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Estonia

A. Le Coq Arena - Tallinn

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Group C - Matchday -10



Northern Ireland

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Previous meetings

Head to Head

2020 UEFA European Championship

| Date | Stage reached | Match | Result | Venue | Goalscorers |
|------------|---------------|----------------------------|--------|---------|----------------------------|
| 21/03/2019 | QR (GS) | Northern Ireland - Estonia | 2-0 | Belfast | McGinn 56, S. Davis 75 (P) |

UEFA EURO 2012

| Date | Stage reached | Match | Result | Venue | Goalscorers |
|------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|--------|---------|---|
| 07/10/2011 | QR (GS) | Northern Ireland - Estonia | 1-2 | Belfast | S. Davis 22; Vassiljev 77 (P), 84 |
| 06/09/2011 | QR (GS) | Estonia - Northern Ireland | 4-1 | Tallinn | Vunk 28, Kink 32, Zenjov 60, Saag 90+3; Piiraja 40 (og) |

| | 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 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Estonia | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | - | - | - | - | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 4 |
| Northern Ireland | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | - | - | - | - | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 6 |
| FIFA* | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Estonia | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Northern Ireland | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Friendlies | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Estonia | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Northern Ireland | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Total | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Estonia | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | - | - | - | - | 5 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 6 | 6 |
| Northern Ireland | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | - | - | - | - | 5 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 6 |

* FIFA World Cup/FIFA Confederations Cup

Squad list

Estonia

| No. | Player | DoB | Age | Club | D | Current season | | | | | |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|------------|-----|-----------|---|----------------|-----|-----|-----|--|--|
| | | | | | | Qual. | | FT | | | |
| | | | | | | Pld | Gls | Pld | Gls | | |
| Goalkeepers | | | | | | | | | | | |
| - | Mihkel Aksalu | 07/11/1984 | 34 | SJK | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Sergei Lepmets | 05/04/1987 | 32 | Levadia | - | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Marko Meerits | 26/04/1992 | 27 | Trans | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Defenders | | | | | | | | | | | |
| - | Gert Kams | 25/05/1985 | 34 | Flora | - | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Ken Kallaste | 31/08/1988 | 30 | Korona | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Joonas Tamm | 02/02/1992 | 27 | Korona | - | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Artur Pikk | 05/03/1993 | 26 | Miedz | - | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Karol Mets | 16/05/1993 | 26 | AIK | - | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Märten Kuusk | 05/04/1996 | 23 | Flora | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Madis Vihmann | 05/10/1995 | 23 | Stabæk | - | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Vlasiy Sinyavskiy | 27/11/1996 | 22 | Flora | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Vladislav Kreida | 25/09/1999 | 19 | Flora | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Midfielders | | | | | | | | | | | |
| - | Konstantin Vassiljev | 16/08/1984 | 34 | Flora | - | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Sander Puri | 07/05/1988 | 31 | Kalju | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Taijo Teniste | 31/01/1988 | 31 | Brann | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Artjom Dmitrijev | 14/11/1988 | 30 | Okzhetpes | - | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Henrik Ojamaa | 20/05/1991 | 28 | Miedz | - | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Rauno Sappinen | 23/01/1996 | 23 | Den Bosch | - | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Mattias Käit | 29/06/1998 | 20 | Fulham | - | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Martin Miller | 25/09/1997 | 21 | Flora | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Forwards | | | | | | | | | | | |
| - | Sergei Zenjov | 20/04/1989 | 30 | Shakhter | - | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Mark Oliver Roosnupp | 12/05/1997 | 22 | Levadia | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Erik Sorga | 08/07/1999 | 19 | Flora | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Coach | | | | | | | | | | | |
| - | Martin Reim | 14/05/1971 | 48 | | - | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |

Northern Ireland

| No. | Player | DoB | Age | Club | D | Current season | | | | | |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|------------|-----|---------------|---|----------------|-----|-----|-----|--|--|
| | | | | | | Qual. | | FT | | | |
| | | | | | | Pld | Gls | Pld | Gls | | |
| Goalkeepers | | | | | | | | | | | |
| - | Michael McGovern | 12/07/1984 | 34 | Norwich | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Conor Hazard | 05/03/1998 | 21 | Partick | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Bailey Peacock-Farrell | 29/10/1996 | 22 | Leeds | - | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Defenders | | | | | | | | | | | |
| - | Gareth McAuley | 05/12/1979 | 39 | Rangers | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Jonny Evans | 03/01/1988 | 31 | Leicester | - | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Craig Cathcart | 06/02/1989 | 30 | Watford | - | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Conor McLaughlin | 26/07/1991 | 27 | Millwall | - | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Michael Smith | 04/09/1988 | 30 | Hearts | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Paddy McNair | 27/04/1995 | 24 | Middlesbrough | - | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Tom Flanagan | 21/10/1991 | 27 | Sunderland | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Midfielders | | | | | | | | | | | |
| - | Steven Davis | 01/01/1985 | 34 | Rangers | - | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Josh Magennis | 15/08/1990 | 28 | Bolton | - | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Corry Evans | 30/07/1990 | 28 | Blackburn | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Stuart Dallas | 19/04/1991 | 28 | Leeds | - | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Shane Ferguson | 12/07/1991 | 27 | Millwall | - | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | George Saville | 01/06/1993 | 26 | Middlesbrough | - | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Jordan Thompson | 03/01/1997 | 22 | Blackpool | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Jamal Lewis | 25/01/1998 | 21 | Norwich | - | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Jordan Jones | 24/10/1994 | 24 | Kilmarnock | - | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Forwards | | | | | | | | | | | |
| - | Kyle Lafferty | 16/09/1987 | 31 | Rangers | - | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Liam Boyce | 08/04/1991 | 28 | Burton | - | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Gavin Whyte | 31/01/1996 | 23 | Oxford | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Conor Washington | 18/05/1992 | 27 | Sheff. United | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Coach | | | | | | | | | | | |
| - | Michael O'Neill | 05/07/1969 | 49 | | - | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |

