

# EUROPEAN QUALIFIERS - 2019/20 SEASON MATCH PRESS KITS



**Switzerland**

**Stade de Tourbillon - Sion**

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Group D - Matchday 6



**Gibraltar**

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## EUROPEAN QUALIFIERS OFFICIAL SPONSORS



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## Head coach

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### Vladimir Petković

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**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.

### Julio César Ribas

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**Date of birth:** 8 January 1957

**Nationality:** Uruguayan

**Playing career:** Bella Vista (three times), Nacional Montevideo (twice), Liverpool Montevideo, Gimnasia LP, Sud América, Defensor Sporting, River Plate Montevideo (twice), Mayindú, Cartaginés

**Coaching career:** Sud América, Nacional Asunción, Bella Vista (twice), Peñarol (twice), Liverpool Montevideo, Venezia, Juventud de las Pedras, Oman, Deportivo Maldonado, Cartagena, Lincoln Red Imps, Gibraltar

- During a 17-year playing career that was mostly spent in his native Uruguay but also took him to Argentina's Gimnasia and Cartagines in Costa Rica, Ribas won the Uruguayan league with Nacional in 1977 and Bella Vista in 1990 and also won second division titles in his homeland with Liverpool and River Plate, in addition to his ten caps for Uruguay.
- His coaching career started successfully with a second division title for his first club, Sud América. Another second-tier championship success three years later with Bella Vista, whom he had represented three times as a player, earned a move to Montevideo giants Peñarol, where Ribas remained for three years, winning the Uruguayan national championship in 1999.
- His first move outside Uruguay brought him to Venice, but it did not go to plan as Venezia were relegated from Italy's Serie B. Ribas then tried his hand at international football, coaching Oman for a short spell in 2008.
- Back at Peñarol, he helped steer the club to the 2009 Uruguayan title but was soon on the move again, eventually ending up in Spain's Segunda División B (third tier) with Cartagena in 2014/15.
- He was appointed coach of Lincoln Red Imps, the perennial champions of Gibraltar, in April 2016, and although they were pipped to the title in his first full season, Ribas nevertheless made a name for himself by leading the team to a sensational 1-0 home first-leg win over Celtic in a UEFA Champions League qualifier (albeit in a 1-3 aggregate defeat) and then reclaiming the national title for Lincoln in 2017/18 before taking over as head coach of the Gibraltar national team.

## Legend

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### :: 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

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### Other abbreviations

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**(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