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Georgia

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Group D - Matchday -6



Scotland

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Previous meetings

Head to Head

2016 UEFA European Championship

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
11/10/2014	QR (GS)	Scotland - Georgia	1-0	Glasgow	Khubutia 28 (og)

UEFA EURO 2008

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
17/10/2007	QR (GS)	Georgia - Scotland	2-0	Tbilisi	Mchedlidze 16, Siradze 64
24/03/2007	QR (GS)	Scotland - Georgia	2-1	Glasgow	Boyd 11, Beattie 89; S. Arveladze 41

	Qualifying								Final tournament				Total					
	Home				Away													
	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
EURO																		
Georgia	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	2	-	-	-	-	3	1	0	2	3	3
Scotland	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	-	-	-	-	3	2	0	1	3	3
FIFA*																		
Georgia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scotland	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Friendlies																		
Georgia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scotland	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total																		
Georgia	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	2	-	-	-	-	3	1	0	2	3	3
Scotland	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	-	-	-	-	3	2	0	1	3	3

* FIFA World Cup/FIFA Confederations Cup

Match background

Georgia are eager to break their duck under new coach Kakhaber Tskhadadze in UEFA EURO 2016 Group D, while Scotland know a win could be of huge value, given that Germany meet Poland elsewhere.

Previous meetings

- Defender Akaki Khubutia's own goal earned Scotland a 1-0 win when the sides met in October 2014; Georgia's record in three games against Scotland is now W1 D0 L2.
- Scotland beat Georgia 2-1 when the sides first met in Glasgow on 24 March 2007, in what was Alex McLeish's first match in charge of the home side. Shota Arveladze – who had been a popular player in Glasgow with Rangers FC – scored the Georgia goal.
- Georgia won the return fixture on 17 October 2-0, with Levan Mchedlidze – then just 17 – scoring his first international goal before David Siradze's strike settled the result.

Disciplinary

- Georgia duo Murtaz Daushvili and Jaba Kankava are both a yellow card away from a suspension.
- Scotland defender Grant Hanley and midfielder James Morrison are both a booking away from a one-game ban.

Form guide

- Georgia are on a three-game losing streak in Group D during which they have not scored; that run started under Temuri Ketsbaia and has continued in their first two games under his replacement, Kakhaber Tshkadadze.
- Georgia are without a win in six competitive home games (D1 L5) since a 1-0 success against Belarus in September 2012. During that win-less run, they have scored just once in Tbilisi – Tornike Okriashvili's effort against the Republic of Ireland their only competitive home goal in almost three years.
- Scotland are unbeaten in five Group D games (W3 D2) since opening with a 2-1 defeat in Germany, but have yet to win an away game in the section (D2 L1).

Trivia and links

- In seven UEFA age-group tournament meetings, Georgia have recorded five wins to Scotland's one, the nations meeting most recently in 2014/15 UEFA European Under-21 Championship qualifying, Georgia winning 2-1 in Tbilisi and drawing 1-1 in the return fixture in Paisley.
- In the only meetings between the nations' clubs in UEFA competition, Celtic FC beat FC Dinamo Batumi 3-2 away and 4-0 at home in the 1995/96 UEFA Cup Winners' Cup.

