

EUROPEAN QUALIFIERS - 2021/22 SEASON MATCH PRESS KITS



Bulgaria

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Sofia**

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Group C - Matchday 8



Northern Ireland

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Previous meetings

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FIFA World Cup

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
31/03/2021	QR (GS)	Northern Ireland - Bulgaria	0-0	Belfast	

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																		
Bulgaria	3	2	0	1	4	1	2	1	-	-	-	-	8	4	2	2	9	7
Northern Ireland	4	1	2	1	3	1	0	2	-	-	-	-	8	2	2	4	7	9

Squad list

Bulgaria

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season				Overall	
						Qual.		FT		Team	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers											
1	Martin Lukov	05/07/1993	28	Al-Tai FC	-	1	0	0	0	5	-
13	Svetoslav Vutsov	09/07/2002	19	Slavia Sofia	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
23	Ivan Karadzhov	12/07/1989	32	PFC Arda	-	0	0	0	0	1	-
Defenders											
2	Ivan Turitsov	18/07/1999	22	CSKA-Sofia	-	1	0	0	0	5	-
3	Andrea Hristov	01/03/1999	22	Slavia Sofia	-	4	0	0	0	7	1
5	Petko Hristov	01/03/1999	22	Spezia	*	4	0	0	0	8	-
15	Vasil Bozhikov	02/06/1988	33	Slovan Bratislava	*	3	0	0	0	36	2
21	Dimitar Velkovski	22/01/1995	26	Cercle Brugge	-	0	0	0	0	4	-
Midfielders											
4	Radoslav Tsonev	29/04/1995	26	Levski	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
6	Birsent Karagaren	06/12/1992	28	Lokomotiv Plovdiv	-	2	0	0	0	13	-
7	Dominic Yankov	28/07/2000	21	Ludogorets	-	2	0	0	0	9	-
8	Todor Nedeleev	07/02/1993	28	Botev Plovdiv	-	2	0	0	0	36	3
12	Petar Vitanov	10/03/1995	26	Lokomotiv Plovdiv	*	4	0	0	0	8	-
14	Borislav Tsonev	29/04/1995	26	Levski	-	0	0	0	0	1	-
16	Kristiyan Malinov	30/03/1994	27	Leuven	-	5	0	0	0	26	-
18	Ivaylo Chochev	18/02/1993	28	CSKA 1948	-	6	1	0	0	28	4
20	Dimitar Iliev	25/09/1988	33	Lokomotiv Plovdiv	-	4	0	0	0	13	3
22	Ilian Iliev	20/08/1999	22	Apollon	-	2	0	0	0	4	-
Forwards											
9	Spas Delev	22/09/1989	32	PFC Arda	-	5	0	0	0	35	3
10	Radoslav Kirilov	29/06/1992	29	Slavia Sofia	-	1	0	0	0	4	-
11	Kiril Despodov	11/11/1996	24	Ludogorets	-	5	2	0	0	23	3
17	Kaloyan Krastev	24/01/1999	22	CSKA-Sofia	-	3	0	0	0	4	-
19	Atanas Iliev	09/10/1994	27	Ascoli	-	5	1	0	0	8	2
Coach											
-	Yasen Petrov	23/06/1968	53		-	6	0	0	0	10	-

Northern Ireland

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season				Overall	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers											
1	Bailey Peacock-Farrell	29/10/1996	24	Sheff. Wednesday	-	5	0	0	0	26	-
12	Conor Hazard	05/03/1998	23	Celtic	-	0	0	0	0	3	-
23	Liam Hughes	19/08/2001	20	Liverpool	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
Defenders											
4	Daniel Ballard	22/09/1999	22	Millwall	-	4	1	0	0	11	1
5	Tom Flanagan	21/10/1991	29	Sunderland	-	1	0	0	0	10	-
17	Paddy McNair	27/04/1995	26	Middlesbrough	-	4	1	0	0	50	5
20	Craig Cathcart	06/02/1989	32	Watford	-	5	0	0	0	64	2
22	Ciaran Brown	14/01/1998	23	Cardiff	*	2	0	0	0	7	-
Midfielders											
2	Conor Bradley	09/07/2003	18	Liverpool	*	2	0	0	0	4	-
6	George Saville	01/06/1993	28	Millwall	-	4	0	0	0	33	-
8	Steven Davis	01/01/1985	36	Rangers	-	5	0	0	0	129	12
10	Dion Charles	07/10/1995	26	Accrington	-	1	0	0	0	5	-
11	Shane Ferguson	12/07/1991	30	Rotherham	-	1	0	0	0	51	2
13	Carl Winchester	12/04/1993	28	Sunderland	-	0	0	0	0	1	-
14	Stuart Dallas	19/04/1991	30	Leeds	-	3	0	0	0	57	3
15	Jordan Thompson	03/01/1997	24	Stoke	*	4	0	0	0	19	-
19	Alfie McCalmont	25/03/2000	21	Morecambe	-	1	0	0	0	4	-
21	Josh Magennis	15/08/1990	31	Hull	*	3	0	0	0	62	8
Forwards											
7	Niall McGinn	20/07/1987	34	Aberdeen	-	1	0	0	0	67	6
9	Conor Washington	18/05/1992	29	Charlton	*	3	1	0	0	32	5
16	Jordan Jones	24/10/1994	26	Wigan	-	3	0	0	0	16	1
18	Paul Smyth	10/09/1997	24	Leyton Orient	-	0	0	0	0	3	1
Coach											
-	Ian Baraclough	04/12/1970	50		-	5	0	0	0	5	-

