

UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP - 2013/15 SEASON MATCH PRESS KITS



Italy

City Stadium - Uherske Hradiste

Sunday 21 June 2015
20.45CET (20.45 local time)
Group B - Matchday 2



Portugal

Last updated 29/06/2017 11:13CET

UEFA UNDER 21 OFFICIAL SPONSORS



Previous meetings	2
Match background	4
Squad list	6
Match officials	8
Competition facts	9
Match-by-match lineups	12
Team facts	16
Legend	19



Previous meetings

Head to Head

UEFA European Under-21 Championship

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
21/06/2007	3rdPO	Portugal - Italy	0-0 (aet, 3-4pens)	Nijmegen	

UEFA European Under-21 Championship

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
05/06/2004	SF	Italy - Portugal	3-1	Bochum	Gilardino 19, 77, Pinzi 24; Pedro Oliveira 28

UEFA European Under-21 Championship

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
17/05/2002	GS-FT	Italy - Portugal	1-1	Basel	Bonazzoli 57; Hélder Postiga 48

UEFA European Under-21 Championship

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
27/03/1996	QF	Italy - Portugal	2-0 agg: 2-1	Palermo	Vieri 40, Tommasi 55
13/03/1996	QF	Portugal - Italy	1-0	Lisbon	Porfirio 19

UEFA European Under-21 Championship

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
20/04/1994	F	Italy - Portugal	1-0 gg	Montpellier	Orlandini 97 ET
18/11/1993	QR (GS)	Italy - Portugal	2-1	Padova	Muzzi 11, Vieri 42; Soares Gama 36
23/02/1993	QR (GS)	Portugal - Italy	2-0	Braga	Jorge Costa 54, Soares Gama 60

UEFA European Under-21 Championship

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
02/12/1987	QR (GS)	Italy - Portugal	6-0	Piacenza	Benedetti 2, Maldini 51, Rizzitelli 55, Berti 84, 86, 89
11/02/1987	QR (GS)	Portugal - Italy	1-2	Lisbon	Barros 89; Maldini 50, Lerda 69

UEFA European Under-21 Championship

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
12/10/1977	QR (GS)	Italy - Portugal	4-1	Vicenza	Garritano 14, Giordano 37, Gomes 75 (og), Rossi 78 (P); Gomes 47
23/12/1976	QR (GS)	Portugal - Italy	1-0		Collovati 67 (og)

	Qualifying								Final tournament				Total					
	Home				Away													
	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
Total																		
Italy	3	3	0	0	3	1	0	2	7	3	3	1	13	7	3	3	21	9
Portugal	3	2	0	1	3	0	0	3	7	1	3	3	13	3	3	7	9	21

Match background

Three days on from facing Sweden, their first UEFA European Under-21 Championship final victims from 1992, Italy now play the team they beat to retain the trophy two years later, Portugal, in their second Group B fixture.

- Italy began their Group B campaign with a 2-1 loss to Sweden on Thursday. They trail Sunday's opponents by three points after João Mário scored the only goal on 57 minutes as Portugal defeated England later the same day.
- The four semi-finalists in the Czech Republic will qualify for next summer's Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro. Should England reach the last four, the two third-placed teams will contest a play-off on 28 June to take their place.

Previous meetings

• This will be their 13th match in this competition, the most important coming in 1994 when Italy faced Portugal in the first one-off final.

• Italy were the holders having beaten Sweden two years earlier, and in a final packed with future stars overcame Portugal 1-0 in Montpellier thanks to an extra-time winner from substitute Pierluigi Orlandini.

• The teams at the Stade de la Mosson on 20 April 1994 were:

Italy: Toldo; Cannavaro, Colonnese, Panucci, Berretta, Cherubini, F Inzaghi (Orlandini 84), Marcolin, Scarchilli, Carbibem, Muzzi.

Portugal: Brassard; Néelson, Bento, J Costa, Torres, Xavier, Figo, Pinto, Toni (Sá Pinto 79), R Costa, Capucho.

- Fernando Brassard, the losing goalkeeper that night, is Portugal's Under-21 goalkeeping coach.
- The teams had also met in qualifying, including Italy's 2-1 home win against Portugal on 18 November 1993 in Padova when Rui Jorge was sent off.
- The current Portugal coach also played in both legs of their 1996 quarter-final when his side won 1-0 in Lisbon but lost 2-0 in Palermo.
- Their most recent meeting at this level was in the 2007 fifth-place play-off to decide Olympic qualification. After a 0-0 draw in Nijmegen, Pierluigi Casiraghi's Italy won 4-3 on penalties to earn a ticket to the Beijing Olympics, where they reached the quarter-finals.

