

UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP - 2017/19 SEASON MATCH PRESS KITS



Poland

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Group A - Matchday 1



Belgium

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Previous meetings

Head to Head

No UEFA competition matches have been played between these two teams

Match background

Poland and Belgium will both know the importance of making a strong start to the UEFA European Under-21 Championship as they meet in the opening round of Group A fixtures.

- While Poland are in the finals for the second tournament in succession, they bowed out at the first hurdle on home soil in 2017 having failed to win a game, despite scoring in the first minute of their opening fixture against Slovakia.
- Belgium – who, like their opponents, came through their qualifying group unbeaten – have not featured at this stage for 12 years and, with U21 finals regulars Italy and Spain lying in wait in the section, will be equally keen to kick off with a positive result.

Previous meetings

- This will be the sides' first competitive meeting at U21 level. They drew 0-0 in a friendly in Belgium back in April 2003, Poland's Jacek Kowalczyk having scored the only goal of another friendly the previous year.
- Poland were 2-0 winners against Belgium in a European U17 Championship qualifier in October 2013. Filip Jagiełło captained the Poland team; Nordin Jackers and Wout Faes were in Belgium's starting line-up, with Casper De Norre on the bench.

Form guide

Poland

- Poland are in the final tournament for the second time; two years ago, as hosts, they finished fourth in Group A behind England, Slovakia and Sweden having picked up one point from their three matches.
- That was the Poles' first appearance in the U21 finals in the competition's current guise; they had previously reached the quarter-finals in 1994, losing 5-1 over two legs against Portugal (1-3 home, 0-2 away).
- Those 1994 matches marked Poland's fifth appearance in the last eight; they were also eliminated at that stage in 1982, 1984, 1986 and 1992.
- Although undefeated in their qualifying section, Poland had to be content with second place in Group 3 behind Denmark. The Poles took 22 points from their ten matches – one less than the Danes – winning six of their fixtures and drawing the other four. They then eliminated Portugal in the play-offs, recovering from a first-leg home defeat (0-1) to win 3-1 away.
- Poland are yet to win a group stage match in the final tournament, drawing one of their three games and losing the other two.

Belgium

- This is Belgium's third U21 finals, and a first since 2007. Then they reached the semi-finals across the border in the Netherlands, losing 2-0 to Serbia in the last four.
- The Young Devils' only other appearance in the final tournament came in Switzerland in 2002, when they finished third in their group behind France and eventual champions the Czech Republic having picked up three points from their three matches.
- Belgium's record in the final tournament is therefore W2 D2 L3 F5 A8.
- One of five countries unbeaten in qualification, Johan Walem's team won eight of their ten games en route to these finals, drawing the other two to finish six points clear of Sweden at the top of Group 6. They won their last seven qualifiers, keeping clean sheets in the last four while scoring 13 times themselves.

Links and trivia

- Poland midfielder Jakub Piotrowski joined Genk on a three-year contract from Pogoń Szczecin in summer 2018, making six UEFA Europa League appearances and five in the league as the Belgian club claimed the title. His teammates included Jackers, De Norre and Bryan Heynen.
- Poland captain Dawid Kownacki was the top scorer in the qualifying competition, with 11 goals – ten in the group stage, including six penalties, and another in the play-offs.

