# ITALY - ROMANIA MATCH PRESS KIT Letzigrund, Zurich Friday 13 June 2008 - 18.00CET (18.00 local time) Group C - Matchday 7



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#### Match background

Italy enter their second Group C fixture against Romania aiming to revive their UEFA EURO 2008™ ambitions after making the worst possible start.

- The 3-0 defeat the world champions suffered against the Netherlands was their heaviest in 25 years and their worst ever in a UEFA European Championship finals. Back in 1983 the reigning world champions had gone down 3-0 to Sweden as they failed to qualify for the 1984 UEFA European Championship; this time they have made it to Austria and Switzerland at least, but unless they respond in the right manner against Romania, they may not be around for long.
- While Ruud van Nistelrooy, Wesley Sneijder and Giovanni van Bronckhorst were putting the Azzurri to the sword in Berne on Monday, Romania claimed a creditable point from their first fixture against France in Zurich, which finished in a 0-0 draw.
- Romania will now look to build on that positive opening against the last team to better them on the élite European stage Italy having prevailed 2-0 when these teams met at UEFA EURO 2000™.
- Italy won that quarter-final between the teams 2-0 in Brussels, Francesco Totti and Filippo Inzaghi scoring against a Romania side who lost captain Gheorghe Hagi to a red card on his 125th and final appearance for his country. It was the last game Romania had played at a major competition prior to UEFA EURO 2008™.
- The teams for that game in Brussels on 24 June 2000 were:

**Italy:** Francesco Toldo, Mark Iuliano, Alessandro Nesta, Fabio Cannavaro, Paolo Maldini, Stefano Fiore, Antonio Conte, Demetrio Albertini, Gianluca Zambrotta, Francesco Totti, Filippo Inzaghi.

**Romania:** Bogdan Stelea, Liviu Ciobotariu, Iulian Filipescu, Constantin Gâlcă, Adrian Mutu, Dorinel Munteanu, Viorel Moldovan, Gheorghe Hagi, Cristian Chivu, Florentin Petre, Miodrag Belodedici.

- Italy's Alessandro Del Piero featured as a substitute.
- Italy have won the sides' last three encounters since UEFA EURO 2000™, starting with home and away successes in 2002 FIFA World Cup qualifying when Inzaghi inflicted further punishment on the Romania defence.
- After scoring the opener in a 3-0 victory in Milan in October 2000 when Marco Delvecchio and Totti also found the net Inzaghi got both goals in Italy's 2-0 win in the return in Bucharest in March 2001.
- Italy also prevailed 1-0 through a goal from substitute Marco Di Vaio when the teams met in a friendly in Ancona on 16 November 2003.



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The starting lineups that day were:

Italy: Francesco Toldo, Christian Panucci, Fabio Cannavaro, Matteo Ferrari, Massimo Oddo, Simone Perrotta, Damiano Tommasi, Franceso Totti, Gianluca Zambrotta, Antonio Cassano, Fabio Bazzani.

Romania: Bogdan Lobont, Flavius Stoican, Adrian Iencsi, Mirel Radoi, Razvan Rat, Florentin Dumitru, Daniel Pancu, Dorinel Munteanu, Nicolae Mitea, Florin Bratu, Adrian Mutu.

- · Among the substitutes that day were Italy's Massimo Ambrosini and Andrea Pirlo and Romania's Nicolae Dică and Ciprian Marica.
- Romania's most recent win against Italy came in a March 1989 friendly in Sibiu. Ioan Sabău struck the only goal of a game in which Italy coach Donadoni played.
- Their only other victory against the Azzurri was in qualifying for the 1984 UEFA European Championship where Laszlo Bölöni's effort earned a 1-0 home win which helped Romania qualify for the finals.
- If Romania coach Victor Piturcă would prefer not to dwell on past matches between the nations, he might also choose to forget the last time he faced Italy counterpart Roberto Donadoni on the football pitch, when his FC Steaua Bucureşti side were swept aside by Donadoni's AC Milan in a 4-0 defeat in the 1989 European Champion Clubs' Cup final.
- Piturcă was also on the losing side with Steaua against two other Italian clubs: AS Roma in the 1984/85 UEFA Cup Winners' Cup first round and Genoa CFC in the 1991/92 UEFA Cup third round.
- For Donadoni's part, he may find encouragement in the past by recalling Italy's 1994 World Cup campaign, in which he played. Then as now, the Azzurri lost their first game – 1-0 against the Republic of Ireland – yet they bounced back to reach the final.
- Romania captain Cristian Chivu and vice-captain Adrian Mutu both play for Italian clubs in FC Internazionale Milano and ACF Fiorentina respectively. Chivu spent three and a half years with AS Roma prior to joining Inter in July 2007. His team-mates at Inter include Italian international defender Marco Materazzi, while at Roma he played with Alberto Aguilani, Daniele De Rossi, Christian Panucci and Simone Perrotta.
- Mutu has worn the colours of five different Italian clubs: Inter, Hellas-Verona FC, Parma FC, Juventus and Fiorentina. He partnered Italy striker Luca Toni in the Fiorentina attack in 2006/07.
- Mutu has played with plenty of Italian internationals during his time in Serie A: Gianluigi Buffon, Mauro Camoranesi, Giorgio Chiellini, Del Piero, Gianluca Zambrotta (with Juventus); Camoranesi, (with Verona), Panucci (with Inter).
- Midfielder Paul Codrea is the third Romanian international playing in Italy at AC Siena. He has also played for Genoa, US Città di Palermo and Torino FC.
- Defender Cosmin Contra spent the 2001/02 season with Milan while goalkeeper Bogdan Lobont had a spell with Fiorentina in 2006.
- Italy have a positive recent memory of the Letzigrund Stadion in Zurich after defeating fellow UEFA EURO 2008™ finalists Portugal 3-1 there on 6 February this year.
- Italy's best performance in the UEFA European Championship came in 1968 when they beat Yugoslavia to lift the Henri Delaunay trophy. They were runners-up in 2000 and semi-finalists in 1988 with a team featuring Donadoni.
- Italy have twice failed to finish in the top two of their group in five previous EURO final tournament appearances.
- Romania's best performance in three previous UEFA European Championship finals appearances was in 2000 when they reached the quarter-finals before losing to 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

