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England fans fight outside Wembley ahead of Euro 2020 final vs Italy

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England fans have been filmed fighting each other on Wembley Way just hours before England's huge Euro 2020 final against Italy.

It is not entirely clear what sparked the brawl but police soon rushed in to calm things down on Wembley Way.

Thousands of supporters have descended upon Wembley for the final and it all got too much for one group outside the Box Park venue, located just down from the 90,000-seater venue.

Several Three Lions fans in the footage can be seen throwing punches at each other, as well as grappling their fellow supporters and getting physical.



England fans fight each other outside Wembley.

It is understood things calmed down very quickly, with a strong police presence outside England's home stadium.

Wembley Way also took Rio Ferdinand victim.

The [Manchester United](#) legend arrived early ahead of his punditry duty for BBC One and appeared to take a beer can to the head amid the chaos.

Fellow former footballer and pundit Chris Kamara endured a similar experience down Wembley Way.

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He Tweeted: "Horrendous walk down Wembley way, ended up dodging bottles and beer thrown in the air & walking on broken glass all the way.



Blood was flowing on Wembley Way. (Image: Getty)

"What is wrong with people."

Shortly after the scuffles, a number of fans tried to storm Wembley stadium after bursting through gates on the concourse.

Thankfully, no one breached the stadium itself but Wembley did release a statement.

It read: "We are dealing with an incident that occurred at the outer security perimeter area of the stadium, with support from police.



Rio Ferdinand is clattered with a beer on Wembley Way. (Image: Getty Images)

"Safety measures were quickly activated in the relevant areas and there were no security breaches of people without tickets getting inside the stadium."

Elsewhere, chaos engulfed [Leicester Square](#) in the capital's centre with bottles thrown as hundreds of fans gathered in the iconic tourist trap.

Litter was strewn all across the square in what marked disgraceful scenes ahead of kick off.



People walk through the garbage left by fans in Leicester Square (Image: Getty Images)

England have never won a European Championship before and have the chance to create history.

The Three Lions last major triumph came in 1966 when they they lifted the World Cup, also on home turf.

And unlike the fans on Wembley Way, Southgate urged his players to stay calm ahead of the fixture.



Ugly scenes at Leicester Square. (Image: Twitter@urbanpictures)

“I didn’t say very much at all before the semi-final because I felt the team were totally prepared,” Southgate said. “I normally assess where they are during the day. We usually have a meeting about the set plays in the morning, and then I’ll speak to them before we leave the hotel.

“You’re two hours before the game at that point. You want the message to resonate but it’s about how you make the players feel as much as anything. We don’t need to be getting them overhyped. There will be enough energy and excitement around the stadium due to the occasion itself.

“We need to keep that calmness that we have had for the whole month. We’ve dealt with it really well. The game against Scotland, we were disappointed with how it went, but it was a big occasion for us. Germany was another one and then the quarter- and the semi-final. The players have coped remarkably well and I’m certain they will do so again.”