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Cyprus

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Previous meetings

Head to Head

FIFA World Cup

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
26/04/1989	QR (GS)	Scotland - Cyprus	2-1	Glasgow	Johnston 26, McCoist 63; Nicolaou 62
08/02/1989	QR (GS)	Cyprus - Scotland	2-3	Limassol	Koliantris 14, Ioannou 47; Johnston 9, Gough 54, 90

FIFA World Cup

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
17/05/1969	QR (GS)	Scotland - Cyprus	8-0	Glasgow	Gray 15, McNeill 23, Stein 28, 49, 59, 67, Henderson 72, Gemmell 76 (P)
11/12/1968	QR (GS)	Cyprus - Scotland	0-5	Nicosia	Gilzean 3, 33, Murdoch 23, Stein 41, Alkiviadis 44 (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																		
Scotland	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cyprus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
FIFA*																		
Scotland	2	2	0	0	2	2	0	0	-	-	-	-	4	4	0	0	18	3
Cyprus	2	0	0	2	2	0	0	2	-	-	-	-	4	0	0	4	3	18
Friendlies																		
Scotland	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	0	0	2	1
Cyprus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0	0	1	1	2
Total																		
Scotland	2	2	0	0	2	2	0	0	-	-	-	-	5	5	0	0	20	4
Cyprus	2	0	0	2	2	0	0	2	-	-	-	-	5	0	0	5	4	20

* FIFA World Cup/FIFA Confederations Cup

Squad list

Scotland

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season				Overall	
						Qual.		FT		Team	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers											
-	David Marshall	05/03/1985	34	Hull	-	0	0	0	0	27	1
-	Scott Bain	22/11/1991	27	Celtic	-	2	0	0	0	3	-
-	Jon McLaughlin	09/09/1987	31	Sunderland	-	0	0	0	0	1	-
Defenders											
-	Charlie Mulgrew	06/03/1986	33	Blackburn	-	0	0	0	0	37	2
-	Stephen O'Donnell	11/05/1992	27	Kilmarnock	-	1	0	0	0	5	-
-	Stuart Findlay	14/09/1995	23	Kilmarnock	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
-	John Souttar	25/09/1996	22	Hearts	-	0	0	0	0	1	-
-	Andy Robertson	11/03/1994	25	Liverpool	-	1	0	0	0	25	2
-	Scott McKenna	12/11/1996	22	Aberdeen	-	2	0	0	0	7	-
-	Greg Taylor	05/11/1997	21	Kilmarnock	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
Midfielders											
-	James Forrest	07/07/1991	27	Celtic	-	2	0	0	0	25	-
-	Tom Cairney	20/01/1991	28	Fulham	-	0	0	0	0	2	-
-	Callum McGregor	14/06/1993	25	Celtic	-	2	0	0	0	7	-
-	Stuart Armstrong	30/03/1992	27	Southampton	-	2	0	0	0	10	1
-	Liam Palmer	19/09/1991	27	Sheff. Wednesday	-	1	0	0	0	1	-
-	Kenny McLean	08/01/1992	27	Norwich	-	1	1	0	0	6	1
-	John McGinn	18/10/1994	24	Aston Villa	-	1	0	0	0	12	-
-	Scott McTominay	08/12/1996	22	Man. United	-	2	0	0	0	4	-
Forwards											
-	Johnny Russell	08/04/1990	29	Sporting Kansas City	-	2	1	0	0	8	1
-	Ryan Fraser	24/02/1994	25	Bournemouth	-	1	0	0	0	5	-
-	Eamonn Brophy	10/03/1996	23	Kilmarnock	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
-	Oliver Burke	07/04/1997	22	Celtic	-	1	0	0	0	6	-
-	Marc McNulty	14/09/1992	26	Hibernian	-	2	0	0	0	2	-
Coach											
-	Steve Clarke	29/08/1963	55		-	0	0	0	0	-	-

Cyprus

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season				Overall	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers											
-	Urko Pardo	28/01/1983	36	Alki Oroklini	-	1	0	0	0	3	-
-	Neofytos Michael	16/12/1993	25	Giannina	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
-	Konstantinos Petrou	23/09/1997	21	Paralimni	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
Defenders											
-	Georgios Vasiliou	12/06/1984	34	Apollon	-	0	0	0	0	8	-
-	Marios Antoniades	14/05/1990	29	AEK Larnaca	-	0	0	0	0	14	-
-	Margaça	17/07/1985	33	Nea Salamis	-	1	0	0	0	11	-
-	Nicholas Ioannou	10/11/1995	23	APOEL	-	2	0	0	0	5	-
-	Ioannis Kousoulos	14/06/1996	22	Omonia	-	2	1	0	0	3	1
Midfielders											
-	Andreas Avraam	06/06/1987	32	AEL	-	0	0	0	0	35	5
-	George Efrem	05/07/1989	29	APOEL	-	2	1	0	0	38	4
-	Kostakis Artymatas	15/04/1993	26	APOEL	-	2	0	0	0	25	-
-	Kostas Laifis	19/05/1993	26	Standard Liège	-	2	1	0	0	23	3
-	Fanos Katellaris	26/08/1996	22	Omonia	-	0	0	0	0	7	1
-	Antreas Makris	27/11/1995	23	AEL	-	2	0	0	0	19	-
-	Matija Špoljarić	02/04/1997	22	Alki Oroklini	-	2	0	0	0	2	-
-	Ioannis Pittas	10/07/1996	22	Paralimni	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
-	Michalis Ioannou	30/06/2000	18	Anorthosis	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
-	Ioannis Costi	17/03/2000	19	Nea Salamis	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
-	Anthony Georgiou	24/02/1997	22	Levante	-	2	0	0	0	3	-
Forwards											
-	Pieros Sotiriou	13/01/1993	26	København	-	1	2	0	0	28	7
-	Minas Antoniou	22/02/1994	25	Paralimni	-	1	0	0	0	2	-
-	Nestor Mytidis	01/06/1991	28	AEL	-	1	0	0	0	32	5
Coach											
-	Ran Ben Simon	28/11/1970	48		-	2	0	0	0	10	-

