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Belarus

Matchday 5 - Olympic play-off

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Match background

Czech Republic and Belarus will try to put the disappointment of semi-final defeats behind them and focus on their remaining goal at the Under-21 finals – securing a trip to the 2012 Olympic Games.

- Both teams suffered extra-time losses on Wednesday – the Czechs going down 1-0 to Switzerland and Belarus succumbing 3-1 against Spain – but they should not be short of motivation for this third-place play-off.
- While Belarus are chasing a first appearance in the Olympic football tournament, the Czechs are hoping to reach their second Games as an independent nation, having featured in 2000. As part of the former Czechoslovakia, they won the gold medal in 1980 and silver in 1964.

Match background

• Czech Republic would settle for a repeat of the teams' friendly meeting in Uherske Hradiste on 25 March, a 2-0 victory secured by goals from Tomáš Pekhart (penalty, 30) and Zdeněk Šmejkal (51).

• The lineups were (*at 2011 finals):

Czech Republic: Hanuš*, Čelůstka*, Suchý*, Hošek (Mazuch* 86), Lecjaks*, Gecov*, Dočkal (Vošahlík 62), Hořava* (Mareček* 46), Valenta (Vácha* 62), Šmejkal (Kovařík* 69), Pekhart* (Ondrášek 62).

Belarus: Gutor*, Veretilo*, Filipenko*, Politevich*, Polyakov* (Bukatkin* 69), Dragun*, Sivakov*, Gordeychuk* (Kuntsevich 84), Baga* (Matveychik* 58), Rekish* (Rusetski 69), Skavysh*.

• The teams' five previous meetings were all in U21 Championship qualifying:

06/09/06 Czech Republic 2-1 Belarus

05/09/03 Belarus 1-0 Czech Republic

16/10/02 Czech Republic 3-0 Belarus

06/10/95 Belarus 0-3 Czech Republic

28/03/95 Czech Republic 2-0 Belarus

• Overall the Czech Republic hold the upper hand with five victories and one defeat.

• Vladimír Šmicer, who now works in the coaching team for the senior side, scored twice in the 3-0 win against Belarus in October 1995. Radek Černý, a former SK Slavia Praha youth team colleague of U21 coach Jakub Dováil, also featured in the 1995 ties.

• Šmicer later struck for the Czech Republic in a 3-1 UEFA EURO 2004 qualifying triumph over Belarus in September 2003 – the last of five straight wins in senior internationals between the countries. Petr Kouba, today's U21 goalkeeping coach, kept a clean sheet in the first meeting – a 2-0 Czech victory in EURO '96 qualifying in Minsk.

• Václav Kadlec scored for the Czech U17 side in a 4-1 victory against Belarus in a third-place match at the Syrenka Cup tournament in Radom, Poland on 30 August 2008.

• Czech Republic defender Marek Suchý and Belarus defender Yegor Filipenko are both contracted to FC Spartak Moskva, but have never played together. Filipenko is now on loan at FC BATE Borisov having spent the 2010 season with FC Sibir Novosibirsk.

• With two goals apiece, Czech Republic captain Bořek Dočkal and Belarus forward Andrei Voronkov remain in contention for one of the tournament's scoring prizes. Only Adrián López (five) and Admir Mehmedi (three) have scored more than them and there will be adidas gold, silver and bronze boots awarded to the top three.

• There have been two previous U21 finals play-offs with an Olympic berth the prize:

2007 (Netherlands, fifth-place play-off): Portugal 0-0 Italy (3-4 pens)

2004 (Germany): Portugal 3-2 Sweden (aet)

• Squad members eligible to play in the 2011/13 UEFA European Under-21 Championship:

Czech Republic – 5: Jan Chramosta, Václav Kadlec, Jan Lecjaks, Lukáš Mareček, Marek Štěch

Belarus – 4: Dmitri Baga, Vladimir Khvaschinski, Sergei Politevich, Denis Polyakov

Czech Republic news

• The Czech Republic lost 1-0 to Switzerland in the second semi-final in Herning on Wednesday. Mehmedi scored the only goal six minutes from the end of extra time to send the Swiss into their first final at this level.

• Forward Pekhart limped out of the Herning Stadion with a bag of ice in hand to try and ease a dead leg, though he should be available on Saturday.

- Coach Dovalil said of his team's semi-final defeat: "I'm really disappointed. We produced a tragic display. The players didn't do what we had said we would before the game. It was one of the worst performances since I took charge."
- The squad packed their bags in Viborg and headed for their hotel in Aalborg ahead of Saturday's game. They studied DVDs of play-off opponents Belarus on Thursday evening.
- National team coach Michal Bílek, Šmicer and Football Association of the Czech Republic (ČMFS) president Ivan Hašek were all present to see Sunday's victory against England.
- Dovalil sent on substitute Chramosta, who scored the Czechs' crucial equaliser against England in Viborg, without having him warm up so the FK Mladá Boleslav striker would not be nervous.
- Chramosta scored the decisive penalty in the shoot-out that won his club the Czech Cup last season at the expense of SK Sigma Olomouc, who had current U21 squad member Tomáš Hořava in their ranks.
- Nine players who have come through the ranks of Slavia Praha are in the squad: Marcel Gecov, Jan Kovařík, Dočkal, Milan Černý, Lukáš Vácha, Pekhart, Jan Hošek, Jan Hanuš and Suchý. Dovalil also started out at the Prague club, reaching the reserve team as a player, and later worked in their coaching system.

