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Norway

Matchday 5 - Semi-finals

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Previous competitive meetings

Head to Head

UEFA European Under-21 Championship

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
16/11/99	PO	Spain - Norway	4-0 agg: 7-1	Santander	Tamudo 6, Gerard 43, Luque 73, Ferrón 78
13/11/99	PO	Norway - Spain	1-3	Oslo	Carew 44; Xavi Hernández 58, Farinós 78, Gerard 82

UEFA European Under-21 Championship

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
27/05/98	SF	Norway - Spain	0-1 (aet)	Bucharest	Victor 94 ET

	Home				Away				Final				Total					
	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
Spain	1	1	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	8	1
Norway	2	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	1	8

Match background

Holders Spain will look to take another step towards retaining their UEFA European Under-21 Championship crown when they take on Norway in the first semi-final in Netanya.

Group B winners Spain arrive at the semi-final stage unbeaten – and yet to concede a goal – in Israel but will not be underestimating Group A runners-up Norway, who have also not tasted defeat and reached the last four for the first time since losing to La Rojita at this stage in 1998.

Previous meetings

- Spain have won all three of the nations' competitive encounters, starting with that 1-0 success in the 1998 semi-finals in Bucharest, where Víctor Sánchez scored the only goal four minutes into extra time.
- José Ignacio Sáez's Spain went on to win that year's final against Greece while Norway had the consolation of a third-place victory over the Netherlands. The Norway coach that year, Nils Johan Semb, is with the squad in Israel in his role as Football Association of Norway (NFF) technical director.
- Spain also ended Norway's hopes in the November 1999 play-offs for the 2000 final tournament. La Rojita came from behind to win the first leg in Oslo 3-1, as goals from Xavi Hernández, Francisco Farinós and Gerard López overturned the first-half lead given the hosts by John Carew.
- Spain's victory was even more comprehensive in the return leg in Santander where Raúl Tamudo, Gerard, Albert Luque and Jordi Ferrón earned them a 4-0 success.
- For Norway, the pattern of losing to Spain continued in the sides' friendly meeting in Toledo on 21 March this year. Although Håvard Nielsen scored early for the visitors, Spain scored two quick goals through Cristian Tello before adding three more in the second half from Rodrigo, Sergio Canales and a Jonatan Tollås own goal. Flamur Kastrati completed the scoring with a late consolation for Norway.

• The lineups were:

Spain: Joel; Montoya, Bartra (Amat 61), Iñigo Martínez (Nacho 54), Muniesa (Moreno 69); Koke (Deulofeu 46), Illarramendi (Camacho 54); Tello (Sarabia 61), Thiago, Muniain (Canales 54); Rodrigo (Álvaro 61).

Norway: Nyland; Linnes, Rogne, Tollås, Skjelvik; Berget (Borven 56), Svensson (Ibrahim 64), Singh; Elabdellaoui, Pedersen, Nielsen (Kastrati 46).

Match background

- Unbeaten in 24 competitive matches, a run which includes 22 wins, Spain are looking to win the U21 trophy for the fourth time after previous triumphs in 1986, 1998 and 2011.
- For Spain this is the seventh U21 semi-final and they have a strong record at this stage with five wins from the previous six.
- Norway have never reached the final of any UEFA age-group men's tournament before and lost their one previous U21 semi-final against Spain.
- The winning side will face the winners of the Italy v Netherlands semi-final in the final on 18 June at Jerusalem's Teddy Stadium.

Team ties

- Marc Bartra, Thiago Alcántara, Rodrigo and Tello were in the Spain team held 1-1 by Norway in the elite round of the 2010 UEFA European Under-19 Championship in Turkey. Vegar Hedenstad, Omar Elabdellaoui, Markus Henriksen and Stefan Johansen all featured for Norway.
- Julen Lopetegui experienced Norwegian football as a player for Rayo Vallecano de Madrid in the 2000 UEFA Cup first round against Molde FK. The Spain coach played 90 minutes as the capital club triumphed 1-0 in Scandinavia but was an unused substitute in the return leg which finished 1-1.
- In the elite round of the same competition three years earlier, Tor Ole Skullerud led a Norway team including Håvard Nordtveit who were beaten 5-2 by Spain on home ground in Fredrikstad. Their conquerors went on to lift the U19 trophy that year.
- Thomas Rogne was an unused substitute for Celtic FC in last November's 2-1 UEFA Champions League loss at Camp Nou to an FC Barcelona side containing Bartra and substitute Tello. Like Rogne, Martín Montoya watched from the bench.

