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Previous meetings

Head to Head

2020 UEFA European Championship

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
24/03/2019	QR (GS)	Poland - Latvia	2-0	Warsaw	Lewandowski 76, Glik 84

UEFA EURO 2004

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
06/09/2003	PR (GS)	Latvia - Poland	0-2	Riga	Szymkowiak 36, Kłos 39
12/10/2002	PR (GS)	Poland - Latvia	0-1	Warsaw	Laizāns 30

	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																		
Latvia	1	0	0	1	2	1	0	1	-	-	-	-	3	1	0	2	1	4
Poland	2	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	-	-	-	-	3	2	0	1	4	1
FIFA*																		
Latvia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Poland	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Friendlies																		
Latvia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	1	2	8	14	33
Poland	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	8	2	1	33	14
Total																		
Latvia	1	0	0	1	2	1	0	1	-	-	-	-	14	2	2	10	15	37
Poland	2	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	-	-	-	-	14	10	2	2	37	15

* FIFA World Cup/FIFA Confederations Cup

Squad list

Latvia

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season					
						Qual.		FT			
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls		
Goalkeepers											
-	Andris Vaņins	30/04/1980	39	Zürich	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Pāvels Šteinbors	21/09/1985	34	Arka	-	5	0	0	0		
-	Roberts Ozols	10/09/1995	24	Riga	-	0	0	0	0		
Defenders											
-	Vitālijs Maksimenko	08/12/1990	28	Olimpija Ljubljana	*	6	0	0	0		
-	Kaspars Dubra	20/12/1990	28	Olexandriya	-	5	0	0	0		
-	Vitālijs Jagodinskis	28/02/1992	27	RFS	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Mārcis Ošs	25/07/1991	28	Xamax	-	4	0	0	0		
-	Antonijs Černomordijs	26/09/1996	23	Riga	-	2	0	0	0		
Midfielders											
-	Oļegs Laizāns	28/03/1987	32	Riga	-	5	0	0	0		
-	Igors Tarasovs	16/10/1988	30	Spartaks Jūrmala	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Vladimirs Kamešs	28/10/1988	30	Riga	*	4	0	0	0		
-	Ritvars Rugins	17/10/1989	29	Riga	*	4	0	0	0		
-	Deniss Rakels	20/08/1992	27	Riga	-	4	0	0	0		
-	Jānis Ikaunieks	16/02/1995	24	Liepāja	*	3	0	0	0		
-	Andrejs Cigaņiks	12/04/1997	22	RFS	-	3	0	0	0		
-	Roberts Uldriķis	03/04/1998	21	Sion	-	4	0	0	0		
-	Raivis Jurkovskis	09/12/1996	22	Liepāja	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Kristers Tobers	13/12/2000	18	Liepāja	*	5	0	0	0		
-	Mārtiņš Ķigurs	31/03/1997	22	Liepāja	-	1	0	0	0		
Forwards											
-	Artūrs Karašausks	29/01/1992	27	Riga	-	3	0	0	0		
-	Dāvis Ikaunieks	07/01/1994	25	RFS	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Ēriks Punculs	18/01/1994	25	Valmiera	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Vladislavs Gutkovskis	02/04/1995	24	Nieciecza	-	5	0	0	0		
Coach											
-	Slaviša Stojanovic	06/12/1969	49		-	6	0	0	0		

