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Örjans vall, Halmstad

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Group B - Matchday 2



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Match background

Horst Hrubesch's Germany have history on their side as they look for three points against first-time finalists Finland in Halmstad in the second round of Group B fixtures at the UEFA European Under-21 Championship.

- The sides are separated by a point after Germany drew their opener 0-0 against Spain in Gothenburg on Monday, while Finland were beaten 2-1 by ten-man England at Örjans vall.
- Germany and Finland have met eight times before in qualifying matches for the U21 championship with Germany winning seven of them and Finland just one.

• The full breakdown of results is:

2002 Qualifying Group 9

01.06.01 Finland 1-3 Germany, Tampere

05.10.01 Germany 2-0 Finland, Ahlen

2000 Qualifying Group 3

30.03.99 Germany 2-0 Finland, Weismain

03.09.99 Finland 3-1 Germany, Lahti

1990 Qualifying Group 4

30.08.88, Finland 0-3 West Germany, Kovoula

03.10.89, West Germany 2-0 Finland, Arnsberg

1982 Qualifying Group 1

23.05.81 Finland 1-2 West Germany, Lempaala

22.09.81 West Germany 4-2 Finland, Arnsberg

- Future German internationals Timo Hildebrand, Christoph Metzelder and Tim Borowski all featured the last time these two countries met at this level in 2001. Germany won both qualifying ties that year, although they still failed to qualify from the section.
- Mikael Forssell scored twice and Antti Pohja once to fire Finland to their only competitive victory against Germany in Lahti on 3 September 1999. Germany had won the first group meeting 2-0 six months previously. Both teams finished on 13 points, three behind Turkey who qualified at their expense.
- Andreas Möller partnered Oliver Bierhoff in attack for West Germany during the 1990 qualifying campaign when they won Group 4 without losing a match, recording en route a pair of victories against Finland, who finished bottom. The Germans were subsequently knocked out by the USSR in the quarter-finals.
- West Germany also beat Finland twice in qualifying in the 1982 U21 championship on the way to topping their group, with the Finns bottom. They went on to reach the final where they lost 5-4 on aggregate against England.
- As a player with the Finland national team, U21 coach Markku Kanerva helped his side earn a 1-1 draw away to East Germany in March 1989.



- Kanerva had less success playing for HJK Helsinki against German teams in UEFA's club competitions. His HJK side earned a 0-0 home draw with 1. FC Kaiserslautern in the 1998/99 UEFA Champions League group stage but duly went down 5-2 in Germany and finished bottom of their section. In the 1985/86 UEFA Cup Winners' Cup second round, Kanerva's HJK beat 1. FC Dynamo Dresden 1-0 at home but suffered a resounding 7-2 away defeat.
- Finland's Teemu Pukki and Marko Marin of Germany were in opposition in a UEFA European Under-17 Championship Elite round fixture in March 2006, Germany running out 4-0 winners.
- Finland forward Berat Sadik plays his club football in Germany with DSC Arminia Bielefeld.
- As with the U21s, Germany have dominated the senior meetings between the countries, winning 15 of 21 past encounters, with five draws and just one Finnish victory – recorded back in 1923.
- The most recent senior international was a FIFA World Cup qualifier in September last year which finished in a 3-3 draw in Helsinki. Germany forward Miroslav Klose scored a hat-trick of equalisers in the match.

Squad news

- Finland were impressive on their tournament debut against England. "I'm very disappointed we didn't get any points but am very proud of the way we played and the courage and fighting spirit we showed," said coach Markku Kanerva.
- Berat Sadik (sore ankle), Jukka Rajtala (shin), goalscorer Tim Sparv and Jonas Portin (muscle strains) all sustained minor injuries in the opener but will be fit to face Germany.
- The team left Halmstad after the match and returned to their base in Gothenburg.
- Teemu Pukki was booked five minutes after replacing Jarno Parikka and will miss the final group game against Spain if he is cautioned again.
- German trio Ashkan Dejagah, Andreas Beck and Sami Khedira are also within a yellow card of a suspension. All three were booked against Spain.
- "We will stick with the way we played against Spain," Hrubesch said, looking to the meeting with Finland. "Spain were rated among the favourites before the tournament and if you look at the game, they hardly created a clear chance. It makes no sense to change things."
- The coach will be forced into one change, however, after left-back Sebastian Boenisch was withdrawn before half-time with a right ankle injury. Fears of a fracture have been allayed, but he was to undergo a scan just to be on the safe side.
- Marcel Schmelzer is expected to deputise having replaced the Werder Bremen left-back in Gothenburg.