#### **ITALY**

#### **UEFA EURO 2008™ statistics**

• No Italy players have appeared in all 13 matches in qualifying and at these finals, although Gianluigi Buffon and Andrea Pirlo have missed just one game apiece. The injured Fabio Cannavaro played eleven times in qualifying.

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- Of the final 23-man squad, only Morgan De Sanctis and Marco Borriello have not featured at all during this campaign, including qualifying.
- Luca Toni was Italy's top scorer in qualifying with five goals, two more than Filippo Inzaghi, who misses out on the finals. Northern Ireland's David Healy finished as the highest scorer overall having struck 13 times.
- Pirlo provided six assists in qualifying, fewer only than Ján Kozák of Slovakia who set up the most goals.
- Gattuso committed 25 fouls in qualifying. Jan Koller was penalised the most having been pulled up 36 times.
- Italy scored 22 goals in qualifying at an average of 1.83 goals per game. Germany led the way overall, finding the net 35 times.
- Italy conceded nine times, fewer only than Poland (12 goals), Turkey (eleven) and Greece and Portugal (both ten) of the 16 teams who will be at UEFA EURO 2008™.
- In qualifying the Azzurri managed 79 shots on goal at an average of 6.58 shots per game. Portugal led the way with 101 shots on goal.
- Of the qualified teams only Greece, with 56, won fewer corners in qualifying than Italy's total of 59.
- Italy were caught offside 35 times, fewer only than Romania with 36 of the qualified nations.

#### Disciplinary news

 Gianluca Zambrotta, Toni and Gattuso all picked up yellow cards against the Netherlands and another booking will mean a suspension.

#### **Latest information**

#### • Monday 9 June: Netherlands 3-0 Italy (Van Nistelrooy 26, Sneijder 31, Van Bronckhorst 79)

The Azzurri suffered their worst-ever UEFA European Championship finals defeat as they were overwhelmed in Berne. Ruud van Nistelrooy side-footed the Oranje ahead, a lead doubled superbly by his Real Madrid CF colleague Wesley Sneijder soon after. Edwin van der Sar kept the advantage intact, leaving Giovanni van Bronckhorst to complete the scoring with a headed third.

- · Coach Roberto Donadoni said: "We looked physically strong and created a few chances but it wasn't our night. I think the Netherlands played as well as we expected them to. We knew they were capable of creating chances and making life difficult for us and that's what they did. We made mistakes and paid for it. We need to recover physically and mentally so we can put things right straight away."
- In the absence of the injured Cannavaro, Buffon wore the captain's armband against the Netherlands.

#### Friendly results

30.05.2008: Italy 3-1 Belgium (Di Natale 2, Camoranesi)

26.03.2008: Spain 1-0 Italy

06.02.2008: Italy 3-1 Portugal (Toni, Cannavaro, Quagliarella)

#### **Iniurv news**

- Christian Panucci recovered from a right knee injury to play 90 minutes against the Netherlands.
- Marco Materazzi limped off with a calf knock on 54 minutes and has subsequently missed training, alongside Massimo Ambrosini who is nursing a slight shoulder problem.
- · Cannavaro was ruled out of the finals after rupturing ligaments in his left ankle during the Azzurri's first training session in Modling on 2 June. He sustained the knock following a tackle by fellow defender Giorgio Chiellini.
- Vincenzo laquinta dropped out of the reckoning after sustaining a thigh injury in April.

#### Miscellaneous

- · After some reports to the contrary, UEFA General Secretary David Taylor emphasised that referee Peter Fröjdfeldt acted correctly in awarding Van Nistelrooy's goal. He said: "The player was not offside, because, in addition to the Italian goalkeeper, there was another Italian player in front of the goalscorer. Even though that other Italian player at the time had actually fallen off the pitch, his position was still relevant for the purposes of the offside law."
- · Donadoni, who replaced Marcello Lippi as Azzurri coach in summer 2006, signed a new two-year contract on 4 June.

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• ACF Fiorentina's Alessandro Gamberini was named as Cannavaro's replacement. The 26-year-old has won just two caps, both in friendlies this season, compared to Cannavaro's haul of 116.

