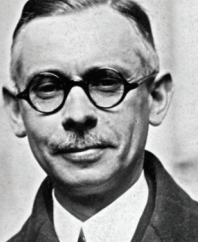


Story of the UEFA European Championships

Henri Delaunay,
Secretary of
French Football
Federation and
founder
of *European
Championship*,
initially known
as *Nations' Cup*



1960 In the Beginning...
Yugoslavia 5 France 4
Parc des Princes, Paris

Yugoslavia's remarkable comeback in opening game of inaugural tournament stuns hosts with 3 goals in 4 minutes – still highest ever scoring game

1964 Football Unites
Spain 2 Soviet Union 1
Santiago Bernabéu, Madrid

Amid backdrop of political tensions, Spain defeat Soviet Union in final after refusing to travel to USSR in 1960

1968 Italian Luck
Italy 2 Yugoslavia 0
Stadio Olimpico, Rome

Italy make most of their good fortune in reaching final after coin toss decides semi-final following 0-0 draw with USSR



1972 German Greats
West Germany 3 Soviet Union 0
Heysel Stadium, Brussels

Prolific striker **Gerd Muller** inspires West Germany to first title. Starstudded team includes legendary captain **Franz Beckenbauer** (above)



1976 Spot Kick for Glory
Czechoslovakia 2 West Germany 2
Crvena Zvezda Stadium, Belgrade

Czechs go on to win 5-3 on penalties in first ever penalty shoot-out in major tournament

1980 Germany Win Again
West Germany 2 Belgium 1
Stadio Olimpico, Rome

Tournament expands to eight teams as West Germany become first team to secure second European crown

1984 Platini's Tournament
France 3 Portugal 2
Stade Vélodrome, Marseille

Dramatic semi-final as both teams score in extra time before talismanic France captain **Michel Platini** hits last gasp winner to send "Les Bleus" into final



1988 Magnificent Marco
Netherlands 2 Soviet Union 0
Olympiastadion, Munich

Arguably among greatest ever goals. Dutch break – **Marco van Basten** (below) connects to **Arnold Mühren's** high cross and volleys just inside far post from near impossible angle



1992 Surprise Champions
Denmark 2 Germany 0
Ullevi Stadium, Gothenburg

Danes replace war-torn Yugoslavia, scraping through group stage to beat holders Netherlands in semi-finals, and go on to shock world champions Germany in final

1996 Home Nation Heartbreak
England 1 Germany 1
Wembley Stadium, London

After **Paul Gascoigne's** moment of brilliance against Scotland, England face Germany in repeat of 1990 World Cup semi-final. Three Lions are agonisingly close to elusive final but lose 6-5 on penalties – fate is sealed when **Gareth Southgate** (left) fails to score



2000 France Make it a Double
France 2 Italy 1
Feijenoord Stadion, Rotterdam

Sylvain Wiltord levels in 90th minute to send game into extra time – **David Trezeguet** strikes to make France first World and European champions



2004 Underdogs Triumphant
Greece 1 Portugal 0
Estádio da Luz, Lisbon

Greece produce brilliant team display, firing only goal to beat host favourites Portugal and record arguably biggest shock in tournament's history



2008 Superior Spain
Spain 1 Germany 0
Ernst-Happel-Stadion, Vienna

Barcelona trio of **Carlos Puyol**, **Andres Iniesta** and **Xavi Hernandez** inspire Spain to end 44-year wait for trophy. **Fernando Torres** scores only goal of final in dominant performance



2012 Super Mario Masterclass
Italy 2 Germany 1
National Stadium, Warsaw

"Super" **Mario Balotelli** celebrates with muscular statuesque pose after thundering emphatic strike into German net to take Italy through to final, where they fall to defending champions Spain



2016 Rendezvous Français
France

France hosts 15th European Championship as tournament expands to 24-team format