- Jo Inge Berget and Anders Konradssen featured for Strømsgodset IF in a 2011/12 UEFA Europa League qualifying defeat by eventual winners Club Atlético de Madrid in 2011. Johansen was an unused substitute in the away leg in Spain.

- David de Gea and Joshua King were together at Manchester United FC between summer 2011 and January this year but never played together in the first team.

Penalty shoot-outs

- Spain have contested a penalty shoot-out in the final stages of a U21 tournament twice before. They beat Italy 3-0 on penalties in the 1986 final after a 3-3 aggregate draw, but then lost the 1996 final 5-4 on spot kicks against the same opponents after a 1-1 draw.

Spain news

- Ignacio Camacho was forced off against the Netherlands with a sprained ankle but is expected to be available to face Norway.

- Álvaro Morata ended the group stage as the leading scorer in the tournament with three goals. The Real Madrid CF striker was also top scorer when Spain won the 2011 UEFA European U19 Championship.

- Netherlands midfielder Adam Maher attempted to swap shirts with Thiago Alcántara after Wednesday's game, but needed the help of the Spain press officer to walk away with the captain's jersey.

Norway news

- The day after securing their place in the semi-finals, the Norway squad relaxed with an afternoon visit to the West Bank and Jerusalem. In the evening national coach Skullerud, along with three other members of the NFF delegation, went to Petah Tikva to watch Spain beat the Netherlands and set up Saturday's semi-final meeting with the Scandinavians.

- The squad had a stroll along the beach near their Tel Aviv hotel on Thursday morning before training at Ramat Gan in the evening.

- Skullerud has no serious injury concerns in the wake of Tuesday's draw with Italy – when he made nine changes to his starting XI – and should have a full squad to choose from.

Team facts

Spain

Final tournament record

2011: winners
2009: group stage
2000: third place
1998: winners
1996: runners-up
1994: third place
1990: quarter-finals
1988: quarter-finals
1986: winners
1984: runners-up
1982: quarter-finals

All-time competitive record

P181 W125 D28 L28

2013 qualifying (including play-off)

P10 W9 D1 L0 F35 A3

Top scorers: Rodrigo (11)

Ever presents: Carles Planas, Isco

Spain U21s capped at senior level

Thiago Alcántara (3 caps), Iker Muniain (1), Isco (1)

Players with previous U21 final tournament experience

Denmark 2011: David de Gea, Thiago Alcántara, Martín Montoya, Iker Muniain, Diego Mariño

Most capped player

All-time: Santi Denia (27)

Current: David de Gea (25)

Leading scorer

All-time: Rodrigo (14)

Current: Rodrigo (14)

Biggest wins

Final tournament:

Spain 3-0 Netherlands 12/06/2013

2013 group stage, Ha Moshava, Petah Tikva

Ukraine 0-3 Spain 19/06/2011

2011 group stage, Herning Stadion, Herning

Qualifying:

Spain 14-0 San Marino 08/02/2005

2006 qualifying group stage, Santo Domingo, El Ejido

Heaviest defeats

Final tournament:

England 2-0 Spain 18/06/2009

2009 group stage, Gamla Ullevi, Gothenburg

Portugal 2-0 Spain 15/04/1994

1994 semi-finals, Costières, Nimes

Qualifying:

Netherlands 5-0 Spain 16/02/1983

1984 qualifying group stage, Galgenwaard, Utrecht

Norway

Final tournament record

1998: third place

All-time competitive record

P148 W66 D29 L53

2013 qualifying (including play-off)

P10 W7 D1 L2 F13 A7

Top scorers: Jo Inge Berget, Marcus Pedersen, Thomas Rogne, Harmeet Singh (all 2)