Squad list

Georgia

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season				Overall	
						Qual.		FT		Team	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers											
-	Nukri Revishvili	02/03/1987	28	Mordovia	-	0	0	0	0	24	-
-	Giorgi Loria	27/01/1986	29		-	6	0	0	0	33	-
-	Giorgi Makaridze	31/03/1990	25	Feirense	-	0	0	0	0	5	-
Defenders											
-	Zurab Khizanishvili	06/10/1981	33	İnter Bakı	-	0	0	0	0	90	1
-	Aleksandre Amisulashvili	20/08/1982	33	Karşıyaka	-	2	0	0	0	39	3
-	Giorgi Navalovsky	28/06/1986	29	Dila	-	2	0	0	0	6	-
-	Ucha Lobzhanidze	23/02/1987	28	Omonia	-	6	0	0	0	42	1
-	Giorgi Popkhadze	25/09/1986	28	Flamurtari	-	0	0	0	0	11	-
-	Guram Kashia	04/07/1987	28	Vitesse	-	4	0	0	0	37	1
-	Solomon Kverkvelia	06/02/1992	23	Rubin	-	5	0	0	0	9	-
-	Giorgi Gvelesiani	05/05/1991	24	Dinamo Tbilisi	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
-	Otar Kakabadze	27/06/1995	20	Dinamo Tbilisi	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
Midfielders											
-	Jaba Kankava	18/03/1986	29	Reims	*	5	1	0	0	55	6
-	Giorgi Merebashvili	15/08/1986	29	Veria	-	0	0	0	0	17	-
-	Murtaz Daushvili	01/05/1989	26	Karpaty	*	4	0	0	0	25	-
-	Levan Kenia	18/10/1990	24	Slavia Praha	-	1	0	0	0	26	3
-	Jano Ananidze	10/10/1992	22	Spartak Moskva	-	4	0	0	0	29	3
-	Nika Kvekveskiri	29/05/1992	23	İnter Bakı	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
-	Valeri Kazaishvili	29/01/1993	22	Vitesse	-	2	0	0	0	7	1
-	Tornike Okriashvili	12/02/1992	23	Genk	-	6	2	0	0	22	4
Forwards											
-	Levan Mchedlidze	24/03/1990	25	Empoli	-	3	0	0	0	25	2
-	Mate Vatsadze	17/12/1988	26	AGF	-	1	0	0	0	10	2
-	Bachana Tskhadadze	23/10/1987	27	Flamurtari	-	1	0	0	0	5	-
Coach											
-	Kakhaber Tskhadadze	07/09/1968	46		-	2	0	0	0	4	-

Scotland

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season				Overall	
						Qual.		FT		Team	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers											
-	Allan McGregor	31/01/1982	33	Hull	-	0	0	0	0	33	-
-	Craig Gordon	31/12/1982	32	Celtic	-	0	0	0	0	43	-
-	David Marshall	05/03/1985	30	Cardiff	-	6	0	0	0	19	1
Defenders											
-	Charlie Mulgrew	06/03/1986	29	Celtic	-	3	0	0	0	18	2
-	Steven Whittaker	16/06/1984	31	Norwich	-	3	0	0	0	29	-
-	Alan Hutton	30/11/1984	30	Aston Villa	-	5	0	0	0	45	-
-	Grant Hanley	20/11/1991	23	Blackburn	*	3	0	0	0	17	1
-	Gordon Greer	14/12/1980	34	Brighton	-	2	0	0	0	8	-
-	Russell Martin	04/01/1986	29	Norwich	-	6	0	0	0	19	-
-	Andrew Robertson	11/03/1994	21	Hull	-	3	0	0	0	6	1
Midfielders											
-	Shaun Maloney	24/01/1983	32	Hull	-	6	4	0	0	41	6
-	Darren Fletcher	01/02/1984	31	West Brom	-	3	0	0	0	68	5
-	James Morrison	25/05/1986	29	West Brom	*	5	0	0	0	39	3
-	Scott Brown	25/06/1985	30	Celtic	-	5	0	0	0	45	4
-	James McArthur	07/10/1987	27	Crystal Palace	-	3	0	0	0	20	1
-	James Forrest	07/07/1991	24	Celtic	-	0	0	0	0	10	-
-	Matt Ritchie	10/09/1989	25	Bournemouth	-	2	0	0	0	4	1
-	Ikechi Anya	03/01/1988	27	Watford	-	6	1	0	0	15	2
Forwards											
-	Steven Fletcher	26/03/1987	28	Sunderland	-	6	3	0	0	21	4
-	Steven Naismith	14/09/1986	28	Everton	-	6	2	0	0	38	5
-	Johnny Russell	08/04/1990	25	Derby	-	0	0	0	0	3	-
-	Leigh Griffiths	20/08/1990	25	Celtic	-	0	0	0	0	5	-
-	Chris Martin	04/11/1988	26	Derby	-	3	0	0	0	3	-
Coach											
-	Gordon Strachan	09/02/1957	58		-	6	0	0	0	7	-

Head coach

Kakhaber Tskhadadze

Date of birth: 7 September 1968

Nationality: Georgian

Playing career: FC Metalurgi Rustavi, FC Dinamo Tbilisi, FC Iberia (now FC Dinamo Tbilisi), GIF Sundsvall, FC Spartak Moskva, FC Dinamo Moskva, Eintracht Frankfurt, FC Alania Vladikavkaz, Manchester City FC, FC Lokomotivi Tbilisi, FC Anji Makhachkala

