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Netherlands

Group B - Matchday 3
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Previous competitive meetings

Head to Head

UEFA European Under-21 Championship

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
02/09/10	QR (GS)	Spain - Netherlands	2-1	Alcoy	Canales 26, Capel 54; Dost 31
17/11/09	QR (GS)	Netherlands - Spain	2-1	Rotterdam	Falkenburg 14, Wijnaldum 63; Azpilicueta 80

UEFA European Under-21 Championship

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
01/06/00	GS-FT	Netherlands - Spain	0-1	Trnava	Angulo 6
04/06/99	QR (GS)	Spain - Netherlands	4-1	Soria	César Martín 40, 43, Tamudo 47, 59; Bruggink 26
30/03/99	QR (GS)	Netherlands - Spain	0-1	Enschede	Luque 12

UEFA European Under-21 Championship

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
23/03/88	QF	Netherlands - Spain	2-1	Utrecht	Van Loen 90+10, Viscaal 90+18; Beguiristáin 20
24/02/88	QF	Spain - Netherlands	0-1 agg: 1-3	Murcia	Plomp 90+1(p)

UEFA European Under-21 Championship

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
15/11/83	QR (GS)	Spain - Netherlands	1-0	Malaga	
16/02/83	QR (GS)	Netherlands - Spain	5-0	Utrecht	

UEFA European Under-21 Championship

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
18/11/81	QR (GS)	Spain - Netherlands	2-1	Ourense	
12/11/80	QR (GS)	Netherlands - Spain	0-2	Volendam	

	Home				Away				Final				Total					
	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
Spain	5	4	0	1	6	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	11	7	0	4	15	13
Netherlands	6	3	0	3	5	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	11	4	0	7	13	15

Match background

Spain and the Netherlands meet in their final Group B fixture with top spot in the section at stake after both sides sealed semi-finals berths last time out.

- Cor Pot's charges need just a point to win Group B courtesy of their superior goal difference, which was boosted by a 5-1 victory against Russia on Sunday. Spain can top the section if they beat the Dutch, Álvaro Morata having scored late to secure victory in each of their opening two fixtures.

- There has never been a draw in UEFA European Under-21 Championship matches between Spain and the Netherlands. The holders have the upper hand in the countries' competitive contests ahead of their 12th meeting at Ha Moshava in Petah Tikva.

Previous meetings

- Spain have won seven of the teams' 11 competitive meetings including four of the last five – although they traded home victories when the sides last met in qualifying for the 2011 finals.

- The first game in Rotterdam was won by the hosts thanks to goals from Erik Falkenburg (14) and GeorGINIO Wijnaldum (63) despite César Azpilicueta pulling one back ten minutes from time. Diego Capel and captain Javi Martínez both hit the woodwork late on for a Spain side who had won their previous 14 group stage qualifiers stretching back to October 2005.

- The teams at the Sparta Stadium on 17 November 2009 were:

Netherlands: Krul, Janmaat, Van Eijden, Bruma, Pieters, Anita (Strootman 82), Fer, Falkenburg, Wijnaldum, De Jong (Dost, 82), J John.

Spain: Asenjo, Azpilicueta, Canella (Mérida 82), Botía, Laguardia, Javi Martínez, Alba (Michel 52), Herrera (Omar 74), Adrián, Parejo, Capel.

- Spain turned the tables in the return thanks to goals from Sergio Canales (26) and Capel (54) either side of Bas Dost's 31st-minute strike in Alcoy. The visitors ended with ten men as Maikel Kieftenbeld was sent off with 12 minutes remaining, and Spain could even afford Bojan Krkić's missed penalty, awarded after Bram Nuytinck fouled Ander Herrera.

- The teams for that meeting – their most recent – at Estadio El Collao on 2 September 2010 were:

Spain: De Gea, Azpilicueta, Canella, Botía, Domínguez, Javi Martínez, Canales (Herrera 66), Pérez (Thiago 46), Bojan, Mata, Capel (Nsue 87).

Netherlands: Zoet, Blind (Kieftenbeld 69), Marcellis, Viergever, Van Aanholt, Toornstra (Roorda 70), Cabral, Gorter, Dost, De Jong, Goossens (Nuytinck 79).

- The Netherlands went on to finish first in qualifying Group 4, one place and two points above Spain, but lost on away goals to Ukraine in the play-offs. In contrast Spain overcame Croatia and subsequently won the title in Denmark.

