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Netherlands

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Previous competitive meetings

Head to Head

UEFA European Under-21 Championship

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
29/05/06	GS-FT	Netherlands - Italy	1-0	Aveiro	De Ridder 74

	Home				Away				Final				Total					
	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
Italy	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1
Netherlands	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0

Match background

Italy will take on the Netherlands in Saturday's second UEFA European Under-21 Championship semi-final at Ha Moshava Stadium.

- Unbeaten Italy reached the last four by winning Group A and now find the Netherlands, Group B runners-up, barring their path to a record seventh final.

Past meetings

- Daniel de Ridder scored the only goal after 74 minutes when the Netherlands beat Italy 1-0 in Aveiro in the group stage of the 2006 final tournament. That Dutch victory secured qualification for the semi-finals at the Azzurrini's expense and Foppe de Haan's side went on to lift the trophy.

- Italy won the nations' most recent U21 friendly 3-0 in Leeuwarden in what was coach Devis Mangia's debut at the helm on 15 August last year. Lorenzo Insigne scored in the first minute and by half-time Italy had the game wrapped up after further goals by Ciro Immobile and Alessandro Florenzi.

- The lineups at the Sportpark Cambuur Stadium were:

Netherlands: Zoet, Kappelhof (Dijks 46), Blind, Van Dijk, Van Aanholt, Bacuna, Wildschut (Van la Parra 46), Fer (Van Haaren 65), De Jong (Foor 65), Van Ginkel, John (Zeefuik 65).

Italy: Bardi; Donati, Capuano, Caldirola (Masi 62), Frascatore (Romagnoli 80), Florenzi (Laribi 70), Marrone (Rossi 46), Viviani (Crimi 46), Insigne (Sala 46); Immobile, De Luca (Longo 62).

Match background

- Italy have a better pedigree than any other team in the competition with an unmatched five U21 titles to their name, while the Netherlands were twice winners, in 2006 and 2007.

- Italy's semi-final record in the U21 tournament is P9 W5 L4. They last reached this stage in 2009 in Sweden, succumbing 1-0 to eventual champions Germany.

- The Netherlands have contested only four semi-finals previously. When they got to the last four for the second time in 1998 – losing to Greece – the other semi was between Spain and Norway, just like this year.

- The winning side will face the winners of the Spain v Norway semi-final in the final on 18 June at Jerusalem's Teddy Stadium.

Team ties

- Marco Verratti came off the bench to score his first goal for Italy's senior side, a stoppage-time equaliser, in the 1-1 friendly draw with the Netherlands on 6 February. Alessandro Florenzi also appeared as a substitute while Kevin Strootman, Stefan de Vrij, Bruno Martins Indi, Jordy Clasie, Adam Maher and debutants Daley Blind and Ola John all started for the Dutch. Ricardo van Rhijn featured as an Oranje substitute.

- Strootman played in PSV Eindhoven's 3-0 home victory over Insigne's SSC Napoli in the 2012/13 UEFA Europa League group stage, with Memphis Depay and Georginio Wijnaldum both unused substitutes. The latter pair played – with Strootman a spectator – in PSV's 3-1 win in the return in Naples.

- Cristiano Biraghi made his first-team debut for FC Internazionale Milano as a last-minute substitute in a 1-0 UEFA Champions League success over an FC Twente team including Luuk de Jong in the 2010/11 group stage. John was on the bench.

- Blind's father Danny captained AFC Ajax in their 1995 UEFA Champions League final triumph against AC Milan.

- Netherlands coach Cor Pot was assistant boss of the FC Zenit St Petersburg side whose reign as UEFA Cup holders ended with a 2-1 aggregate loss to Udinese Calcio in the 2008/09 round of 16.

Penalty shoot-outs

- Italy have won one past semi-final on penalties, beating France 5-3 after a goalless draw in 1994. The Azzurrini also ousted Spain 5-4 in a final shoot-out in 1996 and overcame Portugal 4-3 in an Olympic play-off in 2007. However, they did lose 3-0 to Spain on penalties in the two-legged 1986 final.

- The Netherlands' only shoot-out in the latter stages brought a 13-12 victory over England in the 2007 semi-finals.

Italy news

- Coach Mangia is hopeful of having Insigne back from the ankle injury he sustained in the second game against Israel.

