

# EUROPEAN QUALIFIERS - 2019/20 SEASON MATCH PRESS KITS



**San Marino**

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Group I - Matchday 6



**Cyprus**

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## EUROPEAN QUALIFIERS OFFICIAL SPONSORS



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## Previous meetings

### Head to Head

#### 2020 UEFA European Championship

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
21/03/2019	QR (GS)	Cyprus - San Marino	5-0	Nicosia	Sotiriou 19 (P), 23 (P), Kousoulos 26, Efrem 31, Laifis 56

#### UEFA EURO 2008

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
12/09/2007	QR (GS)	Cyprus - San Marino	3-0	Nicosia	Makridis 15, Aloneftis 41, 90+2
22/08/2007	QR (GS)	San Marino - Cyprus	0-1	Serravalle	Okkas 54

#### UEFA EURO 2000

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
10/02/1999	PR (GS)	Cyprus - San Marino	4-0	Limassol	Melanarkitis 18, Konstantinou 32, 45+2, Christodoulou 90
18/11/1998	PR (GS)	San Marino - Cyprus	0-1	Serravalle	Špoljarić 40

	Qualifying								Final tournament				Total					
	Home				Away													
	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
<b>EURO</b>																		
San Marino	2	0	0	2	3	0	0	3	-	-	-	-	5	0	0	5	0	14
Cyprus	3	3	0	0	2	2	0	0	-	-	-	-	5	5	0	0	14	0
<b>FIFA*</b>																		
San Marino	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cyprus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Friendlies</b>																		
San Marino	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cyprus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>																		
San Marino	2	0	0	2	3	0	0	3	-	-	-	-	5	0	0	5	0	14
Cyprus	3	3	0	0	2	2	0	0	-	-	-	-	5	5	0	0	14	0

\* FIFA World Cup/FIFA Confederations Cup

# Squad list

## San Marino

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season					
						Qual.		FT			
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls		
<b>Goalkeepers</b>											
-	Matteo <b>Zavoli</b>	06/07/1996	23	Libertas	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Simone <b>Benedettini</b>	21/01/1997	22	Marino	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Mirco <b>De Angelis</b>	03/03/2000	19	Tropical Coriano	-	0	0	0	0		
<b>Defenders</b>											
-	Davide <b>Simoncini</b>	30/08/1986	33	Libertas	*	3	0	0	0		
-	Fabio <b>Vitaioli</b>	05/04/1984	35	Tropical Coriano	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Mirko <b>Palazzi</b>	21/03/1987	32	SP Tre Penne	-	4	0	0	0		
-	Cristian <b>Brolli</b>	28/02/1992	27	Folgore	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Manuel <b>Battistini</b>	22/07/1994	25	Tropical Coriano	-	5	0	0	0		
-	Andrea <b>Grandoni</b>	23/03/1997	22	Marignanese	-	4	0	0	0		
-	Alessandro <b>D'Addario</b>	09/09/1997	22	Tre Fiori	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Michele <b>Cevoli</b>	22/07/1998	21	Marino	-	3	0	0	0		
<b>Midfielders</b>											
-	Alex <b>Gasperoni</b>	30/06/1984	35	SP Tre Penne	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Enrico <b>Golinucci</b>	16/07/1991	28	Libertas	-	5	0	0	0		
-	Mattia <b>Giardi</b>	15/12/1991	27	Tropical Coriano	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Alessandro <b>Golinucci</b>	10/10/1994	24	Pietracuta	-	3	0	0	0		
-	José <b>Hirsch</b>	31/01/1986	33	Pennarossa	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Luca <b>Censoni</b>	18/07/1996	23	Riccione	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Marcello <b>Mularoni</b>	08/09/1998	21	Pietracuta	-	5	0	0	0		
-	Lorenzo <b>Lunadei</b>	12/07/1997	22	Riccione	-	4	0	0	0		
<b>Forwards</b>											
-	Matteo <b>Vitaioli</b>	27/10/1989	29	Tropical Coriano	-	5	0	0	0		
-	Fabio <b>Tomassini</b>	05/02/1996	23	Pietracuta	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Filippo <b>Berardi</b>	18/05/1997	22	Vibonese	-	3	0	0	0		
-	Nicola <b>Nanni</b>	02/05/2000	19	Crotone	-	4	0	0	0		
<b>Coach</b>											
-	Franco <b>Varrella</b>	25/01/1953	66		-	5	0	0	0		