Ever presents: Harmeet Singh, Stefan Strandberg, Vegar Hedenstad

Norway U21s capped at senior level

Markus Henriksen (17 caps), Valon Berisha (10), Håvard Nordtveit (10), Magnus Eikrem (9), Joshua King (6), Vegar Hedenstad (4), Harmeet Singh (3), Jo Inge Berget (3), Anders Konradssen (2), Thomas Rogne (2), Marcus Pedersen (2), Fredrik Semb Berge (2), Yann-Erik de Lanlay (2), Håvard Nielsen (2)

Players with previous U21 tournament experience

None

Most capped player

All-time: Tommy Svindal Larsen (41)

Current: Harmeet Singh (37)

Leading scorer

All time: Trond Fredrik Ludvigsen (16)

Current: Marcus Pedersen (7)

Biggest wins

Final tournament:

England 1-3 Norway, 08/06/2013

Group stage, Ha Moshava, Petah Tikva

Norway 2-0 Netherlands, 31/05/1998

Third-place play-off, Cotroceni, Bucharest

Qualifying:

Norway 6-0 Italy 05/06/1991

1992 qualifying group stage, Viking stadion, Stavanger

Heaviest defeats

Final tournament:

Spain 1-0 Norway 27/05/1998

Semi-final, Cotroceni, Bucharest

Qualifying:

England 6-0 Norway 06/09/1977

1978 qualifying group stage, Goldstone Ground, Brighton

Squad list

Spain

No	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season				Overall	
						Qual.		FT		U21	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers											
1	David de Gea	07/11/90	22	Manchester United FC	-	9	-	3	-	23	-
13	Diego Mariño	09/05/90	23	Villarreal CF	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
23	Joel	17/06/90	22	Wigan Athletic FC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders											
2	Martín Montoya	14/04/91	22	FC Barcelona	-	8	1	2	-	15	1
4	Nacho	18/01/90	23	Real Madrid CF	-	1	-	1	-	2	-
5	Marc Bartra	15/01/91	22	FC Barcelona	-	8	2	2	-	10	2
6	Iñigo Martínez	17/05/91	22	Real Sociedad de Fútbol	-	7	-	3	-	10	-
15	Marc Muniesa	27/03/92	21	FC Barcelona	-	2	-	1	-	3	-
16	Álvaro	08/01/90	23	Real Zaragoza	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
18	Alberto Moreno	05/07/92	20	Sevilla FC	-	-	-	2	-	2	-
20	Daniel Carvajal	11/01/92	21	Bayer 04 Leverkusen	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
Midfielders											
3	Asier Illarramendi	08/03/90	23	Real Sociedad de Fútbol	-	7	-	3	-	10	-
7	Sergio Canales	16/02/91	22	Valencia CF	-	3	3	1	-	7	5
8	Koke	08/01/92	21	Club Atlético de Madrid	-	5	1	2	-	7	1
10	Thiago Alcántara	11/04/91	22	FC Barcelona	-	2	1	3	-	14	2
14	Ignacio Camacho	04/05/90	23	Málaga CF	-	1	-	2	-	3	-
17	Pablo Sarabia	11/05/92	21	Getafe CF	-	7	2	1	-	8	2
22	Isco	21/04/92	21	Málaga CF	-	10	6	3	1	13	7
Forwards											
9	Rodrigo	06/03/91	22	SL Benfica	-	9	11	2	-	11	11
11	Cristian Tello	11/08/91	21	FC Barcelona	-	5	-	2	-	7	-
12	Álvaro Morata	23/10/92	20	Real Madrid CF	-	-	-	3	3	3	3
19	Iker Muniain	19/12/92	20	Athletic Club	-	7	2	3	-	14	2
21	Álvaro Vázquez	27/04/91	22	Getafe CF	-	9	5	1	1	10	6
Coach											
-	Julen Lopetegui	28/08/66	46	-	-	4	-	3	-	7	-

