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Malta

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Group F - Matchday -12

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Faroe Islands

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Previous meetings

Head to Head

UEFA Nations League

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
20/11/2018	GS-FT	Malta - Faroe Islands	1-1	Ta' Qali	Corbolan 4; R. Joensen 3
07/09/2018	GS-FT	Faroe Islands - Malta	3-1	Torshavn	Edmundsson 31, R. Joensen 38, Hansson 52; Mifsud 42

FIFA World Cup

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
08/06/1997	QR (GS)	Faroe Islands - Malta	2-1	Toftir	Jónsson 7, 42; G. Agius 48
30/04/1997	QR (GS)	Malta - Faroe Islands	1-2	Ta' Qali	Sultana 8; Ø Hansen 60, Jónsson 89

	Qualifying								Final tournament				Total					
	Home				Away													
	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
EURO																		
Malta	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	0	1	1	2	0	1	1	2	4
Faroe Islands	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	1	0	2	1	1	0	4	2
FIFA*																		
Malta	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	-	-	-	-	2	0	0	2	2	4
Faroe Islands	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	-	-	-	-	2	2	0	0	4	2
Friendlies																		
Malta	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	0	1	5	5
Faroe Islands	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	0	1	5	5
Total																		
Malta	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	2	0	1	1	6	1	1	4	9	13
Faroe Islands	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	0	6	4	1	1	13	9

* FIFA World Cup/FIFA Confederations Cup

Squad list

Malta

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season					
						Qual.		FT			
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls		
Goalkeepers											
-	Justin Haber	09/06/1981	37	Gżira	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Henry Bonello	13/10/1988	30	Valletta	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Nicky Vella	27/08/1989	29	Pietà	-	0	0	0	0		
Defenders											
-	Jonathan Caruana	24/07/1986	32	Valletta	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Ryan Camilleri	22/05/1988	30	Valletta	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Andrei Agius	12/08/1986	32	Hibernians	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Steve Borg	15/05/1988	30	Valletta	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Joseph Zerafa	31/05/1988	30	Valletta	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Karl Micallef	08/09/1996	22	Hamrun	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Dunstan Vella	27/04/1996	22	Hibernians	-	0	0	0	0		
Midfielders											
-	Paul Fenech	20/12/1986	32	Balzan	-	0	0	0	0		
-	John Mintoff	23/08/1988	30	Sliema	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Rowen Muscat	05/06/1991	27	Valletta	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Bjorn Kristensen	05/04/1993	25	Hibernians	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Zach Muscat	22/08/1993	25	Olhanense	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Matthew Guillaumier	09/04/1998	20	Birkirkara	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Jake Grech	18/11/1997	21	Hibernians	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Nikolai Muscat	13/07/1996	22	Gżira	-	0	0	0	0		
Forwards											
-	Michael Mifsud	17/04/1981	37	Birkirkara	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Luke Montebello	13/08/1995	23	Birkirkara	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Juan Corbolan	03/01/1997	22	Gżira	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Kyrian Nwoko	04/07/1997	21	Valletta	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Joseph Mbong	15/07/1997	21	Hibernians	-	0	0	0	0		
Coach											
-	Raymond Farrugia	01/10/1955	63		-	0	0	0	0		

Faroe Islands

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season					
						Qual.		FT			
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls		
Goalkeepers											
-	Gunnar Nielsen	07/10/1986	32	FH	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Teitur Gestsson	19/08/1992	26	HB	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Karstin Hansen	05/10/1997	21	Skála	-	0	0	0	0		
Defenders											
-	Atli Gregersen	15/06/1982	36	Vikingur	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Odmar Faerø	01/11/1989	29	Ham-Kam	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Viljormur Davidson	19/07/1991	27	VB	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Rógvi Baldvinsson	06/12/1989	29	Bryne	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Bartal Wardum	03/05/1997	21	HB	-	0	0	0	0		
Midfielders											
-	Heini Vatnsdal	18/10/1991	27	Fremad Amager	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Hallur Hansson	08/07/1992	26	Horsens	-	0	0	0	0		
-	René Joensen	08/02/1993	26	Grindavík	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Magnus Egilsson	19/03/1994	25	HB	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Árni Frederiksberg	13/06/1992	26	B36	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Kaj Bartalsstovu	23/06/1991	27	ÍBV	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Brandur Hendriksson	19/12/1995	23	FH	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Sølvi Vatnhamar	05/05/1986	32	Vikingur	-	0	0	0	0		
Forwards											
-	Klæmint Olsen	17/07/1990	28	NSÍ	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Jóan Edmundsson	26/07/1991	27	Arminia	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Gilli Rólantsson	11/08/1992	26	Brann	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Jákup Thomsen	23/11/1997	21	FH	-	0	0	0	0		
Coach											
-	Lars Olsen	02/02/1961	58		-	0	0	0	0		

Head coach

Ray Farrugia

Date of birth: 1 October, 1955

Nationality: Maltese

Playing career: Floriana, Melita Eagles, Naxxar Lions

Coaching career: Naxxar Lions, Malta Under-21 (twice), Pietà Hotspurs, Marxsaxlokk, Sliema Wanderers, Malta (assistant), Malta

- A combative midfielder, 'Zazu' made his debut for the senior team of local club Floriana at 16 and remained there for four seasons, winning two league titles and the FA Trophy and also claiming the first of four senior caps for Malta.
- He left for Australia aged just 21, joining top-flight outfit Melita Eagles, where he would spend the next 12 years, winning four State League championships and three Grand Finals and scoring 123 goals in 318 matches. He returned to his homeland in 1990, joining Naxxar Lions, and eventually hung up his boots at the age of 42.
- Started coaching while still playing at Naxxar before moving on to take charge of the Malta Under-21 side from 1998 to 2002. He later returned to club football on the island, serving Pietà Hotspurs, Marsaxlokk and Sliema Wanderers as head coach.
- In 2011 Farrugia was re-appointed as Malta U-21 head coach, remaining in charge until 2014, when he was promoted to the senior side as assistant to Pietro Ghedin.
- On 2 May 2018 he was appointed as Malta's head coach, replacing Tom Saintfiet who had been dismissed after just six months at the helm.

