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Netherlands



Germany

Group B - Matchday 1
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Previous competitive meetings

Head to Head

UEFA European Under-21 Championship

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
25/04/89	QR (GS)	Netherlands - Germany	0-1	Venlo	Witeczek 31
18/10/88	QR (GS)	Germany - Netherlands	2-0	Augsburg	Bierhoff 64, Effenberg 75

UEFA European Under-21 Championship

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
17/11/87	QR (GS)	Germany - Netherlands	0-2	Münster	
28/04/87	QR (GS)	Netherlands - Germany	3-1	Venlo	

	Home				Away				Final				Total					
	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
Netherlands	2	1	0	1	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	4	2	0	2	5	4
Germany	2	1	0	1	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	4	2	0	2	4	5

Match background

Neither the Netherlands nor Germany have appeared in the UEFA European Under-21 Championship since last winning the title and each will be eager to make a positive start when they meet at Ha Moshava Stadium in Petah Tikva when Group B gets under way.

How they qualified

- The Netherlands won their first three qualifiers but then took only a point from their next two, both against Scotland. Fourteen goals for and just one against in their final three outings secured first place in Group 10, however – six points clear of Scotland – before two 2-0 wins against Slovakia in the play-offs.
- Germany recorded nine wins and a draw – 4-4 away at second-placed Bosnia and Herzegovina in their final game – to finish eight points clear at the top of Group 1, scoring 39 goals and conceding nine. They then overcame Switzerland in the play-offs, drawing 1-1 at home but winning 3-1 away; their 43 goals scored was eight more than the next highest total, Spain's 35.

Previous meetings

- This will be only the teams' fifth competitive meeting at U21 level and their first in almost 25 years. They were first paired together in qualifying for the 1988 tournament when the Netherlands came out on top against West Germany, winning the first game in Venlo 3-1 in April 1987 before a 2-0 away victory in Munster four months later. Those wins helped the Jong Oranje finish top of Group 8 with West Germany eliminated in third place; the Netherlands went on to lose to Greece in the two-legged semi-finals.

• West Germany quickly turned the tables, recording home and away victories in qualifying for the 1990 finals. Oliver Bierhoff and Steffen Effenberg scored in a 2-0 home win in Augsburg on 18 October 1988; Marcel Witczek got the only goal of the Venlo return the following April. West Germany finished top of Group 4 with the Netherlands third; Germany lost in the next round, however, going down 3-2 on aggregate to the Soviet Union in the quarter-finals.

• Although they have not played competitively since that 1989 fixture, the teams have been regular friendly opponents and last met in Sittard on 25 March 2011. Visitors Germany ran out 3-1 winners, their goals coming from Pierre-Michel Lasogga (27), Sebastian Rudy (46) and Lewis Holtby (64) with Género Zeefuik (45+3) getting the Netherlands' sole reply.

- The teams were:

Netherlands: Padt (Zoedt 46), Evers, Bruma, Nuytinck (Ramsteijn 46), Blind (Nelom 85), Clasic (Nijholt 55), Fer, Vejinovic (Ebecilio 55), Narsingh, Zeefuik, Cabral (Kieftenbeld 75).

Germany: Baumann, Radjabali-Fardi (Ostrzolek 22), Jantschke, Neumann, Kirchhoff, Vogt, Rudy (Hornschuh 83), Vukcevic (Schindler 90), Holtby (Jung 90), Mlapa (Didavi 72), Lasogga (Sukuta-Pasu 72).

• The Netherlands were 4-0 away winners in Ahlen on 27 March 2009 while the teams played out a pair of 2-2 draws in 2006. Germany came out on top in the sides' first meeting of the 21st century, winning 4-1 on 19 November 2002 with Kevin Kuranyi scoring twice and Giuseppe Gemiti and Thomas Hitzlsperger also on target in Aachen; Arjen Robben got the visitors' goal.

