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Group A - Matchday 2



Poland

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Previous meetings

Head to Head

UEFA European Under-21 Championship

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
14/11/2001	PO	Italy - Poland	0-0 agg: 5-2	Reggio Calabria	
10/11/2001	PO	Poland - Italy	2-5	Warsaw	M. Lewandowski 87, Gorawski 90+1; Bonazzoli 4, 38, Ferrari 45, Maccarone 79, Iauinta 90+2

UEFA European Under-21 Championship

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
01/05/1997	QR (GS)	Italy - Poland	1-1	Benevento	Lucarelli 84; Szymkowiak 44
01/04/1997	QR (GS)	Poland - Italy	1-1	Katowice	Szymkowiak 73; Goretti 72

	Qualifying								Final tournament				Total					
	Home				Away													
	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
Total																		
Italy	2	0	2	0	2	1	1	0	-	-	-	-	4	1	3	0	7	4
Poland	2	0	1	1	2	0	2	0	-	-	-	-	4	0	3	1	4	7

Match background

Italy will seek to extend their unbeaten UEFA European Under-21 Championship record against Poland to five matches when the teams meet in Bologna in the second round of Group A games.

- Both teams were victorious in their first fixtures after conceding the first goal, Italy beating Spain 3-1 while Poland picked up their first ever finals victory by overcoming Belgium 3-2 in the tournament's opening match.

Previous meetings

- Italy have not lost in four competitive U21 matches against Poland, although this will be the teams' first fixture in the final tournament. The sides last crossed paths in the play-offs for the 2002 edition, the Azzurrini winning 5-2 in the Warsaw first leg and by the same aggregate score following a goalless draw in Reggio Calabria.
- The countries shared two 1-1 draws in qualifying for the 1998 tournament, although neither reached the finals in Romania.
- Alessandro Bastoni, Nicolò Zaniolo and substitute Sandro Tonali were in the Italy side that beat Poland 4-3 in the European U19 Championship elite round in March 2018.

Form guide

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 the matchday one defeat of Spain, the Azzurrini have still won only four of their last nine matches in the final tournament (D1 L4).
- Italy have played 17 friendlies since 1 September 2017 (W7 D4 L6). The only win in their last six prior to this tournament came against Tunisia, 2-0 in October 2018 (D2 L3), a four-match winless run ending with that opening-night victory against Spain.

Poland

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

Links and trivia

- Several of Poland's squad have played in Italy:
Dawid Kownacki (Sampdoria 2017-)
Paweł Bochniewicz (Reggina 2012–14, Udinese 2014-)
Adam Buksa (Novara 2013–14)
- In addition Szymon Żurkowski (Fiorentina) and Filip Jagiełło (Genoa) will move to Italy this summer.
- Poland captain Dawid Kownacki was the top scorer in the qualifying competition, with 11 goals – ten in the group stage, including six penalties, and another in the play-offs.
- 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 Lorenzo Pellegrini coming off the bench in Athens. Gianluca Mancini also started against Bosnia & Herzegovina, Chiesa appearing as a half-time substitute.

Squad list

Italy

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season				Overall	
						Qual.		FT		Team	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers											
1	Emil Audero	18/01/1997	22	Sampdoria	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
16	Lorenzo Montipò	20/02/1996	23	Benevento	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
22	Alex Meret	22/03/1997	22	Napoli	-	0	0	1	0	1	-
Defenders											
2	Arturo Calabresi	17/03/1996	23	Bologna	*	0	0	1	0	1	-
3	Giuseppe Pezzella	29/11/1997	21	Genoa	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
4	Kevin Bonifazi	19/05/1996	23	SPAL	-	0	0	1	0	1	-
6	Alessandro Bastoni	13/04/1999	20	Parma	-	0	0	1	0	1	-
12	Federico Dimarco	10/11/1997	21	Parma	-	0	0	1	0	1	-
13	Gianluca Mancini	17/04/1996	23	Atalanta	-	0	0	1	0	1	-
15	Claud Adjapong	06/05/1998	21	Sassuolo	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
19	Filippo Romagna	26/05/1997	22	Cagliari	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
Midfielders											
5	Sandro Tonali	08/05/2000	19	Brescia	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
7	Lorenzo Pellegrini	19/06/1996	22	Roma	-	0	0	1	1	7	3
8	Nicolò Zaniolo	02/07/1999	19	Roma	*	0	0	1	0	1	-
10	Rolando Mandragora	29/06/1997	21	Udinese	*	0	0	1	0	8	-
11	Riccardo Orsolini	24/01/1997	22	Bologna	*	0	0	1	0	1	-
18	Nicolò Barella	07/02/1997	22	Cagliari	-	0	0	1	0	1	-
21	Manuel Locatelli	08/01/1998	21	Sassuolo	-	0	0	0	0	2	-
23	Alessandro Murgia	09/08/1996	22	SPAL	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
Forwards											
9	Patrick Cutrone	03/01/1998	21	Milan	-	0	0	1	0	1	-
14	Federico Chiesa	25/10/1997	21	Fiorentina	-	0	0	1	2	5	2
17	Federico Bonazzoli	21/05/1997	22	Padova	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
20	Moise Kean	28/02/2000	19	Juventus	-	0	0	1	0	1	-
Coach											
-	Luigi Di Biagio	03/06/1971	48		-	0	0	1	0	28	-

