

# UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP - 2015/17 SEASON MATCH PRESS KITS



**Poland**

**Lublin Stadium - Lublin**

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Group A - Matchday 1



**Slovakia**

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## Previous meetings

### Head to Head

#### UEFA European Under-21 Championship

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
10/10/1995	QR (GS)	<b>Slovakia</b> - Poland	3-1	Trnava	Semeník 31, 59, Holly 39; Bąk 38
06/06/1995	QR (GS)	<b>Poland</b> - Slovakia	1-0	Katowice	Mięciel 4

	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>																		
Poland	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	-	-	-	-	2	1	0	1	2	3
Slovakia	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	-	-	-	-	2	1	0	1	3	2

## Match background

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Poland and Slovakia will end their long absences from the UEFA European Under-21 Championship in 2017 – and both will be eager to hit the ground running when they meet in the opening round of Group A fixtures in Lublin.

### Previous meetings

- The teams have met in only two competitive U21 fixtures, in qualifying for the 1996 finals. Each won their home game, with Poland running out 1-0 victors in Katowice on 6 June 1995 through Marcin Miecziel's goal, and Slovakia claiming a 3-1 success in Trnava on 10 October the same year with Róbert Sémenik scoring twice.

### Match background

#### Poland

- Poland qualified automatically as hosts.
- Poland are in the finals for the first time since 1994. That year, they reached the quarter-finals, equalling their best-ever performance in the competition; they also got to the last eight in 1982, 1984, 1986 and 1992.
- Poland's 1994 squad included Jacek Bąk, Tomasz Hajto and Piotr Świerczewski, who all earned over 50 caps for the senior national side, while Tomasz Rząsa was a 2002 UEFA Cup winner with Feyenoord.

#### Slovakia

- Slovakia won six of their eight qualifiers, suffering just one defeat, to finish five points clear at the top of qualifying Group 8. Adam Zreňák top-scored with five goals, one more than Martin Chrien.
- Slovakia's sole previous U21 finals appearance was in 2000, when they came fourth on home soil. A team featuring Kamil Čontofalský, Vratislav Greško, Radoslav Zabavník, Marek Mintál, Szilárd Németh, Karol Kisel, Peter Hlinka and Martin Petráš beat Turkey and England in the group stage to finish second in their section and, with no semi-finals, progressed to the third-place play-off where they succumbed 1-0 to Spain.
- Czechoslovakia reached the U21 quarter-finals on six occasions, but never went any further in the competition.

### Coach and player links

- Slovakia's Jaroslav Mihalík and Tomáš Vestenický both play in Poland for Cracovia, where they are team-mates of Krzysztof Piątek.
- Slovak midfielder Lukáš Haraslín has been at Lechia Gdańsk since 2015.
- Slovakia coach Pavel Hapal was in charge of Polish club Zagłębie Lubin between 2011 and 2013. Jarosław Jach was among his squad.

### Coach profiles

#### Marcin Dorna, Poland

Started his coaching career while still a physical education student, working with children aged between nine and 11 at UKS GOSIR Dopiewo, a small club close to Poznan. Moved on to work in the youth set-up at Lech Poznań, training the teams from Under-10 to U15 levels over a period of six and a half years.

Joined the Polish Football Association (PZPN) in 2008, initially coaching the U15 to U18 sides and leading the U17s to the semi-finals of their UEFA European Championship in 2012. Took charge of the U21s in January 2013.

#### Pavel Hapal, Slovakia

A left-sided midfielder whose attacking instincts made him a regular goalscorer, Hapal had four spells totalling six years at Sigma Olomouc, helping the club reach the 1991/92 UEFA Cup quarter-finals before moving to Germany and Bayer Leverkusen. Also had a stint in Spain with Tenerife and represented both Czechoslovakia and the Czech Republic at international level, breaking his leg a month before EURO '96.

Retired aged 32 in 2002 and moving into coaching the next year, working in his Czech homeland and Poland as well as enjoying success with three Slovak clubs – Nitra, Senica and most notably Žilina, whom Hapal steered to the league title in 2010 and the UEFA Champions League group stage the following seasons. A coach whose teams are based on a strong unit and fighting spirit, he took the U21 reins in January 2015.

