

# EUROPEAN QUALIFIERS - 2021/22 SEASON MATCH PRESS KITS



**Bulgaria**

**Natsionalen Stadion Vasil Levski -  
Sofia**

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Group C - Matchday 5



**Lithuania**

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## EUROPEAN QUALIFIERS OFFICIAL SPONSORS



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## Previous meetings

### Head to Head

|              | 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> |            |   |   |   |      |   |   |   |                  |   |   |   |       |   |   |   |    |    |
| Bulgaria     | -          | - | - | - | -    | - | - | - | -                | - | - | - | 1     | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3  | 0  |
| Lithuania    | -          | - | - | - | -    | - | - | - | -                | - | - | - | 1     | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0  | 3  |

# Squad list

## Bulgaria

| No.                | Player            | DoB        | Age | Club              | D | Current season |     |     |     | Overall |     |
|--------------------|-------------------|------------|-----|-------------------|---|----------------|-----|-----|-----|---------|-----|
|                    |                   |            |     |                   |   | Qual.          |     | FT  |     | Team    |     |
|                    |                   |            |     |                   |   | Pld            | Gls | Pld | Gls | Pld     | Gls |
| <b>Goalkeepers</b> |                   |            |     |                   |   |                |     |     |     |         |     |
| -                  | Nikolay Mihaylov  | 28/06/1988 | 33  | Levski            | - | 0              | 0   | 0   | 0   | 39      | -   |
| -                  | Georgi Georgiev   | 12/10/1988 | 32  | Cherno More       | - | 1              | 0   | 0   | 0   | 7       | -   |
| -                  | Daniel Naumov     | 29/03/1998 | 23  | CSKA 1948         | - | 1              | 0   | 0   | 0   | 3       | -   |
| <b>Defenders</b>   |                   |            |     |                   |   |                |     |     |     |         |     |
| -                  | Vasil Bozhikov    | 02/06/1988 | 33  | Slovan Bratislava | * | 2              | 0   | 0   | 0   | 34      | 2   |
| -                  | Anton Nedyalkov   | 30/04/1993 | 28  | Ludogorets        | * | 1              | 0   | 0   | 0   | 20      | -   |
| -                  | Petko Hristov     | 01/03/1999 | 22  | Spezia            | * | 2              | 0   | 0   | 0   | 5       | -   |
| -                  | Ivan Turitsov     | 18/07/1999 | 22  | CSKA-Sofia        | - | 0              | 0   | 0   | 0   | 4       | -   |
| -                  | Valentin Antov    | 09/11/2000 | 20  | Monza             | * | 3              | 0   | 0   | 0   | 9       | -   |
| -                  | Andrea Hristov    | 01/03/1999 | 22  | Slavia Sofia      | - | 2              | 0   | 0   | 0   | 4       | -   |
| <b>Midfielders</b> |                   |            |     |                   |   |                |     |     |     |         |     |
| -                  | Dimitar Iliev     | 25/09/1988 | 32  | Lokomotiv Plovdiv | - | 2              | 0   | 0   | 0   | 10      | 2   |
| -                  | Ivaylo Chochev    | 18/02/1993 | 28  | CSKA 1948         | - | 4              | 0   | 0   | 0   | 25      | 3   |
| -                  | Todor Nedelev     | 07/02/1993 | 28  | Botev Plovdiv     | - | 0              | 0   | 0   | 0   | 33      | 2   |
| -                  | Kristiyan Malinov | 30/03/1994 | 27  | Leuven            | - | 3              | 0   | 0   | 0   | 24      | -   |
| -                  | Georgi Kostadinov | 07/09/1990 | 30  | Arsenal Tula      | * | 4              | 0   | 0   | 0   | 29      | 3   |
| -                  | Ilian Iliev       | 20/08/1999 | 22  | Apollon           | - | 1              | 0   | 0   | 0   | 2       | -   |
| -                  | Georgi Yomov      | 06/07/1997 | 24  | CSKA-Sofia        | * | 3              | 0   | 0   | 0   | 7       | 2   |
| -                  | Birsent Karagaren | 06/12/1992 | 28  | Lokomotiv Plovdiv | - | 2              | 0   | 0   | 0   | 12      | -   |
| -                  | Dominic Yankov    | 28/07/2000 | 21  | Ludogorets        | - | 1              | 0   | 0   | 0   | 7       | -   |
| <b>Forwards</b>    |                   |            |     |                   |   |                |     |     |     |         |     |
| -                  | Spas Delev        | 22/09/1989 | 31  | PFC Arda          | - | 3              | 0   | 0   | 0   | 32      | 2   |
| -                  | Radoslav Kirilov  | 29/06/1992 | 29  | Slavia Sofia      | - | 1              | 0   | 0   | 0   | 3       | -   |
| -                  | Kiril Despodov    | 11/11/1996 | 24  | Ludogorets        | - | 3              | 1   | 0   | 0   | 21      | 2   |
| -                  | Kaloyan Krastev   | 24/01/1999 | 22  | CSKA-Sofia        | - | 1              | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1       | -   |
| -                  | Atanas Iliev      | 09/10/1994 | 26  | Ascoli            | * | 4              | 1   | 0   | 0   | 7       | 2   |
| <b>Coach</b>       |                   |            |     |                   |   |                |     |     |     |         |     |
| -                  | Yasen Petrov      | 23/06/1968 | 53  |                   | - | 4              | 0   | 0   | 0   | 7       | -   |

