR	England - Yugoslavia			1-1	Peterborough	
10.11.1987	U21	QR	Yugoslavia - England			1-5	Zemun	
29.03.2000	U21	P-O	England - Yugoslavia			3-0	Barcelona	
			Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
England			5	2	2	1	11	5
Serbia			5	1	2	2	5	11

Head coaches

Belgium: Jean-François De Sart



Date of birth: 18 December 1961

Playing career: RFC Liège, RSC Anderlecht; Belgium (three caps)

Coaching career: Belgium Under-13 assistant coach (1995-1996), Belgium U21 assistant coach (1996-1997), Belgium U19 (1997-1999), Belgium U21 (1999-2006)

Having endured one of the most painful moments of his footballing career in the qualifiers for the 2006 UEFA European Under-21 Championship, Jean-François De Sart is looking to move on in the Netherlands in 2007.

De Sart's side had one foot in the 2006 finals when, after winning the away leg of their qualifying play-off against Ukraine 3-2, they then found themselves 1-0 ahead in the home leg with 20 minutes to go. However, three late goals put Ukraine into the finals instead and left Belgium devastated. "It took us some time to get over that," De Sart admitted. "It was a huge disappointment especially the way we gave it away, but that's football and you have to live with it."

Born in Waremmé, De Sart spent most of his playing career at RFC Liège. After graduating from the club's academy, the central defender broke into the first team in 1982 and won the Belgian Cup with the club in 1990. He moved on to Anderlecht in 1991 and though never a regular, helped the Brussels club to the Belgian title in 1993. Following that success he returned to Liège where he spent two more seasons before retiring to take up a coaching post with the Belgian Football Association in 1995.

Initially appointed to assist with the U13 and then U21 teams, he was given sole command of the U19s in 1997 and then made the U21 job his own two years later. His young Red Devils reached the 2002 UEFA European Under-21 Championship after beating Sweden in the play-offs. Following disappointment in 2006, Belgium defeated Bulgaria 5-2 on aggregate in the play-offs to qualify for the Netherlands.

Having achieved his first objective, De Sart now has the Olympics in his sights. "Our first goal was to reach the final eight," he said. "Having done so is an important step for the squad and a great satisfaction. The next step now must be to reach the final four and earn a ticket for the Olympics."

Czech Republic: Ladislav Škorpil



Date of birth: 6 June 1945

Playing career: RH Hradec Králové (twice), Dukla Žamberk

Coaching career: Spartak Hradec Králové youth sides (1969-90), Czechoslovakia Under-16s and U18s (1982-90), SK Hradec Králové (1990-93), DAC Dunajská Streda (1993-94), FK Dukla Praha (1995-97), DAC Dunajská Streda (1997-98), Hradec Králové (1998), FC Slovan Liberec (1999-2004), Czech Republic Under-21s (since 2004)

Ladislav Škorpil may not have been an outstanding player but that has proved no handicap in his coaching career. As well as proving his talent at various youth levels, he led FC Slovan Liberec to their first league title in 2002 and to the quarter-finals of the UEFA Cup.

Škorpil earned his reputation coaching the youth sides at Spartak Hradec Králové, which led to a similar role within the Czechoslovakian Football Association. He worked with the U16 and U18 sides until 1990 when he took his first post as coach of a top-flight Czechoslovakian side, Hradec Králové. He moved to Slovakia's Dunajská Streda in 1993, took them to third place and then returned home at the end of the season to help Dukla Praha win promotion to the top flight. After further short spells at Dunajská Streda and Hradec Králové, he joined Liberec where he enjoyed sustained success.

Liberec won the Czech Cup in 2000 and then the Czech league for the first time in 2002, earning Škorpil the coach of the year award in the process. They excelled in Europe the following season, defeating RC Celta de Vigo, RCD Mallorca and Olympique Lyonnais en route to the UEFA Cup quarter-finals where they lost to eventual finalists BV Borussia Dortmund. In 2004 Škorpil took charge of the Czech U21 side and though he missed out in his first attempt to reach the U21 finals, losing to Germany in the play-offs in 2006, he made no mistake second time round.

England: Stuart Pearce



Date of birth: 24 April 1962

Playing career: Wealdstone FC, Coventry City FC, Nottingham Forest FC, Newcastle United FC, West Ham United FC, Manchester City FC, England (78 caps, five goals)

Coaching career: Nottingham Forest (1996-97 player manager), Manchester City (2001-05 first-team coach), Manchester City (March 2005-May 2007, manager).

Having played 78 times for his country and been coached by some of the most famous managers of recent times, Stuart Pearce should be well equipped to cope with the task of leading England.

Pearce, who has worked with European Champion Clubs' Cup winning coach Brian Clough, Sir Bobby Robson and Terry Venables, took the reins of England's youngsters after the resignation of Peter Taylor. Having started his career at non-league Wealdstone whilst training as an electrician, Pearce moved into professional football with Coventry City and then came under Clough's influence with a switch to Forest in 1987.

While at the City Ground, Pearce made his international debut in 1987 in a friendly against Brazil. Pearce became a national icon after television cameras captured his disappointment following England's penalty shoot-out defeat to Germany in the semi-final of the 1990 FIFA World Cup. He had an equally memorable moment six years later, converting a courageous penalty in the shoot-out victory against Spain at EURO '96™.

Following Frank Clark's departure from Forest in the 1996/97 season, Pearce experienced his first taste of football management. Unable to keep Forest in the top division, Pearce left to continue his playing career in the north-east at Newcastle, before moving back home to London to play for West Ham.

Two years later Pearce was again on the move, this time linking up with former England manager Kevin Keegan at Manchester City as first-team coach. When Keegan left in 2005 Pearce took charge, going unbeaten in his first seven matches, but his time in charge at City ran out in May 2007 when he was sacked after guiding his side to 14th in the Premiership. That left him to focus on his other role as England U21 manager, a position he assumed in February 2007.

Israel: Guy Levy



Playing career: Hapoel Petach-Tikva FC, Maccabi Petach-Tikva FC

Coaching career: Hapoel Petach-Tikva (1994-96), Hapoel Zafririm Holon (1996-99), Hapoel Petach-Tikva (2000-02), Israel Under-21s (since 2004)

Guy Levy is the first coach to lead an Israel U21 side to the finals of a major tournament, and the first to have done so with any Israeli national team since the 1976 Olympic Games in Montreal.

The 40-year-old spent his playing days with Hapoel Petach-Tikva with the exception of a season-long spell at Maccabi Petach-Tikva towards the end of his career. Within 12 months of hanging up his boots, he had followed in the footsteps of his father, Gavri, by becoming coach of Hapoel - a role he held for two years, which took in a brief UEFA Intertoto Cup campaign. In 1996 he took charge of Hapoel Zafririm Holon and steered the little-known club to two promotions in the space of three years on a shoestring budget.

At the turn of the millennium, Levy took the helm at Hapoel Haifa and had a second taste of UEFA Intertoto Cup action in his first season. The following campaign, his crisis management skills were called upon as the death of owner Robi Shapira left the club in turmoil; on this occasion, however, Levy was unable to save his team from relegation.

Levy was subsequently appointed U21 coach in 2004. In his first year, he laid the foundations for his current squad, shaping the side around goalkeeper Tom Al Madon and defender Dekel Keinan - his joint captains - as well as midfielder Kobi Dajani. But despite home victories against the Republic of Ireland and France, Levy's charges, held to a draw by Switzerland, missed out on qualification by a solitary goal.

This season Levy received the go-ahead to spend more time with his players, and the weekly training sessions with a relatively inexperienced squad paid off. Since only a handful of his team play regularly for their clubs, Israel's qualifying success is all the more impressive - and achieved nationwide recognition following the historic play-off win against France which made Levy a household name.

Italy: Pierluigi Casiraghi



Playing career: Monza Calcio, Juventus, S.S. Lazio, Chelsea FC; Italy (44 caps)

Coaching career: Monza Calcio youth team (2002), AC Legnano (2003), Italy Under-21s (since 2006)

It came as a surprise when Pierluigi Casiraghi was chosen as Claudio Gentile's successor as Italy coach after the 2006 UEFA European Under-21 Championship. Casiraghi, like Roberto Donadoni with the senior side, had little coaching experience and would have to learn on the job during Italy's qualifying campaign.

