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Group A - Matchday 5



Bulgaria

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Previous meetings

Head to Head

UEFA EURO 2012

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
02/09/2011	QR (GS)	Bulgaria - England	0-3	Sofia	Cahill 13, Rooney 21, 45+1
03/09/2010	QR (GS)	England - Bulgaria	4-0	London	Defoe 3, 61, 86, A. Johnson 83

UEFA EURO 2000

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
09/06/1999	PR (GS)	Bulgaria - England	1-1	Sofia	G. Markov 17; Shearer 14
10/10/1998	PR (GS)	England - Bulgaria	0-0	London	

1980 UEFA European Championship

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
22/11/1979	PR (GS)	England - Bulgaria	2-0	London	Watson 9, Hoddle 70
06/06/1979	PR (GS)	Bulgaria - England	0-3	Sofia	Keegan 33, Watson 53, Barnes 54

FIFA World Cup

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
07/06/1962	GS-FT	England - Bulgaria	0-0	Rancagua	

	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																		
England	3	2	1	0	3	2	1	0	-	-	-	-	6	4	2	0	13	1
Bulgaria	3	0	1	2	3	0	1	2	-	-	-	-	6	0	2	4	1	13
FIFA*																		
England	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Bulgaria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Friendlies																		
England	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	2	1	0	3	1
Bulgaria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	0	1	2	1	3
Total																		
England	3	2	1	0	3	2	1	0	1	0	1	0	10	6	4	0	16	2
Bulgaria	3	0	1	2	3	0	1	2	1	0	1	0	10	0	4	6	2	16

* FIFA World Cup/FIFA Confederations Cup

Squad list

England

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season					
						Qual.		FT			
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls		
Goalkeepers											
-	Tom Heaton	15/04/1986	33	Aston Villa	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Jordan Pickford	07/03/1994	25	Everton	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Nick Pope	19/04/1992	27	Burnley	-	0	0	0	0		
Defenders											
-	Danny Rose	02/07/1990	29	Tottenham	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Kieran Trippier	19/09/1990	28	Atlético	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Michael Keane	11/01/1993	26	Everton	-	2	1	0	0		
-	Joe Gomez	23/05/1997	22	Liverpool	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Harry Maguire	05/03/1993	26	Man. United	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Trent Alexander-Arnold	07/10/1998	20	Liverpool	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Ben Chilwell	21/12/1996	22	Leicester	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Tyrone Mings	13/03/1993	26	Aston Villa	-	0	0	0	0		
Midfielders											
-	Ross Barkley	05/12/1993	25	Chelsea	-	2	2	0	0		
-	Jordan Henderson	17/06/1990	29	Liverpool	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain	15/08/1993	26	Liverpool	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Raheem Sterling	08/12/1994	24	Man. City	-	2	4	0	0		
-	Harry Winks	02/02/1996	23	Tottenham	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Mason Mount	10/01/1999	20	Chelsea	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Declan Rice	14/01/1999	20	West Ham	-	2	0	0	0		
-	James Maddison	23/11/1996	22	Leicester	-	0	0	0	0		
Forwards											
-	Harry Kane	28/07/1993	26	Tottenham	-	2	2	0	0		
-	Marcus Rashford	31/10/1997	21	Man. United	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Jadon Sancho	25/03/2000	19	Dortmund	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Callum Wilson	27/02/1992	27	Bournemouth	-	1	0	0	0		
Coach											
-	Gareth Southgate	03/09/1970	49		-	2	0	0	0		

