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## Squads and squad numbers

Posted by Harry Parsons - 09-05-2008 15:17

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Any announced yet? What is the deadline? I may as well update PES 2008 in readiness.

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## Re:Squads and squad numbers

Posted by Big Daves Gussett - 09-05-2008 15:20

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Have you seen the numbering on Holland's shirts, Harry? (see the advert on page 16 of the current WSC)

Thoughts?

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## Re:Squads and squad numbers

Posted by dotmund - 09-05-2008 15:22

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The deadline is apparently May 28th. I get very excited by squad lists and squad numbers. More than is healthy. I like the way different nations have recognisably different systems of doing it, too - for example the tendency of French first-choice goalkeepers to wear 16.

Like I said, I'm sad.

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## Re:Squads and squad numbers

Posted by Harry Parsons - 09-05-2008 15:24

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Big Daves Gussett wrote:

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Thoughts?

Oh for fuck's sake it's the over-sized Fuzzy Felt font again.

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## Re:Squads and squad numbers

Posted by Big Daves Gussett - 09-05-2008 15:30

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It's pretty big, but I like the square number 9 with a straight, um, tail. Adidas need to sort their numbering out too - what's with the four stripes? I think it was Spearmint Rhino who likened their numbers to the kind of marks you can make by dragging your fork through mashed potato.

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## Re:Squads and squad numbers

Posted by rowdy elements - 09-05-2008 15:37

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Croatia's provisional squad (from [www.hns-cff.hr](http://www.hns-cff.hr))

Goalkeepers; Stipe Pletikosa (Spartak), Vedran Runje (Lens), Mario Galinovic (Panathinaikos)

Defenders; Robert Kovac (Borussia D.), Josip Simunic (Hertha), Dario Simic (Milan), Dario Knezevic (Livorno), Hrvoje Vujic (Tom), Vedran Corluka (Manchester City), Danijel Pranjin (Heerenveen), Darijo Srna (Shakhtar D.)

Midfielders; Niko Kovac (Salzburg), Jerko Leko (Monaco), Niko Kranjcar (Portsmouth), Luka Modric (Dinamo Zagreb),

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Nikola Pokrivac (Monaco), Ognjen Vukojevic (Dinamo Zagreb), Ivan Rakitic (Schalke 04), Mladen Petric (Borussia D.) forwards; Igor Budan (Parma), Ivica Olic (HSV), Ivan Klasnic (Werder), Nikola Kalinic (Hajduk S.)

On stand by  
Manuel Pamic (Salzburg), Anas Sharbini (Rijeka)

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## Re:Squads and squad numbers

Posted by Harry Parsons - 09-05-2008 15:37

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Er, the Adidas numbers on that ad are solid and not composed of 3 or 4 stripes.

Anyway, can our correspondents across the world post up any of the squads and squad numbers as they are released here please? Edit: good man, Rowdy.

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## Re:Squads and squad numbers

Posted by Big Daves Gussett - 09-05-2008 15:42

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Bugger, so they are. I based my concerns on the fact that at lunchtime I saw a kid in Wandsworth wearing a new France shirt with Henry 14 on the back with the mashed potato/fork font. I should have known better.

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## Re:Squads and squad numbers

Posted by rowdy elements - 09-05-2008 15:43

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The Croatians haven't released any numbers yet as far as I can see. With the season not quite yet over, final squads won't be released for another few weeks.

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## Re:Squads and squad numbers

Posted by Harry Parsons - 09-05-2008 15:45

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Big Daves Gussett wrote:

Bugger, so they are. I based my concerns on the fact that at lunchtime I saw a kid in Wandsworth wearing a new France shirt with Henry 14 on the back with the mashed potato/fork font. I should have known better.

The fact that Henry wears 12 for France is the giveaway.

Yes Rowdy, I think we might have to wait for UEFA's list after the deadline for most if not all squad numbers.

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## Re:Squads and squad numbers

Posted by rowdy elements - 09-05-2008 15:48

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The Netherlands' pre-selection squad, to be whittled down in two stages; one next week, and the final squad will be announced after the 22nd. (Source: [www.knvb.nl](http://www.knvb.nl))

Goalkeepers: Sander Boschker (FC Twente), Edwin van der Sar (Manchester United), Maarten Stekelenburg (Ajax), Henk Timmer (Feyenoord).

Defenders: Wilfred Bouma (Aston Villa), Tim de Cler (Feyenoord), Urby Emanuelson (Ajax), John Heitinga (Ajax), Kew Jaliens (AZ), Joris Mathijsen (HSV), Mario Melchiot (Wigan Athletic), André Ooijer (Blackburn Rovers).

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Midfielders: Ibrahim Afellay (PSV), Giovanni van Bronckhorst (Feyenoord), Orlando Engelaar (FC Twente), Nigel de Jong (HSV), Denny Landzaat (Feyenoord), Hedwiges Maduro (Valencia), Clarence Seedorf (AC Milan), Wesley Sneijder (Real Madrid), Rafael van der Vaart (HSV), Demy de Zeeuw (AZ).

Forwards: Ryan Babel (Liverpool), Klaas Jan Huntelaar (Ajax), Danny Koevermans (PSV), Dirk Kuyt (Liverpool), Ruud van Nistelrooy (Real Madrid), Robin van Persie (Arsenal), Arjen Robben (Real Madrid), Jan Vennegoor of Hesselink (Celtic).

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## Re:Squads and squad numbers

Posted by dotmund - 09-05-2008 15:49

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Speaking of Henry's number 12 shirt - what's the official rule on "squad number" style numbering outside of international tournaments?

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## Re:Squads and squad numbers

Posted by Harry Parsons - 09-05-2008 15:57

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I thought Zidane was always 10 for France, in tournaments or qualifiers, and only wore 21 at Juve because someone (Del Piero?) wouldn't relinquish it?