The former Italy striker rose to the challenge, much as he did throughout a playing career that brought success for both club and country before being cut short by injury in 1998. Casiraghi's physical presence and aerial ability, which belied an unimposing frame, earned him the nickname 'Il Bisontino' – the little bison. It was a fitting moniker for a player determined to impose himself on the Italian game.

After breaking through at Monza, Casiraghi signed for Juventus in 1989. He scored 20 times in 98 Serie A appearances for the Bianconeri, winning the UEFA Cup twice and the Coppa Italia during his four-year spell at the Stadio Delle Alpi, as well as his first cap for Italy in February 1991. Casiraghi went on to score 13 times in 44 appearances for the national side and represented his country at both the 1994 FIFA World Cup and EURO '96™. He also scored the deciding goal against Russia in the play-offs that took the Azzurri to the 1998 FIFA World Cup, although he was not named in the final squad for that tournament.

'Gigi' moved to Lazio in 1993 and scored 41 Serie A goals during a five-year spell which included another Coppa Italia victory. In 1998 he joined Chelsea for €8m but the move proved ill-fated. He had scored just once in ten appearances for the London club when he suffered the cruciate ligament injury that, after numerous operations, brought an untimely end to his playing days.

Casiraghi returned to Monza, where he took charge of the youth team before becoming coach of Serie C2 side Legnano in 2003. His lack of experience at the highest level did not prevent former Italy team-mate Demetrio Albertini - then working for the Italian Football Federation (FIGC) - appointing him to the U21 role alongside his former Chelsea team-mate Gianfranco Zola. The 37-year-old quickly took to the job, guiding the Azzurrini to the UEFA European Under-21 Championship at the first attempt after masterminding a 2-1 aggregate defeat of Spain in the play-offs.

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Netherlands: 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 (1980-83), VV Steenwijk (1983-85), Heerenveen (1985-88 and 1992-04), Netherlands Under-21s (since 2004)

After leading the Netherlands to victory in Portugal in 2006, Foppe de Haan is determined to repeat the feat on home soil as he looks forward to defending the UEFA European Under-21 Championship. "You never can win enough trophies," he said after the Netherlands' comprehensive 3-0 win against Ukraine in the final last June. With the added advantage of home support, the Netherlands will be hoping further success is just around the corner.

That triumph was one of the highlights of a long and successful career in which De Haan has twice been named Dutch coach of the year. It is fitting that SC Heerenveen's Abe Lenstra stadium is one of four venues selected to host matches during the 2007 finals given De Haan's long association with the club prior to accepting the invitation to become national U21 coach in 2004.

The Lippenhuizen-born De Haan was a midfielder with Grouw, Heerenveen, Enschedese Boys and Akkrum, but his understanding of the game and his training as a PE teacher marked him out as a coach of the future. The Friesland native started training youngsters at Akkrum in 1974 before taking on a similar role at Heerenveen two years after that. His first experience as a head coach came with amateur sides Drachtster Boys, ACV and Steenwijk, before taking charge at Heerenveen, whom he led from 1985 until 1988 when he stepped down to coach the club's youth sides.

He was handed the top job again in October 1992 and won promotion to the Eredivisie in 1993 as well leading his side to the Dutch Cup final, which they lost to AFC Ajax. In the following years, Heerenveen helped the likes of Jon Dahl Tomasson and Ruud van Nistelrooy prepare for European stardom while playing UEFA Cup football. They reached the Dutch Cup final again in 1997, losing this time 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. By then he had become the longest-serving club coach in Dutch history after 12 years in charge. He was appointed technical co-ordinator for youth football by the Royal Netherlands Football Association and U21 coach and his first major test was the 2005 FIFA U-20 World Cup. He led the Netherlands to the quarter-finals on home soil, laying the foundations for their triumph in Portugal the following summer.

Portugal: José Couceiro



Date of birth: 4 October 1962

Playing career: CD Montijo, FC Barreirense, Atlético CP, SCU Torreense, Clube Oriental de Lisboa, CF Estrela da Amadora

Coaching career: FC Alverca (2002-04), Vitória FC (2004/05), FC Porto (2004/05), CF Os Belenenses (2005/06), Portugal Under-21s (since 2006)

José Couceiro is no stranger to the sharp end of football management. He was one of three coaches to fill the breach at FC Porto following José Mourinho's resignation after winning the UEFA Champions League in 2004 and, though his stint at the Estádio do Dragão was a short one, it did give him his first taste of Europe's top club competition as Porto earned a creditable 1-1 draw against FC Internazionale Milano. Intelligent and impassioned, Couceiro comes from the Mourinho school of management, very disciplined and always ready to speak his mind.

Couceiro had an undistinguished playing career in and around Lisbon, but emerged as an important advocate of players' rights, taking the post of president of the Portuguese Professional Players' Union in April 1993. A former economics student, he subsequently served as director of football at Sporting Clube de Portugal from 1997 to 1999, before taking up a similar job with Alverca in 2000.

His desire to coach shone through and he took charge of the side for the 2002/03 season, enjoying immediate success as they won promotion back to the top flight. Relegation followed but Couceiro remained among the élite after moving on to Setúbal in 2004/05. Couceiro's fortunes were clearly on the rise and he stayed in Setubal for just 19 matches before Porto came calling.

He replaced Víctor Fernández to become Porto's third coach of the season and initially things went well. He marked his debut with a 2-1 win away to GD Estoril-Praia in February 2005 that took the northern club to the top of the league. But he could not sustain that success and Porto eventually lost out to SL Benfica in the title race. Couceiro's contract was not renewed but he was not out of work for long, CF Os Belenenses appointing him coach in October 2005. He saw out the season before being headhunted by the Portuguese Football Federation (FPF) to take charge of the U21s.

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Serbia: Miroslav Djukić



Date of birth: 19 February 1966

Playing career: FK Macva, FK Rad, RC Deportivo La Coruña, Valencia CF, CD Tenerife; Yugoslavia (48 caps)

Coaching career: Serbia Under-21s (since 2006) and FK Partizan (since January 2007)

Miroslav Djukić enjoyed plenty of success as a player in Spain with Deportivo and Valencia and looks set to continue in the same vein on the bench after guiding Serbia through qualifying in his first job as a coach.

Djukić, the last great libero in Yugoslavian domestic football, began his playing career with his hometown club Macva before spurning Serbia's big two FK Crvena Zvezda and FK Partizan to join Rad, a club on the rise. It was an unusual choice, but then Djukić has always done things his way. Similar thinking took him to Deportivo in 1990. Then a second division side, Djukić's decision was quickly vindicated as Depor won promotion the following year and were soon competing at Europe's top table.

Djukić will always be associated with the club, particularly for one moment in the final round of the 1993/94 season when he missed a penalty in the final minute against Valencia that cost them the title. Two years later Djukić moved to Valencia and the following season Depor finally won their first league title. "God exists, they deserve that. Now I have peace in my soul," Djukić said. After twice appearing on the losing side with Valencia in the UEFA Champions League finals of 2000 and 2001, Djukić eventually collected some silverware himself as the Mestalla club captured the Spanish crown in 2002.

He made his international debut for Yugoslavia in a 1-1 draw against Turkey in Izmir on 27 February 1991. He went on to win 46 caps, scoring twice, and represented his country at the 1998 FIFA World Cup as well as UEFA EURO 2000™. He saw out his career with Tenerife in 2004 before training to be a coach in Spain. The hard work paid off with his appointment as Serbia coach ahead of qualifying for the 2007 UEFA European Under-21 Championship. Serbia's successful campaign caught the eye of Partizan who gave him his first taste of club management when they named him coach on 9 January 2007. Djukić will continue in both jobs until the end of the tournament in the Netherlands after which he will step down as coach of the U21s.

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Referees

Name	Nat.	DoB	UNDER21
Stéphane Lannoy	France	18.09.1969	2



Born in Boulogne-sur-Mer, Stéphane Lannoy is one of France's best young officials and made 18 Ligue 1 appearances in the 2006/07 campaign. He is particularly regarded for his physical fitness and ability to communicate with players.