Squad list

Poland

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season				Overall	
						Qual.		FT		Team	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers											
1	Kamil Grabara	08/01/1999	20	AGF	-	8	0	0	0	8	-
12	Mateusz Lis	27/02/1997	22	Wisła Kraków	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
22	Tomasz Loska	26/01/1996	23	Górnik Zabrze	-	2	0	0	0	2	-
Defenders											
3	Kamil Pestka	22/08/1998	20	Chrobry	-	7	0	0	0	7	-
4	Mateusz Wieteska	11/02/1997	22	Legia	-	12	2	0	0	12	2
6	Krzysztof Bielik	04/01/1998	21	Charlton	-	2	1	0	0	2	1
15	Dominik Jończy	17/05/1997	22	Podbeskidzie	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
20	Robert Gumny	04/06/1998	21	Lech	-	7	0	0	0	7	-
Midfielders											
2	Przemysław Płacheta	23/03/1998	21	Pogon Siedlce	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
5	Paweł Bochniewicz	30/01/1996	23	Górnik Zabrze	-	10	0	0	0	10	-
7	Szymon Żurkowski	25/09/1997	21	Górnik Zabrze	-	9	1	0	0	9	1
8	Jakub Piotrowski	04/10/1997	21	Genk	-	8	0	0	0	8	-
9	Dawid Kownacki	14/03/1997	22	Düsseldorf	-	11	11	0	0	13	12
10	Sebastian Szymański	10/05/1999	20	Dinamo Moskva	-	11	1	0	0	11	1
13	Mateusz Wdowiak	28/08/1996	22	Cracovia	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
16	Patryk Dzięczek	25/03/1998	21	Piast	-	9	0	0	0	9	-
17	Kamil Jóźwiak	22/04/1998	21	Lech	-	7	0	0	0	7	-
19	Filip Jagiełło	08/08/1997	21	Zagłębie	-	6	0	0	0	6	-
21	Karol Fila	13/06/1998	21	Lechia	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
23	Konrad Michalak	19/09/1997	21	Lechia	-	10	3	0	0	10	3
Forwards											
11	Karol Świdorski	23/01/1997	22	PAOK	-	8	0	0	0	8	-
14	Adam Buksa	12/07/1996	22	Pogoń	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
18	Paweł Tomczyk	04/05/1998	21	Piast	-	7	3	0	0	7	3
Coach											
-	Czesław Michniewicz	12/02/1970	49		-	12	0	0	0	12	-

Belgium

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season				Overall	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers											
1	Nordin Jackers	05/09/1997	21	Genk	-	9	0	0	0	9	-
12	Ortwin De Wolf	23/04/1996	23	Lokeren	-	1	0	0	0	1	-
21	Jens Teunckens	30/01/1998	21	Royal Antwerp	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
Defenders											
2	Dion Cools	04/06/1996	23	Club Brugge	-	10	1	0	0	11	1
3	Sebastiaan Bornauw	22/03/1999	20	Anderlecht	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
4	Wout Faes	03/04/1998	21	Oostende	-	8	0	0	0	8	-
5	Casper De Norre	07/02/1997	22	Genk	-	3	0	0	0	3	-
13	Rocky Bushiri	30/11/1999	19	Eupen	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
18	Jur Schryvers	11/03/1997	22	Waasland-Beveren	-	1	0	0	0	1	-
20	Dries Wouters	28/01/1997	22	Genk	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
22	Elias Cobbaut	24/11/1997	21	Anderlecht	-	4	0	0	0	4	-
Midfielders											
6	Samuel Bastien	26/09/1996	22	Standard Liège	-	6	1	0	0	7	1
8	Bryan Heynen	06/02/1997	22	Genk	-	6	0	0	0	6	-
10	Siebe Schrijvers	18/07/1996	22	Club Brugge	-	10	4	0	0	15	4
15	Alexis De Sart	12/11/1996	22	Sint-Truiden	-	7	0	0	0	7	-
16	Yari Verschaeren	12/07/2001	17	Anderlecht	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
17	Alexis Saelemaekers	27/06/1999	19	Anderlecht	-	2	0	0	0	2	-
23	Orel Mangala	18/03/1998	21	Hamburg	-	3	0	0	0	3	-
Forwards											
7	Isaac Mbenza	08/03/1996	23	Huddersfield	-	10	1	0	0	10	1
9	Aaron Leya Iseka	15/11/1997	21	Toulouse	-	9	2	0	0	9	2
11	Dodi Lukebakio	24/09/1997	21	Düsseldorf	-	9	4	0	0	9	4
14	Stéphane Oméonga	27/03/1996	23	Hibernian	-	2	0	0	0	2	-
19	Francis Amuzu	23/08/1999	19	Anderlecht	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
Coach											
-	Johan Walem	01/02/1972	47		-	10	0	0	0	25	-

Head coach

Czesław Michniewicz

Date of birth: 12 February 1970

Nationality: Polish

Playing career: Bałtyk Gdynia, Polonia Gdańsk, Amica Wronki

Coaching career: Lech Poznań, Zagłębie Lubin, Arka Gdynia, Widzew Łódź, Jagiellonia Białystok, Polonia Warszawa, Podbeskidzie Bielsko-Biała, Pogoń Szczecin, Nieciecza, Poland U21