• With Italy striker Giuseppe Rossi shown a second yellow card in the 74th minute, successful spot kicks from Graziano Pellè, Riccardo Montolivo, Domenico Criscito and Raffaele Palladino gave Italy a shoot-out win. João Moutinho, Nani and Miguel Veloso scored for Portugal, but Manuel Fernandes and Antunes missed.

• The teams at the Gofferstadion on 21 June 2007 were:

Portugal: Ribeiro; Pereira (Djaló 106), Da Costa (Rolando 85), Antunes, Semedo, Veloso, Fernandes, Moutinho, Nani, Varela, Vaz Tê (Moreira 70).

Italy: Viviano; Andreolli, Chiellini, Criscito, Nocerino, Motta, Montolivo, Aquilani, Rosina (Palladino 61), Rossi, Pazzini (Pellè 55).

- In other finals meetings, Italy beat Portugal 3-1 in the 2004 semi-finals in Bochum on their way to their fifth title. Two years before, they had drawn 1-1 in the group stage in Basle in their opening game, the Azzurrini eventually to progress.
- Of 12 previous competitive meetings, Italy have won seven to Portugal's three with two draws. The goal tally to Italy is 21-9, including the 6-0 win in Piacenza in December 1987 that remains Portugal's record competitive U21 defeat.
- Including friendlies, Italy have beaten Portugal nine times in 15 fixtures, losing three and drawing three. Italy have scored 26 goals to Portugal's 11.

Match background

- Italy's record haul of five titles came in 1992, 1994, 1996, 2000 and 2004.
- They were also runners-up in 1986 and 2013 and made the semi-finals in 1984, 2002 and 2009. Their only group exits were in 2006 and 2007.
- Portugal's best run was to the 1994 final. They finished third in 2004 and went out in the group stage in 2002, 2006 and 2007, their most recent qualification.
- Coaches Luigi di Biagio and Rui Jorge met in the 2002/03 UEFA Champions League third qualifying round. Jorge's Sporting were held 0-0 at home then lost 2-0 away to an Inter side for whom Di Biagio scored.

Coach profiles

Italy: Luigi Di Biagio

Born 03/06/71

Di Biagio was promoted from his role as Italy U20 boss in June 2013, replacing Devis Mangia. The erstwhile Roma

and Inter midfielder was in the Azzurri team beaten by David Trezeguet's golden goal for France in the UEFA EURO 2000 final in Rotterdam.

Portugal: Rui Jorge

Born 27/03/73

Jorge succeeded Oceano Cruz in November 2010. The one-time Porto, Rio Ave, Sporting and Belenenses left-back made 45 appearances for his country, including one at UEFA EURO 2004 on home soil and three at the FIFA World Cup two years earlier.

Form guide

• Italy

Last five games (most recent first): LLDWL

Qualifying top scorer: Andrea Belotti (6)

• Portugal

Last five games (most recent first): WLDLW

Qualifying top scorer: Ricardo (5)

Italy latest

- Italy midfielder Stefano Sturaro was handed a three-match ban on Saturday following his dismissal for pushing Sweden's Filip Helander in the face on Thursday. The Juventus midfielder told the Italian media on Friday afternoon: "I have apologised to my team-mates for the red card. It was a huge mistake and I surprised myself with what I did."
- Although Italy are the only U21 EURO squad without a senior international, Sturaro is one of three players with UEFA Champions League experience. The others are Lorenzo Crisetig (2011/12 group stage for Inter against CSKA Moskva) and Cristiano Biraghi (2010/11 group stage for Inter against Twente).
- The players who did not feature in the opening 2-1 defeat by Sweden took part in a full training session on Friday, while those who did participated in a low-key warm down.
- Francesco Bardi, Matteo Bianchetti and Federico Viviani were booked on matchday one and will be suspended if they receive another yellow card against Portugal.

Portugal latest

- The squad got together for an official photograph on the morning after the England victory before Rúben Neves, the youngest player at the finals, spoke at a press conference. The ensuing training session was open to the media and fans.
- One of those supporters was a disabled Czech teenager Daniel, a huge fan of Portuguese football and Cristiano Ronaldo in particular. The 18-year-old local met his two favourite players, Paulo Oliveira and Ricardo, who posed for photos and presented the visitor with a souvenir.
- Ivan Cavaleiro suffered a blow on his right leg against England and missed Friday's training session. Medical staff confirmed that the Deportivo La Coruña winger is a doubt to face Italy.
- Bernardo Silva may have been the man of the match on Thursday, but William Carvalho also received plenty of praise on social media for his impressive display – particularly from fans of English Premier League clubs keen for their team to sign the Sporting midfielder.
- Tiago Ilori had the support of his father Kola, an Englishman of Nigerian descent, who was in Uherske Hradiste on Thursday to watch the match alongside his other son, Ricardo. It was a special win for the Ilori family considering Tiago was born in London.
- João Mário and Bernardo were booked on matchday one and will be suspended if they receive another yellow card against Italy.

