

# UEFA NATIONS LEAGUE - 2018/19 SEASON MATCH PRESS KITS



**England**

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Group A4 - Matchday 1



**Spain**

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## Previous meetings

### Head to Head

#### EURO '96

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
22/06/1996	QF	Spain - <b>England</b>	0-0 (aet, 2-4pens)	London	

#### FIFA World Cup

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
05/07/1982	GS-FT	Spain - England	0-0	Madrid	

#### 1980 UEFA European Championship

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
18/06/1980	GS-FT	Spain - <b>England</b>	1-2	Naples	Dani 48 (P); Brooking 19, Woodcock 61

#### 1968 UEFA European Championship

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
08/05/1968	QF	Spain - <b>England</b>	1-2 agg: 1-3	Madrid	Amancio Amaro 47; Peters 54, Hunter 81
03/04/1968	QF	<b>England</b> - Spain	1-0	London	Charlton 84

#### FIFA World Cup

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
02/07/1950	GS-FT	<b>Spain</b> - England	1-0	Rio De Janeiro	Zarra 48

	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>Total</b>																		
England	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	3	2	1	25	12	4	9	41	28
Spain	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	1	2	3	25	9	4	12	28	41

# Squad list

## England

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	League phase		Pld	Gls
<b>Goalkeepers</b>									
-	Jack <b>Butland</b>	10/03/1993	25	Stoke	-			0	0
-	Marcus <b>Bettinelli</b>	24/05/1992	26	Fulham	-			0	0
-	Alex <b>McCarthy</b>	03/12/1989	28	Southampton	-			0	0
-	Jordan <b>Pickford</b>	07/03/1994	24	Everton	-			0	0
<b>Defenders</b>									
-	Danny <b>Rose</b>	02/07/1990	28	Tottenham	-			0	0
-	Kieran <b>Trippier</b>	19/09/1990	27	Tottenham	-			0	0
-	Kyle <b>Walker</b>	28/05/1990	28	Man. City	-			0	0
-	James <b>Tarkowski</b>	19/11/1992	25	Burnley	-			0	0
-	Luke <b>Shaw</b>	12/07/1995	23	Man. United	-			0	0
-	Joe <b>Gomez</b>	23/05/1997	21	Liverpool	-			0	0
-	John <b>Stones</b>	28/05/1994	24	Man. City	-			0	0
-	Harry <b>Maguire</b>	05/03/1993	25	Leicester	-			0	0
-	Trent <b>Alexander-Arnold</b>	07/10/1998	19	Liverpool	-			0	0
<b>Midfielders</b>									
-	Fabian <b>Delph</b>	21/11/1989	28	Man. City	-			0	0
-	Jordan <b>Henderson</b>	17/06/1990	28	Liverpool	-			0	0
-	Jesse <b>Lingard</b>	15/12/1992	25	Man. United	-			0	0
-	Eric <b>Dier</b>	15/01/1994	24	Tottenham	-			0	0
-	Dele <b>Alli</b>	11/04/1996	22	Tottenham	-			0	0
<b>Forwards</b>									
-	Danny <b>Welbeck</b>	26/11/1990	27	Arsenal	-			0	0
-	Harry <b>Kane</b>	28/07/1993	25	Tottenham	-			0	0
-	Ruben <b>Loftus-Cheek</b>	23/01/1996	22	Chelsea	-			0	0
-	Marcus <b>Rashford</b>	31/10/1997	20	Man. United	-			0	0
<b>Coach</b>									
-	Gareth Southgate	03/09/1970	48		-			0	0