Team facts

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.

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: 24 Andreas Beck

Leading scorer

All-time: 18 Pierre Littbarski

Current: 13 Rouwen Hennings

Biggest wins

Final tournament:2-0 Germany v Finland

2009 group stage, Örjans vall, Halmstad

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

Finland

Finland had never qualified for an Under-21 final tournament before this year and had rarely threatened to do so. They suffered heavy defeats by Russia and Hungary in their only two qualifying games for the 2007 UEFA European U21 Championship so their success this time came as a surprise.

Prior to this campaign, Finland came closest in 1996 and 2000. Mikael Forssell and Teemu Tainio were top men in the class of 2000 who recorded a memorable 3-1 home win against Germany and lost just once in eight group matches, only to finish third, three points behind group winners Turkey. Four years earlier, Finland had led their group with two games to play, but defeats in Scotland and Russia dashed their hopes. Key players of that vintage included Sami Hyypiä and Joonas Kolkka as well as former international strikers Antti Sumiala and Mika Kottila; current Finland No1 Jussi Jääskeläinen was the third-choice goalkeeper.

Tournament record

Winners: –

Runners-up: –

Semi-finals: –

Final tournament appearances: 2009

2009 qualifying

P10 W7 D1 L2 F14 A9

Top scorer: Tim Sparv, 3 goals

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Most appearances: 10 Kasper Hämäläinen, Jonas Portin

Biggest win: 3-2 v Scotland (H) 08.09.2007

Biggest defeat: 1-2 v Scotland (A) 26.03.2008, Austria (A) 10.10.2008

Youngest player: Jukka Raitala (18 years, 4 months, 22 days v Malta on 06.02.2007)

Oldest player: Teemu Turunen (19.01.1986)

Red cards: None

Friendly results since qualifying

27.03.2009 Finland 1-0 Sweden

05.06.2009 Finland 1-0 Belarus

Capped at senior level: Joni Aho, Jukka Raitala, Tuomo Turunen, Berat Sadik, Kasper Hämäläinen, Juha Hakola, Mehmet Hetemaj, Perparim Hetemaj, Tim Sparv, Jarno Parikka, Teemu Pukki