- Broke on to the international scene in March 2006 when he took charge of two UEFA European Under-17 Championship Elite round qualifying matches - Germany v Netherlands and Finland v Germany.
- Refereed the UEFA Cup second qualifying round match between FK Ventspils and Newcastle United FC, which the English club won 1-0, in August 2006 and RCD Espanyol's 2-1 win at AS Livorno Calcio in the Round of 32 of the same competition in February this year.
- Lannoy also has previous Under-21 experience having officiated two qualifying matches for these finals, England v Switzerland (2-3) in September 2006 and Serbia v Sweden (0-3) the following month.

Did you know?

Lannoy's 2006/07 campaign began with the very first match of the Ligue 1 season on 4 August as eventual champions Olympique Lyonnais won 3-1 at FC Nantes Atlantique, who would ultimately finish bottom.

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Date	Comp.	Stage		Res	Venue
06.09.2006	U21	QR	Switzerland - England	2-3	Lucerne
06.10.2006	U21	P-O	Serbia - Sweden	0-3	Novi Sad

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Name	Nat.	DoB	UNDER21
Knut Kircher	Germany	02.02.1969	1



Following in the footsteps of a host of top German officials including Markus Merk, Knut Kircher is carving out a reputation for himself as an esteemed referee in the Bundesliga, where the engineer has been plying his trade since the 2001/02 campaign. His increased profile saw him take part in the 15th UEFA Advanced Course for Elite and Premier Referees in Rome this February, after being appointed to the latter category on 1 January.

- Made his senior international debut in a FIFA World Cup qualifier between Andorra and Romania in September 2004, shortly before officiating two K-League matches in the Korea Republic.
- Kircher took charge of his first UEFA Champions League qualifying match when Skonto FC met Trabzonspor in July 2004 and has since officiated two more such matches, Debreceni VSC v HNK Hajduk Split in July 2005 and FK Crvena Zvezda v Cork City FC in August 2006.
- In addition to six UEFA Cup matches, Kircher has also refereed two UEFA EURO 2008™ qualifiers, including Israel's 2-1 defeat of F.Y.R. Macedonia earlier this month.

Did you know?

Kircher, a father of three from Rottenburg, once claimed he found it hard not to kick the ball himself during matches. "Unfortunately I am not allowed," he rued.

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Date	Comp.	Stage		Res	Venue
10.10.2006	U21	P-O	Sweden - Serbia	0-5	Trollhattan

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Name	Nat.	DoB	UNDER21
Zsolt Szabó	Hungary	01.01.1972	5



Although just 35, of the referees at the finals Zsolt Szabó is the match official with the most international experience.

- The official impressed on his international debut - a UEFA European Under-18 Championship qualifier in May 1999 between Bosnia-Herzegovina and Portugal - to such an extent that Szabó's next assignment was a UEFA Cup match that August between FC Levadia Maardu and FC Steaua Bucuresti, which resulted in the same scoreline, 4-1 to the visitors.
- Took charge of his first UEFA Champions League qualifying match in July 2000 between FK Crvena Zvezda and KÍ Klaksvík (2-0) and the first of five subsequent Under-21 matches in September that year.
- Went to the 2004 UEFA European Under-19 Championship finals in Switzerland, where he officiated three matches including hosts Spain's semi-final defeat of Ukraine on penalties. Has also taken charge of a total of 14 UEFA Cup matches, two FIFA World Cup qualifiers and two UEFA European Championship qualifying matches.

Did you know?

Szabó is a financial auditor based in Budapest.

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Date	Comp.	Stage		Res	Venue
03.09.2000	U21	QR	France - Israel	3-0	Brest
05.06.2001	U21	QR	Armenia - Poland	2-0	Abovyan
01.04.2003	U21	QR	Northern Ireland - Greece	2-6	Belfast
19.11.2003	U21	P-O	Poland - Belarus	0-4	Wronki
11.11.2005	U21	P-O	Czech Republic - Germany	0-2	Uherske Hradiste

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Name	Nat.	DoB	UNDER21
Robert Małek	Poland	15.03.1971	2



Like English referee Howard Webb - who served at the 2006 UEFA European Under-21 Championship finals - Robert Małek is a policeman. As a match official, he has a burgeoning reputation in his native Poland and was appointed to UEFA's Premier list in January this year, just before taking part in the 15th UEFA Advanced Course for Elite and Premier Referees in Rome in February.

- First took charge of an international match on 22 May 2002 as Spain won 4-0 at home against F.Y.R. Macedonia in UEFA European Under-19 Championship qualifying.
- The Zabrze-based official refereed U19 qualifying round matches in May 2005 and May 2006, after acquiring his first experience of Under-21 football during Sweden's 1-0 win against Malta in September 2004.
- Officiated at the 1-1 UEFA Champions League qualifying draw between FC Sheriff and FC Spartak Moskva in July 2006 before refereeing two UEFA Cup matches this season. He then went on to take charge of Italy's 2-1 UEFA EURO 2008™ qualifying win against the Faroe Islands earlier this month.

Did you know?

Małek's police duties regularly include helping with crowd control at football matches.

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Date	Comp.	Stage		Res	Venue
03.09.2004	U21	QR	Malta - Sweden	0-1	Ta' Qali
04.06.2005	U21	QR	Russia - Latvia	1-1	St Petersburg

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Name	Nat.	DoB	UNDER21
Craig Thomson	Scotland	20.06.1972	4



Craig Thomson has put the judgement he has acquired as a lawyer to good use to become a promising international referee. Since July last year, the Paisley official has been on UEFA's Premier list and took part this February in the 15th Advanced Course for Elite and Premier Referees in Rome, Italy.

- Made his first foray into international refereeing when he took charge of Israel v France (4-1) and Spain v Israel (2-0) in two March 2003 UEFA European Under-19 Championship qualifiers. In September of the same year he refereed his first U21 match, Luxembourg's 1-0 home defeat by Bosnia-Herzegovina.

- Officiated the first of three UEFA Champions League qualifiers in July 2004, NK Gorica's 4-2 win at FC Flora, and two months later made his FIFA World Cup debut, directing the qualifier between the Faroe Islands and France which Les Bleus won 2-0.

- Has also taken charge of two UEFA EURO 2008™ qualifying matches, Finland's 1-0 victory against Armenia in November 2006 and Spain's 2-0 win in Latvia earlier this month. Has also officiated three UEFA Cup matches during the course of 2006/07.

Did you know?

Thomson would most like to meet Nelson Mandela to "listen how he managed to keep his faith, hope and strength".

UEFA European Under-21 Championship matches

Date	Comp.	Stage		Res	Venue
09.09.2003	U21	QR	Luxembourg - Bosnia-Herzegovina	0-1	Wiltz
08.10.2004	U21	QR	Israel - Switzerland	1-1	Hertzeliya
05.09.2006	U21	QR	Portugal - Poland	2-0	Vila Nova de Gaia (Porto)
07.10.2006	U21	P-O	Belgium - Bulgaria	1-1	Roeselare

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Name	Nat.	DoB	UNDER21
Damir Skomina	Slovenia	05.08.1976	3



At just 30, Damir Skomina has already handled two UEFA EURO 2008™ qualifying matches and is expected to go to the very top on the international stage. He was appointed to the UEFA Premier list of referees on 1 January this year having steadily worked his way up the ranks - both in Slovenia and abroad.

- Cut his teeth in international football at the 2003 UEFA European Under-17 finals in Portugal, where he officiated the hosts' opening group match, a 3-2 win against Denmark, before also taking charge of Italy's 4-0 defeat of Israel and Portugal's subsequent semi-final success against England on penalties.

- His big break in UEFA's two main club competitions came soon after. A 4-2 home win for RCD Mallorca against APOEL FC in October 2003 was his UEFA Cup bow before taking charge of FK Pobeda's 3-1 defeat at FC Pyunik the following July - the first of three UEFA Champions League qualifying matches he has officiated.

