

EUROPEAN QUALIFIERS - 2019/21 SEASON MATCH PRESS KITS



Armenia

**Republican Stadium after Vazgen
Sargsyan - Yerevan**

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18.00CET (20.00 local time)
Group J - Matchday -10



Liechtenstein

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Previous meetings

Head to Head

UEFA Nations League

| Date | Stage reached | Match | Result | Venue | Goalscorers |
|------------|---------------|--------------------------------|--------|---------|--|
| 19/11/2018 | GS-FT | Liechtenstein - Armenia | 2-2 | Vaduz | Büchel 44, Hasler 47; Adamyán 9, Karapetyán 85 |
| 06/09/2018 | GS-FT | Armenia - Liechtenstein | 2-1 | Yerevan | Pizzelli 30, Barseghyan 76; S. Wolfinger 33 |

| | 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 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Armenia | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 3 |
| Liechtenstein | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| FIFA* | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Armenia | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Liechtenstein | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Friendlies | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Armenia | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Liechtenstein | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Armenia | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 3 |
| Liechtenstein | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 4 |

* FIFA World Cup/FIFA Confederations Cup

Squad list

Armenia

| No. | Player | DoB | Age | Club | D | Current season | | | | | |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|------------|-----|--------------------|---|----------------|-----|-----|-----|--|--|
| | | | | | | Qual. | | FT | | | |
| | | | | | | Pld | Gls | Pld | Gls | | |
| Goalkeepers | | | | | | | | | | | |
| - | Arsen Beglaryan | 18/02/1993 | 26 | FC Dnyapro Mogilev | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Henri Avagyan | 16/01/1996 | 23 | Alashkert | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Aram Airapetyan | 22/11/1986 | 32 | Banants | - | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Defenders | | | | | | | | | | | |
| - | Artak Edigaryan | 18/03/1990 | 29 | Alashkert | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Hovhannes Hambartsumyan | 04/10/1990 | 28 | Paralimni | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Varazdat Haroyan | 24/08/1992 | 26 | Ural | - | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Taron Voskanyan | 22/02/1993 | 26 | Alashkert | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Hayk Ishkhanyan | 24/06/1989 | 29 | Lori | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Arman Hovhannisyan | 07/07/1993 | 25 | Gandzasar | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Midfielders | | | | | | | | | | | |
| - | Henrikh Mkhitaryan | 21/01/1989 | 30 | Arsenal | - | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Gevorg Ghazaryan | 05/04/1988 | 31 | Chaves | - | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Karlen Mkrtchyan | 25/11/1988 | 30 | Pyunik | - | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Rumyan Hovsepyan | 13/11/1991 | 27 | Pyunik | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Artak Grigoryan | 19/10/1987 | 31 | Alashkert | - | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Kamo Hovhannisyan | 05/10/1992 | 26 | Zhetysu | - | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Aras Özbiliz | 09/03/1990 | 29 | Beşiktaş | - | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Armen Ambartsumyan | 11/04/1994 | 25 | Ararat-Armenia | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Edgar Babayan | 28/10/1995 | 23 | Hobro | - | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Petros Avetisyan | 07/01/1996 | 23 | Ararat-Armenia | - | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Erik Vardanyan | 07/06/1998 | 21 | Pyunik | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Forwards | | | | | | | | | | | |
| - | Tigran Barseghyan | 22/09/1993 | 25 | Kaysar | - | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Artur Miranyan | 27/12/1995 | 23 | Pyunik | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Aleksandre Karapetyan | 23/12/1987 | 31 | Progrès | - | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Coach | | | | | | | | | | | |
| - | Armen Gyulbudaghyants | 19/12/1966 | 52 | | - | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |

Liechtenstein

| No. | Player | DoB | Age | Club | D | Current season | | | | | |
|--------------------|---------------------------|------------|-----|-----------------|---|----------------|-----|-----|-----|--|--|
| | | | | | | Qual. | | FT | | | |
| | | | | | | Pld | Gls | Pld | Gls | | |
| Goalkeepers | | | | | | | | | | | |
| - | Lorenzo Lo Russo | 08/07/1993 | 25 | FC Linth 04 | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Claudio Majer | 23/03/1996 | 23 | Eschen/Mauren | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Thomas Hobi | 20/06/1993 | 25 | Hohenems | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Defenders | | | | | | | | | | | |
| - | Martin Rechsteiner | 15/02/1989 | 30 | Balzers | - | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Daniel Brändle | 23/01/1992 | 27 | SV Pullach | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Seyhan Yildiz | 30/04/1989 | 30 | Balzers | - | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Max Göppel | 31/08/1997 | 21 | Vaduz | - | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Andreas Malin | 31/01/1994 | 25 | Dornbirn | - | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Alexander Marxer | 04/04/1994 | 25 | Ruggell | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Midfielders | | | | | | | | | | | |
| - | Martin Büchel | 19/02/1987 | 32 | Zürich | - | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Michele Polverino | 26/09/1984 | 34 | Balzers | - | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Nicolas Hasler | 04/05/1991 | 28 | Chicago Fire | - | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Sandro Wolfinger | 24/08/1991 | 27 | Eschen/Mauren | - | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Sandro Wieser | 03/02/1993 | 26 | Vaduz | - | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Aron Sele | 02/09/1996 | 22 | Vaduz | - | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Dennis Salanovic | 26/02/1996 | 23 | Thun | - | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Livio Meier | 10/01/1998 | 21 | Eschen/Mauren | - | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Robin Gubser | 17/04/1991 | 28 | Eschen/Mauren | - | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Jens Hofer | 01/10/1997 | 21 | Münsingen | - | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Forwards | | | | | | | | | | | |
| - | Marcel Büchel | 18/03/1991 | 28 | Empoli | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Philipp Ospelt | 07/10/1992 | 26 | Eschen/Mauren | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Simon Kühne | 30/04/1994 | 25 | Eschen/Mauren | - | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| - | Yanik Frick | 27/05/1998 | 21 | Rapperswil-Jona | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Coach | | | | | | | | | | | |
| - | Helgi Kolvidsson | 13/09/1971 | 47 | | - | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |

Head coach

Armen Gyulbudaghyants

Date of birth: 19 December 1966

Nationality: Armenian

Playing career: Spartak Hoktembryan, Lori, Banants, Homenetmen Lebanon

Coaching career: Banants (twice), Armenia Under-19, Armenia U21, Pyunik (twice), Impuls, Alashkert, Gol Gahar (assistant), Padideh (assistant), Armenia

- A powerful and creative midfielder, Gyulbudaghyants spent the early part of his career in the USSR lower leagues before joining Banants in 1992, finishing third in the league and winning the Armenian Cup in the first post-independence season. He scored 17 goals in 61 appearances for the club before retiring aged 29 after suffering a knee injury that also restricted him to a single senior cap for Armenia.
- Switched to coaching and in 2001 returned to Banants, combining his new role with gaining coaching qualifications. In 2007 he went to Moscow to study, becoming the first Armenian coach to acquire a UEFA Pro Licence.
- His most successful spell followed at Pyunik between May 2007 and July 2008, players such as Henrikh Mkhitaryan, Gevorg Ghazaryan and Karlen Mkrtychyan breaking through and going on to become the backbone of the national side.
- Gyulbudaghyants guided Pyunik to the 2007 league title and took Impuls to the Armenian Cup final four years later, his most notable coaching achievements; however, he also has a fine record in improving his sides' results and developing young players.
- Stepped up to take charge of Armenia in October 2018 following the departure of Vardan Minasyan.

Helgi Kolvidsson

Date of birth: 13 September 1971

Nationality: Icelandic

Playing career: ÍK, HK, Pfullendorf (twice), Austria Lustenau, Mainz, Ulm, Kärnten

Coaching career: Pfullendorf (twice), Austria Lustenau, Wiener Neustadt, Ried, Iceland (assistant), Liechtenstein

- A defender who spent the majority of his career outside his native Iceland, Kolvidsson started out with local side ÍK, joining HK in 1991 after his first club folded. He moved to Germany in 1995, signing for Pfullendorf.
- Switched to Austria Lustenau 12 months later, enjoying two years there before returning to Germany with Mainz and making 61 appearances over two seasons. He subsequently had a year at Ulm and then went back to Austria, joining Kärnten in 2001 before returning to Pfullendorf three years later.
- Hung up his boots in 2007, ending a career that also brought 29 international caps – making Kolvidsson a rarity among Icelandic footballers in having represented his country without appearing in the national top division.
- Appointed head coach at Pfullendorf in 2008, he stepped down to work as assistant to Walter Schneck while studying for his UEFA A licence, resuming control in 2010. Kolvidsson left for another former club, Austria Lustenau, the next year.
- Spent 2014/15 in Vienna with Wiener Neustadt before a campaign in charge of Ried. Appointed Iceland assistant coach to Heimir Hallgrímsson in August 2016, he helped the team reach their first FIFA World Cup. After Hallgrímsson stepped down following Iceland's ensuing group stage elimination in Russia, Kolvidsson struck out on his own by succeeding Rene Pauritsch as Liechtenstein boss that December.

Match officials

| | |
|------------------------------|--|
| Referee | Nikola Popov (BUL) |
| Assistant referees | Georgi Todorov (BUL) , Ivo Kolev (BUL) |
| Fourth official | Ivaylo Stoyanov (BUL) |
| UEFA Delegate | Lennart Vestervall (SWE) |
| UEFA Referee observer | Salustia Chato Cipres (AND) |

Referee

| Name | Date of birth | UEFA EURO matches | UEFA matches |
|--------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Nikola Popov | 01/02/1983 | 0 | 32 |

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 |
|------------|-------------|---------------|---------|--------|--------|---------|
| 10/11/2017 | U21 | QR | Armenia | Russia | 1-2 | Yerevan |

