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Match background

After breaking new ground in qualifying for their first UEFA European Championship finals, Poland will go into their opening Group B game against Germany seeking another first in the form of a long-awaited victory against their neighbours.

- Germany will doubtless have other ideas, though, as they look to improve on their third-place finish at the 2006 FIFA World Cup and a record of eleven wins and four draws from the countries' 15 past meetings certainly augurs well for Joachim Löw's side.
- Germany got the better of Poland when the teams met at the group stage of the World Cup although they left it late to record a 1-0 win in Dortmund, substitute Oliver Neuville scoring a minute into added time at the end of the game.
- The teams for that meeting on 14 June 2006 were:

Germany: Jens Lehmann, Ärne Friedrich (David Odonkor 63), Per Mertesacker, Christoph Metzelder, Philipp Lahm, Bernd Schneider, Torsten Frings, Michael Ballack, Bastian Schweinsteiger (Tim Borowski 77), Miroslav Klose, Lukas Podolski (Oliver Neuville 71).

Poland: Artur Boruc, Jacek Bąk, Marcin Baszczyński, Bartosz Bosacki, Michał Żewłakow (Dariusz Dudka 83), Arkadiusz Radomski, Radosław Sobolewski, Ireneusz Jeleń (Pawel Brozek 90), Maciej Żurawski, Jacek Krzynówek (Mariusz Lewandowski 77), Euzebiusz Smolarek.

- The sides' two other encounters at major tournaments came in the 1970s. West Germany's 1-0 win against Poland in the second group stage of the 1974 World Cup took them into the final at the Poles' expense. The countries met again in the first round at Argentina 1978 where a goalless draw helped both into the second round.
- Poland reached UEFA EURO 2008™ as winners of Group A with a record of eight wins, four draws and two defeats from 14 matches. They qualified with a game to spare by beating Belgium 2-0 in Chorzow on 17 November through two Smolarek goals.
- Germany became the first team to qualify for UEFA EURO 2008™ when they drew 0-0 in the Republic of Ireland on 13 October last year. They eventually finished runners-up in Group D behind the Czech Republic, having recorded eight wins, three draws and just one defeat.
- In their last major tournament, Germany took third place at the 2006 World Cup on home soil. Poland fell at the first hurdle, however, finishing third in their group behind the Germans and Ecuador.
- Germany's most recent UEFA European Championship finals appearance brought a disappointing first-round exit in Portugal four years ago following draws with the Netherlands and Latvia and defeat by the Czech Republic.



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- Germany were European champions last in 1996 having earlier lifted the continental crown as West Germany in 1972 and 1980. Runners-up in 1976 and 1992, they have appeared in every edition of the UEFA European Championship since the inception of the final round in 1980.
- This is Joachim Low's first tournament as Germany coach although he was assistant to Jürgen Klinsmann during the 2006 World Cup.
- Like Poland, coach Leo Beenhakker has never been to a UEFA European Championship before although he oversaw the World Cup campaigns of the Netherlands in 1990 and Trinidad & Tobago in 2006.
- Beenhakker's Netherlands team were eliminated by Germany at Italia '90, going down 2-1 in the second round.
- · Germany trio Miroslav Klose, Lukas Podolski and Piotr Trochowski were all born in Poland and strikers Klose and Podolski have been known to communicate in Polish during matches.
- This fixture pits against each other a large number of club colleagues present and past. Germany's Simon Rolfes and Clemens Fritz both played with Poland's Jacek Krzynówek during his spell at Bayer 04 Leverkusen.
- Poland's Smolarek partnered David Odonkor in the BV Borussia Dortmund attack between 2004 and 2006, and also played alongside defender Metzelder.
- Poland's late call-up Łukasz Piszczek plays with Arne Friedrich at Hertha BSC Berlin, and Friedrich used to play alongside Tomasz Kuszczak. Kamil Kosowski and Klose played together at 1. FC Kaiserslautern.
- 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

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UEFA EURO 2008™ qualifying statistics

- No Germany player appeared in all 12 matches in qualifying Group D, with Jens Lehmann making the most appearances having featured in ten games.
- Three of the final 23-man squad did not feature in qualifying: Heiko Westermann, Robert Enke and René Adler.
- · Lukas Podolski was Germany's top scorer in qualifying with eight goals, three more than Miroslav Klose. Northern Ireland's David Healy finished as the highest scorer overall having struck 13 times.
- Torsten Frings, Bernd Schneider who is not in the final squad and Bastian Schweinsteiger all set up four goals in qualifying, with Slovakia's Ján Kozák the leading assist provider overall with seven.
- Germany were the top scorers in qualifying having managed 35 goals at an average of 2.92 goals per game. Their 13-0 win in San Marino was also a new UEFA European Championship record.
- They conceded just seven, and only France, the Czech Republic and the Netherlands who were all breached five times - had better defensive records.
- Germany managed 91 shots on goal at an average of 7.58 shots per match. Portugal led the way in this regard with 101 shots on goal.
- Only Portugal, with 112 shots wide, had more shots wide in qualifying than Germany's total of 89.

Team information

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

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Friendly results

31.05.2008 Germany 2–1 Serbia (Neuville, Ballack)

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

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

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

Injury news

• Tim Borowski has recovered from flu caught during the squad's time in Mallorca. Adler (bruised back), Gómez (calf strain) and Arne Friedrich (gastrointestinal virus) are also back in contention after sitting out the Belarus friendly.

Domestic information

- Five members of the Germany squad claimed the double of Bundesliga and German Cup with FC Bayern München: Marcell Jansen, Philipp Lahm, Schweinsteiger, Klose and Podolski.
- Swiss-born forward Neuville was also a championship winner in Germany, scoring 15 times as VfL Borussia Mönchengladbach finished six points clear at the top of the 2. Bundesliga.
- A persistent foot problem limited Christoph Metzelder to just nine appearances as Real Madrid CF claimed the Primera División title. The centre-back ended a six-month absence when he returned for the last two games of the season.
- Michael Ballack endured a frustrating May as Chelsea FC were twice edged out by Manchester United FC, first for the English Premier League title and then in the UEFA Champions League final. The Germany captain scored in the penalty shoot-out in Moscow but his side lost that 6-5 after a 1-1 draw.
- Lehmann will return to the Bundesliga following UEFA EURO 2008™ after signing a one-year contract with VfB Stuttgart on the eve of the finals. The 38-year-old is leaving Arsenal FC on a free transfer after five seasons in England.

POLAND

UEFA EURO 2008™ team qualifying statistics

- No Poland player appeared in all 14 matches in qualifying Group A, although Maciej Żurawski missed only one game and Jacek Bąk, Michał Żewłakow and Mariusz Lewandowski all featured 12 times.
- Of the final 23-man squad, Michał Pazdan, Adam Kokoszka, Roger Guerreiro and Łukasz Piszczek did not feature in qualifying.
- Only Northern Ireland's David Healy (13 goals) and Eduardo da Silva of Croatia (ten) scored more in qualifying than Euzebiusz Smolarek's nine goals. Jacek Krzynówek contributed four, one more than Radoslaw Matusiak.
- Poland scored 24 times in qualifying at an average of 1.71 goals per game. Germany led the way overall having found the net 35 times.
- Of the teams who qualified for UEFA EURO 2008™, Poland conceded the most goals in qualifying having been breached 12 times at an average of 0.86 goals conceded per game.
- Poland were, however, caught offside only 20 times in total the lowest of the teams who will be in Austria and Switzerland.

