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Spain

Matchday 6 - Final

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Previous competitive meetings

Head to Head

UEFA European Under-21 Championship

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
10/10/06	PO	Spain - Italy	1-2 agg: 1-2	Palencia	Soldado 60; Chiellini 25, Montolivo 35
06/10/06	PO	Italy - Spain	0-0	Modena	

UEFA European Under-21 Championship

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
31/05/96	F	Italy - Spain	1-1 (4-2 aetps)	Barcelona	Totti 11; Raúl González 41

UEFA European Under-21 Championship

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
29/03/90	QF	Spain - Italy	1-0 agg: 2-3	Logrono	Mendiguren Egaña 78
21/02/90	QF	Italy - Spain	3-1	Ancona	Stroppa 3, 78, Casiraghi 54; Hierro 88

UEFA European Under-21 Championship

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
29/10/86	F	Spain - Italy	2-1 agg: 3-3 (3-0 aetps)	Valladolid	Eloy Olaya 36, Roberto 75; Francini 38
15/10/86	F	Italy - Spain	2-1	Rome	Viali 50, Giannini 76; Calderé 36

	Home				Away				Final				Total					
	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
Italy	2	1	1	0	2	1	0	1	3	1	1	1	7	3	2	2	9	7
Spain	2	1	0	1	2	0	1	1	3	1	1	1	7	2	2	3	7	9

Match background

The nation with the greatest history in the UEFA European Under-21 Championship comes up against the nation which cannot stop making history right now when Italy and Spain go head to head in the 2013 final at Jerusalem's Teddy Stadium.

- Spain go into the showpiece with a 100% winning record in Israel and a determination to complete back-to-back triumphs after winning this trophy in 2011 in Denmark. Yet in Devis Mangia's Italy they will be up against opponents unbeaten in the competition and, moreover, eyeing a record sixth U21 title.

Past meetings

- This is the third final between the countries at this level, and both have one win each.
- Spain won their first final encounter in 1986 – prevailing 3-0 on penalties after a 3-3 draw on aggregate. Azeglio Vicini's Italy came from behind to win the first leg in Rome on 15 October as Gianluca Vialli (50) and Giuseppe Giannini (76) overturned Ramón Calderé's 36th-minute opening goal for a Spain side coached by Luis Suárez.
- Spain levelled the aggregate scores with a 2-1 success in Valladolid a fortnight later, when Eloy (36) and Roberto (75) struck either side of a Giovanni Francini (38) goal for the visitors. Italy missed all three penalties in the ensuing shoot-out, with Ramón Vázquez converting the winning kick to inflict the Azzurrini's only U21 final defeat.

- The lineups for the second leg on 29 October 1986 were:

Spain: Ablanedo, Sánchez Flores, Andrinúa, Sanchís, Solana, Eusebio, Gallego, Roberto, Gabino, Eloy, Llorente.

Italy: Zenga, Ferri, Cravero, Francini (Carobbi 104), Baroni, Donadoni (Desideri 90), Di Napoli, Matteoli, Giannini, Mancini, Vialli.

- Italy turned the tables under Cesare Maldini in the 1996 final by beating Javier Clemente's Spain 4-2 on penalties in front of 35,500 at Barcelona's Estadio Olímpico de Montjuïc. The match had finished 1-1, with Francesco Totti opening the scoring after 11 minutes and Raúl González equalising in the 41st minute, five minutes after Italy's Nicola Amoruso was sent off. Italy had a second player, Raffaele Ametrano, dismissed in extra time but hung on with nine men to take the game to a shoot-out.

- Although Christian Panucci failed with his first kick, Iván de la Peña and Raúl were both off target for Spain, leaving Domenico Morfeo to finish the job for Italy.

- The lineups for that match on 31 May 1996 were:

Italy: Pagotto, Panucci, Cannavaro, Nesta, Galante (Pistone 120), Fresi, Ametrano, Tommasi (Tacchinardi 75), Brambilla, Totti (Morfeo 75), Amoruso.

Spain: Mora, Mendieta, Santi Denia, Sergio Corino, Aranzabal, José Ignacio, De la Peña, Roberto Fresnedoso, Ildiákez (Oscar García), Lardín (Morientes 75), Raúl.

- In between those two final meetings, Italy also won a 1990 quarter-final between the nations. They beat a nine-man Spain 3-1 in the first leg in Ancona on 21 February, with Giovanni Stroppa (3, 78) scoring twice and Pierluigi Casiraghi (54) also registering before Fernando Hierro (88) pulled a goal back. Ricardo Mendiguren fired the only goal of the return in Logrono after 78 minutes but Italy advanced 3-2 on aggregate.

- The only other competitive encounter was a play-off for the 2007 tournament, played in October 2006 and won 2-1 on aggregate by Italy. After a goalless first leg in Modena, Italy prevailed in the return in Palencia, Giorgio Chiellini (25) and Riccardo Montolivo (35) scoring before Roberto Soldado's reply for Spain on the hour.