Match background

• The Netherlands are in the finals for the first time since 2007, when they claimed a second successive title on home soil with a 4-1 final defeat of Serbia in Groningen. They had lifted the trophy for the first time with a 3-0 defeat of Ukraine in Portugal 12 months previously.

• The Jong Oranje's only previous appearances in the final tournament came in 1998, when they lost to Norway in the third-place play-off, and 2000, when they failed to survive the group stage. They were also semi-finalists in 1988 and reached the last eight four years later.

• Germany have also not featured in the final tournament since lifting the trophy, in their case in Sweden in 2009 where England were defeated 4-0 in the final in Malmo. That is Germany's sole U21 triumph, although as West Germany they were runners-up to England in 1982.

• Germany were eliminated in the group stage of the 2004 and 2006 finals – hosting the former edition – and lost in the quarter-finals in 1990, 1992, 1996 and 1998.

Team ties

- Netherlands coach Cor Pot was technical director at SG Dynamo Dresden in 2000/01.
- Luuk de Jong moved to VfL Borussia Mönchengladbach in summer 2012.

- Marco van Ginkel made his senior Netherlands debut in a goalless friendly draw against Germany on 14 November at the Amsterdam ArenA. Bruno Martins Indi, Ricardo van Rhijn and Stefan de Vrij were also in the home team with Holtby featuring for the visitors.
- Georginio Wijnaldum won his second cap for the senior Netherlands side in a 3-0 defeat by Germany in Hamburg on 15 November 2011.
- Leroy Fer and Ola John were in the Twente side beaten by FC Schalke 04 in the 2011/12 UEFA Europa League round of 16. Christoph Moritz was a substitute in Twente's 1-0 home win in the first leg, Holtby starting and Moritz again coming on in the return, won 4-1 by the German club.

Netherlands news

- The Netherlands were the first foreign team to arrive in Israel and begun their training camp in Haifa on 28 May.
- The Jong Oranje enjoyed a day off in Haifa on Sunday after an open training session on Saturday evening. They spent some time on the beach although Kevin Strootman, Memphis Depay, Stefan de Vrij and Bruno Martins Indi could not resist playing a game of beach football.
- The Dutch had a final training session in Haifa on Monday morning, before heading off to Tel Aviv by bus. They enjoyed an evening walk along the boulevard; on Tuesday the players were available for media interviews before training in the evening.
- The Netherlands squad includes 12 players with senior international experience and their starting lineup here promises to become quite different from qualifying. Coach Pot said: "It is my job to create a team from it. I am very clear in that. Everyone knows exactly how we are going to play."

Germany news

- The Germany squad was finally complete after Antonio Rüdiger joined the team on Monday. The centre-back played for VfB Stuttgart in their 3-2 defeat by FC Bayern München in Saturday's German Cup final and linked up with his team-mates on Monday morning.
- The rest of the Germany party had arrived in Tel Aviv just before midnight on Sunday following two training camps in Bavaria and Cyprus.
- Coach Rainer Adrion has all 23 players fit and available, although there was a scare during Monday's training session when midfielder Patrick Herrmann received treatment from the medical staff because of a hip problem. "It still hurts, but I will manage," the Mönchengladbach winger said.
- Adrion said: "I'm happy that I now have my full team here in Israel and although it has been a long season for all of them, I have a lot of confidence that we will deliver some good games. The fans here in Israel are fantastic, they show a lot of enthusiasm for this tournament."

