

# EUROPEAN QUALIFIERS - 2021/22 SEASON MATCH PRESS KITS



**Northern Ireland**

**Windsor Park - Belfast**  
Wednesday 31 March 2021  
20.45CET (19.45 local time)  
Group C - Matchday 3



**Bulgaria**

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## Previous meetings

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#### FIFA World Cup

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
02/06/2001	QR (GS)	Northern Ireland - <b>Bulgaria</b>	0-1	Belfast	G. Ivanov 54
28/03/2001	QR (GS)	<b>Bulgaria</b> - Northern Ireland	4-3	Sofia	Balakov 7 (P), M.Petrov 17, 77, Tchomakov 72; Williams 15, Elliott 83, Healy 90 (P)

#### 1980 UEFA European Championship

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
02/05/1979	PR (GS)	<b>Northern Ireland</b> - Bulgaria	2-0	Belfast	Nicholl 16, Armstrong 30
29/11/1978	PR (GS)	Bulgaria - <b>Northern Ireland</b>	0-2	Sofia	Armstrong 17, Caskey 83

#### FIFA World Cup

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
26/09/1973	QR (GS)	Northern Ireland - Bulgaria	0-0	Sheffield	
18/10/1972	QR (GS)	<b>Bulgaria</b> - Northern Ireland	3-0	Sofia	Bonev 18 (P), 82 (P), Kolev 59

	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>																		
Northern Ireland	3	1	1	1	3	1	0	2	-	-	-	-	7	2	1	4	7	9
Bulgaria	3	2	0	1	3	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	7	4	1	2	9	7

# Legend

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## Competitions

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### Club competitions

**UCL:** UEFA Champions League  
**ECCL:** 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

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