Match background

- Spain go into the final seeking to emulate their senior counterparts, who claimed back-to-back UEFA European Championship triumphs in 2008 and 2012, winning the latter final 4-0 against Italy.
- Unbeaten in 25 competitive matches, a run which includes 23 wins, Spain are looking for a fourth U21 tournament victory overall after previous successes in 1986, 1998 and 2011.
- The only team to have won the trophy more times are Italy – victors in 1992, 1994, 1996, 2000 and 2004.
- Italy's overall record in U21 finals is W5 L1. Spain's record is W3 L2.
- Since the competition adopted a final tournament group stage format in 2000, no winning team have gone through all five games without conceding a goal. Spain have the chance to do this and should they prevail in the final, they will also become the first victors in that time to have lifted the trophy after winning every single game.
- Spain kept three successive clean sheets from the quarter-finals through to the final of the 1998 tournament.

- If Spain win, they will become the fourth nation with back-to back U21 triumphs after England (1982-84), Italy (1992-96, 2000-04) and the Netherlands (2006-07).

Team ties

- Julen Lopetegui was on the bench for Spain when they lost 2-1 to Italy in the 1994 FIFA World Cup quarter-finals.
- As coach of Spain's Under-19s he oversaw a 2-1 victory over Italy in the 2012 UEFA European U19 Championship elite round on 25 May last year. His Spain team went on to win the U19 title, meaning he stands one game away now from completing a double of his own.
- Fabio Borini was an unused substitute in Italy's UEFA EURO 2012 final defeat by Spain.
- Borini was also a substitute for Liverpool FC in their 2-1 Premier League defeat at David De Gea's Manchester United FC in January. De Gea was on the bench when Borini started in Liverpool's home loss to United last September.
- Marco Verratti played in Paris Saint-Germain FC's 2012/13 UEFA Champions League quarter-final loss to FC Barcelona, appearing in both legs and playing against Blaugrana substitutes Cristian Tello and Marc Bartra. Two other Barcelona players, Thiago Alcántara and Martín Montoya, were unused substitutes.
- Isco and Ignacio Camacho helped Málaga CF take four points off AC Milan in the 2012/13 UEFA Champions League group stage.
- Son of versatile former US Lecce and ACF Fiorentina player Mazinho – a 1994 FIFA World Cup winner with Brazil – Thiago was born in southern Italy.

Italy news

- Lorenzo Insigne has recovered fully from the ankle injury that forced him off against Israel on matchday two. The SSC Napoli midfielder played 85 minutes of the semi-final win against the Netherlands.
- The Azzurrini woke up late on Sunday before the players involved on Saturday underwent a gentle warm-down session. The rest of the squad trained in the afternoon at the team's base camp.
- Italy put up goalkeeper Francesco Bardi, defender Giulio Donati and Mangia to speak to the media at Sunday's press conference.
- Bardi is determined to make the most of Italy's opportunity. "The European Championship is a great showcase for us and we have to play our best," he said. "It is a chance that happens just once in a lifetime. It will certainly not be an easy game; Spain are the favourites but we will give 100%."

Spain news

- Should he play in the final, De Gea will make his 27th appearance and equal current assistant coach Santi Denia as Spain's most-capped player at U21 level. On the team's day off, the technical staff joked about organising a friendly featuring Denia and not De Gea to ensure the former central defender's record remained intact.
- Bartra and Rodrigo both sported new haircuts for the semi-final against Norway – shaved back and sides with plenty of hair on top.
- Lopetegui is eyeing his second tournament triumph in less than a year having led Spain to U19 glory in Estonia last July.
- With four goals to his name already, Álvaro Morata is two clear in the race for the adidas Golden Boot award. He also finished as top scorer at the U19 finals in 2011.

Team facts

Italy

Final tournament record

2009: semi-finals
2007: group stage
2006: group stage
2004: winners
2002: semi-finals
2000: winners
1996: winners
1994: winners
1992: winners
1990: semi-finals
1988: quarter-finals
1986: runners-up
1984: semi-finals
1982: quarter-finals
1980: quarter-finals
1978: quarter-finals

All-time competitive record

P207 W128 D47 L32

2013 qualifying (including play-off)

P10 W8 D1 L1 F31 A10

Top scorers: Manolo Gabbiadini (6), Ciro Immobile (4)

Ever presents: Luca Marrone

Italy U21s capped at senior level

Mattia Destro (4), Marco Verratti (3), Alessandro Florenzi (2), Lorenzo Insigne (1), Manolo Gabbiadini (1), Fabio Borini (1)

Players with previous U21 final tournament experience

Sweden 2009: Alberto Paloschi

Most capped player

All-time: Andrea Pirlo (46)

Current: Luca Marrone (31)

Leading scorer

All-time: Alberto Gilardino (19)

Current: Manolo Gabbiadini (12)

