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Wales

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Group E - Matchday 5



Azerbaijan

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Previous meetings

Head to Head

FIFA World Cup

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
06/06/2009	QR (GS)	Azerbaijan - Wales	0-1	Baku	Edwards 42
06/09/2008	QR (GS)	Wales - Azerbaijan	1-0	Cardiff	Vokes 83

FIFA World Cup

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
12/10/2005	QR (GS)	Wales - Azerbaijan	2-0	Cardiff	Giggs 3, 51
04/09/2004	QR (GS)	Azerbaijan - Wales	1-1	Baku	R. F. Sadygov 55; Speed 48

UEFA EURO 2004

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
29/03/2003	PR (GS)	Wales - Azerbaijan	4-0	Cardiff	Davies 1, Speed 40, Hartson 43, Giggs 52
20/11/2002	PR (GS)	Azerbaijan - Wales	0-2	Baku	Speed 10, Page 68

	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																		
Wales	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	-	-	-	-	2	2	0	0	6	0
Azerbaijan	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	-	-	-	-	2	0	0	2	0	6
FIFA*																		
Wales	2	2	0	0	2	1	1	0	-	-	-	-	4	3	1	0	5	1
Azerbaijan	2	0	1	1	2	0	0	2	-	-	-	-	4	0	1	3	1	5
Friendlies																		
Wales	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Azerbaijan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total																		
Wales	3	3	0	0	3	2	1	0	-	-	-	-	6	5	1	0	11	1
Azerbaijan	3	0	1	2	3	0	0	3	-	-	-	-	6	0	1	5	1	11

* FIFA World Cup/FIFA Confederations Cup

Squad list

Wales

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season					
						Qual.		FT			
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls		
Goalkeepers											
-	Wayne Hennessey	24/01/1987	32	Crystal Palace	-	3	0	0	0		
-	Danny Ward	22/06/1993	26	Leicester	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Adam Davies	17/07/1992	27	Barnsley	-	0	0	0	0		
Defenders											
-	Chris Gunter	21/07/1989	30	Reading	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Neil Taylor	07/02/1989	30	Aston Villa	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Ben Davies	24/04/1993	26	Tottenham	-	3	0	0	0		
-	James Lawrence	22/08/1992	27	St Pauli	-	3	0	0	0		
-	Tom Lockyer	03/12/1994	24	Charlton	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Ethan Ampadu	14/09/2000	18	Leipzig	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Connor Roberts	23/09/1995	23	Swansea	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Joe Rodon	22/10/1997	21	Swansea	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Chris Mepham	05/11/1997	21	Bournemouth	-	2	0	0	0		
Midfielders											
-	Joe Allen	14/03/1990	29	Stoke	-	3	0	0	0		
-	Jonny Williams	09/10/1993	25	Charlton	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Tom Lawrence	13/01/1994	25	Derby	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Joe Morrell	03/01/1997	22	Lincoln City	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Daniel James	10/11/1997	21	Man. United	-	3	1	0	0		
-	Matthew Smith	22/11/1999	19	QPR	-	3	0	0	0		
-	Will Vaulks	13/09/1993	25	Cardiff	-	2	0	0	0		
Forwards											
-	Gareth Bale	16/07/1989	30	Real Madrid	-	3	0	0	0		
-	Sam Vokes	21/10/1989	29	Stoke	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Harry Wilson	22/03/1997	22	Bournemouth	-	3	0	0	0		
-	Kieffer Moore	08/08/1992	27	Wigan	-	0	0	0	0		
Coach											
-	Ryan Giggs	29/11/1973	45		-	3	0	0	0		