- Has previous Under-21 experience having taken charge of Albania v Greece (1-1) in September 2004, Wales v Germany (0-4) in February 2005 and Turkey v Israel (0-0) in September 2006. In 2005, he took charge of two FIFA World Cup qualifiers between Iceland and Malta (4-1) and Liechtenstein and Luxembourg (3-0).

- In July 2005 Skomina was the fourth official at the UEFA European Under-21 Championship final between France and England, having held the same position at the 2003 Under-17 final.

Did you know?

The Koper-based Skomina is the youngest of the match officials at the Under-21 finals.

UEFA European Under-21 Championship matches

Date	Comp.	Stage		Res	Venue
03.09.2004	U21	QR	Albania - Greece	1-1	Lushnja
08.02.2005	U21	QR	Wales - Germany	0-4	Wrexham
06.09.2006	U21	QR	Turkey - Israel	0-0	Ankara

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2006 Final tournament results

Group A

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
France	3	3	0	0	6	0	9
Serbia	3	1	0	2	2	3	3
Germany	3	1	0	2	1	4	3
Portugal	3	1	0	2	1	3	3

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
23.05.2006	Serbia - Germany	0-1	Cidade de Barcelos, Barcelos
Goals: 0-1 Polanski 61			
Serbia: Stojković, Ivanović, Stepanov, Biševac, Lomić, Basta, Krasić, D. Milovanović (Milijaš 68), Vukčević (Todorović 77), Janković (Purović 65), Vučinić			
Germany: Rensing, Volz, Sinkiewicz, Matip, Fathi, Lehmann, Polanski (Castro 68), Schulz, Hilbert (Brzenska 92), Kiessling, Rafael (Eigler 77)			
Referee: Serge Gumienny (BEL)			

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
23.05.2006	Portugal - France	0-1	Municipal, Braga
Goals: 0-1 Vale 41			
Portugal: Vale, Nélon, Zé Castro, Rolando, Morais (Valente 72), Manuel Fernandes (Silvestre Varela 45), João Moutinho, Raul Meireles, Quaresma (Lourenço 85), Hugo Almeida, Nani			
France: Mandanda, Sagna, Bourillon, Faty, Berthod, Faubert (Flamini 61), Gourcuff (Diarra 65), Mavuba, Toulalan, Sinama Pongolle, Briand (Gouffran 83)			
Referee: Howard Webb (ENG)			

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
25.05.2006	France - Germany	3-0	D. Afonso Henriques, Guimaraes
Goals: 1-0 Sinama Pongolle 45, 2-0 Gouffran 71, 3-0 Mavuba 75			
France: Mandanda, Sagna, Bourillon, Faty (Badiane 64), Clerc, Faubert, Diarra, Mavuba, Toulalan (Gourcuff 45), Gouffran, Sinama Pongolle (Briand 62)			
Germany: Rensing, Volz, Sinkiewicz, Matip, Fathi, Ochs (Rafael 70), Riether, Niemeyer (Castro 64), Schulz, Meier, Kiessling (Helmes 78)			
Referee: Alberto Undiano Mallenco (ESP)			

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
25.05.2006	Portugal - Serbia	0-2	Cidade de Barcelos, Barcelos
Goals: 0-1 Zé Castro 17, 0-2 Ivanović 65			
Portugal: Vale, Filipe Oliveira, Zé Castro, Semedo, Valente, Nani (João Moutinho 46), Manuel Fernandes, Raul Meireles, Quaresma, Hugo Almeida (Ricardo Vaz Té 71), Silvestre Varela (Lourenço 46)			
Serbia: Stojković, Ivanović, Stepanov, Biševac, Lomić, Basta (D. Milovanović 90), Todorović, Krasić, Milijaš, Janković, Purović			
Referee: Martin Hansson (SWE)			

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
28.05.2006	Germany - Portugal	0-1	D. Afonso Henriques, Guimaraes
Goals: 0-1 João Moutinho 94			
Germany: Rensing (Fromlowitz 84), Volz, Sinkiewicz (Brzenska 76), Matip, Schulz, Hilbert, Polanski, Lehmann, Niemeyer (Castro 71), Kiessling, Rafael			
Portugal: Fernandes, Nélon, Zé Castro, Rolando, Morais, Custódio, Raul Meireles, João Moutinho, Manuel Fernandes (Lourenço 46), Silvestre Varela (Nani 74), Quaresma			
Referee: Alon Yefet (ISR)			

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Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
28.05.2006	France - Serbia	2-0	Municipal, Braga

Goals: 1-0 Bergougnoux 33, 2-0 Toulalan 54**France:** Mandanda, Clerc, Badiane, Berthod, Aubey, Gouffran (Sinama Pongolle 82), Toulalan (Mavuba 56), Diarra, Veigneau, Bergougnoux, Le Tallec (Gourcuff 61)**Serbia:** Stojković, Ivanović, Stepanov, Biševac, Lomić, Basta (Vukčević 47), Todorović, Milijaš, Krasić, Janković (D. Tošić 65), Purović**Referee:** Gerald Lehner (AUT)**Group B**

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Ukraine	3	2	0	1	4	3	6
Netherlands	3	1	1	1	3	3	4
Italy	3	1	1	1	4	4	4
Denmark	3	0	2	1	5	6	2

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
24.05.2006	Ukraine - Netherlands	2-1	Municipal, Agueda

Goals: 1-0 Milevskiy 39, 2-0 Fomin 51, 2-1 Luirink 92**Ukraine:** Pyatov, Yarmash, Yatsenko, Chygrynskiy, Romanchuk, Cheberyachko, Pukanych (Oberemko 74), Maksymov, Mikhailik, Fomin (Aliyev 80), Milevskiy (Feschuk 93)**Netherlands:** Vermeer, Verhaegh (John 80), Vlaar, Luirink, Braafheid (Aissati 46), Hofs (Medunjanin 71), Schaars, Emanuelson, Castelen, Huntelaar, De Ridder**Referee:** Gerald Lehner (AUT)

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
24.05.2006	Italy - Denmark	3-3	Municipal, Aveiro

Goals: 1-0 Potenza 16, 1-1 Würtz 21, 1-2 Kahlenberg 33, 1-3 Andreasen 41, 2-3 Palladino 61, 3-3 Bianchi 90**Italy:** Curci, Potenza, Bovo, Canini, Chiellini, Foggia, Donadel, Sammarco, Defendi (Rosina 55), Pazzini (Bianchi 68), Palladino**Denmark:** Ellegaard, Jakobsen, Andreasen, Agger, Troest, Würtz, Bergvold, Kamper, Kahlenberg, Simon Poulsen (Jacob Sørensen 73), Bendtner (Rasmusen 79)**Referee:** Alon Yefet (ISR)

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
26.05.2006	Denmark - Netherlands	1-1	Municipal, Aveiro

Goals: 0-1 Huntelaar 38, 1-1 Kahlenberg 48**Denmark:** Ellegaard, Jakobsen (Martin Pedersen 45), Andreasen, Agger (Kildentoft 67), Troest, Kamper, Würtz, Bergvold, Jacob Sørensen, Kahlenberg, Bendtner (M. Rasmussen 60)**Netherlands:** Vermeer, Verhaegh, Zomer (Medunjanin 86), Luirink, Emanuelson, Hofs, Schaars, Aissati, Gerritsen (John 45), Huntelaar, De Ridder (De Zeeuw 68)**Referee:** Serge Gumienny (BEL)

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
26.05.2006	Italy - Ukraine	1-0	Municipal, Agueda

Goals: 1-0 Chiellini 93**Italy:** Curci, Potenza, Canini, Bovo, Chiellini, Foggia (Defendi 70), Sammarco, Donadel, Rosina, Palladino, Bianchi (Pazzini 62)**Ukraine:** Pyatov, Yarmash, Chygrynskiy, Yatsenko (Ischenko 79), Romanchuk, Oberemko, Aliyev, Cheberyachko, Kryvosheyenko (Mikhailik 46), Feschuk (Fomin 60), Milevskiy**Referee:** Howard Webb (ENG)