- A sixth-minute Miguel Ángel Angulo goal proved enough to separate the sides in the 2000 group stage at the final tournament in Trnava, Slovakia. The result took Spain into a third-place play-off – where Slovakia were defeated 1-0 – at the expense of the Jong Oranje.

- Spain had also come out on top against the Dutch in qualifying for the 2000 finals, winning 1-0 away and 4-1 at home.

- The Netherlands had been victorious in the 1988 quarter-finals, winning the first leg 1-0 in Murcia before a 2-1 success in Utrecht. The Jong Oranje, however, were overwhelmed in the first leg of their semi-final against Greece, losing 5-0 in Athens and eventually 5-2 overall.

- Each side recorded a home victory in qualifying for the 1984 edition, the Dutch winning 5-0 in Utrecht but then going down 1-0 in Malaga. The latter result was enough for Spain to pip the Netherlands to first place in Group 7; the Iberian side went on to beat Poland and Yugoslavia before losing the final to England.

- Spain also progressed to the 1982 quarter-finals ahead of the Netherlands, against whom they recorded 2-0 away and 2-1 home wins en route to winning qualifying Group 8. This time they would go no further, losing to West Germany in the last eight.

Match background

- Spain are in the finals for the third successive edition. Two years ago they claimed a third European U21 crown with a 2-0 defeat of Switzerland in Aarhus, Denmark. Spain had previously triumphed in 1986 and 1998, while they were

runners-up in 1984 and 1996 and third in 1994 and 2000. They failed to make it beyond the group stage in 2009, however, on what was their first finals appearance in nine years.

- The Netherlands are in the finals for the first time since 2007, when they claimed a second successive title on home soil with a 4-1 defeat of Serbia in Groningen. They had lifted the trophy for the first time with a 3-0 defeat of Ukraine in Portugal 12 months previously.

- The Jong Oranje's only previous appearances in the final tournament came in 1998, when they lost to Norway in the third-place play-off, and 2000, when they failed to survive the group stage. They were also semi-finalists in 1988 and reached the last eight four years later.

Team ties

- Nuytinck was in the RSC Anderlecht side beaten 3-0 at Málaga CF in the UEFA Champions League group stage on 3 October 2012. Isco and Ignacio Camacho both started for the visitors.

- Daley Blind and Ricardo van Rhijn's AFC Ajax lost 4-1 at Real Madrid CF in the UEFA Champions League group stage on 4 December, Nacho playing 90 minutes at the Santiago Bernabéu and Morata coming on as a late substitute.

- Van Rhijn twice faced David de Gea as Ajax lost 2-0 at home but won 2-1 away against Manchester United FC in the UEFA Europa League round of 32 in February 2012. Blind featured in Manchester.

Spain news

- The Spanish players held up the shirt of injured team-mate Canales after their victory against Germany. The Valencia CF midfielder has travelled home after being ruled out of the tournament with a hamstring injury.

- Morata has twice come off the substitutes' bench to score the winning goal for Spain. The Real Madrid CF forward has made a notable mark on the tournament having spent just 44 minutes on the pitch.

- England senior team manager Roy Hodgson watched the match between Germany and Spain in Netanya, while representatives from the Norway Under-21 side were also in attendance.

- Spain had a light training session on Monday with only the substitutes, including Morata, taking part. Assistant coach Santi Denia, Spain's most-capped player at U21 level, concluded the session by taking part in a six-a-side match.

- On Monday afternoon, the team visited the Spanish embassy in Tel Aviv.

Netherlands news

- Pot once again has a fully-fit squad to choose from. Wijnaldum came through Sunday's victory against Russia without any problems after picking up a back injury on matchday one.

- The players underwent a gentle recovery session on Monday morning before fulfilling certain duties at the team hotel and spending time with family.

- The day before the game consists of a team walk in the morning, prior to the pre-match press conference and training at the stadium.

- Despite having qualified for the last four, Pot confirmed that he would not be making any wholesale changes from the Russia game. However, he is expected to bring in some new faces.

