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Match background

Spain are chasing a hat-trick of UEFA European Under-21 Championship titles as they meet a Switzerland side out to win their first in Saturday's final in Aarhus.

- Spain won in 1986 and 1998 and stand level in the tournament's all-time standings with USSR, Netherlands and England. Victory for Luis Milla's men would leave them second only to Italy, who have five successes to their name.
- Pierluigi Tami's Switzerland will have other ideas and enter their first U21 final high on confidence after four straight victories in Denmark. The Group B winners have yet to concede a goal and could make history as the first team to win this competition with their defence unbreached.
- Group A winners Spain, for their part, arrive at the final with three victories and a draw.
- Spain are playing in Aarhus for the first time; Switzerland have played here once before, beating Belarus 3-0 in their final group fixture.

Match background

- This is Spain's fifth U21 final and their record is two wins and two defeats:

1998 Won v Greece 1-0

1996 Lost v Italy 1-1 (4-5 pens)

1986 Won v Italy 1-2 a, 2-1 h (agg 3-3, 3-0 pens)

1984 Lost v England 0-1 h, 0-2 a (agg 0-3)

- Spain will hope to repeat their victory over Switzerland in their only previous U21 Championship encounter, in the play-offs for the last edition in Sweden. It was a close-fought contest, with a Spain side coached by Juan Ramón López Caro squeezing past Pierre-André Schürmann's Switzerland 4-3 on aggregate.

- The Swiss won the first leg 2-1 in Aarau on 11 October 2008. Sergio Busquets gave Spain the lead (18) but Johan Vonlanthen equalised (27) and Adrian Nicki's 51st-minute strike gave the hosts the advantage.

- The lineups were (*at 2011 finals):

Switzerland: Sommer*, Thiesson, Ziegler, Barmettler, Ferati, Schwegler, Crettenand, Lustenberger* (Stocker 63), Zambrella, Nikci, (Feltscher* 90) Vonlanthen (Ural 89).

Spain: Asenjo, Miguel Torres, Canella, Piqué, Javi García, Raúl García, Sisi, Busquets (Mario Suárez), Bojan*, Jurado (Xisco), Mata*. César Azpilicueta was an unused substitute.

- Three days later in Lorca, Spain turned the tables in dramatic fashion. Shkelzen Gashi (25) seemed to have dashed home hopes but half-time substitute Xisco made it 1-1 (51) and deep into added time Sisi levelled the aggregate score. Raúl García won the tie for Spain with eight minutes of extra time remaining.

- The lineups were:

Spain: Asenjo, Miguel Torres (Canella 59), Piqué, Chico, Azpilicueta*, Raúl García, Sisi, Javi García (Busquets 76), Mata*, Bojan*, Jurado (Xisco 46).

Switzerland: Sommer*, Thiesson, Ziegler, Barmettler, Ferati, Zambrella, Lustenberger*, Gashi (Basha 84, Ural 115), Crettenand, Nikci, (Feltscher* 76) Vonlanthen.

- The teams will meet in qualifying for the next U21 finals with ties in Spain on 14 November this year and in Switzerland on 6 September 2012.

- Spain have dominated Switzerland at senior level, winning 15 of their 19 meetings with three draws. Their only defeat came at the 2010 FIFA World Cup, when a 52nd-minute Gelson Fernandes goal earned Ottmar Hitzfeld's side a 1-0 victory on 16 June in Durban. Switzerland's Xherdan Shaqiri was an unused substitute, as were Spain's Juan Mata and Javi Martínez.

- The nations' most recent encounter at junior level was on 31 May in an U19 elite round game in Lausanne, Spain winning 2-1 en route to next month's final tournament in Romania. Benjamin Siegrist was in goal for Switzerland before coming to Denmark.

- They have played in three other U19 qualifiers, Switzerland prevailing 2-0 on 7 October 2008 in Minsk and Spain winning 2-0 at home and 3-1 away in the 2001/02 preliminary round.

- In that 2008 encounter Diego Mariño kept goal for a Milla-coached Spain team, with David de Gea on the bench, while Switzerland's lineup included Philippe Koch and Amir Abrashi. That result took both teams through and in the end both won their elite round groups to reach the final tournament in Ukraine.

