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Croatia

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Previous meetings

Head to Head

No UEFA competition matches have been played between these two teams

Match background

Romania and Croatia will be keen to make an early impact at the 2019 UEFA European Under-21 Championship as they meet on matchday one in Serravalle.

- Both teams are ending lengthy absences from the tournament ahead of their fixture at the San Marino Stadium – the first UEFA finals match to be played in San Marino.

Previous meetings

- This is the sides' first U21 fixture.
- They have also been infrequent opponents in the European U19 and U17 Championships. They have met only twice in competitive U19 games – both in 2004 – while they have also played twice in U17 qualifying, most recently in March 2010.

Form guide

Romania

- Romania are appearing in the final tournament for only the second time, and the first in 21 years; they lost to the Netherlands in the quarter-finals of the 1998 tournament, which Romania hosted.
- Romania lost all three games at those 1998 finals; they were subsequently beaten by Germany (0-1) and Russia (1-2) to finish in eighth place.
- Since that appearance 21 years ago, Romania have reached the play-offs twice, losing over two legs to France (0-5) ahead of the 2002 finals and England (1-2) in 2011 qualifying.
- This time round, however, Romania were one of five teams to qualify unbeaten (W7 D3), with their four goals conceded the joint lowest total along with England. They won their final four qualifiers, keeping clean sheets in the last three to make it six overall in the group.

Croatia

- Croatia are ending a 15-year wait to feature in the final tournament; the most recent of their two previous appearances came in 2004 when, as on their 2000 debut, they finished bottom of their section having failed to win a game, drawing one and losing two on each occasion.
- Croatia's record in the final tournament group stage is therefore W0 D2 L4 F7 A11.
- Croatia have lost in the play-offs three times since their last finals appearance, in 2006 (Serbia and Montenegro, 2-5 on aggregate), 2011 (Spain, 1-5 agg) and 2015 (England, 2-4 agg).
- This time round, Croatia finished top of qualifying Group 1 with 25 points from their ten games (W8 D1 L1). A closing run of four successive victories, with 14 goals scored and none conceded, proved crucial – particularly the 2-0 win at home to Greece in their penultimate fixture which ultimately took Nenad Gračan's team through on head-to-head record after the teams had finished level on points.

Links and trivia

- Croatia beat Romania 1-0 in the last 16 of the 1998 FIFA World Cup, Davor Šuker – the current president of the Croatian Football Federation – scoring the only goal from the penalty spot.
- At 38, Romania's Mirel Rădoi is the youngest coach at the final tournament – by nine years.
- Romania's Alex Pașcanu and Croatia's Filip Benković are both on the books of English Premier League club Leicester, though neither has played for the first team.
- George Pușcaș scored twice in Romania's 4-0 win away to Malta in a UEFA EURO 2020 qualifier on 10 June. Fellow U21 squad members Ionuț Nedelcanu, Ianis Hagi and Tudor Băluță were also in the starting XI, with Dennis Man coming on in the second half. Pușcaș was also a starter and Hagi a substitute in a 2-2 draw away to Norway in the same competition three days earlier.
- Josip Brekalo started Croatia's UEFA EURO 2020 qualifier against Wales in Osijek on 8 June, helping his side to a 2-1 win.

