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FYR Macedonia

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- Skopje**

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Group G - Matchday 3



Italy

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Previous meetings

Head to Head

No UEFA competition matches have been played between these two teams

Squad list

FYR Macedonia

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season					
						Qual.		FT			
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls		
Goalkeepers											
-	Martin Bogatinov	26/04/1986	30	Ethnikos Achnas	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Kostadin Zahov	08/11/1987	28	Shkëndija	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Damjan Siskovski	18/03/1995	21	Rabotnicki	-	0	0	0	0		
Defenders											
-	Vance Sikov	19/07/1985	31	Neftçi	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Daniel Mojsov	25/12/1987	28	AEK Larnaca	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Kire Ristevski	22/10/1990	25	Vasas	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Stefan Ristovski	12/02/1992	24	Rijeka	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Egzijan Alioski	12/02/1992	24	Lugano	-	2	1	0	0		
-	Leonard Zhuta	09/08/1992	24	Rijeka	*	2	0	0	0		
Midfielders											
-	Ivan Tričkovski	18/04/1987	29	AEK Larnaca	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Stefan Spirovski	23/08/1990	26	Vardar	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Dusko Trajcevski	01/11/1990	25	Rabotnicki	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Milovan Petrovikj	23/01/1990	26	Osijek	-	2	0	0	0		
Forwards											
-	Goran Pandev	27/07/1983	33	Genoa	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Ostoja Stjepanovic	17/01/1985	31	Śląsk	*	1	0	0	0		
-	Adis Jahović	18/03/1987	29	Krylya Sovetov	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Ilija Nestorovski	12/03/1990	26	Palermo	-	1	1	0	0		
-	Besart Ibraimi	17/12/1986	29	Shkëndija	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Feran Hasani	18/06/1990	26	Shkëndija	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Nikola Gjorgjev	22/08/1997	19	Grasshoppers	-	1	0	0	0		
Coach											
-	Igor Angelovski	02/06/1976	40		-	2	0	0	0		

Italy

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season					
						Qual.		FT			
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls		
Goalkeepers											
-	Gianluigi Buffon	28/01/1978	38	Juventus	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Mattia Perin	10/11/1992	23	Genoa	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Gianluigi Donnarumma	25/02/1999	17	Milan	-	0	0	0	0		
Defenders											
-	Domenico Criscito	30/12/1986	29	Zenit	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Andrea Barzagli	08/05/1981	35	Juventus	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Davide Astori	07/01/1987	29	Fiorentina	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Matteo Darmian	02/12/1989	26	Man. United	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Angelo Ogbonna	23/05/1988	28	West Ham	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Leonardo Bonucci	01/05/1987	29	Juventus	*	2	0	0	0		
-	Mattia De Sciglio	20/10/1992	23	Milan	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Alessio Romagnoli	12/01/1995	21	Milan	-	1	0	0	0		
Midfielders											
-	Daniele De Rossi	24/07/1983	33	Roma	-	1	1	0	0		
-	Antonio Candrea	28/02/1987	29	Internazionale	-	1	1	0	0		
-	Giacomo Bonaventura	22/08/1989	27	Milan	*	2	0	0	0		
-	Marco Verratti	05/11/1992	23	Paris	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Marco Parolo	25/01/1985	31	Lazio	*	2	0	0	0		
-	Alessandro Florenzi	11/03/1991	25	Roma	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Federico Bernardeschi	16/02/1994	22	Fiorentina	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Marco Benassi	08/09/1994	22	Torino	-	0	0	0	0		
Forwards											
-	Éder	15/11/1986	29	Internazionale	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Ciro Immobile	20/02/1990	26	Lazio	-	2	1	0	0		
-	Nicola Sansone	10/09/1991	25	Villarreal	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Andrea Belotti	20/12/1993	22	Torino	-	1	0	0	0		
Coach											
-	Gian Piero Ventura	14/01/1948	68		-	2	0	0	0		

Head coach

Igor Angelovski

Date of birth: 2 June 1976

Nationality: Macedonian

Playing career: FK Makedonija Gjorce Petrov, FK Pelister, NK Publikum, FK Cementarnica 55 (twice), FK Pobeda

Coaching career: FK Rabotnicki, FYR Macedonia (assistant), FYR Macedonia

- A former midfielder, Angelovski spent most of his playing career in his homeland, his highlight coming in 2002/03 when he lifted the Macedonian Cup with Cementarnica.
- After retiring in 2007, he served as sporting director at Rabotnicki for five years before becoming a surprise choice to replace Zhikica Tasevski as the club's head coach prior to 2013/14.
- Angelovski wasted no time showing his coaching potential by becoming the youngest coach to win the Macedonian championship, leading the Skopje-based side to a domestic double in his debut season – aged 38. He repeated his Macedonian Cup success with Rabotnicki the following year, and won consecutive awards for best domestic coach in 2014 and 2015.
- While continuing in his Rabotnicki job, he served as Ljubinko Drušević's assistant with FYR Macedonia from July to October 2015, while studying for his UEFA Pro licence.
- Angelovski took temporary charge of the national team in October 2015 and enjoyed a winning debut in a 4-1 friendly win against Montenegro in Skopje the following month. He was appointed coach on a permanent basis shortly afterwards.

