



2023 UEFA NATIONS LEAGUE FINALS PRESS KIT

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INTRODUCTION

Who is in the 2023 Nations League finals?

Croatia, Italy, Spain and the Netherlands will contest the 2022/23 UEFA Nations League finals after topping their League A groups. Spain (2021) and the Netherlands (2019) were runners-up in the first two editions while Italy finished third two years ago. For Croatia, the tournament in June will be their first finals appearance.

The draw to determine the semi-final pairings will take place at 11:00 CET on Wednesday 25 January in Nyon, Switzerland.

When is the 2023 Nations League finals?

The 2023 Nations League finals take place between 14 and 18 June. Semi-finals will be played on Wednesday 14 and Thursday 15 June, with the third-place play-off and final both on Sunday 18 June.

Where is the 2023 Nations League finals?

The Netherlands will host the 2023 Nations League finals, with matches in Rotterdam and Enschede.

HOW TO FOLLOW THE DRAW

The draw will be streamed live on **UEFA.com**, **UEFA.tv** and **the official UEFA Nations League app**.

UEFA.com is the official website of the UEFA Nations League. The fully responsive UEFA Nations League section – available in English, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish – will provide in-depth coverage of the competition, including live streaming and detailed editorial coverage of the draw.

The website has extensive reach, both for UEFA and its member associations, as do the official social media channels.

The UEFA Nations League will be covered via the established and popular UEFA EURO accounts:

Instagram: **euro2024**

TikTok: **euro2024**

Facebook: **@EURO2024**

Twitter: **@EURO2024**

Handout photos are available for media use and the following link will be populated on the day:

<https://library.uefa.com/s/ffGv8bUnHandout>

TROPHY

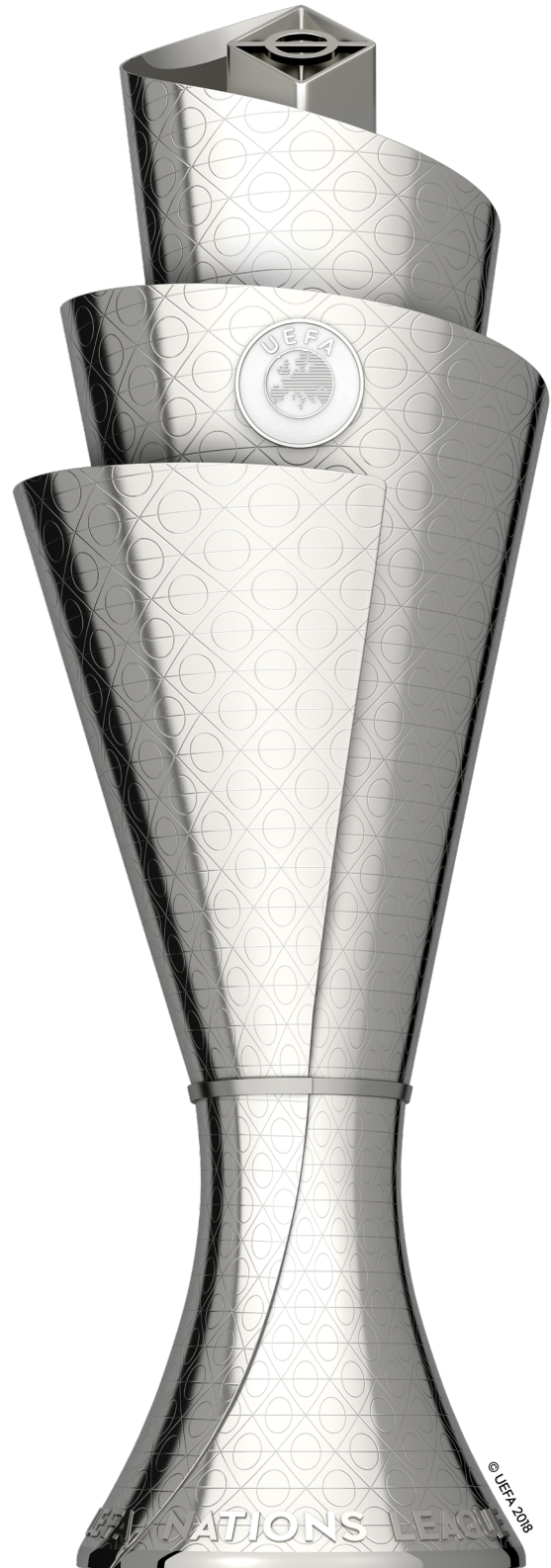
What does the winner get?

First and foremost, this fetching 71cm-tall sterling silver trophy.

The UEFA Nations League trophy was revealed on stage by UEFA president Aleksander Čeferin in January 2018 just prior to the inaugural league phase draw. It has been inspired by the UEFA Nations League logo, a first for a UEFA competition.

The flag that represents all 55 UEFA national associations competing within the promotion/relegation format is elegantly wrapped around a flag pole. The trophy is entirely made of sterling silver that on the inside carries the competition colours. The reflection of these colours on the silver surface is one of the characteristics that make this trophy unique.

“The first thing we wanted was for people to start thinking what this trophy represented – the pinnacle of a nation, the raising of a flag,” said Hélder Pombinho, creative director of the brand agency responsible for the trophy. “When we see this trophy being raised, that’s what we imagine, as if we were watching the flags of all the nations being raised, as the high point of winning this tournament.”



DRAW PROCEDURE

Pot 1

The two match pairings A and B are determined as follows:

- The team drawn first is the home team of match pairing A.
- The team drawn second is the away team of match pairing A.
- The third team drawn is the home team of match pairing B.
- Pot 1 is emptied and the draw finished with the fourth team drawn to be the away team of match pairing B.

If the second or fourth team drawn is the host team, the relevant semi-final pairing is switched around so that the host team is declared the home team.

The match pairing which includes the host team is considered to be semi-final 1, the other match pairing is semi-final 2.

The team from semi-final 1 will be considered the home team for the third-place match and final.

When are the Nations League finals matches?