Latest information

- Łukasz Piszczek was forced to abandon his holiday in Rhodes to replace Jakub Błaszczykowski in the Poland squad, after the BV Borussia Dortmund man was ruled out on 5 June with a hamstring problem.
- Hertha BSC Berlin's Piszczek is one of two Germany-based players in the Poland squad, alongside VfL Wolfsburg's Jacek Krzynówek.
- Polish training in Bad Waltersdorf was scrapped on Wednesday afternoon because of the torrential rain.
- Having gained Polish citizenship in mid-April, Brazil-born winger Roger Guerreiro made his international debut against Albania on 27 May and set up the winner for Maciej Żurawski.
- Krzynówek scored the only goal of the game on 23 May as Poland struggled to overcome Swiss second-tier side FC Schaffhausen in a friendly match in Donaueschingen.

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• It continued a disappointing run for Poland who, on 12 March, were defeated 3-2 by a team comprising the best foreign players in the Ekstraklasa. Leo Beenhakker fielded a largely home-based squad save for Krzynówek and Piszczek.

Friendly results

01.06.2008: Poland 1-1 Denmark (Krzynówek) 27.05.2008: Poland 1-0 Albania (Żurawski)

26.05.2008: Poland 1-1 F.Y.R. Macedonia (Matusiak)

26.03.2008: Poland 0-3 United States

06.02.2008: Czech Republic 0-2 Poland (Łobodziński, Lewandowski)

04.02.2008: Poland 1-0 Finland (Kokoszka)

Injury news

- Błaszczykowski was ruled out of the finals due to a thigh injury sustained in Poland's friendly against Schaffhausen.
- On Friday Poland were hit by a further blow when third-choice goalkeeper Tomasz Kuszczak was ruled out of UEFA EURO 2008™ after suffering a back injury in training. He will be out of action for three weeks, effectively ruling him out of the finals, and Beenhakker has brought in Korona Kielce's Wojciech Kowalewski as his replacement.
- Michał Żewłakow was removed from Wednesday's training as a precaution having picked up a thigh injury against Albania. Kuszczak was taken to hospital on Friday afternoon having suffered a minor injury to his lower back in that day's training session.

Miscellaneous

- Poland physio Mike Lindemann has revealed that he is using tests developed for astronauts to get the best out of the players. He said: "We use a special programme which started with NASA and now teams like AC Milan and FC Barcelona use. We test each player for three-and-a-half minutes I don't want to give away too much information but it helps the medical staff assess a player's fitness."
- Roger says Poland are determined to provide fitting tribute to volleyball heroine Agata Mróz-Olszewska against Germany. The country's two-time European volleyball champion died on 4 June aged 26 after developing an infection following a bone marrow transplant. "This is terrible news," he said, "but maybe if we win our first game against Germany, it will be a tribute to her and her family."

Domestic information

- Three members of the Polish squad were in the Wisła Kraków side that sauntered to the Ekstraklasa title: Adam Kokoszka, Dariusz Dudka and Wojciech Łobodziński.
- The trio were disappointed in the Polish Cup final, however, as Legia Warszawa prevailed 4-3 on penalties after a scoreless draw. Jakub Wawrzyniak struck the winning penalty for a Legia side that included international team-mate Roger.
- Żewłakow was also a cup final hero in Greece as his goal sealed a 2-0 victory for Olympiacos CFP against Aris Thessaloniki FC. It secured the side's 13th domestic double.
- Lewandowski won the league and cup double with FC Shakhtar Donetsk in Ukraine while Artur Boruc won a Scottish championship medal with Celtic FC.

Squad list

Germany

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No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	BL	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls		
	keepers										
1	Jens Lehmann	10.11.1969	38	Arsenal FC	-	10	-	-	-	55	-
12	Robert Enke	24.08.1977	30	Hannover 96	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
23	René Adler	15.01.1985	23	Bayer 04 Leverkusen	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defen											
2	Marcell Jansen	04.11.1985	22	FC Bayern München	-	8	1	-	-	22	1
3	Arne Friedrich	29.05.1979	29	Hertha BSC Berlin	-	8	-	-	-	57	-
4	Clemens Fritz	07.12.1980	27	Werder Bremen	-	8	2	-	-	14	2
5	Heiko Westermann	14.08.1983	24	FC Schalke 04	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
16	Philipp Lahm	11.11.1983	24	FC Bayern München	-	9	-	-	-	41	2
17	Per Mertesacker	29.09.1984	23	Werder Bremen	-	8	-	-	-	43	1
21	Christoph Metzelder	05.11.1980	27	Real Madrid CF	-	8	-	-	-	41	-
Midfie	elders										
6	Simon Rolfes	21.01.1982	26	Bayer 04 Leverkusen	-	4	-	-	-	10	-
7	Bastian Schweinsteiger	01.08.1984	23	FC Bayern München	-	8	3	-	-	51	13
8	Torsten Frings	22.11.1976	31	Werder Bremen	-	9	1	-	-	72	10
13	Michael Ballack	26.09.1976	31	Chelsea FC	-	5	3	-	-	81	36
14	Piotr Trochowski	22.03.1984	24	Hamburger SV	-	6	-	-	-	12	-
15	Thomas HitzIsperger	05.04.1982	26	VfB Stuttgart	-	8	4	-	-	33	5
18	Tim Borowski	02.05.1980	28	Werder Bremen	-	3	-	-	-	31	2
Forwa	ards										
9	Mario Gómez	10.07.1985	22	VfB Stuttgart	-	6	2	-	-	10	6
10	Oliver Neuville	01.05.1973	35	VfL Borussia Mönchengladbach	-	3	-	-	-	68	10
11	Miroslav Klose	09.06.1978	29	FC Bayern München	-	9	5	-	-	75	39
19	David Odonkor	21.02.1984	24	Real Betis Balompié	-	4	-	-	-	15	1
20	Lukas Podolski	04.06.1985	23	FC Bayern München	-	9	8	-	-	48	25
22	Kevin Kuranyi	02.03.1982	26	FC Schalke 04	-	6	3	-	-	47	19
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-	Joachim Löw	03.02.1960	48	GER	-	12	-	-	-	-	-