I am (unsurprisingly given my obsession with him) fascinated by what number Anelka will wear.

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## Re:Squads and squad numbers

Posted by dotmund - 09-05-2008 16:01

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I'd guess he'll go for 3 or 9 and then add the second digit in with a clever mix of coal dust and vaseline.

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## Re:Squads and squad numbers

Posted by Harry Parsons - 09-05-2008 16:10

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I think he'll go for 9, Govou isn't going to be in the squad to have it is he?

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## Re:Squads and squad numbers

Posted by rowdy elements - 09-05-2008 16:16

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The Polish provisional squad courtesy of [www.pzpn.pl](http://www.pzpn.pl)

### Goalkeepers:

Artur Boruc (Celtic)  
Lukasz Fabianski (Arsenal)  
Tomasz Kuszczak (Manchester United)

### Defenders:

Jacek Bak (Austria Wien)  
Grzegorz Bronowicki (Crvena Zvezda)

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Pawel Golanski (Steaua Bucharest)  
Mariusz Jop (FK Moskva)  
Adam Kokoszka (Wisla Krakow)  
Marcin Wasilewski (Anderlecht)  
Jakub Wawrzyniak (Legia Warszawa)  
Michal Zewlakow (Olympiakos)

Midfielders:

Jakub Blaszczykowski (Borussia Dortmund)  
Dariusz Dudka (Wisla Krakow)  
Lukasz Gargula (GKS Belchatow)  
Roger Guerreiro (Legia Warszawa)  
Jacek Krzynowek (VfL Wolfsburg)  
Mariusz Lewandowski (Shakhtar Donetsk)  
Radoslaw Majewski (Groclin Dyskobolia Grodzisk)  
Rafal Murawski (Lech Poznan)  
Michal Pazdan (Gornik Zabrze)

Forwards:

Wojciech Lobodzinski (Wisla Krakow)  
Radoslaw Matusiak (Wisla Krakow)  
Marek Saganowski (Southampton)  
Euzebiusz Smolarek (Racing Santander)  
Tomasz Zahorski (Gornik Zabrze)  
Maciej Zurawski (Larisa)

Reserve list:

Wojciech Kowalewski (Korona Kielce)  
Arkadiusz Radomski (Austria Wien)  
Michal Golinski (Zaglebie Lubin)  
Dawid Janczyk (CSKA Moskva)  
Lukasz Piszczek (Hertha Berlin)  
Artur Wichniarek (Arminia Bielefeld)

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**Re:Squads and squad numbers**

Posted by Taylor - 09-05-2008 17:48

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Bring back alphabetical squad numbering. Nothing so exotic as a goalie wearing 8.

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**Re:Squads and squad numbers**

Posted by erwin - 09-05-2008 20:49

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Portugal's on Monday.

It's a shame that FC Porto's Kazmierczak isn't in that Poland squad - a very strong midfielder with a cracking shot and a good header of the ball, attacking and defending. Didn't get much of a look-in at club level this season, thus, I suppose, his exclusion.

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**Re:Squads and squad numbers**

Posted by mnb098mnb - 09-05-2008 21:21

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dotmund wrote:

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I'm not sure there is an official rule. When Wales played in Frankfurt at the end of qualification for Euro 2008 Germany had a few players with squad numbers in the 30s.

Dirty.

<http://cache.daylife.com/imageserve/0aTsf94tz2uk/340x.jpg>

I read an interview recently where Anelka said the number 39 "meant nothing". He wore number 9 at Euro 2000, I expect he'll use that number with France this summer.

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## Re:Squads and squad numbers

Posted by rowdy elements - 12-05-2008 18:56

Another preliminary squad announced, this time from Turkey:

Goalkeepers; Volkan Demirel, Rustu Recber, Tolga Zengin

Defenders; Gokhan Gonul, Sabri Sarioglu, Gokhan Zan, Ibrahim Kas, Emre Asik, Servet Cetin, Hakan Kadir Balta, Ugur Boral, Emre Gungor

Midfielders; Mehmet Aurelio, Mehmet Topal, Emre Belozoglu, Tumer Metin, Yildiray Basturk, Hamit Altintop, Ayhan Akman, Arda Turan, Tuncay Sanli, Kazim Kazim (Colin Kazim Richards)

Forwards; Gokdeniz Karadeniz, Nihat Kahveci, Halil Altintop, Semih Senturk, Mevlut Erdinc

from [www.tff.org](http://www.tff.org)

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## Re:Squads and squad numbers

Posted by rowdy elements - 12-05-2008 19:33

Portugal's 23;

Goalkeepers: Ricardo (Bétis), Quim (Benfica), Rui Patrício (Sporting)

Defenders: Bosingwa (F.C. Porto), Paulo Ferreira (Chelsea), Miguel (Valência), Jorge Ribeiro (Boavista), Fernando Meira (Stuttgart), Ricardo Carvalho (F.C. Porto), Pepe (Real Madrid), Bruno Alves (F.C. Porto)

Midfielders: Petit (Benfica), Deco (Barcelona), Miguel Veloso (Sporting), João Moutinho (Sporting), Raul Meireles (F.C. Porto)

Forwards: Simão Sabrosa (Atl. Madrid), Nani (Manchester United), Cristiano Ronaldo (Manchester United), Quaresma (F.C. Porto), Nuno Gomes (Benfica), Hélder Postiga (Panathinaikos), Hugo Almeida (Werder Bremen)

This from [www.maisfutebol.iol.pt](http://www.maisfutebol.iol.pt)

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## Re:Squads and squad numbers

Posted by rowdy elements - 13-05-2008 15:09

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The Swiss preliminary squad of 26 ([www.football.ch](http://www.football.ch)).

