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Match background

Romania go into their final Group C fixture against the Netherlands in Berne in pole position to follow their opponents into the quarter-finals of UEFA EURO 2008™. Following draws against France and Italy, Victor Piţurcă's team can secure second place in the section at the expense of their more-fancied rivals with victory against a Dutch side already guaranteed top spot after taking the maximum six points from their two fixtures to date.

- Romania, who are seeking to emulate their quarter-final appearance in 2000, would also advance with a draw in the event of France and Italy sharing the spoils in the group's other game in Zurich. Should those two teams draw 0-0, Romania could even lose and progress provided the defeat was by a one- or two-goal margin or a three-goal margin other than 3-0.
- Piţurcă's team began their campaign by holding France 0-0 and then picked up a second point with a 1-1 draw against Italy. Romania took a 56th-minute lead through Adrian Mutu but conceded the equaliser to Christian Panucci 60 seconds later and then spurned a chance to win the game when Mutu had a late penalty saved by Italy goalkeeper Gianluigi Buffon.
- Marco van Basten's Netherlands side swept past Italy and France to secure a place in the last eight with a game to spare. They began impressively by defeating Italy 3-0 Ruud van Nistelrooy (26), Wesley Sneijder (31) and Giovanni van Bronckhorst (79) the scorers and followed that up with a 4-1 win against Les Bleus. Dirk Kuyt (9), Robin van Persie (59), Arjen Robben and Wesley Sneijder (92) got the goals for the Oranje, with Thierry Henry (71) managing the sole reply for France.
- The teams need no introduction to each other as this will be the third meeting in the space of 15 months between two countries who were pitted against each other in the qualifying campaign. Romania came out on top then, holding the Netherlands to a 0-0 draw in Rotterdam in March 2007 before beating them 1-0 in Constanta last October through Dorin Goian's 71st-minute goal. Victor Piţurcă's side duly took first place in Group G three points clear of the Oranje.
- The teams for their qualifying match on 13 October 2007 were:

Romania: Bogdan Lobonţ, Dorin Goian, George Ogăraru, Răzvan Raţ, Gabriel Tamaş, Cristian Chivu, Bănel Nicoliţă, Paul Codrea, Ovodiu Petre, Ciprian Marica, Adrian Mutu.

Netherlands: Maarten Stekelenburg, Giovanni van Bronckhorst, Johnny Heitinga, André Ooijer, Joris Mathijsen, Wilfred Bouma, Demy de Zeeuw, Rafael van der Vaart, Clarence Seedorf, Ruud van Nistelrooy, Arjen Robben.

• It was the Netherlands' first ever loss to Romania, a team whom they have beaten in six of their past ten meetings.



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- They recorded 2-0 wins both at home and away against Romania in qualifying for the 2006 FIFA World Cup. Phillip Cocu and debutant Ryan Babel struck in the victory in Bucharest in March 2005 while Robben and Kuyt were the names on the scoresheet when the Dutch prevailed again three months later.
- Romania failed to score in the first five fixtures between the teams and have scored just twice in ten overall.
- Netherlands coach Van Basten appeared as a player in a 2-0 victory against Romania in the Oranje's final warm-up game before their victorious 1988 UEFA European Championship campaign.
- Van Basten was also in the AC Milan team who defeated an FC Steaua Bucureşti side that included Piţurcă, his Romania counterpart, in the 1989 European Champion Clubs' Cup final, scoring twice in Milan's 4-0 win.
- As coach of the Romania Under-21 side, Piţurcă suffered a 2-1 defeat against the Netherlands in May 1998 in a match his side had initially led through a Cosmin Contra goal.
- Romania captain Cristian Chivu played 107 league games for AFC Ajax between 1999/00 and 2003/04. Goalkeeper Bogdan Lobont also spent the first half of this decade at the Amsterdam club, making 49 league appearances.
- Romania's Dorin Goian and Nicolae Dică scored for FC Steaua Bucureşti in a 3-1 victory at SC Heerenveen in the 2005/06 UEFA Cup Round of 32, setting up a 3-2 aggregate success.
- This is the Netherlands' sixth consecutive UEFA European Championship finals appearance. They were European champions in 1988 Van Basten scoring five goals and reached the semi-finals in 1992, 2000 and 2004.
- Romania's best performance in three previous UEFA European Championship final round appearances was in 2000 when they reached the quarter-finals before losing to eventual runners-up Italy.
- This is the 13th edition of the UEFA European Championship and the eighth that features a final tournament with a group phase.

Match facts

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UEFA EURO 2008™ statistics

- The injured Ryan Babel appeared in all 12 matches in qualifying, while Joris Mathijsen played eleven times, clocking up two more games at these finals. Of the final 23-man squad, only Henk Timmer did not feature in qualifying.
- Robin van Persie was the Netherlands' top scorer in qualifying with four goals, two more than Ruud van Nistelrooy and Wesley Sneijder. Northern Ireland's David Healy finished as the highest scorer overall having struck 13 times.
- The Netherlands scored only 15 goals in qualifying at an average of 1.25 goals per game the lowest total of the qualified teams. Germany were top scorers with 35.
- Marco van Basten's side conceded only five times, however, sharing the best defensive record in qualifying with the Czech Republic and France.

Disciplinary news

• Nigel de Jong and André Ooijer are each a booking away from suspension.

