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Georgia

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Previous meetings

Head to Head

2020 UEFA European Championship

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
23/03/2019	QR (GS)	Georgia - Switzerland	0-2	Tbilisi	St. Zuber 56, Zakaria 80

UEFA EURO 2004

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
02/04/2003	PR (GS)	Georgia - Switzerland	0-0	Tbilisi	
08/09/2002	PR (GS)	Switzerland - Georgia	4-1	Basel	A. Frei 37, Hakan Yakin 62, Müller 74, Chapuisat 81; S. Arveladze 62

	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																		
Switzerland	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	0	-	-	-	-	3	2	1	0	6	1
Georgia	2	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	-	-	-	-	3	0	1	2	1	6
FIFA*																		
Switzerland	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Friendlies																		
Switzerland	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total																		
Switzerland	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	0	-	-	-	-	3	2	1	0	6	1
Georgia	2	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	-	-	-	-	3	0	1	2	1	6

* FIFA World Cup/FIFA Confederations Cup

Squad list

Switzerland

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season					
						Qual.		FT			
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls		
Goalkeepers											
-	Yann Sommer	17/12/1988	30	Mönchengladbach	-	6	0	0	0		
-	Yvon Mvogo	06/06/1994	25	Leipzig	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Jonas Omlin	10/01/1994	25	Basel	-	0	0	0	0		
Defenders											
-	Stephan Lichtsteiner	16/01/1984	35	Augsburg	-	3	0	0	0		
-	Michael Lang	08/02/1991	28	Bremen	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Ricardo Rodríguez	25/08/1992	27	Milan	-	6	1	0	0		
-	Loris Benito	07/01/1992	27	Bordeaux	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Jacques François Moubandje	21/06/1990	29	Dinamo Zagreb	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Kevin Mbabu	19/04/1995	24	Wolfsburg	-	3	0	0	0		
-	Nico Elvedi	30/09/1996	23	Mönchengladbach	-	5	0	0	0		
-	Eray Cömert	04/02/1998	21	Basel	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Manuel Akanji	19/07/1995	24	Dortmund	*	5	0	0	0		
Midfielders											
-	Granit Xhaka	27/09/1992	27	Arsenal	*	6	1	0	0		
-	Renato Steffen	03/11/1991	28	Wolfsburg	-	3	0	0	0		
-	Djibril Sow	06/02/1997	22	Frankfurt	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Denis Zakaria	20/11/1996	22	Mönchengladbach	*	6	2	0	0		
-	Edimilson Fernandes	15/04/1996	23	Mainz	-	3	1	0	0		
-	Michel Aebischer	06/01/1997	22	Young Boys	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Ruben Vargas	05/08/1998	21	Augsburg	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Christian Fasnacht	11/11/1993	26	Young Boys	-	0	0	0	0		
Forwards											
-	Haris Seferović	22/02/1992	27	Benfica	-	3	1	0	0		
-	Albian Ajeti	26/02/1997	22	West Ham	-	4	0	0	0		
-	Cédric Itten	27/12/1996	22	St. Gallen	-	0	0	0	0		
Coach											
-	Vladimir Petković	15/08/1963	56		-	6	0	0	0		

Georgia

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season					
						Qual.		FT			
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls		
Goalkeepers											
-	Giorgi Loria	27/01/1986	33	Anorthosis	-	7	0	0	0		
-	Giorgi Makaridze	31/03/1990	29	Setúbal	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Lazare Kupatadze	08/02/1996	23	Saburtalo	-	0	0	0	0		
Defenders											
-	Giorgi Navalovski	28/06/1986	33	Dinamo Batumi	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Guram Kashia	04/07/1987	32	San Jose Earthquakes	-	6	0	0	0		
-	Davit Khocholava	08/02/1993	26	Shakhtar Donetsk	*	3	0	0	0		
-	Gia Grigalava	05/08/1989	30	Arsenal Tula	*	5	0	0	0		
-	Giorgi Rekhviashvili	01/02/1988	31	Saburtalo	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Otar Kakabadze	27/06/1995	24	Luzern	-	7	0	0	0		
Midfielders											
-	Jaba Kankava	18/03/1986	33	Tobol	-	6	1	0	0		
-	Murtaz Daushvili	01/05/1989	30	Anorthosis	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Valeri Qazaishvili	29/01/1993	26	San Jose Earthquakes	-	5	0	0	0		
-	Jambul Jigauri	08/07/1992	27	Dinamo Batumi	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Giorgi Aburjania	02/01/1995	24	Twente	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Giorgi Papunashvili	02/09/1995	24	Zaragoza	-	2	1	0	0		
-	Giorgi Kharaishvili	29/07/1996	23	Göteborg	-	1	1	0	0		
-	Levan Shengelia	27/10/1995	24	Konyaspor	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Otar Kiteishvili	26/03/1996	23	Sturm	-	6	0	0	0		
-	Zuriko Davitashvili	15/02/2001	18	Rubin	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Valerian Gvilia	24/05/1994	25	Legia	*	5	1	0	0		
Forwards											
-	Bachana Arabuli	05/01/1994	25	Panionios	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Giorgi Kvilitaia	01/10/1993	26	Gent	-	5	1	0	0		
-	Elguja Lobjanidze	17/09/1992	27	Taraz	-	3	0	0	0		
Coach											
-	Vladimír Weiss	22/09/1964	55		-	7	0	0	0		