# Squad list

## Poland

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season				Overall	
						Qual.		FT		Team	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
<b>Goalkeepers</b>											
1	Bartłomiej <b>Drągowski</b>	19/08/1997	19	Fiorentina	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
12	Jakub <b>Wrąbel</b>	08/06/1996	21	Śląsk	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
22	Maksymilian <b>Stryjek</b>	18/07/1996	20	Sunderland	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
<b>Defenders</b>											
2	Paweł <b>Jaroszyński</b>	02/10/1994	22	Cracovia	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
4	Tomasz <b>Kędziora</b>	11/06/1994	23	Lech	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
5	Igor <b>Łasicki</b>	26/06/1995	21	Napoli	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
6	Jan <b>Bednarek</b>	12/04/1996	21	Lech	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
15	Jarosław <b>Jach</b>	17/02/1994	23	Zagłębie	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
23	Przemysław <b>Szymiński</b>	24/06/1994	22	Wisła Płock	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
<b>Midfielders</b>											
3	Krystian <b>Bielik</b>	04/01/1998	19	Arsenal	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
7	Karol <b>Linetty</b>	02/02/1995	22	Sampdoria	-	0	0	0	0	3	-
8	Radosław <b>Murawski</b>	22/04/1994	23	Piast	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
10	Patryk <b>Lipski</b>	12/06/1994	23		-	0	0	0	0	-	-
11	Przemysław <b>Frankowski</b>	12/04/1995	22	Jagiellonia	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
13	Łukasz <b>Moneta</b>	13/05/1994	23	Ruch	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
14	Dawid <b>Kownacki</b>	14/03/1997	20	Lech	S	0	0	0	0	-	-
17	Paweł <b>Dawidowicz</b>	20/05/1995	22	Bochum	-	0	0	0	0	1	-
18	Jarosław <b>Niezgoda</b>	15/03/1995	22	Legia	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
19	Bartosz <b>Kapustka</b>	23/12/1996	20	Leicester	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
20	Jarosław <b>Kubicki</b>	07/08/1995	21	Zagłębie	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
<b>Forwards</b>											
9	Mariusz <b>Stępiński</b>	12/05/1995	22	Nantes	-	0	0	0	0	1	-
16	Krzysztof <b>Piątek</b>	01/07/1995	21	Cracovia	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
21	Adam <b>Buksa</b>	12/07/1996	20	Zagłębie	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
<b>Coach</b>											
-	Marcin Dorna	17/09/1979	37		-	0	0	0	0	8	-

## Slovakia

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season				Overall	
						Qual.		FT		Team	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
<b>Goalkeepers</b>											
1	Adrian Chovan	08/10/1995	21	Trenčín	-	7	0	0	0	7	-
12	Marek Rodák	13/12/1996	20	Fulham	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
23	Adam Jakubec	02/01/1997	20	Spartak Trnava	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
<b>Defenders</b>											
2	Branislav Niňaj	17/05/1994	23	Lokeren	-	6	0	0	0	13	-
3	Milan Škriniar	11/02/1995	22	Sampdoria	-	7	1	0	0	8	1
4	Martin Valjent	11/12/1995	21	Ternana	-	7	0	0	0	7	-
5	Tomáš Huk	22/12/1994	22	Dunajská Streda	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
13	Ľubomír Šatka	02/12/1995	21	Newcastle	-	1	0	0	0	1	-
14	Róbert Mazáň	09/02/1994	23	Žilina	-	6	0	0	0	14	-
16	Lukáš Skovajsa	27/03/1994	23	Trenčín	-	2	0	0	0	2	-
19	Denis Vavro	10/04/1996	21	Žilina	-	2	0	0	0	2	-
<b>Midfielders</b>											
6	Stanislav Lobotka	25/11/1994	22	Nordsjælland	-	8	1	0	0	15	2
7	Jaroslav Mihalík	27/07/1994	22	Cracovia	-	8	3	0	0	12	3
8	Martin Chrien	08/09/1995	21	Ružomberok	-	7	4	0	0	7	4
10	Albert Rusnák	07/07/1994	22	Real Salt Lake	-	8	3	0	0	9	3
11	Nikolas Špalek	12/02/1997	20	Žilina	-	1	0	0	0	1	-
17	Lukáš Haraslín	26/05/1996	21	Lechia	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
20	Miroslav Káčer	02/02/1996	21	Žilina	-	2	0	0	0	2	-
21	Matúš Bero	06/09/1995	21	Trabzonspor	-	7	2	0	0	7	2
22	László Bénes	09/09/1997	19	Mönchengladbach	-	2	0	0	0	2	-
<b>Forwards</b>											
9	Tomáš Vestenický	06/04/1996	21	Cracovia	-	4	0	0	0	4	-
15	Adam Zreňák	05/05/1994	23	Jablonec	-	4	5	0	0	12	10
18	Pavol Šafranko	16/11/1994	22	Dunajská Streda	-	5	2	0	0	5	2
<b>Coach</b>											
-	Pavel Hapal	27/07/1969	47		-	8	0	0	0	8	-

