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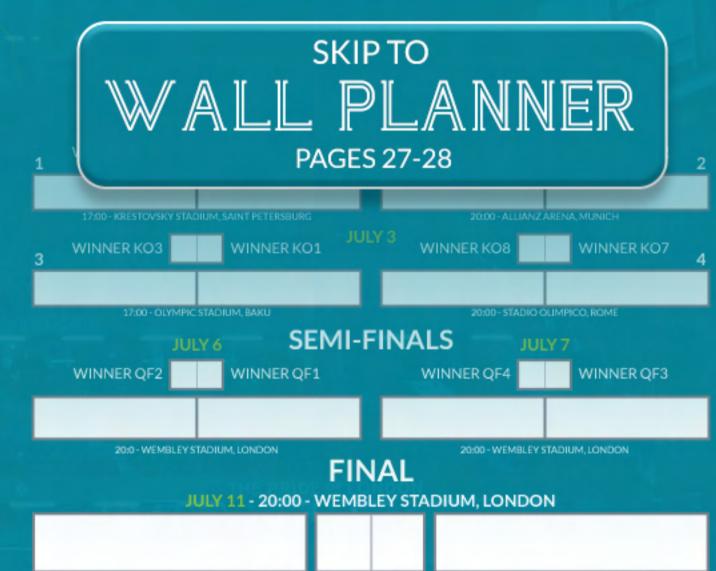




Welcome to the WhoScored.com guide to Euro 2020, brought to you by bet365! In this free download we'll give you the lowdown on all 24 teams competing this summer, including how they qualified, the key men and likely lineups, as well as a tip for every single side.

The guide also picks out ones to watch when it comes to teams that could exceed expectations, as well as the best bets to vie for the Golden Boot. We've also asked each of the team to put their neck (and reputation) on the line with their pre-match predictions, so sit back and enjoy!











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# TOURNAMENT SUMMARY

# EUROS ON TOUR



In a European Championship like no other, the tournament is celebrating what should have been its 60th anniversary by going on tour. Following a continuation of the expansion to 24 teams in 2016, the 51 matches will take place across 11 different host cities, which has even been reduced from 13.

Brussels were the first to be removed way back in 2017 owing to delays over the construction of a stadium that was ultimately never built, with Wembley awarded the four matches that Belgium would have hosted. The iconic stadium in London will also play host to both semi-finals and the final.





In April of this year the Aviva Stadium in Dublin was stripped of its host status due to a lack of guarantees regarding spectators owing to the COVID-19 pandemic. Their four matches were allocated to Saint Petersburg in Russia, which will now play host to seven games, while Spain's four matches were moved from San Mames in Bilbao to La Cartuja in Seville.

The majority of the venues will operate at reduced capacity at a minimum of 20 per cent. However, matches in Budapest should be in front of a capacity crowd, which is also the hope for Wembley, certainly in the latter stages.

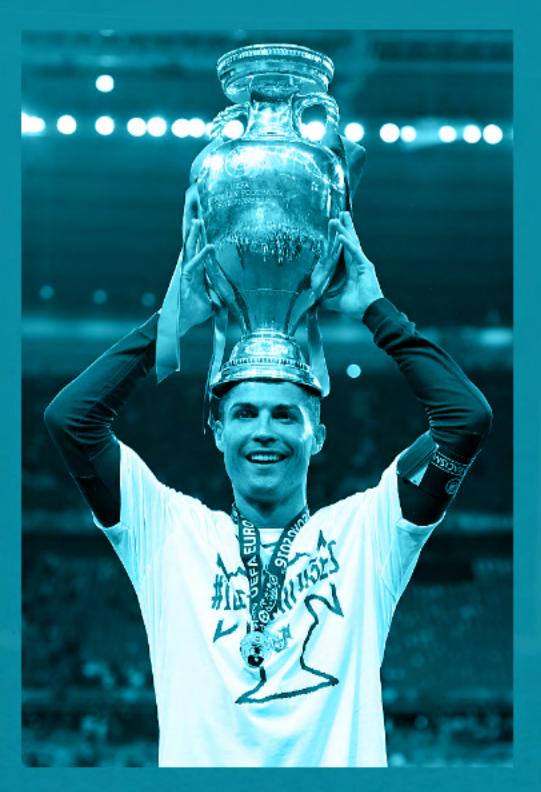


# RECORDS

Cristiano Ronaldo holds the record for most Euro final appearances (21), doing so over four separate tournaments. No player has ever featured in five different Euros, so the Portugal captain is set to make even more history.

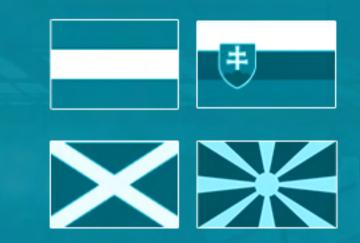
UEFA president Michel Platini still holds the record for the most goals in a single tournament, with 9 as France hosted in 1984. Compatriot Antoine Griezmann came closest to matching that tally before or since in the last tournament, when France were hosts once more in 2016, scoring 6.

Spain and Germany have won the joint most titles, with three apiece, but neither nation has a single player among the top ten scorers in the tournaments history. Platini's tally of nine from said single tournament is level atop the leaderboard with that man Ronaldo, meaning he needs just one to become the first man to double figures.



# WHAT ELSE IS NEW?

Qualification for this year's tournament was slightly different, with four spots made available to play-off winners. That quartet consisted of a winner from each Nations League Path, offering the chance for new names to earn a place in the finals. Said play-off victors were Hungary, Slovakia, Scotland and North Macedonia, with the latter – along with automatic qualifiers Finland – making their first appearance at a major international tournament.





Having made its debut at the World Cup in 2018, this will be the first appearance for VAR at a European Championships, which had a huge impact in Russia, particularly in terms of penalties awarded. Among the refereeing teams, officials from outside of Europe – Argentina to be precise – were also selected for the very first time.

There will also be five substitutes available to the coaches for the first time due to the resulting fixture congestion of the COVID-19 pandemic, though only in a maximum of three intervals in the match. Additionally, teams in the knockout phase will be allowed to make a sixth substitute should the match go into extra-time.





Last month UEFA confirmed that they would allow each nation to name 26 players in their travelling squads, though the usual 23-man squad will only be permitted for each individual matchday. It was also announced that after each team's first match, goalkeepers may still be replaced in the squad due to injury, even if the other goalkeepers from the squad are still fit.

# DID YOU KNOW?





Each of the last six winners of the Player of the Tournament award have come from the champions. By comparison, none of the last six winners of the World Cup equivalent have represented the team that won the tournament



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**JOHAN CRUYFF ARENA** CAPACITY: **54,990 (25%)** TOP MATCH: **NED-UKR** 

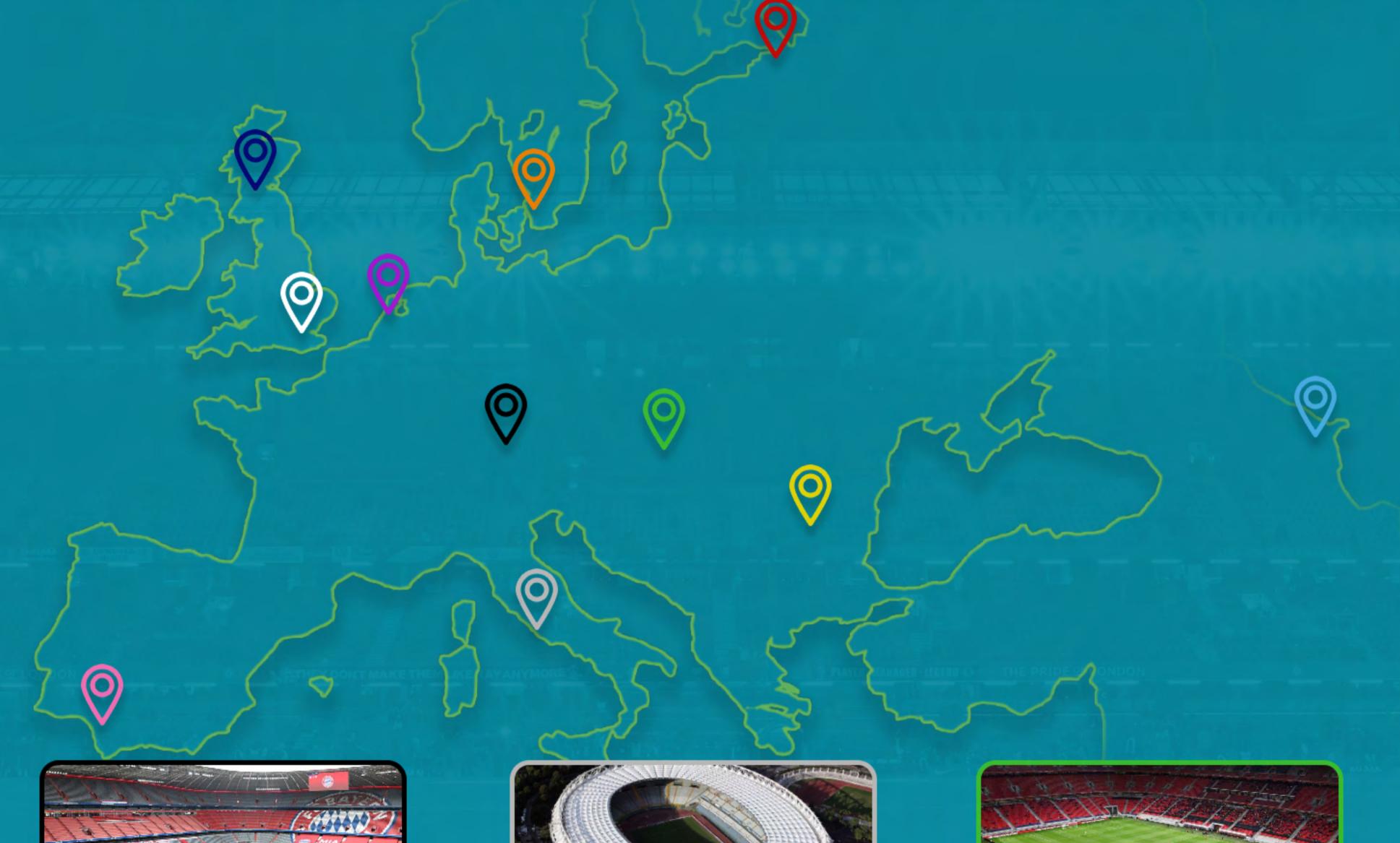


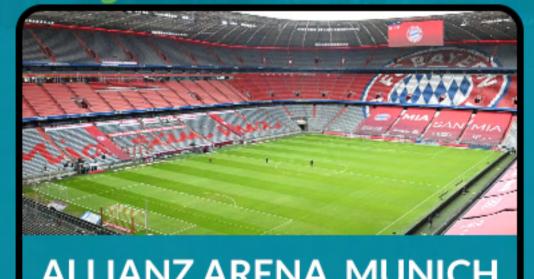
WEMBLEY, LONDON CAPACITY: **90,000 (25%)** TOP MATCH: **FINAL** 