Team facts

Netherlands

Final tournament record

2007: winners

2006: winners

2000: group stage

1998: semi-finals

1992: quarter-finals

1988: semi-finals

All-time competitive record

P154 W86 D29 L39

2013 qualifying (including play-off)

P10 W8 D1 L1 F25 A3

Top scorer: Género Zeefuik (7)

Ever presents: Kelvin Leerdam

Netherlands U21s capped at senior level

Kevin Strootman (18 caps), Bruno Martins Indi (9), Luuk de Jong (7), Ricardo van Rhijn (6), Jordy Clasie (5), Stefan de Vrij (5), Adam Maher (4), Daley Blind (3), Georginio Wijnaldum (2), Leroy Fer (2), Marco van Ginkel (1), Ola John (1)

Players with previous U21 final tournament experience

None

Most capped player

All-time: Arnold Bruggink (31)

Current: Leroy Fer (27)

Leading scorer

All-time: Klaas-Jan Huntelaar (18)

Current: Georginio Wijnaldum (8)

Biggest wins

Final tournament:

Netherlands 4-1 Serbia 23/06/2007

2007 final, Euroborg, Groningen

Netherlands 3-0 Ukraine 04/06/2006

2006 final, Bessa XXI, Porto

Qualifying:

San Marino 0-7 Netherlands 29/04/1997

1998 qualifying group stage, Stadio di Serravalle, Serravalle

Heaviest defeats

Final tournament:

Netherlands 0-3 Greece 26/05/1998

1998 semi-final, Steaua Stadium, Bucharest

Qualifying:

England 3-0 Netherlands 27/04/1993

1994 qualifying group stage, Fratton Park, Portsmouth

Spain 4-1 Netherlands 04/06/1999

2000 qualifying group stage, Los Pajaritos, Soria

Portugal 3-0 Netherlands 27/03/2001

2002 qualifying group stage, Dr Machado De Matos, Felgueiras

Netherlands 0-3 Czech Republic 28/03/2003

2004 qualifying group stage, Sportcentrum Maaspoort, 's-Hertogenbosch

Germany

Final tournament record

2009: winners

2006: group stage

2004: group stage

1998: quarter-finals

1996: quarter-finals

1992: quarter-finals

1990: quarter-finals

1982: runners-up

All-time competitive record

P154 W94 D29 L31

2013 qualifying (including play-off)

P12 W10 D2 L0 F43 A11

Top scorers: Peniel Mlapa (8), Alexander Esswein, Lewis Holtby (5), Maximilian Beister, Sebastian Polter (4)

Ever presents: none

Germany U21s capped at senior level

Lewis Holtby (3)

Players with previous U21 final tournament experience

None

Most capped player

All-time: Fabian Ernst (31)

Current: Lewis Holtby (21)

Leading scorer

All-time: Pierre Littbarski (18)

Current: Lewis Holtby (13)

Biggest wins

Final tournament:

Germany 5-0 USSR 30/04/1982

1982 semi-finals, (Old) Tivoli, Aachen

Qualifying:

San Marino 0-11 Germany 17/11/2009

2011 qualifying group stage, Stadio Olimpico, Serravalle

Heaviest defeats

Final tournament:

France 3-0 Germany 25/05/2006

2006 group stage, Estádio D. Afonso Henriques, Guimaraes

Qualifying:

Iceland 4-1 Germany 11/08/2010

2011 qualifying group stage, Kaplakrikavöllur, Hafnarfjörður

Squad list

Netherlands

No	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season				Overall	
						Qual.		FT		U21	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers											
1	Jeroen Zoet	06/01/91	22	PSV Eindhoven	-	9	-	-	-	10	-
16	Marco Bizot	10/03/91	22	FC Groningen	-	2	-	-	-	2	-
23	Nick Marsman	01/10/90	22	FC Twente	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders											
2	Ricardo van Rhijn	13/06/91	21	AFC Ajax	-	2	-	-	-	2	-
3	Stefan de Vrij	05/02/92	21	Feyenoord	-	6	-	-	-	6	-
4	Bruno Martins Indi	08/02/92	21	Feyenoord	-	3	-	-	-	3	-
5	Daley Blind	09/03/90	23	AFC Ajax	-	7	-	-	-	11	-
13	Mike Van Der Hoorn	15/10/92	20	FC Utrecht	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
14	Bram Nuytinck	04/05/90	23	RSC Anderlecht	-	9	1	-	-	11	1
20	Patrick van Aanholt	29/08/90	22	Vitesse	-	3	-	-	-	3	-
Midfielders											
6	Jordy Clasie	27/06/91	21	Feyenoord	-	6	1	-	-	6	1
8	Kevin Strootman	13/02/90	23	PSV Eindhoven	-	-	-	-	-	6	-
10	Adam Maher	20/07/93	19	AZ Alkmaar	-	5	-	-	-	5	-
12	Kelvin Leerdam	24/06/90	22	Feyenoord	-	10	-	-	-	10	-
17	Leroy Fer	05/01/90	23	FC Twente	-	7	3	-	-	15	3
18	Marco van Ginkel	01/12/92	20	Vitesse	-	9	3	-	-	9	3
19	Tonny Trindade de Vilhena	03/01/95	18	Feyenoord	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Forwards											
7	Florian Jozefzoon	09/02/91	22	RKC Waalwijk	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9	Luuk de Jong	27/08/90	22	VfL Borussia Mönchengladbach	-	2	1	-	-	8	2
11	Ola John	19/05/92	21	SL Benfica	-	4	-	-	-	4	-
15	Georginio Wijnaldum	11/11/90	22	PSV Eindhoven	-	5	3	-	-	13	4
21	Danny Hoesen	15/01/91	22	AFC Ajax	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
22	Memphis Depay	13/02/94	19	PSV Eindhoven	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coach											
-	Cor Pot	08/06/51	61	-	-	10	-	-	-	23	-

Germany

No	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season				Overall	
						Qual.		FT		U21	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers											
1	Bernd Leno	04/03/92	21	Bayer 04 Leverkusen	-	4	-	-	-	4	-
12	Oliver Baumann	02/06/90	23	SC Freiburg	-	3	-	-	-	4	-
23	Timo Horn	12/05/93	20	1. FC Köln	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders											
2	Tony Jantschke	07/04/90	23	VfL Borussia Mönchengladbach	-	9	-	-	-	10	-
3	Stefan Thesker	11/04/91	22	TSG 1899 Hoffenheim	-	2	-	-	-	2	-
4	Lasse Sobiech	18/01/91	22	FC St Pauli	-	6	1	-	-	7	1
5	Shkodran Mustafi	17/04/92	21	UC Sampdoria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
13	Matthias Ginter	19/01/94	19	SC Freiburg	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15	Sead Kolasinac	20/06/93	19	FC Schalke 04	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16	Oliver Sorg	29/05/90	23	SC Freiburg	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
17	Antonio Rüdiger	03/03/93	20	VfB Stuttgart	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Midfielders											
6	Sebastian Rudy	28/02/90	23	TSG 1899 Hoffenheim	-	7	1	-	-	12	1
7	Patrick Funk	11/02/90	23	FC St Pauli	-	8	1	-	-	9	1
8	Sebastian Rode	11/10/90	22	Eintracht Frankfurt	-	2	-	-	-	2	-
10	Lewis Holtby	18/09/90	22	Tottenham Hotspur FC	-	9	5	-	-	12	7
18	Patrick Herrmann	12/02/91	22	VfL Borussia Mönchengladbach	-	4	-	-	-	6	1
19	Christian Clemens	04/08/91	21	1. FC Köln	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20	Christoph Moritz	27/01/90	23	FC Schalke 04	-	1	-	-	-	3	-
22	Emre Can	12/01/94	19	FC Bayern München	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Forwards											
9	Kevin Volland	30/07/92	20	TSV 1860 München	-	4	-	-	-	4	-
11	Peniel Mlapa	20/02/91	22	VfL Borussia Mönchengladbach	-	11	8	-	-	12	8
14	Sebastian Polter	01/04/91	22	1. FC Nürnberg	-	4	4	-	-	4	4
21	Pierre-Michelle Lasogga	15/12/91	21	Hertha BSC Berlin	-	5	3	-	-	5	3
Coach											
-	Rainer Adrion	10/12/53	59	-	-	12	-	-	-	20	-

