

# EUROPEAN QUALIFIERS - 2016/18 SEASON MATCH PRESS KITS



**Estonia**

**A. Le Coq Arena - Tallinn**

Friday 9 June 2017  
20.45CET (21.45 local time)  
Group H - Matchday 6



**Belgium**

Last updated 09/06/2017 10:04CET

## EUROPEAN QUALIFIERS OFFICIAL SPONSORS



Previous meetings	2
Squad list	3
Head coach	5
Match officials	6
Competition facts	7
Match-by-match lineups	8
Legend	10

## Previous meetings

### Head to Head

#### FIFA World Cup

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
13/11/2016	QR (GS)	<b>Belgium</b> - Estonia	8-1	Brussels	Meunier 8, Mertens 16, 68, Hazard 25, Carrasco 62, Klavan 64 (og), R. Lukaku 83, 88; Henri Anier 29

#### FIFA World Cup

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
14/10/2009	QR (GS)	<b>Estonia</b> - Belgium	2-0	Tallinn	Piiroja 30, Vassiljev 67
06/09/2008	QR (GS)	<b>Belgium</b> - Estonia	3-2	Liege	Sonck 39, 80, Defour 75; Zenjov 57, Oper 90+2

#### UEFA EURO 2004

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
11/10/2003	PR (GS)	<b>Belgium</b> - Estonia	2-0	Liege	Piiroja 44 (og), Buffel 60
16/10/2002	PR (GS)	Estonia - <b>Belgium</b>	0-1	Tallinn	Sonck 2

	Qualifying								Final tournament				Total					
	Home				Away													
	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
<b>Total</b>																		
Estonia	2	1	0	1	3	0	0	3	-	-	-	-	5	1	0	4	5	14
Belgium	3	3	0	0	2	1	0	1	-	-	-	-	5	4	0	1	14	5

# Squad list

## Estonia

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season					
						Qual.		FT			
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls		
<b>Goalkeepers</b>											
-	Mihkel <b>Aksalu</b>	07/11/1984	32	SJK	-	5	0	0	0		
-	Mait <b>Toom</b>	07/05/1990	27	Flora	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Marko <b>Meerits</b>	26/04/1992	25	VPS	-	0	0	0	0		
<b>Defenders</b>											
-	Ragnar <b>Klavan</b>	30/10/1985	31	Liverpool	*	5	0	0	0		
-	Dmitri <b>Kruglov</b>	24/05/1984	33	FCI	-	3	0	0	0		
-	Ken <b>Kallaste</b>	31/08/1988	28	Korona	-	3	0	0	0		
-	Nikita <b>Baranov</b>	19/08/1992	24	Kristiansund	*	5	0	0	0		
-	Karl <b>Mööli</b>	04/03/1992	25	Kalju	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Artur <b>Pikk</b>	05/03/1993	24	BATE	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Karol <b>Mets</b>	16/05/1993	24	Viking	*	5	0	0	0		
-	Madis <b>Vihmann</b>	05/10/1995	21	Flora	-	0	0	0	0		
<b>Midfielders</b>											
-	Aleksandr <b>Dmitrijev</b>	18/02/1982	35	FCI	*	3	0	0	0		
-	Konstantin <b>Vassiljev</b>	16/08/1984	32	Jagiellonia	*	5	1	0	0		
-	Taijo <b>Teniste</b>	31/01/1988	29	Sogndal	-	5	0	0	0		
-	Siim <b>Luts</b>	12/03/1989	28	Bohemians 1905	-	4	0	0	0		
-	Artjom <b>Dmitrijev</b>	14/11/1988	28	Kalju	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Henrik <b>Ojamaa</b>	20/05/1991	26	Dundee	-	3	0	0	0		
-	Janar <b>Toomet</b>	10/08/1989	27	Kalju	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Brent <b>Lepistu</b>	26/03/1993	24	Flora	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Mattias <b>Käit</b>	29/06/1998	18	Fulham	-	2	2	0	0		
<b>Forwards</b>											
-	Ats <b>Purje</b>	03/08/1985	31	KuPS	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Sergei <b>Zenjov</b>	20/04/1989	28	Gabala	-	4	0	0	0		
-	Henri <b>Anier</b>	17/12/1990	26	Inverness	-	4	1	0	0		
<b>Coach</b>											
-	Martin Reim	14/05/1971	46		-	4	0	0	0		