LA CARTUJA, SEVILLE CAPACITY: **60,000 (30%)** TOP MATCH: **ESP-POL** 

# VENUES AND CALENDAR





**ALLIANZ ARENA, MUNICH** CAPACITY: **70,000 (20%)** TOP MATCH: **FRA-GER** 

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STADIO OLIMPICO, ROME CAPACITY: **70,634 (25%)** TOP MATCH: **QF-4** 



**PUSKAS ARENA, BUDAPEST** CAPACITY: **67,215 (100%)** TOP MATCH: **FRA-POR** 





CAPACITY: **38,065 (25%)** TOP MATCH: **DEN-BEL** 



**OLYMPIC STADIUM, BAKU** CAPACITY: **68,700 (50%)** TOP MATCH: QF-3



TOP MATCH: **RO16-6** 

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# GROUP A

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SWITZERLAND



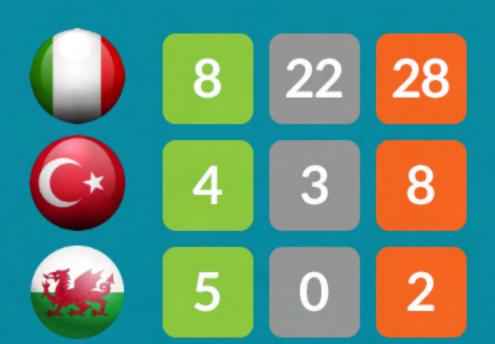
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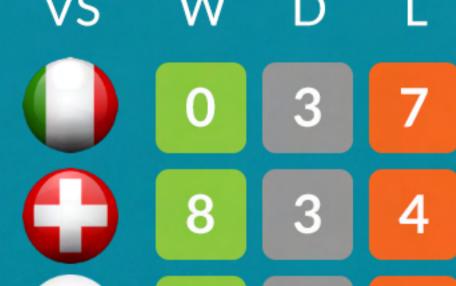


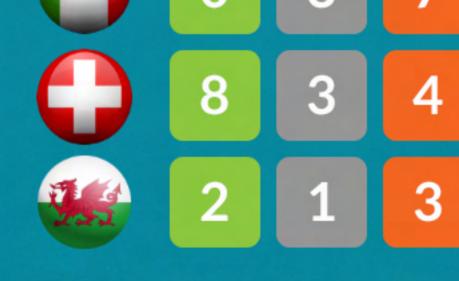


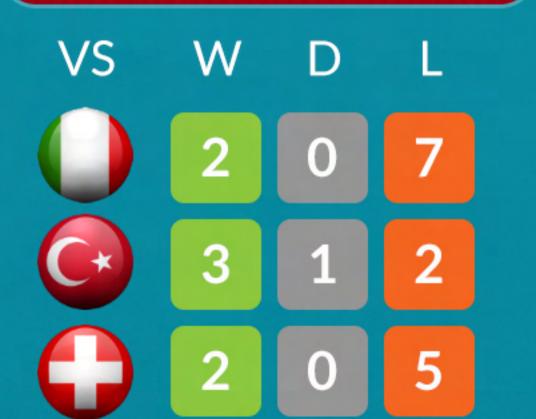












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COACH: ROBERTO MANCINI bet365 ODDS AS OF 01.06.21 CHAMPIONS: 11/1

### **FIXTURES**

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SWITZERLAND 16.06 **WALES** 

20.06

WALES 9 ITALY 💡 **TURKEY** 

COACH: VLADIMIR PETKOVIC

bet365 ODDS AS OF 01.06.21 CHAMPIONS: 66/1

GROUP WINNER: 9/2

QUALIFICATION Roberto Mancini will take charge of his first major tournament as Italy boss having successfully steered the Azzurri to their seventh successive Euros finals in emphatic fashion. Indeed, Italy were one of just two teams to win all of their qualifiers from an admittedly favourable group, scoring 37 and conceding just four goals in 10 matches.

Having qualified for their fifth finals from the last seven attempts, Switzerland were far from convincing in doing so despite topping a group involving Denmark and Ireland. Vladimir Petkovic's side only managed the double over Georgia and Gibraltar, which doesn't bode overly well for a side that has won just two of 13 Euro finals matches to date.

SWITZERLAND

## **EUROS RECORD**

TOURNAMENTS: 9

BEST FINISH: WINNER (1)

EURO 2016: **QUARTERS** 



**TOP RATED** 

LORENZO INSIGNE: 7.56 (1)

DOMENICO BERARDI: 7.42 (2)

MARCO VERRATTI: 7.24 (3)

HARIS SEFEROVIC: 7.20

NICO ELVEDI: 7.01

REMO FREULER: 7.00



Mancini looks set to persist with his experienced heads at the back despite what has been an underwhelming campaign from the likes of Leo Bonucci and Giorgio Chiellini. Inter's Alessandro Bastoni is an excellent prospect in reserve but the full-back options are thin on the ground, with Davide Calabria overlooked once more. Lorenzo Insigne has enjoyed his best season to date, while Federico Chiesa has also improved his end product significantly and offers a real threat from the opposite flank. There are strong options in midfield too, but the depth overall may only be good enough for a *quarter-final finish* (5/2).

**HOPES & PLAYERS** With Petkovic still at the helm, Switzerland remain a relatively predictable side in every sense, winning the games you'd expect and struggling to spring an upset. There are areas of the squad that are still clearly light, namely in attack and on the left flank, but at either end of the pitch the likes of Nico Elvedi and Haris Seferovic have enjoyed strong domestic campaigns. There is decent depth in the middle of the pitch too, but all in all Switzerland lack the cutting edge to be considered a dark horse this summer and could even struggle to escape the group, with 5/4 looking a decent price at an early exit.





















**TEAM NEWS** Despite making just two sub appearances in the league Emerson remains first choice left back, while clubmate Jorginho came into favour under Thomas Tuchel and should play an important role. Manuel Locatelli and Nicolo usually vie for a spot in midfield but both are likely to start with Marco Verratti set to miss much of the group stage through injury.

**REMAINING SQUAD** 

**GK:** Meret, Sirigu **DEF:** Acerbi, Bastoni, Di Lorenzo, Spinazzola, Toloi MID: Cristante, Pellegrini, Sensi, Verratti FW: Belotti, Berardi, Bernardeschi, Raspadori GK: Mvogo, Omlin DEF: Benito, Omeragic, Schar, Lotomba, Comert, Widmer, Zuber MID: Zakaria, Sow, Mehmedi, Vargas, Fernandes, Fassnacht FW: Garavanovic

# TURKEY

COACH: **SENOL GUNES** 

bet365 ODDS AS OF 01.06.21

CHAMPIONS: **50/1** GROUP WINNER: 9/2

#### **FIXTURES**

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WALES

COACH: ROBERT PAGE bet365 ODDS AS OF 01.06.21

> CHAMPIONS: **200/1** GROUP WINNER: 7/1



Claiming second spot ahead of Iceland in qualifying, Turkey's progress was assured owing to an exceptional defensive record, with no side conceding fewer goals on route to the finals (3). Senol Gunes masterminded two excellent results against group winners France, taking four points from six, and has since secured wins over Russia, Norway and Netherlands.

QUALIFICATION In progressing through one of the most competitive groups automatically ahead of the likes of play-off victors Slovakia and Hungary, Wales shouldn't be underestimated. Recent wins over Ireland, Finland and the Czech Republic further prove they are capable of overcoming mid-ranking sides, of which Switzerland and Turkey should be considered.

#### **EUROS RECORD**

TOURNAMENTS: 4

BEST FINISH: THIRD

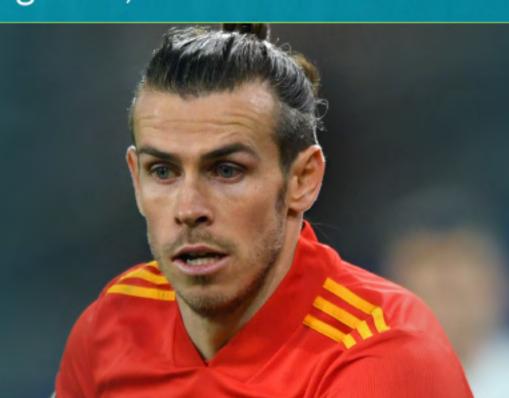
EURO 2016: **GROUP STAGE** 



HAKAN CALHANOGLU: 7.27 1 KIEFFER MOORE: 7.56

BURAK YILMAZ: 7.20 (2) GARETH BALE: 7.30

MEHMET ZEKI CELIK: 7.03 3 BEN CABANGO: 7.12



**EUROS RECORD** 

TOURNAMENTS: 1

BEST FINISH: **SEMI-FINALS** 

EURO 2016: **SEMI-FINALS** 

**HOPES & PLAYERS** Turkey have proven to be somewhat unpredictable over the years but approach this tournament in good shape and under solid leadership from Gunes. Their defensive options are strong at the heart of the back four, while Mehmet Zeki Celik has enjoyed an excellent season in helping Lille to the Ligue 1 title. Yusuf Yazici played a more withdrawn role in that success but Burak Yilmaz was at the forefront in every respect and has an excellent strike rate. Provided he gets the service from the likes of Hakan Calhanoglu, Turkey have a strong chance

Page has fitness concerns over both Joe Allen and Aaron Ramsey, who haven't played since March and April respectively. The latter has only represented Wales once since the start of last year but if fit is a big upgrade on their other options. Somewhat uniquely, Gareth Bale has no such worries over his sharpness and ended his spell back at Tottenham in fine form. Whether he plays from wide or down the middle, Bale will be pivotal to the team emerging from a tough group as they try to emulate their remarkable run from 2016. That much is unlikely but odds of <u>5/6 to qualify from the group</u> could be value.

# to progress and at 13/5 look a good price to at least reach the quarters.





Gunes omitted the experienced Caner Erkin from his squad, with Umut Meras now first choice left-back, while Cenk Tosun is out with a knee injury. Merih Demiral will get the nod over Ozan Kabak in defence, while Cengiz Under is an option on the right and Calhanoglu could be deployed on the left, with natural width perhaps the real weakness in the squad. **REMAINING SQUAD** 

**TEAM NEWS** Wales have big problems in goal, with none of their options first choice at club level. Ethan Ampadu could drop into a back three if Allen and Ramsey are back. Ben Davies is another fitness concern, meaning Neco Williams may start on the left, while Harry Wilson has started up front over target man Kieffer Moore under Page, who offers a very different threat.