Azerbaijan

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season					
						Qual.		FT			
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls		
Goalkeepers											
-	Emil Balayev	17/04/1994	25	Tobol	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Salahat Agayev	04/01/1991	28	Neftçi	-	3	0	0	0		
-	Shakhrudin Magomedaliyev	12/06/1994	25	Qarabağ	-	0	0	0	0		
Defenders											
-	Pavlo Pashayev	04/01/1988	31	Olexandriya	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Maksim Medvedev	29/09/1989	29	Qarabağ	*	3	0	0	0		
-	Shahriyar Rahimov	06/04/1989	30	Sabail	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Tamkin Khalilzade	06/08/1993	26	Sabah	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Bahlul Mustafazade	27/02/1997	22	Sabah	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Anton Krivotsyuk	20/08/1998	21	Neftçi	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Omar Buludov	15/12/1998	20	Neftçi	-	0	0	0	0		
Midfielders											
-	Javid Hüseynov	09/03/1988	31	Zirä	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Araz Abdullayev	18/04/1992	27	Qarabağ	-	3	0	0	0		
-	Gara Garayev	12/10/1992	26	Qarabağ	-	3	0	0	0		
-	Rashad Eyubov	03/12/1992	26	Sabah	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Emin Makhmudov	27/04/1992	27	Neftçi	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Mahir Emreli	01/07/1997	22	Qarabağ	-	3	1	0	0		
-	Richard Almeida	20/03/1989	30	Qarabağ	-	3	0	0	0		
-	Dmitri Nazarov	04/04/1990	29	Erzgebirge	-	2	0	0	0		
Forwards											
-	Ramil Sheydaev	15/03/1996	23	Dinamo Moskva	-	3	2	0	0		
-	Rüfat Dadaşov	29/09/1991	27	Preußen Münster	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Agabala Ramazanov	20/01/1993	26	Sabail	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Renat Dadashov	17/05/1999	20	Paços Ferreira	-	2	0	0	0		
Coach											
-	Nikola Jurcevic	14/09/1966	52		-	3	0	0	0		

Head coach

Ryan Giggs

Date of birth: 29 November 1973

Nationality: Welsh

Playing career: Manchester United

Coaching career: Manchester United (caretaker), Manchester United (assistant), Wales

- Manchester United's most successful ever player, Cardiff-born Giggs signed for the club on his 14th birthday and made his first-team debut in March 1991 at 17. He was capped at the same age, becoming Wales' youngest senior international.
- An extravagantly gifted left-winger hailed at Old Trafford and beyond as the 'new George Best', Giggs was a United regular in his late teens and a champion of England before he reached 20 – the first of a record-breaking 13 English Premier League titles he would win, all under Sir Alex Ferguson, during 24 years as a first-teamer. He landed domestic doubles in 1993/94 and 1995/96 and a famous treble in 1998/99, when United added the UEFA Champions League by dramatically defeating Bayern München in the final at the Camp Nou.
- He broke Sir Bobby Charlton's club record of 758 appearances when he came on as a substitute in the victorious 2008 UEFA Champions League final against Chelsea in Moscow and would end his United career with 963 games and 168 goals. In all he helped United win 25 major trophies and was voted both PFA Player of the Year and BBC Sports Personality of the Year in 2009.
- He played 64 times for Wales, scoring 12 goals, before retiring from international football in 2007 after three years as captain. Like Northern Ireland's Best, Giggs was never able to parade his talent at a major tournament.
- Joined the coaching staff of Ferguson's replacement David Moyes while still active as a player during 2013/14 and assumed player-caretaker duties for the final four games of the campaign after Moyes' sacking. He announced his retirement from playing in May 2014 to take up a position as assistant to new manager Louis van Gaal and finally left Old Trafford two years later, appointed as Wales coach in January 2018 to succeed Chris Coleman.

Nikola Jurčević

Date of birth: 14 September 1966

Nationality: Croatian

Playing career: Dinamo Zagreb, NK Zagreb (twice), Antwerp, Salzburg (twice), Freiburg

Coaching career: NK Zagreb, Dinamo Zagreb (twice), Salzburg, Slaven Belupo, Croatia (assistant), Lokomotiv Moskva (assistant), Beşiktaş (assistant), West Ham (assistant), Azerbaijan

- A youth player at home-town club Dinamo Zagreb, Jurčević graduated to the senior set-up but struggled to find opportunities and moved across the city to NK Zagreb in 1986, spending two seasons with the club. After a season in Belgium with Antwerp, where he made a single league appearance, Jurčević returned to NK Zagreb for another two-year stint.
- Tried his luck abroad again in 1991, moving to Austria to join Salzburg; won two Bundesliga titles with the club and finished joint top scorer in the league with 14 goals in 1993/94, the season Salzburg also reached the UEFA Cup final. Went on to spend two years across the border in Germany with Freiburg before hanging up his boots in 1999 having returned to Salzburg.
- Won 19 caps for Croatia between 1990 and 1996, scoring twice; made three appearances at EURO '96.
- Kicked off his coaching career at NK Zagreb in 2002, moving on to Dinamo the following year and winning the Croatian Cup in 2003/04. After short spells at Salzburg and Slaven Belupo, Jurčević spent six years as assistant to former team-mate Slaven Bilić with the Croatia national team.
- Also worked alongside Bilić at Lokomotiv Moskva, Beşiktaş and West Ham before once more striking out on his own in March 2018, when he was appointed head coach of Dinamo again – a position he held for just two months. Resurfaced in Azerbaijan, taking charge of the national side in February 2019.

