

# 2013 UEFA EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP

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England



Italy

Group A - Matchday 1  
Bloomfield, Tel Aviv  
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## Previous competitive meetings

### Head to Head

#### UEFA European Under-21 Championship

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
14/06/07	GS-FT	England - Italy	2-2	Arnhem	Nugent 24, Lita 26; Chiellini 35, Aquilani 69

#### UEFA European Under-21 Championship

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
20/05/02	GS-FT	Italy - England	2-1	Basel	Maccarone 54, 84; Barry 63

#### UEFA European Under-21 Championship

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
27/05/00	GS-FT	Italy - England	2-0	Bratislava	Comandini 24, Pirlo 45(p)

#### UEFA European Under-21 Championship

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
10/10/97	QR (GS)	Italy - England	0-1	Rieti	Dyer 87
12/02/97	QR (GS)	England - Italy	1-0	Bristol	Eadie 51

#### UEFA European Under-21 Championship

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
23/04/86	SF	England - Italy	1-1 agg: 1-3	Swindon	Robson 58; Vialli 89
09/04/86	SF	Italy - England	2-0	Pisa	Donadoni 11, Vialli 72

#### UEFA European Under-21 Championship

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
02/05/84	SF	Italy - England	1-0 agg: 2-3	Florence	Mancini 13
18/04/84	SF	England - Italy	3-1	Manchester	Chamberlain 5, D'avray 40, Sterland 73(p); Caton 80(og)

#### UEFA European Under-21 Championship

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
05/04/78	QF	Italy - England	0-0 agg: 1-2	Rome	
08/03/78	QF	England - Italy	2-1	Manchester	Woodcock 38, 60; Bagni 18

	Home				Away				Final				Total					
	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
England	5	3	2	0	6	1	1	4	0	0	0	0	12	4	4	4	14	15
Italy	6	4	1	1	5	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	12	4	4	4	15	14

## Match background

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England and Italy will meet for the fifth time in the last nine editions of the UEFA European Under-21 Championship in the opening round of Group A fixtures at the Bloomfield Stadium in Tel Aviv.

### How they qualified

- England finished first in Group 8 with a record of P8 W7 D0 L1 F24 A3. They then overcame Serbia 1-0 in each leg of the play-offs.
- Italy, meanwhile, were first in Group 7 with a record of P8 W6 D1 L1 F27 A8. They defeated Sweden 1-0 at home in the play-off first leg before running out 3-2 winners in the away return.

### Previous meetings

- Their paths last crossed in a friendly in Empoli on 8 February 2011. Manchester United FC forward Federico Macheda scored the only goal from the penalty spot with two minutes remaining after Ben Mee had been sent off for a foul on Niccolò Giannetti.

- The teams at the Stadio Carlo Castellani were:

**Italy:** Pinsoglio, Santon (Biraghi 66), Crescenzi, Romizi, Camporese, Caldirola, D'Alessandro (Saponara 45), Soriano (Rizzo 61), Macheda (Mori 90+2), Fabbrini (Donati 46), Misuraca (Giannetti 61).

**England:** Fielding, Naughton, J Bennett, Mee, Rodwell (Cork 12), Muamba, McEachran (Trippier 83), Albrighton (Sinclair 74), Lansbury (Oxlade-Chamberlain 60), Vaughan (Rodriguez 60), Delfouneso (Howson 60).

- This will be the teams' 12th competitive U21 meeting, with each having four victories to their name and the remaining three fixtures ending in draws. That includes their most recent competitive contest, a 2-2 draw in Arnhem on matchday two of the 2007 finals when the Azzurrini rallied from 2-0 down. David Nugent (24) and Leroy Lita (26) had scored for an England team coached then, as now, by Stuart Pearce but goals from Giorgio Chiellini (35) and Alberto Aquilani (69) rescued a point for Pierluigi Casiraghi's Italy.

- The countries also met in the group stages of the 2002 and 2000 final tournaments, Italy coming out on top in both contests. Massimo Maccarone scored twice in a 2-1 victory in the latter fixture in Basel, Gareth Barry scoring England's reply. Two years earlier, Gianni Comandini and an Andrea Pirlo penalty gave Marco Tardelli's Italy a 2-0 victory in Bratislava en route to lifting the trophy.