## Match officials

<b>Referee</b>	Serdar Gözübüyük (NED)
<b>Assistant referees</b>	Bas van Dongen (NED) , Joost van Zuilen (NED)
<b>Additional assistant referees</b>	Dennis Higler (NED) , Jeroen Manschot (NED)
<b>Fourth official</b>	Diego Barbero Sevilla (ESP)
<b>UEFA Delegate</b>	Kris Bellon (BEL)
<b>UEFA Referee observer</b>	Markus Nobs (SUI)

## Referee

Name	Date of birth	Under-21 matches	UEFA matches
Serdar Gözübüyük	29/10/1985	6	36

## 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
05/05/2013	U17	GS-FT	Slovakia	Austria	1-0	Dubnica nad Vahom
23/07/2015	UEL	2QR	IFK Göteborg	WKS Śląsk Wrocław	2-0	Gothenburg
04/09/2016	WC	QR	Kazakhstan	Poland	2-2	Astana

## Competition facts

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## Match-by-match lineups

### Poland

#### Under-21 - Group stage – final tournament

##### Group A

Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
England	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Poland</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Slovakia</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Sweden	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

##### Matchday 1 (16/06/2017)

Poland-Slovakia

##### Matchday 2 (19/06/2017)

Poland-Sweden

##### Matchday 3 (22/06/2017)

England-Poland

### Slovakia

#### Under-21 - Qualifying round

(06/09/2015)

##### Belarus 1-0 Slovakia

**Goals:** 1-0 Yarotski 39

**Slovakia:** Chovan, Vavro, Škriniar, Lobotka, Mihalík (80 Brigant), Čmelík (46 Ivan), Rusnák, Šafranko (68 Vestenický), Mazáň, Chvátal, Bero

(08/10/2015)

##### Slovakia 2-0 Cyprus

**Goals:** 1-0 Mihalík 62, 2-0 Zreľák 70

**Slovakia:** Chovan, Niňaj, Škriniar, Valjent, Lobotka, Mihalík, Rusnák, Mazáň, Zreľák, Bero (77 Chrien), Ivan (59 Bénes)

(11/10/2015)

##### Netherlands 1-3 Slovakia

**Goals:** 1-0 Janssen 16, 1-1 Chrien 44, 1-2 Škriniar 64, 1-3 Bero 69

**Slovakia:** Chovan, Niňaj, Škriniar, Valjent, Lobotka, Mihalík (85 Ivan), Chrien, Rusnák, Mazáň, Zreľák (92 Šafranko), Bero (91 Káčer)

(17/11/2015)

##### Slovakia 4-2 Netherlands

**Goals:** 0-1 Janssen 16, 0-2 Janssen 23, 1-2 Mihalík 50, 2-2 Rusnák 64, 3-2 Chrien 83, 4-2 Zreľák 90+4 (P)

**Slovakia:** Chovan, Niňaj, Škriniar, Valjent, Lobotka, Mihalík (88 Ivan), Chrien, Rusnák (90 Skovajsa), Mazáň, Zreľák, Bero (46 Brigant)

(29/03/2016)

##### Slovakia 5-0 Turkey

**Goals:** 1-0 Zreľák 10, 2-0 Rusnák 23, 3-0 Mihalík 75, 4-0 Zreľák 79 (P), 5-0 Zreľák 85

**Slovakia:** Chovan, Niňaj, Škriniar, Valjent, Lobotka, Mihalík, Chrien (42 Ivan), Rusnák, Mazáň, Zreľák (89 Šafranko), Bero (82 Brigant)

(05/09/2016)

##### Cyprus 0-3 Slovakia

**Goals:** 0-1 Chrien 1, 0-2 Bero 58, 0-3 Rusnák 72

**Slovakia:** Chovan, Niňaj, Škriniar, Valjent, Lobotka, Mihalík (79 Ivan), Chrien (27 Hromada), Rusnák, Mazáň, Šafranko (90 Vestenický), Bero



(07/10/2016)

**Slovakia 3-1 Belarus**

**Goals:** 1-0 Šafranko 36, 2-0 Šafranko 61, 2-1 Yablonski 72, 3-1 Chrien 90+1

**Slovakia:** Chovan, Niňaj, Škriniar, Valjent, Skovajsa, Lobotka, Mihalík (88 Ivan), Chrien, Rusnák, Šafranko (62 Vestenický), Bero (72 Brigant)

