

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



**England**

**Ander Stadium - Olomouc**

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Group B - Matchday 3



**Italy**

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## Previous meetings

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#### UEFA European Under-21 Championship

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
05/06/2013	GS-FT	England - Italy	0-1	Tel Aviv	Insigne 79

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Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
14/06/2007	GS-FT	England - Italy	2-2	Arnhem	Nugent 24, Lita 26; Chiellini 35, Aquilani 69

#### UEFA European Under-21 Championship

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
20/05/2002	GS-FT	Italy - England	2-1	Basel	Maccarone 54, 84; Barry 63

#### UEFA European Under-21 Championship

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
27/05/2000	GS-FT	Italy - England	2-0	Bratislava	Comandini 24, Pirlo 45 (P)

#### UEFA European Under-21 Championship

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
10/10/1997	QR (GS)	Italy - England	0-1	Rieti	Dyer 87
12/02/1997	QR (GS)	England - Italy	1-0	Bristol	Eadie 51

#### UEFA European Under-21 Championship

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
23/04/1986	SF	England - Italy	1-1 agg: 1-3	Swindon	Robson 58; Vialli 89
09/04/1986	SF	Italy - England	2-0	Pisa	Donadoni 11, Vialli 72

#### UEFA European Under-21 Championship

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
02/05/1984	SF	Italy - England	1-0 agg: 2-3	Florence	Mancini 13
18/04/1984	SF	England - Italy	3-1	Manchester	Chamberlain 5, D'avray 40, Sterland 73 (P); Caton 80 (og)

## UEFA European Under-21 Championship

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
05/04/1978	QF	Italy - England	0-0 agg: 1-2	Rome	
08/03/1978	QF	England - Italy	2-1	Manchester	Woodcock 38, 60; Bagni 18

	Qualifying								Final tournament				Total					
	Home				Away													
	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
<b>Total</b>																		
England	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	11	2	4	5	13	4	4	5	14	16
Italy	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	11	5	4	2	13	5	4	4	16	14

## Match background

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England and Italy are familiar opponents at the UEFA European Under-21 Championship. Their meeting in Olomouc in the last round of Group B games will be their fifth in the final tournament since 2000 and one of the most important with qualification for the semi-finals at stake.

- England bounced back from their opening loss to Portugal by defeating Sweden 1-0 on Sunday.
- Italy also put in an improved display after defeat by Sweden as they pushed Portugal all the way in a 0-0 draw.
- 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 spot.
- England will advance with a win, while a draw will take them through so long as Sweden fail to beat Portugal in the other match. If England lose they will be eliminated.
- Italy will go through only if they beat England and Sweden lose to Portugal. They cannot qualify for an Olympic play-off irrespective of results on Wednesday.
- *A more detailed breakdown of the permutations can be found [here](#).*

### England latest

- Alex Pritchard, the Tottenham midfielder, will play no further part in the competition after scans confirmed that he suffered ankle ligament damage during the Sweden game.
- Jesse Lingard replaced Pritchard after 55 minutes and scored England's late winner. He said: "It was just a massive relief for everyone in the camp. The team spirit and togetherness of our squad is really good and we are going into the Italy game fully focused."
- Pritchard is the second player that coach Gareth Southgate has lost to injury after Saido Berahino's withdrawal on the eve of England's first game. Wolverhampton Wanderers striker Benik Afobe flew in to replace Berahino.
- Southgate has John Stones available for selection again after the centre-back missed England's first two games because of concussion after a blow to the head during training.
- Reserve goalkeeper Jonathan Bond returned to training on Monday after rolling his foot before the Sweden fixture.
- Carl Jenkinson and Ben Gibson picked up yellow cards in the opening game against Portugal and if booked against Italy would miss the semi-final, should England progress.

### Italy latest

- The players who did not feature in the draw with Portugal took part in a full training session on Monday afternoon, while those who did rested at the hotel.
- Coach Luigi Di Biagio made five changes to his starting XI for the Portugal game – dropping captain Matteo Bianchetti and deploying a new three-man midfield.
- One of the players who came in, Danilo Cataldi, spoke at a press conference on Monday: "Our minds are focused totally on England. We are only thinking about winning. Our chances of reaching the semi-finals are not very high but things can change quickly in football."
- Italy midfielder Stefano Sturaro served the first game of a three-match ban against Portugal.
- 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).
- Twelve teams have only picked up a single point since 2002 in the opening two matches of the group stage, with only two (16.7%) managing to progress to the semi-finals (Portugal 2004 and Netherlands 2006).
- Senior coach Antonio Conte saw a much-improved display in Uherske Hradiste. He is staying with the team until Wednesday.
- Francesco Bardi, Federico Bernardeschi, Matteo Bianchetti, Cristiano Biraghi, Alessio Romagnoli and Federico Viviani have all been booked so far and would miss a potential semi-final (if Italy progress) if they receive another yellow card against England.