Biggest wins

Final tournament:

Italy 4-0 Israel 08/06/2013

Group stage, Bloomfield Stadium, Tel Aviv

Qualifying:

Italy 7-0 Liechtenstein 06/09/2012

2013 qualifying group stage, Stadio Ceravolo, Catanzaro

Italy 8-1 Wales 05/09/2003

2004 qualifying group stage, Stadio Fortunato, Pavia

Italy 7-0 Estonia 23/03/1995

1996 qualifying group stage, Stadio Ceravolo, Catanzaro

Heaviest defeats

Final tournament:

USSR 3-1 Italy, 02/04/1980

Quarter-finals, Razdam Stadium, Jereven

England 3-1 Italy, 18/04/1984
Quarter-finals, Maine Road, Manchester

Qualifying:

Norway 6-0 Italy 05/06/1991
1992 qualifying group stage, Stavanger Stadion, Stavanger

Spain

Final tournament record

2011: winners
2009: group stage
2000: third place
1998: winners
1996: runners-up
1994: third place
1990: quarter-finals
1988: quarter-finals
1986: winners
1984: runners-up
1982: quarter-finals

All-time competitive record

P182 W126 D28 L28

2013 qualifying (including play-off)

P10 W9 D1 L0 F35 A3

Top scorers: Rodrigo (11)

Ever presents: Carles Planas, Isco

Spain U21s capped at senior level

Thiago Alcántara (3 caps), Iker Muniain (1), Isco (1)

Players with previous U21 final tournament experience

Denmark 2011: David de Gea, Thiago Alcántara, Martín Montoya, Iker Muniain, Diego Mariño

Most capped player

All-time: Santi Denia (27)

Current: David de Gea (26)

Leading scorer

All-time: Rodrigo (15)

Current: Rodrigo (15)

Biggest wins

Final tournament:

Spain 3-0 Norway 15/06/2013

Semi-finals, Netanya Municipal Stadium, Netanya

Spain 3-0 Netherlands 12/06/2013

Group stage, Ha Moshava, Petah Tikva

Ukraine 0-3 Spain 19/06/2011

Group stage, Herning Stadion, Herning

Qualifying:

Spain 14-0 San Marino 08/02/2005

2006 qualifying group stage, Santo Domingo, El Ejido

Heaviest defeats

Final tournament:

England 2-0 Spain 18/06/2009

Group stage, Gamla Ullevi, Gothenburg

Portugal 2-0 Spain 15/04/1994

Semi-finals, Costières, Nimes

Qualifying:

Netherlands 5-0 Spain 16/02/1983

1984 qualifying group stage, Galgenwaard, Utrecht

Squad list

Italy

No	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season				Overall	
						Qual.		FT		U21	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers											
1	Francesco Bardi	18/01/92	21	FC Internazionale Milano	-	6	-	4	-	10	-
12	Simone Colombi	01/07/91	21	Atalanta BC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
22	Nicola Leali	17/02/93	20	Juventus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders											
2	Giulio Donati	05/02/90	23	FC Internazionale Milano	-	4	-	4	-	8	-
3	Cristiano Biraghi	01/09/92	20	FC Internazionale Milano	-	-	-	2	-	2	-
5	Marco Capuano	14/10/91	21	Pescara	-	7	-	1	-	8	-
6	Luca Caldirola	01/02/91	22	Brescia Calcio	-	9	1	4	-	13	1
13	Matteo Bianchetti	17/03/93	20	FC Internazionale Milano	-	-	-	3	-	3	-
19	Vasco Regini	09/09/90	22	Empoli FC	-	-	-	2	-	2	-
Midfielders											
4	Marco Verratti	05/11/92	20	Paris Saint-Germain FC	-	1	-	3	-	4	-
7	Alessandro Florenzi	11/03/91	22	AS Roma	-	9	2	4	1	13	3
8	Luca Marrone	28/03/90	23	Juventus	-	10	-	1	-	18	1
16	Andrea Bertolacci	11/01/91	22	Genoa CFC	-	3	-	1	1	4	1
21	Fausto Rossi	03/12/90	22	Juventus	-	8	1	4	-	12	1
23	Marco Crimi	17/03/90	23	Grosseto	-	3	-	2	-	5	-
Forwards											
9	Ciro Immobile	20/02/90	23	Genoa CFC	-	5	4	3	-	8	4
10	Lorenzo Insigne	04/06/91	22	SSC Napoli	-	5	3	3	1	8	4
11	Manolo Gabbiadini	26/11/91	21	Juventus	-	7	6	4	2	11	8
14	Mattia Destro	20/03/91	22	AS Roma	-	5	3	3	-	11	4
15	Nicola Sansone	10/09/91	21	Parma FC	-	-	-	3	-	3	-
17	Alberto Paloschi	04/01/90	23	AC Chievo Verona	-	6	1	1	-	12	2
18	Riccardo Saponara	21/12/91	21	AC Milan	-	5	1	2	1	7	2
20	Fabio Borini	29/03/91	22	Liverpool FC	-	2	1	2	1	7	2
Coach											
-	Devis Mangia	06/06/74	39	-	-	4	-	4	-	4	-

