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Netherlands

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Group A - Matchday 2



Belarus

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Previous meetings

Head to Head

UEFA EURO 2008

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
21/11/2007	QR (GS)	Belarus - Netherlands	2-1	Minsk	Bulyga 49, Korytko 65; Van der Vaart 89
06/09/2006	QR (GS)	Netherlands - Belarus	3-0	Eindhoven	Van Persie 32, 78, Kuyt 90+1

UEFA EURO 2004

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
07/06/2003	PR (GS)	Belarus - Netherlands	0-2	Minsk	Overmars 61, Kluyvert 68
07/09/2002	PR (GS)	Netherlands - Belarus	3-0	Eindhoven	Davids 35, Kluyvert 37, Hasselbaink 73

EURO '96

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
06/09/1995	PR (GS)	Netherlands - Belarus	1-0	Rotterdam	Mulder 83
07/06/1995	PR (GS)	Belarus - Netherlands	1-0	Minsk	Gerasimets 27

	Qualifying								Final tournament				Total					
	Home				Away													
	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
Total																		
Netherlands	3	3	0	0	3	1	0	2	-	-	-	-	6	4	0	2	10	3
Belarus	3	2	0	1	3	0	0	3	-	-	-	-	6	2	0	4	3	10

Squad list

Netherlands

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season					
						Qual.		FT			
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls		
Goalkeepers											
-	Jeroen Zoet	06/01/1991	25	PSV	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Jasper Cillessen	22/04/1989	27	Barcelona	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Maarten Stekelenburg	22/09/1982	34	Everton	-	0	0	0	0		
Defenders											
-	Daley Blind	09/03/1990	26	Man. United	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Stefan de Vrij	05/02/1992	24	Lazio	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Joël Veltman	15/01/1992	24	Ajax	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Jeffrey Bruma	13/11/1991	24	Wolfsburg	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Terence Kongolo	14/02/1994	22	Feyenoord	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Jetro Willems	30/03/1994	22	PSV	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Virgil Van Dijk	08/07/1991	25	Southampton	*	1	0	0	0		
Midfielders											
-	Wesley Sneijder	09/06/1984	32	Galatasaray	-	1	1	0	0		
-	Georginio Wijnaldum	11/11/1990	25	Liverpool	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Siem de Jong	28/01/1989	27	PSV	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Jordy Clasie	27/06/1991	25	Southampton	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Kevin Strootman	13/02/1990	26	Roma	*	1	0	0	0		
-	Davy Klaassen	21/02/1993	23	Ajax	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Davy Pröpper	02/09/1991	25	PSV	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Quincy Promes	04/01/1992	24	Spartak Moskva	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Rick Karsdorp	11/02/1995	21	Feyenoord	-	0	0	0	0		
Forwards											
-	Luciano Narsingh	13/09/1990	26	PSV	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Bas Dost	31/05/1989	27	Sporting CP	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Memphis Depay	13/02/1994	22	Man. United	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Vincent Janssen	15/06/1994	22	Tottenham	-	1	0	0	0		
Coach											
-	Danny Blind	01/08/1961	55		-	1	0	0	0		

Belarus

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season					
						Qual.		FT			
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls		
Goalkeepers											
-	Aleksandr Gutor	18/04/1989	27	Orenburg	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Andrei Gorbunov	29/05/1983	33	Atromitos	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Sergei Chernik	20/07/1988	28	Nancy	-	0	0	0	0		
Defenders											
-	Maksim Bordachev	18/05/1986	30	Tom	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Aleksandr Martynovich	26/08/1987	29	Ural	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Mikhail Sivakov	16/01/1988	28	Zorya	*	1	0	0	0		
-	Yegor Filipenko	10/04/1988	28	M. Tel-Aviv	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Sergei Politevich	09/04/1990	26	Gençlerbirliği	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Denis Polyakov	17/04/1991	25	BATE	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Evgeni Klopotski	12/08/1993	23	Torpedo Zhodino	-	0	0	0	0		
Midfielders											
-	Aleksandr Hleb	01/05/1981	35	BATE	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Timofei Kalachev	01/05/1981	35	Rostov	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Sergei Kislyak	06/08/1987	29	Gaziantepspor	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Stanislav Dragun	04/06/1988	28	Dinamo Moskva	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Sergei Krivets	08/06/1986	30	Wisla Plock	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Aleksei Rios	14/05/1987	29	BATE	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Ivan Maevski	05/05/1988	28	Anji	*	1	0	0	0		
-	Maksim Volodko	10/11/1992	23	BATE	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Nikita Korzun	06/03/1995	21	Dynamo Kyiv	-	1	0	0	0		
Forwards											
-	Sergei Kornilenko	14/06/1983	33	Krylya Sovetov	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Mikhail Gordeichuk	23/10/1989	26	BATE	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Nikolai Signevich	20/02/1992	24	BATE	-	1	0	0	0		
Coach											
-	Aleksandr Khatskevich	19/10/1973	42		-	1	0	0	0		