### Form guide

- **England**

Last five games (most recent first): WLWWW

Qualifying top scorer: Saido Berahino (10)

#### • Italy

Last five games (most recent first): DLLDW

Qualifying top scorer: Andrea Belotti (6)

#### Previous meetings

- Overall the teams have played 12 competitive fixtures. Italy have won five, England have won four and three draws. Italy have scored 13 goals to England's 11.
- Lorenzo Insigne scored the only goal as Italy defeated England on matchday one two years ago. Devis Mangia's Italy went on to reach the final while Stuart Pearce's England finished bottom of Group B having lost all three games.
- The teams at the Bloomfield Stadium in Tel Aviv on 5 June 2013 were:  
**England:** Butland, Clyne, Caulker, Dawson, Henderson, Robinson, Lowe, Shelvey (McEachran 75), Redmond, Sordell (Chalobah), Wickham (Delfouneso 82).  
**Italy:** Bardi, Donati, Biraghi, Verratti, Caldirola, Florenzi, Marrone (Rossi 87), Bianchetti, Borini (Destro 78), Insigne, Immobile (Gabbiadini 60).
- That was the latest instalment of a rivalry that started in the first European U21 Championship in 1978, England beating Italy 2-1 on aggregate (2-1 in Manchester, 0-0 in Rome) with Tony Woodcock's double at Maine Road overturning Salvatore Bagni's opener.
- England also came out on top in the 1984 semi-finals, winning 3-2 over two legs. Dave Sexton's side won the first game 3-1, again at Maine Road, through goals from Mark Chamberlain, Mich d'Avray and Mel Sterland. They escaped the Stadio Artemio Franchi with a 1-0 defeat after Roberto Mancini's 13th-minute strike. England went on to beat Spain 3-0 on aggregate in the final.
- Italy turned the tables with a 3-1 aggregate success in the semi-finals two years later, Roberto Donadoni and Gianluca Vialli securing a 2-0 first-leg win in Pisa before a 1-1 draw in Swindon.
- England won 1-0 home and away in qualifying for the 1998 event, although neither side reached the final tournament.
- In 2000 the teams met at the finals for the first time, Gianni Comandini's goal and an Andrea Pirlo penalty giving Italy – who would go on to beat the Czech Republic 2-1 in the final with Pirlo scoring twice – a 2-0 win on matchday one. England finished third in the group.
- Italy were 2-1 winners in the 2002 group stage, Massimo Maccarone scoring either side of Gareth Barry's reply at Basel's St. Jakob-Park. While Italy lost in the last four, England again failed to get out of the group, finishing fourth.
- In 2007 the teams shared four goals at Arnhem's Gelredome, England taking a two-goal lead through David Nugent (24) and Leroy Lita (26) before Italy fought back through Giorgio Chiellini (36) and Alberto Aquilani (69). This time it was England who progressed, finishing second in Group B, one place above their opponents; they lost 13-12 on penalties to hosts the Netherlands in the last four.

#### Match background

- England are in their fifth straight finals; they failed to get out of the group stage in 2011 and 2013, having been semi-finalists in 2007 and runners-up two years later.
- Champions in 1982 and 1984, England have reached four further semi-finals and also qualified for the final tournament in 2000 and 2002.
- Italy won three successive titles in 1992, 1994 and 1996 and were champions again in 2000 and, most recently, in Germany in 2004.
- The Azzurrini were runners-up in 1986 and again in 2013, losing 4-2 to Spain in Jerusalem. They have reached a further four semi-finals and have featured in eight of the last nine final tournaments, missing out only in 2011.

#### Coach profiles

##### England: Gareth Southgate

Born 03/09/1970

Appointed before the start of the 2013–15 campaign, Southgate signed a 12-month contract extension in January running until summer 2017. In 2006, aged 35, the former England defender had been named Middlesbrough manager, a role he left in October 2009 following their relegation from the Premier League.

