

# UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP - 2017/19 SEASON MATCH PRESS KITS



**Italy**

**Renato Dall'Ara - Bologna**

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**Spain**

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## UEFA UNDER 21 OFFICIAL SPONSORS



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## Previous meetings

### Head to Head

#### UEFA European Under-21 Championship

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
27/06/2017	SF	Spain - Italy	3-1	Krakow	Saúl Ñíguez 53, 65, 74; Bernardeschi 62

#### UEFA European Under-21 Championship

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
18/06/2013	F	Italy - Spain	2-4	Jerusalem	Immobile 10, Borini 80; Thiago Alcántara 6, 31, 38 (P), Isco 66 (P)

#### UEFA European Under-21 Championship

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
10/10/2006	PO	Spain - Italy	1-2 agg: 1-2	Palencia	Soldado 60; Chiellini 25, Montolivo 35
06/10/2006	PO	Italy - Spain	0-0	Modena	

#### UEFA European Under-21 Championship

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
31/05/1996	F	Italy - Spain	1-1 (aet, 4-2pens)	Barcelona	Totti 11; Raúl González 41

#### UEFA European Under-21 Championship

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
29/03/1990	QF	Spain - Italy	1-0 agg: 2-3	Logrono	Mendiguren Egaña 78
21/02/1990	QF	Italy - Spain	3-1	Ancona	Stroppa 3, 78, Casiraghi 54; Hierro 88

#### UEFA European Under-21 Championship

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
29/10/1986	F	Spain - Italy	2-1 agg: 3-3 (aet, 3-0pens)	Valladolid	Eloy Olaya 36, Roberto 75; Francini 38
15/10/1986	F	Italy - Spain	2-1	Rome	Vialli 50, Giannini 76; Calderé 36

	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>																		
Italy	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	7	2	1	4	9	3	2	4	12	14
Spain	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	7	4	1	2	9	4	2	3	14	12

## Match background

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The two most successful teams in UEFA European Under-21 Championship history meet on the opening day of the 2019 finals as Italy take on Spain in Bologna.

- Hosts Italy have five titles to their name, the most recent in 2004; Spain have been crowned champions four times, reaching the final in three of the last four tournaments with their last triumph, in 2013, coming at Italy's expense.
- Spain have won the last two competitive meetings between the sides, beating Italy in that final four years ago and the 2017 semi-finals.

### Previous meetings

- This will be the sides' tenth European U21 Championship fixture. Spain have four wins to Italy's three; Spain have scored 14 goals in those previous nine matches, two more than Italy.
- In the 2017 semi-finals, a Saúl Ñíguez hat-trick gave Spain a 3-1 semi-final win in Krakow against an Italy side whose sole response came from Federico Bernardeschi. Spain went on to lose 1-0 to Germany in the final.
- Lorenzo Pellegrini and Federico Chiesa started and Manuel Locatelli came off the bench for Italy in that semi-final two years ago; Dani Ceballos, Jesús Vallejo and Jorge Meré were in Spain's starting line-up, while Mikel Merino, Borja Mayoral and Carlos Soler were unused substitutes.
- Spain had run out 4-2 winners against Italy in the 2013 final in Jerusalem, Thiago Alcántara scoring three of their goals and Isco the other from the penalty spot; Ciro Immobile and Fabio Borini were the Italy players on target.
- That was the countries' third U21 final meeting. Spain won their two-legged 1986 contest 3-0 on penalties after a 3-3 aggregate draw, while Italy came out on top ten years later, again on penalties, 4-2 in Barcelona after Francesco Totti and Raúl González had swapped goals.
- Merino, Mayoral and Meré scored in Spain's 3-0 friendly win against Italy on 1 September 2017. Mayoral had also been on target in a 2-1 Spain win in Rome that March.

