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Switzerland

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Previous meetings

Head to Head

FIFA World Cup

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
12/10/2005	QR (GS)	Republic of Ireland - Switzerland	0-0	Dublin	
08/09/2004	QR (GS)	Switzerland - Republic of Ireland	1-1	Basel	Hakan Yakin 17; Morrison 8

UEFA EURO 2004

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
11/10/2003	PR (GS)	Switzerland - Republic of Ireland	2-0	Basel	Hakan Yakin 6, A. Frei 60
16/10/2002	PR (GS)	Republic of Ireland - Switzerland	1-2	Dublin	Magnin 78 (og); Hakan Yakin 45, Celestini 87

FIFA World Cup

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
11/09/1985	QR (GS)	Switzerland - Republic of Ireland	0-0	Berne	
02/06/1985	QR (GS)	Republic of Ireland - Switzerland	3-0	Dublin	Stapleton 7, Grealish 33, Sheedy 57

1976 UEFA European Championship

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
21/05/1975	PR (GS)	Switzerland - Republic of Ireland	1-0	Berne	Elsener 75
10/05/1975	PR (GS)	Republic of Ireland - Switzerland	2-1	Dublin	Martin 2, Treacy 28; Müller 74

	Qualifying								Final tournament				Total					
	Home				Away													
	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
EURO																		
Republic of Ireland	2	1	0	1	2	0	0	2	-	-	-	-	4	1	0	3	3	6
Switzerland	2	2	0	0	2	1	0	1	-	-	-	-	4	3	0	1	6	3
FIFA*																		
Republic of Ireland	2	1	1	0	2	0	2	0	-	-	-	-	4	1	3	0	4	1
Switzerland	2	0	2	0	2	0	1	1	-	-	-	-	4	0	3	1	1	4
Friendlies																		
Republic of Ireland	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	8	0	3	13	4
Switzerland	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	3	0	8	4	13
Total																		
Republic of Ireland	4	2	1	1	4	0	2	2	-	-	-	-	19	10	3	6	20	11

	Qualifying								Final tournament				Total					
	Home				Away													
	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
Switzerland	4	2	2	0	4	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	19	6	3	10	11	20

* FIFA World Cup/FIFA Confederations Cup

Squad list

Republic of Ireland

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season					
						Qual.		FT			
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls		
Goalkeepers											
-	Darren Randolph	12/05/1987	32	Middlesbrough	-	4	0	0	0		
-	Kieran O'Hara	22/04/1996	23	Burton	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Mark Travers	18/05/1999	20	Bournemouth	-	0	0	0	0		
Defenders											
-	Richard Keogh	11/08/1986	33	Derby	-	4	0	0	0		
-	Shane Duffy	01/01/1992	27	Brighton & Hove Albion	-	4	1	0	0		
-	Seamus Coleman	11/10/1988	30	Everton	-	4	0	0	0		
-	John Egan	20/10/1992	26	Sheff. United	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Enda Stevens	09/07/1990	29	Sheff. United	*	4	0	0	0		
-	Kevin Long	18/08/1990	29	Burnley	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Cyrus Christie	30/09/1992	26	Fulham	-	0	0	0	0		
Midfielders											
-	Glenn Whelan	13/01/1984	35	Hearts	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Alan Judge	11/11/1988	30	Ipswich	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Conor Hourihane	02/02/1991	28	Aston Villa	-	4	1	0	0		
-	James McClellan	22/04/1989	30	Stoke	-	4	0	0	0		
-	Jeff Hendrick	31/01/1992	27	Burnley	-	4	1	0	0		
-	Callum Robinson	02/02/1995	24	Sheff. United	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Alan Browne	15/04/1995	24	Preston	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Josh Cullen	07/04/1996	23	Charlton	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Callum O'Dowda	23/04/1995	24	Bristol City	-	0	0	0	0		
Forwards											
-	James Collins	01/12/1990	28	Luton	-	0	0	0	0		
-	David McGoldrick	29/11/1987	31	Sheff. United	-	4	0	0	0		
-	Ronan Curtis	29/03/1996	23	Portsmouth	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Scott Hogan	13/04/1992	27	Stoke	-	2	0	0	0		
Coach											
-	Mick McCarthy	07/02/1959	60		-	2	0	0	0		