## Spain

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	League phase		Pld	Gls		
<b>Goalkeepers</b>											
1	David de Gea	07/11/1990	27	Man. United	-			0	0		
13	Kepa Arrizabalaga	03/10/1994	23	Chelsea	-			0	0		
23	Pau	13/12/1994	23	Betis	-			0	0		
<b>Defenders</b>											
2	Dani Carvajal	11/01/1992	26	Real Madrid	-			0	0		
3	Raúl Albiol	04/09/1985	33	Napoli	-			0	0		
4	Nacho	18/01/1990	28	Real Madrid	-			0	0		
6	Iñigo Martínez	17/05/1991	27	Athletic	-			0	0		
12	Marcos Alonso	28/12/1990	27	Chelsea	-			0	0		
14	César Azpilicueta	28/08/1989	29	Chelsea	-			0	0		
15	Sergio Ramos	30/03/1986	32	Real Madrid	-			0	0		
18	José Gayà	25/05/1995	23	Valencia	-			0	0		
<b>Midfielders</b>											
5	Sergio Busquets	16/07/1988	30	Barcelona	-			0	0		
8	Saúl Ñíguez	21/11/1994	23	Atlético	-			0	0		
10	Thiago Alcántara	11/04/1991	27	Bayern	-			0	0		
11	Suso	19/11/1993	24	Milan	-			0	0		
16	Rodri	22/06/1996	22	Atlético	-			0	0		
19	Sergi Roberto	07/02/1992	26	Barcelona	-			0	0		
20	Marco Asensio	21/01/1996	22	Real Madrid	-			0	0		
21	Dani Ceballos	07/08/1996	22	Real Madrid	-			0	0		
22	Isco	21/04/1992	26	Real Madrid	-			0	0		
<b>Forwards</b>											
7	Álvaro Morata	23/10/1992	25	Chelsea	-			0	0		
9	Rodrigo	06/03/1991	27	Valencia	-			0	0		
17	Iago Aspas	01/08/1987	31	Celta	-			0	0		
<b>Coach</b>											
-	Luis Enrique	08/05/1970	48		-			0	0		

## Head coach

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### Gareth Southgate

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**Date of birth:** 3 September 1970

**Nationality:** English

**Playing career:** Crystal Palace, Aston Villa, Middlesbrough

**Coaching career:** Middlesbrough, England Under-21s, England

- Came through the ranks at Palace, initially as a midfielder, becoming captain and leading the club to promotion to the Premier League in 1993/94. Moved on to Villa following relegation in 1995 and was converted into a centre-back, winning the League Cup in his first season and helping the team reach the 2000 FA Cup final.
- Won 57 caps for England, although perhaps best known for missing a crucial penalty against Germany in the EURO '96 semi-final at Wembley; also appeared at the 1998 FIFA World Cup and UEFA EURO 2000.
- Left Villa for Middlesbrough in 2001 and became the first Boro captain to lift a trophy, skippering the side to victory against Sam Allardyce's Bolton in the 2004 League Cup final; also helped Boro reach the UEFA Cup final in memorable fashion two years later.
- Defeat by Sevilla in Eindhoven proved Southgate's last game as he moved into the Middlesbrough dug-out to succeed Steve McClaren following the latter's departure for England; kept them in the Premier League until 2009, when they were relegated with Southgate dismissed that October.
- Joined the Football Association in 2011, initially as head of elite development before taking over as Under-21 coach two years later; appointed caretaker manager of the national side in September 2016 following Allardyce's departure. Subsequently took the role full time and led the side to the 2018 World Cup in Russia, England ultimately reaching the semi-finals for the first time since 1990.

### Luis Enrique

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**Date of birth:** 8 May 1970

**Nationality:** Spanish

**Playing career:** Sporting Gijón, Real Madrid, Barcelona

**Coaching career:** Barcelona B, Roma, Celta Vigo, Barcelona, Spain

- Known for his versatility, Luis Enrique spent the bulk of his playing career with Spain's two most successful clubs having started out at home-town side Sporting Gijón.
- Won the Liga and Copa del Rey with Madrid and twice with Barcelona – whom he surprisingly joined on a free transfer from the Merengues in 1996 – and the UEFA Cup Winners' Cup and UEFA Super Cup at the Camp Nou, where he played under, among others, Sir Bobby Robson, Louis van Gaal and Frank Rijkaard.
- A scorer of 12 goals in 62 appearances for Spain and an Olympic gold medallist on home soil in 1992, Enrique took up both endurance running and triathlon before moving into coaching with Barcelona B in 2008, succeeding his former Azulgrana team-mate Josep Guardiola.
- Appointed coach of Roma in June 2011 but held the post for just one season after a disappointing campaign. Resurfaced at Celta in summer 2013, leading the Galician side to a ninth-place finish in the Liga in his only season in charge.
- Left in May 2014 and was soon announced as Gerardo Martino's replacement at Barcelona on a two-year contract. After a challenging first half of the season, 16 wins from 19 league games in the second half secured a Liga title, the Copa del Rey and UEFA Champions League following as Luis Enrique emulated Guardiola in winning the treble in his first season in charge, adding another league and cup double in 2015/16. Stepped down in 2017 after another cup win, and appointed Spain coach the following July.