Head coach

Danny Blind

Date of birth: 01 August 1961

Nationality: Dutch

Playing career: RC Souburg, Sparta Rotterdam, AFC Ajax

Coaching career: AFC Ajax

- Born in Oost-Souburg, in the Zeeland province, Blind played for local amateur outfit Souburg before joining Sparta in 1979. Making his Eredivisie debut in the same year – against AZ Alkmaar on 29 August – he helped Sparta qualify for the UEFA Cup on two occasions.
- Signed by Johan Cruyff in July 1986, Blind became Ajax's defensive cornerstone – winning 16 trophies, including five Dutch championships. The club also excelled in Europe, winning the UEFA Cup in 1992, with Blind captaining the side to a UEFA Champions League final defeat of AC Milan in 1995. He added the UEFA Super Cup and the Intercontinental Cup later that year.
- Having made his international bow for the Netherlands against Scotland on 29 April 1986, Blind ended his Oranje career 20 years later following a quarter-final penalty shoot-out defeat against France at EURO '96.
- Appointed head of youth development at De Toekomst – Ajax's world famous academy – in 2003, having joined the club's technical staff after retiring in 1999 following 537 Dutch top-flight matches for the Dutch giants. Succeeded Ronald Koeman as Ajax coach in February 2005 but sacked 13 months later despite winning Dutch Cup and Dutch Super Cup. Returned to Ajax as technical director in 2008 following a stint at Sparta in a similar role, later becoming assistant to Martin Jol.
- Left Ajax in 2012, hired as assistant to Netherlands coach Louis van Gaal in July. Helped guide the Oranje to third place at the 2014 FIFA World Cup. Confirmed as next Netherlands coach after UEFA EURO 2016, but appointed in July 2015, a year early, after Van Gaal's successor Guus Hiddink stepped down during an ultimately unsuccessful qualifying campaign.

Aleksandr Khatskevich

Nationality: Belarus

Date of birth: 19 October 1973

Playing career: FC Dinamo Minsk (twice), FC Dynamo Kyiv, Tianjin Teda FC, FK Venta

Coaching career: FC Dinamo Minsk, Belarus Under-18, FC Vitebsk, Ukraine (assistant), FC Dynamo Kyiv (reserves), Belarus

- Born in the Belarusian capital, Khatskevich was schooled at FC Dinamo Minsk where he won four national championships before moving abroad.
- Khatskevich made his name as a central midfielder with FC Dynamo Kyiv, collecting seven Ukrainian titles from 1996–2003. Reached the UEFA Champions League semi-finals with Dynamo in 1998/99 and was Belarusian Player of the Year in 1998 and 2000.
- Capped 38 times between 1993 and 2005, Khatskevich's playing career wound down with spells in China and Latvia, before a closing shift back at Dinamo Minsk.
- He went straight into coaching with periods in charge of Dinamo Minsk, Belarus's Under-18s and FC Vitebsk before once more returning to Ukraine.
- Worked on Myron Markevich's coaching staff with the Ukraine national team, and under his successor Yuriy Kalotyntsev; replaced Georgi Kondratyev as Belarus coach in December 2014 after a stint with Dynamo Kyiv's youth and reserve sides.

Match officials

Referee	Craig Thomson (SCO)
Assistant referees	David McGeachie (SCO) , Francis Connor (SCO)
Fourth official	John Beaton (SCO)
FIFA Match Commissioner	Graham Hover (ENG)
Referee observer	Edgar Steinborn (GER)

Referee

Name	Date of birth		UEFA matches
Craig Thomson	20/06/1972	3	86

FIFA World Cup matches involving teams from 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
27/08/2009	UEL	PO	Villarreal CF	NAC Breda	6-1	Villarreal
23/11/2010	UCL	GS	AFC Ajax	Real Madrid CF	0-4	Amsterdam
08/03/2012	UEL	R16	FC Twente	FC Schalke 04	1-0	Enschede
23/10/2012	UCL	GS	FC BATE Borisov	Valencia CF	0-3	Minsk
20/03/2014	UEL	R16	FC Anji	AZ Alkmaar	0-0	Ramenskoye
06/11/2014	UEL	GS	Feyenoord	HNK Rijeka	2-0	Rotterdam
18/08/2015	UCL	PO	FC BATE Borisov	FK Partizan	1-0	Borisov

Competition facts

The Week of Football concept enables fans around the world to enjoy the very best action from the European Qualifiers – which will determine UEFA's representatives at the 2018 FIFA World Cup in Russia.

