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## UEFA EURO 2004 ™ Final Tournament Match Schedule announced

## Tournament to be played from 12 June to 4 July 2004

During the signature of the stadium contracts ceremony in Porto today, UEFA and Euro 2004, S.A. announced the Final Tournament match schedule for UEFA EURO 2004<sup>TM</sup> taking place in Portugal. The schedule attached was approved by the UEFA Technical Committee, the UEFA National Teams Committee and the Portuguese Football Federation, also taking into consideration discussions with the European Broadcasting Union.

A key change from the Match Schedule of UEFA EURO 2000<sup>TM</sup> relates to the quarter-finals. At UEFA EURO 2000<sup>TM</sup> two quarter-final matches were played each day over two consecutive days. At UEFA EURO 2004 <sup>TM</sup> the quarter-finals will be played over four consecutive days, with one match each day. This gives the participating teams good conditions to prepare for the quarter-final stage and reduces the potential travelling time for the teams and supporters.

For the first time in the history of the UEFA European Football Championship, the Final Tournament will involve ten stadiums.

Venue	Stadium	Capacity
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Braga	Estádio Municipal de Braga	30.000 seats
Guimarães	Estádio D. Afonso Henriques	30.000 seats
Porto	Estádio das Antas	50.000 seats
	Estádio do Bessa Séc. XXI	30.000 seats
Aveiro	Estádio Municipal de Aveiro	30.000 seats
Coimbra	Estádio Municipal de Coimbra	30.000 seats
Leiria	Estádio Dr. Magalhães Pessoa	30.000 seats
Lisbon	Estádio da Luz	65.000 seats
	Estádio José Alvalade	50.000 seats
Faro/Loulé	Estádio Algarve	30.000 seats

The Qualifying Competition for UEFA EURO 2004<sup>™</sup> is currently underway with the first three rounds of qualification matches already having taken place in each of the ten qualifying groups. The next full round of qualifying matches will take place on the 29/30 March and 01/02 April 2003. Group qualification matches end in October 2003 with the ten group winners joining Portugal in the Final Tournament draw on 30 November 2003 in Lisbon. The ten group runners-up will play-off in November 2003 to fill the remaining five places available at the Final Tournament, which will feature the top 16 European footballing nations.

Gerhard Aigner, CEO of UEFA, today said "I am delighted that the contracts with the ten stadium owners have been signed at this time. It is a measure of the commitment shown by them to deliver the best facilities ever for a UEFA EURO Final Tournament."

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After signing the contracts with the stadium owners, Mr. Gilberto Madaíl, President of the Portuguese Football Federation and of the Euro 2004 S.A. Board said "I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to all those who have been involved in the construction of the ten stadiums, which has enabled us to sign the contracts and announce the Match Schedule today. It is an example of the enthusiasm and excitement that the Portuguese people feel for this great event. For the first time, all 31 matches of a UEFA EURO Final Tournament will be played in modern and exemplary stadiums, an achievement of which the Portuguese have every right to be proud."

UEFA has to date announced Canon, Carlsberg, Coca-Cola, Hyundai, JVC, McDonald's as Official Partners, NTT Com as Official Technology Partner and CTT Correios and Galp Energia as National Supporters of UEFA EURO 2004<sup>TM</sup>.

**ENDS** 

UEFA EURO 2004 ™ MATCH SCHEDULE

Portuguese Local Time

FINAL	SUN	4.Jul								Match 31 19:45 W29-W30		
SEMI-FINALS	31 SAT	2.Jul 3.Jul					SAVO	18 <del>T</del> B				
	THU FRI	1.Jul 2.J			Match 30 19:45 W26-W28							
					<b>Mato</b> 19: W26						<b>29</b>	
	VED	30.Jun		***************************************							Match 29 19.45 W25-W27	
QUARTER-FINALS	MON TUE	28.Jun 29.Jun					SAVO	1838				
	SUN M	27.Jun 28			Match 28 19:45 WD-RC							
	SAT	26.Jun 27			M .							Match 27 19:45 WC-RD
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	THU	24.Jun								Match 25 19:45 WA-RB	_	
3rd MATCHDAY	VED	23.Jun	Match 23 19:45 D4-D2								Match 24 19:45 D3-D1	
	TUE	22.Jun		Match 21 19:45 C4-C2		Match 22 19:45 C3-C1						
	MON	21.Jun						Match 19 19:45 B4-B2		Match 20 19:45 B3-B1		
	NOS	20.Jun						1		1	Match 17 19:45 A3-POR	Match 18 19:45 A4-A2
2nd MATCHDAY	SAT	19.Jun 2				Match 15 17:00 D2-03	Match 16 19:45 D4-D1		-		£ ×	£
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	VED	. 16.Jun		6	8	Match 9 17:00 A2-A3	-			Match 10 19:45 A4-POR		-
1st MATCHDAY	TUE	15.Jun.		<b></b>	Match 8 19:45 D1-D2		Match 7 17:00 D3-D4				φ.	
	MON	14.Jun		Match 5 17:00 C3-C4		<u> </u>					Match 6 19:45 C1-C2	
	SUN	13.Jun							Match 3 17:00 B3-B4	Match 4 19:45 B1-B2		
	SAT	12.Jun			<b>Match 1</b> 17:00 POR-A2							Match 2 19:45 A3-A4
CITY	-	Stadium	BRAGA Estádio Municipal de Braga	GUIMARÄES Estádio D. Afonso Henriques	PORTO Estádio das Antas	PORTO Estádio do Bessa Séc. XXI	AVEIRO Estádio Municipal de Aveiro	COIMBRA Estádio Municipal de Coimbra	LEIRIA Estádio Dr. Magalhães Pessoa	LISBOA Estádio da Luz	LISBOA Estádio José Alvalade	FARO / LOULÉ Estádio Algarve

UEFA reserves the right to amend the Match Schedule if it is required for Safety and Security reasons.

W = Winner R = Runner-up