

Football News

1. Read the title. What's the article about? And the epigraph?

Euro 2020: England-Germany is chance to make history, says manager Gareth Southgate



Southgate missed a penalty against Germany in 1996, before much of his current squad were born.

2. Match the following words with their meanings:

squad	having merit, character, or value; deserving
last-16	eager; interested; enthusiastic
keen	any small group of persons engaged in a common activity; a team
worthy	the 16 remaining teams playing in the tournament
flood	to direct toward a particular goal
aim	to fall short of success or achievement; to be unsuccessful (in doing)
fail	to overwhelm with an abundance of something
source	a rectangular piece of paper, esp. one on which to write
sheet	to make ready; prepare
readying	any thing or place from which something comes or is obtained; origin
thoroughly	to command or give an order or instruction to
be in charge	anything resembling a __, as in violent action or destructive force.
whirlwind	done or accomplished without forgetting anything

3. Read the article

England's Euro 2020 last-16 tie with Germany on Tuesday is an opportunity for his team to "make some history", says manager Gareth Southgate.

Southgate hopes to guide England into the quarter-finals after reaching the last four of the World Cup in 2018.

He is keen for his players to write a new chapter into the England-Germany rivalry, with several of them too young to remember some previous key meetings.

"The game is probably worthy of more than the second round stage," he said.

"But then so is Belgium against Portugal and one or two others.

"It's a great opportunity for this team to make some history and give people memories of England-Germany fixtures for the future, that are a little different to some of the ones they've been flooded with over the last few days which mean absolutely nothing to them because they weren't born."

England prepared for penalties, says Stones

Increased Wembley crowd 'far from optimal' - Germany's Gosens

Penalty misses, 'ghost goals' and tears - England prepare to meet Germany again.

England are aiming to secure a first major tournament knockout-stage victory over Germany since 1966 when they take on Joachim Low's side in front of an expected 40,000-strong Wembley crowd.

Germany have won all four knockout matches between the teams since losing the 1966 World Cup final at Wembley.

Those wins include penalty shootout triumphs at the 1990 World Cup and Euro '96, plus the controversial 4-1 last-16 victory at the 2010 World Cup when the officials failed to spot Frank Lampard's shot crossing the line.

And Southgate admits the idea of extinguishing some of the pain from recent meetings with the Germans is a source of motivation ahead of Tuesday.

"We're playing against a very good side. You hear about Germany being this and Germany being that and then you look at the team sheet and see four World Cup winners and about six Champions League winners, so huge big game experience," he added.

"They won't fear coming to Wembley. We'll have to play at our very best. We've got to be tactically well prepared, we've got to be physically well prepared and psychologically well prepared."

Part of England's preparations involve readying themselves for a possible penalty shootout and Southgate, who missed a crucial spot-kick in the Euro '96 defeat at Wembley, insists his squad have prepared "as thoroughly as we can".

"We always practise penalties," said Southgate.

"We did for the World Cup, we did for the Nations League and obviously we won those two shootouts [against Colombia and Switzerland] so we'll be thoroughly well prepared in the big tournaments and the big matches."

The England boss will also make a late decision on the fitness of Chelsea duo Mason Mount and Ben Chilwell.

Mount and Chilwell missed the win over the Czech Republic having come into close contact with Scotland's Billy Gilmour, who tested positive for Covid-19 after the Scots' Group D draw with England on 18 June.

"They are only allowed into certain elements of the training so they can't take part in anything where the full team is training and tackling and those sorts of things, so that is limited," said Southgate.

"I've got to see how they are psychologically as well.

"There's the training part of that but there's also the having to be in their room and not interact with the lads, so it's a really tough situation for them both."

Southgate has been in charge since replacing Sam Allardyce in 2016, but while Football Association chief executive Mark Bullingham said earlier this week he will receive a new deal regardless of Tuesday's result, the 50-year-old insists his only focus is extending England's involvement in the tournament.

"I always think it's pointless talking about contract situations until you get to the end of tournaments and you see where everything sits, you have a much better picture of everything, how everybody feels about it," he explained.

"I really appreciate the backing and the support and I think if he hadn't done that it would have caused a whirlwind of other stories, so I'm thankful for that and I'm just realistic and focused on the now and doing as well as we can in this tournament."

4. Read the sentences. Are they true or false?

- A. German and England are playing an important Euro-2020 match soon. **TRUE / FALSE**
- B. They believe the game will be completed withing 90 minutes. **TRUE / FALSE**
- C. England's team is not getting ready to face Germany. They are training as they normally do.
TRUE / FALSE
- D. England is aware of Germany's team players accomplishments in the past. **TRUE / FALSE**
- E. England's team did not have to face any difficulties because of Covid-19. **TRUE / FALSE**

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