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Group B - Matchday 6



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Match background

Slaven Bilić will hope his Croatia team can turn the clock back ten years when they take on Germany in their second Group B fixture in Klagenfurt.

- After both teams won their opening game on Sunday – Croatia defeating Austria and Germany overcoming Poland – a victory for either could potentially secure them early progress to the quarter-finals.
- Bilić's men owed their victory in Vienna to Luka Modrić's fourth-minute penalty and the coach will now hope his charges emulate the Croatia team that defeated Germany at the 1998 FIFA World Cup – rather than the one beaten by the same opponents in the quarter-finals of EURO '96™.
- It was on 4 July 1998 in Lyon that a Croatia side featuring Bilić recorded their one previous victory against Germany. Miroslav Blažević's underdogs prevailed 3-0 in a World Cup quarter-final triumph in Lyon to advance to the last four.
- Robert Jarni, Goran Vlaović and Davor Šuker got the second-half goals against a Germany side reduced to ten men following the 40th-minute dismissal of Christian Wörns.
- It was arguably the high point of Croatia's France '98 exploits, which eventually produced a third-placed finish, and marked the end of Berti Vogts' rein as Germany coach.
- The only survivors from that tie in the countries' UEFA EURO 2008™ squads are Croatia's Dario Šimić and Germany's Jens Lehmann. Of the pair, only Šimić actually played in the match.
- Bilić also played when the countries met in their first official encounter at the quarter-final stage of EURO '96™.
- Germany, the eventual champions, emerged 2-1 winners from the match at Old Trafford on 23 June that year, Matthias Sammer scoring the deciding goal in the 59th minute. Croatia striker Šuker had cancelled out Jürgen Klinsmann's 20th-minute penalty in the 51st minute but the pendulum swung back Germany's way after Croatia lost defender Igor Štimac to a red card on 56 minutes.
- Germany went on to beat the Czech Republic in the final that year but they had to wait until last Sunday, and the 2-0 victory against Poland, to record another victory in the UEFA European Championship. Lukas Podolski scored both goals (20 and 72 mins) as Joachim Löw's team became the early Group B leaders.
- Prior to that, Germany and Croatia had played three friendly matches against each other during the Second World War, the first of them on Austrian soil in Vienna. Germany won that 1941 encounter 5-1 and the following year defeated Croatia 2-0 and then 5-1.



- The teams have met twice since France '98. A 70th-minute goal by Niko Kovač, then of Hamburger SV, earned Croatia a 1-1 draw in Zagreb in March 2000, cancelling out a Marko Rehmer goal for the visitors.
- A 90th-minute effort from substitute Carsten Ramelow then helped Germany to a 2-1 win in Split on 18 February 2004 after Miroslav Klose and Croatia substitute Mato Neretljak had traded goals.
- The teams that day were:
Croatia: Stipe Pletikosa, Boris Živković, Stjepan Tomas, Robert Kovač (Dario Šimić 46), Josep Šimunić, Darijo Srna, Niko Kovač, Đovani Roso (Jerko Leko 46), Marko Babić (Mato Neretljak 74), Dado Pršo (Ivica Olić 58), Ivan Klasnić.
Germany: Oliver Kahn, Arne Friedrich, Christian Wörns, Jens Nowotny, Philipp Lahm, Frank Baumann, Dietmar Hamann, Paul Freier (Bernd Schneider 77), Torsten Frings (Carsten Ramelow 62), Miroslav Klose (Benjamin Lauth 80), Kevin Kuranyi (Fredy Bobic 67).
- This is Croatia's third appearance at the UEFA European Championship finals. They reached the quarter-finals in 1996 but were group-stage casualties in 2004.
- Germany were European champions last in 1996 having earlier lifted the continental crown as West Germany in 1972 and 1980. Runners-up in 1976 and 1992, they have appeared in every edition of the UEFA European Championship since the inception of the final round in 1980.
- This is the 13th edition of the UEFA European Championship and the eighth edition that features a final tournament with a group phase.
- Croatian internationals Niko and Robert Kovač and Ivan Klasnić were all born in Germany.
- Klasnić and his Croatia team-mate Ivica Olić are both married to German women.
- Klasnić was named as sports personality of the year by Germany's Kicker magazine in 2007 after returning to action with Bremen following a kidney transplant.
- Bilić played for German club Karlsruher SC from 1993-95, making 54 appearances and scoring five goals.
- During his time with Werder Bremen, Croatia striker Klasnić has played with German internationals Tim Borowski, Torsten Frings, Clemens Fritz, Miroslav Klose and Per Mertesacker.
- Kuranyi and Lahm were in the Stuttgart side which ran out 2-1 winners against an NK Dinamo Zagreb team including Croatia's Daniel Pranjić in the 2004/05 UEFA Cup group stage.
- Germany's Arne Friedrich plays with Croatia's Josip Simunić at Hertha BSC Berlin, where he also appeared alongside Niko Kovač.
- Croatia's Ivica Olić is a team-mate of Germany midfielder Piotr Trochowski at Hamburg.
- Michael Ballack is well acquainted with the Kovač brothers having played with Robert at Bayer 04 Leverkusen and both Robert and Niko at FC Bayern München. Oliver Neuville played alongside Robert Kovač at the BayArena.
- Frings was a team-mate of Robert Kovač at Bayern in 2004/05.

Match facts

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UEFA EURO 2008™ statistics

- Three players have appeared in all 13 matches in Croatia's UEFA EURO 2008™ campaign, qualifying and finals: Niko Kranjčar, Vedran Ćorluka and Luka Modrić. Ćorluka has played all 1,170 minutes. Eduardo da Silva – ruled out of the finals by injury – appeared in all 12 games in qualifying Group E.
- Four of the 23-man squad are yet to make an appearance in this campaign, qualifying and finals: Mario Galinović, Hrvoje Vejić, Nikola Pokrivač and Nikola Kalinić.
- Eduardo struck ten goals in qualifying, fewer only than top scorer David Healy. Mladen Petrić managed seven.
- Croatia scored 28 times in qualifying, fewer only than Germany (35) and Slovakia (33). Croatia's 12-match average was 2.33 goals per game.

- Croatia conceded eight times in their 12 qualifying matches. France, the Czech Republic and the Netherlands had the best defensive records with five goals conceded each.
- Slaven Bilić's side collected only seven yellow cards in qualifying – the best disciplinary record of any side.

Disciplinary news

- Robert Kovač is a yellow card away from suspension after he was booked against Austria.

Team information

• Sunday 8 June: Austria 0-1 Croatia (Modrić 4pen)

Modrić's penalty, the earliest successful spot-kick in finals history, secured victory in Vienna after Ivica Olić had been brought down by René Aufhauser. Roman Kienast headed wide seconds before the whistle, but Croatia held on for only their second victory in ten matches at a major finals – a 2-1 win against Italy in the 2002 FIFA World Cup the other.

• Croatia coach Bilić said: "I'm delighted that after so many years we have won a game at a major championship. But when we got back to the dressing room I could see our players were not entirely satisfied so I turned on the cassette player and said they should sing because, after all, we had won the game. Some of our players were overwhelmed by playing at such a big tournament but we have started in the best possible way."