Squad list

Italy

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season				Overall	
						Qual.		FT		Team	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers											
1	Francesco Bardi	18/01/1992	23	Chievo	-	10	0	1	0	22	-
14	Marco Sportiello	10/05/1992	23	Atalanta	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
20	Nicola Leali	17/02/1993	22	Cesena	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
Defenders											
2	Stefano Sabelli	13/01/1993	22	Bari	-	4	0	1	0	5	-
3	Cristiano Biraghi	01/09/1992	22	Chievo	-	6	0	0	0	8	-
5	Daniele Rugani	29/07/1994	20	Empoli	-	4	2	1	0	5	2
6	Alessio Romagnoli	12/01/1995	20	Sampdoria	-	1	0	0	0	1	-
12	Federico Barba	01/09/1993	21	Empoli	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
13	Matteo Bianchetti	17/03/1993	22	Spezia	-	9	0	1	0	14	-
17	Armando Izzo	02/03/1992	23	Genoa	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
22	Davide Zappacosta	11/06/1992	23	Atalanta	-	9	0	1	0	10	-
Midfielders											
4	Lorenzo Crisetig	20/01/1993	22	Cagliari	-	5	0	0	0	5	-
7	Federico Viviani	24/03/1992	23	Latina	-	7	1	1	0	11	2
8	Stefano Sturaro	09/03/1993	22	Juventus	-	2	1	1	0	3	1
15	Marco Benassi	08/09/1994	20	Torino	-	2	0	0	0	2	-
16	Daniele Baselli	12/03/1992	23	Atalanta	-	7	0	1	0	8	-
18	Christian Battocchio	10/02/1992	23	Entella Chiavari	-	10	2	1	0	11	2
21	Danilo Cataldi	06/08/1994	20	Lazio	-	1	0	1	0	2	-
Forwards											
9	Andrea Belotti	20/12/1993	21	Palermo	-	9	6	1	0	10	6
10	Domenico Berardi	01/08/1994	20	Sassuolo	-	4	1	1	1	5	2
11	Federico Bernardeschi	16/02/1994	21	Fiorentina	-	5	2	0	0	5	2
19	Marcello Trotta	29/09/1992	22	Avellino	-	1	1	1	0	2	1
23	Simone Verdi	12/07/1992	22	Empoli	-	0	0	1	0	1	-
Coach											
-	Luigi Di Biagio	03/06/1971	44		-	10	0	1	0	11	-

Portugal

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season				Overall	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers											
1	José Sá	17/01/1993	22	Marítimo	-	9	0	1	0	10	-
12	Daniel Fernandes	13/11/1992	22	Osnabrück	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
22	Bruno Varela	04/11/1994	20	Benfica	-	1	0	0	0	1	-
Defenders											
2	Ricardo Esgaio	16/05/1993	22	Académica	-	9	2	1	0	10	2
3	Tiago Ilori	26/02/1993	22	Liverpool	-	4	1	1	0	5	1
4	Paulo Oliveira	08/01/1992	23	Sporting CP	-	10	0	1	0	11	-
5	Raphael Guerreiro	22/12/1993	21	Lorient	-	6	0	1	0	7	-
13	João Cancelo	27/05/1994	21	Valencia	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
14	Tobias Figueiredo	02/02/1994	21	Sporting CP	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
15	Frederico Venâncio	04/02/1993	22	Setúbal	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
Midfielders											
6	William Carvalho	07/04/1992	23	Sporting CP	-	3	2	1	0	4	2
7	Rafa Silva	17/05/1993	22	Braga	-	7	2	0	0	7	2
8	Sérgio Oliveira	02/06/1992	23	Paços Ferreira	-	8	2	1	0	9	2
10	Bernardo Silva	10/08/1994	20	Monaco	-	7	4	1	0	8	4
16	Rúben Neves	13/03/1997	18	Porto	-	3	1	1	0	4	1
20	Tozé	14/01/1993	22	Estoril	-	5	0	0	0	5	-
23	João Mário	19/01/1993	22	Sporting CP	-	6	0	1	1	7	1
Forwards											
9	Gonçalo Paciência	01/08/1994	20	Porto	-	3	0	0	0	3	-
11	Iuri Medeiros	10/07/1994	20	Arouca	-	3	0	1	0	4	-
17	Carlos Mané	11/03/1994	21	Sporting CP	-	6	2	1	0	7	2
18	Ivan Cavaleiro	18/10/1993	21	Deportivo	-	7	3	1	0	8	3
19	Ricardo Horta	15/09/1994	20	Málaga	-	2	0	0	0	2	-
21	Ricardo	06/10/1993	21	Porto	-	10	5	1	0	11	5
Coach											
-	Rui Jorge	27/03/1973	42		-	10	0	1	0	19	-