#### **Domestic information**

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

#### **ROMANIA**

#### **UEFA EURO 2008™ statistics**

- No Romania player has appeared in all 13 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.
- Paul Codrea and Gabriel Tamaş each collected five yellow cards in qualifying, more than any other player.
- Mutu committed 24 fouls in qualifying, with the Czech Republic's Jan Koller having been penalised the most with 36 fouls.
- Mutu managed 22 shots on goal in qualifying. Cristiano Ronaldo had the most with 31.
- Romania scored 26 times at an average of 2.17 goals per game. Germany led the way overall with 35 goals.
- Romania also conceded just seven goals, more only than the Czech Republic, the Netherlands and France who were breached five times each.
- No team who qualified for UEFA EURO 2008™ was caught offside more in qualifying than Romania, who were flagged a total of 36 times.
- With 30 yellow cards in qualifying, Romania collected more bookings than any other side at UEFA EURO 2008™.

#### Disciplinary news

• Dorin Goian, Cosmin Contra and Daniel Niculae all picked up yellow cards against France and another booking will incur a suspension.

#### Latest information

#### · Monday 9 June: Romania 0-0 France

Romania made a promising start to their finals campaign, holding one of the tournament favourites to a goalless draw at the Letzigrund Stadion in Group C. Victor Piţurcă's side restricted Les Bleus to a handful of half-chances as the two-time European champions struggled to impose themselves. Nicolas Anelka was guilty of missing the game's clearest opportunity when he headed Franck Ribéry's cross over in the first half.

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- Romania coach Piturcă said: "It was a physically demanding game, and I'm satisfied with the result. Of course we would also have taken the three points - France are maybe not as strong as they once were. I was worried because our players picked up bookings too easily in the first half, but the boys understood my message at half-time and we managed not to get another yellow card."
- The game was Romania's first in a major finals for eight years, since they lost 2-0 to Italy in the UEFA EURO 2000™ quarter-finals.

#### 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

- Goian played the full 90 minutes against Les Bleus after overcoming tendon damage to his right heel.
- Marica was ordered to rest for two days on Tuesday after being taken to hospital as a precaution following a clash of heads with Marius Niculae in training.
- Ovidiu Petre was forced to withdraw from Romania's preliminary squad on 20 May 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, as besides the normal holiday activities 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 Clui's double-winning side in Romania's squad, but several players savoured silverware outside their homeland.
- Rat 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 Cristian 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 Adrian Mutu.
- Eleven goals from Florentin Petre helped PFC CSKA Sofia win the Bulgarian championship.

## Squad list

## Italy

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No.	Player	DoB	Aae	Club	BL	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls		
	keepers		5 -								
1	Gianluigi <b>Buffon</b>	28.01.1978	30	Juventus	-	11	-	1	-	83	-
14	Marco Amelia	02.04.1982	26	AS Livorno Calcio	-	1	-	-	-	6	-
17	Morgan De Sanctis	26.03.1977	31	Sevilla FC	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Defe	nders										
2	Christian <b>Panucci</b>	12.04.1973	35	AS Roma	-	3	1	1	-	54	3
3	Fabio <b>Grosso</b>	28.11.1977	30	Olympique Lyonnais	-	4	1	1	-	32	3
4	Giorgio Chiellini	14.08.1984	23	Juventus	-	2	1	-	-	10	1
5	Alessandro Gamberini	27.08.1981	26	ACF Fiorentina	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
6	Andrea <b>Barzagli</b>	08.05.1981	27	US Città di Palermo	-	7	-	1	-	23	-
19	Gianluca Zambrotta	19.02.1977	31	FC Barcelona	*	8	-	1	-	72	2
23	Marco Materazzi	19.08.1973	34	FC Internazionale Milano	-	5	-	1	-	41	2
Midfi	elders										
8	Gennaro <b>Gattuso</b>	09.01.1978	30	AC Milan	*	9	-	1	-	59	1
10	Daniele <b>De Rossi</b>	24.07.1983	24	AS Roma	-	9	1	-	-	33	4
13	Massimo Ambrosini	29.05.1977	31	AC Milan	-	5	-	1	-	32	-
16	Mauro Camoranesi	04.10.1976	31	Juventus	-	6	1	1	-	36	4
20	Simone Perrotta	17.09.1977	30	AS Roma	-	8	1	-	-	40	2
21	Andrea <b>Pirlo</b>	19.05.1979	29	AC Milan	-	11	1	1	-	47	7
22	Alberto <b>Aquilani</b>	07.07.1984	23	AS Roma	-	1	-	-	-	5	-
Forw	ards										
7	Alessandro <b>Del Piero</b>	09.11.1974	33	Juventus	-	5	-	1	-	87	27
9	Luca <b>Toni</b>	26.05.1977	31	FC Bayern München	*	6	5	1	-	35	15
11	Antonio <b>Di Natale</b>	13.10.1977	30	Udinese Calcio	-	8	2	1	-	19	7
12	Marco <b>Borriello</b>	18.06.1982	25	Genoa Cricket and Football Club	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
15	Fabio <b>Quagliarella</b>	31.01.1983	25	UC Sampdoria	-	6	2	-	-	8	3
18	Antonio Cassano	12.07.1982	25	UC Sampdoria	-	2	-	1	-	12	3
Coac	ch c			-							
-	Roberto Donadoni	09.09.1963	44	ITA	-	12	-	1	-	-	-