Norway

No	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season				Overall	
						Qual.		FT		U21	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers											
1	Arlid Østbø	19/04/91	22	Viking FK	-	7	-	1	-	9	-
12	Orjan Nyland Haskjold	10/09/90	22	Molde FK	-	1	-	2	-	3	-
23	Gudmund Kongshavn	23/01/91	22	Vålerenga Fotball	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders											
2	Martin Lennes	20/09/91	21	Molde FK	-	-	-	3	-	3	-
3	Thomas Rogne	29/06/90	22	Celtic FC	-	7	2	2	-	12	2
4	Stefan Strandberg	25/07/90	22	Rosenborg BK	-	10	-	3	1	15	1
5	Vegar Hedenstad	26/06/91	21	SC Freiburg	-	10	-	2	-	13	-
6	Omar Elabdellaoui	05/12/91	21	TSV Eintracht Braunschweig	-	5	-	2	-	7	-
14	Fredrik Semb Berge	06/02/90	23	Odd Grenland	-	3	-	2	1	6	1
Midfielders											
7	Harmeet Singh	12/11/90	22	Feyenoord	-	10	2	2	1	19	4
9	Valon Berisha	07/02/93	20	FC Salzburg	-	6	1	1	-	7	1
13	Markus Henriksen	25/07/92	20	AZ Alkmaar	-	4	1	1	-	6	2
15	Håvard Nordtveit	21/06/90	22	VfL Borussia Mönchengladbach	-	4	-	2	-	13	-
16	Yann-Erik de Lanlay	14/05/92	21	Viking FK	-	6	1	2	-	8	1
17	Anders Konradssen	18/07/90	22	Stade Rennais FC	-	9	1	2	-	11	1
18	Magnus Eikrem	08/08/90	22	Molde FK	-	3	1	2	1	5	2
20	Stefan Johansen	08/01/91	22	Strømsgodset IF	-	2	-	2	-	4	-
22	Abdissalam Ibrahim	01/05/91	22	Strømsgodset IF	-	-	-	2	-	3	-
Forwards											
8	Jo Inge Berget	11/09/90	22	Molde FK	-	7	2	2	1	12	5
10	Marcus Pedersen	08/06/90	23	Vitesse	-	7	2	2	1	10	3
11	Håvard Nielsen	15/07/93	19	FC Salzburg	-	4	1	3	-	7	1
19	Flamur Kastrati	14/11/91	21	FC Erzgebirge Aue	-	3	-	1	-	4	-
21	Joshua King	15/01/92	21	Blackburn Rovers FC	-	4	1	1	-	5	1
Coach											
-	Tor Ole Skullerud	10/12/70	42	-	-	-	-	3	-	6	-

Head coach

Spain: Julen Lopetegui

Date of birth: 28 August 1966

Nationality: Spanish

Playing career: San Sebastián CF, Castilla CF, UD Las Palmas, Real Madrid CF, CD Logroñés, FC Barcelona, Rayo Vallecano de Madrid, Spain

Coaching career: Rayo Vallecano de Madrid, Real Madrid Castilla, Spain Under-19s, Spain Under-20s, Spain Under-21s

- A native of the Basque country, Lopetegui's promising goalkeeping performances for Real Sociedad de Fútbol's youth sides led to a move to Real Madrid where he joined the club's youth ranks aged 19. He made it into the senior squad at Madrid but, starved of first team opportunities, made the switch to Logroñés where he made 107 Spanish top-flight appearances over three seasons.
- Those displays earned him a move to FC Barcelona but again found playing time hard to come by, prompting a transfer to Rayo Vallecano where he played 112 times until his retirement in 2002. He earned one senior international cap during his playing career and was part of Spain's 1994 FIFA World Cup squad.
- Following coaching roles with Real Madrid Castilla and a short spell in charge at Rayo, Lopetegui joined the Royal Spanish Football Federation (RFEF) in 2010 and led the U19s to the following year's European title in Romania before taking the U20s to the quarter-finals of the FIFA U-20 World Cup in Colombia. Took over the U21 helm from Luis Milla in August 2012, guiding the holders to the Israel finals.