Head coach

Netherlands: Cor Pot

Date of birth: 8 June 1951

Nationality: Dutch

Playing career: Sparta Rotterdam, MVV Maastricht, HFC Haarlem, SBV Excelsior, Fortuna Vlaardingen

Coaching career: SVB Excelsior (assistant), Feyenoord (assistant and youth), VV Wilhelmus, RBC Roosendaal, NAC Breda, SBV Excelsior, Al-Masry Club, Telstar (assistant), 1. FC Dynamo Dresden (technical director), Netherlands (youth coach, head scout), FC Zenit St Petersburg (assistant), Netherlands Under-21s

- A striker, Pot came through the Sparta Rotterdam youth academy and made his professional debut in 1970/71 at the club. He continued his career with MVV, Haarlem, Excelsior and Vlaardingen before hanging up his boots in 1981.
- After assistant coach roles with Excelsior and Feyenoord, he became head coach at amateur side VV Wilhelmus before moving on to Roosendaal, Breda, Excelsior, and Egyptian side Al-Masry. He also held the post of technical director at German club Dynamo Dresden.
- In 2002, Pot joined the Royal Netherlands Football Association (KNVB), becoming youth coach and head scout, while also succeeding Wim Koevoets as U21 coach for the 2003/04 season. Pot's tenure laid the foundations for Foppe de Haan's successful Jong Oranje, who won back-to-back European titles in 2006 and 2007.
- He moved to Zenit as assistant to Dick Advocaat in 2006, winning the Russian championship, the UEFA Cup and UEFA Super Cup there before returning to the KNVB in 2009. After succeeding De Haan, he has now led the Jong Oranje to their first final tournament since winning it in 2007.

Germany: Rainer Adrion

Date of birth: 10 December 1953

Nationality: German

Playing career: FV Zuffenhausen, SpVgg 07 Ludwigsburg, VfB Stuttgart, SpVgg Unterhaching, TSV 1860 München, FV Zuffenhausen

Coaching career: FV Zuffenhausen (player-coach), SpVgg 07 Ludwigsburg, SpVgg Unterhaching, SSV Reutlingen, VfR Pforzheim, VfB Stuttgart (assistant), VfB Stuttgart, VfB Stuttgart (reserves), Stuttgarter Kickers, VfB Stuttgart (reserves), Germany Under-21s (since July 2009)

- Born in Stuttgart, Adrion made a total of 22 Bundesliga appearances as a defender for VfB and played in the lower leagues for clubs such as Unterhaching and 1860.
- It was in those divisions that he started his coaching career and, via Unterhaching (1991–93) and Reutlingen (1993–94), he found himself back at Stuttgart, where he became assistant coach in 1996. In January 1999, he replaced Wolfgang Rolff as caretaker of the Bundesliga side, but a string of bad results led to Ralf Rangnick taking over in May of that year.
- Adrion went on to coach VfB's reserves and showed a flair for bringing through aspiring youngsters. Left to coach Unterhaching in the 2. Bundesliga (2001–02) and Stuttgarter Kickers in the third tier, only to return to once more take charge of Stuttgart's reserves in 2004, again showing an ability to bring the best out of raw talent.
- In July 2009, he took over from Horst Hrubesch as U21 coach, though Germany missed out on the 2011 finals after finishing third in their qualifying group. Two years later, he successfully led them to the finals in Israel.

