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Norway

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Group C - Matchday 10



Northern Ireland

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Previous meetings

Head to Head

FIFA World Cup

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
26/03/2017	QR (GS)	Northern Ireland - Norway	2-0	Belfast	Ward 2, Washington 33

1976 UEFA European Championship

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
29/10/1975	PR (GS)	Northern Ireland - Norway	3-0	Belfast	Morgan 2, McIlroy 5, Hamilton 53
04/09/1974	PR (GS)	Norway - Northern Ireland	2-1	Oslo	Lund 59, 72; Finney 3

	Qualifying								Final tournament				Total					
	Home				Away													
	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
Total																		
Norway	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	2	-	-	-	-	8	6	0	2	18	9
Northern Ireland	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	-	-	-	-	8	2	0	6	9	18

Squad list

Norway

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	Current season					
					Qual.		FT			
					Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls		
Goalkeepers										
-	Rune Jarstein	29/09/1984	33	Hertha	9	0	0	0		
-	Ørjan Nyland	10/09/1990	27	Ingolstadt	0	0	0	0		
-	Sten Grytebust	25/10/1989	27	OB	0	0	0	0		
Defenders										
-	Tore Reginiussen	10/04/1986	31	Rosenborg	1	0	0	0		
-	Omar Elabdellaoui	05/12/1991	25	Olympiacos	4	0	0	0		
-	Jørgen Skjelvik	05/07/1991	26	Rosenborg	3	0	0	0		
-	Gustav Valsvik	26/05/1993	24	Braunschweig	4	0	0	0		
-	Jonas Svensson	06/03/1993	24	AZ	7	0	0	0		
-	Martin Linnes	20/09/1991	26	Galatasaray	2	1	0	0		
-	Birger Meling	17/12/1994	22	Rosenborg	1	0	0	0		
Midfielders										
-	Håvard Nordtveit	21/06/1990	27	Hoffenheim	6	0	0	0		
-	Stefan Johansen	08/01/1991	26	Fulham	6	0	0	0		
-	Markus Henriksen	25/07/1992	25	Hull	5	1	0	0		
-	Ole Selnæs	07/07/1994	23	St-Étienne	5	1	0	0		
-	Mohamed Elyounoussi	04/08/1994	23	Basel	5	3	0	0		
-	Sander Berge	14/02/1998	19	Genk	5	0	0	0		
-	Sigurd Rosted	22/07/1994	23	Sarpsborg	0	0	0	0		
Forwards										
-	Tarik Elyounoussi	23/02/1988	29	Qarabağ	5	0	0	0		
-	Jo Inge Berget	11/09/1990	27	Malmö	6	0	0	0		
-	Alexander Søderlund	03/08/1987	30	St-Étienne	3	1	0	0		
-	Alexander Sørloth	05/12/1995	21	Midtjylland	5	0	0	0		
-	Bjorn Johnsen	06/11/1991	25	Den Haag	1	0	0	0		
Coach										
-	Lars Lagerbäck	16/07/1948	69		5	0	0	0		

Northern Ireland

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	Current season					
					Qual.		FT			
					Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls		
Goalkeepers										
-	Roy Carroll	30/09/1977	40	Linfield	0	0	0	0		
-	Alan Mannus	19/05/1982	35	St Johnstone	0	0	0	0		
-	Michael McGovern	12/07/1984	33	Norwich	9	0	0	0		
Defenders										
-	Gareth McAuley	05/12/1979	37	West Brom	7	1	0	0		
-	Jonny Evans	03/01/1988	29	West Brom	9	1	0	0		
-	Daniel Lafferty	18/05/1989	28	Sheff. United	0	0	0	0		
-	Conor McLaughlin	26/07/1991	26	Millwall	8	1	0	0		
-	Lee Hodson	02/10/1991	26	Rangers	5	0	0	0		
-	Callum Morris	03/02/1990	27	Dunfermline	0	0	0	0		
-	Tom Flanagan	21/10/1991	25	Burton	0	0	0	0		
Midfielders										
-	Steven Davis	01/01/1985	32	Southampton	9	2	0	0		
-	Chris Brunt	14/12/1984	32	West Brom	6	2	0	0		
-	Josh Magennis	15/08/1990	27	Charlton	8	3	0	0		
-	Corry Evans	30/07/1990	27	Blackburn	5	0	0	0		
-	Oliver Norwood	12/04/1991	26	Fulham	9	0	0	0		
-	Stuart Dallas	19/04/1991	26	Leeds	7	1	0	0		
-	Shane Ferguson	12/07/1991	26	Millwall	6	0	0	0		
-	George Saville	01/06/1993	24	Millwall	1	0	0	0		
-	Matthew Lund	21/11/1990	26	Burton	1	0	0	0		
-	Paul Paton	18/04/1987	30	St Johnstone	0	0	0	0		
Forwards										
-	Kyle Lafferty	16/09/1987	30	Hearts	9	3	0	0		
-	Niall McGinn	20/07/1987	30	Gwangju	7	0	0	0		
-	Conor Washington	18/05/1992	25	QPR	5	1	0	0		
Coach										
-	Michael O'Neill	05/07/1969	48		9	0	0	0		