- At the U17 final tournament in Germany in 2009, a Switzerland side including Nassim Ben Khalifa, Siegrist and Granit Xhaka held Spain 0-0 to earn a semi-final place at their opponents' expense. Both teams advanced to the FIFA U-17 World Cup in Nigeria where Switzerland emerged as champions with Spain third.
- Switzerland's Siegrist, Ben Khalifa, Patjim Kasami and Xhaka were in their country's U17 World Cup-winning squad.
- Milla is looking for his second international title with Spain having led the U19 side to the 2010 European title.
- The following Spain players have all been involved in winning squads at international finals (*did not play):
FIFA World Cup, 2010 (South Africa): Javi Martínez*, Juan Mata*
Under-19s, 2007 (Austria): Daniel Parejo, César Azpilicueta, Mikel San José, Emilio Nsue, Javi Martínez*
Under-19s, 2006 (Poland): Juan Mata, Diego Capel, Jeffrén
Under-17s, 2008 (Turkey): Thiago Alcántara, Martín Montoya
Under-17s, 2007 (Belgium): Bojan Krkić, David de Gea
- Runners-up
Under-19s, 2010 (France): Martín Montoya, Thiago Alcántara, Iker Muniain
FIFA U-17 World Cup, 2007: Bojan Krkić, David de Gea, Diego Mariño*
- In the 2007 U17 elite round, Spain beat Switzerland 1-0 with a Bojan strike on their way to qualifying and taking the title in Belgium. De Gea was in goal for Spain.
- In 2005 the countries' 1-1 draw in Sa Pobla, Majorca proved crucial in taking Switzerland to the U17 finals – while Spain missed out for the first time since the tournament's switch from a U16 event in 2001. Yann Sommer kept goal for Switzerland – understudied by Kevin Fickentscher – and Daniel Pavlović also started with Moreno Costanzo and Gaetano Berardi coming off the bench. Diego Capel played for Spain along with substitute Javi Martínez. Emilio Nsue was on the bench.
- Spain coach Milla earned three senior caps as a player, the second in a 2-1 win against Switzerland in Tenerife on 13 December 1989.
- Milla came up against Swiss clubs twice in two-legged ties as a Real Madrid CF player – a 6-1 UEFA Cup Winners' Cup success against FC Lugano in September 1993, and a 4-0 triumph against Grasshopper-Club in the UEFA Champions League in September 1995.
- Mario Gavranović scored FC Schalke 04's second goal in their 3-1 second-leg success against Mata's Valencia CF in the 2010/11 UEFA Champions League round of 16.
- Xavier Hochstrasser lined up against Javi Martínez and Muniain when their respective club sides, BSC Young Boys and Athletic Club, squared off in the 2009/10 UEFA Europa League third qualifying round. Although Young Boys won 1-0 in the first leg in Bilbao, Athletic were 2-1 victors in the return with Muniain hitting the decisive second away goal two minutes after stepping off the bench. François Affolter, injured for the final, played as a substitute in the first leg.
- Affolter, Hochstrasser and substitute Costanzo played in Young Boys' 2-0 home win against a Getafe CF side featuring substitute Daniel Parejo in the 2010/11 UEFA Europa League group stage. All three Swiss appeared again in the return 1-0 defeat at Getafe but Parejo was absent.
- Koch was in the FC Zürich side beaten 5-2 at home and 1-0 away by Real Madrid in the 2009/10 UEFA Champions League. Admir Mehmedi appeared as an 86th-minute substitute in Madrid.
- Kasami was in the US Città di Palermo side that defeated Victor Ruiz's SSC Napoli 2-1 in a Serie A match in Sicily on 23 April this year.
- Squad members eligible to play in the 2011/13 UEFA European Under-21 Championship:
Switzerland – 10: Amir Abrashi, François Affolter, Nassim Ben Khalifa, Fabio Daprelà, Patjim Kasami, Philippe Koch, Admir Mehmedi, Xherdan Shaqiri, Benjamin Siegrist, Granit Xhaka
Spain – 6: Thiago Alcántara, David de Gea, Bojan Krkić, Diego Mariño, Martín Montoya, Iker Muniain

Switzerland news

- Mehmedi scored with six minutes left in extra time to send Switzerland into the final at the expense of the Czech Republic with a 1-0 win in Herning.
- After serving a one-game ban in the semi-final for two yellow cards picked up during the group stage, Xhaka is available again. Reserve centre-back Affolter is sidelined after sustaining a thigh injury on the morning of the semi-final.
- The Swiss squad were given a rare lie-in following their one-and-a-half hour coach trip back to their hotel from Herning. Hochstrasser, Jonathan Rossini and semi-final goalscorer Mehmedi spoke to reporters on Thursday afternoon

before coach Tami gave his thoughts to the media. Fabian Lustenberger and Timm Klose, who sustained dead legs against the Czechs will be fit to play in Saturday's final.

- Switzerland's semi-final success means they will compete in the 2012 Olympic football tournament in London – 84 years after their last participation at the Amsterdam Games in 1928. It will be only the third time the Swiss have played in the Olympic football tournament after finishing runners-up in Paris in 1924.
- Switzerland's flawless record in the group stage augurs well. In their two previous tournament wins they achieved a similar clean sweep in the group stage – at the 2009 U17 World Cup and the 2002 UEFA European U17 Championship.
- That latter campaign was in Denmark and like now, Switzerland scored one, two and three goals in group matches – albeit in a different order nine years ago.
- Teams are allowed three players older than the 1989 birth date cut-off for the Olympics. "[Yann] Sommer and Lustenberger would definitely be there," said coach Tami, leaving one over-age place still available. Nine of the current squad would be over the age limit for the Games.
- The Swiss squad are whiling away their spare time playing table tennis and table football.

Spain news

- Spain left it late to rescue their campaign when Adrián López made it 1-1 in the 89th minute of the semi-final against Belarus. He added a second in extra time before Jeffren Suárez completed the scoring.
- With his two goals against Belarus, Adrián is well placed for the competition's adidas Golden Boot. The RC Deportivo La Coruña forward now has five goals, two clear of Mehmedi with team-mate Mata one of four players with two strikes to their name. Of that quartet, only England's Danny Welbeck is no longer in the tournament.
- Spanish Football Federation (RFEF) president Ángel María Villar Llona and sporting director Fernando Hierro attended Thursday's light training session for the players who did not feature against Belarus. Those who did play went to a spa in Herning. In the afternoon, captain Javi Martínez, Capel and Alberto Botia faced the media in a press conference, Spain's busiest of the finals.
- True to their passing style, Spain have recorded more possession in their games than any other team – 59% against England, 66% against the Czech Republic and 64% against Ukraine. The 73% possession they enjoyed in their semi-final against Belarus is the greatest in these finals to date.