Poland

						UEFA EURO 2008™ Qual. FT		™ Overall Team			
No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	BL	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	100	4111
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1	Artur Boruc	20.02.1980	28	Celtic FC	-	9	-	-	-	34	-
12	Wojciech Kowalewski	11.05.1977	31	FC Steaua Bucureşti	-	3	-	-	-	10	-
22	Łukasz Fabiański	18.04.1985	23	Arsenal FC	-	1	-	-	-	8	-
Defen	ders										
2	Mariusz Jop	03.08.1978	29	FC Moskva	-	5	-	-	-	24	-
3	Jakub Wawrzyniak	07.07.1983	24	Legia Warszawa	-	1	-	-	-	11	-
4	Paweł Golański	12.10.1982	25	FC Steaua Bucureşti	-	5	-	-	-	10	1
5	Dariusz Dudka	09.12.1983	24	Wisla Kraków	-	8	1	-	-	26	2
6	Jacek Bąk	24.03.1973	35	FK Austria Wien	-	12	1	-	-	94	3
13	Marcin Wasilewski	09.06.1980	27	RSC Anderlecht	-	11	-	-	-	27	1
14	Michał Żewłakow	22.04.1976	32	Olympiacos CFP	-	12	-	-	-	76	2
15	Michał Pazdan	21.09.1987	20	Górnik Zabrze	-	-	-	-	-	5	-
23	Adam Kokoszka	06.10.1986	21	Wisla Kraków	-	-	-	-	-	7	2
Midfie	lders										
7	Euzebiusz Smolarek	09.01.1981	27	Real Racing Club Santander	-	10	9	-	-	31	13
8	Jacek Krzynówek	15.05.1976	32	VfL Wolfsburg	-	11	4	-	-	79	15
10	Łukasz Garguła	25.02.1981	27	GKS Bełchatów	-	4	1	-	-	12	1
17	Wojciech Łobodziński	20.10.1982	25	Wisla Kraków	-	7	1	-	-	16	2
18	Mariusz Lewandowski	18.05.1979	29	FC Shakhtar Donetsk	-	12	1	-	-	47	3
19	Rafał Murawski	09.10.1981	26	Lech Poznań	-	2	1	-	-	9	1
20	Roger Guerreiro	25.05.1982	26	Legia Warszawa	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Forwa											
9	Maciej Żurawski	12.09.1976	31	Larissa FC	-	13	1	-	-	71	17
11	Marek Saganowski	31.10.1978	29	Southampton FC	-	4	-	-	-	23	3
16	Łukasz Piszczek	03.06.1985	23	Hertha BSC Berlin	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
21	Tomasz Zahorski	22.11.1984	23	Górnik Zabrze	-	1	-	-	-	9	1
Coach	1										
-	Leo Beenhakker	02.08.1942	65	NED	-	14	-	-	-	-	-

Head coach

Germany: Joachim Löw Date of birth: 3 February 1960

Nationality: German

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

Winterthur, FC Frauenfeld

Coaching career: FC Winterthur (youth coach), FC Frauenfeld, VfB Stuttgart, Fenerbahce SK, Karlsruher SC,

Adanaspor AS, FC Wacker Tirol, FK Austria Wien, Germany (assistant), Germany

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

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

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

Poland: Leo Beenhakker

Date of birth: 2 August 1942

Nationality: Dutch

Coaching career: Go Ahead Eagles (assistant), BV Veendam, SC Cambuur, Go Ahead Eagles, Feyenoord (youth coach), AFC Ajax (youth coach), Ajax (twice), Real Zaragoza, FC Volendam, Netherlands (twice), Real Madrid CF, Grasshopper-Club, Saudi Arabia, Club América (twice), İstanbulspor AS, CD Guadalajara, BV Vitesse, Feyenoord, Ajax (technical director), De Graafschap (technical director), Trinidad & Tobago, Poland

"This is definitely one of the biggest successes of my career," said Leo Beenhakker after leading Poland to UEFA EURO 2008™. Given the Dutchman is entering his fifth decade as a coach, that is saying something but then Poland, Group A winners ahead of Portugal, had never before reached the UEFA European Championship finals. Beenhakker came to the job in July 2006 following a fairytale ride with Trinidad & Tobago, whom he led to their first FIFA World Cup. Not surprisingly, his initial contract has already been extended to take him through to the end of 2010 World Cup qualifying.

Beenhakker committed to coaching at an early age and got an assistant's job at Go Ahead Eagles in 1967. He made the step up to full coaching duties at BV Veendam, SC Cambuur and Go Ahead before accepting a youth job at Feyenoord. He moved on to AFC Ajax's youth department in 1978 and became head coach a year later. In 1979/80, he guided Ajax to the Dutch title and the European Champion Clubs' Cup semi-finals. His first foray abroad followed in March 1981 with a three-year stay at Real Zaragoza.

He then went via FC Volendam to the Netherlands job in 1985 but lasted just seven matches before joining Real Madrid CF, with whom he won three successive Primera División titles and one Copa del Rey. He captured the Dutch title with Ajax in 1990 and enjoyed a brief return to the Netherlands post for that year's FIFA World Cup. After a short-lived return to Madrid, he had spells in Switzerland, Saudi Arabia, Mexico and Turkey and with BV Vitesse and Feyenoord, winning the Dutch title in 1998/99 with the latter. Between 2000 and 2003, he worked as Ajax's technical director and had spells at Mexico's Club América and De Graafschaap before starting his Trinidad & Tobago adventure in May 2005.

Match officials

Referee Tom Henning Øvrebø (NOR)

Assistant referees Geir Åge Holen (NOR), Jan Petter Randen (NOR)

Fourth officialCraig Thomson (SCO)Reserve officialDimitris Saraidaris (GRE)UEFA DelegateTrygve Bornø (NOR)

Referee

Name	Nat.	Date of birth
Tom Henning Øvrebø	NOR	26.06.1966

Tom Henning Øvrebø is the latest referee from Norway to establish himself among the European élite and is hoping to emulate his compatriot and good friend Terje Hauge in reaching the highest levels of the UEFA referee sector. He has twice acted as fourth official when Hauge has refereed major showpiece events, namely the 2004 UEFA Super Cup and the 2005/06 UEFA Champions League final.

Øvrebø, based in the Norwegian capital Oslo and a fan of motorcycling and boating, decided that the whistle and notebook were for him at the age of 14, and progressed through the leagues in Norway. His first top-flight appearance came on 20 September 1992 in the match between Ham-Kam Fotball and Sogndal IL and he was considered ready to receive his FIFA badge at the start of 1994, making his European bow in the UEFA European Women's Championship later that year and progressing into the European youth and club competitions, where he has been a regular ever since. In 2000, he took part in the UEFA European Under-18 Championship in Germany and, in 2002, he refereed the UEFA European U21 Championship final between France and the Czech Republic.

In between, in 2001, he made his first appearance in the UEFA Champions League and has been a regular since in that competition and the UEFA Cup, taking charge of the semi-final second leg between FC Zenit St. Petersburg and FC Bayern München at the end of 2007/08. A psychologist by profession, who is married with three children, he also took charge of three 2006 FIFA World Cup qualifiers and four UEFA EURO 2008™ qualifying fixtures.