Match officials

Referee	Ivan Bebek (CRO)
Assistant referees	Dmitri Zhuk (BLR), Haralds Gudermanis (LVA)
Additional assistant referees	Kristo Tohver (EST), Kenn Hansen (DEN)
Fourth official	Danny Krasikow (ISR)
UEFA Delegate	Kazimierz Oleszek (POL)
UEFA Referee observer	Hugh Dallas (SCO)

Referee

Name	Date of birth	Under-21 matches
Ivan Bebek	30/05/1977	6

An economist who lives in Rijeka, Ivan Bebek first officiated in UEFA competition in the UEFA European Under-19 Championship Elite round in 2003.

- Bebek, who counts reading and squash among his interests, continued to impress with four European U17 Championship qualifying engagements that season before a busy summer in 2004, when he took charge of matches in UEFA Champions League and UEFA Cup qualifying and the UEFA Intertoto Cup.
- Selected for the 2005 UEFA-CAF Meridian Cup in Turkey, where he took charge of two games. He has continued to be a regular presence in club and national-team competitions, also overseeing two Croatian Cup finals in his homeland.
- In August 2007 Bebek was chosen to officiate at the FIFA U-17 World Cup and, having taken charge of two UEFA EURO 2008 qualifying fixtures, was fourth official for three group stage games in Austria and Switzerland.
- Made his UEFA Champions League group stage debut as a referee in November 2007 as S.S. Lazio defeated SV Werder Bremen 2-1 in Rome, also taking charge of three games at the 2009 FIFA U-20 World Cup in Egypt. Oversaw two UEFA EURO 2012 qualifiers.

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

Date	Competition	Stage	Home	Away	Result	Venue
06/09/05	U21	QR	Germany	England	1-1	Mainz
06/09/05	U21	QR	Germany	England	1-1	Mainz

Other matches

Date	Competition	Stage	Home	Away	Result	Venue
03/09/04	U21	QR	Latvia	Portugal	1-2	Riga
16/08/06	U21	QR	Greece	Republic of Ireland	0-2	Athens
03/09/04	U21	QR	Latvia	Portugal	1-2	Riga
16/08/06	U21	QR	Greece	Republic of Ireland	0-2	Athens

Match-by-match lineups

Final tournament Group B

Standings

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Germany	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Netherlands	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Russia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Spain	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Matchday 1 (06/06/13)

Netherlands v Germany

Matchday 2 (09/06/13)

Netherlands v Russia

Germany v Spain

Matchday 3 (12/06/13)

Spain v Netherlands

Russia v Germany

Competition facts

Under-21 historical statistics (competitive matches)

Champions (hosts)

2011 Spain (Denmark)*
2009 Germany (Sweden)*
2007 Netherlands (Netherlands)*
2006 Netherlands (Portugal)*
2004 Italy (Germany)*
2002 Czech Republic (Switzerland)*
2000 Italy (Slovakia)
1998 Spain (Romania)
1996 Italy (Spain)
1994 Italy (France)
1992 Italy
1990 USSR
1988 France
1986 Spain
1984 England
1982 England
1980 USSR
1978 Yugoslavia

*Current format

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)
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)

Leading scorers per U21 campaign (qualifying to final) since 1990

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
2000 final tournament group stage, Tehelné Pole Stadium, Bratislava

Final

4-0: Germany v England 29/06/2009
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
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
1996 final, Olímpico de Montjuïc, Barcelona

Competition information

- **Eligibility:** Players are eligible to play in the competition if they were born on or after 1 January 1990.
- **Qualifying:** Qualifying began on 25 March 2011 and ran until 16 October 2012 with a group stage followed by play-offs to determine which seven nations joined Israel, who qualified automatically as hosts, at the eight-team final tournament.
- **How the 2013 finals works:** The group stage is based on a league system (three points for a win, one for a draw, none for a defeat) to produce four semi-finalists.

If two or more teams are equal on points on completion of all the matches in their group, the following criteria will be used to determine the rankings in the order given:

- a) number of points obtained in the matches between the teams in question;
- b) goal difference in the matches between the teams in question;
- c) number of goals scored in the matches between the teams in question (if more than two teams finish equal on points);
- d) goal difference in all the group matches;
- e) number of goals scored in all the group matches;
- f) position in the coefficient ranking used for the final draw;

If two teams with the same number of points, goals scored and conceded play their last group match against each other and are still equal at the end of that match, the ranking of the two teams will be determined by penalties, provided that no other team within the group has the same number of points on completion of all group matches.

