

NETHERLANDS - ITALY

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Group C - Matchday 3



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Match background

The Netherlands will look to end a 30-year wait for a win against Italy when they take on the world champions in their opening UEFA EURO 2008™ match in Berne.

- Not since the 1978 FIFA World Cup have the Oranje got the better of Italy but Marco van Basten's men will be desperate to put recent history – to be specific, eight games without beating the Azzurri – behind them in the sides' first test in a tough-looking Group C that also includes France and Romania.
- It was in Buenos Aires on 21 June 1978 that the Dutch last beat Italy, winning 2-1 in the teams' final game of the second group stage to secure a place in the World Cup final. Italy had taken the lead through an Ernie Brandts own goal but Brandts himself restored parity before Arie Haan struck the Netherlands' winner.
- Italy have held the upper hand over the ensuing three decades, during which they have recorded two draws and six wins against the Oranje, including a penalty shoot-out triumph following a goalless semi-final at UEFA EURO 2000™.
- Despite playing against ten men from the 34th minute when Gianluca Zambrotta was sent off, the tournament co-hosts paid the price for two missed penalties during normal time.
- Frank de Boer was denied by goalkeeper Francesco Toldo and Patrick Kluivert then struck a post. Come the deciding shoot-out, the Italians prevailed 3-1 with Luigi Di Biagio, Gianluca Pessotto and Francesco Totti all converting their kicks while Toldo foiled De Boer again and Paul Bosvelt and Jaap Stam missed the target.
- The starting teams for that Amsterdam semi-final were:
Italy: Francesco Toldo, Fabio Cannavaro, Mark Iuliano, Alessandro Nesta, Paolo Maldini, Stefano Fiore, Demetrio Albertini, Luigi Di Biagio, Gianluca Zambrotta, Alessandro Del Piero, Filippo Inzaghi.
Netherlands: Edwin van der Sar, Paul Bosvelt, Jaap Stam, Frank de Boer, Boudewijn Zenden, Marc Overmars, Edgar Davids, Phillip Cocu, Giovanni van Bronckhorst, Dennis Bergkamp, Patrick Kluivert.
- Italy won 3-1 when the teams met again in Amsterdam on 12 November 2005. After falling behind to Ryan Babel's 37th-minute opener, the Azzurri replied with three goals in nine minutes from Alberto Gilardino (40), Mauro Camoranesi (45) and Luca Toni (49).
- The teams that evening were:
Netherlands: Edwin van der Sar, Jan Kromkamp, Ron Vlaar, Joris Mathijsen, Giovanni van Bronckhorst, Denny Landzaat, Phillip Cocu, Rafael van der Vaart, Dirk Kuyt, Romeo Castelen, Ryan Babel.
Italy: Christian Abbiati, Gianluca Zambrotta, Alessandro Nesta, Fabio Cannavaro, Fabio Grosso, Andrea Pirlo, Gennaro Gattuso, Mauro Camoranesi, Alessandro Del Piero, Alberto Gilardino, Luca Toni.



- The Netherlands did get the better of Italy in qualifying for the quarter-finals of the 1976 UEFA European Championship, topping their group after beating the Azzurri 3-1 at home and losing 1-0 away.
- The overall record in head-to-head meetings between the countries is eight wins for Italy, two for the Netherlands and five draws.
- The Netherlands qualified as the second-placed team in Group G behind Romania with a record of W8 D2 L2. They sealed their finals' berth with a game to spare, albeit in less than spectacular fashion – beating Luxembourg 1-0 in Rotterdam.
- Van Basten led the Dutch to the last 16 at the 2006 World Cup where they lost 1-0 to Portugal. He was a key member of the Oranje team that took the European crown in 1988, scoring five goals including a spectacular second in the 2-0 final victory against the USSR.
- This is the Netherlands' sixth consecutive UEFA European Championship finals appearance and besides their 1988 triumph, they were semi-finalists in 1992, 2000 and 2004.
- Italy qualified for their fourth successive EURO as Group B winners, securing their passage to Austria-Switzerland with a 2-1 victory in Scotland in their penultimate fixture. Coach Roberto Donadoni, newly installed in place of the World Cup-winning Marcello Lippi, oversaw a record of nine wins, two draws and just one defeat – 3-1 against France in September 2006.
- Italy won their fourth World Cup at Germany 2006 but they have only won the UEFA European Championship once – beating Yugoslavia 2-0 in a replayed final in Rome in 1968 following a 1-1 draw. They were runners-up in 2000 and semi-finalists in 1988 with a team featuring Donadoni himself.
- As a player, Van Basten never beat Italy – featuring in three defeats and one draw without finding the net once. His counterpart Donadoni appeared on the winning side in two of those matches, a 1-0 home win in September 1990 and a 3-2 away success in September 1992.
- Van Basten and Donadoni played together in the AC Milan team which won the European Champion Clubs' Cup in 1989. The former was also in Milan's European Cup-winning team the next year while Donadoni appeared in their 1994 triumph.
- Donadoni also featured in the 1995 UEFA Champions League final where he finished on the losing side against an AFC Ajax team that included Dutch international Edwin van der Sar.
- Van der Sar also played against a Juventus side featuring Italy forward Alessandro Del Piero in the 1996 UEFA Champions League final and subsequently played alongside Del Piero at the Turin club from 1999-2001.
- This is the 13th edition of the UEFA European Championship and the eighth edition that features a final tournament with a group phase.

Match facts

UEFA EURO 2008™ qualifying statistics

- Only Ryan Babel appeared in all 12 matches in qualifying Group G, while Joris Mathijsen played eleven times.
- Of the final 23-man squad, only Henk Timmer did not feature in qualifying.
- Robin van Persie was the Netherlands' top scorer in qualifying with four goals, two more than Ruud van Nistelrooy and Wesley Sneijder. Northern Ireland's David Healy finished as the highest scorer overall having struck 13 times.
- Sneijder had 18 shots on goal in qualifying. Cristiano Ronaldo led the way in that respect with 31.
- The Netherlands scored only 15 goals in qualifying at an average of 1.25 goals per game – the lowest total of the qualified teams. Germany were top scorers with 35.
- Marco van Basten's side conceded only five times, however, sharing the best defensive record in qualifying with the Czech Republic and France.
- Only Portugal, with 101, managed more shots on goal in qualifying than the Netherlands' total of 93 at an average of 7.75 shots per game.

Latest information

- On 13 May it was announced that Clarence Seedorf had asked to be withdrawn from the Netherlands squad for UEFA EURO 2008™ following a telephone conversation with coach Marco van Basten.
- The Dutch squad had training camps in Noordwijk and Hoenderloo in the Netherlands before arriving at their Swiss base near Lausanne on 3 June.

Friendly results

- 01.06.2008: Netherlands 2-0 Wales (Robben, Sneijder)
- 29.05.2008: Netherlands 1-1 Denmark (Van Nistelrooy)
- 24.05.2008 Netherlands 3-0 Ukraine (Kuyt, Huntelaar, Babel)
- 26.03.2008: Austria 3-4 Netherlands (Huntelaar 2, Heitinga, Vennegoor of Hesselink)
- 06.02.2008: Croatia 0-3 Netherlands (Heitinga, Huntelaar, Vennegoor of Hesselink)

Injury news

- Seedorf's withdrawal and fitness concerns surrounding fellow defenders André Ooijer and Mario Melchiot meant a chance for Khalid Boulahrouz, who was called up to the initial 30-man squad as cover. The 26-year-old was not named in the final 23 announced on 27 May, but returned four days later in place of the unfortunate Ryan Babel.
- Babel was forced to withdraw after tearing ankle ligaments in training at Hoenderloo on 31 May, and his departure was not the last of Van Basten's problems. Tim de Cler (twisted right knee) and Wesley Sneijder (hamstring) have both had niggles, while Van Persie was training separately to rest of the squad until 4 June.
- Arjen Robben will sit out the Italy game after suffering a groin injury in training on Saturday morning.
- Melchiot has been struggling to shake off a minor pelvic problem which has ruled him out of training since Thursday evening.

Domestic information

- Edwin van der Sar was the hero as Manchester United FC claimed the UEFA Champions League in May, making the decisive save to deny Nicolas Anelka in the penalty shoot-out. Ten days earlier he and United had clinched the English Premier League crown.
- Ibrahim Afellay is the only member of PSV Eindhoven's title-winning squad on duty with the Netherlands in Austria and Switzerland.
- Feyenoord trio Henk Timmer, De Cler and Giovanni van Bronckhorst helped the club to their eleventh Dutch Cup with a 2-0 against Roda JC, while Maarten Stekelenburg, John Heitinga and Klaas-Jan Huntelaar were in the Ajax side that clinched the Dutch Super Cup at the start of the campaign.
- Three members of the Netherlands squad helped Real Madrid CF successfully defend their Primera División title, with Sneijder, Van Nistelrooy and Robben contributing 29 goals of the side's 84 league goals between them. At the start of the season Madrid had lost out to a Sevilla FC side including Boulahrouz in the Spanish Super Cup.
- Jan Vennegoor of Hesselink was on target 15 times as Celtic FC finished top of the Scottish Premier League.
- On 26 May Heitinga sealed a €10m move from Ajax to Club Atlético de Madrid, agreeing a reported five-year contract.