Poland

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season					
						Qual.		FT			
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls		
Goalkeepers											
-	Wojciech Szczęśny	18/04/1990	29	Juventus	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Łukasz Skorupski	05/05/1991	28	Bologna	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Radosław Majecki	16/11/1999	19	Legia	-	0	0	0	0		
Defenders											
-	Maciej Rybus	19/08/1989	30	Lokomotiv Moskva	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Artur Jędrzejczyk	04/11/1987	31	Legia	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Kamil Glik	03/02/1988	31	Monaco	-	5	1	0	0		
-	Bartosz Bereszyński	12/07/1992	27	Sampdoria	*	5	0	0	0		
-	Thiago Cionek	21/04/1986	33	SPAL	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Tomasz Kędziora	11/06/1994	25	Dynamo Kyiv	-	6	0	0	0		
-	Jan Bednarek	12/04/1996	23	Southampton	-	5	0	0	0		
-	Arkadiusz Reca	17/06/1995	24	SPAL	-	1	0	0	0		
Midfielders											
-	Grzegorz Krychowiak	29/01/1990	29	Lokomotiv Moskva	*	6	0	0	0		
-	Kamil Grosicki	08/06/1988	31	Hull	-	6	1	0	0		
-	Mateusz Klich	13/07/1990	29	Leeds	*	6	0	0	0		
-	Piotr Zieliński	20/05/1994	25	Napoli	-	6	0	0	0		
-	Dominik Furman	06/07/1992	27	Wisła Płock	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Damian Kądzior	16/06/1992	27	Dinamo Zagreb	-	1	1	0	0		
-	Przemysław Frankowski	12/04/1995	24	Chicago Fire	-	3	0	0	0		
-	Jacek Góralski	21/09/1992	27	Ludogorets	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Sebastian Szymański	10/05/1999	20	Dinamo Moskva	-	1	0	0	0		
Forwards											
-	Robert Lewandowski	21/08/1988	31	Bayern	-	6	2	0	0		
-	Arkadiusz Milik	28/02/1994	25	Napoli	-	3	0	0	0		
-	Krzysztof Piątek	01/07/1995	24	Milan	-	5	3	0	0		
Coach											
-	Jerzy Brzęczek	18/03/1971	48		-	6	0	0	0		

Head coach

Slaviša Stojanović

Date of birth: 6 December 1969

Nationality: Slovenian

Playing career: Slovan Ljubljana, Ljubljana (twice), Celje, Vevče, Livar

Coaching career: Slovan Ljubljana, Livar, Domžale, Celje, United Arab Emirates (assistant), Slovenia, Crvena zvezda, Lierse, Changchun Yatai, Riga, Levski Sofia, Latvia

- Born in what is now Serbia, Stojanović had an unremarkable career as a defender in Slovenian football, finding his true calling as a coach in his late 20s when he led Slovan Ljubljana to national titles at Under-16 and U18 levels.
- Established his local reputation in charge of Domžale between 2002 and 2008, during which his side won the 2006/07 and 2007/08 domestic titles – their first top-division successes.
- After a single campaign at Celje, Stojanović moved abroad to assist compatriot Srečko Katanec, then coach of the United Arab Emirates; the pair were dismissed in September 2011, Stojanović taking over as Slovenia boss the following month.
- Stojanović resigned as Slovenia coach in December 2012, after just over a year in charge, and returned to football in June 2013 with Crvena zvezda, whom he steered to their first Serbian title in seven years in his lone campaign.
- After an ill-starred spell in Belgium with Lierse, Stojanović coached clubs in China and Latvia, then took command of Levski Sofia at the start of the 2018/19 campaign. He left the Bulgarian side in January 2019 and was appointed head coach of Latvia two months later.

Jerzy Brzęczek

Date of birth: 18 March 1971

Nationality: Polish

Playing career: Olimpia Truskolasy (youth), Raków Częstochowa (youth), Olimpia Poznań, Lech Poznań, Górnik Zabrze, GKS Katowice, Tirol Innsbruck, LASK Linz, Maccabi Haifa, Tirol Innsbruck, Sturm Graz, FC Kärnten, Wacker Tirol, Górnik Zabrze, Polonia Bytom

Coaching career: Raków Częstochowa, Lechia Gdańsk, GKS Katowice, Wisła Płock, Poland