- England had come out on top in qualifying for the 1998 competition, winning 1-0 home and away as they finished first in Group 2, Italy finishing third. England also missed out on the finals in Romania, however, losing to Greece in a play-off.

- The first two ties between the sides had both gone England's way, a 2-1 home win in the 1978 quarter-final first leg at Maine Road, Manchester, proving enough after a goalless draw in the Rome return. England lost to Yugoslavia in the last four.

- In the 1984 semi-finals, England again recorded a first-leg victory at Maine Road, this time 3-1, and progressed despite a 1-0 reverse in Florence. This time Dave Sexton's team went on to defeat Spain in the final and retained the trophy they had won two years earlier.

- Italy reversed that trend in the 1986 semi-finals, coming through 3-1 on aggregate. A 2-0 first-leg loss in Pisa proved too much for England, whose title defence was ended after a 1-1 draw in the second leg in Swindon.

- On 24 March 2007 England and Italy played out a 3-3 friendly draw in the first official match at the rebuilt Wembley. Italy's Giampaolo Pazzini scored the first goal at the new ground after 29 seconds and went on to complete a hat-trick, but strikes from David Bentley, Wayne Routledge and Matt Derbyshire ensured the match finished all square.

### Match background

- Champions in 1982 and 1984, England are in a fourth successive U21 final tournament and were runners-up to Germany in 2009. Semi-finalists on a further five occasions, in 2011 they failed to progress beyond the group stage.

- England have only opened one of their five finals campaigns with a defeat since the tournament was expanded to eight teams in 1998. That came against Italy in the 2000 competition; otherwise England have recorded two matchday one wins and two draws, including a 1-1 result against eventual champions Spain two years ago.

- Italy did not qualify in 2011, the first time they had missed out since 1998. The Azzurrini were champions in 1992, 1994, 1996 – the only team to win three successive U21 titles – 2000 and 2004 and reached the semi-finals on their last appearance four years ago.

- Italy have a poor record on matchday one, that 2000 triumph against England their only opening victory in five attempts. Their record shows two defeats and two draws, their most recent finals appearance in 2009 beginning with a goalless draw against Serbia.

#### **Team ties**

- Fabio Borini (Liverpool FC) plays in England. Borini's club-mates include Andre Wisdom and Jonjo Shelvey.
- Danny Rose and Alberto Paloschi were on opposite sides as England and Italy played out a goalless group stage draw at the 2008 UEFA European Under-19 Championship in the Czech Republic.
- Josh McEachran played in England's 1-1 U17 draw against Italy on 26 August 2009, with Jack Butland an unused substitute.
- Tom Ince's father, former England international Paul, was at FC Internazionale Milano between 1995 and 1997.

#### **England news**

- England arrived in Israel on Sunday having enjoyed a pre-tournament camp in Belek, Turkey.
- Midfielder Ince said those few days acted as good preparation for the conditions in Israel, adding that "we've as good a chance as anyone of winning".
- Manager Pearce has a fully fit squad to choose from with only Wilfried Zaha not taking part in full training on Monday morning at the squad's base in Caesarea.
- Having helped Crystal Palace FC into the Premier League via last week's play-off final, the winger – who is joining Manchester United FC this summer – completed his own training session but is not a major doubt for Wednesday's opener against Italy.
- The players watched the England senior team draw 2-2 against Brazil in their hotel on Sunday night, though goalkeeper Butland said a few of the team went to bed early and missed the late goals.

#### **Italy news**

- Italy won 5-0 against AS Varese's youth side on Friday at Milanello. Alessandro Florenzi, Mattia Destro, Paloschi, Fausto Rossi and Lorenzo Insigne scored the goals and Devis Mangia's squad travelled to Tel Aviv the following day.
- On Sunday, midfielder Luca Marrone (thigh) started to train with the Azzurrini, and while attacking midfielder Insigne picked up a little knock to the knee, he said on Monday that "the problem is getting better, I will see today and tomorrow, then I will decide on my availability with the coach".
- Empoli FC duo Riccardo Saponara and Vasco Regini joined the squad on Monday, after their club's Serie B play-off defeat by AS Livorno Calcio.

