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Group C - Matchday 2



Croatia

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Previous meetings

Head to Head

No UEFA competition matches have been played between these two teams

Match background

France face Croatia in the UEFA European Under-21 Championship for the first time in the second round of Group C games, with last year's friendly suggesting a close contest.

- It looked as if France's campaign would open with a defeat as they trailed ten-man England 1-0 going into the closing stages on matchday one, Moussa Dembélé and Houssein Aouar having both missed penalties, but Jonathan Ikoné's 89th-minute equaliser was followed by an Aaron Wan-Bissaka own goal four minutes into added time as Sylvain Ripoll's side engineered a dramatic late turnaround.
- Croatia, meanwhile, must look to respond quickly having kicked off with a 4-1 loss against Romania.

Previous meetings

- This is the first competitive fixture between the teams.
- The sides shared a 2-2 friendly draw in the French city of Beauvais last autumn. Jean-Philippe Mateta gave the home side a 14th-minute lead only for strikes either side of half-time from Alen Halilović (36) and Filip Uremović (55) to turn the match in Croatia's favour before Jonathan Bamba earned a draw eight minutes from time.
- The teams at the Stade Pierre-Brisson on 14 November 2018 were:
France: Larssonneur, Amian (Mukiele 79), Diop, Niakhate (Upamecano 64), Ballo-Touré (Nsoki 80), Coco, Tousart (Sissoko 64), Guendouzi, Ikoné (Reine-Adélaïde 73), Terrier (Bamba 64), Mateta (Saint-Maximin 73).
Croatia: Grbić, Uremović, Katić, Pongračić, Mamić, Ivanušec, Šunjić, Moro, Halilović, Jakoliš (Babić 79), Bradarić (Mudražija 68).
- Paul Bernardoni and Lucas Tousart, plus substitute Marcus Thuram, helped France to a 2-0 group stage win against Croatia at the 2016 European U19 Championship, which they went on to win. Josip Brekalo, Luka Ivanušec, Marijan Čabraja and substitute Nikola Moro featured for Croatia.
- Halilović was in the Croatia team that beat France 1-0 in the U17 EURO elite round in March 2013. Olivier Ntcham and Dembélé featured for France; Ivo Grbić was an unused Croatia substitute.

Form guide

France

- France have not featured in the final tournament since 2006, when they lost 3-2 after extra time to eventual champions the Netherlands in the semi-finals. This is just their third appearance in an eight or 12-team finals; they finished as runners-up on the other occasion, in 2002.
- Champions in 1988, France finished third in 1996 and fourth two years earlier, also reaching the quarter-finals in 1982, 1984 and 1986.
- Since reaching the 2006 finals, four of France's six U21 campaigns have ended in the play-offs – in 2007, 2009, 2013 and 2015. They finished second behind North Macedonia in their 2017 qualifying section.
- This time round, Ripoll's team won their first nine fixtures, drawing the last 1-1 at home to Slovenia, to win qualifying Group 9 by 12 points. They qualified with two games to spare, their final tally of 28 points the highest recorded by any team.
- The draw with Slovenia ended France's 11-match winning run in competitive internationals, going back to a 1-0 loss in Ukraine in September 2016. That is France's sole defeat in their last 20 European U21 Championship matches (W16 D3).
- Matchday one extended France's winning run in group games at the U21 finals to seven; they recorded three victories in both 2002 and 2006.
- Dayot Upamecano, Jeff Reine-Adélaïde and Ikoné were all in the France squad that won 2015 U17 EURO.
- Bernardoni, Tousart and Thuram were all members of France's 2016 European U19 Championship-winning squad, Tousart scoring in the 4-0 final victory against Italy.