ITALY

UEFA EURO 2008™ qualifying statistics

- No Italy players appeared in all 12 matches in qualifying Group B, although Gianluigi Buffon, the injured Fabio Cannavaro and Andrea Pirlo all played eleven matches.
- Of the final 23-man squad, only Morgan De Sanctis and Marco Borriello did not feature in qualifying.
- Luca Toni was Italy's top scorer in qualifying with five goals, two more than Filippo Inzaghi, who misses out on the finals. Northern Ireland's David Healy finished as the highest scorer overall having struck 13 times.
- Pirlo provided six assists in qualifying, fewer only than Ján Kozák of Slovakia who set up the most goals.
- Gennaro Gattuso committed 25 fouls in qualifying. Jan Koller was penalised the most having been pulled up 36 times.
- Italy scored 22 goals in qualifying at an average of 1.83 goals per game. Germany led the way overall, finding the net 35 times.

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- Italy conceded nine times, fewer only than Poland (12 goals), Turkey (eleven) and Greece and Portugal (both ten) of the 16 teams who will be at UEFA EURO 2008™.
- In qualifying the Azzurri managed 79 shots on goal at an average of 6.58 shots per game. Portugal led the way with 101 shots on goal.
- Of the qualified teams only Greece, with 56, won fewer corners in qualifying than Italy's total of 59.
- Italy were caught offside 35 times, fewer only than Romania – with 36 – of the qualified nations.

Latest information

- The Italy squad convened at the training complex of Coverciano, Florence on 25 May before travelling to their Swiss base in Modling on 2 June.
- In the absence of the injured Cannavaro, Buffon was named the Azzurri's captain for UEFA EURO 2008™.

Friendly results

30.05.2008: Italy 3-1 Belgium (Di Natale 2, Camoranesi)
26.03.2008: Spain 1-0 Italy
06.02.2008: Italy 3-1 Portugal (Toni, Cannavaro, Quagliarella)

Injury news

- Cannavaro was ruled out of the finals after rupturing ligaments in his left ankle during the Azzurri's first training session in Modling on 2 June. He sustained the knock following a tackle by fellow defender Giorgio Chiellini.
- ACF Fiorentina's Gamberini was named as Cannavaro's replacement. The 26-year-old has won just two caps, both in friendlies this season, compared to Cannavaro's haul of 116.
- Christian Panucci limped out of training on Friday with a right knee injury.
- Vincenzo Iaquinta dropped out of the reckoning after sustaining a thigh injury in April.

Miscellaneous

- Roberto Donadoni, who replaced Marcello Lippi as Azzurri coach in summer 2006, signed a new two-year contract on 4 June.
- When Italy played the Netherlands in the semi-finals of UEFA EURO 2000™ with the Azzurri winning through on penalties, Simone Perrotta was doing his military service.

Domestic information

- Marco Materazzi is the only member of FC Internazionale Milano's Scudetto-winning side to make Italy's UEFA EURO 2008™ squad.
- Four of the Azzurri squad were in the AS Roma side that had to settle for second place in Serie A behind Inter – Panucci, Daniele De Rossi, Perrotta and Alberto Aquilani. They gained a measure of revenge in the Coppa Italia, however, beating the Nerazzurri 2-1 in the final.
- Gennaro Gattuso, Massimo Ambrosini and Andrea Pirlo finished fifth with AC Milan, a disappointing end to a season that had begun with victories in the UEFA Super Cup and the FIFA Club World Cup.
- On 31 May the Rossoneri announced that they had completed the signing of Gianluca Zambrotta from FC Barcelona.
- There are two domestic double winners in Italy's midst – Fabio Grosso and Luca Toni. Grosso helped Olympique Lyonnais achieve the feat for a first time in France while Luca Toni shone brightly in his first season in Germany. The former Fiorentina man struck 24 times as FC Bayern München claimed the Bundesliga title, and then scored both their goals in the 2-1 German Cup final win against BV Borussia Dortmund.
- On 5 June US Città di Palermo signed Italy's second-choice goalkeeper Marco Amelia from relegated AS Livorno Calcio for a reported fee of €6m, six days after UC Sampdoria had made Antonio Cassano's loan move from Real Madrid CF permanent, signing him on a five-year deal.

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Squad list

Netherlands

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	BL	UEFA EURO 2008™				Overall Team	
						Qual. Pld	Qual. Gls	FT Pld	FT Gls		
Goalkeepers											
1	Edwin van der Sar	29.10.1970	37	Manchester United FC	-	8	-	-	-	125	-
13	Henk Timmer	03.12.1971	36	Feyenoord	-	-	-	-	-	5	-
16	Maarten Stekelenburg	22.09.1982	25	AFC Ajax	-	4	-	-	-	11	-
Defenders											
2	André Ooijer	11.07.1974	33	Blackburn Rovers FC	-	8	-	-	-	37	2
3	John Heitinga	15.11.1983	24	AFC Ajax	-	6	-	-	-	36	5
4	Joris Mathijsen	05.04.1980	28	Hamburger SV	-	11	1	-	-	32	2
5	Giovanni van Bronckhorst	05.02.1975	33	Feyenoord	-	10	1	-	-	78	4
12	Mario Melchiot	04.11.1976	31	Wigan Athletic FC	-	4	-	-	-	21	-
14	Wilfred Bouma	15.06.1978	29	Aston Villa FC	-	8	-	-	-	33	2
15	Tim de Cler	08.11.1978	29	Feyenoord	-	2	-	-	-	15	-
21	Khalid Boulahrouz	28.12.1981	26	Sevilla FC	-	4	-	-	-	22	-
Midfielders											
6	Demy de Zeeuw	26.05.1983	25	AZ Alkmaar	-	7	-	-	-	15	-
8	Orlando Engelaar	24.08.1979	28	FC Twente	-	1	-	-	-	6	-
10	Wesley Sneijder	09.06.1984	23	Real Madrid CF	-	10	2	-	-	45	9
11	Arjen Robben	23.01.1984	24	Real Madrid CF	-	6	-	-	-	33	9
17	Nigel de Jong	30.11.1984	23	Hamburger SV	-	5	-	-	-	24	-
20	Ibrahim Afellay	02.04.1986	22	PSV Eindhoven	-	1	-	-	-	5	-
23	Rafael van der Vaart	11.02.1983	25	Hamburger SV	-	6	1	-	-	55	12
Forwards											
7	Robin van Persie	06.08.1983	24	Arsenal FC	-	7	4	-	-	24	7
9	Ruud van Nistelrooy	01.07.1976	31	Real Madrid CF	-	4	2	-	-	61	31
18	Dirk Kuyt	22.07.1980	27	Liverpool FC	-	7	1	-	-	38	7
19	Klaas Jan Huntelaar	12.08.1983	24	AFC Ajax	-	4	1	-	-	12	7
22	Jan Vennegoor of Hesselink	07.11.1978	29	Celtic FC	-	1	-	-	-	16	3
Coach											
-	Marco Van Basten	31.10.1964	43	NED	-	12	-	-	-	-	-