Head coach

Martin Reim

Date of birth: 14 May 1971

Nationality: Estonian

Playing career: Tallinna Lõvid, Tallinna Sport, Norma Tallinn, Flora (twice), Lelle, KTP Kotka, Tervis Pärnu, Viimsi

Coaching career: Flora, Estonia U18, Estonia U21, Estonia U23, Estonia

- Reim was a defensive midfielder whose international career spanned 17 years after his debut for the newly-independent nation in June 1992 against Slovenia, a 1-1 draw. He won his 157th cap (then a European record) in June 2009, six months after ending club career.
- Took first steps in the game alongside goalkeeper Mart Poom. Began career in Soviet Estonia's top division aged 16, finishing top scorer in 1990 while playing for Norma.
- Spent bulk of his club career (a combined 16 years) in two stints at Flora, retiring with seven titles and three Estonian Cups to his name. He also reached the Finnish Cup final during his only overseas spell, 18 months at KTP Kotka.
- Returned to Flora as head coach in December 2009, having served as assistant to Janno Kivisild in the latter part of his playing career; won the Estonian title in 2010 and 2011. Also lifted the Estonian Cup in 2011, but left in October 2012 and established a football academy in Tallinn.
- Subsequently coached Estonia at various levels – youth, U21s and U23s – with some success. Was named successor to Magnus Pehrsson as senior Estonia coach on 14 September 2016 in the wake of a 5-0 defeat away to Bosnia and Herzegovina in the first match of 2018 FIFA World Cup qualifying and, though Estonia ultimately finished fourth in their section, did oversee a famous friendly 3-0 win against Croatia in March 2017.

Michael O'Neill

Date of birth: 5 July 1969

Nationality: Northern Irish

Playing career: Coleraine, Newcastle, Dundee United, Hibernian, Coventry, Aberdeen (loan), Reading (loan), Wigan, Saint Johnstone, Portland Timbers, Clydebank, Glentoran, Ayr United

Coaching career: Brechin City, Shamrock Rovers, Northern Ireland

- A midfielder and forward during a 20-year playing career, O'Neill spent the bulk of his time in Scotland, most notably with Dundee United and Hibernian. Enjoyed late success when winning a Northern Irish league and League Cup double with Glentoran in 2002/03.
- Made 31 appearances for his country, scoring four goals, two of which came in a memorable 5-3 victory against Austria during EURO '96 qualifying.
- Moved into coaching as assistant manager of Scottish club Cowdenbeath in 2005 before taking the reins at Brechin in March 2006. Was named coach of Shamrock Rovers in the Republic of Ireland in December 2008, guiding the Hoops to a second-place finish in his debut season before clinching their first title since 1994 in 2010.
- Made history as Rovers became the first Irish side to qualify for the group stage of a European competition, beating Partizan in the 2011/12 UEFA Europa League play-offs. Also led the Hoops to a second successive domestic championship in 2011.
- Appointed coach of his country in December 2011 and helped Northern Ireland record several notable results in 2014 FIFA World Cup qualifying, including a 1-1 draw in Portugal and a home win against Russia. Even better was to come as O'Neill steered his charges to UEFA EURO 2016, their first UEFA European Championship appearance, taking Northern Ireland to the last 16 at the finals in France, and agreed a new contract despite losing out to Switzerland in the 2018 World Cup play-offs.