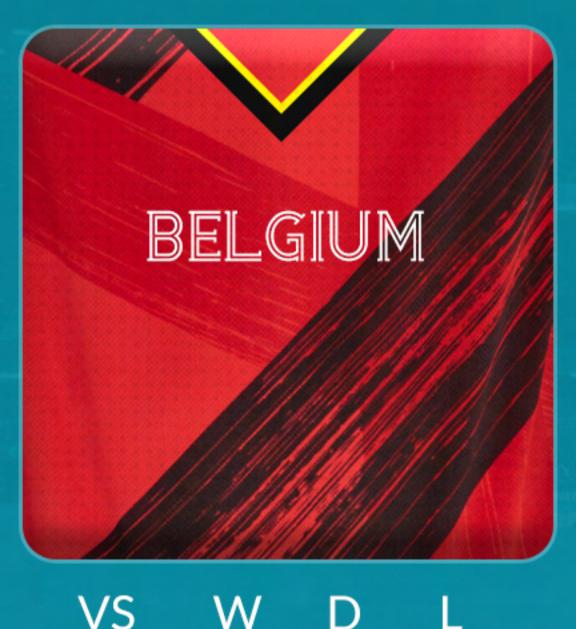


**GK:** Gunok, Bayindir **DEF:** Muldur, Kabak, Ayhan, R. Yilmaz MID: Omur, Under, Tokoz, Kahveci, Kokcu, Antalyali FW: Unal, Dervisoglu, Akturkglu

GK: Hennessey, Davies DEF: Gunter, Davies, Norrington-Davies, Lockyer MID: Allen, Morrell, Smith, J. Williams, Levitt, Colwill, Brooks FW: Moore, Roberts

# GROUP B

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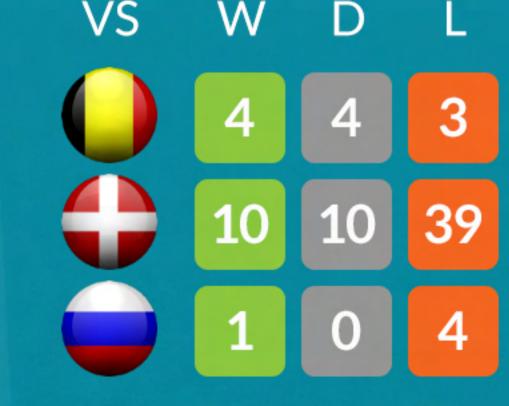














# BELGIUM

COACH: ROBERTO MARTINEZ bet365 ODDS AS OF 01.06.21 CHAMPIONS: 6/1 GROUP WINNER: 8/11

## **FIXTURES**

RUSSIA	12.06	12.06	FINLAND 🧐
DENMARK	17.06	17.06	BELGIUM 🦃
FINLAND	21.06	21.06	RUSSIA 🧐

DENMARK

COACH: KASPER HJULMAND bet365 ODDS AS OF 01.06.21

> CHAMPIONS: 28/1 GROUP WINNER: 11/4

One of two teams with a faultless qualifying record, Belgium made light work of the strongest competition in their group with 7-2 and 7-0 aggregate wins over Russia and Scotland. They've dropped points against England and Czech Republic in competitive matches since but will be well fancied to go one better than their semi-final exit in the World Cup.

QUALIFICATION Having won just four of eight matches in a modest group, Denmark did at least go unbeaten and have built momentum since an underwhelming campaign. Indeed, in 12 matches since the start of last year the Danes' two defeats have come against Belgium and they've kept nine clean sheets from the remaining ten games in that time, including two against England.

**EUROS RECORD** TOURNAMENTS: 5 BEST FINISH: RUNNER-UP EURO 2016: **QUARTERS** 

**TOP RATED** 

KEVIN DE BRUYNE: 7.56 1 SIMON KJAER: 6.98

ROMELU LUKAKU: 7.47 (2) PIERRE-EMILE HOJBJERG: 6.95

HANS VANAKEN: 7.28 3 JANNIK VESTERGAARD: 6.89

**EUROS RECORD** TOURNAMENTS: 8 BEST FINISH: WINNER (1) EURO 2016: N/A

PROBABLE XI

CHRISTENSEN

WASS

6.81

6.77

**SCHMEICHEL** 

**ERIKSEN** 

**WIND** 

**DELANEY** 

MAEHLE

**BRAITHWAITE** 

6.33

Belgium are among the favourites for glory despite not having the strength in depth of a number of their rivals. The back three is certainly penetrable, but the incredible luxury Martinez does have is perhaps the best playmaker in world football at his disposal in Kevin De Bruyne and a striker in Romelu Lukaku who gobbles up the plentiful chances that are created for him. Then there is the wildcard of Eden Hazard who, if fit - a massive if - can be a game changer too. If he can rediscover his form then Belgium have a great chance of going the distance but that seems unlikely, so a *semi-final exit at 4/1* looks a bet.

GK: Mignolet, Selz DEF: Boyata, Vermaelen, Castagne MID: Chadli, Dendoncker,

T. Hazard, Praet, Vanaken, Witsel FW: Batshuayi, Benteke, Trossard, Doku

**HOPES & PLAYERS** There's not been a great deal of development in terms of personnel in the squad but there has been a clear improvement in performances over the last year. Simon Kjaer has found a second wind at 32 and formed a solid partnership with Andreas Christensen, while you'll struggle to find a harder working midfield duo than Pierre-Emile Hojbjerg and Thomas Delaney. That allows Christian Eriksen some freedom with more willing running from the wide men either side of him. The Danes' downfall will be a lack of a clinical finisher again, but they should qualify and a *quarter-final isn't out of the question (11/8)*.







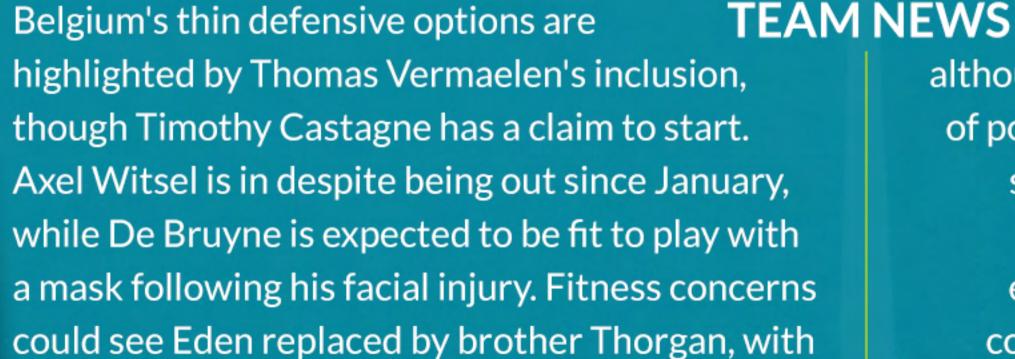








The starting XI is relatively predictable, although there is decent competition in a number of positions. Joachim Andersen enjoyed a strong



Yannick Carrasco moving forward. **REMAINING SQUAD** 

season despite being relegated with Fulham, while Robert Skov is capable of coming in at **POULSEN** either left-back or on the left wing. The main contest is for a starting spot up front between Jonas Wind and Kasper Dolberg.

**GK:** Lossl, Ronnow **DEF:** Larsen, Andersen, Jorgensen, Vestergaard, Boilesen MID: Jensen, Norgaard, Christiansen, Damsgaard, Skov FW: Cornelius, Skov Olsen, Dolberg

# FINLAND

COACH: MARKKU KANERVA bet365 ODDS AS OF 01.06.21 CHAMPIONS: **500/1** GROUP WINNER: 16/1

### **FIXTURES**

BELGIUM 💡 OENMARK 12.06 12.06 FINLAND 💡 **P** RUSSIA 16.06 16.06 **DENMARK** 💡 BELGIUM 21.06 21.06

RUSSIA

COACH: STANISLAV CHERCHESOV

bet365 ODDS AS OF 01.06.21 CHAMPIONS: 66/1

GROUP WINNER: 4/1



QUALIFICATION Qualifying for the first major tournament in their history, Finland will be heading into it using the success of Iceland and Wales in 2016 as inspiration. Their modest squad punched above its weight to win six of ten qualifiers and gave Italy a run for their money in two narrow defeats, while a 2-0 win in France late last year proved they are capable of a big upset.

Russia's qualification for the tournament was straightforward despite finishing second in their group to Belgium. When excluding the matches against their victors, they picked up maximum points and conceded just once. Nevertheless, they struggle defensively against solid opposition and have regressed badly since a successful qualifying campaign.

# **EUROS RECORD** TOURNAMENTS: 0 BEST FINISH: N/A EURO 2016: **N/A**

**TOP RATED** 

TEEMU PUKKI: 7.09 1 ARTEM DZYUBA: 7.64

GLEN KAMARA: 6.90 (2) ALEXANDER SOBOLEV: 7.34

JERE URONEN: 6.90 (3) ANTON ZABOLOTNY: 7.23



**EUROS RECORD** 

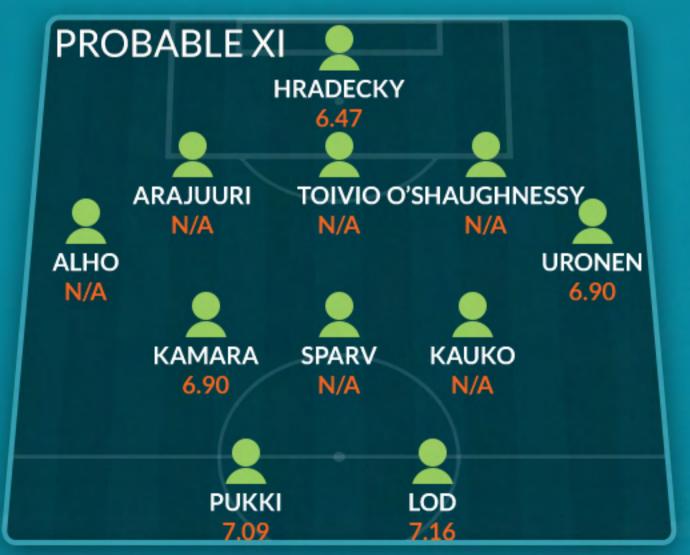
**TOURNAMENTS: 4** 

BEST FINISH: **SEMI-FINALS** 

**EURO 2016: GROUP STAGES** 

Most may think that Finland will be the whipping boys of Group B but in truth they take very few whippings, and not by parking the bus either. Indeed, they've scored in each of their last ten internationals and recognise that their greatest asset is the finishing of Teemu Pukki. The Norwich striker has scored a superb 20 goals in 25 international starts since 2018, which is a remarkable record given Finland were underdogs in most of said matches. Rangers' Glen Kamara is a solid presence in midfield elsewhere but it's the team ethic that has got them this far. Escaping the group, perhaps in third, at 5/2 isn't unthinkable.