Belarus news

- Voronkov's 38th-minute goal in Viborg looked as if it would give Belarus a surprise win against Spain only for Adrián López to equalise with a minute remaining. Adrián scored again in extra time before Jeffren Suárez also found the net to give Spain a 3-1 win.
- Spain had 73% possession against Belarus – the highest percentage of any team in a match in these finals.
- The players had a full day off on Thursday following their defeat by Spain. The Belarus management decided to stay at the same hotel for their final fixture, rather than move closer to Aalborg, the venue for the Olympic play-off.
- Belarus became the first team since Serbia and Montenegro in 2006 to progress to the semi-finals with three points. They also had a goal difference of -2. Only three sides have previously reached the knockout stage with a negative tally: Serbia and Montenegro in 2006 (-1), Portugal in 2004 (-1) and Czech Republic in 2002 (-1).
- Belarus reserve goalkeeper Artem Gomelko returned to his club FC Lokomotiv Moskva on Sunday because of an injury to Anton Amelchenko, who is also Belarusian, and the suspension of first-choice custodian Guilherme. With Gomelko in goal, Lokomotiv lost 3-1 at PFC CSKA Moskva on Wednesday.
- Sergei Matveychik is available after missing the semi-final following his dismissal in the final Group A game against Switzerland.
- Filipenko's father is in Denmark and has attended all of Belarus's matches so far.
- Baga's elder brother Aleksei featured for the Belarus U21 team that qualified for the 2004 finals. He was the captain of a team that featured the likes of Aleksandr Hleb and Sergei Kornilenko; Aleksei's wife, Natalia Marchenko, is a basketball player and is currently representing Belarus at the European Championship in Poland.

Team facts

Czech Republic

Tournament record

Winners: 2002

Runners-up: 2000

Semi-finalists: –

Final tournament appearances: 1992 (as Czechoslovakia), 1994 (as Czechoslovakia), 1996, 2000, 2002, 2007

All-time record: P140 W79 D27 L34

2011 qualifying

P10 W9 D1 L0 F30 A4

Top scorers: 9 Tomáš Pekhart

Most appearances: 10 Lukáš Vácha

Biggest win: San Marino 0-8 Czech Republic (Serravalle) 09/06/2009

Biggest defeat: –

Friendly results since qualifying

29/03/2011 Czech Republic 0-1 France (Olomouc)

25/03/2011 Czech Republic 2-0 Belarus (Uherske Hradiste)

09/02/2011 Netherlands 0-1 Czech Republic (Waalwijk)

17/11/2010 Czech Republic 2-1 Ukraine (Uherske Hradiste)

Czech Republic U21s capped at senior level

Jan Morávek (3), Marek Suchý (3), Tomáš Pekhart (1), Ondřej Mazuch (1)

Players with previous U21 final tournament experience

None

Most capped player

All-time: 46 Jan Polák

Current: 27 Bořek Dočkal

Leading scorer

All-time: 17 Tomáš Pekhart

Current: 17 Tomáš Pekhart

Biggest wins

Final tournament: Czech Republic 3-1 Netherlands 29/05/00

2000 group stage, Mestský, Trenčín

Qualifying: San Marino 0-8 Czech Republic 09/06/09

2001 qualifying group stage, Olimpico, Serravalle

Czech Republic 8-0 Liechtenstein 11/09/07

2009 qualifying group stage, Horni Pocernice, Horni Pocernice

Czech Republic 8-0 Bulgaria 05/10/01

2002 qualifying group stage, Na Stínadlech, Teplice

Heaviest defeats

Final tournament: Italy 3-1 Czech Republic, 17/06/07

2007 group stage, Gelredome, Arnhem

France 2-0 Czech Republic 16/05/02

2002 group stage, Les Charmilles, Geneva

Czech Republic 0-2 Spain 15/06/11

2011 group stage, Viborg Stadion, Viborg

Czechoslovakia were also beaten 3-0 by Italy in a 1994 quarter-final, before the competition became a final tournament

Qualifying: Spain 4-0 Czech Republic 07/06/97

1998 qualifying group stage, Municipal El Plantío, Burgos

Belarus

Tournament record

Winners: –

Semi-finalists: –

Final tournament appearances: 2004, 2009

All-time record: P90 W44 D14 L32

2011 qualifying

P10 W6 D2 L2 F19 A13

Top scorers: 3 Dmitri Rekish, Maksim Skavysh, Pavel Nekhaychik, Vladimir Yurchenko (injured for final tournament)