Goalkeepers: Diego Benaglio, Fabio Coltorti, Pascal Zuberbühler

Defenders: Valon Behrami, Philipp Degen, Johan Djourou, Mario Eggimann, Stéphane Grichting, Stephan Lichtsteiner, Ludovic Magnin, Patrick Müller, Philippe Senderos, Christoph Spycher, Steve von Bergen.

Midfielders: Tranquillo Barnetta, Ricardo Cabanas, Gelson Fernandes, Daniel Gygax, Benjamin Huggel, Gökhan Inler, Hakan Yakin, Johan Vonlanthen.

Forwards: Eren Derdiyok, Alex Frei, Blaise Nkufo, Marco Streller.

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## Re:Squads and squad numbers

Posted by rowdy elements - 13-05-2008 18:56

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Sweden have revealed their squad of 23, complete with squad numbers: [fromwww.svenskfotboll.se](http://www.svenskfotboll.se)

- 1 Andreas Isaksson
  - 2 Mikael Nilsson
  - 3 Olof Mellberg
  - 4 Petter Hansson
  - 5 Fredrik Stoor
  - 6 Tobias Linderöth
  - 7 Niclas Alexandersson
  - 8 Anders Svensson
  - 9 Fredrik Ljungberg
  - 10 Zlatan Ibrahimovic
  - 11 Johan Elmander
  - 12 Rami Shaaban
  - 13 Johan Wiland
  - 14 Daniel Majstorovic
  - 15 Andreas Granqvist
  - 16 Kim Källström
  - 17 Henrik Larsson
  - 18 Sebastian Larsson
  - 19 Daniel Andersson
  - 20 Marcus Allbäck
  - 21 Christian Wilhelmsson
  - 22 Markus Rosenberg
  - 23 Mikael Dorsin
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## Re:Squads and squad numbers

Posted by Inca - 13-05-2008 21:16

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rowdy elements wrote:

17 Henrik Larsson

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## Re:Squads and squad numbers

Posted by rowdy elements - 14-05-2008 14:52

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This is now his third comeback from international retirement to appear in a tournament finals. He's still playing regular

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first team football back in Sweden, but this is an aging squad, and furthermore, it seems that Larsson will be first choice if Sweden play 4-4-2.

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## Re:Squads and squad numbers

Posted by rowdy elements - 14-05-2008 14:59

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The Czech 23, minus Nedved, but with Vlcek and Matejovský instead([www.fotbal.cz](http://www.fotbal.cz)).

Goalkeepers: Cech, Blazek, Zítka

Defenders: Grygera, Jankulovski, Kadlec, Kovác, Pospesch, Rozehnal, Sivok, Ujfalusi

Midfielders: Galásek, Jarolím, Matejovský, Plasil, Pudil, Polák, Sivok, Vlcek

Forwards: Baros, Fenin, Koller, Sverkos

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## Re:Squads and squad numbers

Posted by Inca - 14-05-2008 15:02

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No Rosicky?

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## Re:Squads and squad numbers

Posted by rowdy elements - 14-05-2008 15:05

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He's injured. He's out with a knee injury.

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## Re:Squads and squad numbers

Posted by rowdy elements - 14-05-2008 15:20

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Russia's 25 man initial squad here:[www.rfs.ru](http://www.rfs.ru)

Goalkeepers: Malafeev, Akinfeev, Gabulov.

Defenders: Aleksei Berezutskiy, Vasiliy Berezutskiy, Ignashevich, Anyukov, Shirokov, Kolodin, Yanbayev.

Midfield: Zyryanov, Pavlenko, Bystrov, Zhirkov, Semshov, Bilyaletdinov, Torbinskiy, Semak, Saenko, Oleg Ivanov.

Forwards: Arshavin, Pogrebnyak, Pavlyuchenko, Adamov, Sychov.

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## Re:Squads and squad numbers

Posted by rowdy elements - 14-05-2008 15:36

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Last month, Austrian coach Josef Hickersberger picked a 31-man training squad. Here they are, with clubs, caps, and, if any, goals.

(Cut and pasted from [www.oefb.at](http://www.oefb.at))

Goalkeepers: Christian Gratzei (SK Sturm Graz/0)  
Alexander Manninger (AC Siena/26)  
Jürgen Macho (AEK Athen/13)

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Helge Payer (SK Rapid Wien/15)

Defenders: Andreas Dober (SK Rapid Wien/3)  
György Garics (SSC Napoli/11/1)  
Ronald Gercaliu (FK Austria Wien/10)  
Martin Hiden (SK Austria Kärnten (48/1)  
Andreas Ibetsberger (TSG 1899 Hoffenheim/12/1)  
Markus Katzer (SK Rapid Wien/10)  
Jürgen Patocka (SK Rapid Wien/2)  
Emanuel Pogatzetz (FC Middlesbrough/25/1)  
Sebastian Prödl (SK Sturm Graz/8/2)  
Franz Schiemer (FK Austria Wien/4)  
Martin Stranzl (Spartak Moskau/43/2)

Midfielders: Rene Aufhauser (Red Bull Salzburg/49/10)  
Christian Fuchs (SV Mattersburg/16)  
Martin Harnik (SV Werder Bremen/7/1)  
Andreas Ivanschitz (Panathinaikos Athen/37/6)  
Ümit Korkmaz (SK Rapid Wien/0)  
Christoph Leitgeb (Red Bull Salzburg/17)  
Jürgen Säumel (SK Sturm Graz/9)  
Joachim Standfest (FK Austria Wien/29/2)  
Ivica Vastic (LASK Linz/46/12)  
Markus Weissenberger (Eintracht Frankfurt/29/1)

Forwards: Erwin Hoffer (SK Rapid Wien/2)  
Marc Janko (Red Bull Salzburg/3)  
Roman Kienast (Ham-Kam/3)  
Sanel Kuljic (FK Austria Wien/20/3)  
Roland Linz (SC Braga/29/5)  
Stefan Maierhofer (SK Rapid Wien/0)

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## Re:Squads and squad numbers

Posted by And I am the Life - 14-05-2008 15:55

oooh 46 goals between them. 8 goals by the forwards. This looks like a quality squad.