### Form guide

#### Italy

- Italy have qualified for ten of the 12 final tournaments since 1998. They have reached the semi-finals or better in six of those previous nine appearances, claiming the trophy in 2000 and 2004.
- Italy were also champions for three tournaments running between 1992 and 1996, and reached the 1986 final.
- The Azzurrini have, however, won only three of their last eight matches in the final tournament (D1 L4).
- Italy have played 17 friendlies since 1 September 2017 (W7 D4 L6). They have not won since beating Tunisia 2-0 in October 2018 (D2 L2), their sole success in their last six matches.

#### Spain

- This is Spain's seventh appearance in the U21 final tournament since 1998, and a fifth in the competition's last six editions. They have only once failed to get past the group stage in their six previous participations, in 2009, and have reached the final in each of their last three, lifting the trophy in 2011 and 2013.
- Spain were also champions in 1986, and runners-up in 1984 and 1996.
- This time Spain qualified by finishing top of Group 2, winning nine of their ten qualifying fixtures with 31 goals scored and ten conceded.
- Defeat by Germany in the 2017 final ended Spain's ten-match unbeaten run in competitive U21 matches (W7 D3); they have lost only two of their last 21 European U21 Championship games (W16 D3), the other in qualification at home to Northern Ireland on 11 September 2018 (1-2).
- Spain have won their last eight group games at the finals, and have not lost in the group stage since a 2-0 reverse to England on 18 June 2009.
- Coach Luis de la Fuente, who succeeded Albert Celades in July 2018, led Spain to the 2015 UEFA European Under-19 Championship title in Greece with a squad including Antonio Sivera, Unai Simón, Jorge Meré, Mikel Merino, Alfonso Pedraza, Dani Ceballos and Borja Mayoral.

### Links and trivia

- Italy coach Luigi Di Biagio twice faced Spain in international friendlies during his playing days – a 2-2 draw in Salerno in 1998 and a 2-0 defeat in Barcelona two years later.
- Has played in Italy:  
Fabián Ruiz (Napoli 2018–)

- Have played together:  
Fabián Ruiz & Alex Meret (Napoli)
- Rafa Mir scored in each of Spain's last four qualifying matches.
- Four of Italy's U21 squad represented the senior national team in this month's UEFA EURO 2020 qualifying wins against Greece in Athens (3-0) and Bosnia & Herzegovina in Turin (2-1). Nicolò Barella played 90 minutes in both games, opening the scoring against Greece, when Federico Chiesa started and Lorenzo Pellegrini came off the bench. Gianluca Mancini also started against Bosnia & Herzegovina, Chiesa appearing as a half-time substitute.
- Fabián Ruiz was a substitute in Spain's 4-1 UEFA EURO 2020 qualifying win away to the Faroe Islands on 7 June and started the 3-0 defeat of Sweden in Madrid three days later. Mikel Oyarzabal came on against Sweden to score Spain's third goal, his first at senior international level.

