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Bulgaria

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Previous meetings

Head to Head

EURO '96

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
18/06/1996	GS-FT	France - Bulgaria	3-1	Newcastle	Blanc 21, Penev 63 (og), Loko 90; Stoichkov 69

FIFA World Cup

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
17/11/1993	QR (GS)	France - Bulgaria	1-2	Paris	Cantona 32; Kostadinov 37, 90
09/09/1992	QR (GS)	Bulgaria - France	2-0	Sofia	Stoichkov 22, Balakov 30

FIFA World Cup

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
02/05/1985	QR (GS)	Bulgaria - France	2-0	Sofia	Dimitrov 11, Sirakov 61
21/11/1984	QR (GS)	France - Bulgaria	1-0	Paris	Platini 62 (P)

FIFA World Cup

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
16/11/1977	QR (GS)	France - Bulgaria	3-1	Paris	Rocheteau 38, Platini 63, Dalger 89; Tzvetkov 85
09/10/1976	QR (GS)	Bulgaria - France	2-2	Sofia	Bonev 45, Panov 68; Platini 37, Lacombe 40

1972 UEFA European Championship

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
04/12/1971	PR (GS)	Bulgaria - France	2-1	Sofia	Zhekov 47, Mihaylov 82; Blanchet 84
10/11/1971	PR (GS)	France - Bulgaria	2-1	Nantes	Lech 64, Loubet 84; Bonev 54 (P)

1964 UEFA European Championship

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
26/10/1963	1/8	France - Bulgaria	3-1 agg: 3-2	Paris	Goujon 44, 81, Herbin 78; Yakimov 75
29/09/1963	1/8	Bulgaria - France	1-0	Sofia	Diev 24

FIFA World Cup

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
16/12/1961	QR (GS)	Bulgaria - France	1-0	Milan	Yakimov 47
12/11/1961	QR (GS)	Bulgaria - France	1-0	Sofia	Iliev 89
11/12/1960	QR (GS)	France - Bulgaria	3-0	Colombes-Paris	Wisnieski 48, Marcel 58, Cossou 80

	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																		
France	5	4	0	1	6	0	1	5	3	2	0	1	21	8	4	9	33	26
Bulgaria	6	5	1	0	5	1	0	4	3	1	0	2	21	9	4	8	26	33

Squad list

France

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season					
						Qual.		FT			
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls		
Goalkeepers											
-	Hugo Lloris	26/12/1986	29	Tottenham	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Steve Mandanda	28/03/1985	31	Crystal Palace	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Alphonse Aréola	27/02/1993	23	Paris	-	0	0	0	0		
Defenders											
-	Bacary Sagna	14/02/1983	33	Man. City	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Lucas Digne	20/07/1993	23	Barcelona	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Laurent Koscielny	10/09/1985	31	Arsenal	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Layvin Kurzawa	04/09/1992	24	Paris	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Djibril Sidibé	29/07/1992	24	Monaco	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Raphaël Varane	25/04/1993	23	Real Madrid	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Aymeric Laporte	27/05/1994	22	Athletic	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Presnel Kimpembe	13/08/1995	21	Paris	-	0	0	0	0		
Midfielders											
-	Yohan Cabaye	14/01/1986	30	Crystal Palace	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Blaise Matuidi	09/04/1987	29	Paris	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Moussa Sissoko	16/08/1989	27	Tottenham	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Dimitri Payet	29/03/1987	29	West Ham	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Paul Pogba	15/03/1993	23	Man. United	-	1	0	0	0		
-	N'Golo Kanté	29/03/1991	25	Chelsea	-	1	0	0	0		
Forwards											
-	Kevin Gameiro	09/05/1987	29	Atlético	-	1	0	0	0		
-	André-Pierre Gignac	05/12/1985	30	Tigres	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Antoine Griezmann	21/03/1991	25	Atlético	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Anthony Martial	05/12/1995	20	Man. United	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Kingsley Coman	13/06/1996	20	Bayern	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Nabil Fekir	18/07/1993	23	Lyon	-	0	0	0	0		
Coach											
-	Didier Deschamps	15/10/1968	47		-	1	0	0	0		