Match-by-match lineups

Final tournament Group B

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

Date	Match	Result	Stadium/Venue
08.06.2008	Austria - Croatia	-	Ernst Happel, Vienna
08.06.2008	Germany - Poland	-	Wörthersee, Klagenfurt
12.06.2008	Croatia - Germany	-	Wörthersee, Klagenfurt
12.06.2008	Austria - Poland	-	Ernst Happel, Vienna
16.06.2008	Poland - Croatia	-	Wörthersee, Klagenfurt
16.06.2008	Austria - Germany	_	Ernst Happel, Vienna

Qualifying round Germany

Group D

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

Result Stadium/Venue Date Match

02.09.2006 Germany - Republic of Ireland 1-0 Gottlieb-Daimler, Stuttgart

Goals: 1-0 Podolski 57

Germany: Lehmann, Lahm, Friedrich, M. Friedrich, Jansen, Schneider (Borowski 83), Frings, Ballack, Schweinsteiger,

Podolski (Neuville 76), Klose

06.09.2006 San Marino - Germany 0-13 Olimpico, Serravalle

Goals: 0-1 Podolski 11, 0-2 Schweinsteiger 28, 0-3 Klose 30, 0-4 Ballack 35, 0-5 Podolski 43, 0-6 Klose 45+1, 0-7 Schweinsteiger 47, 0-8 Podolski 64, 0-9 Hitzlsperger 66, 0-10 Podolski 72, 0-11 Hitzlsperger 73, 0-12 M. Friedrich 87, 0-13 Schneider 90 (pen)

Germany: Lehmann, Jansen, Friedrich, Lahm, Schweinsteiger, Frings (Hitzlsperger 62), Ballack (Odonkor 46), Schneider, M. Friedrich, Klose (Asamoah 46), Podolski

1-4 Tehelné Pole, Bratislava 11.10.2006 Slovakia - Germany

Goals: 0-1 Podolski 13, 0-2 Ballack 25, 0-3 Schweinsteiger 36, 1-3 Varga 58, 1-4 Podolski 72

Germany: Lehmann, Friedrich, M. Friedrich, Fritz, Lahm, Ballack, Frings, Schneider (Odonkor 75), Schweinsteiger (Trochowski 77), Klose, Podolski (Hanke 85)

15.11.2006 Cyprus - Germany 1-1 GSP, Nicosia

Goals: 0-1 Ballack 16, 1-1 Okkas 43

Germany: Hildebrand, Friedrich, Lahm, Schweinsteiger, Frings, Ballack, Fritz, M. Friedrich, Odonkor (Hitzlsperger

79), Klose, Neuville (Hanke 62)

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24.03.2007 Czech Republic - Germany 1-2

Goals: 0-1 Kuranyi 42, 0-2 Kuranyi 62, 1-2 Baroš 77

Germany: Lehmann, Lahm, Mertesacker, Metzelder, Jansen, Schneider, Frings, Ballack, Schweinsteiger, Podolski

(Hitzlsperger 89), Kuranyi

02.06.2007 Germany - San Marino

6-0 Frankenstadion, Nuremberg

Sparta Stadium, Prague

Goals: 1-0 Kuranyi 45, 2-0 Jansen 52, 3-0 Frings 56 (pen), 4-0 Gómez 63, 5-0 Gómez 65, 6-0 Fritz 67

Germany: Lehmann, Lahm (Helmes 70), Mertesacker, Metzelder, Jansen, Frings, Hitzlsperger, Schneider, Hilbert

(Fritz 59), Klose, Kuranyi (Gómez 59)

06.06.2007 Germany - Slovakia

2-1 Arena Hamburg, Hamburg

Goals: 1-0 Ďurica 10 (o.g.), 1-1 Metzelder 20 (o.g.), 2-1 Hitzlsperger 43

Germany: Lehmann, Jansen, Lahm, Mertesacker, Metzelder, Fritz, Frings, Hitzlsperger, Schneider (Rolfes 90+2),

Klose (Trochowski 74), Kuranyi (Gómez 65)

08.09.2007 Wales - Germany

0-2 Millennium, Cardiff

Goals: 0-1 Klose 6, 0-2 Klose 60

Germany: Lehmann, Friedrich, Mertesacker, Metzelder, Pander (Trochowski 46), Hilbert, Hitzlsperger, Schweinsteiger,

Jansen, Kuranyi (Podolski 72), Klose (Helmes 87)

13.10.2007 Republic of Ireland - Germany

0-0

Croke Park, Dublin

Goals: -

Germany: Lehmann, Friedrich, Fritz, Jansen, Mertesacker, Metzelder, Frings, Schweinsteiger (Rolfes 18), Trochowski

(Castro 90), Gómez (Podolski 64), Kuranyi

17.10.2007 Germany - Czech Republic

0-3 Allianz Arena, Munich

Goals: 0-1 Sionko 2, 0-2 Matějovský 23, 0-3 Plašil 63

Germany: Hildebrand, Jansen, Friedrich, Mertesacker, Metzelder (Fritz 46), Schweinsteiger (Gómez 65), Frings,

Trochowski (Rolfes 46), Odonkor, Kuranyi, Podolski

17.11.2007 Germany - Cyprus

4-0 AWD-Arena, Hannover

Goals: 1-0 Fritz 2, 2-0 Klose 20, 3-0 Podolski 53, 4-0 Hitzlsperger 82

Germany: Lehmann, Lahm, Metzelder, Mertesacker, Friedrich, Trochowski (Borowski 66), Hitzlsperger, Fritz (Hilbert

77), Podolski, Gómez (Hanke 73), Klose

21.11.2007 Germany - Wales

0-0

Commerzbank Arena, Frankfurt am Main

Goals: -

Germany: Lehmann, Castro (Hilbert 56), Mertesacker, Metzelder, Lahm, Fritz, Borowski, Hitzlsperger (Rolfes 46),

Podolski, Gómez (Neuville 71), Klose

Qualifying round Poland

Group A

-	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Poland	14	8	4	2	24	12	28
Portugal	14	7	6	1	24	10	27
Serbia	14	6	6	2	22	11	24
Finland	14	6	6	2	13	7	24
Belgium	14	5	3	6	14	16	18
Kazakhstan	14	2	4	8	11	21	10
Armenia	12	2	3	7	4	13	9
Azerbaijan	12	1	2	9	6	28	5

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Date Match Result Stadium/Venue

02.09.2006 Poland - Finland 1-3 The Krzyszkowiak, Bydgoszcz

Goals: 0-1 Litmanen 54, 0-2 Litmanen 76 (pen), 0-3 Väyrynen 84, 1-3 Garguła 90

Poland: Dudek, Wasilewski, Głowacki, Bak, Krzynówek, Żurawski, Szymkowiak (Smolarek 46), Frankowski (Garguła

73), Żewłakow, Błaszczykowski (Jeleń 46), Radomski

06.09.2006 Poland - Serbia 1-1 Wojska Polskiego, Warsaw

Goals: 1-0 Matusiak 30, 1-1 Lazović 71

Poland: Kowalewski, Golański (Wasilewski 72), Jop, Bak, Żewłakow, Jeleń (Błaszczykowski 73), Lewandowski,