Team facts

Switzerland

Tournament record

Winners: –

Runners-up: –

Semi-finalists: 2002

Final tournament appearances: 2002, 2004

All-time record: P139 W55 D34 L50

2011 qualifying

P12 W7 D3 L2 F20 A10

Top scorer: 3 Fabian Frei

Most appearances: 11 Yann Sommer

Biggest win: Estonia 1-4 Switzerland (Tallinn) 09/10/2009 and Switzerland 4-1 Sweden (Sion) 07/10/2010

Biggest defeat: Switzerland 0-2 v Turkey (St Gallen) 26/05/2010

Friendly results since qualifying

29/03/2011 Qatar 3-5 Switzerland (Doha, Qatar)

25/03/2011 Saudi Arabia 1-2 Switzerland (Dammam, Saudi Arabia)

09/02/2011 Switzerland 1-1 Ukraine (Valletta, Malta)

Switzerland U21s capped at senior level

Xherdan Shaqiri (11), François Affolter (4), Moreno Costanzo (4), Nassim Ben Khalifa (2), Mario Gavranović (1), Jonathan Rossini (1), Granit Xhaka (1), Innocent Emeghara (1), Admir Mehmedi (1)

Players with previous U21 Championship final tournament experience

None

Most capped player

All-time: 41 Alain RoCHAT

Current: 30 Yann Sommer

Leading scorer

All-time: 12 Hakan Yakin

Current: 5 Innocent Emeghara, Fabian Frei, Admir Mehmedi

Biggest wins

Final tournament: Switzerland 3-0 Belarus 18/06/11

2011 group stage, Aarhus Stadion, Aarhus

Qualifying: Switzerland 6-0 Luxembourg 27/03/01

2002 qualifying group stage, Sportplatz Brühl, Muri

Heaviest defeats

Final tournament: Switzerland 1-3 Sweden 02/06/04

2004 group stage, Carl-Benz Stadion, Mannheim

France 2-0 Switzerland 25/05/02

2002 semi-final, St. Jakob-Park, Basel

Qualifying: Switzerland 0-5 Sweden 11/10/94

1996 qualifying group stage, FC Solothurn Stadion, Solothurn

England 5-0 Switzerland, 11/10/80

1982 qualifying group stage, Portman Road, Ipswich

Spain

Tournament record

Winners: 1986, 1998

Runners-up: 1984, 1996

Semi-finalists: 1994

Final tournament appearances: 1994, 1996, 1998, 2000, 2009

All-time record: P167 W111 D28 L28

2011 qualifying

P10 W8 D1 L1 F20 A6

Top scorer: 3 Diego Capel, Daniel Parejo, Adrián

Most appearances: 10 César Azpilicueta

Biggest win: Liechtenstein 0-4 Spain (Vaduz) 07/09/2009

Biggest defeat: Netherlands 2-1 Spain (Rotterdam) 17/11/2009

Friendly results since qualifying

05/06/2011 Spain 1-1 Russia (Soria)

28/03/2011 Spain 1-1 Belarus (Alcala de Henares)

24/03/2011 Spain 2-3 France (Reims)

08/02/2011 Spain 2-1 Denmark (Guadalajara)

Spain U21s capped at senior level

Juan Mata (11), Javi Martínez (4), Diego Capel (2), Bojan Krkić (1)