Spain

No	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season				Overall	
						Qual.		FT		U21	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers											
1	David de Gea	07/11/90	22	Manchester United FC	-	9	-	4	-	24	-
13	Diego Mariño	09/05/90	23	Villarreal CF	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
23	Joel	17/06/90	23	Wigan Athletic FC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders											
2	Martín Montoya	14/04/91	22	FC Barcelona	-	8	1	3	-	16	1
4	Nacho	18/01/90	23	Real Madrid CF	-	1	-	1	-	2	-
5	Marc Bartra	15/01/91	22	FC Barcelona	-	8	2	3	-	11	2
6	Iñigo Martínez	17/05/91	22	Real Sociedad de Fútbol	-	7	-	4	-	11	-
15	Marc Muniesa	27/03/92	21	FC Barcelona	-	2	-	1	-	3	-
16	Álvaro	08/01/90	23	Real Zaragoza	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
18	Alberto Moreno	05/07/92	20	Sevilla FC	-	-	-	3	-	3	-
20	Daniel Carvajal	11/01/92	21	Bayer 04 Leverkusen	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
Midfielders											
3	Asier Illarramendi	08/03/90	23	Real Sociedad de Fútbol	-	7	-	4	-	11	-
7	Sergio Canales	16/02/91	22	Valencia CF	-	3	3	1	-	7	5
8	Koke	08/01/92	21	Club Atlético de Madrid	-	5	1	3	-	8	1
10	Thiago Alcántara	11/04/91	22	FC Barcelona	-	2	1	4	-	15	2
14	Ignacio Camacho	04/05/90	23	Málaga CF	-	1	-	2	-	3	-
17	Pablo Sarabia	11/05/92	21	Getafe CF	-	7	2	2	-	9	2
22	Isco	21/04/92	21	Málaga CF	-	10	6	4	2	14	8
Forwards											
9	Rodrigo	06/03/91	22	SL Benfica	-	9	11	3	1	12	12
11	Cristian Tello	11/08/91	21	FC Barcelona	-	5	-	3	-	8	-
12	Álvaro Morata	23/10/92	20	Real Madrid CF	-	-	-	4	4	4	4
19	Iker Muniain	19/12/92	20	Athletic Club	-	7	2	4	-	15	2
21	Álvaro Vázquez	27/04/91	22	Getafe CF	-	9	5	1	1	10	6
Coach											
-	Julen Lopetegui	28/08/66	46	-	-	4	-	4	-	8	-

Head coach

Italy: Devis Mangia

Date of birth: 6 June 1974

Nationality: Italian

Playing career: -

Coaching career: AS Varese, S.S. Tritium, ASDC Ivrea, Valenzana Calcio, US Città di Palermo, Italy Under-21s (since July 2012)

- A goalkeeper at Milanese amateur club FC Enotria 1908 when growing up, he quit aged 20 "when I understood I wouldn't make it a long way". Soon started to coach the youth teams at the same club before continuing to work with young players for several amateur clubs in the north of Italy.
- Appointed by Varese in 2010 to coach the youth side, he was promoted to the first team in October that year and led the club to Serie C2 – the Italian fourth tier – with two consecutive promotions.
- A fervent admirer of Arrigo Sacchi, he coached three more teams in the lower divisions, before returning to Varese – who had reached Serie B in his absence – to coach their Primavera youth team. Led an unheralded side to the Scudetto Primavera final, which they eventually lost to AS Roma in extra time.
- Appointed by Palermo to work with their Primavera side the following season, he was promoted to the first team just before the campaign started, replacing the dismissed Stefano Pioli. Was then sacked himself in December despite starting with six wins in as many home games.
- In July 2012 was appointed as U21 coach, replacing the UC Sampdoria-bound Ciro Ferrara, midway through the qualifying campaign and led the Azzurrini to the finals by beating Sweden in the play-offs.

Spain: Julen Lopetegui

Date of birth: 28 August 1966

Nationality: Spanish

Playing career: San Sebastián CF, Castilla CF, UD Las Palmas, Real Madrid CF, CD Logroñés, FC Barcelona, Rayo Vallecano de Madrid, Spain

Coaching career: Rayo Vallecano de Madrid, Real Madrid Castilla, Spain Under-19s, Spain Under-20s, Spain Under-21s

- A native of the Basque country, Lopetegui's promising goalkeeping performances for Real Sociedad de Fútbol's youth sides led to a move to Real Madrid where he joined the club's youth ranks aged 19. He made it into the senior squad at Madrid but, starved of first team opportunities, made the switch to Logroñes where he made 107 Spanish top-flight appearances over three seasons.
- Those displays earned him a move to FC Barcelona but again found playing time hard to come by, prompting a transfer to Rayo Vallecano where he played 112 times until his retirement in 2002. He earned one senior international cap during his playing career and was part of Spain's 1994 FIFA World Cup squad.
- Following coaching roles with Real Madrid Castilla and a short spell in charge at Rayo, Lopetegui joined the Royal Spanish Football Federation (RFEF) in 2010 and led the U19s to the following year's European title in Romania before taking the U20s to the quarter-finals of the FIFA U-20 World Cup in Colombia. Took over the U21 helm from Luis Milla in August 2012, guiding the holders to the Israel finals.

