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Belgium

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Previous meetings

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FIFA World Cup

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
07/10/2016	QR (GS)	Belgium - Bosnia and Herzegovina	4-0	Brussels	Spahić 26 (og), Hazard 29, Alderweireld 60, R. Lukaku 79

2016 UEFA European Championship

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
03/09/2015	QR (GS)	Belgium - Bosnia and Herzegovina	3-1	Brussels	Fellaini 23, De Bruyne 44, Hazard 78 (P); Džeko 15
13/10/2014	QR (GS)	Bosnia and Herzegovina - Belgium	1-1	Zenica	Džeko 28; Nainggolan 51

FIFA World Cup

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
01/04/2009	QR (GS)	Bosnia and Herzegovina - Belgium	2-1	Zenica	Džeko 12, 14; Swerts 88
28/03/2009	QR (GS)	Belgium - Bosnia and Herzegovina	2-4	Genk	Dembélé 66, Sonck 85 (P); Džeko 7, Jahić 75, Bajramović 77, Misimović 81

FIFA World Cup

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
03/09/2005	QR (GS)	Bosnia and Herzegovina - Belgium	1-0	Zenica	Barbarez 62
26/03/2005	QR (GS)	Belgium - Bosnia and Herzegovina	4-1	Brussels	Emile Mpenza 15, 54, Daerden 44, Buffel 77; Bolić 1

	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																		
Bosnia and Herzegovina	3	2	1	0	4	1	0	3	-	-	-	-	7	3	1	3	10	15
Belgium	4	3	0	1	3	0	1	2	-	-	-	-	7	3	1	3	15	10

Squad list

Bosnia and Herzegovina

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season					
						Qual.		FT			
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls		
Goalkeepers											
-	Ibrahim Šehić	02/09/1988	29	Qarabağ	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Asmir Begović	20/06/1987	30	Bournemouth	-	8	0	0	0		
-	Kenan Pirić	07/07/1994	23	Zrinjski	-	0	0	0	0		
Defenders											
-	Toni Šunjić	15/12/1988	28	Dinamo Moskva	-	4	1	0	0		
-	Ognjen Vranješ	24/10/1989	27	AEK	-	6	0	0	0		
-	Mateo Sušić	18/11/1990	26	Sheriff	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Dario Dumić	30/01/1992	25	Utrecht	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Sead Kolašinac	20/06/1993	24	Arsenal	-	7	0	0	0		
Midfielders											
-	Edin Cocalić	05/12/1987	29	Mechelen	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Haris Medunjanin	08/03/1985	32	Philadelphia Union	*	3	1	0	0		
-	Mato Jajalo	25/05/1988	29	Palermo	*	5	0	0	0		
-	Edin Višća	17/02/1990	27	İstanbul Başakşehir	-	7	2	0	0		
-	Danijel Milicevic	05/01/1986	31	Gent	-	3	0	0	0		
-	Senad Lulić	18/01/1986	31	Lazio	-	7	1	0	0		
-	Izet Hajrović	04/08/1991	26	Bremen	*	2	0	0	0		
-	Muhamed Bešić	10/09/1992	25	Everton	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Gojko Cimirot	19/12/1992	24	PAOK	-	3	0	0	0		
-	Haris Duljević	16/11/1993	23	Dresden	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Rade Krunić	07/10/1993	24	Empoli	-	0	0	0	0		
Forwards											
-	Edin Džeko	17/03/1986	31	Roma	-	7	5	0	0		
-	Vedad Ibišević	06/08/1984	33	Hertha	*	7	3	0	0		
-	Nemanja Bilbija	02/11/1990	26	Zrinjski	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Kenan Kodro	19/08/1993	24	Mainz	-	2	1	0	0		
Coach											
-	Mehmed Baždarević	28/09/1960	57		-	7	0	0	0		