## Belgium

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season					
						Qual.		FT			
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls		
<b>Goalkeepers</b>											
-	Simon <b>Mignolet</b>	06/08/1988	28	Liverpool	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Koen <b>Casteels</b>	25/06/1992	24	Wolfsburg	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Thibaut <b>Courtois</b>	11/05/1992	25	Chelsea	-	5	0	0	0		
<b>Defenders</b>											
-	Vincent <b>Kompany</b>	10/04/1986	31	Man. City	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Thomas <b>Vermaelen</b>	14/11/1985	31	Roma	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Laurent <b>Ciman</b>	05/08/1985	31	Montreal	-	4	0	0	0		
-	Toby <b>Alderweireld</b>	02/03/1989	28	Tottenham	-	4	1	0	0		
-	Jan <b>Vertonghen</b>	24/04/1987	30	Tottenham	-	5	0	0	0		
<b>Midfielders</b>											
-	Kevin <b>Mirallas</b>	05/10/1987	29	Everton	-	4	0	0	0		
-	Axel <b>Witsel</b>	12/01/1989	28	Tianjin Quanjian	*	5	1	0	0		
-	Marouane <b>Fellaini</b>	22/11/1987	29	Man. United	*	3	0	0	0		
-	Radja <b>Nainggolan</b>	04/05/1988	29	Roma	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Kevin <b>De Bruyne</b>	28/06/1991	25	Man. City	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Thorgan <b>Hazard</b>	29/03/1993	24	Mönchengladbach	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Dries <b>Mertens</b>	06/05/1987	30	Napoli	*	4	3	0	0		
-	Nacer <b>Chadli</b>	02/08/1989	27	West Brom	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Yannick <b>Carrasco</b>	04/09/1993	23	Atlético	-	5	2	0	0		
-	Leander <b>Dendoncker</b>	15/04/1995	22	Anderlecht	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Youri <b>Tielemans</b>	07/05/1997	20	Anderlecht	-	1	0	0	0		
<b>Forwards</b>											
-	Christian <b>Benteke</b>	03/12/1990	26	Crystal Palace	-	2	3	0	0		
-	Romelu <b>Lukaku</b>	13/05/1993	24	Everton	*	4	6	0	0		
-	Michy <b>Batshuayi</b>	02/10/1993	23	Chelsea	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Divock <b>Origi</b>	18/04/1995	22	Liverpool	-	0	0	0	0		
<b>Coach</b>											
-	Roberto Martínez	13/07/1973	43		-	5	0	0	0		

## Head coach

---

### Martin Reim

---

**Date of birth:** 14 May 1971

**Nationality:** Estonian

**Playing career:** FC Tallinna Lõvid, SK Tallinna Sport, FC Norma Tallinn, FC Flora Tallinn (twice), Lelle SK, Kotkan TP, JK Tervis Pärnu, Viimsi JK

**Coaching career:** FC Flora Tallinn, Estonia U18, Estonia U21, Estonia U23, Estonia

- Reim was a defensive midfielder whose international career spanned 17 years after his debut for the newly-independent nation in June 1992 against Slovenia, a 1-1 draw. He won his 157th cap (a European record since surpassed by Latvia's Vitālijs Astafjevs) in June 2009, six months after ending club career.
- Took first steps in the game alongside goalkeeper Mart Poom. Began career in Soviet Estonia's top division aged 16, finishing top scorer in 1990 while playing for Norma.
- Spent bulk of his club career (a combined 16 years) in two stints at Flora, retiring with seven titles and three Estonian Cups to his name. He also reached the Finnish Cup final during his only overseas spell, 18 months at Kotkan.
- Returned to Flora as head coach in December 2009, having served as assistant to Janno Kivisild in the latter part of his playing career; won the Estonian title in 2010 and 2011. Lifted the Estonian Cup in 2012, but left a few months later and established a football academy in Tallinn.
- Has since coached Estonia at various levels – youth, U21s and U23s – with some success. Was named successor to Magnus Pehrsson as senior Estonia coach on 14 September 2016 in the wake of a 5-0 defeat away to Bosnia and Herzegovina in the first match of 2018 FIFA World Cup qualifying.