## Match officials

<b>Referee</b>	Danny Makkelie (NED)
<b>Assistant referees</b>	Mario Diks (NED) , Hessel Steegstra (NED)
<b>Additional assistant referees</b>	Kevin Blom (NED) , Kamphuis Jochem (NED)
<b>Fourth official</b>	Rob van de Ven (NED)
<b>UEFA Delegate</b>	Per Svärd (SWE)
<b>UEFA Referee observer</b>	Itchko Lozev (BUL)

## Referee

Name	Date of birth		UEFA matches
Danny Makkelie	28/01/1983	0	51

## UEFA Nations League matches between the two teams

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	Club Atlético de Madrid	Strømsgodset IF	2-1	Madrid
09/07/2012	U19	GS-FT	France	England	1-2	Tallinn
15/07/2012	U19	Final	Spain	Greece	1-0	Tallinn
09/08/2012	UEL	3QR	NK Slaven Kopriwnica	Athletic Club	2-1	Kopriwnica
22/11/2012	UEL	GS	Newcastle United FC	CS Marítimo	1-1	Newcastle
12/12/2013	UEL	GS	Real Betis Balompié	HNK Rijeka	0-0	Seville
21/10/2014	UCL	GS	Chelsea FC	NK Maribor	6-0	London
18/06/2015	U21	GS-FT	England	Portugal	0-1	Uherske Hradiste
08/12/2015	UCL	GS	Manchester City FC	VfL Borussia Mönchengladbach	4-2	Manchester
27/05/2016	FRIE.	GS-FT	England	Australia	2-1	Sunderland
28/09/2016	UCL	GS	Arsenal FC	FC Basel 1893	2-0	London
16/02/2017	UEL	R32	Villarreal CF	AS Roma	0-4	Villarreal
13/09/2017	UCL	GS	Liverpool FC	Sevilla FC	2-2	Liverpool
05/12/2017	UCL	GS	Chelsea FC	Club Atlético de Madrid	1-1	London
13/03/2018	UCL	R16	Manchester United FC	Sevilla FC	1-2	Manchester
04/04/2018	UCL	QF	FC Barcelona	AS Roma	4-1	Barcelona

## Competition facts

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### What is the background to the UEFA Nations League?

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The rejuvenation of national team football – and the UEFA Nations League – stems from the desire of UEFA and its 55 member associations to improve the quality and standing of national team football. UEFA and its associations wanted more sporting meaning in national team football, with associations, coaches, players and supporters increasingly of the opinion that friendly matches are not providing adequate competition for national teams.

Extensive consultation and discussions started as far back as the 2011 UEFA Strategy Meeting in Cyprus and continued at a series of Top Executive Programme (TEP) meetings over the following three years. The UEFA Nations League was unanimously adopted at the XXXVIII Ordinary UEFA Congress in Astana on 27 March 2014.

### What is the basic format?

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The format of the UEFA Nations League features promotion and relegation. The 55 European national teams have been divided into four leagues in accordance with UEFA's national association coefficient rankings on 11 October 2017.

League A includes the top-ranked sides and League D includes the lowest:

#### League A

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Group A1: Germany, France, Netherlands

Group A2: Belgium, Switzerland, Iceland

Group A3: Portugal, Italy, Poland

Group A4: Spain, England, Croatia

Teams have been split into four groups of three, with the group winners then contesting the UEFA Nations League Finals (semi-finals, third-place match and final) in June 2019 to become the UEFA Nations League winners. One host country will be appointed in December 2018 from among the finalist teams.

The four teams that finish bottom of their groups will be relegated to League B for the 2020 edition.