Match officials

Referee	Matej Jug (SVN)
Assistant referees	Roland Brandner (AUT), Vencel Tóth (HUN)
Additional assistant referees	Halis Özkahya (TUR), Ivan Kružliak (SVK)
Fourth official	Ivan Bebek (CRO)
Reserve official	Alan Mulvanny (SCO)
UEFA Delegate	Petr Fousek (CZE)
UEFA Referee observer	Hugh Dallas (SCO)

Referee

Name	Date of birth	Under-21 matches
Matej Jug	25/09/1980	6

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

Date	Competition	Stage	Home	Away	Result	Venue
06/06/13	U21	GS	Spain	Russia	1-0	Jerusalem

Other matches

Date	Competition	Stage	Home	Away	Result	Venue
08/09/07	U21	QR	Armenia	Czech Republic	1-1	Yerevan
26/03/08	U21	QR	Portugal	Bulgaria	2-0	Guimaraes
07/09/10	U21	QR	England	Lithuania	3-0	Colchester
16/10/12	U21	PO	Switzerland	Germany	1-3	Lucerne
12/06/13	U21	GS	Russia	Germany	1-2	Netanya

Match-by-match lineups

Italy

Final tournament Group A

Standings

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Italy	3	2	1	0	6	1	7
Norway	3	1	2	0	6	4	5
Israel	3	1	1	1	3	6	4
England	3	0	0	3	1	5	0

Matchday 1 (05/06/13)

England 0-1 Italy

Goals: 0-1 Insigne 79

Italy: Bardi, Donati, Biraghi, Verratti, Caldirola, Florenzi, Marrone (Rossi 87), Immobile (Gabbiadini 60), Insigne, Bianchetti, Borini (Destro 78)

Matchday 2 (08/06/13)

Italy 4-0 Israel

Goals: 1-0 Saponara 18, 2-0 Gabbiadini 42, 3-0 Gabbiadini 53, 4-0 Florenzi 71

Italy: Bardi, Donati, Biraghi, Verratti (Sansone 70), Caldirola, Florenzi, Immobile, Insigne (Rossi 40), Gabbiadini (Destro 57), Bianchetti, Saponara

Matchday 3 (11/06/13)

Norway 1-1 Italy

Goals: 1-0 Strandberg 90(pen), 1-1 Bertolacci 90+4

Italy: Bardi, Donati, Capuano, Caldirola, Destro (Gabbiadini 72), Sansone, Paloschi, Saponara (Bertolacci 46), Regini, Rossi (Florenzi 61), Crimi

Semi-finals

(15/06/13)

Italy 1-0 Netherlands

Goals: 1-0 Borini 79

Italy: Bardi, Donati, Verratti, Caldirola, Florenzi, Immobile (Gabbiadini 63), Insigne (Sansone 85), Bianchetti, Regini, Borini, Rossi (Crimi 90+2)

Spain

Final tournament Group B

Standings

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Spain	3	3	0	0	5	0	9
Netherlands	3	2	0	1	8	6	6
Germany	3	1	0	2	4	5	3
Russia	3	0	0	3	2	8	0

Matchday 1 (06/06/13)

Spain 1-0 Russia

Goals: 1-0 Morata 82

Spain: De Gea, Montoya, Illarramendi, Bartra, Iñigo Martínez, Rodrigo (Canales 78), Thiago Alcántara, Tello (Koke 85), Moreno, Muniain (Morata 63), Isco

Matchday 2 (09/06/13)

Germany 0-1 Spain

Goals: 0-1 Morata 86

Spain: De Gea, Montoya, Illarramendi, Bartra, Iñigo Martínez, Koke, Rodrigo (Morata 73), Thiago Alcántara, Tello (Muniain 85), Moreno, Isco (Camacho 89)

Matchday 3 (12/06/13)

Spain 3-0 Netherlands

Goals: 1-0 Morata 26, 2-0 Isco 32, 3-0 Álvaro Vázquez 90+1

Spain: De Gea, Nacho, Iñigo Martínez, Thiago Alcántara (Marc Muniesa 79), Morata, Camacho (Illarramendi 52), Álvaro, Sarabia, Muniain, Carvajal, Isco (Álvaro Vázquez 62)

Semi-finals

(15/06/13)

