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Netherlands



Denmark

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Previous meetings

Head to Head

FIFA World Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
14/06/10	GS-FT	Netherlands - Denmark	2-0	Johannesburg	Agger 46(og), Kuyt 85

UEFA EURO 2000

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
16/06/00	GS-FT	Denmark - Netherlands	0-3	Rotterdam	Kluivert 57, R. de Boer 66, Zenden 77

EURO '92

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
22/06/92	SF	Netherlands - Denmark	2-2 aet (4-5pens)	Gothenburg	Bergkamp 23, Rijkaard 86; Larsen 5, 33

1968 UEFA European Championship

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
04/10/67	PR (GS)	Denmark - Netherlands	3-2	Copenhagen	Bjerre 43(p), 74, Søndergaard 54; Suurbier 74, Israel 76
30/11/66	PR (GS)	Netherlands - Denmark	2-0	Rotterdam	Swart 58, Van Der Kuijlen 73

	Qualifying								Final tournament				Total					
	Home				Away				Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L										
EURO																		
Netherlands	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	1	1	0	4	2	1	1	9	5
Denmark	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	0	1	1	4	1	1	2	5	9
FIFA*																		
Netherlands	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	0
Denmark	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	2
Friendly matches																		
Netherlands	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24	9	9	6	47	35
Denmark	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24	6	9	9	35	47
Total																		
Netherlands	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	3	2	1	0	29	12	10	7	58	40
Denmark	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	3	0	1	2	29	7	10	12	40	58

* FIFA World Cup / FIFA Confederations Cup

Match background

For the second major tournament in succession, the Netherlands and Denmark will meet in their opening game, with the Oranje hoping for a similar result at UEFA EURO 2012 as they achieved at the FIFA World Cup in South Africa.

Head-to-head record

- The teams are meeting for the 31st time, with the Netherlands' record in the previous games reading W12 D10 L8.
- The sides' four previous UEFA European Championship fixtures brought two Dutch wins, one Danish victory and a draw.
- Denmark have not beaten the Netherlands in eight games – five draws and three defeats – since a 3-2 UEFA European Championship qualifying success in Copenhagen on 4 October 1967.
- Their first encounter came in Stockholm on 2 July 1912, with Denmark beating the Netherlands 4-1 in the semi-finals of the Olympic football tournament. Denmark lost the final 4-2 to a Great Britain side, while the Dutch beat Finland 9-0 to take the bronze medal.

Selected previous meetings

14 June 2010: Netherlands 2-0 Denmark (Agger og 46, Kuyt 85) – Soccer City, Johannesburg, 2010 FIFA World Cup group stage

Netherlands: Stekelenburg, Van der Wiel, Heitinga, Mathijsen, Van Bronckhorst, Van Bommel, Sneijder, De Jong (De Zeeuw 88), Van der Vaart (Elia 67), Kuyt, Van Persie (Afellay 77).

Denmark: Sørensen, Jacobsen, Kjær, Agger, S Poulsen, Jørgensen, C Poulsen, Enevoldsen (Grønkjær 57), Kahlenberg (Eriksen 73), Rommedahl, Bendtner (Beckmann 62).

- After this, their most recent encounter, the Oranje won Group E and went on to reach the final; Denmark finished third in the section.

16 June 2000: Netherlands 3-0 Denmark (Kluivert 57, R de Boer 66, Zenden 77) – De Kuip, Rotterdam, UEFA EURO 2000 group stage

Netherlands: Van der Sar (Westerveld 89), Reiziger, F de Boer, Konterman, Van Bronckhorst, Zenden, Cocu, Davids, Overmars (R de Boer 62), Bergkamp (Winter 76), Kluivert.

Denmark: Schmeichel, Henriksen, Heintze, Colding, Schjønberg (Helveg 82), A Nielsen (Tøfting 61), Gravesen (B Nielsen 67), Grønkjær, Tomasson, Sand, Bisgaard.

- The Netherlands' victory confirmed their progress from Group D and in the process ended the hopes of Bo Johansson's Denmark. Frank Rijkaard's hosts were knocked out in the last four by Italy.

22 June 1992: Denmark 2-2 Netherlands, Denmark won 5-4 on pens (Larsen 5 33; Bergkamp 23, Rijkaard 86) – Gamla Ullevi, Gothenburg, EURO '92 semi-finals

Netherlands: Van Breukelen, Van Tiggelen, R Koeman, Rijkaard, F de Boer (Kieft 46), Gullit, Wouters, Witschge, Roy (Van't Schip 115), Bergkamp, Van Basten.

Denmark: Schmeichel, Sivebæk, L Olsen, Andersen (Christiansen 70), Christofte, Piechnik, Jensen, Larsen, Vilfort, Povlsen, B Laudrup (Elstrup 57).

- Peter Schmeichel saved a Marco van Basten penalty to tilt the shoot-out in his side's favour before Kim Christofte's final, match-winning spot kick. Richard Møller Nielsen's men overcame Germany 2-0 in the final.