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#### Romania

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No.	Player DoB Age Club						Gls	Pld	Gls		
Goalk	reepers										
1	Bogdan <b>Lobonţ</b>	18.01.1978	30	FC Dinamo 1948 Bucureşti	-	11	-	1	-	64	-
12	Marius <b>Popa</b>	31.07.1978	29	FC National 2000 Bucuresti	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
23	Eduard <b>Stăncioiu</b>	03.03.1981	27	CFR 1907 Cluj	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defen	nders										
2	Cosmin Contra	15.12.1975	32	Getafe CF	*	6	2	1	-	64	7
3	Răzvan <b>Raț</b>	26.05.1981	27	FC Shakhtar Donetsk	-	11	-	1	-	49	1
4	Gabriel <b>Tamaş</b>	09.11.1983	24	AJ Auxerre	-	10	2	1	-	33	2
5	Cristian <b>Chivu</b>	26.10.1980	27	FC Internazionale Milano	-	9	-	1	-	60	3
6	Mirel <b>Rădoi</b>	22.03.1981	27	FC Steaua Bucureşti	-	2	-	1	-	44	1
13	Cristian Săpunaru	05.04.1984	24	FC Rapid Bucureşti	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
14	Sorin <b>Ghionea</b>	11.05.1979	29	FC Steaua Bucureşti	-	1	-	-	-	10	1
15	Dorin <b>Goian</b>	12.12.1980	27	FC Steaua Bucureşti	*	9	2	1	-	20	3
17	Cosmin <b>Moți</b>	03.12.1984	23	FC Dinamo 1948 Bucureşti	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
22	Ştefan <b>Radu</b>	22.10.1986	21	S.S. Lazio	-	2	-	-	-	8	-
Midfie	elders										
7	Florentin <b>Petre</b>	15.01.1976	32	PFC CSKA Sofia	-	7	1	-	-	49	5
8	Paul <b>Codrea</b>	04.04.1981	27	AC Siena	-	8	-	1	-	34	1
11	Răzvan <b>Cociş</b>	19.02.1983	25	FC Lokomotiv Moskva	-	6	-	1	-	22	1
16	Bănel <b>Nicoliță</b>	07.01.1985	23	FC Steaua Bucureşti	-	8	1	1	-	20	1
19	Adrian <b>Cristea</b>	30.11.1983	24	FC Dinamo 1948 Bucureşti	-	2	-	-	-	5	-
20	Nicolae <b>Dică</b>	09.05.1980	28	FC Steaua Bucureşti	-	6	4	1	-	26	8
Forwa	ards										
9	Ciprian Marica	02.10.1985	22	VfB Stuttgart	-	11	5	-	-	24	8
10	Adrian <b>Mutu</b>	08.01.1979	29	ACF Fiorentina	-	9	6	1	-	62	28
18	Marius <b>Niculae</b>	16.05.1981	27	Inverness Caledonian Thistle FC	-	-	-	1	-	31	13
21	Daniel <b>Niculae</b>	06.10.1982	25	AJ Auxerre	*	7	2	1	-	23	5
Coac	h										
-	Victor Piţurcă	12.05.1956	52	ROU	-	12	-	1	-	-	-

#### Head coach

Italy: Roberto Donadoni Date of birth: 9 September 1963

Nationality: Italian

Playing career: Atalanta BC, AC Milan (twice), New York/New Jersey MetroStars, Al Ittihad Coaching career: Calcio Lecco 1912, AS Livorno Calcio (twice), FC Genoa 1893, Italy

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

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

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

#### Romania: Victor Piţurcă

Date of birth: 8 May 1956 Nationality: Romanian

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

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

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

Victor Piturcă 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. Piturcă 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, Piturcă's playing career included stints with FC Universitatea Craiova, FC Dinamo Slatina, CS Pandurii Lignitul Târqu 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.

#### Match officials

Tom Henning Øvrebø (NOR) Referee

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

Ivan Bebek (CRO) Fourth official

Reserve official Jesús Calvo Guadamuro (ESP)

**UEFA** Delegate Dennis Cruise (IRL)

#### 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 C

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Netherlands	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
France	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Romania	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Italy	1	0	0	1	0	3	0

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

Goals: -

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

13.06.2008 Italy - Romania Letzigrund, Zurich Stade de Suisse, Berne 13.06.2008 Netherlands - France 17.06.2008 Netherlands - Romania Stade de Suisse, Berne 17.06.2008 France - Italy Letzigrund, Zurich

#### Qualifying round Italy

#### Group B

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

Result Stadium/Venue Date Match 02.09.2006 Italy - Lithuania 1-1 San Paolo, Naples

Goals: 0-1 Danilevicius 21, 1-1 Inzaghi 30

Italy: Buffon, Grosso, De Rossi (Marchionni 61), Cannavaro, Barzagli, Gattuso, Inzaghi (Di Michele 86), Cassano,

Perrotta (Gilardino 72), Pirlo, Oddo

Stade de France, Paris 06.09.2006 France - Italy 3-1

Goals: 1-0 Govou 2, 2-0 Henry 18, 2-1 Gilardino 20, 3-1 Govou 55

Italy: Buffon, Zambrotta, Cannavaro, Barzagli, Grosso, Semioli (Di Michele 54), Pirlo, Gattuso, Perrotta, Cassano

(Inzaghi 73), Gilardino (De Rossi 87)

2-0 07.10.2006 Italy - Ukraine Stadio Olimpico, Rome

Goals: 1-0 Oddo 71 (pen), 2-0 Toni 79

Italy: Buffon, Oddo, Cannavaro, Materazzi, Zambrotta, Gattuso, Pirlo, De Rossi, Iaquinta (Camoranesi 76), Toni (Inzaghi 85), Del Piero (Di Natale 62)