Semi-final 1: 14 June (Rotterdam, 20:45 CET)

Semi-final 2: 15 June (Enschede, 20:45 CET)

Third-place match: 18 June (Enschede, 15:00 CET)

Final: 18 June (Rotterdam, 20:45 CET)

TEAMS

CROATIA



ITALY



NETHERLANDS



SPAIN



TEAM PROFILE: CROATIA



How they qualified

Not many gave Croatia much hope when they were thumped 3-0 at home by Austria in their opening Group A1 game. The outlook wasn't much improved by a 1-1 draw with France in Split, but Zlatko Dalić's charges then showed their mettle with two victories against Denmark sandwiching a fine 1-0 win in France. They then held their nerve in Austria to prevail 3-1 thanks to a pair of vital goals in the last 21 minutes. "In the end, the win was deserved," said captain Modrić. "I am very happy we are in the top four."

03/06/2022 Croatia 0-3 Austria
06/06/2022 Croatia 1-1 France
10/06/2022 Denmark 0-1 Croatia
13/06/2022 France 0-1 Croatia
22/09/2022 Croatia 2-1 Denmark
25/09/2022 Austria 1-3 Croatia

Tactics

Dalić is most comfortable using a 4-3-3 formation, occasionally switching to 4-2-3-1 – albeit with little difference between the two. The coach rotated a lot during the league phase, though he stuck with a midfield trio of Modrić, Mateo Kovačić and Marcelo Brozović, plus Ivan Perišić on the left. Elsewhere, Dalić experimented as he looked for solutions up front, on the right and in defence.

Key player

Even at 37, there is little doubt that everything still depends on the form of midfield maestro Modrić. Croatia's regal skipper still retains his magic and capacity to dictate matches, with his passes sprayed around with supreme intelligence and his feel for the game on a different level.

One to watch

Joško Gvardiol is one of the most sought-after defenders in the game following his outstanding displays at the FIFA World Cup. The Leipzig centre-back will be just 21 at these finals, but his reactions and maturity are already remarkable, especially when he is under pressure. The future of Croatia, he has emerged as a key pillar in Dalić's team.

Did you know?

With his opener against Austria on Matchday 6, Modrić became the only Croatia player to register more than one goal in their current Nations League campaign.

TEAM PROFILE: CROATIA



Coach:

Zlatko Dalić

2020/21 UEFA Nations League:

3rd Group A3

2018/19 UEFA Nations League:

3rd Group A4

Route to the 2022/23 UEFA Nations League Finals

Pos.	Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD +/-	Pts
1	Croatia	6	4	1	1	8	6	2	13
2	Denmark	6	4	0	2	9	5	4	12
3	France	6	1	2	3	5	7	-2	5
4	Austria	6	1	1	4	6	10	-4	4

How they qualified:

Group A1 winners

Biggest UEFA Nations League win:

1-3: Austria vs Croatia, 25/09/2022 (2022/23 UNL - Group A1)

Heaviest UEFA Nations League defeat:

6-0: Spain vs Croatia, 11/09/2018 (2018/19 UNL - Group A4)

UEFA Nations League overall record

Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD +/-
Croatia	16	6	2	8	21	32	-11

Most UEFA Nations League appearances	Most UEFA Nations League goals
14 - Mateo Kovačić, Luka Modrić, Nikola Vlašić	4 - Andrej Kramarić
13 - Andrej Kramarić	2 - Mateo Kovačić, Luka Modrić, Nikola Vlašić, Dejan Lovren, Tin Jedvaj
12 - Marcelo Brozović, Mario Pašalić, Ivan Perišić	1 - Six players

TEAM PROFILE: CROATIA



Last 10 UEFA EURO and FIFA World Cup final tournament appearances:

Year	Tournament	Finish
2022	World Cup	Third place
2020	European Championship	Round of 16
2018	World Cup	Runners-up
2016	European Championship	Round of 16
2014	World Cup	Group Stage
2012	European Championship	Group Stage
2008	European Championship	Quarter-finals
2006	World Cup	Group Stage
2004	European Championship	Group Stage
2002	World Cup	Group Stage

Head-to-head record vs rest of the 2022/23 UEFA Nations League final four

vs Italy					
Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
9	3	5	1	10	10
Last meeting		Croatia 1-1 Italy			
12/06/2015		EURO 2016 qual			

vs Netherlands					
Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
2	1	0	1	2	4
Last meeting		Croatia 0-3 Netherlands			
06/02/2008		Friendly			

vs Spain					
Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
9	3	1	5	12	20
Last meeting		Croatia 3-5 Spain (aet)			
28/06/2021		EURO 2020 (r16)			

TEAM PROFILE: CROATIA



UEFA Nations League 2022/23 results

Date	Match	Outcome
03/06/2022	Croatia 0-3 Austria	Lost
Venue: Stadion Gradski vrt, Osijek		Goals: 0-1 Arnautović 41, 0-2 Gregoritsch 54, 0-3 Sabitzer 57
Line-up: Ivušić, Čaleta-Car, Sosa (46 Barišić), Juranović, Pongračić, Brozović, Kovačić (71 Oršić), Pašalić (58 Vlašić), Brekalo, Majer (59 Modrić), Kramarić (58 Budimir)		
Date	Match	Outcome
06/06/2022	Croatia 1-1 France	Draw
Venue: Stadion Poljud, Split		Goals: 0-1 Rabiot 52, 1-1 Kramarić 83 (p)
Line-up: Livaković, Vida, Barišić, Erlić, Juranović, Modrić (79 Sučić), Brozović, Kovačić (79 Vlašić), Brekalo (63 Oršić), Majer (63 Pašalić), Budimir (69 Kramarić)		
Date	Match	Outcome
10/06/2022	Denmark 0-1 Croatia	Won
Venue: Parken, Copenhagen		Goals: Pašalić 69
Line-up: Livaković, Vrsaljko (46 Stanišić), Erlić, Juranović, Šutalo, Brozović, Pašalić, Jakić (46 Kovačić), Ivanušec (46 Modrić), Kramarić (77 Budimir Substituted), Oršić (58 Vlašić)		
Date	Match	Outcome
13/06/2022	France 0-1 Croatia	Won
Venue: Stade de France, Saint-Denis		Goals: Modrić 5 (p)
Line-up: Ivušić, Erlić, Juranović, Šutalo, Stanišić, Modrić, Brozović, Kovačić (90+2 Sučić), Pašalić (65 Majer), Brekalo (73 Vlašić), Budimir (73 Kramarić)		
Date	Match	Outcome
22/09/2022	Croatia 2-1 Denmark	Won
Venue: Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb		Goals: 1-0 Sosa 49, 1-1 Eriksen 77, 2-1 Majer 79
Line-up: Livaković, Sosa, Juranović, Šutalo, Gvardiol, Modrić (90+3 Vida Substituted), Perišić (71 Oršić), Brozović, Kovačić (78 Majer), Pašalić (71 Vlašić), Kramarić (71 Petković)		
Date	Match	Outcome
25/09/2022	Austria 1-3 Croatia	Won
Venue: Ernst-Happel-Stadion, Vienna		Goals: 0-1 Modrić 6, 1-1 Baumgartner 9, 1-2 Livaja 69, 1-3 Lovren 72
Line-up: Livaković, Lovren, Barišić (62 Sosa), Stanišić, Gvardiol, Modrić, Perišić, Brozović (18 Majer), Kovačić (84 Pašalić), Vlašić (84 Kramarić), Budimir (62 Livaja)		

