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Match background

Horst Hrubesch will hope to oversee another memorable victory against opponents from Spain in Germany's opening game at the UEFA European Under-21 Championship.

- Hrubesch's team face a potentially tough first test against Juan Ramón López Caro's Spain in Gothenburg but the Germany coach has at least successfully plotted a winning start against Spanish opposition before.
- As trainer of the Germany U19s last summer, Hrubesch saw his charges defeat Spain 2-1 in their opening group game en route to capturing the European crown.
- In his days as a rampaging centre-forward in the 1980s, meanwhile, he was in the Hamburger SV side that defeated both Real Madrid CF and Real Sociedad de Fútbol in European Champion Clubs' Cup semi-finals. Indeed Hrubesch scored twice as Hamburg beat Madrid 5-1 to overturn a 2-0 first-leg deficit at the last-four stage in 1980.
- Germany have never won the U21 championship and under previous coach Dieter Eilts, they secured their passage to Sweden by the skin of their teeth. Benedikt Höwedes's solitary 90th-minute strike in France secured a 2-1 aggregate win just when the French had looked poised to progress on away goals.
- Winners in 1986 and 1998, Spain qualified in equally dramatic fashion in their play-off against Switzerland. Beaten 2-1 in the first leg, they were trailing 3-2 on aggregate entering the fifth minute of added time in the return in Murcia before Sisi popped up to force extra time. López Caro's team duly progressed when Raúl García struck to earn Spain a 3-1 win and 4-3 aggregate success.
- Germany's U21 footballers have won only two matches since the introduction of a final tournament, namely their opening games in 2004 and 2006 and on both occasions they lost the next two and were eliminated
- Spain have lost just one of their 12 previous matches at U21 final tournaments. Their record is P12 W8 D3 L1, although one of those draws was followed by a penalty shoot-out defeat against Italy in the 1996 semi-finals.
- Surprisingly for two of Europe's traditional heavyweights, Spain and Germany have met just four times in competitive U21 fixtures. Spain hold the upper hand having recorded three victories and a solitary defeat.
- The breakdown of results is:
1994 Qualifying Group 3
15.12.92 Germany 1-2 Spain, Osnabruck
14.12.93 Spain 3-1 Germany, Cordoba
1982 Quarter-finals
24.02.82 Spain 1-0 West Germany, Santa Cruz de Tenerife
06.04.82 West Germany 2-0 Spain, Augsburg
- East Germany reached the first two finals of the UEFA European Under-21 Championship in 1978 and 1980, and in 1982 it was West Germany's turn after they defeated Spain in the last eight.



- They recovered from a 1-0 first-leg defeat in Tenerife to win 2-0 in Augsburg through goals from Rudi Völler and Pierre Littbarski. Völler scored twice more in an extraordinary 9-3 aggregate win against the Soviet Union in the semi-finals before West Germany lost to England 5-4 over two legs in the final.
- Spain got revenge of a kind when the countries were drawn together again in qualifying for the 1994 European U21 Championship. The Spanish advanced to the quarter-finals at Germany's expense when they built on a 2-1 win in Osnabruck with a 3-1 home success 12 months later, Julen Guerrero scoring twice. After beating Greece in the last eight, they lost to Portugal in the semi-finals.
- Spain U21 forward Bojan Krkić scored his country's goal in a 1-1 draw with Germany in the third-place play-off at the UEFA European U17 Championship in 2006. The FC Barcelona player also converted in the subsequent shoot-out, as did Germany's Marko Marin, in which Spain prevailed 3-2.
- Germany defender Gonzalo Castro was born in Wuppertal to Spanish parents and holds dual German-Spanish nationality.
- At senior level there have been 20 meetings between the countries which have produced eight wins for Germany, six for Spain and six draws.
- Spain's U21 footballers can look to the example of their senior counterparts who defeated Germany 1-0 in the final of UEFA EURO 2008™ in Vienna last summer. Fernando Torres's 33rd-minute goal made Spain champions of Europe for the second time.
- Torres also scored the only goal of the game in the 2002 UEFA European U19 Championship final between the teams.

