Republic of Ireland

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Group D - Matchday 2

Georgia

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Head coach

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.

Vladimír Weiss

Date of birth: 22 September 1964  
Nationality: Slovakian  
Playing career: Agro Hurbanovo, Inter Bratislava, Sparta Praha, Drnovice, Dunajská Streda, Košice, Artmedia  
Coaching career: Artmedia (twice), Saturn Moskovskaya Oblast, Slovakia, Slovan Bratislava, Kairat Almaty, Georgia

• Bratislava-born, Weiss spent six and a half years developing his talent as a defensive midfielder with local club Inter. First capped by Czechoslovakia in 1988, he won three of his 19 caps at the 1990 FIFA World Cup.

• Had brief spell at Sparta Praha, winning the final Czechoslovakian championship in 1993. Won a further dozen caps for Slovakia, scoring his country's first post-independence goal, against United Arab Emirates in February 1994. Ended playing career with Artmedia, serving as an assistant coach until 2000 when he took the top job.

• Led Artmedia to Slovakian league title and cup final in 2005 before knocking out Celtic and Partizan to reach UEFA Champions League group stage, where they registered a famous 3-2 win at Porto. Left for Russian club Saturn in early 2006 but returned to Artmedia 18 months later and masterminded domestic double.

• Appointed national team coach in June 2008 in place of Ján Kocian and steered Slovakia to first appearance at a World Cup finals as qualifying group winners, including historic 2-1 win away to the Czech Republic. Even better followed in South Africa, Slovakia reaching the last 16 by eliminating holders Italy before losing to the Netherlands.

• Coached Slovakia in tandem with Slovan Bratislava in 2011/12 and led his home-town club into their first UEFA Europa League group stage. Nearly did the same with Kairat, only losing against Bordeaux on away goals in play-offs. Left Almaty in November 2015 having won Kazakhstan Cups in successive seasons. Hired by Georgia in March 2016, he was unable to oversee a win in 2018 World Cup qualifying as his team picked up five points from ten matches but did guide them to promotion in the inaugural UEFA Nations League.
:: 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

d: Disciplinary (*: missing next match if booked, S: suspended)

pens: Penalties  
og: Own goal  
P: Penalty  
Plp: 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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