Belgium

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season					
						Qual.		FT			
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls		
Goalkeepers											
-	Simon Mignolet	06/03/1988	29	Liverpool	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Koen Casteels	25/06/1992	25	Wolfsburg	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Thibaut Courtois	11/05/1992	25	Chelsea	-	8	0	0	0		
Defenders											
-	Thomas Vermaelen	14/11/1985	31	Barcelona	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Laurent Ciman	05/08/1985	32	Montreal	-	4	0	0	0		
-	Toby Alderweireld	02/03/1989	28	Tottenham	-	7	1	0	0		
-	Jan Vertonghen	24/04/1987	30	Tottenham	-	8	1	0	0		
-	Dedryck Boyata	28/11/1990	26	Celtic	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Christian Kabasele	24/02/1991	26	Watford	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Thomas Meunier	12/09/1991	26	Paris	*	6	4	0	0		
Midfielders											
-	Kevin Mirallas	05/10/1987	30	Everton	-	4	0	0	0		
-	Steven Defour	15/04/1988	29	Burnley	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Marouane Fellaini	22/11/1987	29	Man. United	*	5	0	0	0		
-	Eden Hazard	07/01/1991	26	Chelsea	-	6	4	0	0		
-	Kevin De Bruyne	28/06/1991	26	Man. City	*	5	0	0	0		
-	Thorgan Hazard	29/03/1993	24	Mönchengladbach	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Nacer Chadli	02/08/1989	28	West Brom	-	4	1	0	0		
-	Yannick Carrasco	04/09/1993	24	Atlético	*	8	2	0	0		
-	Leander Dendoncker	15/04/1995	22	Anderlecht	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Youri Tielemans	07/05/1997	20	Monaco	-	2	0	0	0		
Forwards											
-	Dries Mertens	06/05/1987	30	Napoli	*	7	5	0	0		
-	Michy Batshuayi	02/10/1993	24	Chelsea	-	3	0	0	0		
-	Divock Origi	18/04/1995	22	Wolfsburg	-	0	0	0	0		
Coach											
-	Roberto Martínez	13/07/1973	44		-	8	0	0	0		

Head coach

Mehmed Baždarević

Date of birth: 28 September 1960

Nationality: Bosnian

Playing career: FK Željezničar, FC Sochaux-Montbéliard, Nîmes Olympique, Étoile Carouge FC

Coaching career: FC Istres, Étoile du Sahel, Al-Wakrah SC (twice), Grenoble Foot 38, FC Sochaux-Montbéliard, MC Alger, Bosnia and Herzegovina

- Baždarević played in midfield for Sarajevo-based Željezničar, helping them reach the UEFA Cup semi-finals in 1984/85.
- Transferred to France for a lengthy spell with Sochaux, and was named as the best foreign player in Ligue 1 in 1988/89. Wound his career down with spells at Nîmes and Swiss side Étoile Carouge.
- Capped 54 times by Yugoslavia, he made two appearances for the independent Bosnia and Herzegovina in 1998 FIFA World Cup qualifying.
- Achieved a coaching coup by leading Istres to promotion to the top division in France, with further spells at Grenoble and Sochaux between assignments in Tunisia, Qatar and Algeria.
- Hired to replace Safet Sušić as Bosnia and Herzegovina coach in December 2014 with the Dragons having taken two points from their first four UEFA EURO 2016 qualifiers. Stayed on for the 2018 World Cup qualifiers despite the play-off loss to the Republic of Ireland.

Roberto Martínez

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.

Match officials

Referee	William Collum (SCO)
Assistant referees	Francis Connor (SCO) , Douglas Ross (SCO)
Fourth official	John Beaton (SCO)
FIFA Match Commissioner	Karl Espen Eriksen (NOR)
Referee observer	Domenico Messina (ITA)

Referee

Name	Date of birth		UEFA matches
William Collum	18/01/1979	8	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
27/07/2010	UCL	3QR	FC Dynamo Kyiv	KAA Gent	3-0	Kyiv
23/02/2012	UEL	R32	Club Brugge	Hannover 96	0-1	Bruges
18/09/2012	UCL	GS	AC Milan	RSC Anderlecht	0-0	Milan
16/09/2015	UCL	GS	KAA Gent	Olympique Lyonnais	1-1	Ghent
20/04/2017	UEL	QF	KRC Genk	RC Celta de Vigo	1-1	Genk

