

UEFA EURO - 2019/20 SEASON MATCH PRESS KITS



Malta

National Stadium - Ta' Qali

Monday 10 June 2019
20.45CET (20.45 local time)
Group F - Matchday -9



Romania

Last updated 10/06/2019 11:39CET

EUROPEAN QUALIFIERS OFFICIAL SPONSORS



| | |
|------------------------|----|
| Previous meetings | 2 |
| Squad list | 3 |
| Head coach | 5 |
| Match officials | 6 |
| Match-by-match lineups | 7 |
| Team facts | 9 |
| Legend | 11 |

Previous meetings

Head to Head

No UEFA competition matches have been played between these two teams

Squad list

Malta

| No. | Player | DoB | Age | Club | D | Current season | | | | | |
|--------------------|------------------|------------|-----|------------|---|----------------|-----|-----|-----|--|--|
| | | | | | | Qual. | | FT | | | |
| | | | | | | Pld | Gls | Pld | Gls | | |
| Goalkeepers | | | | | | | | | | | |
| - | Justin Haber | 09/06/1981 | 38 | Gżira | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Andrew Hogg | 02/03/1985 | 34 | Birkirkara | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Henry Bonello | 13/10/1988 | 30 | Valletta | - | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Defenders | | | | | | | | | | | |
| - | Andrei Agius | 12/08/1986 | 32 | Hibernians | - | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Steve Borg | 15/05/1988 | 31 | Valletta | - | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Joseph Zerafa | 31/05/1988 | 31 | Valletta | - | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Ferdinando Apap | 29/07/1992 | 26 | Victoria | - | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Dunstan Vella | 27/04/1996 | 23 | Hibernians | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Midfielders | | | | | | | | | | | |
| - | Paul Fenech | 20/12/1986 | 32 | Balzan | - | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | John Mintoff | 23/08/1988 | 30 | Sliema | - | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Rowen Muscat | 05/06/1991 | 28 | Valletta | - | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Tristan Caruana | 15/09/1991 | 27 | Hamrun | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Bjorn Kristensen | 05/04/1993 | 26 | Hibernians | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Zach Muscat | 22/08/1993 | 25 | Olhanense | - | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Jake Grech | 18/11/1997 | 21 | Hibernians | - | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Luke Gambin | 16/03/1993 | 26 | Crawley | - | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Dexter Xuereb | 21/09/1997 | 21 | Mosta | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Forwards | | | | | | | | | | | |
| - | Michael Mifsud | 17/04/1981 | 38 | Birkirkara | - | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Luke Montebello | 13/08/1995 | 23 | Birkirkara | - | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Alfred Effiong | 29/11/1984 | 34 | Balzan | - | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Juan Corbolan | 03/01/1997 | 22 | Gżira | - | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Kyrian Nwoko | 04/07/1997 | 21 | Valletta | - | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Joseph Mbong | 15/07/1997 | 21 | Hibernians | - | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Coach | | | | | | | | | | | |
| - | Raymond Farrugia | 01/10/1955 | 63 | | - | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |

Romania

| No. | Player | DoB | Age | Club | D | Current season | | | | | |
|--------------------|---------------------------|------------|-----|-----------------------|---|----------------|-----|-----|-----|--|--|
| | | | | | | Qual. | | FT | | | |
| | | | | | | Pld | Gls | Pld | Gls | | |
| Goalkeepers | | | | | | | | | | | |
| - | Ciprian Tătărușanu | 09/02/1986 | 33 | Nantes | - | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Silviu Lung | 04/06/1989 | 30 | Kayserispor | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Ionuț Radu | 28/05/1997 | 22 | Genoa | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Defenders | | | | | | | | | | | |
| - | Alexandru Chipciu | 18/05/1989 | 30 | Sparta Praha | - | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Cristian Săpunaru | 05/04/1984 | 35 | Kayserispor | - | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Alin Toșca | 14/03/1992 | 27 | PAOK | - | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Ionuț Nedelcearu | 25/04/1996 | 23 | Ufa | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Midfielders | | | | | | | | | | | |
| - | Ciprian Deac | 16/02/1986 | 33 | CFR Cluj | - | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Paul Anton | 10/05/1991 | 28 | Krylya Sovetov | - | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Nicolae Stanciu | 07/05/1993 | 26 | Al-Ahly | - | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Alexandru Maxim | 08/07/1990 | 28 | Mainz | - | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Răzvan Marin | 23/05/1996 | 23 | Standard Liège | - | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Dan Nistor | 06/05/1988 | 31 | Dinamo București | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Tudor Băluță | 27/03/1999 | 20 | Viitorul | - | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Iulian Cristea | 17/07/1994 | 24 | FCSB | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Nicusor Bancu | 18/09/1992 | 26 | Universitatea Craiova | - | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Forwards | | | | | | | | | | | |
| - | Claudiu Keșerü | 02/12/1986 | 32 | Ludogorets | - | 3 | 5 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | George Țucudean | 30/04/1991 | 28 | CFR Cluj | - | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Gheorghe Grozav | 29/09/1990 | 28 | Varda | - | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | George Pușcaș | 08/04/1996 | 23 | Palermo | - | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Dorin Rotariu | 29/07/1995 | 23 | Astana | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Ianis Hagi | 22/10/1998 | 20 | Viitorul | - | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Dennis Man | 26/08/1998 | 20 | FCSB | - | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Coach | | | | | | | | | | | |
| - | Cosmin Contra | 15/12/1975 | 43 | | - | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |

Head coach

Ray Farrugia

Date of birth: 1 October, 1955

Nationality: Maltese

Playing career: Floriana, Melita Eagles, Naxxar Lions

Coaching career: Naxxar Lions, Malta Under-21 (twice), Pietà Hotspurs, Marxsaxlokk, Sliema Wanderers, Malta (assistant), Malta

- A combative midfielder, 'Zazu' made his debut for the senior team of local club Floriana at 16 and remained there for four seasons, winning two league titles and the FA Trophy and also claiming the first of four senior caps for Malta.
- He left for Australia aged just 21, joining top-flight outfit Melita Eagles, where he would spend the next 12 years, winning four State League championships and three Grand Finals and scoring 123 goals in 318 matches. He returned to his homeland in 1990, joining Naxxar Lions, and eventually hung up his boots at the age of 42.
- Started coaching while still playing at Naxxar before moving on to take charge of the Malta Under-21 side from 1998 to 2002. He later returned to club football on the island, serving Pietà Hotspurs, Marsaxlokk and Sliema Wanderers as head coach.
- In 2011 Farrugia was re-appointed as Malta U-21 head coach, remaining in charge until 2014, when he was promoted to the senior side as assistant to Pietro Ghedin.
- On 2 May 2018 he was appointed as Malta's head coach, replacing Tom Saintfiet who had been dismissed after just six months at the helm.

Cosmin Contra

Date of birth: 15 December 1975

Nationality: Romanian

Playing career: Politehnica Timișoara (three times), Dinamo București, Alavés, AC Milan, Atlético Madrid, West Brom (loan), Getafe

Coaching career: Politehnica Timișoara, Fuenlabrada, Petrolul Ploiești, Getafe, Guangzhou, Alcorcón, Dinamo București, Romania

- Started and ended his playing career with his home-town club Politehnica Timișoara, heading to Spain in 1999 after a spell in the Romanian capital with Dinamo București.
- A major hit with Alavés, the attacking right-back helped the little-known club to reach the 2000/01 UEFA Cup final in their first season in European competition, scoring three goals and putting in a fine performance in the final – a 5-4 loss to Liverpool after extra time in Dortmund.
- Played for Milan, Atlético and West Brom then, after a spell back at Politehnica, helped Getafe make it to the 2007/08 UEFA Cup quarter-finals. Played in his second UEFA European Championship in summer 2008, and won the last of his 73 Romania caps in 2010, more than 14 years after his international debut.
- Moved from pitch to bench at Timișoara, working briefly as player-coach. After a spell in Spain, led Petrolul to 2012/13 Romanian Cup success, then returned to save Getafe from relegation in 2014 before trying his luck in China.
- Having won the 2016/17 Romanian League Cup with Dinamo București he was hired as Romania coach in September 2017, promptly winning six of his first eight matches in charge.