- A former goalkeeper, Michniewicz spent his early career in Poland's lower leagues before stepping up to the Ekstraklasa with Amica Wronki in his mid-20s. After five years at the club, who he represented in successive European campaigns including a notable 2000 meeting with Atlético Madrid, he retired aged 31.
- Appointed coach of Lech Poznań in September 2003, he proved an instant hit, guiding the club to the Polish Cup and Super Cup; left his post at the end of the 2005/06 campaign.
- Took over at Zagłębie Lubin in October 2006 and again enjoyed early success, ending his first campaign with the Polish championship – only the club's second league title – and adding the domestic Super Cup at the start of the following campaign.
- Relieved of his duties in autumn 2007, he went on to have short spells at a number of clubs, notably rescuing Podbeskidzie Bielsko-Biała from relegation in 2012/13. Three years later, he led Pogoń Szczecin into sixth place – their best position for many years.
- Took the Poland Under-21 job in July 2017, after they had hosted the final tournament, and guided them into the 2019 finals with a play-off win against Portugal – the first time Poland had successfully negotiated qualifying since 1994.

Johan Walem

Date of birth: 1 February 1972

Nationality: Belgian

Playing career: Anderlecht, Udinese (twice), Parma, Standard Liège, Torino, Catania

Coaching career: Anderlecht (youth), Udinese (youth), Belgium U21 (twice), Kortrijk

- One of the most prodigiously talented Belgian players of his generation, Walem, whose first name was a nod by his parents to Johan Cruyff, started out at RWD Molenbeek and was picked up by Anderlecht's youth department aged 14. Having made his first-team debut at 18, he was Belgium's young player of the year in 2002.
- After helping Anderlecht win the league title three years in a row from 1993–95, including a domestic double in 1994, he moved to Udinese in 1997. Walem's playmaking skills and partnership with Oliver Bierhoff were key ingredients in an unexpected third-place finish in Serie A.
- Stayed at Udinese for another season before moving to Parma in 1999, where he occasionally dazzled despite fierce competition for places. After another year at Udinese he returned to Belgium with Standard Liège in 2001 but was back in Italy in 2003, having spells at Torino and Catania before ending his career in 2005.
- A former Under-21 international, Walem made his Belgium senior debut on 20 November 1991 against Germany. A non-playing member of the UEFA EURO 2000 squad, he also took part in the 2002 FIFA World Cup, where he scored his second and last international goal in the group stage against Russia, the last-16 defeat by Brazil ending his career at 36 caps.
- Having initially moved into the media, he took charge of Anderlecht's youth side in 2008, fulfilling the same role at Udinese two years later before becoming Belgium's U21 coach in 2012. Returned to club football in 2015 with Kortrijk but resumed his U21 role 12 months later and led the team undefeated to the 2019 European finals.

Match officials

Referee	István Kovács (ROU)
Assistant referees	Vasile Florin Marinescu (ROU) , Ovidiu Artene (ROU)
Video Assistant Referee	Christian Dingert (GER)
Assistant Video Assistant Referee	Tobias Stieler (GER)
Fourth official	Aleksei Kulbakov (BLR)
UEFA Delegate	Elena Kobak (RUS)
UEFA Referee observer	Vladimir Sajn (SVN)

Referee

Name	Date of birth	Under-21 matches	UEFA matches
István Kovács	16/09/1984	6	55

Istvan Kovacs

Referee since: 1998
First division: 2007
FIFA badge: 2010

Tournaments: 2014 UEFA European Under-19 Championship

Finals
N/A

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

No such matches refereed

Other matches involving teams from either of the two countries involved in this match

Date	Competition	Stage reached	Home	Away	Result	Venue
27/10/2011	U17	QR	Belgium	Azerbaijan	1-0	Umag
30/10/2011	U17	QR	Croatia	Belgium	3-4	Novigrad
30/09/2015	UYL	R1	PFC Litex Lovech	Legia Warszawa	1-2	Lovech
08/12/2016	UEL	GS	RSC Anderlecht	AS Saint-Étienne	2-3	Brussels
02/08/2017	UCL	3QR	İstanbul Başakşehir	Club Brugge	2-0	Istanbul
13/12/2018	UEL	GS	KRC Genk	Sarpsborg 08 FF	4-0	Genk