TEAM PROFILE: CROATIA



2022/23 UEFA Nations League Appearances and Goals

	Player	DoB	Age	Club	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers						
	Dominik Livaković	09/01/1995	28	Dinamo Zagreb	4	0
	Ivica Ivušić	01/02/1995	27	Osijek	2	0
Defenders						
	Šime Vrsaljko	10/01/1992	31	Olympiacos	1	0
	Josip Stanišić	02/04/2000	22	Bayern	3	0
	Marin Pongračić	11/09/1997	25	Lecce	1	0
	Borna Barišić	10/11/1992	30	Rangers	3	0
	Duje Ćaleta-Car	17/09/1996	26	Southampton	1	0
	Martin Erlić	24/01/1998	24	Sassuolo	3	0
	Josip Šutalo	28/02/2000	22	Dinamo Zagreb	3	0
	Dejan Lovren	05/07/1989	33	Lyon	1	1
	Borna Sosa	21/01/1998	24	Stuttgart	3	1
	Joško Gvardiol	23/01/2002	20	RB Leipzig	2	0
	Domagoj Vida	29/04/1989	33	AEK	2	0
	Josip Juranović	16/08/1995	27	Celtic	5	0
Midfielders						
	Ivan Perišić	02/02/1989	33	Tottenham	2	0
	Lovro Majer	17/01/1998	25	Rennes	5	1
	Mateo Kovačić	06/05/1994	28	Chelsea	6	0
	Luka Modrić	09/09/1985	37	Real Madrid	6	2
	Marcelo Brozović	16/11/1992	30	Inter	6	0
	Nikola Vlašić	04/10/1997	25	Torino	6	0
	Luka Sučić	08/09/2002	20	Salzburg	2	0
	Mario Pašalić	09/02/1995	27	Atalanta	6	1
	Kristijan Jakić	14/05/1997	25	Frankfurt	1	0
	Luka Ivanušec	26/11/1998	24	Dinamo Zagreb	1	0
Forwards						
	Josip Brekalo	23/06/1998	24	Wolfsburg	3	0
	Andrej Kramarić	19/06/1991	31	Hoffenheim	6	1
	Marko Livaja	26/08/1993	29	Hajduk Split	1	1
	Bruno Petković	16/09/1994	28	Dinamo Zagreb	1	0
	Ante Budimir	22/07/1991	31	Osasuna	5	0
	Mislav Oršić	29/12/1992	30	Southampton	4	0

TEAM PROFILE: ITALY



How they qualified

Paired with EURO 2020 final opponents England and Germany in a tough section, Roberto Mancini's side restored some pride following their shock loss to North Macedonia in the World Cup play-offs. A 5-2 defeat in Germany on Matchday 4 was a blow, but the Azzurri came good with back-to-back wins in September, Giacomo Raspadori scoring in both.

04/06/2022 Italy 1-1 Germany

07/06/2022 Italy 2-1 Hungary

11/06/2022 England 0-0 Italy

14/06/2022 Germany 5-2 Italy

23/09/2022 Italy 1-0 England

26/09/2022 Hungary 0-2 Italy

Tactics

In qualifying, Mancini mostly used the 4-3-3 formation which led the Azzurri to triumph at EURO 2020 but switched to a 3-5-2 for the final two games of the group stage, picking up wins and clean sheets against England and Hungary.

Key player

The Azzurri won their last two games in the group without the injured Marco Verratti but, when fit, the Paris midfielder gives Mancini's team crucial intensity, energy and technique.

One to watch

Raspadori scored in the September wins against England and Hungary. The Napoli forward will be 23 when the finals come around and could be the solution to Italy's attacking problems with his never-say-die attitude, creativity and lethal finishing.

Did you know?

In the decisive qualifying game against Hungary, Salernitana right-back Pasquale Mazzocchi became the 51st player to make his Italy debut under Mancini. Only Arrigo Sacchi (55) has had more debutants as Azzurri coach.

TEAM PROFILE: ITALY



Coach:

Roberto Mancini

2020/21 UEFA Nations League:

Third place - 1st Group A1

2018/19 UEFA Nations League:

2nd Group A3

Route to the 2022/23 UEFA Nations League Finals

Pos.	Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD +/-	Pts
1	Italy	6	3	2	1	8	7	1	11
2	Hungary	6	3	1	2	8	5	3	10
3	Germany	6	1	4	1	11	9	2	7
4	England	6	0	3	3	4	10	-6	3

How they qualified:

Group A3 winners

Biggest UEFA Nations League win:

0-2: Hungary vs Italy, 26/09/2022 (2022/23 UNL - Group A3)

0-2: Bosnia and Herzegovina vs Italy, 18/11/2020 (2020/21 UNL - Group A1)

2-0: Italy vs Poland, 15/11/2020 (2020/21 UNL - Group A1)

Heaviest UEFA Nations League defeat:

5-2: Germany vs Italy, 14/06/2022 (2022/23 UNL - Group A3)

UEFA Nations League overall record

Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD +/-
Italy	18	8	7	3	20	14	6

Most UEFA Nations League appearances	Most UEFA Nations League goals
18 - Gianluigi Donnarumma	4 - Lorenzo Pellegrini
14 - Nicolò Barella	3 - Nicolò Barella, Domenico Berardi
13 - Jorginho	2 - Jorginho, Giacomo Raspadori

TEAM PROFILE: ITALY



Last 10 UEFA EURO and FIFA World Cup final tournament appearances:

Year	Tournament	Finish
2020	European Championship	Champions
2016	European Championship	Quarter-finals
2014	World Cup	Group Stage
2012	European Championship	Runners-up
2010	World Cup	Group Stage
2008	European Championship	Quarter-finals
2006	World Cup	Champions
2004	European Championship	Group Stage
2002	World Cup	Round of 16
2000	European Championship	Runners-up

Head-to-head record vs rest of the 2022/23 UEFA Nations League final four

vs Croatia					
Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
9	1	5	3	10	10
Last meeting		Croatia 1-1 Italy			
12/06/2015		EURO 2016 qual			

vs Netherlands					
Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
23	10	10	3	30	22
Last meeting		Italy 1-1 Netherlands			
14/10/2020		UNL 2020/21			

vs Spain					
Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
39	11	16	12	45	43
Last meeting		Italy 1-2 Spain			
06/10/2021		UNL 2020/21 (sf)			

TEAM PROFILE: ITALY



UEFA Nations League 2022/23 results

Date	Match	Outcome
04/06/2022	Italy 1-1 Germany	Draw
Venue: Stadio Renato Dall'Ara, Bologna		Goals: 1-0 Pellegrini 70, 1-1 Kimmich 73
Line-up: Donnarumma, Acerbi, Biraghi (80 Dimarco), Florenzi, Bastoni, Cristante, Pellegrini, Frattesi (86 Ricci), Tonali (80 Pobega), Politano (65 Gnonto), Scamacca (85 Cancellieri)		
Date	Match	Outcome
07/06/2022	Italy 2-1 Hungary	Won
Venue: Oregel Stadium-Dino Manuzzi, Cesena		Goals: 1-0 Barella 30, 2-0 Pellegrini 45, 2-1 Mancini 61 (og)
Line-up: Donnarumma, Spinazzola (75 Dimarco), Calabria, Mancini, Bastoni, Cristante, Barella (84 Tonali), Pellegrini (66 Locatelli), Politano (75 Belotti), Raspadori (84 Zerbin), Gnonto		
Date	Match	Outcome
11/06/2022	England 0-0 Italy	Draw
Venue: Molineux Stadium, Wolverhampton		Goals: None
Line-up: Donnarumma, Acerbi, Di Lorenzo, Dimarco (87 Florenzi), Gatti, Pessina (88 Cristante), Locatelli (64 Gnonto), Pellegrini (64 Esposito), Frattesi, Tonali, Scamacca (77 Raspadori)		
Date	Match	Outcome
14/06/2022	Germany 5-2 Italy	Lost
Venue: Stadion im BORUSSIA-PARK, Mönchengladbach		Goals: 1-0 Kimmich 10, 2-0 Gündogan 45+4 (p). 3-0 Müller 51, 4-0 Werner 68, 5-0 Werner 69, 5-1 Gnonto 78, 5-2 Bastoni 90+4
Line-up: Donnarumma, Spinazzola (65 Dimarco), Calabria, Mancini (78 Scamacca Substituted), Bastoni, Cristante, Barella, Frattesi (46 Caprari), Politano (44 Luiz Felipe), Raspadori (46 Scalvini), Gnonto		
Date	Match	Outcome
23/09/2022	Italy 1-0 England	Won
Venue: Stadio Giuseppe Meazza, Milan		Goals: Raspadori 68
Line-up: Donnarumma, Bonucci, Tolói, Acerbi, Di Lorenzo, Dimarco (89 Frattesi), Jorginho (89 Emerson), Cristante, Barella (63 Pobega), Scamacca (63 Gnonto), Raspadori (81 Gabbiadini)		
Date	Match	Outcome
26/09/2022	Hungary 0-2 Italy	Won
Venue: Puskás Aréna, Budapest		Goals: 0-1 Raspadori 27, 0-2 Dimarco 52
Line-up: Donnarumma, Bonucci, Tolói, Acerbi (46 Bastoni), Di Lorenzo (90 Mazzocchi), Dimarco, Jorginho (73 Pobega), Cristante, Barella, Raspadori (72 Scamacca), Gnonto (66 Gabbiadini)		

TEAM PROFILE: ITALY



2022/23 UEFA Nations League Appearances and Goals

	Player	DoB	Age	Club	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers						
	Gianluigi Donnarumma	25/02/1999	23	PSG	6	0
Defenders						
	Giovanni Di Lorenzo	04/08/1993	29	Napoli	3	0
	Federico Dimarco	10/11/1997	25	Inter	6	1
	Leonardo Spinazzola	25/03/1993	29	Roma	2	0
	Federico Gatti	24/06/1998	24	Juventus	1	0
	Cristiano Biraghi	01/09/1992	30	Fiorentina	1	0
	Rafael Tolói	10/10/1990	32	Atalanta	2	0
	Luiz Felipe	22/03/1997	25	Real Betis	1	0
	Gianluca Mancini	17/04/1996	26	Roma	2	0
	Davide Calabria	06/12/1996	26	AC Milan	2	0
	Alessandro Florenzi	11/03/1991	31	AC Milan	2	0
	Francesco Acerbi	10/02/1988	34	Inter	4	0
	Giorgio Scalvini	11/12/2003	19	Atalanta	1	0
	Leonardo Bonucci	01/05/1987	35	Juventus	2	0
	Alessandro Bastoni	13/04/1999	23	Inter	4	1
Midfielders						
	Tommaso Pobega	15/07/1999	23	AC Milan	3	0
	Samuele Ricci	21/08/2001	21	Torino	1	0
	Davide Frattesi	22/09/1999	23	Sassuolo	4	0
	Jorginho	20/12/1991	31	Chelsea	2	0
	Sandro Tonali	08/05/2000	22	AC Milan	3	0
	Lorenzo Pellegrini	19/06/1996	26	Roma	3	2
	Manuel Locatelli	08/01/1998	25	Juventus	2	0
	Matteo Pessina	21/04/1997	25	Monza	1	0
	Salvatore Esposito	07/10/2000	22	Spezia	1	0
	Bryan Cristante	03/03/1995	27	Roma	6	0
	Nicolò Barella	07/02/1997	25	Inter	4	1
Forwards						
	Gianluca Caprari	30/07/1993	29	Monza	1	0
	Gianluca Scamacca	01/01/1999	24	West Ham	5	0
	Andrea Belotti	20/12/1993	29	Roma	1	0
	Giacomo Raspadori	18/02/2000	22	Napoli	5	2
	Wilfried Gnonto	05/11/2003	19	Leeds	6	1
	Matteo Politano	03/08/1993	29	Napoli	3	0
	Manolo Gabbiadini	26/11/1991	31	Sampdoria	2	0
	Matteo Cancellieri	12/02/2002	20	Lazio	1	0
	Alessio Zerbin	03/03/1999	23	Napoli	1	0

TEAM PROFILE: NETHERLANDS



How they qualified

The only side to remain unbeaten through League A, the Netherlands started as they meant to go on by thumping neighbours Belgium 4-1 away. It was not plain sailing after that: the Oranje came from 2-0 down to draw with Poland, while both wins against Wales came courtesy of added-time goals. Yet the Dutch always found a way, and sealed their passage with a 1-0 defeat of Belgium in Amsterdam.