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Italy

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						Qual. Pld	Qual. Gls	FT Pld	FT Gls		
Goalkeepers											
1	Gianluigi Buffon	28.01.1978	30	Juventus	-	11	-	-	-	82	-
14	Marco Amelia	02.04.1982	26	AS Livorno Calcio	-	1	-	-	-	6	-
17	Morgan De Sanctis	26.03.1977	31	Sevilla FC	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Defenders											
2	Christian Panucci	12.04.1973	35	AS Roma	-	3	1	-	-	53	3
3	Fabio Grosso	28.11.1977	30	Olympique Lyonnais	-	4	1	-	-	31	3
4	Giorgio Chiellini	14.08.1984	23	Juventus	-	2	1	-	-	10	1
5	Alessandro Gamberini	27.08.1981	26	ACF Fiorentina	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
6	Andrea Barzagli	08.05.1981	27	US Città di Palermo	-	7	-	-	-	22	-
19	Gianluca Zambrotta	19.02.1977	31	FC Barcelona	-	8	-	-	-	71	2
23	Marco Materazzi	19.08.1973	34	FC Internazionale Milano	-	5	-	-	-	40	2
Midfielders											
8	Gennaro Gattuso	09.01.1978	30	AC Milan	-	9	-	-	-	58	1
10	Daniele De Rossi	24.07.1983	24	AS Roma	-	9	1	-	-	33	4
13	Massimo Ambrosini	29.05.1977	31	AC Milan	-	5	-	-	-	31	-
16	Mauro Camoranesi	04.10.1976	31	Juventus	-	6	1	-	-	35	4
20	Simone Perrotta	17.09.1977	30	AS Roma	-	8	1	-	-	40	2
21	Andrea Pirlo	19.05.1979	29	AC Milan	-	11	1	-	-	46	7
22	Alberto Aquilani	07.07.1984	23	AS Roma	-	1	-	-	-	5	-
Forwards											
7	Alessandro Del Piero	09.11.1974	33	Juventus	-	5	-	-	-	86	27
9	Luca Toni	26.05.1977	31	FC Bayern München	-	6	5	-	-	34	15
11	Antonio Di Natale	13.10.1977	30	Udinese Calcio	-	8	2	-	-	18	7
12	Marco Borriello	18.06.1982	25	Genoa Cricket and Football Club	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
15	Fabio Quagliarella	31.01.1983	25	UC Sampdoria	-	6	2	-	-	8	3
18	Antonio Cassano	12.07.1982	25	UC Sampdoria	-	2	-	-	-	11	3
Coach											
-	Roberto Donadoni	09.09.1963	44	ITA	-	12	-	-	-	-	-

Head coach

Netherlands: Marco van Basten

Date of birth: 31 October 1964

Nationality: Dutch

Playing career: AFC Ajax, AC Milan

Coaching career: AFC Ajax youth team, Netherlands

One of the great strikers of his age, Netherlands coach Marco van Basten seems the ideal choice to bring an exciting new generation of Dutch attacking talent to their peak at UEFA EURO 2008™, after which he will step down to take charge at former club AFC Ajax. "We have a lot of players with good attacking qualities, but most of them are young boys who need to mature," Van Basten said. "With more experience, we will have a chance to clinch a major title."

Van Basten, who is bidding to become the first person to taste EURO success as a coach and player, was a wild-card choice when he replaced Dick Advocaat as Netherlands coach after UEFA EURO 2004™. His only previous coaching role had been working with Ajax's youth team but with the Dutch going unbeaten for 15 games after he took charge – before losing 3-1 against Italy in a November 2005 friendly – Van Basten proved he had plenty of potential.

His side breezed through 2006 FIFA World Cup qualification but bowed out in the first knockout round after a disappointing 1-0 defeat by Portugal. UEFA EURO 2008™ qualifying proved largely straightforward, the Netherlands progressing as Group G runners-up behind Romania, and Van Basten was able to continue his policy of bringing through players who had won the 2006 and 2007 UEFA European Under-21 Championships.

Van Basten's successful playing career has been well-documented. His talents as a striker were there for all to see as early as the 1983 FIFA U-20 World Cup, and he had scored 128 goals for Ajax - including the winner in the 1986/87 UEFA Cup Winners' Cup final - by the time he made a €2.5m move to AC Milan in 1987. His memorable volley against the Soviet Union helped the Netherlands win the 1988 UEFA European Championship final and he then took the ultimate club honours as he lifted the European Champion Clubs' Cup with Milan in 1989 and 1990.

Italy: Roberto Donadoni

Date of birth: 9 September 1963

Nationality: Italian

Playing career: Atalanta BC, AC Milan (twice), New York/New Jersey MetroStars, Al Ittihad

Coaching career: Calcio Lecco 1912, AS Livorno Calcio (twice), FC Genoa 1893, Italy

Appointed in the wake of Italy's 2006 FIFA World Cup success, Roberto Donadoni inherited a huge burden of expectation when he succeeded Marcello Lippi. The Italian Football Federation's then vice-president Demetrio Albertini said on his appointment: "We decided to gamble on a young man who could become truly great."

Italy may have stumbled at the start of their UEFA EURO 2008™ qualifying campaign but they eventually advanced as Group B winners and Donadoni was rewarded with a new two-year contract on the eve of the final tournament. He has been passing on his knowledge since 2001 when he took charge of Serie C club Calcio Lecco 1912. The following season he moved on to AS Livorno Calcio, then of Serie B, before heading to Genoa 1893. He was sacked after three games and resurfaced at Livorno in January 2005, with the Tuscany club in the top flight. A ninth-place finish followed and things got even better in 2005/06 with Livorno up to sixth before Donadoni resigned that February following a disagreement with the club president. It was his last job before Italy came calling.

As a player, Donadoni served Italy with distinction on 63 occasions. He suffered penalty heartache at two World Cups, missing in the semi-final shoot-out defeat by Argentina in 1990 and then watching as Brazil won on spot-kicks in the final four years later. At club level, Donadoni made his Serie A debut with hometown club Atalanta BC before joining AC Milan in 1986 and becoming a key component of a side which won five league titles and three European Champion Clubs' Cups. Before retiring, he had spells in the United States and Saudi Arabia with New York/New Jersey MetroStars and Al Ittihad respectively.

Match officials

Referee	Peter Fröjdfeldt (SWE)
Assistant referees	Stefan Wittberg (SWE), Henrik Andrén (SWE)
Fourth official	Damir Skomina (SVN)
Reserve official	Michael Mullarkey (ENG)
UEFA Delegate	Dennis Cruise (IRL)

Referee

Name	Nat.	Date of birth
Peter Fröjdfeldt	SWE	14.11.1963

Peter Fröjdfeldt has made a lasting impression since his elevation to join Europe's top-ranked referees. The Eskilstuna-based official reached the higher Swedish levels in the mid-1990s, made his top-flight bow in 1997, and has passed the 200-match mark in the elite Swedish domestic game. His FIFA international badge followed at the start of 2001.

Early years of picking up experience were followed by his UEFA Champions League debut in September 2003 with the meeting of FC Dynamo Kyiv and FC Lokomotiv Moskva. Fröjdfeldt's promotion to UEFA Elite status came in January 2005 and he continued to get regular appointments at the highest club and international levels, including six FIFA World Cup qualifiers.

In 2005/06 Fröjdfeldt became a regular face in the UEFA Champions League and the married father of two has become well used to high-profile appointments, ending the 2007/08 club season by taking charge of the UEFA Cup final between FC Zenit St. Petersburg and Rangers FC in Manchester. Back in Sweden, Fröjdfeldt has become the main man in the middle following Anders Frisk's retirement, and has taken charge of a number of important Allsvenskan fixtures. He also took charge of the 2006 Scandinavian Royal League final in April that year, in which FC København defeated Lillestrøm SK 1-0, and the 2007 Swedish Cup final. An arena manager by profession, he lists his favourite hobby as golf.

Match-by-match lineups

Final tournament Group C

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Netherlands	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Italy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Romania	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
France	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Date	Match	Result	Stadium/Venue
09.06.2008	Romania - France	-	Letzigrund, Zurich
09.06.2008	Netherlands - Italy	-	Stade de Suisse, Berne
13.06.2008	Italy - Romania	-	Letzigrund, Zurich
13.06.2008	Netherlands - France	-	Stade de Suisse, Berne
17.06.2008	Netherlands - Romania	-	Stade de Suisse, Berne
17.06.2008	France - Italy	-	Letzigrund, Zurich

Qualifying round Netherlands

Group G

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Romania	12	9	2	1	26	7	29
Netherlands	12	8	2	2	15	5	26
Bulgaria	12	7	4	1	18	7	25
Belarus	12	4	1	7	17	23	13
Albania	12	2	5	5	12	18	11
Slovenia	12	3	2	7	9	16	11
Luxembourg	12	1	0	11	2	23	3

Date	Match	Result	Stadium/Venue
02.09.2006	Luxembourg - Netherlands	0-1	Josy Barthel, Luxembourg
Goals: 0-1 Mathijsen 18			
Netherlands: van der Sar, Heitinga, Ooijer (Emanuelson 46), Mathijsen, de Cler, Schaars (Vennegoor of Hesselink 46), van Persie (Babel 77), Landzaat, Huntelaar, Janssen, Kuyt			
06.09.2006	Netherlands - Belarus	3-0	Philips Stadion, Eindhoven
Goals: 1-0 van Persie 33, 2-0 van Persie 78, 3-0 Kuyt 90+2			
Netherlands: van der Sar, Heitinga (Boulahrouz 67), Ooijer, Mathijsen, van Bronckhorst, de Jong, Sneijder, Landzaat (Schaars 68), Huntelaar (Babel 76), van Persie, Kuyt			
07.10.2006	Bulgaria - Netherlands	1-1	Vasil Levski National Stadium, Sofia
Goals: 1-0 M. Petrov 12, 1-1 van Persie 62			
Netherlands: van der Sar, Boulahrouz, Ooijer, Mathijsen, van Bronckhorst, de Jong, Landzaat, Sneijder (Schaars 90+1), van Persie, Kuyt (Babel 16), Robben			
11.10.2006	Netherlands - Albania	2-1	Amsterdam Arena, Amsterdam
Goals: 1-0 van Persie 15, 2-0 Beqaj 42 (o.g.), 2-1 Curri 67			
Netherlands: van der Sar, Boulahrouz, Ooijer, Mathijsen, van Bronckhorst (Emanuelson 68), de Jong (Schaars 50), Sneijder (de Cler 80), Landzaat, Babel, van Persie, Robben			