Team facts

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

P180 W124 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 (24)

Leading scorer

All-time: Rodrigo (14)

Current: Rodrigo (14)

Biggest wins

Final tournament:

Ukraine 0-3 Spain 19/06/2011

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

2009 group stage, Gamla Ullevi, Gothenburg

Portugal 2-0 Spain 15/04/1994

1994 semi-finals, Costières, Nimes

Qualifying:

Netherlands 5-0 Spain 16/02/1983

1984 qualifying group stage, Galgenwaard, Utrecht

Netherlands

Final tournament record

2007: winners

2006: winners

2000: group stage

1998: semi-finals

1992: quarter-finals

1988: semi-finals

All-time competitive record

P156 W88 D29 L39

2013 qualifying (including play-off)

P10 W8 D1 L1 F25 A3

Top scorer: Género Zeefuik (7)

Ever presents: Kelvin Leerdam

Netherlands U21s capped at senior level

Kevin Strootman (18 caps), Bruno Martins Indi (9), Luuk de Jong (7), Ricardo van Rhijn (6), Jordy Clasie (5), Stefan de Vrij (5), Adam Maher (4), Daley Blind (3), Georginio Wijnaldum (2), Leroy Fer (2), Marco van Ginkel (1), Ola John (1)

Players with previous U21 final tournament experience

None

Most capped player

All-time: Arnold Bruggink (31)

Current: Leroy Fer (29)

Leading scorer

All-time: Klaas-Jan Huntelaar (18)

Current: Georginio Wijnaldum (10)

Biggest wins

Final tournament:

Netherlands 5-1 Russia 09/06/2013

Group stage, Teddy Stadium, Jerusalem

Qualifying:

San Marino 0-7 Netherlands 29/04/1997

1998 qualifying group stage, Stadio di Serravalle, Serravalle

Heaviest defeats

Final tournament:

Netherlands 0-3 Greece 26/05/1998

1998 semi-final, Steaua Stadium, Bucharest

Qualifying:

England 3-0 Netherlands 27/04/1993

1994 qualifying group stage, Fratton Park, Portsmouth

Spain 4-1 Netherlands 04/06/1999

2000 qualifying group stage, Los Pajaritos, Soria

Portugal 3-0 Netherlands 27/03/2001

2002 qualifying group stage, Dr Machado De Matos, Felgueiras

Netherlands 0-3 Czech Republic 28/03/2003

2004 qualifying group stage, Sportcentrum Maaspoort, 's-Hertogenbosch

Squad list

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	-	2	-	22	-
13	Diego Mariño	09/05/90	23	Villarreal CF	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
23	Joel	17/06/90	22	Wigan Athletic FC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders											
2	Martín Montoya	14/04/91	22	FC Barcelona	-	8	1	2	-	15	1
4	Nacho	18/01/90	23	Real Madrid CF	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
5	Marc Bartra	15/01/91	22	FC Barcelona	-	8	2	2	-	10	2
6	Iñigo Martínez	17/05/91	22	Real Sociedad de Fútbol	-	7	-	2	-	9	-
15	Marc Muniesa	27/03/92	21	FC Barcelona	-	2	-	-	-	2	-
16	Álvaro	08/01/90	23	Real Zaragoza	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
18	Alberto Moreno	05/07/92	20	Sevilla FC	*	-	-	2	-	2	-
20	Daniel Carvajal	11/01/92	21	Bayer 04 Leverkusen	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Midfielders											
3	Asier Illarramendi	08/03/90	23	Real Sociedad de Fútbol	-	7	-	2	-	9	-
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	2	-	7	1
10	Thiago Alcántara	11/04/91	22	FC Barcelona	-	2	1	2	-	13	2
14	Ignacio Camacho	04/05/90	23	Málaga CF	-	1	-	1	-	2	-
17	Pablo Sarabia	11/05/92	21	Getafe CF	-	7	2	-	-	7	2
22	Isco	21/04/92	21	Málaga CF	-	10	6	2	-	12	6
Forwards											
9	Rodrigo	06/03/91	22	SL Benfica	-	9	11	2	-	11	11
11	Cristian Tello	11/08/91	21	FC Barcelona	-	5	-	2	-	7	-
12	Álvaro Morata	23/10/92	20	Real Madrid CF	-	-	-	2	2	2	2
19	Iker Muniain	19/12/92	20	Athletic Club	-	7	2	2	-	13	2
21	Álvaro Vázquez	27/04/91	22	Getafe CF	-	9	5	-	-	9	5
Coach											
-	Julen Lopetegui	28/08/66	46	-	-	4	-	2	-	6	-