- The squad's most serious casualty to date, Luca Marrone, has stayed on to support his team-mates in the semi-final after his club, Juventus, responded positively to his request to remain in Israel.
- Mangia has reiterated his desire to win in a certain style. "Playing good football is essential," he said. "Based on how we started to think since I took over, we've always said it's important to win, but it's even more important the manner in which you win."

Netherlands news

- Bram Nuytinck was ruled out of the remainder of the championship on Thursday after an MRI scan confirmed a problem with his left knee, which flared up during the previous evening's match against Spain. The RSC Anderlecht defender returned to his club straight away for treatment.
- Strootman and De Vrij are both training fully and available for selection following very minor niggles.
- The Netherlands underwent a gentle recovery session at the team hotel on Thursday morning before recreational time and interviews on the beach. Pot's men had a closed training session on Thursday evening prior to going to a restaurant for dinner.
- Van Rhijn celebrated his 22nd birthday on Thursday with a cake and balloons.
- If he figures in the semi-final, Leroy Fer will equal Arnold Bruggink's record as the Netherlands' most-capped player at U21 level, with 31 appearances.

Team facts

Italy

Final tournament record

2009: semi-finals
2007: group stage
2006: group stage
2004: winners
2002: semi-finals
2000: winners
1996: winners
1994: winners
1992: winners
1990: semi-finals
1988: quarter-finals
1986: runners-up
1984: semi-finals
1982: quarter-finals
1980: quarter-finals
1978: quarter-finals

All-time competitive record

P206 W127 D47 L32

2013 qualifying (including play-off)

P10 W8 D1 L1 F31 A10

Top scorers: Manolo Gabbiadini (6), Ciro Immobile (4)

Ever presents: Luca Marrone

Italy U21s capped at senior level

Mattia Destro (4), Marco Verratti (3), Alessandro Florenzi (2), Lorenzo Insigne (1), Manolo Gabbiadini (1), Fabio Borini (1)

Players with previous U21 final tournament experience

Sweden 2009: Alberto Paloschi

Most capped player

All-time: Andrea Pirlo (46)

Current: Luca Marrone (31)

Leading scorer

All-time: Alberto Gilardino (19)

Current: Manolo Gabbiadini (12)

Biggest wins

Final tournament:

Italy 4-0 Israel 08/06/2013

Group stage, Bloomfield Stadium, Tel Aviv

Qualifying:

Italy 7-0 Liechtenstein 06/09/2012

2013 qualifying group stage, Stadio Ceravolo, Catanzaro

Italy 8-1 Wales 05/09/2003

2004 qualifying group stage, Stadio Fortunato, Pavia

Italy 7-0 Estonia 23/03/1995

1996 qualifying group stage, Stadio Ceravolo, Catanzaro

Heaviest defeats

Final tournament:

USSR 3-1 Italy, 02/04/1980

Quarter-finals, Razdam Stadium, Jereven

England 3-1 Italy, 18/04/1984
Quarter-finals, Maine Road, Manchester

Qualifying:

Norway 6-0 Italy 05/06/1991
1992 qualifying group stage, Stavanger Stadion, Stavanger

Netherlands

Final tournament record

2007: winners

2006: winners

2000: group stage

1998: semi-finals

1992: quarter-finals

1988: semi-finals

All-time competitive record

P157 W88 D29 L40

2013 qualifying (including play-off)

P10 W8 D1 L1 F25 A3

Top scorer: Género Zeefuik (7)

Ever presents: Kelvin Leerdam

Netherlands U21s capped at senior level

Kevin Strootman (18 caps), Bruno Martins Indi (9), Luuk de Jong (7), Ricardo van Rhijn (6), Jordy Clasie (5), Stefan de Vrij (5), Adam Maher (4), Daley Blind (3), Georginio Wijnaldum (2), Leroy Fer (2), Marco van Ginkel (1), Ola John (1)

Players with previous U21 final tournament experience

None

Most capped player

All-time: Arnold Bruggink (31)

Current: Leroy Fer (30)

Leading scorer

All-time: Klaas-Jan Huntelaar (18)

Current: Georginio Wijnaldum (10)

Biggest wins

Final tournament:

Netherlands 5-1 Russia 09/06/2013

Group stage, Teddy Stadium, Jerusalem

Qualifying:

San Marino 0-7 Netherlands 29/04/1997

1998 qualifying group stage, Stadio di Serravalle, Serravalle

Heaviest defeats

Final tournament:

Spain 3-0 Netherlands 12/06/2013

2013 group stage, Ha Moshava, Petah Tikva

Netherlands 0-3 Greece 26/05/1998

1998 semi-final, Steaua Stadium, Bucharest

Qualifying:

England 3-0 Netherlands 27/04/1993

1994 qualifying group stage, Fratton Park, Portsmouth

Spain 4-1 Netherlands 04/06/1999

2000 qualifying group stage, Los Pajaritos, Soria

Portugal 3-0 Netherlands 27/03/2001

2002 qualifying group stage, Dr Machado De Matos, Felgueiras

Netherlands 0-3 Czech Republic 28/03/2003

2004 qualifying group stage, Sportcentrum Maaspoort, 's-Hertogenbosch

Squad list

Italy

No	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season				Overall	
						Qual.		FT		U21	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers											
1	Francesco Bardi	18/01/92	21	FC Internazionale Milano	-	6	-	3	-	9	-
12	Simone Colombi	01/07/91	21	Atalanta BC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
22	Nicola Leali	17/02/93	20	Juventus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders											
2	Giulio Donati	05/02/90	23	FC Internazionale Milano	-	4	-	3	-	7	-
3	Cristiano Biraghi	01/09/92	20	FC Internazionale Milano	-	-	-	2	-	2	-
5	Marco Capuano	14/10/91	21	Pescara	-	7	-	1	-	8	-
6	Luca Caldirola	01/02/91	22	Brescia Calcio	-	9	1	3	-	12	1
13	Matteo Bianchetti	17/03/93	20	FC Internazionale Milano	-	-	-	2	-	2	-
19	Vasco Regini	09/09/90	22	Empoli FC	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
Midfielders											
4	Marco Verratti	05/11/92	20	Paris Saint-Germain FC	-	1	-	2	-	3	-
7	Alessandro Florenzi	11/03/91	22	AS Roma	-	9	2	3	1	12	3
8	Luca Marrone	28/03/90	23	Juventus	-	10	-	1	-	18	1
16	Andrea Bertolacci	11/01/91	22	Genoa CFC	-	3	-	1	1	4	1
21	Fausto Rossi	03/12/90	22	Juventus	-	8	1	3	-	11	1
23	Marco Crimi	17/03/90	23	Grosseto	-	3	-	1	-	4	-
Forwards											
9	Ciro Immobile	20/02/90	23	Genoa CFC	-	5	4	2	-	7	4
10	Lorenzo Insigne	04/06/91	22	SSC Napoli	-	5	3	2	1	7	4
11	Manolo Gabbiadini	26/11/91	21	Juventus	-	7	6	3	2	10	8
14	Mattia Destro	20/03/91	22	AS Roma	-	5	3	3	-	11	4
15	Nicola Sansone	10/09/91	21	Parma FC	-	-	-	2	-	2	-
17	Alberto Paloschi	04/01/90	23	AC Chievo Verona	-	6	1	1	-	12	2
18	Riccardo Saponara	21/12/91	21	AC Milan	-	5	1	2	1	7	2
20	Fabio Borini	29/03/91	22	Liverpool FC	-	2	1	1	-	6	1
Coach											
-	Devis Mangia	06/06/74	39	-	-	4	-	3	-	4	-