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## Re:Squads and squad numbers

Posted by rowdy elements - 14-05-2008 16:02

Romania have also announced their preliminary squad, in two parts; their domestic based players have gone to Turkey for pre-tournament training, their foreign based squad members should join them on completion of their season.  
[www.ffr.ro](http://www.ffr.ro)

Goalkeepers: Lobont, Coman, Popa.

Defenders: Contra, Rat, Radu, Tamas, Chivu, Sapunaru, Goian, Ghionea, Radoi, Moti.

Midfielders: Florentin Petre, Codrea, Cocis, Ovidiu Petre, Dica, Nicolita.

Forwards: Mutu, Marica, Daniel Niculae, Marius Niculae, Cristea, Bratu, Deac.

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## Re:Squads and squad numbers

Posted by rowdy elements - 14-05-2008 16:35

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oooh 46 goals between them. 8 goals by the forwards. This looks like a quality squad.

Take into account that twelve of those have come from Ivica Vastic, veteran of the last Austrian side to qualify for a major finals tournament in 1998. Nearly 39 now, he hasn't played international football since the summer of 2005.

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## Re:Squads and squad numbers

Posted by And I am the Life - 14-05-2008 16:37

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fuck me. They are so screwed its unreal

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## Re:Squads and squad numbers

Posted by rowdy elements - 14-05-2008 16:52

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They will almost certainly have to rely on Andreas Ivanschitz, apparently labelled the Austrian David Beckham, who has been on loan with Panathinaikos for a couple of seasons.

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## Re:Squads and squad numbers

Posted by ursus arctos - 14-05-2008 17:00

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Austria are crap, likely the worst side ever to participate in the final stages of this tournament. And yet they somehow built a 3-0 lead against the Oranje a month ago, which is one of the many things that worries those of us who support Holland.

And serious thanks to Rowdy for all of the work he/she is putting in here.

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## Re:Squads and squad numbers

Posted by Fred Keenor - 14-05-2008 18:05

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Yes, thanks rowdy. Excellent stuff.

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## Re:Squads and squad numbers

Posted by rowdy elements - 14-05-2008 19:48

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Thanks for the acknowledgments, Ursus and Harry/Fred. Some further updates: Clarence Seedorf has pulled out of the Dutch squad, due to his continuing quarrel with Marco van Basten, the German squad will be announced on Friday, the French will announce a 29-man squad on the 25th, and the Croatian team have apparently been allocated numbers.

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## Re:Squads and squad numbers

Posted by ursus arctos - 14-05-2008 20:00

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The story apparently is that Seedorf was only going if he was going to start, and MvB wasn't willing to guarantee him a starting place. It wouldn't be the Oranje without at least headstrong personality clash that weakens the squad going into a major tournament. Seedorf is by no means an OTF favourite, but he has been one of Milan's best players this year.

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## Re:Squads and squad numbers

Posted by rowdy elements - 16-05-2008 15:40

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The German squad announced today is actually a preliminary squad of 26, rather than the final squad promised. Newly promoted Borussia Mönchengladbach and Köln are represented in the squad, with Oliver Neuville, Marko Marin (19 year old left winger, 30 games, 13 assists this season for BMG) and Patrick Helmes. No place for Timo Hildebrand; possibly a mirror of the situation with Seedorf?

Das Team: [www.dfb.de](http://www.dfb.de)

Goalkeepers; Lehmann, Enke, Adler.

Defenders; Mertesacker, Metzelder, Westermann, Friedrich, Jansen, Lahm.

Midfielders; Fritz, Borowski, Frings, Hitzlsperger, Schweinsteiger, Ballack, Rolfes, Jones, Odonkor, Trochowski, Marin

Forwards; Neuville, Helmes, Podolski, Kuranyi, Gomez, Klose.

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## Re:Squads and squad numbers

Posted by rowdy elements - 16-05-2008 16:23

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Marco van Basten has announced the first cut of his squad (of his own choice); Maduro, Emanuelson, Jaliens and Koevermans have all been eliminated from the original selection.

Spain, due to announce a squad yesterday have postponed their announcement until tomorrow as a mark of respect to their chief doctor, Genaro Borrás, who died yesterday, after a long battle with cancer.

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## Re:Squads and squad numbers

Posted by Lodzubelieveit - 17-05-2008 11:35

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Spain's squad has just been announced. No Raul, as expected.

GK: Casillas, Palop, Reina

D: Albiol, Arbeloa, Capdevila, Juanito, Marchena, Fernando Navarro, Puyol, Ramos

M: Alonso, Cazorla, Cesc, De la Red, Iniesta, Senna, Silva, Xavi

F: Guiza, Sergio Garcia, Torres, Villa

5 players who have never played a minute for Spain (Palop, Navarro, De la Red, Cazorla, Sergio Garcia) seems to be rather a lot.

Spain will be quite good, but will ultimately be caught out in quarter- or semi-finals, principally because of their rash and slightly dodgy defence.

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## Re:Squads and squad numbers

Posted by ad hoc - 20-05-2008 08:58

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To follow up rowdy's previous post on Romania, here is the preliminary squad with current clubs:

Players based outside Romania - joining the squad this week:

Cosmin Contra (Getafe CF), Gabriel Tama\_ (AJ Auxerre), ^tefan Radu (SS Lazio), R zvan Rac (FC ^ahtior Doneck), Florentin Petre (TSKA Sofia), Paul Codrea (AC Siena), R zvan Coci\_ (FC Lokomotiv Moscova), Cristian Chivu

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(Internazionale Milano FC), Adrian Mutu (Forentina), Ciprian Marica (VfB Stuttgart), Daniel Niculae (AJ Auxerre) \_i  
Marius Niculae (Inverness).

