

2013 UEFA EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP

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Russia



Germany

Group B - Matchday 3
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Previous competitive meetings

Head to Head

UEFA European Under-21 Championship

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
28/03/90	QF	Germany - USSR	1-2 agg: 2-3 (aet)	Augsburg	Hochstätter 36; Chugunov 67, Sidelnikov 114 ET
14/03/90	QF	USSR - Germany	1-1	Simferopol	Shalimov 66; Bal 8(og)

UEFA European Under-21 Championship

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
30/04/82	SF	Germany - USSR	5-0 agg: 9-3	Aachen	Littbarski 18, 56, Reinders 38, Gruber 48, Strack 53
21/04/82	SF	USSR - Germany	3-4	Kharkiv	Polukarov 15, Gurinovich 34, Rodionov 54; Völler 9, 87, Khidiyatullin 28(og), Allofs 82

	Home				Away				Final				Total					
	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
Russia	0	0	0	0	4	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	4	0	1	2	7	11
Germany	4	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	1	0	11	7

Match background

Pride is the only thing at stake when the bottom two teams in Group B, Russia and Germany, meet in their final game at this UEFA European Under-21 Championship.

- After losing their two fixtures so far, both third-placed Germany and Russia, who sit fourth, will be keen to sign off on a winning note, and avoid the ignominy of finishing without a point. Prior to these finals, only Israel in 2007 had left an U21 tournament with no points to their name.

- Whoever wins the match will take third place. If it ends in a draw, Germany will finish above Russia owing to their superior goal difference.

Previous meetings

- This will be the sides' first UEFA European Under-21 Championship meeting and their first match of any description in a decade. In their last friendly encounter, on 19 August 2003, Mike Hanke gave Germany a 17th-minute lead but goals from Roman Adamov (60) and Spartak Gogniev (77) turned the contest in Russia's favour.

- The teams at the Torpedo Stadium in Moscow were:

Russia: Akinfeev (Gabulov 46), Kuzmin (Gogniev 46), Rogochi (Karlashchuk 36), Belozarov, Anyukov, Denisov, Bober (Vinogradov 57), Kusov, Vanyushin, Pimenov (Arshavin 46), Adamov.

Germany: Wiese, Schlicke (Franz 62), Madlung, Kling, Tiffert (Kuranyi 83), Balitsch (Görlitz 46), Hitzlsperger (Lapaczinski 46), Gemiti (Rathgeb 75), Marx (Burkhardt 46), Jones, Hanke.

- A year earlier two Benjamin Auer goals – the second in the 90th minute – helped Germany to a home friendly win by the same 2-1 scoreline. Andrey Arshavin had seemingly earned the visitors a draw in Hoffenheim with an 86th-minute equaliser.

- Russia were 4-2 winners in Idar-Oberstein in August 1997 and overcame Germany 2-0 in a Moscow friendly in September 1994 – the teams' first friendly meeting.

- The Soviet Union were unbeaten in five games against both West Germany and the reunified Germany between 1984 and 1991, recording two wins and three draws.

- Two of those matches came in the 1990 European Championship when the USSR drew 1-1 at home, then won 2-1 away to eliminate West Germany in the last eight, on their way to picking up the 1990 title.

- It was a different story in 1982, however, West Germany defeating the USSR 5-0 in Aachen and 4-3 in Kharkiv.

Match background

- This is Russia's first finals appearance as an independent nation under the current format. They reached the quarter-finals in 1994 and 1998 and were knocked out in the play-offs for the 2000, 2006 and 2007 finals.

- As part of the Soviet Union, they were European champions in 1980 and 1990.

- Germany failed to qualify for Denmark last time out having lifted the trophy in Sweden in 2009 after defeating England 4-0 in the final in Malmo. That is Germany's sole U21 triumph, although as West Germany they were runners-up 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

- Oleg Shatov was a late second-leg substitute as FC Anji Makhachkala won 4-2 on aggregate against Hannover 96 in the 2012/13 UEFA Europa League round of 32.

- Nikita Chicherin's FC Dinamo Moskva lost 3-1 on aggregate to VfB Stuttgart in the UEFA Europa League play-offs in August 2012. Antonio Rüdiger did not feature for the German club while Chicherin played 90 minutes of Dinamo's 1-1 draw in the home second leg.