**HOPES & PLAYERS** The squad hasn't really come on much since hosting the World Cup in 2018, with the likes of Mario Fernandes, Roman Zobnin and Aleksandar Golovin still important players. The latter returned from a serious injury in strong form for Monaco this season and is the biggest talent in the squad but target man Artem Dzyuba is still Russia's greatest weapon. The Zenit striker has fired his club to back-to-back titles, notching 20 goals this season, and his physicality is a nightmare for opposition defenders. That said, the defence so often lets the attack down so an *exit at the group stage (7/4)* is a real possibility.













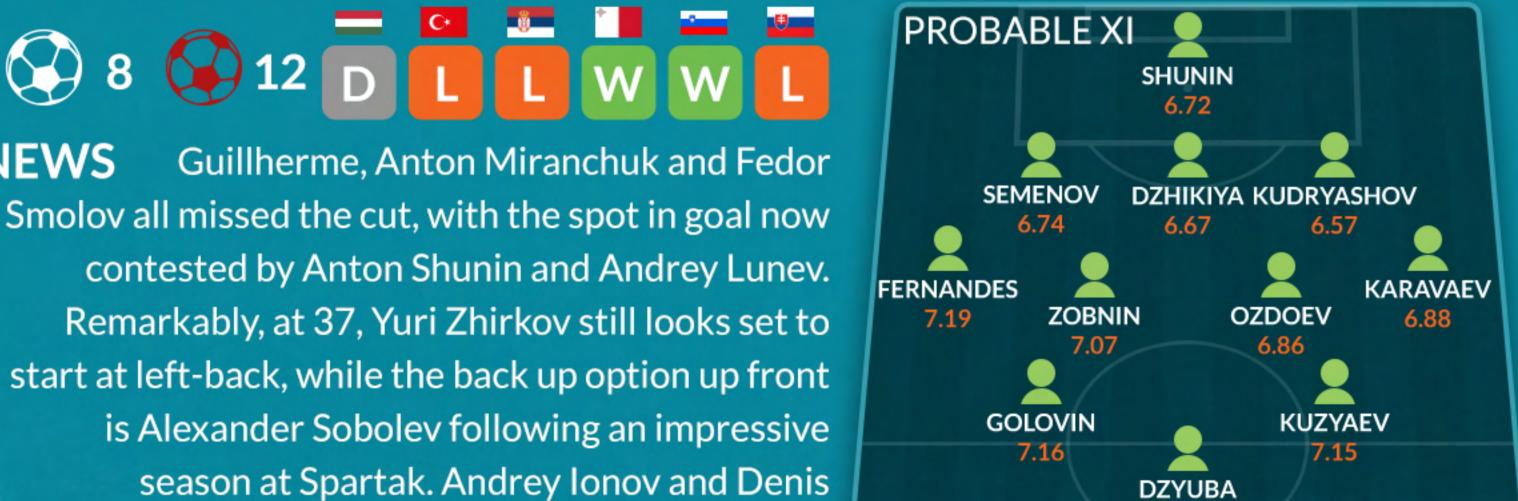




Cheryshev are options out wide.







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**TEAM NEWS** Finland have a strong back up keeper in Jesse Jeronen but elsewhere the defence relies on being greater than the sum of its modest parts. 34-year-old captain Tim Sparv may struggle to start every game so Rasmus Schuller and Robert Taylor will hope to see game time, while Joel Pohjanpalo and Marcus Forss are both decent attacking alternatives to Robin Lod.

**REMAINING SQUAD** 

**GK:** Joronen, Jaakola **DEF:** L. Vaisanen, S. Vaisanen, Ivanov, Raitala MID: Soiri, Schuller, Lam, Jensen, Taylor, Valakari FW: Pohjanpalo, Lappalainen, Forss GK: Dyupin, Safonov DEF: Diveev, Zhirkov MID: Miranchuk, Barinov, Zhemaletdinov, Mukhin, Fomin, Ionov, Mostovoy, Makarov, Cheryshev FW: Zabalotny, Sobolev bet365

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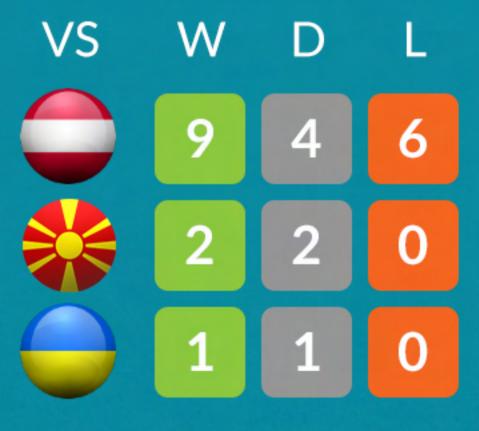


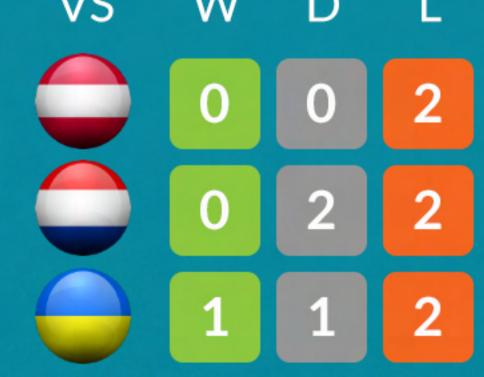














# AUSTRIA

COACH: FRANCO FODA bet365 ODDS AS OF 01.06.21 CHAMPIONS: 80/1

GROUP WINNER: **11/2** 

#### **FIXTURES**

# NETHERLANDS

**N. MACEDONIA** 13.06 **UKRAINE** 13.06 **NETHERLANDS** 17.06 **AUSTRIA** 17.06 21.06 **N. MACEDONIA** UKRAINE 21.06

COACH: FRANK DE BOER bet365 ODDS AS OF 01.06.21 CHAMPIONS: 12/1

GROUP WINNER: 2/5



While Austria booked their place at the finals ahead of time, defeat to Latvia in their final group game raised some cause for concern having also lost in Israel early in their campaign. Their form since has followed a similar pattern with just one defeat in ten matches prior to a 4-0 thumping at the hands of Denmark in their last competitive outing.

QUALIFICATION After a successful qualifying campaign in which they vied for top spot with fierce rivals Germany under Ronald Koeman, Frank de Boer's reign thus far has been unconvincing. Draws with Italy and Spain are not to be sniffed at but a heavy defeat to Turkey earlier in the year saw pressure mount and from a favourable group Oranje fans will expect much more.

## **EUROS RECORD**

TOURNAMENTS: 2

BEST FINISH: GROUP STAGES

EURO 2016: **GROUP STAGES** 



**TOP RATED** 

CHRISTOPHER TRIMMEL: 7.04 1 STEVEN BERGHUIS: 7.66

MARTIN HINTEREGGER: 7.01 (3) TEUN KOOPMEINERS: 7.39

SASA KALAJDZIC: 7.02 2 MEMPHIS DEPAY: 7.56



**EUROS RECORD** 

**TOURNAMENTS: 9** 

BEST FINISH: WINNER (1)

EURO 2016: **N/A** 

The squad almost all play at a high level in the Bundesliga and as such it's certainly HOPES & PLAYERS a competitive group Foda has to choose from. David Alaba is the star but with a lack of quality out wide he hasn't operated from a central position, with strong options in the middle of the park. Konrad Laimer is arguably the pick but has had a torrid time with injuries so is likely to play in rotation. The emerging talents are Christoph Baumgartner and Sasa Kalajdzic, with the latter a breakout star in Germany, offering the team a real aerial threat from the front. Their squad depth should see Austria through to the round of 16 at least (2/5).

It's not the strongest of Dutch squads by a long stretch but the spine of the side is solid and in Memphis Depay they do possess star quality. Matthijs de Ligt and Frenkie de Jong have the chance to silence some of their doubters since making big money moves and will play important roles. Georginio Wijnaldum will captain the side and is a different animal for the national team, carrying a real goal threat, looking to put a subdued domestic season behind him. However, the odds on what is a relatively modest squad to win this group are incredibly low, while the Oranje to finish second to Ukraine is very tempting at 8/1.

































Alexander Schlager has leapfrogged Pavao **TEAM NEWS** Pervan to the number one spot, while Alaba will likely start from left midfield. Captain Julian Baumgartlinger has been named in the squad despite suffering a cruciate ligament injury in January, so a lack of fitness for he and Laimer, should hand Florian Grillitsch and Stefan Ilsanker REMAINING SQUAD de Jong is still expected to get the nod. the chance to start the tournament.

GK: Bachmann, Pervan DEF: Friedl, Lienhart, Posch, Trimmel MID: Ilsanker, Baumgartlinger, Lazaro, Schaub, X. Schalger, Schopf FW: Arnautovic, Gregoritsch, Onisiwo

GK: Bizot, Stekelenburg DEF: Van Aanholt, Ake, Timber, Veltman, Wijndal MID: Van de Beek, Gravenberch, Koopmeiners, De Roon FW: Gakpo, Malen, Promes, Weghorst

# N. MACEDONIA

#### **FIXTURES**

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UKRAINE

COACH: ANDRIY SHEVCHENKO

CHAMPIONS: 50/1 GROUP WINNER: 9/2

PROBABLE XI

G. BUSHCHAN

STEPANENKO SYDORCHUK

**YAREMCHUK** 

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bet365 ODDS AS OF 01.06.21 CHAMPIONS: **500/1** GROUP WINNER: 20/1

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17.06 **N. MACEDONIA** (9) **AUSTRIA** 😌 21.06

13.06 **NETHERLANDS** 

As if qualifying for their first ever tournament as an independent nation wasn't enough, a historic victory over Germany earlier in the year has blown further wind into North Macedonia's sails. They made it this far initially due to their superior head-to-head record over Slovenia and then courtesy of play-off victories against Kosovo and Georgia.

QUALIFICATION Topping a group involving reigning champions Portugal and Serbia without losing, Ukraine's impressive campaign has been dampened by their form since. They enter the tournament on the longest winless run in competitive internationals, though have recovered from heavy defeats to Spain and France with with a win and a draw against the same sides.

