EUROPEAN QUALIFIERS - 2019/20 SEASON
MATCH PRESS KITS

Austria
Wörthersee - Klagenfurt
Friday 7 June 2019
20.45CET (20.45 local time)
Group G - Matchday 3

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**Austria - Slovenia**

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**Wörthersee, Klagenfurt**
## Slovenia

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- **Nejc Vidmar**
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- **Jan Oblak**
  - DoB: 07/01/1993
  - Age: 26
  - Club: Atlético
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### Defenders

- **Bojan Jokić**
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- **Andraž Struna**
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- **Nemanja Mitrovič**
  - DoB: 15/10/1992
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  - Club: Jagiellonia
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- **Aljaž Struna**
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- **Miha Mevlja**
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- **Miha Blažič**
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- **Petar Stojanovič**
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- **Jon Stankovič**
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- **Jure Balkovec**
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### Midfielders

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- **Jasmin Kurtič**
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- **Denis Popovič**
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- **Miha Zajc**
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- **Domen Črnigoj**
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- **Damjan Bohar**
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- **Žan Majer**
  - DoB: 25/07/1992
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- **Jaka Bijol**
  - DoB: 05/02/1999
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### Forwards

- **Robert Berić**
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  - Club: St-Étienne
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- **Luka Zahović**
  - DoB: 15/11/1995
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- **Andraž Šporar**
  - DoB: 27/02/1994
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### Coach

- **Matjaž Kek**
  - DoB: 09/09/1961
  - Age: 57
  - Club: -
  - Pld: 2
  - Gls: 0

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Franco Foda

Date of birth: 23 April 1966  
Nationality: German  
Playing career: Kaiserslautern (twice), Arminia Bielefeld, Saarbrücken, Bayer Leverkusen, Stuttgart, Basel, Sturm Graz  
Coaching career: Sturm Graz (three times), Kaiserslautern, Austria

- Born in Mainz to a German mother and Italian father, Foda started his playing career at Weisenau and joined Mainz, then in the third tier, in his youth. As a professional he played in 321 German Bundesliga games, winning the German Cup with both Kaiserslautern and Leverkusen.

- In 1987, the defender was called up by the West German national team for a South America tour. He played against Argentina and Brazil, his only two international caps.

- Foda ended his career with a highly successful four-year spell at Austrian club Sturm Graz, with whom he won three league titles and also reached the UEFA Champions League group stage three years running.

- After hanging up his boots, Foda remained in Styria and moved into coaching, initially as an assistant to the experienced Ivan Osim before taking over as Sturm's head coach in 2002.

- He would spend the best part of the next decade and a half at Sturm, punctuating his tenure only with a single season back in Germany with Kaiserslautern (2012/13) after leading Sturm to victories in the 2009/10 Austrian Cup and the following season's Bundesliga. In October 2017 he was appointed Marcel Koller's successor as head coach of the Austrian national team, taking over the reins in January 2018.

Matjaž Kek

Date of birth: 9 September 1961  
Nationality: Slovenian  
Playing career: Maribor (twice), Spittal/Drau, Grazer AK  
Coaching career: Maribor, Slovenia (youth), Slovenia (twice), Al-Ittihad, Rijeka

- Born in Maribor, he began a long affiliation with the local club as a player. Featured from 1979 to 1984 in the Yugoslavian Federal League before a decade in Austria's lower leagues with Spittal/Drau and Grazer AK – earning one cap for Slovenia in 1992 while with the latter. Returned home to win a hat-trick of Slovenian titles at Maribor between 1997 and 1999 as well as two national cups.

- Turned to coaching immediately after hanging up his boots and was on the staff for four further Maribor championship wins before taking charge himself for the 2003/04 season.

- Appointed coach of Slovenia's Under-15 and U16 teams in 2006 before the call came to replace senior head coach Branko Oblak midway through UEFA EURO 2008 qualifying campaign in January 2007.

- Endured difficult start to reign with youthful team but came good to eventually steer Slovenia to 2010 FIFA World Cup finals after a famous away-goals victory over Russia in the play-offs. Oversaw creditable performances in South Africa although Slovenia failed to progress from group stage.

- Stepped down after failure to reach UEFA EURO 2012, going on to have a brief spell in Saudi Arabia with Al-Ittihad before resurfacing at Rijeka in February 2013. Kek proved a huge success in Croatia, winning the club's first title in 2016/17 when Rijeka completed the double by claiming the Croatian Cup for the second time in his reign; also took the club into the UEFA Europa League group stage in 2013/14 and 2014/15. Stepped down in October 2018 and reappointed as Slovenia coach the following month.
Match officials

Referee
Aleksei Kulbakov (BLR)

Assistant referees
Dmitri Zhuk (BLR), Oleg Maslyanko (BLR)

Fourth official
Denis Scherbakov (BLR)

UEFA Delegate
Vilmos Szabó (HUN)

UEFA Referee observer
Georgios Bikas (GRE)