Bulgaria

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season					
						Qual.		FT			
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls		
Goalkeepers											
-	Vladislav Stoyanov	08/06/1987	29	Ludogorets	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Bozhidar Mitrev	31/03/1987	29	Sheriff	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Blagoy Makendzhiev	11/07/1988	28	Beroe	-	0	0	0	0		
Defenders											
-	Zhivko Milanov	15/07/1984	32	APOEL	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Aleksandar Aleksandrov	13/04/1986	30	Levski	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Vasil Bozhikov	02/06/1988	28	Kasimpaşa	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Strahil Popov	31/08/1990	26	Kasimpaşa	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Anton Nedyalkov	30/04/1993	23	CSKA-Sofia	*	1	0	0	0		
-	Bozhidar Chorbadzhiyski	30/11/1995	20	CSKA-Sofia	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Dimitar Pirgov	26/10/1989	26	Levski	-	0	0	0	0		
Midfielders											
-	Ivelin Popov	26/10/1987	28	Spartak Moskva	*	1	1	0	0		
-	Svetoslav Dyakov	31/05/1984	32	Ludogorets	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Georgi Milanov	19/02/1992	24	CSKA Moskva	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Ivaylo Chochev	18/02/1993	23	Palermo	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Simeon Slavchev	25/09/1993	23	Lechia	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Todor Nedelev	07/02/1993	23	Botev Plovdiv	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Martin Rainov	25/04/1992	24	Lokomotiv Plovdiv	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Georgi Kostadinov	07/09/1990	26	Levski	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Mihail Alexandrov	11/06/1989	27	Legia	-	1	0	0	0		
Forwards											
-	Dimitar Rangelov	09/02/1983	33	Konyaspor	-	1	1	0	0		
-	Alexandar Tonev	03/02/1990	26	Crotone	*	1	1	0	0		
-	Andrej Galabinov	27/11/1988	27	Novara	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Marcelinho	24/08/1984	32	Ludogorets	*	1	1	0	0		
Coach											
-	Petar Houbtchev	26/02/1964	52		-	0	0	0	0		

Head coach

Didier Deschamps

Date of birth: 15 October 1968

Nationality: French

Playing career: FC Nantes, Olympique de Marseille (twice), FC Girondins de Bordeaux, Juventus, Chelsea FC, Valencia CF

Coaching career: AS Monaco FC, Juventus, Olympique de Marseille, France

- A product of Nantes's highly rated youth system, Deschamps had success with Marseille as a defensive midfielder, winning Ligue 1 in 1990 and 1992 and captaining them to UEFA Champions League glory in 1993.
- Signed for Juve in 1994 and won the UEFA Champions League again in 1996, adding three Serie A titles, a Coppa Italia and a European/South American Cup. Left in 1999 for Chelsea, staying one season and lifting the FA Cup, before ending his career with a year in Valencia, watching from the bench as they lost the 2001 UEFA Champions League final to FC Bayern München.
- Skipped France to victory on home soil at the 1998 FIFA World Cup and also at UEFA EURO 2000, retiring that year with 103 caps.
- Started coaching career in 2001 with Monaco, landing the French League Cup in 2003 and reaching the UEFA Champions League final a year later, going down to José Mourinho's FC Porto. Resigned in September 2005 and joined his old club Juventus, then in Serie B, the following June. Stepped down after securing promotion back to Serie A in May 2007.
- Appointed Marseille boss in May 2009, replacing Eric Gerets. Ended OM's 18-year wait for the Ligue 1 championship in his first term and added a maiden League Cup, retaining the latter trophy in the next two campaigns. Succeeded Laurent Blanc after UEFA EURO 2012 and guided France to the 2014 World Cup, where they lost to eventual winners Germany in the quarter-finals, and then to the final of UEFA EURO 2016 on home soil only to lose to Portugal in extra time.