Head coach

Lars Lagerbäck

Date of birth: 16 July 1948

Nationality: Swedish

Playing career: Alby FF, Gimonäs CK

Coaching career: Kilafors IF, Arbrå BK, Hudiksvalls ABK, Sweden (youth sides), Sweden, Nigeria, Iceland, Norway

- A lower-league player, Lagerbäck began his coaching career in 1977 with Kilafors, joining the Swedish Football Association (SvFF) as a youth coach after spells with two other modest club sides Arbrå and Hudiksvall. Coached the national Under-21 and B teams until Tommy Söderberg took him on as his assistant with the senior national squad in 1998.
- Söderberg and Lagerbäck managed Sweden in tandem from 2000, reaching UEFA EURO 2000, the 2002 FIFA World Cup and the quarter-finals of UEFA EURO 2004; following Söderberg's departure, Lagerbäck took the troops to the 2006 World Cup and UEFA EURO 2008 single-handed.
- Stepped down after failing to lead Sweden to the 2010 World Cup finals, but ended up travelling to that tournament as coach of Nigeria.
- Appointed Iceland boss in October 2011, he steered the side to the 2014 World Cup play-offs where they lost to Croatia. Agreed a new contract that would mean he handed over the reins to assistant Heimir Hallgrímsson at the end of the UEFA EURO 2016 campaign – and promptly guided Iceland to their first ever major tournament.
- Even better was to follow as Iceland knocked out England en route to reaching the quarter-finals, where they lost to France, and in February 2017 Lagerbäck came out of retirement to take over as coach of Norway.

Michael O'Neill

Date of birth: 5 July 1969

Nationality: Northern Irish

Playing career: Coleraine FC, Newcastle United FC, Dundee United FC, Hibernian FC, Coventry City FC, Aberdeen FC (loan), Reading FC (loan), Wigan Athletic FC, Saint Johnstone FC, Portland Timbers, Clydebank FC, Glentoran FC, Ayr United FC

Coaching career: Brechin City FC, Shamrock Rovers FC, Northern Ireland

- A midfielder and forward during a 20-year playing career, O'Neill spent the bulk of his time in Scotland, most notably with Dundee United and Hibernian. Enjoyed late success when winning a Northern Irish league and League Cup double with Glentoran in 2002/03.
- Made 31 appearances for his country, scoring four goals, two of which came in a memorable 5-3 victory against Austria during EURO '96 qualifying.
- Moved into coaching as assistant manager of Scottish club Cowdenbeath in 2005 before taking the reins at Brechin in March 2006. Was named coach of Shamrock Rovers in the Republic of Ireland in December 2008, guiding the Hoops to a second-place finish in his debut season before clinching their first title since 1994 in 2010.
- Made history as Rovers became the first Irish side to qualify for the group stage of a European competition, beating FK Partizan in the 2011/12 UEFA Europa League play-offs. Also led the Hoops to a second successive domestic championship in 2011.
- Appointed coach of his country in December 2011 and helped Northern Ireland record several notable results in 2014 FIFA World Cup qualifying, including a 1-1 draw in Portugal and a home win against Russia. Even better was to come as O'Neill steered his charges to UEFA EURO 2016, their first UEFA European Championship appearance, taking Northern Ireland to the last 16 at the finals in France.