Form guide

- It is 45 years since Denmark's last victory over the Netherlands in October 1967 but they do go into the finals on a run of six competitive games unbeaten – five wins and a draw – since a 3-1 reverse against Portugal in Porto in qualifying.
- The Netherlands won their first nine UEFA EURO 2012 qualifiers, but lost the last – 3-2 in Sweden – with their place at the finals already certain.
- Denmark lost on their only previous visit to Ukraine, 1-0 against the home nation in a World Cup qualifier in Kyiv on 30 March 2005.
- The Netherlands drew 1-1 with Ukraine in a Donetsk friendly on 11 August 2010 in their only previous game in the country.

Team ties

- Denmark's Morten Olsen has coached in the Netherlands, leading AFC Ajax to the title in 1997/98, having brought in another Dane, Michael Laudrup, as a key player. Olsen was dismissed the following season.

- A number of Denmark players play their football in Dutch football:
Christian Eriksen (AFC Ajax, 2009-)
Nicklas Pedersen (FC Groningen, 2009-)
Simon Poulsen (AZ Alkmaar 2008-)
Lasse Schöne (sc Heerenveen 2005-06, De Graafschap 2006-08, NEC Nijmegen 2008-2012, AFC Ajax 2012-)
In addition, Andreas Bjelland will join FC Twente after UEFA EURO 2012.
- Eriksen and the Netherlands' Gregory van der Wiel are team-mates with Ajax.
- William Kvist and Khalid Boulahrouz spent 2011/12 together at VfB Stuttgart.
- Denmark's Nicklas Bendtner and Dutch international Robin van Persie are team-mates at Arsenal FC, though Bendtner spent the 2011/12 campaign on loan at Sunderland AFC.
- Denmark's Michael Krohn-Dehli played in the Netherlands for Ajax (2003-04, 2006-08), RKC Waalwijk (2004-06) and – on loan – Sparta Rotterdam (2007).
- Between 2008 and 2011, Michael Silberbauer was at FC Utrecht, where Kevin Strootman was a team-mate in the second half of 2010/11.
- Dennis Rommedahl had spells with PSV Eindhoven (1997-2004) and Ajax (2007-2010) and also played on loan for RKC Waalwijk (1997/98) and NEC Nijmegen (2008/09). At PSV he was team-mates with Wilfred Bouma and Mark van Bommel while he played alongside Maarten Stekelenburg, John Heitinga, Klaas-Jan Huntelaar, and Van der Wiel at Ajax.
- Christian Poulsen made his Denmark debut in a 1-1 friendly draw against the Netherlands in Copenhagen on 10 November 2001; Martin Jørgensen hit Denmark's goal from the penalty spot.
- Huntelaar scored in a 1-1 draw with Denmark at the 2006 UEFA European Under-21 Championship in Portugal. He also registered twice for Ajax in a 2-1 UEFA Champions League third qualifying round win at FC København on 9 August 2006, but his side were eliminated following a 2-0 home defeat in the return leg.
- Wesley Sneijder scored twice in Ajax's 3-1 home win against Brøndby IF in the 2005/06 UEFA Champions League third qualifying round second leg.

Match facts

NETHERLANDS

- The Netherlands have won just three of their last seven official games.
- Tim Krul, Jetro Willems and Luciano Narsingh are yet to make a competitive appearance for the Netherlands though all have played friendlies, Willems (26/05) and Narsingh (30/05) on the eve of the finals.
- Willems will become the youngest player to grace a UEFA European Championship if he plays in Poland/Ukraine. The record is held by Belgium's Enzo Scifo, who was 18 years and 115 days against Yugoslavia in 1984.
- Rafael van der Vaart has made 95 international appearances and at UEFA EURO 2012 could become the fifth Dutchman to reach 100 caps, after Edwin van der Sar, Frank de Boer, Giovanni van Bronckhorst and Phillip Cocu.

Injury news

- Joris Mathijsen has not featured since straining a hamstring against Bulgaria on 26/05.
- Wilfred Bouma was forced off following a clash of heads with John Heitinga against Slovakia on 30/05.

Miscellaneous

- At 18 years and 57 days, Willems became the Netherlands' youngest player since Gerald Vanenburg in 1982 when he started against Bulgaria, the tenth youngest ever.
- The Netherlands had pre-tournament training camps in Hoenderloo near Apeldoorn and Lausanne before arriving at their EURO base of Krakow on 04/06.
- Ten of the side that started the 2010 FIFA World Cup final defeat by Spain are in the squad; the 11th, Van Bronckhorst, retired after the game in Johannesburg.
- There are 13 survivors from UEFA EURO 2008 in Poland/Ukraine: Van der Vaart, Wesley Sneijder, Heitinga, Arjen Robben, Bouma, Klaas-Jan Huntelaar, Stekelenburg, Robin van Persie, Dirk Kuyt, Mathijsen, Nigel de Jong, Ibrahim Afellay and Khalid Boulahrouz. Van der Vaart, Sneijder, Heitinga, Robben and Bouma were at UEFA EURO 2004.

Pre-tournament friendlies

02/06 Netherlands 6-0 Northern Ireland (Van Persie 11 29pen, Sneijder 15, Afellay 37 51, Vlaar 78) Stekelenburg; Van der Wiel, Heitinga, Vlaar, Willems (Schaars 77); Van Bommel (Van der Vaart 57), De Jong; Robben (Narsingh 82), Sneijder (Kuyt 70), Afellay; Van Persie (Huntelaar 57).