Squad list

Romania

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season				Overall	
						Qual.		FT		Team	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers											
1	Ionuț Radu	28/05/1997	22	Genoa	-	10	0	0	0	10	-
12	Cătălin Cabuz	18/06/1996	23	Hermannstadt	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
23	Daniel Vlad	15/04/1999	20	FCSB	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
Defenders											
2	Radu Boboc	24/04/1999	20	Viitorul	-	3	0	0	0	3	-
3	Florin-Bogdan Ștefan	09/05/1996	23	Sepsi Sfântu Gheorghe	-	6	0	0	0	6	-
4	Alexandru Pașcanu	28/09/1998	20	Leicester	-	10	0	0	0	10	-
5	Ionuț Nedelcearu	25/04/1996	23	Ufa	-	7	0	0	0	12	1
6	Cristian Manea	09/08/1997	21	CFR Cluj	-	6	0	0	0	13	-
13	Grigore Ricardo	07/04/1999	20	Dinamo București	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
15	Virgil Ghiță	04/06/1998	21	Viitorul	-	1	0	0	0	1	-
18	Adrian Rus	18/03/1996	23	Sepsi Sfântu Gheorghe	-	3	0	0	0	3	-
Midfielders											
7	Florinel Coman	10/04/1998	21	FCSB	-	8	1	0	0	8	1
10	Ianis Hagi	22/10/1998	20	Viitorul	-	9	2	0	0	9	2
14	Vlad Dragomir	24/04/1999	20	Perugia	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
16	Dragoș Nedelcu	16/02/1997	22	FCSB	-	6	0	0	0	14	-
17	Alexandru Cicâldău	08/07/1997	21	Universitatea Craiova	-	9	2	0	0	9	2
20	Andrei Ciobanu	18/01/1998	21	Viitorul	-	4	0	0	0	4	-
21	Tudor Băluță	27/03/1999	20	Viitorul	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
22	Darius Olaru	03/03/1998	21	Gaz Metan	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
Forwards											
8	Dennis Man	26/08/1998	20	FCSB	-	8	3	0	0	8	3
9	George Pușcaș	08/04/1996	23	Palermo	-	8	7	0	0	18	11
11	Adrian Petre	11/02/1998	21	Esbjerg	-	3	2	0	0	3	2
19	Andrei Ivan	04/01/1997	22	Rapid Wien	-	3	1	0	0	4	1
Coach											
-	Matei Mirel Radoi	22/03/1981	38		-	4	0	0	0	4	-

Croatia

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season				Overall	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers											
1	Ivo Grbić	18/01/1996	23	Lokomotiva Zagreb	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
12	Josip Posavec	10/03/1996	23	Hajduk Split	-	10	0	0	0	10	-
23	Adrian Šemper	12/01/1998	21	Chievo	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
Defenders											
2	Filip Uremović	11/02/1997	22	Rubin	-	3	1	0	0	3	1
3	Borna Sosa	21/01/1998	21	Stuttgart	-	9	0	0	0	9	-
5	Nikola Katić	10/10/1996	22	Rangers	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
6	Filip Benković	13/07/1997	21	Celtic	-	4	1	0	0	7	2
15	Branimir Kalaica	01/06/1998	21	Benfica	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
16	Toni Borevković	18/06/1997	22	Rio Ave	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
21	Domagoj Bradarić	10/12/1999	19	Hajduk Split	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
Midfielders											
4	Ivan Šunjić	09/10/1996	22	Dinamo Zagreb	-	8	1	0	0	8	1
8	Nikola Vlašić	04/10/1997	21	CSKA Moskva	-	7	5	0	0	14	5
9	Marin Jakoliš	26/12/1996	22	Admira	-	9	5	0	0	9	5
10	Alen Halilović	18/06/1996	23	Standard Liège	-	6	2	0	0	13	2
11	Luka Ivanušec	26/11/1998	20	Lokomotiva Zagreb	-	6	0	0	0	6	-
13	Lovro Majer	17/01/1998	21	Dinamo Zagreb	-	4	0	0	0	4	-
14	Kristijan Bistrović	09/04/1998	21	CSKA Moskva	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
17	Toma Bašić	25/11/1996	22	Bordeaux	-	4	0	0	0	4	-
18	Robert Murić	12/03/1996	23	Braga	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
20	Nikola Moro	12/03/1998	21	Dinamo Zagreb	-	6	1	0	0	6	1
Forwards											
7	Josip Brekalo	23/06/1998	20	Wolfsburg	-	10	7	0	0	12	7
19	Sandro Kulenović	04/12/1999	19	Legia	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
22	Marijan Čabraja	25/02/1997	22	HNK Gorica	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
Coach											
-	Nenad Gracan	23/01/1962	57		-	10	0	0	0	26	-

Head coach

Mirel Rădoi

Date of birth: 22 March 1981

Nationality: Romanian

Playing career: Extensiv Craiova, Steaua București (now FCSB), Al-Hilal, Al-Ain, Al-Ahli, Al-Arabi

Coaching career: FCSB, Romania U21

- Rădoi came through the youth ranks at home-town club Drobeta-Turnu Severin before joining Extensiv Craiova aged 18; a year and 14 top-flight appearances later, Steaua took him to Bucharest, where his fighting qualities made him a fan favourite.
- Over eight and a half years at Steaua, Rădoi won three league titles and two Romanian Super Cups, also playing a key role as the club reached the 2005/06 UEFA Cup semi-finals – a campaign that provided 13 of his 50 UEFA club competition appearances in their colours.
- Moved to the Middle East in January 2009, representing four clubs and winning two championships in both Saudi Arabia – where he was named player of the year in 2010 – and the UAE. Represented Romania 67 times, including at UEFA EURO 2008.
- Upon retirement Rădoi returned to Steaua as head coach in July 2015, but lasted only five months in the post.
- Joined the Romanian Football Federation in March 2018 to become sports manager of the Under-21 national side; following Daniel Isăilă's departure for Saudi Arabia that August, Rădoi stepped into his shoes, overseeing victories in the last four qualifiers to earn Romania a place in the finals for the first time since 1998.