Bulgaria

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season					
						Qual.		FT			
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls		
Goalkeepers											
-	Hristo Ivanov	06/04/1982	37	Etar	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Plamen Iliev	30/11/1991	27	Ludogorets	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Martin Lukov	05/07/1993	26	Lokomotiv Plovdiv	-	0	0	0	0		
Defenders											
-	Vasil Bozhikov	02/06/1988	31	Slovan Bratislava	-	4	1	0	0		
-	Nikolay Bodurov	30/05/1986	33	CSKA-Sofia	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Strahil Popov	31/08/1990	29	Kasimpaşa	-	4	0	0	0		
-	Georgi Pashov	04/03/1990	29	Ararat-Armenia	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Georgi Terziev	18/04/1992	27	Ludogorets	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Ivan Goranov	10/06/1992	27	Levski	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Anton Nedyalkov	30/04/1993	26	Ludogorets	-	3	0	0	0		
-	Kristian Dimitrov	27/02/1997	22	Botev Plovdiv	-	2	1	0	0		
Midfielders											
-	Ivelin Popov	26/10/1987	31	Rostov	*	4	1	0	0		
-	Georgi Sarmov	07/09/1985	34	Chemnitz	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Galin Ivanov	15/04/1988	31	Slavia Sofia	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Georgi Milanov	19/02/1992	27	Fehérvár	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Simeon Slavchev	25/09/1993	25	Qarabağ	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Kristiyan Malinov	30/03/1994	25	CSKA-Sofia	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Marcelinho	24/08/1984	35	Ludogorets	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Bozhidar Kraev	23/06/1997	22	Gil Vicente	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Wanderson	02/01/1988	31	Ludogorets	-	0	0	0	0		
Forwards											
-	Nikolay Dimitrov	15/10/1987	31	Ural	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Daniel Mladenov	25/05/1987	32	Etar	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Kiril Despodov	11/11/1996	22	Sturm	-	2	0	0	0		
Coach											
-	Krasimir Balakov	29/03/1966	53		-	2	0	0	0		

Head coach

Gareth Southgate

Date of birth: 3 September 1970

Nationality: English

Playing career: Crystal Palace, Aston Villa, Middlesbrough

Coaching career: Middlesbrough, England Under-21s, England

- Came through the ranks at Palace, initially as a midfielder, becoming captain and leading the club to promotion to the Premier League in 1993/94. Moved on to Villa following relegation in 1995 and was converted into a centre-back, winning the League Cup in his first season and helping the team reach the 2000 FA Cup final.
- Won 57 caps for England, although perhaps best known for missing a crucial penalty against Germany in the EURO '96 semi-final at Wembley; also appeared at the 1998 FIFA World Cup and UEFA EURO 2000.
- Left Villa for Middlesbrough in 2001 and became the first Boro captain to lift a trophy, skippering the side to victory against Sam Allardyce's Bolton in the 2004 League Cup final; also helped Boro reach the UEFA Cup final in memorable fashion two years later.
- Defeat by Sevilla in Eindhoven proved Southgate's last game as he moved into the Middlesbrough dug-out to succeed Steve McClaren following the latter's departure for England; kept them in the Premier League until 2009, when they were relegated with Southgate dismissed that October.
- Joined the Football Association in 2011, initially as head of elite development before taking over as Under-21 coach two years later; appointed caretaker manager of the national side in September 2016 following Allardyce's departure. Subsequently took the role full time and led the side to the 2018 World Cup in Russia, England ultimately reaching the semi-finals for the first time since 1990. Southgate subsequently guided his side to the first UEFA Nations League Finals ahead of Spain and Croatia.

Krassimir Balakov

Date of birth: 29 March 1966

Nationality: Bulgarian

Playing career: Etar Veliko Turnovo, Sporting CP, Stuttgart

Coaching career: Grasshopper-Club, St Gallen, Chernomorets Burgas, Hajduk Split, Kaiserslautern, Litex Lovech, Etar Veliko Turnovo, Bulgaria

- Made his name in the late 1980s as a midfielder with hometown side Etar, who won the Bulgarian title in 1990/91, but Balakov had already departed for Portuguese giants Sporting CP during the winter break.
- Under Sir Bobby Robson Balakov developed into a fine playmaker, and helped Sporting to win the 1995 Portuguese Cup; he moved to Stuttgart that summer, and the club won the German Cup in 1997 before reaching the final of the European Cup Winners' Cup a year later.
- Balakov was a key member of the Bulgaria side that reached the semi-finals of the 1994 FIFA World Cup – still regarded as the nation's biggest footballing achievement – and was named in the official Team of the Tournament. Bulgarian Player of the Year in 1995 and 1997, he scored 16 goals in 92 internationals between 1988 and 2003, captaining the side in the last three years.
- Hung up his boots in 2003 and moved into coaching in Switzerland, leading Zurich-based Grasshoppers and then St Gallen. He was the first Bulgarian to coach in the Bundesliga when Kaiserslautern hired him in March 2012.
- Ended a 16-month spell back at Etar to become Bulgaria coach on 14 May 2019, succeeding his former international team-mate Petar Hubchev.

