Gibraltar

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Group D - Matchday 1

Republic of Ireland

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Julio César Ribas

**Date of birth:** 8 January 1957  
**Nationality:** Uruguayan  
**Playing career:** Bella Vista (three times), Nacional Montevideo (twice), Liverpool Montevideo, Gimnasia LP, Sud América, Defensor Sporting, River Plate Montevideo (twice), Mayindú, Cartaginés  
**Coaching career:** Sud América, Nacional Asunción, Bella Vista (twice), Peñarol (twice), Liverpool Montevideo, Venezia, Juventud de las Pedras, Oman, Deportivo Maldonado, Cartagena, Lincoln Red Imps, Gibraltar  

- During a 17-year playing career that was mostly spent in his native Uruguay but also took him to Argentina's Gimnasia and Cartagines in Costa Rica, Ribas won the Uruguayan league with Nacional in 1977 and Bella Vista in 1990 and also won second division titles in his homeland with Liverpool and River Plate, in addition to his ten caps for Uruguay.  
- His coaching career started successfully with a second division title for his first club, Sud América. Another second-tier championship success three years later with Bella Vista, whom he had represented three times as a player, earned a move to Montevideo giants Peñarol, where Ribas remained for three years, winning the Uruguayan national championship in 1999.  
- His first move outside Uruguay brought him to Venice, but it did not go to plan as Venezia were relegated from Italy's Serie B. Ribas then tried his hand at international football, coaching Oman for a short spell in 2008.  
- Back at Peñarol, he helped steer the club to the 2009 Uruguayan title but was soon on the move again, eventually ending up in Spain's Segunda División B (third tier) with Cartagena in 2014/15.  
- He was appointed coach of Lincoln Red Imps, the perennial champions of Gibraltar, in April 2016, and although they were pipped to the title in his first full season, Ribas nevertheless made a name for himself by leading the team to a sensational 1-0 home first-leg win over Celtic in a UEFA Champions League qualifier (albeit in a 1-3 aggregate defeat) and then reclaiming the national title for Lincoln in 2017/18 before taking over as head coach of the Gibraltar national team.

Mick McCarthy

**Date of birth:** 7 February 1959  
**Nationality:** Irish  
**Playing career:** Barnsley, Manchester City, Celtic, Lyon, Millwall  
**Coaching career:** Millwall, Republic of Ireland (twice), Sunderland, Wolves, Ipswich  

- Mick McCarthy was appointed Ireland manager for the second time in November 2018, succeeding Martin O'Neill to return to a post he held with distinction for almost seven years. He had already enjoyed a distinguished playing career for Ireland, winning 57 caps and appearing at EURO '88 – Ireland's first major tournament – and the 1990 FIFA World Cup.  
- Born in Barnsley, England, McCarthy – whose father was Irish – began his playing days with his home-town club, making his league debut in the fourth division in August 1977. A tough and committed central defender, he helped Barnsley to two promotions in his six years with the team before departing for Manchester City in 1983.  
- Moved on to Celtic four years later, winning a Scottish league and cup double in 1987/88 and another Scottish Cup the following year. After a short stint in France with Lyon, McCarthy returned to England with Millwall, although injuries restricted his availability and he effectively hung up his boots when he was named player-manager by the London club in 1992.  
- Installed as Ireland manager in February 1996 following Jack Charlton's departure, McCarthy's side narrowly missed out on the 1998 World Cup and UEFA EURO 2000, but reached the last 16 at the 2002 World Cup, losing to Spain on penalties; McCarthy stepped down that November.  
- Then had three years in charge of Sunderland before occupying the Wolves helm between 2006 and 2012, guiding the team to promotion to the Premier League as champions in 2008/09, McCarthy's second Championship title following his 2005 success with Sunderland. Left Wolves in February 2012 and subsequently spent nearly six seasons at Ipswich, leaving the club in April 2018.
:: 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.

Competition

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

c: Booked
Y/R: Sent off (two yellow cards)
N/A: Not applicable

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