03/06/2022 Belgium 1-4 Netherlands
08/06/2022 Wales 1-2 Netherlands
11/06/2022 Netherlands 2-2 Poland
14/06/2022 Netherlands 3-2 Wales
22/09/2022 Poland 0-2 Netherlands
25/09/2022 Netherlands 1-0 Belgium

Tactics

A back three, wing-backs who are a vital element of the attack, a midfield diamond with the point in front, two strikers who are fast, mobile and almost impossible to pin down, and a team full of players who can comfortably interchange positions were all features of Louis van Gaal's outfit. Will Ronald Koeman, who took the reins following the World Cup, stick to that formula?

Key player

Virgil van Dijk is still the rock on which Dutch success is built. A colossus of a defender, a born leader, and occasional scorer of vital goals.

One to watch

Jurriën Timber. Van Dijk reckons the positionally smart, ball-playing 21-year-old Ajax defender is "much further in his development than I was at that age".

Did you know?

The Dutch had failed to keep a clean sheet in any of their matches in 2022 until Remko Pasveer took over in goal and proved unbeatable in the final two games.

TEAM PROFILE: NETHERLANDS



Coach:

Ronald Koeman

2020/21 UEFA Nations League:

2nd Group A1

2018/19 UEFA Nations League:

Runners-up - 1st Group A1

Route to the 2022/23 UEFA Nations League Finals

Pos.	Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD +/-	Pts
1	Netherlands	6	5	1	0	14	6	8	16
2	Belgium	6	3	1	2	11	8	3	10
3	Poland	6	2	1	3	6	12	-6	7
4	Wales	6	0	1	5	6	11	-5	1

How they qualified:

Group A4 winners

Biggest UEFA Nations League win:

1-4: Belgium vs Netherlands, 03/06/2022 (2022/23 UNL - Group A4)

3-0: Netherlands vs Germany, 13/10/2018 (2018/19 UNL - Group A1)

Heaviest UEFA Nations League defeat:

2-1: France vs Netherlands, 09/09/2018 (2018/19 UNL - Group A1)

0-1: Netherlands vs Italy, 07/09/2020 (2020/21 UNL - Group A1)

1-0: Portugal vs Netherlands, 09/06/2019 (2018/2019 UNL - Final)

UEFA Nations League overall record

Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD +/-
Netherlands	18	11	4	3	32	16	16

Most UEFA Nations League appearances	Most UEFA Nations League goals
17 - Frenkie de Jong	7 - Memphis Depay
15 - Memphis Depay	5 - Georginio Wijnaldum
14 - Daley Blind	3 - Virgil van Dijk, Steven Bergwijn

TEAM PROFILE: NETHERLANDS



Last 10 UEFA EURO and FIFA World Cup final tournament appearances:

Year	Tournament	Finish
2022	World Cup	Quarter-finals
2020	European Championship	Round of 16
2014	World Cup	Third place
2012	European Championship	Group stage
2010	World Cup	Runners-up
2008	European Championship	Quarter-finals
2006	World Cup	Round of 16
2004	European Championship	Semi-finals
2000	European Championship	Semi-finals
1998	World Cup	Fourth place

Head-to-head record vs rest of the 2022/23 UEFA Nations League final four

vs Croatia					
Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
2	1	0	1	4	2
Last meeting		Croatia 0-3 Netherlands			
06/02/2008		Friendly			

vs Italy					
Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
23	3	10	10	22	30
Last meeting		Italy 1-1 Netherlands			
14/10/2020		UNL 2020/21			

vs Spain					
Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
13	6	2	5	19	18
Last meeting		Netherlands 1-1 Spain			
11/11/2020		Friendly			

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Date	Match	Outcome
03/06/2022	Belgium 1-4 Netherlands	Won
Venue: Stade Roi Baudouin, Brussel		Goals: 0-1 Bergwijn 40, 0-2 Depay 51, 0-3 Dumfries 61, 0-4 Depay 65, 1-4 Batshuayi 90+3
Line-up: Cillessen, Blind, Aké (74 de Ligt), van Dijk, Dumfries, Timber, Klaassen, de Jong, Berghuis (83 Koopmeiners), Depay, Bergwijn		

Date	Match	Outcome
08/06/2022	Wales 1-2 Netherlands	Won
Venue: Cardiff City Stadium, Cardiff		Goals: 0-1 Koopmeiners 50, 1-1 Norrington-Davies 90+2, 1-2 Weghorst 90+4
Line-up: Flekken, de Vrij, Hateboer, de Ligt (84 Martins Indi), Malacia, Teze, Koopmeiners, Schouten (67 de Jong), Weghorst, Gakpo (67 Bergwijn), Lang (90+1 Til)		

Date	Match	Outcome
11/06/2022	Netherlands 2-2 Poland	Draw
Venue: Stadion Feijenoord, Rotterdam		Goals: 0-1 Cash 18, 0-2 Zieliński 49, 1-2 Klaassen 51, 2-2 Dumfries 54
Line-up: Flekken, Blind, de Vrij, Aké, Dumfries, Timber (64 Teze), Klaassen (65 Gakpo), de Jong, Berghuis (65 Koopmeiners), Depay, Bergwijn (77 Weghorst)		

Date	Match	Outcome
14/06/2022	Netherlands 3-2 Wales	Won
Venue: Stadion Feijenoord, Rotterdam		Goals: 1-0 Lang 17, 2-0 Gakpo 23, 2-1 Johnson 26, 2-2 Bale 90+2 (p), 3-2 Depay 90+3
Line-up: Cillessen, Martins Indi, Hateboer (46 Dumfries), de Ligt, Malacia, Teze (46 de Vrij), Koopmeiners, de Jong, Janssen (73 Depay), Gakpo, Lang (73 Bergwijn)		

