Slovakia vs England

Slovakia

Kielce Stadium - Kielce
Monday 19 June 2017
18.00CET (18.00 local time)
Group A - Matchday 2

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**Slovakia - England**  
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Kielce Stadium, Kielce
Both teams have historical reasons for optimism as Slovakia and England meet in the second round of Group A games.

**Previous meetings**
- This is the sides’ fourth meeting, and their first since 2003. England picked up away and home victories in qualifying for the 2004 finals, Francis Jeffers scoring twice and Shola Ameobi and Joe Cole once each in a 4-0 win in Trnava on 11 October 2002.
- Back in England on 10 June 2003, an own goal by Peter Doležaj (40) and Phil Jagielka's 83rd-minute strike gave England a 2-0 triumph at Sunderland's Stadium of Light.
- Hosts Slovakia, however, came out on top in the countries' sole previous final-tournament encounter as second-half goals from Peter Babnič (67) and Szilárd Németh (74) earned a 2-0 success at the Štadión Pasienky in Bratislava.

**Match background**

**Slovakia**
- Slovakia won six of their eight qualifiers and suffered just one defeat to finish five points clear of the Netherlands at the qualifying Group 8 summit. Adam Žreľák finished as their five-goal top scorer, with one more than Martin Chrien.
- Slovakia's single previous U21 final appearance came in 2000, when they came fourth on home soil. A team featuring Kamil Čontofalský, Vratislav Greško, Radoslav Zabavník, Marek Mintál, Szilárd Németh, Karol Kisel, Peter Hlinka and Martin Petráš beat Turkey and England in the group stage to earn second spot in their section and, with no semi-finals, progressed to a third-place play-off where they lost 1-0 to Spain.
- Czechoslovakia reached the U21 quarter-finals on six occasions, but never went any further in the competition.

**England**
- England are contesting these finals for the sixth successive edition, although in each of the last three tournaments they failed to survive the group stage. Champions in 1982 and 1984, they got to the final under Stuart Pearce in 2009 – falling to Germany – and they have been semi-finalists on a further five occasions, most recently 2007.
- This time, England posted six victories and two draws to finish four points clear at the top of Group 9 – one of six teams to qualify unbeaten. They won all four home games with a goal difference of 17-2, but managed just three goals in four away fixtures – albeit winning two of those and drawing the others. Their three goals against was the joint lowest in qualifying, along with Denmark and Italy.

**Coach and player links**
- Marek Rodák signed for Fulham in 2013, spending 2016/17 on loan at Accrington Stanley. His Fulham team-mates include Cauley Woodrow.
- Ľubomír Šatka has been at Newcastle United since 2012, while Albert Rusnák was a Manchester City player from 2010–14.

**Coach profiles**

**Pavel Hapal, Slovakia**
A left-sided midfielder whose attacking instincts made him a regular goalscorer, Hapal spent six years at Sigma Olomouc across four spells, helping them reach the 1991/92 UEFA Cup quarter-finals before moving to Germany and Bayer Leverkusen. He also had a Spanish sojourn with Tenerife and represented both Czechoslovakia and the Czech Republic internationally, breaking his leg a month before EURO '96.

Having retired aged 32 in 2002, he quickly went into coaching, gaining experience in his Czech homeland and Poland and enjoying success with three Slovak clubs – Nitra, Senica and most notably Žilina, whom Hapal guided to the league title in 2010 and the UEFA Champions League group stage the following seasons. A coach whose sides are built on teamwork and fighting spirit, he took over the Slovakia U21s in January 2015.

**Aidy Boothroyd, England**
A lower-league defender whose longest association was with Mansfield Town, Boothroyd began coaching in 1998 with the youth teams at Peterborough. Stints in the youth ranks at Norwich City and West Bromwich Albion followed before he stepped up to become first-team coach at Leeds United in 2004.