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.
- Having lost to Romania, Croatia's record in the final tournament group stage is now W0 D2 L5 F8 A15.
- 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 midfielder Toma Bašić has been a Bordeaux player since August 2018.
- Aouar scored in a 2-1 Lyon win at Dinamo Zagreb in the UEFA Youth League group stage on 22 November 2016; Moro was in the home line-up.
- Tousart made his UEFA Champions League debut as a substitute against Dinamo Zagreb on 14 September 2016. Adrian Šemper and Filip Benković both played 90 minutes for Dinamo, who lost 3-0.
- Croatia coach Gračan was part of the Yugoslavia side beaten 4-2 after extra time by France in the semi-finals of the 1984 Olympic Games football tournament; Yugoslavia and Gračan went on to defeat Italy 2-1 to win the bronze medal.
- 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

France

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season				Overall	
						Qual.		FT		Team	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers											
1	Gautier Larssonneur	23/02/1997	22	Brest	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
16	Maxence Prévot	09/04/1997	22	Sochaux	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
23	Paul Bernardoni	18/04/1997	22	Nîmes	-	7	0	1	0	8	-
Defenders											
2	Kelvin Amian	08/02/1998	21	Toulouse	-	4	1	0	0	4	1
4	Ibrahima Konaté	25/05/1999	20	Leipzig	-	0	0	1	0	1	-
5	Dayot Upamecano	27/10/1998	20	Leipzig	-	4	0	1	0	5	-
13	Colin Dagba	09/09/1998	20	Paris	-	0	0	1	0	1	-
15	Malang Sarr	23/01/1999	20	Nice	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
17	Moussa Niakhaté	08/03/1996	23	Mainz	-	3	0	0	0	3	-
19	Anthony Caci	01/07/1997	21	Strasbourg	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
Midfielders											
3	Fodé Ballo-Touré	03/01/1997	22	Monaco	-	0	0	1	0	1	-
6	Lucas Tousart	29/04/1997	22	Lyon	-	9	0	1	0	10	-
7	Romain Del Castillo	29/03/1996	23	Rennes	-	3	0	0	0	3	-
8	Houssein Aouar	30/06/1998	20	Lyon	-	5	2	1	0	6	2
10	Mattéo Guendouzi	14/04/1999	20	Arsenal	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
12	Jonathan Ikoné	02/05/1998	21	LOSC	-	0	0	1	1	1	1
18	Ibrahima Sissoko	27/10/1997	21	Strasbourg	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
21	Olivier Ntcham	09/02/1996	23	Celtic	-	9	1	1	0	10	1
22	Jeff Reine-Adélaïde	17/01/1998	21	Angers	-	1	0	1	0	2	-
Forwards											
9	Moussa Dembélé	12/07/1996	22	Lyon	*	9	5	1	0	11	6
11	Jean-Philippe Mateta	28/06/1997	21	Mainz	-	1	0	1	0	2	-
14	Jonathan Bamba	26/03/1996	23	LOSC	-	9	3	1	0	10	3
20	Marcus Thuram	06/08/1997	21	Guingamp	-	0	0	1	0	1	-
Coach											
-	Sylvain Ripoll	15/08/1971	47		-	10	0	1	0	11	-

Croatia

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season				Overall	
						Qual.		FT		Team	
						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	1	0	11	-
23	Adrian Šemper	12/01/1998	21	Chievo	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
Defenders											
2	Filip Uremović	11/02/1997	22	Rubin	-	3	1	1	0	4	1
3	Borna Sosa	21/01/1998	21	Stuttgart	-	9	0	1	0	10	-
5	Nikola Katić	10/10/1996	22	Rangers	-	0	0	1	0	1	-
6	Filip Benković	13/07/1997	21	Celtic	-	4	1	1	0	8	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	1	0	1	-
Midfielders											
4	Ivan Šunjić	09/10/1996	22	Dinamo Zagreb	-	8	1	1	0	9	1
8	Nikola Vlašić	04/10/1997	21	CSKA Moskva	-	7	5	1	1	15	6
9	Marin Jakoliš	26/12/1996	22	Admira	*	9	5	1	0	10	5
10	Alen Halilović	18/06/1996	23	Standard Liège	-	6	2	1	0	14	2
11	Luka Ivanušec	26/11/1998	20	Lokomotiva Zagreb	-	6	0	1	0	7	-
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	1	0	1	-
20	Nikola Moro	12/03/1998	21	Dinamo Zagreb	-	6	1	1	0	7	1
Forwards											
7	Josip Brekalo	23/06/1998	20	Wolfsburg	-	10	7	1	0	13	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	1	0	27	-