Romania based players:

Bogdan Lobonc (FC Dinamo Bucure\_ti), D nuc Coman (FC Rapid Bucure\_ti), Marius Popa (FC Politehnica 1921 ^tiinca  
Timi\_oara), Cristian S punaru (FC Rapid), Dorin Goian, Sorin Ghionea (ambii, FC Steaua), Cosmin Moci (FC Dinamo),  
Mirel R doi, Ovidiu Petre, Nicolae Dic , B nel Nicolic (toci, FC Steaua), Adrian Cristea, Florin Bratu (ambii, FC Dinamo) \_i  
Ciprian Deac (CFR 1907 Cluj).

As Deac is one of the three players likely to be cut from the final squad, that means the league champions (and cup  
winners) will not have a single representative in the squad.

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## Re:Squads and squad numbers

Posted by ad hoc - 20-05-2008 09:02

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Oh for fuck's sake. What is it with fireboard and diacritical marks?

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## Re:Squads and squad numbers

Posted by ursus arctos - 20-05-2008 09:18

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It doesn't like 'em. Wait until we get to the Czechs.

Is Lobont going to be the number 1? That would seem to me to be "your" weak spot (assuming that Mutu and Chivu are  
taking this seriously).

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## Re:Squads and squad numbers

Posted by ad hoc - 20-05-2008 09:21

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Yes, and yes. The goalkeeping slot and the midfield are likely to be the seriously weak areas (indeed Piturca generally  
plays Chivu in midfield to shore that up a bit since he has a fair few defenders to choose from.)

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## Re:Squads and squad numbers

Posted by ursus arctos - 20-05-2008 09:29

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Mancini was doing the same at Inter in the wake of the rash of injuries in his midfield, though as we've discussed before,  
Chivu was not at his best this year no matter where he played.

Romania's real problem is their group, I'm afraid.

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## Re:Squads and squad numbers

Posted by Kurt Mondschein - 20-05-2008 09:55

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I had Romania down as this year's dark horse, but considering the group they're in.

If they reach the quarters, everything's possible.

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## Re:Squads and squad numbers

Posted by ursus arctos - 20-05-2008 13:28

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Strange things going on down here.

Donadoni was expected to name his "pre-selection" of 28 today, but has instead named just 24 players (i.e., one more than the Euro limit). And he's included Cassano among the 24 (the other surprise being Montolivio of Fiorentina). Here is the complete list:

Goalkeepers: Buffon, Amelia, De Sanctis

Defenders: Barzagli, Cannavaro, Chiellini, Grosso, Materazzi, Panucci, Zambrotta.

Midfielders: Ambrosini, Gattuso, Aquilani, Camoranesi, De Rossi, Perrotta, Montolivo e Pirlo

Forwards: Toni, Borriello, Del Piero, Di Natale, Quagliarella, Cassano.

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## Re:Squads and squad numbers

Posted by Kurt Mondschein - 20-05-2008 13:29

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God, I just know this lot would beat us should that be the final.

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## Re:Squads and squad numbers

Posted by ursus arctos - 20-05-2008 13:32

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Well, they did it once already . . .

Though it isn't at all hard to see a team with Materazzi, Cassano and De Rossi finishing a match against Germany with less than 11 players.

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## Re:Squads and squad numbers

Posted by Kurt Mondschein - 20-05-2008 13:52

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They'd have an easy job in provoking Kuranyi and Podolski. Frings would be a good target too.

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## Re:Squads and squad numbers

Posted by ursus arctos - 20-05-2008 13:59

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And that's before we get to Herr Jones or Senor Camoranesi . . .

It could be the first final to finish with 16 players.

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## Re:Squads and squad numbers

Posted by Janik - 20-05-2008 21:14

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I'd just like to point out that the Czech squad that rowdy posted up last week is only provisional. Bruckner might make changes yet.

One has switched. Daniel Pudil (who was only in in the first place because Radek Sirl isn't fully fit) has dropped out. Rudi Skacel has been called up as a replacement.

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## Re:Squads and squad numbers

Posted by Huh? Man - 22-05-2008 22:35

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Lehmann  
Enke - crap  
Adler - crap

Mertesacker - crap  
Metzelder  
Westermann - really crap  
Friedrich - crap  
Jansen - crap  
Lahm - crap

Fritz - really crap  
Borowski - crap  
Frings - crap  
Hitzlsperger - crap  
Schweinsteiger - crap  
Ballack  
Rolfes - crap  
Jones - crap  
Odonkor  
Trochowski - crap  
Marin - who the fuck?

Neuville  
Helmes - really crap  
Podolski - crap  
Kuranyi - the worst German international I have ever seen  
Gomez - crap, and, presumably Mexican  
Klose

I can't wait.

Where's Bernd Schneider?

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## Re:Squads and squad numbers

Posted by Inca - 23-05-2008 17:59

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Huh? Man wrote:

Gomez - crap, and, presumably Mexican

Hmm...

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## Re:Squads and squad numbers

Posted by ad hoc - 26-05-2008 07:27

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Daniel Coman, Romania's second choice keeper (and ought to be the first choice) has had an injury in training and will be out for 8 months. In respo0nse Romania have drafted in St nciou fromn CFR Cluj (who's also a better goalie than both Lobont and Popa, but presumably won;t see any timke on the pitch)

Oh, and in non-Euro2008 but Rapid Bucharest news, Laszlo Boloni has signed a contract tobecome Rapid's next coach.

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## Re:Squads and squad numbers

Posted by mnb098mnb - 27-05-2008 11:52

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I was flicking through the squads today on wikipedia and I noticed that currently there are no "teenagers" confirmed as playing in the final tournament.