Most appearances: 10 Dmitri Rekish, Maksim Skavysh, Sergei Politevich, Yegor Filipenko

Biggest win: Belarus 3-0 Italy (Borisov) 12/10/2010

Biggest defeat: Italy 2-0 Belarus (Rieti) 08/10/2010

Friendly results since qualifying

28/03/2011 Spain 1-1 Belarus (Alcala de Henares)

25/03/2011 Czech Republic 2-0 Belarus (Uherske Hradiste)

09/02/2011 Turkey 0-4 Belarus (Antalya)

08/02/2011 Turkey 2-0 Belarus (Antalya)

17/11/2010 Israel 2-1 Belarus (Rishon LeZion)

Belarus U21s capped at senior level

Yegor Filipenko (15), Andrei Voronkov (5), Mikhail Sivakov (1), Denis Polyakov (1)

Players with previous U21 final tournament experience

Sweden 2009: Artyom Gomelko, Oleg Veretilo

Most capped player

All-time: 40 Mikhail Afanasiev

Current: 25 Oleg Veretilo

Leading scorer

All-time: 11 Mikhail Afanasiev

Current: 8 Dmitri Rekish

Biggest wins

Final tournament: Belarus 2-0 Iceland 11/06/2011

2011 group stage, Aarhus Stadion, Aarhus

Qualifying: Belarus 6-0 San Marino 16/11/2007

2009 qualifying group stage, Central Sport Complex, Vitebsk

Heaviest defeats

Final tournament: Sweden 5-1 Belarus 16/06/2009

2009 group stage, Malmö New Stadium, Malmö

Qualifying: Norway 5-1 Belarus 05/06/2001

2002 qualifying group stage, Marienlyst Stadium, Drammen

Norway 4-0 Belarus 08/09/1994

1996 qualifying group stage, Hønefoss Stadium, Hønefoss

Squad list

Czech Republic

No	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season				Overall	
						Qual.		FT		U21	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers											
1	Tomáš Vaclík	29/03/89	22	FK Viktoria Žižkov	-	9	-	4	-	13	-
16	Marek Štěch	28/01/90	21	West Ham United FC	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
23	Jan Hanuš	28/04/88	23	SK Slavia Praha	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders											
2	Jan Lecjaks	09/08/90	20	RSC Anderlecht	-	5	-	3	-	8	-
3	Radim Řezník	20/01/89	22	FC Baník Ostrava	-	3	-	-	-	7	-
4	Ondřej Mazuch	15/03/89	22	RSC Anderlecht	-	7	-	4	-	17	1
5	Ondřej Čelústka	18/06/89	22	SK Slavia Praha	-	8	1	4	-	12	1
17	Marek Suchý	29/03/88	23	FC Spartak Moskva	-	5	-	4	-	17	-
21	Jan Hošek	01/04/89	22	FK Teplice	-	6	-	-	-	6	-
Midfielders											
6	Lukáš Vácha	13/05/89	22	FC Slovan Liberec	-	10	1	3	-	13	1
7	Tomáš Hořava	29/05/88	23	SK Sigma Olomouc	-	7	1	1	-	9	1
8	Bořek Dočkal	30/09/88	22	FC Slovan Liberec	-	8	3	4	2	19	8
10	Jan Morávek	01/11/89	21	1. FC Kaiserslautern	-	2	-	4	-	6	-
12	Jan Kovařík	19/06/88	23	FK Jablonec	-	5	2	2	-	7	2
13	Marcel Gecov	01/01/88	23	FC Slovan Liberec	-	8	1	4	-	12	1
15	Milan Černý	16/03/88	23	SK Slavia Praha	-	5	-	3	-	8	-
18	Lukáš Mareček	17/04/90	21	RSC Anderlecht	-	7	1	3	-	10	1
Forwards											
9	Libor Kozák	30/05/89	22	S.S. Lazio	-	6	3	3	-	9	3
11	Tomáš Pekhart	26/05/89	22	AC Sparta Praha	-	6	9	4	1	16	15
14	Václav Kadlec	20/05/92	19	AC Sparta Praha	-	-	-	2	-	2	-
19	Jan Chramosta	12/10/90	20	FK Mladá Boleslav	-	3	2	2	1	5	3
20	Michael Rabušic	17/09/89	21	FC Zbrojovka Brno	-	5	3	-	-	5	3
22	Adam Hloušek	20/12/88	22	1. FC Kaiserslautern	-	3	-	2	-	5	-
Coach											
-	Jakub Dovalil	08/02/74	37	-	-	8	-	4	-	12	-

