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Group A - Matchday 3



Italy

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Previous meetings

Head to Head

UEFA European Under-21 Championship

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
14/10/2013	QR (GS)	Belgium - Italy	0-1	Genk	Battocchio 4
05/09/2013	QR (GS)	Italy - Belgium	1-3	Rieti	Battocchio 39; T. Hazard 47, Malanda 52, Carrasco 90+2

UEFA European Under-21 Championship

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
18/12/1985	QR (GS)	Italy - Belgium	3-0	San Benedetto del Tronto	Viali 35, Francini 36, Baldieri 88
27/03/1985	QR (GS)	Belgium - Italy	1-1	Bruxelles	Thans 68; Mancini 53 (P)

	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																		
Belgium	2	0	1	1	2	1	0	1	-	-	-	-	4	1	1	2	4	6
Italy	2	1	0	1	2	1	1	0	-	-	-	-	4	2	1	1	6	4

Match background

Hosts Italy will look to round off their Group A campaign in style as they take on Belgium in Reggio Emilia.

- Italy have picked up three points from their two fixtures, opening with a 3-1 defeat of Spain only to lose 1-0 to Poland on 19 June, and are level with Spain on three points, three behind Poland.
- Italy need to win and hope Poland lose in order to stand a chance of winning the group. In that instance, with Italy, Spain and Poland all on six points, placings would be decided by the results of matches involving those three sides. An Italy victory and a win for Spain by a one or two-goal margin would mean the Azzurrini finish top.
- Belgium, having lost to both Poland (2-3) and Spain (1-2), can no longer finish first in the section or qualify for the semi-finals as the best runners-up overall.

Previous meetings

- Substitute Francis Amuzu scored the only goal nine minutes from time as Belgium won 1-0 away to Italy in a friendly on 11 October 2018.
- The line-ups at the Stadio Friuli in Udine – venue for the 2019 U21 final – were:
Italy: Scuffet; Calabria, Mancini, Romagna (Bastoni 62), Adjapong (Luca Pellegrini 62); Murgia (Zaniolo 62), Mandragora, Locatelli (Valzania 73); Parigini (Edera 84), Kean (Orsolini 62), Vido (Favilli 62).
Belgium: De Wolf; Cools (Vanlerberghe 63), Vanheusden (J Schrijvers 46), Faes (Wouters 46), De Norre (Bushiri 46); S Schrijvers, De Sart (Oméonga 46), Heynen (Mangala 46); Iseka (Amuzu 63), Lukebakio (Dimata 46), Ngoy.
- This is the countries' fifth competitive U21 meeting – and a second in three editions – but a first in the final tournament.
- Both sides recorded an away win when they met in the 2015 qualifying group stage. Thorgan Hazard and Yannick Carrasco were both among the goals as Belgium came from behind to win 3-1 in Rieti in September 2013; the following month, Italy's Cristian Battocchio – who had also scored in the first game – got the only goal in Genk.
- Italy picked up four points from their two games against Belgium in the 1986 qualifying group stage. A Roberto Mancini penalty helped the visitors to a 1-1 draw in Brussels in March 1985; in December of the same year, Gianluca Vialli got the opening goal as Italy won 3-0 in San Benedetto del Tronto.
- Luca Pellegrini, Nicolò Zaniolo, Andrea Pinamonti and Patrick Cutrone were in the Italy side held 1-1 by Belgium in the European U19 Championship elite round in March 2017, with Claud Adjapong an unused substitute. Jens Teunckens, Wout Faes and Orel Mangala played for Belgium.

Form guide

Belgium

- This is Belgium's third U21 finals, and a first since 2007. Then they reached the semi-finals across the border in the Netherlands, losing 2-0 to Serbia in the last four.
- The Young Devils' only other appearance in the final tournament came in Switzerland in 2002, when they finished third in their group behind France and eventual champions the Czech Republic having picked up three points from their three matches.
- Having lost both Group A games to date, Belgium's record in the final tournament is now W2 D2 L5 F8 A13.
- One of five countries unbeaten in qualification, Johan Walem's team won eight of their ten games en route to these finals, drawing the other two to finish six points clear of Sweden at the top of Group 6. They won their last seven qualifiers, keeping clean sheets in the last four while scoring 13 times themselves.

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.
- Despite being Spain on matchday one, the Azzurrini have won only four of their last ten matches in the final tournament (D1 L5).
- Italy have played 17 friendlies since 1 September 2017 (W7 D4 L6). Prior to victory against Spain, they had not won since beating Tunisia 2-0 in October 2018, with those two wins their only ones in their last eight matches (D2 L4).