# Squad list

## Italy

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season				Overall	
						Qual.	FT		Team	Pld	Gls
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
<b>Goalkeepers</b>											
1	Emil <b>Audero</b>	18/01/1997	22	Sampdoria	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
16	Lorenzo <b>Montipò</b>	20/02/1996	23	Benevento	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
22	Alex <b>Meret</b>	22/03/1997	22	Napoli	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
<b>Defenders</b>											
2	Arturo <b>Calabresi</b>	17/03/1996	23	Bologna	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
3	Giuseppe <b>Pezzella</b>	29/11/1997	21	Genoa	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
4	Kevin <b>Bonifazi</b>	19/05/1996	23	SPAL	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
6	Alessandro <b>Bastoni</b>	13/04/1999	20	Parma	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
12	Federico <b>Dimarco</b>	10/11/1997	21	Parma	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
13	Gianluca <b>Mancini</b>	17/04/1996	23	Atalanta	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
15	Claud <b>Adjapong</b>	06/05/1998	21	Sassuolo	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
19	Filippo <b>Romagna</b>	26/05/1997	22	Cagliari	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
<b>Midfielders</b>											
5	Sandro <b>Tonali</b>	08/05/2000	19	Brescia	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
7	Lorenzo <b>Pellegrini</b>	19/06/1996	22	Roma	-	0	0	0	0	6	2
8	Nicolò <b>Zaniolo</b>	02/07/1999	19	Roma	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
10	Rolando <b>Mandragora</b>	29/06/1997	21	Udinese	-	0	0	0	0	7	-
11	Riccardo <b>Orsolini</b>	24/01/1997	22	Bologna	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
18	Nicolò <b>Barella</b>	07/02/1997	22	Cagliari	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
21	Manuel <b>Locatelli</b>	08/01/1998	21	Sassuolo	-	0	0	0	0	2	-
23	Alessandro <b>Murgia</b>	09/08/1996	22	SPAL	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
<b>Forwards</b>											
9	Patrick <b>Cutrone</b>	03/01/1998	21	Milan	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
14	Federico <b>Chiesa</b>	25/10/1997	21	Fiorentina	-	0	0	0	0	4	-
17	Federico <b>Bonazzoli</b>	21/05/1997	22	Padova	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
20	Moise <b>Kean</b>	28/02/2000	19	Juventus	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
<b>Coach</b>											
-	Luigi Di Biagio	03/06/1971	48		-	0	0	0	0	27	-

## Spain

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season				Overall	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
<b>Goalkeepers</b>											
1	Antonio <b>Sivera</b>	11/08/1996	22	Alavés	-	3	0	0	0	3	-
13	<b>Unai Simón</b>	11/06/1997	22	Athletic	-	6	0	0	0	6	-
23	Daniel <b>Martín</b>	08/07/1998	20	Sporting Gijón	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
<b>Defenders</b>											
2	Jesús <b>Vallejo</b>	05/01/1997	22	Real Madrid	-	5	0	0	0	15	-
3	<b>Aarón Martín</b>	22/04/1997	22	Espanyol	-	6	0	0	0	6	-
4	<b>Jorge Meré</b>	17/04/1997	22	Köln	-	8	0	0	0	21	1
5	<b>Unai Nuñez</b>	30/01/1997	22	Athletic	-	7	0	0	0	7	-
15	<b>Martín Aguirregabiria</b>	10/05/1996	23	Alavés	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
16	Pol <b>Lirola</b>	13/08/1997	21	Sassuolo	-	1	0	0	0	1	-
20	<b>Junior Firpo</b>	10/05/1996	23	Betis	-	1	0	0	0	1	-
<b>Midfielders</b>											
6	<b>Fabián Ruiz</b>	03/04/1996	23	Napoli	-	8	3	0	0	8	3
7	Carlos <b>Soler</b>	02/01/1997	22	Valencia	-	10	2	0	0	11	2
8	Mikel <b>Merino</b>	22/06/1996	22	Real Sociedad	-	5	1	0	0	11	1
10	Dani <b>Ceballos</b>	07/08/1996	22	Real Madrid	-	6	4	0	0	18	6
11	Mikel <b>Oyarzabal</b>	21/04/1997	22	Real Sociedad	-	10	5	0	0	13	5
12	<b>Manu Vallejo</b>	14/02/1997	22	Cádiz	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
14	Igor <b>Zubeldia</b>	30/03/1997	22	Real Sociedad	-	2	0	0	0	2	-
17	Alfonso <b>Pedraza</b>	09/04/1996	23	Villarreal	-	6	0	0	0	7	-
21	<b>Marc Roca</b>	26/11/1996	22	Espanyol	-	2	0	0	0	2	-
22	Pablo <b>Fornals</b>	22/02/1996	23	Villarreal	-	8	0	0	0	8	-
<b>Forwards</b>											
9	Borja <b>Mayoral</b>	05/04/1997	22	Levante	-	10	8	0	0	19	9
18	<b>Rafa Mir</b>	18/06/1997	21	Las Palmas	-	4	5	0	0	4	5
19	Dani <b>Olmo</b>	07/05/1998	21	Dinamo Zagreb	-	2	0	0	0	2	-
<b>Coach</b>											
-	Luis de la Fuente	21/06/1961	57		-	4	0	0	0	4	-