Lars Olsen

Date of birth: 2 February 1961

Nationality: Danish

Playing career: Glostrup, Køge, Brøndby (twice), Trabzonspor, Seraing, Basel

Coaching career: Brøndby (youth/reserves/assistant), Randers, Odense, Faroe Islands

- Enjoyed an illustrious playing career as a central defender, winning five Danish titles in a six-year spell at Brøndby between 1985 and 1991.
- Allegedly drove from Turkey to Scandinavia when he learned of his country's belated call-up to EURO '92. His passion and leadership – he played every minute in Sweden – helped inspire Denmark to the most unlikely of triumphs. He ended his career with 84 caps, a record 69 as captain.
- Learned his coaching craft with Brøndby, taking charge at various youth and reserve levels after finishing his playing days at the club in 1996, before accepting his first senior job with newly formed Randers in 2003. Guided the team into the Danish Super League in 2004 but could not help maintain their elite status, suffering immediate relegation.
- Steered second-division Randers to a surprise 2006 Danish Cup success, beating Esbjerg in the final, while also securing a return to the top flight. Moved to Odense in summer 2007, leading his new side to a fourth-place finish in his first term. Consecutive runners-up spots followed in 2008/09 and 2009/10 before he departed in September 2010.
- Appointed coach of the Faroe Islands in November 2011, his team were unable to register a win as they came bottom of 2014 FIFA World Cup qualifying Group C, earning their only point in a 1-1 home draw with Kazakhstan. However, UEFA EURO 2016 qualifying featured two high points in the shape of home and away wins against the 2004 champions Greece, while there were two more victories in the 2018 World Cup preliminaries.

Match officials

Referee	Vilhjalmur Thorarinsson (ISL)
Assistant referees	Gylfi Mar Sigurdsson (ISL) , Birkir Sigurdarson (ISL)
Fourth official	Ivar Orri Kristjansson (ISL)
UEFA Delegate	Nikola Kostov (MKD)
UEFA Referee observer	Jari Maisonlahti (FIN)

Referee

Name	Date of birth	UEFA EURO matches	UEFA matches
Vilhjalmur Thorarinsson	13/03/1985	0	31

UEFA European Championship matches featuring 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
23/10/2016	U17	QR	Switzerland	Faroe Islands	3-0	Niedercorn
26/10/2016	U17	QR	Luxembourg	Faroe Islands	2-2	Niedercorn

Match-by-match lineups

Malta

Final tournament - Qualifying round

Group F

Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Faroe Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Malta	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Norway	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Romania	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Spain	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sweden	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

(23/03/2019)

Malta-Faroe Islands

(26/03/2019)

Malta-Spain

(07/06/2019)

Sweden-Malta

(10/06/2019)

Malta-Romania

(05/09/2019)

Norway-Malta

(08/09/2019)

Romania-Malta

(12/10/2019)

Malta-Sweden

(15/10/2019)

Faroe Islands-Malta

(15/11/2019)

Spain-Malta

(18/11/2019)

Malta-Norway

Faroe Islands

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Malta	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Norway	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Romania	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Spain	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sweden	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

(23/03/2019)

Malta-Faroe Islands

(26/03/2019)

Romania-Faroe Islands

(07/06/2019)

Faroe Islands-Spain

(10/06/2019)

Faroe Islands-Norway

(05/09/2019)

Faroe Islands-Sweden

(08/09/2019)

Spain-Faroe Islands

(12/10/2019)

Faroe Islands-Romania

(15/10/2019)

Faroe Islands-Malta

(15/11/2019)

Norway-Faroe Islands

(18/11/2019)

Sweden-Faroe Islands

Legend

:: Previous meetings

Goals for/against: Goal totals include the outcome of disciplinary decisions (e.g. match forfeits when a 3-0 result is determined). Goals totals do not include goals scored during a penalty shoot-out after a tie ended in a draw

:: Squad list

Qual.: Total European Qualifiers appearances/goals for UEFA EURO 2020 only.

FT: Total UEFA EURO 2020 appearances/goals in final tournament only.

Overall: Total international appearances/goals.

DoB: Date of birth

Age: Based on the date press kit was last updated

D: Disciplinary (*: misses next match if booked, S: suspended)

:: Team facts

EURO finals: The UEFA European Championship was a four-team event in 1960, 1964, 1968, 1972 and 1976 (when the preliminary round and quarter-finals were considered part of qualifying).

From 1980 it was expanded to an eight-team finals and remained in that format in 1984, 1988 and 1992 until 1996, when the 16-team format was adopted. UEFA EURO 2016 was the first tournament to be played as a 24-team finals.

Records of inactive countries

A number of UEFA associations have been affected by dissolution or splits of member associations. For statistical purposes, the records of these inactive countries have been allocated elsewhere: therefore, all Soviet Union matches are awarded to Russia; all West Germany – but not East Germany – matches are awarded to Germany; all Yugoslavia and Serbia & Montenegro matches are awarded to Serbia; all Czechoslovakia matches are allocated to both the Czech Republic and Slovakia.

Abandoned/forfeited matches

For statistical purposes, when a match has been started and then abandoned but later forfeited, the result on the pitch at the time of abandonment is counted. Matches that never started and were either cancelled or forfeited are not included in the overall statistics.

Competitions

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

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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