Nenad Gračan

Date of birth: 23 January 1962

Nationality: Croatian

Playing career: Rijeka (twice) Orijent (loan), Hajduk Split, Real Oviedo

Coaching career: Rijeka (twice), Hajduk Split, Koper, Osijek, Kamen Ingrad, Dinamo Zagreb, Pomorac Kostrena, Istra 1961, Nafta Lendava, Croatia Sesvete, Croatia U21

- Gračan grew up very close to the legendary Stadion Kantrida in Rijeka, where he took his first footballing steps. Began his professional career in 1979 as a midfielder and spent seven years at his local club, Rijeka winning the Yugoslav Cup in his first season in the first team. He departed in 1986.
- Went on to spend four years with both Hajduk, lifting the Yugoslav Cup again in 1987, and Spanish side Real Oviedo before his return to Rijeka in 1995.
- A bronze medallist at the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles – Yugoslavia beating Italy in the third-place play-off – Gračan won ten caps for the senior side between 1984 and 1986, scoring two goals.
- Started his coaching career in 1995, once again at Rijeka, initially as an assistant before taking the top job three years later. One of only two coaches alongside Miroslav Blažević to have taken charge of Croatia's four biggest clubs – Hajduk, Dinamo Zagreb, Rijeka and Osijek – he had a second stint at Rijeka from November 2009, lasting 12 months.
- In 2013, after Niko Kovač stepped up to take charge of the senior national side, Gračan was named Croatia's Under-21 coach. Missed out on the UEFA European Championship in 2015 and 2017, but made it third time lucky in 2019 – the first time Croatia had qualified in 15 years.

Match officials

Referee	Bobby Madden (SCO)
Assistant referees	Francis Connor (SCO) , David Roome (SCO)
Video Assistant Referee	Stuart Attwell (ENG)
Fourth official	Georgi Kabakov (BUL)
Assistant Video Assistant Referee	Paul Tierney (ENG)
UEFA Delegate	Michal Mertinyak (SVK)
UEFA Referee observer	Stefano Podeschi (SMR)

Referee

Name	Date of birth	Under-21 matches	UEFA matches
Bobby Madden	25/10/1978	4	56

Bobby Madden

Referee since: 2002

First division: 2010

FIFA badge: 2010

Tournaments: 2017 FIFA U-17 World Cup, 2017 UEFA European Under-21 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
16/07/2013	UCL	2QR	CS Fola Esch	GNK Dinamo Zagreb	0-5	Differdange
27/08/2015	UEL	PO	Rosenborg BK	FCSB	0-1	Trondheim
26/07/2016	UCL	3QR	GNK Dinamo Zagreb	FC Dinamo Tbilisi	2-0	Zagreb

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

Romania

Under-21 - Qualifying round

(13/06/2017)

Liechtenstein 0-2 Romania

Goals: 0-1 Pușcaș 45, 0-2 Pușcaș 71

Romania: Radu, Pascanu, Radu, Nedelcearu, Manea, Casap (76 Oaidă), Pușcaș, Hagi (68 Coman), Morutan (46 Ciobanu), Dulca, Mățan

(01/09/2017)

Bosnia and Herzegovina 1-3 Romania

Goals: 1-0 Nedelcu 23 (og) , 1-1 Pușcaș 32, 1-2 Coman 54, 1-3 Man 90+5

Romania: Radu, Radu (70 Stefan), Pascanu, Nedelcearu, Manea, Dulca (40 Coman), Pușcaș, Hagi, Cicâldău, Nedelcu, Costache (64 Man)

(05/09/2017)

Romania 1-1 Switzerland

Goals: 0-1 Oberlin 19, 1-1 Pușcaș 22

Romania: Radu, Radu (77 Stefan), Pascanu, Nedelcearu, Manea, Coman, Pușcaș, Hagi (83 Man), Cicâldău, Nedelcu, Costache (45 Ciobanu)