# **EUROS RECORD**

TOURNAMENTS: 0

BEST FINISH: N/A EURO 2016: **N/A** 

## **TOP RATED**

DANIEL AVRAMOVSKI: 6.91 (1) ROMAN YAREMCHUK: 7.26

EZGJAN ALIOSKI: 6.62 (2) RUSLAN MALINOVSKIY: 7.16

ENIS BARDHI: 6.56 3 YEVHENII MAKARENKO: 7.03

**EUROS RECORD TOURNAMENTS: 2** 

ZINCHENKO

BEST FINISH: GROUP STAGES EURO 2016: **GROUP STAGES** 

**HOPES & PLAYERS** While the most recognisable name in the squad is that of veteran striker Goran Pandev, with the 37-year-old a Champions League winner with Inter in 2010, their strength is arguably in midfield. The tireless Arijan Ademi captained Dinamo Zagreb to the Europa League quarter-finals, while Enis Bardhi is a La Liga regular with Levante who can pack a punch from distance. Ezgjan Alioski has also now played at the top level with Leeds, but there's no escaping North Macedonia have the weakest squad at the tournament. Indeed, odds of 11/2on Angelovski's team to be the lowest scoring at the tournament appeal.

GK: Siskovski, Jankov DEF: Bejtulai, Zajkov MID: Spirovski, Nikolov, Kostadinov

If Ukraine have lacked anything since their iconic star striker turned manager hung up his boots it has been a real goal threat but they approach this tournament with two players that have enjoyed fine seasons. Striker Roman Yaremchuk netted 17 league goals for Gent and has scored in six of his last 11 internationals, while Atalanta's Ruslan Malinovskiy has been a late bloomer but offers versatility and no little quality in the final third. With a good balance to a previously ageing squad, Ukraine could be a dark horse this summer and at 9/2 look a tempting price to top what should be a competitive group.

PROBABLE XI **DIMITRIEVSKI ALIOSKI** S. RISTOVSKI **ADEMI ELMAS BARDHI PANDEV TRAJKOWSKI** 6.43















Ukraine have finally ditched error-prone Andriy Pyatov in goal, with Georgiy Bushchan now first choice. Hot prospect Ilya Zabarnyi has claimed **KARAVAEV** a spot at the back, while Vitaliy Mykolenko could shift left to allow Zinchenko to move centrally, with Serhiy Kryvstov starting at the back. Having gained citizenship, Junior Moraes failed to impress up front and was left out.

A cruciate ligament injury has ruled out striker Ilija Nestorovski. Boban Nikolov is another contender to start in midfield and will certainly feature at some stage, potentially even on the right of a back five, while Daniel Avramovski could also come in. The talented Eljif Elmas could move wide to accommodate a more defensive midfield and a potential back four.

**REMAINING SQUAD** 

Hasani, Avramovski, Curlinov, Radeski FW: Trickovski, Stojanovski, K. Velkovski, M. Ristovski

GK: Pyatov, Trubin DEF: Sobol, Kryvtsov, Popov, Tymchyk MID: Marlos, Makarenko, Tsygankov, Yarmolenko, Zubkov, Sudakov FW: Besedin, Dovbyk, Bezus 27

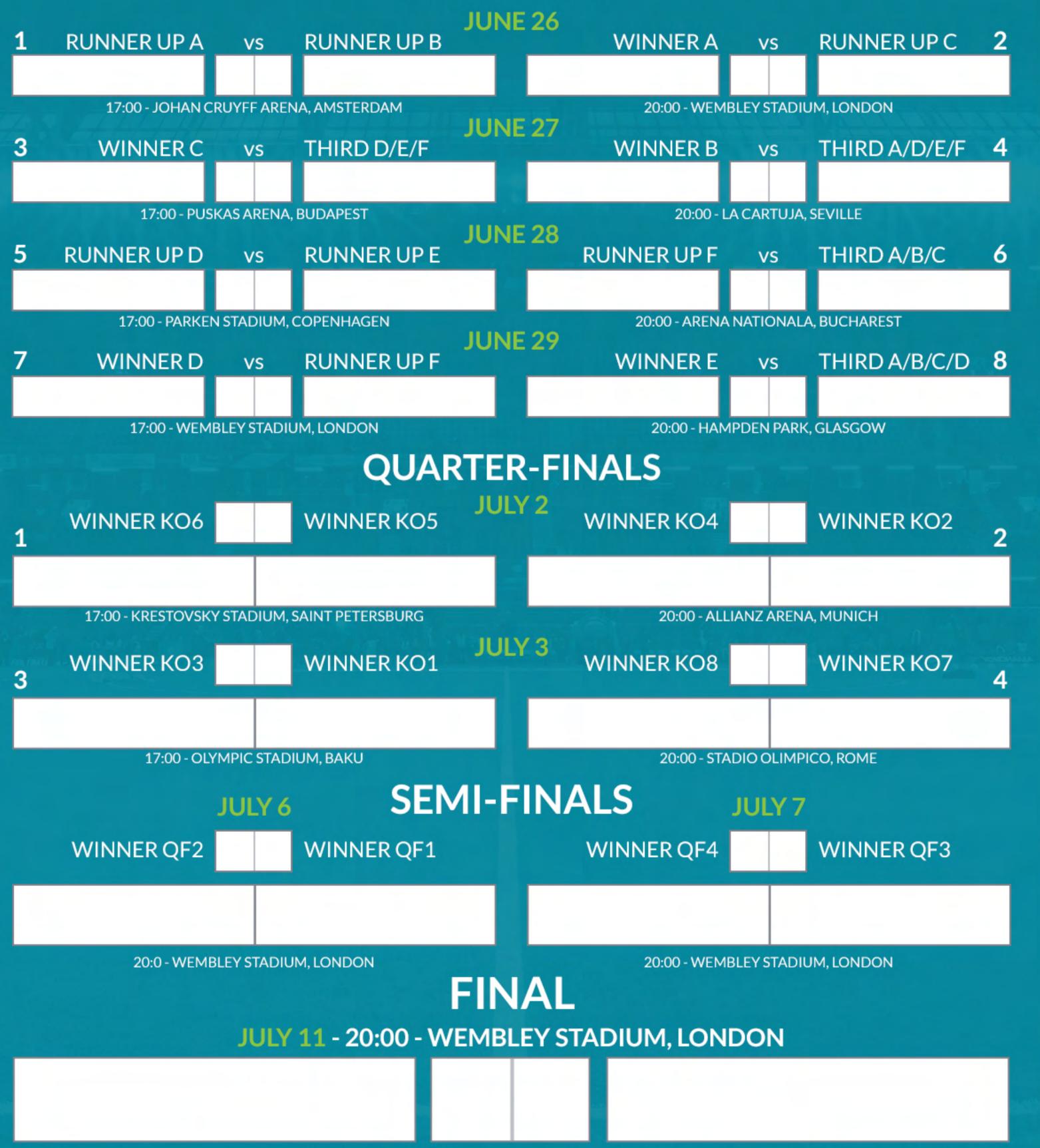
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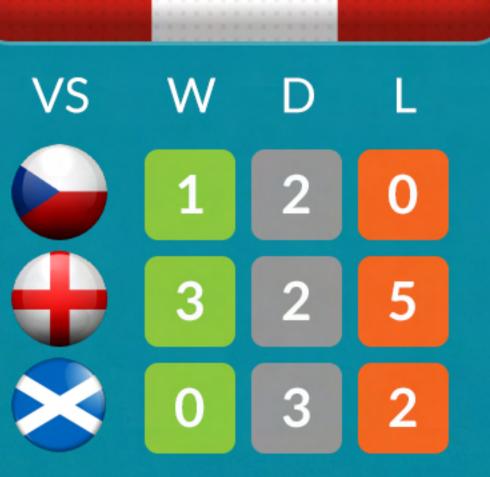
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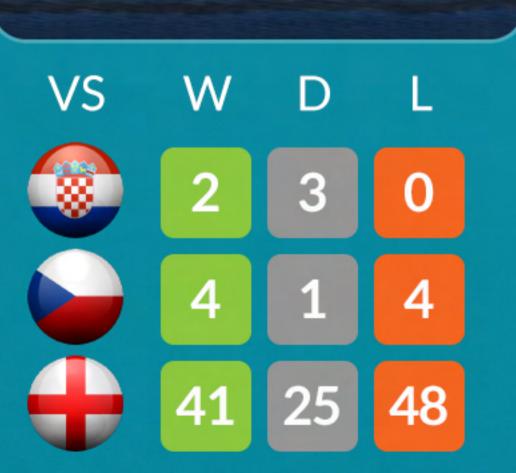












# CROATIA

COACH: **ZLTAKO DALIC** bet365 ODDS AS OF 01.06.21 CHAMPIONS: 33/1 GROUP WINNER: 3/1

## **FIXTURES**

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COACH: JAROSLAV SILHAVY bet365 ODDS AS OF 01.06.21

> CHAMPIONS: 150/1 GROUP WINNER: 12/1



Zlatko Dalic managed to negotiate a potentially tricky group with a little room to spare ahead of the likes of Wales, Slovakia and Hungary but just one win from four on their travels is a concern ahead of their trip to the UK. Indeed, they haven't won a competitive game

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QUALIFICATION The Czechs progressed despite losing three of eight qualifiers with a home win over England proving to be the difference in beating Kosovo to second spot. They've been tough to beat since, securing a well-earned draw with Belgium in March, but have lost to home nations Wales and Scotland this season, aiming for revenge over the latter in their tournament opener.

## **EUROS RECORD**

TOURNAMENTS: 5

BEST FINISH: QUARTERS

EURO 2016: **ROUND OF 16** 



outside of Croatia in six attempts heading into their tournament opener with hosts England.

#### **TOP RATED**

BORNA BARISIC: 7.35 1 TOMAS SOUCEK: 7.36

NIKOLA VLASIC: 7.32 (2) ALEX KRAL: 6.97

ANDREJ KRAMARIC: 7.23 3 TOMAS KALAS: 6.96

**EUROS RECORD** 

TOURNAMENTS: 6

**BEST FINISH: RUNNER-UP** 

**EURO 2016: GROUP STAGES** 

With the likes of Subasic, Rakitic and Mandzukic now out of the picture, the spine HOPES & PLAYERS of the side has undergone some changes, with Duje Caleta-Car adding some fresh legs to the back four to boot. Former Everton man Nikola Vlasic has been a revelation since moving to Russia and is now a key player for the national team, while Andrej Kramaric has enjoyed his best goalscoring season to date and should lead the line. There is strong competition in a number of positions but Croatia have underperformed since reaching the World Cup final and a last 16 exit seems most likely, priced up at 6/4.

Silhavy will approach the tournament with a good idea of his strongest XI and a real midfield talisman in Tomas Soucek. Both he and Vladimir Coufal enjoyed fantastic seasons with West Ham, while Patrik Schick is a strong focal point to the attack. Alex Kral is one to watch in midfield and impossible to miss with his David Luiz-style mop but a lack of depth up front could be the Czechs' shortfall. In another group they may have had a strong chance of progressing but that meeting with Scotland will be decisive. Having lost twice to Clarke's side already, a group stage exit is priced at 10/11.