Boothroyd’s first managerial role arrived a year later, when he took charge at Watford aged 34. He steered the Hornets into the Premier League in his first full season, 2005/06, but left in 2008 with the club back in the Championship. He added Colchester United, Coventry City and, from 2011–13, Northampton Town to his management CV before joining England’s youth set-up in February 2014. Boothroyd was handed the U21 reins in October 2016 following Gareth Southgate’s appointment to the senior job.
## Squad list

### Slovakia

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| 12  | Marek Rodák          | 13/12/1996| 20  | Fulham         | 0     | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| 23  | Adam Jakubech        | 02/01/1997| 20  | Spartak Trnava| 0     | 0  | 0    | 0   |
|### Defenders
| 2   | Branislav Niňaj      | 17/05/1994| 23  | Lokeren       | 6     | 0  | 1    | 0   |
| 3   | Milan Škriniar        | 11/02/1995| 22  | Sampdoria     | 7     | 1  | 1    | 0   |
| 4   | Martin Valjent        | 11/12/1995| 21  | Ternana       | 7     | 0  | 1    | 1   |
| 5   | Tomáš Huk             | 22/12/1994| 22  | Dunájska Streda| 0     | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| 13  | Ľubomír Šatka         | 02/12/1995| 21  | Newcastle     | 1     | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| 14  | Róbert Mazáň          | 09/02/1994| 23  | Žilina         | 6     | 0  | 1    | 0   |
| 16  | Lukáš Skovajsa        | 27/03/1994| 23  | Trenčín       | 2     | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| 19  | Denis Vavro           | 10/04/1996| 21  | Žilina         | 2     | 0  | 0    | 0   |
### Midfielders
| 6   | Stanislav Lobotka    | 25/11/1994| 22  | Nordsjælland  | 8     | 1  | 1    | 0   |
| 7   | Jaroslav Mihalík      | 27/07/1994| 22  | Cracovia      | 8     | 3  | 1    | 0   |
| 8   | Martin Chrien         | 08/09/1995| 21  | Ružomerok     | 7     | 4  | 1    | 0   |
| 10  | Albert Rusnák         | 07/07/1994| 22  | Real Salt Lake| 8     | 3  | 1    | 0   |
| 11  | Nikoľas Špalek        | 12/02/1997| 20  | Žilina         | 1     | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| 17  | Lukáš Haraslin        | 26/05/1996| 21  | Lechia        | 0     | 0  | 1    | 0   |
| 20  | Miroslav Káčer        | 02/02/1996| 21  | Žilina         | 2     | 0  | 0    | 0   |
| 21  | Matúš Bero            | 06/09/1995| 21  | Trabzonspor   | 7     | 2  | 1    | 0   |
| 22  | László Bénes          | 09/09/1997| 19  | Mönchengladbach| 2     | 0  | 1    | 0   |
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| 15  | Adam Žreľák            | 05/05/1994| 23  | Jablonec      | 4     | 5  | 1    | 0   |
| 18  | Pavol Šafranko        | 16/11/1994| 22  | Dunájska Streda| 5     | 2  | 1    | 1   |
### Coach
- Pavel Hapal | 27/07/1969 | 47 | 8 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 9 |

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**Coach**
- Adrian Boothroyd

**England**

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Gediminas Mazeika

Referee since: 1999
First division: 2001
FIFA badge: 2008


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Slovakia

Under-21 - Qualifying round

(06/09/2015)
Belarus 1-0 Slovakia
Goals: 1-0 Yarotski 39
Slovakia: Chovan, Vavro, Škriniar, Lobotka, Mihalík (80 Brigant), Čmelík (46 Ivan), Rusnák, Šafranko (68 Vestenický), Mazáň, Chvátal, Bero

(08/10/2015)
Slovakia 2-0 Cyprus
Goals: 1-0 Mihalík 62, 2-0 Zreľák 70
Slovakia: Chovan, Niňaj, Škriniar, Valjent, Lobotka, Mihalík (85 Ivan), Chrien, Rusnák, Mazáň, Zreľák (92 Šafranko), Bero (91 Káčer)

(11/10/2015)
Netherlands 1-3 Slovakia
Goals: 1-0 Janssen 16, 1-2 Škriniar 64, 1-3 Bero 69
Slovakia: Chovan, Niňaj, Škriniar, Valjent, Lobotka, Mihalík (85 Ivan), Chrien, Rusnák, Mazáň, Zreľák (92 Šafranko), Bero (91 Káčer)

(17/11/2015)
Slovakia 4-2 Netherlands
Goals: 0-1 Janssen 16, 0-2 Janssen 23, 1-2 Mihalík 50, 2-2 Rusnák 64, 3-2 Chrien 83, 4-2 Zreľák 90+4 (P)
Slovakia: Chovan, Niňaj, Škriniar, Valjent, Lobotka, Mihalík (42 Ivan), Rusnák (90 Skovajsa), Mazáň, Zreľák, Bero (46 Brigant)