Friendly results

31.05.2008: Hungary 1-1 Croatia (N. Kovač)

24.05.2008: Croatia 1-0 Moldova (N. Kovač)

26.03.2008: Scotland 1-1 Croatia 1-1 (Kranjčar)

06.02.2008: Croatia 0-3 Netherlands

Injury news

- Modrić trained alone on Monday as a precautionary measure after complaining of slight pain with his achilles tendon. Petrić, meanwhile, has been hampered by the back injury that ruled him out of the last five games of BV Borussia Dortmund's Bundesliga season.
- Scorer of ten goals in qualifying, Arsenal FC striker Eduardo was ruled out of the finals with a compound double fracture of his left leg he suffered in February.

Miscellaneous

- Dario Šimić could become the first Croatia player to win 100 caps this summer; he has 98 to date.
- The squad have been together since 19 May when they convened for a training camp at Rovinj, a setting in Jules Verne's novel Mathias Sandorf.
- On 2 June Croatian Prime Minister Dr Ivo Sanader talked football over lunch with Bilić and his players at the Sheraton Hotel in Zagreb. "I came to wish you luck and success at the European Championship," said Mr Sanader, who was presented with a signed shirt by Niko Kovač.
- Not content with simply coaching Croatia, Bilić has also written a fans' song for the finals with his rock band, Rawbau. Named Vatreno Ludilo (Flaming Madness), the song was performed by the band from a rooftop in Sofia in April.

Domestic information

- Ognjen Vukojević and Modrić helped NK Dinamo Zagreb claim the league-and-cup double in Croatia. Club captain Modrić scored 13 league goals before agreeing a €21m transfer to England's Tottenham Hotspur FC in April.
- Vukojević is also on the move, taking time out from pre-UEFA EURO 2008™ training on 26 May to seal a reported €8m switch to FC Dynamo Kyiv. The midfielder agreed a five-year deal.
- Darijo Srna also claimed the domestic double with FC Shakhtar Donetsk in Ukraine, going one better than Mario Galinović and Kranjčar. After missing the start of the season, Galinović helped Panathinaikos FC to the Greek title, while Kranjčar played a part in every game of Portsmouth FC's successful FA Cup run.

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UEFA EURO 2008™ statistics

- No Germany player has appeared in all 13 matches in qualifying and at these finals, with Jens Lehmann making the most appearances having featured in eleven games.

- Three of the final 23-man squad are yet to feature either in qualifying or at these finals: Heiko Westermann, Robert Enke and René Adler.
- Lukas Podolski was Germany's top scorer in qualifying with eight goals, three more than Miroslav Klose. Northern Ireland's David Healy finished as the highest scorer overall having struck 13 times.
- Torsten Frings, Bernd Schneider – who is not in the final squad – and Bastian Schweinsteiger all set up four goals in qualifying, with Slovakia's Ján Kozák the leading assist provider overall with seven.
- Germany were the top scorers in qualifying having managed 35 goals at an average of 2.92 goals per game. Their 13-0 win in San Marino was also a new UEFA European Championship record.
- They conceded just seven, and only France, the Czech Republic and the Netherlands – who were all breached five times – had better defensive records.
- Germany managed 91 shots on goal at an average of 7.58 shots per match. Portugal led the way in this regard with 101 shots on goal. Only Portugal, with 112 shots wide, had more shots wide in qualifying than Germany's total of 89.

Disciplinary news

- Schweinsteiger is a booking away from suspension after picking up a yellow card against Poland.

Team information

• Sunday 8 June: Germany 2-0 Poland (Podolski 20 72)

Podolski struck in either half to give Germany an ideal start to Group B campaign against debutants Poland in Klagenfurt. The Polish-born forward put Germany in front with a simple finish and then adding an emphatic volley.

• Germany coach Joachim Löw said: "As a coach, you keep asking yourself where your team are at, right up until the big kick-off. For the three weeks until the tournament starts, you don't have the chance to measure yourself against anybody, but we played well. I think the team proved their determination and their focus. We can be very happy with the result. The atmosphere was good in the dressing room because all that pressure was gone. Everyone was happy."

Friendly results

31.05.2008 Germany 2–1 Serbia (Neuville, Ballack)

27.05.2008 Germany 2–2 Belarus (Klose, own goal)

26.03.2008 Switzerland 0–4 Germany (Klose, Gómez 2, Podolski)

06.02.2008 Austria 0–3 Germany (Hitzlsperger, Klose, Gómez)

Injury news

• Mario Gómez started after recovering from a calf strain, while Tim Borowski (flu), Adler (bruised back) and Arne Friedrich (gastrointestinal virus) were all unused substitutes having recovered from their own problems.

Miscellaneous

• On 4 June Germany beat a Ticino Under-18 select 8-0 in a training ground friendly. Klose (2), Gómez (2), Oliver Neuville, Podolski, Kevin Kuranyi and Thomas Hitzlsperger were all on target. Germany began their preparations for the finals with a training camp in Mallorca from 19 to 31 May. They then had two days of rest at home before flying from Frankfurt to Lugano and on to the finals base in Tenero on 2 June.

Domestic information

• Five members of the Germany squad claimed the double of Bundesliga and German Cup with FC Bayern München: Marcell Jansen, Philipp Lahm, Schweinsteiger, Klose and Podolski.

• Swiss-born forward Neuville was also a championship winner in Germany, scoring 15 times as VfL Borussia Mönchengladbach finished six points clear at the top of the 2. Bundesliga.

• A persistent foot problem limited Christoph Metzelder to nine appearances as Real Madrid CF won the Primera División title. The centre-back ended a six-month absence when he returned for the last two games of the season.

• Michael Ballack endured a frustrating May as Chelsea FC were twice edged out by Manchester United FC, first for the English Premier League title and then in the UEFA Champions League final. The Germany captain scored in the penalty shoot-out in Moscow but his side lost that 6-5 after a 1-1 draw.

• Lehmann will return to the Bundesliga following UEFA EURO 2008™ after signing a one-year contract with VfB Stuttgart on the eve of the finals. The 38-year-old is leaving Arsenal FC on a free transfer after five seasons in England.

