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Armenia

**Republican Stadium after Vazgen
Sargsyan - Yerevan**

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Group J - Matchday 5



Italy

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EUROPEAN QUALIFIERS OFFICIAL SPONSORS



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Previous meetings

Head to Head

FIFA World Cup

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
15/10/2013	QR (GS)	Italy - Armenia	2-2	Naples	Florenzi 24, Balotelli 76; Movsisyan 5, Mkhitaryan 70
12/10/2012	QR (GS)	Armenia - Italy	1-3	Yerevan	Mkhitaryan 27; Pirlo 11 (P), De Rossi 64, Osvaldo 81

	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																		
Armenia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Italy	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
FIFA*																		
Armenia	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	-	-	-	-	2	0	1	1	3	5
Italy	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	-	-	-	-	2	1	1	0	5	3
Friendlies																		
Armenia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Italy	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total																		
Armenia	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	-	-	-	-	2	0	1	1	3	5
Italy	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	-	-	-	-	2	1	1	0	5	3

* FIFA World Cup/FIFA Confederations Cup

Squad list

Armenia

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season					
						Qual.		FT			
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls		
Goalkeepers											
-	Arsen Beglaryan	18/02/1993	26	FC Dnyapro Mogilev	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Anatoli Aivazov	08/06/1996	23	Urartu	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Aram Airapetyan	22/11/1986	32	Urartu	-	4	0	0	0		
Defenders											
-	Hovhannes Hambartsumyan	04/10/1990	28	Paralimni	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Varazdat Haroyan	24/08/1992	27	Ural	-	4	0	0	0		
-	Taron Voskanyan	22/02/1993	26	Alashkert	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Hayk Ishkhanyan	24/06/1989	30	Alashkert	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Arman Hovhannisyan	07/07/1993	26	Gandzasar	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Andre Calisir	13/06/1990	29	Göteborg	-	2	0	0	0		
Midfielders											
-	Henrikh Mkhitaryan	21/01/1989	30	Roma	-	4	1	0	0		
-	Karlen Mkrtchyan	25/11/1988	30	Pyunik	-	3	0	0	0		
-	Artak Edigaryan	18/03/1990	29	Pyunik	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Rumyan Hovsepyan	13/11/1991	27	Arda	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Artak Grigoryan	19/10/1987	31	Alashkert	-	4	0	0	0		
-	Kamo Hovhannisyan	05/10/1992	26	Zhetysu	-	4	0	0	0		
-	Edgar Babayan	28/10/1995	23	Hobro	*	4	0	0	0		
-	Petros Avetisyan	07/01/1996	23	Ararat-Armenia	-	3	0	0	0		
-	Erik Vardanyan	07/06/1998	21	Pyunik	-	0	0	0	0		
Forwards											
-	Gevorg Ghazaryan	05/04/1988	31	AEL	-	4	2	0	0		
-	Tigran Barseghyan	22/09/1993	25	Kaysar	-	3	2	0	0		
-	Artur Miranyan	27/12/1995	23	Pyunik	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Sargis Adamyanyan	23/05/1993	26	Hoffenheim	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Aleksandre Karapetyan	23/12/1987	31	PFC Sochi	-	4	2	0	0		
Coach											
-	Armen Gyulbudaghyants	19/12/1966	52		-	4	0	0	0		

Italy

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season					
						Qual.		FT			
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls		
Goalkeepers											
-	Salvatore Sirigu	12/01/1987	32	Torino	-	3	0	0	0		
-	Pierluigi Gollini	18/03/1995	24	Atalanta	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Gianluigi Donnarumma	25/02/1999	20	Milan	-	1	0	0	0		
Defenders											
-	Leonardo Bonucci	01/05/1987	32	Juventus	-	4	1	0	0		
-	Armando Izzo	02/03/1992	27	Torino	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Alessio Romagnoli	12/01/1995	24	Milan	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Francesco Acerbi	10/02/1988	31	Lazio	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Gianluca Mancini	17/04/1996	23	Roma	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Luca Pellegrini	07/03/1999	20	Cagliari	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Emerson	03/08/1994	25	Chelsea	-	2	0	0	0		
Midfielders											
-	Marco Verratti	05/11/1992	26	Paris	*	4	2	0	0		
-	Alessandro Florenzi	11/03/1991	28	Roma	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Federico Bernardeschi	16/02/1994	25	Juventus	-	3	0	0	0		
-	Nicolò Barella	07/02/1997	22	Internazionale	-	3	2	0	0		
-	Jorginho	20/12/1991	27	Chelsea	-	4	0	0	0		
-	Lorenzo Pellegrini	19/06/1996	23	Roma	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Stefano Sensi	05/08/1995	24	Internazionale	-	1	1	0	0		
-	Sandro Tonali	08/05/2000	19	Brescia	-	0	0	0	0		
Forwards											
-	Ciro Immobile	20/02/1990	29	Lazio	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Stephan El Shaarawy	27/10/1992	26	Shanghai G S	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Andrea Belotti	20/12/1993	25	Torino	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Federico Chiesa	25/10/1997	21	Fiorentina	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Kevin Lasagna	10/08/1992	27	Udinese	-	0	0	0	0		
Coach											
-	Roberto Mancini	27/11/1964	54		-	4	0	0	0		