11.10.2006 Georgia - Italy 1-3 Boris Paichadze, Tbilisi

Goals: 0-1 De Rossi 18, 1-1 Shashiashvili 26, 1-2 Camoranesi 63, 1-3 Perrotta 71

Italy: Buffon, Oddo, Cannavaro (Materazzi 74), Nesta, Pirlo (Mauri 64), De Rossi, Perrotta, Zambrotta, Camoranesi (laquinta 87), Toni, Di Natale

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28.03.2007 Italy - Scotland

Goals: 1-0 Toni 12, 2-0 Toni 70

Italy: Buffon, Oddo, Cannavaro, Materazzi, Zambrotta, Gattuso, De Rossi, Camoranesi, Perrotta (Pirlo 77), Di Natale

2-0

(Del Piero 66), Toni (Quagliarella 87)

02.06.2007 Faroe Islands - Italy 1-2 Tórsvøllur, Torshavn

Goals: 0-1 Inzaghi 12, 0-2 Inzaghi 48, 1-2 Róg. Jacobsen 77

Italy: Buffon, Oddo, Tonetto, Cannavaro, Materazzi (Barzagli 66), Diana, Gattuso, Pirlo, Del Piero, Rocchi (Quagliarella

86), Inzaghi (Lucarelli 58)

06.06.2007 Lithuania - Italy

0-2

S. Darius & S. Girenas, Kaunas

San Nicola, Bari

Goals: 0-1 Quagliarella 31, 0-2 Quagliarella 45

Italy: Buffon, Oddo, Cannavaro, Materazzi, Zambrotta, Pirlo, De Rossi (Gattuso 65), Perrotta (Ambrosini 71),

Quagliarella, Inzaghi, Di Natale (Del Piero 74)

08.09.2007 Italy - France

0-0

Stadio Giuseppe Meazza, Milan

Goals: -

Italy: Buffon, Oddo, Cannavaro, Barzagli, Zambrotta, De Rossi, Gattuso, Pirlo, Camoranesi (Perrotta 58), Del Piero

(Di Natale 83), Inzaghi (Lucarelli 65)

12.09.2007 Ukraine - Italy

1-2

NSC Olympiyskiy Stadium, Kiev

Goals: 0-1 Di Natale 41, 1-1 Shevchenko 71, 1-2 Di Natale 77

Italy: Buffon, Panucci, Cannavaro, Barzagli, Zambrotta, Camoranesi (Oddo 78), Ambrosini, Pirlo, Perrotta (Aquilani

68), laquinta (Quagliarella 85), Di Natale

13.10.2007 Italy - Georgia

2-0

Luigi Ferraris, Genoa

Goals: 1-0 Pirlo 44, 2-0 Grosso 84

Italy: Buffon, Oddo, Panucci, Barzagli, Grosso, Pirlo, Gattuso, Ambrosini (Mauri 88), Quagliarella (Foggia 72), Di

Natale, Toni

17.11.2007 Scotland - Italy

1-2

Hampden Park, Glasgow

Goals: 0-1 Toni 2, 1-1 Ferguson 65, 1-2 Panucci 90+1

Italy: Buffon, Panucci, Cannavaro, Barzagli, Zambrotta, Camoranesi (Chiellini 83), Gattuso (De Rossi 87), Pirlo,

Ambrosini, Di Natale (Iaquinta 68), Toni

21.11.2007 Italy - Faroe Islands

Alberto Braglia, Modena 3-1

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

Italy: Amelia, Oddo, Cannavaro (Bonera 53), Chiellini, Grosso, De Rossi, Ambrosini (Quagliarella 58), Perrotta,

laquinta, Palladino, Toni (Gilardino 74)

## Qualifying round Romania

## **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

#### Friday 13 June 2008 - 18.00 CET (18.00 local time)

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Letzigrund, Zurich

Date Match Result Stadium/Venue 02.09.2006 Romania - Bulgaria Farul, Constanta 2-2

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

Romania: Lobont, Contra, Rat, Tamas, Chivu, Codrea, Petre (Nicolită 71), Dică (Cocis 59), Marica, Mutu, Rosu

(Maftei 79)

0-2 06.09.2006 Albania - Romania Qemal Stafa, Tirana

Goals: 0-1 Dică 65, 0-2 Mutu 75 (pen)

Romania: Lobont, Contra, Rat, Ghionea, Chivu, Codrea, Petre, Dică, Marica (I. Ganea 78), Mutu (Nicolită 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: Lobont, Contra, Goian, Tamaş, Rat (Radu 78), Cociş, Nicolită, 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), Cocis, D.Niculae (Marica

65), Mutu

02.06.2007 Slovenia - Romania 1-2 Arena Petrol, Celje

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

Romania: Lobonţ, Chivu, Contra, Raţ, Tamaş, Codrea, Nicoliţă, Roşu (Zicu 63), Marica (D.Niculae 74), Mutu, Stoica

(Muresan 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

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, Tamaş, Chivu, Nicoliță, Codrea, Petre, Marica (D.Niculae 70), Mutu

0-2 17.10.2007 Luxembourg - Romania Josy Barthel, Luxembourg

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

Romania: Lobont, Ogăraru, Tamas, 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 (Cociş 58), Goian, Rat, Codrea (Trică 82), Petre, Chivu, Nicoliță, Mazilu (Marica

65), D.Niculae

#### Friday 13 June 2008 - 18.00 CET (18.00 local time)

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Letzigrund, Zurich

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

Dică 71 (pen)

