

# FRANCE - ITALY

## MATCH PRESS KIT

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Group C - Matchday 11



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### Match background

Opponents in the finals of UEFA EURO 2000™ and the 2006 FIFA World Cup and again in qualifying for these finals, France and Italy renew their high-profile rivalry in their concluding Group C fixture in Zurich with a quarter-final place at stake.

- Both teams have still to get out of first gear in the tournament with just a single point from the first two games but both have the chance to continue their involvement at UEFA EURO 2008™ with victory at the Letzigrund Stadion.
- That is the only way Les Bleus can progress, although even then the two sides know a Romania victory against the Netherlands in Berne would render their own efforts in Zurich irrelevant.
- If France and Italy draw, meanwhile, they will both go out should Romania avoid defeat against the group winners. There are other possible scenarios. If Romania lose and the others play out a score draw, Italy would go through in a three-way head-to-head tie on two points as they would have scored more goals in their games involving France and Romania.
- If Romania fall by one or two goals, or by a three-goal margin other than 3-0, and the game in Zurich finishes 0-0, Romania would advance as their head-to-head record with Italy would be dead level but they would have a superior overall goal difference, or in the case of the three-goal defeats, goals scored.
- If Romania lose by four goals or more and the other game ends 0-0, Italy would proceed with a better overall goal difference than Romania. If Romania lose 3-0 and the other match finishes 0-0, Italy and Romania would have to be split on qualifying coefficients, in which case Italy would prevail 2.364-2.250.
- Both these teams have suffered their heaviest UEFA European Championship final tournament defeats over the past week, and both at the hands of the Dutch. Italy opened their finals campaign with a 3-0 reverse in Berne courtesy of goals from Ruud van Nistelrooy (26 minutes), Wesley Sneijder (31) and Giovanni van Bronckhorst (79), while France began with a goalless draw against Romania in Zurich.
- Four days later the roles were reversed as Christian Panucci (56 minutes) cancelled out Adrian Mutu's opener for Romania a minute earlier to earn Italy a 1-1 draw in Zurich, Gianluigi Buffon saving Mutu's late penalty to keep the Azzurri in the competition. Meanwhile in Berne it was the turn of Les Bleus to be dismantled by the Dutch thanks to goals from Dirk Kuyt (9), Robin van Persie (59), Arjen Robben (72) and Sneijder (90+2) with Thierry Henry's 71st-minute effort France's sole riposte.



- In terms of head-to-head, both Italy and France can take heart from recent history. Italy beat France on penalties in the World Cup final but Les Bleus can point to a golden-goal win against their neighbours to win UEFA EURO 2000™. Raymond Domenech's team also took four points off Italy on the road to Austria-Switzerland, despite eventually finishing three points below them in qualifying Group B.
- The Azzurri pipped France to the world crown by winning 5-3 on penalties in Berlin on 9 July 2006. Zinedine Zidane opened the scoring with a seventh-minute spot-kick before Marco Materazzi equalised after 19 minutes on a night most memorable for Zidane's extra-time headbutt on Materazzi that earned the Frenchman a red card.
- Italy's successful spot-kick takers in the ensuing shoot-out were Andrea Pirlo, Materazzi, Daniele De Rossi, Alessandro Del Piero and Fabio Grosso. Sylvain Wiltord, Eric Abidal and Willy Sagnol all scored for France but David Trezeguet struck the crossbar with his kick.
- The teams that night were:  
**Italy:** Gianluigi Buffon, Gianluca Zambrotta, Fabio Cannavaro, Marco Materazzi, Fabio Grosso, Mauro Camoranesi (Alessandro Del Piero), Andrea Pirlo, Gennaro Gattuso, Simone Perrotta (Vincenzo Iaquinta), Francesco Totti (Daniele De Rossi), Luca Toni.  
**France:** Fabien Barthez, Willy Sagnol, Lilian Thuram, William Gallas, Eric Abidal, Franck Ribéry (David Trezeguet), Patrick Vieira (Alou Diarra), Claude Makelele, Zinedine Zidane, Florent Malouda, Thierry Henry (Sylvain Wiltord).
- The teams met again just two months later in a UEFA EURO 2008™ qualifying match at the Stade de France and this time France prevailed. They made a lightning start with Sidney Govou scoring after two minutes and Thierry Henry doubling the lead on 18. Although Alberto Gilardino replied for Italy two minutes later, Govou restored France's two-goal advantage ten minutes after half-time.
- The most recent meeting between France and Italy was a goalless draw in Milan on 8 September 2007.
- The teams that night were:  
**Italy:** Gianluigi Buffon, Massimo Oddo, Fabio Cannavaro, Andrea Barzagli, Gianluca Zambrotta, Daniele De Rossi, Gennaro Gattuso, Andrea Pirlo, Mauro Camoranesi (Simone Perrotta), Alessandro Del Piero (Antonio Di Natale), Filippo Inzaghi (Cristiano Lucarelli).  
**France:** Mickaël Landreau, Lassana Diarra, Lilian Thuram, Julien Escudé, Eric Abidal, Franck Ribéry (Jérémy Toulalan), Claude Makelele, Patrick Vieira, Florent Malouda, Thierry Henry, Nicolas Anelka.
- It goes without saying that the countries' most significant encounter in the UEFA European Championship came on 2 July 2000 in Rotterdam where a 103rd-minute golden goal from substitute Trezeguet earned France their second continental crown. Italy had earlier taken a 55th-minute lead through Marco Delvecchio only for Wiltord, another France substitute, to equalise in the dying seconds of normal time.
- Lilian Thuram and Henry are France's survivors from that final, while substitutes Massimo Ambrosini and Del Piero remain with Italy.
- The 2006 World Cup final is the only time that France have lost to Italy in eight matches and it is 30 years since the Azzurri's last win in open play against their rivals, a 2-1 success at the 1978 World Cup in Argentina.
- Besides their UEFA EURO 2000™ triumph, France beat Italy in the second round of the World Cup in 1986 and the quarter-finals in 1998.
- The overall head-to-head record for this fixture is 18 Italy wins, nine France wins and eight draws, with victories on penalties counted as wins.
- France, under Domenech, suffered a UEFA European Under-21 Championship qualifying play-off defeat by Italy in November 1999. After a 1-1 first-leg draw, Thierry Henry opened the scoring in the return for France but the Azzurrini fought back to win 2-1, Andrea Pirlo deciding the tie for the hosts in extra time.
- Italy coach Roberto Donadoni was in the AC Milan team defeated by Olympique de Marseille in the 1993 UEFA Champions League final.
- Italy full-back Grosso plays his club football for Olympique Lyonnais where he is a team-mate of French internationals Karim Benzema, Jean-Alain Boumsong, François Clerc, Grégory Coupet, Govou and Jérémy Toulalan.
- France midfielder Patrick Vieira formerly played with Grosso at FC Internazionale Milano. Vieira now counts Azzurri defender Materazzi among his Inter team-mates.

- France goalkeeper Sébastien Frey plays with Italy defender Alessandro Gamberini at ACF Fiorentina and also appeared alongside Luca Toni at the Florence club. Azzurri striker Toni is now a team-mate of French internationals Sagnol and Franck Ribéry at FC Bayern München.
- France's Abidal, Henry and Thuram were colleagues of Italy full-back Gianluca Zambrotta at FC Barcelona before his switch to AC Milan just before these finals.
- Italy have a positive recent memory of the Letzigrund Stadion in Zurich after defeating fellow UEFA EURO 2008™ finalists Portugal 3-1 there on 6 February this year.
- France, appearing in their fifth successive UEFA European Championship, were European champions on home soil in 1984 and lifted the Henri Delaunay trophy for a second time in 2000.
- Italy's best performance in the UEFA European Championship came when they beat Yugoslavia in the 1968 final. They were runners-up in 2000 and semi-finalists in 1988 with a team featuring Donadoni himself.
- 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

#### FRANCE

##### UEFA EURO 2008™ statistics

- Lilian Thuram has played every minute of France's UEFA EURO 2008™ campaign, including the 12 qualifiers.
- Three of the final 23-man squad did not feature in qualifying: Steve Mandanda, Sébastien Squillaci and Bafetimbi Gomis. The latter has twice come on as a substitute in Austria and Switzerland, however.
- Thierry Henry was France's top scorer in qualifying with six goals. Northern Ireland's David Healy finished as the highest scorer overall having struck 13 times.
- France scored 25 goals in qualifying at an average of 2.08 goals per game. Germany led the way overall having found the net 35 times.
- France conceded only five goals in qualifying, the joint best defensive record in the competition along with the Czech Republic and the Netherlands.

##### Disciplinary news

- Willy Sagnol, Claude Makelele and Jérémy Toulalan are all within a booking of suspension.