## Lithuania

| No.                | Player               | DoB        | Age | Club               | D | Current season |     |     |     | Overall |     |
|--------------------|----------------------|------------|-----|--------------------|---|----------------|-----|-----|-----|---------|-----|
|                    |                      |            |     |                    |   | Qual.          |     | FT  |     | Team    |     |
|                    |                      |            |     |                    |   | Pld            | Gls | Pld | Gls | Pld     | Gls |
| <b>Goalkeepers</b> |                      |            |     |                    |   |                |     |     |     |         |     |
| -                  | Ernestas Šetkus      | 25/05/1985 | 36  | H. Tel-Aviv        | - | 1              | 0   | 0   | 0   | 28      | -   |
| -                  | Edvinas Gertmonas    | 01/06/1996 | 25  | Žalgiris           | - | 0              | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1       | -   |
| -                  | Titas Krapikas       | 03/01/1999 | 22  | Spezia             | - | 0              | 0   | 0   | 0   | -       | -   |
| <b>Defenders</b>   |                      |            |     |                    |   |                |     |     |     |         |     |
| -                  | Vaidas Slavickas     | 26/02/1986 | 35  | Sūduva             | * | 1              | 0   | 0   | 0   | 19      | -   |
| -                  | Linas Klimavičius    | 10/04/1989 | 32  | Dainava            | - | 0              | 0   | 0   | 0   | 27      | -   |
| -                  | Rolandas Baravykas   | 23/08/1995 | 26  | UTA                | * | 1              | 1   | 0   | 0   | 18      | 2   |
| -                  | Dominykas Barauskas  | 18/04/1997 | 24  | Riteriai           | - | 1              | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1       | -   |
| -                  | Vytas Gašpuitis      | 04/03/1994 | 27  | Dunfermline        | - | 2              | 0   | 0   | 0   | 8       | -   |
| -                  | Artemijus Tutyškinas | 08/08/2003 | 18  | Crotone            | - | 0              | 0   | 0   | 0   | -       | -   |
| <b>Midfielders</b> |                      |            |     |                    |   |                |     |     |     |         |     |
| -                  | Arvydas Novikovas    | 18/12/1990 | 30  | Erzurumspor        | - | 3              | 0   | 0   | 0   | 67      | 12  |
| -                  | Martynas Dapkus      | 16/02/1993 | 28  | Kauno Žalgiris     | - | 2              | 0   | 0   | 0   | 13      | -   |
| -                  | Donatas Kazlauskas   | 21/03/1994 | 27  | Academica Clinceni | * | 2              | 0   | 0   | 0   | 24      | 2   |
| -                  | Ovidijus Verbickas   | 04/07/1993 | 28  | Žalgiris           | - | 1              | 0   | 0   | 0   | 21      | 1   |
| -                  | Vykintas Slivka      | 29/04/1995 | 26  | Apollon Smyrnis    | - | 2              | 0   | 0   | 0   | 42      | 2   |
| -                  | Fedor Černych        | 21/05/1991 | 30  | Jagiellonia        | * | 3              | 0   | 0   | 0   | 62      | 9   |
| -                  | Domantas Šimkus      | 10/02/1996 | 25  | H. Kfar-Saba       | * | 2              | 0   | 0   | 0   | 20      | -   |
| -                  | Linas Mėgelaitis     | 09/09/1998 | 22  | Viterbese          | * | 1              | 0   | 0   | 0   | 4       | -   |
| -                  | Justas Lasickas      | 06/10/1997 | 23  | Voždovac           | - | 2              | 0   | 0   | 0   | 22      | -   |
| -                  | Edgaras Utkus        | 22/06/2000 | 21  | Cercle Brugge      | * | 1              | 0   | 0   | 0   | 3       | -   |
| -                  | Karolis Uzėla        | 11/03/2000 | 21  | Žalgiris           | - | 1              | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1       | -   |
| -                  | Benas Šatkus         | 01/04/2001 | 20  | Nürnberg           | - | 1              | 0   | 0   | 0   | 2       | -   |
| <b>Forwards</b>    |                      |            |     |                    |   |                |     |     |     |         |     |
| -                  | Eligijus Jankauskas  | 22/06/1998 | 23  | Panevezys          | - | 1              | 0   | 0   | 0   | 3       | -   |
| -                  | Edgaras Dubickas     | 09/07/1998 | 23  | Piacenza           | - | 1              | 0   | 0   | 0   | 2       | -   |
| <b>Coach</b>       |                      |            |     |                    |   |                |     |     |     |         |     |
| -                  | Tomas Ražanauskas    | 07/01/1976 | 45  |                    | - | 1              | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1       | -   |