Netherlands

No	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season				Overall	
						Qual.		FT		U21	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers											
1	Jeroen Zoet	06/01/91	22	PSV Eindhoven	*	9	-	2	-	12	-
16	Marco Bizot	10/03/91	22	FC Groningen	-	2	-	-	-	2	-
23	Nick Marsman	01/10/90	22	FC Twente	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders											
2	Ricardo van Rhijn	13/06/91	21	AFC Ajax	-	2	-	2	-	4	-
3	Stefan de Vrij	05/02/92	21	Feyenoord	-	6	-	2	-	8	-
4	Bruno Martins Indi	08/02/92	21	Feyenoord	-	3	-	2	-	5	-
5	Daley Blind	09/03/90	23	AFC Ajax	-	7	-	2	-	13	-
13	Mike van der Hoorn	15/10/92	20	FC Utrecht	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
14	Bram Nuytinck	04/05/90	23	RSC Anderlecht	-	9	1	-	-	11	1
20	Patrick van Aanholt	29/08/90	22	Vitesse	-	3	-	-	-	3	-
Midfielders											
6	Jordy Clasie	27/06/91	21	Feyenoord	-	6	1	1	-	7	1
8	Kevin Strootman	13/02/90	23	PSV Eindhoven	-	-	-	2	-	8	-
10	Adam Maher	20/07/93	19	AZ Alkmaar	-	5	-	2	1	7	1
12	Kelvin Leerdam	24/06/90	22	Feyenoord	-	10	-	-	-	10	-
17	Leroy Fer	05/01/90	23	FC Twente	-	7	3	2	2	17	5
18	Marco van Ginkel	01/12/92	20	Vitesse	-	9	3	2	-	11	3
19	Tonny Trindade de Vilhena	03/01/95	18	Feyenoord	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Forwards											
7	Florian Jozefzoon	09/02/91	22	RKC Waalwijk	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
9	Luuk de Jong	27/08/90	22	VfL Borussia Mönchengladbach	-	2	1	2	1	10	3
11	Ola John	19/05/92	21	SL Benfica	-	4	-	2	1	6	1
15	Georginio Wijnaldum	11/11/90	22	PSV Eindhoven	-	5	3	2	2	15	6
21	Danny Hoesen	15/01/91	22	AFC Ajax	-	-	-	1	1	1	1
22	Memphis Depay	13/02/94	19	PSV Eindhoven	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
Coach											
-	Cor Pot	08/06/51	62	-	-	10	-	2	-	25	-

Head coach

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.

Netherlands: Cor Pot

Date of birth: 8 June 1951

Nationality: Dutch

Playing career: Sparta Rotterdam, MVV Maastricht, HFC Haarlem, SBV Excelsior, Fortuna Vlaardingen

Coaching career: SVB Excelsior (assistant), Feyenoord (assistant and youth), VV Wilhelmus, RBC Roosendaal, NAC Breda, SBV Excelsior, Al-Masry Club, Telstar (assistant), 1. FC Dynamo Dresden (technical director), Netherlands (youth coach, head scout), FC Zenit St Petersburg (assistant), Netherlands Under-21s

- A striker, Pot came through the Sparta Rotterdam youth academy and made his professional debut in 1970/71 at the club. He continued his career with MVV, Haarlem, Excelsior and Vlaardingen before hanging up his boots in 1981.
- After assistant coach roles with Excelsior and Feyenoord, he became head coach at amateur side VV Wilhelmus before moving on to Roosendaal, Breda, Excelsior, and Egyptian side Al-Masry. He also held the post of technical director at German club Dynamo Dresden.
- In 2002, Pot joined the Royal Netherlands Football Association (KNVB), becoming youth coach and head scout, while also succeeding Wim Koevermans as U21 coach for the 2003/04 season. Pot's tenure laid the foundations for Foppe de Haan's successful Jong Oranje, who won back-to-back European titles in 2006 and 2007.
- He moved to Zenit as assistant to Dick Advocaat in 2006, winning the Russian championship, the UEFA Cup and UEFA Super Cup there before returning to the KNVB in 2009. After succeeding De Haan, he has now led the Jong Oranje to their first final tournament since winning it in 2007.