30/05 Netherlands 2-0 Slovakia (Saláta og 8, Van der Vaart 75) Stekelenburg; Bouma (Vlaar 46), Heitinga, Schaars, Van Der Wiel; De Jong, Van Bommel; Afellay (Kuyt 80), Sneijder (Van der Vaart 51), Robben (Narsingh 84); Van Persie (Huntelaar 68).

26/05 Netherlands 1-2 Bulgaria (Van Persie 45; Popov 50pen, Micanski 90+3) Krul; Van der Wiel, Heitinga, Mathijsen (Bouma 16), Willems (Schaars 64); Van Bommel, De Jong (Strootman 86); Sneijder, Van der Vaart (Kuyt 64), Van Persie; Huntelaar (Robben 77).

UEFA EURO 2012 qualifying

- The Netherlands' 11-0 victory against San Marino on 02/09/2011 was their record win, with Van Persie becoming the first Dutchman to score four in a game since Marco van Basten's haul of five against Malta in 1990.
- The Netherlands qualified with a game to spare after winning their opening nine matches before a 3-2 loss to Sweden.
- Defenders Mathijsen and Van der Wiel played every minute of the Netherlands' campaign.
- Of the final 23-man squad, eight players did not feature in qualifying: Krul, Boulahrouz, Bouma, Ron Vlaar, Jetro, Stijn Schaars, Robben and Narsingh.
- The Netherlands were the most prolific side in qualifying, scoring 37 goals in ten games while Huntelaar was the top individual scorer (12/8).

Domestic information

- Nigel de Jong was part of the Manchester City FC squad that earned their first top-flight title in 44 years in England. Van Persie was player of the year in England after scoring 30 goals in 38 Premier League appearances.
- Huntelaar became the first Dutchman to finish top scorer in the Bundesliga, scoring 29 for FC Schalke 04.
- Van der Wiel played 19 games as AFC Ajax claimed their 31st Dutch championship. Kevin Strootman, Willems and Bouma helped PSV Eindhoven to Dutch Cup glory.

DENMARK

- Having ended 2011 with five successive wins, Denmark lost two in a row this year before beating Australia on 02/06.
- If Denmark triumph in Poland/Ukraine, the uncapped Kasper Schmeichel will follow in the footsteps of dad Peter, who inspired the country to glory in 1992. They would be the first father and son to win the UEFA European Championship.

Injury news

- First-choice keeper Thomas Sørensen was ruled out of UEFA EURO 2012 due to a back injury sustained during the 3-1 friendly defeat by Brazil on 26/05; Schmeichel took his place in the final squad.

Miscellaneous

- Andreas Bjelland will join Dutch side FC Twente after UEFA EURO 2012.
- There are three survivors in the squad from the last time Denmark reached the UEFA European Championship finals under Morten Olsen in 2004: Stephan Andersen, Christian Poulsen and Dennis Rommedahl.
- Another veteran of that tournament in Portugal, Ebbe Sand, is now Denmark's forwards coach.
- The Danish squad began arriving at their training camp in Elsinore, the eastern town where Shakespeare's Hamlet was set, on 17/05. More players joined up the following week after the conclusion of the Danish top flight.
- On 04/06 the squad arrived at their tournament base of Kolobrzeg on the Baltic coast.

Pre-tournament friendlies

02/06 Denmark 2-0 Australia (Agger 32pen, Bjelland 68)

Andersen; Agger (Okore 63), Kjær (Bjelland 46), S Poulsen (Wass 76), Jacobsen; Zimling, Kvist (J Poulsen 83), Eriksen (Kahlenberg 46), Rommedahl, Krohn-Dehli (Mikkelsen 75); Bendtner.

- Bjelland scored his first international goal; Lars Jacobsen won his 50th cap.

26/05 Denmark 1-3 Brazil (Bendtner 71; Hulk 8 39, Zimling og 14)

Sørensen (Andersen 25); Wass, Kjær, Agger, S Poulsen, C Poulsen (J Poulsen 46); Zimling, Eriksen (Rommedahl 62), Schøne (Kahlenberg 25), Krohn-Dehli (Pedersen 71); Bendtner.

UEFA EURO 2012 qualifying

- Jacobsen scored his first goal in 45 international appearances as Denmark beat Cyprus 4-1 on 07/10/2011.
- Jacobsen, Christian Eriksen and Rommedahl were all ever-present during qualifying.
- Four of the final tournament squad did not feature in qualifying: Schmeichel, Andersen, Jores Okore and Tobias Mikkelsen.
- Denmark scored 15 goals in qualifying, the second fewest of all the finalists behind Greece (14) and level with the Czech Republic and France. Olsen's side did, however, play two matches fewer than all those sides.
- Nicklas Bendtner and Rommedahl were Denmark's leading scorers in qualifying with three goals apiece.
- Denmark qualified as Group H winners thanks to a 2-1 defeat of Portugal in Copenhagen in the final round of matches.
- Denmark won all four of their home qualifiers, conceding just a lone Cristiano Ronaldo goal in the process.
- Once a place in Poland and Ukraine had been confirmed, Olsen went back on his 2010 decision to step down after UEFA EURO 2012, agreeing a deal until after the next FIFA World Cup.