Petar Hubchev

Date of birth: 26 February 1964

Nationality: Bulgarian

Playing career: PFC Litex Lovech, PFC Levski Sofia, Hamburger SV, Eintracht Frankfurt

Coaching career: PFC Slavia Sofia, Chernomorets Pomorie, PFC Botev Plovdiv, PFC Beroe Stara Zagora

- Made debut for Bulgaria while playing in the second tier in a friendly against Greece in 1984, the first of 35 caps. Hubchev was one of the mainstays of the great Bulgaria side that reached the 1994 FIFA World Cup semi-finals. He also played at EURO '96.
- Hubchev came through the ranks of Osum Lovech (now known as Litex Lovech). He was a right-back before establishing himself as a central defender.
- In 1989 he moved to Levski, winning the league and cup double in 1993 before departing at the end of that year for Hamburg. In 1996 he moved on to Eintracht, helping them back to the Bundesliga.
- Hubchev began his coaching career at Eintracht in 2001, and after a six-month stint as head coach at Slavia Sofia in 2005 he returned to Germany for spells with the reserve sides of Eintracht and Wolfsburg.
- In 2009 he was back in Bulgaria at Chernomorets Pomorie, guiding the second division side to the cup final in his first season. Following a brief spell at Botev Plovdiv he had four seasons at Beroe Stara Zagora, leading them to the Bulgarian Cup in 2013. On 3 October 2016 Hubchev succeeded Ivaylo Petev as Bulgaria coach.

Match officials

Referee	Luca Banti (ITA)
Assistant referees	Alessandro Giallatini (ITA) , Fabiano Preti (ITA)
Fourth official	Paolo Valeri (ITA)
FIFA Match Commissioner	Thomas Weyhing (GER)
UEFA Referee observer	Patrick Kelly (IRL)

Referee

Name	Date of birth		UEFA matches
Luca Banti	27/03/1974	1	37

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
11/08/2010	U21	QR	France	Belgium	0-1	Vannes
02/12/2010	UEL	GS	Paris Saint-Germain	Sevilla FC	4-2	Paris
15/09/2011	UEL	GS	Paris Saint-Germain	FC Salzburg	3-1	Paris
02/08/2016	UCL	3QR	FK Crvena zvezda	PFC Ludogorets Razgrad	2-4	Belgrade

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

France

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)

Belarus 0-0 France

France: Mandanda, Kurzawa, Varane, Pogba, Griezmann, Giroud (83 Gameiro), Martial (57 Payet), Kanté, Sissoko (69 Dembélé), Sidibé, Koscielny

Matchday 2 (07/10/2016)

France-Bulgaria

Matchday 3 (10/10/2016)

Netherlands-France

Matchday 4 (11/11/2016)

France-Sweden

Matchday 5 (25/03/2017)

Luxembourg-France

Matchday 6 (09/06/2017)

Sweden-France

Matchday 7 (31/08/2017)

France-Netherlands

Matchday 8 (03/09/2017)

France-Luxembourg

Matchday 9 (07/10/2017)

Bulgaria-France

Matchday 10 (10/10/2017)

France-Belarus

Bulgaria

FIFA World Cup - Qualifying round

Matchday 1 (06/09/2016)

Bulgaria 4-3 Luxembourg

Goals: 1-0 Rangelov 16, 1-1 Joachim 60, 1-2 Joachim 62, 2-2 Marcelinho 65, 3-2 Popov 79, 3-3 Bohnert 90+1, 4-3 Tonev 90+2

Bulgaria: Stoyanov, Popov, Nedyalkov, Chorbadzhiyski, Alexandrov (56 Chochev), Rangelov, Popov (85 Bozhilov), Marcelinho, Ivanov, Milanov (64 Tonev), Dyakov

Matchday 2 (07/10/2016)

France-Bulgaria

Matchday 3 (10/10/2016)

Sweden-Bulgaria

Matchday 4 (13/11/2016)

Bulgaria-Belarus

Matchday 5 (25/03/2017)

Bulgaria-Netherlands

Matchday 6 (09/06/2017)

Belarus-Bulgaria

Matchday 7 (31/08/2017)

Bulgaria-Sweden

Matchday 8 (03/09/2017)

Netherlands-Bulgaria

Matchday 9 (07/10/2017)

Bulgaria-France

Matchday 10 (10/10/2017)

Luxembourg-Bulgaria

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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