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

Marica (Mazilu 73), Dică

#### 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)

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#### Oldest player to appear:

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

#### Youngest player to appear:

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

#### · Oldest player to score:

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

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

#### Youngest player to score:

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

#### · Most goals in a match:

**9:** France 4-5 Yugoslavia (06.07.1960)

7: Netherlands 6-1 Yugoslavia (25.06.2000)

7: Yugoslavia 3-4 Spain (21.06.2000)

#### Biggest victory:

6-1: Netherlands v Yugoslavia (25.06.2000)

**5-0:** Sweden v Bulgaria (14.06.2004)

5-0: Denmark v Yugoslavia (16.06.1984)

**5-0:** France v Belgium (16.06.1984)

#### Fastest hat-trick

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

#### Fastest goals

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

#### Appearances

#### **Players**

#### Qualifying and final tournament

46: Lilian Thuram (FRA)

39: Peter Schmeichel (DEN)

39: Vitalis Astafjevs (LVA)

38: Hakan 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:** Edwin van der Sar (Netherlands)

35: Dorinel Munteanu (Romania)

35: Gheorghe Popescu (Romania)

## **ITALY - ROMANIA MATCH PRESS KIT**

#### **Final tournament**

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

#### **Teams**

#### **Final tournament**

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

#### Goals

#### Overall

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

#### **Final tournament**

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

Last updated: 09.06.2008

#### Team facts

#### Team facts: Italy

#### **UEFA European Championship record**

2004: Group stage, final tournament

2000: Runners-up

1996: Group stage, final tournament

1992: Qualifying

1988: Semi-finals

1984: Qualifying

1980: Fourth place

1976: Qualifying

1972: Quarter-finals

**1968:** Winners

1964: Last 16

1960: Did not enter

#### **Key facts** Overall

Pld: 112 W: 59 D: 35 L: 18 F: 175 A: 80

**Final tournament** 

Pld: 23 W: 9 D: 10 L: 4 F: 22 A: 17

Qualifying

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

#### Records Qualifying Biggest win

6-0: Italy v Turkey, 02.12.1962, 1964 UEFA European Championship preliminary round

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

#### **Biggest loss**

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

#### **Final tournament**

#### Biggest win

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

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

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

#### **Biggest loss**

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

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

#### **EURO** appearances (players)

#### Overall

35: Fabio Cannavaro

33: Paolo Maldini

30: Alessandro Del Piero

30: Gianluigi Buffon

27: Giacinto Facchetti

25: Christian Panucci

24: Dino Zoff

#### **Final tournament**

13: Paolo Maldini

11: Alessandro Del Piero

9: Alessandro Nesta

9: Stefano Fiore

8: Fabio Cannavaro

8: Demetrio Albertini

8: Gianluca Zambrotta

#### **Top scorers**

#### Overall

14: Filippo Inzaghi

10: Luigi Riva

9: Alessandro Del Piero

7: Gianluca Vialli

7: Gianfranco Zola

#### Final tournament

2: Antonio Cassano

2: Pierluigi Casiraghi

2: Filippo Inzaghi

Last updated: 10.06.2008

#### 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: 106 W: 52 D: 28 L: 26 F: 191 A: 104

#### Final tournament

Pld: 11 W: 1 D: 3 L: 7 F: 7 A: 14

#### 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

#### Final tournament

#### Biggest win

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

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

#### **Top scorers**

#### Overall

10: 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

Last updated: 10.06.2008

#### **UEFA** information

#### Platini positive

UEFA President Michel Platini has given a positive overview of the first eight matches at UEFA EURO 2008™. "There is no denying that the instructions calling for respect have had an undeniable impact. On the field – and this is the most significant effect – we have seen a spectacular decrease in the number of yellow and red cards. In fact, no red cards have been shown so far and the number of yellow cards is down by 40 per cent compared with UEFA EURO 2004™. In the stadiums, there have been no incidents to report; the crowds have been enthusiastic and excited by all the action on the field. We've heard all the different groups of supporters singing their national anthems, as well as respecting and even applauding the national anthem of the other team. Bravo!

"The fan zones and their giant screens are proving extremely successful, and although a few minor incidents regrettably broke out in Klagenfurt, the Austrian police rapidly and efficiently restored order. This first series of matches also produced a nice bit of controversy about the laws of the game; that triggered superb debate about the offside rule which was worthy of the finest debates that take place in the courts of our continent. I think everyone has learned something from this episode. I must also mention the exemplary conduct of the coaches, who are setting a fine example to all their less experienced fellow coaches. On the field, we've seen some great football, with some exciting action and a quantity of goals which is well within the average for a 16-team European Championship final round. Everyone agrees that the quality of the television broadcasts is excellent, and the viewing figures are breaking records in many countries. I hope, therefore, that all these positive trends continue – and that the weather improves."