Belarus

No	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season				Overall	
						Qual.		FT		U21	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers											
1	Aleksandr Gutor	18/04/89	22	FC BATE Borisov	-	6	-	4	-	10	-
12	Artem Gomelko	08/12/89	21	FC Naftan Novopolotsk	-	3	-	-	-	3	-
22	Dmitri Guschenko	12/05/88	23	FC Vitebsk	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders											
3	Sergei Matveychik	05/06/88	23	FC Gomel	-	8	-	1	-	9	-
4	Sergei Politevich	09/04/90	21	FC Dinamo Minsk	-	10	-	3	-	13	-
6	Yuri Ostroukh	21/01/88	23	FC Vedrich-97 Rechytza	-	6	-	-	-	6	-
14	Yuri Ryzhko	10/10/89	21	FC Torpedo Zhodino	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
17	Vitali Gayduchik	12/07/89	21	FC Dinamo Brest	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
18	Denis Polyakov	17/04/91	20	FC Shakhtyor Soligorsk	-	-	-	4	-	4	-
20	Oleg Veretilo	10/07/88	22	FC Dinamo Minsk	-	9	1	4	-	14	1
21	Yegor Filipenko	10/04/88	23	FC BATE Borisov	-	10	1	4	-	14	1
Midfielders											
2	Stanislav Dragun	04/06/88	23	FC Dinamo Minsk	-	8	-	4	-	12	-
5	Dmitri Baga	04/01/90	21	FC BATE Borisov	-	1	-	4	1	5	1
7	Mikhail Sivakov	16/01/88	23	Wisła Kraków	-	8	2	4	-	15	3
8	Nikita Bukatkin	07/03/88	23	FC Naftan Novopolotsk	-	5	-	3	-	8	-
10	Aleksandr Perepechko	07/04/89	22	FC Dinamo Minsk	-	-	-	4	-	4	-
13	Pavel Nekhaychik	15/07/88	22	FC BATE Borisov	-	9	3	3	-	12	3
15	Dmitri Rekish	14/09/88	22	FC Dinamo Minsk	-	10	3	3	-	13	3
16	Mikhail Gordeychuk	23/10/89	21	FC BATE Borisov	-	4	-	-	-	4	-
19	Evgeni Savostyanov	30/01/88	23	FC Neman Grodno	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Forwards											
9	Maksim Skavysch	13/11/89	21	FC BATE Borisov	-	10	3	4	1	14	4
11	Andrei Voronkov	08/02/89	22	FC Kryvbas Kryvyi Rih	-	8	2	4	2	12	4
23	Vladimir Khvaschinski	10/05/90	21	FC Dinamo Brest	-	-	-	2	-	2	-
Coach											
-	Georgi Kondratyev	07/01/60	51	-	-	10	-	4	-	10	-

Head coach

Czech Republic: Jakub Dovalil

Date of birth: 8 February 1974

Nationality: Czech

Playing career: SK Slavia Praha, Kralupy nad Vltavou, SK Motorlet Praha, SV Bergisch Gladbach 09, TJ Tatran Sedlčany

Coaching career: SK Slavia Praha (youth), Czech Republic Under-17, U19, U20, U21

- Dovalil left Slavia's reserve side aged 20, going on to study physical education in Prague and also had a one-year residency in the German football academy in Cologne in 1996/97.
- Remained a lower-league player until 1998, when he moved into coaching at Slavia's junior team before joining the Football Association of the Czech Republic (CMFS) in 2002 as U16 coach, taking over the U17 squad two years later.
- First notable success came in 2005/06 when the previous two champions France and Turkey were among the Czechs' victims en route to the UEFA European U17 Championship final, where they lost on penalties to Russia.
- Assistant to Miroslav Soukup at that year's U19 finals as the Czechs reached the semi-finals, Dovalil reprised the role at the 2007 FIFA U-20 World Cup in Canada, where they were runners-up to Argentina.
- Led the U19s at the UEFA European Championship semi-finals on home soil in 2008, that side going on to form the backbone of the U21 squad which Dovalil took over ahead of qualifying for the 2011 finals; led the team to Denmark unbeaten, earning a contract extension until 2014.

Belarus: Georgi Kondratyev

Date of birth: 7 January 1960

Nationality: Belarusian

Playing career: FC Dvina Vitebsk, FC Dinamo Minsk, FC Dinamo Brest, FC Chernomorets Odesa, FC Lokomotiv Moskva, SKN St Pölten, FC Molodechno, FC Temp Shepetivka, Kalk Kaskinen, FC Slavia-Mozyr

Coaching career: FC Slavia-Mozyr (assistant), FC Dinamo Minsk (assistant, caretaker coach), FC Lokomotiv Vitebsk, FC Smorgon, Belarus Under-21 (assistant, head coach)

- A renowned striker in the USSR during the 1980s, Kondratyev's best years came at Dinamo Minsk as they won the Soviet title in 1982 and finished third a year later. He scored four goals in 14 games for the Soviet Union in that period.
- Played various sports in his youth and participated in regional athletics competitions before focusing on football at 15. Quickly graduated from the academy to the first team at Soviet third-tier club Dvina Vitebsk.
- Moved to Dinamo Minsk and went on to make 284 top-flight appearances, scoring 92 goals and earning a reputation as being committed, good in the air and having an eye for goal.
- Started his coaching career in 1998 as an assistant at Slavia-Mozyr and Dinamo Minsk. His best achievement at club level came in 2008 when he guided Smorgon to an eighth-placed finish in Belarus.
- Took charge of the U21s and set target of reaching the UEFA European Championship; dramatically delivered as Belarus recovered from a 2-0 first-leg play-off defeat in Italy to win the return 3-0.