Head coach

Sylvain Ripoll

Date of birth: 15 August 1971

Nationality: French

Playing career: Rennes, Le Mans, Lorient

Coaching career: Lorient (assistant), Lorient, France U21

- A full-back and defensive midfielder, Ripoll was among the first young players to come through the brand new Rennes academy in the late 1980s, making his professional debut for his home-town club in 1990/91.
- After a season on loan at Le Mans in 1994/95, he returned to Brittany with Lorient, becoming a key member of the team who earned promotion to Ligue 1 in 1997/98. A cruciate injury prompted him to hang up boots in 2003 having missed the whole of the previous season, when Les Merlus won the French Cup.
- Over a 13-year career, Ripoll spent the bulk of his time in the second division but still appeared in Ligue 1 54 times. Following his playing retirement he stayed at Lorient to become the assistant to Christian Gourcuff, succeeding the long-serving coach in summer 2014.
- Kept the club in the top flight for the next two seasons before making way for Bernard Casoni in November 2016; resurfaced the following May as France Under-21 coach.
- After a brilliant qualifying campaign, Ripoll became the first coach to steer France to the UEFA European Championship since 2006, earning a two-year contract extension in May 2019.

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	Serdar Gözübüyük (NED)
Assistant referees	Charles Schaap (NED) , Jan de Vries (NED)
Video Assistant Referee	Jochem Kamphuis (NED)
Fourth official	Tobias Stieler (GER)
Assistant Video Assistant Referee	Bas Nijhuis (NED)
UEFA Delegate	Michal Mertinyak (SVK)
UEFA Referee observer	Stefano Podeschi (SMR)

Referee

Name	Date of birth	Under-21 matches	UEFA matches
Serdar Gözübüyük	29/10/1985	9	53

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

Date	Competition	Stage reached	Home	Away	Result	Venue
10/09/2012	U21	QR	Spain	Croatia	6-0	Alicante
14/11/2013	U21	QR	Croatia	Switzerland	0-2	Pula
17/11/2015	U21	QR	Croatia	Spain	2-3	Rijeka

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

Date	Competition	Stage reached	Home	Away	Result	Venue
25/05/2012	U19	ELITE	Croatia	Austria	2-2	Zapresic
30/05/2012	U19	ELITE	Croatia	Bosnia and Herzegovina	2-0	Zagreb
10/09/2012	U21	QR	Spain	Croatia	6-0	Alicante
14/11/2013	U21	QR	Croatia	Switzerland	0-2	Pula
23/10/2014	UEL	GS	FC Salzburg	GNK Dinamo Zagreb	4-2	Salzburg
17/11/2015	U21	QR	Croatia	Spain	2-3	Rijeka
15/02/2018	UEL	R32	Olympique de Marseille	SC Braga	3-0	Marseille
13/12/2018	UEL	GS	Stade Rennais FC	FC Astana	2-0	Rennes
14/02/2019	UEL	R32	FC Viktoria Plzeň	GNK Dinamo Zagreb	2-1	Plzen

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

France

Under-21 - Qualifying round

(05/09/2017)

France 4-1 Kazakhstan

Goals: 0-1 Zhalmukan 54, 1-1 Terrier 71, 2-1 Bamba 74, 3-1 Terrier 83, 4-1 Terrier 87

France: Kamara, Diallo, Diakhaby, Coco (80 Ndombele), Tousart, Harit (57 Mousset), Bamba, Diakhaby (57 Terrier), Lucas, Pavard, Ntcham

(05/10/2017)

France 2-1 Montenegro

Goals: 0-1 Skenderović 45+1, 1-1 Terrier 66, 2-1 Mousset 75

France: Kamara, Diallo, Diakhaby, Tousart, Dembélé (83 Lopez), Bamba, Ndombele, Grandsir (66 Terrier), Boscagli, Pavard, Ntcham (65 Mousset)

(09/10/2017)

Luxembourg 2-3 France

Goals: 1-0 E. Muratovic 9, 2-0 E. Muratovic 27 (P) , 2-1 Terrier 48, 2-2 Mousset 75, 2-3 Terrier 87

France: Kamara, Diop, Diallo, Tousart, Dembélé (65 Grandsir), Bamba, Ndombele (84 Lopez), Boscagli, Terrier, Pavard, Ntcham (46 Mousset)

(09/11/2017)