The top four ranked teams that do not qualify for UEFA EURO 2020 will enter a play-off in March 2020, with one final place on offer.

#### League B

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Group B1: Slovakia, Ukraine, Czech Republic

Group B2: Russia, Sweden, Turkey

Group B3: Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Northern Ireland

Group B4: Wales, Republic of Ireland, Denmark

Teams have been split into four groups of three.

The four group winners are promoted to League A, with the four sides that finish bottom relegated to League C for the next competition to be played in 2020.

The top four ranked teams that do not qualify for UEFA EURO 2020 will enter a play-off in March 2020, with one final place on offer.

#### League C

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Group C1: Scotland, Albania, Israel

Group C2: Hungary, Greece, Finland, Estonia

Group C3: Slovenia, Norway, Bulgaria, Cyprus

Group C4: Romania, Serbia, Montenegro, Lithuania

Teams have been split into one group of three (containing teams from Pots 1, 2 and 3 only) and three groups of four. Due to winter venue restrictions, a group could contain a maximum of two of these teams: Norway, Finland, Estonia, Lithuania.

The four group winners are promoted to League B, with the four sides that finish bottom relegated to League D for the 2020 edition.

The top four ranked teams that do not qualify for UEFA EURO 2020 will enter a play-off in March 2020, with one final place on offer.

#### League D

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Group D1: Georgia, Latvia, Kazakhstan, Andorra

Group D2: Belarus, Luxembourg, Moldova, San Marino

Group D3: Azerbaijan, Faroe Islands, Malta, Kosovo

Group D4: FYR Macedonia, Armenia, Liechtenstein, Gibraltar

Teams have been split into four groups of four.

Due to excessive travel restrictions, any group could not contain a maximum of one of these pairs: Andorra & Kazakhstan, Faroe Islands & Kazakhstan, Gibraltar & Kazakhstan, Gibraltar & Azerbaijan

The four group winners are promoted to League C for the 2020 edition.

The top four ranked teams that do not qualify for UEFA EURO 2020 will enter a play-off in March 2020, with one final place on offer.

Leagues A and B consist of four groups of three teams

League C comprises one group of three teams and three groups of four sides

League D is formed by four groups of four teams

The League Phase Draw for the UEFA Nations League took place at the SwissTech Convention Centre in Lausanne on 24 January 2018.

In each league, four group winners are promoted (or play in the Finals, see below) and four teams are relegated for the next competition to be played in 2020.

The overall UEFA Nations League rankings will determine the composition of the draw pots for the subsequent European Qualifiers.

In addition, the UEFA Nations League will provide teams with another chance to qualify for the UEFA EURO final tournament, with four sides qualifying through play-off matches which take place in March 2020 (see below).

## **When will the UEFA Nations League take place?**

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The UEFA Nations League will take place as follows:

See the full fixture list.

The UEFA Nations League group games are being held over six matchdays, during the 'double-headers' in September, October and November 2018. The UEFA Nations League Finals competition for the teams that win the four groups within the top division is scheduled for June 2019.

For the UEFA Nations League Finals, the group winners of UEFA Nations League A will play in a knockout format (semi-finals, third-place match and final) in June 2019 to become the UEFA Nations League winners. One host country will be formally appointed by the UEFA Executive Committee in December 2018 from one of the nations competing in the final four. Italy, Poland and Portugal (all in Group A3) have expressed interest.

The play-off matches will be staged in March 2020 (see below).

## **Will qualifying for the UEFA EURO change?**

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The changes to UEFA EURO qualifying will make it more streamlined. The equation is now simple: ten groups with the top two teams in each group qualifying automatically, and the other four places being awarded to European Qualifiers play-off winners, in which the 16 group winners of the UEFA Nations League will be in contention.

The UEFA EURO 2020 qualifying draw will be made after the completion of the UEFA Nations League and allow for the four UEFA Nations League Finals participants to be drawn into groups of five teams.

But the key principle of the qualifiers remains: that every team can play every team.

The European Qualifiers for UEFA EURO 2020 commence in March 2019. There will be two matchdays in each of March, June, September, October and November 2019. In total, there will be five groups of five teams and five groups of six teams (ten groups in all) playing over ten matchdays (the same number as now). The winner and runner-up in each of the ten groups will qualify automatically for the UEFA EURO 2020 final tournament (June 2020).

