EUROPEAN QUALIFIERS - 2019/20 SEASON
MATCH PRESS KITS

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Group A - Matchday 1

Bulgaria

Montenegro

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Head coach
Legend

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Head coach

Petar Hubchev

Date of birth: 26 February 1964  
Nationality: Bulgarian  
Playing career: Osum Lovech, Levski Sofia, Hamburg, Eintracht Frankfurt  
Coaching career: Slavia Sofia, Eintracht Frankfurt II, Wolfsburg II, Chernomorets Pomorie, Botev Plovdiv, Beroe Stara Zagora

- Made debut for Bulgaria while playing in the second tier in a friendly against Greece in 1984, the first of 35 caps. Hubchev was one of the mainstays of the great Bulgaria side that reached the 1994 FIFA World Cup semi-finals. He also played at EURO ’96.
- Hubchev came through the ranks of Osum Lovech (now known as Litex Lovech). He was a right-back before establishing himself as a central defender.
- In 1989 he moved to Levski, winning the league and cup double in 1993 before departing at the end of that year for Hamburg. In 1996 he moved on to Eintracht, helping them back to the Bundesliga.
- Hubchev began his coaching career as an assistant at Eintracht in 2001 and also served on the staff of the Bulgarian national team. After a six-month stint as head coach at Slavia Sofia in 2005 he returned to Germany for spells with the reserve sides of Eintracht and Wolfsburg.
- In 2009 he was back in Bulgaria at Chernomorets Pomorie, guiding the second division side to the cup final in his first season. Following a brief spell at Botev Plovdiv he had four seasons at Beroe Stara Zagora, leading them to victory in the Bulgarian Cup in 2012/13 and second place in the league two years later. On 3 October 2016, six months after leaving Beroe, Hubchev succeeded Ivaylo Petev as Bulgaria coach.

Ljubiša Tumbaković

Date of birth: 2 September 1952  
Nationality: Serbian  
Playing career: Partizan, Vardar (loan), Radnički Sombor (loan)  
Coaching career: Radnički Beograd, Obilić, Khaitan, Partizan (youth), Partizan (twice), AEK Athens, Al Nassr, Shandong Luneng, Steel Azin, Wuhan Zall, Montenegro

- Belgrade-born Tumbaković started in the Radnički Beograd academy at the age of ten before moving on to the Partizan youth ranks two years later. He never appeared for the senior Partizan side in a competitive match and most of his professional playing career was spent on loan.
- Tumbaković went on to coach Partizan for nearly a decade in two separate spells, from 1992 to 1999 and 2000 to 2002. He won six league titles and three domestic cups to establish himself as one of the most successful ever Yugoslavian coaches.
- Had a solitary season in charge of AEK Athens either side of his two Partizan stints, leading the capital club to third in the Greek top flight.
- Tumbaković was later at the helm of Chinese sides Shandong Luneng – with whom he won two Super League titles and two domestic cups – and Wuhan Zall, as well as having spells in Saudi Arabia and Iran.
- Appointed Montenegro coach in January 2016 and oversaw a strong start to 2018 FIFA World Cup qualification only for successive defeats against Armenia and Poland to prove crucial, Tumbaković's side missing out on a play-off place after losing their last two fixtures against Denmark and, for a second time, Poland.
## 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 2020 only.
- **FT**: Total UEFA EURO 2020 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 was 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
- **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

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