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## Head coach

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### Luigi Di Biagio

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**Date of birth:** 3 June 1971

**Nationality:** Italian

**Playing career:** Lazio, Monza, Foggia, Roma, Inter, Brescia, Ascoli

**Coaching career:** Italy U20, Italy U21, Italy (caretaker)

- An all-round midfielder with good defensive qualities and a nose for goal, Di Biagio made his name with Zdeněk Zeman's Foggia in the early 1990s before representing Roma and Inter, appearing over 100 times in Serie A for each club. Capped 31 times by Italy, scoring two goals, he retired in 2007 after spells at Brescia and Ascoli.
- Di Biagio had lows and highs with penalties with Italy. He hit the bar from the spot when Italy were eliminated by hosts France in the 1998 FIFA World Cup quarter-finals, but scored when the Azzurri defeated co-hosts the Netherlands in the UEFA EURO 2000 semi-finals before losing the final in extra time to France.
- Started his coaching in the youth system of minor clubs La Polisportiva La Storta and Cisco Roma close to his home city of Rome, before being appointed Italy Under-20 coach in 2011.
- Two years later he was promoted to the U21 side, leading them to the 2015 UEFA European Championship in Czech Republic, where the Azzurrini failed to qualify from the group stage. His second attempt at the finals, two years later, went better as Italy topped their group to reach the semi-finals, where they lost to Spain.
- On 5 February 2018 he was named Italy interim coach, taking charge of the side for friendlies against Argentina (0-2) and England (1-1) before returning to the U21s when Roberto Mancini was appointed.

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### Luis de la Fuente

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**Date of birth:** 21 June 1961

**Nationality:** Spanish

**Playing career:** Athletic Club (twice), Sevilla, Alavés

**Coaching career:** Portugalete, Aurrerá, Athletic Club B (twice), Alavés, Spain U19, Spain U21

- Full-back De la Fuente came through the famous Ledesma youth set-up in Bilbao, graduating to the Athletic first team in 1981. Went on to win two league titles, including the club's most recent in 1984, and was also part of the side that won the Copa del Rey the same year to complete a domestic double.
- Departed for Sevilla in 1987, spending four years with the Andalusian outfit before rejoining Athletic. Finished his playing career at Alavés in 1994.
- After spells at lower-level clubs Portugalete and Aurrerá, De la Fuente was given the chance to take charge of Athletic Club's reserve side on two separate occasions. He also had a brief spell at Alavés in 2011 before joining the Spain staff in 2013, initially as Under-19 coach.
- He led a side including Jorge Meré, Dani Ceballos and Borja Mayoral to victory in the 2015 UEFA Under-19 European Championship in Greece, defeating Russia 2-0 in the final.
- De la Fuente stepped up to become U21 coach in July 2018, midway through qualifying for the 2019 finals, when Albert Celades left the post to join Julen Lopetegui at Real Madrid.



## Match officials

<b>Referee</b>	Serdar Gözübüyük (NED)
<b>Assistant referees</b>	Charles Schaap (NED) , Jan de Vries (NED)
<b>Video Assistant Referee</b>	Jochem Kamphuis (NED)
<b>Assistant Video Assistant Referee</b>	Bas Nijhuis (NED)
<b>Fourth official</b>	João Pinheiro (POR)
<b>UEFA Delegate</b>	Myrsini Psarropoulou (GRE)
<b>UEFA Referee observer</b>	Hugh Dallas (SCO)

## Referee

Name	Date of birth	Under-21 matches	UEFA matches
Serdar Gözübüyük	29/10/1985	8	52