Match officials

Referee	Szymon Marciniak (POL)
Assistant referees	Paweł Sokolnicki (POL) , Tomasz Listkiewicz (POL)
Additional assistant referees	Paweł Raczkowski (POL) , Tomasz Musiał (POL)
Fourth official	Jan Paták (CZE)
UEFA Delegate	Martin Sturkenboom (NED)
UEFA Referee observer	Vladimir Sajn (SVN)

Referee

Name	Date of birth	Under-21 matches	UEFA matches
Szymon Marciniak	07/01/1981	4	33

Szymon Marciniak

Referee since: 2002

First division: 2009

FIFA badge: 2011

Tournaments: 2015 UEFA European Under-21 Championship

Finals

N/A

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

No such matches refereed

Other matches involving teams from either of the two countries involved in this match

Date	Competition	Stage reached	Home	Away	Result	Venue
12/10/2011	U17	QR	Italy	Denmark	1-4	Hvidovre
11/09/2012	WC	QR	Portugal	Azerbaijan	3-0	Braga
04/10/2012	UEL	GS	SS Lazio	NK Maribor	1-0	Rome
25/10/2012	UEL	GS	KRC Genk	Sporting Clube de Portugal	2-1	Genk
03/10/2013	UEL	GS	FC Dnipro Dnipropetrovsk	ACF Fiorentina	1-2	Dnipropetrovsk
27/02/2014	UEL	R32	SL Benfica	PAOK FC	3-0	Lisbon
16/09/2014	UCL	GS	Juventus	Malmö FF	2-0	Turin
11/10/2014	FRIE.	R1	France	Portugal	2-1	Saint-Denis
22/10/2014	UCL	GS	AS Monaco FC	SL Benfica	0-0	Monaco
12/03/2015	UEL	R16	VfL Wolfsburg	FC Internazionale Milano	3-1	Wolfsburg
16/04/2015	UEL	QF	FC Dynamo Kyiv	ACF Fiorentina	1-1	Kyiv

Competition facts

Under-21 historical statistics (competitive matches)

Champions (hosts)

2013: Spain 4-2 Italy (Israel) *
2011: Spain 2-0 Switzerland (Denmark) *
2009: Germany 4-0 England (Sweden) *
2007: Netherlands 4-1 Serbia (Netherlands) *
2006: Netherlands 3-0 Ukraine (Portugal) *
2004: Italy 3-0 Serbia and Montenegro (Germany) *
2002: Czech Republic 0-0 France (Czech Rep won 3-1 on pens; Switzerland) *
2000: Italy 2-1 Czech Republic (Slovakia)
1998: Spain 1-0 Greece (Romania)
1996: Italy 1-1 Spain (Italy won 4-2 on pens; Spain)
1994: Italy 1-0 Portugal (aet; France)
1992 Italy
1990 USSR
1988 France
1986 Spain
1984 England
1982 England
1980 USSR
1978 Yugoslavia

*Current format

Finals contested up to, and including 1992, were over two legs.

Final statistics

- In 2007 the Netherlands became the first team to win the competition on home territory since the switch to a new format in 1994. Until then the final had been decided on a two-legged basis. Spain came closest in 1996, reaching the final where they lost on penalties to Italy.
- Since the 1992-94 change Italy have won four finals, the 2013 loss to Spain their first final reverse. The only other sides to have won it more than once are Spain (1998, 2011, 2013) and the Netherlands (2006, 2007).
- There have been three-goal wins in four out of the last six showpieces. The 2013 edition was the highest-scoring single-match final as Thiago Alcántara's hat-trick helped Spain defeat Italy 4-2 in Jerusalem.
- Seven red cards have been issued in single-match finals, Serbia's Aleksandar Kolarov the latest addition to that list after seeing red in 2007.
- Thiago's 2013 hat-trick was the first since 1994's move to one-off game; Andrea Pirlo, Klaas-Jan Huntelaar and Sandro Wagner all scored twice in a one-off match. Prior to that Gary Owen (England 1982), Franck Sauzée (France 1988) and Andrei Sidelnikov (USSR 1990) had all scored twice in one leg of a final.
- Vahid Halilhodžić (for Yugoslavia v East Germany 1978) and Pierre Littbarski (for West Germany v England 1982) are the other players to have scored a final hat-trick. Eight years later Littbarski claimed the 1990 World Cup, beating England in the semi-finals.
- Since the single-match finals began, two have ended in penalty shoot-outs, with nine-man Italy triumphing 4-2 in the 1996 final against Spain. The Czech Republic did likewise, prevailing 3-1 over France in 2002 following the only final to date to end in a goalless draw.
- Only the 1994 final has been decided in extra time, substitute Pierluigi Orlandini winning it for Italy against Portugal with the only goal of the game in the 97th minute.
- Ten players have won the European U21 title twice: Danny Thomas (England 1982 and 1984), Dario Marcolin and Roberto Muzzi (Italy 1992, 1994), Fabio Cannavaro and Christian Panucci (Italy 1994, 1996), Kenneth Vermeer, Arnold Kruiswijk, Daniël de Ridder, Ron Vlaar and Haris Medunjanin (Netherlands 2006, 2007) and David de Gea, Thiago Alcántara, Martín Montoya, Iker Muniain and Diego Marifó (Spain 2011, 2013).
- The fulcrum of Italy's 2006 FIFA World Cup winning squad had also been involved in U21 final victories: Cannavaro (1994 and 1996), Filippo Inzaghi (1994), Francesco Totti and Alessandro Nesta (1996), Andrea Pirlo and Gennaro Gattuso (2000) and Marco Amelia, Daniele De Rossi, Alberto Gilardino and Andrea Barzagli (2004).