##### Latest information

- **Friday 13 June: Netherlands 4-1 France (Kuyt 9, Van Persie 59, Robben 72, Sneijder 90; Henry 71)**  
France were left with it all to do in their final Group C game after being overwhelmed by another scintillating Dutch display in Berne. Fit-again Henry briefly gave Raymond Domenech's side's hope when he made it 2-1, but within a minute the two-goal cushion was restored and there was no way back.
- Henry was one of three changes to the France starting lineup following the Romania game, alongside Sidney Govou and Patrice Evra. Nicolas Anelka, Karim Benzema and Eric Abidal all dropped to the bench.
- France coach Domenech said: "Defence used to be our strong point – we had a solid defence, but finally we collapsed in one part of the game where we used to be very strong. You need a bit of luck and our opponents had that, although they did the same against Italy so they have many qualities too."
- France began their campaign on 9 June with a goalless draw against Romania at the Letzigrund Stadion. Les Bleus were restricted to a half-chances and Anelka missed the game's clearest opportunity when he headed Ribéry's cross over.
- In Patrick Vieira's absence against Romania, Thuram captained France on what was his 15th appearance at the UEFA European Championship – a competition record. He continued to deputise versus the Netherlands.
- France found their scoring form on 12 June, with Samir Nasri scoring twice as they ran out 7-0 winners in a training match against a regional youth team.

### Friendly results

03.06.2008: France 1-0 Colombia (Ribéry)

31.05.2008: France 0-0 Paraguay

27.05.2008: France 2-0 Ecuador (Gomis 2)

### Injury news

- Henry started against the Netherlands after overcoming a thigh problem that had ruled him out of the Romania match.
- Gallas missed training on Sunday to have a light workout on his own at the team hotel.
- Vieira sat out the opening two games after sustaining a slight tear to his thigh muscle on 30 May. Mathieu Flamini was called up as possible cover, though Vieira returned to training on 6 June. Ribéry (right ankle) and Gallas (lack of fitness) both overcame problems before the tournament kicked off.
- Julien Escudé's slender hopes of forcing his way into France's squad all but vanished at the start of May when the defender suffered a recurrence of his persistent groin problems.

### Miscellaneous

- Florent Malouda celebrated his 28th birthday on the day of the match against the Netherlands.
- Gomis earned a surprise call-up after forcing his way into Domenech's plans with two goals against Ecuador on his debut. He became the first player to score twice on his first appearance for Les Bleus since Zinédine Zidane did so in 1994 versus the Czech Republic.
- France spent time before the finals at the Alpine resort of Tignes and the Montana Hotel, the same place they used to prepare before the 1998 FIFA World Cup and UEFA EURO 2000™.
- Already France's record goalscorer, Henry became only the sixth player to win 100 caps for Les Bleus when he turned out against Colombia on 6 June. The five other centurions are: Thuram, Marcel Desailly, Zidane, Vieira and Didier Deschamps.

### Domestic information

- Seven members of the France squad helped Olympique Lyonnais claim a maiden league and cup double this season: Grégory Coupet, Jean-Alain Boumsong, François Clerc, Squillaci, Jérémy Toulalan, Govou and Benzema.
- Ribéry and Sagnol were also double winners with FC Bayern München in Germany, though the pair had varied contributions. Out-of-favour Sagnol was limited to nine league appearances, contrasting with Ribéry's total of 28.
- Evra had a memorable season at Manchester United FC, missing only a handful of games as the English side won the Premier League and UEFA Champions League.
- Evra's joy contrasted with the frustrations of Chelsea trio Makelele, Malouda and Anelka. Their Premier League campaign fell short on the final day of the season and ten days later Anelka missed the decisive penalty in the shoot-out at the UEFA Champions League final.
- Former Chelsea midfielder Diarra had more joy with Portsmouth FC as he helped them claim the FA Cup, while Vieira was part of FC Internazionale Milano's Scudetto-winning side.

### ITALY

#### UEFA EURO 2008™ statistics

- No Italy players have appeared in all 14 matches in qualifying and at these finals, although Gianluigi Buffon and Andrea Pirlo have missed just one game apiece. The injured Fabio Cannavaro played eleven times in qualifying.
- Of the final 23-man squad, only Morgan De Sanctis and Marco Borriello have not featured at all during this campaign.
- 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.
- 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.
- Italy conceded nine times, fewer only than Poland (12 goals), Turkey (eleven) and Greece and Portugal (both ten) of the 16 teams at UEFA EURO 2008™.

### Disciplinary news

- Gianluca Zambrotta, Toni, Gennaro Gattuso, Daniele De Rossi and Pirlo are all within a booking of suspension after picking up yellow cards during the first two games.

### Latest information

#### • Friday 13 June: Italy 1-1 Romania (Panucci 56; Mutu 55)

Buffon superbly saved Adrian Mutu's penalty with nine minutes remaining to earn a breathless draw in Zurich. Buffon intervened after Italy's goalscorer Christian Panucci had held back Daniel Niculae in the area.

- Italy coach Roberto Donadoni said: "We played well, we were determined and I am pleased with the performance. We pushed forward but we also suffered at times because Romania are a team to be reckoned with. We were hurt [after losing 3-0 to the Netherlands] and sorry for hurting so many Italian fans. We are sorry tonight as well because we did not get the three points I think we deserved."

- Donadoni made five changes: Giorgio Chiellini, Fabio Grosso, Alessandro Del Piero, De Rossi and Simone Perrotta all came in, with Marco Materazzi, Andrea Barzagli, Gattuso, Antonio Di Natale and Massimo Ambrosini dropping to the bench.

- The Azzurri suffered their worst-ever UEFA European Championship finals loss on 9 June as they were overwhelmed by the Netherlands in Berne. Ruud van Nistelrooy (26), Wesley Sneijder (31) and Giovanni van Bronckhorst (79) were all on target as Edwin van der Sar kept Italy – and Toni in particular – at bay.

- In the absence of the injured Cannavaro, Buffon wore the captain's armband against the Netherlands, with Del Piero leading the team out for the Romania match.

### 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

- Materazzi had recovered from the calf knock sustained against the Dutch, but Donadoni opted to play Chiellini against Romania instead. Ambrosini (shoulder) and Panucci (right knee) were available despite niggles.

- 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 Chiellini.

- Vincenzo Iaquinta dropped out of the reckoning after sustaining a thigh injury in April.

### Miscellaneous

- Donadoni, who replaced Marcello Lippi as Azzurri coach in summer 2006, signed a new two-year deal on 4 June.

- ACF Fiorentina's Alessandro 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.

### Domestic information

- Materazzi is the only member of FC Internazionale Milano's Scudetto-winning side to make Italy's squad.

- Four of the squad were in the AS Roma side that finished as runners-up in Serie A behind Inter – Panucci, De Rossi, Perrotta and Alberto Aquilani – and beat the Nerazzurri 2-1 in the Coppa Italia final.

- Gattuso, Ambrosini and 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.

- Grosso helped Olympique Lyonnais achieve the league and cup double for the first time in France while Toni shone brightly in his first season in Germany, scoring 24 times as FC Bayern München claimed the Bundesliga title, and then getting both goals in the 2-1 German Cup final win against BV Borussia Dortmund.

- Marco Amelia will link up with US Città di Palermo after the finals after joining from relegated AS Livorno Calcio for a reported fee of €6m. He arrives as Andrea Barzagli departs the Sicilian outfit to move to VfL Wolfsburg on a three-year contract, while UC Sampdoria have made Antonio Cassano's loan move from Real Madrid CF permanent.