## Team facts

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### England

#### Final tournament record

**2011:** group stage

**2009:** runners-up

**2007:** semi-finals

**2002:** group stage

**2000:** group stage

**1988:** semi-finals

**1986:** semi-finals

**1984:** winners

**1982:** winners

**1980:** semi-finals

**1978:** semi-finals

#### All-time competitive record

P189 W111 D45 L33

#### 2013 qualifying (including play-off)

P10 W9 D0 L1 F26 A3

**Top scorers:** Craig Dawson (5)

**Ever presents:** Jordan Henderson

#### England U21s capped at senior level

Jack Butland (1 cap), Steven Caulker (1), Jordan Henderson (5), Jonjo Shelvey (1), Wilfried Zaha (1)

#### Players with previous U21 final tournament experience

Denmark 2011: Jordan Henderson, Danny Rose, Jason Steele, Henri Lansbury, Connor Wickham

Sweden 2009: Danny Rose

#### Most capped player

All-time: James Milner (46)

Current: Danny Rose (27)

#### Leading scorer

All-time: Alan Shearer, Francis Jeffers (13)

Current: Craig Dawson, Henri Lansbury, Connor Wickham (5)

#### Biggest wins

##### Final tournament:

England 6-0 Turkey 29/05/2000

2000 group stage, Tehelne Pole, Bratislava

##### Qualifying:

England 8-1 Finland 12/10/1977

1978 qualifying group stage, Boothferry Park, Hull

#### Heaviest defeats

##### Final tournament:

Germany 4-0 England 29/06/2009

2009 final, Malmö New Stadium, Malmö

##### Qualifying:

Romania 4-0 England 14/10/1980

1982 qualifying group stage, Ilie Oana, Ploiesti

## Italy

### Final tournament record

2009: semi-finals

2007: group stage

2006: group stage

2004: winners

2002: semi-finals

2000: winners

1996: winners

1994: winners

1992: winners

1990: semi-finals

1988: quarter-finals

1986: runners-up

1984: semi-finals

1982: quarter-finals

1980: quarter-finals

1978: quarter-finals

### All-time competitive record

P204 W126 D46 L32

### 2013 qualifying (including play-off)

P10 W8 D1 L1 F31 A10

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

**Ever presents:** Luca Marrone

### Italy U21s capped at senior level

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

### Players with previous U21 final tournament experience

Sweden 2009: Alberto Paloschi

### Most capped player

All-time: Andrea Pirlo (46)

Current: Luca Marrone (30)

### Leading scorer

All-time: Alberto Gilardino (19)

Current: Manolo Gabbiadini (9)

