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Italy

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Group G - Matchday 2



Spain

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Previous meetings

Head to Head

2016 UEFA European Championship

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
27/06/2016	1/8	Italy - Spain	2-0	Saint-Denis	Chiellini 33, Pellè 90+1

FIFA Confederations Cup

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
27/06/2013	SF	Spain - Italy	0-0 (aet, 7-6pens)	Fortaleza	

UEFA EURO 2012

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
01/07/2012	F	Spain - Italy	4-0	Kyiv	Silva 14, Jordi Alba 41, Torres 84, Juan Mata 88
10/06/2012	GS-FT	Spain - Italy	1-1	Gdansk	Fàbregas 64; Di Natale 61

UEFA EURO 2008

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
22/06/2008	QF	Spain - Italy	0-0 (aet, 4-2pens)	Vienna	

FIFA World Cup

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
09/07/1994	QF	Italy - Spain	2-1	Boston	D. Baggio 25, R. Baggio 88; Caminero 58

1988 UEFA European Championship

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
14/06/1988	GS-FT	Italy - Spain	1-0	Frankfurt am Main	Vialli 73

1980 UEFA European Championship

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
12/06/1980	GS-FT	Spain - Italy	0-0	Milan	

FIFA World Cup

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
01/06/1934	QF	Italy - Spain	1-0	Florence	Meazza 11
31/05/1934	QF	Italy - Spain	1-1	Florence	Ferrari 44; Regueiro 31

	Qualifying								Final tournament				Total					
	Home				Away													
	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
Total																		
Italy	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	4	5	1	35	11	14	10	42	36
Spain	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	1	5	4	35	10	14	11	36	42

Squad list

Italy

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season					
						Qual.		FT			
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls		
Goalkeepers											
-	Gianluigi Buffon	28/01/1978	38	Juventus	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Mattia Perin	10/11/1992	23	Genoa	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Gianluigi Donnarumma	25/02/1999	17	Milan	-	0	0	0	0		
Defenders											
-	Andrea Barzagli	08/05/1981	35	Juventus	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Davide Astori	07/01/1987	29	Fiorentina	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Matteo Darmian	02/12/1989	26	Man. United	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Angelo Ogbonna	23/05/1988	28	West Ham	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Leonardo Bonucci	01/05/1987	29	Juventus	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Mattia De Sciglio	20/10/1992	23	Milan	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Alessio Romagnoli	12/01/1995	21	Milan	-	0	0	0	0		
Midfielders											
-	Daniele De Rossi	24/07/1983	33	Roma	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Riccardo Montolivo	18/01/1985	31	Milan	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Antonio Candrea	28/02/1987	29	Internazionale	-	1	1	0	0		
-	Giacomo Bonaventura	22/08/1989	27	Milan	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Marco Verratti	05/11/1992	23	Paris	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Marco Parolo	25/01/1985	31	Lazio	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Alessandro Florenzi	11/03/1991	25	Roma	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Federico Bernardeschi	16/02/1994	22	Fiorentina	-	0	0	0	0		
Forwards											
-	Graziano Pellè	15/07/1985	31	Shandong Luneng	-	1	1	0	0		
-	Éder	15/11/1986	29	Internazionale	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Ciro Immobile	20/02/1990	26	Lazio	-	1	1	0	0		
-	Manolo Gabbiadini	26/11/1991	24	Napoli	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Andrea Belotti	20/12/1993	22	Torino	-	0	0	0	0		
Coach											
-	Gian Piero Ventura	14/01/1948	68		-	1	0	0	0		

Spain

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season					
						Qual.		FT			
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls		
Goalkeepers											
-	Pepe Reina	31/08/1982	34	Napoli	-	0	0	0	0		
-	David de Gea	07/11/1990	25	Man. United	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Sergio Rico	01/09/1993	23	Sevilla	-	0	0	0	0		
Defenders											
-	Gerard Piqué	02/02/1987	29	Barcelona	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Sergio Ramos	30/03/1986	30	Real Madrid	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Nacho	18/01/1990	26	Real Madrid	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Jordi Alba	21/03/1989	27	Barcelona	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Sergi Roberto	07/02/1992	24	Barcelona	-	1	1	0	0		
-	Dani Carvajal	11/01/1992	24	Real Madrid	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Iñigo Martínez	17/05/1991	25	Real Sociedad	-	0	0	0	0		
Midfielders											
-	Andrés Iniesta	11/05/1984	32	Barcelona	-	0	0	0	0		
-	David Silva	08/01/1986	30	Man. City	-	1	2	0	0		
-	Thiago Alcántara	11/04/1991	25	Bayern	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Koke	08/01/1992	24	Atlético	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Sergio Busquets	16/07/1988	28	Barcelona	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Ander Herrera	14/08/1989	27	Man. United	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Isco	21/04/1992	24	Real Madrid	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Vitolo	02/11/1989	26	Sevilla	-	1	1	0	0		
Forwards											
-	Diego Costa	07/10/1988	27	Chelsea	-	1	2	0	0		
-	José Callejón	11/02/1987	29	Napoli	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Nolito	15/10/1986	29	Man. City	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Álvaro Morata	23/10/1992	23	Real Madrid	-	1	2	0	0		
-	Lucas Vázquez	01/07/1991	25	Real Madrid	-	0	0	0	0		
Coach											
-	Julen Lopetegui	28/08/1966	50		-	1	0	0	0		