### Squad list

#### France

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	BL	UEFA EURO 2008™				Overall Team	
						Qual. Pld	Qual. Gls	FT Pld	FT Gls		
<b>Goalkeepers</b>											
1	Steve <b>Mandanda</b>	28.03.1985	23	Olympique de Marseille	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
16	Sébastien <b>Frey</b>	18.03.1980	28	ACF Fiorentina	-	1	-	-	-	2	-
23	Grégory <b>Coupet</b>	31.12.1972	35	Olympique Lyonnais	-	5	-	2	-	33	-
<b>Defenders</b>											
2	Jean-Alain <b>Boumsong</b>	14.12.1979	28	Olympique Lyonnais	-	1	-	-	-	23	1
3	Eric <b>Abidal</b>	11.09.1979	28	FC Barcelona	-	11	-	1	-	36	-
5	William <b>Gallas</b>	17.08.1977	30	Arsenal FC	-	8	-	2	-	64	2
13	Patrice <b>Evra</b>	15.05.1981	27	Manchester United FC	-	1	-	1	-	12	-
14	François <b>Clerc</b>	18.04.1983	25	Olympique Lyonnais	-	4	-	-	-	12	-
15	Lilian <b>Thuram</b>	01.01.1972	36	FC Barcelona	-	12	-	2	-	142	2
17	Sébastien <b>Squillaci</b>	11.08.1980	27	Olympique Lyonnais	-	-	-	-	-	13	-
19	Willy <b>Sagnol</b>	18.03.1977	31	FC Bayern München	*	5	-	2	-	58	-
<b>Midfielders</b>											
4	Patrick <b>Vieira</b>	23.06.1976	31	FC Internazionale Milano	-	6	-	-	-	105	6
6	Claude <b>Makelele</b>	18.02.1973	35	Chelsea FC	*	11	-	2	-	70	-
7	Florent <b>Malouda</b>	13.06.1980	28	Chelsea FC	-	10	1	2	-	41	3
11	Samir <b>Nasri</b>	26.06.1987	20	Olympique de Marseille	-	4	1	1	-	11	2
20	Jérémy <b>Toulalan</b>	10.09.1983	24	Olympique Lyonnais	*	7	-	2	-	15	-
21	Lassana <b>Diarra</b>	10.03.1985	23	Portsmouth FC	-	7	-	-	-	13	-
22	Franck <b>Ribéry</b>	07.04.1983	25	FC Bayern München	-	11	1	2	-	29	4
<b>Forwards</b>											
8	Nicolas <b>Anelka</b>	14.03.1979	29	Chelsea FC	-	7	4	2	-	50	11
9	Karim <b>Benzema</b>	19.12.1987	20	Olympique Lyonnais	-	5	2	1	-	12	3
10	Sidney <b>Govou</b>	27.07.1979	28	Olympique Lyonnais	-	5	3	1	-	33	7
12	Thierry <b>Henry</b>	17.08.1977	30	FC Barcelona	-	8	6	1	1	101	45
18	Bafetimbi <b>Gomis</b>	06.08.1985	22	AS Saint-Etienne	-	-	-	2	-	4	2
<b>Coach</b>											
-	Raymond Domenech	24.01.1952	56	FRA	-	12	-	2	-	-	-

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### Italy

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						Qual. Pld	Gls	FT Pld	Gls		
<b>Goalkeepers</b>											
1	Gianluigi <b>Buffon</b>	28.01.1978	30	Juventus	-	11	-	2	-	84	-
14	Marco <b>Amelia</b>	02.04.1982	26	AS Livorno Calcio	-	1	-	-	-	6	-
17	Morgan <b>De Sanctis</b>	26.03.1977	31	Sevilla FC	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
<b>Defenders</b>											
2	Christian <b>Panucci</b>	12.04.1973	35	AS Roma	-	3	1	2	1	55	4
3	Fabio <b>Grosso</b>	28.11.1977	30	Olympique Lyonnais	-	4	1	2	-	33	3
4	Giorgio <b>Chiellini</b>	14.08.1984	23	Juventus	-	2	1	1	-	11	1
5	Alessandro <b>Gamberini</b>	27.08.1981	26	ACF Fiorentina	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
6	Andrea <b>Barzagli</b>	08.05.1981	27	US Città di Palermo	-	7	-	1	-	23	-
19	Gianluca <b>Zambrotta</b>	19.02.1977	31	FC Barcelona	*	8	-	2	-	73	2
23	Marco <b>Materazzi</b>	19.08.1973	34	FC Internazionale Milano	-	5	-	1	-	41	2
<b>Midfielders</b>											
8	Gennaro <b>Gattuso</b>	09.01.1978	30	AC Milan	*	9	-	1	-	59	1
10	Daniele <b>De Rossi</b>	24.07.1983	24	AS Roma	*	9	1	1	-	34	4
13	Massimo <b>Ambrosini</b>	29.05.1977	31	AC Milan	-	5	-	2	-	33	-
16	Mauro <b>Camoranesi</b>	04.10.1976	31	Juventus	-	6	1	2	-	37	4
20	Simone <b>Perrotta</b>	17.09.1977	30	AS Roma	-	8	1	1	-	41	2
21	Andrea <b>Pirlo</b>	19.05.1979	29	AC Milan	*	11	1	2	-	48	7
22	Alberto <b>Aquilani</b>	07.07.1984	23	AS Roma	-	1	-	-	-	5	-
<b>Forwards</b>											
7	Alessandro <b>Del Piero</b>	09.11.1974	33	Juventus	-	5	-	2	-	88	27
9	Luca <b>Toni</b>	26.05.1977	31	FC Bayern München	*	6	5	2	-	36	15
11	Antonio <b>Di Natale</b>	13.10.1977	30	Udinese Calcio	-	8	2	1	-	19	7
12	Marco <b>Borriello</b>	18.06.1982	25	Genoa Cricket and Football Club	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
15	Fabio <b>Quagliarella</b>	31.01.1983	25	UC Sampdoria	-	6	2	1	-	9	3
18	Antonio <b>Cassano</b>	12.07.1982	25	UC Sampdoria	-	2	-	2	-	13	3
<b>Coach</b>											
-	Roberto Donadoni	09.09.1963	44	ITA	-	12	-	2	-	-	-

Head coach

**France: Raymond Domenech**

**Date of birth:** 24 January 1952

**Nationality:** French

**Playing career:** Olympique Lyonnais, RC Strasbourg, Paris Saint-Germain FC, FC Girondins de Bordeaux, FC Mulhouse

**Coaching career:** FC Mulhouse, Olympique Lyonnais, France Under-21, France

Passionate about astrology and theatre as well as football, France coach Raymond Domenech has a well-deserved reputation as a maverick, and has proved as contrary and effective as a coach as he was as a player.

A tough full-back, Domenech was capped eight times by France during a career in which he won the French Cup with his hometown side Olympique Lyonnais in 1973, and league titles with RC Strasbourg in 1979 and FC Girondins de Bordeaux five years later. His interest in the psychological aspects of the game emerged early, as he once said:

"When I was playing for Lyon in the derby at [AS] Saint-Etienne, I loved warming up alone near the fans who booed me. I stuck close to the advertising hoardings around the stadium and they booed more and more. I needed that."

Domenech made the transition from player to coach at FC Mulhouse, and won the Ligue 2 title with Lyon in 1989 before becoming France Under-21 coach. His biggest achievement during over a decade in charge came when France reached the final of the 2002 UEFA European Under-21 Championship and his efforts in the post were enough for the French Football Federation to appoint him as senior national coach – despite competition from Laurent Blanc and Jean Tigana – on 12 July 2004, the day his daughter Victoire was born.

After a shaky start, Zinedine Zidane, Lilian Thuram and Claude Makelele came out of retirement to help Domenech's side qualify for the 2006 FIFA World Cup and then reach the final, only to lose 5-3 on penalties to Italy after a 1-1 draw. Domenech nonetheless earned a new contract until after UEFA EURO 2008™, and while France's two defeats against Scotland made qualifying more awkward than many had anticipated, he guided them through in the end.

**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

<b>Referee</b>	Ľuboš Michel' (SVK)
<b>Assistant referees</b>	Roman Slyško (SVK), Martin Balko (SVK)
<b>Fourth official</b>	Viktor Kassai (HUN)
<b>Reserve official</b>	Henrik Andrén (SWE)
<b>UEFA Delegate</b>	Janis Mežeckis (LVA)
<b>UEFA Referee observer</b>	David R. Elleray (ENG)

## Referee

<b>Name</b>	<b>Nat.</b>	<b>Date of birth</b>
Ľuboš Michel'	SVK	16.05.1968

Ľuboš Michel' is without doubt one of Europe's leading referees, with two major club finals already under his belt and the honour of four matches at the 2006 FIFA World Cup, including the quarter-final between hosts Germany and Argentina, having already worked at the 2002 finals. As well as being an international match official, Michel' is also a UEFA/International Committee of the Red Cross ambassador, highlighting the campaign to protect children in war.

Born in Stropkov, he began refereeing in 1987, took his opening top-flight game in 1993, and graduated to FIFA level in 1994. By his mid-20s, Michel' had earned UEFA and FIFA recognition. His first assignment was in November 1993 – a UEFA European Under-21 Championship match between San Marino and England. He then officiated at various youth international tournaments before a trip to Australia for two matches at the Sydney Olympics. Michel', who enjoys tennis in his spare time and has a love of history, has been refereeing UEFA Champions League matches since 1998 and took charge of the 2007/08 final between Manchester United FC and Chelsea FC in Moscow – the first official since Pierluigi Collina to referee both major UEFA club competition finals. He was awarded the 2003 UEFA Cup final between FC Porto and Celtic and also worked at UEFA EURO 2004™ in Portugal where he refereed three matches.