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- 24.03.2007 Netherlands - Romania 0-0 De Kuip, Rotterdam
Goals: -
Netherlands: Stekelenburg, Jaliens, Bouma, Mathijsen, van Bronckhorst, Landzaat (Emanuelson 79), Sneijder, Babel, van der Vaart (Seedorf 86), Huntelaar, Robben
- 28.03.2007 Slovenia - Netherlands 0-1 Arena Petrol, Celje
Goals: 0-1 van Bronckhorst 86
Netherlands: van der Sar, Heitinga (de Zeeuw 74), Mathijsen, Bouma, Emanuelson, Afellay (Seedorf 85), Babel (Koevermans 73), van Bronckhorst, Kuyt, Sneijder, Robben
- 08.09.2007 Netherlands - Bulgaria 2-0 Amsterdam Arena, Amsterdam
Goals: 1-0 Sneijder 22, 2-0 van Nistelrooy 58
Netherlands: van der Sar, Melchiot (Boulahrouz 66), Mathijsen, Bouma, van Bronckhorst, Heitinga, Sneijder (Seedorf 73), de Zeeuw (de Jong 81), Babel, van Nistelrooy, van Persie
- 12.09.2007 Albania - Netherlands 0-1 Qemal Stafa, Tirana
Goals: 0-1 van Nistelrooy 90+1
Netherlands: van der Sar, Melchiot, Mathijsen, Bouma (Emanuelson 63), Ooijer, de Zeeuw, Sneijder, van Bronckhorst, Babel (Kuyt 75), van Nistelrooy, van Persie (van der Vaart 46)
- 13.10.2007 Romania - Netherlands 1-0 Farul, Constanta
Goals: 1-0 Goian 71
Netherlands: Stekelenburg, van Bronckhorst, Heitinga (Jaliens 68), Ooijer (Koevermans 84), Mathijsen, Bouma, de Zeeuw, van der Vaart, Seedorf, van Nistelrooy, Robben (Babel 78)
- 17.10.2007 Netherlands - Slovenia 2-0 Philips Stadion, Eindhoven
Goals: 1-0 Sneijder 14, 2-0 Huntelaar 86
Netherlands: Stekelenburg, Jaliens, Heitinga, Bouma, Emanuelson, Sneijder, de Zeeuw, Seedorf, van Persie (Ooijer 59), Huntelaar, van der Vaart (Robben 29)
- 17.11.2007 Netherlands - Luxembourg 1-0 De Kuip, Rotterdam
Goals: 1-0 Koevermans 43
Netherlands: van der Sar, Melchiot, Mathijsen, Bouma, de Zeeuw, van Bronckhorst, van der Vaart, Sneijder, Seedorf (Emanuelson 77), van Nistelrooy (Kuyt 46), Koevermans (Babel 84)
- 21.11.2007 Belarus - Netherlands 2-1 Dinamo, Minsk
Goals: 1-0 Bulyga 49, 2-0 Korythko 65, 2-1 van der Vaart 89
Netherlands: Stekelenburg, Melchiot, Mathijsen, Ooijer, Bouma, Sneijder (Kuyt 46), van der Vaart, van Bronckhorst (Engelaar 66), de Zeeuw (de Jong 69), Babel, Koevermans

Qualifying round Italy

Group B

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Italy	12	9	2	1	22	9	29
France	12	8	2	2	25	5	26
Scotland	12	8	0	4	21	12	24
Ukraine	12	5	2	5	18	16	17
Lithuania	12	5	1	6	11	13	16
Georgia	12	3	1	8	16	19	10
Faroe Islands	12	0	0	12	4	43	0

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Date	Match	Result	Stadium/Venue
02.09.2006	Italy - Lithuania	1-1	San Paolo, Naples
Goals: 0-1 Danilevicius 21, 1-1 Inzaghi 30			
Italy: Buffon, Grosso, De Rossi (Marchionni 61), Cannavaro, Barzagli, Gattuso, Inzaghi (Di Michele 86), Cassano, Perrotta (Gilardino 72), Pirlo, Oddo			
06.09.2006	France - Italy	3-1	Stade de France, Paris
Goals: 1-0 Govou 2, 2-0 Henry 18, 2-1 Gilardino 20, 3-1 Govou 55			
Italy: Buffon, Zambrotta, Cannavaro, Barzagli, Grosso, Semoli (Di Michele 54), Pirlo, Gattuso, Perrotta, Cassano (Inzaghi 73), Gilardino (De Rossi 87)			
07.10.2006	Italy - Ukraine	2-0	Stadio Olimpico, Rome
Goals: 1-0 Oddo 71 (pen) , 2-0 Toni 79			
Italy: Buffon, Oddo, Cannavaro, Materazzi, Zambrotta, Gattuso, Pirlo, De Rossi, Iaquina (Camoranesi 76), Toni (Inzaghi 85), Del Piero (Di Natale 62)			
11.10.2006	Georgia - Italy	1-3	Boris Paichadze, Tbilisi
Goals: 0-1 De Rossi 18, 1-1 Shashiashvili 26, 1-2 Camoranesi 63, 1-3 Perrotta 71			
Italy: Buffon, Oddo, Cannavaro (Materazzi 74), Nesta, Pirlo (Mauri 64), De Rossi, Perrotta, Zambrotta, Camoranesi (Iaquinta 87), Toni, Di Natale			
28.03.2007	Italy - Scotland	2-0	San Nicola, Bari
Goals: 1-0 Toni 12, 2-0 Toni 70			
Italy: Buffon, Oddo, Cannavaro, Materazzi, Zambrotta, Gattuso, De Rossi, Camoranesi, Perrotta (Pirlo 77), Di Natale (Del Piero 66), Toni (Quagliarella 87)			
02.06.2007	Faroe Islands - Italy	1-2	Tórsvøllur, Torshavn
Goals: 0-1 Inzaghi 12, 0-2 Inzaghi 48, 1-2 Róg. Jacobsen 77			
Italy: Buffon, Oddo, Tonetto, Cannavaro, Materazzi (Barzagli 66), Diana, Gattuso, Pirlo, Del Piero, Rocchi (Quagliarella 86), Inzaghi (Lucarelli 58)			
06.06.2007	Lithuania - Italy	0-2	S. Darius & S. Girenas, Kaunas
Goals: 0-1 Quagliarella 31, 0-2 Quagliarella 45			
Italy: Buffon, Oddo, Cannavaro, Materazzi, Zambrotta, Pirlo, De Rossi (Gattuso 65), Perrotta (Ambrosini 71), Quagliarella, Inzaghi, Di Natale (Del Piero 74)			
08.09.2007	Italy - France	0-0	Stadio Giuseppe Meazza, Milan
Goals: -			
Italy: Buffon, Oddo, Cannavaro, Barzagli, Zambrotta, De Rossi, Gattuso, Pirlo, Camoranesi (Perrotta 58), Del Piero (Di Natale 83), Inzaghi (Lucarelli 65)			
12.09.2007	Ukraine - Italy	1-2	NSC Olympiyskiy Stadium, Kiev
Goals: 0-1 Di Natale 41, 1-1 Shevchenko 71, 1-2 Di Natale 77			
Italy: Buffon, Panucci, Cannavaro, Barzagli, Zambrotta, Camoranesi (Oddo 78), Ambrosini, Pirlo, Perrotta (Aquilani 68), Iaquina (Quagliarella 85), Di Natale			
13.10.2007	Italy - Georgia	2-0	Luigi Ferraris, Genoa
Goals: 1-0 Pirlo 44, 2-0 Grosso 84			
Italy: Buffon, Oddo, Panucci, Barzagli, Grosso, Pirlo, Gattuso, Ambrosini (Mauri 88), Quagliarella (Foggia 72), Di Natale, Toni			
17.11.2007	Scotland - Italy	1-2	Hampden Park, Glasgow
Goals: 0-1 Toni 2, 1-1 Ferguson 65, 1-2 Panucci 90+1			
Italy: Buffon, Panucci, Cannavaro, Barzagli, Zambrotta, Camoranesi (Chiellini 83), Gattuso (De Rossi 87), Pirlo, Ambrosini, Di Natale (Iaquinta 68), Toni			

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21.11.2007 Italy - Faroe Islands

3-1 Alberto Braglia, Modena

Goals: 1-0 Benjaminsen 11 (o.g.) , 2-0 Toni 36, 3-0 Chiellini 41, 3-1 Róg. Jacobsen 83

Italy: Amelia, Oddo, Cannavaro (Bonera 53), Chiellini, Grosso, De Rossi, Ambrosini (Quagliarella 58), Perrotta, laquinta, Palladino, Toni (Gilardino 74)

Competition facts

UEFA European Championship: Did you know?