Links and trivia

- Belgium coach Walem played in Italy for Udinese (1997–99 and 2000/01), Parma (1999/2000), Torino (2003/04) and Catania (2004/05). He came on as a late substitute in Belgium's 3-1 friendly win against Italy on 13 November 1999.
- Walem was a youth coach at Udinese between 2010 and 2012.

- Bryan Heynen scored in Genk's 2-0 victory at Sassuolo in the UEFA Europa League group stage on 9 December 2016. Lorenzo Pellegrini was a substitute for the Italian club.
- Has played in Italy:
Stéphane Oméonga (Avellino 2016/17, Genoa 2017–)
- 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, with Federico Chiesa starting and Pellegrini coming off the bench against Greece. Gianluca Mancini also started against Bosnia & Herzegovina, Chiesa appearing as a half-time substitute.

Squad list

Belgium

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season				Overall	
						Qual.		FT		Team	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers											
1	Nordin Jackers	05/09/1997	21	Genk	-	9	0	1	0	10	-
12	Ortwin De Wolf	23/04/1996	23	Lokeren	-	1	0	1	0	2	-
21	Jens Teunckens	30/01/1998	21	Royal Antwerp	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
Defenders											
2	Dion Cools	04/06/1996	23	Club Brugge	-	10	1	2	1	13	2
3	Sebastiaan Bornauw	22/03/1999	20	Anderlecht	-	0	0	1	1	1	1
4	Wout Faes	03/04/1998	21	Oostende	S	8	0	2	0	10	-
5	Casper De Norre	07/02/1997	22	Genk	-	3	0	1	0	4	-
13	Rocky Bushiri	30/11/1999	19	Eupen	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
18	Jur Schryvers	11/03/1997	22	Waasland-Beveren	-	1	0	0	0	1	-
20	Dries Wouters	28/01/1997	22	Genk	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
22	Elias Cobbaut	24/11/1997	21	Anderlecht	-	4	0	2	0	6	-
Midfielders											
6	Samuel Bastien	26/09/1996	22	Standard Liège	-	6	1	1	0	8	1
8	Bryan Heynen	06/02/1997	22	Genk	*	6	0	2	0	8	-
10	Siebe Schrijvers	18/07/1996	22	Club Brugge	-	10	4	2	0	17	4
15	Alexis De Sart	12/11/1996	22	Sint-Truiden	*	7	0	1	0	8	-
16	Yari Verschaeren	12/07/2001	17	Anderlecht	-	0	0	1	0	1	-
17	Alexis Saelemaekers	27/06/1999	19	Anderlecht	-	2	0	1	0	3	-
23	Orel Mangala	18/03/1998	21	Hamburg	-	3	0	2	0	5	-
Forwards											
7	Isaac Mbenza	08/03/1996	23	Huddersfield	-	10	1	2	0	12	1
9	Aaron Leya Iseka	15/11/1997	21	Toulouse	-	9	2	2	1	11	3
11	Dodi Lukebakio	24/09/1997	21	Düsseldorf	*	9	4	2	0	11	4
14	Stéphane Oméonga	27/03/1996	23	Hibernian	-	2	0	0	0	2	-
19	Francis Amuzu	23/08/1999	19	Anderlecht	-	0	0	2	0	2	-
Coach											
-	Johan Walem	01/02/1972	47		-	10	0	2	0	27	-

Italy

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

Head coach

Johan Walem

Date of birth: 1 February 1972

Nationality: Belgian

Playing career: Anderlecht, Udinese (twice), Parma, Standard Liège, Torino, Catania

Coaching career: Anderlecht (youth), Udinese (youth), Belgium U21 (twice), Kortrijk

- One of the most prodigiously talented Belgian players of his generation, Walem, whose first name was a nod by his parents to Johan Cruyff, started out at RWD Molenbeek and was picked up by Anderlecht's youth department aged 14. Having made his first-team debut at 18, he was Belgium's young player of the year in 2002.
- After helping Anderlecht win the league title three years in a row from 1993–95, including a domestic double in 1994, he moved to Udinese in 1997. Walem's playmaking skills and partnership with Oliver Bierhoff were key ingredients in an unexpected third-place finish in Serie A.
- Stayed at Udinese for another season before moving to Parma in 1999, where he occasionally dazzled despite fierce competition for places. After another year at Udinese he returned to Belgium with Standard Liège in 2001 but was back in Italy in 2003, having spells at Torino and Catania before ending his career in 2005.
- A former Under-21 international, Walem made his Belgium senior debut on 20 November 1991 against Germany. A non-playing member of the UEFA EURO 2000 squad, he also took part in the 2002 FIFA World Cup, where he scored his second and last international goal in the group stage against Russia, the last-16 defeat by Brazil ending his career at 36 caps.
- Having initially moved into the media, he took charge of Anderlecht's youth side in 2008, fulfilling the same role at Udinese two years later before becoming Belgium's U21 coach in 2012. Returned to club football in 2015 with Kortrijk but resumed his U21 role 12 months later and led the team undefeated to the 2019 European finals.

