

# EUROPEAN QUALIFIERS - 2016/18 SEASON MATCH PRESS KITS



**Italy**

**Juventus Stadium - Turin**

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Group G - Matchday 2



**Spain**

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## Head coach

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### Gian Piero Ventura

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**Date of birth:** 14 January 1948

**Nationality:** Italian

**Playing career:** FS Sestrese Calcio, USD Enna, SSDU Sanremo, USD Novese

**Coaching career:** UC Sampdoria (youth), ASD Albenga, ACD Rapallo Ruentes, Virtus Entella, Spezia Calcio, US Centese, US Pistoiese, ASD Giarre Calcio, Venezia FC, US Lecce, Cagliari Calcio (twice), UC Sampdoria, Udinese calcio, SSC Napoli, ACR Messina, Hellas-Verona FC, AC Pisa, FC Bari, Torino FC, Italy

- Born in Genoa, Ventura started his playing and coaching careers in the youth system of Sampdoria. As a midfielder he made nine appearances for Sicilian outfit Enna in Serie C, the highest level he played at.
- Began coaching in the Sampdoria academy in 1976 and worked for several teams in the lower divisions before finally making his Serie A debut more than two decades later after leading Cagliari to promotion in 1998. He had done the same the previous season with Lecce, only to be replaced by Cesare Prandelli before the campaign started.
- He continued to move between posts in Serie A and Serie B, but his stock rose considerably after he replaced Antonio Conte at Bari ahead of the 2009/10 season. Ventura guided Bari to tenth place with a club record 50 points in Serie A, drawing twice against José Mourinho's FC Internazionale Milano and defeating Juventus 3-1.
- In 2011 he accepted the call from Torino, then in Serie B. "I could take a mid-table team in Serie A but trying to take Torino back to Serie A is the real libido," he famously said. He not only achieved that but also led the Granata into Europe. Under Ventura, Torino reached the UEFA Europa League round of 16 in 2014/15 after a memorable 3-2 win at Athletic Club.
- After becoming the trainer with most consecutive games on the Torino bench (217), third overall behind Luigi Radice and Emiliano Mondonico, Ventura was announced as Conte's successor as Italy coach in June 2016.

### Julen Lopetegui

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**Date of birth:** 28 August 1966

**Nationality:** Spanish

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

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

- Lopetegui's promising goalkeeping performances for Real Sociedad de Fútbol's youth sides led to a move to Real Madrid. The Basque native progressed into the senior squad, but, starved of opportunities, switched to Logroñes, where he made 107 Spanish top-flight appearances over three seasons.
- Those displays earned a move to Barcelona but again he found playing time limited, prompting a transfer to Rayo Vallecano, where he featured 112 times until retirement in 2002. He earned one senior international cap and was part of Spain's 1994 FIFA World Cup squad.
- Started his coaching career in 2003/04, at second division Rayo, but the experience was short-lived – he was dismissed after ten games. After five years away from the bench he returned to active duty in 2008/09, with Real Madrid Castilla, ending the campaign in sixth place.
- In 2010 Lopetegui joined the Royal Spanish Football Federation (RFEF) and led the U19s to the European title two years later before reaching the quarter-finals of the FIFA U-20 World Cup in 2013. He had assumed control of the U21s in August 2012 and guided the holders to the 2013 UEFA European Under-21 Championship, winning the title in Israel.
- On 6 May 2014, he returned to club duties with Porto but failed to win any silverware with the club and left his post in January 2016. Appointed Vicente del Bosque's successor as Spain coach in July that year.

# Legend

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## Competitions

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### 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

## Other abbreviations

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**(aet):** After extra time  
**No.:** Number  
**ag:** Match decided on away goals  
**agg:** Aggregate  
**AP:** Appearances  
**Comp.:** Competition  
**D:** Drawn  
**DoB:** Date of birth  
**ET:** Extra Time  
**GA:** Goals against  
**GF:** Goals for  
**gg:** Match decided by golden goal  
**L:** Lost  
**Nat.:** Nationality

**pens:** Penalties  
**og:** Own goal  
**P:** Penalty  
**Pld:** Matches played  
**Pos.:** Position  
**Pts:** Points  
**R:** Sent off (straight red card)  
**Res.:** Result  
**sg:** Match decided by silver goal  
**t:** Match decided by toss of a coin  
**W:** Won  
**Y:** Booked  
**Y/R:** Sent off (two yellow cards)  
**N/A:** Not applicable

## Statistics

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**-:** Denotes player substituted  
**\***: Denotes player sent off

**+**: Denotes player introduced  
**+/-:** 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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