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Group 1			matches	won	draw	lost	goal-difference		points
1	NOR	Norway	6	4	1	1	146:120	26	9
2	ROU	Rumania	6	3	1	2	143:128	15	7
3	TUR	Turkey	6	2	1	3	139:150	-11	5
4	BEL	Belgium	6	1	1	4	120:150	-30	3

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001	ROU	Rumania	vs.	BEL	Belgium	19 : 19 (8:9)	
03.10.1996 18:00 Brasov / ROU Spectators: 980							
Ref.: Troboukis, Nikolitsas GRE Del.: Kostov BUL							
003	TUR	Turkey	vs.	NOR	Norway	23 : 23 (11:12)	
03.10.1996 20:00 Adana / TUR Spectators: 1000							
Ref.: Lienhop, Meuler GER Del.: Eftimovski MKD							
002	BEL	Belgium	vs.	ROU	Rumania	24 : 21 (13:12)	
06.10.1996 15:00 Malmedy / BEL Spectators: 600							
Ref.: Carle, Lelarge FRA Del.: Coelho POR							
004	NOR	Norway	vs.	TUR	Turkey	26 : 18 (14:11)	
06.10.1996 19:00 Stavanger / NOR Spectators: 1578							
Ref.: Malasinskas, Zvironas LTU Del.: Johannesson ISL							
007	NOR	Norway	vs.	ROU	Rumania	25 : 22 (14:11)	
30.10.1996 18:30 Gjøvik / NOR Spectators: 3900							
Ref.: Popov, Stakic SRB Del.: Vitols LAT							
005	BEL	Belgium	vs.	TUR	Turkey	21 : 25 (14:16)	
30.10.1996 20:30 Liège / BEL Spectators: 700							
Ref.: Goulao, Macau POR Del.: Christensen DEN							
006	TUR	Turkey	vs.	BEL	Belgium	30 : 22 (14:9)	
02.11.1996 14:00 Ankara / TUR							
Ref.: Reisinger, Lang AUT Del.: Pitov MDA							
008	ROU	Rumania	vs.	NOR	Norway	23 : 17 (9:9)	
03.11.1996 18:00 Bucharest / ROU Spectators: 2300							
Ref.: Baum, Szczepanski POL Del.: Sigg SUI							
009	NOR	Norway	vs.	BEL	Belgium	30 : 18 (15:12)	
27.11.1996 19:00 Drammen / NOR Spectators: 3125							
Ref.: Dutka, Uszynski POL Del.: Wester SWE							
011	TUR	Turkey	vs.	ROU	Rumania	25 : 29 (12:12)	
28.11.1996 15:00 Ankara / TUR Spectators: 1000							
Ref.: Kalin, Koric SLO Del.: Singer ISR							
010	BEL	Belgium	vs.	NOR	Norway	16 : 25 (6:11)	
01.12.1996 17:00 Beyne Heusay / BEL Spectators: 400							
Ref.: Dolejs, Kohout CZE Del.: Welter LUX							
012	ROU	Rumania	vs.	TUR	Turkey	29 : 18 (15:11)	
01.12.1996 18:00 Bucharest / ROU Spectators: 1000							
Ref.: Soltesz, Soos HUN Del.: Valcic SCG							

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Group 2			matches	won	draw	lost	goal-difference		points
1	HUN	Hungary	6	5	0	1	169:142	27	10
2	LTU	Lithuania	6	5	0	1	158:139	19	10
3	UKR	Ukraine	6	1	1	4	123:130	-7	3
4	MKD	Fyro Macedonia	6	0	1	5	128:167	-39	1