Aside from the past two World Cups, Michel' also officiated at the 2005 FIFA Confederations Cup final between Brazil and Argentina. The Slovakian, who is married with two children, has also carved out a fine reputation in his homeland since he made his debut in the middle back in 1987 with the Division 6 confrontation between FK Duplin and FK Strocin. Since kicking-off his Division 1 career six years later in the game between FC Tatran Prešov and ŠK Slovan Bratislava, he has gone from strength to strength and has taken charge of five domestic cup finals.

Match-by-match lineups

**Final tournament Group C**

	<b>Pld</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>GF</b>	<b>GA</b>	<b>Pts</b>
Netherlands	2	2	0	0	7	1	6
Romania	2	0	2	0	1	1	2
Italy	2	0	1	1	1	4	1
France	2	0	1	1	1	4	1

<b>Date</b>	<b>Match</b>	<b>Result</b>	<b>Stadium/Venue</b>
09.06.2008	Romania - France	0-0	Letzigrund, Zurich

**Goals:** -

**Romania:** Lobonț, Contra, Raț, Tamaș, Chivu, Rădoi (Dică 90+3), Mutu (M.Niculescu 78), Cociș (Codrea 64), Goian, Nicolită, D.Niculescu

**France:** Coupet, Abidal, Gallas, Makelele, Malouda, Anelka (Gomis 72), Benzema (Nasri 78), Thuram, Sagnol, Toulalan, Ribéry

09.06.2008	Netherlands - Italy	3-0	Stade de Suisse, Berne
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**Goals:** 1-0 Van Nistelrooy 26, 2-0 Sneijder 31, 3-0 Van Bronckhorst 79

**Netherlands:** Van der Sar, Ooijer, Mathijsen, Van Bronckhorst, Engelaar, Van Nistelrooy (Van Persie 70), Sneijder, De Jong, Kuyt (Afellay 81), Boulahrouz (Heitinga 77), Van der Vaart

**Italy:** Buffon, Panucci, Barzagli, Gattuso, Toni, Di Natale (Del Piero 64), Ambrosini, Camoranesi (Cassano 75), Zambrotta, Pirlo, Materazzi (Grosso 54)

13.06.2008	Italy - Romania	1-1	Letzigrund, Zurich
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**Goals:** 0-1 Mutu 55, 1-1 Panucci 56

**Italy:** Buffon, Panucci, Grosso, Chiellini, Del Piero (Quagliarella 77), Toni, De Rossi, Camoranesi (Ambrosini 85), Zambrotta, Perrotta (Cassano 57), Pirlo

**Romania:** Lobonț, Contra, Raț, Tamaș, Chivu, Rădoi (Dică 25), Petre (Nicolită 60), Codrea, Mutu (Cociș 88), Goian, D.Niculescu

13.06.2008	Netherlands - France	4-1	Stade de Suisse, Berne
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**Goals:** 1-0 Kuyt 9, 2-0 Van Persie 59, 2-1 Henry 71, 3-1 Robben 72, 4-1 Sneijder 90+2

**Netherlands:** Van der Sar, Ooijer, Mathijsen, Van Bronckhorst, Engelaar (Robben 46), Van Nistelrooy, Sneijder, De Jong, Kuyt (Van Persie 55), Boulahrouz, Van der Vaart (Bouma 78)

**France:** Coupet, Gallas, Makelele, Malouda (Gomis 60), Govou (Anelka 75), Henry, Evra, Thuram, Sagnol, Toulalan, Ribéry

17.06.2008	Netherlands - Romania	-	Stade de Suisse, Berne
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17.06.2008	France - Italy	-	Letzigrund, Zurich
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**Qualifying round France**

**Group B**

	<b>Pld</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>GF</b>	<b>GA</b>	<b>Pts</b>
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	Georgia - France	0-3	Boris Paichadze, Tbilisi
<b>Goals:</b> 0-1 Malouda 7, 0-2 Saha 16, 0-3 Asatiani 47 (o.g.) <b>France:</b> Coupet, Abidal, Vieira, Gallas, Makelele (Mavuba 58), Malouda, Henry, Saha (Wiltord 86), Thuram, Sagnol, Ribéry (Govou 69)			
06.09.2006	France - Italy	3-1	Stade de France, Paris
<b>Goals:</b> 1-0 Govou 2, 2-0 Henry 18, 2-1 Gilardino 20, 3-1 Govou 55 <b>France:</b> Coupet, Sagnol, Gallas, Thuram, Abidal, Ribéry (Saha 88), Vieira, Makelele, Malouda, Govou (Wiltord 75), Henry			
07.10.2006	Scotland - France	1-0	Hampden Park, Glasgow
<b>Goals:</b> 1-0 G. Caldwell 67 <b>France:</b> Coupet, Abidal, Thuram, Boumsong, Sagnol, Ribéry (Wiltord 74), Vieira, Makelele, Malouda, Trezeguet (Saha 62), Henry			
11.10.2006	France - Faroe Islands	5-0	Bonal, Sochaux-Montbéliard
<b>Goals:</b> 1-0 Saha 1, 2-0 Henry 22, 3-0 Anelka 77, 4-0 Trezeguet 78, 5-0 Trezeguet 84 <b>France:</b> Landreau, Sagnol (Clerc 79), Gallas, Thuram, Escudé, Ribéry, Vieira, Toulalan, Malouda, Saha (Trezeguet 61), Henry (Anelka 61)			
24.03.2007	Lithuania - France	0-1	S. Darius & S. Girenas, Kaunas
<b>Goals:</b> 0-1 Anelka 73 <b>France:</b> Coupet, Sagnol, Thuram, Gallas, Abidal, Malouda (Diaby 89), Makelele, Toulalan, Diarra, Govou (Cissé 62), Anelka			
02.06.2007	France - Ukraine	2-0	Stade de France, Paris
<b>Goals:</b> 1-0 Ribéry 57, 2-0 Anelka 71 <b>France:</b> Coupet, Abidal, Gallas, Clerc, Thuram, Makelele, Malouda, Toulalan, Nasri (Diarra 81), Ribéry, Anelka (Cissé 77)			
06.06.2007	France - Georgia	1-0	Abbé-Deschamps, Auxerre
<b>Goals:</b> 1-0 Nasri 33 <b>France:</b> Landreau, Abidal, Clerc, Gallas, Makelele, Malouda (Cissé 65), Nasri, Ribéry (Govou 90+4), Thuram, Toulalan, Anelka (Benzema 90+3)			
08.09.2007	Italy - France	0-0	Stadio Giuseppe Meazza, Milan
<b>Goals:</b> - <b>France:</b> Landreau, Diarra, Thuram, Escudé, Abidal, Ribéry (Toulalan 86), Makelele, Vieira, Malouda, Henry, Anelka			
12.09.2007	France - Scotland	0-1	Parc des Princes, Paris
<b>Goals:</b> 0-1 McFadden 64 <b>France:</b> Landreau, Diarra, Thuram, Escudé, Abidal (Benzema 77), Ribéry, Vieira (Nasri 69), Makelele, Malouda, Trezeguet, Anelka			
13.10.2007	Faroe Islands - France	0-6	Tórsvøllur, Torshavn
<b>Goals:</b> 0-1 Anelka 6, 0-2 Henry 8, 0-3 Benzema 50, 0-4 Rothen 66, 0-5 Benzema 81, 0-6 Ben Arfa 90+4 <b>France:</b> Landreau, Sagna, Abidal, Thuram, Evra, Rothen, Makelele (Diarra 73), Toulalan, Ribéry (Ben Arfa 64), Anelka (Benzema 46), Henry			
17.10.2007	France - Lithuania	2-0	La Beaujoire, Nantes
<b>Goals:</b> 1-0 Henry 80, 2-0 Henry 81 <b>France:</b> Landreau, Diarra (Ben Arfa 69), Thuram, Gallas, Abidal, Toulalan, Makelele, Malouda, Ribéry, Henry, Benzema			
21.11.2007	Ukraine - France	2-2	NSC Olimpiyskiy Stadium, Kiev
<b>Goals:</b> 1-0 Voronin 14, 1-1 Henry 20, 1-2 Govou 34, 2-2 Shevchenko 46 <b>France:</b> Frey, Clerc, Gallas, Thuram, Abidal, Ribéry (Ben Arfa 89), Makelele, Diarra, Govou, Henry, Benzema (Nasri 46)			

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#### Group B

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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