Players with previous U21 Championship final tournament experience

Sweden 2009: Sergio Asenjo, César Azpilicueta, Javi Martínez

Most capped player

All-time: 27 Santi Cazorla

Current: 23 Diego Capel

Leading scorer

All-time: 12 Óscar García

Current: 8 Adrián

Biggest wins

Final tournament: Ukraine 0-3 Spain 19/06/2011

2011 group stage, Herning Stadion, Herning

Qualifying: Spain 14-0 San Marino 08/02/2005

2006 qualifying group stage, Santo Domingo, El Ejido

Heaviest defeats

Final tournament: England 2-0 Spain 18/06/2009

2009 group stage, Gamla Ullevi, Gothenburg

Portugal 2-0 Spain 15/04/1994

1994 semi-finals, Costières, Nimes

Qualifying: Netherlands 5-0 Spain 16/02/1983

1984 qualifying group stage, Galgenwaard, Utrecht

Squad list

Switzerland

No	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season				Overall	
						Qual.		FT		U21	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers											
1	Yann Sommer	17/12/88	22	FC Basel 1893	-	11	-	4	-	22	-
12	Kevin Fickentscher	06/07/88	22	FC Sion	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
21	Benjamin Siegrist	31/01/92	19	Aston Villa FC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders											
2	Philippe Koch	08/02/91	20	FC Zürich	-	7	1	4	-	11	1
3	Fabio Daprelà	19/02/91	20	Brescia Calcio	-	3	-	1	-	4	-
5	Jonathan Rossini	05/04/89	22	UC Sampdoria	-	10	1	4	-	14	1
15	Timm Klose	09/05/88	23	FC Thun	-	3	-	4	-	7	-
16	François Affolter	13/03/91	20	BSC Young Boys	-	6	-	1	-	7	-
20	Daniel Pavlović	22/04/88	23	Grasshopper-Club	-	8	-	-	-	8	-
23	Gaetano Berardi	21/08/88	22	Brescia Calcio	-	9	-	4	-	13	-
Midfielders											
4	Pajtim Kasami	02/06/92	19	US Città di Palermo	-	4	1	1	-	5	1
6	Fabian Lustenberger	02/05/88	23	Hertha BSC Berlin	-	4	-	4	-	18	2
8	Moreno Costanzo	20/02/88	23	BSC Young Boys	-	6	-	2	-	8	-
9	Fabian Frei	08/01/89	22	FC St Gallen	-	8	3	4	1	12	4
10	Xherdan Shaqiri	10/10/91	19	FC Basel 1893	-	2	-	4	1	6	1
14	Granit Xhaka	27/09/92	18	FC Basel 1893	-	1	-	3	-	4	-
17	Frank Feltscher	17/05/88	23	AC Bellinzona	-	9	2	1	1	18	4
18	Amir Abrashi	27/03/90	21	Grasshopper-Club	-	4	-	3	-	7	-
22	Xavier Hochstrasser	01/07/88	22	Calcio Padova 1910	-	9	2	2	-	11	2
Forwards											
7	Innocent Emeghara	27/05/89	22	Grasshopper-Club	-	-	-	4	1	4	1
11	Admir Mehmedi	16/03/91	20	FC Zürich	-	1	1	3	3	4	4
13	Nassim Ben Khalifa	13/01/92	19	1. FC Nürnberg	-	5	1	1	-	6	1
19	Mario Gavranović	24/11/89	21	FC Schalke 04	-	9	2	2	-	11	2
Coach											
-	Pierluigi Tami	12/09/61	49	-	-	11	-	4	-	11	-

Spain

No	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season				Overall	
						Qual.		FT		U21	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers											
1	Rubén Miño	18/01/89	22	FC Barcelona	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
13	David de Gea	07/11/90	20	Club Atlético de Madrid	-	6	-	4	-	10	-
23	Diego Mariño	09/05/90	21	Villarreal CF	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders											
2	César Azpilicueta	28/08/89	21	Olympique de Marseille	-	10	1	1	-	15	1
3	Álvaro Domínguez	16/05/89	22	Club Atlético de Madrid	-	4	1	4	-	8	1
5	Mikel San José	30/05/89	22	Athletic Club	-	4	1	-	-	4	1
12	Martín Montoya	14/04/91	20	FC Barcelona	-	-	-	4	-	4	-
15	José Angel Valdés	05/09/89	21	Real Sporting de Gijón	-	2	-	-	-	2	-
16	Victor Ruiz	25/01/89	22	SSC Napoli	-	3	-	-	-	3	-
17	Dídac Vila	09/06/89	22	AC Milan	-	-	-	4	-	4	-
20	Alberto Botía	27/01/89	22	Real Sporting de Gijón	-	8	-	4	-	12	-
Midfielders											
4	Javi Martínez	02/09/88	22	Athletic Club	-	8	1	4	-	19	1
8	Daniel Parejo	16/04/89	22	Getafe CF	-	9	3	3	-	13	3
10	Juan Mata	28/04/88	23	Valencia CF	-	4	-	4	2	16	4
11	Diego Capel	16/02/88	23	Sevilla FC	-	8	3	3	-	18	5
18	Ander Herrera	14/08/89	21	Real Zaragoza	-	6	-	4	1	10	1
21	Rubén Pérez	26/04/89	22	RC Deportivo La Coruña	-	3	-	-	-	3	-
Forwards											
6	Jeffren Suárez	20/01/88	23	FC Barcelona	-	6	1	2	1	8	2
7	Adrián López	08/01/88	23	RC Deportivo La Coruña	-	6	3	4	5	12	9
9	Bojan Krkić	28/08/90	20	FC Barcelona	-	5	1	3	-	16	4
14	Emilio Nsue	30/09/89	21	RCD Mallorca	-	2	-	1	-	3	-
19	Thiago Alcántara	11/04/91	20	FC Barcelona	-	4	-	4	-	8	-
22	Iker Muniain	19/12/92	18	Athletic Club	-	-	-	3	-	3	-
Coach											
-	Luis Milla	12/03/66	45	-	-	5	-	4	-	9	-

Head coach

Switzerland: Pierluigi Tami

Date of birth: 12 September 1961

Nationality: Swiss

Playing career: FC Chiasso, AC Bellinzona, FC Lugano, FC Locarno

Coaching career: FC Lugano, FC Locarno, Switzerland (coaching staff), Switzerland Under-18s, Under-21s

- Spent his entire career as a defender in the Italian speaking part of Switzerland. He represented Lugano and Locarno as both a player and coach, qualifying for his UEFA Pro Licence in June 2003
- Moved to the Swiss Football Association (SFV-ASF); between July 2006 and UEFA EURO 2008 on home soil, he was part of Jakob 'Köbi' Kuhn's coaching staff for the senior national side.
- Continued to assist next Switzerland coach Ottmar Hitzfeld, scouting fringe players for the seniors. Also studied Switzerland's opponents in 2010 FIFA World Cup qualifying, producing video clips for team meetings.
- Then took charge of Under-18 national team before being offered the U21 job on 1 July 2009 after the incumbent, Pierre-André Schürmann, accepted an offer from Neuchâtel Xamax FC.
- His philosophy is to play "bravely in attack and compact in defence. I ask of my players that they are capable of adapting to variable systems. I want to see 11 people working in attack as well as defence."