Match officials

Referee	Aleksei Kulbakov (BLR)
Assistant referees	Dmitri Zhuk (BLR) , Oleg Maslyanko (BLR)
Video Assistant Referee	Sergei Karasev (RUS)
Assistant Video Assistant Referee	Aleksei Lunev (RUS)
Fourth official	Dzmitry Dzmitryieu (BLR)
UEFA Delegate	Pascal Parent (FRA)
UEFA Referee observer	Zbigniew Przesmycki (POL)

Referee

Name	Date of birth		UEFA matches
Aleksei Kulbakov	27/12/1979	7	122

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
08/10/2008	U19	QR	Serbia	Northern Ireland	3-1	Belfast
13/10/2008	U19	QR	Albania	Northern Ireland	1-2	Belfast
11/07/2013	UEL	1QR	Rosenborg BK	Crusaders FC	7-2	Trondheim
06/08/2014	UCL	3QR	FK Partizan	PFC Ludogorets 1945	2-2	Belgrade
13/09/2016	UCL	GS	FC Basel 1893	PFC Ludogorets 1945	1-1	Basel
29/10/2020	UEL	GS	AS Roma	PFC CSKA-Sofia	0-0	Rome
05/06/2021	FRIE.	R1	Russia	Bulgaria	1-0	Moscow

Match-by-match lineups

Bulgaria

FIFA World Cup - Qualifying round

Group C

Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Italy	6	4	2	0	12	1	14
Switzerland	5	3	2	0	6	1	11
Northern Ireland	5	1	2	2	4	5	5
Bulgaria	6	1	2	3	4	9	5
Lithuania	6	1	0	5	4	14	3

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 1-0 Lithuania

Goals: 1-0 Chochev 82

Bulgaria: Georgiev, Turitsov, Antov, P. Hristov, Kostadinov (57 Chochev), Nedelev (57 D. Iliev), Despodov, Nedyalkov, Malinov (94 A. Hristov), Yomov (76 Delev), A. Iliev (94 Krastev)

Matchday 7 (09/10/2021)

Lithuania 3-1 Bulgaria

Goals: 1-0 Lasickas 18, 1-1 Despodov 64, 2-1 Černych 82, 3-1 Černych 84

Bulgaria: Lukov, A. Hristov, Antov, P. Hristov, Nedelev (87 Yankov), Despodov, Vitanov (60 Chochev), Bozhikov, Malinov (60 I. Iliev), Yomov (72 Delev), D. Iliev (72 Krastev)

Matchday 8 (12/10/2021)

Bulgaria-Northern Ireland

Matchday 10 (15/11/2021)

Switzerland-Bulgaria

Northern Ireland

FIFA World Cup - Qualifying round

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 0-0 Bulgaria

Northern Ireland: Peacock-Farrell, Lewis, Ballard (74 Smith), J. Evans, Saville (74 Kennedy), S. Davis, Dallas, McNair, Whyte (64 McGinn), Cathcart, Magennis (82 Lafferty)

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)

Northern Ireland: Peacock-Farrell, Lewis, Ballard, S. Davis, Washington (82 Jones), Lavery (82 Lafferty), Thompson (82 McCalmont), McCann, McNair, Smith (89 Flanagan), Cathcart

Matchday 6 (08/09/2021)

Northern Ireland 0-0 Switzerland

Northern Ireland: Peacock-Farrell, Lewis, Ballard, S. Davis, Washington (68 Charles), Thompson (74 Saville), McCann, Lavery (86 Jones), Smith (68 Bradley), Cathcart, Brown

Matchday 7 (09/10/2021)

Switzerland 2-0 Northern Ireland

Goals: 1-0 Zuber 45+3, 2-0 Fassnacht 90+1

Northern Ireland: Peacock-Farrell, Lewis, Ballard, Saville, S. Davis, Washington (62 Magennis), Dallas (86 Bradley), Thompson (80 Jones), McNair, Cathcart, Brown (80 Ferguson)

Matchday 8 (12/10/2021)

Bulgaria-Northern Ireland

Matchday 9 (12/11/2021)

Northern Ireland-Lithuania

Matchday 10 (15/11/2021)

Northern Ireland-Italy

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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