Players with previous U21 final tournament experience: None

Most capped player

All-time: 33 Daniel Sjölund

Current: 19 Kasper Hämäläinen, Jonas Portin

Leading scorer

All-time: 6 Henri Schewelev

Current: 5 Tim Sparv

Biggest wins

Final tournament: n/a

Qualifying: 6-0 San Marino v Finland 28.03.1995

1996 qualifying group stage, Stadio Olimpico, Serravalle

Heaviest defeats

Final tournament: 2-0 Germany v Finland 18.06.2009

2009 group stage, Örjans vall, Halmstad

Qualifying: 8-1 England v Finland 12.10.1977

1978 qualifying group stage, Boothferry Park, Hull

Squad list

Germany

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	BL	Current season				Overall U21	
						a Qual.	Gls	a FT	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers											
1	Manuel Neuer	27.03.1986	23	FC Schalke 04	-	5	-	2	-	7	-
12	Florian Fromlowitz	02.07.1986	22	Hannover 96	-	2	-	-	-	3	-
23	Tobias Sippel	22.03.1988	21	1. FC Kaiserslautern	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
Defenders											
2	Andreas Beck	13.03.1987	22	TSG 1899 Hoffenheim	-	8	-	2	-	10	-
3	Sebastian Boenisch	01.02.1987	22	Werder Bremen	-	3	-	1	-	4	-
4	Benedikt Höwedes	29.02.1988	21	FC Schalke 04	-	5	1	2	1	7	2
5	Jerome Boateng	03.09.1988	20	Hamburger SV	-	3	-	2	-	5	-
6	Dennis Aogo	14.01.1987	22	Hamburger SV	-	6	1	2	-	8	1
14	Fabian Johnson	11.12.1987	21	TSV 1860 München	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15	Mats Hummels	16.12.1988	20	BV Borussia Dortmund	-	5	-	-	-	5	-
16	Daniel Schwaab	23.08.1988	20	SC Freiburg	-	5	-	-	-	5	-
21	Marcel Schmelzer	22.01.1988	21	BV Borussia Dortmund	Y	-	-	2	-	2	-
Midfielders											
7	Patrick Ebert	17.03.1987	22	Hertha BSC Berlin	Y	3	1	2	-	5	1
8	Sami Khedira	04.04.1987	22	VfB Stuttgart	-	5	3	2	-	7	3
10	Mesut Özil	15.10.1988	20	Werder Bremen	Y	7	4	2	-	9	4
17	Dennis Grote	09.08.1986	22	VfL Bochum 1848	-	7	-	-	-	7	-
18	Daniel Adlung	01.10.1987	21	VfL Wolfsburg	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
19	Änis Ben-Hatira	18.07.1988	20	Hamburger SV	-	-	-	2	-	2	-
20	Gonzalo Castro	11.06.1987	22	Bayer 04 Leverkusen	-	3	-	2	-	12	1
Forwards											
9	Ashkan Dejagah	05.07.1986	22	VfL Wolfsburg	-	4	2	2	1	9	3
11	Marko Marin	13.03.1989	20	VfL Borussia Mönchengladbach	Y	3	-	2	-	5	-
13	Sandro Wagner	29.11.1987	21	FC Bayern München	-	1	-	1	-	2	-
22	Chinedu Ede	05.02.1987	22	Hertha BSC Berlin	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coach											
-	Horst Hrubesch	17.04.1951	58	GER	-	-	-	2	-	2	-

Key: Squad list is ordered by position and then numerically

No. Number, **Nat.** Nationality, **DoB** Date of birth, **Pld** Matches played, **Gls** Goals

BL Booking list: * Misses next match if booked, **S** Suspended

1 - : Total appearances in Under21 Championship including all qualifying round and play-off matches

2 - : Total appearances in the Under21 Championship final tournament only

(NOTE: These are the official statistics considered valid for communicating official records in the competition)

Finland

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	BL	Current season				Overall U21	
						a Qual. Pld	Gls	a FT Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers											
1	Anssi Jaakkola	13.03.1987	22	AC Siena	-	2	-	2	-	4	-
12	Jon Masalin	29.01.1986	23	Ham-Kam Fotball	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
23	Jukka Lehtovaara	15.03.1988	21	FC TPS Turku	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders											
2	Ville Jalasto	19.04.1986	23	FC Honka Espoo	-	9	1	-	-	9	1
3	Jukka Raitala	15.09.1988	20	HJK Helsinki	-	9	-	2	-	11	-
4	Jonas Portin	30.09.1986	22	FF Jaro	-	10	-	2	-	12	-
5	Tuomo Turunen	30.08.1987	21	FC Honka Espoo	-	9	-	2	-	11	-
14	Joni Aho	12.04.1986	23	FC International Turku	-	5	-	2	-	7	-
21	Petri Viljanen	03.02.1987	22	FC Haka	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
22	Joonas Toivio	10.03.1988	21	Stormvogels Telstar	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Midfielders											
6	Tim Sparv	20.02.1987	22	Halmstads BK	-	9	3	2	1	11	4
7	Kasper Hämäläinen	08.08.1986	22	FC TPS Turku	-	10	1	2	-	12	1
8	Mehmet Hetemaj	08.12.1987	21	Thrasivoulos Fylis	-	9	1	2	-	11	1
10	Nicholas Otaru	15.07.1986	22	FC Honka Espoo	-	1	-	1	-	2	-
13	Pyry Kärkkäinen	10.11.1986	22	HJK Helsinki	-	5	-	-	-	5	-
15	Ilari Äijälä	30.09.1986	22	Myllykosken Pallo-47	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
16	Perparim Hetemaj	12.12.1986	22	AEK Athens FC	-	3	2	2	-	7	2
17	Juha Hakola	27.10.1987	21	Heracles Almelo	-	4	-	1	-	5	-
18	Jussi Vasara	14.05.1987	22	FC Honka Espoo	-	1	2	2	-	3	2
Forwards											
9	Berat Sadik	14.09.1986	22	DSC Arminia Bielefeld	-	5	1	2	-	7	1
11	Jarno Parikka	21.07.1986	22	HJK Helsinki	-	7	1	1	-	8	1
19	Aleksandr Kokko	04.06.1987	22	FC Honka Espoo	Y	3	-	1	-	4	-
20	Teemu Pukki	29.03.1990	19	Sevilla FC	-	-	-	2	-	2	-
Coach											
-	Markku Kanerva	24.05.1964	45	FIN	-	10	-	2	-	24	-