Squad news

- Having arrived in Sweden on Thursday, Germany have made themselves at home at their camp in the small town of Lerum, to the north-east of Gothenburg.
- "We have prepared in the best way possible for this tournament," said Sami Khedira. "We have grown closer during our preparation, which will be decisive at the finals. We want to achieve the maximum. We want the title."
- Hrubesch is eager to build on recent German successes at U17 and U19 level. "Luckily, we have no problems with injuries; all players are fit," he said on Friday. Manuel Neuer, Marko Marin, Andreas Beck, Mesut Özil and Gonzalo Castro have all represented the senior side, although Hrubesch acknowledges there are still issues to resolve up front, saying: "This is where our problem is. The question is can Sandro [Wagner] assert himself? If not, others have to take over."
- Senior Germany coach Joachim Löw will attend the first two group matches against Spain and Finland, before travelling to the FIFA Confederations Cup in South Africa.
- Spain started their preparations in Sweden with a double training session in Gothenburg, following the strict programme coach López Caro began at the Ciudad del Fútbol at Las Rozas in Madrid.
- The first Group B team to arrive, Spain have settled into their hotel in central Gothenburg and had Saturday afternoon off ahead of their first official training session at the Gamla Ullevi on Sunday evening.

Team facts

Spain

Spain may feel that, given the football reputation the country enjoys, particularly at youth level, two UEFA European Under-21 Championship titles in three decades is a modest return. More surprising still is that Spain have featured in just one final tournament since the likes of Guti, Michel Salgado and Juan Carlos Valerón lifted the trophy in 1998. They finished third in 2000, but have since been notable only by their absence.

Spain made little impression on the competition in its first three editions but came into their own in 1984 when, with Andoni Zubizarreta showing youthful promise in goal, they defeated 1978 champions Yugoslavia in the semi-finals before losing to England over two legs. Two years later, under coach Luis Suárez, Spain claimed their first U21 crown with Manuel Sanchís and Quique Sánchez Flores among the triumphant squad. A last-four appearance in 1994 was bettered two years later when a team containing Raúl González and Iván de la Peña succumbed on penalties in the final to Italy – Gianluigi Buffon, Francesco Totti, Fabio Cannavaro, Andrea Pirlo et al – before a record crowd for a

final-tournament match of 35,500 at Barcelona's Stadio Olímpico de Montjuïc. Two years later, though, Spain went all the way by picking up the trophy for a second time.

Tournament record

Winners: 1986, 1998

Runners-up: 1984, 1996

Semi-finalists: 1994, 2000

Final tournament appearances: 1994, 1996, 1998, 2000, 2009

2009 qualifying

P10 W9 D0 L1 F25 A5

Top scorer: Jurado, 4 goals

Most appearances: 10 Gerard Piqué

Biggest win: 5-0 v Kazakhstan (H) 25.03.2008

Biggest defeat: 1-2 v Switzerland (A) 11.10.2008

Youngest player: Bojan Krkić (16 years, 9 months, 8 days v Georgia on 05.06.2007)

Oldest player: César Arzo (21.01.1986)

Red cards: None

Friendly results since qualifying

18.11.2008 Portugal 4-1 Spain

10.02.2009 Spain 1-1 Norway

27.03.2009 Republic of Ireland 2-1 Spain

31.03.2009 Spain 0-0 Sweden

Capped at senior level: Bojan Krkić, Diego Capel

Players with previous U21 final tournament experience: None

Most capped player

All-time: 27 Santi Cazorla

Current: 17 Raúl García

Leading scorer

All-time: 12 Óscar García

Current: 5 Jurado

Biggest wins

Final tournament: 4-2 Greece v Spain 23.03.1994

1994 quarter-finals, Nikos Goumas, Athens

Qualifying: 14-0 Spain v San Marino 08.02.2005

2006 qualifying group stage, Santo Domingo, El Ejido

Heaviest defeats

Final tournament: 0-2 Portugal v Spain 15.04.1994

1994 semi-finals, Costières, Nimes

Qualifying: 0-5 Netherlands v Spain 16.02.1983

1984 qualifying group stage, Galgenwaard, Utrecht

Germany

Given Germany's glittering football history, their lack of success at this level comes as a surprise. Germany have never won the UEFA European Under-21 Championship and have rarely come close since unification. In 1982, a West Germany team boasting Rudi Völler, Thomas Allofs and Pierre Littbarski lost 5-4 on aggregate to England in a two-legged final; they have also fallen at the quarter-final stage on several occasions.