Competition facts

Under-21 historical statistics (competitive matches)

Champions (hosts)

2017: Germany 1-0 Spain (Poland)
2015: Sweden 0-0 Portugal, aet, 4-3 pens (Czech Republic)
2013: Spain 4-2 Italy (Israel)
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, aet, 3-1 pens (Switzerland)
2000: Italy 2-1 Czech Republic (Slovakia)
1998: Spain 1-0 Greece (Romania)
1996: Italy 1-1 Spain, aet, 4-2 pens (Spain)
1994: Italy 1-0 Portugal, aet (France)
1992 Italy 2-1 Sweden (agg; 2-0, 0-1)
1990 USSR 7-3 Yugoslavia (agg; 4-2, 3-1)
1988 France 3-0 Greece (agg; 0-0, 3-0)
1986 Spain 3-3 Italy (agg; 1-2, 2-1, 3-0 pens)
1984 England 3-0 Spain (agg; 1-0, 2-0)
1982 England 5-4 West Germany (agg; 3-1, 2-3)
1980 USSR 1-0 East Germany (agg; 0-0, 1-0)
1978 Yugoslavia 5-4 East Germany (agg; 1-0, 4-4)

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

Final statistics

- In 2007 the Netherlands became the first, and so far only, 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, losing the final on penalties to Italy.
- Since the 1992-94 change Italy have won four finals, the 2013 loss to Spain their first final reverse. The only other sides to have won it more than once are Spain (1998, 2011, 2013), Germany (2009, 2017) and the Netherlands (2006, 2007).
- The 2013 edition was the highest-scoring single-match final as Thiago Alcántara's hat-trick helped Spain defeat Italy 4-2 in Jerusalem.
- Seven red cards have been issued in single-match finals, most recently for Serbia's Aleksandar Kolarov in 2007.
- Thiago's 2013 hat-trick was the first since 1994's move to a one-off game; Andrea Pirlo (Italy 2000), Klaas-Jan Huntelaar (Netherlands 2006) and Sandro Wagner (Germany 2009) have all scored twice in a one-off match. 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.
- Vahid Halilhodžić (for Yugoslavia v East Germany 1978) and Pierre Littbarski (for West Germany v England 1982) are the other players to have scored a final hat-trick.
- Since the single-match finals began three have ended in penalty shoot-outs, nine-man Italy triumphing 4-2 against Spain in 1996. The Czech Republic then prevailed 3-1 over France in 2002 and Sweden 4-3 against Portugal in 2015 following the competition's only two goalless finals.
- Only the 1994 final has been decided in extra time, substitute Pierluigi Orlandini winning it for Italy against Portugal with the only goal in the 97th minute.
- Ten players have won the European U21 title twice: Danny Thomas (England 1982, 1984), Dario Marcolin and Roberto Muzzi (Italy 1992, 1994), Fabio Cannavaro and Christian Panucci (Italy 1994, 1996), Kenneth Vermeer, Arnold Kruiswijk, Daniël de Ridder, Ron Vlaar and Haris Medunjanin (Netherlands 2006, 2007) and David de Gea, Thiago Alcántara, Martín Montoya, Iker Muniain and Diego Mariño (Spain 2011, 2013).
- 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).

- Germany's victorious 2014 World Cup squad included six members of the squad that lifted the 2009 U21 title in Sweden: Manuel Neuer, Benedikt Höwedes, Mats Hummels, Jérôme Boateng, Sami Khedira and Mesut Özil.
- 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 (including qualifying)

Lampros Choutos (Greece) 15
Tomáš Pekhart (Czech Republic) 15
Klaas-Jan Huntelaar (Netherlands) 14
Roy Makaay (Netherlands) 14

All time (final tournaments)

Marcus Berg (Sweden) 7
Vahid Halilhodžić (Yugoslavia) 6
Pierre Littbarski (West Germany) 6
Adrian López (Spain) 5
Saúl Ñíguez (Spain) 5