- Germany's victorious 2014 World Cup squad included six members of the squad that lifted the 2009 U21 title in Sweden: Manuel Neuer, Benedikt Höwedes, Mats Hummels, Jérôme Boateng, Sami Khedira and Mesut Özil.
- Laurent Blanc was the first player to achieve the treble of a U21 title (1988), a FIFA World Cup winners medal (1998) and a UEFA European Championship victory (2000). Spain duo Juan Mata and Javi Martínez were the next players to do so after glory at the 2010 World Cup, U21s in Denmark in 2011 and UEFA EURO 2012.

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), Álvaro Morata (Spain, 2013)

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), Isco (Spain, 2013), Thiago Alcántara (Spain, 2013)

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

2013: 13 Rodrigo (Spain)

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

Group stage, Tehelné Pole Stadium, Bratislava

Final

4-0: Germany v England 29/06/2009

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

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

Final, Olímpico de Montjuïc, Barcelona

Match-by-match lineups

Italy

Under-21 - Qualifying round

Group 9

Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Italy	8	6	0	2	19	7	18
Serbia	8	5	1	2	18	10	16
Belgium	8	5	1	2	15	7	16
Cyprus	8	2	0	6	7	21	6
Northern Ireland	8	1	0	7	3	17	3

(05/09/2013)

Italy 1-3 Belgium

Goals: 1-0 Battocchio 39, 1-1 Hazard 47, 1-2 Malanda 52, 1-3 Ferreira-Carrasco 90+2

Italy: Bardi, Sabelli (75 Zappacosta), Liviero, Baselli, Bianchetti, Di Lorenzo, Molina, Gatto (64 Longo), Belotti, Battocchio, Piscitella (56 Improta)

(09/09/2013)

Cyprus 0-2 Italy

Goals: 0-1 Fedato 67, 0-2 Improta 90+3

Italy: Bardi, Zappacosta, Frascatore, Baselli, Bianchetti, Di Lorenzo, Fossati (46 Fedato), Crisetig (59 Improta), Belotti (75 Molina), Battocchio, Longo

(14/10/2013)

Belgium 0-1 Italy

Goals: 0-1 Battocchio 4

Italy: Bardi, Zappacosta, Biraghi, Baselli, Bianchetti, Antei, Fossati, Viviani, Belotti (74 Longo), Battocchio (81 Improta), Rozzi (53 Molina)

(14/11/2013)

Italy 3-0 Northern Ireland

Goals: 1-0 Viviani 26, 2-0 Rozzi 86, 3-0 Belotti 88

Italy: Bardi, Zappacosta, Biraghi, Baselli, Bianchetti, Antei, Fossati (64 Molina), Viviani, Belotti, Battocchio (85 Rozzi), Politano (54 Fedato)

(19/11/2013)

Serbia 1-0 Italy

Goals: 1-0 Čaušić 60

Italy: Bardi, Zappacosta, Biraghi, Baselli, Bianchetti, Antei, Molina (72 Pettinari), Viviani, Belotti, Battocchio (84 Fedato), Rozzi (56 Fossati)

(05/03/2014)

Northern Ireland 0-2 Italy

Goals: 0-1 Rugani 59, 0-2 Trotta 89

Italy: Bardi, Sabelli, Murru, Molina (56 Trotta), Rugani, Romagnoli, Cataldi, Viviani, Comi (73 Dezi), Battocchio, Bernardeschi (85 De Col)

(05/09/2014)

Italy 3-2 Serbia

Goals: 0-1 Pešić 8, 0-2 Pešić 13, 1-2 Belotti 23, 2-2 Belotti 45+4 (P), 3-2 Berardi 75