Spain: Luis Milla

Date of birth: 12 March 1966

Nationality: Spanish

Playing career: FC Barcelona, Real Madrid CF, Valencia CF

Coaching career: UD Puçol, Getafe CF (assistant), Spain Under-17s, Spain U19s, Spain U21s

- Began career in Barcelona's youth ranks, made his debut for the senior side aged 18 against Real Zaragoza in 1984/85. Did not become a first-team regular for four seasons, however, before going on to make 54 Liga appearances and winning the UEFA Cup Winners' Cup (1988/89) and Copa del Rey (1989/90).
- Signed for Real Madrid, where he remained until 1997, scoring three times in 165 Liga outings. His time with the Merengues proved rewarding, yielding two Liga titles, a Copa del Rey and two Spanish Super Cups.
- Won first of three Spain caps in a 4-0 triumph against Hungary on 15 November 1989. Ended playing career in 2001 after four seasons at Valencia, picking up another Copa del Rey medal along with a Spanish Super Cup.
- First turned to coaching with Puçol in 2006/07, guiding the Valencia-based side to 12th in the third division. Then snapped up to serve as Michael Laudrup's assistant at top-flight Getafe before taking over Spain's U17s and, not long afterwards, the U19s.
- Reached the final of the 2009/10 UEFA European Under-19 Championship, where Spain lost to hosts France. It was at that tournament that it was announced Milla would take over the U21s and he promptly steered the side to the 2011 finals via a play-off victory against Croatia.

Match officials

Referee	Paolo Tagliavento (ITA)
Assistant referees	Damien MacGraith (IRL), Vytautas Šimkus (LTU)
Fourth official	Robert Schörgenhofer (AUT)
UEFA Delegate	Nodar Akhalkatsi (GEO)
UEFA Referee observer	Jaap Uilenberg (NED)

Referee

Name	Date of birth	Under-21 matches
Paolo Tagliavento	19/09/1972	14

- A match official from Terni, Paolo Tagliavento has been working in Serie A in his native Italy since 2003/04, getting his first taste of UEFA competition the following year.
- A hairdresser by profession, Tagliavento earned his FIFA badge in 2007 but had been working as a fourth official in the UEFA Champions League and UEFA Cup since November 2004, a role he held on a regular basis in both competitions over the next few seasons.
- Oversaw three games at the 2007 UEFA Regions' Cup, including the final, and began to referee UEFA Cup matches the following season, including RSC Anderlecht-FC Girondins de Bordeaux in the round of 32. Fourth official at two UEFA EURO 2008 qualifiers, Tagliavento refereed two 2010 FIFA World Cup qualifiers.
- Worked at eight matches in the 2009/10 UEFA Europa League and was an additional assistant referee as Club Atlético de Madrid beat Fulham FC in the final in Hamburg.
- Took charge of his first UEFA Champions League group-stage game in December 2010, Arsenal FC-FK Partizan.

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

No matches found

Other matches

Date	Competition	Stage	Home	Away	Result	Venue
06/06/07	U21	QR	Denmark	Finland	0-1	Aalborg
07/09/07	U21	QR	Northern Ireland	Germany	0-3	Lurgan
20/11/07	U21	QR	Belarus	Serbia	1-1	Vitebsk
15/10/08	U21	PO	France	Germany	0-1	Longueville-les-Metz
08/10/10	U21	PO	England	Romania	2-1	Norwich
14/06/11	U21	GS	Denmark	Belarus	2-1	Aarhus
19/06/11	U21	GS	England	Czech Republic	1-2	Viborg
06/06/07	U21	QR	Denmark	Finland	0-1	Aalborg
07/09/07	U21	QR	Northern Ireland	Germany	0-3	Lurgan
20/11/07	U21	QR	Belarus	Serbia	1-1	Vitebsk
15/10/08	U21	PO	France	Germany	0-1	Longueville-les-Metz
08/10/10	U21	PO	England	Romania	2-1	Norwich
14/06/11	U21	GS	Denmark	Belarus	2-1	Aarhus
19/06/11	U21	GS	England	Czech Republic	1-2	Viborg

Match-by-match lineups

Final tournament Group A Switzerland

Standings

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Switzerland	3	3	0	0	6	0	9
Belarus	3	1	0	2	3	5	3
Iceland	3	1	0	2	3	5	3
Denmark	3	1	0	2	3	5	3

Matchday 1 (11/06/11)

Denmark 0-1 Switzerland

Goals: 0-1 Shaqiri 48

Switzerland: Sommer, Koch, Rossini, Lustenberger, Emeghara, F. Frei (Hochstrasser 70), Shaqiri (T. Klose 90+3), Mehmedi (Kasami 85), G. Xhaka, Affolter, Berardi

Matchday 2 (14/06/11)

Switzerland 2-0 Iceland

Goals: 1-0 F. Frei 1, 2-0 Emeghara 40

Switzerland: Sommer, Koch, Rossini, Lustenberger, Emeghara, F. Frei (Costanzo 66), Shaqiri, G. Xhaka (Abrashi 68), T. Klose, Gavranović (Ben Khalifa 84), Berardi

Matchday 3 (18/06/11)