Finals top scorers

2017: Saúl Ñíguez (Spain) 5
2015: Jan Kliment (Czech Republic) 3
2013: Álvaro Morata (Spain) 4
2011: Adrián (Spain) 5
2009: Marcus Berg (Sweden) 7
2007: Maceo Rigters (Netherlands) 4
2006: Klaas-Jan Huntelaar (Netherlands) 4
2004: Alberto Gilardino (Italy), Johan Elmander (Sweden) 4
2002: Massimo Maccarone (Italy) 3
2000: David Jarolím (Czech Republic), Igor Tudor (Croatia), Lukáš Došek (Czech Republic) 2
1998: Steffen Iversen (Norway), Nikos Liberopoulos (Greece) 3
1996: Raúl González (Spain) 3
1994: João Vieira Pinto (Portugal) 3
1992: Renato Buso (Italy) 3
1990: Davor Šuker (Yugoslavia), Andrei Sidelnikov (USSR) 3
1988: Aris Karasavvidis (Greece) 5
1986: Gianluca Vialli (Italy) 4
1984: Mark Hateley (England) 6
1982: Pierre Littbarski (West Germany) 6
1980: Ramaz Shengelia (USSR) 3
1978: Vahid Halilhodžić (Yugoslavia) 6

Leading scorers per U21 campaign (qualifying to final)

2017: 11 Patrik Schick (Czech Republic)
2015: Saido Berahino (England) 10
2013: Rodrigo (Spain) 12
2011: Tomáš Pekhart (Czech Republic) 10
2009: Robert Acquafresca (Italy) 8
2007: Nikita Bazhenov (Russia), Igor Denisov (Russia), Dragan Mrdja (Serbia), Maceo Rigters (Netherlands), Theo Walcott (England) 4
2006: Klaas-Jan Huntelaar (Netherlands) 14
2004: Alberto Gilardino (Italy) 11
2002: Ricardo Cabanas (Switzerland) 9
2000: Lampros Choutos (Greece) 15
1998: Steffen Iversen (Norway) 9
1996: Roy Makaay (Netherlands), Ole Gunnar Solskjær (Norway) 10
1994: Toni (Portugal) 8
1992: Peter Møller (Denmark) 9
1990: Igor Kolyvanov (USSR) 9
1988: Aristidis Karasavidis (Greece) 5

1986: Gianluca Vialli (Italy) 4
1984: Mark Hateley (England) 6
1982: Pierre Littbarski (West Germany) 6
1980: Ramaz Shengelia (USSR) 3
1978: Vahid Halilhodžić (Yugoslavia) 6

Biggest win:

All-time

14-0: Spain v San Marino, 08/02/05
2006 qualifying group stage, Santo Domingo, El Ejido

Final tournament

6-0: England v Turkey, 29/05/00
Group stage, Tehelné Pole Stadium, Bratislava

Final

4-0: Germany v England, 29/06/09
Malmö New Stadium, Malmö, Sweden

Most goals in a game:

14: Spain 14-0 San Marino, 08/02/05
2006 qualifying group stage, Santo Domingo, El Ejido

Final tournament

7: Czech Republic 4-3 Croatia, 01/06/00
Group stage, Mestský Stadium, Trenčín, Slovakia

Final

8: Yugoslavia 4-4 East Germany, 31/05/78
(second leg, Yugoslavia won 5-4 on agg), Mostar, Yugoslavia

Record attendance:

42,000: Turkey 1-1 Germany, 18/11/03
2004 qualifying play-off, Şükrü Saracoğlu Stadium, Istanbul

Final tournament

35,500: Italy 1-1 Spain (Italy won 4-2 on pens) 31/05/96
Final, Olímpico de Montjuïc, Barcelona

Match-by-match lineups

Poland

Under-21 - Qualifying round

(01/09/2017)

Georgia 0-3 Poland

Goals: 0-1 Kownacki 58 (P) , 0-2 Kownacki 65, 0-3 Kapustka 71

Poland: Drągowski, Wieteska, Bochniewicz, Żurkowski, Piotrowski, Kownacki, Szymański (88 Tomczyk), Bartosz, Kapustka (85 Rasak), Zawada (65 Swiderski), Gumny

(06/10/2017)

Poland 3-3 Finland

Goals: 1-0 Kownacki 7, 1-1 Dahlström 8, 1-2 Kairinen 61, 2-2 Tomczyk 68, 3-2 Kownacki 71 (P) , 3-3 Jensen 76