Date	Match	Result	Stadium/Venue
02.09.2006	Italy - Lithuania	1-1	San Paolo, Naples
<b>Goals:</b> 0-1 Danilevicius 21, 1-1 Inzaghi 30			
<b>Italy:</b> 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
<b>Goals:</b> 1-0 Govou 2, 2-0 Henry 18, 2-1 Gilardino 20, 3-1 Govou 55			
<b>Italy:</b> Buffon, Zambrotta, Cannavaro, Barzagli, Grosso, Semioli (Di Michele 54), Pirlo, Gattuso, Perrotta, Cassano (Inzaghi 73), Gilardino (De Rossi 87)			
07.10.2006	Italy - Ukraine	2-0	Stadio Olimpico, Rome
<b>Goals:</b> 1-0 Oddo 71 (pen) , 2-0 Toni 79			
<b>Italy:</b> Buffon, Oddo, Cannavaro, Materazzi, Zambrotta, Gattuso, Pirlo, De Rossi, Iaquinata (Camoranesi 76), Toni (Inzaghi 85), Del Piero (Di Natale 62)			
11.10.2006	Georgia - Italy	1-3	Boris Paichadze, Tbilisi
<b>Goals:</b> 0-1 De Rossi 18, 1-1 Shashiashvili 26, 1-2 Camoranesi 63, 1-3 Perrotta 71			
<b>Italy:</b> 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
<b>Goals:</b> 1-0 Toni 12, 2-0 Toni 70			
<b>Italy:</b> 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
<b>Goals:</b> 0-1 Inzaghi 12, 0-2 Inzaghi 48, 1-2 Róg. Jacobsen 77			
<b>Italy:</b> 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
<b>Goals:</b> 0-1 Quagliarella 31, 0-2 Quagliarella 45			
<b>Italy:</b> 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
<b>Goals:</b> -			
<b>Italy:</b> Buffon, Oddo, Cannavaro, Barzagli, Zambrotta, De Rossi, Gattuso, Pirlo, Camoranesi (Perrotta 58), Del Piero (Di Natale 83), Inzaghi (Lucarelli 65)			

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- 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), Iaquineta (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 (Iaquineta 68), Toni
- 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, Iaquineta, 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 five Chelsea players – Claude Makelele, Carvalho, Michael Ballack, Florent Malouda and Anelka – could still 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:

**38yrs 257 days:** Ivica Vastic (**Austria** 1-1 Poland, 12.06.2008)

**35 years 77 days:** Jan Koller (Turkey 3-2 **Czech Republic**, 15.06.2008)

**35 years 62 days:** Christian Panucci (**Italy** 1-1 Romania, 13.06.2008)

### • 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

**47:** Lilian Thuram (FRA)

**39:** Peter Schmeichel (DEN)

**39:** Vitalis Astafjevs (LVA)

**38:** Hakan Şükür (TUR)

**37:** Sargis Hovsepyan (ARM)

**36:** Edwin van der Sar (NED)

**36:** Didier Deschamps (FRA)

**36:** Theodoros Zagorakis (GRE)

**36:** Rüştü Reçber (TUR)

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### Final tournament

- 16: Lilian Thuram (FRA)
- 15: Edwin van der Sar (NED)
- 14: Karel Poborský (CZE)
- 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: 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)
- 21: 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: Thierry Henry (FRA)
- 6: Patrick Kluivert (NED)
- 5: Milan Baroš (CZE)
- 5: Zinédine Zidane (FRA)
- 5: Jürgen Klinsmann (GER)
- 5: Marco Van Basten (NED)
- 5: Ruud van Nistelrooy (NED)
- 5: Nuno Gomes (POR)
- 5: Savo Milošević (YUG)

**Last updated:** 17.06.2008



Team facts

**Team facts: France**

**UEFA European Championship record**

**2004:** Quarter-finals

**2000:** Winners

**1996:** Semi-finals

**1992:** Group stage, final tournament

**1988:** Qualifying

**1984:** Winners

**1980:** Qualifying

**1976:** Qualifying

**1972:** Qualifying

**1968:** Quarter-finals

**1964:** Quarter-finals

**1960:** Fourth place

**Key facts**

**Overall**

**Pld:** 119 **W:** 67 **D:** 30 **L:** 22 **F:** 237 **A:** 113

**Final tournament**

**Pld:** 27 **W:** 14 **D:** 7 **L:** 6 **F:** 46 **A:** 32

**Qualifying**

**Pld:** 92 **W:** 53 **D:** 23 **L:** 16 **F:** 191 **A:** 81

**Records**

**Qualifying**

**Biggest win**

**10-0:** France v Azerbaijan, 06.09.1995, UEFA EURO '96™ qualifying Group 1

**7-1:** France v Greece, 01.10.1958, 1960 UEFA European Championship last 16

**6-0:** Faroe Islands v France, 13.10.2007, UEFA EURO 2008™ qualifying Group B

**6-0:** France v Malta, 29.03.2003, UEFA EURO 2005™ qualifying Group 1

**Biggest loss**

**5-1:** Yugoslavia v France, 24.04.1968, 1968 UEFA European Championship quarter-finals

**Final tournament**

**Biggest win**

**5-0:** France v Belgium, 16.06.1984, 1984 UEFA European Championship Group 1

**Biggest loss**

**4-1:** Netherlands v France, 13.06.2008, UEFA EURO 2008™ Group C

**2-0:** Czechoslovakia v France, 09.07.1960, 1960 UEFA European Championship third-place play-off

**EURO appearances (players)**

**Overall**

**47:** Lilian Thuram

**36:** Didier Deschamps

**35:** Laurent Blanc

**34:** Marcel Desailly

**33:** Zinédine Zidane

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### Final tournament

**16:** Lilian Thuram  
**14:** Willy Sagnol  
**14:** Zinedine Zidane  
**13:** Laurent Blanc  
**13:** Didier Deschamps

### Top scorers

#### Overall

**18:** Thierry Henry  
**12:** Jean-Pierre Papin  
**12:** David Trezeguet  
**11:** Zinedine Zidane  
**11:** Yuri Djorkaeff

### Final tournament

**9:** Michel Platini  
**6:** Thierry Henry  
**5:** Zinedine Zidane

**Last updated:** 14.06.2008

### 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:** 113 **W:** 59 **D:** 36 **L:** 18 **F:** 176 **A:** 81

##### Final tournament

**Pld:** 24 **W:** 9 **D:** 11 **L:** 4 **F:** 23 **A:** 18

##### 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

### 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

**3-0:** Netherlands v Italy, 09.06.2008, UEFA EURO 2008™ Group C

**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

**31:** Alessandro Del Piero

**31:** Gianluigi Buffon

**27:** Giacinto Facchetti

**26:** Christian Panucci

**24:** Dino Zoff

#### Final tournament

**13:** Paolo Maldini

**12:** Alessandro Del Piero

**9:** Gianluca Zambrotta

**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:** 14.06.2008

UEFA information

**'Whetted our appetites for more'**

UEFA President Michel Platini has given his view of UEFA EURO 2008™ after the tournament in Austria and Switzerland passed the halfway stage, saying: "We've arrived at the mid-point; half the matches are behind us and have whetted our appetites for more. We are privileged to be experiencing a tournament of exceptional quality combined with an extraordinary atmosphere. This is thanks to the host countries, the players and the supporters. The results of the first 16 matches have already upset the established hierarchy and cast doubt on the most firmly rooted certainties. The quality of play is extolled unanimously by all observers. Defensive tactics are nowhere to be seen; rather, all legal means are being used to overpower the other team who, more often than not, respond in the same way.

"Team play is not stifling the talent of individuals, who are frequently giving some particularly dazzling performances. It's a real treat for football fans. The referees are controlling these fast and energetic matches well, and one or two minor errors of judgement – usually down to just a few centimetres and, moreover, spontaneously acknowledged – have not spoiled this great festival of football. To err is human, and that is how it should stay as far as football is concerned. Along with the great play during the first half of UEFA EURO 2008™, the other great winners have been the supporters in the stadiums and in the UEFA EURO 2008™ Fan Zones. These UEFA European Championship finals offer many opportunities; combining duty and pleasure, I am taking advantage of the presence of many political leaders from all over Europe to defend, via the European sports model, UEFA's ideas and the values of our beautiful game."

**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.

**Ronaldo scores for the Red Cross**

Portugal star Cristiano Ronaldo was humbled after meeting land-mine victim Mohammad Kabir at the national team's base in Neuchatel. The Afghan lost a leg while playing football in Kabul. "There are always lessons to learn in life," said the 23-year-old, who is the ambassador for the UEFA EURO 2008™ Score for the Red Cross campaign, which will benefit landmine victims in Afghanistan. "[Mohammad] was left without his dream of being able to be a player – and one who knew he was a good player." The Manchester United FC forward, whose first goal of UEFA EURO 2008™ against the Czech Republic on Wednesday earned a €4,000 UEFA donation for the campaign, added: "I liked him a lot. He seemed an amazing guy to me, but he was also full of energy and motivation to keep on with his life. He knows that life doesn't finish here, and that he has to go on. It's very sad, though, for a dream to end in this way."