##### 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.

# Squad list

## England

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season				Overall	
						Qual.		FT		Team	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
<b>Goalkeepers</b>											
1	Jack <b>Butland</b>	10/03/1993	22	Stoke	-	11	0	2	0	23	-
12	Jonathan <b>Bond</b>	19/05/1993	22	Watford	-	2	0	0	0	2	-
13	Marcus <b>Bettinelli</b>	24/05/1992	23	Fulham	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
<b>Defenders</b>											
2	Carl <b>Jenkinson</b>	08/02/1992	23	Arsenal	*	6	1	2	0	9	1
3	Luke <b>Garbutt</b>	21/05/1993	22	Everton	-	3	0	2	0	5	-
5	John <b>Stones</b>	28/05/1994	21	Everton	-	7	0	0	0	7	-
6	Ben <b>Gibson</b>	15/01/1993	22	Middlesbrough	*	3	0	2	0	5	-
15	Michael <b>Keane</b>	11/01/1993	22	Burnley	-	8	1	0	0	8	1
20	Liam <b>Moore</b>	31/01/1993	22	Leicester	-	6	1	2	0	8	1
21	Calum <b>Chambers</b>	20/01/1995	20	Arsenal	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
22	Matt <b>Targett</b>	18/09/1995	19	Southampton	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
<b>Midfielders</b>											
4	Jake <b>Forster-Caskey</b>	25/04/1994	21	Brighton	-	4	0	0	0	4	-
7	Alex <b>Pritchard</b>	03/05/1993	22	Tottenham	-	2	0	2	0	4	-
8	James <b>Ward-Prowse</b>	01/11/1994	20	Southampton	-	9	2	1	0	10	2
10	Tom <b>Carroll</b>	28/05/1992	23	Tottenham	-	9	0	2	0	11	-
11	Nathan <b>Redmond</b>	06/03/1994	21	Norwich	-	10	3	2	0	15	3
14	Nathaniel <b>Chalobah</b>	12/12/1994	20	Chelsea	-	7	0	2	0	12	-
16	Jesse <b>Lingard</b>	15/12/1992	22	Man. United	-	4	0	2	1	6	1
19	Will <b>Hughes</b>	17/04/1995	20	Derby	-	8	2	2	0	10	2
23	Ruben <b>Loftus-Cheek</b>	23/01/1996	19	Chelsea	-	0	0	1	0	1	-
<b>Forwards</b>											
9	Harry <b>Kane</b>	28/07/1993	21	Tottenham	-	8	6	2	0	10	6
17	Danny <b>Ings</b>	23/07/1992	22	Burnley	-	5	2	2	0	7	2
18	Benik <b>Afobe</b>	12/02/1993	22	Wolves	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
<b>Coach</b>											
-	Gareth Southgate	03/09/1970	44		-	12	0	2	0	14	-

## Italy

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



## Match officials

<b>Referee</b>	Sergei Karasev (RUS)
<b>Assistant referees</b>	Anton Averianov (RUS) , Tikhon Kalugin (RUS)
<b>Additional assistant referees</b>	Sergei Lapochkin (RUS) , Sergei Ivanov (RUS)
<b>Fourth official</b>	Ondřej Pelikán (CZE)
<b>UEFA Delegate</b>	Martin Sturkenboom (NED)
<b>UEFA Referee observer</b>	Miroslav Tulinger (CZE)

## Referee

Name	Date of birth	Under-21 matches	UEFA matches
Sergei Karasev	12/06/1979	4	37

## Sergei Karasev

**Referee since:** 1995  
**First division:** 2008  
**FIFA badge:** 2010

**Tournaments:** 2015 UEFA European Under-21 Championship, 2002 UEFA Regions' Cup

### Finals

N/A

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

Date	Competition	Stage reached	Home	Away	Result	Venue
11/10/2011	U21	QR	Italy	Turkey	2-0	Rieti

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

Date	Competition	Stage reached	Home	Away	Result	Venue
25/09/2002	RCUP	QR	C. R. Piemonte Valle d'Aosta (ITA)	Dacia Amateur (ROM)	2-0	Povazska Bystrica
28/07/2011	UEL	3QR	RNK Split	Fulham FC	0-0	Dugopolje
11/10/2011	U21	QR	Italy	Turkey	2-0	Rieti
30/11/2011	UEL	GS	Stade Rennais FC	Udinese Calcio	0-0	Rennes
25/10/2012	UEL	GS	NK Maribor	Tottenham Hotspur FC	1-1	Maribor
14/02/2013	UEL	R32	VfL Borussia Mönchengladbach	SS Lazio	3-3	Monchengladbach
07/03/2013	UEL	R16	FC Steaua București	Chelsea FC	1-0	Bucharest
22/08/2013	UEL	PO	Swansea City AFC	FC Petrolul Ploiești	5-1	Swansea
06/11/2013	UCL	GS	SSC Napoli	Olympique de Marseille	3-2	Naples
20/02/2014	UEL	R32	Esbjerg fB	ACF Fiorentina	1-3	Esbjerg