Latest information

- Friday 13 June: Netherlands 4-1 France (Kuyt 9, Van Persie 59, Robben 72, Sneijder 90; Henry 71)
 The Netherlands secured their quarter-finals place with a game to spare after producing another devastating display in Berne, with Dirk Kuyt, Van Persie, Arjen Robben and Wesley Sneijder all scoring in a memorable win.
- Van Basten, who named the same starting XI as for the Italy win, said: "I don't think it was easy; we played very well against Italy and today we were a little bit lucky, we scored at the right moment and that helped us a lot. We started reasonably well but got into problems. When Van Persie and Robben came on [at the start of the second half], they went wide and that helped us. It gave us more space and possibilities to attack again."
- Sneijder was named Carlsberg Man of the Match with Jerzy Engel, representing the UEFA Technical Team who made that decision, saying: "It was very difficult to make a decision. We were looking at Franck Ribéry, Arjen Robben and Sneijder, who was the architect of the game. When he scored the goal at the end, it tipped the balance in his favour."

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- Sneijder was also the Man of the Match against Italy on 9 June as goals from him (31), Van Nistelrooy (26) and Giovanni van Bronckhorst (79) earned a 3-0 victory against the world champions in Berne.
- It was the Netherlands' first win against Italy for 30 years. The last time they did so they went on to reach the 1978 FIFA World Cup final.

Friendly results

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01.06.2008: Netherlands 2-0 Wales (Robben, Sneijder)

29.05.2008: Netherlands 1-1 Denmark (Van Nistelrooy)

24.05.2008 Netherlands 3-0 Ukraine (Kuyt, Huntelaar, Babel)

26.03.2008: Austria 3-4 Netherlands (Huntelaar 2, Heitinga, Vennegoor of Hesselink)

06.02.2008: Croatia 0-3 Netherlands (Heitinga, Huntelaar, Vennegoor of Hesselink)

Injury news

- Robben recovered from a groin injury to face France. Mario Melchiot (minor pelvic problem) and Klaas-Jan Huntelaar (calf strain) both missed out but returned to full training on Saturday.
- Clarence Seedorf's decision to withdraw and fitness concerns surrounding fellow defenders Ooijer and Melchiot meant a chance for Khalid Boulahrouz, who was called up to the initial 30-man squad as cover. The 26-year-old was not named in the final 23 announced on 27 May, but returned four days later in place of the unfortunate Babel.
- · Babel was forced to withdraw after tearing ankle ligaments in training at Hoenderloo on 31 May.

Miscellaneous

- · Wilfred Bouma turned 30 on 15 June.
- Edwin van der Sar is the third player to appear in four UEFA European Championship finals tournaments, after Lothar Matthäus and Peter Schmeichel.
- De Jong won his 25th cap against France, for which he will receive a silver plate from the Royal Netherlands Football Association. Boulahrouz will claim one of his own on his next international appearance.
- The Netherlands' crown prince Willem-Alexander was in the crowd for the win against Italy.

Domestic information

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

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UEFA EURO 2008™ statistics

- No Romania player has appeared in all 14 matches in qualifying and these finals, although Bogdan Lobonţ and Răzvan Raţ have each missed only one game.
- Of the final 23-man squad five players did not feature in qualifying: Marius Popa, Eduard Stăncioiu, Cristian Săpunaru, Cosmin Moți and Marius Niculae. The latter came on as a late substitute against France.
- Adrian Mutu was Romania's top scorer in qualifying with six goals, one more than Marica and two more than Nicolae Dică. Northern Ireland's David Healy finished as the highest scorer overall having struck 13 times.
- Romania scored 26 times at an average of 2.17 goals per game. Germany led the way overall with 35 goals.

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• Romania conceded seven goals, more only than the Czech Republic, the Netherlands and France (five apiece).

Disciplinary news

• Dorin Goian is suspended for the Netherlands match after picking up bookings in Romania's two opening games. Another yellow card for Cosmin Contra, Mutu, Christian Chivu or Daniel Niculae and they will incur a ban.

Latest information

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

Italy goalkeeper Gianluigi Buffon superbly saved Mutu's penalty with nine minutes remaining as Romania were restricted to a breathless draw in Zurich. Buffon dived to his left to block the striker's effort with his arm and foot after Christian Panucci – who had earlier cancelled out Mutu's opener – had held back Daniel Niculae in the area.

- Romania coach Victor Piţurcă said: "We didn't win but this is a good result for Romania. We have played the champions and the runners-up of the last [FIFA] World Cup and we still have a chance. The fact Mutu missed a penalty is part of the game. Penalties have been missed, are missed, and always will be missed."
- Piţurcă made two changes to the starting lineup against Italy, with Bănel Nicoliță and Răzvan Cociş making way for Florentin Petre and Paul Condrea.
- On 9 June Romania marked their first appearance in a major international finals in eight years in style, holding one of the tournament favourites, France, to a goalless draw at the Letzigrund Stadion.

Friendly results

31.05.2008: Romania 4-0 Montenegro (Mutu, Ghionea, Dică 2)

26.03.2008: Romania 3-0 Russia (Marica, Daniel Niculae, Marius Niculae)

06.02.2008: Israel 1-0 Romania

Injury news

- The Italy draw was overshadowed by an injury to Mirel Rădoi collected in a collision with team-mate Raţ. The 27-year-old broke his nose and a bone under his left eye and has been told he will have to wait at least a fortnight before he can resume training after facial surgery.
- The incident had echoes of an injury to Ciprian Marica three days earlier when the striker was ordered to rest for two days following a clash of heads with Marius Niculae in training. He was fit to take his place on the bench against Italy. Goian played the first two games after overcoming tendon damage to his right heel.
- Ovidiu Petre withdrew from Romania's preliminary squad after suffering a knee injury when he collided with a cameraman while playing volleyball in Turkey. The accident occurred during a holiday for 14 players registered with Romanian clubs and two based abroad Florentin Petre and Codrea together with their families. Two assistant coaches, a fitness trainer and three masseurs went along too, and the players had a fitness session each day.
- During the Mogosoaia training camp that followed the Turkey trip, Romania's second-choice goalkeeper Danut Coman broke his left thumb in training. It meant a call-up for CFR 1907 Cluj custodian Stăncioiu.