Italy: Bardi, Zappacosta, Biraghi, Sturaro, Bianchetti, Antei, Battocchio (90 Sabelli), Crisetig, Belotti, Berardi (86 Benassi), Longo (65 Bernardeschi)

(09/09/2014)

Italy 7-1 Cyprus

Goals: 0-1 Sotiriou 29, 1-1 Bernardeschi 42, 2-1 A. Panayiotou 45+2 (og), 3-1 Sturaro 56, 4-1 Belotti 62, 5-1 Dezi 70, 6-1 Longo 76, 7-1 Rugani 80

Italy: Bardi, Zappacosta, Sabelli, Viviani (74 Crisetig), Bianchetti, Rugani, Battocchio, Sturaro, Belotti (64 Longo), Berardi (60 Dezi), Bernardeschi

Play-off

(10/10/2014)

Slovakia 1-1 Italy

Goals: 0-1 Belotti 54, 1-1 Zrelák 69

Italy: Bardi, Zappacosta, Biraghi, Baselli (70 Crisetig), Bianchetti, Rugani, Battocchio, Viviani, Belotti (88 Longo), Berardi, Bernardeschi (60 Molina)

(14/10/2014)

Italy 3-1 Slovakia (agg: 4-2)

Goals: 1-0 Bernardeschi 5, 2-0 Belotti 15 (P) , 2-1 Lobotka 63, 3-1 Longo 90

Italy: Bardi, Zappacosta, Biraghi, Crisetig, Bianchetti, Rugani, Battocchio, Viviani (54 Benassi), Belotti (77 Longo), Berardi (86 Baselli), Bernardeschi

Group stage – final tournament

Group B

Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Sweden	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Portugal	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Italy	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
England	1	0	0	1	0	1	0

Matchday 1 (18/06/2015)

Italy 1-2 Sweden

Goals: 1-0 Berardi 29 (P) , 1-1 Guidetti 56, 1-2 Kiese Thelin 86 (P)

Italy: Bardi, Sabelli, Rugani, Viviani, Sturaro, Belotti (78 Trotta), Berardi, Bianchetti, Baselli (69 Cataldi), Battocchio (61 Verdi), Zappacosta

Matchday 2 (21/06/2015)

Italy-Portugal

Matchday 3 (24/06/2015)

England-Italy

Portugal

Under-21 - Qualifying round

Group 8

Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Portugal	8	8	0	0	22	6	24
Israel	8	5	0	3	22	15	15
Norway	8	3	0	5	11	19	9
Azerbaijan	8	2	1	5	9	15	7
FYR Macedonia	8	1	1	6	4	13	4

(05/09/2013)

Portugal 5-1 Norway

Goals: 0-1 Bakenga 15 (P) , 1-1 Betinho 30, 2-1 Ivan Cavaleiro 35, 3-1 Sérgio Oliveira 45+1, 4-1 William Carvalho 63 (P) , 5-1 Ricardo 78

Portugal: José Sá, João Amorim, Luís Martins, Paulo Oliveira, Josué, William Carvalho, Rafa Silva (79 Tiago Silva), André Gomes, Ivan Cavaleiro, Betinho (66 Ricardo), Sérgio Oliveira (74 João Mário)

(10/10/2013)

Portugal 3-0 Israel

Goals: 1-0 William Carvalho 15, 2-0 Bruma 45, 3-0 Twatha 78 (og)

Portugal: José Sá, Tiago Ilori, Paulo Oliveira, Luís Martins, Ricardo Esgaio, William Carvalho, Rafa Silva, João Mário (64 Tiago Silva), Ivan Cavaleiro, Sérgio Oliveira (75 Tozé), Bruma (81 Ricardo)

(15/10/2013)

Azerbaijan 0-2 Portugal

Goals: 0-1 Rafa Silva 53, 0-2 Ivan Cavaleiro 64

Portugal: José Sá, Tiago Ilori, Paulo Oliveira, Ricardo Esgaio, William Carvalho, Rafa Silva, Raphael Guerreiro, Ricardo (65 Betinho), Tiago Silva (78 Luís Gustavo), Ivan Cavaleiro, Sérgio Oliveira (71 Bernardo Silva)

(18/11/2013)

Israel 3-4 Portugal

Goals: 1-0 Dabbur 9, 1-1 Ivan Cavaleiro 16, 2-1 Seba 55, 2-2 Ricardo 59, 2-3 Bernardo Silva 64, 3-3 Twatha 74, 3-4 Bernardo Silva 86

Portugal: José Sá, Tiago Ilori, Paulo Oliveira, Luís Martins, Luís Gustavo, Rafa Silva (69 Tozé), André Gomes, Sérgio Oliveira (46 Bernardo Silva), Ricardo Esgaio, Ivan Cavaleiro, Ricardo (78 Betinho)