Switzerland

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season					
						Qual.		FT			
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls		
Goalkeepers											
-	Yann Sommer	17/12/1988	30	Mönchengladbach	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Yvon Mvogo	06/06/1994	25	Leipzig	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Jonas Omlin	10/01/1994	25	Basel	-	0	0	0	0		
Defenders											
-	Ricardo Rodríguez	25/08/1992	27	Milan	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Loris Benito	07/01/1992	27	Bordeaux	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Jacques François Moubandje	21/06/1990	29	Dinamo Zagreb	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Kevin Mbabu	19/04/1995	24	Wolfsburg	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Fabian Schär	20/12/1991	27	Newcastle	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Nico Elvedi	30/09/1996	22	Mönchengladbach	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Eray Cümart	04/02/1998	21	Basel	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Manuel Akanji	19/07/1995	24	Dortmund	-	2	0	0	0		
Midfielders											
-	Granit Xhaka	27/09/1992	26	Arsenal	-	2	1	0	0		
-	Remo Freuler	15/04/1992	27	Atalanta	-	2	1	0	0		
-	Silvan Widmer	05/03/1993	26	Basel	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Renato Steffen	03/11/1991	27	Wolfsburg	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Denis Zakaria	20/11/1996	22	Mönchengladbach	-	2	1	0	0		
-	Edimilson Fernandes	15/04/1996	23	Mainz	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Christian Fasnacht	11/11/1993	25	Young Boys	-	0	0	0	0		
Forwards											
-	Mario Gavranović	24/11/1989	29	Dinamo Zagreb	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Admir Mehmedi	16/03/1991	28	Wolfsburg	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Haris Seferović	22/02/1992	27	Benfica	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Albian Ajeti	26/02/1997	22	West Ham	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Breel Embolo	14/02/1997	22	Mönchengladbach	-	2	1	0	0		
Coach											
-	Vladimir Petković	15/08/1963	56		-	2	0	0	0		

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.

Vladimir Petković

Date of birth: 15 August 1963

Nationality: Swiss

Playing career: Sarajevo (twice), Rudar Ljubija, Koper, Chur 97 (twice), Sion, Martigny-Sports, Bellinzona (twice), Locarno

Coaching career: Bellinzona (twice), Malcantone Agno, Lugano, Young Boys, Samsunspor, Sion, Lazio, Switzerland

- Started his career in midfield with Sarajevo, losing in the 1983 Yugoslavian Cup final but featuring twice as his team took the 1984/85 league title, the only major honour of his playing days. Moved to Switzerland in 1987, playing for second-tier Chur and then ascending to the top flight with Sion in 1988/89; returned to the second division to represent Martigny, Bellinzona and Locarno.
- Petković hung up his boots in 1999, aged 36, following a season as player-coach at Bellinzona. Then led Malcantone Agno to promotion from the third division in 2002/03 before becoming the first coach of AC Lugano – successors to FC Lugano.
- Rejoined Bellinzona in October 2005, steering them to the 2007/08 Swiss Cup final, where they lost 4-1 to Basel, but consolation came two weeks later as victory in a relegation/promotion play-off against St Gallen gave Bellinzona a Super League berth.
- Was appointed Young Boys coach in August 2008, guiding them to second-placed finishes in his first two campaigns in charge as well as the 2008/09 Swiss Cup final. After short spells in charge of Turkey's Samsunspor and Sion back in Switzerland, was named Lazio coach in June 2012 and won the Coppa Italia in his first term in Italy, also helping the side to seventh position in the final standings.
- Left in January 2014 after being appointed Switzerland coach Ottmar Hitzfeld's successor, taking the reins after the 2014 FIFA World Cup. Promptly guided his charges to UEFA EURO 2016, where they lost to Poland in the last 16, and to the same stage of the 2018 World Cup, where they were beaten by Sweden. Switzerland did, however, reach the first UEFA Nations League Finals, ahead of Belgium and Iceland.