### Biggest wins

#### Final tournament:

Italy 3-0 Czechoslovakia 09/03/1994

1994 quarter-finals, Stadio Arechi, Salerno

Italy 3-0 Serbia and Montenegro 08/06/2004

2004 final, Bochum

#### Qualifying:

Italy 7-0 Liechtenstein 06/09/2012

2013 qualifying group stage, Stadio Ceravolo, Catanzaro

Italy 8-1 Wales 05/09/2003

2004 qualifying group stage, Stadio Fortunato, Pavia

Italy 7-0 Estonia 23/03/1995

1996 qualifying group stage, Stadio Ceravolo, Catanzaro

### Heaviest defeats

#### Final tournament:

USSR 3-1 Italy, 02/04/1980

1980 quarter-finals, Razdam Stadium, Jereven

England 3-1 Italy, 18/04/1984

1984 quarter-finals, Maine Road, Manchester

**Qualifying:**

Norway 6-0 Italy 05/06/1991

1992 qualifying group stage, Stavanger Stadion, Stavanger

# Squad list

## England

No	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season				Overall	
						Qual.		FT		U21	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
<b>Goalkeepers</b>											
1	Jack Butland	10/03/93	20	Birmingham City FC	-	8	-	-	-	8	-
13	Jason Steele	18/08/90	22	Middlesbrough FC	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
23	Declan Rudd	16/01/91	22	Preston North End FC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Defenders</b>											
2	Nathaniel Clyne	05/04/91	22	Southampton FC	-	3	-	-	-	3	-
3	Adam Smith	29/04/91	22	Tottenham Hotspur FC	-	5	-	-	-	5	-
4	Steven Caulker	29/12/91	21	Tottenham Hotspur FC	-	6	2	-	-	6	2
5	Andre Wisdom	09/05/93	20	Liverpool FC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6	Craig Dawson	06/05/90	23	Bolton Wanderers FC	-	9	5	-	-	9	5
7	Tom Lees	18/11/90	22	Leeds United AFC	-	2	-	-	-	2	-
9	Jack Robinson	01/09/93	19	Liverpool FC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10	Jason Lowe	02/09/91	21	Oldham Athletic AFC	-	6	-	-	-	6	-
12	Nathaniel Chalobah	12/12/94	18	Chelsea FC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Midfielders</b>											
8	Jordan Henderson	17/06/90	22	Liverpool FC	-	10	2	-	-	17	3
11	Danny Rose	02/07/90	22	Sunderland AFC	S	5	-	-	-	18	1
14	Josh McEachran	01/03/93	20	Chelsea FC	-	4	-	-	-	4	-
15	Wilfried Zaha	10/11/92	20	Manchester United FC	-	5	-	-	-	5	-
16	Thomas Ince	30/01/92	21	Blackpool FC	S	4	-	-	-	4	-
17	Henri Lansbury	12/10/90	22	Nottingham Forest FC	-	4	4	-	-	9	4
18	Jonjo Shelvey	27/02/92	21	Liverpool FC	-	5	1	-	-	5	1
19	Nathan Redmond	06/03/94	19	Birmingham City FC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Forwards</b>											
20	Nathan Delfouneso	02/02/91	22	Leicester City FC	-	5	-	-	-	8	1
21	Marvin Sordell	17/02/91	22	Bolton Wanderers FC	-	9	1	-	-	9	1
22	Connor Wickham	31/03/93	20	Sheffield Wednesday FC	-	5	2	-	-	5	2
<b>Coach</b>											
-	Stuart Pearce	24/04/62	51	-	-	9	-	-	-	41	-



Italy

No	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season				Overall	
						Qual.		FT		U21	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
<b>Goalkeepers</b>											
1	Francesco Bardi	18/01/92	21	FC Internazionale Milano	-	6	-	-	-	6	-
12	Simone Colombi	01/07/91	21	Modena FC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
22	Nicola Leali	17/02/93	20	Lanciano	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Defenders</b>											
2	Giulio Donati	05/02/90	23	Grosseto	-	4	-	-	-	4	-
3	Cristiano Biraghi	01/09/92	20	Cittadella	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	Marco Capuano	14/10/91	21	Pescara	-	7	-	-	-	7	-
6	Luca Caldirola	01/02/91	22	Brescia Calcio	-	9	1	-	-	9	1
13	Matteo Bianchetti	17/03/93	20	FC Internazionale Milano	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
19	Vasco Regini	09/09/90	22	Empoli FC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Midfielders</b>											
4	Marco Verratti	05/11/92	20	Paris Saint-Germain FC	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
7	Alessandro Florenzi	11/03/91	22	AS Roma	-	9	2	-	-	9	2
8	Luca Marrone	28/03/90	23	Juventus	-	10	-	-	-	17	1
16	Andrea Bertolacci	11/01/91	22	Genoa CFC	-	3	-	-	-	3	-
21	Fausto Rossi	03/12/90	22	Brescia Calcio	-	8	1	-	-	8	1
23	Marco Crimi	17/03/90	23	Grosseto	-	3	-	-	-	3	-
<b>Forwards</b>											
9	Ciro Immobile	20/02/90	23	Genoa CFC	-	5	4	-	-	5	4
10	Lorenzo Insigne	04/06/91	22	SSC Napoli	-	5	3	-	-	5	3
11	Manolo Gabbiadini	26/11/91	21	Bologna FC	-	7	6	-	-	7	6
14	Mattia Destro	20/03/91	22	AS Roma	-	5	3	-	-	8	4
15	Nicola Sansone	10/09/91	21	Parma FC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
17	Alberto Paloschi	04/01/90	23	AC Chievo Verona	-	6	1	-	-	11	2
18	Riccardo Saponara	21/12/91	21	Empoli FC	-	5	1	-	-	5	1
20	Fabio Borini	29/03/91	22	Liverpool FC	-	2	1	-	-	5	1
<b>Coach</b>											
-	Devis Mangia	06/06/74	38	-	-	4	-	-	-	4	-