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

Date	Competition	Stage reached	Home	Away	Result	Venue
10/09/2012	U21	QR	Spain	Croatia	6-0	Alicante
05/09/2014	U21	QR	Italy	Serbia	3-2	Pescara
17/11/2015	U21	QR	Croatia	Spain	2-3	Rijeka
15/11/2016	U21	PO	Spain	Austria	0-0	Albacete

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

Date	Competition	Stage reached	Home	Away	Result	Venue
10/09/2012	U21	QR	Spain	Croatia	6-0	Alicante
26/03/2013	WC	QR	Malta	Italy	0-2	Ta' Qali
11/05/2013	U17	GS-FT	Italy	Russia	1-1	Nitra
31/07/2014	UEL	3QR	IF Brommapojkarna	Torino FC	0-3	Stockholm
05/09/2014	U21	QR	Italy	Serbia	3-2	Pescara
06/08/2015	UEL	3QR	Keşla FK	Athletic Club	0-0	Baku
01/10/2015	UEL	GS	Villarreal CF	FC Viktoria Plzeň	1-0	Villarreal
22/10/2015	UEL	GS	FC Midtjylland	SSC Napoli	1-4	Herning
17/11/2015	U21	QR	Croatia	Spain	2-3	Rijeka
18/08/2016	UEL	PO	US Sassuolo Calcio	FK Crvena zvezda	3-0	Reggio Emilia
20/10/2016	UEL	GS	FC Slovan Liberec	ACF Fiorentina	1-3	Liberec
15/11/2016	U21	PO	Spain	Austria	0-0	Albacete
08/12/2016	UEL	GS	SK Rapid Wien	Athletic Club	1-1	Vienna
14/09/2017	UEL	GS	FK Austria Wien	AC Milan	1-5	Vienna
04/10/2018	UEL	GS	Eintracht Frankfurt	SS Lazio	4-1	Frankfurt am Main

## Competition facts

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### Under-21 historical statistics (competitive matches)

#### Champions (hosts)

2017: Germany 1-0 Spain (Poland)  
2015: Sweden 0-0 Portugal, aet, 4-3 pens (Czech Republic)  
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, aet, 3-1 pens (Switzerland)  
2000: Italy 2-1 Czech Republic (Slovakia)  
1998: Spain 1-0 Greece (Romania)  
1996: Italy 1-1 Spain, aet, 4-2 pens (Spain)  
1994: Italy 1-0 Portugal, aet (France)  
1992 Italy 2-1 Sweden (agg; 2-0, 0-1)  
1990 USSR 7-3 Yugoslavia (agg; 4-2, 3-1)  
1988 France 3-0 Greece (agg; 0-0, 3-0)  
1986 Spain 3-3 Italy (agg; 1-2, 2-1, 3-0 pens)  
1984 England 3-0 Spain (agg; 1-0, 2-0)  
1982 England 5-4 West Germany (agg; 3-1, 2-3)  
1980 USSR 1-0 East Germany (agg; 0-0, 1-0)  
1978 Yugoslavia 5-4 East Germany (agg; 1-0, 4-4)

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

#### Final statistics

- In 2007 the Netherlands became the first, and so far only, 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, losing the final 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), Germany (2009, 2017) and the Netherlands (2006, 2007).
- 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, most recently for Serbia's Aleksandar Kolarov in 2007.
- Thiago's 2013 hat-trick was the first since 1994's move to a one-off game; Andrea Pirlo (Italy 2000), Klaas-Jan Huntelaar (Netherlands 2006) and Sandro Wagner (Germany 2009) have 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.
- Since the single-match finals began three have ended in penalty shoot-outs, nine-man Italy triumphing 4-2 against Spain in 1996. The Czech Republic then prevailed 3-1 over France in 2002 and Sweden 4-3 against Portugal in 2015 following the competition's only two goalless finals.
- Only the 1994 final has been decided in extra time, substitute Pierluigi Orlandini winning it for Italy against Portugal with the only goal in the 97th minute.
- Ten players have won the European U21 title twice: Danny Thomas (England 1982, 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 Mariño (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 (including qualifying)