Head coach

Steve Clarke

Date of birth: 29 August 1963

Nationality: Scottish

Playing career: St Mirren, Chelsea

Coaching career: Newcastle (caretaker), West Brom, Reading, Kilmarnock, Scotland

- Born in Saltcoats on the west coast of Scotland, Clarke started out on a part-time contract at St Mirren, training as a defender while serving an apprenticeship as an instrument engineer, but – after making his debut in 1982 – eventually established himself as the Paisley side's first choice right-back.
- Signed by Chelsea in February 1987, Clarke would make over 400 appearances for the club, and featured in the sides that won the 1997 FA Cup and the League Cup the following season; his final appearance was in the 1998 UEFA Cup Winners' Cup final, the Blues beating Stuttgart 1-0 in Stockholm.
- Capped just six times by Scotland, Clarke moved into coaching as assistant to his former Stamford Bridge teammate Ruud Gullit at Newcastle United, from 1998/99, taking caretaker command for one match. Then returned to Chelsea, initially as a youth team coach, before assisting José Mourinho (during two title-winning campaigns) and Avram Grant.
- Assisted another Stamford Bridge alumnus, Gianfranco Zola, at West Ham from 2008 to 2010, and was Kenny Dalglish's assistant at Liverpool before taking sole command at West Brom in 2012/13.
- Following a spell in charge at Reading, he was assistant to Roberto Di Matteo at Aston Villa in 2016, and then returned to management in 2017 with Kilmarnock – the club his brother Paul represented between 1974 and 1986; hired to coach Scotland in May 2019 after being named the Scottish Premiership's manager of the year.

Ran Ben Shimon

Date of birth: 28 November 1970

Nationality: Israeli

Playing career: Maccabi Petach-Tikva, Hapoel Haifa, Hapoel Petach-Tikva, Bnei Yehuda Tel-Aviv

Coaching career: Hapoel Haifa, Hapoel Kiryat Shmona (twice), Maccabi Tel-Aviv, AEK Larnaca, Hapoel Tel-Aviv, Maccabi Petach-Tikva, Beitar Jerusalem, Ashdod, Cyprus

- Capped 34 times as a defender for Israel, Ben Shimon spent much of his career with home-town clubs Maccabi Petach-Tikva and Hapoel Petach-Tikva, but was perhaps in his prime during a six-year spell at Hapoel Haifa, during which he won the 1998/99 Israeli championship – the club's first league title.
- After hanging up his boots in 2003 following a stint at Bnei Yehuda, Ben Shimon was in charge of Maccabi Tel-Aviv's youth teams, taking his first senior jobs in the second tier with Hapoel Haifa and then Kiryat Shmona, whom he led to promotion in his first campaign at the helm.
- Briefly in the Maccabi Tel-Aviv hot seat in 2008, he guided Kiryat Shmona to another promotion after rejoining them in 2009, then masterminded their shock title success of 2011/12. He moved abroad for the first time in 2012 to coach Cypriot club AEK Larnaca, earning a third-placed finish in his sole season in command.
- Returning to Israel in 2013, he subsequently held the reins at Hapoel Tel-Aviv, Maccabi Petach-Tikva, Beitar Jerusalem and – in 2016/17 – Ashdod.
- Ben Shimon accepted the Cyprus post in July 2017, filling the void left by Christakis Christoforou's departure, and the following month oversaw a memorable 3-2 home win against Bosnia and Herzegovina in 2018 FIFA World Cup qualifying.