Match officials

Referee	Marco Guida (ITA)
Assistant referees	Matteo Passeri (ITA) , Giorgio Peretti (ITA)
Fourth official	Michael Fabbri (ITA)
UEFA Delegate	Peter Lundström (FIN)
UEFA Referee observer	Bo Karlsson (SWE)

Referee

Name	Date of birth	UEFA EURO matches	UEFA matches
Marco Guida	07/06/1981	0	26

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
17/07/2014	UEL	2QR	PFC Botev Plovdiv	SKN St Pölten	2-1	Burgas
26/03/2015	U19	ELITE	England	Denmark	3-2	Bayeux
31/03/2015	U19	ELITE	France	England	2-1	Saint-Lo
23/02/2016	UYL	R16	Real Madrid CF	Manchester City FC	3-1	Madrid

Match-by-match lineups

England

Final tournament - Qualifying round

Group A

Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
England	6	5	0	1	26	6	15
Czech Republic	6	4	0	2	11	9	12
Kosovo	6	3	2	1	12	10	11
Montenegro	7	0	3	4	3	15	3
Bulgaria	7	0	3	4	5	17	3

Matchday 1 (22/03/2019)

England 5-0 Czech Republic

Goals: 1-0 Sterling 24, 2-0 Kane 45+2 (P) , 3-0 Sterling 62, 4-0 Sterling 68, 5-0 Kalas 84 (og)

England: Pickford, Walker, Chilwell, Dier (17 Barkley), Keane, Maguire, Sancho, Henderson, Kane, Alli (63 Rice), Sterling (70 Hudson-Odoi)

Matchday 2 (25/03/2019)

Montenegro 1-5 England

Goals: 1-0 Vešović 17, 1-1 Keane 30, 1-2 Barkley 39, 1-3 Barkley 59, 1-4 Kane 71, 1-5 Sterling 81

England: Pickford, Walker, Rose, Rice, Keane, Maguire, Sterling, Barkley (81 Ward-Prowse), Kane (83 Wilson), Alli (64 Henderson), Hudson-Odoi

Matchday 5 (07/09/2019)

England-Bulgaria

Matchday 6 (10/09/2019)

England-Kosovo

Matchday 7 (11/10/2019)

Czech Republic-England

Matchday 8 (14/10/2019)

Bulgaria-England

Matchday 9 (14/11/2019)

England-Montenegro

Matchday 10 (17/11/2019)

Kosovo-England

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Matchday 1 (22/03/2019)

Bulgaria 1-1 Montenegro

Goals: 0-1 Mugoša 50, 1-1 Nedevlev 82 (P)

Bulgaria: Mihaylov, Popov, Zanev, Bodurov, Kostadinov, Nedelev, Delev (82 Minchev), Popov, Bozhikov, Ivanov (51 Kostov), Chochev (69 Slavchev)

Matchday 2 (25/03/2019)

Kosovo 1-1 Bulgaria

Goals: 0-1 Bozhikov 39, 1-1 Zeneli 61

Bulgaria: Mihaylov, Popov, Bodurov, Slavchev, Kostadinov (80 Antov), Nedelev, Delev (68 Zanev), Popov, Nedyalkov, Bozhikov, Malinov (76 Minchev)

Matchday 3 (07/06/2019)

Czech Republic 2-1 Bulgaria

Goals: 0-1 Isa 3, 1-1 Schick 19, 2-1 Schick 50

Bulgaria: Mihaylov, Popov, Dimitrov, Sarmov, Nedelev (82 Chunchukov), Popov, Nedyalkov, Bozhikov, Malinov (64 Karabelyov), Isa, Minchev (46 Despodov)

Matchday 4 (10/06/2019)

Bulgaria 2-3 Kosovo

Goals: 0-1 Rashica 14, 1-1 Popov 43, 2-1 Dimitrov 55, 2-2 Muriqi 64, 2-3 Rashani 90+3

Bulgaria: Mihaylov, Popov, Kostadinov, Nedelev (70 G. Iliev), Despodov, Popov, Nedyalkov, Bozhikov (46 Dimitrov), Ivanov, Isa (79 Chunchukov), Goranov

Matchday 5 (07/09/2019)

England-Bulgaria

Matchday 7 (11/10/2019)

Montenegro-Bulgaria

Matchday 8 (14/10/2019)

Bulgaria-England

Matchday 10 (17/11/2019)

Bulgaria-Czech Republic

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