Even so, this is just the third time since 2000 that Germany have reached the finals and they have never advanced beyond their group since the current tournament format was introduced nine years ago. That run looked likely to end on home soil in 2004, but a side including Lukas Podolski and Bastian Schweinsteiger were unable to get out of their section. More disappointment followed in 2006 when Dieter Eilts's men seemed certain to progress to the semi-finals only for João Moutinho's added-time strike for Portugal to let Serbia and Montenegro in through by the back door. The Democratic Republic of Germany fared better in the competition's early days, being runners-up in the first two tournaments in 1978 and 1980, succumbing over two legs to Yugoslavia and the Soviet Union respectively.

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Tournament record

Winners: –

Runners-up: 1978, 1980 (Democratic Republic of Germany); 1982 (West Germany)

Final tournament appearances: 1998, 2004, 2006, 2009

2009 qualifying

P10 W6 D3 L1 F26 A4

Top scorer: Rouwen Hennings, 7 goals

Most appearances: 9 Andreas Beck

Biggest win: 7-0 v Luxembourg (A) 20.11.2007

Biggest defeat: 0-1 v Moldova (A) 19.08.2008

Youngest player: Richard Sukuta-Pasu (18 years, 1 month, 26 days v Moldova on 19.08.2008)

Oldest player: Pascal Bieler (26.02.1986)

Red cards: None

Friendly results since qualifying

18.11.2008 Germany 1-0 Italy

10.02.2009 Republic of Ireland 1-1 Germany

27.03.2009 Germany 0-4 Netherlands

31.03.2009 Germany 1-1 Belarus

Capped at senior level: Gonzalo Castro, Marko Marin, Manuel Neuer, Andreas Beck, Mesut Özil

Players with previous U21 final tournament experience

2006 Portugal – Florian Fromlowitz, Gonzalo Castro

Most capped player

All-time: 31 Fabian Ernst

Current: 22 Andreas Beck

Leading scorer

All-time: 18 Pierre Littbarski

Current: 13 Rouwen Hennings

Biggest wins

Final tournament: Germany 2-1 v Switzerland 28.05.2004

2004 group stage, Bruchwegstadion, Mainz

Qualifying: 8-0 Germany v Albania 23.03.2001

2002 qualifying group stage, Köln-Süd, Cologne

Germany v Republic of Ireland 23.03.1993

1994 qualifying group stage, Baunatal

Heaviest defeats

Final tournament:0-3 France v Germany 25.05.2006

2006 group stage, Estádio D. Afonso Henriques, Guimaraes

Qualifying: 1-4 France v Germany 26.03.1996

1996 quarter-finals, Stade Saint-Symphorien, Metz

Squad list

Spain

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	BL	Current season				All-time U21	
						Qual. Pld	Gls	FT Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers											
1	Roberto Jiménez	10.02.1986	23	Real Club Recreativo de Huelva	-	5	-	-	-	-	-
13	Sergio Asenjo	28.06.1989	19	Real Valladolid CF	-	5	-	-	-	-	-
23	Antonio Adán	13.05.1987	22	Real Madrid CF	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders											
2	Miguel Torres	28.01.1986	23	Real Madrid CF	-	9	-	-	-	-	-
3	Nacho Monreal	26.02.1986	23	CA Osasuna	-	5	-	-	-	-	-
5	Marc Torrejón	18.02.1986	23	RCD Espanyol	-	5	-	-	-	-	-
12	César Azpilicueta	28.08.1989	19	CA Osasuna	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
14	Sergio Sánchez	03.04.1986	23	RCD Espanyol	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15	Chico	06.03.1987	22	UD Almería	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
16	Iván Marcano	23.06.1987	21	Real Racing Club	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Midfielders											
6	Javi Martínez	02.09.1988	20	Athletic Club Bilbao	-	5	-	-	-	-	-
7	Sisi	22.04.1986	23	Real Club Recreativo de Huelva	-	9	1	-	-	-	-
8	Raúl García	11.07.1986	22	Club Atlético de Madrid	-	8	1	-	-	-	-
10	José Manuel Jurado	29.06.1986	22	Club Atlético de Madrid	-	8	4	-	-	-	-
11	Esteban Granero	02.07.1987	21	Getafe CF	-	5	2	-	-	-	-
18	Mario Suárez	24.02.1987	22	RCD Mallorca	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
22	Pedro León	24.11.1986	22	Real Valladolid CF	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Forwards											
4	Javi García	08.02.1987	22	Real Madrid CF	-	6	-	-	-	-	-
9	Bojan Krkić	28.08.1990	18	FC Barcelona	-	6	3	-	-	-	-
17	Diego Capel	16.02.1988	21	Sevilla FC	-	4	2	-	-	-	-
19	Xisco	26.06.1986	22	RC Deportivo La Coruña	-	6	3	-	-	-	-
20	Jonathan Pereira	12.05.1987	22	Real Racing Club	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
21	Adrián López	08.01.1988	21	Málaga CF	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
Coach											
-	Juan Ramon Lopez Caro	23.03.1963	46	ESP	-	5	-	-	-	-	-