- Russia coach Nikolai Pisarev spent 1996/97 on loan at FC St Pauli – then in the Bundesliga – scoring four goals in 21 appearances.

Russia news

- Fabio Capello, coach of the senior national side, watched the 5-1 defeat by the Netherlands but is not expected to attend the Germany game.

- Maksim Belyaev suffered slight concussion against the Dutch but was present at training in Bat Yam on Monday.

Germany news

- Midfielder Christoph Moritz is likely to be unavailable because of flu while left-back Sead Kolasinac, absent against Spain, will almost certainly miss out again owing to a knee problem. Striker Peniel Mlapa was ruled out of the tournament with a hamstring injury sustained in the first match against the Netherlands but has stayed on with the squad in Israel.
- Captain Lewis Holtby said it was "difficult to accept that we are out of the tournament", but remains optimistic about the future, adding that he was "convinced that a lot of players in this Under-21 team will become world-class footballers in the future".
- Hansi Flick, assistant coach to senior national coach Joachim Löw, wrote in a blog on the German Football Association (DFB) website that playing a third match after being eliminated is a "test of character" and added: "We lost with dignity against the Netherlands and Spain and gained a lot of sympathy in Israel. We presented ourselves as good guests to these great, fun-loving and amiable hosts."
- A DFB delegation led by president Wolfgang Niersbach, visited the Yad Vashem Holocaust memorial on Monday morning. The group, which included Otto Rehhagel, Günter Netzer and German Football League CEO Andreas Rettig, laid a wreath at the site and signed the guestbook.

Team facts

Russia

Final tournament record

1998: quarter-finals

1994: quarter-finals

All-time competitive record

P102 W59 D14 L29

2013 qualifying (including play-off)

P10 W6 D3 L1 F21 A7

Top scorers: Fedor Smolov (7), Aleksandr Kokorin (5)

Ever presents: Nikolai Zabolotni, Oleg Shatov

Russia U21s capped at senior level

Alan Dzagoev (27), Aleksandr Kokorin (12), Fedor Smolov (3), Oleg Shatov (2), Maksim Grigoryev (2), Taras Burlak (1), Georgi Schennikov (1), Denys Cheryshev (1), Arseni Logashov (1)

Players with previous U21 final tournament experience

None

Most capped player (competitive games only)

All-time: Oleg Kuzmin, Aleksandr Pavlenko, Pavel Yakovlev (16)

Current: Yakovlev (16)

Leading scorer (competitive games only)

All-time: Spartak Gogniev (11)

Current: Fedor Smolov (8)

Biggest wins

Final tournament:

Russia 2-1 Romania 30/05/1998

1998 seventh-placed match, Lia Manoliu Stadium, Bucharest

Qualifying:

Luxembourg 0-10 Russia 06/06/2001

2002 qualifying group stage, Stade Municipal, Petange

Heaviest defeats

Final tournament:

Netherlands 5-1 Russia 09/06/2013

Group stage, Teddy Stadium, Jerusalem

Qualifying:

Portugal 3-0 Russia 10/10/2006

2007 play-off, Estadio Sampaio, Vila Nova de Gaia

Romania 3-0 Russia 03/09/2010

2011 qualifying group stage, Municipal Stadium, Botosani

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

P156 W94 D29 L33

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 (23)

Leading scorer

All-time: Pierre Littbarski (18)

Current: Lewis Holtby (14)