The final tournament consists of two groups of four, with the top two from each progressing to the semi-finals (A1 v B2 and B2 v A1) where it becomes a knockout competition (extra time and then penalties apply).

- **Disciplinary information:** Yellow cards that do not result in a suspension expire at the end of the group stage and are not carried forward to the semi-finals.
- **Top scorer:** adidas will award a golden boot to the leading scorer at the tournament after the final, along with silver and bronze boots for the players finishing second and third in the scoring chart.
- **Official ball:** The official match ball of the tournament was unveiled during the finals draw in November. Made by adidas, it features the blue and white colours of hosts Israel and its design has the same thermally bonded triangular patterns as the adidas Tango 12, match ball of UEFA EURO 2012.
- **Official song:** Former player Eyal Golan collaborated with some of Israel's best musicians to help produce Always My Number 1, the official tune of the finals. The 42-year-old will sing it at the opening ceremony at the Netanya Municipal Stadium on 5 June; it will be subsequently played at every match.
- **Match officials:** Six referees were chosen to officiate in Israel: Ivan Bebek (Croatia), Antony Gautier (France), Pawel Gil (Poland), Ovidiu Hategan (Romania), Matej Jug (Slovenia) and Serhiy Boiko (Ukraine). Also, for the first time at an Under-21 finals, there will be a team of additional assistant referees.
- **Trophy:** The original trophy, which is used for the official presentation ceremony at the final, remains in UEFA's keeping at all times. A full-size replica is awarded to the winning association. Each association that competes in the final tournament will receive a commemorative plaque.
- **Medals:** 35 gold medals are presented to the winning team and 35 silver medals to the runners-up. The teams beaten in the semi-finals will each receive 35 bronze medals.
- **Ambassadors:** Avi Nimni and Eli Ohana are the tournament's two ambassadors. With over 130 caps between them, they are two of Israel's foremost former players. Nimni is also Maccabi Tel-Aviv FC's all-time leading goalscorer while Ohana won the European Cup Winners' Cup in 1988 with KV Mechelen.
- **UEFA.com:** A team of reporters in Israel will provide unrivalled coverage in ten languages, with live coverage, player interviews, full statistics and video. There is also full social media coverage including dedicated Twitter (@UEFAUnder21) and Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/under21>) pages.
- **Next finals:** The Czech Republic were selected as hosts of the 2015 UEFA European Under-21 Championship finals at the UEFA Executive Committee meeting on 20 March 2012. Players are eligible to play in the competition if they were born on or after 1 January 1992.

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/UEFA Champions League

UEL: UEFA Europa League

UCUP: UEFA Cup/UEFA Europa League

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 • **WCHAMP:** UEFA European Women's Championship

:: Competition stages

F: Final

GS: Group stage

GS1: First group stage

GS2: Second group stage

KO1: First knockout round

PR: Preliminary round

QF: Quarter-finals

QR: Qualifying round

QR1: First qualifying round

QR2: Second qualifying round

FT: Final tournament

ELITE: Elite round

3rdPO: Third-place play-off

GS-FT: Group stage – final tournament

3QR: Third qualifying round

R1: First round

R2: Second round

R3: Third 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

Prom/rel PO: Promotion/relegation play-off

:: Statistics

(-) : Denotes player substituted

(*) : Denotes player sent off

(+) : Denotes player introduced

(+/-) : Denotes player introduced and substituted

:: Squad list

D: Disciplinary

S: Suspended

Overall U21: Total appearances in the UEFA European Under-21 Championship final tournament only

*****: Misses next match if booked

#: Suspended for at least one match

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