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Belgium

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Previous meetings

Head to Head

UEFA European Under-21 Championship

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
07/10/2005	QR (GS)	Belgium - Spain	1-0	Liege	Vermaelen 64
08/10/2004	QR (GS)	Spain - Belgium	2-2	Muriedas	Fàbregas 65, Santi Cazorla 82; De Ceulaer 61, Martens 78

UEFA European Under-21 Championship

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
28/03/1995	QR (GS)	Spain - Belgium	1-1	Malaga	Dani García 10; Lawaree 17
16/12/1994	QR (GS)	Belgium - Spain	3-3	Brussels	Snoeckx 8, Vermant 42, 61; Roberto 32, Dani García 44, 48

	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																		
Spain	2	0	2	0	2	0	1	1	-	-	-	-	4	0	3	1	6	7
Belgium	2	1	1	0	2	0	2	0	-	-	-	-	4	1	3	0	7	6

Match background

Spain and Belgium meet competitively for the first time in 14 years as they face off in the second round of Group A matches at the 2019 UEFA European Under-21 Championship.

- Each side is looking to recover from an opening-day defeat; Spain went down 3-1 against hosts Italy, despite taking the lead through Dani Ceballos, and Belgium were beaten 3-2 by Poland in the tournament's opening match, also after having scored first.

Previous meetings

- This is the first time the teams have played a competitive game since October 2005, when Thomas Vermaelen's second-half goal gave Belgium a 1-0 victory in Liege. The sides had drawn 2-2 in Spain 12 months earlier, Santi Cazorla and Cesc Fàbregas with the goals for the home side; neither side reached the 2006 finals.

- The countries had also shared two draws in qualifying for the 1996 competition, the game in Brussels finishing 3-3 before a 1-1 result in Malaga. Spain went on to reach the quarter-finals and were eventually beaten by Italy in the Barcelona final after a penalty shoot-out.

- Most recently, Belgium were 4-1 winners away to Spain in a November 2014 friendly played in Ferrol; Nathan Kabasele, Youri Tielemans, Joris Kayembe-Ditu and Benito Raman got the goals for the visitors with a Munir El Haddadi strike three minutes after half-time Spain's sole response.

- In February 2013, Hannes Van der Bruggen cancelled out Gerard Deulofeu's opener to give Belgium a 1-1 friendly draw in Mechelen.

- Spain's last win against Belgium was a 3-0 success in January 1997.

- Captain Sebastiaan Bornauw and Alexis Saelemaekers were both in the Belgium side beaten 3-0 by Spain in the European U19 Championship elite round in March 2018.

- Bornauw was in the Belgium U17 side that beat Spain 4-3 on penalties in the 2016 European Championship elite round after a goalless draw. Belgium therefore finished top of the section, although both countries advanced to the final tournament.

- A Belgium side featuring Siebe Schrijvers lost 2-1 against Spain in the U17 elite round in 2013.

Form guide

Spain

- This is Spain's seventh appearance in the U21 final tournament since 1998, and a fifth in the competition's last six editions. They have only once failed to get past the group stage in their six previous participations, in 2009, and have reached the final in each of their last three, lifting the trophy in 2011 and 2013.

- Spain were also champions in 1986, and runners-up in 1984 and 1996.

- This time Spain qualified by finishing top of Group 2, winning nine of their ten qualifying fixtures with 31 goals scored and ten conceded.

- Defeat by Germany in the 2017 final ended Spain's ten-match unbeaten run in competitive U21 matches (W7 D3); the opening loss to Italy at these finals was only their third in their last 22 European U21 Championship games (W16 D3), the other in qualification at home to Northern Ireland on 11 September 2018 (1-2).

- The matchday one loss to Italy ended Spain's eight-match winning run in group games at the finals, and was their first defeat in the group stage since a 2-0 reverse to England on 18 June 2009.