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

Bosnia and Herzegovina

FIFA World Cup - Qualifying round

Group H

Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Belgium	8	7	1	0	35	3	22
Bosnia and Herzegovina	8	4	2	2	19	8	14
Greece	8	3	4	1	11	5	13
Cyprus	8	3	1	4	8	12	10
Estonia	8	2	2	4	6	17	8
Gibraltar	8	0	0	8	3	37	0

Matchday 1 (06/09/2016)

Bosnia and Herzegovina 5-0 Estonia

Goals: 1-0 Spahić 7, 2-0 Džeko 23 (P) , 3-0 Medunjanin 71, 4-0 Ibišević 83, 5-0 Spahić 90+2

Bosnia and Herzegovina: Begović, Spahić, Kolašinac, Vranješ (62 Bičakčić), Medunjanin, Ibišević, Pjanić, Džeko (81 Djurić), Lulić, Zukanovic, Višća (75 Milicevic)

Matchday 2 (07/10/2016)

Belgium 4-0 Bosnia and Herzegovina

Goals: 1-0 Spahić 26 (og) , 2-0 Hazard 29, 3-0 Alderweireld 60, 4-0 R. Lukaku 79

Bosnia and Herzegovina: Begović, Bičakčić, Spahić, Kolašinac, Medunjanin, Ibišević (64 Djurić), Pjanić (81 Cimirot), Džeko, Lulić, Zukanovic, Jajalo (73 Višća)

Matchday 3 (10/10/2016)

Bosnia and Herzegovina 2-0 Cyprus

Goals: 1-0 Džeko 70, 2-0 Džeko 81

Bosnia and Herzegovina: Begović, Spahić, Kolašinac (64 I. Hajrovic), Vranješ, Medunjanin, Pjanić, Džeko, Šunjić, Lulić, Djurić (81 Ibišević), Višća (78 Sušić)

Matchday 4 (13/11/2016)

Greece 1-1 Bosnia and Herzegovina

Goals: 0-1 Karnezis 32 (og) , 1-1 Tzavellas 90+5

Bosnia and Herzegovina: Begović, Spahić (70 Šunjić), Kolašinac, Vranješ, Ibišević (84 Djurić), Pjanić, Džeko, Lulić, Zukanovic, I. Hajrovic (87 Bičakčić), Jajalo

Matchday 5 (25/03/2017)

Bosnia and Herzegovina 5-0 Gibraltar

Goals: 1-0 Ibišević 4, 2-0 Ibišević 43, 3-0 Vršajević 52, 4-0 Višća 56, 5-0 Bičakčić 90+4

Bosnia and Herzegovina: Begović, Cocalić, Bičakčić, Kolašinac (46 Pavlović), Vršajević (75 Bajić), Cimirot, Ar. Hodžić, Ibišević, Pjanić (57 Vrancic), Zukanovic, Višća

Matchday 6 (09/06/2017)

Bosnia and Herzegovina 0-0 Greece

Bosnia and Herzegovina: Begović, Bičakčić, Vranješ, Ibišević, Pjanić, Džeko, Šunjić (69 Dumić), Lulić (21 Kodro), Zukanovic, Višća, Jajalo

Matchday 7 (31/08/2017)

Cyprus 3-2 Bosnia and Herzegovina

Goals: 0-1 Šunjić 33, 0-2 Višća 44, 1-2 Christofi 65, 2-2 Laban 67, 3-2 Sotiriou 76

Bosnia and Herzegovina: Begović, Bičakčić, Kolašinac, Vranješ, Cimirot (75 Jajalo), Ibišević (80 Ar. Hodžić), Pjanić, Džeko, Šunjić, Lulić, Višća (64 Milicevic)

Matchday 8 (03/09/2017)

Gibraltar 0-4 Bosnia and Herzegovina

Goals: 0-1 Džeko 35, 0-2 Kodro 66, 0-3 Lulić 84, 0-4 Džeko 85

Bosnia and Herzegovina: Begović, Cocalić (86 Dumić), Kolašinac, Vranješ, Džeko, Lulić, Zukanovic, Kodro (80

Bajić, Višća, Hadžić (67 Milicevic), Jajalo

Matchday 9 (07/10/2017)