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

Russia

No	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season				Overall	
						Qual.		FT		U21	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers											
1	Nikolai Zabolotni	16/04/90	23	FC Spartak Moskva	-	10	-	2	-	12	-
12	Stanislav Kritsuk	01/12/90	22	SC Braga	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16	Aleksandr Filtsov	02/01/90	23	FC Krasnodar	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders											
3	Georgi Schennikov	27/04/91	22	PFC CSKA Moskva	*	2	-	2	-	13	-
4	Nikita Chicherin	18/08/90	22	FC Dinamo Moskva	S	8	-	2	-	10	-
5	Taras Burlak	22/02/90	23	FC Lokomotiv Moskva	*	7	-	2	-	9	-
13	Sergei Bryzgalov	15/11/92	20	FC Spartak Moskva	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
15	Maksim Belyaev	30/09/91	21	FC Lokomotiv Moskva	-	5	-	2	-	7	-
23	Aleksei Nikitin	27/01/92	21	FC Yenisey Krasnoyarsk	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Midfielders											
2	Ibragim Tsallagov	12/12/90	22	PFC Krylya Sovetov Samara	*	9	-	2	-	11	-
6	Yuri Kirillov	19/01/90	23	FC Dinamo Moskva	-	5	1	1	-	7	1
7	Sergei Petrov	02/01/91	22	FC Krasnodar	-	9	-	2	-	11	-
8	Oleg Shatov	29/07/90	22	FC Anji Makhachkala	*	10	2	2	-	12	2
18	Roman Emelyanov	08/05/92	21	FC Shakhtar Donetsk	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
19	Maksim Grigoryev	06/07/90	22	FC Lokomotiv Moskva	*	5	1	1	-	6	1
20	Shota Bibilov	06/08/90	22	FC Volga Nizhny Novgorod	-	6	1	2	-	8	1
21	Aleksandr Zotov	27/08/90	22	FC Spartak Moskva	-	2	-	-	-	2	-
22	Alan Dzagoev	17/06/90	22	PFC CSKA Moskva	*	-	-	1	-	2	-
Forwards											
9	Andrei Panyukov	25/09/94	18	FC Dinamo Moskva	-	-	-	1	-	2	-
10	Fedor Smolov	09/02/90	23	FC Dinamo Moskva	-	9	7	1	-	15	8
11	Maksim Kanunnikov	14/07/91	21	FC Amkar Perm	-	9	-	1	-	11	-
14	Pavel Yakovlev	07/04/91	22	FC Spartak Moskva	-	8	-	2	-	16	1
17	Denis Cheryshev	26/12/90	22	Real Madrid CF	*	8	3	2	1	10	4
Coach											
-	Nikolai Pisarev	23/11/68	44	-	-	9	-	2	-	12	-

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	-	2	-	6	-
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	-	2	-	12	-
3	Stefan Thesker	11/04/91	22	TSG 1899 Hoffenheim	*	2	-	2	-	4	-
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	-	-	-	2	-	2	-
15	Sead Kolasinac	20/06/93	19	FC Schalke 04	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16	Oliver Sorg	29/05/90	23	SC Freiburg	-	1	-	2	-	3	-
17	Antonio Rüdiger	03/03/93	20	VfB Stuttgart	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
Midfielders											
6	Sebastian Rudy	28/02/90	23	TSG 1899 Hoffenheim	-	7	1	2	1	14	2
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	-	4	-
10	Lewis Holtby	18/09/90	22	Tottenham Hotspur FC	-	9	5	2	1	14	8
18	Patrick Herrmann	12/02/91	22	VfL Borussia Mönchengladbach	*	4	-	2	-	8	1
19	Christian Clemens	04/08/91	21	1. FC Köln	-	-	-	2	-	2	-
20	Christoph Moritz	27/01/90	23	FC Schalke 04	-	1	-	-	-	3	-
22	Emre Can	12/01/94	19	FC Bayern München	*	-	-	1	-	1	-
Forwards											
9	Kevin Volland	30/07/92	20	TSV 1860 München	-	4	-	2	-	6	-
11	Peniel Mlapa	20/02/91	22	VfL Borussia Mönchengladbach	-	11	8	1	-	13	8
14	Sebastian Polter	01/04/91	22	1. FC Nürnberg	-	4	4	1	-	5	4
21	Pierre-Michelle Lasogga	15/12/91	21	Hertha BSC Berlin	S	5	3	2	-	7	3
Coach											
-	Rainer Adrion	10/12/53	59	-	-	12	-	2	-	22	-

Head coach

Russia: Nikolai Pisarev

Date of birth: 23 November 1968

Nationality: Russian

Playing career: FC Torpedo Moskva, FC Winterthur, FC Spartak Moskva (three times), CP Mérida, FC St Pauli, FC Dinamo Moskva, FC Torpedo-ZIL, Russia, Russia (beach soccer)

Coaching career: FC Krasnoznamensk, PFC Krylya Sovetov Samara, FC Uralan Elista, Russia (beach soccer), Russia Under-21