LAST 6 COMPETITIVE RESULTS













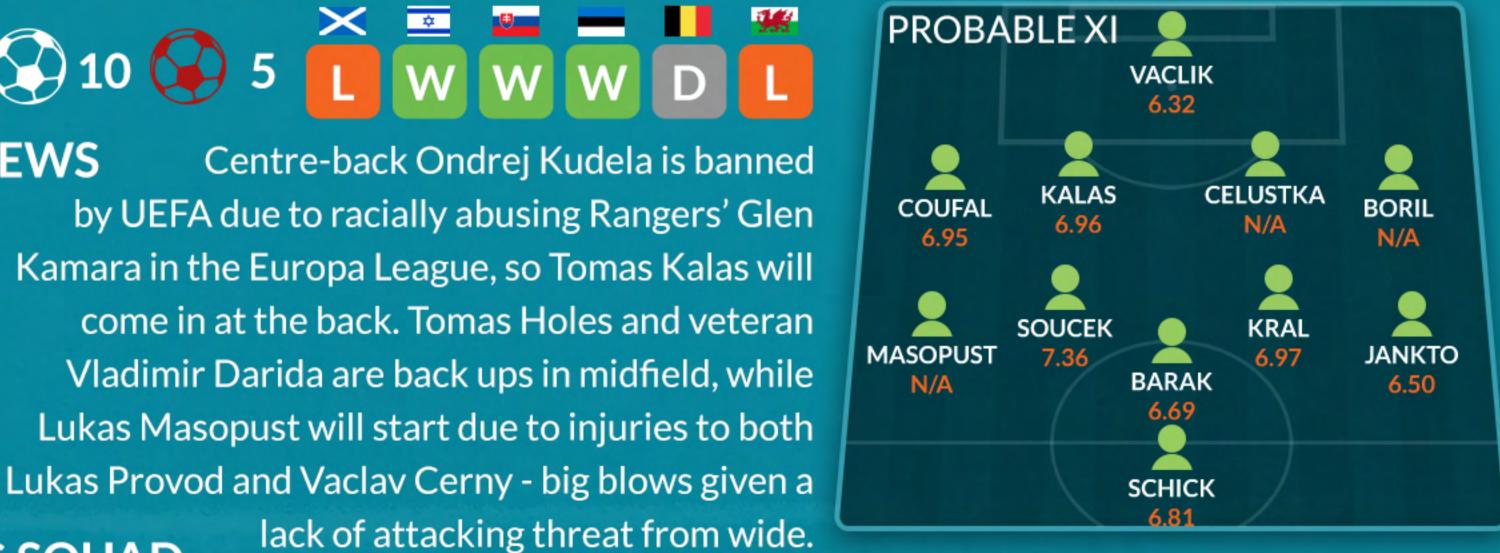












**TEAM NEWS** Dejan Lovren will fight for a place at the back, while Marcelo Brozovic and Mateo Kovacic are in direct competition to partner Luka Modric. Atalanta's Mario Pasalic is a more attack minded midfield option and Josip Brekalo is an exciting prospect and likely long term replacement to the ageing Ivan Perisic, while Ante Budimir offers a more direct threat up front.

**REMAINING SQUAD** 

**GK:** Kalinic, Sluga **DEF:** Lovren, Juranovic, Gvardiol, Bradaric, Skoric MID: Brozovic, Badelj, Pasalic, Brekalo, Orsic, Ivanusec FW: Petkovic, Budimir

**GK:** Pavlenka, Mandous **DEF:** Kaderabek, Zima, Mateju, Brabec MID: Darida, Holes, Sevcik, Hlozek, Pesek, Sadilek FW: Krmencik, Vydra, Pekhart

COACH: GARETH SOUTHGATE

bet365 ODDS AS OF 01.06.21

CHAMPIONS: **5/1**GROUP WINNER: **2/5** 

#### **FIXTURES**

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SCOTLAND

bet365 ODDS AS OF 01.06.21
CHAMPIONS: 250/1
QUALIFY FROM GROUP: 16/1



After a mid-qualifying wobble that saw them concede three at home to Kosovo QUALI before losing in Prague, England topped their group convincingly, averaging the most goals per game on route to the finals. The fact that they shipped six to modest opposition was a concern Southgate has attempted to address since but perhaps to the detriment of their goal threat.

QUALIFICATION

Having taken the reins following an embarrassing 3-0 defeat in Kazakhstan and meagre 2-0 win over San Marino, Steve Clarke managed to secure Scotland's first ticket to a major tournament since 1998. Having lost home and away to Belgium and Russia, his side scraped through to the finals courtesy of play-off penalty shootout wins over Israel and Serbia.

# EUROS RECORD

TOURNAMENTS: 9

BEST FINISH: **SEMI-FINALS** 

EURO 2016: **ROUND OF 16** 



England are always among the pre-tournament favourites but this time there is

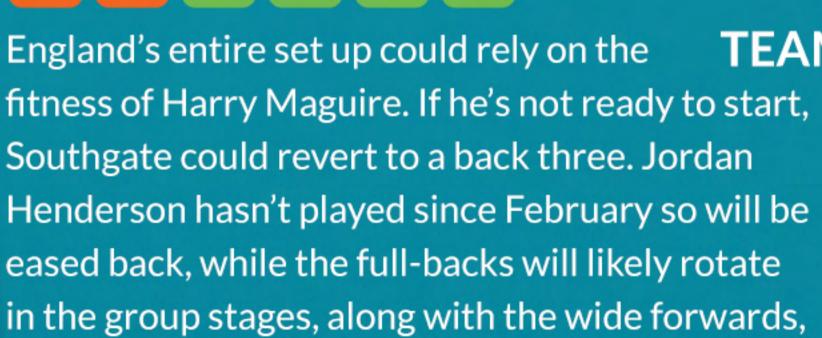
far more justification. There is no question that Southgate has some of the top young players at the tournament at his disposal, and in Harry Kane arguably the most complete centre forward. Fitness concerns to some key players have been untimely but ultimately if England don't at least match their semi-final appearance at the World Cup it will be a disappointment. Their experience from 2018 should stand the squad in good stead and it's stronger now, so odds of 5/1 on England to be the highest scoring team are appealing.

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The apparent underdogs in Group D, Scotland will benefit from home advantage against both Croatia and Czech Republic and don't need any help in getting fired up for a meeting with England. Their squad is lined with Premier League players and Celtic Invincibles so shouldn't be underestimated, even if they have struggled to find a system that allows for their star men to shine. Clarke has certainly made progress in that regard, and has one of the best left-backs at the tournament in Andy Robertson, as well as a very solid and hard working midfield, so group qualification (11/10) isn't out of the question.

# LAST 6 COMPETITIVE RESULTS





Henderson hasn't played since February so will be eased back, while the full-backs will likely rotate in the group stages, along with the wide forwards, with Rashford, Grealish and Sancho representing decision to frightening talent in reserve.

REMAINING SQUAD

TEAM NEWS Midfielders Kenny McLean and Ryan Jack miss out through injury but Clarke is well equipped in that area, to the extent that Scott McTominay is often utilised at centre-back. David Turnbull is a creative option, while James Forrest is back to compete for a place on the right. Che Adams' decision to represent Scotland was a timely boost to a squad lacking quality up front.



**GK:** Henderson, Johnstone **DEF:** Alexander-Arnold, Chilwell, Coady, James, Mings, Trippier **MID:** Bellingham, Henderson **FW:** Calvert-Lewin, Grealish, Rashford, Saka, Sancho

**GK:** Gordon, McLaughlin **DEF:** Cooper, Hendry, Gallagher, McKenna, O'Donnell Patterson, Taylor **MID:** Armstrong, Fleck, Gilmour, Turnbull, Forrest **FW:** Nisbet

# TOURNAMENT DARK HORSES



Turkey have generally always had a crop of very talented players but they have often been the masters of their own downfall. However, that looks to have changed in the last two years with the current squad of players making steps in the right direction under iconic manager Senol Gunes.

Turkey have only lost three times in his 24 matches in charge and have proved they can go toe-to-toe with Europe's elite nations.

They were unbeaten against world champions France in qualification, even beating them, and have since drawn with Germany and defeated the Netherlands.

Moreover, the side will be led by veteran striker Burak Yilmaz, who just inspired Lille to their first league title in a decade with 21 goal involvements in 28 games.

Denmark have quietly put together a couple of solid years and should head into Euro 2020 with real optimism. The general calibre of opposition Denmark have faced in that time leaves a lot to be desired but they have only lost to Belgium across their last 26 matches and have defeated England.

Strength-in-depth has been an issue in the past but the fact their second-string XI put eight past Moldova earlier this year suggests they even have a new crop of talent on the way. Coach Kasper Hjulmand will begrudge the fact Belgium are in their Euro group but they should still have no problem overcoming Finland and Russia.

The Danes may lack a prolific goalscorer to repeat the heroics of 1992 but they certainly have the players to pull off a few surprises.



Things tend to click or go horribly wrong for Ukraine and the same is likely to be the case this summer, having generally struggled to find a middle-ground in the last 12 months. They have only won once this season but that was a 1-0 win over Spain and that ability to spring an upset may set them apart.

They also beat holders Portugal before the pandemic but, equally, they have suffered heavy defeats to France and Germany. It's hard to know what you are going to get from Ukraine but with the players they have, if things go right they could cause a real shock.

Ruslan Malinovskiy is certainly the one to watch for in the squad after his dazzling end to the season with Atalanta. The 28-year-old played a direct hand in 15 goals in his last 11 games of the campaign!

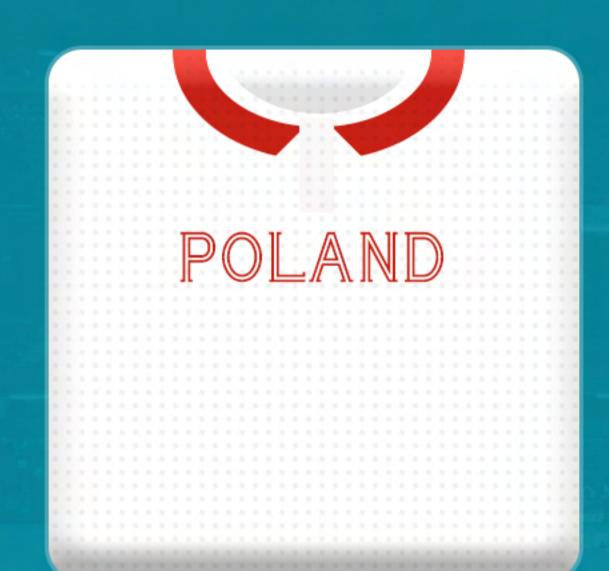
For a country as successful as Italy, it's remarkable they have only won one European Championship and that was way back in 1968. They haven't even been back to the final since then and after a lot of turmoil in recent years they finally seem to have found stability with Roberto Mancini.

