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Estonia

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Group C - Matchday 5



Belarus

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Previous meetings

Head to Head

FIFA World Cup

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
05/10/1996	QR (GS)	Estonia - Belarus	1-0	Tallinn	Hohlov-Simson 51
31/08/1996	QR (GS)	Belarus - Estonia	1-0	Minsk	Makouski 35

	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	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Belarus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
FIFA*																		
Estonia	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	-	-	-	-	2	1	0	1	1	1
Belarus	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	-	-	-	-	2	1	0	1	1	1
Friendlies																		
Estonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	3	0	1	6	4
Belarus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	1	0	3	4	6
Total																		
Estonia	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	-	-	-	-	6	4	0	2	7	5
Belarus	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	-	-	-	-	6	2	0	4	5	7

* 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	-	3	0	0	0		
-	Matvei Igonen	02/10/1996	22	Flora	-	0	0	0	0		
Defenders											
-	Ragnar Klavan	30/10/1985	33	Cagliari	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Taijo Teniste	31/01/1988	31	Brann	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Gert Kams	25/05/1985	34	Flora	-	3	0	0	0		
-	Ken Kallaste	31/08/1988	31	Tychy	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Joonas Tamm	02/02/1992	27	Lillestrøm	*	3	0	0	0		
-	Artur Pikk	05/03/1993	26	Miedz	-	3	0	0	0		
-	Karol Mets	16/05/1993	26	AIK	-	3	0	0	0		
-	Märten Kuusk	05/04/1996	23	Flora	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Madis Vihmann	05/10/1995	23	St Johnstone	-	3	0	0	0		
Midfielders											
-	Konstantin Vassiljev	16/08/1984	35	Flora	-	3	1	0	0		
-	Artjom Dmitrijev	14/11/1988	30	Okzhetpes	-	3	0	0	0		
-	Henrik Ojamaa	20/05/1991	28	Miedz	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Rauno Sappinen	23/01/1996	23	Domžale	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Mihkel Ainsalu	08/03/1996	23	Flora	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Mattias Käit	29/06/1998	21	Domžale	-	3	0	0	0		
-	Vlasiy Sinyavskiy	27/11/1996	22	Flora	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Vladislav Kreida	25/09/1999	19	Flora	-	1	0	0	0		
Forwards											
-	Sergei Zenjov	20/04/1989	30	Shakhter	-	3	0	0	0		
-	Frank Liivak	07/07/1996	23	Flora	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Erik Sorga	08/07/1999	20	Flora	-	1	0	0	0		
Coach											
-	Karel Voolaid	04/07/1977	42		-	0	0	0	0		

Belarus

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season					
						Qual.		FT			
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls		
Goalkeepers											
-	Aleksandr Gutor	18/04/1989	30	Dinamo Brest	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Andrei Klimovich	27/08/1988	31	Orenburg	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Maksim Plotnikov	29/01/1998	21	Dinamo Minsk	-	0	0	0	0		
Defenders											
-	Sergei Politevich	09/04/1990	29	Kairat	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Sergei Matveichik	05/06/1988	31	Shakhtyor	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Nikita Naumov	15/11/1989	29	Zhetysu	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Denis Polyakov	17/04/1991	28	Ural	-	4	0	0	0		
-	Aleksandr Pavlovets	13/08/1996	23	Dinamo Brest	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Kirill Pechenin	18/03/1997	22	Vitebsk	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Zakhar Volkov	12/08/1997	22	BATE	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Nikolai Zolotov	11/11/1994	24	Vitebsk	-	0	0	0	0		
Midfielders											
-	Igor Stasevich	21/10/1985	33	BATE	-	3	1	0	0		
-	Stanislav Dragun	04/06/1988	31	BATE	-	3	0	0	0		
-	Dmitri Baga	04/01/1990	29	BATE	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Maksim Skavysh	13/11/1989	29	BATE	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Ivan Maevski	05/05/1988	31	Astana	-	4	0	0	0		
-	Yuri Kovalev	27/01/1993	26	Shakhtyor	-	3	0	0	0		
-	Evgeni Yablonski	10/05/1995	24	BATE	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Ivan Bakhar	10/07/1998	21	Minsk	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Max Ebong	26/08/1999	20	Shakhtyor	-	0	0	0	0		
Forwards											
-	Nikolai Signevich	20/02/1992	27	Ferencváros	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Evgeni Shevchenko	06/06/1996	23	Minsk	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Vladislav Klimovich	12/06/1996	23	Torpedo Zhodino	-	0	0	0	0		
Coach											
-	Mikhail Markhel	14/07/1966	53		-	0	0	0	0		

Head coach

Karel Voolaid

Date of birth: 4 July 1977

Nationality: Estonian

Playing career: Flora Kehtna, Rapla Atli II, Koeru, Oper, Paide Linnameeskond

Coaching career: Flora Tallinn (youth, assistant coach), TPS Turku (assistant), Nõmme Kalju, Santos Tartu (youth), Estonia (Under-15, Under-16, Under-19, Under-21, Under-23, senior team)