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013	HUN	Hungary	vs.	LTU	Lithuania	27 : 20 (12:8)				
02.10.1996 18:00 Tököl / HUN Spectators: 800										
Ref.: Tijanic, Miljanovic SCG Del.: Guntzel SUI										
015	MKD	Fyro Macedonia	vs.	UKR	Ukraine	13 : 13 (7:6)				
02.10.1996 18:00 Prilep / MKD Spectators: 4500										
Ref.: Churilov, Poladenko RUS Del.: Germain FRA										
016	UKR	Ukraine	vs.	MKD	Fyro Macedonia	25 : 19 (11:6)				
06.10.1996 12:00 Kiev / UKR Spectators: 500										
Ref.: Konecny, Ondras CZE Del.: Szczepanik POL										
014	LTU	Lithuania	vs.	HUN	Hungary	28 : 25 (15:9)				
06.10.1996 16:00 Kaunas / LTU Spectators: 300										
Ref.: Hakansson, Nilsson SWE Del.: Tuominen FIN										
019	UKR	Ukraine	vs.	HUN	Hungary	24 : 26 (11:11)				
30.10.1996 17:45 Kiev / UKR Spectators: 700										
Ref.: Pendic, Majstorovic SCG Del.: Hofmann GER										
017	LTU	Lithuania	vs.	MKD	Fyro Macedonia	30 : 20 (17:10)				
30.10.1996 18:00 Kaunas / LTU Spectators: 300										
Ref.: Litvinov, Khudoerko RUS Del.: Beljajev EST										
020	HUN	Hungary	vs.	UKR	Ukraine	23 : 22 (13:12)				
03.11.1996 11:00 Szazhalombatta / HUN Spectators: 1000										
Ref.: Boker, Brandwein ISR Del.: Jeglic SLO										
018	MKD	Fyro Macedonia	vs.	LTU	Lithuania	28 : 31 (14:17)				
03.11.1996 18:00 Radevis / MKD Spectators: 2000										
Ref.: Lemme, Ullrich GER Del.: Di Tullio ITA										
021	UKR	Ukraine	vs.	LTU	Lithuania	21 : 22 (10:10)				
27.11.1996 18:00 Kiev / UKR Spectators: 500										
Ref.: Raikov, Stojkov BUL Del.: Formanek CZE										
023	MKD	Fyro Macedonia	vs.	HUN	Hungary	23 : 34 (12:17)				
27.11.1996 18:00 Negotino / MKD Spectators: 1500										
Ref.: Cailleaux, Thirion FRA Del.: Anthonsen NOR										
024	HUN	Hungary	vs.	MKD	Fyro Macedonia	34 : 25 (16:13)				
01.12.1996 11:00 Vac / HUN Spectators: 800										
Ref.: Schill, Burger SUI Del.: Königstorfer AUT										
022	LTU	Lithuania	vs.	UKR	Ukraine	27 : 18 (11:9)				
01.12.1996 16:00 Kaunas / LTU Spectators: 1000										
Ref.: Björklund, Sundell FIN Del.: Taranukhin RUS										

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Group 3			matches	won	draw	lost	goal-difference	points
1	CZE	Czechia	6	5	0	1	155:124	31
2	BLR	Belarus	6	4	0	2	162:133	29
3	ISR	Israel	6	3	0	3	135:152	-17
4	NED	Netherlands	6	0	0	6	120:163	-43