Head coach

Vladimir Petković

Date of birth: 15 August 1963

Nationality: Swiss

Playing career: Sarajevo (twice), Rudar Ljubija, Koper, Chur 97 (twice), Sion, Martigny-Sports, Bellinzona (twice), Locarno

Coaching career: Bellinzona (twice), Malcantone Agno, Lugano, Young Boys, Samsunspor, Sion, Lazio, Switzerland

- Started his career in midfield with Sarajevo, losing in the 1983 Yugoslavian Cup final but featuring twice as his team took the 1984/85 league title, the only major honour of his playing days. Moved to Switzerland in 1987, playing for second-tier Chur and then ascending to the top flight with Sion in 1988/89; returned to the second division to represent Martigny, Bellinzona and Locarno.
- Petković hung up his boots in 1999, aged 36, following a season as player-coach at Bellinzona. Then led Malcantone Agno to promotion from the third division in 2002/03 before becoming the first coach of AC Lugano – successors to FC Lugano.
- Rejoined Bellinzona in October 2005, steering them to the 2007/08 Swiss Cup final, where they lost 4-1 to Basel, but consolation came two weeks later as victory in a relegation/promotion play-off against St Gallen gave Bellinzona a Super League berth.
- Was appointed Young Boys coach in August 2008, guiding them to second-placed finishes in his first two campaigns in charge as well as the 2008/09 Swiss Cup final. After short spells in charge of Turkey's Samsunspor and Sion back in Switzerland, was named Lazio coach in June 2012 and won the Coppa Italia in his first term in Italy, also helping the side to seventh position in the final standings.
- Left in January 2014 after being appointed Switzerland coach Ottmar Hitzfeld's successor, taking the reins after the 2014 FIFA World Cup. Promptly guided his charges to UEFA EURO 2016, where they lost to Poland in the last 16, and to the same stage of the 2018 World Cup, where they were beaten by Sweden. Switzerland did, however, reach the first UEFA Nations League Finals, ahead of Belgium and Iceland.

Vladimír Weiss

Date of birth: 22 September 1964

Nationality: Slovakian

Playing career: Agro Hurbanovo, Inter Bratislava, Sparta Praha, Drnovice, Dunajská Streda, Košice, Artmedia

Coaching career: Artmedia (twice), Saturn Moskovskaya Oblast, Slovakia, Slovan Bratislava, Kairat Almaty, Georgia

- Bratislava-born, Weiss spent six and a half years developing his talent as a defensive midfielder with local club Inter. First capped by Czechoslovakia in 1988, he won three of his 19 caps at the 1990 FIFA World Cup.
- Had brief spell at Sparta Praha, winning the final Czechoslovakian championship in 1993. Won a further dozen caps for Slovakia, scoring his country's first post-independence goal, against United Arab Emirates in February 1994. Ended playing career with Artmedia, serving as an assistant coach until 2000 when he took the top job.
- Led Artmedia to Slovakian league title and cup final in 2005 before knocking out Celtic and Partizan to reach UEFA Champions League group stage, where they registered a famous 3-2 win at Porto. Left for Russian club Saturn in early 2006 but returned to Artmedia 18 months later and masterminded domestic double.
- Appointed national team coach in June 2008 in place of Ján Kocian and steered Slovakia to first appearance at a World Cup finals as qualifying group winners, including historic 2-1 win away to the Czech Republic. Even better followed in South Africa, Slovakia reaching the last 16 by eliminating holders Italy before losing to the Netherlands.
- Coached Slovakia in tandem with Slovan Bratislava in 2011/12 and led his home-town club into their first UEFA Europa League group stage. Nearly did the same with Kairat, only losing against Bordeaux on away goals in play-offs. Left Almaty in November 2015 having won Kazakhstan Cups in successive seasons. Hired by Georgia in March 2016, he was unable to oversee a win in 2018 World Cup qualifying as his team picked up five points from ten matches but did guide them to promotion in the inaugural UEFA Nations League.