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Germany

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						Qual.		FT		U21	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers											
1	Manuel Neuer	27.03.1986	23	FC Schalke 04	-	5	-	-	-	-	-
12	Florian Fromlowitz	02.07.1986	22	Hannover 96	-	2	-	-	-	1	-
23	Tobias Sippel	22.03.1988	21	1. FC Kaiserslautern	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders											
2	Andreas Beck	13.03.1987	22	TSG 1899 Hoffenheim	-	8	-	-	-	-	-
3	Sebastian Boenisch	01.02.1987	22	Werder Bremen	-	3	-	-	-	-	-
4	Benedikt Höwedes	29.02.1988	21	FC Schalke 04	-	5	1	-	-	-	-
5	Jerome Boateng	03.09.1988	20	Hamburger SV	-	3	-	-	-	-	-
6	Dennis Aogo	14.01.1987	22	Hamburger SV	-	6	1	-	-	-	-
14	Fabian Johnson	11.12.1987	21	TSV 1860 München	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15	Mats Hummels	16.12.1988	20	BV Borussia Dortmund	-	5	-	-	-	-	-
16	Daniel Schwaab	23.08.1988	20	SC Freiburg	-	5	-	-	-	-	-
21	Marcel Schmelzer	22.01.1988	21	BV Borussia Dortmund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Midfielders											
7	Patrick Ebert	17.03.1987	22	Hertha BSC Berlin	-	3	1	-	-	-	-
8	Sami Khedira	04.04.1987	22	VfB Stuttgart	-	5	3	-	-	-	-
10	Mesut Özil	15.10.1988	20	Werder Bremen	-	7	4	-	-	-	-
17	Dennis Grote	09.08.1986	22	VfL Bochum 1848	-	7	-	-	-	-	-
18	Daniel Adlung	01.10.1987	21	VfL Wolfsburg	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
19	Änis Ben-Hatira	18.07.1988	20	Hamburger SV	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20	Gonzalo Castro	11.06.1987	22	Bayer 04 Leverkusen	-	3	-	-	-	3	-
Forwards											
9	Ashkan Dejagah	05.07.1986	22	VfL Wolfsburg	-	4	2	-	-	-	-
11	Marko Marin	13.03.1989	20	VfL Borussia Mönchengladbach	-	3	-	-	-	-	-
13	Sandro Wagner	29.11.1987	21	FC Bayern München	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
22	Chinedu Ede	05.02.1987	22	Hertha BSC Berlin	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coach											

Match-by-match lineups - Group B

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Spain	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Germany	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
England	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Finland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Date	Match	Result	Stadium/Venue
15.06.2009	England - Finland	-	Örjans vall, Halmstad
15.06.2009	Spain - Germany	-	Gamla Ullevi, Gothenburg
18.06.2009	Germany - Finland	-	Örjans vall, Halmstad
18.06.2009	Spain - England	-	Gamla Ullevi, Gothenburg
22.06.2009	Finland - Spain	-	Gamla Ullevi, Gothenburg
22.06.2009	Germany - England	-	Örjans vall, Halmstad

Match officials

Referee	Tony Chapron (FRA)
Assistant referees	Joël De Bruyn (BEL), Emil Ubias (CZE)
Fourth official	Daniel Stalhammar (SWE)
UEFA Delegate	Benny Jacobsen (DEN)
UEFA Referee observer	Bo Karlsson (SWE)

Referees

Name	Nat.	Date of birth	U21	UEFA
Tony Chapron	FRA	23.04.1972	2	5

Tony Chapron

- Born in the town of Flers in north-west France on 23 April 1972, Tony Chapron has been a referee since 1998 and within eight years had made the step up to Ligue 1.
- His first UEFA engagement came at the 2001 UEFA Regions' Cup, where he took charge of four games including the final between Braga AMA and Moravia AMA.
- Chapron, who now resides in Grenoble where he works as a sociology teacher and is father to two daughters, took charge of four games in the 2008/09 UEFA Cup, including the fixture between Hamburger SV and NEC Nijmegen in the Round of 32.