- Pisarev came through the youth ranks at Torpedo Moskva and represented the club during the late 1980s. A move to Winterthur followed before a spell with Spartak Moskva where he won three Russian league titles. He returned to Spartak later in his career, winning three more championships, while also playing in Spain and Germany plus at other Moscow clubs.
- Representing the USSR, Pisarev won the 1990 UEFA European Under-21 Championship, though he was a fringe player in that squad. He won three caps for the senior Russia side, all of them in 1995, and scored his only goal in a 3-0 EURO '96 qualifying win against Faroe Islands on 6 May 1995.
- After hanging his boots in 2001, Pisarev plied his trade as an assistant coach at Krasnoznamensk, Krylya Sovetov Samara and Uralan Elista. His first spell as a head coach came with Russia's beach soccer team (2005–10) before being appointed Russian Football Union (RFS) sporting director in May 2010. He started to combine that position with the job of U21 coach in September of that year and guided Russia to the finals for the first time in 14 years.

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	Matej Jug (SVN)
Assistant referees	Ivo Kolev (BUL), Vencel Tóth (HUN)
Additional assistant referees	Halis Özkahya (TUR), Ivan Kružliak (SVK)
Fourth official	Nissan Davidy (ISR)
UEFA Delegate	Jean Paul Mievis (BEL)
UEFA Referee observer	Shmuel Shteif (ISR)

Referee

Name	Date of birth	Under-21 matches
Matej Jug	25/09/1980	10

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

Date	Competition	Stage	Home	Away	Result	Venue
16/10/12	U21	PO	Switzerland	Germany	1-3	Lucerne
06/06/13	U21	GS	Spain	Russia	1-0	Jerusalem
16/10/12	U21	PO	Switzerland	Germany	1-3	Lucerne
06/06/13	U21	GS	Spain	Russia	1-0	Jerusalem

Other matches

Date	Competition	Stage	Home	Away	Result	Venue
08/09/07	U21	QR	Armenia	Czech Republic	1-1	Yerevan
26/03/08	U21	QR	Portugal	Bulgaria	2-0	Guimaraes
07/09/10	U21	QR	England	Lithuania	3-0	Colchester
08/09/07	U21	QR	Armenia	Czech Republic	1-1	Yerevan
26/03/08	U21	QR	Portugal	Bulgaria	2-0	Guimaraes
07/09/10	U21	QR	England	Lithuania	3-0	Colchester

Match-by-match lineups

Final tournament Group B

Standings

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Netherlands	2	2	0	0	8	3	6
Spain	2	2	0	0	2	0	6
Germany	2	0	0	2	2	4	0
Russia	2	0	0	2	1	6	0

Matchday 1 (06/06/13)

Spain 1-0 Russia

Goals: 1-0 Morata 82

Russia: Zabolotni, Tsallagov (Kirillov 80), Schennikov, Chicherin, Burlak, Petrov, Shatov, Yakovlev, Belyaev, Cheryshev (Kanunnikov 58), Bibilov (Grigoryev 46)

Netherlands 3-2 Germany

Goals: 1-0 Maher 24, 2-0 Wijnaldum 38, 2-1 Rudy 47(pen), 2-2 Holtby 81, 3-2 Fer 90

Germany: Leno, Jantschke, Thesker, Rudy, Rode (Polter 80), Holtby, Mlapa (Volland 39), Ginter, Sorg, Herrmann, Lasogga (Clemens 61)

Matchday 2 (09/06/13)

Netherlands 5-1 Russia

Goals: 1-0 Wijnaldum 39, 2-0 L. de Jong 61, 2-1 Cheryshev 65, 3-1 John 69, 4-1 Hoesen 83, 5-1 Fer 90+2

Russia: Zabolotni, Tsallagov, Schennikov, Chicherin, Burlak, Petrov, Shatov (Bibilov 77), Smolov (Panyukov 73), Yakovlev (Cheryshev 54), Belyaev, Dzagoev

Germany 0-1 Spain

Goals: 0-1 Morata 86

Germany: Leno, Jantschke, Thesker, Rudy (Rüdiger 82), Rode (Can 70), Volland, Holtby, Ginter, Sorg, Herrmann (Lasogga 64), Clemens

Matchday 3 (12/06/13)

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 sung 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

ECCL: 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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