Match officials

Referee	Milorad Mažić (SRB)
Assistant referees	Mark Borsch (GER), Marcin Borkowski (POL)
Fourth official	Markus Strömbergsson (SWE)
UEFA Delegate	Danilo Filacchione (ITA)
UEFA Referee observer	Peter Mikkelsen (DEN)

Referee

Name	Date of birth	Under-21 matches
Milorad Mažić	23/03/1973	6

- A FIFA referee since 2009, Serbia's Milorad Mažić has enjoyed a rapid rise having made his UEFA competition debut as a fourth official in the 2008/09 UEFA Champions League first qualifying round.
- Took charge of two UEFA European Under-17 Championship elite round qualifiers that season and selected for the final tournament in Germany, where he oversaw three more matches including the hosts' semi-final loss to Italy.
- In the middle for six UEFA Europa League games in 2010/11 and the U21 qualifier between Ukraine and France in September 2010; also the referee for the Israel-Latvia UEFA EURO 2012 qualifier in March 2011.

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

Date	Competition	Stage	Home	Away	Result	Venue
12/06/11	U21	GS	Czech Republic	Ukraine	2-1	Viborg
12/06/11	U21	GS	Czech Republic	Ukraine	2-1	Viborg

Other matches

Date	Competition	Stage	Home	Away	Result	Venue
03/09/10	U21	QR	Ukraine	France	2-2	Kyiv
18/06/11	U21	GS	Iceland	Denmark	3-1	Aalborg
03/09/10	U21	QR	Ukraine	France	2-2	Kyiv
18/06/11	U21	GS	Iceland	Denmark	3-1	Aalborg

Match-by-match lineups

Final tournament Group B Czech Republic

Standings

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Spain	3	2	1	0	6	1	7
Czech Republic	3	2	0	1	4	4	6
England	3	0	2	1	2	3	2
Ukraine	3	0	1	2	1	5	1

Matchday 1 (12/06/11)

Czech Republic 2-1 Ukraine

Goals: 1-0 Dočkal 49, 2-0 Dočkal 56, 2-1 Biliy 87

Czech Republic: Vaclík, Lecjaks, Mazuch, Čelůstka, Vácha (Mareček 90+2), Hořava (Morávek 46), Dočkal, Pekhart, Kovařík (Hloušek 75), Gecov, Suchý

Matchday 2 (15/06/11)

Czech Republic 0-2 Spain

Goals: 0-1 Adrián López 27, 0-2 Adrián López 47

Czech Republic: Vaclík, Lecjaks, Mazuch, Čelůstka, Vácha, Dočkal, Morávek (V. Kadlec 63), Pekhart (Kozák 46), Gecov, Suchý, Hloušek (M. Černý 77)

Matchday 3 (19/06/11)

England 1-2 Czech Republic

Goals: 1-0 Welbeck 76, 1-1 Chramosta 89, 1-2 Pekhart 90+4

Czech Republic: Vaclík, Lecjaks, Mazuch, Čelůstka, Dočkal, Kozák (Pekhart 83), Morávek (Chramosta 83), Kovařík (M. Černý 68), Gecov, Suchý, Mareček

Semi-finals

(22/06/11)

Switzerland 1-0 Czech Republic

Goals: 1-0 Mehmedi 24 (Ex)

Czech Republic: Vaclík, Mazuch, Čelůstka, Vácha, Dočkal, Kozák (Pekhart 63), Morávek (Chramosta 83), Gecov, M. Černý (V. Kadlec 22 Ex.), Suchý, Mareček

Final tournament Group A Belarus

Standings

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Switzerland	3	3	0	0	6	0	9
Belarus	3	1	0	2	3	5	3
Iceland	3	1	0	2	3	5	3
Denmark	3	1	0	2	3	5	3

Matchday 1 (11/06/11)

Belarus 2-0 Iceland

Goals: 1-0 Voronkov 77(pen), 2-0 Skavysh 87

Belarus: Gutor, Dragun, Politevich, Baga (Rekish 75), Sivakov, Bukatkin, Perepechko (Khvaschinski 90+1), Voronkov (Skavysh 78), Polyakov, Veretilo, Filipenko

Matchday 2 (14/06/11)

Denmark 2-1 Belarus

Goals: 0-1 Baga 20, 1-1 Eriksen 22, 2-1 N. Jørgensen 71

Belarus: Gutor, Dragun, Politevich, Baga, Sivakov, Bukatkin (Rekish 46), Perepechko (Nekhaychik 76), Voronkov (Skavysh 58), Polyakov, Veretilo, Filipenko

Matchday 3 (18/06/11)