Match officials

Referee	Carlos del Cerro Grande (ESP)
Assistant referees	Juan Carlos Yuste (ESP) , Roberto Alonso (ESP)
Fourth official	Alejandro Hernández (ESP)
UEFA Delegate	Antonio Talarico (ITA)
UEFA Referee observer	Lucilio Batista (POR)

Referee

Name	Date of birth	UEFA EURO matches	UEFA matches
Carlos del Cerro Grande	13/03/1976	0	31

Carlos Del Cerro Grande

First division: 2011
FIFA badge: 2013

Tournaments: N/A

Finals
N/A

UEFA European Championship matches featuring the two countries involved in this match

No such matches refereed

Other matches involving teams from either of the two countries involved in this match

Date	Competition	Stage reached	Home	Away	Result	Venue
14/10/2013	U21	QR	Switzerland	Croatia	0-2	Lugano

Match-by-match lineups

Republic of Ireland

Final tournament - Qualifying round

Group D

Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Republic of Ireland	4	3	1	0	5	1	10
Denmark	3	1	2	0	9	5	5
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Gibraltar	3	0	0	3	0	6	0

Matchday 1 (23/03/2019)

Gibraltar 0-1 Republic of Ireland

Goals: 0-1 Hendrick 49

Republic of Ireland: Randolph, Coleman, Stevens, Duffy, Keogh, Doherty (56 Brady), Maguire (72 Arter), McGoldrick, McClean, Hendrick, Hourihane

Matchday 2 (26/03/2019)

Republic of Ireland 1-0 Georgia

Goals: 1-0 Hourihane 36

Republic of Ireland: Randolph, Coleman, Stevens, Duffy, Keogh, Whelan, McGoldrick (81 Doherty), Brady (74 O'Brien), McClean, Hendrick, Hourihane

Matchday 3 (07/06/2019)

Denmark 1-1 Republic of Ireland

Goals: 1-0 Højbjerg 76, 1-1 Duffy 85

Republic of Ireland: Randolph, Coleman, Stevens, Duffy, Keogh, Whelan, McGoldrick (88 Robinson), Brady (66 Judge), McClean, Hendrick, Hourihane (82 Hogan)

Matchday 4 (10/06/2019)

Republic of Ireland 2-0 Gibraltar

Goals: 1-0 J. Chipolina 29 (og), 2-0 Brady 90+3

Republic of Ireland: Randolph, Coleman, Stevens, Duffy, Keogh, McGoldrick, McClean, Robinson (73 Brady), Hendrick, Hourihane, Hogan (66 Maguire)

Matchday 5 (05/09/2019)

Republic of Ireland-Switzerland

Matchday 7 (12/10/2019)

Georgia-Republic of Ireland

Matchday 8 (15/10/2019)

Switzerland-Republic of Ireland

Matchday 10 (18/11/2019)

Republic of Ireland-Denmark

Switzerland

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Matchday 1 (23/03/2019)

Georgia 0-2 Switzerland

Goals: 0-1 St. Zuber 56, 0-2 Zakaria 80

Switzerland: Sommer, Lichtsteiner, Akanji, Embolo (84 Steffen), Freuler (90 Sow), Xhaka, Rodríguez, St. Zuber, Zakaria, Gavranović (60 Al. Ajeti), Schär

Matchday 2 (26/03/2019)

Switzerland 3-3 Denmark

Goals: 1-0 Freuler 19, 2-0 Xhaka 66, 3-0 Embolo 76, 3-1 M. Jørgensen 84, 3-2 Gytkjær 88, 3-3 Dalsgaard 90+3

Switzerland: Sommer, Elvedi, Akanji, Embolo, Freuler, Al. Ajeti (71 Mehmedi), Xhaka (79 Sow), Rodríguez (46 Benito), St. Zuber, Zakaria, Mbabu

Matchday 5 (05/09/2019)

Republic of Ireland-Switzerland

Matchday 6 (08/09/2019)

Switzerland-Gibraltar

Matchday 7 (12/10/2019)

Denmark-Switzerland

Matchday 8 (15/10/2019)

Switzerland-Republic of Ireland

Matchday 9 (15/11/2019)

Switzerland-Georgia

Matchday 10 (18/11/2019)

Gibraltar-Switzerland

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

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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