Spain 3-0 Norway

Goals: 1-0 Rodrigo 46, 2-0 Isco 87, 3-0 Morata 93

Spain: De Gea, Montoya, Illarramendi, Bartra, Iñigo Martínez, Koke, Rodrigo (Morata 59), Thiago Alcántara, Tello (Muniain 74), Moreno, Isco (Sarabia 89)

Competition facts

Under-21 historical statistics (competitive matches)

Champions (hosts)

2011: Spain 2-0 Switzerland (Denmark) *
2009: Germany 4-0 England (Sweden) *
2007: Netherlands 4-1 Serbia (Netherlands) *
2006: Netherlands 3-0 Ukraine (Portugal) *
2004: Italy 3-0 Serbia and Montenegro (Germany) *
2002: Czech Republic 0-0 France (Czech Rep won 3-1 on pens; Switzerland) *
2000: Italy 2-1 Czech Republic (Slovakia)
1998: Spain 1-0 Greece (Romania)
1996: Italy 1-1 Spain (Italy won 4-2 on pens; Spain)
1994: Italy 1-0 Portugal (aet; France)
1992 Italy
1990 USSR
1988 France
1986 Spain
1984 England
1982 England
1980 USSR
1978 Yugoslavia

*Current format

Finals contested up to, and including 1992, were over two legs.

Final statistics

- Six years ago the Netherlands became the first team to win the competition on home territory since the switch to a new format in 1994. Until then the final had been decided on a two-legged basis. Spain came closest in 1996, reaching the final where they lost on penalties to Italy.
- Since the 1992-94 change Italy have won all four finals in which they have appeared. The only other sides to have won it more than once are Spain and the team they beat in the semi-finals, the Netherlands.
- There have been three-goal wins in four out of the last five showpieces. The 2007 edition was the highest-scoring single-match final as goals from Otman Bakkal, Ryan Babel, Maceo Rigters and Luigi Bruins helped the Netherlands to a 4-1 win.
- Seven red cards have been issued in single-match finals, Serbia's Aleksandar Kolarov the latest addition to that list after seeing red in 2007.
- Andrea Pirlo, Klaas-Jan Huntelaar and Sandro Wagner are the only men to have scored twice in a final since 1994's move to one-off games. Prior to that Gary Owen (England 1982), Franck Sauzée (France 1988) and Andrei Sidelnikov (USSR 1990) had all scored twice in one leg of a final.
- Prior to the single-match finals, Vahid Halilhodžić (for Yugoslavia v East Germany 1978) and Pierre Littbarski (for West Germany v England 1982) are the only men to have scored a hat-trick. Eight years later Littbarski claimed the 1990 World Cup, beating England in the semi-finals.
- Since the single-match finals began, two have ended in penalty shoot-outs, with nine-man Italy triumphing 4-2 in the 1996 final against Spain. The Czech Republic did likewise, prevailing 3-1 over France in 2002 following the only final to date to end in a goalless draw.
- Only the 1994 final has been decided in extra time, substitute Pierluigi Orlandini winning it for Italy against Portugal with the only goal of the game in the 97th minute.
- Ten players have won the European U21 title twice: Danny Thomas (England 1982 and 1984), Dario Marcolin and Roberto Muzzi (Italy 1992, 1994), Fabio Cannavaro and Christian Panucci (Italy 1994, 1996) and Kenneth Vermeer, Arnold Kruiswijk, Daniël de Ridder, Ron Vlaar and Haris Medunjanin (Netherlands 2006, 2007).

• The fulcrum of Italy's 2006 FIFA World Cup winning squad had also been involved in U21 final victories: Cannavaro (1994 and 1996), Filippo Inzaghi (1994), Francesco Totti and Alessandro Nesta (1996), Andrea Pirlo and Gennaro Gattuso (2000) and Marco Amelia, Daniele De Rossi, Alberto Gilardino and Andrea Barzagli (2004).

• Laurent Blanc was the first player to achieve the treble of a U21 title (1988), a FIFA World Cup winners medal (1998) and a UEFA European Championship victory (2000). Spain duo Juan Mata and Javi Martínez were the next players to do so after glory at the 2010 World Cup, U21s in Denmark in 2011 and UEFA EURO 2012.

Leading scorers

All-time

15 Lampros Choutos (Greece), Tomáš Pekhart (Czech Republic)

14 Roy Makaay (Netherlands), Klaas-Jan Huntelaar (Netherlands)

In a final tournament since 2000

7 Marcus Berg (Sweden, 2009)

5 Adrián López (Spain, 2011)

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

3 Ola Toivonen (Sweden, 2009), Robert Acquafresca (Italy, 2009), Thomas Kahlenberg (Denmark, 2006) Leroy Lita (England, 2007), Massimo Maccarone (Italy, 2002), Giorgio Chiellini (Italy, 2007), Nicky Hofs (Netherlands, 2006), Hugo Almeida (Portugal, 2004), Markus Rosenberg (Sweden, 2004)