Domestic information

- Bjelland, Okore and Mikkelsen were all part of the FC Nordsjælland side that claimed their maiden championship, Bjelland completing a 3-0 victory over AC Horsens on the final day to hold off FC København.
- Jacobsen and København gained some consolation as they beat Horsens 1-0 in the Danish Cup final on 17/05.
- Eriksen missed one game as AFC Ajax claimed their 31st Dutch championship.
- Daniel Agger lifted the English League Cup with Liverpool FC in February, beating Cardiff City FC in the final.

Team facts

Team facts: Netherlands

UEFA European Championship record

2008: quarter-finals

2004: semi-finals

2000: semi-finals

1996: quarter-finals

1992: semi-finals

1988: winners

1984: did not qualify

1980: group stage, final tournament

1976: third place

1972: did not qualify

1968: did not qualify

1964: last 16

1960: did not enter

Team EURO records

Final tournament win

6-1: Netherlands v Yugoslavia, 25/06/00, quarter-finals

Final tournament loss

1-4: Netherlands v England, 18/06/96, group stage

Qualifying win

11-0: Netherlands v San Marino, 02/09/11

Qualifying loss

4-1: Poland v Netherlands, 10/09/75

Player EURO records

Final tournament appearances

16: Edwin van der Sar

13: Phillip Cocu

13: Dennis Bergkamp

12: Edgar Davids

11: Giovanni van Bronckhorst

Final tournament goals

6: Patrick Kluivert

6: Ruud van Nistelrooy

5: Marco van Basten

4: Dennis Bergkamp

Overall appearances

37: Edwin van der Sar

31: Frank de Boer

30: Ruud Gullit

29: Clarence Seedorf

29: Rafael van der Vaart

Overall goals

16: Marco van Basten

15: Ruud van Nistelrooy

14: Klaas-Jan Huntelaar

13: Patrick Kluivert

12: Johan Cruyff

11: Robin van Persie

Team facts: Denmark

UEFA European Championship record

2008: did not qualify

2004: quarter-finals

2000: group stage, final tournament

1996: group stage, final tournament

1992: winners

1988: group stage, final tournament

1984: semi-finals

1980: did not qualify

1976: did not qualify

1972: did not qualify

1968: did not qualify

1964: fourth place

1960: last 16

Team EURO records

Final tournament win

5-0: Denmark v Yugoslavia, 16/06/84, group stage

Final tournament loss

3-0: five times, most recently Czech Republic v Denmark, 27/06/04, quarter-finals

Qualifying win

6-0: Denmark v Luxembourg, 12/10/83

Qualifying loss

6-0: Hungary v Denmark, 21/09/66

Player EURO records

Final tournament appearances

13: Peter Schmeichel

10: Michael Laudrup

10: John Sivebæk

9: Thomas Helveg

Final tournament goals

3: Frank Arnesen

3: Henrik Larsen

3: Brian Laudrup

3: Jon Dahl Tomasson

Overall appearances

39: Peter Schmeichel

32: Thomas Helveg

32: Morten Olsen

31: Martin Jørgensen

31: Dennis Rommedahl

31: Jon Dahl Tomasson

Overall goals

22: Jon Dahl Tomasson

11: Ole Madsen

10: Preben Elkjær

10: Michael Laudrup

9: Dennis Rommedahl

Squad list

Netherlands

No	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	UEFA EURO 2012				Overall	
						Qual.		FT		Team	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers											
1	Maarten Stekelenburg	22/09/82	29	AS Roma	-	6	-	-	-	47	-
12	Michel Vorm	20/10/83	28	Swansea City AFC	-	4	-	-	-	9	-
22	Tim Krul	03/04/88	24	Newcastle United FC	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
Defenders											
2	Gregory van der Wiel	03/02/88	24	AFC Ajax	-	10	-	-	-	32	-
3	John Heitinga	15/11/83	28	Everton FC	-	7	1	-	-	78	7
4	Joris Mathijsen	05/04/80	32	Málaga CF	-	10	-	-	-	80	3
5	Wilfred Bouma	15/06/78	33	PSV Eindhoven	-	-	-	-	-	37	2
13	Ron Vlaar	16/02/85	27	Feyenoord	-	-	-	-	-	7	1
15	Jetro Willems	30/03/94	18	PSV Eindhoven	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
21	Khalid Boulahrouz	28/12/81	30	VfB Stuttgart	-	-	-	-	-	35	-
Midfielders											
6	Mark van Bommel	22/04/77	35	AC Milan	-	8	-	-	-	77	10
8	Nigel de Jong	30/11/84	27	Manchester City FC	-	4	-	-	-	60	1
10	Wesley Sneijder	09/06/84	27	FC Internazionale Milano	-	8	3	-	-	84	24
11	Arjen Robben	23/01/84	28	FC Bayern München	-	-	-	-	-	57	17
14	Stijn Schaars	11/01/84	28	Sporting Clube de Portugal	-	-	-	-	-	19	-
17	Kevin Strootman	13/02/90	22	PSV Eindhoven	-	5	1	-	-	11	1
23	Rafael van der Vaart	11/02/83	29	Tottenham Hotspur FC	-	8	1	-	-	96	18
Forwards											
7	Dirk Kuyt	22/07/80	31	Liverpool FC	-	9	6	-	-	88	24
9	Klaas-Jan Huntelaar	12/08/83	28	FC Schalke 04	-	8	12	-	-	53	31
16	Robin van Persie	06/08/83	28	Arsenal FC	-	6	6	-	-	65	28
18	Luuk de Jong	27/08/90	21	FC Twente	-	2	1	-	-	7	1
19	Luciano Narsingh	13/09/90	21	sc Heerenveen	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
20	Ibrahim Afellay	02/04/86	26	FC Barcelona	-	6	3	-	-	38	5
Coach											
-	Bert van Marwijk	19/05/52	60	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-