Coaching career: FC Lokomotivi Tbilisi, FC Dinamo Tbilisi, FC Sioni Bolnisi, Standard Bakı FK (now Standard Sumqayıt FK), Georgia Under-21, İnter Bakı PİK, Georgia

- Towering centre-back for Dinamo Tbilisi, first in the Soviet Top League and then in the newly independent Georgian first division, winning titles in 1990 and 1991.
- Had short stint at Spartak Moskva, lifting the last USSR Cup, before another truncated spell across town at Dinamo Moskva, as they finished third in the league.
- A USSR youth international, Tskhadadze won six caps for CIS (scoring in a friendly against England) before becoming Georgia's first captain. He won 25 caps for Georgia, scoring his only goal against Poland in 1997.
- Tskhadadze found more stability in four years at Eintracht, helping them finish third in 1992/93. Injuries hindered his progress at Alania and Manchester City, prompting his return to Lokomotivi Tbilisi as player-coach before he ended his career at Anji.
- He returned to coaching in 2004 and won Georgian league titles in consecutive seasons with Dinamo Tbilisi and Sioni. Was named Georgian coach of 2005/06 before leaving for Standard Bakı and later İnter Bakı, who he led to the title at the first attempt. Amassed over 100 wins and 200 matches in the Azeri top flight – both new marks for foreign coaches.

Gordon Strachan

Date of birth: 9 February 1957

Nationality: Scottish

Playing career: Dundee FC, Aberdeen FC, Manchester United FC, Leeds United AFC, Coventry City FC

Coaching career: Coventry City FC, Southampton FC, Celtic FC, Middlesbrough FC, Scotland

- An energetic and talented midfielder, Strachan was capped 50 times by Scotland and helped Aberdeen FC lift the European Cup Winners' Cup under Sir Alex Ferguson. Began in management while still a player at Coventry in November 1996 before ending his on-field career aged 40 to concentrate on coaching, keeping the club in the Premier League until 2001.
- Although sacked early the following season, he was swiftly appointed by Southampton – whom he guided to eighth place in the English top flight in 2002/03 and the 2003 FA Cup final. Strachan stepped down in March 2004 to concentrate on media work.
- Installed as Martin O'Neill's successor at Celtic in summer 2005, Strachan proceeded to win the Scottish Premier League in record time and also lifted the Scottish League Cup in his first campaign. In 2006/07, Celtic triumphed in both league and Scottish Cup, and got past the UEFA Champions League group stage for the first time, falling in extra time to eventual winners AC Milan in the last 16.
- Steered the Bhoys to the round of 16 again in 2007/08, this time succumbing to FC Barcelona, and a tremendous late surge took Celtic past Rangers FC to retain the Scottish championship. Stepped down at Celtic in 2009 after failing to defend the league crown.
- After an unsuccessful year with Middlesbrough, was appointed national coach in January 2013, helping reinvigorate a Scotland team that went on to win home and away against Croatia in their 2014 FIFA World Cup qualifying pool, despite failing to make the cut for Brazil.

Match officials

Referee	Ovidiu Hațegan (ROU)
Assistant referees	Octavian Șovre (ROU) , Sebastian Gheorghe (ROU)
Additional assistant referees	Alexandru Tudor (ROU) , Sebastian Colțescu (ROU)
Fourth official	Radu Ghinguleac (ROU)
UEFA Delegate	Emil Ubias (CZE)
UEFA Referee observer	Asim Khudiyev (AZE)

Referee

Name	Date of birth	UEFA EURO matches	UEFA matches
Ovidiu Hațegan	14/07/1980	4	54

Ovidiu Hațegan

Referee since: 1996
First division: 2006
FIFA badge: 2008

Tournaments: 2013 UEFA European Under-21 Championship, 2009 UEFA European Under-19 Championship

Finals
N/A

UEFA European Championship matches featuring 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	Home	Away	Result	Venue
15/10/2013	WC	QR	Scotland	Croatia	2-0	Glasgow