- Only three sides have ever won the UEFA European Championship on home soil: Spain (1964), Italy (1968) and France (1984).
- No side has ever retained the trophy, and no player has appeared in two victorious finals.
- Since 1980, when the tournament became an eight-team event, the hosts have only failed to reach the semi-finals – or better – twice. Italy finished second in Group 2 in 1980, when only the top side in each section progressed to the final, and in 2000 Belgium – co-hosts with the Netherlands, who did reach the semi-finals – came third in their section.
- UEFA EURO 2008™ is Germany's tenth successive UEFA European Championship final tournament, more appearances than any other side – they last missed out as West Germany in 1968. The Netherlands are taking part in the finals for the sixth successive edition.
- Italy are bidding to become only the third team to hold the UEFA European Championship and FIFA World Cup at the same time. West Germany won the European title in 1972 and added the world crown two years later, while France claimed the 1998 World Cup and UEFA EURO 2000™.
- A total of 15 players appeared in both those finals; for West Germany, Sepp Maier, Franz Beckenbauer, Hans-Georg Schwarzenbeck, Paul Breitner, Uli Hoeness and Gerd Müller and France's Fabien Barthez, Marcel Desailly, Bixente Lizarazu, Lilian Thuram, Didier Deschamps, Yuri Djorkaeff, Patrick Vieira, Zinedine Zidane and Christophe Dugarry.
- Having played in Manchester United FC's UEFA Champions League final victory in Moscow on 21 May, Edwin van der Sar, Patrice Evra, Nani and Cristiano Ronaldo can join the exclusive band of five players who have appeared in European Champion Clubs' Cup and UEFA European Championship final victories in the same year: Luis Suárez achieved the feat with FC Internazionale Milano and Spain in 1964, while in 1988 PSV Eindhoven quartet Hans van Breukelen, Ronald Koeman, Barry van Aerle and Gerald Vanenburg were all in the victorious Netherlands side.
- Wim Kieft and Nicolas Anelka won the European Cup with PSV and Real Madrid CF in 1988 and 2000 respectively yet remaining on the bench for the Netherlands' and France's European Championship triumphs in those years. Anelka's Madrid and France team-mate from 2000, Christian Karembou, holds the unique position of being an unused substitute in both final victories in the same year.
- A total of ten players have been UEFA European Championship final losers after appearing in a European Cup victory: Sepp Maier, Hans-Georg Schwarzenbeck, Franz Beckenbauer and Uli Hoeness (1976, FC Bayern München and West Germany) and Paulo Ferreira, Ricardo Carvalho, Nuno Valente, Costinha, Maniche and Deco (2004, FC Porto and Portugal).
- Conversely six Chelsea players – Petr Čech, Claude Makelele, Carvalho, Michael Ballack, Florent Malouda and Anelka – could join a list of four players who followed European Cup final defeat with EURO victory in the same year: Ignacio Zoco and Amancio Amaro (1964, Real Madrid and Spain) and Manny Kaltz and Hörst Hrubesch (1980, Hamburger SV and West Germany).

UEFA European Championship final tournament: All-time records

• Leading scorer in a final tournament

1960: 2 François Heutte (FRA), Viktor Ponedelnik (URS), Valentin Ivanov (URS), Drazen Jerković (YUG)

1964: 2 Jesús María Pereda (ESP), Ferenc Bene (HUN), Deszö Novák (HUN)

1968: 2 Dragan Džajić (YUG)

1972: 4 Gerd Müller (FRG)

1976: 4 Dieter Müller (FRG)

1980: 3 Klaus Allofs (FRG)

1984: 9 Michel Platini (FRA)

1988: 5 Marco van Basten (NED)

1992: 3 Henrik Larsen (DEN), Karl-Heinz Riedle (GER), Dennis Bergkamp (NED), Tomas Brodin (SWE)

1996: 5 Alan Shearer (ENG)

2000: 5 Patrick Kluivert (NED), Savo Milošević (YUG)

2004: 5 Milan Baroš (CZE)

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• Oldest player to appear:

39yrs 91days: Lothar Matthäus (Portugal 3-0 **Germany**, 20.06.2000)

38yrs 308days: Morten Olsen (Italy 2-0 **Denmark**, 17.06.1988)

38yrs 271days: Peter Shilton (**England** 1-3 Netherlands, 15.06.1988)

• Youngest player to appear:

18yrs 115days: Enzo Scifo (**Belgium** 2-0 Yugoslavia, 13.06.1984)

18yrs 128days: Valeri Bozhinov (Sweden 2-1 **Bulgaria**, 14.06.2004)

18yrs 137days: Johan Vonlanthen (England 3-0 **Switzerland**, 17.06.2004)

18yrs 233days: Wayne Rooney (France 2-1 **England**, 13.06.2004)

• Oldest player to score:

34yrs 213days: Nené (**Portugal** 1-0 Romania, 20.06.1984)

34yrs 205days: Laurent Blanc (**France** 3-0 Denmark, 11.06.2000)

34yrs 92days: Ladislav Pavlovič (**Czechoslovakia** 2-0 France, 09.07.1960)

• Youngest player to score:

18yrs 141days: Johan Vonlanthen (**Switzerland** 1-3 France, 21.06.2004)

18yrs 237days: Wayne Rooney (**England** 3-0 Switzerland, 17.06.2004)

• Most goals in a match:

9: France 4-5 Yugoslavia (06.07.1960)

7: Netherlands 6-1 Yugoslavia (25.06.2000)

7: Yugoslavia 3-4 Spain (21.06.2000)

• Biggest victory:

6-1: Netherlands v Yugoslavia (25.06.2000)

5-0: Sweden v Bulgaria (14.06.2004)

5-0: Denmark v Yugoslavia (16.06.1984)

5-0: France v Belgium (16.06.1984)

• Fastest hat-trick

18mins: Michel Platini (**France** 3-2 Yugoslavia, 19.06.1984)

• Fastest goals

1min 7 secs: Dmitri Kirichenko (**Russia** 2-1 Greece, 20.06.2004)

2mins 7secs: Sergei Aleinikov (England 1-3 **Soviet Union**, 18.06.1988)

2mins 14 secs: Alan Shearer (Germany 1-1 (6-5pens) **England**, 26.06.1996)

2mins 25secs: Michael Owen (Portugal 2-2 (6-5pens) **England**, 24.06.2004)

2mins 27secs: Hristo Stoichkov (**Bulgaria** 1-0 Romania, 13.06.1996)

• Appearances

Players

Qualifying and final tournament

45: Lilian Thuram (FRA)

39: Peter Schmeichel (DEN)

39: Vitalis Astafjevs (LVA)

38: Hakan Şükür (TUR)

37: Sargis Hovsepyan (ARM)

36: Didier Deschamps (FRA)

36: Theodoros Zagorakis (GRE)

36: Rüştü Reçber (TUR)

35: Mart Poom (Estonia)

35: Jari Litmanen (Finland)

35: Laurent Blanc (France)

35: Fabio Cannavaro (Italy)

35: Mario Frick (Liechtenstein)

35: Dorinel Munteanu (Romania)

35: Gheorghe Popescu (Romania)

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Final tournament

14: Karel Poborský (CZE)
14: Lilian Thuram (FRA)
14: Zinédine Zidane (FRA)
14: Luís Figo (POR)
13: Peter Schmeichel (DEN)
13: Laurent Blanc (FRA)
13: Didier Deschamps (FRA)
13: Jürgen Klinsmann (FRG/GER)
13: Thomas Hässler (FRG/GER)
13: Paolo Maldini (ITA)
13: Edwin van der Sar (NED)
13: Phillip Cocu (NED)
13: Dennis Bergkamp (NED)

Teams

Final tournament

10: West Germany/Germany
8: Spain; Netherlands
7: Denmark; England; France; Italy