**New pitch in Basel**

A new pitch will be in place at St. Jakob-Park when the quarter-finals get under way after Euro 2008 SA – in consultation with pitch experts, UEFA and the host football associations – decided to replace the playing surface in Basel following Sunday's Switzerland-Portugal match. The existing pitch was removed overnight and the process of laying a new one, brought in from the Netherlands in 26 refrigerated trucks, began on Monday. The new surface will be ready in time for Thursday's first quarter-final between Group A winners Portugal and Germany, the runners-up from Group B. St. Jakob-Park will stage a second last-eight tie 48 hours later and then a semi-final on 25 June.

**Fan Zone fun**

Despite the cool weather at the start of UEFA EURO 2008™, the official Fan Zones in the eight host cities had already attracted over one million visitors altogether after five match days. Martin Kallen, Chief Operating Officer of Euro 2008 SA, is delighted at the success of the Fan Zones: "The atmosphere in the Fan Zones is tremendous. Fans from the different nations are having a good time together and creating a friendly mood. The big winners are the fans. The excellent organisational arrangements made by the host cities, as well as the efficiency of the security forces and the police, have contributed to this success," said Martin Kallen, praising the efforts of the host cities.

## 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

If two teams which have the same number of points, the same number of goals scored and conceded play their last group match against each other and are still equal at the end of that match, the ranking of the two teams in question will be determined by kicks from the penalty mark, provided no other teams within the group have the same number of points on completion of all group matches. Should more than two teams have the same number of points, the criteria (a) to (h) will apply.

• **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

Match  
**22**  
FRA - ITA

# Team Line-ups

Group C - 17 June 2008  
Letzigrund - Zurich



**FRANCE**

**20:45**

**ITALY**

- 23** Grégory **Coupet** **GK**  
**3** Eric **Abidal**  
**5** William **Gallas**  
**6\*** Claude **Makelele**  
**9** Karim **Benzema**  
**10** Sidney **Govou**  
**C** **12** Thierry **Henry**  
**13** Patrice **Evra**  
**14** François **Clerc**  
**20\*** Jérémy **Toulalan**  
**22** Franck **Ribéry**
- 1** Steve **Mandanda** **GK**  
**16** Sébastien **Frey** **GK**  
**2** Jean-Alain **Boumsong**  
**4** Patrick **Vieira**  
**7** Florent **Malouda**  
**8** Nicolas **Anelka**  
**11** Samir **Nasri**  
**15** Lilian **Thuram**  
**17** Sébastien **Squillaci**  
**18** Bafetimbi **Gomis**  
**19\*** Willy **Sagnol**  
**21** Lassana **Diarra**

- C** **1** Gianluigi **Buffon** **GK**  
**2** Christian **Panucci**  
**3** Fabio **Grosso**  
**4** Giorgio **Chiellini**  
**8\*** Gennaro **Gattuso**  
**9\*** Luca **Toni**  
**10\*** Daniele **De Rossi**  
**18** Antonio **Cassano**  
**19\*** Gianluca **Zambrotta**  
**20** Simone **Perrotta**  
**21\*** Andrea **Pirlo**
- 14** Marco **Amelia** **GK**  
**17** Morgan **De Sanctis** **GK**  
**5** Alessandro **Gamberini**  
**6** Andrea **Barzagli**  
**7** Alessandro **Del Piero**  
**11** Antonio **Di Natale**  
**12** Marco **Borriello**  
**13** Massimo **Ambrosini**  
**15** Fabio **Quagliarella**  
**16** Mauro **Camoranesi**  
**22** Alberto **Aquilani**  
**23** Marco **Materazzi**

Head Coach: Raymond **Domenech**

Head Coach: Roberto **Donadoni**

Referee: **Luboš Michěl** (SVK)

Fourth official: **Viktor Kassai** (HUN)

Assistant referees: **Roman Slyško** (SVK)  
**Martin Balko** (SVK)

UEFA delegate: **Janis Mežeckis** (LVA)

**C** Captain **GK** Goalkeeper  
**\*** Misses next match if booked

Weather Conditions: Rain / Temperature: 16°C / Humidity: 77%

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# Full-Time Report

## Group C - 17 June 2008

### Letzigrund - Zurich



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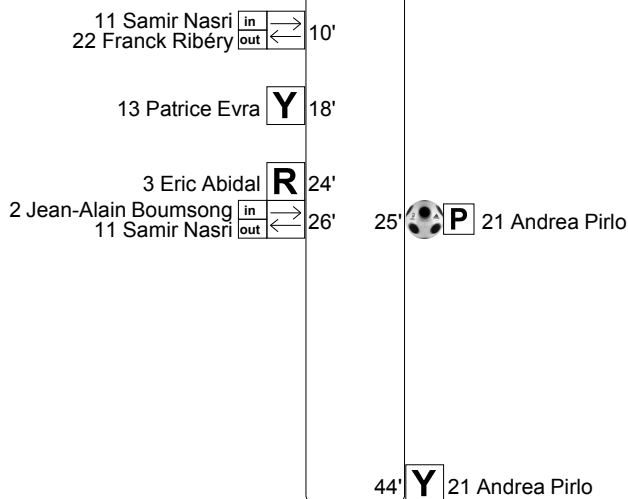
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half time

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half time

- 23 Grégory Coupet **GK**
- 3 Eric Abidal
- 5 William Gallas
- 6\* Claude Makelele
- 9 Karim Benzema
- 10 Sidney Govou
- © Thierry Henry
- 13 Patrice Evra
- 14 François Clerc
- 20\* Jérémy Toulalan
- 22 Franck Ribéry
  
- 1 Steve Mandanda **GK**
- 16 Sébastien Frey **GK**
- 2 Jean-Alain Bounsong
- 4 Patrick Vieira
- 7 Florent Malouda
- 8 Nicolas Anelka
- 11 Samir Nasri
- 15 Lilian Thuram
- 17 Sébastien Squillaci
- 18 Bafetimbi Gomis
- 19\* Willy Sagnol
- 21 Lassana Diarra



- © 1 Gianluigi Buffon **GK**
- 2 Christian Panucci
- 3 Fabio Grosso
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Head Coach: Raymond Domenech

Head Coach: Roberto Donadoni

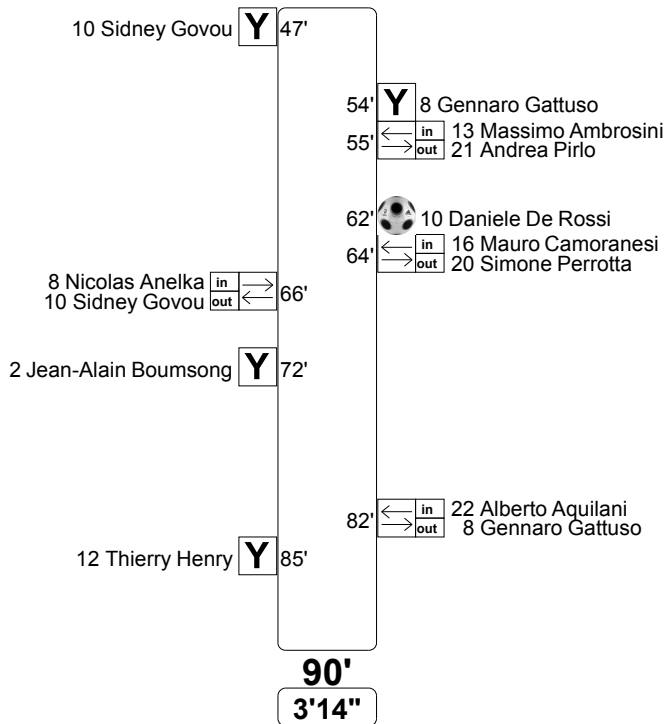
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Shots on target	0	3
Free kicks to goal	1	1
Saves	2	3
Corners	2	3
Fouls committed	9	22
Fouls suffered	11	23
Offside	1	2
Possession	52%	52%
Ball in play	13'58"	30'44"
Total ball in play	26'15"	59'36"

	Half	Full
Total shots	8	15
Shots on target	3	5
Free kicks to goal	1	2
Saves	0	3
Corners	1	3
Fouls committed	11	23
Fouls suffered	9	22
Offside	1	2
Possession	48%	48%
Ball in play	12'17"	28'52"
Total ball in play	26'15"	59'36"

Referee:  
**Luboš Michěl (SVK)**  
Assistant referees:  
**Roman Sliško (SVK)**  
**Martin Balko (SVK)**