Miscellaneous

• Sorin Ghionea's goal against Montenegro was his first ever international strike.

Domestic information

- Stăncioiu is the only member of CFR Cluj's double-winning side in Romania's squad.
- Raţ was a regular fixture in the FC Shakhtar Donetsk team that claimed the double in Ukraine while in Italy, only defeat by AS Roma in the Coppa Italia final denied Chivu and FC Internazionale Milano the same.
- Inter prevailed in Serie A, however, where ACF Fiorentina pipped AC Milan in the race for the fourth UEFA Champions League berth thanks in no small measure to 17 goals from Mutu.
- Eleven goals from Petre helped PFC CSKA Sofia win the Bulgarian championship.

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Squad list

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1	Edwin van der Sar	29.10.1970	37	Manchester United FC	_	8	_	2		127	_
13	Henk Timmer	03.12.1971	36	Feyenoord	_	-	_	-	-	5	_
16	Maarten Stekelenburg	22.09.1982	25	AFC Ajax	_	4	-	-	-	11	_
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2	André Ooijer	11.07.1974	33	Blackburn Rovers FC	*	8	-	2	-	39	2
3	John Heitinga	15.11.1983	24	AFC Ajax	-	6	-	1	-	37	5
4	Joris Mathijsen	05.04.1980	28	Hamburger SV	-	11	1	2	-	34	2
5	Giovanni van Bronckhorst	05.02.1975	33	Feyenoord	-	10	1	2	1	80	5
12	Mario Melchiot	04.11.1976	31	Wigan Athletic FC	-	4	-	-	-	21	-
14	Wilfred Bouma	15.06.1978	30	Aston Villa FC	-	8	-	1	-	34	2
15	Tim de Cler	08.11.1978	29	Feyenoord	-	2	-	-	-	15	-
21	Khalid Boulahrouz	28.12.1981	26	Sevilla FC	-	4	-	2	-	24	-
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6	Demy de Zeeuw	26.05.1983	25	AZ Alkmaar	-	7	-	-	-	15	-
8	Orlando Engelaar	24.08.1979	28	FC Twente	-	1	-	2	-	8	-
10	Wesley Sneijder	09.06.1984	24	Real Madrid CF	-	10	2	2	2	47	11
11	Arjen Robben	23.01.1984	24	Real Madrid CF	-	6	-	1	1	34	10
17	Nigel de Jong	30.11.1984	23	Hamburger SV	*	5	-	2	-	26	-
20	Ibrahim Afellay	02.04.1986	22	PSV Eindhoven	-	1	-	1	-	6	-
23	Rafael van der Vaart	11.02.1983	25	Hamburger SV	-	6	1	2	-	57	12
Forwa	ards										
7	Robin van Persie	06.08.1983	24	Arsenal FC	-	7	4	2	1	26	8
9	Ruud van Nistelrooy	01.07.1976	31	Real Madrid CF	-	4	2	2	1	63	32
18	Dirk Kuyt	22.07.1980	27	Liverpool FC	-	7	1	2	1	40	8
19	Klaas Jan Huntelaar	12.08.1983	24	AFC Ajax	-	4	1	-	-	12	7
22	Jan Vennegoor of Hesselink	07.11.1978	29	Celtic FC	-	1	-	-	-	16	3
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-	Marco Van Basten	31.10.1964	43	NED	-	12	-	2	-	-	-

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Romania

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1	Bogdan Lobonţ	18.01.1978	30	FC Dinamo 1948 Bucureşti	-	11	-	2	-	65	-
12	Marius Popa	31.07.1978	29	FC National 2000 Bucuresti	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
23 D-f	Eduard Stăncioiu	03.03.1981	27	CFR 1907 Cluj	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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2	Cosmin Contra	15.12.1975	32	Getafe CF FC Shakhtar Donetsk		6 11	2	2	-	65	7
3	Răzvan Raț	26.05.1981	27		-		-	2	-	50	1
4	Gabriel Tamaş	09.11.1983	24	AJ Auxerre	-	10	2	2	-	34	2
5	Cristian Chivu	26.10.1980	27	FC Internazionale Milano		9	-	2	-	61	3
6	Mirel Rădoi	22.03.1981	27	FC Steaua Bucureşti	-	2	-	2	-	45	1
13	Cristian Săpunaru	05.04.1984	24	FC Rapid Bucureşti	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
14	Sorin Ghionea	11.05.1979	29	FC Steaua Bucureşti	-	1	-	-	•	10	1
15	Dorin Goian	12.12.1980	27	FC Steaua Bucureşti	S	9	2	2	-	21	3
17	Cosmin Moți	03.12.1984	23	FC Dinamo 1948 Bucureşti	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
22	Ştefan Radu	22.10.1986	21	S.S. Lazio	-	2	-	-	-	8	-
	elders					_					
7	Florentin Petre	15.01.1976	32	PFC CSKA Sofia	-	7	1	1	-	50	5
8	Paul Codrea	04.04.1981	27	AC Siena	-	8	-	2	-	35	1
11	Răzvan Cociş	19.02.1983	25	FC Lokomotiv Moskva	-	6	-	2	-	23	1
16	Bănel Nicoliță	07.01.1985	23	FC Steaua Bucureşti	-	8	1	2	-	21	1
19	Adrian Cristea	30.11.1983	24	FC Dinamo 1948 Bucureşti	-	2	-	-	-	5	-
20	Nicolae Dică	09.05.1980	28	FC Steaua Bucureşti	-	6	4	2	-	27	8
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9	Ciprian Marica	02.10.1985	22	VfB Stuttgart	-	11	5	-	-	24	8
10	Adrian Mutu	08.01.1979	29	ACF Fiorentina	*	9	6	2	1	63	29
18	Marius Niculae	16.05.1981	27	Inverness Caledonian Thistle FC	-	-	-	1	-	31	13
21	Daniel Niculae	06.10.1982	25	AJ Auxerre	*	7	2	2	-	24	5
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-	Victor Piţurcă	12.05.1956	52	ROU	-	12	-	2	-	-	-
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Head coach