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Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
29.05.2006	Netherlands - Italy	1-0	Municipal, Aveiro
Goals: 1-0 De Ridder 74			
Netherlands: Vermeer, Tiendalli, Vlaar, Luirink, Emanuelson (Braafheid 60), Hofs (Zomer 92), Schaars (De Ridder 72), Aissati, Castelen, Huntelaar, De Zeeuw			
Italy: Curci, Potenza, Bovo, Canini (Scurto 78), Chiellini, Rosina (Defendi 61), Sammarco, Montolivo, Foggia, Palladino (Biondini 69), Bianchi			
Referee: Martin Hansson (SWE)			

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
29.05.2006	Denmark - Ukraine	1-2	Municipal, Agueda
Goals: 0-1 Fomin 31, 1-1 Kahlenberg 43, 1-2 Milevskiy 84			
Denmark: Ellegaard, Troest, Andreasen, Agger, Jakobsen, Kamper (Absalonsen 71), Würtz, Bergvold (Rasmusen 62), Jacob Sørensen, Kahlenberg, Bendtner			
Ukraine: Pyatov, Yarmash, Chygrynskiy, Yatsenko, Romanchuk, Mikhalik, Pukanych (Oberemko 67), Cheberyachko, Maksymov, Fomin (Aliyev 78), Milevskiy			
Referee: Alberto Undiano Mallenco (ESP)			

Semi-finals

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
01.06.2006	France - Netherlands	2-3 (aet)	Municipal, Braga
Goals: 0-1 Hofs 6, 0-2 Huntelaar 38, 1-2 Faubert 51, 2-2 Bergougnoux 85, 2-3 Hofs 17 Ex.			
France: Mandanda, Sagna, Bourillon, Faty, Berthod, Faubert, Gourcuff (L. Diarra 46), Mavuba, Toulalan, Sinama Pongolle (Gouffran 46), Briand (Bergougnoux 77)			
Netherlands: Vermeer, Tiendalli, Vlaar, Luirink, Emanuelson (Braafheid 70), Aissati (De Ridder 1 Ex.), De Zeeuw (Zomer 46), Schaars, Hofs, Huntelaar, Castelen			
Referee: Alberto Undiano Mallenco (ESP)			

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
01.06.2006	Ukraine - Serbia	0-0(5-4) (P)	Municipal, Aveiro
Goals: -			
Penalty Shoot-out: Aliyev missed 0-0, Janković missed 0-0, Fomin 1-0, Milijaš 1-1, Chygrynskiy 2-1, D. Milovanović 2-2, Godin 3-2, Basta 3-3, Yatsenko 4-3, Lomić 4-4, Purović missed 4-4, Maksymov 5-4			
Ukraine: Pyatov (Rybka 30 Ex.), Yarmash, Yatsenko, Chygrynskiy, Romanchuk, Mikhalik, Cheberyachko, Maksymov, Pukanych (Aliyev 58), Milevskiy (Godin 19), Fomin			
Serbia: Stojković, Ivanović (Rnić 1 Ex.), Stepanov, Biševac, D. Tošić (Janković 65), Basta, Todorović (D. Milovanović 76), Milijaš, Lomić, Krasić, Purović			
Referee: Howard Webb (ENG)			

Final

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
04.06.2006	Netherlands - Ukraine	3-0	Bessa XXI, Porto
Goals: 1-0 Huntelaar 11, 2-0 Huntelaar 43, 3-0 Hofs 90+4			
Netherlands: Vermeer, Tiendalli, Vlaar, Luirink, Emanuelson, Aissati (Zomer 78), De Zeeuw, Schaars, Hofs, Huntelaar, Castelen (De Ridder 69)			
Ukraine: Pyatov, Yarmash, Chygrynskiy, Yatsenko, Romanchuk, Mikhalik, Godin (Feschuk 46), Cheberyachko, Maksymov, Milevskiy, Fomin (Aliyev 46)			
Referee: Martin Hansson (SWE)			

Gelredome/Arnhem



Club: BV Vitesse

Capacity: 28,000

Matches: Three Group B matches, Semi-final 2

Distance from Amsterdam: 95km, 1 hour 10 minutes

Population: 142,000

Website: www.arnhem.nl

With its retractable roof and convertible pitch, the Gelredome was ahead of its time when it opened in 1998. The technology has since been replicated by the Veltins-Arena in Gelsenkirchen and more famously the Sapporo Dome in Japan, but the original has proved a boon for the city of Arnhem. Built in time for UEFA EURO 2000™, the Gelredome hosted three group matches during that tournament and has since been used as a venue for concerts and other big events. In those cases the pitch is retracted and the sporting venue, named after a historical duchy in the Low Countries, has provided temporary home to the likes of Madonna, U2 and Paul McCartney.

Venue guide

The capital of the Gelderland province, Arnhem is an industrial and commercial centre serving the surrounding area's grain production. That the city was once part of the Hanseatic League, a group of German trading communities, should therefore come as little surprise and the relationship with their near neighbours to the east continues. Arnhem still has high-speed rail connections with Frankfurt and Dusseldorf, among others, from its newly-designed railway station. Another legacy of that proximity meant Arnhem became a battleground during World War II, and the Allies' failed attempt to take the town's principle bridge – where the John Frost Brug now stands - gave birth to the phrase, "a bridge too far".

Intense fighting left much of the city in ruins, including the Eusebiuskerk, but that has since been reconstructed as part of a city-wide rebuilding process. The Grootte Kerk (Great Church), and 16th-century town hall both survived, as did Sabelspoort (Sabresgate) - the only remaining part of the medieval walls built under French occupation. The easiest way to make your way around the 'Green City' is to catch a trolleybus, and take in the beautiful parks, perhaps stopping at the Korenmarkt - the place to be for exciting nightlife in Arnhem. Those who prefer the quiet life can console themselves with Burgers' Zoo - the biggest and busiest zoo in the Netherlands.

Significant matches

The Gelredome savoured an early taste of European action when Vitesse beat AEK Athens FC 3-0 in the 1998/99 UEFA Cup first round, but was to enjoy a wider audience when it hosted three group games at UEFA EURO 2000™. Italy beat Turkey 2-1 while the match between Slovenia and Norway ended in stalemate. Romania and Portugal also looked set to share the spoils before Costinha scored a last-minute winner.

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Euroborg Stadion/Groningen



Club: FC Groningen

Capacity: 20,000

Matches: Three Group A matches, Final

Distance from Amsterdam: 180km, 2 hours 40 minutes

Population: 181,000

Website: www.groningen.nl

Built in time for the start of the 2005/06 season, the Euroborg Stadium has had an uplifting effect on home team FC Groningen. Affectionately known locally as the 'Groene Kathedraal' (Green Cathedral) in reference to the club's colours, visiting supporters have given it a very different moniker – 'Groene Hel' (Green Hell) as Groningen have made it a fortress since it replaced their former Oosterpark Stadium, where Ronald and Erwin Koeman were star players in the 1980s. This move increased the capacity from 12,500 to 20,000 and was a factor as the home side leapt up the league table to an impressive fifth in their first season in new surroundings.

Venue guide

The biggest settlement in the north-east of the Netherlands, Groningen is serviced by good road links and an international airport located just south of the city. But in the centre itself a very different mode of transport holds sway. Known as the 'World Cycling City', nearly 50 per cent of journeys within Groningen are made by bicycle, a healthy occupation for a place that refines around 600,000 tonnes of sugar beet a year in two large factories on the outskirts of the city.

Around a quarter of Groningen's population are students, giving rise to a strong underground culture, and many were involved in 2005 when the city set a new record for the world's biggest pillow fight, with 2,997 people joining in. The Martinitoren (Martini tower) in the central market square is a more typical source of civic pride and is affectionately known as 'd'Olle Grieze' (the old grey one) in the local dialect of Gronings. Standing at 97m it is the fourth tallest church tower in the Netherlands and was 30m taller before being damaged by fire in 1577. In 1994 another major city landmark was inaugurated when the futuristic Groningen art museum opened its doors.

Significant matches

Groningen held their first ever UEFA competition match at the Euroborg in September 2006, beating Serbian side FK Partizan 1-0 in the UEFA Cup first round. It was not enough to overturn a 4-2 first-leg deficit, however, and they failed to reach the group stage.