## Competition facts

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### 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 Mariffo (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

### England

#### Under-21 - Qualifying round

##### Group 1

Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
<b>England</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>28</b>
Finland	10	4	4	2	17	10	16
Moldova	10	5	1	4	12	6	16
Wales	10	3	3	4	12	13	12
Lithuania	10	2	2	6	6	19	8
San Marino	10	1	1	8	2	30	4

(05/09/2013)

##### England 1-0 Moldova

**Goals:** 1-0 Berahino 13

**England:** Butland, Stones, Shaw, Chalobah, Wisdom, Keane, Redmond (75 Ameobi), Ward-Prowse (65 Hughes), Berahino (86 Kane), Carroll, Zaha

(09/09/2013)

##### Finland 1-1 England

**Goals:** 1-0 Yaghoubi 15, 1-1 Berahino 67

**England:** Butland, Stones, Shaw, Chalobah (58 Kane), Wisdom, Keane, Redmond (58 Ameobi), Ward-Prowse, Berahino, Carroll, Zaha (76 Dier)

(10/10/2013)

##### San Marino 0-4 England

**Goals:** 0-1 Keane 5, 0-2 Kane 45+3 (P), 0-3 Kane 65, 0-4 Kane 89

**England:** Butland, Stones, Jenkinson, Carroll, Dier, Keane, Ince (72 Redmond), Ward-Prowse, Kane, Morrison (56 Lingard), Sterling (66 Ings)

(15/10/2013)

##### England 5-0 Lithuania

**Goals:** 1-0 Morrison 3, 2-0 Ward-Prowse 27, 3-0 Berahino 63, 4-0 Morrison 71, 5-0 Berahino 76 (P)

**England:** Butland, Stones, Robinson, Carroll (16 Jenkinson), Chalobah, Keane, Ince (77 Redmond), Ward-Prowse, Berahino (77 Powell), Morrison, Zaha

(14/11/2013)

##### England 3-0 Finland

**Goals:** 1-0 Keane 21, 2-0 Berahino 37, 3-0 Berahino 90+1

**England:** Butland, Jenkinson, Shaw, Chalobah (64 Hughes), Stones, Keane, Zaha, Ward-Prowse, Berahino, Morrison (83 Lingard), Sterling (65 Ince)

(19/11/2013)

##### England 9-0 San Marino

**Goals:** 1-0 Keane 13, 2-0 Sterling 15, 3-0 Ings 18, 4-0 Ward-Prowse 24, 5-0 Ince 42, 6-0 Ings 48, 7-0 Sterling 59, 8-0 Jenkinson 61, 9-0 Hughes 78

**England:** Butland (46 Bond), Jenkinson, Robinson, Hughes, Stones (62 Dier), Keane, Ince (65 Bamford), Ward-Prowse, Ings, Lingard, Sterling

(05/03/2014)

##### England 1-0 Wales

**Goals:** 1-0 Redmond 56

**England:** Butland, Jenkinson, Robinson, Carroll, Stones, Ince, Ward-Prowse, Berahino (67 Ings), Morrison (71 Hughes), Redmond, Chalobah (74 Moore)

(19/05/2014)

##### Wales 1-3 England

**Goals:** 0-1 Redmond 18, 1-1 Edwards 20, 1-2 Redmond 38, 1-3 Berahino 90+2

**England:** Butland, Jenkinson, Garbutt, Chalobah, Keane, Moore, Ince (79 Kane), Ward-Prowse, Ings (56 Berahino), Lingard, Redmond

(05/09/2014)

**Lithuania 0-1 England**

**Goals:** 0-1 Kane 81

**England:** Butland, Keane, Garbutt, Chalobah, Moore, Gibson (64 Kane), Ince (80 Pritchard), Ward-Prowse, Berahino, Carroll, Redmond (80 Hughes)

(09/09/2014)