Match officials

Referee	Serhiy Boiko (UKR)
Assistant referees	Volodymyr Volodin (UKR) , Oleg Pluzhnyk (UKR)
Fourth official	Anatoliy Abdula (UKR)
FIFA Match Commissioner	Alvaro Albino (POR)
Referee observer	Bernardino González Vázquez (ESP)

Referee

Name	Date of birth		UEFA matches
Serhiy Boiko	30/06/1977	3	40

FIFA World Cup matches involving teams from the two countries involved in this match

No such matches refereed

Other matches involving teams from either of the two countries involved in this match

Date	Competition	Stage reached	Home	Away	Result	Venue
10/10/2012	U19	QR	Czech Republic	Northern Ireland	1-1	Dungannon
12/10/2012	U19	QR	Northern Ireland	Greece	0-2	Dungannon
17/07/2013	UCL	2QR	Cliftonville FC	Celtic FC	0-3	Belfast

Competition facts

The Week of Football concept enables fans around the world to enjoy the very best action from the European Qualifiers – which will determine UEFA's representatives at the 2018 FIFA World Cup in Russia.

Qualifying for the 2018 FIFA World Cup comprises nine groups of six teams, with matches played on a home-and-away basis.

Qualifying takes place under the 'Week of Football' concept, introduced ahead of the UEFA EURO 2016 qualifying campaign, in which games are spread out from Thursday to Tuesday, shining the spotlight on more teams on the road to the finals in Russia. Moreover, thanks to the Week of Football, at least 43% of matches will be played on weekends, giving fans a better chance to follow the action on television, in the stadiums and on UEFA.com.

Kick-off times will be set mainly at 18:00CET and 20:45CET on Saturdays and Sundays and at 20:45CET for Thursdays, Fridays, Mondays and Tuesdays. In double-header matchweeks, sides will play on Thursday/Sunday, Friday/Monday or Saturday/Tuesday. Each day of the Week of Football will feature eight to ten games.

The nine group winners will qualify directly for the final tournament. The eight best runners-up will contest play-offs to decide the last four qualifiers for the finals.

The 13 qualifiers then join hosts Russia in the finals to make it 14 UEFA member associations represented.

How qualification works

The other confederations have the following qualifying berths:

Africa: 5

Asia: 4.5

North and Central America and Caribbean: 3.5

Oceania: 0.5

South America: 4.5

Match-by-match lineups

Norway

FIFA World Cup - Qualifying round

Group C

Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Germany	9	9	0	0	38	3	27
Northern Ireland	9	6	1	2	17	5	19
Czech Republic	9	3	3	3	12	10	12
Norway	9	3	1	5	16	16	10
Azerbaijan	9	3	1	5	9	14	10
San Marino	9	0	0	9	2	46	0

Matchday 1 (04/09/2016)

Norway 0-3 Germany

Goals: 0-1 Müller 15, 0-2 Kimmich 45, 0-3 Müller 60

Norway: Jarstein, Aleesami, Hovland, Tettey, Nordtveit, King (72 Sørloth), Johansen (67 Jenssen), Henriksen (61 Selnæs), Svensson, Veton Berisha, Diomande

Matchday 2 (08/10/2016)

Azerbaijan 1-0 Norway

Goals: 1-0 Medvedev 11

Norway: Jarstein, Aleesami, Hovland, Strandberg, King (61 Sørloth), Henriksen, Skjelbred (84 Johansen), Svensson, Selnæs, Diomande, Helland (71 Berget)

Matchday 3 (11/10/2016)

Norway 4-1 San Marino

Goals: 1-0 D. Simoncini 12 (og) , 1-1 Stefanelli 54, 2-1 Diomande 77, 3-1 Samuelsen 82, 4-1 King 83

Norway: Jarstein, Aleesami, Hovland, Strandberg, Tettey (67 Samuelsen), King, Henriksen (46 Diomande), Skjelbred, Svensson, Selnæs, Berget (73 Sørloth)

Matchday 4 (11/11/2016)