• Goals

Overall

22: Jon Dahl Tomasson (DEN)
22: Hakan Şükür (TUR)
20: Jan Koller (CZE)
20: Davor Šuker (YUG/CRO)
19: Raúl González (ESP)
18: Zlatko Zahovic (SLO)
17: Thierry Henry (FRA)
17: Shota Arveladze (GEO)
16: Gerd Müller (FRG)
16: Marco van Basten (NED)
15: Hristo Stoitchkov (BUL)
15: Jürgen Klinsmann (GER)

Final tournament

9: Michel Platini (FRA)
7: Alan Shearer (ENG)
6: Patrick Kluivert (NED)
5: Milan Baroš (CZE)
5: Zinédine Zidane (FRA)
5: Thierry Henry (FRA)
5: Jürgen Klinsmann (GER)
5: Marco Van Basten (NED)
5: Nuno Gomes (POR)
5: Savo Milošević (YUG)

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Team facts

Team facts: Netherlands

UEFA European Championship record

2004: Semi-finals

2000: Semi-finals

1996: Quarter-finals

1992: Semi-finals

1988: Winners

1984: Qualifying

1980: Group stage, final tournament

1976: Third place

1972: Qualifying

1968: Qualifying

1964: Last 16

1960: Did not enter

Key facts

Overall

Pld: 117 **W:** 72 **D:** 22 **L:** 23 **F:** 241 **A:** 91

Final tournament

Pld: 28 **W:** 14 **D:** 8 **L:** 6 **F:** 45 **A:** 28

Qualifying

Pld: 89 **W:** 58 **D:** 14 **L:** 17 **F:** 196 **A:** 63

Records

Qualifying

Biggest win

8-0: Luxembourg v Netherlands, 17.11.1971, 1972 UEFA European Championship qualifying Group 7

8-0: Malta v Netherlands, 19.12.1990, UEFA EURO '92 qualifying Group 6

Biggest loss

4-1: Poland v Netherlands, 10.09.1975, 1976 UEFA European Championship qualifying Group 5

Final tournament

Biggest win

6-1: Netherlands v Yugoslavia, 25.06.2000, UEFA EURO 2000™ quarter-finals

Biggest loss

4-1: Netherlands v England, 18.06.1996, UEFA EURO '96™ Group A

3-1: Czechoslovakia v Netherlands, 16.06.1976, 1976 UEFA European Championship semi-finals

EURO appearances (players)

Overall

34: Edwin van der Sar

31: Frank de Boer

30: Ruud Gullit

29: Clarence Seedorf

27: Aron Winter

26: Hans van Breukelen

25: Patrick Kluivert

25: Dennis Bergkamp

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Final tournament

13: Edwin van der Sar
13: Phillip Cocu
13: Dennis Bergkamp
12: Edgar Davids
10: Clarence Seedorf
10: Michael Reiziger

Top scorers

Overall

16: Marco van Basten
13: Patrick Kluivert
12: Johan Cruyff
11: Ruud van Nistelrooy

Final tournament

6: Patrick Kluivert
5: Marco van Basten
4: Dennis Bergkamp
4: Ruud van Nistelrooy

Last updated: 03.06.2008

Team facts: Italy

UEFA European Championship record

2004: Group stage, final tournament
2000: Runners-up
1996: Group stage, final tournament
1992: Qualifying
1988: Semi-finals
1984: Qualifying
1980: Fourth place
1976: Qualifying
1972: Quarter-finals
1968: Winners
1964: Last 16
1960: Did not enter

Key facts

Overall

Pld: 111 **W:** 59 **D:** 35 **L:** 17 **F:** 175 **A:** 77

Final tournament

Pld: 22 **W:** 9 **D:** 10 **L:** 3 **F:** 22 **A:** 14

Qualifying

Pld: 89 **W:** 50 **D:** 25 **L:** 14 **F:** 153 **A:** 63

Records

Qualifying

Biggest win

6-0: Italy v Turkey, 02.12.1962, 1964 UEFA European Championship preliminary round
5-0: Italy v Cyprus, 01.11.1967, 1968 UEFA European Championship qualifying Group 6
5-0: Italy v Malta, 24.01.1987, 1988 UEFA European Championship qualifying Group 2

Biggest loss

3-0: Italy v Sweden, 15.10.1983, 1984 UEFA European Championship qualifying Group 5

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Final tournament

Biggest win

2-0: Italy v Romania, 24.06.2000, UEFA EURO 2000™ quarter-finals

2-0: Italy v Belgium, 14.06.2000, UEFA EURO 2000™ Group B

2-0: Italy v Denmark, 17.06.1988, 1988 UEFA European Championship Group 1

Biggest loss

2-0: Soviet Union v Italy, 22.06.1988, 1988 UEFA European Championship semi-final

EURO appearances (players)

Overall

35: Fabio Cannavaro

33: Paolo Maldini

29: Alessandro Del Piero

29: Gianluigi Buffon

27: Giacinto Facchetti

24: Dino Zoff

24: Christian Panucci

Final tournament

13: Paolo Maldini

10: Alessandro Del Piero

9: Alessandro Nesta

9: Stefano Fiore

8: Fabio Cannavaro

8: Demetrio Albertini

Top scorers

Overall

14: Filippo Inzaghi

10: Luigi Riva

9: Alessandro Del Piero

7: Gianluca Vialli

7: Gianfranco Zola

Final tournament

2: Antonio Cassano

2: Pierluigi Casiraghi

2: Filippo Inzaghi

Last updated: 03.06.2008

UEFA information

'Wonderful atmosphere'

UEFA President Michel Platini has joined millions of football fans in Europe and around the world in heralding the long-awaited arrival of UEFA EURO 2008™. "As President of UEFA I am very proud that this tournament is kicking off," he said in Basel. "UEFA and EURO 2008 SA under COO Martin Kallen have been working hard for very many years to ensure the best possible conditions for players, spectators and the media. Everything is being done to ensure that there will be a wonderful atmosphere for the fans coming to Austria and Switzerland from the whole of Europe. What is really important are the feelings and emotions that will be felt by the spectators, thanks to the games that they will be watching. There is going to be a lot of drama, there will be pain and joy, and the best team will be the winner. I also hope that football will be the winner. I'm expecting wonderful emotions and I'm passing the ball on to all the players, who are key to our success."

Everything in place

UEFA EURO 2008™ organisers in host countries Austria and Switzerland say that everything is in place for what they hope will be the best EURO tournament ever. "We are ready, and everything has been working according to plan," said Euro 2008 SA COO Martin Kallen. "UEFA has been working very closely together with Austria and Switzerland since 2002 to make sure that this will be a great event. We will see if that is the case on 29 June." Meanwhile, Kallen warned fans against buying EURO tickets on the black market. "All of the tickets have been sold – there is not a single ticket left, and there has not been for a while," he explained. "We are obviously trying to prevent tickets being sold, but any tickets sold at this point are black market tickets. I would recommend that no one sells tickets on the black market, as there will be sanctions."

International Broadcast Centre opened

UEFA President Michel Platini has opened the International Broadcast Centre in Vienna – the nerve centre of broadcasting for UEFA EURO 2008™. At a ceremony attended by Austria's federal chancellor Alfred Gusenbauer, Vienna's mayor Michael Häupl and the President of the Austrian Football Federation, Friedrich Stickler, Mr Platini switched on the TV video feeds from all the Austrian and Swiss venues in the IBC Master Control Room with a symbolic push of the button. For the first time in EURO history, UEFA will produce the television signal for the tournament itself through UEFA Media Technologies SA, the 100 per cent owned UEFA subsidiary which is in charge of the Host Broadcast Operations.

Support for fans

The "fan embassies" project is designed to provide support to fans during UEFA EURO 2008™. Apart from facilities at each of the eight venues where fans can go for assistance, there will also be mobile fan embassies moving from stadium to stadium. The project is being run by people familiar with the fan scene in the participating countries, together with local fan experts. It is hoped that this co-operation will also be put to use well after UEFA EURO 2008™. The project leaders are UEFA's long-standing partners FARE (Football Against Racism in Europe) in co-operation with the FSI (Football Supporters International), Fairplay-vidc (Austria's Vienna Institute for international Dialogue and Co-operation) and Projektorganisation Öffentliche Hand (a Swiss state project organisation).