- Coach Luis de la Fuente, who succeeded Albert Celades in July 2018, led Spain to the 2015 UEFA European Under-19 Championship title in Greece with a squad including Antonio Sivera, Unai Simón, Jorge Meré, Mikel Merino, Alfonso Pedraza, Dani Ceballos and Borja Mayoral.

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.

- After losing to Poland, Belgium's record in the final tournament is therefore W2 D2 L4 F7 A11.

- 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.

Links and trivia

- On 23 February 2015 Aaron Leya Iseka scored the only goal as Anderlecht beat Barcelona to qualify for the UEFA Youth League quarter-finals.
- Fabián Ruiz came on as a substitute in Spain's 4-1 UEFA EURO 2020 qualifying win away to the Faroe Islands on 7 June and started the 3-0 defeat of Sweden in Madrid three days later. Mikel Oyarzabal came on against Sweden to score Spain's third goal, his first at senior international level.

Squad list

Spain

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season				Overall	
						Qual.		FT		Team	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers											
1	Antonio Sivera	11/08/1996	22	Alavés	-	3	0	0	0	3	-
13	Unai Simón	11/06/1997	22	Athletic	-	6	0	1	0	7	-
23	Daniel Martín	08/07/1998	20	Sporting Gijón	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
Defenders											
2	Jesús Vallejo	05/01/1997	22	Real Madrid	-	5	0	1	0	16	-
3	Aarón Martín	22/04/1997	22	Espanyol	-	6	0	1	0	7	-
4	Jorge Meré	17/04/1997	22	Köln	-	8	0	1	0	22	1
5	Unai Nuñez	30/01/1997	22	Athletic	-	7	0	0	0	7	-
15	Martín Aguirregabiria	10/05/1996	23	Alavés	-	0	0	1	0	1	-
16	Pol Lirola	13/08/1997	21	Sassuolo	-	1	0	0	0	1	-
20	Junior Firpo	10/05/1996	23	Betis	-	1	0	0	0	1	-
Midfielders											
6	Fabián Ruiz	03/04/1996	23	Napoli	-	8	3	1	0	9	3
7	Carlos Soler	02/01/1997	22	Valencia	*	10	2	1	0	12	2
8	Mikel Merino	22/06/1996	22	Real Sociedad	-	5	1	1	0	12	1
10	Dani Ceballos	07/08/1996	22	Real Madrid	-	6	4	1	1	19	7
11	Mikel Oyarzabal	21/04/1997	22	Real Sociedad	-	10	5	1	0	14	5
12	Manu Vallejo	14/02/1997	22	Cádiz	*	0	0	0	0	-	-
14	Igor Zubeldia	30/03/1997	22	Real Sociedad	-	2	0	1	0	3	-
17	Alfonso Pedraza	09/04/1996	23	Villarreal	-	6	0	0	0	7	-
21	Marc Roca	26/11/1996	22	Espanyol	-	2	0	0	0	2	-
22	Pablo Fornals	22/02/1996	23	Villarreal	-	8	0	1	0	9	-
Forwards											
9	Borja Mayoral	05/04/1997	22	Levante	-	10	8	1	0	20	9
18	Rafa Mir	18/06/1997	22	Las Palmas	-	4	5	1	0	5	5
19	Dani Olmo	07/05/1998	21	Dinamo Zagreb	-	2	0	0	0	2	-
Coach											
-	Luis de la Fuente	21/06/1961	57		-	4	0	1	0	5	-