Match officials

| | |
|------------------------------|---|
| Referee | Dennis Higler (NED) |
| Assistant referees | Davie Goossens (NED) , Joost van Zuilen (NED) |
| Fourth official | Bas Nijhuis (NED) |
| UEFA Delegate | Gabriel Weiss (SVK) |
| UEFA Referee observer | Nuno Castro (POR) |

Referee

| Name | Date of birth | UEFA EURO matches | UEFA matches |
|---------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Dennis Higler | 30/09/1985 | 0 | 20 |

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 |
|------------|-------------|---------------|--------|---------|--------|--------------|
| 17/11/2018 | U19 | QR | Greece | Romania | 5-3 | Stara Zagora |

Match-by-match lineups

Malta

Final tournament - Qualifying round

Group F

| Team | Pld | W | D | L | GF | GA | Pts |
|----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Spain | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 2 | 9 |
| Sweden | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 8 | 4 | 7 |
| Romania | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 5 | 4 |
| Malta | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 3 |
| Norway | 3 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 7 | 2 |
| Faroe Islands | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 10 | 0 |

(23/03/2019)

Malta 2-1 Faroe Islands

Goals: 1-0 Nwoko 13, 2-0 S. Borg 77 (P) , 2-1 J. Thomsen 90+8

Malta: Bonello, Caruana, S. Borg, Agius, Guillaumier, Mbong, P. Fenech, Mifsud (71 J. Zerafa), Nwoko, R. Muscat (84 Mintoff), Corbolan (63 Z. Muscat)

(26/03/2019)

Malta 0-2 Spain

Goals: 0-1 Morata 31, 0-2 Morata 73

Malta: Bonello, Caruana (85 Micallef), S. Borg, Guillaumier, Mbong (65 R. Muscat), P. Fenech, Nwoko, Corbolan, Mintoff (69 Mifsud), J. Zerafa, Z. Muscat

(07/06/2019)

Sweden 3-0 Malta

Goals: 1-0 Quaison 2, 2-0 Claesson 50, 3-0 Isak 81

Malta: Bonello, S. Borg (80 Apap), Agius, J. Grech (64 P. Fenech), Mbong, Montebello (71 Nwoko), R. Muscat, Corbolan, Effiong, Gambin, Z. Muscat

(10/06/2019)

Malta-Romania

(05/09/2019)

Norway-Malta

(08/09/2019)

Romania-Malta

(12/10/2019)

Malta-Sweden

(15/10/2019)

Faroe Islands-Malta

(15/11/2019)

Spain-Malta

(18/11/2019)

Malta-Norway

Romania

Final tournament - Qualifying round

Group F

| Team | Pld | W | D | L | GF | GA | Pts |
|-------|-----|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| Spain | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 2 | 9 |

| | | | | | | | |
|----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Sweden | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 8 | 4 | 7 |
| Romania | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 5 | 4 |
| Malta | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 3 |
| Norway | 3 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 7 | 2 |
| Faroe Islands | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 10 | 0 |

(23/03/2019)

Sweden 2-1 Romania

Goals: 1-0 Quaison 33, 2-0 Claesson 40, 2-1 Keşerü 58

Romania: Tătăruşanu, Băluţă (78 Ivan), Manea, Chipciu, Puşcaş (64 Hagi), Stanciu, Bancu, Marin, Mitriţă (46 Keşerü), Grigore, Săpunaru

(26/03/2019)

Romania 4-1 Faroe Islands

Goals: 1-0 Deac 26, 2-0 Keşerü 29, 3-0 Keşerü 33, 3-1 V. Davidsen 40 (P) , 4-1 Puşcaş 63