France 3-0 Bulgaria

Goals: 1-0 Terrier 58, 2-0 Ntcham 81, 3-0 Mousset 90

France: Bernardoni, Amian, Diallo, Diakhaby, Ndombele, Tousart, Dembélé (63 Mousset), Lopez, Bamba (64 Aouar), Lucas, Terrier (75 Ntcham)

(13/11/2017)

Slovenia 1-3 France

Goals: 1-0 Tučič 21, 1-1 Dembélé 34 (P) , 1-2 Dembélé 41, 1-3 Dembélé 45+1

France: Bernardoni, Amian, Diallo, Diakhaby, Ndombele (65 Ntcham), Tousart, Dembélé (74 Mousset), Lopez (80 Aouar), Bamba, Lucas, Terrier

(23/03/2018)

Kazakhstan 0-3 France

Goals: 0-1 Dembélé 52, 0-2 Augustin 56, 0-3 Bamba 59

France: Bernardoni, Boscagli, Diallo (46 Upamecano), Diakhaby, Ndombele (74 Nkunku), Tousart (68 Ntcham), Dembélé, Lopez, Bamba, Rosier, Augustin

(27/03/2018)

Montenegro 0-2 France

Goals: 0-1 Amian 60, 0-2 Augustin 87 (P)

France: Bernardoni, Amian, Nkunku (77 Del Castillo), Tousart, Dembélé (77 Ndombele), Bamba, Niakhaté, Upamecano, Rosier, Augustin, Ntcham

(07/09/2018)

Bulgaria 0-1 France

Goals: 0-1 Dembélé 57

France: Bernardoni, Boscagli, Diallo, Nkunku (71 Aouar), Tousart, Dembélé (66 Terrier), Ndombele (76 Ntcham), Bamba, Upamecano, Rosier, Del Castillo

(11/09/2018)

France 2-0 Luxembourg

Goals: 1-0 Aouar 60, 2-0 Bamba 88

France: Bernardoni, Amian, Diallo (64 Ndombele), Gnagnon, Dembélé (64 Bamba), Coco, Aouar, Gelin, Niakhaté, Terrier, Ntcham (79 Nkunku)

(16/10/2018)

France 1-1 Slovenia

Goals: 1-0 Aouar 54, 1-1 Ožbolt 70

France: Bernardoni, Diallo, Tousart, Aouar, Dembélé (58 Mateta), Coco (58 Saint-Maximin), Niakhaté, Upamecano, Rosier, Reine-Adélaïde (73 Lopez), Del Castillo

Group stage – final tournament

Group C

Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Romania	1	1	0	0	4	1	3
France	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
England	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Croatia	1	0	0	1	1	4	0

Matchday 1 (18/06/2019)

England 1-2 France

Goals: 1-0 Foden 54, 1-1 Ikoné 89, 1-2 Wan-Bissaka 90+4 (og)

France: Bernardoni, Ballo-Touré, Konaté, Upamecano, Tousart (72 Mateta), Aouar (82 Thuram), Dembélé, Ikoné, Dagba, Bamba (66 Ntcham), Reine-Adélaïde

Matchday 2 (21/06/2019)

France-Croatia

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

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England	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Croatia	1	0	0	1	1	4	0

Matchday 1 (18/06/2019)

Romania 4-1 Croatia

Goals: 1-0 Pușcaș 11 (P) , 2-0 Hagi 14, 2-1 Vlašić 18, 3-1 Băluță 66, 4-1 Petre 90+3

Croatia: Posavec, Uremović, Sosa, Šunjić, Katić, Benković, Brekalo (14 Bradarić), Vlašić, Jakoliš, Halilović (77 Murić), Moro (68 Ivanušec)

Matchday 2 (21/06/2019)

France-Croatia

Matchday 3 (24/06/2019)

Croatia-England

Team facts

France

Tournament record

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

Biggest wins

Final tournament

3-0: France v Germany, 25/05/06
Group stage, Estádio D. Afonso Henriques, Guimaraes

Qualifying

7-0: France v Yugoslavia, 16/11/85
Qualifying group stage, Stade Auguste-Delaune, Reims

Heaviest defeats

Final tournament

2-3: France v Netherlands, 01/06/06
Semi-final, Estádio Municipal de Braga, Braga

Qualifying

6-1: England v France, 28/02/84
Quarter-final first leg, Hillsborough, Sheffield

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.

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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
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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