Denmark

No	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	UEFA EURO 2012				Overall	
						Qual.		FT		Team	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers											
1	Stephan Andersen	26/11/81	30	Évian Thonon Gaillard FC	-	-	-	-	-	10	-
16	Anders Lindegaard	13/04/84	28	Manchester United FC	-	3	-	-	-	5	-
22	Kasper Schmeichel	05/11/86	25	Leicester City FC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders											
3	Simon Kjær	26/03/89	23	VfL Wolfsburg	-	7	-	-	-	24	-
4	Daniel Agger	12/12/84	27	Liverpool FC	-	4	-	-	-	46	6
5	Simon Poulsen	07/10/84	27	AZ Alkmaar	-	3	-	-	-	18	-
6	Lars Jacobsen	20/09/79	32	FC København	-	8	1	-	-	50	1
12	Andreas Bjelland	11/07/88	23	FC Nordsjælland	-	2	-	-	-	6	1
13	Jores Okore	11/08/92	19	FC Nordsjælland	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
18	Daniel Wass	31/05/89	23	SL Benfica	-	1	-	-	-	6	-
Midfielders											
2	Christian Poulsen	28/02/80	32	Évian Thonon Gaillard FC	-	7	-	-	-	91	6
7	William Kvist	24/02/85	27	VfB Stuttgart	-	6	-	-	-	28	-
8	Christian Eriksen	14/02/92	20	AFC Ajax	-	8	1	-	-	23	2
14	Lasse Schöne	27/05/86	26	AFC Ajax	-	2	1	-	-	10	2
15	Michael Silberbauer	07/07/81	30	BSC Young Boys	-	5	-	-	-	24	1
19	Jakob Poulsen	07/07/83	28	FC Midtjylland	-	2	-	-	-	22	1
20	Thomas Kahlenberg	20/03/83	29	Évian Thonon Gaillard FC	-	1	1	-	-	38	4
21	Niki Zimling	19/04/85	27	Club Brugge KV	-	4	-	-	-	11	-
Forwards											
9	Michael Krohn-Dehli	06/06/83	29	Brøndby IF	-	7	2	-	-	21	4
10	Dennis Rommedahl	22/07/78	33	Brøndby IF	-	8	3	-	-	116	21
11	Nicklas Bendtner	16/01/88	24	Arsenal FC	-	5	3	-	-	48	18
17	Nicklas Pedersen	10/10/87	24	FC Groningen	-	4	-	-	-	7	-
23	Tobias Mikkelsen	18/09/86	25	FC Nordsjælland	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
Coach											
-	Morten Olsen	14/08/49	62	-	-	8	-	-	-	3	-

Head coach

Netherlands: Bert van Marwijk

Date of birth: 19 May 1952

Nationality: Dutch

Playing career: Go Ahead Eagles, AZ Alkmaar, MVV Maastricht, Fortuna Sittard, FC Assent

Coaching career: FC Herderen, RKVCL Limmel, SV Meerssen, Fortuna Sittard, Feyenoord (twice), Borussia Dortmund, Netherlands

- Capped once by the Netherlands in 1975, Van Marwijk was a dynamic left-winger who racked up 393 appearances in the Dutch Eredivisie with four different clubs. His only trophy success was the 1978 Dutch Cup with AZ.
- Served a long coaching apprenticeship with several minor clubs before replacing Pim Verbeek at top-flight Fortuna Sittard in 1998. Steered Limburg club to Dutch Cup final in first full season before joining Feyenoord in 2000.
- Masterminded Feyenoord's UEFA Cup triumph in 2001/02, sealed with a 3-2 victory against Borussia Dortmund on home turf at De Kuip in the one-off final.
- Joined Dortmund in 2004 but finished seventh in the Bundesliga in both of his first two seasons and dismissed midway through his third. Returned to Feyenoord and led Rotterdam club to 2008 Dutch Cup win in their centenary year.
- Appointed Netherlands coach in succession to Marco van Basten in July 2008. Led Oranje through perfect 2010 FIFA World Cup qualifying campaign, winning all eight matches, and subsequently guided them all the way to the final, falling at the last to Spain. The Dutch bounced back by winning their first nine UEFA EURO 2012 qualifiers to book their place in Poland and Ukraine.