Netherlands: Marco van Basten

Date of birth: 31 October 1964

Nationality: Dutch

Playing career: AFC Ajax, AC Milan

Coaching career: AFC Ajax youth team, Netherlands

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

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

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

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

Romania: Victor Piţurcă

Date of birth: 8 May 1956 Nationality: Romanian

Playing career: FC Universitatea Craiova, FC Dinamo Slatina, CS Pandurii Lignitul Târgu Jiu, FC Drobeta

Turnu-Severin, FC Olt, FC Steaua Bucureşti, RC Lens

Coaching career: FC Steaua Bucureşti (three times), FC Universitatea Craiova, Romania Under-21, Romania (twice)

Victor Piţurcă must be doubly determined to make an impact with Romania at UEFA EURO 2008™ given what happened the last time he led his country to a major tournament. Piţurcă guided Romania through qualifying for UEFA EURO 2000™ but missed out on the finals after he was dismissed in December 1999 following a dispute with some senior players.

Romania have not featured on the big stage since then but Piţurcă, who returned in place of Anghel Iordănescu in December 2004, has done his bit to put that right, making amends for missing out on the 2006 FIFA World Cup. Romania qualified for Austria and Switzerland in style, three points ahead of the Netherlands at the top of Group G.

Born on 8 May 1956, Piţurcă's playing career included stints with FC Universitatea Craiova, FC Dinamo Slatina, CS Pandurii Lignitul Târgu Jiu and FC Olt before he came to the fore with FC Steaua Bucureşti. During six years there, he won the 1985/86 European Champion Clubs' Cup and the 1986 UEFA Super Cup and also collected a runners-up medal in the 1988/89 European Cup before leaving for RC Lens in France. Although limited to six goals in 13 international appearances, his record of 165 goals in 301 league games make him one of the most prolific strikers in Romanian football history.

He started his coaching career as an assistant at Steaua in 1991 but his first opportunity as a head coach came at Universitatea Craiova, between 1994 and 1995, before he was then handed the reins of the Romania Under-21 side. In July 1998 he made the step up to the senior national team, but following his dismissal returned to Steaua whom he led to the league title in 2000/01.

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Match officials

Massimo Busacca (SUI) Referee

Assistant referees Matthias Arnet (SUI), Stéphane Cuhat (SUI)

Fourth official Craig Thomson (SCO) Reserve official Stefan Wittberg (SWE) **UEFA** Delegate Frantisek Laurinec (SVK) **UEFA** Referee observer Jozef Marko (SVK)

Referee

Name	Nat.	Date of birth
Massimo Busacca	SUI	06.02.1969

Massimo Busacca has steadily enhanced his reputation since succeeding Urs Meier on Switzerland's élite list, with the 2007 UEFA Cup final following the 2006 FIFA World Cup. He had three games in Germany, including Argentina's 2-1 last-16 win against Mexico. From Monte Carrasso, in the Italian-speaking southern canton of Ticino, Busacca reached the highest domestic level in 1996 and within three years was cutting his teeth in UEFA youth matches.

Busacca is a UEFA Champions League regular, notably serving as fourth official to Meier for the 2002 final between Real Madrid CF and Bayer 04 Leverkusen. The UEFA Cup final Sevilla FC won 3-1 on penalties after a 2-2 draw against RCD Espanyol was his third visit to Hampden Park as he also refereed Scotland's 1-0 victory against France in a UEFA EURO 2008™ qualifier and ended the 2007/08 club season by taking charge of the UEFA Champions League semi-final first leg between FC Barcelona and eventual winners Manchester United FC.

Another high-level game for Busacca, who enjoys travel in his spare time, was the 2005 FIFA U-20 World Cup semi-final between Brazil and Argentina in Utrecht. At home, the company director, who is also a keen skier, took charge of his first Swiss Cup final in May 2005.

Match-by-match lineups

Final tournament Group C

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
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

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

Goals: -

Romania: Lobont, Contra, Rat, Tamas, Chivu, Rădoi (Dică 90+3), Mutu (M.Niculae 78), Cocis (Codrea 64), Goian, Nicolită, D.Niculae

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

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

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: Lobont, Contra, Rat, Tamas, Chivu, Rădoi (Dică 25), Petre (Nicolită 60), Codrea, Mutu (Cocis 88), Goian, D.Niculae

13.06.2008 Netherlands - France

4-1 Stade de Suisse, Berne

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

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Qualifying round Netherlands

Group G

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

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02.09.2006 Luxembourg - Netherlands Josy Barthel, Luxembourg 0-1

Goals: 0-1 Mathijsen 18

Netherlands: Van der Sar, Heitinga, Ooijer (Emanuelson 46), Mathijsen, De Cler, Schaars (Vennegoor 46), Van

Persie (Babel 77), Landzaat, Huntelaar, Janssen, Kuyt

3-0 06.09.2006 Netherlands - Belarus Philips Stadion, Eindhoven

Goals: 1-0 Van Persie 33, 2-0 Van Persie 78, 3-0 Kuvt 90+2

Netherlands: Van der Sar, Heitinga (Boulahrouz 67), Ooijer, Mathijsen, Van Bronckhorst, De Jong, Sneijder, Landzaat