Head coach

Armen Gyulbudaghyants

Date of birth: 19 December 1966

Nationality: Armenian

Playing career: Spartak Hoktemberyan, Lori, Banants, Homenetmen Lebanon

Coaching career: Banants (twice), Armenia Under-19, Armenia U21, Pyunik (twice), Impuls, Alashkert, Gol Gahar (assistant), Padideh (assistant), Armenia

- A powerful and creative midfielder, Gyulbudaghyants spent the early part of his career in the USSR lower leagues before joining Banants in 1992, finishing third in the league and winning the Armenian Cup in the first post-independence season. He scored 17 goals in 61 appearances for the club before retiring aged 29 after suffering a knee injury that also restricted him to a single senior cap for Armenia.
- Switched to coaching and in 2001 returned to Banants, combining his new role with gaining coaching qualifications. In 2007 he went to Moscow to study, becoming the first Armenian coach to acquire a UEFA Pro Licence.
- His most successful spell followed at Pyunik between May 2007 and July 2008, players such as Henrikh Mkhitaryan, Gevorg Ghazaryan and Karlen Mkrtychyan breaking through and going on to become the backbone of the national side.
- Gyulbudaghyants guided Pyunik to the 2007 league title and took Impuls to the Armenian Cup final four years later, his most notable coaching achievements; however, he also has a fine record in improving his sides' results and developing young players.
- Stepped up to take charge of Armenia in October 2018 following the departure of Vardan Minasyan.

Roberto Mancini

Date of birth: 27 November 1964

Nationality: Italian

Playing career: Bologna, Sampdoria, Lazio, Leicester (loan)

Coaching career: Fiorentina, Lazio, Internazionale Milano (twice), Manchester City, Galatasaray, Zenit, Italy

- Spent the majority of his playing career in Italy, winning Serie A titles and UEFA Cup Winners' Cups with both Sampdoria and Lazio as well as six editions of the Coppa Italia, four with Sampdoria and two with Lazio. Capped 36 times by Italy, the forward was a bronze medallist at the 1990 FIFA World Cup.
- Started his coaching career as assistant to Sven-Göran Eriksson at Lazio before replacing Fatih Terim at Fiorentina in 2001. After leading the Viola to the Coppa Italia, he returned to Lazio and repeated that feat as well as steering the Roman club into the UEFA Champions League and to the UEFA Cup semi-finals in 2002/03.
- Became coach of Inter in July 2004, replacing Alberto Zaccheroni one day after terminating his contract with Lazio; led the Nerazzurri to Coppa Italia glory in his debut season, Inter's first domestic honour since the 1989 Scudetto. After Juventus were stripped of their 2005/06 title and AC Milan suffered a points penalty, Inter were finally crowned champions of Italy again. Mancini repeated that success in 2006/07.
- Left Inter in May 2008 despite winning another title and replaced Mark Hughes as manager of Manchester City midway through the 2009/10 Premier League season. City finished fifth in his first campaign, third in his second – when they also lifted the FA Cup – and dramatically won the top flight for the first time in 44 years on the final day of his third.
- City finished second the following season, but Mancini was sacked two days after losing to Wigan in the 2013 FA Cup final. Mancini succeeded Terim again that September at Galatasaray, winning the 2014 Turkish Cup in what proved his only season; returned to Inter for two seasons from 2014 before joining Russian club Zenit in 2017, stepping down the following year to take charge of Italy.

Match officials

Referee	Daniel Siebert (GER)
Assistant referees	Jan Seidel (GER) , Markus Häcker (GER)
Fourth official	Sascha Stegemann (GER)
UEFA Delegate	Duško Grabovac (CRO)
UEFA Referee observer	Kyros Vassaras (GRE)

Referee

Name	Date of birth	UEFA EURO matches	UEFA matches
Daniel Siebert	04/05/1984	0	25

Daniel Siebert

Referee since: 1998
First division: 2012
FIFA badge: 2015

Tournaments: N/A

Finals

2016 UEFA Youth League

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
28/09/2017	UEL	GS	Olympique Lyonnais	Atalanta BC	1-1	Decines