Luigi Di Biagio

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.

Match officials

Referee	Srdjan Jovanović (SRB)
Assistant referees	Uroš Stojković (SRB) , Milan Mihajlović (SRB)
Video Assistant Referee	Christian Dingert (GER)
Fourth official	István Kovács (ROU)
Assistant Video Assistant Referee	Tobias Stieler (GER)
UEFA Delegate	Elena Kobak (RUS)
UEFA Referee observer	Hugh Dallas (SCO)

Referee

Name	Date of birth	Under-21 matches	UEFA matches
Srdjan Jovanović	09/04/1986	3	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
29/09/2015	UYL	R1	FK Senica	Torino FC	0-0	Senica
31/10/2017	UYL	GS	AS Roma	Chelsea FC	1-2	Rome
20/09/2018	UEL	GS	F91 Dudelange	AC Milan	0-1	Luxembourg
29/11/2018	UEL	GS	Malmö FF	KRC Genk	2-2	Malmo

Competition facts

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: Patrik Schick (Czech Republic) 11
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

Belgium

Under-21 - Qualifying round

(27/03/2017)

Belgium 2-1 Malta

Goals: 1-0 Kabir 43, 2-0 Cools 54, 2-1 J. Grech 69

Belgium: Jackers, Cools, Bossaerts, Mmaee, Miangue, Heynen (86 Leya Iseka), Schrijvers, Mbenza, Vanlerberghe, Kabir (82 Bastien), Ngoy (68 Benson)

(05/09/2017)

Belgium 0-0 Turkey

Belgium: Jackers, Cools, Bossaerts, Vanheusden, Cobbaut, Mbenza (85 Leya Iseka), Dimata, Schrijvers, A. De Sart, Nkaka Bazunga (70 Lukebakio), Mangala

(06/10/2017)

Belgium 1-1 Sweden

Goals: 1-0 Vanlerberghe 30, 1-1 Dagerstål 61

Belgium: Jackers, Cools, Vanlerberghe (67 Miangue), Faes, Cobbaut, Mbenza (79 Leya Iseka), Dimata (85 Lukebakio), Schrijvers, A. De Sart, Heynen, Mmaee

(10/10/2017)

Cyprus 0-2 Belgium

Goals: 0-1 Lukebakio 51, 0-2 Bastien 90+3

Belgium: Jackers, Cools, Faes, Miangue, Mbenza, Mangala (86 Oméonga), Leya Iseka (78 Kabir), Schrijvers, Lukebakio (68 Nkaka Bazunga), Bastien, Mmaee

(09/11/2017)

Belgium 3-2 Cyprus

Goals: 1-0 Mbenza 15, 2-0 Dimata 45+2, 2-1 Papageorgiou 49, 2-2 Fragkou 75, 3-2 Leya Iseka 90+2

Belgium: Jackers, Cools, De Medina (80 Ngoy), Faes, Cobbaut, Heynen, Mbenza (63 Miangue), Dimata, Schrijvers, A. De Sart, Lukebakio (86 Leya Iseka)

(14/11/2017)

Turkey 1-2 Belgium

Goals: 1-0 Melih Okutan 5, 1-1 Merih Demiral 45+2 (og) , 1-2 Schrijvers 87

Belgium: Jackers, Cools, Faes, Cobbaut, Mbenza (79 Ngoy), Bastien, Schrijvers, Lukebakio, Miangue, Leya Iseka (56 Dimata), Nkaka Bazunga (17 Heynen)

(26/03/2018)

Belgium 3-0 Hungary

Goals: 1-0 Schrijvers 19, 2-0 Lukebakio 64, 3-0 Dimata 72 (P)

Belgium: Jackers, Cools, Faes, Miangue, Mbenza, Dimata, Schrijvers, Lukebakio (65 A. De Sart), Schrijvers (46 Oulare), Bastien (76 Oméonga), Mmaee

(07/09/2018)