Denmark: Morten Olsen

Date of birth: 14 August 1949

Nationality: Danish

Playing career: B 1901, Cercle Brugge KSV, RWD Molenbeek, RSC Anderlecht, 1. FC Köln

Coaching career: Brøndby IF, 1. FC Köln, AFC Ajax, Denmark

- A commanding central defender, he played most of his club football in Belgium, winning three national titles and the UEFA Cup with Anderlecht between 1980 and 1986.
- Twice crowned Danish Player of the Year, he was captain of the legendary 'Dynamite' team of the mid-1980s that reached two successive UEFA European Championships and the 1986 FIFA World Cup; became the first Danish footballer to reach 100 caps in an international career spanning 19 years.
- Went straight into coaching and proved an immediate success, leading Brøndby to two national titles and the 1990/91 UEFA Cup semi-finals – the furthest any Danish team had progressed in Europe.
- Moved on to coach former club Köln and then, following a two-year break, Ajax, where, assisted on the field by his former Denmark team-mate Michael Laudrup, he won a Dutch league and cup double in 1998.
- Appointed Denmark head coach in 2000 and led team to 2002 World Cup and UEFA EURO 2004. Enjoyed success again as Denmark topped their 2010 World Cup qualifying group, celebrating qualification with 1-0 win against Sweden in his 100th match in charge. Subsequently named Coach of the Year in Denmark, although his team failed to get out of their group in South Africa, but bounced back to lead them to UEFA EURO 2012 and agreed a new deal until 2014.

Match officials

Referee	Damir Skomina (SVN)
Assistant referees	Primož Arhar (SVN), Matej Žunič (SVN)
Additional assistant referees	Matej Jug (SVN), Slavko Vinčič (SVN)
Fourth official	Pavel Kralovec (CZE)
Reserve official	Roman Slyško (SVK)
UEFA Delegate	Ainar Leppänen (EST)
UEFA Referee observer	Kyros Vassaras (GRE)

Referee

Name	Date of birth	Nationality
Damir Skomina	05/08/1976	

- One of Europe's most promising young referees, Damir Skomina has steadily worked his way up the ranks both in his native Slovenia, where he has already taken charge of three cup finals, and abroad.
- He cut his teeth in international football at the 2003 UEFA European Under-17 Championship and made his UEFA Cup bow in October 2003, his first UEFA Champions League qualifying appearance coming the following July.
- Fourth official for the 2003 U17 final and 2005 European U19 Championship showpiece, Skomina was the youngest match official at the 2007 U21 finals in the Netherlands. There he oversaw three games, concluding with the hosts' 4-1 win against Serbia in the final.
- A father of two sons who works in real estate, Skomina continued his rise to prominence by taking charge of three UEFA EURO 2008 qualifiers. He was fourth official at three matches at the finals, also overseeing two fixtures at that August's Olympic Games.
- Skomina made his UEFA Champions League group stage bow on matchday three of the 2008/09 campaign as PSV Eindhoven took on Olympique de Marseille and has since become a regular in that competition and the UEFA Europa League. Ended the 2010/11 season by taking charge of the Slovenian Cup final.

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

No matches found

Other matches

Date	Competition	Stage	Home	Away	Result	Venue
07/10/06	EURO	QR	Armenia	Finland	0-0	Yerevan
24/03/07	EURO	QR	Faroe Islands	Ukraine	0-2	Toftir
08/09/07	EURO	QR	Scotland	Lithuania	3-1	Glasgow
07/09/10	EURO	QR	Turkey	Belgium	3-2	Istanbul
04/06/11	EURO	QR	England	Switzerland	2-2	London
02/09/11	EURO	QR	Hungary	Sweden	2-1	Budapest

Competition facts

UEFA European Football Championship final tournament: Did you know?