Romania: Tătăruşanu, Benzar (46 Hagi), Moţi, Chipciu, Puşcaş, Stanciu (78 Man), Bancu, Keşerü (69 Cicăldău), Deac, Marin, Grigore

(07/06/2019)

Norway 2-2 Romania

Goals: 1-0 T. Elyounoussi 56, 2-0 Ødegaard 70, 2-1 Keşerü 77, 2-2 Keşerü 90+2

Romania: Tătăruşanu, Toşca, Chipciu, Puşcaş (60 Ţucudean), Grozav (60 Hagi), Keşerü, Anton, Deac, Grigore, Săpunaru, Stanciu (71 Maxim)

(10/06/2019)

Malta-Romania

(05/09/2019)

Romania-Spain

(08/09/2019)

Romania-Malta

(12/10/2019)

Faroe Islands-Romania

(15/10/2019)

Romania-Norway

(15/11/2019)

Romania-Sweden

(18/11/2019)

Spain-Romania

Team facts

UEFA European Championship records: Malta

History

2016 – did not qualify
2012 – did not qualify
2008 – did not qualify
2004 – did not qualify
2000 – did not qualify
1996 – did not qualify
1992 – did not qualify
1988 – did not qualify
1984 – did not qualify
1980 – did not qualify
1972 – did not qualify
1968 – did not qualify
1964 – did not qualify
1960 – did not participate

Qualifying win

2-0: Malta v Greece, 23/02/75

Qualifying defeat

12-1: Spain v Malta, 21/12/83

Overall appearances

36: Michael Mifsud
32: Carmel Busuttil
29: David Carabott
29: André Schembri
27: Roderick Briffa
26: Kristian Laferla
25: Gilbert Agius
25: John Buttigieg

Overall goals

10: Michael Mifsud
5: Carmel Busuttil
4: David Carabott

UEFA European Championship records: Romania

History

2016 – group stage
2012 – did not qualify
2008 – group stage
2004 – did not qualify
2000 – quarter-finals
1996 – group stage
1992 – did not qualify
1988 – did not qualify
1984 – group stage
1980 – did not qualify
1976 – did not qualify
1972 – did not qualify
1968 – did not qualify
1964 – did not qualify
1960 – did not qualify

Final tournament win

2-3: England v Romania, 20/06/00

Final tournament loss

2-0: Netherlands v Romania, 17/06/08

2-0: Italy v Romania, 24/06/00

Qualifying win

7-0: Romania v Liechtenstein, 02/09/98

7-0: Romania v Cyprus, 23/04/67

0-7: Luxembourg v Romania, 16/10/02

Qualifying defeat

7-1: Switzerland v Romania, 24/05/67

6-0: Spain v Romania, 01/11/62

Final tournament appearances

8: Gheorghe Hagi

7: Cristian Chivu

7: Dorinel Munteanu

6: Cosmin Contra

6: Dan Petrescu

6: Bogdan Stelea

6: Viorel Moldovan

6: Constantin Gâlcă

6: Adrian Ilie

6: Adrian Mutu

6: Gheorghe Popescu

Final tournament goals

2: Bogdan Stancu

1: Viorel Moldovan

1: Cristian Chivu

1: Dorinel Munteanu

1: Ioan Ganea

1: Florin Răducioiu

1: Laszlo Bölöni

1: Marcel Coraș

1: Adrian Mutu

Overall appearances

40: Răzvan Raț

36: Gheorghe Popescu

35: Dorinel Munteanu

32: Gheorghe Hagi

31: Dan Petrescu

31: Ioan Lupescu

Overall goals

16: Adrian Mutu

9: Ciprian Marica

9: Florin Răducioiu

8: Gheorghe Hagi

8: Dorinel Munteanu

8: Ioan Ganea

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

Disclaimer: Although UEFA has taken all reasonable care that the information contained within this document is accurate at the time of publication, no representation or guarantee (including liability towards third parties), expressed or implied, is made as to its accuracy, reliability or completeness. Therefore, UEFA assumes no liability for the use or interpretation of information contained herein. More information can be found in the competition regulations available on UEFA.com.

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