(Schaars 68), Huntelaar (Babel 76), Van Persie, Kuyt

07.10.2006 Bulgaria - Netherlands 1-1 Vasil Levski National Stadium, Sofia

Goals: 1-0 M. Petrov 12. 1-1 Van Persie 62

Netherlands: Van der Sar, Boulahrouz, Ooijer, Mathijsen, Van Bronckhorst, De Jong, Landzaat, Sneijder (Schaars

90+1), Van Persie, Kuyt (Babel 16), Robben

11.10.2006 Netherlands - Albania 2-1 Amsterdam ArenA, Amsterdam

Goals: 1-0 Van Persie 15, 2-0 Begaj 42 (o.g.), 2-1 Curri 67

Netherlands: Van der Sar, Boulahrouz, Ooijer, Mathijsen, Van Bronckhorst (Emanuelson 68), De Jong (Schaars 50),

Sneijder (De Cler 80), Landzaat, Babel, Van Persie, Robben

24.03.2007 Netherlands - Romania De Kuip, Rotterdam

Goals: -

Netherlands: Stekelenburg, Jaliens, Bouma, Mathijsen, Van Bronckhorst, Landzaat (Emanuelson 79), Sneijder,

Babel, Van der Vaart (Seedorf 86), Huntelaar, Robben

28.03.2007 Slovenia - Netherlands 0-1 Arena Petrol, Celje

Goals: 0-1 Van Bronckhorst 86

Netherlands: Van der Sar, Heitinga (De Zeeuw 74), Mathijsen, Bouma, Emanuelson, Afellay (Seedorf 85), Babel

(Koevermans 73), Van Bronckhorst, Kuyt, Sneijder, Robben

08.09.2007 Netherlands - Bulgaria 2-0 Amsterdam ArenA, Amsterdam

Goals: 1-0 Sneijder 22, 2-0 Van Nistelrooy 58

Netherlands: Van der Sar, Melchiot (Boulahrouz 66), Mathijsen, Bouma, Van Bronckhorst, Heitinga, Sneijder (Seedorf

73), De Zeeuw (De Jong 81), Babel, Van Nistelrooy, Van Persie

12.09.2007 Albania - Netherlands 0-1 Qemal Stafa, Tirana

Goals: 0-1 Van Nistelroov 90+1

Netherlands: Van der Sar, Melchiot, Mathijsen, Bouma (Emanuelson 63), Ooijer, De Zeeuw, Sneijder, Van Bronckhorst,

Babel (Kuyt 75), Van Nistelrooy, Van Persie (Van der Vaart 46)

13.10.2007 Romania - Netherlands 1-0 Farul, Constanta

Goals: 1-0 Goian 71

Netherlands: Stekelenburg, Van Bronckhorst, Heitinga (Jaliens 68), Ooijer (Koevermans 84), Mathijsen, Bouma, De

Zeeuw, Van der Vaart, Seedorf, Van Nistelrooy, Robben (Babel 78)

17.10.2007 Netherlands - Slovenia 2-0 Philips Stadion, Eindhoven

Goals: 1-0 Sneijder 14, 2-0 Huntelaar 86

Netherlands: Stekelenburg, Jaliens, Heitinga, Bouma, Emanuelson, Sneijder, De Zeeuw, Seedorf, Van Persie (Ooijer

59), Huntelaar, Van der Vaart (Robben 29)

17.11.2007 Netherlands - Luxembourg 1-0 De Kuip, Rotterdam

Goals: 1-0 Koevermans 43

Netherlands: Van der Sar, Melchiot, Mathijsen, Bouma, De Zeeuw, Van Bronckhorst, Van der Vaart, Sneijder, Seedorf

(Emanuelson 77), Van Nistelrooy (Kuyt 46), Koevermans (Babel 84)

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21.11.2007 Belarus - Netherlands 2-1 Dinamo, Minsk

Goals: 1-0 Bulyga 49, 2-0 Korythko 65, 2-1 Van der Vaart 89

Netherlands: Stekelenburg, Melchiot, Mathijsen, Ooijer, Bouma, Sneijder (Kuyt 46), Van der Vaart, Van Bronckhorst

(Engelaar 66), De Zeeuw (De Jong 69), Babel, Koevermans

Qualifying round Romania

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Albania	12	2	5	5	12	18	11
Slovenia	12	3	2	7	9	16	11
Luxembourg	12	1	0	11	2	23	3

DateMatchResultStadium/Venue02.09.2006Romania - Bulgaria2-2Farul, Constanta

Goals: 1-0 Roşu 40, 2-0 Marica 55, 2-1 M. Petrov 82, 2-2 M. Petrov 84

Romania: Lobonț, Contra, Raț, Tamaş, Chivu, Codrea, Petre (Nicoliță 71), Dică (Cociş 59), Marica, Mutu, Roşu

(Maftei 79)

06.09.2006 Albania - Romania 0-2 Qemal Stafa, Tirana

Goals: 0-1 Dică 65, 0-2 Mutu 75 (pen)

Romania: Lobonţ, Contra, Raţ, Ghionea, Chivu, Codrea, Petre, Dică, Marica (I. Ganea 78), Mutu (Nicoliţă 85), Roşu

(Mărgăritescu 89)

07.10.2006 Romania - Belarus 3-1 Steaua Stadium, Bucharest

Goals: 1-0 Mutu 7, 2-0 Marica 10, 2-1 Kornilenko 20, 3-1 Goian 76

Romania: Coman, Raţ, Tamaş, Chivu, Petre, Marica (Niculescu 90+2), Mutu (Buga 72), Roşu, Goian, Marin, Dică