## Match officials

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| <b>Referee</b>                           | John Beaton (SCO)                            |
| <b>Assistant referees</b>                | Daniel McFarlane (SCO) , Alan Mulvanny (SCO) |
| <b>Video Assistant Referee</b>           | Peter Bankes (ENG)                           |
| <b>Assistant Video Assistant Referee</b> | Neil Davies (ENG)                            |
| <b>Fourth official</b>                   | Nicholas Walsh (SCO)                         |
| <b>UEFA Delegate</b>                     | Philippe Prudhon (FRA)                       |
| <b>UEFA Referee observer</b>             | Markus Strömbergsson (SWE)                   |

## Referee

| Name        | Date of birth |   | UEFA matches |
|-------------|---------------|---|--------------|
| John Beaton | 09/01/1982    | 2 | 45           |

## 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      |
|------------|-------------|---------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|--------|------------|
| 26/07/2018 | UEL         | 2QR           | PFC CSKA-Sofia                   | FC Admira Wacker Mödling   | 3-0    | Sofia      |
| 16/10/2018 | UNL         | GS-FT         | Norway                           | Bulgaria                   | 1-0    | Oslo       |
| 15/08/2019 | UEL         | 3QR           | Racing Club de Strasbourg Alsace | PFC Lokomotiv Plovdiv 1926 | 1-0    | Strasbourg |
| 26/08/2021 | UECL        | PO            | FK Bodø/Glimt                    | FK Žalgiris Vilnius        | 1-0    | Bodo       |

## Match-by-match lineups

### Bulgaria

#### FIFA World Cup - Qualifying round

##### Group C

| Team             | Pld      | W        | D        | L        | GF       | GA       | Pts      |
|------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Italy            | 4        | 3        | 1        | 0        | 7        | 1        | 10       |
| Switzerland      | 2        | 2        | 0        | 0        | 4        | 1        | 6        |
| Northern Ireland | 3        | 1        | 1        | 1        | 4        | 3        | 4        |
| <b>Bulgaria</b>  | <b>4</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>2</b> |
| <b>Lithuania</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>7</b> | <b>0</b> |

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

##### Matchday 2 (28/03/2021)

###### Bulgaria 0-2 Italy

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

**Bulgaria:** P. 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 0-0 Bulgaria

**Bulgaria:** Naumov, P. Hristov, Antov, Kostadinov (43 Vitanov), Vutov (46 D. Iliev), Galabinov (73 A. Iliev), Despodov, Yomov (72 Karagaren), Chochev, Tsvetanov (73 Zanev), A. Hristov

##### Matchday 4 (02/09/2021)

###### Italy 1-1 Bulgaria

Goals: 1-0 Chiesa 16, 1-1 A. Iliev 40

**Bulgaria:** Georgiev, A. Hristov, Antov, P. Hristov, Kostadinov, Vitanov (74 Malinov), Despodov (74 Kirilov), Yankov (57 Chochev), Nedyalkov, Yomov (46 Delev), A. Iliev (69 Krastev)

##### 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

### Lithuania

#### FIFA World Cup - Qualifying round

##### Matchday 2 (28/03/2021)

###### Switzerland 1-0 Lithuania

Goals: 1-0 Shaqiri 2

**Lithuania:** Švedkauskas, Dapkus, Gašpuitis, Beneta, Vaitkūnas, Novikovas, Mikoliūnas, Slivka (75 Tautvydas Eliošius), Lasickas (58 Laukžemis), Šimkus, Černych (81 Petravičius)

##### Matchday 3 (31/03/2021)

###### Lithuania 0-2 Italy

Goals: 0-1 Sensi 48, 0-2 Immobile 90+4 (P)

**Lithuania:** Švedkauskas, Dapkus, Girdvainis, Beneta, Sirgėdas (58 Tautvydas Eliošius), Vaitkūnas, Novikovas, Mikoliūnas (74 Gašpuitis), Slivka, Šimkus (83 Petravičius), Černych (74 D. Kazlauskas)

**Matchday 4 (02/09/2021)**

**Lithuania 1-4 Northern Ireland**

**Goals:** 0-1 Ballard 20, 0-2 Washington 52 (P) , 1-2 Baravykas 55, 1-3 Lavery 67, 1-4 McNair 82 (P)

**Lithuania:** Šetkus, Šatkus, Dubickas (74 D. Kazlauskas), Novikovas, Slavickas (74 Barauskas), Lasickas, Verbickas (80 Uzėla), Mėgelaitis, Utkus, Černych (80 E. Jankauskas), Baravykas

**Matchday 5 (05/09/2021)**

Bulgaria-Lithuania

**Matchday 6 (08/09/2021)**

Italy-Lithuania

**Matchday 7 (09/10/2021)**

Lithuania-Bulgaria

**Matchday 8 (12/10/2021)**

Lithuania-Switzerland

**Matchday 9 (12/11/2021)**

Northern Ireland-Lithuania

# 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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