#### Offside rule clarified

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

#### Zero tolerance for racism

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

#### **Anti-doping drive**

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

#### 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<sup>™</sup>. 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 1st: first leg 2nd: second leg QR2: Second qualifying round FT: Final tournament P-O: Play-off

:: Statistics

(-): Denotes player substituted

(\*): Denotes player dismissed/sent off

:: Other Abbreviations

AP: Appearances No.: Number Comp.: Competition Pld: Matches played D: Drawn Pos.: Position DoB: Date of birth Pts: Points GA: Goals against 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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## **ITALY**

18:00

## **ROMANIA**



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

- Bogdan Lobont GK
- 2 Cosmin Contra
- Răzvan Rat 3
- Gabriel Tamaş 4
- **(C)** 5 Cristian Chivu
  - Mirel Rădoi
  - 7 Florentin Petre
  - 8 Paul Codrea
  - 10 Adrian Mutu
  - 15 \* Dorin Goian
  - 21 \* Daniel Niculae
  - Marius Popa GK 12
  - 23 Eduard Stăncioiu GK
    - 9 Ciprian Marica
  - 11 Răzvan Cociş
  - 13 Cristian Săpunaru
  - 14 Sorin Ghionea
  - 16 Bănel Nicolită
  - 17 Cosmin Moti
  - Marius Niculae 18
  - 19 Adrian Cristea
  - 20 Nicolae Dică
  - 22 Stefan Radu

Head Coach: Roberto Donadoni

Head Coach: Victor Piturcă

IVC

Referee: Tom Henning Øvrebø (NOR)

Assistant referees: Geir Åge Holen (NOR)

Jan Petter Randen (NOR)

Fourth official: Ivan Bebek (CRO)

UEFA delegate: **Dennis Cruise** (IRL)

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

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## **Full-Time Report**

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## **ITALY**



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## ROMANIA

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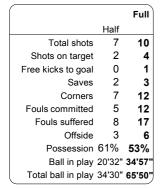
43' Y 10 Adrian Mutu





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- Andrea Barzagli
- 8 \* Gennaro Gattuso
- Antonio Di Natale Marco Borriello
- 12 13 Massimo Ambrosini
- Fabio Quagliarella
- Antonio Cassano
- Alberto Aquilani
- Marco Materazzi

Head Coach: Roberto Donadoni



#### Referee

Tom Henning Øvrebø (NOR) Assistant referees

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



Booked Substitution

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



18 Antonio Cassano in 20 Simone Perrotta out 58 21 Andrea Pirlo 73' Y 15 Dorin Goian 81' P 10 Adrian Mutu

90'

45'

3'01" 2 Christian Panucci 🥵 10 Adrian Mutu 55' Y 5 Cristian Chivu in 16 Bănel Nicoliță out 7 Florentin Petre — in 11 Răzvan Cociş → out 10 Adrian Mutu

Bogdan Lobonț GK

2 \* Cosmin Contra

Răzvan Raț

Gabriel Tamas

**(C**) Cristian Chivu

Mirel Rădoi

Florentin Petre

Paul Codrea Adrian Mutu 10

15 \* Dorin Goian

21 \* Daniel Niculae

Marius Popa GK

Eduard Stăncioiu GK 23

Ciprian Marica 9

Răzvan Cociş 11

13 Cristian Săpunaru

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Adrian Cristea

Nicolae Dică

Ştefan Radu

Head Coach: Victor Piţurcă

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	Half	
Total shots	6	16
Shots on target	3	6
Free kicks to goal	2	3
Saves	2	3
Corners	2	5
Fouls committed	9	19
Fouls suffered	5	11
Offside	2	4
Possession	39%	47%
Ball in play	13'58"	30'53"
Total ball in play	34'30"	65'50"

Fourth official: Ivan Bebek (CRO) UEFA delegate: Dennis Cruise (IRL)

Man of the match: 21, Pirlo Andrea (ITA) Attendance: 30,585

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10 Daniele De Rossi Y 3'10"















## **Player Statistics**

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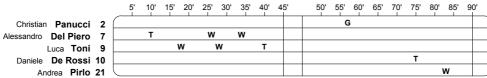
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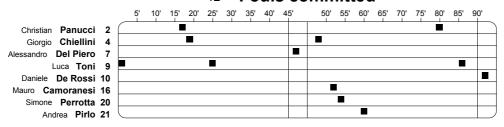


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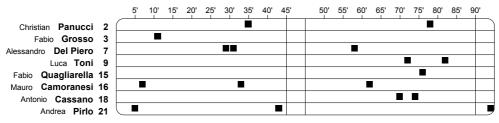
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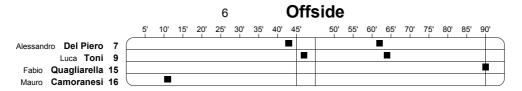


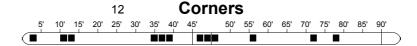
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#### 17 Fouls Suffered







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## **Player Statistics**

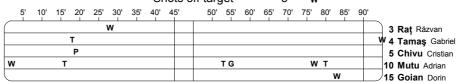
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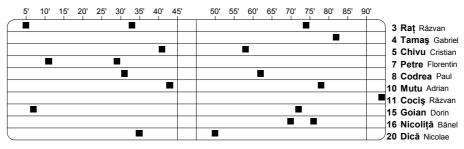
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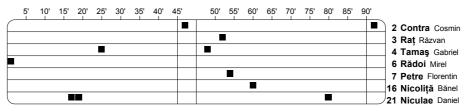
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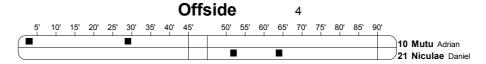


#### Fouls committed 19



#### Fouls Suffered 11





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## Team statistics: Full time

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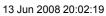