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Goffert Stadion/Nijmegen



Club: NEC Nijmegen

Capacity: 12,000

Matches: Three Group B games, 2008 Olympic Games play-off (if needed)

Distance from Amsterdam: 115km, 2 hours 30 mins

Population: 159,937

Website: www.nijmegen.nl

With its thoughtful design and innovative heated seating, the luxury afforded by NEC Nijmegen's Goffert Stadion is a far cry from the club's trenchant working-class past. At a time in the early 20th century when wealthy industrialists and retailers were founding teams throughout the Netherlands, NEC were established by the merger of Nijmegen and Eindhoven, sides from deprived areas of the town. But times have changed and a century later the club are ensconced at a ground that, since its redevelopment in 1999, has caught the eye. Although the facility that provides warmth through the winter months may be switched off for the UEFA European Under-21 Championship, the Goffert Stadion offers a unique atmosphere all year round, with seats close to the pitch unobstructed by fencing.

Venue Guide

Situated on a range of hills near the river Waal, Nijmegen is thought to be the oldest city in the Netherlands. It celebrated its 2000th birthday in 2005 and while it derives its name from the Roman 'Noviomagus' (new market) it is now primarily an industrial centre. Wherever you are in Nijmegen, you can never be more than a 15-minute walk away from one of five city parks, with the Valkhof in particular offering magnificent views. And as you make your way from the town hall to the 17th-century weighing house, and on to the remains of a palace originally built in 777, the imposing St. Steven's Tower is usually on the horizon.

Built much more recently, Nijmegen university is also a dominant landmark and, in a nod to the town's working-class history, proudly went by the name of the 'Karl Marx university' for a time. This link is not as abstract as it may seem as Marx's mother, Henrietta Pressburg, is one of Nijmegen's famous children, alongside medieval painters the Limbourg brothers and, in a city marked by contrasts, rock legends Eddie and Alex Van Halen. The futuristic high-water jetty, replete with casino, as well as the centre's many bars and cafes, attract many in the evening while the diverse landscape that surrounds Nijmegen, with hills, woods and polders, are a major draw for those seeking quieter pursuits. Each year, it hosts the Four-Days Marches, reportedly the largest marching event in the world.

Significant matches

NEC have seldom graced the European stage but one notable exception came in the 1983/84 UEFA Cup Winners' Cup. Then in the Dutch second division, the campaign lasted only two rounds before their elimination by FC Barcelona but not before they had given the Spanish giants a huge scare. The home side went two goals to the good to raise hopes among the 33,000 stood inside the Goffert but ten-man Barça proved too strong, coming back to win 3-2.

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Abe Lenstra Stadion/Heerenveen



Club: SC Heerenveen

Capacity: 26,000

Matches: Three Group A games, Semi-final 1

Distance from Amsterdam: 130km, 2 hours 30 minutes

Population: 29,750

Website: www.heerenveen.nl

Named in honour of a 1950s Dutch and Heerenveen legend, the Abe Lenstra Stadion holds the rare distinction of having a capacity almost as large as the population of the Frisian town. It was inaugurated with a game against PSV Eindhoven in 1994 - Brazilian Ronaldo's first club match on European soil - and immediately established a place in the locals' hearts. With no fences, the Abe Lenstra provides unrestricted views and a great atmosphere fostered by the reintroduction of standing tribunes – at domestic level for now – after a successful pilot. It all helped Heerenveen become the fourth most popular club in the Netherlands.

Venue guide

Heerenveen's crest features an unusual series of red hearts in the form of lily leaves, the symbol of the northern province of Frisia. Its likeness is apt given the passionate support the club drawn from the surrounding countryside and every home game at the Abe Lenstra is preceded by the Frisian anthem. Sport is a focal point for the town, established in 1551 by three lords as a location to farm peat and turf, hence its name heer (lord), en (and), veen (peat).

The Abe Lenstra is not the only significant sporting venue in the town - the Thialf Speed Skating Arena was one of the world's first 400m indoor ice rinks when it was built in 1967. It was there that former Dutch speed skater Falko Zandstra, the 'Gespierde Spijker' (Muscular Nail), earned his spurs some 15 years after hockey legend Inge Margriet Zegers-De Ruiter had emerged. The defender was famed for never scoring in 55 internationals, not a charge that could be put to Klaas Jan Huntelaar, Ruud van Nistelrooy, Georgios Samaras and Jon Dahl Tomasson, who all spent time at Heerenveen early in their careers.

Significant matches

The Abe Lenstra has witnessed some big occasions before. In 2000/01 Heerenveen earned a place in the UEFA Champions League group stage, beating Olympiacos CFP 1-0 either side of defeats by Olympique Lyonnais and Valencia CF.

All-time finals

History

The first UEFA European Under-21 Championship final in 1978 set the standard for the rest to follow. More than 25,000 crowded into the Pod Bijelim Bregom stadium in Mostar to see if Yugoslavia could defend a 1-0 lead from the first-leg in East Germany. They were not to be disappointed. Vahid Halilhodžić scored a first-half hat-trick in a breathtaking match that ended 4-4, giving the Balkan country the inaugural title 5-4 on aggregate.

Stars of tomorrow

The competition has been living up to expectations ever since, as the continent's most exciting young players offer a tantalising glimpse into what the future of European football might hold. A curling free-kick from Andrea Pirlo in the 2000 final, a diving penalty save from Petr Čech to help the Czech Republic win the trophy two years after that; the stars of tomorrow did it here first before making their name for club and country.

Stepping stone

The format has changed down the years, but the competition's raison d'être has remained the same: to provide a stepping stone from youth football up to the full international stage. The roll call of great players who have graduated from European football's élite finishing school is testament to its enduring success. Roberto Mancini, Zinédine Zidane, Rudi Völler, Davor Šuker, Luís Figo, Raúl González, Frank Lampard have all played their part in making the UEFA European U-21 Championship one of the highlights on the football calendar.

Bulgaria success

Today's prestigious eight-team final tournament enjoys worldwide acclaim, but it has evolved considerably since UEFA first put the idea to its member associations in January 1967. The concept then was for a "Challenge Cup for national representative teams aged under-23". Seventeen associations signed up, from which Bulgaria and East Germany were drawn to play the first match. It was held in Stara Zagora on 7 June 1967, with Bulgaria winning 3-2 to become the first champions. Like in boxing, they were simply required to defend their title against a series of challengers and Bulgaria then Yugoslavia dominated the early years. The foundations for today's competition had been laid.

Azzurrini dominate

It was not until 1976 that the age limit was changed to Under-21, when UEFA decided the gap between U18 and U23 levels was too great. By now the Challenge Cup format had given way to qualifying groups followed by a knockout competition from the quarter-finals onwards. Yugoslavia would prolong eastern dominance by winning that first final in Mostar; Italy, though, would leave the greatest mark on the competition. The Azzurrini have won the U21 championship on five occasions and travelled to Portugal in 2006 as champions after defeating Serbia and Montenegro 3-0 in the final in front 20,000 in Bochum two years previously.

Dutch first

Italy were first crowned champions in 1992 and successfully defended their title two years later when for the first time the semi-finals and final were played as a single tournament in France. Pierluigi Orlandini scored the extra-time winner for Italy in Montpellier in the first final to be decided by a single match. The final tournament was expanded to eight teams in Romania in 1998, when Spain interrupted Italy's run of success, but the Azzurrini were back on top in 2000, the year the group stage was introduced. The Czech Republic, the Soviet Union, France, England and the Netherlands, champions for the first time in 2006, are the tournament's other winners.