Belgium

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season				Overall	
						Qual.		FT		Team	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers											
1	Nordin Jackers	05/09/1997	21	Genk	-	9	0	1	0	10	-
12	Ortwin De Wolf	23/04/1996	23	Lokeren	-	1	0	0	0	1	-
21	Jens Teunckens	30/01/1998	21	Royal Antwerp	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
Defenders											
2	Dion Cools	04/06/1996	23	Club Brugge	-	10	1	1	1	12	2
3	Sebastiaan Bornauw	22/03/1999	20	Anderlecht	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
4	Wout Faes	03/04/1998	21	Oostende	*	8	0	1	0	9	-
5	Casper De Norre	07/02/1997	22	Genk	-	3	0	1	0	4	-
13	Rocky Bushiri	30/11/1999	19	Eupen	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
18	Jur Schryvers	11/03/1997	22	Waasland-Beveren	-	1	0	0	0	1	-
20	Dries Wouters	28/01/1997	22	Genk	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
22	Elias Cobbaut	24/11/1997	21	Anderlecht	-	4	0	1	0	5	-
Midfielders											
6	Samuel Bastien	26/09/1996	22	Standard Liège	-	6	1	0	0	7	1
8	Bryan Heynen	06/02/1997	22	Genk	-	6	0	1	0	7	-
10	Siebe Schrijvers	18/07/1996	22	Club Brugge	-	10	4	1	0	16	4
15	Alexis De Sart	12/11/1996	22	Sint-Truiden	-	7	0	0	0	7	-
16	Yari Verschaeren	12/07/2001	17	Anderlecht	-	0	0	1	0	1	-
17	Alexis Saelemaekers	27/06/1999	19	Anderlecht	-	2	0	1	0	3	-
23	Orel Mangala	18/03/1998	21	Hamburg	-	3	0	1	0	4	-
Forwards											
7	Isaac Mbenza	08/03/1996	23	Huddersfield	-	10	1	1	0	11	1
9	Aaron Leya Iseka	15/11/1997	21	Toulouse	-	9	2	1	1	10	3
11	Dodi Lukebakio	24/09/1997	21	Düsseldorf	*	9	4	1	0	10	4
14	Stéphane Oméonga	27/03/1996	23	Hibernian	-	2	0	0	0	2	-
19	Francis Amuzu	23/08/1999	19	Anderlecht	-	0	0	1	0	1	-
Coach											
-	Johan Walem	01/02/1972	47		-	10	0	1	0	26	-

Head coach

Luis de la Fuente

Date of birth: 21 June 1961

Nationality: Spanish

Playing career: Athletic Club (twice), Sevilla, Alavés

Coaching career: Portugalete, Aurrerá, Athletic Club B (twice), Alavés, Spain U19, Spain U21

- Full-back De la Fuente came through the famous Ledesma youth set-up in Bilbao, graduating to the Athletic first team in 1981. Went on to win two league titles, including the club's most recent in 1984, and was also part of the side that won the Copa del Rey the same year to complete a domestic double.
- Departed for Sevilla in 1987, spending four years with the Andalusian outfit before rejoining Athletic. Finished his playing career at Alavés in 1994.
- After spells at lower-level clubs Portugalete and Aurrerá, De la Fuente was given the chance to take charge of Athletic Club's reserve side on two separate occasions. He also had a brief spell at Alavés in 2011 before joining the Spain staff in 2013, initially as Under-19 coach.
- He led a side including Jorge Meré, Dani Ceballos and Borja Mayoral to victory in the 2015 UEFA Under-19 European Championship in Greece, defeating Russia 2-0 in the final.
- De la Fuente stepped up to become U21 coach in July 2018, midway through qualifying for the 2019 finals, when Albert Celades left the post to join Julen Lopetegui at Real Madrid.

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.
- Having initially moved into the media, he took charge of Anderlecht's youth side in 2008, fulfilling the same role at Udinese two years later before becoming Belgium's U21 coach in 2012. Returned to club football in 2015 with Kortrijk but resumed his U21 role 12 months later and led the team undefeated to the 2019 European finals.