(11/10/2016)

**Turkey 1-1 Slovakia**

**Goals:** 1-0 Hruška 44 (og) , 1-1 Lobotka 70 (P)

**Slovakia:** Hruška, Valjent, Lobotka, Mihalík (26 Ivan), Vestenický, Rusnák (46 Špalek), Šatka, Králik, Bénes (84 Chrien), Vavro, Hromada

**Group stage – final tournament**

**Group A**

Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
England	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Poland</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Slovakia</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Sweden	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

**Matchday 1 (16/06/2017)**

Poland-Slovakia

**Matchday 2 (19/06/2017)**

Slovakia-England

**Matchday 3 (22/06/2017)**

Slovakia-Sweden

## Team facts

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### Poland

#### Tournament record

**2015:** did not qualify  
**2013:** did not qualify  
**2011:** did not qualify  
**2009:** did not qualify  
**2007:** did not qualify  
**2006:** did not qualify  
**2004:** play-offs  
**2002:** play-offs  
**2000:** play-offs  
**1998:** did not qualify  
**1996:** did not qualify  
**1994:** quarter-finals  
**1992:** quarter-finals  
**1990:** did not qualify  
**1988:** did not qualify  
**1986:** quarter-finals  
**1984:** quarter-finals  
**1982:** quarter-finals  
**1980:** did not qualify  
**1978:** did not qualify

#### Biggest wins

##### Final tournament

N/A

##### Qualifying

**7-0:** Poland v San Marino, 01/04/03  
Qualifying group stage, GKS Nowiny, Nowiny  
**7-0:** Poland v San Marino, 27/04/93  
Qualifying group stage, GKS, Belchatow

#### Heaviest defeats

##### Final tournament

N/A

##### Qualifying

**5-0:** England v Poland, 26/03/99  
Qualifying group stage, The Dell, Southampton  
**5-0:** Denmark v Poland, 11/03/92  
Quarter-final first leg, Aalborg Stadion, Aalborg  
**5-0:** Hungary v Poland, 26/03/86  
Quarter-final second leg, Gyöngyösi Városi Sport es Rendezvény Csarnok, Gyongyos

### Slovakia

#### Tournament record

**2015:** play-offs  
**2013:** play-offs  
**2011:** did not qualify  
**2009:** did not qualify  
**2007:** did not qualify  
**2006:** did not qualify  
**2004:** did not qualify  
**2002:** did not qualify  
**2000:** fourth place  
**1998:** did not qualify  
**1996:** did not qualify  
**1994:** quarter-finals (as Czechoslovakia)

**1992:** quarter-finals (as Czechoslovakia)  
**1990:** quarter-finals (as Czechoslovakia)  
**1988:** quarter-finals (as Czechoslovakia)  
**1986:** did not qualify (as Czechoslovakia)  
**1984:** did not qualify (as Czechoslovakia)  
**1982:** did not qualify (as Czechoslovakia)  
**1980:** quarter-finals (as Czechoslovakia)  
**1978:** quarter-finals (as Czechoslovakia)

### **Biggest wins**

#### **Final tournament**

**0-2:** England v Slovakia, 01/06/00  
Group stage, Štadión Pasienky, Bratislava

#### **Qualifying**

**1-7:** Luxembourg v Slovakia, 11/06/13  
Qualifying group stage, Deich, Ettelbruck  
**6-0:** Slovakia v Kazakhstan, 10/09/12  
Qualifying group stage, National Training Centre, Senec  
**0-6:** Latvia v Slovakia, 11/10/11  
Qualifying group stage, Zemgales Olympic Stadium, Jelgava  
**0-6:** Malta v Slovakia, 30/03/97  
Qualifying group stage, Hibernians Stadium, Corradino

### **Heaviest defeats**

#### **Final tournament**

**1-0:** Spain v Slovakia, 04/06/00  
Third-place play-off, Štadión Pasienky, Bratislava

#### **Qualifying**

**4-0:** Russia v Slovakia, 04/09/04  
Qualifying group stage, Eduard Streltsov, Moscow  
**0-4:** Slovakia v England, 11/10/02  
Qualifying group stage, Štadión Antona Malatinského, Trnava  
**4-0:** Sweden v Slovakia, 01/06/01  
Qualifying group stage, Enavallens Idrottsplats, Enköping

## 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

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## 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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