

# EUROPEAN QUALIFIERS - 2019/20 SEASON MATCH PRESS KITS



**Cyprus**

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Group I - Matchday 9



**Scotland**

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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
08/06/2019	QR (GS)	Scotland - Cyprus	2-1	Glasgow	Robertson 61, Burke 89; Kousoulos 87

#### FIFA World Cup

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
26/04/1989	QR (GS)	Scotland - Cyprus	2-1	Glasgow	Johnston 26, McCoist 63; Nicolaou 62
08/02/1989	QR (GS)	Cyprus - Scotland	2-3	Limassol	Koliantris 14, Ioannou 47; Johnston 9, Gough 54, 90

#### FIFA World Cup

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
17/05/1969	QR (GS)	Scotland - Cyprus	8-0	Glasgow	Gray 15, McNeill 23, Stein 28, 49, 59, 67, Henderson 72, Gemmell 76 (P)
11/12/1968	QR (GS)	Cyprus - Scotland	0-5	Nicosia	Gilzean 3, 33, Murdoch 23, Stein 41, Alkiviadis 44 (og)

	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>																		
Cyprus	-	-	-	-	1	0	0	1	-	-	-	-	1	0	0	1	1	2
Scotland	1	1	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	0	0	2	1
<b>FIFA*</b>																		
Cyprus	2	0	0	2	2	0	0	2	-	-	-	-	4	0	0	4	3	18
Scotland	2	2	0	0	2	2	0	0	-	-	-	-	4	4	0	0	18	3
<b>Friendlies</b>																		
Cyprus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0	0	1	1	2
Scotland	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	0	0	2	1
<b>Total</b>																		
Cyprus	2	0	0	2	3	0	0	3	-	-	-	-	6	0	0	6	5	22
Scotland	3	3	0	0	2	2	0	0	-	-	-	-	6	6	0	0	22	5

\* FIFA World Cup/FIFA Confederations Cup

# Squad list

## Cyprus

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season					
						Qual.		FT			
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls		
<b>Goalkeepers</b>											
-	Tasos <b>Kissas</b>	18/01/1988	31	Nea Salamis	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Urko <b>Pardo</b>	28/01/1983	36	Alki Oroklini	-	4	0	0	0		
-	Neofytos <b>Michael</b>	16/12/1993	25	Asteras	-	0	0	0	0		
<b>Defenders</b>											
-	Giorgos <b>Merkis</b>	30/07/1984	35	APOEL	-	5	0	0	0		
-	Jason <b>Demetriou</b>	18/11/1987	31	Southend	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Antreas <b>Karo</b>	09/09/1996	23	Salernitana	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Christos <b>Wheeler</b>	29/06/1997	22	AEL	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Nicholas <b>Ioannou</b>	10/11/1995	24	APOEL	*	8	1	0	0		
-	Ioannis <b>Kousoulos</b>	14/06/1996	23	Omonia	-	8	4	0	0		
-	Christoforou <b>Kypros</b>	24/04/1993	26	Nea Salamis	-	0	0	0	0		
<b>Midfielders</b>											
-	Andreas <b>Avraam</b>	06/06/1987	32	AEL	-	1	0	0	0		
-	George <b>Efrem</b>	05/07/1989	30	APOEL	-	5	1	0	0		
-	Georgios <b>Economides</b>	10/04/1990	29	Olympiakos	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Kostakis <b>Artymatas</b>	15/04/1993	26	Anorthosis	-	7	1	0	0		
-	Chambos <b>Kyriakou</b>	09/02/1995	24	Apollon	-	4	0	0	0		
-	Grigoris <b>Kastanos</b>	30/01/1998	21	Pescara	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Matija <b>Špoljarić</b>	02/04/1997	22	AEK Larnaca	-	7	0	0	0		
-	Michalis <b>Ioannou</b>	30/06/2000	19	Anorthosis	-	3	0	0	0		
-	Ioannis <b>Costi</b>	17/03/2000	19	Nea Salamis	-	6	0	0	0		
<b>Forwards</b>											
-	Pieros <b>Sotiriou</b>	13/01/1993	26	Copenhagen	-	6	4	0	0		
-	Fotis <b>Papoulis</b>	22/01/1985	34	Apollon	-	6	1	0	0		
-	Panagiotis <b>Zachariou</b>	26/02/1996	23	Pafos	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Dimitris <b>Theodorou</b>	10/09/1997	22	Paralimni	-	0	0	0	0		
<b>Coach</b>											
-	Ran Ben Simon	28/11/1970	48		-	8	0	0	0		