Squad list

Croatia

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	BL	UEFA EURO 2008™				Overall Team	
						Qual.	Gls	FT	Pld	Gls	Pld
Goalkeepers											
1	Stipe Pletikosa	08.01.1979	29	FC Spartak Moskva	-	10	-	1	-	70	-
12	Mario Galinović	15.11.1976	31	Panathinaikos FC	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
23	Vedran Runje	10.02.1976	32	RC Lens	-	2	-	-	-	4	-
Defenders											
2	Dario Šimić	12.11.1975	32	AC Milan	-	9	-	-	-	98	3
3	Josip Šimunić	18.02.1978	30	Hertha BSC Berlin	-	10	-	1	-	63	3
4	Robert Kovač	06.04.1974	34	BV Borussia Dortmund	*	11	-	1	-	75	-
5	Vedran Čorluka	05.02.1986	22	Manchester City FC	-	12	-	1	-	21	-
6	Hrvoje Vejić	08.06.1977	31	FC Tom Tomsk	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
13	Nikola Pokrivač	26.11.1985	22	AS Monaco FC	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
15	Dario Knežević	20.04.1982	26	AS Livorno Calcio	-	1	-	1	-	8	1
Midfielders											
7	Ivan Rakitić	10.03.1988	20	FC Schalke 04	-	4	1	-	-	8	1
8	Ognjen Vukojević	20.12.1983	24	NK Dinamo Zagreb	-	1	-	1	-	6	1
10	Niko Kovač	15.10.1971	36	FC Salzburg	-	10	-	1	-	78	13
11	Darijo Srna	01.05.1982	26	FC Shakhtar Donetsk	-	9	3	1	-	56	15
14	Luka Modrić	09.09.1985	22	NK Dinamo Zagreb	-	12	1	1	1	27	4
16	Jerko Leko	09.04.1980	28	AS Monaco FC	-	8	-	-	-	52	2
19	Niko Kranjčar	13.08.1984	23	Portsmouth FC	-	12	2	1	-	42	6
22	Danijel Pranjić	02.12.1981	26	SC Heerenveen	-	3	-	1	-	12	-
Forwards											
9	Nikola Kalinić	05.01.1988	20	HNK Hajduk Split	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
17	Ivan Klasnić	29.01.1980	28	Werder Bremen	-	2	1	-	-	28	8
18	Ivica Olić	14.09.1979	28	Hamburger SV	-	8	1	1	-	55	9
20	Igor Budan	22.04.1980	28	Parma FC	-	1	-	1	-	6	-
21	Mladen Petrić	01.01.1981	27	BV Borussia Dortmund	-	10	7	1	-	24	9
Coach											
-	Slaven Bilić	11.09.1968	39	CRO	-	12	-	1	-	-	-

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Germany

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						Qual. Pld	Gls	FT Pld	Gls		
Goalkeepers											
1	Jens Lehmann	10.11.1969	38	Arsenal FC	-	10	-	1	-	56	-
12	Robert Enke	24.08.1977	30	Hannover 96	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
23	René Adler	15.01.1985	23	Bayer 04 Leverkusen	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders											
2	Marcell Jansen	04.11.1985	22	FC Bayern München	-	8	1	1	-	23	1
3	Arne Friedrich	29.05.1979	29	Hertha BSC Berlin	-	8	-	-	-	57	-
4	Clemens Fritz	07.12.1980	27	Werder Bremen	-	8	2	1	-	15	2
5	Heiko Westermann	14.08.1983	24	FC Schalke 04	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
16	Philipp Lahm	11.11.1983	24	FC Bayern München	-	9	-	1	-	42	2
17	Per Mertesacker	29.09.1984	23	Werder Bremen	-	8	-	1	-	44	1
21	Christoph Metzelder	05.11.1980	27	Real Madrid CF	-	8	-	1	-	42	-
Midfielders											
6	Simon Rolfes	21.01.1982	26	Bayer 04 Leverkusen	-	4	-	-	-	10	-
7	Bastian Schweinsteiger	01.08.1984	23	FC Bayern München	*	8	3	1	-	52	13
8	Torsten Frigs	22.11.1976	31	Werder Bremen	-	9	1	1	-	73	10
13	Michael Ballack	26.09.1976	31	Chelsea FC	-	5	3	1	-	82	36
14	Piotr Trochowski	22.03.1984	24	Hamburger SV	-	6	-	-	-	12	-
15	Thomas Hitzlsperger	05.04.1982	26	VfB Stuttgart	-	8	4	1	-	34	5
18	Tim Borowski	02.05.1980	28	Werder Bremen	-	3	-	-	-	31	2
Forwards											
9	Mario Gómez	10.07.1985	22	VfB Stuttgart	-	6	2	1	-	11	6
10	Oliver Neuville	01.05.1973	35	VfL Borussia Mönchengladbach	-	3	-	-	-	68	10
11	Miroslav Klose	09.06.1978	30	FC Bayern München	-	9	5	1	-	76	39
19	David Odonkor	21.02.1984	24	Real Betis Balompíe	-	4	-	-	-	15	1
20	Lukas Podolski	04.06.1985	23	FC Bayern München	-	9	8	1	2	49	27
22	Kevin Kuranyi	02.03.1982	26	FC Schalke 04	-	6	3	1	-	48	19
Coach											
-	Joachim Löw	03.02.1960	48	GER	-	12	-	1	-	-	-

Head coach

Croatia: Slaven Bilić

Date of birth: 11 September 1968

Nationality: Croatian

Playing career: HNK Hajduk Split, Karlsruher SC, West Ham United FC, Everton FC, Hajduk

Coaching career: Croatia Under-21, Croatia

With Croatia finishing top of Group E in qualifying, former international defender Slaven Bilić has already rewarded the Croatian Football Federation for the faith they showed when hiring him as national team coach in July 2006 at the age of 37. Bilić is determined their achievements will not end there, signing a new contract in May until 2010 and saying: "This is one of the best national teams I have seen in the last five years."

Bilić, who has a law degree, began as a coach during 2002/03 with HNK Hajduk Split, the hometown club where he first made his name. He had gone back to the capital after several years abroad and it was soon clear he had loftier ambitions. He was appointed to lead Croatia's Under-21 side in summer 2004 and the team won their qualifying group for the 2006 UEFA European Under-21 Championship but missed out on the finals after a play-off defeat by Serbia and Montenegro.

Bilić was absent for that tie as he was in hospital after back surgery. He began as a defender with Hajduk and spent six years there before moving on to Bundesliga side 1. FC Kaiserslautern in 1993. West Ham United FC paid a then club-record fee of €2.3m for his services in January 1996 and his form in England earned him a place in Croatia's team at EURO '96™, where he helped them reach the quarter-finals before Everton FC came calling with a €6.6m bid in March 1997.

Capped 44 times by his country, his greatest achievement came at the 1998 FIFA World Cup when he helped Croatia to a third-place finish in their first finals appearance. During 1999/00, he returned home to Hajduk and fans in Split could see him indulge his other passion, heavy metal, when playing guitar in a band called Rawbau.

Germany: Joachim Löw

Date of birth: 3 February 1960

Nationality: German

Playing career: SC Freiburg (three times), VfB Stuttgart, Eintracht Frankfurt, Karlsruher SC, FC Schaffhausen, FC Winterthur, FC Frauenfeld

Coaching career: FC Winterthur (youth coach), FC Frauenfeld, VfB Stuttgart, Fenerbahçe SK, Karlsruher SC, Adanaspor AS, FC Wacker Tirol, FK Austria Wien, Germany (assistant), Germany

Not many eyebrows were raised when Joachim Löw stepped up from his position as Germany assistant coach to take centre stage after Jürgen Klinsmann stood down after the 2006 FIFA World Cup. The former midfielder had heavily influenced tactics and lineups, and was a major force behind Germany's attacking approach, with Klinsmann saying: "He has always been much more than an assistant coach to me."

The Schonau-born Löw proved that he was the right man for the job in UEFA EURO 2008™ qualifying, with Germany the first nation apart from the two co-hosts to book a place in the finals. Löw was promptly handed an extension to his original two-year contract, which takes him through until 2010, and German Football Association president Theo Zwanziger declared the move "a clear signal that we are heading towards UEFA EURO 2008™ and the 2010 World Cup with confidence in his philosophy". Affectionately known as Jogi, Löw is widely regarded for his innovative training methods and his pride in seeing young players fulfil their potential.