Eren Derdiyok of Switzerland and Marko Marin of Germany are the only two players named in any provisional squads who will be younger than 20 when the competition starts.

Deadline for squads is tomorrow (Weds 28th May) by the way.

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## Re:Squads and squad numbers

Posted by blameless - 27-05-2008 13:23

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I never thought I'd see the day, but Italy are really, really struggling for goalkeepers there (Buffon apart, of course).

Has Morgan De Sanctis ever been a first-choice keeper? He seems to have spent his entire career as back-up to the likes of Peruzzi, Buffon and Palop.

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## Re:Squads and squad numbers

Posted by ursus arctos - 27-05-2008 13:46

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De Sanctis was first choice at Udinese for several seasons. And Amelia isn't terrible. But yeah, you are seeing the results of the relative domination of foreign keepers in Serie A (Buffon apart, of course).

Italy would naturalise Frey or Julio Cesar in a second if they could (and would consider doing the same for Doni, if not Dida or Kalac).

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## Re:Squads and squad numbers

Posted by rowdy elements - 27-05-2008 14:58

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I'd just like to point out that the Czech squad that rowdy posted up last week is only provisional.

Of course, this is a caveat which applies to each squad, any changes must be made before tomorrow.

Landzaat and Boschker have been eliminated from the Dutch squad, Deac has been confirmed as one of the Romanian squad not to make the final 23, in addition to Danut Coman, Ovidiu Petre is also out of the competition injured, Pavlenko and Ivanov are out of Russia's squad leaving them with a final 23, Turkey's right-back Gökhan Gönül misses the tournament as well and for Switzerland there were a few changes to the original list; Coltorti is replaced by Eldin Jakupovic of Grasshopper, while Steve von Bergen and Blaise Nkufo are also out through injury. 33 year-old Thomas Häberli of Young Boys has been called up to replace Nkufo.

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## Re:Squads and squad numbers

Posted by rowdy elements - 27-05-2008 15:33

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The Greek squad, as announced yesterday afternoon: transliterated by myself, apologies for any spelling mistakes.  
<http://www.supersport.gr>:

1. Nikopolídis

2. Seitarídis
3. Patsatsouglou
4. Spyropoulos
5. Déllas
6. Basinás
7. Samarás
8. Giannakopoulos
9. Charistéas
10. Karagounis
11. Víntra
12. Chalkiás
13. Tsorvas
14. Salpingídis
15. Torosídis
16. Kyrgiákos
17. Gékas
18. Goumás
19. Antsas
20. Amanatídis
21. Katsouránis
22. Tsolis
23. Liberopoulos

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## Re:Squads and squad numbers

Posted by ursus arctos - 27-05-2008 15:39

Everyone here assumes that Montolivo will be the "24th man" left home tomorrow, now that Perotta has overcome the knock he got in the Cup Final and Cassano has been on his best behaviour.

If you can get odds of 100 to 1 on Cassano being top scorer, I'd take them.

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## Re:Squads and squad numbers

Posted by rowdy elements - 28-05-2008 11:14

There's less than an hour to go before each coach has to submit his final choice. Bratu has been cut from the Romanian squad, Marin has unsurprisingly made way from the final German squad, as Ursus said, Montolivo has been dropped from the Italian selection and Poland have finalised their team; Grzegorz Bronowicki, Radoslaw Majewski and Radoslaw Matusiak fail to make the cut from the provisional squad.

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## Re:Squads and squad numbers

Posted by rowdy elements - 28-05-2008 11:20

Austria's final squad (in brackets:club, caps,goals):

### Goalkeepers

Alexander Manninger (AC Siena/26 )  
Jürgen Macho (AEK Athen/14)  
Ramazan Özcan (TSG 1899 Hoffenheim)

### Defence

Martin Stranzl (Spartak Moskau/44/2)  
Emanuel Pogatetz (FC Middlesbrough/26/1)  
Markus Katzer (SK Rapid Wien/10)  
György Garics (SSC Napoli/11/1)  
Sebastian Prödl (SK Sturm Graz/9/2)

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Ronald Gercaliu (FK Austria Wien/10)  
Martin Hiden (SK Austria Kärnten/48/1)  
Jürgen Patocka (SK Rapid Wien/2)

Midfield

Joachim Standfest (FK Austria Wien/30/2) Christian Fuchs (SV Mattersburg/17)  
Rene Aufhauser (Red Bull Salzburg/50/10)  
Ivica Vastic (LASK Linz/47/12)  
Christoph Leitgeb (Red Bull Salzburg/18) Andreas Ivanschitz (Panathinaikos/38/6)  
Jürgen Säumel (SK Sturm Graz/10)  
Ümit Korkmaz (SK Rapid Wien/1)

Forwards

Martin Harnik (SV Werder Bremen/7/1)  
Roland Linz (SC Braga/30/5)  
Roman Kienast (Ham-Kam/6/1)  
Erwin Hoffer (SK Rapid Wien/3)

<http://www.oefb.at/>

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## Re:Squads and squad numbers

Posted by rowdy elements - 28-05-2008 11:32

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Switzerland:

Goalkeepers: Benaglio, Zuberbühler, Jakupovic

Defence: Spycher, Magnin, Degen, Lichtsteiner Djourou, Grichting, Senderos, Patrick Müller

Midfield: Behrami, Gelson Fernandes, Huggel, Barnetta, Cabanas, Gygax, Gökhan Inler

Forwards: Hakan Yakin, Eren Derdiyok, Frei, Streller, Vonlanthen

[www.football.ch](http://www.football.ch)

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## Re:Squads and squad numbers

Posted by rowdy elements - 28-05-2008 11:36

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Romania's squad list:

1 - Bogdan Ionut Lobont  
2 - Cosmin Marius Contra  
3 - Razvan Rat Dinca  
4 - Gabriel Sebastian Tamas  
5 - Cristian Eugen Chivu  
6 - Matei Mirel Radoi  
7 - Florentin Petre  
8 - Paul Constantin Codrea  
9 - Ciprian Andrei Marica  
10 - Adrian Mutu  
11 - Razvan Vasile Cocis  
12 - Marius Viorel Popa  
13 - Cristian Ionut Sapunaru  
14 - Sorin Ghionea  
15 - Dorin Nicolai Goian  
16 - Banel Nicolita  
17 - Cosmin Iosif Moti  
18 - Marius Constantin Niculae

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19 - Adrian Cristea  
20 - Nicolae Constantin Dica  
21 - George Daniel Niculae  
22 - Stefan Radu  
23 - Eduard Cornel Stancioiu

[www.frf.ro](http://www.frf.ro)

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## Re:Squads and squad numbers

Posted by rowdy elements - 28-05-2008 11:52

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Helmes and Jermaine Jones have been dropped alongside Marin from Germany's squad.

Meanwhile, the Dutch have sorted out their final squad complete with squad numbers; as expected, Bouhlarouz is rejected in favour of Melchiot and Ooijer.

1. Edwin van der Sar
2. André Ooijer
3. John Heitinga
4. Joris Mathijsen
5. Giovanni van Bronckhorst
6. Demy de Zeeuw
7. Robin van Persie
8. Orlando Engelaar
9. Ruud van Nistelrooy
10. Wesley Sneijder
11. Arjen Robben
12. Mario Melchiot
13. Henk Timmer
14. Wilfred Bouma
15. Tim de Cler
16. Maarten Stekelenburg
17. Nigel de Jong
18. Dirk Kuyt
19. Klaas Jan Huntelaar
20. Ibrahim Afellay
21. Ryan Babel
22. Jan Vennegoor of Hesselink
23. Rafael van der Vaart

[www.knvb.nl](http://www.knvb.nl)

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## Re:Squads and squad numbers

Posted by rowdy elements - 28-05-2008 12:06

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Time's almost up for squads to be revealed; France have announced theirs;

Goalkeepers: Coupet, Frey, Mandanda

Defenders: Sagnol, Clerc, Evra, Thuram, Abidal, Gallas, Boumsong, Squillaci

Midfield: Diarra, Vieira, Toulalan, Makélélé, Nasri, Ribéry, Govou, Malouda

Forwards: Henry, Benzema, Anelka, Gomis

[www.fff.fr](http://www.fff.fr)

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## Re:Squads and squad numbers

Posted by rowdy elements - 28-05-2008 12:13

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For France, Mandanda has been selected in preference to Landreau, yesterday's performance from Bafétimbi Gomis puts him in the squad instead of Djibril Cissé, Makélélé and Toulalan are selected over Flamini and Escudé misses out with Boumsong in the squad.

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## Re:Squads and squad numbers

Posted by Harry Carpenter - 28-05-2008 12:16

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If anyone finds a list or link to all of the squads with squad numbers and players' clubs so I can get PES updated as perfectly as possible in time for the tournament it would be much appreciated.

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## Re:Squads and squad numbers

Posted by mnb098mnb - 28-05-2008 12:19

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[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/UEFA\\_Euro\\_2008\\_squads](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/UEFA_Euro_2008_squads)

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## Re:Squads and squad numbers

Posted by ursus arctos - 28-05-2008 12:21

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Let's think about who isn't on that French list:

For starters: Landreau, Mexes, Escude, Flamini, Ben Arfa and Trezeguet. And I'll throw in Cisse and Alou Diarra for laughs.

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## Re:Squads and squad numbers

Posted by rowdy elements - 28-05-2008 12:24

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The final squad of Russia (numbers included) looks like this:

1. Akinfeev
2. Vasily Berezutskiy
3. Yanbayev
4. Ignashevich
5. Aleksei Berezutskiy
6. Adamov
7. Torbinskiy
8. Kolodin
9. Saenko
10. Arshavin
11. Semak
12. Gabulov
13. Pogrebnyak
14. Shirokov
15. Bilyaletdinov
16. Malafeev
17. Zyryanov
18. Zhirkov
19. Pavlyuchenko

- 20. Semshov
- 21. Sychov
- 22. Anyukov
- 23. Bystrov

www.rfs.ru

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## Re:Squads and squad numbers

Posted by rowdy elements - 28-05-2008 12:44

With regards to the wikipedia link, there's a discrepancy in the Romania squad; Bratu is in their list in place of Moti. All the same, wikipedia does serve as a useful general introduction for those unfamiliar squad members.

Turkey's squad:

Goalkeepers: Volkan Demirel, Rustu Recber, Tolga Zengin

Defenders: Sabri Sarioglu, Gokhan Zan, Emre Asik, Servet Cetin, Hakan Kadir Balta, Ugur Boral, Emre Gungor

Midfield: Mehmet Aurelio, Mehmet Topal, Emre Belozoglou, Tumer Metin, Hamit Altintop, Ayhan Akman, Arda Turan, Tuncay Sanli, Kazim Kazim (Colin Kazim-Richards)

Forwards: Gokdeniz Karadeniz, Nihat Kahveci, Semih Senturk, Melvut Erdinc

No place then for Halil Altintop, Yildiray Basturk or Ibrahim Kas.

www.tff.org (I imagine the squad numbers given here aren't official)

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## Re:Squads and squad numbers

Posted by ursus arctos - 28-05-2008 12:46

No Basturk? Is he hurt again?

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## Re:Squads and squad numbers

Posted by rowdy elements - 28-05-2008 13:00

According to coach Fatih Terim, his injury record and the system Turkey will play were important factors in the decision to drop him.

I have a system in my mind for my team and unfortunately I concluded I couldn't name Yildiray in this ideal starting XI. He would be a substitute and that could affect his morale, so I decided to leave him out of our final squad.

from [www.euro2008.uefa.com/news](http://www.euro2008.uefa.com/news)

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## Re:Squads and squad numbers

Posted by ursus arctos - 28-05-2008 15:18

Hmmm.