Leading scorers per U21 campaign (qualifying to final) since 1990

2011: 10 Tomáš Pekhart (Czech Republic)

2009: 8 Robert Acquafresca (Italy)

2007: 4 Theo Walcott (England), Maceo Rigters (Netherlands), Igor Denisov (Russia), Nikita Bazhenov (Russia), Dragan Mrdja (Serbia)

2006: 14 Klaas Jan Huntelaar (Netherlands)

2004: 11 Alberto Gilardino (Italy)

2002: 9 Ricardo Cabanas (Switzerland)

2000: 15 Lampros Choutos (Greece)

1998: 9 Steffen Iversen (Norway)

1996: 10 Roy Makaay (Netherlands), Ole Gunnar Solskjær (Norway)

1994: 8 Nicolas Ouedec (France), Nelson Antonio Soares Gama (Portugal)

1992: 9 Peter Møller (Denmark)

1990: 9 Igor Kolyvanov (USSR)

Biggest win:

All-time

14-0: Spain v San Marino 08/02/2005

2006 qualifying group stage, Santo Domingo, El Ejido

Final tournament

6-0: England v Turkey 29/05/2000

Group stage, Tehelné Pole Stadium, Bratislava

Final

4-0: Germany v England 29/06/2009

Malmö New Stadium, Malmö, Sweden

Most goals in a game:

14: Spain 14-0 San Marino 08/02/2005

2006 qualifying group stage, Santo Domingo, El Ejido

Final tournament

7: Czech Republic 4-3 Croatia 01/06/2000

Group stage, Mestský Stadium, Trenčín, Slovakia

Final

8: Yugoslavia 4-4 German Democratic Republic 31/05/1978

(second leg, Yugoslavia won 5-4 on agg), Mostar, Yugoslavia

Record attendance:

42,000: Turkey 1-1 Germany 18/11/2003

2004 qualifying play-off, Sükrü Saraçoğlu Stadium, Istanbul

Final tournament

35,500: Italy 1-1 Spain (Italy won 5-4 on pens) 31/05/1996

Final, Olímpico de Montjuïc, Barcelona

Competition information

- **Eligibility:** Players are eligible to play in the competition if they were born on or after 1 January 1990.
- **Qualifying:** Qualifying began on 25 March 2011 and ran until 16 October 2012 with a group stage followed by play-offs to determine which seven nations joined Israel, who qualified automatically as hosts, at the eight-team final tournament.
- **How the 2013 finals works:** The group stage was based on a league system (three points for a win, one for a draw, none for a defeat). There were two groups of four, with the top two from each progressing to the semi-finals (A1 v B2 and B2 v A1) where it becomes a knockout competition (extra time and then penalties apply).
- **Disciplinary information:** Yellow cards that did not result in a suspension expired at the end of the group stage and were not carried forward to the semi-finals.
- **Top scorer:** adidas will award a golden boot to the leading scorer at the tournament after the final, along with silver and bronze boots for the players finishing second and third in the scoring chart.
- **Official ball:** The official match ball of the tournament was unveiled during the finals draw in November. Made by adidas, it features the blue and white colours of hosts Israel and its design has the same thermally bonded triangular patterns as the adidas Tango 12, match ball of UEFA EURO 2012.
- **Official song:** Former player Eyal Golan collaborated with some of Israel's best musicians to help produce Always My Number 1, the official tune of the finals. The 42-year-old sung it at the opening ceremony at the Netanya Municipal Stadium on 5 June; it is played at every match.
- **Match officials:** Six referees were chosen to officiate in Israel: Ivan Bebek (Croatia), Antony Gautier (France), Paweł Gil (Poland), Ovidiu Hațegan (Romania), Matej Jug (Slovenia) and Serhiy Boiko (Ukraine). Also, for the first time at an Under-21 finals, there will be a team of additional assistant referees.
- **Trophy:** The original trophy, which is used for the official presentation ceremony at the final, remains in UEFA's keeping at all times. A full-size replica is awarded to the winning association. Each association that competes in the final tournament will receive a commemorative plaque.
- **Medals:** 35 gold medals are presented to the winning team and 35 silver medals to the runners-up. The teams beaten in the semi-finals will each receive 35 bronze medals.
- **Ambassadors:** Avi Nimni and Eli Ohana are the tournament's two ambassadors. With over 130 caps between them, they are two of Israel's foremost former players. Nimni is also Maccabi Tel-Aviv FC's all-time leading goalscorer while Ohana won the European Cup Winners' Cup in 1988 with KV Mechelen.
- **UEFA.com:** A team of reporters in Israel will provide unrivalled coverage in ten languages, with live coverage, player interviews, full statistics and video. There is also full social media coverage including dedicated Twitter (@UEFAUnder21) and Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/under21>) pages.
- **Next finals:** The Czech Republic were selected as hosts of the 2015 UEFA European Under-21 Championship finals at the UEFA Executive Committee meeting on 20 March 2012. Players are eligible to play in the competition if they were born on or after 1 January 1992.