(Cociş 88)

24.03.2007 Netherlands - Romania 0-0 De Kuip, Rotterdam

Goals: -

Romania: Lobonț, Contra, Goian, Tamaş, Raţ (Radu 78), Cociş, Nicoliţă, Rădoi, Codrea (Roşu 87), Marica (D.Niculae

64), Mutu

28.03.2007 Romania - Luxembourg 3-0 Ceahlaul, Piatra Neamt

Goals: 1-0 Mutu 26, 2-0 Contra 56, 3-0 Marica 90

Romania: Lobont, Contra, Tamaş (Stoica 87), Goian, Radu, Rădoi, Zicu, Roşu (Cristea 53), Cociş, D.Niculae (Marica

65), Mutu

02.06.2007 Slovenia - Romania 1-2 Arena Petrol, Celje

Goals: 0-1 Tamaş 52, 0-2 Nicolită 69, 1-2 Vršič 90+4

Romania: Lobont, Chivu, Contra, Rat, Tamas, Codrea, Nicolită, Roşu (Zicu 63), Marica (D.Niculae 74), Mutu, Stoica

(Mureşan 77)

06.06.2007 Romania - Slovenia 2-0 Dan Paltinisanu, Timisoara

Goals: 1-0 Mutu 40, 2-0 Contra 70

Romania: Lobont, Rat, Tamas, Goian, Contra, Zicu (Rosu 60), Chivu, Codrea (Plesan 78), Petre (Nicolită 75), Marica,

Mutu

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08.09.2007 Belarus - Romania 1-3 Dinamo, Minsk

Goals: 0-1 Mutu 16, 1-1 Romashchenko 20, 1-2 Dică 42, 1-3 Mutu 77 (pen)

Romania: Lobont, Rat, Chivu, Goian, Marin, Codrea (Trică 90), Petre, Nicoliță, Dică (D Munteanu 67), Mutu, Se.Radu

(Petre 56)

13.10.2007 Romania - Netherlands 1-0 Farul, Constanta

Goals: 1-0 Goian 71

Romania: Lobont, Goian, Ogăraru, Rat, Tamas, Chivu, Nicolită, Codrea, Petre, Marica (D.Niculae 70), Mutu

17.10.2007 Luxembourg - Romania 0-2 Josy Barthel, Luxembourg

Goals: 0-1 Petre 42, 0-2 Marica 61

Romania: Lobont, Ogăraru, Tamaş, Goian, Rat, Petre, Mărgăritescu, Chivu (Petre 87), Marica, Dică (Cristea 68),

D.Niculae (Bratu 76)

17.11.2007 Bulgaria - Romania 1-0 Vasil Levski National Stadium. Sofia

Goals: 1-0 V. Dimitrov 6

Romania: Lobont, Ogăraru, Tamaş (Cociș 58), Goian, Rat, Codrea (Trică 82), Petre, Chivu, Nicolită, Mazilu (Marica

65), D.Niculae

21.11.2007 Romania - Albania 6-1 Lia Manoliu, Bucharest

Goals: 1-0 Dică 22, 2-0 Tamaş 53, 3-0 D.Niculae 62, 3-1 Kapllani 64, 4-1 D.Niculae 65, 5-1 Marica 69 (pen), 6-1

Romania: Lobont, Ogăraru, Tamaş (M. Constantin 78), Goian, Rat, Petre (Bucur 65), Mărgăritescu, Cociş, D.Niculae,

Marica (Mazilu 73), Dică

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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, Youri Djorkaeff, Patrick Vieira, Zinédine 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 Karembeu, 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 Brolin (SWE)

1996: 5 Alan Shearer (ENG)

2000: 5 Patrick Kluivert (NED), Savo Miloševic (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 7 secs: 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)

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Team facts

Team facts: Netherlands

UEFA European Championship record

2004: Semi-finals 2000: Semi-finals 1996: Quarter-finals 1992: Semi-finals

1988: Winners 1984: Qualifying

1980: Group stage, final tournament

1976: Third place 1972: Qualifying 1968: Qualifying 1964: Last 16 1960: Did not enter

Key facts Overall

Pld: 119 W: 74 D: 22 L: 23 F: 248 A: 92

Final tournament

Pld: 30 W: 16 D: 8 L: 6 F: 52 A: 29

Qualifying

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

Records Qualifying Biggest win

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

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

Biggest loss

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

Final tournament

Biggest win

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

Biggest loss

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

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

EURO appearances (players)

Overall

36: Edwin van der Sar

31: Frank de Boer

30: Ruud Gullit

29: Clarence Seedorf

27: Aron Winter

26: Hans van Breukelen

25: Patrick Kluivert

25: Dennis Bergkamp

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Final tournament

15: Edwin van der Sar

13: Phillip Cocu

13: Dennis Bergkamp

12: Edgar Davids

10: Clarence Seedorf

10: Michael Reiziger

Top scorers

Overall

16: Marco van Basten

13: Patrick Kluivert

12: Johan Cruyff

12: Ruud van Nistelrooy

Final tournament

6: Patrick Kluivert

5: Marco van Basten

5: Ruud van Nistelrooy

4: Dennis Bergkamp

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Team facts: Romania

UEFA European Championship record

2004: Qualifying 2000: Quarter-finals

1996: Group stage, final tournament

1992: Qualifying

1988: Qualifying

1984: Group stage, final tournament

1980: Qualifying

1976: Qualifying

1972: Quarter-finals

1968: Qualifying

1964: Preliminary round

1960: Quarter-finals

Key facts

Overall

Pld: 107 W: 52 D: 29 L: 26 F: 192 A: 105

Final tournament

Pld: 12 W: 1 D: 4 L: 7 F: 8 A: 15

Qualifying

Pld: 95 W: 51 D: 25 L: 19 F: 184 A: 90

Records Qualifying **Biggest win**

7-0: Romania v Liechtenstein, 02.09.1998, UEFA EURO 2000™ qualifying Group 7

7-0: Romania v Cyprus, 23.04.1967, 1968 UEFA European Championship qualifying Group 6