(06/10/2017)

Switzerland 0-2 Romania

Goals: 0-1 Dobre 24, 0-2 Cicâldău 87

Romania: Radu, Radu, Pascanu, Manea, Pușcaș (88 Tudorie), Hagi (77 Screciu), Dobre, Nedelcearu, Burlacu (65 Costache), Dulca, Cicâldău

(10/11/2017)

Romania 1-1 Portugal

Goals: 0-1 Diogo Gonçalves 16, 1-1 Man 66

Romania: Radu, Radu, Pascanu, Nedelcearu, Manea, Coman (90 Balaure), Man, Pușcaș (84 Dobre), Hagi (65 Petre), Marin, Cicâldău

(14/11/2017)

Wales 0-0 Romania

Romania: Radu, Radu, Pascanu, Nedelcearu, Manea, Coman (94 Olteanu), Man (79 Dobre), Pușcaș, Nedelcu (84 Dulca), Marin, Cicâldău

(07/09/2018)

Portugal 1-2 Romania

Goals: 0-1 Cicâldău 52, 0-2 Ivan 59, 1-2 João Carvalho 85

Romania: Radu, Boboc, Stefan (90 Borța), Nedelcearu, Pascanu, Coman, Man (97 Ciobanu), Ivan, Hagi (77 Rus), Nedelcu, Cicâldău

(11/09/2018)

Romania 2-0 Bosnia and Herzegovina

Goals: 1-0 Petre 16, 2-0 Hagi 70

Romania: Radu, Boboc (74 Ciobanu), Stefan, Pascanu, Coman (68 Mățan), Man, Hagi, Petre, Oaidă, Cicâldău (84 Dulca), Rus

(12/10/2018)

Romania 2-0 Wales

Goals: 1-0 Man 55, 2-0 Pușcaș 71

Romania: Radu, Boboc, Stefan, Pascanu, Coman (66 Pușcaș), Man (77 Morutan), Hagi (90 Oaidă), Nedelcu, Cicâldău, Rus, Ivan

(16/10/2018)

Romania 4-0 Liechtenstein

Goals: 1-0 Pușcaș 14, 2-0 Hagi 25, 3-0 Pușcaș 39, 4-0 Petre 78

Romania: Radu, Stefan, Pascanu, Ghiță, Man (57 Mățan), Pușcaș, Hagi (64 Morutan), Butean, Nedelcu, Cicâldău,

Ivan (74 Petre)

Group stage – final tournament

Group C

Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Croatia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
England	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
France	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Romania	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Matchday 1 (18/06/2019)

Romania-Croatia

Matchday 2 (21/06/2019)

England-Romania

Matchday 3 (24/06/2019)

France-Romania

Croatia

Under-21 - Qualifying round

(31/08/2017)

Moldova 0-3 Croatia

Goals: 0-1 Ćorić 4, 0-2 Brekalo 43, 0-3 Brekalo 61

Croatia: Posavec, Karačić, Sosa, Moro (71 Balić), Ćaleta-Car, Šunjić, Brekalo, Ćorić (58 Majer), Jakoliš, Halilović (89 Bašić), Pongračić

(05/10/2017)

Croatia 2-1 Belarus

Goals: 0-1 Bakhar 48, 1-1 Šimić 90+3, 2-1 Benković 90+6

Croatia: Posavec, Karačić, Sosa, Šunjić, Benković, Moro, Brekalo, Jakoliš, Vlašić (77 Balić), Šimić, Ivanušec (57 Turčin)

(09/10/2017)

Croatia 5-1 Czech Republic

Goals: 1-0 Karačić 9, 2-0 Vlašić 36, 3-0 Brekalo 47, 4-0 Moro 63, 4-1 Mihálik 70, 5-1 Vlašić 80

Croatia: Posavec, Karačić, Sosa, Šunjić, Benković, Moro, Brekalo (92 Mamić), Jakoliš (89 Ćorić), Vlašić, Šimić, Balić (84 Ivanušec)

(08/11/2017)

Croatia 5-0 San Marino

Goals: 1-0 Jakoliš 45, 2-0 Bočkaj 60, 3-0 Jakoliš 69, 4-0 Jakoliš 80, 5-0 Brekalo 90+3

