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Northern Ireland

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Group C - Matchday 3



Bulgaria

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Previous meetings

Head to Head

FIFA World Cup

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
02/06/2001	QR (GS)	Northern Ireland - Bulgaria	0-1	Belfast	G. Ivanov 54
28/03/2001	QR (GS)	Bulgaria - 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)	Northern Ireland - Bulgaria	2-0	Belfast	Nicholl 16, Armstrong 30
29/11/1978	PR (GS)	Bulgaria - Northern Ireland	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)	Bulgaria - 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
Total																		
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

Squad list

Northern Ireland

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season					
						Qual.		FT			
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls		
Goalkeepers											
-	Conor Hazard	05/03/1998	23	Celtic	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Liam Hughes	19/08/2001	19	Celtic	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Bailey Peacock-Farrell	29/10/1996	24	Burnley	-	1	0	0	0		
Defenders											
-	Jonny Evans	03/01/1988	33	Leicester	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Craig Cathcart	06/02/1989	32	Watford	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Conor McLaughlin	26/07/1991	29	Sunderland	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Michael Smith	04/09/1988	32	Hearts	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Paddy McNair	27/04/1995	25	Middlesbrough	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Jamal Lewis	25/01/1998	23	Newcastle	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Daniel Ballard	22/09/1999	21	Blackpool	-	0	0	0	0		
Midfielders											
-	Steven Davis	01/01/1985	36	Rangers	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Josh Magennis	15/08/1990	30	Hull	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Corry Evans	30/07/1990	30	Blackburn	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Stuart Dallas	19/04/1991	29	Leeds	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Shane Ferguson	12/07/1991	29	Millwall	-	0	0	0	0		
-	George Saville	01/06/1993	27	Middlesbrough	*	1	0	0	0		
-	Jordan Thompson	03/01/1997	24	Stoke	*	1	0	0	0		
-	Dion Charles	07/10/1995	25	Accrington	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Alistair McCann	04/12/1999	21	St Johnstone	-	1	0	0	0		
Forwards											
-	Kyle Lafferty	16/09/1987	33	Kilmarnock	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Niall McGinn	20/07/1987	33	Aberdeen	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Matthew Kennedy	01/11/1994	26	Aberdeen	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Gavin Whyte	31/01/1996	25	Hull	-	1	0	0	0		
Coach											
-	Ian Baraclough	04/12/1970	50		-	1	0	0	0		

Bulgaria

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season					
						Qual.		FT			
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls		
Goalkeepers											
-	Plamen Iliev	30/11/1991	29	Ludogorets	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Daniel Naumov	29/03/1998	23	FC CSKA 1948 Sofia	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Ivan Karadzhov	12/07/1989	31	Arda	-	0	0	0	0		
Defenders											
-	Petar Zanev	18/10/1985	35	CSKA-Sofia	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Vasil Bozhikov	02/06/1988	32	Slovan Bratislava	*	2	0	0	0		
-	Petko Hristov	01/03/1999	22	Pro Vercelli	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Valentin Antov	09/11/2000	20	Bologna	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Andrea Hristov	01/03/1999	22	Slavia Sofia	-	0	0	0	0		
Midfielders											
-	Dimitar Iliev	25/09/1988	32	Lokomotiv Plovdiv	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Daniel Dimov	21/01/1989	32	Cherno More	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Momchil Tsvetanov	03/12/1990	30	Lokomotiv Plovdiv	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Ivaylo Chochev	18/02/1993	28	FC CSKA 1948 Sofia	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Kristiyan Malinov	30/03/1994	27	Leuven	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Georgi Kostadinov	07/09/1990	30	Arsenal Tula	*	2	0	0	0		
-	Antonio Vutov	06/06/1996	24	Mezőkövesd	*	0	0	0	0		
-	Petar Vitanov	10/03/1995	26	Lokomotiv Plovdiv	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Ilian Iliev	20/08/1999	21	Cherno More	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Georgi Yomov	06/07/1997	23	CSKA-Sofia	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Birsent Karagaren	06/12/1992	28	Lokomotiv Plovdiv	-	1	0	0	0		
Forwards											
-	Spas Delev	22/09/1989	31	Arda	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Andrej Galabinov	27/11/1988	32	Spezia	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Kiril Despodov	11/11/1996	24	Ludogorets	-	1	1	0	0		
-	Atanas Iliev	09/10/1994	26	Botev Plovdiv	-	2	0	0	0		
Coach											
-	Yasen Petrov	23/06/1968	52		-	2	0	0	0		

Match officials

Referee	Yigal Frid (ISR)
Assistant referees	Nati Dotan (ISR) , Matityahu Yakobov (ISR)
Fourth official	Snir Levy (ISR)
UEFA Delegate	Thura Win (ENG)
UEFA Referee observer	Kenneth William Clark (SCO)

Referee

Name	Date of birth		UEFA matches
Yigal Frid	28/02/1992	0	15

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
11/07/2019	UEL	1QR	Crusaders FC	B36 Tórshavn	2-0	Belfast

Match-by-match lineups

Northern Ireland

FIFA World Cup - Qualifying round

Group C

Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Italy	2	2	0	0	4	0	6
Switzerland	2	2	0	0	4	1	6
Lithuania	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Northern Ireland	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
Bulgaria	2	0	0	2	1	5	0

Matchday 1 (25/03/2021)

Italy 2-0 Northern Ireland

Goals: 1-0 Berardi 14, 2-0 Immobile 38

Northern Ireland: Peacock-Farrell, J. Evans, S. Davis, C. Evans (46 Saville), Dallas, McCann (78 Thompson), McNair, Whyte (63 Lavery), Smith, Cathcart, Magennis (78 Lafferty)

Matchday 3 (31/03/2021)

Northern Ireland-Bulgaria

Matchday 4 (02/09/2021)

Lithuania-Northern Ireland

Matchday 6 (08/09/2021)

Northern Ireland-Switzerland

Matchday 7 (09/10/2021)

Switzerland-Northern Ireland

Matchday 8 (12/10/2021)

Bulgaria-Northern Ireland

Matchday 9 (12/11/2021)

Northern Ireland-Lithuania

Matchday 10 (15/11/2021)

Northern Ireland-Italy

Bulgaria

FIFA World Cup - Qualifying round

Matchday 1 (25/03/2021)

Bulgaria 1-3 Switzerland

Goals: 0-1 Embolo 7, 0-2 Seferović 10, 0-3 Zuber 13, 1-3 Despodov 46

Bulgaria: Iliev, S. Popov, Zanev, Cicinho (72 Tsvetanov), Kostadinov, Despodov (48 Delev), D. Dimov, Bozhikov, Malinov (71 Chochev), Yomov (70 I. Iliev), Iliev (46 A. Iliev)

Matchday 2 (28/03/2021)

Bulgaria 0-2 Italy

Goals: 0-1 Belotti 43 (P), 0-2 Locatelli 82

Bulgaria: Iliev, Antov, Vitanov (88 Rainov), Cicinho (46 Karagaren), Kostadinov (62 Malinov), Galabinov, Delev (78 A. Iliev), D. Dimov, Bozhikov, Chochev, Tsvetanov

Matchday 3 (31/03/2021)

Northern Ireland-Bulgaria

Matchday 4 (02/09/2021)

Italy-Bulgaria

Matchday 5 (05/09/2021)

Bulgaria-Lithuania

Matchday 7 (09/10/2021)

Lithuania-Bulgaria

Matchday 8 (12/10/2021)

Bulgaria-Northern Ireland

Matchday 10 (15/11/2021)

Switzerland-Bulgaria

Legend

Competitions

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

(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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