Match-by-match lineups

Armenia

Final tournament - Qualifying round

Group J

Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Italy	8	8	0	0	25	3	24
Finland	8	5	0	3	12	8	15
Armenia	8	3	1	4	13	15	10
Bosnia and Herzegovina	8	3	1	4	17	14	10
Greece	8	2	2	4	9	13	8
Liechtenstein	8	0	2	6	2	25	2

Matchday 1 (23/03/2019)

Bosnia and Herzegovina 2-1 Armenia

Goals: 1-0 Krunić 33, 2-0 Milošević 80, 2-1 Mkhitarian 90+3 (P)

Armenia: Airapetyan, Haroyan, A. Grigoryan, Mkrtchyan, Calisir, Ghazaryan (81 Özbiliz), K. Hovhannisyan, Daghbashyan, Mkhitarian, Karapetyan (67 Babayan), Adamyan (67 Briasco)

Matchday 2 (26/03/2019)

Armenia 0-2 Finland

Goals: 0-1 Jensen 14, 0-2 Soiri 78

Armenia: Airapetyan, Haroyan, A. Grigoryan, Calisir, Babayan (74 Avetisyan), Ghazaryan, K. Hovhannisyan, Briasco (59 Karapetyan), Daghbashyan, Mkhitarian, Özbiliz (67 Barseghyan)

Matchday 3 (08/06/2019)

Armenia 3-0 Liechtenstein

Goals: 1-0 Ghazaryan 2, 2-0 Karapetyan 18, 3-0 Barseghyan 90+1

Armenia: Airapetyan, Haroyan, T. Voskanyan, Mkrtchyan (76 A. Grigoryan), Avetisyan (78 Hovsepyan), Ghazaryan, Barseghyan, K. Hovhannisyan, Mkhitarian, Hambartsumyan, Karapetyan (73 Babayan)

Matchday 4 (11/06/2019)

Greece 2-3 Armenia

Goals: 0-1 Karapetyan 8, 0-2 Ghazaryan 33, 1-2 Zeca 54, 1-3 Barseghyan 74, 2-3 Fortounis 87

Armenia: Airapetyan, Haroyan, A. Grigoryan, Mkrtchyan (55 Hovsepyan), Ghazaryan (83 Avetisyan), Barseghyan, K. Hovhannisyan, Mkhitarian, Hambartsumyan, Karapetyan (70 Babayan), Ishkhanyan

Matchday 5 (05/09/2019)

Armenia-Italy

Matchday 6 (08/09/2019)

Armenia-Bosnia and Herzegovina

Matchday 7 (12/10/2019)

Liechtenstein-Armenia

Matchday 8 (15/10/2019)

Finland-Armenia

Matchday 9 (15/11/2019)

Armenia-Greece

Matchday 10 (18/11/2019)

Italy-Armenia

Italy

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Matchday 1 (23/03/2019)

Italy 2-0 Finland

Goals: 1-0 Barella 7, 2-0 Kean 74

Italy: Donnarumma, Piccini, Chiellini, Biraghi (91 Spinazzola), Verratti (85 Zaniolo), Jorginho, Bernardeschi, Kean, Immobile (80 Quagliarella), Barella, Bonucci

Matchday 2 (26/03/2019)

Italy 6-0 Liechtenstein

Goals: 1-0 Sensi 17, 2-0 Verratti 32, 3-0 Quagliarella 35 (P) , 4-0 Quagliarella 45+3 (P) , 5-0 Kean 69, 6-0 Pavoletti 76

Italy: Sirigu, Mancini, Verratti, Spinazzola, Jorginho (57 Zaniolo), Romagnoli, Kean, Sensi, Politano, Bonucci (79 Izzo), Quagliarella (72 Pavoletti)

Matchday 3 (08/06/2019)

Greece 0-3 Italy

Goals: 0-1 Barella 23, 0-2 Insigne 30, 0-3 Bonucci 33

Italy: Sirigu, Chiellini, Emerson (68 De Sciglio), Verratti (81 Pellegrini), Jorginho, Belotti (84 Bernardeschi), Insigne, Chiesa, Florenzi, Barella, Bonucci

Matchday 4 (11/06/2019)

Italy 2-1 Bosnia and Herzegovina

Goals: 0-1 Džeko 32, 1-1 Insigne 49, 2-1 Verratti 86

Italy: Sirigu, Chiellini, Emerson, Mancini (66 De Sciglio), Verratti, Jorginho, Insigne, Barella, Bonucci, Bernardeschi (80 Belotti), Quagliarella (46 Chiesa)

Matchday 5 (05/09/2019)

Armenia-Italy

Matchday 6 (08/09/2019)

Finland-Italy

Matchday 7 (12/10/2019)

Italy-Greece

Matchday 8 (15/10/2019)

Liechtenstein-Italy

Matchday 9 (15/11/2019)

Bosnia and Herzegovina-Italy

Matchday 10 (18/11/2019)

Italy-Armenia

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