## Scotland

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season					
						Qual.		FT			
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls		
<b>Goalkeepers</b>											
-	David Marshall	05/03/1985	34	Wigan	-	5	0	0	0		
-	Jon McLaughlin	09/09/1987	32	Sunderland	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Craig MacGillivray	12/01/1993	26	Portsmouth	-	0	0	0	0		
<b>Defenders</b>											
-	Stephen O'Donnell	11/05/1992	27	Kilmarnock	-	5	0	0	0		
-	Graeme Shinnie	04/08/1991	28	Derby	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Scott McKenna	12/11/1996	23	Aberdeen	-	4	0	0	0		
-	Ryan Porteous	25/03/1999	20	Hibernian	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Greg Taylor	05/11/1997	22	Celtic	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Michael Devlin	03/10/1993	26	Aberdeen	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Declan Gallagher	13/02/1991	28	Motherwell	-	0	0	0	0		
<b>Midfielders</b>											
-	James Forrest	07/07/1991	28	Celtic	-	6	0	0	0		
-	Ryan Jack	27/02/1992	27	Rangers	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Callum McGregor	14/06/1993	26	Celtic	-	8	0	0	0		
-	Stuart Armstrong	30/03/1992	27	Southampton	-	7	1	0	0		
-	Liam Palmer	19/09/1991	28	Sheff. Wednesday	-	3	0	0	0		
-	John McGinn	18/10/1994	25	Aston Villa	-	6	4	0	0		
-	Lewis Morgan	30/09/1996	23	Celtic	-	0	0	0	0		
<b>Forwards</b>											
-	Steven Naismith	14/09/1986	33	Hearts	-	0	0	0	0		
-	John Fleck	24/08/1991	28	Sheff. United	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Lawrence Shankland	10/08/1995	24	Dundee United	-	2	1	0	0		
-	Ryan Christie	22/02/1995	24	Celtic	-	4	0	0	0		
-	Oliver McBurnie	04/06/1996	23	Sheff. United	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Oliver Burke	07/04/1997	22	Alavés	-	4	1	0	0		
<b>Coach</b>											
-	Steve Clarke	29/08/1963	56		-	6	0	0	0		

## Head coach

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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.

### Steve Clarke

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**Date of birth:** 29 August 1963

**Nationality:** Scottish

**Playing career:** St Mirren, Chelsea

**Coaching career:** Newcastle (caretaker), West Brom, Reading, Kilmarnock, Scotland

- Born in Saltcoats on the west coast of Scotland, Clarke started out on a part-time contract at St Mirren, training as a defender while serving an apprenticeship as an instrument engineer, but – after making his debut in 1982 – eventually established himself as the Paisley side's first choice right-back.
- Signed by Chelsea in February 1987, Clarke would make over 400 appearances for the club, and featured in the sides that won the 1997 FA Cup and the League Cup the following season; his final appearance was in the 1998 UEFA Cup Winners' Cup final, the Blues beating Stuttgart 1-0 in Stockholm.
- Capped just six times by Scotland, Clarke moved into coaching as assistant to his former Stamford Bridge teammate Ruud Gullit at Newcastle United, from 1998/99, taking caretaker command for one match. Then returned to Chelsea, initially as a youth team coach, before assisting José Mourinho (during two title-winning campaigns) and Avram Grant.
- Assisted another Stamford Bridge alumnus, Gianfranco Zola, at West Ham from 2008 to 2010, and was Kenny Dalglish's assistant at Liverpool before taking sole command at West Brom in 2012/13.
- Following a spell in charge at Reading, he was assistant to Roberto Di Matteo at Aston Villa in 2016, and then returned to management in 2017 with Kilmarnock – the club his brother Paul represented between 1974 and 1986; hired to coach Scotland in May 2019 after being named the Scottish Premiership's manager of the year.

## Match officials

<b>Referee</b>	Harald Lechner (AUT)
<b>Assistant referees</b>	Andreas Heidenreich (AUT) , Maximilian Kolbitsch (AUT)
<b>Fourth official</b>	Alexander Harkam (AUT)
<b>UEFA Delegate</b>	Karl Espen Eriksen (NOR)
<b>UEFA Referee observer</b>	Rusmir Mrković (BIH)

## Referee

Name	Date of birth	UEFA EURO matches	UEFA matches
Harald Lechner	30/07/1982	5	60

## Harald Lechner

**Referee since:** 1998  
**First division:** 2006  
**FIFA badge:** 2010

**Tournaments:** 2012 UEFA European Under-17 Championship, 2011 UEFA Regions' Cup

### Finals

N/A

## 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
28/07/2011	UEL	3QR	Anorthosis Famagusta FC	FK Rabotnicki	0-2	Larnaca
06/08/2015	UEL	3QR	AC Omonia	Brøndby IF	2-2	Nicosia
26/07/2018	UEL	2QR	Dundalk FC	AEK Larnaca FC	0-0	Dundalk
04/10/2018	UEL	GS	Apollon Limassol FC	Olympique de Marseille	2-2	Nicosia
15/08/2019	UEL	3QR	Aberdeen FC	HNK Rijeka	0-2	Aberdeen