Poland

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

Head coach

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.

Czesław Michniewicz

Date of birth: 12 February 1970

Nationality: Polish

Playing career: Bałtyk Gdynia, Polonia Gdańsk, Amica Wronki

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

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

Match officials

Referee	Aleksei Kulbakov (BLR)
Assistant referees	Dmitri Zhuk (BLR) , Oleg Maslyanko (BLR)
Video Assistant Referee	François Letexier (FRA)
Assistant Video Assistant Referee	Ruddy Buquet (FRA)
Fourth official	Serdar Gözübüyük (NED)
UEFA Delegate	Myrsini Psarropoulou (GRE)
UEFA Referee observer	Marc Batta (FRA)

Referee

Name	Date of birth	Under-21 matches	UEFA matches
Aleksei Kulbakov	27/12/1979	4	101

Aleksei Kulbakov

Referee since: 1995

First division: 2003

FIFA badge: 2005

Tournaments: 2013 UEFA European Under-19 Championship, 2006 UEFA European Under-17 Championship

Finals

2013 UEFA European Under-19 Championship

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

No such matches refereed

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

Date	Competition	Stage reached	Home	Away	Result	Venue
01/04/2009	WC	QR	Poland	San Marino	10-0	Kielce
07/09/2010	EURO	QR	Italy	Faroe Islands	5-0	Florence
20/02/2014	UEL	R32	Juventus	Trabzonspor AŞ	2-0	Turin
02/10/2014	UEL	GS	FC Internazionale Milano	Qarabağ FK	2-0	Milan
13/06/2015	EURO	QR	Poland	Georgia	4-0	Warsaw
27/07/2016	UCL	3QR	AS Trenčín	Legia Warszawa	0-1	Zilina
07/03/2019	UEL	R16	SSC Napoli	FC Salzburg	3-0	Naples

Competition facts

Under-21 historical statistics (competitive matches)

Champions (hosts)

2017: Germany 1-0 Spain (Poland)
2015: Sweden 0-0 Portugal, aet, 4-3 pens (Czech Republic)
2013: Spain 4-2 Italy (Israel)
2011: Spain 2-0 Switzerland (Denmark)
2009: Germany 4-0 England (Sweden)
2007: Netherlands 4-1 Serbia (Netherlands)
2006: Netherlands 3-0 Ukraine (Portugal)
2004: Italy 3-0 Serbia and Montenegro (Germany)
2002: Czech Republic 0-0 France, aet, 3-1 pens (Switzerland)
2000: Italy 2-1 Czech Republic (Slovakia)
1998: Spain 1-0 Greece (Romania)
1996: Italy 1-1 Spain, aet, 4-2 pens (Spain)
1994: Italy 1-0 Portugal, aet (France)
1992 Italy 2-1 Sweden (agg; 2-0, 0-1)
1990 USSR 7-3 Yugoslavia (agg; 4-2, 3-1)
1988 France 3-0 Greece (agg; 0-0, 3-0)
1986 Spain 3-3 Italy (agg; 1-2, 2-1, 3-0 pens)
1984 England 3-0 Spain (agg; 1-0, 2-0)
1982 England 5-4 West Germany (agg; 3-1, 2-3)
1980 USSR 1-0 East Germany (agg; 0-0, 1-0)
1978 Yugoslavia 5-4 East Germany (agg; 1-0, 4-4)