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

Date	Comp.	Stage	Match	Res.	Venue
16.11.2007	U21	QR	Spain - Poland	3-0	Ponferrada

Head coach

Spain: Juan Ramón López Caro

Date of birth: 23 March, 1963

Managerial career: Unión Balompédica Lebrijana (1992-93), Lebrija CD (1993-95), UD Los Palacios (1995-97), Dos Hermanas CF (1997-98), UD Melilla (1998-99), RCD Mallorca B (1999-2001), Real Madrid CF B (2001-05), Real Madrid Castilla (2005), Real Madrid CF (2005-06), Real Racing Club (2006), Levante UD (2006-07), RC Celta de Vigo (2007-08), Spain Under-21s (2008-)

Prior to leading Spain into the 2009 UEFA European Under-21 Championship, Juan Ramón López Caro would have pointed to his brief stint at the helm of Real Madrid CF as his proudest moment in coaching thus far. It was during a successful period at RCD Mallorca's B side that the Sevilla-born tactician began to forge his reputation by leading the young islanders to success in Spain's lower ranks. López Caro was subsequently handed the task of improving the fortunes of Madrid's B team and his no-nonsense, disciplined style – which earned him the nickname 'The Iron Sergeant' – helped the side reach the Segunda División play-offs three times, the last of which brought promotion.

After an unbeaten start in the second tier, López Caro was appointed caretaker coach to the first team following the dismissal of Vanderlei Luxemburgo. In his first match in charge in December 2005, Madrid lost at Olympiacos CFP in the UEFA Champions League and although his team qualified for the first knockout round, they were subsequently eliminated by eventual runners-up Arsenal FC. Finishing second to FC Barcelona in the Liga brought to an end López Caro's brief reign, which featured 12 wins and just three defeats in 24 Liga matches.

Unsuccessful spells at UD Levante and RC Celta de Vigo followed before it was announced in May 2008 that he would be eased into the Under-21 job alongside former boss Iñaki Saez. On his debut in sole charge he guided Spain to an impressive 2-1 win away to Russia, and his side went on to top Group 8 with the only 100 per cent record before squeezing past Switzerland in the play-offs.

Germany: Horst Hrubesch

Date of birth: 17 April 1951

Playing career: SC Westünnen, Hammer SV, SC Rot-Weiss Essen, Hamburger SV, R. Standard de Liège, BV Borussia Dortmund, West Germany (21 caps, 6 goals)

Coaching career: SC Rot-Weiss Essen (1986-87), VfL Wolfsburg (1988-89), FC Wacker Innsbruck (1991-92), FC Hansa Rostock (1993), SG Dynamo Dresden (1994-95), FK Austria Wien (1995-96), Samsunspor (1997), Germany youth setup (2000 to present)

Horst Hrubesch replaced Dieter Eilts as Germany coach in January and will lead the team during the 2009 UEFA European U21 Championship. He will make way for Rainer Adrion on 1 July, when he will resume his role as coach of the U19 side. Hrubesch is now into his ninth year with the German Football Association (DFB) and enjoyed his greatest success in 2008, guiding his side to glory in the UEFA European U19 Championship.

He remains best known, however, for his exploits as a player. Nicknamed Das Kopfball-Ungeheuer (the Header Beast) Hrubesch was all-conquering in the air. Having waited until he was 28 for his international debut, in only his fifth game he scored both goals in West Germany's 1980 UEFA European Championship final win against Belgium. He was capped 21 times, his last game the 1982 FIFA World Cup final. He had fired in the winning spot-kick in the thrilling semi-final win against France following an epic 3-3 draw. At club level Hrubesch helped Hamburger SV to league titles in 1979, 1982, and 1983 and captained them to victory against Juventus in the 1983 European Champion Clubs' Cup final. He had two seasons in Belgium with R. Standard de Liège before retiring with Dortmund in 1986, scoring 136 goals in 224 Bundesliga matches overall.