- Germany are the most competition's most successful side having lifted the trophy in 1972, 1980 (both as West Germany) and 1996, reaching the final in 1976, 1992 and 2008. Only Spain (1964, 2008) and France (1984, 2000) have also triumphed more than once.
- Only three sides have ever won the UEFA European Championship on home soil: Spain (1964), Italy (1968) and France (1984).
- No side has ever retained the trophy, and no player has ever appeared in two victorious UEFA European Championship finals. The Soviet Union (1960, 1964) and West Germany (1972, 1976) returned to the finals as holders only to lose, while Rainer Bonhof twice picked up a winners' medal with West Germany (1972, 1980) but did not play in either tournament.
- Berti Vogts was a winner as a player with West Germany in 1972 and as coach of Germany in 1996, making him the only man to win as player and coach.
- Since 1980, when the final tournament expanded to become an eight-team event, the hosts or co-hosts have only failed to reach the semi-finals – or better – three times: Italy (1980), Belgium (2000) and Austria and Switzerland (2008).
- UEFA EURO 2012 is Germany's 11th successive UEFA European Championship final tournament – they last missed out as West Germany in 1968. The Netherlands are taking part in the finals for the seventh successive edition.
- Germany are appearing in the finals for the eleventh time, one more than Russia. This is the ninth tournament for the Netherlands and Spain.
- Five teams have qualified for the finals with a perfect record, including Spain and Germany this time round. The others are France (1992 and 2004) and Czech Republic (2000).
- The Netherlands' 6-1 defeat of Yugoslavia in the UEFA EURO 2000 quarter-finals is the biggest win in a final tournament. Three games have finished 5-0, most recently Sweden's 2004 defeat of Bulgaria.
- Spain are seeking to retain the trophy having already become only the third team to hold the UEFA European Championship and FIFA World Cup at the same time. West Germany won the European title in 1972 and added the world crown two years later, while France won the 1998 World Cup and UEFA EURO 2000. No team has ever won three consecutive world and continental titles.
- A total of 15 players appeared in both those finals: for West Germany, Sepp Maier, Franz Beckenbauer, Hans-Georg Schwarzenbeck, Paul Breitner, Uli Hoeness and Gerd Müller played in both matches, while Fabien Barthez, Marcel Desailly, Bixente Lizarazu, Lilian Thuram, Didier Deschamps, Youri Djorkaeff, Patrick Vieira, Zinédine Zidane and Christophe Dugarry also achieved the feat for France.
- Iker Casillas, Sergio Ramos, Carles Puyol, Joan Capdevila, Andrés Iniesta, Xavi Hernández, Cesc Fàbregas, Xabi Alonso and Fernando Torres played in Spain's 2008 EURO final win and the 2010 World Cup success.
- Five players have appeared in European Cup and UEFA European Championship final victories in the same year: Luis Suárez achieved the feat with FC Internazionale Milano and Spain in 1964, while in 1988 PSV Eindhoven quartet Hans van Breucklen, Ronald Koeman, Barry van Aerle and Gerald Vanenburg were all in the victorious Netherlands side.
- Wim Kieft and Nicolas Anelka narrowly missed out on this club. A Champion Clubs' Cup finalist with PSV in 1988, Kieft was an unused substitute in the Netherlands' European triumph, while Nicolas Anelka was similarly thwarted with France in 2000 after appearing in Real Madrid CF's UEFA Champions League final. Anelka's Madrid team-mate Christian Karembou holds the unique position of being an unused substitute in both European Cup and European Championship final victories in the same year.
- In 2008 Germany's Michael Ballack, then with Chelsea FC, became the first player to appear in European Cup and EURO final defeats in the same year.
- Four players have followed European Cup final defeat with EURO victory in the same year: Ignacio Zoco and Amancio Amaro (1964, Real Madrid CF and Spain) and Manny Kaltz and Horst Hrubesch (1980, Hamburger SV and West Germany).

- Lothar Matthas is the oldest player to appear in a UEFA European Championship finals; he was aged 39 years 91 days in Germany's 3-0 loss to Portugal at UEFA EURO 2000.
- Belgium's Enzo Scifo is the youngest player to feature; he was 18 years 115 days in the 2-0 defeat of Yugoslavia at the 1984 finals.
- Five players have appeared in four final tournaments: Lothar Matthäus, Peter Schmeichel, Alessandro Del Piero, Edwin van der Sar and Lilian Thuram.
- Austria's Ivica Vastic is the oldest player to score having found the net in a 1-1 draw against Poland at UEFA EURO 2008 aged 38 years 257 days.
- Johan Vonlanthen was 18 years 141 days old when scoring in Switzerland's 3-1 defeat by France at UEFA EURO 2004, making him the youngest player to strike in the finals.
- Russia's Dmitri Kirichenko scored the fastest goal in a UEFA European Championship; his effort against Greece at UEFA EURO 2004 was timed at 67 seconds.
- There have been eight hat-tricks in a final tournament: Dieter Müller (1976), Klaus Allofs (1980), Michel Platini (1984, twice), Marco van Basten (1988), Sérgio Conceição (2000), Patrick Kluivert (2000) and David Villa (2008).

Match-by-match lineups

Final tournament Group B

Standings

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Netherlands	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Denmark	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Germany	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Portugal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Matchday 1 (09/06/12)

Netherlands v Denmark

Matchday 2 (13/06/12)

Denmark v Portugal

Netherlands v Germany

Matchday 3 (17/06/12)

Portugal v Netherlands

Denmark v Germany

UEFA information

UEFA President's EURO message

"Make us dream" is the message from UEFA President Michel Platini and millions of football fans across the globe to the players of 16 expectant teams at the start of UEFA EURO 2012 in Poland and Ukraine. The UEFA President spoke of his excitement at the footballing feast that lies ahead – and thanked the co-hosts for their outstanding efforts in bringing five years of preparations to fruition. "We are ready," said Mr Platini in Warsaw on Wednesday. "It has been a long, hard challenge, but I hope that it will be a great party. Poland and Ukraine have worked with considerable passion since 2007. It is a great challenge for both countries, and for UEFA. In all modesty, I think that this challenge is being met. I am very happy – the two countries made enormous efforts and a great amount of work to enable [the competition] to succeed. [They] have worked with all their hearts and I would like to congratulate them and thank them on behalf of football."