## Cyprus

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season					
						Qual.		FT			
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls		
<b>Goalkeepers</b>											
-	Urko <b>Pardo</b>	28/01/1983	36	Alki Oroklini	-	3	0	0	0		
-	Kostas <b>Panayi</b>	08/10/1994	24	Omonia	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Neofytos <b>Michael</b>	16/12/1993	25	Asteras	-	0	0	0	0		
<b>Defenders</b>											
-	Georgios <b>Vasiliou</b>	12/06/1984	35	Apollon	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Giorgos <b>Merkis</b>	30/07/1984	35	APOEL	-	3	0	0	0		
-	Costas <b>Mintikkis</b>	14/07/1989	30	Doxa	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Antreas <b>Karo</b>	09/09/1996	23	Salernitana	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Antreas <b>Panayiotou</b>	31/05/1995	24	Pafos	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Nicholas <b>Ioannou</b>	10/11/1995	23	APOEL	*	5	0	0	0		
-	Ioannis <b>Kousoulos</b>	14/06/1996	23	Omonia	-	5	2	0	0		
<b>Midfielders</b>											
-	George <b>Efrem</b>	05/07/1989	30	APOEL	-	5	1	0	0		
-	Kostakis <b>Artymatas</b>	15/04/1993	26	Anorthosis	-	4	0	0	0		
-	Kostas <b>Laifis</b>	19/05/1993	26	Standard Liège	-	5	1	0	0		
-	Chambos <b>Kyriakou</b>	09/02/1995	24	Apollon	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Grigoris <b>Kastanos</b>	30/01/1998	21	Pescara	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Matija <b>Špoljarić</b>	02/04/1997	22	AEK Larnaca	-	4	0	0	0		
-	Michalis <b>Ioannou</b>	30/06/2000	19	Anorthosis	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Jack <b>Roles</b>	26/02/1999	20	Cambridge United	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Ioannis <b>Costi</b>	17/03/2000	19	Nea Salamis	-	3	0	0	0		
-	Anthony <b>Georgiou</b>	24/02/1997	22	Ipswich	-	5	0	0	0		
<b>Forwards</b>											
-	Pieros <b>Sotiriou</b>	13/01/1993	26	København	-	4	3	0	0		
-	Fotis <b>Papoulis</b>	22/01/1985	34	Apollon	-	3	0	0	0		
-	Ioannis <b>Pittas</b>	10/07/1996	23	Apollon	-	3	0	0	0		
<b>Coach</b>											
-	Ran Ben Simon	28/11/1970	48		-	5	0	0	0		

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## Head coach

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### Franco Varrella

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**Date of birth:** 25 January 1953

**Nationality:** Italian

**Playing career:** Rimini, Urbino, Montecchio, Jesina

**Coaching career:** Bellaria, Pietri Carpi, Forli, Brescia, Monza, Casertana, Salernitana, Reggiana, Savoia, Padova, Triestina, Ravenna, San Marino

- A youth player with Juventus for a time, Varrella played at a senior level in the lower leagues in Italy before becoming a games teacher.
- Started coaching with Bellaria and later moved into Serie C2 with Forli in 1986/87, stepping up to Serie B to take charge of Brescia, Salernitana, Reggiana, Savoia and Ravenna.
- Won Serie C2 – the fourth highest division in Italy – with Padova in 2000/01. Hired as San Marino coach in January 2018.
- Worked as Arrigo Sacchi's assistant with Italy from 1995 onwards, culminating in a trip to EURO '96. Varrella continues to teach coaches at the Italian Football Federation (FIGC) technical centre in Coverciano and for UEFA Coach Education Programme.