Norway: Tor Ole Skullerud

Date of birth: 10 December 1970

Nationality: Norwegian

Playing career: Kongsvinger IL, IF Ready, SK Frigg, Grue IL, Ullern IF

Coaching career: Ullern IF, Bærum SK, Norway Under-18s, Norway Under-19s, Vålerenga Fotball, Norway Under-21s (assistant coach), Norway Under-21s

- Having plied his trade as a midfielder in the lower reaches of Norwegian football, Skullerud turned his hand to coaching at Ullern. He consequently steered Bærum to promotion to Norway's elite division in 2002 at the tender age of 31.
- Negotiated Norway's safe passage to the UEFA European U19 Championship three years later and was rewarded with the Vålerenga job in 2008. The club lifted the Norwegian Cup by overwhelming Stabæk Fotball 4-1 in the final, but Skullerud resigned the following season, citing a string of poor results as reason for his departure.
- Became Per Joar Hansen's assistant in the Norway U21 set-up in 2010, and continued in that role as they qualified for this summer's finals in Israel, courtesy of a 5-4 aggregate defeat of France in the play-offs.
- When Hansen left for Rosenborg BK in early 2013, Skullerud was chosen to fill the void. "I'm really looking forward to working with this great group of players that have shown a great togetherness," he said, on accepting the role.

Match officials

Referee	Serhiy Boiko (UKR)
Assistant referees	Ivo Kolev (BUL), Alan Mulvanny (SCO)
Additional assistant referees	Sébastien Delferiere (BEL), Ilias Spathas (GRE)
Fourth official	Vencel Tóth (HUN)
UEFA Delegate	Petr Fousek (CZE)
UEFA Referee observer	Haim Jakov (ISR)

Referee

Name	Date of birth	Under-21 matches
Serhiy Boiko	30/06/1977	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	England	Norway	1-3	Petah Tikva
08/06/13	U21	GS	England	Norway	1-3	Petah Tikva

Other matches

Date	Competition	Stage	Home	Away	Result	Venue
07/10/11	U21	QR	FYROM	Serbia	1-1	Skopje
11/06/13	U21	GS	Israel	England	1-0	Jerusalem
07/10/11	U21	QR	FYROM	Serbia	1-1	Skopje
11/06/13	U21	GS	Israel	England	1-0	Jerusalem

Match-by-match lineups

Spain

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)

Spain 1-0 Russia

Goals: 1-0 Morata 82

Spain: De Gea, Montoya, Illarramendi, Bartra, Iñigo Martínez, Rodrigo (Canales 78), Thiago Alcántara, Tello (Koke 85), Moreno, Muniain (Morata 63), Isco

Matchday 2 (09/06/13)

Germany 0-1 Spain

Goals: 0-1 Morata 86

Spain: De Gea, Montoya, Illarramendi, Bartra, Iñigo Martínez, Koke, Rodrigo (Morata 73), Thiago Alcántara, Tello (Muniain 85), Moreno, Isco (Camacho 89)

Matchday 3 (12/06/13)

Spain 3-0 Netherlands

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

Spain: De Gea, Nacho, Iñigo Martínez, Thiago Alcántara (Marc Muniesa 79), Morata, Camacho (Illarramendi 52), Álvaro, Sarabia, Muniain, Carvajal, Isco (Álvaro Vázquez 62)

Norway

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)

Israel 2-2 Norway

Goals: 1-0 Biton 16(pen), 1-1 Pedersen 24, 2-1 Turgeman 71, 2-2 Singh 90+1

Norway: Nyland Haskjold, Strandberg, Hedenstad, Elabdellaoui, Berget (Nielsen 76), Pedersen, Semb Berge, de Lanlay (Linnes 46), Konradssen (Singh 76), Eikrem, Johansen

Matchday 2 (08/06/13)

England 1-3 Norway

Goals: 0-1 Semb Berge 15, 0-2 Berget 34, 0-3 Eikrem 52, 1-3 Dawson 57(pen)

Norway: Nyland Haskjold, Rogne (Nordtveit 83), Strandberg, Elabdellaoui, Singh, Berget, Pedersen, Nielsen, Semb Berge (Linnes 57), Eikrem (Ibrahim 68), Johansen

Matchday 3 (11/06/13)

Norway 1-1 Italy

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

Norway: Østbø, Linnes, Rogne (Strandberg 54), Hedenstad, Berisha, Nielsen (Kastrati 60), Henriksen, Nordtveit, de Lanlay, Konradssen, King (Ibrahim 74)

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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