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

Final statistics

- In 2007 the Netherlands became the first, and so far only, team to win the competition on home territory since the switch to a new format in 1994. Until then the final had been decided on a two-legged basis. Spain came closest in 1996, losing the final on penalties to Italy.
- Since the 1992-94 change Italy have won four finals, the 2013 loss to Spain their first final reverse. The only other sides to have won it more than once are Spain (1998, 2011, 2013), Germany (2009, 2017) and the Netherlands (2006, 2007).
- The 2013 edition was the highest-scoring single-match final as Thiago Alcántara's hat-trick helped Spain defeat Italy 4-2 in Jerusalem.
- Seven red cards have been issued in single-match finals, most recently for Serbia's Aleksandar Kolarov in 2007.
- Thiago's 2013 hat-trick was the first since 1994's move to a one-off game; Andrea Pirlo (Italy 2000), Klaas-Jan Huntelaar (Netherlands 2006) and Sandro Wagner (Germany 2009) have all scored twice in a one-off match. Prior to that Gary Owen (England 1982), Franck Sauzée (France 1988) and Andrei Sidelnikov (USSR 1990) had all scored twice in one leg of a final.
- Vahid Halilhodžić (for Yugoslavia v East Germany 1978) and Pierre Littbarski (for West Germany v England 1982) are the other players to have scored a final hat-trick.
- Since the single-match finals began three have ended in penalty shoot-outs, nine-man Italy triumphing 4-2 against Spain in 1996. The Czech Republic then prevailed 3-1 over France in 2002 and Sweden 4-3 against Portugal in 2015 following the competition's only two goalless finals.
- Only the 1994 final has been decided in extra time, substitute Pierluigi Orlandini winning it for Italy against Portugal with the only goal in the 97th minute.
- Ten players have won the European U21 title twice: Danny Thomas (England 1982, 1984), Dario Marcolin and Roberto Muzzi (Italy 1992, 1994), Fabio Cannavaro and Christian Panucci (Italy 1994, 1996), Kenneth Vermeer, Arnold Kruiswijk, Daniël de Ridder, Ron Vlaar and Haris Medunjanin (Netherlands 2006, 2007) and David de Gea, Thiago Alcántara, Martín Montoya, Iker Muniain and Diego Mariño (Spain 2011, 2013).
- The fulcrum of Italy's 2006 FIFA World Cup-winning squad had also been involved in U21 final victories: Cannavaro (1994 and 1996), Filippo Inzaghi (1994), Francesco Totti and Alessandro Nesta (1996), Andrea Pirlo and Gennaro Gattuso (2000) and Marco Amelia, Daniele De Rossi, Alberto Gilardino and Andrea Barzagli (2004).

- Germany's victorious 2014 World Cup squad included six members of the squad that lifted the 2009 U21 title in Sweden: Manuel Neuer, Benedikt Höwedes, Mats Hummels, Jérôme Boateng, Sami Khedira and Mesut Özil.
- Laurent Blanc was the first player to achieve the treble of a U21 title (1988), a FIFA World Cup winners' medal (1998) and a UEFA European Championship victory (2000). Spain duo Juan Mata and Javi Martínez were the next players to do so after glory at the 2010 World Cup, U21s in Denmark in 2011 and UEFA EURO 2012.

Leading scorers

All time (including qualifying)

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

All time (final tournaments)

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

Finals top scorers

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

Leading scorers per U21 campaign (qualifying to final)

2017: 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 Karasavidis (Greece) 5

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

Biggest win:

All-time

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

Final tournament

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

Final

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

Most goals in a game:

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

Final tournament

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

Final

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

Record attendance:

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

Final tournament

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

Match-by-match lineups

Italy

Under-21 - Group stage – final tournament

Group A

Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Italy	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
Poland	1	1	0	0	3	2	3
Belgium	1	0	0	1	2	3	0
Spain	1	0	0	1	1	3	0

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, Bonifazi (88 Bastoni), Pellegrini, Zaniolo (42 Orsolini), Mandragora, Dimarco, Mancini, Chiesa, Barella, Kean (60 Cutrone)

Matchday 2 (19/06/2019)

Italy-Poland

Matchday 3 (22/06/2019)

Belgium-Italy

Poland

Under-21 - Qualifying round

(01/09/2017)

Georgia 0-3 Poland

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

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

(06/10/2017)

Poland 3-3 Finland

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

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

(10/10/2017)

Lithuania 0-2 Poland

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

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

(10/11/2017)

Faroe Islands 2-2 Poland

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

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

(14/11/2017)