(05/03/2014)

Portugal 2-0 FYR Macedonia

Goals: 1-0 Bernardo Silva 51, 2-0 Ricardo Esgaio 59 (P)

Portugal: José Sá, Rúben Vezo, Paulo Oliveira, Luís Martins, Ricardo Esgaio, Luís Gustavo, Carlos Mané (35 Ricardo), André Gomes (77 Sérgio Oliveira), Gonçalo Paciência, Bernardo Silva (68 Marcos Lopes), João Mário

(23/05/2014)

FYR Macedonia 0-1 Portugal

Goals: 0-1 Tiago Ilori 64

Portugal: José Sá, Ricardo Esgaio, Tiago Ilori, Paulo Oliveira, Raphael Guerreiro, Luís Gustavo (57 Carlos Mané), André Gomes, Ivan Cavaleiro (46 Gonçalo Paciência), Bernardo Silva, Ricardo (75 Tozé), João Mário

(04/09/2014)

Norway 1-2 Portugal

Goals: 0-1 Carlos Mané 22, 0-2 Ricardo 62, 1-2 Bakenga 66

Portugal: Bruno Varela, Ricardo Esgaio, Miguel Rodrigues, Paulo Oliveira, Raphael Guerreiro, Sérgio Oliveira, Rafa Silva (56 Marcos Lopes), Gonçalo Paciência (41 Ricardo), Carlos Mané (79 Hélder Costa), Bernardo Silva, João Mário

(09/09/2014)

Portugal 3-1 Azerbaijan

Goals: 1-0 Rafa Silva 13, 1-1 Abatsiyev 55, 2-1 Edgar Lé 82, 3-1 Ricardo Esgaio 90+1 (P)

Portugal: José Sá, Ricardo Esgaio, Paulo Oliveira, Raphael Guerreiro, Rafa Silva (70 Carlos Mané), Edgar Lé, Rúben Neves, Iuri Medeiros (70 Tozé), Marcos Lopes, Ricardo, João Mário (59 Tomané)

Play-off

(09/10/2014)

Netherlands 0-2 Portugal

Goals: 0-1 Sérgio Oliveira 45+1 (P) , 0-2 Carlos Mané 82

Portugal: José Sá, Ricardo Esgaio, Paulo Oliveira, Raphael Guerreiro, Rúben Neves, Rafa Silva (73 Iuri Medeiros), Ivan Cavaleiro (61 Carlos Mané), Rúben Vezo, Sérgio Oliveira, Ricardo (78 Ricardo Horta), Bernardo Silva

(14/10/2014)

Portugal 5-4 Netherlands (agg: 7-4)

Goals: 1-0 Rúben Vezo 13, 1-1 Weghorst 15, 2-1 Rúben Neves 20, 2-2 Kongolo 45+2, 3-2 Ricardo 50, 3-3 Aké 64, 4-3 Ricardo 66, 5-3 Bernardo Silva 87, 5-4 Aké 89 (P)

Portugal: José Sá, Ricardo Esgaio, Paulo Oliveira, Raphael Guerreiro, Rúben Neves, Tozé (58 Iuri Medeiros), Ivan Cavaleiro (46 Carlos Mané), Rúben Vezo, Sérgio Oliveira, Ricardo (81 Ricardo Horta), Bernardo Silva

Group stage – final tournament

Matchday 1 (18/06/2015)

England 0-1 Portugal

Goals: 0-1 João Mário 57

Portugal: José Sá, Ricardo Esgaio, Tiago Ilori, Paulo Oliveira, Raphael Guerreiro, William Carvalho, Sérgio Oliveira, Bernardo Silva, Ivan Cavaleiro (73 Iuri Medeiros), Ricardo (79 Carlos Mané), João Mário (85 Rúben Neves)

Matchday 2 (21/06/2015)

Italy-Portugal

Matchday 3 (24/06/2015)

Portugal-Sweden

Team facts

Italy

Final tournament record

2013: runners-up
2011: did not qualify
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

2015 qualifying (including play-off)

P10 W7 D1 L2 F23 A9

Top scorers: Andrea Belotti (6)

Ever presents: Francesco Bardi, Christian Battocchio

Italy U21s capped at senior level

None

Players with previous U21 final tournament experience

Israel 2013: Francesco Bardi, Nicoa Leali, Matteo Bianchetti, Cristiano Biraghi

Most capped player

All-time: Andrea Pirlo (46)

Current: Francesco Bardi (36)

Leading scorer

All-time: Alberto Gilardino (19)

Current: Andrea Belotti (8)