Date	Match	Outcome
22/09/2022	Poland 0-2 Netherlands	Won
Venue: Stadion Narodowy, Warszawa		Goals: 0-1 Gakpo 13, 0-2 Bergwijn 60
Line-up: Pasveer, Blind, Aké, van Dijk, Dumfries, Timber, Koopmeiners (6 Berghuis (75 Taylor)), de Jong (46 de Roon), Depay (52 Janssen), Bergwijn (75 Weghorst), Gakpo		

Date	Match	Outcome
25/09/2022	Netherlands 1-0 Belgium	Won
Venue: Johan Cruyff Arena, Amsterdam		Goals: van Dijk 73
Line-up: Pasveer, Blind, Aké (46 Malacia), van Dijk, Dumfries, Timber (66 de Vrij), de Roon, Klaassen (90+2 Gravenberch), Berghuis (31 Gakpo), Janssen (46 Taylor), Bergwijn		

TEAM PROFILE: NETHERLANDS



2022/23 UEFA Nations League Appearances and Goals

	Player	DoB	Age	Club	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers						
	Remko Pasveer	08/11/1983	39	Ajax	2	0
	Jasper Cillessen	22/04/1989	33	NEC	2	0
	Mark Flekken	13/06/1993	29	Freiburg	2	0
Defenders						
	Jordan Teze	30/09/1999	23	PSV	3	0
	Jurriën Timber	17/06/2001	21	Ajax	4	0
	Matthijs de Ligt	12/08/1999	23	Bayern	3	0
	Virgil van Dijk	08/07/1991	31	Liverpool	3	1
	Bruno Martins Indi	08/02/1992	30	AZ Alkmaar	2	0
	Nathan Aké	18/02/1995	27	Man City	4	0
	Stefan de Vrij	05/02/1992	30	Inter	4	0
	Hans Hateboer	09/01/1994	29	Atalanta	2	0
	Tyrell Malacia	17/08/1999	23	Man Utd	3	0
	Daley Blind	09/03/1990	32	Bayern	4	0
	Denzel Dumfries	18/04/1996	26	Inter	5	2
Midfielders						
	Guus Til	22/12/1997	25	PSV	1	0
	Davy Klaassen	21/02/1993	29	Ajax	3	1
	Marten de Roon	29/03/1991	31	Atalanta	2	0
	Kenneth Taylor	16/05/2002	20	Ajax	2	0
	Teun Koopmeiners	28/02/1998	24	Atalanta	5	1
	Ryan Gravenberch	16/05/2002	20	Bayern	1	0
	Frenkie de Jong	12/05/1997	25	Barcelona	5	0
Forwards						
	Steven Bergwijn	08/10/1997	25	Ajax	6	2
	Cody Gakpo	07/05/1999	23	Liverpool	5	2
	Vincent Janssen	15/06/1994	28	Antwerp	3	0
	Memphis Depay	13/02/1994	28	Barcelona	4	3
	Steven Berghuis	19/12/1991	31	Ajax	4	0
	Noa Lang	17/06/1999	23	Club Brugge	2	1
	Wout Weghorst	07/08/1992	30	Man Utd	3	1

TEAM PROFILE: SPAIN



How they qualified

It was an up-and-down qualifying campaign for Spain as they sealed their spot in a second consecutive finals. The 2021 runners-up struggled to build up momentum in the early games, with a couple of draws followed by a narrow win in Switzerland – who then condemned La Roja to a first home defeat since 2018. However, they showed character and resilience to secure a priceless win away to Portugal, Álvaro Morata hitting the winner in the dying minutes to seal a semi-final berth.

02/06/2022 Spain 1-1 Portugal
05/06/2022 Czechia 2-2 Spain
09/06/2022 Switzerland 0-1 Spain
12/06/2022 Spain 2-0 Czechia
24/09/2022 Spain 1-2 Switzerland
27/09/2022 Portugal 0-1 Spain

Tactics

This is a bit of an unknown as Luis de la Fuente only replaced Luis Enrique after Spain's early World Cup exit in December. His approach is perhaps more pragmatic than his predecessor's "everyone defends, everyone attacks" philosophy, playing to individual strengths. His 2019 U21 EURO winning team played a 4-2-3-1, his 2020 Olympics side was more of a 4-3-3 while it was a 4-1-4-1 in his only previous match in charge of the seniors.

Key player

Despite just being 20, Pedri – the Young Player of the Tournament at UEFA EURO 2020 – has become a mainstay for club and country. His influence is growing and he is often the key to Spain's attacking threat, having added goalscoring to his game of late.

One to watch

Luis Enrique had enormous faith in Ansu Fati and his successor will be desperate to see him fulfilling his potential after a string of injuries in recent seasons checked his progress. Expect the forward to become a regular once again for both Barcelona and Spain by the time these finals come round.

Did you know?

Gavi, who made his Spain debut in the semi-finals of the last Nations League in October 2021, became the country's youngest-ever scorer in this season's competition against Czechia aged 17 years 304 days, beating Ansu Fati's record from September 2020 by a week.

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Coach:

Luis de la Fuente

2020/21 UEFA Nations League:

Runners-up - 1st Group A4

2018/19 UEFA Nations League:

2nd Group A4

Route to the 2022/23 UEFA Nations League Finals

Pos.	Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD +/-	Pts
1	Spain	6	3	2	1	8	5	3	11
2	Portugal	6	3	1	2	11	3	8	10
3	Switzerland	6	3	0	3	6	9	-3	9
4	Czechia	6	1	1	4	5	13	-8	4

How they qualified:

Group A2 winners

Biggest UEFA Nations League win:

6-0: Spain vs Croatia, 11/09/2018 (2018/19 UNL - Group A4)

6-0: Spain vs Germany, 17/11/2020 (2020/21 UNL - Group A4)

Heaviest UEFA Nations League defeat:

2-3: Spain vs England, 15/10/2018 (2018/19 UNL - Group A4)

3-2: Croatia vs Spain, 15/11/2018 (2018/19 UNL - Group A4)

1-0: Ukraine vs Spain, 13/10/2020 (2020/21 UNL - Group A4)