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027	BLR	Belarus	vs.	ISR	Israel	35 : 19 (17:11)
02.10.1996 19:00 Minsk / BLR Spectators: 3000						
Ref.: Altan, Kücükylmaz TUR Del.: Zakharova UKR						
025	CZE	Czechia	vs.	NED	Netherlands	31 : 18 (11:10)
03.10.1996 17:00 Lovosice / CZE Spectators: 800						
Ref.: Clapinski, Manys POL Del.: Kuzulis LAT						
026	NED	Netherlands	vs.	CZE	Czechia	20 : 26 (10:14)
05.10.1996 14:30 Breda / NED Spectators: 310						
Ref.: Sigurdsson, Sigurjonsson ISL Del.: Schebeczek AUT						
028	ISR	Israel	vs.	BLR	Belarus	26 : 25 (13:14)
06.10.1996 20:30 Tel-Aviv / ISR Spectators: 500						
Ref.: Bülow, Lübker GER Del.: Ruocco ITA						
031	ISR	Israel	vs.	CZE	Czechia	23 : 25 (10:12)
30.10.1996 18:30 Tel-Aviv / ISR Spectators: 500						
Ref.: Wille, Vorderleitner AUT Del.: Prause GER						
029	NED	Netherlands	vs.	BLR	Belarus	20 : 33 (10:16)
31.10.1996 20:00 Franeker / NED Spectators: 600						
Ref.: Cailleaux, Thirion FRA Del.: Cruz POR						
032	CZE	Czechia	vs.	ISR	Israel	27 : 19 (13:8)
03.11.1996 15:00 Praha / CZE Spectators: 400						
Ref.: Metalari, Kamisevski MKD Del.: Gläser GER						
030	BLR	Belarus	vs.	NED	Netherlands	25 : 22 (12:12)
03.11.1996 16:00 Minsk / BLR Spectators: 1500						
Ref.: Ruusunen, Förström FIN Del.: Jørgensen DEN						
035	BLR	Belarus	vs.	CZE	Czechia	20 : 25 (12:10)
27.11.1996 19:00 Minsk / BLR Spectators: 2500						
Ref.: Ole, Hogsnes NOR Del.: Burziwal AUT						
033	ISR	Israel	vs.	NED	Netherlands	23 : 21 (12:9)
29.11.1996 15:00 Tel-Aviv / ISR Spectators: 300						
Ref.: Danellia, Kiselev RUS Del.: Marin ROU						
036	CZE	Czechia	vs.	BLR	Belarus	21 : 24 (8:10)
30.11.1996 15:00 Plzcn / CZE Spectators: 1400						
Ref.: Gallego, Lamas ESP Del.: Bukovac SLO						
034	NED	Netherlands	vs.	ISR	Israel	19 : 25 (5:14)
01.12.1996 20:30 Tel-Aviv / ISR Spectators: 250						
Ref.: Danellia, Kiselev RUS Del.: Marin ROU						

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Group 4			matches	won	draw	lost	goal-difference		points
1	POR	Portugal	6	5	0	1	156:124	32	10
2	GER	Germany	6	4	1	1	138:130	8	9
3	POL	Poland	6	2	0	4	129:144	-15	4
4	SVK	Slovakia	6	0	1	5	125:150	-25	1

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039	SVK	Slovakia	vs.	POR	Portugal	18 : 26 (8:15)				
03.10.1996 17:30 Dunajska Streda / SVK Spectators: 500										
Ref.: Forbord, Jorstad NOR Del.: Kozhukhov RUS										
037	GER	Germany	vs.	POL	Poland	21 : 20 (13:10)				
04.10.1996 20:00 Karlsruhe / GER Spectators: 2400										
Ref.: Arnaldsson, Erlingsson ISL Del.: Jersmyr SWE										
040	POR	Portugal	vs.	SVK	Slovakia	26 : 20 (12:11)				
06.10.1996 14:30 Leiria / POR Spectators: 2500										
Ref.: Arena, Pagaria ITA Del.: Brihault FRA										
038	POL	Poland	vs.	GER	Germany	19 : 23 (10:10)				
06.10.1996 18:00 Dzierzoniow / POL Spectators: 700										
Ref.: Klucso, Lekrinszki HUN Del.: Simon LUX										
041	POL	Poland	vs.	SVK	Slovakia	28 : 26 (17:12)				
30.10.1996 17:00 Mielec / POL Spectators: 1500										
Ref.: Borresen, Strand NOR Del.: Ocheretin RUS										
043	POR	Portugal	vs.	GER	Germany	21 : 19 (12:11)				
30.10.1996 21:30 Braga / POR Spectators: 2500										
Ref.: Garcia, Moreno FRA Del.: Roca ESP										
042	SVK	Slovakia	vs.	POL	Poland	19 : 26 (6:10)				
02.11.1996 17:00 Bardejov / SVK Spectators: 1000										
Ref.: Ivanchev, Georgiev BUL Del.: Koca AUT										
044	GER	Germany	vs.	POR	Portugal	31 : 28 (16:11)				
03.11.1996 14:30 Koblenz / GER Spectators: 3300										
Ref.: Josic, Rudic CRO Del.: Ischer SUI										
047	SVK	Slovakia	vs.	GER	Germany	21 : 21 (12:14)				
27.11.1996 17:00 Sala / SVK Spectators: 300										
Ref.: Berndtsson, Hansson SWE Del.: Madarasz HUN										
045	POR	Portugal	vs.	POL	Poland	27 : 15 (14:7)				
27.11.1996 21:15 Braga / POR Spectators: 2500										
Ref.: Masi, Di Piero ITA Del.: Demetriou CYP										
046	POL	Poland	vs.	POR	Portugal	21 : 28 (7:15)				
30.11.1996 19:30 Plonsk / POL Spectators: 500										
Ref.: Vujnovic, Mladinic CRO Del.: Larsen DEN										
048	GER	Germany	vs.	SVK	Slovakia	23 : 21 (10:12)				
01.12.1996 15:00 Berlin / GER Spectators: 5300										
Ref.: Boye, Jensen DEN Del.: Bakker NED										