Head coach

Gian Piero Ventura

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

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 Logroñés, 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.

Match officials

Referee	Felix Brych (GER)
Assistant referees	Mark Borsch (GER) , Stefan Lupp (GER)
Fourth official	Bastian Dankert (GER)
FIFA Match Commissioner	Harry M. Been (NED)
UEFA Referee observer	Levan Paniashvili (GEO)

Referee

Name	Date of birth		UEFA matches
Felix Brych	03/08/1975	4	77

FIFA World Cup matches involving teams from the two countries involved in this match

Date	Competition	Stage reached	Home	Away	Result	Venue
16/10/2012	WC	QR	Spain	France	1-1	Madrid

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

Date	Competition	Stage reached	Home	Away	Result	Venue
01/06/2007	U19	ELITE	Italy	Sweden	5-2	Katerini
06/06/2007	U19	ELITE	Croatia	Italy	3-1	Katerini
30/08/2007	UEL	2QR	FK Vojvodina	Club Atlético de Madrid	1-2	Novi Sad
23/10/2008	UEL	GS	Udinese Calcio	Tottenham Hotspur FC	2-0	Udine
19/08/2009	UCL	PO	Panathinaikos FC	Club Atlético de Madrid	2-3	Athens
29/09/2009	UCL	GS	ACF Fiorentina	Liverpool FC	2-0	Florence
03/11/2009	UCL	GS	AC Milan	Real Madrid CF	1-1	Milan
24/02/2010	UCL	R16	PFC CSKA Moskva	Sevilla FC	1-1	Moscow
28/09/2010	UCL	GS	AFC Ajax	AC Milan	1-1	Amsterdam
02/11/2010	UCL	GS	Valencia CF	Rangers FC	3-0	Valencia
05/04/2011	UCL	QF	Real Madrid CF	Tottenham Hotspur FC	4-0	Madrid
14/03/2012	UCL	R16	Chelsea FC	SSC Napoli	4-1	London
27/03/2012	UCL	QF	APOEL FC	Real Madrid CF	0-3	Nicosia
18/04/2012	UCL	SF	Chelsea FC	FC Barcelona	1-0	London
03/10/2012	UCL	GS	FC Zenit	AC Milan	2-3	St Petersburg
16/10/2012	WC	QR	Spain	France	1-1	Madrid
13/02/2013	UCL	R16	Real Madrid CF	Manchester United FC	1-1	Madrid
22/10/2013	UCL	GS	AC Milan	FC Barcelona	1-1	Milan
10/12/2013	UCL	GS	FC København	Real Madrid CF	0-2	Copenhagen
01/04/2014	UCL	QF	FC Barcelona	Club Atlético de Madrid	1-1	Barcelona
14/05/2014	UEL	Final	Sevilla FC	SL Benfica	0-0	Turin
01/10/2014	UCL	GS	Club Atlético de Madrid	Juventus	1-0	Madrid
05/11/2014	UCL	GS	Athletic Club	FC Porto	0-2	Bilbao
25/11/2014	UCL	GS	PFC CSKA Moskva	AS Roma	1-1	Khimki
24/02/2015	UCL	R16	Manchester City FC	FC Barcelona	1-2	Manchester

Date	Competition	Stage reached	Home	Away	Result	Venue
31/03/2015	FRIE.	GS-FT	Italy	England	1-1	
22/04/2015	UCL	QF	Real Madrid CF	Club Atlético de Madrid	1-0	Madrid
07/05/2015	UEL	SF	Sevilla FC	ACF Fiorentina	3-0	Seville
13/10/2015	EURO	QR	Italy	Norway	2-1	Rome
25/11/2015	UCL	GS	Juventus	Manchester City FC	1-0	Turin
05/04/2016	UCL	QF	FC Barcelona	Club Atlético de Madrid	2-1	Barcelona
17/08/2016	UCL	PO	Villarreal CF	AS Monaco FC	1-2	Villarreal
28/09/2016	UCL	GS	SSC Napoli	SL Benfica	4-2	Naples

Competition facts

The Week of Football concept enables fans around the world to enjoy the very best action from the European Qualifiers – which will determine UEFA's representatives at the 2018 FIFA World Cup in Russia.