Match officials

Referee	Danny Makkellie (NED)
Assistant referees	Mario Diks (NED) , Hessel Steegstra (NED)
Fourth official	Kevin Blom (NED)
UEFA Delegate	Mirosław Ryszka (POL)
UEFA Referee observer	Miroslav Tulinger (CZE)

Referee

Name	Date of birth	UEFA EURO matches	UEFA matches
Danny Makkellie	28/01/1983	4	66

Danny Makkellie

Referee since: 2005
First division: 2009
FIFA badge: 2011

Tournaments: 2015 UEFA European Under-21 Championship, 2012 UEFA European Under-19 Championship

Finals

2012 UEFA European Under-19 Championship

UEFA European Championship matches featuring the two countries involved in this match

Date	Competition	Stage reached	Home	Away	Result	Venue
27/03/2015	EURO	QR	Switzerland	Estonia	3-0	Lucerne

Other matches involving teams from either of the two countries involved in this match

Date	Competition	Stage reached	Home	Away	Result	Venue
30/03/2011	U17	ELITE	Georgia	Norway	0-5	Nantes
29/08/2013	UEL	PO	FC Spartak Moskva	FC St. Gallen	2-4	Moscow
27/03/2015	EURO	QR	Switzerland	Estonia	3-0	Lucerne
04/08/2015	UCL	3QR	AS Monaco FC	BSC Young Boys	4-0	Monaco
20/08/2015	UEL	PO	AC Sparta Praha	FC Thun	3-1	Prague
25/02/2016	UEL	R32	FC Basel 1893	AS Saint-Étienne	2-1	Basel
25/08/2016	UEL	PO	Grasshopper Club Zürich	Fenerbahçe SK	0-2	Zurich
28/09/2016	UCL	GS	Arsenal FC	FC Basel 1893	2-0	London
21/08/2019	UCL	PO	BSC Young Boys	FK Crvena zvezda	2-2	Berne

Match-by-match lineups

Switzerland

Final tournament - Qualifying round

Group D

Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Republic of Ireland	7	3	3	1	6	4	12
Denmark	6	3	3	0	16	5	12
Switzerland	6	3	2	1	12	5	11
Georgia	7	2	2	3	7	10	8
Gibraltar	6	0	0	6	2	19	0

Matchday 1 (23/03/2019)

Georgia 0-2 Switzerland

Goals: 0-1 St. Zuber 56, 0-2 Zakaria 80

Switzerland: Sommer, Lichtsteiner, Akanji, Embolo (84 Steffen), Freuler (90 Sow), Xhaka, Rodríguez, St. Zuber, Zakaria, Gavranović (60 Al. Ajeti), Schär

Matchday 2 (26/03/2019)

Switzerland 3-3 Denmark

Goals: 1-0 Freuler 19, 2-0 Xhaka 66, 3-0 Embolo 76, 3-1 M. Jørgensen 84, 3-2 Gytkjær 88, 3-3 Dalsgaard 90+3

Switzerland: Sommer, Elvedi, Akanji, Embolo, Freuler, Al. Ajeti (71 Mehmedi), Xhaka (79 Sow), Rodríguez (46 Benito), St. Zuber, Zakaria, Mbabu

Matchday 5 (05/09/2019)

Republic of Ireland 1-1 Switzerland

Goals: 0-1 Schär 74, 1-1 McGoldrick 85

Switzerland: Sommer, Mbabu (94 Fernandes), Elvedi, Akanji, Embolo (86 Al. Ajeti), Freuler (90 Mehmedi), Seferović, Xhaka, Rodríguez, Zakaria, Schär

Matchday 6 (08/09/2019)

Switzerland 4-0 Gibraltar

Goals: 1-0 Zakaria 37, 2-0 Mehmedi 43, 3-0 Rodríguez 45+4, 4-0 Gavranović 87

Switzerland: Sommer, Elvedi, Embolo (55 Gavranović), Xhaka (74 Vargas), Rodríguez, Al. Ajeti, Zakaria, Mehmedi, Fernandes, Schär, Benito (65 Steffen)

