



UEFA EURO2016 FRANCE Group Draw

The Euro 2016 groups have been drawn on 12th December in Germany. The finals will take place in France from 10th June 2016 to 10th July 2016. The tournament will be the largest ever as it has been expanded to 24 teams. The strongest, as official FIFA ranking numbers say, is Group D with Spain, Croatia, Czech Republic and Turkey. Group E is also very strong with Belgium- 1st in the FIFA ranking playing with Italy, Sweden and Republic of Ireland. The hosts always get the easiest group, so France will play with Switzerland, Romania and Albania in Group A.

Group A

Albania
France
Romania
Switzerland

Group B

England
Russia
Slovakia
Wales

Group C

Germany
Ukraine
Poland
Northern Ireland

Group D

Spain
Croatia
Czech Republic
Turkey

Group E

Belgium
Italy
Sweden
Republic of Ireland

Group F

Portugal
Austria
Hungary
Iceland

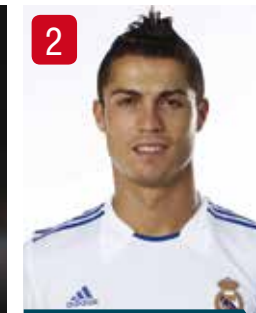


FIFA Player of the Year 2015

Lionel Messi was awarded the 2015 Ballon d'Or on 11th January in Zurich. He was named the best player of the year for his fifth time. Barcelona star beat Cristiano Ronaldo (27.76%) and Neymar (7.86%) with 41.33% of the votes. Robert Lewandowski came up as the fourth with 4.17% of the votes.



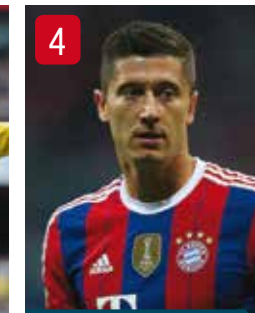
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Lionel Messi
(Argentina/Barcelona)



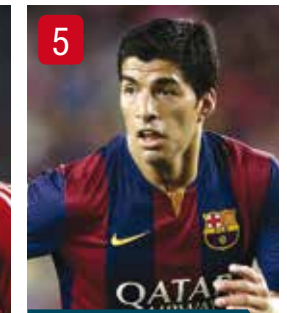
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Cristiano Ronaldo
(Portugal/Real Madrid)



3
Neymar da Silva
(Brazil/Barcelona)



4
Robert Lewandowski
(Poland/Bayern Munich)



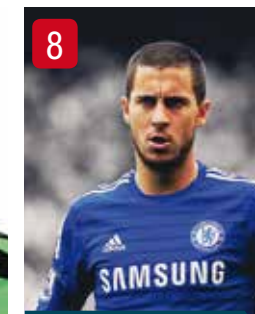
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Luis Suarez
(Uruguay/Barcelona)



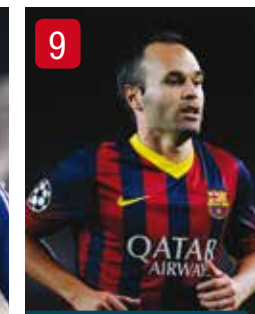
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Thomas Mueller
(Germany/Bayern Munich)



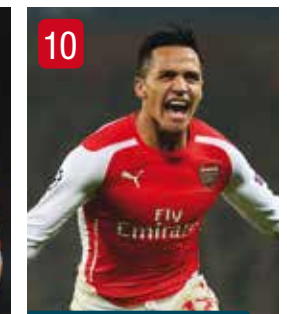
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Manuel Neuer
(Germany/Bayern Munich)



8
Eden Hazard
(Belgium/Chelsea London)



9
Andres Iniesta
(Spain/Barcelona)



10
Alexis Sanchez
(Chile/Arsenal London)

Zinedine Zidane

named new Real Madrid manager



The French legend became the Real Madrid new manager after Rafa Benitez was sacked after just few months in charge. According to the board, this is the effect of the weak results the team were having. Zinedine Zidane had been the player in Real Madrid between 2001 and 2006. This is his first serious and individual job. Until now he was the coach of the reserve team Los Blancos. In his managerial debut game, Real Madrid scored 5-0 with Deportivo.