EURO Legends choose Carlsberg Man of the Match

Legends who have graced past EUROs will be making a key contribution to UEFA EURO 2012 by voting for and helping to present the Carlsberg Man of the Match Award at each of the 31 games in Poland and Ukraine – and fans will join them in deciding who wins the coveted prize each time. A EURO legend, invited by UEFA President Michel Platini, will be present at each match. A fan vote will be accessible via the UEFA.com match centre, and the EURO Legend will take into consideration the fans' vote before making the final decision on the most outstanding man on the field during the match. A glittering array of superstars are being lined up to decide who wins each UEFA EURO 2012 Carlsberg Man of the Match Award. Fernando Couto (Portugal), Christian Karembeu (France), Predrag Mijatović (Montenegro), Peter Schmeichel (Denmark), Allan Simonsen (Denmark), Davor Šuker (Croatia) and Patrick Vieira (France) are among those who will act as award ambassadors in Poland and Ukraine.

Referees Committee briefs EURO teams

Members of the UEFA Referees Committee have been meeting the coaches and players of the 16 participating teams ahead of UEFA EURO 2012 to discuss the instructions given to the referees for the tournament in Poland and Ukraine. The committee members – all vastly-experienced former international match officials – have emphasised the message that cooperation between the coaches, players and referees will contribute to the success and image of the tournament. Protection of players and the game's image, and punishment for mobbing the referee, as well as for incidents of mass confrontation, are among the instructions delivered by the UEFA Referees Committee to the 12 refereeing teams.

IBC opens

The International Broadcast Centre (IBC) in Warsaw, which will act as the focal point and hub for all broadcast operations at UEFA EURO 2012, was officially opened on Tuesday by UEFA President Michel Platini, Poland's sports minister Joanna Mucha and the deputy mayor of Warsaw, Jacek Wojciechowicz. Located at the Warszawskie Centrum EXPO XXI in Warsaw, the IBC's master control room will receive television signals from all eight stadiums in Poland and Ukraine via fibre networks and distribute them to broadcast partners, and thus on to the millions of fans watching around the world. In total, UEFA will bring nine multilateral feeds from the 32 match coverage cameras back to the IBC. These can be booked by broadcast partners and then used within their programming. Broadcast partners will also be sending their own unilateral feeds to Warsaw before distributing them to their respective home countries and audiences.

Respect campaign under way

UEFA President Michel Platini, Dutch legend Clarence Seedorf and Italian refereeing great Pierluigi Collina joined forces in Warsaw to launch UEFA's Respect campaign for UEFA EURO 2012 in Poland and Ukraine. Respect, UEFA's social responsibility programme, was launched in 2008, and its objective is to support local communities, tackle social issues and work towards unity and respect across gender, race, religion and ability. The Respect project at UEFA EURO 2012 is receiving a UEFA financial contribution of up to €3m, and involves four main strands – UEFA's commitment to combat racism (Respect Diversity), increasing and improving access for fans with disabilities (Respect Inclusion), promoting health through physical activity (Respect Your Health), and fostering intercultural dialogue between fans and the host cities (Respect Fan Culture).

UEFA is also promoting the idea of Respect at UEFA EURO 2012 through a jersey-exchanging initiative in which several football luminaries – including Seedorf and Collina – are acting as campaign ambassadors. By linking Respect with swapping shirts, European football's governing body hopes to make a connection with players and fans alike, encouraging everyone to exchange jerseys as a sign of respect for diversity.

The campaign, aimed at players, officials, football fans and large TV audiences, will be visible through a 30-second TV spot which will be broadcast in all European territories at half-time during matches and in the fan zones, as well as on giant screens at the stadiums.

Legend

:: All-time statistics

The all-time record of the competing teams in the UEFA European Championship.

Final tournament: The UEFA European Championship was a four-team event in 1960, 1964, 1968, 1972 and 1976. From 1980 it was expanded to an eight-team finals and remained in that format in 1984, 1988 and 1992 until 1996, when the current 16-team format was adopted.

Goals for/against: 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 after a tie ended in a draw.

:: Squad list

The eligible list of players ordered first by playing position and then numeric order.

UEFA EURO 2012 qualifying: Total UEFA EURO 2012 appearances/goals in qualifying competition only.

FT: Total UEFA EURO 2012 appearances/goals in final tournament only.

Overall: Total international appearances/goals.

DoB: Date of birth

Age: based on the date press kit was last updated

BL: Booking list (*: misses next match if booked, S: suspended)

:: Match officials

The match officials appointed to officiate the fixture.

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

:: Other abbreviations

(aet): Match decided after extra time

No.: Number

aetps: Match decided after extra time

o.g.: Own goal

and penalty shoot-out

ag: Match decided on away goals

(P): Penalty

agg: Aggregate

AP: Appearances

Pos.: Position

Comp.: Competition

D: Drawn

DoB: Date of birth

GA: Goals against

GF: Goals for

gg: Match decided by golden goal

L: Lost

Nat.: Nationality

N/a: Not applicable

(P): Matches played

Pos.: Position

Pts: Points

R: Sent off (straight red card)

Res.: Result

sg: Match decided by silver goal

t: Match decided by toss of a coin

W: Won

Y: Booked

Y/R: Sent off (two yellow cards)

:: Statistics

(-): Denotes player substituted

(*): Denotes player sent off

(+): Denotes player introduced

(+/-): Denotes player introduced and substituted

:: Squad list

D: Disciplinary

S: Suspended

*: Misses next match if booked

#: Suspended for at least one match

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