Switzerland 3-0 Belarus

Goals: 1-0 Mehmedi 6(pen), 2-0 Mehmedi 43, 3-0 F. Feltscher 90+3

Belarus: Gutor, Dragun, Matveychik, Baga, Sivakov, Skavysh (Voronkov 54), Perepechko (Khvaschinski 46), Nekhaychik, Polyakov, Veretilo, Filipenko

Semi-finals

(22/06/11)

Spain 3-1 Belarus

Goals: 0-1 Voronkov 38, 1-1 Adrián López 89, 2-1 Adrián López 15 (Ex), 3-1 Jeffren Suárez 23 (Ex)

Belarus: Gutor, Dragun, Politevich, Sivakov, Skavysh (Rekish 84), Perepechko (Baga 61), Voronkov (Bukatkin 69), Nekhaychik, Polyakov, Veretilo, Filipenko

Competition facts

Under-21 historical statistics (competitive matches)

Champions (hosts)

2009 Germany (Sweden)*
2007 Netherlands (Netherlands)*
2006 Netherlands (Portugal)*
2004 Italy (Germany)*
2002 Czech Republic (Switzerland)*
2000 Italy (Slovakia)
1998 Spain (Romania)
1996 Italy (Spain)
1994 Italy (France)
1992 Italy
1990 USSR
1988 France
1986 Spain
1984 England
1982 England
1980 USSR
1978 Yugoslavia

*Current format

Leading scorers

All-time

15 Lampros Choutos (Greece)
14 Roy Makaay (Netherlands), Klaas Jan Huntelaar (Netherlands)
12 Francis Jeffers (England), Imre Szabics (Hungary), Steffen Iversen (Norway), Oscar García (Spain)

In a final tournament since 2000

7 Marcus Berg (Sweden, 2009)
4 Andrea Pirlo (Italy, 2000), Alberto Gilardino (Italy, 2004), Klaas Jan Huntelaar (Netherlands, 2006), Maceo Rigters (Netherlands, 2007), Johan Elmander (Sweden, 2004)
3 Ola Toivonen (Sweden, 2009), Robert Acquafresca (Italy, 2009), Thomas Kahlenberg (Denmark, 2006) Leroy Lita (England, 2007), Massimo Maccarone (Italy, 2002), Giorgio Chiellini (Italy, 2007), Nicky Hofs (Netherlands, 2006), Hugo Almeida (Portugal, 2004), Markus Rosenberg (Sweden, 2004)

Leading scorers per U21 campaign (qualifying to final) since 1990

2009: 8 Robert Acquafresca (Italy)
2007: 4 Theo Walcott (England), Maceo Rigters (Netherlands), Igor Denisov (Russia), Nikita Bazhenov (Russia), Dragan Mrdja (Serbia)
2006: 14 Klaas Jan Huntelaar (Netherlands)
2004: 11 Alberto Gilardino (Italy)
2002: 9 Ricardo Cabanas (Switzerland)
2000: 15 Lampros Choutos (Greece)
1998: 9 Steffen Iversen (Norway)
1996: 10 Roy Makaay (Netherlands), Ole Gunnar Solskjær (Norway)
1994: 8 Nicolas Ouedec (France), Nelson Antonio Soares Gama (Portugal)
1992: 9 Peter Møller (Denmark)
1990: 9 Igor Kolyvanov (USSR)

Biggest win:

All-time

14-0: Spain v San Marino 08/02/2005
2006 qualifying group stage, Santo Domingo, El Ejido

Final tournament

6-0: England v Turkey 29/05/2000
2000 final tournament group stage, Tehelné Pole Stadium, Bratislava

Final

4-0: Germany v England 29/06/2009
2009, Malmö New Stadium, Malmö, Sweden

Most goals in a game:

14: Spain 14-0 San Marino 08/02/2005
2006 qualifying group stage, Santo Domingo, El Ejido

Final tournament

7: Czech Republic 4-3 Croatia 01/06/2000
2000 group stage, Mestský Stadium, Trenčín, Slovakia

Final

8: Yugoslavia 4-4 German Democratic Republic 31/05/1978
(second leg, Yugoslavia won 5-4 on agg), Mostar, Yugoslavia

Record attendance:

42,000: Turkey 1-1 Germany 18/11/2003
2004 qualifying play-off, Sükrü Saraçoğlu Stadium, Istanbul

Final tournament

35,500: Italy 1-1 Spain (Italy won 5-4 on pens) 31/05/1996
1996 final, Olímpico de Montjuïc, Barcelona

Competition information

- **Eligibility:** Players are eligible to play in the competition if they were born on or after 1 January 1988.
- **Qualifying:** Qualifying began on 27 March 2009 and ran until 12 October 2010 with a group stage followed by play-offs to determine which seven nations joined Denmark, who qualified automatically as hosts, at the eight-team final tournament.
- **How the 2011 final round works:** The group stage is based on a league system (three points for a win, one for a draw, none for a defeat) to produce four semi-finalists.