7-0: Luxembourg v Romania, 16.10.2002, UEFA EURO 2004™ qualifying Group 2

6-0: Romania v San Marino, 05.12.1990, UEFA EURO '92 qualifying Group 2

Biggest loss

7-1: Switzerland v Romania, 24.05.1967, 1968 UEFA European Championship qualifying Group 6

6-0: Spain v Romania, 01.11.1962, 1964 UEFA European Championship preliminary round

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Final tournament

Biggest win

3-2: England v Romania, 20.06.2000, UEFA EURO 2000™ Group A

Biggest loss

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

EURO appearances (players)

Overall

35: Gheorghe Popescu

35: Dorinel Munteanu

32: Gheorghe Hagi

31: Dan Petrescu

31: Ioan Lupescu

26: Marius Lăcătuş

Final tournament

- 8: Gheorghe Hagi
- 7: Dorinel Munteanu
- 6: Dan Petrescu
- 6: Bogdan Stelea
- 6: Viorel Moldovan
- 6: Constantin Gâlcă
- 6: Adrian Ilie
- 6: Cristian Chivu

Top scorers

Overall

- 11: Adrian Mutu
- 9: Florin Răducioiu
- 8: Gheorghe Hagi
- 8: Dorinel Munteanu
- 8: Ioan Ganea

Final tournament

- 1: Viorel Moldovan
- 1: Cristian Chivu
- 1: Dorinel Munteanu
- 1: Ioan Ganea
- 1: Florin Răducioiu
- 1: Laszlo Bölöni
- 1: Marcel Coras
- 1: Adrian Mutu

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UEFA information

'Whetted our appetites for more'

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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 spoilt 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 quy 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.

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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 guarter-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 guarter-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 QR3: Third qualifying round GS: Group stage R1: First round GS1: First group stage R2: Second round GS2: Second group stage R3: Third round KO1: First knockout round R4: Fourth round PR: Preliminary round SF: Semi-finals QF: Quarter-finals 1/8: Eighth-finals **QR**: Qualifying round 1/16: Sixteenth-finals

QR1: First qualifying round
QR2: Second qualifying round
FT: Final tournament

1st: first leg
2nd: second leg
P-0: Play-off

:: Statistics

(-) : Denotes player substituted

(*): Denotes player dismissed/sent off

:: Other Abbreviations

AP: Appearances
Comp.: Competition
D: Drawn
DoB: Date of birth
GA: Goals against

No.: Number
Pld: Matches played
Pos.: Position
Pts: Points
R: Sent off (red card)

GF: Goals for Res.: Result
L: Lost W: Won
Nat.: Nationality Y: Booked

N/a: Not Applicable Y/R: Sent off (yellow card then direct

red)

(+): Denotes player introduced

(+/-): Denotes player introduced and substituted



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GK Goalkeeper C Captain * Misses next match if booked

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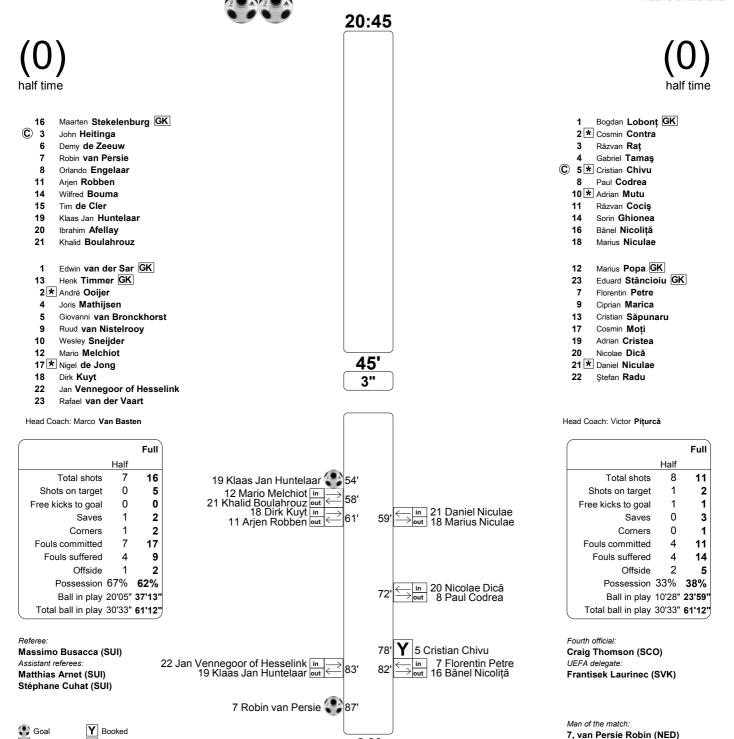
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Substitution

Owngoal

GK Goalkeeper

R Sent off

P Penalty

C Captain

Attendance: 30,777



Player Statistics

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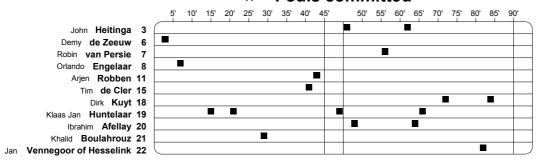
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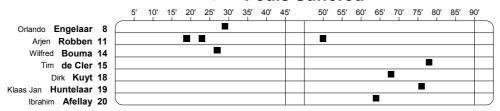
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В		Shots hitting bar
т	3	Other shots on target
w	9	Shots off target