(29/03/2016)
Slovakia 5-0 Turkey
Goals: 1-0 Zreľák 10, 2-0 Rusnák 23, 3-0 Mihalík 75, 4-0 Zreľák 79 (P), 5-0 Zreľák 85
Slovakia: Chovan, Niňaj, Škriniar, Valjent, Lobotka, Mihalík (42 Ivan), Rusnák, Mazáň, Zreľák (89 Šafranko), Bero (82 Brigant)

(05/09/2016)
Cyprus 0-3 Slovakia
Goals: 0-1 Chrien 1, 0-2 Bero 58, 0-3 Rusnák 72
Slovakia: Chovan, Niňaj, Škriniar, Valjent, Lobotka, Mihalík (79 Ivan), Chrien (27 Hromada), Rusnák, Mazáň, Šafranko (90 Vestenický), Bero

(07/10/2016)
Slovakia 3-1 Belarus
Goals: 1-0 Šafranko 36, 2-0 Šafranko 61, 2-1 Yablonski 72, 3-1 Chrien 90+1
Slovakia: Chovan, Niňaj, Škriniar, Valjent, Skovajsa, Lobotka, Mihalík (88 Ivan), Chrien (27 Hromada), Rusnák, Šafranko (62 Vestenický), Bero (72 Brigant)

(11/10/2016)
Turkey 1-1 Slovakia
Goals: 1-0 Hruška 44 (og), 1-1 Lobotka 70 (P)
Slovakia: Hruška, Valjent, Lobotka, Mihalík (26 Ivan), Vestenický, Rusnák (46 Špalek), Šatka, Králik, Bénes (84 Chrien), Vavro, Hromada

Group stage – final tournament

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Matchday 1 (16/06/2017)
Poland 1-2 Slovakia
Goals: 1-0 Lipski 1, 1-1 Valjent 20, 1-2 Šafranko 78
Slovakia: Chovan, Niňaj, Škriniar, Valjent, Lobotka, Mihalík (82 Haraslín), Chrien, Rusnák, Mazáň, Zreňák (73 Šafranko), Bero (92 Bénes)

Matchday 2 (19/06/2017)
Slovakia-England

Matchday 3 (22/06/2017)
Slovakia-Sweden

England

Under-21 - Qualifying round

(07/09/2015)
Norway 0-1 England
Goals: 0-1 Ward-Prowse 45+1 (P)
England: Pickford, Gomez, Targett, Loftus-Cheek (69 Forster-Caskey), Chambers, Dier, Ibe, Ward-Prowse, Woodrow, Alli (46 Chalobah), Redmond

(13/10/2015)
England 3-0 Kazakhstan
Goals: 1-0 Loftus-Cheek 53, 2-0 Redmond 70, 3-0 Akpom 90+4
England: Pickford, Gomez (80 Iorfa), Targett, Baker, Chambers, Dier, Ibe (65 Watmore), Ward-Prowse, Akpom, Loftus-Cheek (83 Chalobah), Redmond

(12/11/2015)
Bosnia and Herzegovina 0-0 England
England: Pickford, Iorfa, Targett, Chalobah, Chambers, Stephens, Baker, Ward-Prowse, Akpom (70 Watmore), Loftus-Cheek (85 Forster-Caskey), Solanke (88 Woodrow)

(16/11/2015)
England 3-1 Switzerland
Goals: 0-1 Taraschaj 45, 1-1 Ward-Prowse 82 (P), 2-1 Watmore 85, 3-1 Akpom 90+1
England: Pickford, Iorfa, Targett, Baker, Chambers, Chalobah, Swift, Ward-Prowse, Solanke (86 Forster-Caskey), Loftus-Cheek (75 Watmore), March (58 Akpom)

(26/03/2016)
Switzerland 1-1 England
Goals: 0-1 Akpom 47, 1-1 Kamberi 76
England: Pickford, Iorfa, Targett, Baker, Chambers, Hause, Swift (27 Ibe), Ward-Prowse, Akpom (86 Solanke), Loftus-Cheek (70 Grimes), Gray

(06/09/2016)
England 6-1 Norway
Goals: 1-0 Rashford 29, 2-0 Chalobah 38, 3-0 Loftus-Cheek 64, 4-0 Rashford 66, 4-1 Zahid 68, 5-1 Rashford 72 (P), 6-1 Baker 86
England: Gunn, Iorfa, Targett, Chalobah, Chambers, Hause, Baker, Ward-Prowse, Rashford (84 Akpom), Loftus-Cheek (80 Watmore), Redmond (80 Gray)

