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Follow live coverage with Slovakia in action against Romania as the Euro 2024 group stages draw to a close



26 June 2024, One change for Slovakia today - Slovan Bratislava striker David Strelec starts up front in place of Robert Bozenik.

He's tall, he's nippy, he can play anywhere across the front line.

They certainly have strength in depth out wide, Romania, and they're switching things around on the wings again.

The pacy Valentin Mihaila, and Dennis Man, are replaced by Rangers' Ianis Hagi and Florinel Coman.

Romania's goalkeeper, back four, defensive midfielder Marius Marin, attacking midfielders Razvan Marin and Nicolae Stanciu, plus striker Denis Dragus, have started every game of Euro 2024 so far.

Our man Carl Anka, who took this photo, is on the ground in Frankfurt.

Analysis and insight from our superb team of journalists and reporters, including Jay Harris, Matt Slater, and others, will be brought to you in this live blog before, during, and after the match.

So stick around.

Slovakia team news analysis: Keeping the faith
Just the one change for Slovakia today.

Striker Robert Bozenik, who was replaced on the hour mark by David Strelec in their 2-1 loss against Ukraine last time, is replaced in the starting XI by Strelec.

Otherwise, it's as you were.

That is the first, last and only change manager Francesco Calzona has made in the group stage.

The knockout stages is still a developing picture of course, and in a few hours' time all our questions will have been answered once this group and then Group F are completed. But for now, here's what we know:

Round of 16: Germany vs Denmark, Switzerland vs Italy.
Also through: England, Austria, France, Portugal, Spain.
Eliminated: Croatia, Albania, Serbia, Poland, Scotland.

Team news on the way shortly
We've not got long until the two teams are confirmed ahead of kick-off here in Frankfurt.

We'll bring you those XIs — and analysis of them — as soon as we get them. Don't go anywhere.

Here's one you may have noticed yourself. It was the first act of Euro 2024, it led to Albania's goal against Italy — the fastest in the competition's history — and it's also used regularly by the top two in the Premier League.

Back with a vengeance, it is the old-fashioned hoof up the park at kick-off.

Aimless punts may seem like a relic of a bygone age in today's football, largely a revolving battle between one team pressing high and the other trying to find space to play through.

But this more rudimentary approach is back in fashion.

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A diaper, a wrestling outfit and a beautiful QR code
Europe's best in terms of players, so Europe's best in terms of kits too right?

Well, the good news is our kit aficionado – akitionado? — Nick Miller has ranked every home effort for this Euros with his usual wit.

The bad news? Too many templates, dull shirts and probably not much to get you excited about. And then there's the kit that will make the players look like they're wearing a diaper.

So read on, and judge for yourselves...

Slovakia's history at the European Championship is a little confusing as, until 1992, they competed as Czechoslovakia. Since competing as Slovakia, their first two European Championship qualifications came at the last two tournament where a Round of 16 exit against Germany was their best finish.