Qualifying for the 2018 FIFA World Cup comprises nine groups of six teams, with matches played on a home-and-away basis.

Qualifying takes place under the 'Week of Football' concept, introduced ahead of the UEFA EURO 2016 qualifying campaign, in which games are spread out from Thursday to Tuesday, shining the spotlight on more teams on the road to the finals in Russia. Moreover, thanks to the Week of Football, at least 43% of matches will be played on weekends, giving fans a better chance to follow the action on television, in the stadiums and on UEFA.com.

Kick-off times will be set mainly at 18:00CET and 20:45CET on Saturdays and Sundays and at 20:45CET for Thursdays, Fridays, Mondays and Tuesdays. In double-header matchweeks, sides will play on Thursday/Sunday, Friday/Monday or Saturday/Tuesday. Each day of the Week of Football will feature eight to ten games.

The nine group winners will qualify directly for the final tournament. The eight best runners-up will contest play-offs to decide the last four qualifiers for the finals.

The 13 qualifiers then join hosts Russia in the finals to make it 14 UEFA member associations represented.

How qualification works

The other confederations have the following qualifying berths:

Africa: 5

Asia: 4.5

North and Central America and Caribbean: 3.5

Oceania: 0.5

South America: 4.5

Match-by-match lineups

Italy

FIFA World Cup - Qualifying round

Group G

Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Spain	1	1	0	0	8	0	3
Italy	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
Albania	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
FYR Macedonia	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Israel	1	0	0	1	1	3	0
Liechtenstein	1	0	0	1	0	8	0

Matchday 1 (05/09/2016)

Israel 1-3 Italy

Goals: 0-1 Pellè 14, 0-2 Candreva 31 (P) , 1-2 Ben Chaim 35, 1-3 Immobile 83

Italy: Buffon, Chiellini, Candreva (67 Florenzi), Bonaventura (63 Ogbonna), Pellè, Verratti, L. Antonelli, Barzagli, Parolo, Éder (70 Immobile), Bonucci

Matchday 2 (06/10/2016)

Italy-Spain

Matchday 3 (09/10/2016)

FYR Macedonia-Italy

Matchday 4 (12/11/2016)

Liechtenstein-Italy

Matchday 5 (24/03/2017)

Italy-Albania

Matchday 6 (11/06/2017)

Italy-Liechtenstein

Matchday 7 (02/09/2017)

Spain-Italy

Matchday 8 (05/09/2017)

Italy-Israel

Matchday 9 (06/10/2017)

Italy-FYR Macedonia

Matchday 10 (09/10/2017)

Albania-Italy

Spain

FIFA World Cup - Qualifying round

Matchday 1 (05/09/2016)

Spain 8-0 Liechtenstein

Goals: 1-0 Diego Costa 10, 2-0 Sergi Roberto 55, 3-0 Silva 59, 4-0 Vitolo 60, 5-0 Diego Costa 66, 6-0 Morata 82, 7-0 Morata 83, 8-0 Silva 90+1

Spain: De Gea, Piqué, Busquets, Sergi Roberto, Koke, Thiago Alcántara (46 Nolito), Vitolo (79 Asensio), Ramos, Jordi Alba, Diego Costa (68 Morata), Silva

Matchday 2 (06/10/2016)

Italy-Spain

Matchday 3 (09/10/2016)

Albania-Spain

Matchday 4 (12/11/2016)

Spain-FYR Macedonia

Matchday 5 (24/03/2017)

Spain-Israel

Matchday 6 (11/06/2017)

FYR Macedonia-Spain

Matchday 7 (02/09/2017)

Spain-Italy

Matchday 8 (05/09/2017)

Liechtenstein-Spain

Matchday 9 (06/10/2017)

Spain-Albania

Matchday 10 (09/10/2017)

Israel-Spain

Legend

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

Other abbreviations

(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

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

+: Denotes player introduced
+/-: Denotes player introduced and substituted

Squad list

D: Disciplinary
*****: Misses next match if booked
S: Suspended

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

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