Match officials

Referee	Ovidiu Hațegan (ROU)
Assistant referees	Roland Brandner (AUT), Alan Mulvanny (SCO)
Additional assistant referees	Kenn Hansen (DEN), Miroslav Zelinka (CZE)
Fourth official	Danny Krasikow (ISR)
UEFA Delegate	Kazimierz Oleszek (POL)
UEFA Referee observer	Vladimir Sajn (SVN)

Referee

Name	Date of birth	Under-21 matches
Ovidiu Hațegan	14/07/1980	4

- A doctor from the Romanian city of Arad, Ovidiu Alin Hategan has enjoyed a rapid rise since becoming an international referee in 2008 and received his first UEFA Champions League group stage appointment in December 2011.
- Given his first European assignment as a fourth official in the UEFA Cup second qualifying round in August 2007, by the following March he was working as a referee in the UEFA European Under-17 Championship elite round.
- Worked in the UEFA Cup and European U19 Championship as both a referee and a fourth official in 2008/09, finishing that season by being involved in three matches at the U19 finals in Ukraine. Hategan was an additional assistant referee for five UEFA Europa League matches in 2009/10.
- Continued to be a regular at U19 level over the next two seasons, and also became a regular in the UEFA Europa League; also selected as an additional assistant referee for the AC Milan-AJ Auxerre UEFA Champions League group stage game in September 2010.
- Took charge of two UEFA EURO 2012 qualifiers – Czech Republic against Liechtenstein, and Norway versus Iceland – before being given his first UEFA Champions League refereeing assignment when FK Shkëndija 79 took on FK Partizan in the 2011/12 second qualifying round; his group stage bow followed later that season.

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

No matches found

Other matches

Date	Competition	Stage	Home	Away	Result	Venue
12/10/12	U21	PO	Czech Republic	Russia	0-2	Jablonec nad Nisou
08/06/13	U21	GS	Italy	Israel	4-0	Tel Aviv
12/10/12	U21	PO	Czech Republic	Russia	0-2	Jablonec nad Nisou
08/06/13	U21	GS	Italy	Israel	4-0	Tel Aviv

Match-by-match lineups

Final tournament Group B

Standings

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

Netherlands 3-2 Germany

Goals: 1-0 Maher 24, 2-0 Wijnaldum 38, 2-1 Rudy 47(pen), 2-2 Holtby 81, 3-2 Fer 90

Netherlands: Zoet, Van Rhijn, De Vrij, Martins Indi, Blind, Strootman, L. de Jong, Maher (Fer 82), John (Depay 82), Wijnaldum (Jozefzoon 68), Van Ginkel

Matchday 2 (09/06/13)

Netherlands 5-1 Russia

Goals: 1-0 Wijnaldum 39, 2-0 L. de Jong 61, 2-1 Cheryshev 65, 3-1 John 69, 4-1 Hoesen 83, 5-1 Fer 90+2

Netherlands: Zoet, Van Rhijn, De Vrij, Martins Indi, Blind, Strootman (Clasie 77), L. de Jong (Hoesen 81), Maher (Fer 73), John, Wijnaldum, Van Ginkel

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 v Netherlands

Competition facts

Under-21 historical statistics (competitive matches)

Champions (hosts)

2011 Spain (Denmark)*
2009 Germany (Sweden)*
2007 Netherlands (Netherlands)*
2006 Netherlands (Portugal)*
2004 Italy (Germany)*
2002 Czech Republic (Switzerland)*
2000 Italy (Slovakia)
1998 Spain (Romania)
1996 Italy (Spain)
1994 Italy (France)
1992 Italy
1990 USSR
1988 France
1986 Spain
1984 England
1982 England
1980 USSR
1978 Yugoslavia

*Current format

Leading scorers

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
2000 final tournament group stage, Tehelné Pole Stadium, Bratislava

Final

4-0: Germany v England 29/06/2009
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
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
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 is based on a league system (three points for a win, one for a draw, none for a defeat) to produce four semi-finalists.

If two or more teams are equal on points on completion of all the matches in their group, the following criteria will be used to determine the rankings in the order given:

- a) number of points obtained in the matches between the teams in question;
- b) goal difference in the matches between the teams in question;
- c) number of goals scored in the matches between the teams in question (if more than two teams finish equal on points);
- d) goal difference in all the group matches;
- e) number of goals scored in all the group matches;
- f) position in the coefficient ranking used for the final draw;

If two teams with the same number of points, goals scored and conceded play their last group match against each other and are still equal at the end of that match, the ranking of the two teams will be determined by penalties, provided that no other team within the group has the same number of points on completion of all group matches.

The final tournament consists of 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 do not result in a suspension expire at the end of the group stage and are 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 will be subsequently played at every match.
- **Match officials:** Six referees were chosen to officiate in Israel: Ivan Bebek (Croatia), Antony Gautier (France), Pawel Gil (Poland), Ovidiu Hategan (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.

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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