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## Head coach

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### England: Stuart Pearce

**Date of birth:** 24 April 1962

**Nationality:** English

**Playing career:** Wealdstone FC, Coventry City FC, Nottingham Forest FC, Newcastle United FC, West Ham United FC, Manchester City FC, England

**Coaching career:** Nottingham Forest FC, Manchester City FC (coach, manager), England Under-21s

- Pearce played non-league football and was a part-time electrician before his professional career got going in 1983 at Coventry City. The left-back spent two years there and then moved on to Nottingham Forest, coming under the tutelage of Brian Clough.
- The first of his 78 England caps arrived the same year. He missed a penalty in the semi-final shoot-out defeat by West Germany at the 1990 FIFA World Cup, but Pearce successfully converted against Spain and Germany again in EURO '96 – although England lost the latter encounter, again in the last four.
- Won the League Cup in 1989 and 1990 with Forest, where he became player-manager in 1996/97, but was unable to keep his side in the top division. Left to continue playing, at Newcastle and West Ham. Pearce was first team coach to Kevin Keegan at Manchester City in 2001 and took over four years later but was sacked in May 2007.
- Three months beforehand, he had been appointed Under-21 coach on a part-time basis. He took the role permanently after leaving City and guided England to the UEFA European Championship semi-finals in 2007 and the final, where they lost 4-0 to Germany, in Sweden two years later. They again qualified for Denmark in 2011, but could not progress past the group stage.

### Italy: Devis Mangia

**Date of birth:** 6 June 1974

**Nationality:** Italian

**Playing career:** -

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

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

## Match officials

<b>Referee</b>	Antony Gautier (FRA)
<b>Assistant referees</b>	Roland Brandner (AUT), Sandro Pozzi (SUI)
<b>Additional assistant referees</b>	Sébastien Delferiere (BEL), Antti Munukka (FIN)
<b>Fourth official</b>	Dmitri Zhuk (BLR)
<b>UEFA Delegate</b>	Jean Paul Mievis (BEL)
<b>UEFA Referee observer</b>	Vladimir Sajn (SVN)

### Referee

Name	Date of birth	Under-21 matches
Antony Gautier	19/11/1977	4

- French referee Antony Gautier has enjoyed a rapid rise since making his UEFA debut in the 2007/08.
- Gautier was promoted to take charge of Ligue 1 matches aged 29 in 2007, one of the youngest match officials to achieve that honour; has since become one of his country's most respected referees and was the man in the middle for the 2011 Coupe de Ligue final between Olympique de Marseille and Montpellier Hérault SC.
- The 2007/08 campaign also marked his first taste of international competition as he was fourth official at two UEFA Cup games; went on to fill the same role in UEFA Champions League matches, plus the UEFA EURO 2008 qualifier between Armenia and Kazakhstan in November 2007, in the years that followed.
- Awarded his FIFA badge in January 2010, Gautier's first continental engagements as a referee followed with two UEFA European Under-19 Championship elite round games; also took charge of two UEFA EURO 2012 qualifiers.
- Worked as a referee in the UEFA Europa League from 2010/11 onwards and, having been an additional assistant referee in five UEFA Champions League games that campaign, made his group stage bow as a referee on matchday three of the 2011/12 competition.

### 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
07/09/10	U21	QR	Scotland	Austria	2-1	Aberdeen
11/10/12	U21	PO	Slovakia	Netherlands	0-2	Senec
07/09/10	U21	QR	Scotland	Austria	2-1	Aberdeen
11/10/12	U21	PO	Slovakia	Netherlands	0-2	Senec

## Match-by-match lineups

### Final tournament Group A

#### Standings

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
<b>England</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Israel	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Italy</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Norway	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

#### Matchday 1 (05/06/13)

England v Italy

#### Matchday 2 (08/06/13)

England v Norway

Italy v Israel

#### Matchday 3 (11/06/13)

Israel v England

Norway v Italy

## Competition facts

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### 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

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- **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 will sing 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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