Match officials

Referee	Farrugia Cann Trustin (MLT)
Assistant referees	Alan Camilleri (MLT) , Luke Portelli (MLT)
Fourth official	Alan Mario Sant (MLT)
UEFA Delegate	Christian Welander (SWE)
UEFA Referee observer	Jouni Hyytiä (FIN)

Referee

Name	Date of birth	UEFA EURO matches	UEFA matches
Farrugia Cann Trustin	29/12/1985	0	23

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
28/06/2016	UCL	1QR	The New Saints FC	SP Tre Penne	2-1	Oswestry
06/09/2018	U21	QR	Azerbaijan	Israel	1-1	Baku
09/07/2019	UCL	1QR	The New Saints FC	KF Feronikeli	2-2	Oswestry

Match-by-match lineups

Wales

Final tournament - Qualifying round

Group E

Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Hungary	4	3	0	1	6	4	9
Slovakia	3	2	0	1	7	2	6
Croatia	3	2	0	1	5	4	6
Wales	3	1	0	2	2	3	3
Azerbaijan	3	0	0	3	3	10	0

Matchday 2 (24/03/2019)

Wales 1-0 Slovakia

Goals: 1-0 James 5

Wales: Hennessey, Davies, Mephram, Allen, Smith, Brooks (60 Roberts), Bale, Roberts, Lawrence, Wilson (87 Vaulks), James (72 A. Williams)

Matchday 3 (08/06/2019)

Croatia 2-1 Wales

Goals: 1-0 Lawrence 17 (og) , 2-0 Perišić 48, 2-1 Brooks 77

Wales: Hennessey, Davies, Mephram, Allen, Smith (65 Brooks), Wilson, Bale, Roberts, Lawrence, James (79 Matondo), Vaulks (66 Ampadu)

Matchday 4 (11/06/2019)

Hungary 1-0 Wales

Goals: 1-0 Pátkai 80

Wales: Hennessey, Gunter, Davies, A. Williams, Allen, Bale, Lawrence, Brooks (73 Wilson), Ampadu (54 Smith), Lawrence (79 Vokes), James

Matchday 5 (06/09/2019)

Wales-Azerbaijan

Matchday 7 (10/10/2019)

Slovakia-Wales

Matchday 8 (13/10/2019)

Wales-Croatia

Matchday 9 (16/11/2019)

Azerbaijan-Wales

Matchday 10 (19/11/2019)

Wales-Hungary

Azerbaijan

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Azerbaijan	3	0	0	3	3	10	0

Matchday 1 (21/03/2019)

Croatia 2-1 Azerbaijan

Goals: 0-1 Sheydaev 19, 1-1 Barišić 44, 2-1 Kramarić 79

Azerbaijan: S. Agayev, Garayev (88 Dadaşov), S. Rahimov, R. Mammadov, Medvedev, Hüseynov, Emreli, Sheydaev, Nazarov (58 A. Abdullayev), Eddy, Richard Almeida (72 Makhmudov)

Matchday 3 (08/06/2019)

Azerbaijan 1-3 Hungary

Goals: 0-1 Orban 18, 0-2 Orban 53, 1-2 Emreli 69, 1-3 Holman 71

Azerbaijan: S. Agayev, Garayev, R. Mammadov, Medvedev, Hüseynov, Emreli (74 A. Abdullayev), Sheydaev, Nazarov (86 Dadaşov), Dadashov (59 Ramazanov), Krivotsyuk, Richard Almeida

Matchday 4 (11/06/2019)

Azerbaijan 1-5 Slovakia

Goals: 0-1 Lobotka 8, 0-2 Kucka 27, 1-2 Sheydaev 29, 1-3 Hamšík 30, 1-4 Hamšík 57, 1-5 Hancko 85

Azerbaijan: S. Agayev, Garayev, S. Rahimov, Medvedev, Hüseynov, A. Abdullayev (89 Dadashov), Ramazanov (61 Emreli), Sheydaev, Eyubov (79 Makhmudov), Krivotsyuk, Richard Almeida

Matchday 5 (06/09/2019)

Wales-Azerbaijan

Matchday 6 (09/09/2019)

Azerbaijan-Croatia

Matchday 8 (13/10/2019)

Hungary-Azerbaijan

Matchday 9 (16/11/2019)

Azerbaijan-Wales

Matchday 10 (19/11/2019)

Slovakia-Azerbaijan

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