Czech Republic 2-1 Norway

Goals: 1-0 Krmenčík 11, 2-0 Zmrhal 47, 2-1 King 87

Norway: Jarstein, Aleesami, Hovland, Tettey, King, Johansen, Henriksen (61 Diomande), Elabdellaoui, Skjelbred (51 Daehli), Forren, Berget (71 T. Elyounoussi)

Matchday 5 (26/03/2017)

Northern Ireland 2-0 Norway

Goals: 1-0 Ward 2, 2-0 Washington 33

Norway: Jarstein, Skjelvik, Hovland, Valsvik, Nordtveit, King, Johansen (75 Berge), Søderlund (63 Diomande), T. Elyounoussi (53 Daehli), Elabdellaoui, Elyounoussi

Matchday 6 (10/06/2017)

Norway 1-1 Czech Republic

Goals: 0-1 Gebre Selassie 36, 1-1 Søderlund 55 (P)

Norway: Jarstein, Aleesami, Reginiussen (33 Valsvik), Nordtveit, Johansen, Søderlund (71 Johnsen), T. Elyounoussi, Elyounoussi, Berge, Svensson, Berget (61 Daehli)

Matchday 7 (01/09/2017)

Norway 2-0 Azerbaijan

Goals: 1-0 King 32 (P) , 2-0 R. F. Sadygov 60 (og)

Norway: Jarstein, Aleesami, Skjelvik, Nordtveit, King, Johansen, Sørloth (73 T. Elyounoussi), Elyounoussi, Berge, Svensson (89 Elabdellaoui), Daehli (81 Berget)

Matchday 8 (04/09/2017)

Germany 6-0 Norway

Goals: 1-0 Özil 10, 2-0 Draxler 17, 3-0 Werner 21, 4-0 Werner 40, 5-0 Goretzka 50, 6-0 Gomez 79

Norway: Jarstein, Aleesami, Skjelvik, Nordtveit, King, Elyounoussi (58 Svensson), Elabdellaoui, Berge (46 Valsvik), Selnæs (75 Linnes), Daehli, Berget

Matchday 9 (05/10/2017)

San Marino 0-8 Norway

Goals: 0-1 Henriksen 8, 0-2 King 14 (P) , 0-3 King 17, 0-4 Elyounoussi 39, 0-5 Elyounoussi 48, 0-6 Selnæs 58, 0-7 Elyounoussi 68, 0-8 Linnes 86

Norway: Jarstein, Meling, Valsvik, Nordtveit, King (62 Søderlund), Elyounoussi (71 T. Elyounoussi), Berge (46 Selnæs), Svensson, Linnes, Henriksen, Sørloth

Matchday 10 (08/10/2017)

Norway-Northern Ireland

Northern Ireland

FIFA World Cup - Qualifying round

Matchday 1 (04/09/2016)

Czech Republic 0-0 Northern Ireland

Northern Ireland: McGovern, C. McLaughlin, Ferguson (66 Hodson), McAuley, J. Evans, S. Davis, K. Lafferty (59 Magennis), Dallas, Norwood, McNair, Ward (74 McGinn)

Matchday 2 (08/10/2016)

Northern Ireland 4-0 San Marino

Goals: 1-0 S. Davis 26 (P) , 2-0 K. Lafferty 79, 3-0 Ward 85, 4-0 K. Lafferty 90+4

Northern Ireland: McGovern, C. McLaughlin (77 McNair), Ferguson, McAuley, J. Evans, McGinn, S. Davis, Dallas (65 Washington), Norwood, Ward, Magennis (72 K. Lafferty)

Matchday 3 (11/10/2016)

Germany 2-0 Northern Ireland

Goals: 1-0 Draxler 13, 2-0 Khedira 17

Northern Ireland: McGovern, Ferguson, McAuley, J. Evans, Hodson, S. Davis, C. Evans, Norwood (73 McNair), Hughes, Ward (61 McGinn), Magennis (76 K. Lafferty)

Matchday 4 (11/11/2016)