Gian Piero Ventura

Date of birth: 14 January 1948

Nationality: Italian

Playing career: FS Sestrese Calcio, USD Enna, SSDU Sanremo, USD Novese

Coaching career: UC Sampdoria (youth), ASD Albenga, ACD Rapallo Ruentes, Virtus Entella, Spezia Calcio, US Centese, US Pistoiese, ASD Giarre Calcio, Venezia FC, US Lecce, Cagliari Calcio (twice), UC Sampdoria, Udinese calcio, SSC Napoli, ACR Messina, Hellas-Verona FC, AC Pisa, FC Bari, Torino FC, Italy

- Born in Genoa, Ventura started his playing and coaching careers in the youth system of Sampdoria. As a midfielder he made nine appearances for Sicilian outfit Enna in Serie C, the highest level he played at.
- Began coaching in the Sampdoria academy in 1976 and worked for several teams in the lower divisions before finally making his Serie A debut more than two decades later after leading Cagliari to promotion in 1998. He had done the same the previous season with Lecce, only to be replaced by Cesare Prandelli before the campaign started.
- He continued to move between posts in Serie A and Serie B, but his stock rose considerably after he replaced Antonio Conte at Bari ahead of the 2009/10 season. Ventura guided Bari to tenth place with a club record 50 points in Serie A, drawing twice against José Mourinho's FC Internazionale Milano and defeating Juventus 3-1.
- In 2011 he accepted the call from Torino, then in Serie B. "I could take a mid-table team in Serie A but trying to take Torino back to Serie A is the real libido," he famously said. He not only achieved that but also led the Granata into Europe. Under Ventura, Torino reached the UEFA Europa League round of 16 in 2014/15 after a memorable 3-2 win at Athletic Club.
- After becoming the trainer with most consecutive games on the Torino bench (217), third overall behind Luigi Radice and Emiliano Mondonico, Ventura was announced as Conte's successor as Italy coach in June 2016.

Match officials

Referee	Danny Makkellie (NED)
Assistant referees	Mario Diks (NED) , Hessel Steegstra (NED)
Fourth official	Richard Liesveld (NED)
FIFA Match Commissioner	Kris Bellon (BEL)
Referee observer	Konrad Plautz (AUT)

Referee

Name	Date of birth		UEFA matches
Danny Makkellie	28/01/1983	2	38

FIFA Wold 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

No such matches refereed

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

FYR Macedonia

FIFA World Cup - Qualifying round

Group G

Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Albania	2	2	0	0	4	1	6
Spain	2	1	1	0	9	1	4
Italy	2	1	1	0	4	2	4
Israel	2	1	0	1	3	4	3
FYR Macedonia	2	0	0	2	2	4	0
Liechtenstein	2	0	0	2	0	10	0

Matchday 1 (06/09/2016)

Albania 2-1 FYR Macedonia

Goals: 1-0 Sadiku 9, 1-1 Alioski 51, 2-1 Balaj 89

FYR Macedonia: Zahov, L. Zhuta, Ristevski, Mojsov (89 B. Ibraimi), Sikov, Alioski, Pandev, Hasani (74 Gjorgjev), Ristovski, Stjepanovic (61 Petrovikj), Spirovski

Matchday 2 (06/10/2016)

FYR Macedonia 1-2 Israel

Goals: 0-1 Hemed 25, 0-2 Ben Chaim 43, 1-2 Nestorovski 63

FYR Macedonia: Bogatinov, L. Zhuta, Ristevski, Mojsov, Sikov (51 B. Ibraimi), Alioski, Nestorovski, Pandev (76 Jahović), Hasani, Ristovski, Petrovikj (46 Spirovski)

Matchday 3 (09/10/2016)

FYR Macedonia-Italy

Matchday 4 (12/11/2016)

Spain-FYR Macedonia

Matchday 5 (24/03/2017)

Liechtenstein-FYR Macedonia

Matchday 6 (11/06/2017)

FYR Macedonia-Spain

Matchday 7 (02/09/2017)

Israel-FYR Macedonia

Matchday 8 (05/09/2017)

FYR Macedonia-Albania

Matchday 9 (06/10/2017)

Italy-FYR Macedonia

Matchday 10 (09/10/2017)

FYR Macedonia-Liechtenstein

Italy

FIFA World Cup - Qualifying round

Matchday 1 (05/09/2016)

Israel 1-3 Italy

Goals: 0-1 Pellè 14, 0-2 Candreva 31 (P), 1-2 Ben Chaim 35, 1-3 Immobile 83

Italy: Buffon, Chiellini, Candreva (67 Florenzi), Bonaventura (63 Ogonna), Pellè, Verratti, L. Antonelli, Barzagli, Parolo, Éder (70 Immobile), Bonucci

Matchday 2 (06/10/2016)

Italy 1-1 Spain

Goals: 0-1 Vitolo 55, 1-1 De Rossi 82 (P)

Italy: Buffon, De Sciglio, Romagnoli, Florenzi, Pellè (59 Immobile), Barzagli, De Rossi, Éder, Montolivo (30 Bonaventura), Bonucci, Parolo (76 Belotti)

Matchday 3 (09/10/2016)

FYR Macedonia-Italy

Matchday 4 (12/11/2016)

Liechtenstein-Italy

Matchday 5 (24/03/2017)

Italy-Albania

Matchday 6 (11/06/2017)

Italy-Liechtenstein

Matchday 7 (02/09/2017)

Spain-Italy

Matchday 8 (05/09/2017)

Italy-Israel

Matchday 9 (06/10/2017)

Italy-FYR Macedonia

Matchday 10 (09/10/2017)

Albania-Italy

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

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