Belgium

Stadio Città del Tricolore - Reggio Emilia
Saturday 22 June 2019
21.00CET (21.00 local time)
Group A - Matchday 3

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Hosts Italy will look to round off their Group A campaign in style as they take on Belgium in Reggio Emilia.

• Italy have picked up three points from their two fixtures, opening with a 3-1 defeat of Spain only to lose 1-0 to Poland on 19 June, and are level with Spain on three points, three behind Poland.

• Italy need to win and hope Poland lose in order to stand a chance of winning the group. In that instance, with Italy, Spain and Poland all on six points, placings would be decided by the results of matches involving those three sides. An Italy victory and a win for Spain by a one or two-goal margin would mean the Azzurrini finish top.

• Belgium, having lost to both Poland (2-3) and Spain (1-2), can no longer finish first in the section or qualify for the semi-finals as the best runners-up overall.

Previous meetings
• Substitute Francis Amuzu scored the only goal nine minutes from time as Belgium won 1-0 away to Italy in a friendly on 11 October 2018.

• The line-ups at the Stadio Friuli in Udine – venue for the 2019 U21 final – were:
  **Italy:** Scuffet; Calabria, Mancini, Romagna (Bastoni 62), Adjapong (Luca Pellegrini 62); Murgia (Zaniolo 62), Mandragora, Locatelli (Valzania 73); Parigini (Edera 84), Kean (Orsolini 62), Vido (Favilli 62).
  **Belgium:** De Wolf; Cools (Vanlerbergh 63), Vanheusden (J Schrijvers 46), Faes (Wouters 46), De Norre (Bushiri 46); S Schrijvers, De Sart (Oméonga 46), Heynen (Mangala 46); Iseka (Amuzu 63), Lukebakio (Dimata 46), Ngoy.

• This is the countries’ fifth competitive U21 meeting – and a second in three editions – but a first in the final tournament.

• Both sides recorded an away win when they met in the 2015 qualifying group stage. Thorgan Hazard and Yannick Carrasco were both among the goals as Belgium came from behind to win 3-1 in Rieti in September 2013; the following month, Italy's Cristian Battocchio – who had also scored in the first game – got the only goal in Genk.

• Italy picked up four points from their two games against Belgium in the 1986 qualifying group stage. A Roberto Mancini penalty helped the visitors to a 1-1 draw in Brussels in March 1985; in December of the same year, Gianluca Vialli got the opening goal as Italy won 3-0 in San Benedetto del Tronto.

• Luca Pellegrini, Nicolò Zaniolo, Andrea Pinamonti and Patrick Cutrone were in the Italy side held 1-1 by Belgium in the European U19 Championship elite round in March 2017, with Claud Adjapong an unused substitute. Jens Teunckens, Wout Faes and Orel Mangala played for Belgium.

Form guide
**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.

• Having lost both Group A games to date, Belgium's record in the final tournament is now W2 D2 L5 F8 A13.

• 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.

**Italy**
• Italy have qualified for ten of the 12 final tournaments since 1998. They have reached the semi-finals or better in six of those previous nine appearances, claiming the trophy in 2000 and 2004.

• Italy were also champions for three tournaments running between 1992 and 1996, and reached the 1986 final.

• Despite being Spain on matchday one, the Azzurrini have won only four of their last ten matches in the final tournament (D1 L5).

• Italy have played 17 friendlies since 1 September 2017 (W7 D4 L6). Prior to victory against Spain, they had not won since beating Tunisia 2-0 in October 2018, with those two wins their only ones in their last eight matches (D2 L4).

Links and trivia

• Walem was a youth coach at Udinese between 2010 and 2012.
• Bryan Heynen scored in Genk's 2-0 victory at Sassuolo in the UEFA Europa League group stage on 9 December 2016. Lorenzo Pellegrini was a substitute for the Italian club.

• Has played in Italy:
  Stéphane Oméonga (Avellino 2016/17, Genoa 2017–)

• Four of Italy's U21 squad represented the senior national team in this month's UEFA EURO 2020 qualifying wins against Greece in Athens (3-0) and Bosnia & Herzegovina in Turin (2-1). Nicolò Barella played 90 minutes in both games, opening the scoring against Greece, with Federico Chiesa starting and Pellegrini coming off the bench against Greece. Gianluca Mancini also started against Bosnia & Herzegovina, Chiesa appearing as a half-time substitute.
## Squad list

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- **12** Ortwin De Wolf
- **21** Jens Teunckens

### Defenders

- **2** Dion Cools
- **3** Sebastiaan Bornauw
- **4** Wout Faes
- **5** Casper De Norre
- **13** Rocky Bushiri
- **18** Jur Schryvers
- **20** Dries Wouters
- **22** Elias Cobbaut

### Midfielders

- **6** Samuel Bastien
- **8** Bryan Heynen
- **10** Siebe Schrijvers
- **15** Alexis De Sart
- **16** Yari Verschaeren
- **17** Alexis Saelemaekers
- **23** Orel Mangala

### Forwards

- **7** Isaac Mbenza
- **9** Aaron Leya Iseka
- **11** Dodi Lukebakio
- **14** Stéphane Oméonga
- **19** Francis Amuzu

### Coach

- Johan Walem (01/02/1972, 47 yrs)

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**Belgium - Italy**

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Head coach

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.