2-1: France vs Spain, 10/10/2021 (2020/21 UNL - Final)

1-2: Spain vs Switzerland, 24/09/2022 (2022/23 UNL - Group A2)

UEFA Nations League overall record

Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD +/-
Spain	18	9	4	5	36	18	18

Most UEFA Nations League appearances	Most UEFA Nations League goals
15 - Sergio Busquets	6 - Ferran Torres
14 - Ferran Torres	5 - Sergio Ramos
11 - Pau Torres	3 - Álvaro Morata, Mikel Oyarzabal

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Last 10 UEFA EURO and FIFA World Cup final tournament appearances:

Year	Tournament	Finish
2022	World Cup	Round of 16
2020	European Championship	Semi-finals
2018	World Cup	Round of 16
2016	European Championship	Round of 16
2014	World Cup	Group Stage
2012	European Championship	Winners
2010	World Cup	Winners
2008	European Championship	Winners
2006	World Cup	Round of 16
2004	European Championship	Group Stage

Head-to-head record vs rest of the 2022/23 UEFA Nations League final four

vs Croatia					
Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
9	5	1	3	20	12
Last meeting		Croatia 3-5 Spain (aet)			
28/06/2021		EURO 2020 (r16)			

vs Italy					
Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
39	12	16	11	43	45
Last meeting		Italy 1-2 Spain			
06/10/2021		UNL 2020/21 (sf)			

vs Netherlands					
Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
13	5	2	6	18	19
Last meeting		Netherlands 1-1 Spain			
11/11/2020		Friendly			

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UEFA Nations League 2022/23 results

Date	Match	Outcome
02/06/2022	Spain 1-1 Portugal	Draw
Venue: Estadio Benito Villamarín, Sevilla		Goals: 1-0 Álvaro Morata 25, 1-1 Ricardo Horta 82
Line-up: Unai Simón, César Azpilicueta, Jordi Alba, Diego Llorente, Pau Torres, Sergio Busquets, Pablo Sarabia, Carlos Soler (63 Koke), Gavi (81 Marcos Llorente), Álvaro Morata (70 Raúl de Tomás), Ferran Torres (63 Dani Olmo)		

Date	Match	Outcome
05/06/2022	Czechia 2-2 Spain	Draw
Venue: Fortuna Arena, Prague		Goals: 1-0 Pešek 4, 1-1 Gavi 45+3, 2-1 Kuchta 66, 2-2 Ínigo Martínez 90
Line-up: Unai Simón, Marcos Alonso, Dani Carvajal, Ínigo Martínez, Eric García, Pablo Sarabia (46 Ferran Torres), Koke (72 Marcos Llorente), Dani Olmo (61 Marco Asensio), Rodri (61 Sergio Busquets), Gavi, Raúl de Tomás (61 Álvaro Morata)		

Date	Match	Outcome
09/06/2022	Switzerland 0-1 Spain	Won
Venue: Stade de Geneve, Lancy		Goals: Pablo Sarabia 13
Line-up: Unai Simón, César Azpilicueta, Jordi Alba, Diego Llorente, Pau Torres, Sergio Busquets, Pablo Sarabia (63 Dani Olmo), Marcos Llorente (80 Carlos Soler), Gavi (73 Koke), Álvaro Morata (73 Marco Asensio), Ferran Torres		

Date	Match	Outcome
12/06/2022	Spain 2-0 Czechia	Won
Venue: Estadio La Rosaleda, Málaga		Goals: 1-0 Carlos Soler 24, 2-0 Pablo Sarabia 75
Line-up: Unai Simón, Marcos Alonso (78 Jordi Alba), Dani Carvajal, Ínigo Martínez, Eric García, Koke (79 Sergio Busquets), Dani Olmo, Rodri, Carlos Soler (59 Gavi), Álvaro Morata (59 Ferran Torres), Marco Asensio (72 Pablo Sarabia)		

Date	Match	Outcome
24/09/2022	Spain 1-2 Switzerland	Lost
Venue: Estadio de la Romareda, Zaragoza		Goals: 0-1 Akanji 21, 1-1 Jordi Alba 55, 1-2 Embolo 58
Line-up: Unai Simón, César Azpilicueta (87 Carlos Soler), Jordi Alba, Pau Torres, Eric García, Sergio Busquets, Pablo Sarabia (63 Nico Williams), Pedri (70 Marcos Llorente), Gavi, Marco Asensio (63 Borja Iglesias), Ferran Torres (63 Yeremy Pino)		

Date	Match	Outcome
27/09/2022	Portugal 0-1 Spain	Won
Venue: Estádio Municipal de Braga, Braga		Goals: Álvaro Morata 88
Line-up: Unai Simón, Dani Carvajal, José Gaya, Pau Torres, Hugo Guillamón (46 Sergio Busquets), Pablo Sarabia (60 Yeremy Pino), Koke (60 Gavi), Rodri, Carlos Soler (60 Pedri), Álvaro Morata, Ferran Torres (73 Nico Williams)		

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2022/23 UEFA Nations League Appearances and Goals





	Player	DoB	Age	Club	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers						
	Unai Simón	11/06/1997	25	Athletic Club	6	0
Defenders						
	César Azpilicueta	28/08/1989	33	Chelsea	3	0
	Iñigo Martínez	17/05/1991	31	Athletic Club	2	1
	Eric García	09/01/2001	22	Barcelona	3	0
	Pau Torres	16/01/1997	26	Villarreal	4	0
	Hugo Guillamón	31/01/2000	22	Valencia	1	0
	José Gayà	25/05/1995	27	Valencia	1	0
	Diego Llorente	16/08/1993	29	Leeds	2	0
	Marcos Alonso	28/12/1990	32	Barcelona	2	0
	Jordi Alba	21/03/1989	33	Barcelona	4	1
	Dani Carvajal	11/01/1992	31	Real Madrid	3	0
Midfielders						
	Nico Williams	12/07/2002	20	Athletic Club	2	0
	Sergio Busquets	16/07/1988	34	Barcelona	6	0
	Marcos Llorente	30/01/1995	27	Atlético	4	0
	Koke	27/04/1983	31	Atlético	5	0
	Gavi	05/08/2004	18	Barcelona	6	1
	Rodri	22/06/1996	26	Man City	3	0
	Carlos Soler	02/01/1997	26	PSG	5	1
	Pedri	25/11/2002	20	Barcelona	2	0
Forwards						
	Borja Iglesias	17/01/1993	31	Real Betis	1	0
	Álvaro Morata	23/10/1992	30	Atlético	5	2
	Marco Asensio	21/01/1996	26	Real Madrid	4	0
	Ferran Torres	29/02/2000	22	Barcelona	6	0
	Raúl de Tomás	17/10/1994	28	Rayo Vallecano	2	0
	Yeremy Pino	20/10/2002	20	Villarreal	2	0
	Dani Olmo	07/05/1998	24	RB Leipzig	4	0
	Pablo Sarabia	11/05/1992	30	Wolverhampton	6	2