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Group 5			matches	won	draw	lost	goal-difference		points
1	ISL	Iceland	6	5	1	0	161:120	41	11
2	DEN	Denmark	6	4	0	2	158:125	33	8
3	GRE	Greece	6	1	2	3	122:162	-40	4
4	EST	Estonia	6	0	1	5	126:160	-34	1

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051	ISL	Iceland	vs.	GRE	Greece	32 : 21 (16:6)	
02.10.1996 20:00 Akureyri / ISL Spectators: 1036							
Ref.: Spartz, Leyder LUX Del.: Elovsson SWE							
049	DEN	Denmark	vs.	EST	Estonia	24 : 17 (11:7)	
04.10.1996 19:30 Nykobing / DEN Spectators: 800							
Ref.: Bertemes, Donven LUX Del.: Grinbergas LTU							
050	EST	Estonia	vs.	DEN	Denmark	25 : 29 (8:13)	
06.10.1996 14:00 Middelfart / DEN Spectators: 412							
Ref.: Bertemes, Donven LUX Del.: Grinbergas LTU							
052	GRE	Greece	vs.	ISL	Iceland	20 : 20 (10:10)	
06.10.1996 14:00 Athens / GRE Spectators: 1000							
Ref.: Rancik, Beno SVK Del.: Jeker SUI							
055	GRE	Greece	vs.	DEN	Denmark	17 : 29 (11:13)	
01.11.1996 15:30 Athens / GRE Spectators: 400							
Ref.: Repensek, Pozeznik SLO Del.: Guerrero ESP							
053	EST	Estonia	vs.	ISL	Iceland	14 : 28 (10:14)	
01.11.1996 20:30 Reykjavik / ISL Spectators: 1000							
Ref.: Petersen, Johansen FAR Del.: Praillet BEL							
056	DEN	Denmark	vs.	GRE	Greece	33 : 15 (15:8)	
03.11.1996 14:00 Silkeborg / DEN Spectators: 800							
Ref.: Jaskins, Kazinieks LAT Del.: Ivanov RUS							
054	ISL	Iceland	vs.	EST	Estonia	30 : 22 (17:11)	
03.11.1996 20:00 Reykjavik / ISL Spectators: 3000							
Ref.: Petersen, Johansen FAR Del.: Praillet BEL							
059	ISL	Iceland	vs.	DEN	Denmark	27 : 21 (12:10)	
27.11.1996 20:40 Reykjavik / ISL Spectators: 3000							
Ref.: Amigo Fernandez, Costas ESP Del.: Bolstad NOR							
057	GRE	Greece	vs.	EST	Estonia	24 : 24 (12:10)	
29.11.1996 19:00 Patra / GRE Spectators: 300							
Ref.: Levi, Grossman ISR Del.: Pason POL							
060	DEN	Denmark	vs.	ISL	Iceland	22 : 24 (12:11)	
01.12.1996 16:30 Aalborg / DEN Spectators: 2000							
Ref.: Bürgi, Heutschi SUI Del.: Facklam GER							
058	EST	Estonia	vs.	GRE	Greece	24 : 25 (10:12)	
01.12.1996 17:30 Patra / GRE Spectators: 700							
Ref.: Levi, Grossman ISR Del.: Pason POL							