Matchday 7 (12/10/2019)

Denmark 1-0 Switzerland

Goals: 1-0 Y. Poulsen 85

Switzerland: Sommer, Lichtsteiner (68 Mbabu), Elvedi, Akanji, Embolo, Seferović, Xhaka, Rodríguez (87 Drmic), Zakaria, Mehmedi (83 Freuler), Schär

Matchday 8 (15/10/2019)

Switzerland 2-0 Republic of Ireland

Goals: 1-0 Seferović 16, 2-0 Fernandes 90+3

Switzerland: Sommer, Lichtsteiner (70 Freuler), Elvedi, Akanji, Embolo (88 Steffen), Seferović, Xhaka, Rodríguez, Zakaria, Mehmedi (28 Fernandes), Schär

Matchday 9 (15/11/2019)

Switzerland-Georgia

Matchday 10 (18/11/2019)

Gibraltar-Switzerland

Georgia

Final tournament - Qualifying round

Group D

Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Republic of Ireland	7	3	3	1	6	4	12
Denmark	6	3	3	0	16	5	12
Switzerland	6	3	2	1	12	5	11
Georgia	7	2	2	3	7	10	8
Gibraltar	6	0	0	6	2	19	0

Matchday 1 (23/03/2019)

Georgia 0-2 Switzerland

Goals: 0-1 St. Zuber 56, 0-2 Zakaria 80

Georgia: Loria, Kakabadze, Khocholava, Kashia, Kvekveskiri, Kankava, Qazaishvili, Ananidze (84 Katcharava), Kvilitaia (74 Lobzhanidze), Tabidze (60 Kverkvelia), Gvilia

Matchday 2 (26/03/2019)

Republic of Ireland 1-0 Georgia

Goals: 1-0 Hourihane 36

Georgia: Loria, Kakabadze (85 Okriashvili), Khocholava (65 Kharabadze), Kashia, Kverkvelia, Kvekveskiri, Kankava, Kiteishvili, Kvilitaia, Arveladze (73 Qazaishvili), Gvilia

Matchday 3 (07/06/2019)

Georgia 3-0 Gibraltar

Goals: 1-0 Gvilia 30, 2-0 Papunashvili 59, 3-0 Arveladze 76 (P)

Georgia: Loria, Kakabadze, Kharabadze, Kashia, Kankava (77 Mchedlidze), Grigalava, Kvekveskiri, Arveladze, Merebashvili (72 Kiteishvili), Kvaratskhelia (47 Papunashvili), Gvilia

Matchday 4 (10/06/2019)

Denmark 5-1 Georgia

Goals: 1-0 Dolberg 13, 1-1 Lobzhanidze 25, 2-1 Eriksen 30 (P), 3-1 Dolberg 63, 4-1 Y. Poulsen 73, 5-1 Braithwaite 90+3

Georgia: Loria, Kakabadze, Kashia, Parunashvili (58 Papunashvili), Kankava, Grigalava, Kiteishvili (73 Lobjanidze), Kvekveskiri, Lobzhanidze, Gvilia, Navalovski (79 Dvali)

Matchday 6 (08/09/2019)

Georgia 0-0 Denmark

Georgia: Loria, Kakabadze, Tabidze, Kashia, Grigalava, Ananidze, Qazaishvili, Kiteishvili, Okriashvili, Kvilitaia (90 Daushvili), Aburjania (86 Gvilia)

Matchday 7 (12/10/2019)

Georgia 0-0 Republic of Ireland

Georgia: Loria, Kakabadze, Kashia, Kankava, Qazaishvili, Okriashvili (79 Lobjanidze), Ananidze, Kvilitaia (73 Shengelia), Kiteishvili (90 Aburjania), Tabidze, Grigalava

Matchday 8 (15/10/2019)

Gibraltar 2-3 Georgia

Goals: 0-1 Kharashvili 10, 0-2 Kankava 21, 1-2 L. Casciaro 66, 2-2 R. Chipolina 74, 2-3 Kvilitaia 84

Georgia: Loria, Kakabadze, Khocholava, Kankava, Qazaishvili, Ananidze, Lobjanidze (68 Kvilitaia), Grigalava, Shengelia, Kharashvili (60 Kiteishvili), Navalovski (93 Kverkvelia)

Matchday 9 (15/11/2019)

Switzerland-Georgia

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