Switzerland 3-0 Belarus

Goals: 1-0 Mehmedi 6(pen), 2-0 Mehmedi 43, 3-0 F. Feltscher 90+3

Switzerland: Sommer, Koch, Rossini, Lustenberger, Emeghara (F. Feltscher 65), F. Frei, Shaqiri, Mehmedi, G. Xhaka (Abrashi 52), T. Klose, Berardi (Daprelà 75)

Semi-finals

(22/06/11)

Switzerland 1-0 Czech Republic

Goals: 1-0 Mehmedi 24

Switzerland: Sommer, Koch, Rossini, Lustenberger, Emeghara (Costanzo 21 Ex.), F. Frei (Gavranović 78), Shaqiri, Mehmedi, T. Klose, Hochstrasser (Abrashi 71), Berardi

Final tournament Group B Spain

Standings

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Spain	3	2	1	0	6	1	7
Czech Republic	3	2	0	1	4	4	6
England	3	0	2	1	2	3	2
Ukraine	3	0	1	2	1	5	1

Matchday 1 (12/06/11)

Spain 1-1 England

Goals: 1-0 Herrera 14, 1-1 Welbeck 88

Spain: De Gea, Álvaro Domínguez, Javi Martínez, Jeffren Suárez (Bojan Krkić 80), Adrián López (Parejo 72), Mata, Montoya, Dídac Vila, Herrera (Diego Capel 86), Thiago Alcántara, Botía

Matchday 2 (15/06/11)

Czech Republic 0-2 Spain

Goals: 0-1 Adrián López 27, 0-2 Adrián López 47

Spain: De Gea, Álvaro Domínguez, Javi Martínez, Adrián López (Parejo 74), Mata (Nsue 89), Montoya, Dídac Vila, Herrera, Thiago Alcántara, Botía, Muniain (Diego Capel 83)

Matchday 3 (19/06/11)

Ukraine 0-3 Spain

Goals: 0-1 Mata 10, 0-2 Adrián López 27, 0-3 Mata 72(pen)

Spain: De Gea, Álvaro Domínguez, Javi Martínez (Parejo 76), Adrián López (Bojan Krkić 80), Mata, Montoya (Azpilicueta 82), Dídac Vila, Herrera, Thiago Alcántara, Botía, Muniain

Semi-finals

(22/06/11)

Spain 3-1 Belarus

Goals: 0-1 Voronkov 38, 1-1 Adrián López 89, 2-1 Adrián López 15, 3-1 Jeffren Suárez 23

Spain: De Gea, Álvaro Domínguez (Bojan Krkić 77), Javi Martínez, Adrián López, Mata, Montoya, Dídac Vila, Herrera (Diego Capel 58), Thiago Alcántara, Botía, Muniain (Jeffren Suárez 70)

Competition facts

Under-21 historical statistics (competitive matches)

Champions (hosts)

2009 Germany (Sweden)*
2007 Netherlands (Netherlands)*
2006 Netherlands (Portugal)*
2004 Italy (Germany)*
2002 Czech Republic (Switzerland)*
2000 Italy (Slovakia)
1998 Spain (Romania)
1996 Italy (Spain)
1994 Italy (France)
1992 Italy
1990 USSR
1988 France
1986 Spain
1984 England
1982 England
1980 USSR
1978 Yugoslavia

*Current format

Leading scorers

All-time

15 Lampros Choutos (Greece)
14 Roy Makaay (Netherlands), Klaas Jan Huntelaar (Netherlands)
12 Francis Jeffers (England), Imre Szabics (Hungary), Steffen Iversen (Norway), Oscar García (Spain)

In a final tournament since 2000

7 Marcus Berg (Sweden, 2009)
4 Andrea Pirlo (Italy, 2000), Alberto Gilardino (Italy, 2004), Klaas Jan Huntelaar (Netherlands, 2006), Maceo Rigters (Netherlands, 2007), Johan Elmander (Sweden, 2004)
3 Ola Toivonen (Sweden, 2009), Robert Acquafresca (Italy, 2009), Thomas Kahlenberg (Denmark, 2006) Leroy Lita (England, 2007), Massimo Maccarone (Italy, 2002), Giorgio Chiellini (Italy, 2007), Nicky Hofs (Netherlands, 2006), Hugo Almeida (Portugal, 2004), Markus Rosenberg (Sweden, 2004)

Leading scorers per U21 campaign (qualifying to final) since 1990

2009: 8 Robert Acquafresca (Italy)
2007: 4 Theo Walcott (England), Maceo Rigters (Netherlands), Igor Denisov (Russia), Nikita Bazhenov (Russia), Dragan Mrdja (Serbia)
2006: 14 Klaas Jan Huntelaar (Netherlands)
2004: 11 Alberto Gilardino (Italy)
2002: 9 Ricardo Cabanas (Switzerland)
2000: 15 Lampros Choutos (Greece)
1998: 9 Steffen Iversen (Norway)
1996: 10 Roy Makaay (Netherlands), Ole Gunnar Solskjær (Norway)
1994: 8 Nicolas Ouedec (France), Nelson Antonio Soares Gama (Portugal)
1992: 9 Peter Møller (Denmark)
1990: 9 Igor Kolyvanov (USSR)

Biggest win:

All-time

14-0: Spain v San Marino 08/02/2005
2006 qualifying group stage, Santo Domingo, El Ejido

