

FINLAND - SPAIN

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Group B - Matchday 3



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Match background

Spain's first meeting with Finland at Under-21 level will be a pivotal one as they seek to book their progress from Group B in Gothenburg. Juan Ramón López Caro's side need to beat already-eliminated Finland, hope England defeat Germany and engineer a four-goal swing to have any chance of progressing to the last four.

- England are already through to the semi-finals after moving on to six points with a 2-0 victory over Spain in Gothenburg, where the Iberians had opened their account with a goalless draw against Germany three days earlier. Finland are out after defeats by ten-man England (2-1) and Germany (2-0) in Halmstad.
- The two countries may have never met before but they will be getting to know each other well given that following this tournament they will face each other again in the qualifying campaign for the 2011 finals.
- Should Germany and Spain finish level on points, goal difference and goals scored, then coefficient ranking will come into play. Based on points obtained divided by the number of matches played in qualifying for the 2007 and 2009 finals (group stage only), Spain's coefficient is superior, 3.400 to Germany's 2.700.
- Finland forward Teemu Pukki is a team-mate of Spain's Diego Capel at Sevilla FC. Pukki joined Sevilla from FC KooTeePee in 2007 and became only the second Finnish player to appear in the Spanish top flight, after Jari Litmanen at FC Barcelona, when he came on as a substitute in a 2-0 defeat by Real Racing Club on 25 January.
- Pukki spent the rest of the season playing for Sevilla's second team, Sevilla Atlético, for whom he made 17 second division appearances in 2008/09, scoring three goals.
- Pukki is not the only Finland player to have suffered defeat at the hands of a Racing side that includes Spain U21 pair Jonathan Pereira and Iván Marcano. Ville Jalasto, Tuomo Turunen and Jussi Vasara were all in the FC Honka Espoo team that suffered 1-0 defeats both at home and away against Racing in the UEFA Cup first round last year.
- Pereira scored the only goal of the first leg on 18 September 2008, while both he and Marcano featured for the Santander club in the second leg in Finland.
- Coach Markku Kanerva played in the senior Finland team that lost 2-0 in Spain in a friendly in November 1994.
- The head-to-head record between the countries at senior level is four wins for Spain, one for Finland and one draw. The senior sides last met in a goalless friendly draw in Helsinki in October 2007, a match which marked the Football Association of Finland's centenary.
- This match comes almost 40 years to the day since Finland beat Spain for the only time, in their first encounter in a FIFA World Cup qualifying tie in Helsinki. The Finns ran out 2-0 winners in that contest on 25 June 1969.

Squad news

- "I'll use tennis terms now," Kanerva said after Finland's semi-final hopes were ended by Germany. "We came here to play three Grand Slam finals; we have lost two matches on a tie-break, but still have a chance against Spain."
- Kanerva had made one change to the XI that had started against England, replacing Jarno Parikka with Jussi Vasara as Kasper Hämäläinen shifted to a position behind lone striker Berat Sadik.



- Sadik (sore ankle), Jukka Raitala (shin), Tim Sparv and Jonas Portin (muscle strains) all recovered from minor knocks to take on Germany.
- Prior to the England match Spain coach Juan Ramón López Caro had promised he and his staff would look carefully at "little details" in the aftermath of the Germany draw, and the results prompted four changes to his starting XI.
- Javi García and César Azpilicueta came into defence, Chico and Sergio Sánchez making way, while Mario Suárez was given the holding role in midfield and Adrián López – making his competitive debut – partnered Bojan Krkić up front. Sisi and Esteban Granero were omitted.
- "We made too many mistakes and England took advantage," said López Caro. "We just did not take our chances, and made too many mistakes in defence. I'm sure my players will show the right attitude against Finland; we're defending the colours of Spain."
- No Spain players were cautioned against England, although Raúl García and Marc Torrejón remain within a booking of a suspension having picked up yellow cards in the Germany draw.

Team facts

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

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, Öljans vall, Halmstad

Qualifying: 8-1 England v Finland 12.10.1977
1978 qualifying group stage, Boothferry Park, Hull

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, 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: José Manuel 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: 19 Raúl García

Leading scorer

All-time: 12 Óscar García

Current: 5 José Manuel Jurado

Biggest wins

Final tournament: 4-2 Greece v Spain 23.03.1994

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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: 2-0 Portugal v Spain 15.04.1994
1994 semi-finals, Costières, Nimes
England v Spain 18.06.2009
2009 group stage, Gamla Ullevi, Gothenburg

Qualifying: 5-0 Netherlands v Spain 16.02.1983
1984 qualifying group stage, Galgenwaard, Utrecht

Squad list

Finland

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	BL	Current season				Overall U21	
						a Qual.		a FT		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	Joona 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	Mylykosken 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	*	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	-

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)

Spain

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

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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	Bjorn Kuipers (NED)
Assistant referees	Nisan Davidi (ISR), Derek Rose (SCO)
Fourth official	Daniel Stalhammar (SWE)
UEFA Delegate	Benny Jacobsen (DEN)
UEFA Referee observer	Bo Karlsson (SWE)

Referees

Name	Nat.	Date of birth	U21	UEFA
Bjorn Kuipers	NED	28.03.1973	2	12

Bjorn Kuipers

- Bjorn Kuipers is following in the family trade as he continues to work his way up the refereeing ladder, with his father having also acted as an official in the Netherlands. Kuipers Jr earned his FIFA badge in 2006, at the age of 33.
- That was also the year he took charge of the UEFA European Under-17 Championship final between the Czech Republic and Russia, and in the season that followed Kuipers stepped up to work as a fourth official in both the UEFA Champions League and UEFA Cup.
- A fourth official at four matches at the 2007 U21 tournament, Kuipers – who lives in the Dutch town of Oldenzaal with his wife and daughter, works as a supermarket director and counts mountain biking among his hobbies – held the same role in five qualifying games for UEFA EURO 2008™. He was then appointed as referee at five fixtures in the 2008/09 UEFA Cup, including the meeting of holders FC Zenit St. Petersburg and VfB Stuttgart 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
18.06.2009	U21	GS - FT	Spain - England	0-2	Gothenburg

Head coach

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.

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 Levante UD 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 Sáez. 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.

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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