Netherlands

No	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season				Overall	
						Qual.		FT		U21	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers											
1	Jeroen Zoet	06/01/91	22	PSV Eindhoven	-	9	-	2	-	12	-
16	Marco Bizot	10/03/91	22	FC Groningen	-	2	-	1	-	3	-
23	Nick Marsman	01/10/90	22	FC Twente	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders											
2	Ricardo van Rhijn	13/06/91	22	AFC Ajax	-	2	-	2	-	4	-
3	Stefan de Vrij	05/02/92	21	Feyenoord	-	6	-	2	-	8	-
4	Bruno Martins Indi	08/02/92	21	Feyenoord	-	3	-	2	-	5	-
5	Daley Blind	09/03/90	23	AFC Ajax	-	7	-	2	-	13	-
13	Mike van der Hoorn	15/10/92	20	FC Utrecht	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
14	Bram Nuytinck	04/05/90	23	RSC Anderlecht	-	9	1	1	-	12	1
20	Patrick van Aanholt	29/08/90	22	Vitesse	-	3	-	1	-	4	-
Midfielders											
6	Jordy Clasie	27/06/91	21	Feyenoord	-	6	1	2	-	8	1
8	Kevin Strootman	13/02/90	23	PSV Eindhoven	-	-	-	2	-	8	-
10	Adam Maher	20/07/93	19	AZ Alkmaar	-	5	-	3	1	8	1
12	Kelvin Leerdam	24/06/90	22	Feyenoord	-	10	-	1	-	11	-
17	Leroy Fer	05/01/90	23	FC Twente	-	7	3	3	2	18	5
18	Marco van Ginkel	01/12/92	20	Vitesse	-	9	3	2	-	11	3
19	Tonny Trindade de Vilhena	03/01/95	18	Feyenoord	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
Forwards											
7	Florian Jozefzoon	09/02/91	22	RKC Waalwijk	-	-	-	2	-	2	-
9	Luuk de Jong	27/08/90	22	VfL Borussia Mönchengladbach	-	2	1	2	1	10	3
11	Ola John	19/05/92	21	SL Benfica	-	4	-	2	1	6	1
15	Georginio Wijnaldum	11/11/90	22	PSV Eindhoven	-	5	3	2	2	15	6
21	Danny Hoesen	15/01/91	22	AFC Ajax	-	-	-	2	1	2	1
22	Memphis Depay	13/02/94	19	PSV Eindhoven	-	-	-	2	-	2	-
Coach											
-	Cor Pot	08/06/51	62	-	-	10	-	3	-	26	-

Head coach

Italy: Devis Mangia

Date of birth: 6 June 1974

Nationality: Italian

Playing career: -

Coaching career: AS Varese, S.S. Tritium, ASDC Ivrea, Valenzana Calcio, US Città di Palermo, Italy Under-21s (since July 2012)

- A goalkeeper at Milanese amateur club FC Enotria 1908 when growing up, he quit aged 20 "when I understood I wouldn't make it a long way". Soon started to coach the youth teams at the same club before continuing to work with young players for several amateur clubs in the north of Italy.
- Appointed by Varese in 2010 to coach the youth side, he was promoted to the first team in October that year and led the club to Serie C2 – the Italian fourth tier – with two consecutive promotions.
- A fervent admirer of Arrigo Sacchi, he coached three more teams in the lower divisions, before returning to Varese – who had reached Serie B in his absence – to coach their Primavera youth team. Led an unheralded side to the Scudetto Primavera final, which they eventually lost to AS Roma in extra time.
- Appointed by Palermo to work with their Primavera side the following season, he was promoted to the first team just before the campaign started, replacing the dismissed Stefano Pioli. Was then sacked himself in December despite starting with six wins in as many home games.
- In July 2012 was appointed as U21 coach, replacing the UC Sampdoria-bound Ciro Ferrara, midway through the qualifying campaign and led the Azzurrini to the finals by beating Sweden in the play-offs.

Netherlands: Cor Pot

Date of birth: 8 June 1951

Nationality: Dutch

Playing career: Sparta Rotterdam, MVV Maastricht, HFC Haarlem, SBV Excelsior, Fortuna Vlaardingen

Coaching career: SVB Excelsior (assistant), Feyenoord (assistant and youth), VV Wilhelmus, RBC Roosendaal, NAC Breda, SBV Excelsior, Al-Masry Club, Telstar (assistant), 1. FC Dynamo Dresden (technical director), Netherlands (youth coach, head scout), FC Zenit St Petersburg (assistant), Netherlands Under-21s

- A striker, Pot came through the Sparta Rotterdam youth academy and made his professional debut in 1970/71 at the club. He continued his career with MVV, Haarlem, Excelsior and Vlaardingen before hanging up his boots in 1981.
- After assistant coach roles with Excelsior and Feyenoord, he became head coach at amateur side VV Wilhelmus before moving on to Roosendaal, Breda, Excelsior, and Egyptian side Al-Masry. He also held the post of technical director at German club Dynamo Dresden.
- In 2002, Pot joined the Royal Netherlands Football Association (KNVB), becoming youth coach and head scout, while also succeeding Wim Koevermans as U21 coach for the 2003/04 season. Pot's tenure laid the foundations for Foppe de Haan's successful Jong Oranje, who won back-to-back European titles in 2006 and 2007.
- He moved to Zenit as assistant to Dick Advocaat in 2006, winning the Russian championship, the UEFA Cup and UEFA Super Cup there before returning to the KNVB in 2009. After succeeding De Haan, he has now led the Jong Oranje to their first final tournament since winning it in 2007.