Since returning to SC Rot-Weiss Essen as coach in 1986, Hrubesch has had spells in charge of a number of German clubs as well as stints in Austria and Turkey. He has enjoyed his greatest success since joining the DFB in 2000 and has developed an excellent reputation for his work with the country's top young players. He also had a short spell as assistant to Erich Ribbeck at UEFA EURO 2000™.

Competition facts

Sweden are striving to become only the second team to win the competition on home territory since the switch to a new format from a two-legged final in 1994. Until the Netherlands triumphed last time out, Spain had come closest to ending that streak when they lost the 1996 showpiece on penalties to Italy.

Previous winners (hosts)

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 (competitive matches)

All-time

15 Lampros Choutos (Greece)
14 Roy Makaay (Netherlands), Klaas Jan Huntelaar (Netherlands)
12 Francis Jeffers (England), Imre Szabics (Hungary), Steffen Iversen (Norway), Oscar García (Spain)
11 Andrea Pirlo (Italy), Alberto Gilardino (Italy), Hélder Postiga (Portugal), Hugo Almeida (Portugal), Spartak Gogniev (Russia), Ricardo Cabanas (Switzerland)

In a final tournament since 2000

4 Andrea Pirlo (Italy, 2000), Alberto Gilardino (Italy, 2004), Klaas Jan Huntelaar (Netherlands, 2006), Maceo Rigters (Netherlands, 2007), Johan Elmander (Sweden, 2004)
3 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)

Per U21 campaign (qualifying to final) since 2000

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)

Biggest wins

All-time

14-0: Spain v San Marino, 08.02.2005
2006 qualifying group stage, Estadio Santo Domingo, El Ejido

Final tournament

6-0: England v Turkey, 29.05.2000
2000 final tournament group stage, Tehelné Pole Stadium, Bratislava

Final

4-1: Netherlands v Serbia, 23.06.2007
2007 Euroborg, Groningen, Netherlands

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Most goals in a game

All-time

14: Spain 14-0 San Marino (see above)

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

All-time

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 win 5-4 on pens), 31.05.1996

1996 final, Olímpico de Montjuïc, Barcelona

Final

35,500: Italy 1-1 Spain (see above)

Competition information

• **Qualifying:** Qualifying kicked off on 31 May 2007 and ran until 15 October 2008 with a group stage followed by play-offs to determine which seven nations joined Sweden, who qualified automatically as hosts, at the eight-team final tournament.

• **How the 2009 final round 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 among the teams in question;
- b) goal difference in the matches among the teams in question;
- c) number of goals scored in the matches among 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) coefficient from the qualifying competitions (only group stage matches) for the 2006/07 and 2007/09 UEFA European Under-21 Championship (points obtained divided by the number of matches played);
- g) goal difference from the play-offs;
- h) average number of goals scored per play-off;
- i) fair play conduct of the teams (final tournament);
- h) drawing of lots.

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 in question will be determined by penalties, provided no other teams within the group have the same number of points on completion of all group matches.

The winners and runners-up in each group play each other over one match to produce the two finalists – Winner Group A v Runner-up Group B/Winner Group B v Runner-up Group A. If in the semi-finals or final the match ends in a draw, extra time then penalties will be played to determine the winner.