If two or more teams are equal on points on completion of all the matches in their group, the following criteria will be used to determine the rankings in the order given:

- a) number of points obtained in the matches between the teams in question;
- b) goal difference in the matches between the teams in question;
- c) number of goals scored in the matches between the teams in question (if more than two teams finish equal on points);
- d) goal difference in all the group matches;
- e) number of goals scored in all the group matches;
- f) coefficient from the qualifying competitions (only group stage matches) for the 2007-09 and 2009-11 UEFA European Under-21 Championship (points divided by the number of matches played);
- g) goal difference from the play-offs;
- h) average number of goals scored per play-off;
- i) fair play ranking (final tournament);
- j) drawing of lots.

If two teams with the same number of points, goals scored and conceded play their last group match against each other and are still equal at the end of that match, the ranking of the two teams will be determined by penalties, provided that no other team within the group has the same number of points on completion of all group matches.

The final tournament consists of two groups of four, with the top two from each progressing to the semi-finals (A1 v B2 and B2 v A1) where it becomes a knockout competition (extra time and then penalties apply).

• **Olympic Football Tournament:** The 2011 finals also serve as qualification for the 2012 Olympic Games with three sides set to join hosts Great Britain at the London Olympics. As England did not reach the last four, the two losing semi-finalists, Czech Republic and Belarus, will play off for an Olympic place in Aalborg.

• **Disciplinary information:** Yellow cards that did not result in a suspension expired at the end of the group stage and were not carried forward to the semi-finals.

• **Carlsberg Sport Man of the Match Award:** A member of the UEFA Technical Study Group will select a man of the match at every game in the finals. The player will receive his award at the post-match press conference. See <http://www.uefa.com/under21/csmotm/index.html> for further details.

• **Top scorer:** adidas will award a golden boot to the leading scorer at the tournament after the final, along with silver and bronze boots for the players finishing second and third in the scoring chart.

• **Official ball:** The adidas SPEEDCELL – standing for speed, power and team spirit – was unveiled in March with a futuristic design to celebrate the colours of host nation Denmark. The red and white of the Danish flag are enhanced by 11 lines on the ball that symbolise the players on the pitch, along with the official event logo.

• **Official song:** For the Love of the Game by Danish singer-songwriter Bryan Rice is the official tune of the finals. The 33-year-old performed the track at the opening ceremony in Aalborg on 11 June, and the song is subsequently played at every match.

• **TV rights:** Television rights for the finals were sold to more than 130 territories globally. The deals include excellent visibility for the final tournament in the eight participating countries – Belarus TV in Belarus, Czech TV in Czech Republic, TV2 in Denmark, RUV in Iceland, Cuatro in Spain, SSR SRG in Switzerland, Sky Sports in the UK, and ICTV and TRK Football in Ukraine.

• **Streaming:** To complement the broadcast platform, free live streaming of the matches will be available on UEFA.com in selected territories with no TV coverage, guaranteeing unprecedented exposure for the final tournament. UEFA.com will also have free highlights of each game as well as extensive full highlights and full match reruns.

- **Referees:** Six referees were chosen to officiate in Denmark: Robert Schörgenhofer (Austria), Marijo Strahonja (Croatia), Paolo Tagliavento (Italy), Aleksandar Stavrev (Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia), Milorad Mažić (Serbia) and Markus Strömbergsson (Sweden).
- **Trophy:** The original trophy, which is used for the official presentation ceremony at the final, remains in UEFA's keeping at all times. A full-size replica is awarded to the winning association. Each association that competes in the final tournament will receive a commemorative plaque.
- **Medals:** 35 gold medals are presented to the winning team and 35 silver medals to the runners-up. The teams beaten in the semi-finals will each receive 35 bronze medals.
- **Ambassadors:** EURO '92 winner Flemming Povlsen is tournament ambassador for the finals, with his work supplemented by four city representatives: U21 international Lasse Nielsen (Aalborg), 100-times capped Martin Jørgensen (Aarhus), FC Midtjylland's respected academy director Claus Steinlein (Herning) and Superliga all-time top scorer Søren Frederiksen (Viborg).
- **UEFA.com:** A team of reporters in Denmark will provide unrivalled coverage in 12 European languages. You can also follow UEFA.com on Twitter and Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/under21>) or by downloading the new UEFA.com publications iPad.
- **Next finals:** Israel were selected as hosts of the 2013 UEFA European Under-21 Championship finals at the UEFA Executive Committee meeting on 27 January 2011. Bulgaria, Czech Republic, England and Wales were also in the running. Players are eligible to play in the competition if they were born on or after 1 January 1990.