Lampros Choutos (Greece) 15  
Tomáš Pekhart (Czech Republic) 15  
Klaas-Jan Huntelaar (Netherlands) 14  
Roy Makaay (Netherlands) 14

#### All time (final tournaments)

Marcus Berg (Sweden) 7  
Vahid Halilhodžić (Yugoslavia) 6  
Pierre Littbarski (West Germany) 6  
Adrian López (Spain) 5  
Saúl Ñíguez (Spain) 5

#### Finals top scorers

2017: Saúl Ñíguez (Spain) 5  
2015: Jan Kliment (Czech Republic) 3  
2013: Álvaro Morata (Spain) 4  
2011: Adrián (Spain) 5  
2009: Marcus Berg (Sweden) 7  
2007: Maceo Rigters (Netherlands) 4  
2006: Klaas-Jan Huntelaar (Netherlands) 4  
2004: Alberto Gilardino (Italy), Johan Elmander (Sweden) 4  
2002: Massimo Maccarone (Italy) 3  
2000: David Jarolím (Czech Republic), Igor Tudor (Croatia), Lukáš Došek (Czech Republic) 2  
1998: Steffen Iversen (Norway), Nikos Liberopoulos (Greece) 3  
1996: Raúl González (Spain) 3  
1994: João Vieira Pinto (Portugal) 3  
1992: Renato Buso (Italy) 3  
1990: Davor Šuker (Yugoslavia), Andrei Sidelnikov (USSR) 3  
1988: Aris Karasavvidis (Greece) 5  
1986: Gianluca Vialli (Italy) 4  
1984: Mark Hateley (England) 6  
1982: Pierre Littbarski (West Germany) 6  
1980: Ramaz Shengelia (USSR) 3  
1978: Vahid Halilhodžić (Yugoslavia) 6

#### Leading scorers per U21 campaign (qualifying to final)

2017: 11 Patrik Schick (Czech Republic)  
2015: Saido Berahino (England) 10  
2013: Rodrigo (Spain) 12  
2011: Tomáš Pekhart (Czech Republic) 10  
2009: Robert Acquafresca (Italy) 8  
2007: Nikita Bazhenov (Russia), Igor Denisov (Russia), Dragan Mrdja (Serbia), Maceo Rigters (Netherlands), Theo Walcott (England) 4  
2006: Klaas-Jan Huntelaar (Netherlands) 14  
2004: Alberto Gilardino (Italy) 11  
2002: Ricardo Cabanas (Switzerland) 9  
2000: Lampros Choutos (Greece) 15  
1998: Steffen Iversen (Norway) 9  
1996: Roy Makaay (Netherlands), Ole Gunnar Solskjær (Norway) 10  
1994: Toni (Portugal) 8  
1992: Peter Møller (Denmark) 9  
1990: Igor Kolyvanov (USSR) 9  
1988: Aristidis Karasavidis (Greece) 5

1986: Gianluca Vialli (Italy) 4  
1984: Mark Hateley (England) 6  
1982: Pierre Littbarski (West Germany) 6  
1980: Ramaz Shengelia (USSR) 3  
1978: Vahid Halilhodžić (Yugoslavia) 6

**Biggest win:**

**All-time**

14-0: Spain v San Marino, 08/02/05  
2006 qualifying group stage, Santo Domingo, El Ejido

**Final tournament**

6-0: England v Turkey, 29/05/00  
Group stage, Tehelné Pole Stadium, Bratislava

**Final**

4-0: Germany v England, 29/06/09  
Malmö New Stadium, Malmö, Sweden

**Most goals in a game:**

14: Spain 14-0 San Marino, 08/02/05  
2006 qualifying group stage, Santo Domingo, El Ejido

**Final tournament**

7: Czech Republic 4-3 Croatia, 01/06/00  
Group stage, Mestský Stadium, Trenčín, Slovakia