Match officials

Referee	Andris Treimanis (LVA)
Assistant referees	Haralds Gudermanis (LVA) , Aleksejs Spasjonnikovs (LVA)
Video Assistant Referee	Christian Dingert (GER)
Assistant Video Assistant Referee	Tobias Stieler (GER)
Fourth official	Orel Grinfeld (ISR)
UEFA Delegate	Elena Kobak (RUS)
UEFA Referee observer	Herbert Fandel (GER)

Referee

Name	Date of birth	Under-21 matches	UEFA matches
Andris Treimanis	16/03/1985	8	57

Andris Treimanis

Referee since: 1998

First division: 2005

FIFA badge: 2011

Tournaments: 2015 UEFA European Under-19 Championship

Finals

N/A

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
27/09/2013	U17	QR	Cyprus	Spain	0-1	Paphos
10/12/2013	UYL	GS	FC København	Real Madrid CF	3-2	Frederiksberg
13/11/2014	U19FRIE	R1	Spain	Germany	2-0	Katerini
13/07/2015	U19	GS-FT	Spain	Netherlands	1-1	Veria
06/08/2015	UEL	3QR	FC Zorya Luhansk	R. Charleroi SC	3-0	Kyiv
21/10/2015	UYL	GS	Paris Saint-Germain	Real Madrid CF	4-1	Saint-Germain-en-Laye
23/02/2016	UYL	R16	RSC Anderlecht	GNK Dinamo Zagreb	3-0	Brussels
08/12/2016	UEL	GS	Panathinaikos FC	RC Celta de Vigo	0-2	Athens
21/04/2017	UYL	SF	FC Barcelona	FC Salzburg	1-2	Nyon
26/07/2018	UEL	2QR	Sevilla FC	Újpest FC	4-0	Seville
23/08/2018	UEL	PO	KRC Genk	Brøndby IF	5-2	Genk
23/10/2018	UCL	GS	BSC Young Boys	Valencia CF	1-1	Berne
13/12/2018	UEL	GS	Villarreal CF	FC Spartak Moskva	2-0	Villarreal
14/02/2019	UEL	R32	SK Slavia Praha	KRC Genk	0-0	Prague
23/03/2019	EURO	QR	Spain	Norway	2-1	Valencia

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

Spain

Under-21 - Qualifying round

(05/09/2017)

Estonia 0-1 Spain

Goals: 0-1 Soler 65

Spain: Sivera, Carmona, Aarón Martín, Unai Nuñez, Jorge Meré, Rodri, Soler, Merino, Mayoral (77 Gual), Ceballos, Oyarzabal (37 Pedraza)

(10/10/2017)

Slovakia 1-4 Spain

Goals: 0-1 Merino 26, 0-2 Oyarzabal 49, 0-3 Rodri 56, 1-3 Vavro 59, 1-4 Ceballos 69

Spain: Unai Simón, Maffeo, Aarón Martín, Jorge Meré (43 Unai Nuñez), Vallejo, Rodri, Soler, Merino (89 Fabián Ruiz), Mayoral, Ceballos, Oyarzabal (76 Fornals)

(09/11/2017)

Spain 1-0 Iceland

Goals: 1-0 Fabián Ruiz 36

Spain: Unai Simón, Maffeo, Aarón Martín, Unai Nuñez, Vallejo, Rodri, Soler, Fabián Ruiz (77 Pedraza), Mayoral (82 Gual), Ceballos, Oyarzabal (91 Fornals)

(14/11/2017)

Spain 5-1 Slovakia

Goals: 0-1 Fabián Ruiz 23 (og) , 1-1 Ceballos 38, 2-1 Córdoba 53, 3-1 Ceballos 55, 4-1 Ceballos 61, 5-1 Mayoral 86

Spain: Unai Simón, Maffeo, Aarón Martín (70 Lato), Jorge Meré, Vallejo, Rodri, Soler, Fabián Ruiz, Mayoral, Ceballos (83 Fornals), Oyarzabal (46 Córdoba)

(22/03/2018)

Northern Ireland 3-5 Spain

Goals: 0-1 Oyarzabal 15, 1-1 Donnelly 30 (P) , 1-2 Oyarzabal 44, 2-2 Donnelly 45+2, 2-3 Mayoral 47, 3-3 Lavery 68, 3-4 Mayoral 75, 3-5 Mayoral 84