Fourth official:  
**Viktor Kassai (HUN)**  
UEFA delegate:  
**Janis Mežekis (LVA)**

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



Man of the match:  
**10, De Rossi Daniele (ITA)**  
Attendance: 30,585

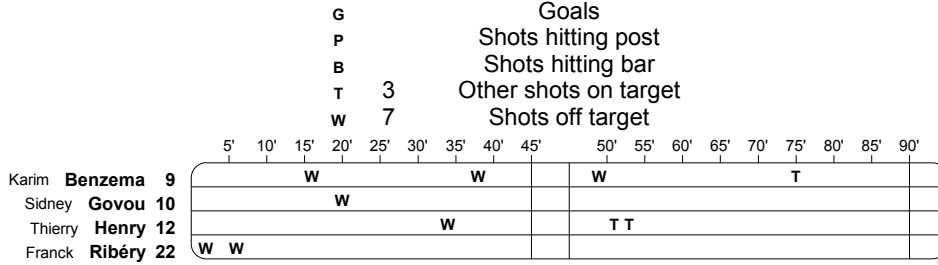
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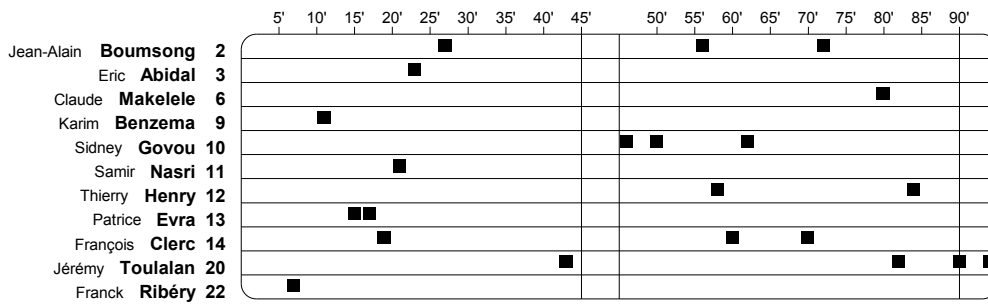


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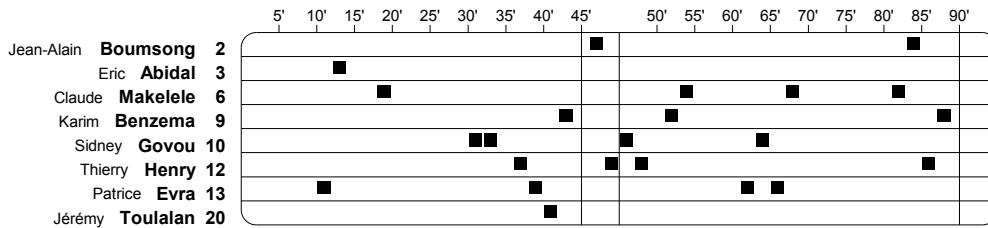
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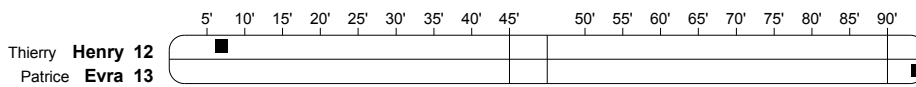
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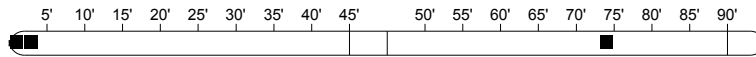
**23 Fouls Suffered**



**2 Offside**



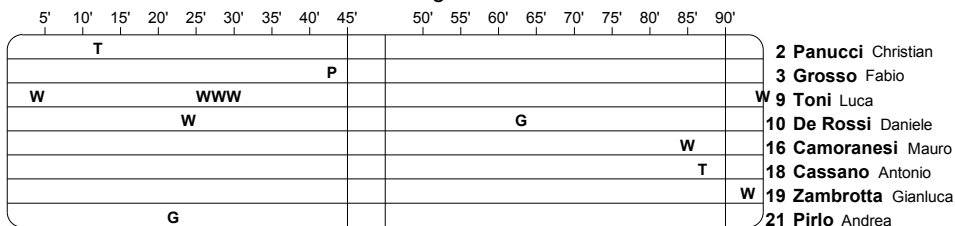
**3 Corners**



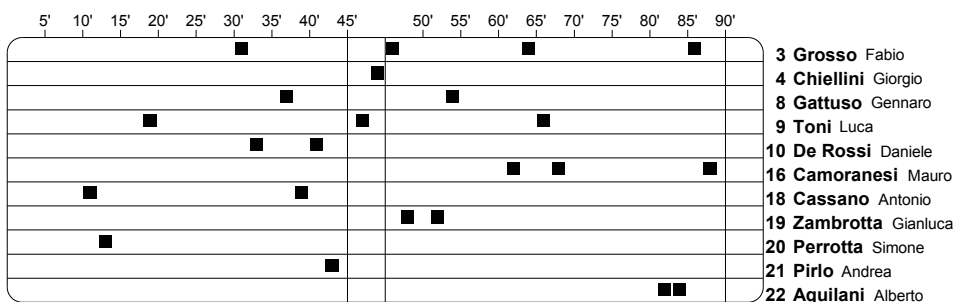
**ITALY**

**Shots**

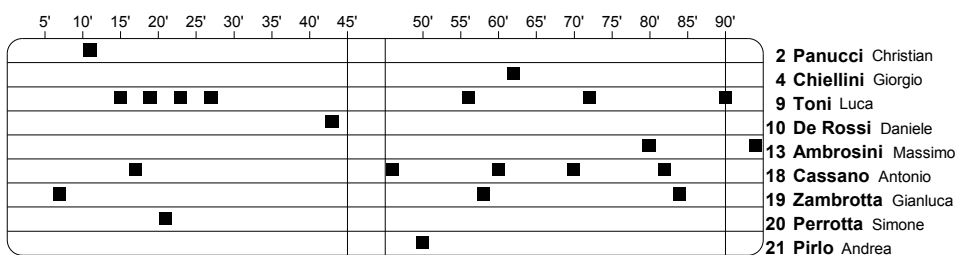
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Shots hitting bar		B
Other shots on target	2	T
Shots off target	8	W



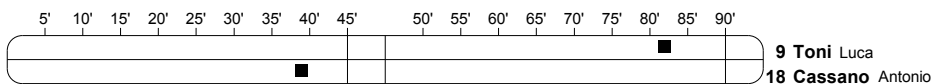
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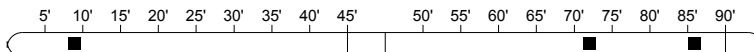
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**Offside 2**



**Corners 3**



2 2

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Match  
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# Team statistics: Full time

Group C - 17 June 2008

Letzigrund - Zurich



UEFA  
**EURO2008**  
Austria-Switzerland

**FRANCE** **0:2** **ITALY**

25' P Andrea Pirlo  
62' Daniele De Rossi

1st half	2nd half	Total	Period	1st half	2nd half	Total
49'00"	48'14"	97'14"	<b>Total time played (mins)</b>	49'00"	48'14"	97'14"
13'58"	16'46"	30'44"	<b>Ball in play (mins)</b>	12'17"	16'35"	28'52"
52%	50%	52%	<b>Ball possession</b>	48%	50%	48%
<b>Distance &amp; speed</b>						
50,090	46,646	96,736	<b>Distance covered (metres)</b>	54,746	54,222	108,968
27.12	27.09	27.12	<b>Top speed (km/h)</b>	27.09	29.73	29.73
5.55	4.62	6.00	<b>Average speed</b>	4.47	6.07	5.99
<b>Passing &amp; solo runs</b>						
243	228	471	<b>Passes attempted</b>	233	268	501
183	174	357	<b>Passes completed</b>	169	209	378
41	35	76	<b>Long passes attempted</b>	45	48	93
26	27	53	<b>Long passes completed</b>	25	28	53
148	138	286	<b>Medium passes attempted</b>	125	149	274
117	109	226	<b>Medium passes completed</b>	95	125	220
54	55	109	<b>Short passes attempted</b>	63	71	134
40	38	78	<b>Short passes completed</b>	49	56	105
20	28	48	<b>Delivery/solo runs into the attacking third</b>	20	24	44
14	20	34	<b>Delivery/solo runs into the key area</b>	13	6	19
4	2	6	<b>Delivery/solo runs into the penalty area</b>	9	4	13
<b>Scoring situations</b>						
0	0	0	<b>Goal(s) scored (open play)</b>	0	0	0
0	0	0	<b>Goal(s) scored (penalty)</b>	1	0	1
0	0	0	<b>Goal(s) scored (direct from free-kick)</b>	0	1	1
0	0	0	<b>Goal(s) scored (penalty shootout)</b>	0	0	0
7	6	13	<b>Attempts on/off target</b>	8	7	15
0	0	0	<b>Assist(s)</b>	0	1	1
2	1	3	<b>Save(s)</b>	0	3	3
<b>Discipline</b>						
1	3	4	<b>Yellow card(s)</b>	2	1	3
1	0	1	<b>Red card(s)</b>	0	0	0
9	13	22	<b>Foul(s) committed</b>	11	12	23
1	1	2	<b>Offside(s)</b>	1	1	2