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1976 - 1978

Winners: Yugoslavia

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
17.05.1978	German Dem. Rep. - Yugoslavia	0-1	Kurt-Wabbel, Halle

Goals: 0-1 Halilhodžić 54

German Dem. Rep.: Heyne, Brauer, Hause (Pingel 62), Uhlig, Roth, Weber, Terletzki, Eigendorf (Mischinger 70), Riediger, Kotte, Kühn

Yugoslavia: Stojanovic, Vujkov, Mrstic, Zajec, Stojkovic, Bogdan, Krmpotic, Bošnjak, Halilhodžić, Klincarski, Desnica (Sliskovic 83)

Referee: Georges Konrath (FRA)

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
31.05.1978	Yugoslavia - German Dem. Rep.	4-4	Kurt-Wabbel,

Goals: 0-1 Kotte 2, 1-1 Halilhodžić 9, 1-2 Kühn 10, 1-3 Riediger 14, 2-3 Desnica 15, 2-4 Kühn 31, 3-4 Halilhodžić 36, 4-4 Bogdan 51

Yugoslavia: Stojanovic, Krmpotic, Obradovic, Zajec, Stojkovic, Bogdan, Bošnjak (Starcevic 46), Savic, Halilhodžić, Klincarski (Verlasevic 36), Desnica

German Dem. Rep.: Heyne, Brauer (Pingel 67), Hause, Uhlig, Roth, Schnupphase, Riediger, Weber, Kotte, Eigendorf (Töpfer 75), Kühn

Referee: Franz Wöhrer (AUT)

1978 - 1980

Winners: USSR

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
07.05.1980	German Dem. Rep. - USSR	0-0	Ostseestadion, Rostock

Goals: -

German Dem. Rep.: Müller, Troppa, Utess, Dennstedt, Ullrich, Strässer, Kurbjuweit, Kreer (Stahmann 89), Schulz (Pastor 62), Raab, Töpfer

USSR: Tchanov, Kaplun, Demjanleko, Zhuravlev, Baltacha, Darasselia, Susloparov, Bal, Khapsalis (Petraikov 75), Khachatryan, Shengelia (Prudnikov 85)

Referee: Alain Delmer (FRA)

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
21.05.1980	USSR - German Dem. Rep.	1-0	Dinamo, Moscow

Goals: 1-0 Susloparov 50

USSR: Novikov, Kaplun, Demjanleko, Zhuravlev, Baltacha, Dumanski, Susloparov, Bal, Shengelia, Darasselia, Gassaeu

German Dem. Rep.: Müller, Troppa, Utess, Dennstedt, Ullrich, Strässer, Kurbjuweit, Kreer, Riediger, Raab, Töpfer

Referee: Horst Brummeier (AUT)

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1980 - 1982

Winners: England

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
21.09.1982	England - West Germany	3-1	Bramall Lane, Sheffield

Goals: 1-0 Owen 13, 2-0 Fashanu 57, 3-0 Owen 70, 3-1 Völler 82

England: Hesford, Thomas, Fenwick, Lee, Duxbury, Caton, Goddard, McCall, Shaw, Owen, Hodgson (Smith 36)

West Germany: Immel, Geils, Otten, Reinhardt, Strack, Rolff, Wuttke, Engels, Allofs, Kempe (Kroth 75), Völler (Reichert 60)

Referee: Roger Schoeters (BEL)

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
12.10.1982	West Germany - England	3-2	Weserstadion, Bremen

Goals: 0-1 Duxbury 50, 1-1 Littbarski 53, 1-2 Goddard 77, 2-2 Littbarski 80, 3-2 Littbarski 84

West Germany: Immel, Geils, Otten, Reinhardt, Möhlmann, Geiger (Littbarski 68), Littbarski, Kroth (Von Heesen 46), Allofs, Engels, Reichert

England: Hesford, Thomas, Fenwick, Lee, Duxbury, Caton, Goddard, McCall, Heath (Hodgson 58), Owen, Shaw (Ranson 78)

Referee: Paolo Casarin (ITA)

1982 - 1984

Winners: England

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
17.05.1984	Spain - England	0-1	Ramón Sánchez-Pizjuán, Sevilla

Goals: 0-1 Sterland 52

Spain: Zubizarreta, Francisco Salinas, Ramos Gonzalez, Sanchis, Garcia Dominguez (Serna 22), Francisco Javier, Simon (Guarrotxena Arzubiaga 62), Roberto, Butragueño, Michel, Rodriguez Carrion

England: Hucker, Sterland, Thomas, Bracewell, Watson, Stevens, Chamberlain, Gayle, Hateley (D'Avray 18), Hodge, Broch

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
24.05.1984	England - Spain	2-0	Bramall Lane, Sheffield

Goals: 1-0 Hateley 49, 2-0 Gayle 51

England: Bailey, Sterland, Pickering (Stevens 88), Bracewell, Watson, Mountfield, Callaghan (Wallace 70), Gayle, Hateley, Hodge, Broch

Spain: Zubizarreta, Chendo, Ramos Gonzalez, Sanchis, Garcia Dominguez, Francisco Javier, Guarrotxena Arzubiaga, Francisco Salinas, Butragueño (Orejuela 46), Michel (Julio Salinas 46), Rojo

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1984 - 1986

Winners: Spain

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
15.10.1986	Italy - Spain	2-1	Flaminio, Rome

Goals: 0-1 Caldera 36, 1-1 Vialli 50, 2-1 Giannini 76

Italy: Zenga, Ferri, Baroni, De Napoli, Francini, Cravero, Donadoni, Giannini, Vialli, Matteoli, Mancini (Baldieri 60)

Spain: Ablanedo, Solana, Sanchez Flores, Sanchis, Andrinua, Caldera, Francisco Llorente, Eusebio, Pineda (Pardeza 68), Roberto, Bustingorri

Referee: Dusan Krchnak (SVK)

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
29.10.1986	Spain - Italy	2-1(3-0) (P)	Nuevo José Zorrilla, Valladolid

Goals: 1-0 Olaya 36, 1-1 Francini 38, 2-1 Roberto 75

Penalty Shoot-out: 1-0 Roberto, 2-0 Eusebio, 3-0 Vazquez Garcia

Spain: Ablanedo, Solana, Sanchez Flores, Sanchis, Andrinua, Eusebio, Olaya, Gallego (Juan Carlos 93), Rodriguez Rodriguez (Vazquez Garcia 60), Roberto, Francisco Llorente

Italy: Zenga, Ferri, Baroni, De Napoli, Francini (Carobbi 104), Cravero, Donadoni (Desideri 90), Giannini, Vialli, Matteoli, Mancini

Referee: Ronald Bridges (WAL)

1986 - 1988

Winners: France

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
24.05.1988	Greece - France	0-0	,

Goals: -

Greece: Molakidis, Papadopoulos, Koutoulas, Vakalopoulos, Hatzinikolaou, Mavrommatis, Borbokis (Gioukoudis 61), Ikonomidis, Karasavidis, Niomplias (Vaitsis 70), Kapouranis

France: Barrabe, Rellzeaw, Galtier, Silvestre, Despeyroux, Roche, Sauzée, Paille, Guérin, Cantona

Referee: Ion Craciunescu (ROU)

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
12.10.1988	France - Greece	3-0	Lagrange, Besancon

Goals: 1-0 Sauzée 8, 2-0 Sauzée 55, 3-0 Silvestre 67

France: Martini, Rellzeaw, Galtier, Silvestre, Roche (Passi 71), Dogon, Blanc, Sauzée, Paille, Guérin, Lada (Zitelli 77)

Greece: Molakidis, Pahatouridis, Koutoulas, Vakalopoulos (Gioukoudis 77), Hatzinikolaou, Mavrommatis, Borbokis, Ikonomidis, Karasavidis (Vaitsis 81), Niomplias, Kapouranis

Referee: Kurt Röthlisberger (SUI)

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1988 - 1990

Winners: USSR

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
05.09.1990	Yugoslavia - USSR	2-4	Olympic Stadium Asim Ferhatovic Hase, Sarajevo

Goals: 0-1 Sidelnikov 9, 1-1 Šuker 21, 1-2 Tchernychoy 42, 1-3 Sidelnikov 49, 2-3 Jarni 64, 2-4 Dobrovolski 84
Yugoslavia: Lekovic, Brnovic, Jarni, Petrovic, Djukic, Babunski, Mihajlović, Saveljić (Michailovic 12), Bokšic, Mijatovic, Šuker

USSR: Eremine, Chugunov (Kiriakov 46), Sidelnikov, Chmatovalenko, Pozdniakov, Tchernychoy, Kanchelskis, Shalimov, Kobelev, Dobrovolski, Kolyvanov

Referee: Gérard Biguet (FRA)

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
17.10.1990	USSR - Yugoslavia	3-1	Lokomotyv, Simferopol