Qualifying for the 2018 FIFA World Cup comprises nine groups of six teams, with matches played on a home-and-away basis.

Qualifying takes place under the 'Week of Football' concept, introduced ahead of the UEFA EURO 2016 qualifying campaign, in which games are spread out from Thursday to Tuesday, shining the spotlight on more teams on the road to the finals in Russia. Moreover, thanks to the Week of Football, at least 43% of matches will be played on weekends, giving fans a better chance to follow the action on television, in the stadiums and on UEFA.com.

Kick-off times will be set mainly at 18:00CET and 20:45CET on Saturdays and Sundays and at 20:45CET for Thursdays, Fridays, Mondays and Tuesdays. In double-header matchweeks, sides will play on Thursday/Sunday, Friday/Monday or Saturday/Tuesday. Each day of the Week of Football will feature eight to ten games.

The nine group winners will qualify directly for the final tournament. The eight best runners-up will contest play-offs to decide the last four qualifiers for the finals.

The 13 qualifiers then join hosts Russia in the finals to make it 14 UEFA member associations represented.

How qualification works

The other confederations have the following qualifying berths:

Africa: 5

Asia: 4.5

North and Central America and Caribbean: 3.5

Oceania: 0.5

South America: 4.5

Match-by-match lineups

Netherlands

FIFA World Cup - Qualifying round

Group A

Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Bulgaria	1	1	0	0	4	3	3
Netherlands	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Sweden	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Belarus	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
France	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Luxembourg	1	0	0	1	3	4	0

Matchday 1 (06/09/2016)

Sweden 1-1 Netherlands

Goals: 1-0 Berg 42, 1-1 Sneijder 67

Netherlands: Zoet, Janmaat, Bruma, Van Dijk, Blind, Strootman, Klaassen, Wijnaldum (66 Dost), Janssen, Sneijder, Promes (78 Berghuis)

Matchday 2 (07/10/2016)

Netherlands-Belarus

Matchday 3 (10/10/2016)

Netherlands-France

Matchday 4 (13/11/2016)

Luxembourg-Netherlands

Matchday 5 (25/03/2017)

Bulgaria-Netherlands

Matchday 6 (09/06/2017)

Netherlands-Luxembourg

Matchday 7 (31/08/2017)

France-Netherlands

Matchday 8 (03/09/2017)

Netherlands-Bulgaria

Matchday 9 (07/10/2017)

Belarus-Netherlands

Matchday 10 (10/10/2017)

Netherlands-Sweden

Belarus

FIFA World Cup - Qualifying round

Matchday 1 (06/09/2016)

Belarus 0-0 France

Belarus: Gorbunov, Polyakov, Politevich, Korzun, Stasevich (69 Krivets), Gordeichuk (85 M. Volodko), Sivakov, Maevski, Bordachev, Signevich (81 Kornilenko), Kalachev

Matchday 2 (07/10/2016)

Netherlands-Belarus

Matchday 3 (10/10/2016)

Belarus-Luxembourg

Matchday 4 (13/11/2016)

Bulgaria-Belarus

Matchday 5 (25/03/2017)

Sweden-Belarus

Matchday 6 (09/06/2017)

Belarus-Bulgaria

Matchday 7 (31/08/2017)

Luxembourg-Belarus

Matchday 8 (03/09/2017)

Belarus-Sweden

Matchday 9 (07/10/2017)

Belarus-Netherlands

Matchday 10 (10/10/2017)

France-Belarus

Legend

Competitions

Club competitions

UCL: UEFA Champions League
ECCC: European Champion Clubs' Cup
UEL: UEFA Europa League
UCUP: UEFA Cup
UCWC: UEFA Cup Winners' Cup
SCUP: UEFA Super Cup
UIC: UEFA Intertoto Cup
ICF: Inter-Cities Fairs Cup

National team competitions

EURO: UEFA European Football Championship
WC: FIFA World Cup
CONFCUP: FIFA Confederations Cup
FRIE: Friendly internationals
U21FRIE: Under-21 friendly internationals
U21: UEFA European Under-21 Championship
U17: UEFA Under-17 Championship
U16: UEFA European Under-16 Championship
U19: UEFA Under-19 Championship
U18: UEFA European Under-18 Championship
WWC: FIFA Women's World Cup
WEURO: UEFA European Women's Championship

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

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

Statistics

-: Denotes player substituted
*****: Denotes player sent off

+: Denotes player introduced
+/-: Denotes player introduced and substituted

Squad list

D: Disciplinary
*****: Misses next match if booked
S: Suspended

Overall: Total appearances in the UEFA European Under-21 Championship final tournament only

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