Radomski, Krzynówek, Żurawski, Matusiak

07.10.2006 Kazakhstan - Poland 0-1 Tcentralny, Almaty

Goals: 0-1 Smolarek 52

Poland: Kowalewski, Bronowicki, Golański, Błaszczykowski (Grzelak 87), Bąk, Smolarek, Sobolewski, Żurawski (Matusiak 71), Rasiak, Radomski, Lewandowski (Kaźmierczak 30)

(Matusiak 71), Rasiak, Radomski, Lewandowski (Razimerczak 30)

11.10.2006 Poland - Portugal 2-1 Slaski, Chorzow

Goals: 1-0 Smolarek 9, 2-0 Smolarek 18, 2-1 Nuno Gomes 90+2

Poland: Kowalewski, Bronowicki, Golański, Bąk, Lewandowski, Błaszczykowski (Krzynówek 65), Smolarek, Sobolewski,

Radomski, Żurawski, Rasiak (Matusiak 73)

15.11.2006 Belgium - Poland 0-1 Roi Baudouin, Brussels

Goals: 0-1 Matusiak 19

Poland: Boruc, Dudka (79), Bronowicki, Błaszczykowski, Bąk, Smolarek, Sobolewski, Żurawski (Garguła 62), Matusiak

(Kaźmierczak 89), Wasilewski, Żewłakow

24.03.2007 Poland - Azerbaijan 5-0 Wojska Polskiego, Warsaw

Goals: 1-0 Bak 3, 2-0 Dudka 6, 3-0 Łobodziński 34, 4-0 Krzynówek 58, 5-0 Kaźmierczak 84

Poland: Boruc, Wasilewski, Dudka, Bąk, Żewłakow, Łobodziński, Garguła, Lewandowski, Krzynówek (Jeleń 79),

Żurawski, Matusiak (Kaźmierczak 69)

28.03.2007 Poland - Armenia 1-0 Kielce Stadium, Kielce

Goals: 1-0 Żurawski 26

Poland: Boruc, Dudka, Bąk, Wasilewski, Żewłakow, Krzynówek (Jeleń 83), Błaszczykowski, Lewandowski, Garguła,

Żurawski, Kaźmierczak (Sobolewski 61)

02.06.2007 Azerbaijan - Poland 1-3 Tofikh Bakhramov-Republic Stadium, Baku

Goals: 1-0 Subašić 6, 1-1 Smolarek 63, 1-2 Krzynówek 66, 1-3 Krzynówek 90

Poland: Boruc, Wasilewski, Dudka, Bak, Żewłakow, Błaszczykowski (Łobodziński 57), Lewandowski, Krzynówek,

Smolarek, Rasiak (Sobolewski 81), Żurawski (Saganowski 57)

06.06.2007 Armenia - Poland 1-0 Republican, Yerevan

Goals: 1-0 Mkhitaryan 66

Poland: Boruc, Dudka, Bronowicki, Wasilewski, Żewłakow, Lewandowski, Bak (Sobolewski 65), Smolarek (Żurawski

60), Krzynówek, Łobodziński (Błaszczykowski 60), Saganowski

08.09.2007 Portugal - Poland 2-2 Estádio do Sport Lisboa e Benfica, Lisbon

Goals: 0-1 Lewandowski 44, 1-1 Maniche 50, 2-1 Cristiano Ronaldo 73, 2-2 Krzynówek 88

Poland: Boruc, Jop, Bronowicki (Golański 55), Dudka, Smolarek (Łobodziński 73), Krzynówek, Żurawski (Matusiak

56), Wasilewski, Żewłakow, Błaszczykowski, Lewandowski

12.09.2007 Finland - Poland 0-0 Olympiastadion, Helsinki

Goals: -

Poland: Boruc, Golański, Jop, Żewłakow, Błaszczykowski, Dudka, Sobolewski, Lewandowski, Smolarek (Żurawski

80), Krzynówek, Rasiak (Saganowski 65)

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13.10.2007 Poland - Kazakhstan

Legia, Warsaw 3-1

Goals: 0-1 Byakov 20, 1-1 Smolarek 56, 2-1 Smolarek 65, 3-1 Smolarek 66

Poland: Boruc, Jop, Bronowicki, Dudka, Bąk, Smolarek, Krzynówek, Saganowski (Żurawski 46), Żewłakow (Wasilewski

46), Łobodziński (Kosowski 80), Lewandowski

17.11.2007 Poland - Belgium

2-0 Slaski, Chorzow

Goals: 1-0 Smolarek 45, 2-0 Smolarek 49

Poland: Boruc, Bronowicki, Bak, Smolarek (Kosowski 85), Krzynówek, Żurawski (Murawski 82), Wasilewski, Żewłakow,

Łobodziński (Błaszczykowski 46), Sobolewski, Lewandowski

21.11.2007 Serbia - Poland

2-2 FK Crvena Zvezda, Belgrade

Goals: 0-1 Murawski 28, 0-2 Matusiak 46, 1-2 Žigić 68, 2-2 Lazović 70

Poland: Fabiański, Wasilewski, Bak (Żewłakow 77), Jop, Wawrzyniak, Łobodziński, Lewandowski, Bronowicki,

Murawski, Kosowski (Zahorski 19), Rasiak (Matusiak 46)

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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 six Chelsea players Petr Čech, Claude Makelele, Carvalho, Michael Ballack, Florent Malouda and Anelka could join a list of four players who followed European Cup final defeat with EURO victory in the same year: Ignacio Zoco and Amancio Amaro (1964, Real Madrid and Spain) and Manny Kaltz and Hörst Hrubesch (1980, Hamburger SV and West Germany).

UEFA European Championship final tournament: All-time records

· Leading scorer in a final tournament

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

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

1968: 2 Dragan Džajić (YUG)

1972: 4 Gerd Müller (FRG)

1976: 4 Dieter Müller (FRG)

1980: 3 Klaus Allofs (FRG)

1984: 9 Michel Platini (FRA)

1988: 5 Marco van Basten (NED)

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

1996: 5 Alan Shearer (ENG)

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

2004: 5 Milan Baroš (CZE)

· Oldest player to appear:

39yrs 91days: Lothar Matthäus (Portugal 3-0 Germany, 20.06.2000) 38yrs 308days: Morten Olsen (Italy 2-0 Denmark, 17.06.1988) 38yrs 271days: Peter Shilton (England 1-3 Netherlands, 15.06.1988)

· Youngest player to appear:

18yrs 115days: Enzo Scifo (Belgium 2-0 Yugoslavia, 13.06.1984)
18yrs 128days: Valeri Bozhinov (Sweden 2-1 Bulgaria, 14.06.2004)
18yrs 137days: Johan Vonlanthen (England 3-0 Switzerland, 17.06.2004)
18yrs 233days: Wayne Rooney (France 2-1 England, 13.06.2004)

· Oldest player to score:

34yrs 213days: Nené (**Portugal** 1-0 Romania, 20.06.1984) **34yrs 205days:** Laurent Blanc (**France** 3-0 Denmark, 11.06.2000)

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

Youngest player to score:

18yrs 141days: Johan Vonlanthen (**Switzerland** 1-3 France, 21.06.2004) **18yrs 237days:** Wayne Rooney (**England** 3-0 Switzerland, 17.06.2004)