Löw played for VfB Stuttgart, SC Freiburg and Eintracht Frankfurt. He hung up his boots in summer 1995, but had already been coaching part-time at Swiss side FC Winterthur. He took the reins at Stuttgart in July 1995 and guided them to the 1996/97 German Cup, and the final of the UEFA Cup Winners' Cup in the following season where they lost 1-0 to Chelsea FC. He then won the Austrian championship with FC Wacker Tiro, then known as FC Tirol Innsbruck, in 2001/02 before a spell at FK Austria Wien. He also had stints in Turkey at Fenerbahçe SK and Adanaspor AS.

Match officials

Referee	Frank De Bleeckere (BEL)
Assistant referees	Peter Hermans (BEL), Alex Verstraeten (BEL)
Fourth official	Stéphane Lannoy (FRA)
Reserve official	Matthias Arnet (SUI)
UEFA Delegate	Mark Blackburne (ENG)

Referee

Name	Nat.	Date of birth
Frank De Bleeckere	BEL	01.07.1966

Frank De Bleeckere is carrying on a family tradition which has endured for more than four decades. De Bleeckere's grandfather was a referee in Belgium in the 1950s and 1960s, and his father René a top-flight match official in the domestic game some 20 years ago. A PR manager born in Oudenaarde, he speaks English, Flemish, French and German and is married with a daughter. He started refereeing in 1984, oversaw his first top-flight match in 1995 and received his FIFA badge in 1998. The same year he officiated at his first UEFA tournament, the UEFA European Under-16 Championship in Scotland, and quickly graduated to UEFA Champions League and UEFA Cup duties.

He sandwiched UEFA EURO 2004™, where he was one of four specialist fourth officials, with appearances at the 2003 FIFA U-20 World Cup in the United Arab Emirates and 2005 FIFA U-17 World Cup in Peru, where he refereed the final between Mexico and Brazil. De Bleeckere had earlier overseen a showpiece closer to home, the 2005 Belgian Cup final between Club Brugge KV and KFC Germinal Beerschot Antwerpen. He was in the middle for six UEFA Champions League matches in 2004/05 and four the following season before travelling to the FIFA World Cup where he took charge of four matches including Italy's quarter-final defeat of Ukraine.

He was soon back in the rarified air of the UEFA Champions League, ending the 2006/07 campaign with AC Milan's 3-0 victory against Manchester United FC that confirmed the eventual winners' place in the 2007 final. The following season, he took charge of the UEFA Cup semi-final second leg between ACF Fiorentina and Rangers FC.

Match-by-match lineups

Final tournament Group B

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Germany	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Croatia	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Austria	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Poland	1	0	0	1	0	2	0

Date	Match	Result	Stadium/Venue
08.06.2008	Austria - Croatia Goals: 0-1 Modrić 4 (pen)	0-1	Ernst Happel, Vienna
08.06.2008	Germany - Poland Goals: 1-0 Podolski 20, 2-0 Podolski 72	2-0	Wörthersee, Klagenfurt
12.06.2008	Croatia - Germany	-	Wörthersee, Klagenfurt
12.06.2008	Austria - Poland	-	Ernst Happel, Vienna
16.06.2008	Poland - Croatia	-	Wörthersee, Klagenfurt
16.06.2008	Austria - Germany	-	Ernst Happel, Vienna

Qualifying round Croatia

Group E

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Croatia	12	9	2	1	28	8	29
Russia	12	7	3	2	18	7	24
England	12	7	2	3	24	7	23
Israel	12	7	2	3	20	12	23
F.Y.R. Macedonia	12	4	2	6	12	12	14
Estonia	12	2	1	9	5	21	7
Andorra	12	0	0	12	2	42	0

Date	Match	Result	Stadium/Venue
06.09.2006	Russia - Croatia Goals: - Croatia: Pletikosa, Kovač, Ćorluka, Sabljic, Šerić, Kovač, Modrić, Kranjčar, Rapaić (Petrić 58), Klasnić (Babić 88), Eduardo (Leko 71)	0-0	Lokomotiv Stadium, Moscow
07.10.2006	Croatia - Andorra Goals: 1-0 Petrić 12, 2-0 Petrić 37, 3-0 Petrić 48, 4-0 Petrić 50, 5-0 Klasnić 58, 6-0 Balaban 62, 7-0 Modrić 83 Croatia: Pletikosa, Šimić, Šimunić, Kovač, Ćorluka, Kovač (Leko 69), Modrić, Klasnić, Kranjčar, Petrić (Balaban 60), Eduardo (Babić 64)	7-0	Maksimir, Zagreb
11.10.2006	Croatia - England Goals: 1-0 Eduardo 61, 2-0 G. Neville 69 (o.g.) Croatia: Pletikosa, Šimić, Šimunić, Kovač, Ćorluka, Rapaić (Olić 76), Kovač, Modrić, Kranjčar (Babić 89), Eduardo (Leko 81), Petrić	2-0	Maksimir, Zagreb

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15.11.2006 Israel - Croatia 3-4 Ramat Gan, Tel Aviv
Goals: 1-0 Colautti 8, 1-1 Srna 35 (pen) , 1-2 Eduardo 39, 1-3 Eduardo 54, 2-3 Benayoun 68, 2-4 Eduardo 72, 3-4 Colautti 89
Croatia: Runje, Šimić, Šimunić, Kovač, Čorluka, Kovač, Srna (Olić 88), Modrić, Kranjčar (Babić 70), Petrić, Eduardo (Leko 81)

24.03.2007 Croatia - F.Y.R. Macedonia 2-1 Maksimir, Zagreb
Goals: 0-1 Sedloski 36, 1-1 Srna 58, 2-1 Eduardo 87
Croatia: Pletikosa, Šimić, Šimunić, Čorluka, Rapaić (Srna 45), Babić, Balaban (Budan 79), Kovač, Modrić, Kranjčar, Eduardo

02.06.2007 Estonia - Croatia 0-1 A Le Coq Arena, Tallinn
Goals: 0-1 Eduardo 32
Croatia: Pletikosa, Šimunić, Kovač, Čorluka, Babić, Kovač, Srna, Modrić, Kranjčar (Leko 74), Petrić (Olić 54), Eduardo (Balaban 84)

06.06.2007 Croatia - Russia 0-0 Maksimir, Zagreb
Goals: -
Croatia: Pletikosa, Čorluka, Šimić, Kovač, Šimunić, Srna (Leko 8), Kovač, Modrić, Kranjčar (Petrić 66), Eduardo, Olić (Babić 83)

08.09.2007 Croatia - Estonia 2-0 Maksimir, Zagreb
Goals: 1-0 Eduardo 39, 2-0 Eduardo 45+1
Croatia: Pletikosa, Šimić, Šimunić, Kovač, Čorluka, Kovač, Srna (Babić 82), Modrić, Kranjčar (Rakitić 61), Petrić (Olić 72), Eduardo

12.09.2007 Andorra - Croatia 0-6 Estadi Comunal, Andorra La Vella
Goals: 0-1 Srna 34, 0-2 Petrić 38, 0-3 Petrić 44, 0-4 Kranjčar 49, 0-5 Eduardo 55, 0-6 Rakitić 64
Croatia: Runje, Srna, Kovač, Čorluka, Knežević, Kranjčar, Modrić (Balaban 46), Leko, Babić, Petrić (Pranjić 46), Eduardo (Rakitić 62)

13.10.2007 Croatia - Israel 1-0 Maksimir, Zagreb
Goals: 1-0 Eduardo 52
Croatia: Pletikosa, Šimić, Šimunić, Kovač, Čorluka, Srna, Modrić, Leko, Olić (Rakitić 81), Kranjčar (Pranjić 46), Eduardo