- **Eligibility:** Players are eligible to play in the competition if they were born on or after 1 January 1986.
- **Disciplinary information:** A player is automatically suspended for the next match after two cautions in two different matches. Yellow cards are not cancelled after the group stage but do expire on completion of the competition.
- **Referees:** The six referees chosen to officiate in Sweden are among the most promising in Europe. The selection includes Peter Rasmussen (Denmark), Tony Chapron (France), Bjorn Kuipers (Netherlands), Pedro Proença (Portugal), Claudio Circhetta (Switzerland) and Cüneyt Çakir (Turkey).
- **Trophy:** The UEFA European Under-21 Championship trophy was created for the 1996-98 campaign after Italy kept the previous one following their three consecutive tournament wins. A bigger trophy, 60cm as opposed to the previous 37cm, has been forged for this summer's finals. The winning nation will receive a full-sized replica of the trophy.
- **Medals:** 33 gold medals are presented to the winning team and 33 silver medals to the runners-up. The teams beaten in the semi-finals will each receive 33 bronze medals.
- **Ambassadors:** Four former internationals with an aggregate of 395 Sweden caps have been enlisted as ambassadors for the four cities hosting matches. Marcus Allbäck (Gothenburg), Niclas Alexandersson (Halmstad), Roland Nilsson (Helsingborg) and Patrik Andersson (Malmö) will supplement the work of the overall tournament ambassador, striker Henrik Larsson.
- **Carlsberg Man of the Match:** A member of the UEFA Technical Study Group will select a man of the match at every game in the finals. The player will receive his award at the post-match press conference.
- **Official ball:** The adidas TERRAPASS was unveiled at the tournament draw in Gothenburg with a futuristic design to celebrate the colours of host nation Sweden. The bright blue and yellow of the Swedish flag are enhanced by 12 watermarks containing the silhouette of Europe, along with the official event logo.
- **Official song:** Get Up and Go by indie artist Keren DeBerg is the official tune of the finals and will be played at every match before being performed live at the final. Keren DeBerg's personal website can be found at www.kerendeborg.com.

• **TV rights:** Television rights for the finals have been sold to more than 130 countries and territories worldwide. Partnerships exist with leading broadcasters in all the participating countries including RAI (Italy), Sky Sports (UK), TV Viisi (Finland), TV4 (Sweden), RTS (Serbia), Sogecable (Spain), ZDF and DSF (Germany) and Belarus TV (Belarus). Free live streaming will be available on www.uefa.com in Europe in all the remaining national associations where broadcast rights have not been acquired and outside Europe in Japan and India among others. [uefa.com](http://www.uefa.com) will also be offering free two-minute highlights of each game as well as extensive full highlights and full match reruns. Regular vodcasts and video features will be available to complement the extensive news and live coverage on site.

uefa.com: A team of reporters in Sweden is helping [uefa.com](http://www.uefa.com) provide unrivalled coverage in eight European languages – English, Swedish, French, German, Spanish, Italian, Portuguese, Russian – including a live MatchCentre for every game. The Swedish version is run in close co-operation with the host national association.

• **Quicklinks:** A media information guide is being updated daily on [uefa.com](http://www.uefa.com), providing times of press conferences and training. It can be accessed via this link:

<http://www.uefa.com/competitions/under21/finals/newsid=836979.html>

Tournament schedule

Final tournament

Date		Home	Res.	Away	Venue
15.06.2009	Grp B	England	18.15	Finland	Halmstad
15.06.2009	Grp B	Spain	20.45	Germany	Gothenburg
16.06.2009	Grp A	Sweden	18.15	Belarus	Malmo
16.06.2009	Grp A	Italy	20.45	Serbia	Helsingborg
18.06.2009	Grp B	Germany	18.15	Finland	Halmstad
18.06.2009	Grp B	Spain	20.45	England	Gothenburg
19.06.2009	Grp A	Sweden	16.00	Italy	Helsingborg
19.06.2009	Grp A	Belarus	18.15	Serbia	Malmo
22.06.2009	Grp B	Finland	20.45	Spain	Gothenburg
22.06.2009	Grp B	Germany	20.45	England	Halmstad
23.06.2009	Grp A	Serbia	20.45	Sweden	Malmo
23.06.2009	Grp A	Belarus	20.45	Italy	Helsingborg

Group A

Pos.	Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1	Sweden	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
2	Belarus	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
3	Italy	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
4	Serbia	-	-	-	-	-	-	0

Group B

Pos.	Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1	Spain	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
2	Germany	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
3	England	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
4	Finland	-	-	-	-	-	-	0

Legend

:: Competitions

Club competitions

ECCLC: European Champions Clubs' Cup/UEFA Champions 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**: Confederation 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

:: 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

QR3: Third qualifying round

R1: First round

R2: Second round

R3: Third round

R4: Fourth round

SF: Semi-finals

1/8: Eighth-finals

1/16: Sixteenth-finals

1st: first leg

2nd: second leg

P-O: Play-off

:: Statistics

(-) : Denotes player substituted

(*) : Denotes player dismissed/sent off

(+) : Denotes player introduced

(+/-) : Denotes player introduced and substituted

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