Tournament schedule

Group A

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Italy	3	2	1	0	6	1	7
Norway	3	1	2	0	6	4	5
Israel	3	1	1	1	3	6	4
England	3	0	0	3	1	5	0

Group B

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Spain	3	3	0	0	5	0	9
Netherlands	3	2	0	1	8	6	6
Germany	3	1	0	2	4	5	3
Russia	3	0	0	3	2	8	0

Top scorers

4 - Álvaro Morata (ESP)	1 - Patrick Herrmann (GER)
2 - Manolo Gabbiadini (ITA)	1 - Luuk de Jong (NED)
2 - Georginio Wijnaldum (NED)	1 - Magnus Eikrem (NOR)
2 - Leroy Fer (NED)	1 - Ola John (NED)
2 - Sebastian Rudy (GER)	1 - Lorenzo Insigne (ITA)
2 - Isco (ESP)	1 - Denis Cheryshev (RUS)
1 - Danny Hoesen (NED)	1 - Adam Maher (NED)
1 - Andrea Bertolacci (ITA)	1 - Jo Inge Berget (NOR)
1 - Alon Turgeman (ISR)	1 - Rodrigo (ESP)
1 - Alan Dzagoev (RUS)	1 - Marcus Pedersen (NOR)
1 - Ofir Krieff (ISR)	1 - Harmeet Singh (NOR)
1 - Nir Biton (ISR)	1 - Craig Dawson (ENG)
1 - Fabio Borini (ITA)	1 - Lewis Holtby (GER)
1 - Álvaro Vázquez (ESP)	1 - Alessandro Florenzi (ITA)
1 - Fredrik Semb Berge (NOR)	1 - Stefan Strandberg (NOR)
1 - Riccardo Saponara (ITA)	

Legend

:: Squad list

No: number **DoB:** date of birth **Qual:** qualifying **FT:** final tournament **Pld:** played **Gls:** goals **Overall U21:** final tournament only

:: Match officials

Nat: nationality **DoB:** date of birth

Under-21: Total matches officiated in the UEFA European U21 Championship including all qualifying round matches. Matches as the fourth official are not included in these statistics. These are the official statistics considered valid for communicating official records in the competition.

UEFA: Total matches officiated in all UEFA competitions including all qualifying round matches. Matches where the official has acted as the fourth official are not included in these statistics. These are the official statistics considered valid for communicating official records in the competition.

:: Group statistics/Tournament schedule

Pos: position **Pld:** played **W:** won **D:** drawn **L:** lost **GF:** goals for **GA:** goals against **Pts:** points

:: NOTE: All-time statistics

Goals totals include the outcome of disciplinary decisions (eg. match forfeits when a 3-0 result is determined). Goals totals do not include goals scored from the penalty mark during a penalty shoot-out.

:: Competitions

Club competitions

UCL: UEFA Champions League

ECCC: European Champion Clubs' Cup/UEFA Champions League

UEL: UEFA Europa League

UCUP: UEFA Cup/UEFA Europa League

UCWC: UEFA Cup Winners' Cup

SCUP: UEFA Super Cup • **UIC:** UEFA Intertoto Cup

ICF: Inter-Cities Fairs Cup

National team competitions

EURO: UEFA European Football Championship

WC: FIFA World Cup • **CONFCUP:** FIFA Confederations Cup

FRIE: Friendly internationals • **U21FRIE:** Under-21 friendly internationals

U21: UEFA European Under-21 Championship

U17: UEFA Under-17 Championship • **U16:** UEFA European Under-16 Championship

U19: UEFA Under-19 Championship • **U18:** UEFA European Under-18 Championship

WWC: FIFA Women's World Cup • **WCHAMP:** UEFA European Women's Championship

:: Competition stages

F: Final

GS: Group stage

GS1: First group stage

GS2: Second group stage

KO1: First knockout round

PR: Preliminary round

QF: Quarter-finals

QR: Qualifying round

QR1: First qualifying round

QR2: Second qualifying round

FT: Final tournament

ELITE: Elite round

3rdPO: Third-place play-off

GS-FT: Group stage – final tournament

3QR: Third qualifying round

R1: First round

R2: Second round

R3: Third round

R4: Fourth round

SF: Semi-finals

R16: round of 16

R32: Round of 32

1st: first leg

2nd: second leg

PO: Play-off

(Rep) : Replay

PO - FT: Play-off for Final Tournament

Prom/rel PO: Promotion/relegation play-off

:: Statistics

(-) : Denotes player substituted

(*) : Denotes player sent off

(+) : Denotes player introduced

(+/-) : Denotes player introduced and substituted

:: Squad list

D: Disciplinary

S: Suspended

Overall U21: Total appearances in the UEFA European Under-21 Championship final tournament only

*****: Misses next match if booked

#: Suspended for at least one match

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