The Azzurri qualified for Euro 2020 with a perfect record, picking up 10 wins from 10 with the best defensive record (4 goals conceded). Since then they have qualified for the UEFA Nations League finals later this year and are yet to concede in qualification for the 2022 World Cup.

Italy arguably took one of their worst ever squads to the 2016 World Cup but in the space of five years now have top class players all over the pitch.

# GROUP E

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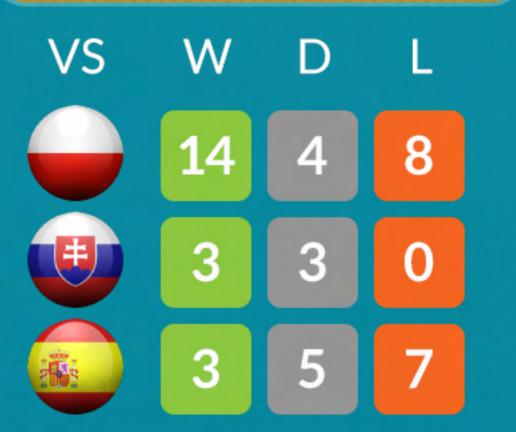












COACH: PAULO SOUSA bet365 ODDS AS OF 01.06.21

CHAMPIONS: 80/1 GROUP WINNER: **11/2** 

#### **FIXTURES**

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SLOVAKIA

COACH: STEFAN TARKOVIC bet365 ODDS AS OF 01.06.21

> CHAMPIONS: 250/1 GROUP WINNER: 14/1



Having given their competitors a glimmer of hope midway through their qualifying campaign, Poland ended it how they had begun with four straight wins to top a modest group. Despite being able to call upon arguably the strongest finisher in the world, their defence played the key role in securing safe passage to the finals, with seven clean sheets in ten games.

QUALIFICATION In the tightest of groups, Slovakia booked a play-off place despite picking up just one point from 12 against automatic qualifiers Croatia and Wales. They crushed Irish hearts north and south of the border, eliminating the Republic of Ireland on penalties and Northern Ireland after extra time and have earned solid home wins over Scotland and Russia since.

#### **EUROS RECORD**

**TOURNAMENTS: 3** 

BEST FINISH: QUARTERS

PROBABLE XI

**KRYCHOWIAK** 

**LEWANDOWSKI** 

6.50

EURO 2016: **QUARTERS** 



**TOP RATED** 

ROBERT LEWANDOWSKI: 8.07 1 JURAJ KUCKA: 6.97

MICHAL HELIK: 7.25 (2) MILAN SKRINIAR: 6.90

GRZEGORZ KRYCHOWIAK: 7.18 3 ONDREJ DUDA: 6.88

**EUROS RECORD** TOURNAMENTS: 1 BEST FINISH: ROUND OF 16

EURO 2016: **ROUND OF 16** 

In the least insightful take ever, Poland's hopes of progressing to the knockout stages rely on star man Robert Lewandowski. The most clinical finisher in world football ended the Bundesliga campaign with a record-breaking 41 goals and boasts an excellent record for Poland over recent years too. Piotr Zielinski has kicked on to fulfil his potential this season at Napoli, while Arkadiusz Milik enters the tournament off the back of a productive loan spell at Marseille. From a favourable group, Poland should progress but may struggle beyond that, with <u>6/5 on a round of 16 exit</u> representing decent value.

**HOPES & PLAYERS** At 33, Slovakia can no longer pin their hopes on Marek Hamsik to be a real game changer and in truth nobody has really stepped up to take the mantle. Milan Skriniar is the most valuable player in the squad by a distance but is the jewel in an otherwise modest defence. Martin Dubravka is a strong keeper and Juraj Kucka is still a solid and reliable performer at 34 but legs in midfield and the overall age of the squad could be an issue, not to mention a lack of any real goal threat. 4/6 on Slovakia to foot the group isn't a big price but carries value for a side that has drawn with Cyprus and Malta this year. LAST 6 COMPETITIVE RESULTS

# **SZCZESNY BEDNAREK RYBUS** 7.03

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Matus Bero, Stanislav Lobotka and Laszlo

Benes offer more youthful alternatives to a

veteran midfield, while Jan Gregus is another

option. Denis Vavro will compete for a place at the

back alongside Lubomir Satka, while Ondrej Duda

could be considered as an option up front having

played there for Koln. Otherwise youngster

Robert Bozenik may get the nod.





PROBABLE XI **DUBRAVKA SKRINIAR SATKA PEKARIK HUBOCAN** 6.59 **HROSOVSKY** DUDA **KUCKA HAMSIK** MAK 6.88 **BOZENIK** 

6.29

Wojciech Szczesny has established himself **TEAM NEWS** as first choice ahead of Lukasz Fabianski in Sousa's short reign, with the new coach yet to settle on a formation. He has played two up front to now, and with Krzysztof Piatek injured, Milik is safe to start. The issue is a lack of quality out wide. Derby's Kamil Jozwiak is a regular, but the absence of clubmate Krystian Bielik is a blow.

**REMAINING SQUAD** 

GK: Fabianski, Skorupski DEF: Dawidowicz, Helik, Kedziora, Piatkowski, Puchacz MID: Frankowski, Klich, Kozlowski, Linetty, Placheta FW: Kownacki, Swiderski, Swierczok

GK: Rodak, Kuciak DEF: Vavro, Hancko, Koscielnik, Valjent MID: Lobotka, Weiss, Benes, Haraslin, Hromoda Suslov, Gregus FW: Duris, Schranz

# SPAIN

COACH: LUIS ENRIQUE

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CHAMPIONS: 15/2 GROUP WINNER: 1/3

#### **FIXTURES**

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SWEDEN

COACH: JANNE ANDERSSON

bet365 ODDS AS OF 01.06.21 **CHAMPIONS: 100/1** 

GROUP WINNER: 6/1



Unbeaten in ten qualifiers, Spain boasted an excellent home record, scoring 21 goals, but were less convincing on their travels, drawing in Sweden and Norway and only managing narrow wins over Romania and Malta. The fact all three of their group games will be played in Seville is a boost having gone on to win just one of six away games since qualifying.

QUALIFICATION Pipping an improving young Norway side to second spot behind Spain in qualifying, Sweden matched expectations, picking up maximum points against the three bottom sides to ensure two draws with their neighbours were enough. Having exited the Euros at the group stage in the last three tournaments, Sweden will be aiming to go at least one better this time.

#### **EUROS RECORD**

TOURNAMENTS: 9

BEST FINISH: WINNER (3)

EURO 2016: **ROUND OF 16** 



### **TOP RATED**

GERARD MORENO: 7.62 1 JORDAN LARSSON: 7.30

MARCOS LLORENTE: 7.26 (2) FILIP HELANDER: 7.10

MIKEL MERINO: 7.24 (3) ALEXANDER ISAK: 7.03



Spain undoubtedly have one of the most competitive squads at the tournament, with little to choose between a number of players in most positions. After an outstanding season with Atletico, Marcos Llorente now looks likely to be the first name on the teamsheet, though most likely at right-back, despite a vastly improved threat in the final third. Gerard Moreno also enjoyed an excellent campaign for Villarreal, scoring 23 La Liga goals. Unai Simon has leapfrogged David de Gea to become number one, but an unfamiliar backline could cost them a place in the final, so a *semi-final exit could be on the cards (9/2)*.

HOPES & PLAYERS As has been the case since Zlatan Ibrahimovic left the international stage, Sweden don't really possess a star name but there are finally some exciting attacking prospects to offer hope moving forward. That said, Andersson still relies heavily on a number of old heads in the squad, while the likes of Victor Lindelof and Emil Forsberg have never really fulfilled their potential. One would hope the coach would look to the future, particularly with a World Cup on the horizon, but Sweden rarely break from the norm and are unlikely to make waves this summer. At 13/8, group stage elimination is a real possibility again.















regulars, but injury has ruled Ibrahimovic out of a

comeback. That was a big blow, but should allow a

Dejan Kuluseveski and Jordan Larsson - son of

Pontus Jansson will compete with Filip

Henrik - in support of Alexander Isak.







The big shock is obviously the omission of **TEAM NEWS** Sergio Ramos, who was expected to be back, while clubmate Dani Carvajal has also been overlooked due to a lack of fitness. The likes of Mikel Merino, Saul Niguez and Rodrigo Moreno were also left out. Cesar Azpilicueta is the back up at right-back, while Aymeric Laporte has switched his allegiance from France to earn a first call up.

**REMAINING SQUAD** 

**GK:** De Gea, Sanchez **DEF:** Azpilicueta, Garcia, Gaya, D. Llorente MID: Busquets, Pedri, Ruiz FW: Oyarzabal, Morata, Traore, Sarabia

GK: Johnsson, Olsen DEF: Krafth, Danielson, M. Olsson, Jansson, Granqvist MID: Sema, Ekdal, Cajuste, Svanberg, Svensson, Kulusevski FW: Quaison, J. Larsson

# GOLDEN BOOT CANDIDATES



With the attacking talent at Belgium's disposal once again this summer, how can you not consider Romelu Lukaku a favourite for the top scorer award at Euro 2020. With 59 goals in 91 caps, his international record is a formidable one.

The 28-year-old has remarkably scored in 13 of his last 15 appearances for the Belgian Red Devils and he heads into this summer's tournament off the back of helping Inter win Serie A for the first time in a decade.

Lukaku scored 30 goals in all competitions for Inter in 2020/21, managing the feat for the second season running in Italy. In a group with Finland and Russia, he will be confident of getting off to a flyer at Euro 2020, and racking up goals in the group stage is crucial in the race for the Golden Boot.

Harry Kane is looking to become only the second player ever to win the Golden Boot award at a World Cup and Euros outright after Germany's Gerd Muller. The Spurs striker finished the 2018 World Cup as top scorer and certainly has form heading into this summer after claiming the Golden Boot award in the Premier League.

In just 10 appearances at major tournaments, Kane only needs one more goal to equal Wayne Rooney's record of seven goals in 21 games. Gareth Southgate has an abundance of attacking talent to support his England captain and if he doesn't find the back of the net regularly then something has gone seriously wrong for the Three Lions.

It's certainly not an easy group but one that England will be expected to win having ended the qualifying campaign as top scorers.



Handed a shock recall by Didier Deschamps after six years, it's hard not to get carried away by the prospect of Karim Benzema lining up alongside Antoine Griezmann and Kylian Mbappe. Olivier Giroud has a fantastic record for France but Karim Benzema makes the World Cup holders even more dangerous this summer.