Match-by-match lineups

Armenia

Final tournament - Qualifying round

Group J

| Team | Pld | W | D | L | GF | GA | Pts |
|------------------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Italy | 10 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 37 | 4 | 30 |
| Finland | 10 | 6 | 0 | 4 | 16 | 10 | 18 |
| Greece | 10 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 12 | 14 | 14 |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | 10 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 20 | 17 | 13 |
| Armenia | 10 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 14 | 25 | 10 |
| Liechtenstein | 10 | 0 | 2 | 8 | 2 | 31 | 2 |

(23/03/2019)

Bosnia and Herzegovina 2-1 Armenia

Goals: 1-0 Krunić 33, 2-0 Milošević 80, 2-1 Mkhitarian 90+3 (P)

Armenia: Airapetyan, Haroyan, A. Grigoryan, Mkrtchyan, Calisir, Ghazaryan (81 Özbiliz), K. Hovhannisyan, Daghbashyan, Mkhitarian, Karapetyan (67 Babayan), Adamyan (67 Briasco)

(26/03/2019)

Armenia 0-2 Finland

Goals: 0-1 Jensen 14, 0-2 Soiri 78

Armenia: Airapetyan, Haroyan, A. Grigoryan, Calisir, Babayan (74 Avetisyan), Ghazaryan, K. Hovhannisyan, Briasco (59 Karapetyan), Daghbashyan, Mkhitarian, Özbiliz (67 Barseghyan)

(08/06/2019)

Armenia-Liechtenstein

(11/06/2019)

Greece-Armenia

(05/09/2019)

Armenia-Italy

(08/09/2019)

Armenia-Bosnia and Herzegovina

(12/10/2019)

Liechtenstein-Armenia

(15/10/2019)

Finland-Armenia

(15/11/2019)

Armenia-Greece

(18/11/2019)

Italy-Armenia

Liechtenstein

Final tournament - Qualifying round

Group J

| Team | Pld | W | D | L | GF | GA | Pts |
|---------|-----|----|---|---|----|----|-----|
| Italy | 10 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 37 | 4 | 30 |
| Finland | 10 | 6 | 0 | 4 | 16 | 10 | 18 |
| Greece | 10 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 12 | 14 | 14 |

| | | | | | | | |
|------------------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | 10 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 20 | 17 | 13 |
| Armenia | 10 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 14 | 25 | 10 |
| Liechtenstein | 10 | 0 | 2 | 8 | 2 | 31 | 2 |

(23/03/2019)

Liechtenstein 0-2 Greece

Goals: 0-1 Fortounis 45+1, 0-2 Donis 80

Liechtenstein: B. Büchel, Göppel, Kaufmann, Wieser, Salanovic, M. Büchel (67 Sele), Gubser (76 Yildiz), Hasler (86 Frick), S. Wolfinger, Rechsteiner, Polverino

(26/03/2019)

Italy 6-0 Liechtenstein

Goals: 1-0 Sensi 17, 2-0 Verratti 32, 3-0 Quagliarella 35 (P) , 4-0 Quagliarella 45+3 (P) , 5-0 Kean 69, 6-0 Pavoletti 76

Liechtenstein: B. Büchel, Göppel, Kaufmann, Hofer, Sele (46 Malin), Kühne (68 Meier), Wieser, Salanovic (82 M. Büchel), Hasler, S. Wolfinger, Polverino

(08/06/2019)

Armenia-Liechtenstein

(11/06/2019)

Liechtenstein-Finland

(05/09/2019)

Bosnia and Herzegovina-Liechtenstein

(08/09/2019)

Greece-Liechtenstein

(12/10/2019)

Liechtenstein-Armenia

(15/10/2019)

Liechtenstein-Italy

(15/11/2019)

Finland-Liechtenstein

(18/11/2019)

Liechtenstein-Bosnia and Herzegovina

Team facts

UEFA European Championship records: Armenia

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

4-0: Armenia v Andorra, 12/10/10
0-4: Slovakia v Armenia, 06/09/11

Qualifying defeat

0-4: Armenia v Spain, 11/10/03

Overall appearances

47: Sargis Hovsepian
37: Roman Berezovski
25: Robert Arzumanyan
25: Artur Petrosyan
24: Armen Shahgeldyan
23: Harutyun Vardanyan

Overall goals

7: Henrikh Mkhitaryan
5: Artur Petrosyan
5: Gevorg Ghazaryan
5: Marcos Pizzelli
4: Yura Movsisyan
4: Armen Shahgeldyan

UEFA European Championship records: Liechtenstein

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

3-0: Liechtenstein v Iceland, 17/10/07

Qualifying loss

8-0: Portugal v Liechtenstein, 09/06/99
8-0: Portugal v Liechtenstein, 18/12/94

Overall appearances

51: Mario Frick
42: Peter Jehle
35: Franz Burgmeier
34: Daniel Hasler
33: Martin Stocklasa
28: Thomas Beck
27: Michael Stocklasa

Overall goals

6: Mario Frick
2: Thomas Beck
2: Franz Burgmeier

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