Poland 3-1 Denmark

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

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

(27/03/2018)

Poland 1-0 Lithuania

Goals: 1-0 Kownacki 78

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

(07/09/2018)

Poland 1-1 Faroe Islands

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

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

(11/09/2018)

Finland 1-3 Poland

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

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

(12/10/2018)

Denmark 1-1 Poland

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

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

(16/10/2018)

Poland 3-0 Georgia

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

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

Play-off

(16/11/2018)

Poland 0-1 Portugal

Goals: 0-1 Diogo Jota 30

Poland: Grabara, Bielik, Wieteska, Pestka, Żurkowski, Kownacki (76 Świdzski), Szymański (72 Jagiełło), Gumny, Dzikczek, Kapustka, Michalak (67 Józwiak)

(20/11/2018)

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

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

Poland: Grabara, Bielik, Wieteska, Pestka, Żurkowski, Kownacki (94 Świdzski), Szymański (69 Józwiak), Gumny, Dzikczek, Kapustka, Jagiełło (53 Michalak)

Group stage – final tournament

Group A

Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Italy	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
Poland	1	1	0	0	3	2	3
Belgium	1	0	0	1	2	3	0
Spain	1	0	0	1	1	3	0

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

Poland: Grabara, Pestka, Wieteska, Bielik, Żurkowski, Kownacki, Szymański, Dzikczek, Jagiełło (88 Bochniewicz), Fila, Michalak (92 Józwiak)

Matchday 2 (19/06/2019)

Italy-Poland

Matchday 3 (22/06/2019)

Spain-Poland

Team facts

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

Poland

Tournament record

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

1992: quarter-finals
1990: did not qualify
1988: did not qualify
1986: quarter-finals
1984: quarter-finals
1982: quarter-finals
1980: did not qualify
1978: did not qualify

Biggest wins

Final tournament

3-2: Poland v Belgium, 16/06/19
Group stage, Stadio Città del Tricolore, Reggio Emilia
0-1: Italy v Poland, 19/06/19
Group stage, Renato Dall'Ara, Bologna

Qualifying

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

Heaviest defeats

Final tournament

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

Qualifying

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

Legend

:: Squad list

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

:: Match officials

Nat: nationality **DoB:** date of birth

Under-21: Total matches officiated in the UEFA European U21 Championship including all qualifying round matches. Matches as the fourth official are not included in these statistics. These are the official statistics considered valid for communicating official records in the competition.

UEFA: Total matches officiated in all UEFA competitions including all qualifying round matches. Matches where the official has acted as the fourth official are not included in these statistics. These are the official statistics considered valid for communicating official records in the competition.

:: Group statistics/Tournament schedule

Pos: position **Pld:** played **W:** won **D:** drawn **L:** lost **GF:** goals for **GA:** goals against **Pts:** points

:: NOTE: All-time statistics

Goals totals include the outcome of disciplinary decisions (eg. match forfeits when a 3-0 result is determined). Goals totals do not include goals scored from the penalty mark during a penalty shoot-out.

Competitions

Club competitions

UCL: UEFA Champions League
ECCC: European Champion Clubs' Cup
UEL: UEFA Europa League
UCUP: UEFA Cup
UCWC: UEFA Cup Winners' Cup
SCUP: UEFA Super Cup
UIC: UEFA Intertoto Cup
ICF: Inter-Cities Fairs Cup

National team competitions

EURO: UEFA European Football Championship
WC: FIFA World Cup
CONFCUP: FIFA Confederations Cup
FRIE: Friendly internationals
U21FRIE: Under-21 friendly internationals
U21: UEFA European Under-21 Championship
U17: UEFA Under-17 Championship
U16: UEFA European Under-16 Championship
U19: UEFA Under-19 Championship
U18: UEFA European Under-18 Championship
WWC: FIFA Women's World Cup
WEURO: UEFA European Women's Championship

Competition stages

F: Final
GS1: First group stage
GS2: Second group stage
3QR: Third qualifying round
R2: Second round
R4: Fourth round
SF: Semi-finals
R16: round of 16
R32: Round of 32
1st: first leg

2nd: second leg
PO: Play-off
Rep: Replay
PO - FT: Play-off for Final Tournament

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

Other abbreviations

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

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

Statistics

-: Denotes player substituted

+: Denotes player introduced

*: Denotes player sent off

+/-: Denotes player introduced and substituted

Squad list

D: Disciplinary

*: Misses next match if booked

S: Suspended

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

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