Though it must be said Benzema was exiled by France with a modest international record. He only has 27 goals in 81 caps for his country and France don't exactly play the exhilarating football you'd expect with the players at their disposal.

Nevertheless, Benzema is coming off the second best goalscoring season of his career after netting 23 times for a poor Real Madrid side in La Liga and will be eager to make up for lost time.

If you are looking for tremendous value in the market then Europa League winner Gerard Moreno is arguably your man. The 29-year old has been tipped to play a major role for Spain this summer having been a revelation for Villarreal, with his ability to play from the right or lead the line helping his cause.

La Roja are once again lacking a big name striker but that doesn't mean you should look beyond Moreno. He scored in Villarreal's triumph over Manchester United in the Europa League final to finish the campaign with 30 goals in all competitions.

In Europe's top 5 leagues alone Moreno scored at least 11 more goals than any other Spanish player in their squad for Euro 2020. Unlike Spain's other Euro rivals, they have a fairly favourable group alongside Slovakia, Poland and Sweden.

# GROUPF

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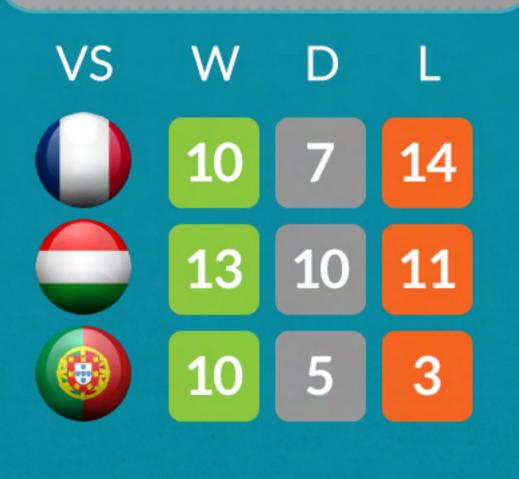




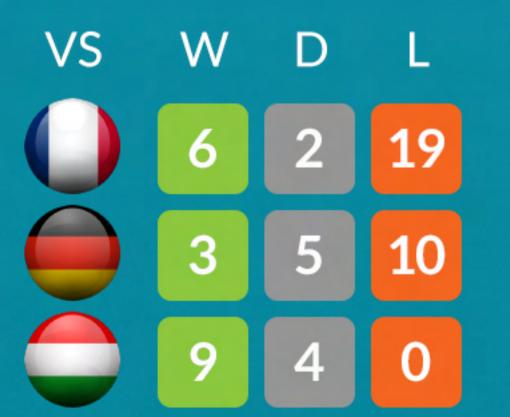














# FRANCE

COACH: DIDIER DESCHAMPS bet365 ODDS AS OF 01.06.21

CHAMPIONS: 9/2

GROUP WINNER: 11/8

### **FIXTURES**

FRANCE 💡	15.06	15.06	GERMANY
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GERMANY

COACH: JOACHIM LOW

bet365 ODDS AS OF 01.06.21 CHAMPIONS: 7/1

GROUP WINNER: 5/4



Despite topping their group, the fact that France managed just one point from six against their strongest opposition in Turkey didn't bode well. The fact that they aren't a host nation this time around won't be a blow given most of their struggles have come on home soil in recent times, making an underwhelming start to their World Cup qualifying campaign.

QUALIFICATION Appearing in some danger midway through their campaign, Germany eventually topped their group above rivals Netherlands, scoring an impressive 30 goals in eight qualifiers. There remained question marks defensively, however, and do to this date, suffering a humbling 6-0 defeat in Spain before an embarrassing 2-1 loss to North Macedonia in March.

## **EUROS RECORD** TOURNAMENTS: 9

BEST FINISH: WINNER (2) EURO 2016: RUNNER-UP



#### **TOP RATED**

KYLIAN MBAPPE: 7.68 1 JOSHUA KIMMICH: 7.57

KARIM BENZEMA: 7.57 (2) THOMAS MULLER: 7.51

ANTOINE GRIEZMANN: 7.17 (3) ILKAY GUNDOGAN: 7.29



**EUROS RECORD** 

**TOURNAMENTS: 13** 

BEST FINISH: WINNER (3)

EURO 2016: **SEMI-FINALS** 

Simply put, it's difficult to pick a fault in the France squad, which is much the same HOPES & PLAYERS as it was on route to the World Cup in 2018 but with one key difference. Karim Benzema is back and the likelihood of forming a front three alongside Antoine Griezmann and Kylian Mbappe is just frightening. The latter will look to establish himself as the best in the business and is the joint favourite to win the Player of the Tournament award, while the balance in midfield is impressive. If Paul Pogba and N'Golo Kante are on form this side will take some beating, so a

Germany have made a u-turn on their decision to cut ties with Thomas Muller and Mats Hummels and are much stronger for it. At 31 and 32 respectively they both have plenty to offer and have enjoyed impressive campaigns, not least Muller, who ended with the most assists (18) in Europe's top five leagues for the second year running. Their strength is undoubtedly in midfield but they look short at right-back and, after Timo Werner's struggles at Chelsea, they lack an in-form goalscorer. There's goals in the squad but not enough to make up for a porous defence and a *quarter-final exit looks a decent price (7/2)*.

# price of 13/5 to reach a third successive tournament final isn't unrealistic. LAST 6 COMPETITIVE RESULTS















only natural right-back in the squad though

will no doubt rotate in at some stage.

Matthias Ginter or Emre Can could cover. Low has

handed a chance to teenager Jamal Musiala, while

clubmates Werner and Kai Havertz compete for a

place up front. Both Leroy Sane and Leon Goretzka









Karim Benzema's return from exile has proven the tipping point as far as picking a favourite is concerned, in the best form of his career and a substantial upgrade on the likes of Olivier Giroud. His comeback has Alexandre Lacazette misses out and while there's strong talent in reserve, the France XI is one of the easiest to predict this summer.

**REMAINING SQUAD** 

**GK:** Mandanda, Maignan **DEF:** Digne, Dubois, Kounde, Lenglet, Zouma MID: Lemar, Sissoko, Tolisso FW: Ben Yedder, Coman, Dembele, Giroud, Thuram

**GK:** Leno, Trapp **DEF:** Ginter, Gunter, Halstenberg, Hummels, Koch MID: Can, Musiala, Goretzka, Hofmann, Sane, Neuhaus FW: Werner, Volland

# HUNGARY

COACH: MARCO ROSSI bet365 ODDS AS OF 01.06.21 CHAMPIONS: **400/1** GROUP WINNER: 40/1

#### **FIXTURES**

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FRANCE	19.06	19.06	GERMANY 💡
GERMANY	23.06	23.06	FRANCE 💡

PORTUGAL

COACH: FERNANDO SANTOS

bet365 ODDS AS OF 01.06.21 CHAMPIONS: 8/1

GROUP WINNER: 7/2



Qualifying for the finals despite finishing fourth in their group, Hungary can be considered fortunate but won't be feeling lucky following the draw! Rossi's side overcame Bulgaria and Iceland in the play-offs to progress and have impressed since. Matching their last 16 exit from 2016 will be a huge task but home status in front of a capacity crowd should help.

QUALIFICATION The holders from 2016 only managed second spot in their qualifying group having picked up just one point from six against group winners Ukraine and have been dealt a nightmare draw. Much like five years ago, the defence has been sound since booking their place but Santos' pragmatic approach continues to do a disservice to the talent at his disposal.

#### **EUROS RECORD**

TOURNAMENTS: 3

BEST FINISH: THIRD

EURO 2016: **ROUND OF 16** 



#### **TOP RATED**

WILLI ORBAN: 7.17 (1) CRISTIANO RONALDO: 7.61

ATILLA SZALAI: 6.92 (2) ANDRE SILVA: 7.51

ROLAND SALLAI: 6.70 3 BRUNO FERNANDES: 7.43



**EUROS RECORD** 

**TOURNAMENTS: 7** 

BEST FINISH: WINNER (1)

EURO 2016: WINNER

RB Leipzig duo Peter Gulacsi and Willi Orban help ensure that a Hungary side of very modest talents are no pushovers, with Attila Szalai another strong defender and impressive talent at 23. The star quality is usually provided by Dominik Szoboszlai, but the youngster hasn't played a single game since joining Gulacsi and Orban in Leipzig and misses out owing to an adductor injury, which is a huge blow. Without him, the side simply lack any spark. It's hard to make a case for anything over than a *fourth placed finish in the group (1/3)*, but don't rule out this side denting the hopes of one of their opponents.

**HOPES & PLAYERS** 

There is no question that the reigning champions have a far stronger squad than they did five years ago, but crucially their path to the final last time out was far easier. The big improvements to Cristiano Ronaldo's support cast are undoubtedly Ruben Dias and Bruno Fernandes; two of the top performers in the Premier League. Meanwhile, where they could only call on Eder to make an impact in 2016 – and boy did he – the attacking options from the bench are far stronger, so if they escape the group, things may ironically become a little easier.

Odds of 2/1 to reach the semis at the least seem reasonable.

# LAST 6 COMPETITIVE RESULTS



















37-year-old Jose Fonte may get the nod over

38-year-old Pepe at the back. Joao Moutinho is

unlikely to start every game, so Ruben Neves and

Sergio Oliveira are on standby. Pedro Goncalves

ended the Liga NOS campaign as top scorer (23

goals), while Andre Silva was second only to

Lewandowski in Germany (27).







In truth, Szoboszlai was never likely to be **TEAM NEWS** Having helped Lille secure the Ligue 1 title, despite being named in the provisional squad. With Zsolt Kalmar also out injured, Roland Sallai could drop into the number 10 role. In that case Nemanja Nikolics will come in up front. The wing-back positions are hotly contested, with Lovrencsics an option on the right and Kevin Varga competing on the left.

**REMAINING SQUAD** 

GK: Bogdan, Dibusz DEF: Bolla, Fiola, Kecskes, Lang, Lovrencsics MID: Cseri, Gazdag, Schafer, Siger FW: Hahn, Schon, K. Varga, R. Varga

**GK:** Lopes, R. Silva **DEF:** Semedo, Pepe, Mendes MID: Palhinha, Neves, Sanches, Oliveira, Carvalho, Goncalves FW: A. Silva, Guedes, Felix, Rafa



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WINNER: FRANCE TOP SCORER: LUKAKU DARK HORSE: **DENMARK** BEST PLAYER: MBAPPE



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WINNER: FRANCE

TOP SCORER: BENZEMA

DARK HORSE: **TURKEY** 

BEST PLAYER: BENZEMA

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WINNER: FRANCE

TOP SCORER: MBAPPE

DARK HORSE: **ITALY** 

BEST PLAYER: MBAPPE

WINNER: GERMANY TOP SCORER: GNABRY DARK HORSE: TURKEY BEST PLAYER: HAVERTZ



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