

# Italy v Spain



## KEY BATTLES

### Giorgio Chiellini **V** Alvaro Morata

Two Juventus teammates. Whereas Morata has been wildly inconsistent, with his misses a source of national anguish for Spain but his classy extra-time strike crucial in defeating Croatia, Chiellini is a bastion of reliability for Italy.

### Jorginho **V** Pedri

The competition to control the game. The precocious Pedri has completed the second most passes of any midfielder in Euro 2020; Jorginho has made the most, but in a game packed with playmakers, it is also a question of who plays the most incisive balls.

### Lorenzo Insigne **V** Sergio Busquets

The elusive Insigne specialises in finding space between the lines. Busquets is not as mobile as he used to be but must pick him up.

## WHO WILL PROGRESS?

### Italy

#### ITALY

Domenico Berardi or Federico Chiesa? Chiesa is a more natural finisher and scored a superb goal against Austria but as a right winger, Berardi stretches defences more.



#### BIG CALL

#### Roberto Mancini

The Italy coach has used his substitutes superbly and, in Manuel Locatelli, has a potential trump card on the bench.

#### X-FACTOR

Chiellini also faced Spain in Euro 2008, 2012 and 2016.

#### KEY STAT

## WHERE IT WILL BE WON AND LOST

**Spain's finishing.** They have twice scored five goals in a game this tournament. In their other matches, they have created chances but missed them.

#### SPAIN

Pau Torres or Eric Garcia? Spain have struggled at the back at times and the shorter, 1.82m Garcia may be troubled by the height of 1.85m **Ciro Immobile** – but picking Torres gives them two left-footed central defenders.

#### Dani Olmo

Two wonderful crosses brought extra-time assists against Croatia. Could start if Pablo Sarabia is ruled out.

Spain's 4-0 victory over Italy in 2012 is the biggest ever win in a European Championship final.