Final tournament

6-0: England v Turkey 29/05/2000
2000 final tournament group stage, Tehelné Pole Stadium, Bratislava

Final

4-0: Germany v England 29/06/2009
2009, Malmö New Stadium, Malmö, Sweden

Most goals in a game:

14: Spain 14-0 San Marino 08/02/2005
2006 qualifying group stage, Santo Domingo, El Ejido

Final tournament

7: Czech Republic 4-3 Croatia 01/06/2000
2000 group stage, Mestský Stadium, Trenčín, Slovakia

Final

8: Yugoslavia 4-4 German Democratic Republic 31/05/1978
(second leg, Yugoslavia won 5-4 on agg), Mostar, Yugoslavia

Record attendance:

42,000: Turkey 1-1 Germany 18/11/2003
2004 qualifying play-off, Sükrü Saraçoğlu Stadium, Istanbul

Final tournament

35,500: Italy 1-1 Spain (Italy won 5-4 on pens) 31/05/1996
1996 final, Olímpico de Montjuïc, Barcelona

Competition information

- **Eligibility:** Players are eligible to play in the competition if they were born on or after 1 January 1988.
- **Qualifying:** Qualifying began on 27 March 2009 and ran until 12 October 2010 with a group stage followed by play-offs to determine which seven nations joined Denmark, who qualified automatically as hosts, at the eight-team final tournament.
- **How the 2011 final round works:** The group stage is based on a league system (three points for a win, one for a draw, none for a defeat) to produce four semi-finalists.

If two or more teams are equal on points on completion of all the matches in their group, the following criteria will be used to determine the rankings in the order given:

- a) number of points obtained in the matches between the teams in question;
- b) goal difference in the matches between the teams in question;
- c) number of goals scored in the matches between the teams in question (if more than two teams finish equal on points);
- d) goal difference in all the group matches;
- e) number of goals scored in all the group matches;
- f) coefficient from the qualifying competitions (only group stage matches) for the 2007-09 and 2009-11 UEFA European Under-21 Championship (points divided by the number of matches played);
- g) goal difference from the play-offs;
- h) average number of goals scored per play-off;
- i) fair play ranking (final tournament);
- j) drawing of lots.

If two teams with the same number of points, goals scored and conceded play their last group match against each other and are still equal at the end of that match, the ranking of the two teams will be determined by penalties, provided that no other team within the group has the same number of points on completion of all group matches.

The final tournament consists of two groups of four, with the top two from each progressing to the semi-finals (A1 v B2 and B2 v A1) where it becomes a knockout competition (extra time and then penalties apply).

• **Olympic Football Tournament:** The 2011 finals also serve as qualification for the 2012 Olympic Games with three sides set to join hosts Great Britain at the London Olympics. As England did not reach the last four, the two losing semi-finalists, Czech Republic and Belarus, will play off for an Olympic place in Aalborg.

• **Disciplinary information:** Yellow cards that did not result in a suspension expired at the end of the group stage and were not carried forward to the semi-finals.

• **Carlsberg Sport Man of the Match Award:** A member of the UEFA Technical Study Group will select a man of the match at every game in the finals. The player will receive his award at the post-match press conference. See <http://www.uefa.com/under21/csmotm/index.html> for further details.

• **Top scorer:** adidas will award a golden boot to the leading scorer at the tournament after the final, along with silver and bronze boots for the players finishing second and third in the scoring chart.

• **Official ball:** The adidas SPEEDCELL – standing for speed, power and team spirit – was unveiled in March with a futuristic design to celebrate the colours of host nation Denmark. The red and white of the Danish flag are enhanced by 11 lines on the ball that symbolise the players on the pitch, along with the official event logo.

• **Official song:** For the Love of the Game by Danish singer-songwriter Bryan Rice is the official tune of the finals. The 33-year-old performed the track at the opening ceremony in Aalborg on 11 June, and the song is subsequently played at every match.

• **TV rights:** Television rights for the finals were sold to more than 130 territories globally. The deals include excellent visibility for the final tournament in the eight participating countries – Belarus TV in Belarus, Czech TV in Czech Republic, TV2 in Denmark, RUV in Iceland, Cuatro in Spain, SSR SRG in Switzerland, Sky Sports in the UK, and ICTV and TRK Football in Ukraine.

• **Streaming:** To complement the broadcast platform, free live streaming of the matches will be available on UEFA.com in selected territories with no TV coverage, guaranteeing unprecedented exposure for the final tournament. UEFA.com will also have free highlights of each game as well as extensive full highlights and full match reruns.

- **Referees:** Six referees were chosen to officiate in Denmark: Robert Schörgenhofer (Austria), Marijo Strahonja (Croatia), Paolo Tagliavento (Italy), Aleksandar Stavrev (Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia), Milorad Mažić (Serbia) and Markus Strömbergsson (Sweden).
- **Trophy:** The original trophy, which is used for the official presentation ceremony at the final, remains in UEFA's keeping at all times. A full-size replica is awarded to the winning association. Each association that competes in the final tournament will receive a commemorative plaque.
- **Medals:** 35 gold medals are presented to the winning team and 35 silver medals to the runners-up. The teams beaten in the semi-finals will each receive 35 bronze medals.
- **Ambassadors:** EURO '92 winner Flemming Povlsen is tournament ambassador for the finals, with his work supplemented by four city representatives: U21 international Lasse Nielsen (Aalborg), 100-times capped Martin Jørgensen (Aarhus), FC Midtjylland's respected academy director Claus Steinlein (Herning) and Superliga all-time top scorer Søren Frederiksen (Viborg).
- **UEFA.com:** A team of reporters in Denmark will provide unrivalled coverage in 12 European languages. You can also follow UEFA.com on Twitter and Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/under21>) or by downloading the new UEFA.com publications iPad.
- **Next finals:** Israel were selected as hosts of the 2013 UEFA European Under-21 Championship finals at the UEFA Executive Committee meeting on 27 January 2011. Bulgaria, Czech Republic, England and Wales were also in the running. Players are eligible to play in the competition if they were born on or after 1 January 1990.

