

England v Andorra



(First match: Andorra 0 England 2)

Group six

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
England	6	6	0	0	20	4	18
Croatia	6	3	2	1	12	6	11
Belarus	5	3	0	2	14	7	9
Ukraine	5	2	2	1	7	5	8
Kazakhstan	6	1	0	5	6	20	3
Andorra	6	0	0	6	2	19	0

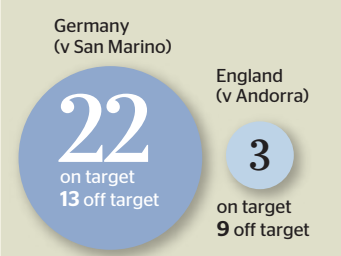
Kick-off: 8.15pm
Television: ITV1
Venue: Wembley
Referee: B Nijhuis (Netherlands)

Minnow-mashing Five-step guide to beating small fry

England will hope to deal with Andorra's blanket defence tonight at Wembley better than they did in their poor 2-0 win over the same opposition in Barcelona last September, which opened their World Cup qualifying campaign. They may want to follow one of the supreme examples of minnow-bashing – Germany's 13-0 win away to San Marino in a Euro 2008 qualifier in September 2006

1 Hit the target

England managed a dismal three efforts on target against Andorra, which constituted only a quarter of their total number of attempts (excluding blocked shots). Germany, in contrast, ensured that the San Marino goalkeeper was tested properly – 63% of their shots were on target



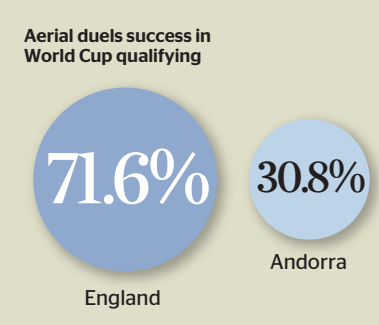
2 Wide boys rule

Faced with a congested defence around the "D", Germany found success by attacking down the wings. Whereas 15 of Germany's 38 crosses found a white shirt, only 10 of England's found a white shirt. David Beckham, left, could play a crucial role tonight with his pinpoint centres



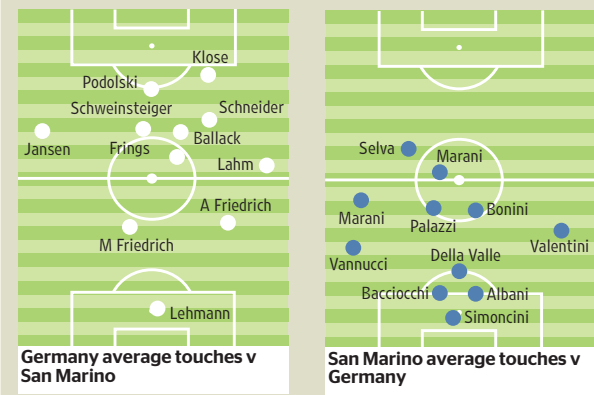
3 Hit the heights

Should England engineer plenty of crossing opportunities, they would be advised to deliver high balls into the Andorra penalty area. England have the best record for winning aerial challenges in Europe's World Cup qualifying section, while Andorra struggle to head the ball



4 Attack

England should not waste any players by leaving them too deep in defence, where they will rarely be called into action. Eight Germany players recorded average touch positions in the San Marino half, with Philipp Lahm, the defender, well beyond the halfway line



5 Relive past glories

England have shown ruthlessness against minnows in World Cup and European Championship qualifying. Since 1970 they have conceded just one goal in 28 matches against teams who failed to win a game in their group. The only such team to score against England have been San Marino, who did so after only eight seconds in a 7-1 defeat in 1993. England's goalless draw away to Turkey in qualifying for the European Championship in 1988 was their only failure to win in those 28 games

England's World Cup and European Championship qualifying record since 1970 against teams who did not win a group match in that campaign

P28	W27	D1	L0	F106	A1
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