- Jerzy Brzęczek enjoyed a prolonged and eventful career as a midfielder. Known for his leadership skills, he was captain of most of the teams he played for. He is the uncle and mentor of Jakub Błaszczykowski, Poland's UEFA EURO 2012 captain who won his 100th cap at the 2018 FIFA World Cup.
- Brzęczek spent several years in Austria with a number of clubs, winning back-to-back Bundesliga titles with Tirol Innsbruck, the second in 2001/02 under Joachim Löw, to go with the 1992/93 Polish title he claimed with Lech Poznań. He amassed more than 500 league appearances in Poland, Austria and Israel.
- Was a key player and captain of the Poland side that won Olympic silver at the 1992 Games in Barcelona, losing narrowly to hosts Spain in the final (2-3) at the conclusion of a captivating, high-scoring campaign.
- Played 42 games for the senior Polish national team, some as captain, but did not take part in any major tournaments. Brzęczek scored four international goals, including one against Brazil in a friendly and one against England at Wembley (1-3) in a UEFA EURO 2000 qualifier.
- Started coaching in 2010 at Raków Częstochowa, where he remained for four years before experiencing his first taste of the Polish top flight with Lechia Gdańsk. He returned to the second division to coach GKS Katowice for two years before his first full season in the Ekstraklasa ended with a creditable fifth-place finish in charge of Wisła Płock – an achievement deemed worthy of promotion to the post of Poland coach in July 2018 to succeed Adam Nawalka.

Match officials

Referee	Halis Özkahya (TUR)
Assistant referees	Kemal Yilmaz (TUR) , Ceyhun Sesigüzel (TUR)
Fourth official	Hüseyin Göçek (TUR)
UEFA Delegate	Crawford Wilson (NIR)
UEFA Referee observer	Elmir Pilav (BIH)

Referee

Name	Date of birth	UEFA EURO matches	UEFA matches
Halis Özkahya	30/05/1980	2	52

Halis Özkahya

Referee since: 1997
First division: 2005
FIFA badge: 2009

Tournaments: N/A

Finals

N/A

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

Date	Competition	Stage reached	Home	Away	Result	Venue
21/03/2019	EURO	QR	North Macedonia	Latvia	3-1	Skopje

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

Date	Competition	Stage reached	Home	Away	Result	Venue
03/11/2011	UEL	GS	Fulham FC	Wisła Kraków	4-1	London
06/09/2012	U21	QR	Russia	Poland	4-1	Yekaterinburg
05/11/2015	UEL	GS	KKS Lech Poznań	ACF Fiorentina	0-2	Poznan
09/08/2018	UEL	3QR	Legia Warszawa	F91 Dudelange	1-2	Warsaw
21/03/2019	EURO	QR	North Macedonia	Latvia	3-1	Skopje

Match-by-match lineups

Latvia

Final tournament - Qualifying round

Group G

Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Poland	6	4	1	1	8	2	13
Slovenia	6	3	2	1	12	5	11
Austria	6	3	1	2	13	6	10
North Macedonia	6	2	2	2	8	8	8
Israel	6	2	2	2	11	11	8
Latvia	6	0	0	6	1	21	0

Matchday 1 (21/03/2019)

North Macedonia 3-1 Latvia

Goals: 1-0 Alioski 11, 2-0 Elmas 29, 2-1 Velkoski 87 (og) , 3-1 Elmas 90+3

Latvia: Vaņins (33 Šteinbors), Maksimenko, Ošs, Dubra, Gabovs, Šabala (79 Uldriķis), Karašausks (68 Tobers), Isajevs, Cigaņiks, Rakels, Tarasovs

Matchday 2 (24/03/2019)

Poland 2-0 Latvia

Goals: 1-0 Lewandowski 76, 2-0 Glik 84

Latvia: Šteinbors, Maksimenko, Ošs, Dubra, Laizāns, Ikaunieks, Karašausks (85 Tobers), Isajevs, Rakels, Savaļņieks (80 Gabovs), Gutkovskis (70 Uldriķis)

Matchday 3 (07/06/2019)

Latvia 0-3 Israel

Goals: 0-1 Zahavi 10, 0-2 Zahavi 60, 0-3 Zahavi 81

Latvia: Šteinbors, Maksimenko, Ošs, Dubra, Laizāns (79 Rugins), Ikaunieks (57 Cigaņiks), Karašausks (67 Kamešs), Rakels, Savaļņieks, Tobers, Gutkovskis

Matchday 4 (10/06/2019)

Latvia 0-5 Slovenia

Goals: 0-1 Črnigoj 24, 0-2 Črnigoj 27, 0-3 Iličić 29 (P) , 0-4 Iličić 44, 0-5 Zajc 47