(06/10/2016)
Kazakhstan 0-1 England
Goals: 0-1 Gray 6

(11/10/2016)
England 5-0 Bosnia and Herzegovina
Goals: 1-0 Swift 14, 2-0 Abraham 18, 3-0 Onomah 49, 4-0 Watmore 62, 5-0 Abraham 68
England: Walton, Iorfa, Galloway, Hayden, Stephens, Chalobah (46 Chambers), Onomah, Swift, Abraham (73 Gray), Grealish (73 Redmond), Watmore
Group stage – final tournament

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Sweden 0-0 England

England: Pickford, Holgate, Chilwell, Chalobah, Chambers, Ward-Prowse, Abraham, Baker, Redmond, Murphy (70 Gray), Mawson

Matchday 2 (19/06/2017)

Slovakia-England

Matchday 3 (22/06/2017)

England-Poland
Team facts

Slovakia

Tournament record
2015: play-offs
2013: play-offs
2011: did not qualify
2009: did not qualify
2007: did not qualify
2006: did not qualify
2004: did not qualify
2002: did not qualify
2000: fourth place
1998: did not qualify
1996: did not qualify
1994: quarter-finals (as Czechoslovakia)
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1984: did not qualify (as Czechoslovakia)
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1980: quarter-finals (as Czechoslovakia)
1978: quarter-finals (as Czechoslovakia)

Biggest wins

Final tournament
0-2: England v Slovakia, 01/06/00
Group stage, Štadión Pasienky, Bratislava

Qualifying
1-7: Luxembourg v Slovakia, 11/06/13
Qualifying group stage, Deich, Ettelbruck
6-0: Slovakia v Kazakhstan, 10/09/12
Qualifying group stage, National Training Centre, Senec
0-6: Latvia v Slovakia, 11/10/11
Qualifying group stage, Zemgales Olympic Stadium, Jelgava
0-6: Malta v Slovakia, 30/03/97
Qualifying group stage, Hibernians Stadium, Corradino

Heaviest defeats

Final tournament
1-0: Spain v Slovakia, 04/06/00
Third-place play-off, Štadión Pasienky, Bratislava

Qualifying
4-0: Russia v Slovakia, 04/09/04
Qualifying group stage, Eduard Streltsov, Moscow
0-4: Slovakia v England, 11/10/02
Qualifying group stage, Štadión Antona Malatinského, Trnava
4-0: Sweden v Slovakia, 01/06/01
Qualifying group stage, Enavallens Idrottsplats, Enkoping

England

Tournament record
2015: group stage
2013: group stage
2011: group stage
2009: runners-up
2007: semi-finals
2006: play-offs
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Biggest wins

Final tournament
6-0: England v Turkey 29/05/00
Group stage, Tehelne Pole, Bratislava

Qualifying
9-0: England v San Marino 19/11/2013
2015 qualifying group stage, Greenhous Meadow, Shrewsbury

Biggest defeats

Final tournament
4-0: Germany v England 29/06/2009
Final, Malmö New Stadium, Malmo

Qualifying:
4-0: Romania v England 14/10/1980
1982 qualifying group stage, Ilie Oana, Ploiesti
**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.

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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.

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**PR:** Preliminary round  
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**National team competitions**

**EURO:** UEFA European Football Championship  
**WC:** FIFA World Cup  
**CONF CUP:** FIFA Confederations Cup  
**FRIE:** Friendly internationals  
**U21 FRIE:** 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

**Other abbreviations**

**ag:** Match decided on away goals  
**Pld:** Matches played  
**Pos.:** Position  
**Pts:** Points  
**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  

**Penalties**  
**og:** Own goal  
**P:** Penalty  
**agg:** Aggregate  
**AP:** Appearances  
**Comp.:** Competition  
**D:** Drawn  
**DoB:** Date of birth  
**ET:** Extra Time  
**GA:** Goals against  
**W:** Won  
**Y:** Booked  
**L:** Lost  
**Nat.:** Nationality  
**N/A:** Not applicable
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Monday 19 June 2017 - 18.00CET (18.00 local time)
Kielce Stadium, Kielce

Statistics

-: Denotes player substituted
*: Denotes player sent off
+: Denotes player introduced
+/-: 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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