17.11.2007 F.Y.R. Macedonia - Croatia 2-0 Gradski, Skopje
Goals: 1-0 Maznov 71, 2-0 Naumoski 83
Croatia: Pletikosa, Šimić, Šimunić, Kovač, Čorluka, Kovač, Srna, Modrić, Kranjčar (Vukojević 75), Petrić (Mandžukić 42), Eduardo (Olić 54)

21.11.2007 England - Croatia 2-3 Wembley (new), London
Goals: 0-1 Kranjčar 8, 0-2 Olić 14, 1-2 Lampard 56 (pen) , 2-2 Crouch 65, 2-3 Petrić 77
Croatia: Pletikosa, Čorluka, Šimić, Kovač, Šimunić, Srna, Modrić, Kovač, Kranjčar (Pranjić 75), Olić (Rakitić 84), Eduardo (Petrić 69)

Qualifying round Germany

Group D

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Czech Republic	12	9	2	1	27	5	29
Germany	12	8	3	1	35	7	29
Republic of Ireland	12	4	5	3	17	14	17
Slovakia	12	5	1	6	33	23	16
Wales	12	4	3	5	18	19	15
Cyprus	12	4	2	6	17	24	14
San Marino	12	0	0	12	2	57	0

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Date	Match	Result	Stadium/Venue
02.09.2006	Germany - Republic of Ireland	1-0	Gottlieb-Daimler, Stuttgart
Goals: 1-0 Podolski 57			
Germany: Lehmann, Lahm, Friedrich, M. Friedrich, Jansen, Schneider (Borowski 83), Frings, Ballack, Schweinsteiger, Podolski (Neuville 76), Klose			
06.09.2006	San Marino - Germany	0-13	Olimpico, Serravalle
Goals: 0-1 Podolski 11, 0-2 Schweinsteiger 28, 0-3 Klose 30, 0-4 Ballack 35, 0-5 Podolski 43, 0-6 Klose 45+1, 0-7 Schweinsteiger 47, 0-8 Podolski 64, 0-9 Hitzlsperger 66, 0-10 Podolski 72, 0-11 Hitzlsperger 73, 0-12 M. Friedrich 87, 0-13 Schneider 90 (pen)			
Germany: Lehmann, Jansen, Friedrich, Lahm, Schweinsteiger, Frings (Hitzlsperger 62), Ballack (Odonkor 46), Schneider, M. Friedrich, Klose (Asamoah 46), Podolski			
11.10.2006	Slovakia - Germany	1-4	Tehelné Pole, Bratislava
Goals: 0-1 Podolski 13, 0-2 Ballack 25, 0-3 Schweinsteiger 36, 1-3 Varga 58, 1-4 Podolski 72			
Germany: Lehmann, Friedrich, M. Friedrich, Fritz, Lahm, Ballack, Frings, Schneider (Odonkor 75), Schweinsteiger (Trochowski 77), Klose, Podolski (Hanke 85)			
15.11.2006	Cyprus - Germany	1-1	GSP, Nicosia
Goals: 0-1 Ballack 16, 1-1 Okkas 43			
Germany: Hildebrand, Friedrich, Lahm, Schweinsteiger, Frings, Ballack, Fritz, M. Friedrich, Odonkor (Hitzlsperger 79), Klose, Neuville (Hanke 62)			
24.03.2007	Czech Republic - Germany	1-2	Sparta Stadium, Prague
Goals: 0-1 Kuranyi 42, 0-2 Kuranyi 62, 1-2 Baroš 77			
Germany: Lehmann, Lahm, Mertesacker, Metzelder, Jansen, Schneider, Frings, Ballack, Schweinsteiger, Podolski (Hitzlsperger 89), Kuranyi			
02.06.2007	Germany - San Marino	6-0	Frankenstadion, Nuremberg
Goals: 1-0 Kuranyi 45, 2-0 Jansen 52, 3-0 Frings 56 (pen), 4-0 Gómez 63, 5-0 Gómez 65, 6-0 Fritz 67			
Germany: Lehmann, Lahm (Helmes 70), Mertesacker, Metzelder, Jansen, Frings, Hitzlsperger, Schneider, Hilbert (Fritz 59), Klose, Kuranyi (Gómez 59)			
06.06.2007	Germany - Slovakia	2-1	Arena Hamburg, Hamburg
Goals: 1-0 Ďurica 10 (o.g.), 1-1 Metzelder 20 (o.g.), 2-1 Hitzlsperger 43			
Germany: Lehmann, Jansen, Lahm, Mertesacker, Metzelder, Fritz, Frings, Hitzlsperger, Schneider (Rolfes 90+2), Klose (Trochowski 74), Kuranyi (Gómez 65)			
08.09.2007	Wales - Germany	0-2	Millennium, Cardiff
Goals: 0-1 Klose 6, 0-2 Klose 60			
Germany: Lehmann, Friedrich, Mertesacker, Metzelder, Pander (Trochowski 46), Hilbert, Hitzlsperger, Schweinsteiger, Jansen, Kuranyi (Podolski 72), Klose (Helmes 87)			
13.10.2007	Republic of Ireland - Germany	0-0	Croke Park, Dublin
Goals: -			
Germany: Lehmann, Friedrich, Fritz, Jansen, Mertesacker, Metzelder, Frings, Schweinsteiger (Rolfes 18), Trochowski (Castro 90), Gómez (Podolski 64), Kuranyi			
17.10.2007	Germany - Czech Republic	0-3	Allianz Arena, Munich
Goals: 0-1 Sionko 2, 0-2 Matějovský 23, 0-3 Plašil 63			
Germany: Hildebrand, Jansen, Friedrich, Mertesacker, Metzelder (Fritz 46), Schweinsteiger (Gómez 65), Frings, Trochowski (Rolfes 46), Odonkor, Kuranyi, Podolski			
17.11.2007	Germany - Cyprus	4-0	AWD-Arena, Hannover
Goals: 1-0 Fritz 2, 2-0 Klose 20, 3-0 Podolski 53, 4-0 Hitzlsperger 82			
Germany: Lehmann, Lahm, Metzelder, Mertesacker, Friedrich, Trochowski (Borowski 66), Hitzlsperger, Fritz (Hilbert 77), Podolski, Gómez (Hanke 73), Klose			

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21.11.2007 Germany - Wales

0-0

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Goals: -

Germany: Lehmann, Castro (Hilbert 56), Mertesacker, Metzelder, Lahm, Fritz, Borowski, Hitzlsperger (Rolfes 46), Podolski, Gómez (Neuville 71), Klose

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

46: 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: Edwin van der Sar (Netherlands)

35: Dorinel Munteanu (Romania)

35: Gheorghe Popescu (Romania)

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Final tournament

15: Lilian Thuram (FRA)
14: Karel Poborský (CZE)
14: Zinédine Zidane (FRA)
14: Luís Figo (POR)
14: Edwin van der Sar (NED)
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: 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: Ruud van Nistelrooy (NED)
5: Nuno Gomes (POR)
5: Savo Milošević (YUG)