Latvia: Šteinbors, Maksimenko (16 Jagodinskis), Ošs, Dubra, Laizāns, Solovjovs, Kamešs, Rakels (78 Ontužāns), Savaļņieks, Tobers (69 Rugins), Gutkovskis

Matchday 5 (06/09/2019)

Austria 6-0 Latvia

Goals: 1-0 Arnautović 7, 2-0 Sabitzer 13, 3-0 Arnautović 53 (P) , 4-0 Šteinbors 76 (og) , 5-0 Laimer 80, 6-0 Gregoritsch 85

Latvia: Šteinbors, Maksimenko, Dubra, Laizāns (82 Uldriķis), Kamešs, Bogdaškins, Cigaņiks (66 Savaļņieks), Pētersons, Černomordijs, Tobers (77 Rugins), Gutkovskis

Matchday 6 (09/09/2019)

Latvia 0-2 North Macedonia

Goals: 0-1 Pandev 14, 0-2 Bardi 17

Latvia: Vaņins, Maksimenko, Laizāns, Kamešs (84 Šabala), Rugins, Ķigurs (75 Punculs) , Ikaunieks, Pētersons, Černomordijs, Uldriķis (46 Savaļņieks), Gutkovskis

Matchday 7 (10/10/2019)

Latvia-Poland

Matchday 8 (15/10/2019)

Israel-Latvia

Matchday 9 (16/11/2019)

Slovenia-Latvia

Matchday 10 (19/11/2019)

Latvia-Austria

Poland

Final tournament - Qualifying round

Group G

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North Macedonia	6	2	2	2	8	8	8
Israel	6	2	2	2	11	11	8
Latvia	6	0	0	6	1	21	0

Matchday 1 (21/03/2019)

Austria 0-1 Poland

Goals: 0-1 K. Piątek 69

Poland: Szczęsny, Bednarek, Milik (46 Frankowski), Lewandowski, Krychowiak, Grosicki (91 Pazdan), Klich, Glik, Bereszyński, Kędziora, Zieliński (59 K. Piątek)

Matchday 2 (24/03/2019)

Poland 2-0 Latvia

Goals: 1-0 Lewandowski 76, 2-0 Glik 84

Poland: Szczęsny, Pazdan, Lewandowski, Krychowiak, Grosicki (83 Frankowski), Reca, Klich (62 Błaszczykowski), Glik, Kędziora, Zieliński, K. Piątek (87 Milik)

Matchday 3 (07/06/2019)

North Macedonia 0-1 Poland

Goals: 0-1 K. Piątek 47

Poland: Fabiański, Bednarek, Lewandowski, Krychowiak, Grosicki (69 Rybus), Klich (90 Góralski), Glik, Kędziora, Bereszyński, Zieliński, Frankowski (46 K. Piątek)

Matchday 4 (10/06/2019)

Poland 4-0 Israel

Goals: 1-0 K. Piątek 35, 2-0 Lewandowski 56 (P), 3-0 Grosicki 59, 4-0 Kędzior 84

Poland: Fabiański, Bednarek, Lewandowski, Krychowiak, Grosicki (77 Kędzior), Klich (75 Góralski), Glik, Kędziora, Bereszyński, Zieliński, K. Piątek (73 Milik)

Matchday 5 (06/09/2019)

Slovenia 2-0 Poland

Goals: 1-0 Aljaž Struna 35, 2-0 Šporar 65

Poland: Fabiański, Pazdan, Bednarek, Lewandowski, Krychowiak, Grosicki (70 Błaszczykowski), Klich (70 Bielik), Bereszyński, Zieliński, Kędziora, K. Piątek (76 Kownacki)

Matchday 6 (09/09/2019)

Poland 0-0 Austria

Poland: Fabiański, Bielik, Bednarek, Kownacki (58 Błaszczykowski), Lewandowski, Krychowiak, Grosicki (70 Szymański), Glik, Bereszyński, Zieliński, Kędziora

Matchday 7 (10/10/2019)

Latvia-Poland

Matchday 8 (13/10/2019)

Poland-North Macedonia

Matchday 9 (16/11/2019)

Israel-Poland

Matchday 10 (19/11/2019)

Poland-Slovenia

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