Biggest wins

Final tournament

4-0: Italy v Israel, 08/06/13

Group stage, Bloomfield Stadium, Tel Aviv

Qualifying

8-1: Italy v Wales, 05/09/03

Qualifying group stage, Stadio Fortunato, Pavia

7-0: Italy v Liechtenstein, 06/09/12

Qualifying group stage, Stadio Ceravolo, Catanzaro

7-0: Italy v Estonia, 23/03/95

Qualifying group stage, Stadio Ceravolo, Catanzaro

Heaviest defeats

Final tournament

3-1: USSR v Italy, 02/04/80

Quarter-finals, Razdam Stadium, Jereven

3-1: England v Italy, 18/04/84

Quarter-finals, Maine Road, Manchester

Qualifying

6-0: Norway v Italy, 05/06/91

Qualifying group stage, Stavanger Stadion, Stavanger

Portugal

Tournament record

2013: did not qualify

2011: did not qualify

2009: did not qualify

2007: group stage

2006: group stage

2004: third place

2002: group stage

2000: did not qualify

1998: did not qualify

1996: quarter-finals

1994: runners-up

1992: did not qualify

1990: did not qualify

1988: did not qualify

1986: did not qualify

1984: did not qualify

1982: did not enter

1980: did not qualify

1978: did not qualify

2015 qualifying (including play-off)

P10 W10 D0 L0 F29 A10

Top scorer: Ricardo (5)

Ever presents: Paulo Oliveira, Ricardo

Portugal U21s capped at senior level

William Carvalho (13), João Mário (3), Rafa Silva (3), Raphael Guerreiro (2), Ivan Cavaleiro (2), Paulo Oliveira (1), Ricardo Horta (1), Bernardo Silva (1)

Players with previous U21 final tournament experience

None

Most capped player

All-time: 30 Manuel Fernandes

Current: 20 Paulo Oliveira, Sérgio Oliveira

Leading scorer

All-time: 16 Hugo Almeida

Current: 6 Ivan Cavaleiro, Ricardo

Biggest wins

Final tournament:

0-4: Israel v Portugal, 16/06/07

Group stage, Euroborg, Groningen

Qualifying

8-1: Portugal v Armenia, 19/08/97

Qualifying group stage, Estádio António Coimbra Da Mota, Estoril

7-0: Portugal v Cyprus, 05/06/01

Qualifying group stage, Municipal de Abrantes, Abrantes

7-0: Portugal v Malta, 18/06/93

Qualifying group stage, Primeiro de Maio, Braga

Heaviest defeats

Final tournament

3-1: Italy v Portugal, 05/06/04

Semi-finals, Ruhrstadion, Bochum

3-1: Sweden v Portugal, 28/05/04

Group stage, Carl-Benz-Stadion, Mannheim

0-2: Portugal v Serbia and Montenegro, 25/05/06

Group stage, Estádio Cidade de Barcelos, Barcelos

0-2: Portugal v Switzerland, 20/05/02
Group stage, Hardturm, Zurich

Qualifying

6-0: Italy v Portugal, 02/12/87
Qualifying group stage, Leonardo Garilli, Piacenza

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
ECCC: European Champion Clubs' Cup
UEL: UEFA Europa 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
WEURO: UEFA European Women's Championship

Competition stages

F: Final
GS1: First group stage
GS2: Second group stage
3QR: Third qualifying round
R2: Second 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

GS: Group stage
R1: First round
R3: Third round
PR: Preliminary round
QF: Quarter-finals
QR: Qualifying round
1QR: First qualifying round
2QR: Second qualifying round
FT: Final tournament
ELITE: Elite round
3rdPO: Third-place play-off
GS-FT: Group stage – final tournament

Other abbreviations

(aet): After extra time
No.: Number
ag: Match decided on away goals
Pld: Matches played
Pos.: Position
Pts: Points
R: Sent off (straight red card)
Res.: Result
sg: Match decided by silver goal
GF: Goals for
gg: Match decided by golden goal
Y/R: Sent off (two yellow cards)
f: Match forfeited

pens: Penalties
og: Own goal
P: Penalty
agg: Aggregate
AP: Appearances
Comp.: Competition
D: Drawn
DoB: Date of birth
ET: Extra Time
GA: Goals against
t: Match decided by toss of a coin
W: Won
Y: Booked
L: Lost
Nat.: Nationality
N/A: Not applicable

Statistics

-: Denotes player substituted

+: Denotes player introduced

*: Denotes player sent off

+/-: Denotes player introduced and substituted

Squad list

D: Disciplinary

*: Misses next match if booked

S: Suspended

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

Disclaimer: Although UEFA has taken all reasonable care that the information contained within this document is accurate at the time of publication, no representation or guarantee (including liability towards third parties), expressed or implied, is made as to its accuracy, reliability or completeness. Therefore, UEFA assumes no liability for the use or interpretation of information contained herein. More information can be found in the competition regulations available on UEFA.com.