Tournament schedule

Final tournament

Date		Home	Res.	Away	Venue
11/06/11	Grp A	Belarus	2 - 0	Iceland	Aarhus
11/06/11	Grp A	Denmark	0 - 1	Switzerland	Aalborg
12/06/11	Grp B	Czech Republic	2 - 1	Ukraine	Viborg
12/06/11	Grp B	Spain	1 - 1	England	Herning
14/06/11	Grp A	Switzerland	2 - 0	Iceland	Aalborg
14/06/11	Grp A	Denmark	2 - 1	Belarus	Aarhus
15/06/11	Grp B	Czech Republic	0 - 2	Spain	Viborg
15/06/11	Grp B	Ukraine	0 - 0	England	Herning
18/06/11	Grp A	Iceland	3 - 1	Denmark	Aalborg
18/06/11	Grp A	Switzerland	3 - 0	Belarus	Aarhus
19/06/11	Grp B	England	1 - 2	Czech Republic	Viborg
19/06/11	Grp B	Ukraine	0 - 3	Spain	Herning

Group A

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Switzerland	3	3	0	0	6	0	9
Belarus	3	1	0	2	3	5	3
Iceland	3	1	0	2	3	5	3
Denmark	3	1	0	2	3	5	3

Group B

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Spain	3	2	1	0	6	1	7
Czech Republic	3	2	0	1	4	4	6
England	3	0	2	1	2	3	2
Ukraine	3	0	1	2	1	5	1

Semi-finals

Date		Home	Res.	Away	Venue
22/06/11		Switzerland	1-0 (-(aet))	Czech Republic	Herning
22/06/11		Spain	3-1 (-(aet))	Belarus	Viborg

Olympic play-off

Date		Home	Res.	Away	Venue
25/06/11		Czech Republic	15.00CET (15.00 local time)	Belarus	Aalborg

Final

Date		Home	Res.	Away	Venue
25/06/11		Switzerland	20.45CET (20.45 local time)	Spain	Aarhus

Top scorers

5 - Adrián López (ESP)	1 - Dmitri Baga (BLR)
3 - Admir Mehmedi (SUI)	1 - Jeffren Suárez (ESP)
2 - Danny Welbeck (ENG)	1 - Xherdan Shaqiri (SUI)
2 - Juan Mata (ESP)	1 - Birkir Bjarnason (ISL)
2 - Andrei Voronkov (BLR)	1 - Frank Feltscher (SUI)
2 - Bořek Dočkal (CZE)	1 - Ander Herrera (ESP)
1 - Jan Chramosta (CZE)	1 - Tomáš Pekhart (CZE)
1 - Bashkim Kadrii (DEN)	1 - Kolbeinn Sigthórsson (ISL)
1 - Nicolai Jørgensen (DEN)	1 - Hjörtur Valgardsson (ISL)
1 - Innocent Emeghara (SUI)	1 - Fabian Frei (SUI)
1 - Christian Eriksen (DEN)	1 - Maksim Skavysch (BLR)
1 - Maxym Biliy (UKR)	

Legend

:: Squad list

No: number **DoB:** date of birth **Qual:** qualifying **FT:** final tournament **Pld:** played **Gls:** goals **Overall U21:** final tournament only

:: Match officials

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

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

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

:: Group statistics/Tournament schedule

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

:: NOTE: All-time statistics

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

:: Competitions

Club competitions

UCL: UEFA Champions League/UEFA Champions League

Tournament: UEFA Europa League/UEFA Champions League

ECCC: European Champion Clubs' Cup/UEFA Champions 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 • **WCHAMP:** UEFA European Women's Championship

:: Competition stages

F: Final

GS: Group stage

GS1: First group stage

GS2: Second group stage

KO1: First knockout round

PR: Preliminary round

QF: Quarter-finals

QR: Qualifying round

QR1: First qualifying round

QR2: Second qualifying round

FT: Final tournament

ELITE: Elite round

3rdPO: Third-place play-off

GS-FT: Group stage – final tournament

3QR: Third qualifying round

R1: First round

R2: Second round

R3: Third round

R4: Fourth round

SF: Semi-finals

R16: round of 16

R32: Round of 32

1st: first leg

2nd: second leg

PO: Play-off

(Rep): Replay

PO - FT: Play-off for Final Tournament

Prom/rel PO: Promotion/relegation play-off

:: Statistics

(-): Denotes player substituted

(*): Denotes player sent off

(+): Denotes player introduced

(+/-): Denotes player introduced and substituted

:: Squad list

D: Disciplinary

S: Suspended

Overall U21: Total appearances in the UEFA European Under-21 Championship final tournament only

*****: Misses next match if booked

#: Suspended for at least one match

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