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Group A1		P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
	Croatia	6	4	1	1	8	6	2	13
	Denmark	6	4	0	2	9	5	4	12
	France	6	1	2	3	5	7	-2	5
	Austria	6	1	1	4	6	10	-4	4

Group A2		P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
	Spain	6	3	2	1	8	5	3	11
	Portugal	6	3	1	2	11	3	8	10
	Switzerland	6	3	0	3	6	9	-3	9
	Czechia	6	1	1	4	5	13	-8	4





Group A3		P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
	Italy	6	3	2	1	8	7	1	11
	Hungary	6	3	1	2	8	5	3	10
	Germany	6	1	4	1	11	9	2	7
	England	6	0	3	3	4	10	-6	3





Group A4		P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
	Netherlands	6	5	1	0	14	6	8	16
	Belgium	6	3	1	2	11	8	3	10
	Poland	6	2	1	3	6	12	-6	7
	Wales	6	0	1	5	6	11	-5	1





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Group B1		P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
	Scotland	6	4	1	1	11	5	6	13
	Ukraine	6	3	2	1	10	4	6	11
	Republic of Ireland	6	2	1	3	8	7	1	7
	Armenia	6	1	0	5	4	17	-13	3

Group B2		P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
	Israel	4	2	2	0	8	6	2	8
	Iceland	4	0	4	0	6	6	0	4
	Albania	4	0	2	2	4	6	-2	2
	Russia*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0





Group B3		P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
	Bosnia and Herzegovina	6	3	2	1	8	8	0	11
	Finland	6	2	2	2	8	6	2	8
	Montenegro	6	2	1	3	6	6	0	7
	Romania	6	2	1	3	6	8	-2	7





Group B4		P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
	Serbia	6	4	1	1	13	5	8	13
	Norway	6	3	1	2	7	7	0	10
	Slovenia	6	1	3	2	6	10	-4	6
	Sweden	6	1	1	4	7	11	-4	4





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Group C1		P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
	Türkiye	6	4	1	1	18	5	13	13
	Luxembourg	6	3	2	1	9	7	2	11
	Faroe Islands	6	2	2	2	7	10	-3	8
	Lithuania	6	0	1	5	2	14	-12	1

Group C2		P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
	Greece	6	5	0	1	10	2	8	15
	Kosovo	6	3	0	3	11	8	3	9
	Northern Ireland	6	1	2	3	7	10	-3	5
	Cyprus	6	1	2	3	4	12	-8	5





Group C3		P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
	Kazakhstan	6	4	1	1	8	6	2	13
	Azerbaijan	6	3	1	2	7	4	3	10
	Slovakia	6	2	1	3	5	6	-1	7
	Belarus	6	0	3	3	3	7	-4	3




Group C4		P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
	Georgia	6	5	1	0	16	3	13	16
	Bulgaria	6	2	3	1	10	8	2	9
	North Macedonia	6	2	1	3	7	7	0	7
	Gibraltar	6	0	1	5	3	18	-15	1

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Group D1		P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
	Latvia	6	4	1	1	12	5	7	13
	Moldova	6	4	1	1	10	6	4	13
	Andorra	6	2	2	2	6	7	-1	8
	Liechtenstein	6	0	0	6	1	11	-10	0

Group D2		P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
	Estonia	4	4	0	0	10	2	8	12
	Malta	4	2	0	2	5	4	1	6
	San Marino	4	0	0	4	0	9	-9	0

2018/19 UEFA NATIONS LEAGUE FINALS

Semi-finals

Date	Match	Goalscorers
05/06/2019	Portugal 3-1 Switzerland	
Venue: Estádio do Dragão, Porto		Goalscorers: Ronaldo 25, 88, 90; Rodríguez 57(P)
06/06/2019	Netherlands 3-1 England	
Venue: Estádio D. Afonso Henriques, Guimaraes		Goalscorers: De Ligt 73, Walker 97(og), Promes 114; Rashford 32(P)

3rd place match

Date	Match	Goalscorers
09/06/2019	Switzerland 0-0 England (5-6 on pens)	
Venue: Estádio D. Afonso Henriques, Guimaraes		Goalscorers:

Final

Date	Match	Goalscorers
09/06/2019	Portugal 1-0 Netherlands	
Venue: Estádio do Dragão, Porto		Goalscorers: Guedes 60

Awards

Top scorer trophy	Cristiano Ronaldo, Portugal (3)
Goal of the tournament	Cristiano Ronaldo, Portugal (vs Switzerland)
Player of the tournament	Bernardo Silva, Portuga
Young Player of the Tournament	Frenkie de Jong, Netherlands

2020/21 UEFA NATIONS LEAGUE FINALS

Semi-finals

Date	Match
06/10/2021	Italy 1-2 Spain
Venue: Stadio San Siro, Milan	Goalscorers: Pellegrini 83; Torres 17, 41
07/10/2021	Belgium 2-3 France
Venue: Allianz Stadium, Turin	Goalscorers: Carrasco 37, Lukaku 40; Benzema 62, Mbappe 69, Hernández 90

3rd place match

Date	Match
10/10/2021	Italy 2-1 Belgium
Venue: Allianz Stadium, Turin	Goalscorers: Barella 46, Berardi 65; De Ketelaere 86

Final

Date	Match
10/10/2021	Spain 1-2 France
Venue: Stadio San Siro, Milan	Goalscorers: Oyarazabal 64; Benzema 66, Mbappe 80

Awards

Top scorer trophy	Kylian Mbappé, France (2 goals, 2 assists)
Goal of the tournament	Karim Benzema, France (vs Spain)
Player of the tournament	Sergio Busquets, Spain



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