Goal scored

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# Team / Players passing distribution

Group C - 17 June 2008

Letzigrund - Zurich



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Austria-Switzerland

**FRANCE**      **0:2**      **ITALY**

From	TP	To														Total			
		23	3	5	6	9	10	12	13	14	20	22	2	8	11	PC	PA	%	
Grégory Coupet	23	97'14"		1	5	4	1	1	-	7	7	2	-	1	-	-	29	35	83%
Eric Abidal	3	23'50"	1		1	2	-	1	1	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	12	100%
William Gallas	5	97'14"	4	2		5	-	4	1	-	6	3	-	5	-	-	30	34	88%
Claude Makelele	6	97'14"	-	1	3		11	-	3	9	5	14	-	1	-	2	49	62	79%
Karim Benzema	9	97'14"	1	-	1	3		4	6	11	3	2	1	-	-	-	32	49	65%
Sidney Govou	10	69'44"	-	-	-	3	3		1	1	3	2	-	-	-	-	13	24	54%
Thierry Henry	12	97'14"	-	-	-	1	5	2		3	2	3	1	-	1	-	18	25	72%
Patrice Evra	13	97'14"	-	2	-	14	13	-	7		1	7	-	5	-	1	50	69	72%
François Clerc	14	97'14"	-	1	9	5	4	13	-	-		13	-	1	-	1	47	57	82%
Jérémy Toulalan	20	97'14"	-	-	6	8	2	5	7	4	10		-	1	5	1	49	64	77%
Franck Ribéry	22	9'24"	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1		-	-	-	1	4	25%
Jean-Alain Bounsong	2	71'20"	2	-	1	3	2	1	-	4	1	3	-		1	-	18	23	78%
Nicolas Anelka	8	27'30"	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	3	1	-	-	-	-	6	8	75%
Samir Nasri	11	16'30"	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	3	5	60%
<b>Team total:</b>																	<b>357</b>	<b>471</b>	<b>76%</b>

From	TP	To														Total			
		1	2	3	4	8	9	10	18	19	20	21	13	16	22	PC	PA	%	
Gianluigi Buffon	1	97'14"		1	-	4	-	4	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	12	21	57%
Christian Panucci	2	97'14"	3		1	5	4	-	6	2	5	-	1	-	-	3	30	36	83%
Fabio Grosso	3	97'14"	-	2		4	2	2	6	7	1	3	4	5	4	2	42	63	67%
Giorgio Chiellini	4	97'14"	2	3	8		-	-	8	1	3	-	1	2	-	1	29	34	85%
Gennaro Gattuso	8	85'15"	-	5	2	-		1	17	4	5	5	4	1	-	-	44	47	94%
Luca Toni	9	97'14"	-	-	1	-	-		-	1	1	3	-	1	-	1	8	19	42%
Daniele De Rossi	10	97'14"	1	2	8	4	11	1		7	9	3	10	6	3	2	67	82	82%
Antonio Cassano	18	97'14"	-	2	2	-	5	5	2		4	-	4	2	2	1	29	39	74%
Gianluca Zambrotta	19	97'14"	1	2	1	-	10	2	4	2		1	1	1	3	-	28	48	58%
Simone Perrotta	20	67'12"	-	1	-	1	1	-	1	1	3		1	1	-	-	10	20	50%
Andrea Pirlo	21	58'27"	-	1	7	2	1	3	4	8	2	1		-	-	-	29	34	85%
Massimo Ambrosini	13	38'47"	-	3	9	-	2	-	3	6	-	-	-		2	-	25	28	89%
Mauro Camoranesi	16	30'02"	-	1	2	-	3	1	1	2	3	-	-	2		-	15	16	94%
Alberto Aquilani	22	11'59"	-	1	4	-	-	1	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	14	71%
<b>Team total:</b>																	<b>378</b>	<b>501</b>	<b>75%</b>

TP: Time played

PA: Passes attempted

PC: Passes completed

%: Passing success percentage

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# Team Line-ups

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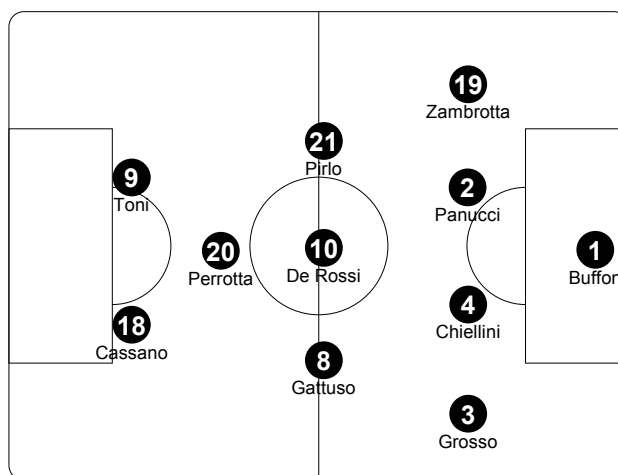
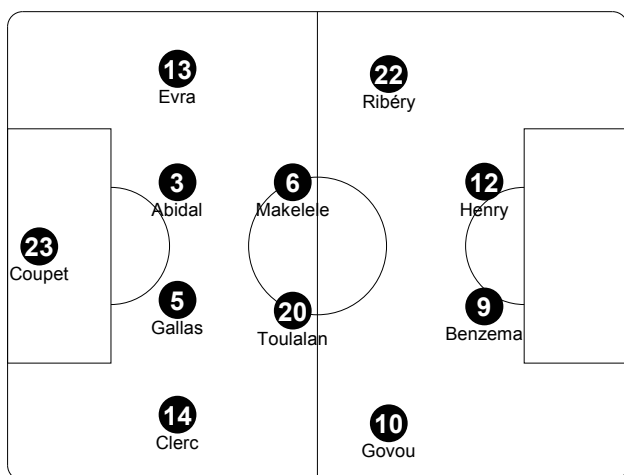
**FRANCE**

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**ITALY**

- 23 Grégory **Coupet** **GK**
- 3 Eric **Abidal**
- 5 William **Gallas**
- 6\* Claude **Makelele**
- 9 Karim **Benzema**
- 10 Sidney **Govou**
- Ⓢ 12 Thierry **Henry**
- 13 Patrice **Evra**
- 14 François **Clerc**
- 20\* Jérémy **Toulalan**
- 22 Franck **Ribéry**

- Ⓢ 1 Gianluigi **Buffon** **GK**
- 2 Christian **Panucci**
- 3 Fabio **Grosso**
- 4 Giorgio **Chiellini**
- 8\* Gennaro **Gattuso**
- 9\* Luca **Toni**
- 10\* Daniele **De Rossi**
- 18 Antonio **Cassano**
- 19\* Gianluca **Zambrotta**
- 20 Simone **Perrotta**
- 21\* Andrea **Pirlo**



- 1 Steve **Mandanda** **GK**
- 16 Sébastien **Frey** **GK**
- 2 Jean-Alain **Boumsong**
- 4 Patrick **Vieira**
- 7 Florent **Malouda**
- 8 Nicolas **Anelka**
- 11 Samir **Nasri**
- 15 Lilian **Thuram**
- 17 Sébastien **Squillaci**
- 18 Bafetimbi **Gomis**
- 19\* Willy **Sagnol**
- 21 Lassana **Diarra**

- 14 Marco **Amelia** **GK**
- 17 Morgan **De Sanctis** **GK**
- 5 Alessandro **Gamberini**
- 6 Andrea **Barzagli**
- 7 Alessandro **Del Piero**
- 11 Antonio **Di Natale**
- 12 Marco **Borriello**
- 13 Massimo **Ambrosini**
- 15 Fabio **Quagliarella**
- 16 Mauro **Camoranesi**
- 22 Alberto **Aquilani**
- 23 Marco **Materazzi**

Head Coach: Raymond **Domenech**

Head Coach: Roberto **Donadoni**

Referee: **Luboš Michěl** (SVK)

Fourth official: **Viktor Kassai** (HUN)

Assistant referees: **Roman Slyško** (SVK)  
**Martin Balko** (SVK)

UEFA delegate: **Janis Mežekis** (LVA)

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

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