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Group 6			matches	won	draw	lost	goal-difference	points	
1	ITA	Italy	6	3	1	2	121:123	-2	7
2	SLO	Slovenia	6	3	0	3	130:115	15	6
3	SUI	Switzerland	6	3	0	3	136:140	-4	6
4	AUT	Austria	6	2	1	3	132:141	-9	5

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061	SLO	Slovenia	vs.	AUT	Austria	25 : 20 (14:10)
02.10.1996 18:30 Velenje / SLO Spectators: 1000						
Ref.: Migas, Bavas GRE Del.: Hackl GER						
063	SUI	Switzerland	vs.	ITA	Italy	22 : 20 (11:9)
02.10.1996 20:00 Winterthur / SUI Spectators: 1100						
Ref.: Dostal, Pesta CZE Del.: Gunnarsson ISL						
062	AUT	Austria	vs.	SLO	Slovenia	21 : 19 (7:10)
05.10.1996 16:00 Voitsberg / AUT Spectators: 1000						
Ref.: Rosskamp, Rothkranz BEL Del.: Herman ISR						
064	ITA	Italy	vs.	SUI	Switzerland	23 : 21 (12:10)
06.10.1996 19:00 Conversano / ITA Spectators: 2200						
Ref.: Serbu, Dobre ROU Del.: Petit ESP						
067	ITA	Italy	vs.	SLO	Slovenia	19 : 18 (8:10)
01.11.1996 18:00 Triest / ITA Spectators: 2680						
Ref.: Onut, Isgören TUR Del.: Simion ROU						
065	AUT	Austria	vs.	SUI	Switzerland	22 : 21 (9:10)
01.11.1996 19:30 Feldkirch / AUT Spectators: 1200						
Ref.: Nachevski, Nachevski MKD Del.: Taborsky CZE						
068	SLO	Slovenia	vs.	ITA	Italy	19 : 12 (7:6)
02.11.1996 17:55 Hrpelje / SLO Spectators: 1000						
Ref.: Kaplanis, Savvides CYP Del.: Ambrus HUN						
066	SUI	Switzerland	vs.	AUT	Austria	29 : 26 (14:15)
03.11.1996 13:00 St. Gallen / SUI Spectators: 2500						
Ref.: Vujnovic, Mladinic CRO Del.: Taborsky CZE						
069	ITA	Italy	vs.	AUT	Austria	24 : 20 (13:9)
27.11.1996 19:00 Brixen / ITA Spectators: 1500						
Ref.: Aires, Ribeiro POR Del.: Stark ROU						
071	SUI	Switzerland	vs.	SLO	Slovenia	29 : 23 (12:13)
27.11.1996 20:00 Olten / SUI Spectators: 2180						
Ref.: Jensen, Smith DEN Del.: Xhonneux BEL						
070	AUT	Austria	vs.	ITA	Italy	23 : 23 (10:10)
30.11.1996 18:00 Innsbruck / AUT Spectators: 800						
Ref.: Vakula, Liudovyk UKR Del.: Metrevelli GEO						
072	SLO	Slovenia	vs.	SUI	Switzerland	26 : 14 (12:10)
30.11.1996 18:00 Celje / SLO Spectators: 1001						
Ref.: Breto Leon, Huelin Trillo ESP Del.: Ambrus SVK						