Match officials

| | |
|------------------------------|---|
| Referee | Fabio Verissimo (POR) |
| Assistant referees | Paulo Soares (POR) , Rui Teixeira (POR) |
| Fourth official | João Capela (POR) |
| UEFA Delegate | Anna Kapasoglou (GRE) |
| UEFA Referee observer | Sokol Jareci (ALB) |

Referee

| Name | Date of birth | UEFA EURO matches | UEFA matches |
|-----------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Fabio Verissimo | 26/12/1982 | 0 | 25 |

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 |
|------------|-------------|---------------|---------|------------------|--------|-------|
| 12/03/2015 | U17 | ELITE | Belgium | Northern Ireland | 4-0 | Gendt |

Match-by-match lineups

Estonia

Final tournament - Qualifying round

Group C

| Team | Pld | W | D | L | GF | GA | Pts |
|-------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| Germany | 8 | 7 | 0 | 1 | 30 | 7 | 21 |
| Netherlands | 8 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 24 | 7 | 19 |
| Northern Ireland | 8 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 9 | 13 | 13 |
| Belarus | 8 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 4 | 16 | 4 |
| Estonia | 8 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 2 | 26 | 1 |

(21/03/2019)

Northern Ireland 2-0 Estonia

Goals: 1-0 McGinn 56, 2-0 S. Davis 75 (P)

Estonia: Lepmets, Kams, Pikk, Käit, Henri Anier (76 Zenjov), Ojamaa (68 Vassiljev), Vihmann, Tamm, Mets, Dmitrijev (85 Sappinen), Baranov

(08/06/2019)

Estonia-Northern Ireland

(11/06/2019)

Germany-Estonia

(06/09/2019)

Estonia-Belarus

(09/09/2019)

Estonia-Netherlands

(10/10/2019)

Belarus-Estonia

(13/10/2019)

Estonia-Germany

(19/11/2019)

Netherlands-Estonia

Northern Ireland

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| Estonia | 8 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 2 | 26 | 1 |

(21/03/2019)

Northern Ireland 2-0 Estonia

Goals: 1-0 McGinn 56, 2-0 S. Davis 75 (P)

Northern Ireland: Peacock-Farrell, Lewis, J. Evans, Saville, McGinn (85 C. McLaughlin), S. Davis, Lafferty (76 Magennis), Dallas, Jones (81 Ferguson), McNair, Cathcart

(24/03/2019)

Northern Ireland 2-1 Belarus

Goals: 1-0 J. Evans 30, 1-1 Stasevich 33, 2-1 Magennis 87

Northern Ireland: Peacock-Farrell, Lewis, J. Evans, Saville, McGinn (68 Magennis), S. Davis, Lafferty (79 Boyce), Dallas, Jones (85 Ferguson), McNair, Cathcart

(08/06/2019)

Estonia-Northern Ireland

(11/06/2019)

Belarus-Northern Ireland

(09/09/2019)

Northern Ireland-Germany

(10/10/2019)

Netherlands-Northern Ireland

(16/11/2019)

Northern Ireland-Netherlands

(19/11/2019)

Germany-Northern Ireland

Team facts

UEFA European Championship records: Estonia

History

2016 – did not qualify
2012 – did not qualify
2008 – did not qualify
2004 – did not qualify
2000 – did not qualify
1996 – did not qualify

Qualifying win

5-0: Estonia v Faroe Islands, 04/06/98

Qualifying defeat

7-1: Croatia v Estonia, 03/09/95

Overall appearances

35: Mart Poom
33: Ragnar Klavan
32: Enar Jääger
28: Dmitri Kruglov
27: Raio Piiroja
27: Martin Reim
26: Joel Lindpere
25: Marko Kristal
25: Aleksandr Dmitrijev
24: Andres Oper
24: Konstantin Vassiljev

Overall goals

7: Konstantin Vassiljev
5: Martin Reim
4: Andres Oper
4: Raio Piiroja
4: Sergei Zenjov

UEFA European Championship records: Northern Ireland

History

2016 – round of 16
2012 – did not qualify
2008 – did not qualify
2004 – did not qualify
2000 – did not qualify
1996 – did not qualify
1992 – did not qualify
1988 – did not qualify
1984 – did not qualify
1980 – did not qualify
1976 – did not qualify
1972 – did not qualify
1968 – did not qualify
1964 – did not qualify
1960 – did not participate

Final tournament win

0-2: Ukraine v Northern Ireland, 16/06/16

Final tournament loss

0-1: Northern Ireland v Germany, 21/06/16
1-0: Poland v Northern Ireland, 12/06/16
1-0: Wales v Northern Ireland, 25/06/16

Qualifying win

0-5: Faroe Islands v Northern Ireland, 11/09/91

5-0: Northern Ireland v Cyprus, 21/04/71

Qualifying defeat

1-5: Northern Ireland v England, 17/10/79

4-0: four times, most recently Germany v Northern Ireland, 08/09/99

Final tournament appearances

4: Craig Cathcart

4: Stuart Dallas

4: Steven Davis

4: Jonny Evans

4: Gareth McAuley

4: Michael McGovern

4: Oliver Norwood

4: Jamie Ward

4: Conor Washington

Final tournament goals

1: Gareth McAuley

1: Niall McGinn

Overall appearances

35: Aaron Hughes

33: Chris Baird

33: Steven Davis

31: Keith Gillespie

29: David Healy

29: Maik Taylor

27: Pat Jennings

27: Kyle Lafferty

27: Gareth McAuley

24: Chris Brunt

Overall goals

13: David Healy

10: Kyle Lafferty

7: Iain Dowie

6: Colin Clarke

5: James Quinn

5: Gareth McAuley

4: George Best

4: Jimmy Nicholson

4: Steven Davis

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