Competition facts

UEFA European Championship qualifying records

- There have been 14 qualifying tournaments for the UEFA European Championship with 11 countries participating in all of them: Austria, Bulgaria, Denmark, Hungary, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Ireland, Romania, Spain and Turkey.
- The Soviet Union and Russia combined have also been involved in all 14 qualifying tournaments, as have Czechoslovakia and the Czech Republic.
- Of those ever-present nations, Spain have the most successful record, reaching the final tournament on nine occasions, including the 1964 event which they hosted.
- The most prolific qualifying country are West Germany/Germany, with ten successful attempts out of 11. Their only failure was in their first participation, for the 1968 tournament. They are on a run of ten successful qualifications, broken only by EURO '88, for which they qualified automatically as hosts.
- Discounting host nation exemptions, France and Germany hold the record for consecutive qualifications, from 1992 to 2012. Like West Germany/Germany, the Soviet Union/Russia have enjoyed a record ten successful qualifications – but from a maximum 14 entries.
- The best percentage record for a single country is shared by Germany and the Czech Republic, who both have a 100% success rate, with six and five qualifications respectively. Next best are Croatia, who have qualified four times out of five (80%), from 1996 to 2012.
- Excluding tournament hosts, 2016 organisers France among them, ten countries are on a run of multiple successful qualifications going into UEFA EURO 2016 – Germany (six), Czech Republic, Italy and Spain (five), Sweden (four), Croatia, Greece, Netherlands and Russia (three), and Portugal (two).
- Including tournament hosts, the longest sequences of ongoing consecutive multiple participations at the finals are as follows: West Germany/Germany (11), the Netherlands (seven), France (six), Czech Republic, Italy, Portugal and Spain (five), Sweden (four), Croatia, Greece, Russia (three), and Poland (two).
- Of the 53 nations pursuing a UEFA EURO 2016 spot via the qualifiers, 26 have never featured at a final tournament. Additionally, neither Austria nor Ukraine have ever experienced a fruitful qualifying campaign, their only appearances at the finals being in 2008 and 2012 respectively, when they were co-hosts.
- Gibraltar are the sole association in the UEFA EURO 2016 qualifying field to be making their competition debut. Montenegro will make their second appearance and Kazakhstan their third.
- On just one of their ten successful qualification bids have West Germany/Germany failed to qualify as group winners. That was in 2008, when the Czech Republic edged them into second place, a position that also carried automatic qualification. The longest ongoing streak of qualifying group victories is held by Italy, who have topped their section in each of the last four competitions. Greece have the next best record in that regard, finishing first in the last three qualifying events. Spain are the only other nation to have won their group in the qualifying campaigns for both 2008 and 2012.
- Hungary and the Republic of Ireland share the record for the highest number of qualification matches played by a single nation, with 115 apiece, although the Soviet Union/Russia have contested 116. Fifteen other countries or combinations have amassed a century or more of qualifying games with five – Greece, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Italy and Portugal – joining that select band in UEFA EURO 2016 qualifying.
- Spain have registered the most UEFA European Championship qualifying wins, 78, followed by Czechoslovakia/Czech Republic on 73, with the Netherlands on 70 and the Soviet Union/Russia on 69.
- Spain are also the competition's top goalscorers, finding the net 275 times. The Netherlands are second in the list with 246.
- The side with the highest number of defeats are Luxembourg with 89, followed by Malta (82) and Cyprus (71).
- Aside from debutants Gibraltar, two teams have never won a UEFA European Championship qualifier. Andorra have lost every one of their 46 matches; San Marino had lost 59 in a row before the goalless draw against Estonia in November 2014.
- The most goals conceded by one team is 293, by Luxembourg, closely followed by Malta on 282. San Marino are next up on 272 – from just 62 games, in which they have scored a mere six goals, the fewest by any competing nation bar Gibraltar.
- The Republic of Ireland have drawn 35 qualifiers, more than any other side but closely followed by Romania on 32.

- Only five teams have qualified with a perfect record in their group – France (eight victories out of eight, EURO '92 and UEFA EURO 2004), Czech Republic (ten out of ten, UEFA EURO 2000), Germany (ten, UEFA EURO 2012), and Spain (eight, UEFA EURO 2012).
- Italy have the longest ongoing unbeaten UEFA European Championship qualifying run, having avoided defeat in each of their last 26 qualifying matches. Greece's 18-game unbeaten run was ended by Romania on matchday one, Spain's own 18-match streak and Germany's 13-game sequence both ended on matchday two. England (13) are also on a long sequence without defeat. Those five countries all came through the UEFA EURO 2012 qualifying campaign unbowed, but no side avoided defeat en route to UEFA EURO 2008.
- Armenia and Liechtenstein have never qualified for a UEFA European Championship final tournament but boast the players with the most appearances in the qualifying competition, Sargis Hovsepyan and Mario Frick respectively with 47.
- Ireland's Keane became the highest scorer in UEFA European Championship qualifying matches on matchday two as his hat-trick against Gibraltar took him to 21 goals. He leapfrogged Turkey's Hakan Şükür on 20 goals, with Portugal's Cristiano Ronaldo on the same mark; the Czech Republic's Jan Koller and Denmark's Jon Dahl Tomasson are both on 19. Two players are on 18 goals: Miroslav Klose (Germany) and Raúl González (Spain).
- The highest number of goals netted in a single qualifying tournament is 13, by Northern Ireland's David Healy ahead of the 2008 finals. Next on the chart are Davor Šuker (1996) and Huntelaar (2012) with 12 apiece.