Luigi Di Biagio

Date of birth: 3 June 1971  
Nationality: Italian  
Playing career: Lazio, Monza, Foggia, Roma, Inter, Brescia, Ascoli  
Coaching career: Italy U20, Italy U21, Italy (caretaker)

• An all-round midfielder with good defensive qualities and a nose for goal, Di Biagio made his name with Zdeněk Zeman's Foggia in the early 1990s before representing Roma and Inter, appearing over 100 times in Serie A for each club. Capped 31 times by Italy, scoring two goals, he retired in 2007 after spells at Brescia and Ascoli.

• Di Biagio had lows and highs with penalties with Italy. He hit the bar from the spot when Italy were eliminated by hosts France in the 1998 FIFA World Cup quarter-finals, but scored when the Azzurri defeated co-hosts the Netherlands in the UEFA EURO 2000 semi-finals before losing the final in extra time to France.

• Started his coaching in the youth system of minor clubs La Polisportiva La Storta and Cisco Roma close to his home city of Rome, before being appointed Italy Under-20 coach in 2011.

• Two years later he was promoted to the U21 side, leading them to the 2015 UEFA European Championship in Czech Republic, where the Azzurrini failed to qualify from the group stage. His second attempt at the finals, two years later, went better as Italy topped their group to reach the semi-finals, where they lost to Spain.

• On 5 February 2018 he was named Italy interim coach, taking charge of the side for friendlies against Argentina (0-2) and England (1-1) before returning to the U21s when Roberto Mancini was appointed.
Match officials

Referee
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Assistant referees
Uroš Stojković (SRB), Milan Mihajlović (SRB)

Video Assistant Referee
Christian Dingert (GER)

Fourth official
István Kovács (ROU)

Assistant Video Assistant Referee
Tobias Stieler (GER)

UEFA Delegate
Elena Kobak (RUS)

UEFA Referee observer
Hugh Dallas (SCO)

Referee

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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 Alcântara'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.
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 Jarolim (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: Patrik Schick (Czech Republic) 11
- 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 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

**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, Malmo, 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, Trencin, 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

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), Schryvers (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,
Group stage – final tournament

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**Matchday 1 (16/06/2019)**
Poland 3-2 Belgium
Goals: 0-1 Leya Iseka 16, 1-1 Żurkowski 26, 2-1 Bielik 52, 3-1 Szymański 79, 3-2 Cools 84
Belgium: Jackers, Cools, Faes, De Norre (80 Amuzu), Mbenza (90 Saelemaekers), Heynen, Leya Iseka (63 Verschaeren), Schrijvers, Lukebakio, Cobaut, Mangala

**Matchday 2 (19/06/2019)**
Spain 2-1 Belgium
Goals: 1-0 Dani Olmo 7, 1-1 Bornauw 24, 2-1 Fornals 89
Belgium: De Wolf, Cools, Bornauw, Faes, Bastien, Mbenza (69 Leya Iseka), Heynen (77 A. De Sart), Schrijvers, Lukebakio, Cobaut, Mangala

**Matchday 3 (22/06/2019)**
Belgium-Italy

**Italy**

**Under-21 - Group stage – final tournament**

**Matchday 1 (16/06/2019)**
Italy 3-1 Spain
Goals: 0-1 Ceballos 9, 1-1 Chiesa 36, 2-1 Chiesa 64, 3-1 Pellegrini 82 (P)
Italy: Meret, Calabresi, Bonìfazi (88 Bastoni), Pellegrini, Zaniolo (40 Orsolini), Mandragora, Dimarco, Mancini, Chiesa, Barella, Kean (60 Cutrone)

**Matchday 2 (19/06/2019)**
Italy 0-1 Poland
Goals: 0-1 Bielik 40
Italy: Meret, Bastoni, Pellegrini, Cutrone, Mandragora (57 Tonali), Orsolini (46 Kean), Dimarco, Mancini, Chiesa, Adjapong (81 Zaniolo), Barella

**Matchday 3 (22/06/2019)**
Belgium-Italy
Team facts

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
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- **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

Italy

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

Biggest wins
Final tournament
4-0: Italy v Israel, 08/06/13
Group stage, Bloomfield Stadium, Tel Aviv

Qualifying
8-1: Italy v Wales, 05/09/03
Qualifying group stage, Stadio Fortunato, Pavia
7-0 twice, most recently v Liechtenstein, 06/09/12
Qualifying group stage, Stadio Ceravolo, Catanzaro

Heaviest defeats
Final tournament
3-1 four times, most recently v Spain, 27/06/17
Semi-final, Cracovia Stadium, Krakow

Qualifying
6-0: Norway v Italy, 05/06/91
Qualifying group stage, Stavanger Stadion, Stavanger
Belgium - Italy
Saturday 22 June 2019 - 21.00CET (21.00 local time)
Stadio Città del Tricolore, Reggio Emilia

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.

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:: Group statistics/Tournament schedule

:: 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
ECC: 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
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

(aet): After extra time
No.: Number
ag: Match decided on away goals
Pld: Matches played
Pos.: Position
Pts: Points
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

Other abbreviations
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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