EUROPEAN QUALIFIERS - 2019/20 SEASON
MATCH PRESS KITS

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Group C - Matchday 2

Belarus

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Head coach

Michael O'Neill

Date of birth: 5 July 1969  
Nationality: Northern Irish  
Playing career: Coleraine, Newcastle, Dundee United, Hibernian, Coventry, Aberdeen (loan), Reading (loan), Wigan, Saint Johnstone, Portland Timbers, Clydebank, Glentoran, Ayr United  
Coaching career: Brechin City, Shamrock Rovers, 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 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, and agreed a new contract despite losing out to Switzerland in the 2018 World Cup play-offs.

Igor Kriushenko

Date of birth: 10 February 1964  
Nationality: Belarusian  
Playing career: Dinamo Minsk, Khimik Grodno, Lida, Alga Bishkek, Aktyubinets, Metallurg Aldan, Dinamo Yakutsk, Selenga, Torpedo Mogilev  
Coaching career: Torpedo Mogilev (assistant), BATE Borisov (reserves), BATE, Dinamo Minsk, Sibir Novosibirsk, Shurtan Guzar, Torpedo Zhodino, Belarus  

• A graduate of one Minsk's youth academies, his first coach was Mikhail Mustygin – Soviet Top League top scorer with Dinamo Minsk in 1962 and 1967. A Soviet youth international, Kriushenko never made the first team at Dinamo Minsk, and spent his playing career in the lower divisions.  
• After four years as a coach with BATE's reserve team, took charge of the seniors in 2005 and won league titles in 2006 and 2007 before leaving for Dinamo Minsk.  
• League runner-up as Dinamo coach in 2008, he moved to Russia and led Sibir Novosibirsk to promotion in his first campaign, and then to the Russian Cup final and the UEFA Europa League play-offs in 2010.  
• Won a Belarusian Cup with Torpedo Zhodino in 2016 and was named Belarus coach on 1 March 2017, initially on a temporary basis.  
• Coached Torpedo and the national team in tandem to start with before stepping down from his club role to concentrate on his Belarus position, leading the side to promotion from League D in the inaugural UEFA Nations League in 2018.
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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