



adidas – Euro 2012 Player quotes



Iker Casillas – Spain

“We have basically the same squad from the last few years and tournaments but we are missing David Villa and Carlos Puyol who are very important players for us. We are confident but we know it won’t be easy. The Euro 2012 tournament might be the most difficult of all for us over the past few years. At the first Euro tournament in 2008 we were an emerging side and people didn’t expect a lot from us, it was new and exciting. At the World Cup in 2010 we had the performance of 2008 to inspire us and a lot of hard work and effort! When it comes to Euro 2012, the expectation will be high and other teams know how we play now so we have to work even harder than ever to win. However, if we do we’ll be absolutely delighted – winning three international championships in a row is something no one has achieved. We have a chance to do it but we know it won’t be easy.”

Jeremy Menez – France

“Euro 2012 will be my first tournament for France and I’m honoured and very excited to be representing my country in Poland and the Ukraine. We feel like we have a strong squad going into the competition but there are no easy games for us and we know we’ll have to play to our potential to progress through to the later stages. Taking on England in particular will be tough – the Premier League is one of the best in the world and I know from my international colleagues about the strength of certain players like Steven Gerrard and Scott Parker. However, we have a strong squad ourselves - I’ve played with the likes of Samir Nasri, Hatem Ben Arfa, and Karim Benzema for many years now so I hope we can combine to do well at the tournament.”