**Moldova 0-3 England**

**Goals:** 0-1 Berahino 16, 0-2 Berahino 51, 0-3 Kane 84

**England:** Bond, Keane, Garbutt (81 Blackett), Hughes, Moore, Lascelles, Berahino (86 Pritchard), Forster-Caskey, Kane, Carroll, Redmond (81 Ings)

## Play-off

(10/10/2014)

**England 2-1 Croatia**

**Goals:** 0-1 Livaja 13, 1-1 Kane 58, 2-1 Berahino 85 (P)

**England:** Butland, Keane (46 Dier), Shaw, Hughes (56 Ince), Gibson, Moore, Berahino, Forster-Caskey, Kane, Carroll, Redmond

(14/10/2014)

**Croatia 1-2 England** (agg: 2-4)

**Goals:** 0-1 Moore 9, 1-1 Livaja 38, 1-2 Hughes 73

**England:** Butland, Dier, Shaw, Hughes, Gibson, Moore, Berahino, Forster-Caskey, Kane, Carroll, Redmond (85 Ince)

## Group stage – final tournament

### Group B

Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Portugal	2	1	1	0	1	0	4
<b>England</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>
Sweden	2	1	0	1	2	2	3
<b>Italy</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>

### Matchday 1 (18/06/2015)

**England 0-1 Portugal**

**Goals:** 0-1 João Mário 57

**England:** Butland, Jenkinson, Garbutt, Gibson, Ward-Prowse (54 Hughes), Kane, Carroll (79 Pritchard), Redmond, Chalobah, Lingard (74 Ings), Moore

### Matchday 2 (21/06/2015)

**Sweden 0-1 England**

**Goals:** 0-1 Lingard 85

**England:** Butland, Jenkinson, Garbutt, Gibson, Pritchard (55 Lingard), Kane, Carroll (73 Loftus-Cheek), Redmond, Chalobah, Hughes (46 Ings), Moore

### Matchday 3 (24/06/2015)

England-Italy

## Italy

## Under-21 - Qualifying round

### Group 9

Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
<b>Italy</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>18</b>
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 Zreľák 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**

**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 0-0 Portugal**

**Italy:** Bardi, Biraghi, Crisetig (76 Trotta), Rugani, Romagnoli, Belotti (85 Viviani), Berardi, Benassi, Battocchio (62 Bernardeschi), Cataldi, Zappacosta

**Matchday 3** (24/06/2015)

England-Italy



## Team facts

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### England

#### Final tournament record

**2013:** group stage  
**2011:** group stage  
**2009:** runners-up  
**2007:** semi-finals  
**2006:** did not qualify  
**2004:** did not qualify  
**2002:** group stage  
**2000:** group stage  
**1998:** did not qualify  
**1996:** did not qualify  
**1994:** did not qualify  
**1992:** did not qualify  
**1990:** did not qualify  
**1988:** semi-finals  
**1986:** semi-finals  
**1984:** winners  
**1982:** winners  
**1980:** semi-finals  
**1978:** semi-finals

#### 2015 qualifying (including play-off)

P12 W11 D1 L0 F35 A4

**Top scorers:** Saido Berahino (10)

**Ever presents:** none

#### England U21s capped at senior level

John Stones (4 caps), Calum Chambers (3), Harry Kane (2), Jack Butland (1), Carl Jenkinson (1)

#### Players with previous U21 final tournament experience

Israel 2013: Jack Butland, Nathaniel Chalobah, Nathan Redmond

#### Most capped player

All-time: James Milner (46)

Current: Jack Butland (29)

#### Leading scorer

All-time: Alan Shearer, Francis Jeffers (13)

Current: Harry Kane (8)

#### Biggest wins

##### Final tournament

**6-0:** England v Turkey 29/05/00

Group stage, Tehelne Pole, Bratislava

##### Qualifying

**9-0:** England v San Marino 19/11/2013

2015 qualifying group stage, Greenhous Meadow, Shrewsbury

#### Biggest defeats

##### Final tournament

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

Final, Malmö New Stadium, Malmo

##### Qualifying:

**4-0:** Romania v England 14/10/1980

1982 qualifying group stage, Ilie Oana, Ploiesti

### 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

## 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

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-: Denotes player substituted

+: Denotes player introduced

\*: Denotes player sent off

+/-: Denotes player introduced and substituted

## Squad list

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**D:** Disciplinary

\*: Misses next match if booked

**S:** Suspended

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

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