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Team facts

Team facts: Croatia

UEFA European Championship record

2004: Group stage, final tournament

2000: Qualifying

1996: Quarter-finals

1992: n/a

1988: n/a

1984: n/a

1980: n/a

1976: n/a

1972: n/a

1968: n/a

1964: n/a

1960: n/a

Key facts

Overall record

Pld: 48 W: 29 D: 11 L: 8 F: 87 A: 38

Final tournament

Pld: 8 W: 3 D: 2 L: 3 F: 10 A: 11

Qualifying

Pld: 40 W: 26 D: 9 L: 5 F: 77 A: 27

Records

Qualifying

Biggest win

7-0: Croatia v Andorra, 07.10.2006, UEFA EURO 2008™ qualifying Group E

7-1: Croatia v Estonia, 03.09.1995, UEFA EURO '96™ qualifying Group 4

6-0: Andorra v Croatia, 12.09.2007, UEFA EURO 2008™ qualifying Group E

Biggest loss

2-0: F.Y.R. Macedonia v Croatia, 17.11.2007, UEFA EURO 2008™ qualifying Group E

2-0: Bulgaria v Croatia, 12.10.2002, UEFA EURO 2004™ qualifying Group 8

2-0: Republic of Ireland v Croatia, 05. 90.1998, UEFA EURO 2000™ qualifying Group 8

Final tournament

Biggest win

3-0: Croatia v Denmark, 16.06.1996, UEFA EURO '96™ Group D

Biggest loss

3-0: Croatia v Portugal, 19.06.1996, UEFA EURO '96™ Group D

EURO appearances (players)

Overall

29: Dario Šimić

25: Robert Kovač

21: Davor Šuker

21: Milan Rapačić

21: Stipe Pletikosa

21: Josip Šimunić

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Final tournament

4: Zvonimir Boban
4: Robert Jarni
4: Davor Šuker
4: Goran Vlaović
4: Aljoša Asanović
4: Dario Šimić
4: Slaven Bilić
4: Niko Kovač
4: Robert Kovač
4: Josip Šimunić
4: Ivica Olić

Top scorers

Overall

19: Davor Šuker
10: Eduardo da Silva
7: Mladen Petrić

Final tournament

3: Davor Šuker

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Team facts: Germany

UEFA European Championship record

2004: Group stage, final tournament
2000: Group stage, final tournament
1996: Winners
1992: Runners-up
1988: Semi-finalists (as West Germany)
1984: Group stage, final tournament (as West Germany)
1980: Winners (as West Germany)
1976: Runners-up (as West Germany)
1972: Winners (as West Germany)
1968: Qualifying (as West Germany)
1964: Did not enter
1960: Did not enter

Key facts

Overall

Pld: 111 W: 68 D: 29 L: 14 F: 226 A: 77

Final tournament

Pld: 33 W: 16 D: 10 L: 7 F: 47 A: 32

Qualifying

Pld: 78 W: 52 D: 19 L: 7 F: 179 A: 45

Records

Qualifying

Biggest win

13-0: San Marino v Germany, 06.09.2006, UEFA EURO 2008™ qualifying Group D
8-0: West Germany v Malta, 27.02.1980, 1980 UEFA European Championship qualifying Group 7
8-0: West Germany v Malta, 28.02.1976, 1976 UEFA European Championship qualifying Group 8

Biggest loss

3-0: Germany v Czech Republic, 17.10.2007, UEFA EURO 2008™ qualifying Group D

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Final tournament

Biggest win

3-0: West Germany v Soviet Union, 18.06.1972, 1972 UEFA European Championship final

3-0: Russia v Germany, 16.06.1996, UEFA EURO '96™ Group C

Biggest loss

3-0: Portugal v Germany, 20.06.2000, UEFA EURO 2000™ Group C

EURO appearances (players)

Overall

31: Lothar Matthäus

26: Jürgen Klinsmann

25: Thomas Hässler

23: Sepp Maier

22: Markus Babbel

22: Franz Beckenbauer

Final tournament

13: Jürgen Klinsmann

13: Thomas Hässler

11: Lothar Matthäus

10: Jürgen Kohler

Top scorers

Overall

16: Gerd Müller

15: Jürgen Klinsmann

12: Rudi Völler

10: Karl-Heinz Rummenigge

Final tournament

5: Jürgen Klinsmann

4: Gerd Müller

4: Rudi Völler

4: Dieter Müller

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UEFA information

Offside rule clarified

UEFA has emphasised that the goal scored by Netherlands striker Ruud Van Nistelrooy in Monday's Group C match against Italy in Berne was valid and that the referee acted correctly in awarding it. The UEFA General Secretary David Taylor was reacting to claims from some quarters that Van Nistelrooy was standing in an offside position when he scored the first goal in the Netherlands' 3-0 win. "I would like to take the opportunity to explain and emphasise that the goal was correctly awarded by the referee team," he said. "I think there's a lack of understanding among the general football public, and it's understandable because this was an unusual situation. The player was not offside, because, in addition to the goalkeeper, there was another Italian player in front of the goalscorer. Even though the other Italian player at the time had actually fallen off the pitch, his position was still relevant for the purposes of the offside law."

Zero tolerance for racism

The football family and anti-racism campaigners have joined forces at the start of UEFA EURO 2008™ to deliver a strong message: racist conduct, discrimination and intolerance will have no place at the tournament, or in the future. A key gathering in Basel brought together representatives of UEFA and the FARE (Football Against Racism in Europe) network for a reception featuring former players, administrators and non-government organisations to signal the beginning of a three-week anti-discrimination programme at UEFA EURO 2008™. The Unite Against Racism programme, run by the FARE network with UEFA's backing, as well as with the support of the professional players' union FIFPro, will include an advertising spot broadcast at every game – Different Languages, One Goal: No To Racism – pitch-side boards and activities with fans, culminating in high-profile activities on the field at the semi-finals in Basel and Vienna on 25 and 26 June.

Technical team

UEFA has announced the make-up of the expert team who will study the UEFA EURO 2008™ technical and tactical aspects in detail. The UEFA Technical Team will consist of nine football technicians, all of whom have vast experience in the coaching and technical field. They will be split into two groups, one based in Switzerland and comprising Jerzy Engel (Poland), György Mezey (Hungary), Morten Olsen (Denmark) and Holger Osieck (Germany). The other group will be located in Austria and consists of FIFA Technical Director Jean-Paul Brigger (Switzerland), Roy Hodgson (England), Gérard Houllier (France) and Jozef Vengloš (Slovakia). UEFA technical director Andy Roxburgh will lead the group's activities in both countries.

Anti-doping drive

In the run-up to UEFA EURO 2008™ an unprecedented programme of out-of-competition doping controls was carried out – including blood testing – and all 160 samples examined at the World Anti-Doping Authority (WADA) accredited laboratory in Seibersdorf produced negative results. The results were communicated to UEFA's 12 doping control officers (DCOs) when they met in Lausanne on 6 June. The programme of blood controls alongside the usual urine samples, which will continue with the testing of two players from each side in every finals match at the Swiss doping analysis laboratory in Lausanne, is another innovation for UEFA.

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:

Austria: Vorplatz Museumsquartier (Vienna); Fancamp, Messegelände (Klagenfurt); Ferdinand-Hanusch-Platz (Salzburg); Fancamp Innsbruck (Innsbruck).

Switzerland: Rathausplatz (Zurich); Marktplatz (Basel); Waisenhausplatz (Berne); Place du Rhône (Geneva).