**Final**

8: Yugoslavia 4-4 East Germany, 31/05/78  
(second leg, Yugoslavia won 5-4 on agg), Mostar, Yugoslavia

**Record attendance:**

42,000: Turkey 1-1 Germany, 18/11/03  
2004 qualifying play-off, Şükrü Saracoğlu Stadium, Istanbul

**Final tournament**

35,500: Italy 1-1 Spain (Italy won 4-2 on pens) 31/05/96  
Final, Olímpico de Montjuïc, Barcelona

## Match-by-match lineups

### Italy

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

##### Group A

Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Belgium	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Italy</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Poland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Spain</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

##### Matchday 1 (16/06/2019)

Italy-Spain

##### Matchday 2 (19/06/2019)

Italy-Poland

##### Matchday 3 (22/06/2019)

Belgium-Italy

### Spain

#### Under-21 - Qualifying round

(05/09/2017)

##### Estonia 0-1 Spain

Goals: 0-1 Soler 65

Spain: Sivera, Carmona, Caricol, Nuñez, Meré, Rodri, Soler, Merino, Mayoral (77 Gual), Ceballos, Oyarzabal (37 Pedraza)

(10/10/2017)

##### Slovakia 1-4 Spain

Goals: 0-1 Merino 26, 0-2 Oyarzabal 49, 0-3 Rodri 56, 1-3 Vavro 59, 1-4 Ceballos 69

Spain: Unai Simón, Maffeo, Caricol, Meré (43 Nuñez), Vallejo, Rodri, Soler, Merino (89 Fabián Ruiz), Mayoral, Ceballos, Oyarzabal (76 Fornals)

(09/11/2017)

##### Spain 1-0 Iceland

Goals: 1-0 Fabián Ruiz 36

Spain: Unai Simón, Maffeo, Caricol, Nuñez, Vallejo, Rodri, Soler, Fabián Ruiz (77 Pedraza), Mayoral (82 Gual), Ceballos, Oyarzabal (91 Fornals)

(14/11/2017)

##### Spain 5-1 Slovakia

Goals: 0-1 Fabián Ruiz 23 (og) , 1-1 Ceballos 38, 2-1 Córdoba 53, 3-1 Ceballos 55, 4-1 Ceballos 61, 5-1 Mayoral 86

Spain: Unai Simón, Maffeo, Caricol (70 Lato), Meré, Vallejo, Rodri, Soler, Fabián Ruiz, Mayoral, Ceballos (83 Fornals), Oyarzabal (46 Córdoba)

(22/03/2018)

##### Northern Ireland 3-5 Spain

Goals: 0-1 Oyarzabal 15, 1-1 Donnelly 30 (P) , 1-2 Oyarzabal 44, 2-2 Donnelly 45+2, 2-3 Mayoral 47, 3-3 Lavery 68, 3-4 Mayoral 75, 3-5 Mayoral 84

Spain: Sivera, Nuñez, Caricol, Meré, Fabián Ruiz, Merino, Soler, Fornals (76 Traoré), Mayoral (87 Carlos Fernández), Ceballos, Oyarzabal (89 Lato)

(27/03/2018)

##### Spain 3-1 Estonia

Goals: 1-0 Fabián Ruiz 8, 2-0 Mayoral 37, 3-0 Mayoral 51, 3-1 Sinyavskiy 59

Spain: Soriano, Maffeo, Lato, Vallejo, Merino, García, Soler (87 Traoré), Fabián Ruiz, Mayoral, Ceballos, Oyarzabal (57 Córdoba)

(06/09/2018)

**Spain 3-0 Albania**

**Goals:** 1-0 Oyarzabal 5, 2-0 Mayoral 56, 3-0 Mir 90+2

**Spain:** Unai Simón, Maffeo, Junior Firpo, Meré, Nuñez, Zubeldia, Soler (80 Méndez), Merino, Mayoral (75 Mir), Fornals, Oyarzabal (66 Pedraza)

(11/09/2018)