Match officials

Referee	Ovidiu Hațegan (ROU)
Assistant referees	Sandro Pozzi (SUI), Haralds Gudermanis (LVA)
Additional assistant referees	Kenn Hansen (DEN), Miroslav Zelinka (CZE)
Fourth official	Roland Brandner (AUT)
UEFA Delegate	Kazimierz Oleszek (POL)
UEFA Referee observer	Hugh Dallas (SCO)

Referee

Name	Date of birth	Under-21 matches
Ovidiu Hațegan	14/07/1980	6

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

Date	Competition	Stage	Home	Away	Result	Venue
08/06/13	U21	GS	Italy	Israel	4-0	Tel Aviv
12/06/13	U21	GS	Spain	Netherlands	3-0	Petah Tikva
08/06/13	U21	GS	Italy	Israel	4-0	Tel Aviv
12/06/13	U21	GS	Spain	Netherlands	3-0	Petah Tikva

Other matches

Date	Competition	Stage	Home	Away	Result	Venue
12/10/12	U21	PO	Czech Republic	Russia	0-2	Jablonec nad Nisou
12/10/12	U21	PO	Czech Republic	Russia	0-2	Jablonec nad Nisou

Match-by-match lineups

Italy

Final tournament Group A

Standings

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Italy	3	2	1	0	6	1	7
Norway	3	1	2	0	6	4	5
Israel	3	1	1	1	3	6	4
England	3	0	0	3	1	5	0

Matchday 1 (05/06/13)

England 0-1 Italy

Goals: 0-1 Insigne 79

Italy: Bardi, Donati, Biraghi, Verratti, Caldirola, Florenzi, Marrone (Rossi 87), Immobile (Gabbiadini 60), Insigne, Bianchetti, Borini (Destro 78)

Matchday 2 (08/06/13)

Italy 4-0 Israel

Goals: 1-0 Saponara 18, 2-0 Gabbiadini 42, 3-0 Gabbiadini 53, 4-0 Florenzi 71

Italy: Bardi, Donati, Biraghi, Verratti (Sansone 70), Caldirola, Florenzi, Immobile, Insigne (Rossi 40), Gabbiadini (Destro 57), Bianchetti, Saponara

Matchday 3 (11/06/13)

Norway 1-1 Italy

Goals: 1-0 Strandberg 90(pen), 1-1 Bertolacci 90+4

Italy: Bardi, Donati, Capuano, Caldirola, Destro (Gabbiadini 72), Sansone, Paloschi, Saponara (Bertolacci 46), Regini, Rossi (Florenzi 61), Crimi

Netherlands

Final tournament Group B

Standings

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Spain	3	3	0	0	5	0	9
Netherlands	3	2	0	1	8	6	6
Germany	3	1	0	2	4	5	3
Russia	3	0	0	3	2	8	0

Matchday 1 (06/06/13)

Netherlands 3-2 Germany

Goals: 1-0 Maher 24, 2-0 Wijnaldum 38, 2-1 Rudy 47(pen), 2-2 Holtby 81, 3-2 Fer 90

Netherlands: Zoet, Van Rhijn, De Vrij, Martins Indi, Blind, Strootman, L. de Jong, Maher (Fer 82), John (Depay 82), Wijnaldum (Jozefzoon 68), Van Ginkel

Matchday 2 (09/06/13)

Netherlands 5-1 Russia

Goals: 1-0 Wijnaldum 39, 2-0 L. de Jong 61, 2-1 Cheryshev 65, 3-1 John 69, 4-1 Hoesen 83, 5-1 Fer 90+2

Netherlands: Zoet, Van Rhijn, De Vrij, Martins Indi, Blind, Strootman (Clasie 77), L. de Jong (Hoesen 81), Maher (Fer 73), John, Wijnaldum, Van Ginkel

Matchday 3 (12/06/13)

Spain 3-0 Netherlands

Goals: 1-0 Morata 26, 2-0 Isco 32, 3-0 Álvaro Vázquez 90+1

Netherlands: Bizot, Clasie, Jozefzoon, Leerdam, Van Der Hoorn, Nuytinck, Fer, Trindade de Vilhena (Maher 71), Van Aanholt, Hoesen, Depay