56' Christian Panucci

55' ( Adrian Mutu

48'01"							
20'32"	1st half	2nd half	Total	Period	1st half	2nd half	Total
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104	47	25	72	Long passes completed	20	35	55
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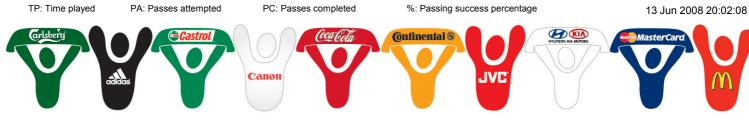
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Christian Panucci	2	96'11"	-		-	5	-	5	4	1	5	-	4	-	-	3	27	33	82%
Fabio Grosso	3	96'11"	1	2		4	1	5	10	6	-	5	8	-	-	2	44	57	77%
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Alessandro Del Piero	7	79'08"	-	1	-	-		1	-	2	1	2	1	-	-	2	9	18	50%
Luca Toni	9	96'11"	-	2	2	-	4		3	1	-	3	3	-	-	-	18	25	72%
Daniele De Rossi	10	96'11"	-	5	8	2	1	1		4	4	2	11	1	1	3	43	56	77%
Mauro Camoranesi	16	87'15"	-	1	4	5	3	2	3		1	2	8	-	1	1	31	44	70%
Gianluca Zambrotta	19	96'11"	-	2	1	1	4	3	1	6		-	12	-	1	3	34	41	83%
Simone Perrotta	20	59'47"	-	-	3	1	2	3	4	3	-		-	-	-	-	16	18	89%
Andrea Pirlo	21	96'11"	-	1	11	4	5	3	11	11	4	-		3	-	6	59	76	78%
Massimo Ambrosini	13	8'56"	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	1		-	1	4	6	67%
Fabio Quagliarella	15	17'03"	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-		1	4	6	67%
Antonio Cassano	18	36'24"	-	-	1	-	1	3	-	-	1	-	1	-	-		7	20	35%
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Răzvan Raț	3	96'11"	-	-		2	7	1	1	2	9	6	3	1	1	5	38	52	73%
Gabriel Tamaş	4	96'11"	-	5	2		4	3	2	4	5	1	2	-	2	1	31	40	78%
Cristian Chivu	5	96'11"	1	4	6	-		-	1	3	8	2	3	1	1	3	33	38	87%
Mirel Rădoi	6	24'46"	-	-	2	1	-		1	1	-	2	1	-	-	-	8	10	80%
Florentin Petre	7	62'14"	-	9	-	1	-	-		5	2	ı	1	-	-	-	18	22	82%
Paul Codrea	8	96'11"	-	5	5	4	4	2	3		2	3	2	-	1	4	35	42	83%
Adrian Mutu	10	90'39"	1	-	7	3	4	1	1	1		2	3	-	1	5	29	41	71%
Dorin Goian	15	96'11"	2	4	2	6	1	1	2	3	4		3	-	-	1	29	30	97%
Daniel Niculae	21	96'11"	-	2	2	-	2	2	2	5	1	-		-	2	4	22	35	63%
Răzvan Cociş	11	5'32"	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1		-	-	3	4	75%
Bănel Nicoliță	16	33'57"	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	1	2	-		-	7	12	58%
Nicolae Dică	20	71'25"	-	1	3	1	2	-	1	1	5	1	4	1	1		22	31	71%
														Tea	m to	tal:	336	448	75%







## **Team Line-ups**

## **Group C - 13 June 2008**

## Letzigrund - Zurich

## **ITALY**

18:00

## **ROMANIA**



- 1 Gianluigi Buffon GK
- 2 Christian Panucci
- 3 Fabio Grosso
- 4 Giorgio Chiellini
- C 7\_ Alessandro Del Piero
  - 9 \* Luca Toni
  - 10 Daniele De Rossi
  - 16 Mauro Camoranesi
  - 19 \* Gianluca Zambrotta
  - 20 Simone Perrotta
  - 21 Andrea Pirlo



- 14 Marco Amelia GK
- 17 Morgan De Sanctis GK
- 5 Alessandro Gamberini
- 6 Andrea Barzagli
- 8 \* Gennaro Gattuso
- 11 Antonio Di Natale
- 12 Marco Borriello
- 13 Massimo Ambrosini
- 15 Fabio Quagliarella
- 18 Antonio Cassano
- 22 Alberto Aquilani
- 23 Marco Materazzi

Head Coach: Roberto Donadoni

- 1 Bogdan Lobont GK
- 2 \* Cosmin Contra
- 3 Răzvan Raţ
- 4 Gabriel Tamaş
- C 5 Cristian Chivu
  - 6 Mirel Rădoi
  - 7 Florentin Petre
  - 8 Paul Codrea
  - 10 Adrian Mutu
  - 15 \* Dorin Goian
  - 21 \* Daniel Niculae



- 12 Marius Popa GK
- 23 Eduard Stăncioiu GK
- 9 Ciprian Marica
- 11 Răzvan Cociş
- 13 Cristian Săpunaru
- 14 Sorin Ghionea
- 16 Bănel Nicolită
- 17 Cosmin Moti
- 18 Marius Niculae
- 19 Adrian Cristea20 Nicolae Dică
- 22 Ştefan Radu

Head Coach: Victor Piţurcă

Referee: Tom Henning Øvrebø (NOR)

Assistant referees: **Geir Åge Holen** (NOR) **Jan Petter Randen** (NOR)

Fourth official: Ivan Bebek (CRO)

UEFA delegate: **Dennis Cruise** (IRL)



Weather Conditions: Partly Cloudy / Temperature: 15°C / Humidity: 48%

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