Poland: Drągowski, Bednarek, Wieteska (46 Michalak), Stolarski, Bochniewicz, Żurkowski, Piotrowski (59 Tomczyk), Kownacki, Szymański, Kapustka (78 Swiderski), Gumny

(10/10/2017)

Lithuania 0-2 Poland

Goals: 0-1 Tomczyk 62, 0-2 Michalak 80

Poland: Loska, Wieteska, Stolarski, Bochniewicz, Żurkowski (88 Kopacz), Piotrowski, Kownacki, Swiderski (60 Tomczyk), Dzikczek, Kapustka (73 Michalak), Gumny

(10/11/2017)

Faroe Islands 2-2 Poland

Goals: 0-1 Kownacki 35 (P) , 1-1 M. Olsen 52 (P) , 2-1 B. Petersen 80, 2-2 Bartosz 90+4

Poland: Loska, Wieteska, Bochniewicz, Żurkowski (75 Tomczyk), Piotrowski (62 Michalak), Kownacki, Swiderski (62 Szymański), Bartosz, Dzikczek, Kapustka, Gumny

(14/11/2017)

Poland 3-1 Denmark

Goals: 1-0 Michalak 15, 2-0 Tomczyk 24, 3-0 Żurkowski 74, 3-1 Laursen 90+1

Poland: Grabara, Bednarek, Wieteska, Bochniewicz, Żurkowski (90 Piotrowski), Szymański (83 Kopacz), Bartosz, Dzikczek, Tomczyk (71 Zawada), Gumny, Michalak

(27/03/2018)

Poland 1-0 Lithuania

Goals: 1-0 Kownacki 78

Poland: Grabara, Wieteska, Pestka, Bochniewicz, Piotrowski, Kownacki, Szymański (67 Józwiak), Bartosz (46 Michalak), Dzikczek, Kapustka, Jagiełło (63 Swiderski)

(07/09/2018)

Poland 1-1 Faroe Islands

Goals: 0-1 J. Thomsen 16, 1-1 Kownacki 72 (P)

Poland: Grabara, Dankowski (46 Józwiak), Wieteska, Pestka, Bochniewicz, Piotrowski, Kownacki, Dzikczek (44 Szymański), Kapustka, Tomczyk (46 Swiderski), Jagiełło

(11/09/2018)

Finland 1-3 Poland

Goals: 0-1 Wieteska 66, 1-1 Lappalainen 68, 1-2 Wieteska 74, 1-3 Kownacki 89 (P)

Poland: Grabara, Wieteska, Pestka, Bochniewicz, Józwiak, Piotrowski, Kownacki (94 Tomczyk), Szymański (58 Michalak), Łabojko, Jagiełło (60 Kapustka), Stolarski

(12/10/2018)

Denmark 1-1 Poland

Goals: 1-0 Billing 40, 1-1 Kownacki 43 (P)

Poland: Grabara, Wieteska, Pestka, Bochniewicz, Żurkowski (89 Ambrosiewicz), Kownacki, Szymański, Dzikczek, Kapustka, Stolarski, Michalak (77 Józwiak)

(16/10/2018)

Poland 3-0 Georgia

Goals: 1-0 Mikeltadze 52 (og) , 2-0 Michalak 74, 3-0 Kownacki 90

Poland: Grabara, Wieteska, Pestka, Bochniewicz, Żurkowski (89 Ambrosiewicz), Kownacki, Szymański, Dziczek, Kapustka (68 Michalak), Stolarski, Jóźwiak (46 Jagiełło)

Play-off

(16/11/2018)

Poland 0-1 Portugal

Goals: 0-1 Diogo Jota 30

Poland: Grabara, Bielik, Wieteska, Pestka, Żurkowski, Kownacki (76 Swiderski), Szymański (72 Jagiełło), Gumny, Dziczek, Kapustka, Michalak (67 Jóźwiak)

(20/11/2018)

Portugal 1-3 Poland (agg: 2-3)

Goals: 0-1 Bielik 5, 0-2 Kownacki 8, 0-3 Szymański 24, 1-3 Diogo Jota 52

Poland: Grabara, Bielik, Wieteska, Pestka, Żurkowski, Kownacki (94 Swiderski), Szymański (69 Jóźwiak), Gumny, Dziczek, Kapustka, Jagiełło (53 Michalak)