Goals: 1-0 Dobrovolski 10, 2-0 Mostovoi 46, 3-0 Kanchelskis 76, 3-1 Bokšic 80
USSR: Eremine, Mostovoi, Sidelnikov, Chmatovalenko, Pozdniakov (Soloviev 46), Tchernychoy, Kanchelskis, Shalimov, Kobelev, Dobrovolski, Kolyvanov (Ioran 61)
Yugoslavia: Lekovic, Brnovic, Jarni, Novak, Djukic, Panadic, Prosinecki, Mijatovic, Babunski, Boban, Bokšic
Referee: Pietro D'elia (ITA)

1990 - 1992

Winners: Italy

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
28.05.1992	Italy - Sweden	2-0	,

Goals: 1-0 Buso 69, 2-0 Sordo 76

Italy: Antonioli, Bonomi, Favalli (Rossini 46), Baggio, Matrecano, Verga, Melli (Muzzi 68), Marcolin, Buso, Corini, Sordo

Sweden: Svensson, Johansson, Lilius, Apelstav, Alexandersson, Mild, Landberg, Moberg, Paldan, Rödlund, Gudmundsson

Referee: Mario van der Ende (NED)

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
03.06.1992	Sweden - Italy	1-0	Värendsvallen, Vaxjo

Goals: 1-0 Simpson 56
Sweden: Ekholm, Nilsson, Lilius, Apelstav, Alexandersson, Mild, Landberg (Axeldahl 77), Moberg, Gudmundsson (Paldan 53), Rödlund, Simpson
Italy: Antonioli, Bonomi, Rossini, Sordo, Matrecano, Favalli, Melli (Muzzi 60), Albertini, Buso, Corini, Marcolin
Referee: Brian R. McGinlay (SCO)

1992 - 1994

Winners: Italy

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
20.04.1994	Italy - Portugal	1-0 (aet)	La Mosson, Montpellier

Goals: 1-0 Orlandini 97

Italy: Toldo, Cannavaro, Colonnese, Panucci, Beretta, Cherubini, Inzaghi (Orlandini 84), Marcolin, Scarchilli, Carbone, Muzzi

Portugal: Alves Brassard, Jesus Vieira Alves, Rui Bento, Jorge Costa, Torres, Abel Xavier, Figo, João Pinto, Soares Gama (Sá Pinto 79), Rui Costa, Capucho

Referee: Serge Muhmenthaler (SUI)

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1994 - 1996

Winners: Italy

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
31.05.1996	Italy - Spain	1-1(5-4) (P)	

Goals: 1-0 Totti 11, 1-1 Raúl 41

Penalty Shoot-out: Panucci missed 0-0, Fresi 1-0, De La Peña saved 0-0, De Pedro 1-1, Pistone 2-1, Aranzabal 2-2, Nesta 3-2, Raúl saved 3-2, Morfeo 4-2

Italy: Pagotto, Panucci, Nesta, Cannavaro, Galante, Fresi, Ametrano, Tommasi, Amoruso, Brambilla, Totti

Spain: Mora, Mendieta, Aranzabal, Santi, Raúl, Fresnedoso Prieto, Corino Ramon, José Ignacio, Idiakez, De la Peña, Lardín Cruz (Morientes 75)

Referee: Günter Benkö (AUT)

1996 - 1998

Winners: Spain

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
31.05.1998	Greece - Spain	0-1	Steaua Stadium, Bucharest

Goals: 0-1 Iván Pérez 65

Greece: Eleftheropoulos, Lakis, Konstantinidis, Goumas, Antzas, Dellas (Basinas 77), Karagounis (Alexopoulos 85), Kostoulas, Konstantinidis, Liberopoulos, Stoltidis

Spain: Arnau, Michel Salgado, Aitor, García Calvo, Ballesteros, Ito, Víctor, Josico, Marcos Vales, Guti, Iván Pérez

Referee: Ľuboš Michel (SVK)

1998 - 2000

Winners: Italy

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
04.06.2000	Czech Republic - Italy	1-2	Tehelné Pole, Bratislava

Goals: 0-1 Pirlo 42, 1-1 Tomáš Došek 51, 1-2 Pirlo 81

Czech Republic: Chvalovsky, Petrouš, Grygera, Lengyel, Týce, Sionko (Baroš 61), Ujfaluši, Jarolím (Grygera 65), Tomáš Došek, Baroš, Polák

Italy: Abbiati, Grandoni, Mezzano, Zanchi, Ferrari, Gattuso, Comandini (Ventola 73), Baronio, Ventola, Pirlo, Spinesi (Vannucchi 90)

Referee: Karl-Erik Nilsson (SWE)

2000 - 2002

Winners: Czech Republic

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
28.05.2002	France - Czech Republic	0-0(1-3) (P)	St. Jakob-Park, Basle

Goals: -

Penalty Shoot-out: 1-0 Meriem, Pospíšil 1-1, Frau missed 1-1, Grygera 1-2, Escudé missed 1-2, Skácel 1-3, Boumsong missed 1-3

France: Landreau, Réveillère, Escudé, Boumsong, Berson (Sable 87), Bréchet, Sorlin, Govou (Frau 76), Malbranque (Meriem 64), Luyindula, Pedretti

Czech Republic: Čech, Jiránek (Kováč 33), Vorišek, Grygera, Zelenka (Polák 81), Baroš (Pospíšil 38), Vachoušek, Píták, Rozehnal, Hübschman, Skácel

Referee: Tom Henning Øvrebø (NOR)

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2002 - 2004

Winners: Italy

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
08.06.2004	Italy - Serbia and Montenegro	3-0	Ruhrstadion, Bochum

Goals: 1-0 De Rossi 32, 2-0 Bovo 83, 3-0 Gilardino 85

Italy: Amelia, Moretti, Bonera (Zaccardo 90+5), De Rossi, Palombo, Gilardino, Sculli (Del Nero 74), Barzagli, Bovo, Donadel (Brighi 88), Mesto

Serbia and Montenegro: Milojević, Stančić, Mijailović, Baša, Lazović, Miloš Marić, Miladinović (Neziri 83), D. Milovanović (Matić 63), Biševac, Ivanović, Dalović (Vukčević 45)

Referee: Luis Medina Cantalejo (ESP)

2004 - 2006

Winners: Netherlands

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
04.06.2006	Netherlands - Ukraine	3-0	Bessa XXI, Porto

Goals: 1-0 Huntelaar 11, 2-0 Huntelaar 43, 3-0 Hofs 90+4

Netherlands: Vermeer, Tiendalli, Vlaar, Luirink, Emanuelson, Aissati (Zomer 78), De Zeeuw, Schaars, Hofs, Huntelaar, Castelen (De Ridder 69)

Ukraine: Pyatov, Yarmash, Chygrynskiy, Yatsenko, Romanchuk, Mikhailik, Godin (Feschuk 46), Cheberyachko, Maksymov, Milevskiy, Fomin (Aliyev 46)

Referee: Martin Hansson (SWE)

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Legend

U21 Legend - pre-tournament kit

Tournament statistics/Previous meetings/2006 Final tournament results

Pld: played **W**: won **D**: drawn

L: lost **GF**: goals for **GA**: goals against

Pts: points **SG**: shots on goal **Y**: yellow cards

R: red cards **QR**: qualifying round **P-O**: play-off

GS: FT: group stage, final tournament

SF: semi-final **F**: final

Match officials

Nat: nationality

DoB: date of birth

Under-21: 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.

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.

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.

National team competitions

EURO: UEFA European Football Championship • **U21**: UEFA European Under-21 Championship

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

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

U21: UEFA European Under-21 Championship

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

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

RCUP: UEFA Regions' Cup • **MCUP**: UEFA-CAF Meridian Cup

:: 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

P-O 3rd: Third place play-off

P-O 7th: Seventh place play-off

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

P-O: Play-off

P-O 5th: Fifth place play-off

P-O 8th: Eighth place play-off

:: Statistics

(-) : Denotes player substituted

(*) : Denotes player dismissed/sent off

(+) : Denotes player introduced

(+/-) : Denotes player introduced and substituted

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