Referee

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Aleksei Kulbakov

Referee since: 1995
First division: 2003
FIFA badge: 2005

Tournaments: 2013 UEFA European Under-19 Championship, 2006 UEFA European Under-17 Championship

Finals
2013 UEFA European Under-19 Championship

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Austria - Slovenia
Friday 7 June 2019 - 20.45CET (20.45 local time)
Wörthersee, Klagenfurt
## Match-by-match lineups

### Austria

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(21/03/2019)
**Austria 0-1 Poland**
**Goals:** 0-1 K. Piątek 69

**Austria:** Lindner, Dragović, Hinteregger, Arnautović, Alaba, Sabitzer, Grillitsch (84 Onisiwo), Wöber, Baumgartlinger, Lainer, Lazaro (81 Janko)

(24/03/2019)
**Israel 4-2 Austria**
**Goals:** 0-1 Arnautović 8, 1-1 Zahavi 34, 2-1 Zahavi 45, 3-1 Zahavi 55, 4-1 Dabbur 66, 4-2 Arnautović 75

**Austria:** Lindner, Ulmer, Dragović, Hinteregger, Arnautović, Sabitzer, Wöber (60 Janko), Baumgartlinger, žulj (85 Kainz), Lazaro, Schlager (61 Onisiwo)

(07/06/2019)
Austria-Slovenia

(10/06/2019)
North Macedonia-Austria

(09/09/2019)
Austria-Latvia

(10/10/2019)
Austria-Israel

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(21/03/2019)
**Israel 1-1 Slovenia**

**Goals:** 0-1 Šporar 48, 1-1 Zahavi 55

**Slovenia:** Oblak, Aljaž Struna, Krhin, Iličić, Kurtič, Šporar (85 Bohar), Zajc (62 Črnigoj), Jokić, M. Mevlja, Stojanovič, Verbič (90 Bijol)

(24/03/2019)
**Slovenia 1-1 North Macedonia**

**Goals:** 1-0 Zajc 34, 1-1 Bardi 47

**Slovenia:** Oblak, Aljaž Struna, Krhin, Iličić, Kurtič, Šporar (71 Berić), Zajc (90 Zahović), Jokić, M. Mevlja, Stojanovič, Verbič (84 Črnigoj)

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**Austria-Slovenia**

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**Poland-Slovenia**
Team facts

UEFA European Championship records: Austria

History
2016 – group stage
2012 – did not qualify
2008 – group stage
2004 – did not qualify
2000 – did not qualify
1996 – did not qualify
1992 – did not qualify
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 qualify
1960 – did not qualify

Final tournament win
N/A

Final tournament defeat
0-2: Austria v Hungary, 14/06/16

Qualifying win
7-0: Austria v San Marino, 28/04/99
7-0: Austria v Liechtenstein, 26/04/95

Qualifying defeat
9-0: Spain v Austria, 27/03/99

Final tournament appearances
5: Martin Harnik
4: Christian Fuchs
4: Sebastian Prödl
3: 16 players

Final tournament goals
1: Ivica Vastic
1: Alessandro Schöpf

Overall appearances
24: Christian Fuchs
23: Martin Harnik
21: Bruno Pezzey
21: Marko Arnautović
20: Andreas Herzog
20: Toni Polster
20: Friedrich Koncilia
19: Herbert Prohaska
19: David Alaba
18: Walter Schachner

Overall goals
15: Toni Polster
9: Marc Janko
9: Hans Krankl
8: Walter Schachner
7: Marko Arnautović
6: Andreas Herzog
6: Ivica Vastic
UEFA European Championship records: Slovenia

History
2016 – did not qualify
2012 – did not qualify
2008 – did not qualify
2004 – did not qualify
2000 – group stage
1996 – did not qualify

Final tournament win
N/A

Final tournament loss
1-2: Slovenia v Spain, 18/06/00

Qualifying win
6-0: Slovenia v San Marino, 27/03/15

Qualifying loss
5-0: France v Slovenia, 12/10/02

Final tournament appearances
3: Milenko Ačimovič
3: Aleš Čeh
3: Mladen Dabanovič
3: Marinko Galič
3: Amir Karič
3: Željko Milinovič
3: Džoni Novak
3: Milan Osterc
3: Miran Pavlin
3: Mladen Rudonja
3: Zlatko Zahovič

Final tournament goals
3: Zlatko Zahovič
1: Miran Pavlin

Overall appearances
32: Valter Birsa
30: Zlatko Zahovič
29: Boštjan Cesar
28: Samir Handanovič
27: Milenko Ačimovič
27: Bojan Jokič
24: Robert Koren
23: Aleš Čeh
23: Džoni Novak
23: Miran Pavlin

Overall goals
18: Zlatko Zahovič
10: Milivoje Novakovič
9: Ermin Šiljak
5: Tim Matavž
4: Klemen Lavrič
4: Sašo Udovič
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
Pl: 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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