Group stage – final tournament

Group A

Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Belgium	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Italy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Poland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Spain	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Matchday 1 (16/06/2019)

Poland-Belgium

Matchday 2 (19/06/2019)

Italy-Poland

Matchday 3 (22/06/2019)

Spain-Poland

Belgium

Under-21 - Qualifying round

(27/03/2017)

Belgium 2-1 Malta

Goals: 1-0 Kabir 43, 2-0 Cools 54, 2-1 J. Grech 69

Belgium: Jackers, Cools, Bossaerts, Mmaee, Miangue, Heynen (86 Leya Iseka), Schrijvers, Mbenza, Vanlerberghe, Kabir (82 Bastien), Ngoy (68 Benson)

(05/09/2017)

Belgium 0-0 Turkey

Belgium: Jackers, Cools, Bossaerts, Vanheusden, Cobbaut, Mbenza (85 Leya Iseka), Dimata, Schrijvers, A. De Sart, Nkaka Bazunga (70 Lukebakio), Mangala

(06/10/2017)

Belgium 1-1 Sweden

Goals: 1-0 Vanlerberghe 30, 1-1 Dagerstål 61

Belgium: Jackers, Cools, Vanlerberghe (67 Miangue), Faes, Cobbaut, Mbenza (79 Leya Iseka), Dimata (85 Lukebakio), Schrijvers, A. De Sart, Heynen, Mmaee

(10/10/2017)

Cyprus 0-2 Belgium

Goals: 0-1 Lukebakio 51, 0-2 Bastien 90+3

Belgium: Jackers, Cools, Faes, Miangue, Mbenza, Mangala (86 Oméonga), Leya Iseka (78 Kabir), Schrijvers, Lukebakio (68 Nkaka Bazunga), Bastien, Mmaee

(09/11/2017)

Belgium 3-2 Cyprus

Goals: 1-0 Mbenza 15, 2-0 Dimata 45+2, 2-1 Papageorgiou 49, 2-2 Fragkou 75, 3-2 Leya Iseka 90+2

Belgium: Jackers, Cools, De Medina (80 Ngoy), Faes, Cobbaut, Heynen, Mbenza (63 Miangue), Dimata, Schrijvers, A. De Sart, Lukebakio (86 Leya Iseka)

(14/11/2017)

Turkey 1-2 Belgium

Goals: 1-0 Melih Okutan 5, 1-1 Merih Demiral 45+2 (og) , 1-2 Schrijvers 87

Belgium: Jackers, Cools, Faes, Cobbaut, Mbenza (79 Ngoy), Bastien, Schrijvers, Lukebakio, Miangue, Leya Iseka (56 Dimata), Nkaka Bazunga (17 Heynen)

(26/03/2018)

Belgium 3-0 Hungary

Goals: 1-0 Schrijvers 19, 2-0 Lukebakio 64, 3-0 Dimata 72 (P)

Belgium: Jackers, Cools, Faes, Miangue, Mbenza, Dimata, Schrijvers, Lukebakio (65 A. De Sart), Schrijvers (46 Oulare), Bastien (76 Oméonga), Mmaee

(07/09/2018)

Malta 0-4 Belgium

Goals: 0-1 Dimata 11, 0-2 Schrijvers 18, 0-3 Lukebakio 59, 0-4 Leya Iseka 69

Belgium: Jackers, Cools, Vanheusden, Faes, Bastien (63 A. De Sart), Mbenza, Dimata (63 Leya Iseka), Schrijvers, Lukebakio (80 Saelemaekers), De Norre, Vanlerberghe

(11/09/2018)

Hungary 0-3 Belgium

Goals: 0-1 Dimata 20, 0-2 Dimata 73 (P) , 0-3 Schrijvers 86

Belgium: Jackers, Cools, Vanheusden, Faes, Bastien, Mbenza (90 A. De Sart), Dimata (78 Leya Iseka), Schrijvers, Lukebakio (83 Saelemaekers), De Norre, Heynen

(16/10/2018)

Sweden 0-3 Belgium

Goals: 0-1 Dimata 29, 0-2 Dimata 40, 0-3 Lukebakio 65

Belgium: De Wolf, Cools, Vanheusden, Faes, Heynen (70 Mangala), Mbenza, Dimata (87 Leya Iseka), Schrijvers, Lukebakio (78 A. De Sart), De Norre, Vanlerberghe