Spain: Sivera, Unai Nuñez, Aarón Martín, Jorge Meré, Fabián Ruiz, Merino, Soler, Fornals (76 Traoré), Mayoral (87 Carlos Fernández), Ceballos, Oyarzabal (89 Lato)

(27/03/2018)

Spain 3-1 Estonia

Goals: 1-0 Fabián Ruiz 8, 2-0 Mayoral 37, 3-0 Mayoral 51, 3-1 Sinyavskiy 59

Spain: Soriano, Maffeo, Lato, Vallejo, Merino, García, Soler (87 Traoré), Fabián Ruiz, Mayoral, Ceballos, Oyarzabal (57 Córdoba)

(06/09/2018)

Spain 3-0 Albania

Goals: 1-0 Oyarzabal 5, 2-0 Mayoral 56, 3-0 Rafa Mir 90+2

Spain: Unai Simón, Maffeo, Junior Firpo, Jorge Meré, Unai Nuñez, Zubeldia, Soler (80 Méndez), Merino, Mayoral (75 Rafa Mir), Fornals, Oyarzabal (66 Pedraza)

(11/09/2018)

Spain 1-2 Northern Ireland

Goals: 0-1 Lavery 4, 0-2 Donnelly 8 (P) , 1-2 Rafa Mir 90+2

Spain: Sivera, Francis, Pedraza, Jorge Meré, Unai Nuñez, Marc Roca, Soler (77 Cheikh), Fabián Ruiz (50 Rafa Mir), Mayoral, Fornals (68 Méndez), Oyarzabal

(11/10/2018)

Albania 0-1 Spain

Goals: 0-1 Rafa Mir 84

Spain: Unai Simón, Lirola, Aarón Martín, Unai Nuñez, Jorge Meré, Zubeldia, Soler, Fabián Ruiz (60 Dani Olmo), Mayoral (66 Rafa Mir), Fornals (54 Pedraza), Oyarzabal

(16/10/2018)

Iceland 2-7 Spain

Goals: 0-1 Oyarzabal 24 (P) , 0-2 Rafa Mir 25, 0-3 Rafa Mir 40, 1-3 Þorsteinsson 41, 1-4 Gunnarsson 45+2 (og) , 1-5 Soler 54, 2-5 Karlsson 58, 2-6 Mayoral 87, 2-7 Fabián Ruiz 90

Spain: Unai Simón, Palencia, Angeliño, Vallejo, Jorge Meré, Marc Roca, Soler, Fabián Ruiz, Rafa Mir (67 Mayoral), Oyarzabal (73 Pedraza), Dani Olmo (58 Fornals)

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)

Spain: Unai Simón, Vallejo, Aarón Martín, Jorge Meré, Fabián Ruiz (46 Merino), Soler, Mayoral, Ceballos, Oyarzabal (85 Rafa Mir), Zubeldia (67 Fornals), Martín Aguirregabiria

Matchday 2 (19/06/2019)

Spain-Belgium

Matchday 3 (22/06/2019)

Spain-Poland

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, Lukebakio (78 A. De Sart), De Norre, Vanlerberghe

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, Cobbaut, Mangala

Matchday 2 (19/06/2019)

Spain-Belgium

Matchday 3 (22/06/2019)

Belgium-Italy

Team facts

Spain

Tournament record

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

Biggest wins

Final tournament

5-0: Spain v North Macedonia, 17/06/17
Group stage, Stadion Miejski w Gdyni, Gdynia

Qualifying

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

Heaviest defeats

Final tournament

3-1: Italy v Spain, 16/06/19
Group stage, Renato Dall'Ara, Bologna
2-0 twice, most recently v England, 18/06/09
Group stage, Gamla Ullevi, Gothenburg

Qualifying

5-0: Netherlands v Spain, 16/02/83
Qualifying group stage, Galgenwaard, Utrecht

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

1992: did not qualify
1990: did not qualify
1988: did not qualify
1986: did not qualify
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

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

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
GS2: Second 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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