Tournament schedule

Final tournament

Date		Home	Res.	Away	Venue
11/06/11	Grp A	Belarus	2 - 0	Iceland	Aarhus
11/06/11	Grp A	Denmark	0 - 1	Switzerland	Aalborg
12/06/11	Grp B	Czech Republic	2 - 1	Ukraine	Viborg
12/06/11	Grp B	Spain	1 - 1	England	Herning
14/06/11	Grp A	Switzerland	2 - 0	Iceland	Aalborg
14/06/11	Grp A	Denmark	2 - 1	Belarus	Aarhus
15/06/11	Grp B	Czech Republic	0 - 2	Spain	Viborg
15/06/11	Grp B	Ukraine	0 - 0	England	Herning
18/06/11	Grp A	Iceland	3 - 1	Denmark	Aalborg
18/06/11	Grp A	Switzerland	3 - 0	Belarus	Aarhus
19/06/11	Grp B	England	1 - 2	Czech Republic	Viborg
19/06/11	Grp B	Ukraine	0 - 3	Spain	Herning

Group A

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Switzerland	3	3	0	0	6	0	9
Belarus	3	1	0	2	3	5	3
Iceland	3	1	0	2	3	5	3
Denmark	3	1	0	2	3	5	3

Group B

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Spain	3	2	1	0	6	1	7
Czech Republic	3	2	0	1	4	4	6
England	3	0	2	1	2	3	2
Ukraine	3	0	1	2	1	5	1

Semi-finals

Date		Home	Res.	Away	Venue
22/06/11		Switzerland	1-0(aet)	Czech Republic	Herning
22/06/11		Spain	3-1(aet)	Belarus	Viborg

Olympic play-off

Date		Home	Res.	Away	Venue
25/06/11		Czech Republic	15.00CET (15.00 local time)	Belarus	Aalborg

Final

Date		Home	Res.	Away	Venue
25/06/11		Switzerland	20.45CET (20.45 local time)	Spain	Aarhus

Top scorers

5 - Adrián López (ESP)	1 - Dmitri Baga (BLR)
3 - Admir Mehmedi (SUI)	1 - Jeffren Suárez (ESP)
2 - Danny Welbeck (ENG)	1 - Xherdan Shaqiri (SUI)
2 - Juan Mata (ESP)	1 - Birkir Bjarnason (ISL)
2 - Andrei Voronkov (BLR)	1 - Frank Feltscher (SUI)
2 - Bořek Dočkal (CZE)	1 - Ander Herrera (ESP)
1 - Jan Chramosta (CZE)	1 - Tomáš Pekhart (CZE)
1 - Bashkim Kadrii (DEN)	1 - Kolbeinn Sigthórsson (ISL)
1 - Nicolai Jørgensen (DEN)	1 - Hjörtur Valgardsson (ISL)
1 - Innocent Emeghara (SUI)	1 - Fabian Frei (SUI)
1 - Christian Eriksen (DEN)	1 - Maksim Skavvsh (BLR)
1 - Maxym Biliy (UKR)	

Legend

:: Squad list

No: number **DoB:** date of birth **Qual:** qualifying **FT:** final tournament **Pld:** played **Gls:** goals **Overall U21:** final tournament only

:: Match officials

Nat: nationality **DoB:** date of birth

Under-21: Total matches officiated in the UEFA European U21 Championship including all qualifying round matches. Matches 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.

:: Group statistics/Tournament schedule

Pos: position **Pld:** played **W:** won **D:** drawn **L:** lost **GF:** goals for **GA:** goals against **Pts:** points

:: 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.

:: Competitions

Club competitions

UCL: UEFA Champions League/UEFA Champions League

Tournament: UEFA Europa League/UEFA Champions League

ECCC: European Champion Clubs' Cup/UEFA Champions League

UCUP: UEFA Cup • **UCWC:** UEFA Cup Winners' Cup

SCUP: UEFA Super Cup • **UIC:** UEFA Intertoto Cup

ICF: Inter-Cities Fairs Cup

National team competitions

EURO: UEFA European Football Championship

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

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

U21: UEFA European Under-21 Championship

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

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

WWC: FIFA Women's World Cup • **WCHAMP:** UEFA European Women's Championship

:: Competition stages

F: Final

GS: Group stage

GS1: First group stage

GS2: Second group stage

KO1: First knockout round

PR: Preliminary round

QF: Quarter-finals

QR: Qualifying round

QR1: First qualifying round

QR2: Second qualifying round

FT: Final tournament

ELITE: Elite round

3rdPO: Third-place play-off

GS-FT: Group stage – final tournament

3QR: Third qualifying round

R1: First round

R2: Second round

R3: Third round

R4: Fourth round

SF: Semi-finals

R16: round of 16

R32: Round of 32

1st: first leg

2nd: second leg

PO: Play-off

(Rep): Replay

PO - FT: Play-off for Final Tournament

Prom/rel PO: Promotion/relegation play-off

:: Statistics

(-): Denotes player substituted

(*): Denotes player sent off

(+): Denotes player introduced

(+/-): Denotes player introduced and substituted

:: Squad list

D: Disciplinary

S: Suspended

Overall U21: Total appearances in the UEFA European Under-21 Championship final tournament only

*****: Misses next match if booked

#: Suspended for at least one match

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