Group stage – final tournament

Group A

Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Belgium	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Italy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Poland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Spain	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Matchday 1 (16/06/2019)

Poland-Belgium

Matchday 2 (19/06/2019)

Spain-Belgium

Matchday 3 (22/06/2019)

Belgium-Italy

Team facts

Poland

Tournament record

2017: group stage
2015: did not qualify
2013: did not qualify
2011: did not qualify
2009: did not qualify
2007: did not qualify
2006: did not qualify
2004: play-offs
2002: play-offs
2000: play-offs
1998: did not qualify
1996: did not qualify
1994: quarter-finals
1992: quarter-finals
1990: did not qualify
1988: did not qualify
1986: quarter-finals
1984: quarter-finals
1982: quarter-finals
1980: did not qualify
1978: did not qualify

Biggest wins

Final tournament

N/A

Qualifying

7-0 twice, most recently v San Marino, 01/04/03
Qualifying group stage, GKS Nowiny, Nowiny

Heaviest defeats

Final tournament

3-0: England v Poland, 22/06/17
Group stage, Kolporter Arena, Kielce

Qualifying

5-0 three times, most recently v England, 26/03/99
Qualifying group stage, The Dell, Southampton

Belgium

Tournament record

2017: did not qualify
2015: did not qualify
2013: did not qualify
2011: did not qualify
2009: did not qualify
2007: semi-finals
2006: play-offs
2004: did not qualify
2002: group stage
2000: play-offs
1998: did not qualify
1996: did not qualify
1994: did not qualify
1992: did not qualify
1990: did not qualify

1988: did not qualify
1986: did not qualify
1984: did not qualify
1982: did not qualify
1980: did not qualify
1978: did not qualify

Biggest wins

Final tournament

0-1: Israel v Belgium, 13/06/07

Group stage, Abe Lenstra Stadion, Heerenveen

1-2: Greece v Belgium, 16/05/02

Group stage, Stade Olympique de la Pontaise, Lausanne

Qualifying

7-0 twice, most recently v North Macedonia, 15/11/94

Qualifying group stage, Kehrweg-stadion, Eupen

Heaviest defeats

Final tournament

2-0: Serbia v Belgium, 20/06/07

Semi-final, Gelredome, Arnhem

0-2: Belgium v France, 21/05/02

Group stage, Les Charmilles, Geneva

Qualifying

4-0: England v Belgium, 29/02/12

Qualifying group stage, Riverside, Middlesbrough

Legend

:: Squad list

No: number **DoB:** date of birth **Qual:** qualifying **FT:** final tournament **Pld:** played **Gls:** goals **Overall U21:** all-time qualifying and final tournament data

:: 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
UEL: UEFA Europa 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: 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
WEURO: UEFA European Women's Championship

Competition stages

F: Final
GS1: First group stage
GS2: Second group stage
3QR: Third qualifying round
R2: Second 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

GS: Group stage
R1: First round
R3: Third round
PR: Preliminary round
QF: Quarter-finals
QR: Qualifying round
1QR: First qualifying round
2QR: Second qualifying round
FT: Final tournament
ELITE: Elite round
3rdPO: Third-place play-off
GS-FT: Group stage – final tournament

Other abbreviations

(aet): After extra time
No.: Number
ag: Match decided on away goals
Pld: Matches played
Pos.: Position
Pts: Points
R: Sent off (straight red card)
Res.: Result
sg: Match decided by silver goal
GF: Goals for
gg: Match decided by golden goal
Y/R: Sent off (two yellow cards)
f: Match forfeited

pens: Penalties
og: Own goal
P: Penalty
agg: Aggregate
AP: Appearances
Comp.: Competition
D: Drawn
DoB: Date of birth
ET: Extra Time
GA: Goals against
t: Match decided by toss of a coin
W: Won
Y: Booked
L: Lost
Nat.: Nationality
N/A: Not applicable

Statistics

-: Denotes player substituted

+: Denotes player introduced

*: Denotes player sent off

+/-: Denotes player introduced and substituted

Squad list

D: Disciplinary

*: Misses next match if booked

S: Suspended

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

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