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Kazakhstan

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Belgium

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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)	Belgium - Kazakhstan	3-0	Brussels	Mertens 11, Castagne 14, R. Lukaku 50

UEFA EURO 2012

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
07/10/2011	QR (GS)	Belgium - Kazakhstan	4-1	Brussels	Simons 40 (P), E. Hazard 43, Kompany 49, Ogunjimi 84; Nurdauletov 86 (P)
08/10/2010	QR (GS)	Kazakhstan - Belgium	0-2	Astana	Ogunjimi 52, 70

UEFA EURO 2008

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
12/09/2007	QR (GS)	Kazakhstan - Belgium	2-2	Almaty	Byakov 39, Smakov 77 (P); Geraerts 13, Mirallas 24
16/08/2006	QR (GS)	Belgium - Kazakhstan	0-0	Brussels	

	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																		
Kazakhstan	2	0	1	1	3	0	1	2	-	-	-	-	5	0	2	3	3	11
Belgium	3	2	1	0	2	1	1	0	-	-	-	-	5	3	2	0	11	3
FIFA*																		
Kazakhstan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Belgium	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Friendlies																		
Kazakhstan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Belgium	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total																		
Kazakhstan	2	0	1	1	3	0	1	2	-	-	-	-	5	0	2	3	3	11
Belgium	3	2	1	0	2	1	1	0	-	-	-	-	5	3	2	0	11	3

* FIFA World Cup/FIFA Confederations Cup

Head coach

Michal Bílek

Date of birth: 13 April 1965

Nationality: Czech

Playing career: Sparta Praha (four times), Cheb, Real Betis, Viktoria Žižkov, Teplice

Coaching career: Teplice, Cartaginés, Czech Republic Under-19, Chmel Blšany, Viktoria Plzeň, Sparta Praha, Ružomberok, Czech Republic, Dinamo Tbilisi, Jihlava, Zlín, Kazakhstan

- A gritty midfielder who was an expert at free-kicks and penalties, Bílek had four spells at Sparta, the most memorable between 1986 and 1990 during which he won three league titles and two Czechoslovakian Cups.
- Travelled to the 1990 FIFA World Cup as the reigning Czechoslovakian player of the year; featured in all five matches at right-back to help Czechoslovakia to quarter-finals, scoring from the penalty spot in the opening two matches against the United States and Austria. Extended his international career beyond break-up of Czechoslovakia, winning 35 caps and scoring 11 goals.
- Had slow start to coaching career, including spell in Costa Rica, but eventually established himself at top level back at home and was appointed coach of Sparta in September 2006; won domestic double in his first season but dismissed in May 2008.
- Led Slovakian club Ružomberok in 2008/09 before taking on assistant role to former team-mate Ivan Hašek with Czech national side. Promoted to top job in October 2009, as Hašek returned to his position as association president, and guided the Czechs to UEFA EURO 2012 via a play-off win against Montenegro.
- Took the Czech Republic to the quarter-finals in Poland-Ukraine but left his post the following year. Went on to have a short spell in Georgia with Dinamo Tbilisi and brief stints in charge of both Jihlava and Zlín in his homeland before agreeing a return to international football with Kazakhstan in early 2019.

Roberto Martínez

Date of birth: 13 July 1973

Nationality: Spanish

Playing career: Real Zaragoza, Balaguer, Wigan, Motherwell, Walsall, Swansea, Chester City

Coaching career: Swansea, Wigan, Everton, Belgium

- Born in Catalonia, Martínez started out at youth level with home-town club Balaguer before joining Zaragoza aged 16. The bulk of his three years there were spent in the youth and B teams, with a solitary appearance for the senior side before he returned to Balaguer in 1994, also running the club's football school.
- Moved to England and Wigan in 1995, forming the 'Three Amigos' with fellow Spaniards Jesús Seba and Isidro Díaz; over the next six years, helped the club win the third division title in 1997 and the Football League trophy two years later. A year with both Motherwell and Walsall preceded a lengthier spell at Swansea between 2003 and 2006, Martínez helping the club to promotion to the third tier. After a season with Chester, he returned to south Wales in 2007, initially as player-manager before quickly hanging up his boots.
- Guided Swansea to the League One championship in 2008 before leaving for Premier League Wigan the following year. Inspired an unlikely escape from relegation in 2011/12 and landed the Latics' first major trophy with victory against Manchester City FC in the FA Cup final 12 months later – although three days after that landmark triumph, Wigan were relegated.
- Martínez remained a man in demand and was appointed Everton manager in June 2013, steering the club to fifth place with their record Premier League points tally in his first term. Everton reached the 2014/15 UEFA Europa League round of 16 and both domestic cup semi-finals in the next campaign, but indifferent league form meant Martínez was dismissed in May 2016.
- Appointed Belgium coach three months later in the wake of Marc Wilmots' departure and led the side to the semi-finals of the 2018 FIFA World Cup, Belgium ultimately finishing third in Russia – their highest ever placing.

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