Northern Ireland 4-0 Azerbaijan

Goals: 1-0 K. Lafferty 27, 2-0 McAuley 40, 3-0 C. McLaughlin 66, 4-0 Brunt 83

Northern Ireland: McGovern, C. McLaughlin, Ferguson (73 McGinn), McAuley, J. Evans, S. Davis, K. Lafferty (61 Grigg), Brunt, C. Evans (81 McNair), Norwood, Magennis

Matchday 5 (26/03/2017)

Northern Ireland 2-0 Norway

Goals: 1-0 Ward 2, 2-0 Washington 33

Northern Ireland: McGovern, C. McLaughlin, McAuley, J. Evans, S. Davis, Washington (85 K. Lafferty), Brunt, Dallas (88 Lund), Norwood, Ward (80 McGinn), Cathcart

Matchday 6 (10/06/2017)

Azerbaijan 0-1 Northern Ireland

Goals: 0-1 Dallas 90+2

Northern Ireland: McGovern, C. McLaughlin, McAuley (25 McGinn), J. Evans, S. Davis, Boyce (77 K. Lafferty), Brunt, Dallas, Norwood, Hughes, Magennis

Matchday 7 (01/09/2017)

San Marino 0-3 Northern Ireland

Goals: 0-1 Magennis 71, 0-2 Magennis 75, 0-3 S. Davis 78 (P)

Northern Ireland: McGovern, C. McLaughlin, J. Evans, S. Davis, Washington (78 C. Evans), K. Lafferty (60 Ferguson), Brunt, Dallas (78 McGinn), Norwood, Hughes, Magennis

Matchday 8 (04/09/2017)

Northern Ireland 2-0 Czech Republic

Goals: 1-0 J. Evans 28, 2-0 Brunt 41

Northern Ireland: McGovern, C. McLaughlin, J. Evans, S. Davis, Washington (58 Hodson), Brunt, C. Evans, Dallas (74 K. Lafferty), Norwood, Hughes, Magennis (84 Ferguson)

Matchday 9 (05/10/2017)

Northern Ireland 1-3 Germany

Goals: 0-1 Rudy 2, 0-2 Wagner 21, 0-3 Kimmich 86, 1-3 Magennis 90+3

Northern Ireland: McGovern, C. McLaughlin, McAuley, J. Evans, Hodson (46 Dallas), S. Davis, K. Lafferty (69 Washington), Brunt, C. Evans (80 Saville), Norwood, Magennis

Matchday 10 (08/10/2017)

Norway-Northern Ireland

Legend

Competitions

Club competitions

UCL: UEFA Champions League
ECCC: European Champion Clubs' Cup
UEL: UEFA Europa League
UCUP: UEFA Cup
UCWC: UEFA Cup Winners' Cup
SCUP: UEFA Super Cup
UIC: UEFA Intertoto Cup
ICF: Inter-Cities Fairs Cup

National team competitions

EURO: UEFA European Football Championship
WC: FIFA World Cup
CONFCUP: FIFA Confederations Cup
FRIE: Friendly internationals
U21FRIE: Under-21 friendly internationals
U21: UEFA European Under-21 Championship
U17: UEFA Under-17 Championship
U16: UEFA European Under-16 Championship
U19: UEFA Under-19 Championship
U18: UEFA European Under-18 Championship
WWC: FIFA Women's World Cup
WEURO: UEFA European Women's Championship

Other abbreviations

(aet): After extra time
No.: Number
ag: Match decided on away goals
agg: Aggregate
AP: Appearances
Comp.: Competition
D: Drawn
DoB: Date of birth
ET: Extra Time
GA: Goals against
GF: Goals for
gg: Match decided by golden goal
L: Lost
Nat.: Nationality

pens: Penalties
og: Own goal
P: Penalty
Pld: Matches played
Pos.: Position
Pts: Points
R: Sent off (straight red card)
Res.: Result
sg: Match decided by silver goal
t: Match decided by toss of a coin
W: Won
Y: Booked
Y/R: Sent off (two yellow cards)
N/A: Not applicable

Statistics

-: Denotes player substituted
*****: Denotes player sent off

+: Denotes player introduced
+/-: Denotes player introduced and substituted

Squad list

D: Disciplinary
*****: Misses next match if booked
S: Suspended

Overall: Total appearances in the UEFA European Under-21 Championship final tournament only

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