Malta 0-4 Belgium

Goals: 0-1 Dimata 11, 0-2 Schrijvers 18, 0-3 Lukebakio 59, 0-4 Leya Iseka 69

Belgium: Jackers, Cools, Vanheusden, Faes, Bastien (63 A. De Sart), Mbenza, Dimata (63 Leya Iseka), Schrijvers, Lukebakio (80 Saelemaekers), De Norre, Vanlerberghe

(11/09/2018)

Hungary 0-3 Belgium

Goals: 0-1 Dimata 20, 0-2 Dimata 73 (P) , 0-3 Schrijvers 86

Belgium: Jackers, Cools, Vanheusden, Faes, Bastien, Mbenza (90 A. De Sart), Dimata (78 Leya Iseka), Schrijvers, Lukebakio (83 Saelemaekers), De Norre, Heynen

(16/10/2018)

Sweden 0-3 Belgium

Goals: 0-1 Dimata 29, 0-2 Dimata 40, 0-3 Lukebakio 65

Belgium: De Wolf, Cools, Vanheusden, Faes, Heynen (70 Mangala), Mbenza, Dimata (87 Leya Iseka), Schrijvers,

Lukebakio (78 A. De Sart), De Norre, Vanlerberghe

Group stage – final tournament

Group A

Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Poland	2	2	0	0	4	2	6
Italy	2	1	0	1	3	2	3
Spain	2	1	0	1	3	4	3
Belgium	2	0	0	2	3	5	0

Matchday 1 (16/06/2019)

Poland 3-2 Belgium

Goals: 0-1 Leya Iseka 16, 1-1 Żurkowski 26, 2-1 Bielik 52, 3-1 Szymański 79, 3-2 Cools 84

Belgium: Jackers, Cools, Faes, De Norre (80 Amuzu), Mbenza (90 Saelemaekers), Heynen, Leya Iseka (63 Verschueren), Schrijvers, Lukebakio, Cobbaut, Mangala

Matchday 2 (19/06/2019)

Spain 2-1 Belgium

Goals: 1-0 Dani Olmo 7, 1-1 Bornauw 24, 2-1 Fornals 89

Belgium: De Wolf, Cools, Bornauw, Faes, Bastien, Mbenza (69 Leya Iseka), Heynen (77 A. De Sart), Schrijvers, Lukebakio, Cobbaut, Mangala (58 Amuzu)

Matchday 3 (22/06/2019)

Belgium-Italy

Italy

Under-21 - Group stage – final tournament

Matchday 1 (16/06/2019)

Italy 3-1 Spain

Goals: 0-1 Ceballos 9, 1-1 Chiesa 36, 2-1 Chiesa 64, 3-1 Pellegrini 82 (P)

Italy: Meret, Calabresi, Bonifazi (88 Bastoni), Pellegrini, Zaniolo (42 Orsolini), Mandragora, Dimarco, Mancini, Chiesa, Barella, Kean (60 Cutrone)

Matchday 2 (19/06/2019)

Italy 0-1 Poland

Goals: 0-1 Bielik 40

Italy: Meret, Bastoni, Pellegrini, Cutrone, Mandragora (57 Tonali), Orsolini (46 Kean), Dimarco, Mancini, Chiesa, Adjapong (81 Zaniolo), Barella

Matchday 3 (22/06/2019)

Belgium-Italy

Team facts

Belgium

Tournament record

2017: did not qualify
2015: did not qualify
2013: did not qualify
2011: did not qualify
2009: did not qualify
2007: semi-finals
2006: play-offs
2004: did not qualify
2002: group stage
2000: play-offs
1998: did not qualify
1996: did not qualify
1994: did not qualify
1992: did not qualify
1990: did not qualify
1988: did not qualify
1986: did not qualify
1984: did not qualify
1982: did not qualify
1980: did not qualify
1978: did not qualify

Biggest wins

Final tournament

0-1: Israel v Belgium, 13/06/07
Group stage, Abe Lenstra Stadion, Heerenveen
1-2: Greece v Belgium, 16/05/02
Group stage, Stade Olympique de la Pontaise, Lausanne

Qualifying

7-0 twice, most recently v North Macedonia, 15/11/94
Qualifying group stage, Kehrweg-stadion, Eupen

Heaviest defeats

Final tournament

2-0: Serbia v Belgium, 20/06/07
Semi-final, Gelredome, Arnhem
0-2: Belgium v France, 21/05/02
Group stage, Les Charmilles, Geneva

Qualifying

4-0: England v Belgium, 29/02/12
Qualifying group stage, Riverside, Middlesbrough

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

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

Statistics

-: Denotes player substituted

+: Denotes player introduced

*: Denotes player sent off

+/-: 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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