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Match-by-match lineups - Group B

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
England	2	2	0	0	4	1	6
Germany	2	1	1	0	2	0	4
Spain	2	0	1	1	0	2	1
Finland	2	0	0	2	1	4	0

Date	Match	Result	Stadium/Venue
15.06.2009	England - Finland	2-1	Örjans vall, Halmstad
Goals: 1-0 Cattermole 15, 1-1 Sparv 33 (pen) , 2-1 Richards 53			
England: Hart, Cranie, Cattermole, Milner, Agbonlahor (Rodwell 86), Noble, Muamba, Walcott (Campbell 46), Richards (Tomkins 89), Mancienne, Gibbs			
Finland: Jaakkola, Raitala, Portin, Turunen, Sparv, Hämäläinen (Vasara 80), M. Hetemaj (Hakola 86), Sadik, Parikka (Pukki 65), Aho, P. Hetemaj			
15.06.2009	Spain - Germany	0-0	Gamla Ullevi, Gothenburg
Goals: -			
Spain: Sergio Asenjo, Monreal, Torrejón, Javi Martínez, Sisi (Diego Capel 70), Raúl García, Bojan (Xisco 82), Jurado, Granero (Pedro León 87), Sergio Sánchez, Chico			
Germany: Neuer, Beck, Boenisch (Schmelzer 38), Höwedes, J.Boateng, Aogo, Khedira, Dejagah, Özil, Marin (Ben-Hatira 70), Castro (Ebert 86)			
18.06.2009	Germany - Finland	2-0	Örjans vall, Halmstad
Goals: 1-0 Höwedes 59, 2-0 Dejagah 61			
Germany: Neuer, Beck, Höwedes, J.Boateng, Aogo (Ebert 46), Khedira, Dejagah, Özil (Wagner 85), Marin (Ben-Hatira 58), Castro, Schmelzer			
Finland: Jaakkola, Raitala, Portin, Turunen, Sparv, Hämäläinen (Otaru 75), M. Hetemaj (Kokko 81), Sadik, Aho, P. Hetemaj, Vasara (Pukki 64)			
18.06.2009	Spain - England	0-2	Gamla Ullevi, Gothenburg
Goals: 0-1 Campbell 67, 0-2 Milner 73			
Spain: Sergio Asenjo, Monreal, Javi García, Torrejón, Javi Martínez (Xisco 69), Raúl García, Bojan (Diego Capel 57), Jurado, Azpilicueta, Mario Suárez (Pedro León 81), Adrián López			
England: Hart, Cranie, Cattermole, Onuoha, Milner (Gardner 84), Agbonlahor (Campbell 39), Noble, Johnson (Walcott 62), Muamba, Richards, Gibbs			
22.06.2009	Finland - Spain	-	Gamla Ullevi, Gothenburg
22.06.2009	Germany - England	-	Örjans vall, Halmstad

Match officials

Referee	Peter Rasmussen (DEN)
Assistant referees	Jaanus Mutli (EST), Joël De Bruyn (BEL)
Fourth official	Daniel Stalhammar (SWE)
UEFA Delegate	Arno Sargsyan (ARM)
UEFA Referee observer	Bo Karlsson (SWE)

Referees

Name	Nat.	Date of birth	U21	UEFA
Peter Rasmussen	DEN	15.10.1975	2	12

Peter Rasmussen

- Born in Denmark on 15 October 1975, Peter Rasmussen started his refereeing career in 1994 and was promoted to take charge of Danish Superligaen matches in 2006.
- Rasmussen, who lives in Odense with his wife and two children and works in customer services for a ventilation company, was the fourth official at the 2007 UEFA European Under-19 Championship final between Spain and Greece in Linz, a match Spain won 1-0.
- The Dane was in charge of two UEFA EURO 2008™ qualifying matches and made his first UEFA Champions League appearance in the second qualifying round tie between SK Rapid Wien and Anorthosis Famagusta FC in August 2008. He was also in the middle for the Danish Cup final in May 2009.