### 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

---

<b>Referee</b>	John Beaton (SCO)
<b>Assistant referees</b>	Alan Mulvanny (SCO) , Graeme Stewart (SCO)
<b>Fourth official</b>	Bobby Madden (SCO)
<b>FIFA Match Commissioner</b>	David McDowell (SVN)
<b>Referee observer</b>	Sándor Piller (HUN)

## Referee

---

Name	Date of birth		UEFA matches
John Beaton	09/01/1982	1	23

## 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
26/03/2013	U17	ELITE	Belgium	Croatia	1-1	Sinj
25/08/2016	UEL	PO	KRC Genk	NK Lokomotiva Zagreb	2-0	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

### Estonia

#### FIFA World Cup - Qualifying round

##### Group H

Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
<b>Belgium</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>13</b>
Greece	5	3	2	0	10	3	11
Bosnia and Herzegovina	5	3	1	1	13	5	10
Cyprus	5	1	1	3	3	8	4
<b>Estonia</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>4</b>
Gibraltar	5	0	0	5	2	22	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

**Estonia:** Aksalu, Pikk, Zenjov (71 Henri Anier), Vassiljev, Klavan, Antonov (86 Sappinen), Mets, Kallaste, Kams (46 Kruglov), Baranov, Teniste

##### Matchday 2 (07/10/2016)

###### Estonia 4-0 Gibraltar

**Goals:** 1-0 Käit 47, 2-0 Vassiljev 52, 3-0 Käit 70, 4-0 Mošnikov 88

**Estonia:** Aksalu, Käit (80 Lepistu), Kruglov, Henri Anier, Zenjov (65 Ojamaa), Vassiljev (61 Mošnikov), Klavan, Luts, Mets, Baranov, Teniste

##### Matchday 3 (10/10/2016)

###### Estonia 0-2 Greece

**Goals:** 0-1 Torosidis 2, 0-2 Stafylidis 60

**Estonia:** Aksalu, Dmitrijev (79 Mošnikov), Marin, Zenjov, Vassiljev, Klavan, Luts (69 Purje), Mets, Kallaste, Baranov, Teniste (31 Kams)

##### 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

**Estonia:** Aksalu, Dmitrijev, Henri Anier (85 Ojamaa), Vassiljev, Klavan, Mošnikov (63 Kams), Luts (84 Marin), Mets, Kallaste, Baranov, Teniste

##### Matchday 5 (25/03/2017)

###### Cyprus 0-0 Estonia

**Estonia:** Aksalu, Kruglov, Dmitrijev, Käit, Zenjov (79 Toomet), Ojamaa (65 Luts), Vassiljev (91 Henri Anier), Klavan, Mets, Baranov, Teniste

##### Matchday 6 (09/06/2017)

Estonia-Belgium

##### Matchday 7 (31/08/2017)

Greece-Estonia

##### Matchday 8 (03/09/2017)

Estonia-Cyprus

##### Matchday 9 (07/10/2017)

Gibraltar-Estonia

##### 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-Belgium

### Matchday 7 (31/08/2017)

Belgium-Gibraltar

### Matchday 8 (03/09/2017)

Greece-Belgium

### 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

**Disclaimer:** Although UEFA has taken all reasonable care that the information contained within this document is accurate at the time of publication, no representation or guarantee (including liability towards third parties), expressed or implied, is made as to its accuracy, reliability or completeness. Therefore, UEFA assumes no liability for the use or interpretation of information contained herein. More information can be found in the competition regulations available on UEFA.com.