Match officials

Referee	Ola Hobber Nilsen (NOR)
Assistant referees	Tom Harald Grønevik (NOR) , Geir Isaksen (NOR)
Fourth official	Kristoffer Hagenes (NOR)
UEFA Delegate	Teuvo Holopainen (FIN)
UEFA Referee observer	Domenico Messina (ITA)

Referee

Name	Date of birth	UEFA EURO matches	UEFA matches
Ola Hobber Nilsen	20/02/1986	0	27

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
07/07/2016	UEL	1QR	CS Fola Esch	Aberdeen FC	1-0	Luxembourg
31/10/2017	UYL	GS	Celtic FC	FC Bayern München	1-2	Greenock
08/11/2018	UEL	GS	PFC Ludogorets 1945	AEK Larnaca FC	0-0	Razgrad

Match-by-match lineups

Scotland

European Qualifiers

(21/03/2019)

Kazakhstan 3-0 Scotland

Goals: 1-0 Pertsukh 6, 2-0 Vorogovskiy 10, 3-0 Zainutdinov 51

Scotland: Bain, Palmer, Shinnie, McGinn (70 McTominay), Bates, McKenna, Forrest (81 McNulty), C. McGregor, McBurnie (61 Russell), Armstrong, Burke

(24/03/2019)

San Marino 0-2 Scotland

Goals: 0-1 McLean 4, 0-2 Russell 74

Scotland: Bain, O'Donnell, Robertson, Bates, McKenna, C. McGregor (56 McTominay), Russell, McLean, Paterson (37 McNulty), Armstrong (71 Forrest), Fraser

(08/06/2019)

Scotland-Cyprus

(11/06/2019)

Belgium-Scotland

(06/09/2019)

Scotland-Russia

(09/09/2019)

Scotland-Belgium

(10/10/2019)

Russia-Scotland

(13/10/2019)

Scotland-San Marino

(16/11/2019)

Cyprus-Scotland

(19/11/2019)

Scotland-Kazakhstan

Cyprus

European Qualifiers

(21/03/2019)

Cyprus 5-0 San Marino

Goals: 1-0 Sotiriou 19 (P) , 2-0 Sotiriou 23 (P) , 3-0 Kousoulos 26, 4-0 Efrem 31, 5-0 Laifis 56

Cyprus: Panayi, N. Ioannou, Demetriou (65 Merkis), Efrem, Mytidis, Sotiriou (27 Makris), Kousoulos, Papoulis (54 Špoljarić), Artymatas, Laifis, Georgiou

(24/03/2019)

Cyprus 0-2 Belgium

Goals: 0-1 E. Hazard 10, 0-2 Batshuayi 18

Cyprus: Pardo, Dossa Júnior (46 Georgiou), N. Ioannou, Merkis, Efrem (75 Špoljarić), Antoniou (81 Makris), Kousoulos, Papoulis, Margaça , Artymatas, Laifis

(08/06/2019)

Scotland-Cyprus

(11/06/2019)

Russia-Cyprus

(06/09/2019)

Cyprus-Kazakhstan

(09/09/2019)

San Marino-Cyprus

(10/10/2019)

Kazakhstan-Cyprus

(13/10/2019)

Cyprus-Russia

(16/11/2019)

Cyprus-Scotland

(19/11/2019)

Belgium-Cyprus

Team facts

UEFA European Championship records: Scotland

History

2016 – did not qualify
2012 – did not qualify
2008 – did not qualify
2004 – did not qualify
2000 – did not qualify
1996 – group stage
1992 – group stage
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 participate
1960 – did not participate

Final tournament win

3-0: Scotland v CIS, 18/06/92

Final tournament loss

0-2: Scotland v England, 15/06/96
0-2: Scotland v Germany, 15/06/92

Qualifying win

6-0: Scotland v Faroe Islands, 02/09/06
0-6: Gibraltar v Scotland, 11/10/15

Qualifying defeat

6-0: Netherlands v Scotland, 19/11/03

Final tournament appearances

6: Andy Goram
6: Gary McAllister
6: Stuart McCall
5: Gordon Durie
5: Ally McCoist
5: Stewart McKimmie

Final tournament goals

1: Gary McAllister
1: Brian McClair
1: Ally McCoist
1: Paul McStay

Overall appearances

28: David Weir
25: Darren Fletcher
24: Tom Boyd
22: Barry Ferguson
22: Jim Leighton
21: John Collins
21: Kenny Dalglish
21: Gary McAllister

Overall goals

8: Ally McCoist
7: Kenny Dalglish
7: Kenny Miller
7: Steven Fletcher
6: John Collins

6: James McFadden
6: Shaun Maloney

UEFA European Championship records: Cyprus

History

2016 – did not qualify
2012 – did not qualify
2008 – did not qualify
2004 – did not qualify
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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 participate
1960 – did not participate

Qualifying win

4-0: Cyprus v San Marino, 10/02/99

Qualifying loss

8-0: Spain v Cyprus, 08/09/99

8-0: Netherlands v Cyprus, 28/10/87

Overall appearances

31: Ioannis Okkas
27: Charalambos Pittas
27: Constantinos Charalambides
26: Constantinos Makridis
24: Antonis Giorgallides
23: Nikos Pantziaras
22: Yiannakis Yiangoudakis
21: Michalis Konstantinou
21: Nicos Panagiotou
20: Georgios Savvides

Overall goals

10: Ioannis Okkas
8: Michalis Konstantinou
4: Constantinos Charalambides
4: Nestor Mytidis
4: Stathis Aloneftis
4: Milenko Špoljarić
3: Marios Agathocleous
3: George Efrem
3: Dimitris Christofi

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