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

Date	Comp.	Stage	Match	Res.	Venue
01.09.2006	U21	QR	Northern Ireland - Germany	2-3	Lurgan
18.06.2009	U21	GS - FT	Germany - Finland	2-0	Halmstad

Head coach

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 Under-21 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™.

Finland: Markku Kanerva

Date of birth: 24 May 1964

Playing career: HJK Helsinki, IF Elfsborg, FinnPa, HJK, Finland (59 caps, 1 goal)

Coaching career: HJK (2001-02 assistant coach), FC Viikingit (2003), Finland Under-21s (2003-present)

Former Finnish international Markku Kanerva was a no-nonsense centre-back during a distinguished playing career and has similarly built his Under-21 side around a well-drilled defence. With strikers expected to also contribute defensively, Finland are at their most dangerous when winning possession in midfield before hitting sides on the break. Kanerva likes to keep the ball on the ground and deploys two wingers, and allies his tactical acumen with great motivational skills.

A team captain in his playing days, Kanerva likes to encourage his players to take responsibility on the field and express themselves, and this has helped foster an excellent team spirit that was best shown in the play-off for the 2009 UEFA European U21 Championship final tournament against Austria, when the side scored two late goals in the second leg to force extra time before going on to win on penalties.

After learning his trade as an assistant coach at HJK Helsinki, Kanerva had a short stint in sole charge of second division side FC Viikingit before moving on to the U21s in 2003. After learning the lessons of fruitless qualifying campaigns in 2004, 2006 and 2007, he got things right this time round.

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), Óscar 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

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	2 - 1	Finland	Halmstad
15.06.2009	Grp B	Spain	0 - 0	Germany	Gothenburg
16.06.2009	Grp A	Sweden	5 - 1	Belarus	Malmo
16.06.2009	Grp A	Italy	0 - 0	Serbia	Helsingborg
18.06.2009	Grp B	Germany	2 - 0	Finland	Halmstad
18.06.2009	Grp B	Spain	0 - 2	England	Gothenburg
19.06.2009	Grp A	Sweden	1 - 2	Italy	Helsingborg
19.06.2009	Grp A	Belarus	0 - 0	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	Italy	2	1	1	0	2	1	4
2	Sweden	2	1	0	1	6	3	3
3	Serbia	2	0	2	0	0	0	2
4	Belarus	2	0	1	1	1	5	1

Group B

Pos.	Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1	England	2	2	0	0	4	1	6
2	Germany	2	1	1	0	2	0	4
3	Spain	2	0	1	1	0	2	1
4	Finland	2	0	0	2	1	4	0

Top scorers - Final tournament

- 3** - Marcus Berg (SWE)
- 1** - Ola Toivonen (SWE)
- 1** - Gustav Svensson (SWE)
- 1** - Sergei Kislyak (BLR)
- 1** - James Milner (ENG)
- 1** - Fraizer Campbell (ENG)
- 1** - Lee Cattermole (ENG)
- 1** - Micah Richards (ENG)
- 1** - Tim Sparv (FIN)
- 1** - Ashkan Dejagah (GER)

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

ECCL: 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	QR3: Third qualifying round
GS: Group stage	R1: First round
GS1: First group stage	R2: Second round
GS2: Second group stage	R3: Third round
KO1: First knockout round	R4: Fourth round
PR: Preliminary round	SF: Semi-finals
QF: Quarter-finals	1/8: Eighth-finals
QR: Qualifying round	1/16: Sixteenth-finals
QR1: First qualifying round	1st: first leg
QR2: Second qualifying round	2nd: second leg
FT: Final tournament	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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