Bosnia and Herzegovina-Belgium

Matchday 10 (10/10/2017)

Estonia-Bosnia and Herzegovina

Belgium

FIFA World Cup - Qualifying round

Matchday 1 (06/09/2016)

Cyprus 0-3 Belgium

Goals: 0-1 R. Lukaku 13, 0-2 R. Lukaku 61, 0-3 Carrasco 81

Belgium: Courtois, Alderweireld, Vermaelen, Vertonghen, Witsel, De Bruyne, Fellaini (84 Nainggolan), R. Lukaku (73 Batshuayi), Hazard, Meunier, Carrasco

Matchday 2 (07/10/2016)

Belgium 4-0 Bosnia and Herzegovina

Goals: 1-0 Spahić 26 (og) , 2-0 Hazard 29, 3-0 Alderweireld 60, 4-0 R. Lukaku 79

Belgium: Courtois, Alderweireld, Vertonghen, Witsel, Carrasco, Fellaini, R. Lukaku (82 Benteke), Hazard (87 Mirallas), Mertens, Meunier, J. Lukaku (21 Ciman)

Matchday 3 (10/10/2016)

Gibraltar 0-6 Belgium

Goals: 0-1 Benteke 1, 0-2 Witsel 19, 0-3 Benteke 43, 0-4 Mertens 51, 0-5 Benteke 56, 0-6 Hazard 79

Belgium: Courtois, Alderweireld, Vertonghen, Witsel, Carrasco (53 Chadli), Hazard, Mertens (64 Mirallas), Meunier, Defour, Benteke (80 Batshuayi), Ciman

Matchday 4 (13/11/2016)

Belgium 8-1 Estonia

Goals: 1-0 Meunier 8, 2-0 Mertens 16, 3-0 Hazard 25, 3-1 Henri Anier 29, 4-1 Carrasco 62, 5-1 Klavan 64 (og) , 6-1 Mertens 68, 7-1 R. Lukaku 83, 8-1 R. Lukaku 88

Belgium: Courtois, Dendoncker, Vertonghen, Witsel (88 Simons), De Bruyne, R. Lukaku, Hazard (73 Mirallas), Mertens (79 Tielemans), Meunier, Carrasco, Ciman

Matchday 5 (25/03/2017)

Belgium 1-1 Greece

Goals: 0-1 Mitroglou 46, 1-1 R. Lukaku 89

Belgium: Courtois, Alderweireld, Nainggolan, Vertonghen, Witsel, Fellaini (66 Dembélé), R. Lukaku, Carrasco, Mertens, Chadli, Ciman (84 Mirallas)

Matchday 6 (09/06/2017)

Estonia 0-2 Belgium

Goals: 0-1 Mertens 31, 0-2 Chadli 86

Belgium: Courtois, Alderweireld, Kompany, Vertonghen, Witsel, De Bruyne, Fellaini, R. Lukaku, Mertens (81 Batshuayi), Carrasco, Chadli

Matchday 7 (31/08/2017)

Belgium 9-0 Gibraltar

Goals: 1-0 Mertens 16, 2-0 Meunier 18, 3-0 R. Lukaku 21, 4-0 Witsel 27, 5-0 R. Lukaku 38, 6-0 Hazard 45, 7-0 Meunier 61, 8-0 Meunier 67, 9-0 R. Lukaku 84 (P)

Belgium: Courtois, Alderweireld, Kompany, Vertonghen, Witsel, De Bruyne (85 Tielemans), R. Lukaku, Hazard (77 Hazard), Mertens (46 Dembélé), Meunier, Carrasco

Matchday 8 (03/09/2017)

Greece 1-2 Belgium

Goals: 0-1 Vertonghen 70, 1-1 Zeca 73, 1-2 R. Lukaku 74

Belgium: Courtois, Alderweireld, Vermaelen, Vertonghen, De Bruyne, Fellaini (89 Dendoncker), R. Lukaku, Mertens, Meunier, Dembélé (74 Hazard), Carrasco (79 Chadli)

Matchday 9 (07/10/2017)

Bosnia and Herzegovina-Belgium

Matchday 10 (10/10/2017)

Belgium-Cyprus

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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