Location of fan embassies:

- Vienna: Vorplatz Museumsquartier
- Klagenfurt: Fancamp, Messegelände
- Salzburg: Ferdinand-Hanusch-Platz
- Innsbruck: Fancamp Innsbruck
- Zurich; Rathausplatz
- Basel: Marktplatz
- Berne: Waisenhausplatz
- Geneva: Place du Rhône

Official song

Can You Hear Me? by Enrique Iglesias is the official song of UEFA EURO 2008™, with the Spanish star scheduled to perform live at the final in Vienna on 29 June. The 33-year-old, who has had No1 hit records across the globe with songs such as Rhythm Divine, Be With You, Hero, Escape, Do You Know? and Tired of Being Sorry, will make his appearance in the ten-minute closing ceremony at the Ernst-Happel-Stadion. "I'm really pleased to be able to contribute to the football festival in Switzerland and Austria; it's an honour for me to perform at the final," said the Spaniard.

Competition information

• **Format:** The UEFA EURO 2008™ group stage draw in Lucerne on 2 December 2007 divided the 14 qualifiers and co-hosts Austria and Switzerland into four groups of four. Each country plays each other once. Three points are awarded for a win, one point for a draw and no points for a defeat. If two or more teams are equal on points on completion of the group matches, the following criteria are applied to determine the rankings:

- a) number of points obtained in the matches among the teams in question;
- b) goal difference from the matches among the teams in question;
- c) number of goals scored in the matches among the teams in question (if more than two teams finish level on points);
- d) goal difference in all group matches;
- e) number of goals scored in all the group matches;
- f) coefficient from the qualifying competitions for the 2006 FIFA World Cup and UEFA EURO 2008™ (points obtained divided by number of matches played);
- g) Fair Play conduct of teams in the final tournament;
- h) drawing of lots

• **Key dates:** The quarter-finals are played on 19, 20, 21 and 22 June in the following format:

Match 1 Winner Group A v Runner-up Group B

Match 2 Winner Group B v Runner-up Group A

Match 3 Winner Group C v Runner-up Group D

Match 4 Winner Group D v Runner-up Group C

The semi-finals are played on 25 and 26 June:

Winner Match 1 v Winner Match 2

Winner Match 3 v Winner Match 4

The final is played at the Ernst-Happel-Stadion in Vienna on Sunday 29 June, with the winners of Semi-final 1 being designated as the home team for administrative purposes.

• **Disciplinary information:** As a rule, a player who is sent off is suspended for the next match in the competition. The Control and Disciplinary Body is entitled to augment this punishment. In the case of repeated cautions, a player is suspended for one match after two cautions in two different matches. In May, UEFA's Executive Committee decided at its meeting in Moscow to cancel single yellow cards after the quarter-finals of UEFA EURO 2008™. Consequently, a situation will not arise whereby players receive a second yellow card of the tournament in the semi-finals and are suspended for the final as a result.

• **Player eligibility:** The 16 participants in the final tournament had to submit a final list of 23 players – of which three had to be goalkeepers – at least ten days before the opening match of the tournament, on 7 June. In the event of a serious injury to a listed player before his team's first match in the final tournament, the player in question could be substituted only if a doctor from the UEFA Medical Committee and the team doctor both confirmed the injury was serious enough to prevent the player taking part.

• **Financial information:** UEFA has earmarked a total of €184m for the 16 teams competing in UEFA EURO 2008™ compared to €129m at UEFA EURO 2004™. The 16 teams in the final tournament will each receive a participating fee of €7.5m with a performance bonus of €1m for a win during the group stage and €500,000 for a draw. The eight teams who reach the quarter-finals will all receive an additional payment of €2m, with the four teams who progress to the semi-finals collecting an extra €3m. For the teams who take the field for the final at the Ernst-Happel-Stadion on 29 June, the runners-up will receive €4.5m with the winners collecting €7.5m. Therefore, if the victorious side at the final win all three of their group games, they would collect a maximum of €23m.

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Legend

:: All-time statistics

The all-time record of the competing teams in the UEFA European Championship.

Final tournament: The UEFA European Championship was a four-team event in 1960, 1964, 1968, 1972 and 1976. From 1980 it was expanded to an eight-team finals and remained in that format in 1984, 1988 and 1992 until 1996, when the current 16-team format was adopted.

Goals for/against: 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 after a tie ended in a draw.

:: Squad list

The eligible list of players ordered first by playing position and then numeric order.

UEFA EURO 2008™ qualifying: Total UEFA EURO 2008™ appearances/goals in qualifying competition only.

FT: Total UEFA EURO 2008™ appearances/goals in final tournament only.

Overall: Total international appearances/goals.

DoB: Date of birth

Age: based on the date press kit was last updated

BL: Booking list (*: misses next match if booked, S: suspended)

:: Match officials

The match officials appointed to officiate the fixture.

National team competitions

EURO: UEFA European Football Championship • **U21:** UEFA European Under-21 Championship

WC: FIFA World Cup • **CONFCUP:** Confederation Cup

FRIE: Friendly internationals • **U21FRIE:** Under-21 friendly internationals

U21: UEFA European Under-21 Championship

U19: UEFA Under-19 Championship • **U18:** UEFA European Under-18 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

QR3: Third qualifying round

R1: First round

R2: Second round

R3: Third round

R4: Fourth round

SF: Semi-finals

1/8: Eighth-finals

1/16: Sixteenth-finals

1st: first leg

2nd: second leg

P-O: Play-off

:: Other Abbreviations

AP: Appearances

Comp.: Competition

D: Drawn

DoB: Date of birth

GA: Goals against

GF: Goals for

L: Lost

Nat.: Nationality

N/a: Not Applicable

No.: Number

Pld: Matches played

Pos.: Position

Pts: Points

R: Sent off (red card)

Res.: Result

W: Won

Y: Booked

Y/R: Sent off (yellow card then direct red)

:: Statistics

(-) : Denotes player substituted

(*) : Denotes player dismissed/sent off

(+) : Denotes player introduced

(+/-) : Denotes player introduced and substituted

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20 Simone Perrotta
22 Alberto Aquilani

Head Coach: Marco Van Basten

Head Coach: Roberto Donadoni

Referee: Peter FRÖJDFELDT (SWE)

Fourth official: Damir SKOMINA (SVN)

Assistant referees: Stefan WITTEBERG (SWE)
Henrik ANDREN (SWE)

UEFA delegate: Dennis CRUISE (IRL)

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NETHERLANDS 3:0 ITALY



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half time

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Head Coach: Marco **Van Basten**

	Half	Full
Total shots	9	18
Shots on target	5	9
Free kicks to goal	1	2
Saves	1	5
Corners	2	3
Fouls committed	10	19
Fouls suffered	6	9
Offside	1	4
Possession	56%	51%
Ball in play	15'06"	28'30"
Total ball in play	27'24"	56'17"

Referee:
Peter FRÖJDFELDT (SWE)
Assistant referees:
Stefan WITTEBERG (SWE)
Henrik ANDREN (SWE)

- Goal
- Sent off
- Penalty
- Captain
- Misses next match if booked
- Booked
- Substitution
- Owngoal
- Goalkeeper

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half time

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Head Coach: Roberto **Donadoni**

	Half	Full
Total shots	4	16
Shots on target	1	5
Free kicks to goal	0	3
Saves	3	5
Corners	1	5
Fouls committed	6	10
Fouls suffered	10	19
Offside	1	3
Possession	44%	49%
Ball in play	12'18"	27'47"
Total ball in play	27'24"	56'17"

Fourth official:
Damir SKOMINA (SVN)
UEFA delegate:
Dennis CRUISE (IRL)

Man of the match:
10, Sneijder Wesley (NED)

Attendance: 30,777

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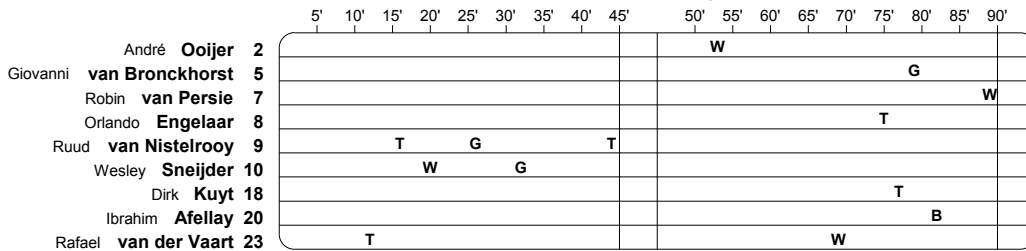




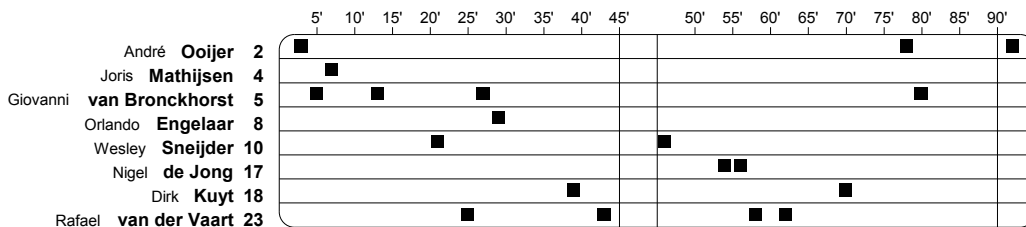
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Shots