Croatia: Posavec, Karačić, Sosa, Šunjić (78 Bašić), Ćaleta-Car, Brekalo, Ćorić (83 Ivanušec), Jakoliš, Bočkaj (73 Majer), Šimić, Balić

(13/11/2017)

Greece 1-1 Croatia

Goals: 1-0 Manthatis 65, 1-1 Brekalo 74

Croatia: Posavec, Karačić, Sosa, Šunjić, Ćaleta-Car, Brekalo, Jakoliš (97 Bašić), Moro, Bočkaj (46 Majer), Šimić, Balić (70 Ivanušec)

(23/03/2018)

Czech Republic 2-1 Croatia

Goals: 1-0 Lischka 13, 1-1 Ćaleta-Car 62, 2-1 Hašek 71

Croatia: Posavec, Karačić, Sosa, Balić, Ćaleta-Car, Moro, Brekalo, Vlašić (83 Fiolić), Halilović, Ćorić (62 Majer), Šimić

(27/03/2018)

Croatia 4-0 Moldova

Goals: 1-0 Vlašić 35, 2-0 Jakoliš 47, 3-0 Vlašić 50, 4-0 Karačić 74

Croatia: Posavec, Karačić, Sosa, Balić, Čaleta-Car, Moro (13 Fiolić), Brekalo, Vlašić, Jakoliš (65 Roguljić), Halilović (76 Ćorić), Šimić

(10/09/2018)

Belarus 0-4 Croatia

Goals: 0-1 Jakoliš 16, 0-2 Šunjić 44, 0-3 Halilović 46, 0-4 Brekalo 65

Croatia: Posavec, Uremović, Sosa, Šunjić, Čaleta-Car, Benković, Brekalo (89 Fiolić), Vlašić, Jakoliš (83 Babić), Halilović, Mudražija (70 Knežević)

(12/10/2018)

Croatia 2-0 Greece

Goals: 1-0 Pasalidis 41 (og) , 2-0 Brekalo 90+4

Croatia: Posavec, Uremović, Sosa, Šunjić, Čaleta-Car, Benković, Brekalo (95 Babić), Vlašić, Jakoliš, Halilović (78 Fiolić), Ivanušec

(15/10/2018)

San Marino 0-4 Croatia

Goals: 0-1 Halilović 48, 0-2 Vlašić 53, 0-3 Uremović 61, 0-4 Bosančić 68

Croatia: Posavec, Uremović, Mamić, Šunjić, Bosančić, Brekalo, Vlašić (64 Fiolić), Jakoliš (87 Babić), Halilović, Ivanušec, Oluić (77 Bašić)

Group stage – final tournament

Group C

Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Croatia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
England	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
France	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Romania	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Matchday 1 (18/06/2019)

Romania-Croatia

Matchday 2 (21/06/2019)

France-Croatia

Matchday 3 (24/06/2019)

Croatia-England

Team facts

Romania

Tournament record

2017: did not qualify
2015: did not qualify
2013: did not qualify
2011: play-offs
2009: did not qualify
2007: did not qualify
2006: did not qualify
2004: did not qualify
2002: play-offs
2000: did not qualify
1998: eighth place
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

4-1: Romania v Croatia, 18/06/19
Group stage, San Marino Stadium, Serravalle

Qualifying

0-5 twice, most recently v Azerbaijan, 25/04/95
Qualifying group stage, Hüseyin Avni Aker Stadyumu, Trabzon

Heaviest defeats

Final tournament

2-1 twice, most recently v Russia, 30/05/98
Seventh-place play-off, Lia Manoliu, Bucharest
0-1: Romania v Germany, 26/05/98
Classification play-off, Cotroceni, Bucharest

Qualifying

8-0: Germany v Romania, 09/09/14
Qualifying group stage, MDCC-Arena, Magdeburg

Croatia

Tournament record

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

Biggest wins

Final tournament

N/A

Qualifying

6-1: Croatia v Bosnia & Herzegovina, 05/09/97

Qualifying group stage, Stadion Gradski vrt, Osijek

5-0 twice, most recently v San Marino, 08/11/17

Qualifying group stage, Gradski stadium, Velika Gorica

Heaviest defeats

Final tournament

4-1: Romania v Croatia, 18/06/19

Group stage, San Marino Stadium, Serravalle

Qualifying

6-0: Spain v Croatia, 10/11/12

Qualifying group stage, Estadio José Rico Pérez, Alicante

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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