17 Fouls committed



Fouls Suffered





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Player Statistics

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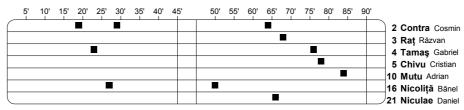
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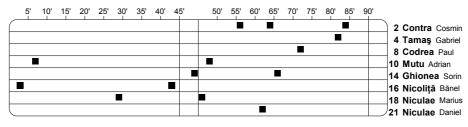
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							W											11 Cociş Răzvan
w																		18 Niculae Marius

Fouls committed 11



Fouls Suffered 14



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Team statistics: Full time

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54' P Klaas Jan Huntelaar 87' Robin van Persie

1st half	2nd half	Total	Period	1st half	2nd half	Total
45'03"	48'00"	93'03"	Total time played (mins)	45'03"	48'00"	93'03"
20'05"	17'08"	37'13"	Ball in play (mins)	10'28"	13'31"	23'59"
67%	57%	62%	Ball possession	33%	43%	38%
			Distance & speed			
55,845	57,483	113,328	Distance covered (metres)	58,833	58,560	117,393
28.10	30.89	30.89	Top speed (km/h)	30.12	30.29	30.29
5.49	6.92	7.02	Average speed	5.77	7.22	7.41
347	298	645	Passing & solo runs Passes attempted	181	214	395
301	240	541	Passes completed	122	154	276
52	62	114	Long passes attempted	35	46	81
39	39	78	Long passes completed	16	20	36
252	202	454	Medium passes attempted	111	116	227
228	171	399	Medium passes completed	81	87	168
43	34	77	Short passes attempted	35	52	87
34	30	64	Short passes completed	25	47	72
32	35	67	Delivery/solo runs into the attacking third	20	20	40
20	16	36	Delivery/solo runs into the key area	9	13	22
9	5	14	Delivery/solo runs into the penalty area	5	5	10
	0	0	Scoring situations		0	0
0	2 0	2	Goal(s) scored (open play)	0	0	0
0	0	0	Goal(s) scored (penalty)	0	0	0
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7	9	16	Goal(s) scored (penalty shootout)	8	3	11
0	2	2	Attempts on/off target Assist(s)	0	0	0
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			Discipline			
0	0	0	Yellow card(s)	0	1	1
0	0	0	Red card(s)	0	0	0
7	10	17	Foul(s) committed	4	7	11
1	1	2	Offside(s)	2	3	5























Team / Players passing distribution

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John Heitinga	3	93'03"	4		10	7	6	-	22	3	3	6	8	3	-	1	73	77	95%
Demy de Zeeuw	6	93'03"	2	6		4	12	-	6	5	3	12	5	5	2	-	62	69	90%
Robin van Persie	7	93'03"	-	2	4		6	3	1	2	1	4	2	2	1	1	29	42	69%
Orlando Engelaar	8	93'03"	1	8	9	13		2	9	9	2	11	2	3	1	-	70	81	86%
Arjen Robben	11	61'01"	-	-	4	1	3		1	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	13	18	72%
Wilfred Bouma	14	93'03"	6	21	11	1	9	2		12	2	2	1	-	1	-	68	79	86%
Tim de Cler	15	93'03"	1	5	4	1	15	7	12		4	7	-	1	2	-	59	70	84%
Klaas Jan Huntelaar	19	82'09"	-	-	4	1	3	4	-	3		3	1	-	-	-	19	25	76%
Ibrahim Afellay	20	93'03"	1	4	6	3	10	2	3	6	4		4	2	-	-	45	59	76%
Khalid Boulahrouz	21	57'34"	1	8	2	4	2	1	-	2	3	3		-	-	-	26	30	87%
Mario Melchiot	12	35'29"	1	3	4	2	2	-	-	-	1	-	-		8	1	22	29	76%
Dirk Kuyt	18	32'02"	-	-	4	2	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	6		-	15	16	94%
Jan Vennegoor of Hesselink	22	10'54"	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-		3	4	75%
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Cosmin Contra	2	93'03"	1		2	3	5	3	5	1	1	5	4	-	3	1	34	49	69%
Răzvan Raț	3	93'03"	-	-		3	-	1	7	4	7	-	4	1	-	2	29	44	66%
Gabriel Tamaş	4	93'03"	-	6	-		3	-	5	3	4	-	1	-	1	2	25	36	69%
Cristian Chivu	5	93'03"	-	3	2	2		2	4	4	6	2	1	1	-	2	29	37	78%
Paul Codrea	8	71'35"	-	7	1	2	3		-	1	1	4	1	-	-	-	20	24	83%
Adrian Mutu	10	93'03"	1	3	4	1	1	5		4	-	4	-	2	2	1	28	46	61%
Răzvan Cociş	11	93'03"	1	2	1	-	5	2	7		-	-	2	-	1	1	22	29	76%
Sorin Ghionea	14	93'03"	3	2	8	6	2	2	3	3		-	-	-	-	1	30	36	83%
Bănel Nicoliță	16	81'50"	-	6	-	-	-	2	1	1	-		-	-	-	2	12	22	55%
Marius Niculae	18	59'00"	-	2	-	2	1	2	2	-	-	1		-	-	-	10	14	71%
Florentin Petre	7	11'13"	1	-	1	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-		1	3	9	10	90%
Nicolae Dică	20	21'28"	-	-	2	1	1	-	1	-	2	-	-	-		-	7	10	70%
Daniel Niculae	21	34'03"	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	2	1		7	16	44%
	Team total:											276	395	70%					



PA: Passes attempted



PC: Passes completed







%: Passing success percentage















TP: Time played



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