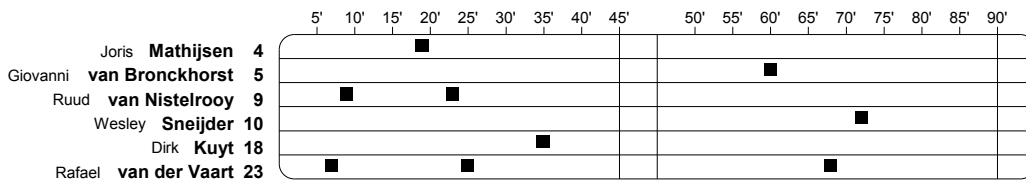
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B	1	Shots hitting bar
T	5	Other shots on target
W	4	Shots off target



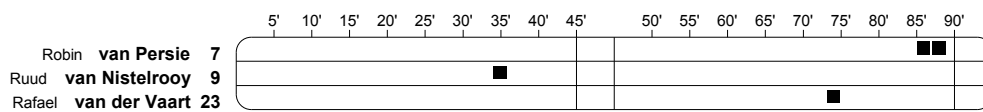
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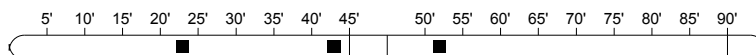
9 Fouls Suffered



4 Offside



3 Corners



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Shots

Goal G
Shots hitting post P
Shots hitting bar B
Other shots on target 5 T
Shots off target 11 W

5'	10'	15'	20'	25'	30'	35'	40'	45'	50'	55'	60'	65'	70'	75'	80'	85'	90'
									W								W
														T			W
													T	W			
		W										T		W			
					T			W									
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		W											W				
														W		T	

- 2 Panucci Christian
- 3 Grosso Fabio
- 7 Del Piero Alessandro
- 9 Toni Luca
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- 13 Ambrosini Massimo
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- 19 Zambrotta Gianluca
- 21 Pirlo Andrea

Fouls committed 10

5'	10'	15'	20'	25'	30'	35'	40'	45'	50'	55'	60'	65'	70'	75'	80'	85'	90'

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Fouls Suffered 19

5'	10'	15'	20'	25'	30'	35'	40'	45'	50'	55'	60'	65'	70'	75'	80'	85'	90'

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- 23 Materazzi Marco

Offside 3

5'	10'	15'	20'	25'	30'	35'	40'	45'	50'	55'	60'	65'	70'	75'	80'	85'	90'

- 7 Del Piero Alessandro
- 11 Di Natale Antonio

Corners 5

5'	10'	15'	20'	25'	30'	35'	40'	45'	50'	55'	60'	65'	70'	75'	80'	85'	90'

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Team statistics: Full time

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NETHERLANDS **3:0** **ITALY**

- 26' Ruud van Nistelrooy
- 31' Wesley Sneijder
- 79' Giovanni van Bronckhorst

1st half	2nd half	Total	Period	1st half	2nd half	Total
46'06"	48'04"	94'10"	Total time played (mins)	46'06"	48'04"	94'10"
15'06"	13'24"	28'30"	Ball in play (mins)	12'18"	15'29"	27'47"
56%	46%	51%	Ball possession	44%	54%	49%
			Distance & speed			
55,029	56,037	111,066	Distance covered (metres)	52,368	55,463	107,831
29.80	26.95	29.80	Top speed (km/h)	28.48	26.71	28.48
5.12	6.55	6.63	Average speed	4.87	6.35	6.32
			Passing & solo runs			
242	198	440	Passes attempted	192	262	454
188	144	332	Passes completed	137	192	329
52	50	102	Long passes attempted	39	53	92
29	28	57	Long passes completed	17	31	48
134	112	246	Medium passes attempted	93	144	237
110	92	202	Medium passes completed	71	117	188
56	36	92	Short passes attempted	60	65	125
49	24	73	Short passes completed	49	44	93
10	21	31	Delivery/solo runs into the attacking third	17	31	48
7	15	22	Delivery/solo runs into the key area	8	20	28
3	6	9	Delivery/solo runs into the penalty area	4	9	13
			Scoring situations			
2	1	3	Goal(s) scored (open play)	0	0	0
0	0	0	Goal(s) scored (penalty)	0	0	0
0	0	0	Goal(s) scored (direct from free-kick)	0	0	0
0	0	0	Goal(s) scored (penalty shootout)	0	0	0
9	9	18	Attempts on/off target	4	12	16
2	1	3	Assist(s)	0	0	0
1	4	5	Save(s)	3	2	5
			Discipline			
0	1	1	Yellow card(s)	2	1	3
0	0	0	Red card(s)	0	0	0
10	9	19	Foul(s) committed	6	4	10
1	3	4	Offside(s)	1	2	3

Goal scored

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Team / Players passing distribution

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From	TP	To																				Total	
		1	2	4	5	8	9	10	17	18	21	23	3	7	20	PC	PA	%					
Edwin van der Sar	1	94'10"		4	5	3	-	2	5	-	3	1	1	2	3	-	29	48	60%				
André Ooijer	2	94'10"	4		2	3	5	-	4	6	4	3	4	1	1	1	38	44	86%				
Joris Mathijsen	4	94'10"	2	4		6	3	-	8	2	1	2	3	-	-	-	31	36	86%				
Giovanni van Bronckhorst	5	94'10"	3	3	2		7	3	6	5	-	-	2	-	1	-	32	42	76%				
Orlando Engelaar	8	94'10"	2	6	6	6		4	4	6	2	-	2	-	-	1	40	51	78%				
Ruud van Nistelrooy	9	71'01"	-	-	1	-	1		3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	11	45%				
Wesley Sneijder	10	94'10"	3	2	3	9	6	4		2	2	-	8	-	2	-	41	53	77%				
Nigel de Jong	17	94'10"	1	6	4	2	10	-	3		4	5	2	-	-	-	37	44	84%				
Dirk Kuyt	18	81'27"	1	4	2	1	2	2	-	6		2	2	-	2	-	24	31	77%				
Khalid Boulahrouz	21	77'15"	3	3	3	-	2	-	1	4	2		2	-	-	-	21	30	70%				
Rafael van der Vaart	23	94'10"	1	3	1	2	1	2	6	2	6	-		-	-	1	25	33	76%				
John Heitinga	3	16'55"	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-		-	-	3	7	43%				
Robin van Persie	7	23'09"	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	4	6	67%				
Ibrahim Afellay	20	12'43"	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	4	50%				
Team total:																	332	440	75%				

From	TP	To																		Total	
		1	2	6	8	9	11	13	16	19	21	23	3	7	18	PC	PA	%			
Gianluigi Buffon	1	94'10"		1	2	1	3	2	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	13	22	59%		
Christian Panucci	2	94'10"	1		4	4	3	2	1	7	3	3	1	1	-	2	32	35	91%		
Andrea Barzagli	6	94'10"	4	4		7	2	-	7	1	2	7	2	-	-	-	36	37	97%		
Gennaro Gattuso	8	94'10"	-	6	6		3	1	1	6	1	6	1	4	1	4	40	52	77%		
Luca Toni	9	94'10"	-	-	-	1		2	2	1	-	2	-	1	2	1	12	23	52%		
Antonio Di Natale	11	64'29"	1	-	-	1	2		3	1	3	2	-	1	-	-	14	20	70%		
Massimo Ambrosini	13	94'10"	-	4	2	7	4	-	2	4	8	1	1	3	1	3	37	50	74%		
Mauro Camoranesi	16	75'29"	-	2	2	6	2	3	1		1	3	1	2	-	-	23	32	72%		
Gianluca Zambrotta	19	94'10"	1	1	1	3	3	5	4	3		3	2	-	-	1	27	41	66%		
Andrea Pirlo	21	94'10"	-	4	4	6	-	-	8	4	6		3	3	1	5	46	69	67%		
Marco Materazzi	23	54'58"	-	1	2	1	-	1	3	2	5	3		-	-	-	18	25	72%		
Fabio Grosso	3	39'12"	-	2	1	1	1	-	1	1	1	3	-		2	1	14	23	61%		
Alessandro Del Piero	7	29'41"	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1		2	6	10	60%		
Antonio Cassano	18	18'41"	-	-	-	3	1	-	3	-	-	2	-	1	1		11	15	73%		
Team total:																	329	454	72%		

TP: Time played

PA: Passes attempted

PC: Passes completed

%: Passing success percentage

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