· Most goals in a match:

9: France 4-5 Yugoslavia (06.07.1960)

7: Netherlands 6-1 Yugoslavia (25.06.2000)

7: Yugoslavia 3-4 Spain (21.06.2000)

· Biggest victory:

6-1: Netherlands v Yugoslavia (25.06.2000)

5-0: Sweden v Bulgaria (14.06.2004)

5-0: Denmark v Yugoslavia (16.06.1984)

5-0: France v Belgium (16.06.1984)

Fastest hat-trick

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

Fastest goals

1min 7 secs: Dmitri Kirichenko (Russia 2-1 Greece, 20.06.2004)
2mins 7secs: Sergei Aleinikov (England 1-3 Soviet Union, 18.06.1988)
2mins 14 secs: Alan Shearer (Germany 1-1 (6-5pens) England, 26.06.1996)
2mins 25secs: Michael Owen (Portugal 2-2 (6-5pens) England, 24.06.2004)
2mins 27secs: Hristo Stoichkov (Bulgaria 1-0 Romania, 13.06.1996)

Appearances

Players

Qualifying and final tournament

45: Lilian Thuram (FRA)

39: Peter Schmeichel (DEN)

39: Vitalis Astafjevs (LVA)

38: Hakan Sükür (TUR)

37: Sargis Hovsepyan (ARM)

36: Didier Deschamps (FRA)

36: Theodoros Zagorakis (GRE)

36: Rüştü Reçber (TUR)

35: Mart Poom (Estonia)

35: Jari Litmanen (Finland)

35: Laurent Blanc (France)

35: Fabio Cannavaro (Italy)

35: Mario Frick (Liechtenstein)

35: Dorinel Munteanu (Romania)

35: Gheorghe Popescu (Romania)

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Final tournament

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

Teams

Final tournament

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

Goals

Overall

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

Final tournament

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

Last updated: 05.06.2008

Team facts

Team facts: Germany

UEFA European Championship record

2004: Group stage, final tournament

2000: Group stage, final tournament

1996: Winners

1992: Runners-up

1988: Semi-finalists (as West Germany)

1984: Group stage, final tournament (as West Germany)

1980: Winners (as West Germany)

1976: Runners-up (as West Germany)

1972: Winners (as West Germany)

1968: Qualifying (as West Germany)

1964: Did not enter 1960: Did not enter

Key facts

Overall

Pld: 110 W: 67 D: 29 L: 14 F: 224 A: 77

Final tournament

Pld: 32 W: 15 D: 10 L: 7 F: 45 A: 32

Qualifying

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

Records Qualifying

Biggest win

13-0: San Marino v Germany. 06.09.2006. UEFA EURO 2008™ qualifying Group D

8-0: West Germany v Malta, 27.02.1980, 1980 UEFA European Championship qualifying Group 7 8-0: West Germany v Malta, 28.02.1976, 1976 UEFA European Championship qualifying Group 8

Biggest loss

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

Final tournament

Biggest win

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

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

Biggest loss

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

EURO appearances (players)

Overall

31: Lothar Matthäus

26: Jürgen Klinsmann

25: Thomas Hässler

23: Sepp Maier

22: Markus Babbel

22: Franz Beckbenbauer

Final tournament

13: Jürgen Klinsmann

13: Thomas Hässler

11: Lothar Matthäus

10: Jürgen Kohler

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Top scorers

Overall

16: Gerd Müller

15: Jürgen Klinsmann

12: Rudi Völler

10: Karl-Heinz Rummenigge

Final tournament

5: Jürgen Klinsmann

4: Gerd Müller

4: Rudi Völler

4: Dieter Müller

Last updated: 03.06.2008

Team facts: Poland

UEFA European Championship record

2004: Qualifying

2000: Qualifying

1996: Qualifying

1992: Qualifying

1988: Qualifying

1984: Qualifying

1980: Qualifying

1976: Qualifying

1972: Qualifying

1968: Qualifying

1964: Preliminary round

1960: Last 16

Key facts

Overall

Pld: 90 W: 38 D: 24 L: 28 F: 131 A: 100

Final tournament

Pld: 0 W: 0 D: 0 L: 0 F: 0 A: 0

Qualifying

Pld: 90 W: 38 D: 24 L: 28 F: 131 A: 100

Records Qualifying

Biggest win

5-0: Poland v Azerbaijan, 24.03.2007, UEFA EURO 2008™ qualifying Group A

5-0: Poland v San Marino, 02.04.2003, UEFA EURO 2004™ qualifying Group 4

5-0: Poland v Slovakia, 07.06. 1995, UEFA EURO '96™ qualifying Group 1

5-1: Poland v Turkey, 22.09.1971, 1972 UEFA European Championship qualifying Group 8

Biggest loss

4-1: Slovakia v Poland, 11.10.1995, UEFA EURO '96™ qualifying Group 1

4-1: Poland v France, 17.09.1967, 1968 UEFA European Championship qualifying Group 7

3-0: Sweden v Poland, 11.06.2003, UEFA EURO 2004™ qualifying Group 4

3-0: Netherlands v Poland, 15.10.1975, 1976 UEFA European Championship qualifying Group 5

3-0: Spain v Poland, 14.10.1959, 1960 UEFA European Championship last 16

Final tournament

Biggest win

n/a

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Biggest loss

n/a

EURO appearances (players)

Overall

26: Jacek Bąk

18: Maciej Żurawski

17: Mariusz Lewandowski

16: Jacek Krzynówek

16: Grzegorz Lato

16: Antoni Szymanowski

15: Michał Żewłakow

15: Roman Kosecki

Final tournament

n/a

Top scorers

Overall

9: Euzebiusz Smolarek

8: Andrzej Juskowiak

6: Włodzimierz Lubański

Final tournament

n/a

Last updated: 03.06.2008

UEFA information

'Wonderful atmosphere'

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

Everything in place

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

International Broadcast Centre opened

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

Support for fans

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

Location of fan embassies:

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

Official song

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

Competition information

- Format: The UEFA EURO 2008™ group stage draw in Lucerne on 2 December 2007 divided the 14 qualifiers and co-hosts Austria and Switzerland into four groups of four. Each country plays each other once. Three points are awarded for a win, one point for a draw and no points for a defeat. If two or more teams are equal on points on completion of the group matches, the following criteria are applied to determine the rankings:
- a) number of points obtained in the matches among the teams in question;
- b) goal difference from the matches among the teams in question;
- c) number of goals scored in the matches among the teams in question (if more than two teams finish level on points);
- d) goal difference in all group matches;
- e) number of goals scored in all the group matches;
- f) coefficient from the qualifying competitions for the 2006 FIFA World Cup and UEFA EURO 2008™ (points obtained divided by number of matches played):
- g) Fair Play conduct of teams in the final tournament;
- h) drawing of lots
- Key dates: The quarter-finals are played on 19, 20, 21 and 22 June in the following format:

Match 1 Winner Group A v Runner-up Group B

Match 2 Winner Group B v Runner-up Group A

Match 3 Winner Group C v Runner-up Group D

Match 4 Winner Group D v Runner-up Group C

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

Winner Match 1 v Winner Match 2

Winner Match 3 v Winner Match 4

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

- Disciplinary information: As a rule, a player who is sent off is suspended for the next match in the competition. The Control and Disciplinary Body is entitled to augment this punishment. In the case of repeated cautions, a player is suspended for one match after two cautions in two different matches. In May, UEFA's Executive Committee decided at its meeting in Moscow to cancel single yellow cards after the quarter-finals of UEFA EURO 2008™. Consequently, a situation will not arise whereby players receive a second yellow card of the tournament in the semi-finals and are suspended for the final as a result.
- Player eligibility: The 16 participants in the final tournament had to submit a final list of 23 players of which three had to be goalkeepers – at least ten days before the opening match of the tournament, on 7 June. In the event of a serious injury to a listed player before his team's first match in the final tournament, the player in question could be substituted only if a doctor from the UEFA Medical Committee and the team doctor both confirmed the injury was serious enough to prevent the player taking part.
- Financial information: UEFA has earmarked a total of €184m for the 16 teams competing in UEFA EURO 2008™ compared to €129m at UEFA EURO 2004™. The 16 teams in the final tournament will each receive a participating fee of €7.5m with a performance bonus of €1m for a win during the group stage and €500,000 for a draw. The eight teams who reach the quarter-finals will all receive an additional payment of €2m, with the four teams who progress to the semi-finals collecting an extra €3m. For the teams who take the field for the final at the Ernst-Happel-Stadion on 29 June, the runners-up will receive €4.5m with the winners collecting €7.5m. Therefore, if the victorious side at the final win all three of their group games, they would collect a maximum of €23m.
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Legend

:: All-time statistics

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

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

Goals for/against: Goals totals include the outcome of disciplinary decisions (eg match forfeits when a 3-0 result is determined). Goals totals do not include goals scored from the penalty mark during a penalty shoot-out after a tie ended in a draw.

:: Squad list

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

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

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

Overall: Total international appearances/goals.

DoB: Date of birth

Age: based on the date press kit was last updated

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

:: Match officials

The match officials appointed to officiate the fixture.

National team competitions

EURO: UEFA European Football Championship • U21: UEFA European

Under-21 Championship

WC: FIFA World Cup • CONFCUP: Confederation Cup

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

U21: UEFA European Under-21 Championship

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

Championship

:: Competition stages

F: Final 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



Team Line-ups

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1	Jens Lehmann GK
2	Marcell Jansen
4	Clemens Fritz
8	Torsten Frings
9	Mario Gómez
11	Miroslav Klose
© 13	Michael Ballack
16	Philipp Lahm

- 16 17 Per Mertesacker 20 Lukas Podolski 21 Christoph Metzelder
- 23 René Adler GK 3 Arne Friedrich Heiko Westermann Simon Rolfes 7 Bastian Schweinsteiger

Robert Enke GK

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10 Oliver Neuville 14 Piotr Trochowski 15 Thomas Hitzlsperger 18 Tim Borowski 19 David **Odonkor** 22 Kevin Kuranyi

Head Coach: Joachim Löw

Artur Boruc GK 1

4 Paweł Golański

5 Dariusz **Dudka**

6 Jacek **Bak**

7 Euzebiusz Smolarek

8 Jacek Krzynówek

(C) 9 Maciej Żurawski

> 13 Marcin Wasilewski

Michał Żewłakow 14

17 Wojciech Łobodziński

Mariusz Lewandowski

Łukasz Fabiański GK 22

2 Mariusz Jop

18

3 Jakub Wawrzyniak

10 Łukasz Garguła

11 Marek Saganowski

15 Michał Pazdan

Łukasz Piszczek 16

19 Rafał Murawski

20 Roger Guerreiro

21 Tomasz Zahorski

23 Adam Kokoszka

Head Coach: Leo Beenhakker

Referee: Tom Henning ØVREBØ (NOR)

Assistant referees: Geir Åge HOLEN (NOR)

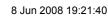
Jan Petter RANDEN (NOR)

Fourth official: Craig THOMSON (SCO)

UEFA delegate: **Trygve BORNØ** (NOR)



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Full-Time Report

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- 15 Thomas Hitzlsperger
- 18 Tim Borowski 19 David Odonkor
- Kevin Kuranyi

Head Coach: Joachim Löw

		Full
	Half	
Total shots	4	12
Shots on target	1	5
Free kicks to goal	1	1
Saves	2	5
Corners	2	4
Fouls committed	6	15
Fouls suffered	9	18
Offside	3	5
Possession	50%	53%
Ball in play	14'58"	31'07"
Total ball in play	29'35"	59'18"

Referee

Tom Henning Øvrebø (NOR) Assistant referees

Geir Åge Holen (NOR) Jan Petter Randen (NOR)



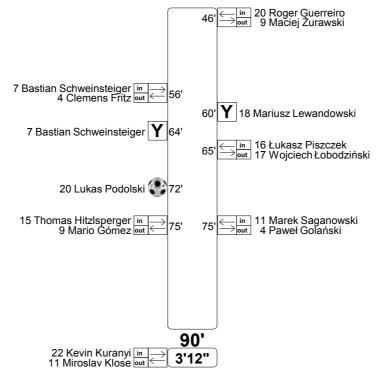
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GK Goalkeeper * Misses next match if booked

Booked Substitution Owngoal

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- Artur Boruc GK
- Paweł Golański
- 5 Dariusz Dudka
- Jacek **Bąk** 6
- Euzebiusz Smolarek
- 8 Jacek Krzynówek Maciej **Żurawski**
- Marcin Wasilewski 13
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Head Coach: Leo Beenhakker

ſ			Full
		Half	
	Total shots	10	14
	Shots on target	2	5
	Free kicks to goal	0	0
	Saves	0	3
	Corners	1	3
	Fouls committed	9	18
	Fouls suffered	5	13
	Offside	1	4
	Possession	50%	47%
	Ball in play	14'37"	28'11"
	Total ball in play	29'35"	59'18"

Fourth official:

Craig Thomson (SCO) UEFA delegate:

Trygve Bornø (NOR)

Man of the match:

20, Podolski Lukas (GER)

Attendance: 30,461

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Player Statistics

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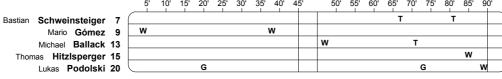


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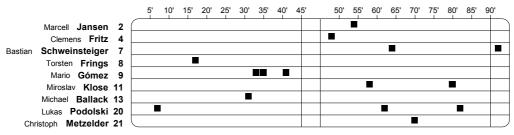
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Shots

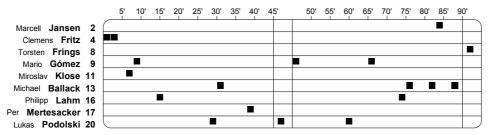




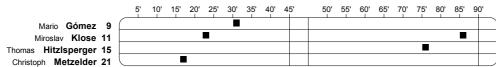
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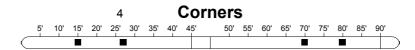