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### Ran Ben Shimon

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**Date of birth:** 28 November 1970

**Nationality:** Israeli

**Playing career:** Maccabi Petach-Tikva, Hapoel Haifa, Hapoel Petach-Tikva, Bnei Yehuda Tel-Aviv

**Coaching career:** Hapoel Haifa, Hapoel Kiryat Shmona (twice), Maccabi Tel-Aviv, AEK Larnaca, Hapoel Tel-Aviv, Maccabi Petach-Tikva, Beitar Jerusalem, Ashdod, Cyprus

- Capped 34 times as a defender for Israel, Ben Shimon spent much of his career with home-town clubs Maccabi Petach-Tikva and Hapoel Petach-Tikva, but was perhaps in his prime during a six-year spell at Hapoel Haifa, during which he won the 1998/99 Israeli championship – the club's first league title.
- After hanging up his boots in 2003 following a stint at Bnei Yehuda, Ben Shimon was in charge of Maccabi Tel-Aviv's youth teams, taking his first senior jobs in the second tier with Hapoel Haifa and then Kiryat Shmona, whom he led to promotion in his first campaign at the helm.
- Briefly in the Maccabi Tel-Aviv hot seat in 2008, he guided Kiryat Shmona to another promotion after rejoining them in 2009, then masterminded their shock title success of 2011/12. He moved abroad for the first time in 2012 to coach Cypriot club AEK Larnaca, earning a third-placed finish in his sole season in command.
- Returning to Israel in 2013, he subsequently held the reins at Hapoel Tel-Aviv, Maccabi Petach-Tikva, Beitar Jerusalem and – in 2016/17 – Ashdod.
- Ben Shimon accepted the Cyprus post in July 2017, filling the void left by Christakis Christoforou's departure, and the following month oversaw a memorable 3-2 home win against Bosnia and Herzegovina in 2018 FIFA World Cup qualifying.

## Match officials

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<b>Referee</b>	Iwan Arwel Griffith (WAL)
<b>Assistant referees</b>	Daniel Beckett (WAL) , Lewiss Edwards (WAL)
<b>Fourth official</b>	Bryn Markham-Jones (WAL)
<b>UEFA Delegate</b>	Lennart Vestervall (SWE)
<b>UEFA Referee observer</b>	Fredy Fautrel (FRA)

## Referee

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Name	Date of birth	UEFA EURO matches	UEFA matches
Iwan Arwel Griffith	26/08/1988	0	15

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

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No such matches refereed

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

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No such matches refereed

# Match-by-match lineups

## San Marino

### Final tournament - Qualifying round

#### Group I

Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Belgium	5	5	0	0	15	1	15
Russia	5	4	0	1	17	4	12
Kazakhstan	5	2	1	2	8	8	7
Scotland	5	2	0	3	5	9	6
<b>Cyprus</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>San Marino</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>0</b>

#### Matchday 1 (21/03/2019)

##### Cyprus 5-0 San Marino

Goals: 1-0 Sotiriou 19 (P) , 2-0 Sotiriou 23 (P) , 3-0 Kousoulos 26, 4-0 Efrem 31, 5-0 Laifis 56

San Marino: E. Benedettini, Palazzi, D. Simoncini, Nanni (46 M. Vitaioli), Mularoni, Giardi (74 Lunadei), Manuel Battistini, Cevoli, D. Rinaldi (46 Hirsch), Berardi, E. Golinucci

#### Matchday 2 (24/03/2019)

##### San Marino 0-2 Scotland

Goals: 0-1 McLean 4, 0-2 Russell 74

San Marino: E. Benedettini, Palazzi, D. Simoncini (86 Lunadei), M. Vitaioli (60 Nanni), Mularoni, Manuel Battistini, Cevoli, Golinucci, Berardi, Hirsch (77 Grandoni), E. Golinucci

#### Matchday 3 (08/06/2019)

##### Russia 9-0 San Marino

Goals: 1-0 Cevoli 25 (og) , 2-0 Dzyuba 31 (P) , 3-0 Kudryashov 36, 4-0 Anton Miranchuk 41, 5-0 Dzyuba 73, 6-0 Dzyuba 76, 7-0 Smolov 77, 8-0 Smolov 83, 9-0 Dzyuba 88

San Marino: E. Benedettini, Palazzi (50 L. Censoni), F. Vitaioli, M. Vitaioli, Mularoni, Manuel Battistini, Grandoni, Cevoli, D. Rinaldi (56 Tomassini), Golinucci (64 Lunadei), E. Golinucci