**Spain 1-2 Northern Ireland**

**Goals:** 0-1 Lavery 4, 0-2 Donnelly 8 (P) , 1-2 Mir 90+2

**Spain:** Sivera, Francis, Pedraza, Meré, Nuñez, Roca, Soler (77 Cheikh), Fabián Ruiz (50 Mir), Mayoral, Fornals (68 Méndez), Oyarzabal

(11/10/2018)

**Albania 0-1 Spain**

**Goals:** 0-1 Mir 84

**Spain:** Unai Simón, Lirola, Caricol, Nuñez, Meré, Zubeldia, Soler, Fabián Ruiz (60 Dani Olmo), Mayoral (66 Mir), Fornals (54 Pedraza), Oyarzabal

(16/10/2018)

**Iceland 2-7 Spain**

**Goals:** 0-1 Oyarzabal 24 (P) , 0-2 Mir 25, 0-3 Mir 40, 1-3 Þorsteinsson 41, 1-4 Gunnarsson 45+2 (og) , 1-5 Soler 54, 2-5 Karlsson 58, 2-6 Mayoral 87, 2-7 Fabián Ruiz 90

**Spain:** Unai Simón, Palencia, Angeliño, Vallejo, Meré, Roca, Soler, Fabián Ruiz, Mir (67 Mayoral), Oyarzabal (73 Pedraza), Dani Olmo (58 Fornals)

**Group stage – final tournament**

**Group A**

Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Belgium	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Italy</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Poland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Spain</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Matchday 1 (16/06/2019)**

Italy-Spain

**Matchday 2 (19/06/2019)**

Spain-Belgium

**Matchday 3 (22/06/2019)**

Spain-Poland

## Team facts

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### Italy

#### Tournament record

**2017:** semi-finals  
**2015:** group stage  
**2013:** runners-up  
**2011:** play-offs  
**2009:** semi-finals  
**2007:** group stage  
**2006:** group stage  
**2004:** winners  
**2002:** semi-finals  
**2000:** winners  
**1998:** did not qualify  
**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

#### 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** twice, most recently v Liechtenstein, 06/09/12  
Qualifying group stage, Stadio Ceravolo, Catanzaro

#### Heaviest defeats

##### Final tournament

**3-1** four times, most recently v Spain, 27/06/17  
Semi-final, Cracovia Stadium, Krakow

##### Qualifying

**6-0:** Norway v Italy, 05/06/91  
Qualifying group stage, Stavanger Stadion, Stavanger

### Spain

#### Tournament record

**2017:** runners-up  
**2015:** play-offs  
**2013:** winners  
**2011:** winners  
**2009:** group stage  
**2007:** play-offs  
**2006:** did not qualify  
**2004:** play-offs  
**2002:** play-offs  
**2000:** third place  
**1998:** winners  
**1996:** runners-up  
**1994:** third place

**1992:** did not qualify  
**1990:** quarter-finals  
**1988:** quarter-finals  
**1986:** winners  
**1984:** runners-up  
**1982:** quarter-finals  
**1980:** did not qualify  
**1978:** did not qualify

### **Biggest wins**

#### **Final tournament**

**5-0:** Spain v North Macedonia, 17/06/17  
Group stage, Stadion Miejski w Gdyni, Gdynia

#### **Qualifying**

**14-0:** Spain v San Marino, 08/02/05  
Qualifying group stage, Santo Domingo, El Ejido

### **Heaviest defeats**

#### **Final tournament**

**2-0** twice, most recently v England, 18/06/09  
Group stage, Gamla Ullevi, Gothenburg

#### **Qualifying**

**5-0:** Netherlands v Spain, 16/02/83  
Qualifying group stage, Galgenwaard, Utrecht



## Legend

### :: Squad list

**No:** number **DoB:** date of birth **Qual:** qualifying **FT:** final tournament **Pld:** played **Gls:** goals **Overall U21:** all-time qualifying and final tournament data

### :: 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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