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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- 22 Kevin **Kuranyi**

Head Coach: Slaven **Bilić**

Head Coach: Joachim **Löw**

Referee: Frank De **Bleekere** (BEL)

Fourth official: Stéphane **Lannoy** (FRA)

Assistant referees: Peter **Hermans** (BEL)

UEFA delegate: Mark **Blackbourne** (ENG)

Alex **Verstraeten** (BEL)

Ⓢ Captain **GK** Goalkeeper
* Misses next match if booked

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half time

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11 Darijo Srna **G** 24'
11 Darijo Srna **Y** 27'

45'
3 Josip Šimunić **Y** 1'13"

Head Coach: Slaven Bilić

	Half	Full
Total shots	5	13
Shots on target	3	8
Free kicks to goal	0	1
Saves	2	3
Corners	3	7
Fouls committed	11	16
Fouls suffered	6	16
Offside	0	1
Possession	48%	44%
Ball in play	13'57"	25'28"
Total ball in play	28'36"	58'16"

Referee:
Frank De Bleckere (BEL)
Assistant referees:
Peter Hermans (BEL)
Alex Verstraeten (BEL)

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

Head Coach: Joachim Löw

	Half	Full
Total shots	6	11
Shots on target	2	4
Free kicks to goal	2	2
Saves	2	5
Corners	2	7
Fouls committed	6	16
Fouls suffered	11	16
Offside	3	3
Possession	52%	56%
Ball in play	14'39"	32'48"
Total ball in play	28'36"	58'16"

Fourth official:
Stéphane Lannoy (FRA)
UEFA delegate:
Mark Blackburn (ENG)

Man of the match:
14, Modrić Luka (CRO)

Attendance: 30,461

18 Ivica Olić **G** 62'

21 Mladen Petrić **in** 72'
18 Ivica Olić **out**

16 Jerko Leko **in** 80'
11 Darijo Srna **out**

15 Dario Knežević **in** 85'
19 Niko Kranjčar **out**

16 Jerko Leko **Y** 90'
14 Luka Modrić **Y** 3'40"

46' **in** 19 David Odonkor
out 2 Marcell Jansen

66' **in** 7 Bastian Schweinsteiger
out 9 Mario Gómez

75' **Y** 13 Michael Ballack

79' **G** 20 Lukas Podolski

82' **in** 22 Kevin Kuranyi
out 4 Clemens Fritz

R 7 Bastian Schweinsteiger
Y 1 Jens Lehmann

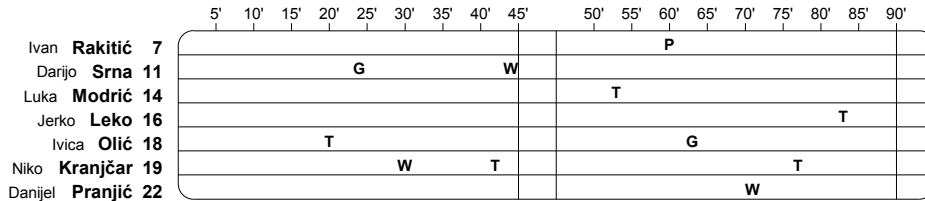
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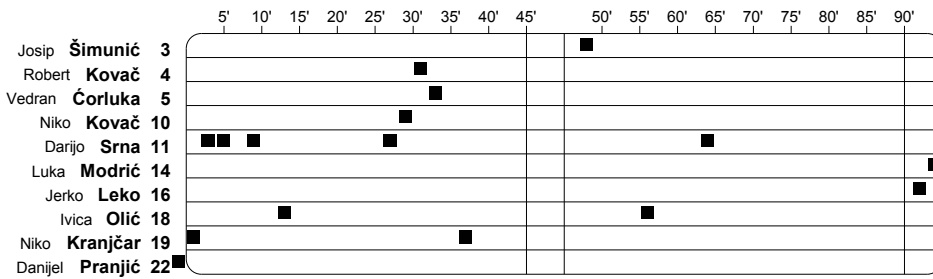
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Shots

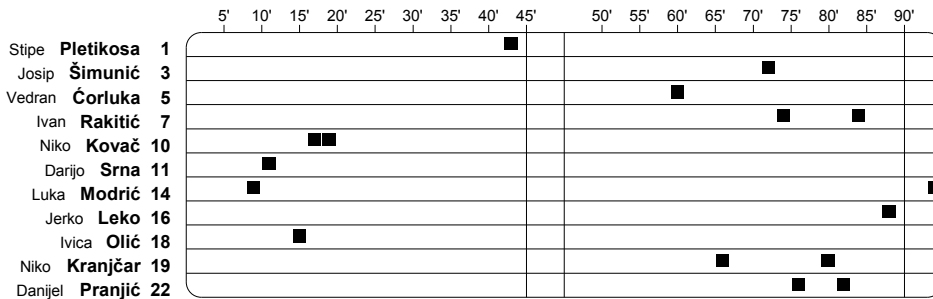
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W 3 Shots off target



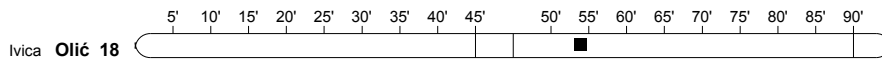
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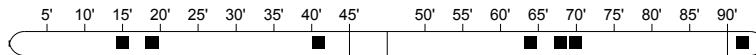
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1 Offside



7 Corners

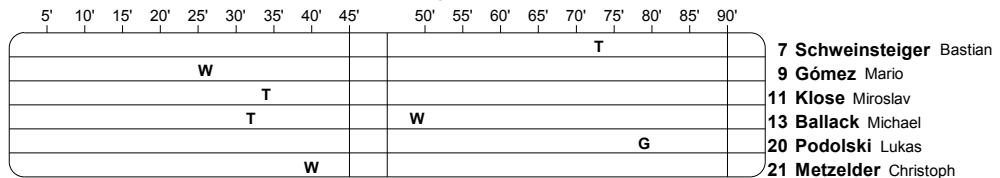




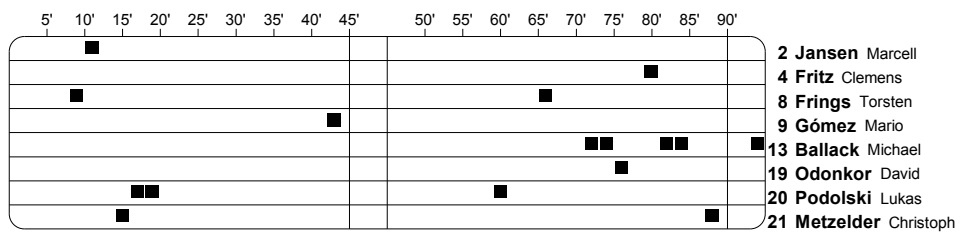
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Shots