#### Matchday 4 (11/06/2019)

##### Kazakhstan 4-0 San Marino

Goals: 1-0 Kuat 45+1, 2-0 Fedin 62, 3-0 Suyumbayev 65, 4-0 Islamkhan 79

San Marino: E. Benedettini, Cesarini (76 Manuel Battistini), Michael Battistini (46 E. Golinucci), Lunadei, F. Vitaioli, M. Vitaioli (83 Bernardi), Nanni, Mularoni, Grandoni, Brolli, L. Censoni

#### Matchday 5 (06/09/2019)

##### San Marino 0-4 Belgium

Goals: 0-1 Batshuayi 43 (P) , 0-2 Mertens 57, 0-3 Chadli 63, 0-4 Batshuayi 90+2

San Marino: S. Benedettini, Palazzi, D. Simoncini, Mularoni, Giardi (67 A. Gasperoni), Manuel Battistini, Grandoni, Brolli, Nanni, Berardi (74 M. Vitaioli), E. Golinucci (66 Golinucci)

#### Matchday 6 (09/09/2019)

San Marino-Cyprus

#### Matchday 7 (10/10/2019)

Belgium-San Marino

#### Matchday 8 (13/10/2019)

Scotland-San Marino

#### Matchday 9 (16/11/2019)

San Marino-Kazakhstan

#### Matchday 10 (19/11/2019)

San Marino-Russia

## Cyprus

### Final tournament - Qualifying round

#### Group I

Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Belgium	5	5	0	0	15	1	15
Russia	5	4	0	1	17	4	12
Kazakhstan	5	2	1	2	8	8	7
Scotland	5	2	0	3	5	9	6
<b>Cyprus</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>San Marino</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>0</b>

#### Matchday 1 (21/03/2019)

##### Cyprus 5-0 San Marino

Goals: 1-0 Sotiriou 19 (P) , 2-0 Sotiriou 23 (P) , 3-0 Kousoulos 26, 4-0 Efrem 31, 5-0 Laifis 56

Cyprus: Panayi, N. Ioannou, Demetriou (65 Merkis), Efrem, Mytidis, Sotiriou (27 Makris), Kousoulos, Papoulis (54 Špoljarić), Artymatas, Laifis, Georgiou

#### Matchday 2 (24/03/2019)

##### Cyprus 0-2 Belgium

Goals: 0-1 E. Hazard 10, 0-2 Batshuayi 18

Cyprus: Pardo, Dossa Júnior (46 Georgiou), N. Ioannou, Merkis, Efrem (75 Špoljarić), Antoniou (81 Makris), Kousoulos, Papoulis, Margaça , Artymatas, Laifis

#### Matchday 3 (08/06/2019)

##### Scotland 2-1 Cyprus

Goals: 1-0 Robertson 61, 1-1 Kousoulos 87, 2-1 Burke 89

Cyprus: Pardo, Ioannou (66 Georgiou), N. Ioannou, Efrem, Sotiriou, Kousoulos, Makris (80 Pittas), Špoljarić (70 Costi), Margaça , Artymatas, Laifis

#### Matchday 4 (11/06/2019)

##### Russia 1-0 Cyprus

Goals: 1-0 Ionov 38

Cyprus: Pardo, N. Ioannou, Sotiriou, Avraam (71 Pittas), Kousoulos, Makris (81 Špoljarić), Margaça , Artymatas, Laifis, Costi, Georgiou (46 Efrem)

#### Matchday 5 (06/09/2019)

##### Cyprus 1-1 Kazakhstan

Goals: 0-1 Schetkin 2, 1-1 Sotiriou 39

Cyprus: Panayi, N. Ioannou, Merkis, Efrem (73 Costi), Kyriakou, Sotiriou, Kousoulos, Mintikkis, Papoulis (90 Pittas), Laifis, Kastanos (58 Georgiou)

#### Matchday 6 (09/09/2019)

San Marino-Cyprus

#### Matchday 7 (10/10/2019)

Kazakhstan-Cyprus

#### Matchday 8 (13/10/2019)

Cyprus-Russia

#### Matchday 9 (16/11/2019)

Cyprus-Scotland

#### Matchday 10 (19/11/2019)

Belgium-Cyprus



## 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