The last four EURO places will be won through the European Qualifiers play-offs, which will take place in March 2020 and which will be contested by the 16 UEFA Nations League group winners.

If a group winner has already qualified via the European Qualifiers, then their spot will go to the next best-ranked team in their league. If a league does not have four teams to compete, the remaining slots are allocated to teams from another league, according to the overall UEFA Nations League ranking.

Each league will have a path of its own and each path will feature two single-leg semi-finals and one single-leg final. The winner of each path will win a ticket to UEFA EURO 2020.

## **How are the overall UEFA Nations League rankings calculated?**

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Within each league (A, B, C and D), the overall ranking will be calculated based on position in the group then points, goal difference, goals scored, away goals scored, wins, away wins, disciplinary points, coefficient ranking.

## **What are the advantages for national associations and teams?**

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National associations and coaches, in consultations with UEFA, revealed that they feel that friendly internationals are not providing adequate sporting competition. The UEFA Nations League creates more meaningful and competitive matches for teams and a dedicated calendar and structure for national team football.

Top teams can also aspire to take part in the UEFA Nations League Finals, a new top-level event.

For middle-ranking and smaller nations, the UEFA Nations League will offer an extra way to qualify for UEFA EURO final tournaments. Lower-tier countries – the bottom 16 in the rankings – are now guaranteed one of the 24 qualifying slots for UEFA EURO.

Lower-ranking teams who have struggled against sides ranked considerably higher than them will now get the chance to take part in balanced matches. Teams do not learn and progress by repeatedly losing; now some sides will start winning.

While the UEFA Nations League will replace most friendly internationals, there will still be space in the calendar for friendlies, especially for top teams who may want to face opposition from outside Europe as they will be in groups of three teams.

Associations and teams benefit from clarity of the fixture calendar, and there is now a clear buffer between the end of the UEFA EURO and FIFA World Cup, and vice versa, as well as stability of income.

## **What are the advantages for supporters?**

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Supporters more than most realise that most friendlies fail to deliver competitive and meaningful football. Now they will have the opportunity to see their teams play in more competitive matches, take part in a new competition and get a second chance to qualify for the major tournaments.

In every even year there are World Cup or UEFA EURO champions; now in every odd year there will be a UEFA Nations League winners. Football is about competition and now, just like in club football, there will be a national team champion at the close of every season.

## **Will this mean more demands on players and clubs?**

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No: the UEFA Nations League and European Qualifiers will adhere to the existing agreed international match calendar. UEFA is always keen to preserve the balance between club and international football. The new competition should, in fact, reduce demands on players and clubs with less travel envisaged for friendly games while national teams will be playing more consistently at their own level. With double-header matchweeks, players will even go back to their clubs earlier than is currently the case.

## **Is this just about generating more revenue?**

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No, finances are not a driver for the new competition. However, the competition will have the same centralised media rights as have recently been introduced for all European Qualifiers so associations will have even more stability in their income.

## **Will there be no more friendly internationals?**

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There will certainly be fewer friendly internationals and undoubtedly fewer meaningless friendlies. However, there will still be space in the calendar for friendly internationals – particularly warm-up matches for final tournaments. UEFA is also keen that European teams will still have the chance to play opponents from other confederations.

## Match-by-match lineups

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### England

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#### UEFA Nations League - Group stage – final tournament

##### Group A4

Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Croatia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>England</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Spain	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

##### Matchday 1 (08/09/2018)

England-Spain

##### Matchday 3 (12/10/2018)

Croatia-England

##### Matchday 4 (15/10/2018)

Spain-England

##### Matchday 6 (18/11/2018)

England-Croatia

### Spain

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#### UEFA Nations League - Group stage – final tournament

##### Matchday 1 (08/09/2018)

England-Spain

##### Matchday 2 (11/09/2018)

Spain-Croatia

##### Matchday 4 (15/10/2018)

Spain-England

##### Matchday 5 (15/11/2018)

Croatia-Spain

## Legend

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## Competitions

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