Match-by-match lineups

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Team facts

UEFA European Championship records: Georgia

History

2012 – did not qualify
2008 – did not qualify
2004 – did not qualify
2000 – did not qualify
1996 – did not qualify

Qualifying win

0-6: Faroe Islands v Georgia, 16/08/06

Qualifying defeat

4-0: Poland v Georgia, 13/06/2015
0-4: Georgia v Poland, 14/11/2014

Overall appearances

30: Levan Kobiashvili
27: Kakha Kaladze
24: Shota Arveladze
24: Zurab Khizanishvili
23: Aleksandre Iashvili

Overall goals

16: Shota Arveladze
5: Aleksandre Iashvili
5: Temur Ketsbaia
5: Davit Siradze
3: Giorgi Kinkladze
3: Levan Kobiashvili
3: Jaba Kankava

UEFA European Championship records: Scotland

History

2012 – did not qualify
2008 – did not qualify
2004 – did not qualify
2000 – did not qualify
1996 – group stage
1992 – group stage
1988 – did not qualify
1984 – did not qualify
1980 – did not qualify
1976 – did not qualify
1972 – did not qualify
1968 – did not qualify
1964 – did not participate
1960 – did not participate

Final tournament win

3-0: Scotland v CIS, 18/06/92

Final tournament loss

0-2: Scotland v England, 15/06/96
0-2: Scotland v Germany, 15/06/92

Qualifying win

6-0: Scotland v Faroe Islands, 02/09/06

Qualifying defeat

6-0: Netherlands v Scotland, 19/11/03

Final tournament appearances

6: Andy Goram
6: Gary McAllister
6: Stuart McCall
5: Gordon Durie
5: Ally McCoist
5: Stewart McKimmie

Final tournament goals

1: Gary McAllister
1: Brian McClair
1: Ally McCoist
1: Paul McStay

Overall appearances

28: David Weir
24: Tom Boyd
23: Darren Fletcher
22: Barry Ferguson
22: Jim Leighton
21: John Collins
21: Kenny Dalglish
21: Gary McAllister

Overall goals

8: Ally McCoist
7: Kenny Dalglish
7: Kenny Miller
6: John Collins
6: James McFadden

Legend

:: Previous meetings

Goals for/against: Goal totals include the outcome of disciplinary decisions (e.g. match forfeits when a 3-0 result is determined). Goals totals do not include goals scored during a penalty shoot-out after a tie ended in a draw

:: Squad list

Qual.: Total European Qualifiers appearances/goals for UEFA EURO 2016 only.

FT: Total UEFA EURO 2016 appearances/goals in final tournament only.

Overall: Total international appearances/goals.

DoB: Date of birth

Age: Based on the date press kit was last updated

D: Disciplinary (*: misses next match if booked, S: suspended)

:: Team facts

EURO finals: The UEFA European Championship was a four-team event in 1960, 1964, 1968, 1972 and 1976 (when the preliminary round and quarter-finals were considered part of qualifying).

From 1980 it was expanded to an eight-team finals and remained in that format in 1984, 1988 and 1992 until 1996, when the 16-team format was adopted. UEFA EURO 2016 is the first tournament to be played as a 24-team finals.

Records of inactive countries

A number of UEFA associations have been affected by dissolution or splits of member associations. For statistical purposes, the records of these inactive countries have been allocated elsewhere: therefore, all Soviet Union matches are awarded to Russia; all West Germany – but not East Germany – matches are awarded to Germany; all Yugoslavia and Serbia & Montenegro matches are awarded to Serbia; all Czechoslovakia matches are allocated to both the Czech Republic and Slovakia.

Abandoned/forfeited matches

For statistical purposes, when a match has been started and then abandoned but later forfeited, the result on the pitch at the time of abandonment is counted. Matches that never started and were either cancelled or forfeited are not included in the overall statistics.

Competitions

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

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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