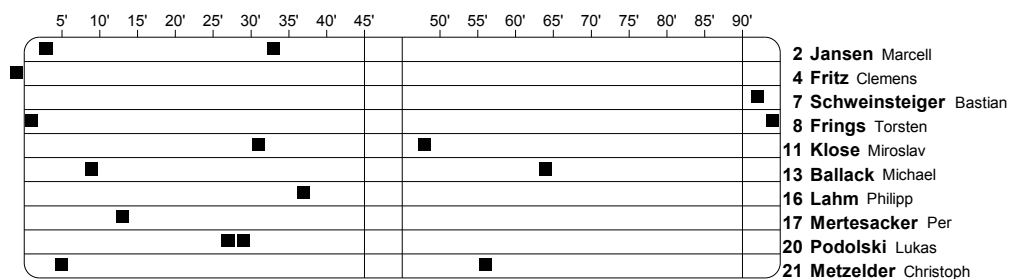
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Shots hitting bar		B
Other shots on target	3	T
Shots off target	3	W



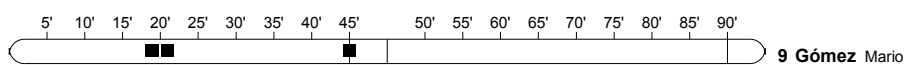
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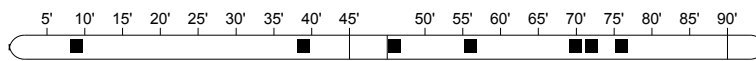
Fouls Suffered 16



Offside 3



Corners 7



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24' Darijo Srna
62' Ivica Olić

79' Lukas Podolski

1st half	2nd half	Total	Period	1st half	2nd half	Total
46'13"	48'40"	94'53"	Total time played (mins)	46'13"	48'40"	94'53"
13'57"	11'31"	25'28"	Ball in play (mins)	14'39"	18'09"	32'48"
48%	38%	44%	Ball possession	52%	62%	56%
			Distance & speed			
55,136	52,300	107,435	Distance covered (metres)	53,491	52,958	106,450
29.36	31.76	31.76	Top speed (km/h)	30.88	30.13	30.88
5.11	5.94	6.18	Average speed	4.63	5.18	5.78
			Passing & solo runs			
221	199	420	Passes attempted	267	310	577
164	143	307	Passes completed	210	250	460
43	45	88	Long passes attempted	42	59	101
28	20	48	Long passes completed	22	36	58
129	97	226	Medium passes attempted	161	176	337
104	79	183	Medium passes completed	137	152	289
49	57	106	Short passes attempted	64	75	139
32	44	76	Short passes completed	51	62	113
16	16	32	Delivery/solo runs into the attacking third	21	28	49
5	7	12	Delivery/solo runs into the key area	11	19	30
5	4	9	Delivery/solo runs into the penalty area	7	9	16
			Scoring situations			
1	1	2	Goal(s) scored (open play)	0	1	1
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
5	8	13	Attempts on/off target	6	5	11
1	0	1	Assist(s)	0	0	0
2	1	3	Save(s)	2	3	5
			Discipline			
2	2	4	Yellow card(s)	0	2	2
0	0	0	Red card(s)	0	1	1
11	5	16	Foul(s) committed	6	10	16
0	1	1	Offside(s)	3	0	3

Goal scored

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Team / Players passing distribution

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From	TP	To														Total			
		1	3	4	5	7	10	11	14	18	19	22	15	16	21	PC	PA	%	
Stipe Pletikosa	1	94'53"		1	-	5	-	-	2	-	2	-	4	-	-	1	15	30	50%
Josip Šimunić	3	94'53"	3		2	1	2	3	1	3	1	3	3	-	-	-	22	30	73%
Robert Kovač	4	94'53"	4	5		9	2	1	-	2	2	-	3	-	1	1	30	38	79%
Vedran Ćorluka	5	94'53"	3	-	8		1	2	9	5	5	3	2	-	3	1	42	51	82%
Ivan Rakitić	7	94'53"	-	2	1	2		1	3	11	7	1	8	-	-	-	36	43	84%
Niko Kovač	10	94'53"	-	1	7	3	1		2	4	2	-	4	-	-	-	25	32	78%
Darijo Srna	11	80'50"	-	2	2	7	2	4		2	1	3	2	-	-	-	25	36	69%
Luka Modrić	14	94'53"	-	2	-	5	4	5	4		2	4	6	-	-	1	33	47	70%
Ivica Olić	18	73'09"	-	1	2	1	3	3	-	4		2	2	-	-	-	18	24	75%
Niko Kranjčar	19	86'02"	-	2	-	-	7	-	3	1	1		3	-	1	-	18	25	72%
Danijel Pranjić	22	94'53"	2	2	2	-	12	4	1	5	1	3		-	-	1	33	49	67%
Dario Knežević	15	8'51"	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	1	1	100%
Jerko Leko	16	14'03"	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-		1	5	6	83%
Mladen Petrić	21	21'44"	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-		4	8	50%
Team total:																	307	420	73%

From	TP	To														Total			
		1	2	4	8	9	11	13	16	17	20	21	7	19	22	PC	PA	%	
Jens Lehmann	1	94'53"		2	-	2	-	3	3	5	1	4	2	-	1	-	23	34	68%
Marcell Jansen	2	46'20"	1		-	2	4	-	4	-	2	6	7	-	-	-	27	40	68%
Clemens Fritz	4	82'45"	2	-		3	-	5	4	6	3	1	-	-	1	-	25	34	74%
Torsten Frings	8	94'53"	2	7	2		-	-	11	13	6	5	7	1	1	-	55	66	83%
Mario Gómez	9	66'21"	-	2	1	-		2	5	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	12	20	60%
Miroslav Klose	11	94'53"	-	1	3	1	4		3	2	-	4	1	-	1	-	20	24	83%
Michael Ballack	13	94'53"	1	6	5	7	6	4		5	4	7	4	3	1	-	53	64	83%
Philipp Lahm	16	94'53"	4	-	6	4	3	3	12		4	16	9	8	1	-	70	88	80%
Per Mertesacker	17	94'53"	2	2	5	7	1	3	3	9		2	9	-	3	-	46	52	88%
Lukas Podolski	20	94'53"	-	4	1	5	3	5	6	9	2		3	3	-	-	41	55	75%
Christoph Metzelder	21	94'53"	1	2	-	8	2	-	6	7	17	4		3	1	-	51	54	94%
Bastian Schweinsteiger	7	26'01"	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	7	2	5	-		1	1	19	24	79%
David Odonkor	19	48'33"	3	-	-	2	-	1	3	1	3	1	1	2		-	17	20	85%
Kevin Kuranyi	22	12'08"	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-		1	2	50%
Team total:																	460	577	80%

TP: Time played

PA: Passes attempted

PC: Passes completed

%: Passing success percentage

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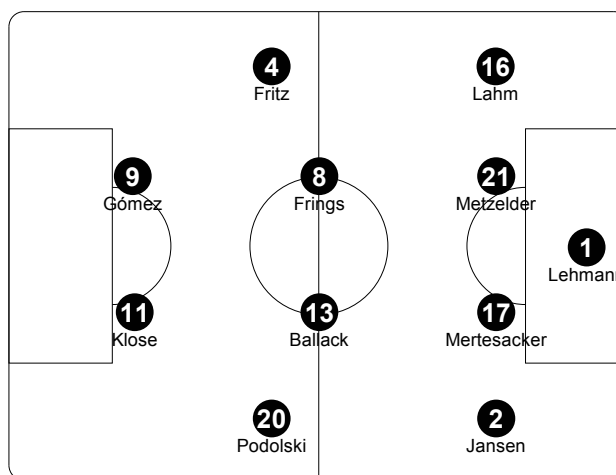
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