18 Fouls Suffered









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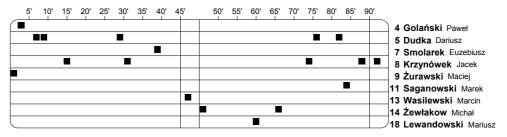
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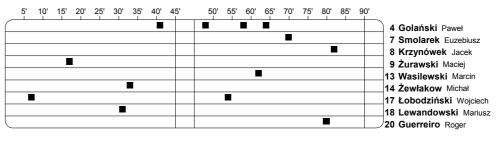
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Shots hitting bar		В
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Shots off target	6	14/

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W										9 Żurawski Maciej
								Т		11 Saganowski Marek
Т										17 Łobodziński Wojciech
ww	Т									18 Lewandowski Mariusz
		Т								20 Guerreiro Roger

Fouls committed 18



Fouls Suffered 13



									Off	side)			4					
	5'	10'	15'	20'	25'	30'	35'	40'	45'	50'	55'	60'	65'	70'	75'	80'	85'	90'	
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Team statistics: Full time

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20' Lukas Podolski 72' Lukas Podolski

1st half	2nd half	Total	Period	1st half	2nd half	Total
46'18"	48'12"	94'30"	Total time played (mins)	46'18"	48'12"	94'30"
14'58"	16'09"	31'07"	Ball in play (mins)	14'37"	13'34"	28'11"
50%	55%	53%	Ball possession	50%	45%	47%
			Distance & speed			
54,092	54,163	108,254	Distance covered (metres)	53,830	54,598	108,428
30.86	28.51	30.86	Top speed (km/h)	28.39	29.29	29.29
5.01	6.35	6.47	Average speed	4.99	5.84	6.46
0.40	2.17		Passing & solo runs	0.10	242	400
248	247	495	Passes attempted	213	219	432
182	197	379	Passes completed	160	165	325
41	44	85	Long passes attempted	44	45	89
20	25	45	Long passes completed	24	22	46
155	138	293	Medium passes attempted	122	131	253
126	118	244	Medium passes completed	102	110	212
52	65	117	Short passes attempted	47	43	90
36	54	90	Short passes completed	34	33	67
18	20	38	Delivery/solo runs into the attacking third	24	19	43
4	11	15	Delivery/solo runs into the key area	8	4	12
6	6	12	Delivery/solo runs into the penalty area	5	4	9
			Scoring situations			
1	1	2	Goal(s) scored (open play)	0	0	0
0	0	0	Goal(s) scored (penalty)	0	0	0
0	0	0	Goal(s) scored (direct from free-kick)	0	0	0
		0	Goal(s) scored (penalty shootout)			0
4	8	12	Attempts on/off target	10	4	14
1	1	2	Assist(s)	0	0	0
2	3	5	Save(s)	0	3	3
			Discipline			
0	1	1	Yellow card(s)	1	1	2
Ö	0	0	Red card(s)	Ö	0	0
6	9	15	Foul(s) committed	9	9	18
3	2	5	Offside(s)	1	3	4

























Team / Players passing distribution

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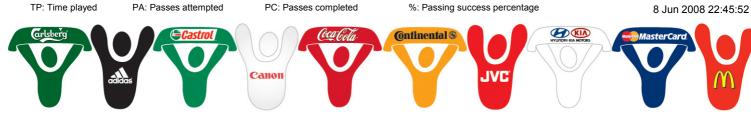
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Jens Lehmann	1	94'30"		2	2	2	-	-	-	3	2	2	5	-	1	1	20	32	63%
Marcell Jansen	2	94'30"	1		1	3	5	5	10	3	1	9	5	1	5	-	49	66	74%
Clemens Fritz	4	56'19"	-	-			4	1	2	6	-	3	-	-	-	-	16	27	59%
Torsten Frings	8	94'30"	1	5	3		1	1	7	5	2	7	4	3	1	-	40	49	82%
Mario Gómez	9	76'16"	-	2	2	1		-	1	3	-	4	1	2	-	-	16	21	76%
Miroslav Klose	11	91'54"	-	2	3	2	1		1	-	-	3	1	1	-	-	15	24	63%
Michael Ballack	13	94'30"	2	6	3	4	1	5		3	5	7	4	2	1	-	43	52	83%
Philipp Lahm	16	94'30"	1	1	7	6	2	2	8		8	3	3	4	-	-	46	59	78%
Per Mertesacker	17	94'30"	2	1	2	5	1	-	2	7		1	6	4	-	-	31	34	91%
Lukas Podolski	20	94'30"	1	8	1	8	5	4	6	-	2		2	2	-	-	39	53	74%
Christoph Metzelder	21	94'30"	3	7	-	5	1	1	5	-	7	4		-	2	-	36	42	86%
Bastian Schweinsteiger	7	38'11"	2	1	-	5	1	1	3	4	1	2	1		-	-	21	25	84%
Thomas Hitzlsperger	15	18'14"	-	4	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-		-	6	10	60%
Kevin Kuranyi	22	2'36"	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-		1	1	100%
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Artur Boruc	1	94'30"		1	1	-	1	1	-	2	8	2	-	-	-	-	17	33	52%
Paweł Golański	4	76'01"	5		3	3	-	6	6	4	1	2	3	-	-	-	34	44	77%
Dariusz Dudka	5	94'30"	-	1		4	2	2	1	8	1	7	6	1	-	4	38	49	78%
Jacek Bąk	6	94'30"	1	4	5		1	8	-	8	6	-	1	-	-	2	36	39	92%
Euzebiusz Smolarek	7	94'30"	-	-	3	1		3	1	2	-	1	3	1	1	2	18	23	78%
Jacek Krzynówek	8	94'30"	1	4	4	5	3		2	-	1	-	4	-	1	3	29	40	73%
Maciej Żurawski	9	46'30"	-	5	1	2	1	-		1	-	3	5	-	-	-	18	23	78%
Marcin Wasilewski	13	94'30"	-	3	5	2	3	2	2		8	7	2	-	3	8	45	57	79%
Michał Żewłakow	14	94'30"	1	-	6	7	-	1	1	11		3	4	1	-	-	35	41	85%
Wojciech Łobodziński	17	65'53"	-	-	3	-	2	-	3	-	1		1	-	-	2	12	23	52%
Mariusz Lewandowski	18	94'30"	-	4	3	3	2	4	2	1	-	2		1	-	2	24	26	92%
Marek Saganowski	11	18'29"	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-		1	-	3	3	100%
Łukasz Piszczek	16	28'37"	-	-	-	-	1	-	•	1	2	-	-	-		-	4	9	44%
Roger Guerreiro	20	48'00"	-	1	1	-	-	5	-	3	-	1	-	-	1		12	22	55%
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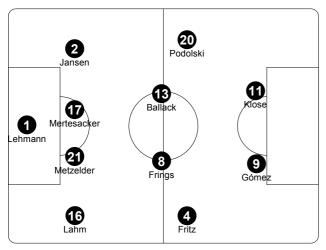
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