# Match-by-match lineups

## Cyprus

### Final tournament - Qualifying round

#### Group I

Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Belgium	8	8	0	0	30	1	24
Russia	8	7	0	1	27	4	21
<b>Cyprus</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Scotland</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>9</b>
Kazakhstan	8	2	1	5	9	13	7
San Marino	8	0	0	8	0	43	0

#### 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 0-4 Cyprus

Goals: 0-1 Kousoulos 2, 0-2 Papoulis 39, 0-3 Kousoulos 73, 0-4 Artymatas 75

**Cyprus:** Panayi, N. Ioannou, Kyriakou, Sotiriou, Kousoulos, Papoulis (46 Georgiou), Špoljarić (62 Ioannou), Costi, Artymatas, Laifis, Pittas (74 Kastanos)

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

##### Kazakhstan 1-2 Cyprus

Goals: 1-0 Yerlanov 34, 1-1 Sotiriou 73, 1-2 N. Ioannou 84

**Cyprus:** Panayi, N. Ioannou, Merkis (61 Špoljarić), Kyriakou, Sotiriou, Kousoulos, Mintikkis (46 Zachariou), Papoulis (88 Margaça ), Artymatas, Laifis, Costi

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

##### Cyprus 0-5 Russia

Goals: 0-1 Cheryshev 9, 0-2 Ozdov 23, 0-3 Dzyuba 79, 0-4 Golovin 89, 0-5 Cheryshev 90+2

**Cyprus:** Panayi (40 Pardo), N. Ioannou, Merkis, Ioannou, Zachariou (36 Margaça ), Kyriakou, Kousoulos, Špoljarić (80 Papoulis), Artymatas, Laifis, Costi

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

Cyprus-Scotland

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

Belgium-Cyprus

## Scotland

### Final tournament - Qualifying round

#### Group I

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<b>Scotland</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>9</b>
Kazakhstan	8	2	1	5	9	13	7
San Marino	8	0	0	8	0	43	0

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

**Kazakhstan 3-0 Scotland**

**Goals:** 1-0 Pertsukh 6, 2-0 Vorogovskiy 10, 3-0 Zainutdinov 51

**Scotland:** Bain, Palmer, Shinnie, McGinn (70 McTominay), Bates, McKenna, Forrest (81 McNulty), C. McGregor, McBurnie (61 Russell), Armstrong, Burke

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

**San Marino 0-2 Scotland**

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

**Scotland:** Bain, O'Donnell, Robertson, Bates, McKenna, C. McGregor (56 McTominay), Russell, McLean, Paterson (37 McNulty), Armstrong (71 Forrest), Fraser

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

**Scotland 2-1 Cyprus**

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

**Scotland:** Marshall, O'Donnell, Robertson, Mulgrew, McKenna, McLean, Forrest, McGinn (79 McTominay), Brophy (73 Burke), C. McGregor (87 Armstrong), Fraser

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

**Belgium 3-0 Scotland**

**Goals:** 1-0 R. Lukaku 45+1, 2-0 R. Lukaku 57, 3-0 De Bruyne 90+2

**Scotland:** Marshall, O'Donnell, Mulgrew, McKenna, McLean, C. McGregor, McTominay, Russell (67 Forrest), Armstrong (32 Fraser), Burke, Taylor

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

**Scotland 1-2 Russia**

**Goals:** 1-0 McGinn 11, 1-1 Dzyuba 40, 1-2 O'Donnell 59 (og)

**Scotland:** Marshall, O'Donnell, Robertson, Mulgrew, Cooper, McTominay (78 Phillips), Forrest (62 McLean), McGinn (62 Christie), McBurnie, C. McGregor, Fraser

**Matchday 6 (09/09/2019)**

**Scotland 0-4 Belgium**

**Goals:** 0-1 R. Lukaku 9, 0-2 Vermaelen 24, 0-3 Alderweireld 32, 0-4 De Bruyne 82

**Scotland:** Marshall, O'Donnell, Robertson, Mulgrew, Cooper, McTominay, C. McGregor (68 Armstrong), McLean, Snodgrass, Phillips (77 Russell), Christie (86 McGinn)

**Matchday 7 (10/10/2019)**

**Russia 4-0 Scotland**

**Goals:** 1-0 Dzyuba 57, 2-0 Ozdoev 60, 3-0 Dzyuba 70, 4-0 Golovin 84



**Scotland:** Marshall, Palmer, Robertson, Mulgrew, Devlin, Fleck (81 Armstrong), Snodgrass, McGinn, Burke (46 Shankland), C. McGregor, Fraser (68 Christie)

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

**Scotland 6-0 San Marino**

**Goals:** 1-0 McGinn 12, 2-0 McGinn 27, 3-0 McGinn 45+1, 4-0 Shankland 65, 5-0 Findlay 67, 6-0 Armstrong 87

**Scotland:** McLaughlin, Palmer, Robertson, Devlin, McTominay, McGinn (70 Armstrong), Shankland, C. McGregor (70 Russell), Findlay, Forrest, Christie

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

Cyprus-Scotland

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

Scotland-Kazakhstan

## 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