Yet another of the many reasons to wish that Spock was still among us. He'd have the back story for that quote.

It raises the question of whether the "German" Turks are again out of favour with the federation.

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## Re:Squads and squad numbers

Posted by rowdy elements - 28-05-2008 15:49

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A list of squads with numbers from the Uefa website is here for most teams; however we'll have to wait until Domenech has consulted his numerologist before France unveil their numbers

<http://www.euro2008.uefa.com/news/kind=1/newsid=702209.html>

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## Re:Squads and squad numbers

Posted by silent bob - 28-05-2008 18:41

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Poland

keepers

1. Artur Boruc (Celtic)
22. Lukasz Fabianski (Arsenal)
12. Tomasz Kuszczak (Manchester United)

defenders

6. Jacek Bak (Austria Wien)
4. Pawel Golanski (Steaua)
2. Mariusz Jop (FK Moscow)
23. Adam Kokoszka (Wisla Krakow)
13. Marcin Wasilewski (Anderlecht)
3. Jakub Wawrzyniak (Legia Warszawa)
14. Michal Zewlakow (Olympiakos Pireus)

midfielders

16. Jakub Blaszczykowski (Borussia Dortmund)
5. Dariusz Dudka (Wisla Krakow)
10. Lukasz Gargula (GKS Belchatow)
20. Roger Guerreiro (Legia Warszawa)
8. Jacek Krzynowek (VfL Wolfsburg)
18. Mariusz Lewandowski (Szachtar)
19. Rafal Murawski (Lech Poznan)
15. Michal Pazdan (Gornik Zabrze)

forwards

17. Wojciech Lobodzinski (Wisla Krakow)
  11. Marek Saganowski (Southampton)
  7. Euzebiusz Smolarek (Racing Santander)
  21. Tomasz Zahorski (Gornik Zabrze)
  9. Maciej Zurawski (AE Larisa)
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## Re:Squads and squad numbers

Posted by linus - 30-05-2008 19:28

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A slight trivia aside: who holds the UEFA record for most national team selections? Thuram, who holds that record for France, could surpass 150 by the end of this year.

And it looks like Casillas might break his record, he's already in the high 70s and just turned 27 last week...

Looking at some potential candidates with remarkably long international careers, Zoff has less than 120 azzuri selections, Yashine under 100. I thought those two might be closer to Thuram's amazing run.

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## Re:Squads and squad numbers

Posted by Harry Carpenter - 31-05-2008 20:24

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Babel out of the Dutch squad after a training ground injury, if it hasn't already been mentioned.

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## Re:Squads and squad numbers

Posted by ursus arctos - 31-05-2008 20:45

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Anelka is wearing number 8 for France tonight (and just fell over when presented with a golden chance at the edge of the area).

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## Re:Squads and squad numbers

Posted by mnb098mnb - 31-05-2008 22:18

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Quite sadly this is something that I always find interesting. The numbers chosen for in international tournaments. Most countries choose the same three numbers tournament after tournament for goalkeepers.

### Goalkeepers

1-16-23: Czech Republic

1-12-22: Portugal

1-18-21: Switzerland

1-12-23: Turkey

1-21-23: Austria

1-12-23: Croatia

1-12-23: Germany

1-12-22: Poland

1-16-23: France

1-14-17: Italy

1-13-16: Netherlands

1-12-23: Romania

1-12-13: Greece

1-12-16: Russia

1-13-23: Spain

1-12-13: Sweden

Sebastian Frey is number 16 for France which suggests that he is first choice as keeper now taken over from Fabian Barthez (another 16). Mandanda is "France's #1" despite being uncapped.

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## Re:Squads and squad numbers

Posted by mnb098mnb - 31-05-2008 22:20

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ursus arctos wrote:

Anelka is wearing number 8 for France tonight (and just fell over when presented with a golden chance at the edge of the area).

Anelka is wearing a number 39 shirt on his sticker in the Panini album. Quite disgusting really.

I notice that Del Piero is sticking with the number 7 shirt (despite Totti's international retirement). De Rossi is number 10.

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## Re:Squads and squad numbers

Posted by Harry Carpenter - 01-06-2008 10:40

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The Observer's Euro 2008 this morning lists all squads and players' numbers and clubs. It ascribes 8 to Anelka also, Benzema is 9 as per Subside Sport's website a few weeks ago so they had a tip from Adidas, obviously.

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## Re:Squads and squad numbers

Posted by ursus arctos - 01-06-2008 10:47

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Coupet (no. 23) actually started for France last night, and is expected to do so in the Euros.

Govou has the burden of Platini and Zidane's number 10.

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## Re:Squads and squad numbers

Posted by Rogin the Armchair Fan - 01-06-2008 10:58

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Are numbers on shirts an anachronism at big tournaments like these, now that every player puts their name on the back of the shirt? They were only really ever there for the crowd, and commentators, to recognise which player was which, but with the names on shirts (and the ever-increasing celebrity status of the players themselves, anyway) it's not as if you need to know what number Ronaldo's playing in to spot him on the pitch.

For a while, numbers corresponded to playing positions (so the 11 on the pitch at kick-off would ALWAYS be numbered 1 to 11), but the Dutch started to rip that up with total football, and then squad numbers have just made it silly. Liverpool are as likely to have numbers 15 and 18 up front as 9 and 10.

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## Re:Squads and squad numbers

Posted by Inca - 01-06-2008 16:03

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I must say, as an American that grew up with sports where players picked whatever numbers they damn well pleased (starting lineup of numbers on the Lakers, the team that I loved more than any other as a kid: 33-42-45-4-32), I don't see the indignation with players picking numbers that don't correspond to their position. But that's just me.

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