

# EUROPEAN QUALIFIERS - 2016/18 SEASON MATCH PRESS KITS



**Belgium**

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Group H - Matchday 5



**Greece**

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## Head coach

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### Roberto Martínez

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**Date of birth:** 13 July 1973

**Nationality:** Spanish

**Playing career:** Real Zaragoza, CF Balaguer, Wigan Athletic FC, Motherwell FC, Walsall FC, Swansea City AFC, Chester City FC

**Coaching career:** Swansea City AFC, Wigan Athletic FC, Everton FC, Belgium

- Born in Catalonia, Martínez started out with home-town club Balaguer before joining Zaragoza aged 16. The bulk of his three years there were spent in the youth and B teams, with a solitary appearance for the senior side before he returned to Balaguer in 1994, also running the club's football school.
- Moved to England and Wigan in 1995, forming the 'Three Amigos' with fellow Spaniards Jesús Seba and Isidro Díaz; spent six years with the club, helping them win the third division title in 1997 and the Football League trophy two years later.
- A year with both Motherwell and Walsall preceded a lengthier spell at Swansea between 2003 and 2006, Martínez aiding the club to promotion to League One. After a season with Chester, he returned to south Wales in 2007, initially as player-manager before quickly hanging up his boots.
- Guided Swansea to the League One championship in 2008 before leaving for Premier League Wigan the following year. Inspired an unlikely escape from relegation in 2011/12 and landed the Latics' first major trophy with victory against Manchester City FC in the FA Cup final 12 months later – although three days after that landmark triumph, Wigan were relegated.
- Martínez remained a man in demand and was appointed Everton manager in June 2013, steering the club to fifth place with their record Premier League points tally in his first term. Everton reached the 2014/15 UEFA Europa League round of 16 and both domestic cup semi-finals in the next campaign, but indifferent league form meant Martínez was dismissed in May 2016. Appointed Belgium coach three months later in the wake of Marc Wilmots' departure.

### Michael Skibbe

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**Date of birth:** 4 August 1965

**Nationality:** German

**Playing career:** FC Schalke 04

**Coaching career:** Borussia Dortmund, Germany (assistant), Bayer 04 Leverkusen, Galatasaray AŞ, Eintracht Frankfurt, Eskişehirspor (twice), Hertha BSC Berlin, Kardemir Karabükspor, Grasshopper Club, Greece

- Michael Skibbe started out as a midfielder at home-town club Schalke; however, the former youth international made just 15 first-team appearances before a series of cruciate injuries forced him to abandon his playing career in his early 20s.
- Impressing as a youth coach at Schalke and Dortmund, Skibbe became the youngest boss in Bundesliga history when he was given the senior job at Dortmund aged 32 in July 1998.
- Worked in tandem with Rudi Völler during the latter's time as Germany coach, reaching the 2002 FIFA World Cup final but the pair resigning after the national team's early exit from UEFA EURO 2004. Skibbe returned to club football, coaching Leverkusen from 2005–08.
- First ventured abroad to coach Galatasaray from 2008–09. Went back to Turkey three more times, twice leading Eskişehirspor and briefly taking charge of Karabükspor. Had a longer stint in Switzerland with Grasshoppers.
- Hired as Greece coach in late October 2015, tasked with directing their 2018 FIFA World Cup qualifying attempt after failure to reach UEFA EURO 2016.

# Legend

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## Competitions

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### 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

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**(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

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

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

## Squad list

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**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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