Competition facts

Under-21 historical statistics (competitive matches)

Champions (hosts)

2011 Spain (Denmark)*
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), Tomáš Pekhart (Czech Republic)
14 Roy Makaay (Netherlands), Klaas-Jan Huntelaar (Netherlands)

In a final tournament since 2000

7 Marcus Berg (Sweden, 2009)
5 Adrián López (Spain, 2011)
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

2011: 10 Tomáš Pekhart (Czech Republic)
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 1990.
- **Qualifying:** Qualifying began on 25 March 2011 and ran until 16 October 2012 with a group stage followed by play-offs to determine which seven nations joined Israel, who qualified automatically as hosts, at the eight-team final tournament.
- **How the 2013 finals works:** The group stage was based on a league system (three points for a win, one for a draw, none for a defeat). There were 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).
- **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.
- **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 official match ball of the tournament was unveiled during the finals draw in November. Made by adidas, it features the blue and white colours of hosts Israel and its design has the same thermally bonded triangular patterns as the adidas Tango 12, match ball of UEFA EURO 2012.
- **Official song:** Former player Eyal Golan collaborated with some of Israel's best musicians to help produce Always My Number 1, the official tune of the finals. The 42-year-old sung it at the opening ceremony at the Netanya Municipal Stadium on 5 June; it is played at every match.
- **Match officials:** Six referees were chosen to officiate in Israel: Ivan Bebek (Croatia), Antony Gautier (France), Paweł Gil (Poland), Ovidiu Hațegan (Romania), Matej Jug (Slovenia) and Serhiy Boiko (Ukraine). Also, for the first time at an Under-21 finals, there will be a team of additional assistant referees.
- **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:** Avi Nimni and Eli Ohana are the tournament's two ambassadors. With over 130 caps between them, they are two of Israel's foremost former players. Nimni is also Maccabi Tel-Aviv FC's all-time leading goalscorer while Ohana won the European Cup Winners' Cup in 1988 with KV Mechelen.
- **UEFA.com:** A team of reporters in Israel will provide unrivalled coverage in ten languages, with live coverage, player interviews, full statistics and video. There is also full social media coverage including dedicated Twitter (@UEFAUnder21) and Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/under21>) pages.
- **Next finals:** The Czech Republic were selected as hosts of the 2015 UEFA European Under-21 Championship finals at the UEFA Executive Committee meeting on 20 March 2012. Players are eligible to play in the competition if they were born on or after 1 January 1992.

Tournament schedule

Group A

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Italy	3	2	1	0	6	1	7
Norway	3	1	2	0	6	4	5
Israel	3	1	1	1	3	6	4
England	3	0	0	3	1	5	0

Group B

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Spain	3	3	0	0	5	0	9
Netherlands	3	2	0	1	8	6	6
Germany	3	1	0	2	4	5	3
Russia	3	0	0	3	2	8	0

Top scorers

3 - Álvaro Morata (ESP)	1 - Riccardo Saponara (ITA)
2 - Manolo Gabbiadini (ITA)	1 - Patrick Herrmann (GER)
2 - Georginio Wijnaldum (NED)	1 - Ola John (NED)
2 - Leroy Fer (NED)	1 - Lorenzo Insigne (ITA)
2 - Sebastian Rudy (GER)	1 - Adam Maher (NED)
1 - Danny Hoesen (NED)	1 - Jo Inge Berget (NOR)
1 - Andrea Bertolacci (ITA)	1 - Denis Cheryshev (RUS)
1 - Alon Turgeman (ISR)	1 - Marcus Pedersen (NOR)
1 - Alan Dzagoev (RUS)	1 - Alessandro Florenzi (ITA)
1 - Ofir Krieff (ISR)	1 - Harmeet Singh (NOR)
1 - Nir Biton (ISR)	1 - Craig Dawson (ENG)
1 - Fredrik Semb Berge (NOR)	1 - Lewis Holtby (GER)
1 - Álvaro Vázquez (ESP)	1 - Isco (ESP)
1 - Luuk de Jong (NED)	1 - Stefan Strandberg (NOR)
1 - Magnus Eikrem (NOR)	

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

ECCL: European Champion Clubs' Cup/UEFA Champions League

UEL: UEFA Europa League

UCUP: UEFA Cup/UEFA Europa League

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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