- From Paide in central Estonia, Voolaid played in the lower leagues before moving to Paide Linnameeskond in 2008, and played top-division football with them in 2009, 2012 and 2013.
- Between 2003 and 2008, and again from 2012 to 2016, Voolaid worked as a coaching instructor for the Estonian Football Association (EJL), and gained his UEFA Pro coaching license in 2008; has been in charge of the EJL's coaching courses since 2016.
- From 1997 to 2008, Voolaid also worked in various positions at Flora Tallinn, including serving as assistant coach and coaching the youth team; in 2009, he moved to Finland to become assistant coach of TPS Turku.
- Returned to Estonia in 2010 to take charge at top-tier Nõmme Kalju for a few months before returning to youth football with Santos Tartu.
- Coached national youth teams alongside club teams throughout his career; took charge of the U21 side in 2017, and was named interim coach of the senior team in July 2019, following the departure of Martin Reim. He then committed to stay in charge until the end of the European Qualifiers for UEFA EURO 2020.

Mikhail Markhel

Date of birth: 14 July 1966

Nationality: Belarusian

Playing career: Shinnik Bobruisk, Dinamo Minsk (twice), Dnepr Mogilev, Budućnost Titograd, Nyíregyháza, Hajdúnánás, Spartak Vladikavkaz, Torpedo Moskva, Chernomorets Novorossiysk, Torpedo-MAZ, Molodechno, Zvezda-VA-BGU

Coaching career: Zvezda-VA-BGU, Dinamo Brest, Dinamo Minsk (assistant), Belshina Bobruisk, Darida, Lokomotiv Minsk (assistant), Belarus U17, Belarus U19, Belarus (assistant), Belarus U21, Belarus

- As a player, Markhel played in the former Yugoslavia, Hungary and Russia as well as Belarus; the forward won three caps in 1994 while playing for Spartak Vladikavkaz, where he spent two seasons and scored 19 goals in 58 matches.
- Started coaching in 1997, specialising in youth development; he took Belarus' U17 and U19 teams to European elite rounds four times, and was assistant coach as Belarus finished third at the 2011 UEFA European Under-21 Championship in Denmark, before working at the 2012 Olympics in the same role.
- Oversaw a 10-0 win against Gibraltar in his first game after being named Belarus U21 coach in 2019, the biggest margin of victory for any Belarusian team at international level; he then succeeded Igor Kriushenko as head coach of the senior national side on 20 June 2019.

Match officials

Referee	Alain Durieux (LUX)
Assistant referees	Gilles François Becker (LUX) , Joaquim Da Silva (LUX)
Fourth official	Laurent Kopriwa (LUX)
UEFA Delegate	Vito Di Gioia (ITA)
UEFA Referee observer	Draženko Kovačić (CRO)

Referee

Name	Date of birth	UEFA EURO matches	UEFA matches
Alain Durieux	02/08/1985	0	29

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
28/10/2015	U17	QR	Ukraine	Estonia	2-0	Vadul lui Voda
31/10/2015	U17	QR	Estonia	Moldova	1-0	Orhei
06/07/2016	UCL	1QR	Lincoln Red Imps FC	FC Flora Tallinn	2-0	Gibraltar
16/10/2018	U19	QR	Estonia	Finland	0-0	Rakvere
07/11/2018	UYL	r_1/8.r2	PAOK FC	FC Minsk	2-1	Salonika

Match-by-match lineups

Estonia

Final tournament - Qualifying round

Group C

Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Northern Ireland	4	4	0	0	7	2	12
Germany	3	3	0	0	13	2	9
Netherlands	2	1	0	1	6	3	3
Belarus	4	0	0	4	1	9	0
Estonia	3	0	0	3	1	12	0

Matchday 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

Matchday 3 (08/06/2019)

Estonia 1-2 Northern Ireland

Goals: 1-0 Vassiljev 25, 1-1 Washington 77, 1-2 Magennis 80

Estonia: Lepmets, Pikk, Käit (85 Tamm), Vihmann, Sinyavskiy, Zenjov, Vassiljev, Sappinen (61 Sorga), Mets, Dmitrijev, Teniste (85 Kams)

Matchday 4 (11/06/2019)

Germany 8-0 Estonia

Goals: 1-0 Reus 10, 2-0 Gnabry 17, 3-0 Goretzka 20, 4-0 Gündoğan 26 (P) , 5-0 Reus 37, 6-0 Gnabry 62, 7-0 Werner 79, 8-0 Sané 88

Estonia: Lepmets, Kams, Pikk, Vihmann, S. Puri, Zenjov (71 Ojamaa), Vassiljev (82 Kreida), Tamm, Mets, Dmitrijev (59 Käit), Teniste

Matchday 5 (06/09/2019)

Estonia-Belarus

Matchday 6 (09/09/2019)

Estonia-Netherlands

Matchday 7 (10/10/2019)

Belarus-Estonia

Matchday 8 (13/10/2019)

Estonia-Germany

Matchday 10 (19/11/2019)

Netherlands-Estonia

Belarus

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Matchday 1 (21/03/2019)

Netherlands 4-0 Belarus

Goals: 1-0 Depay 1, 2-0 Wijnaldum 21, 3-0 Depay 55 (P) , 4-0 van Dijk 86

Belarus: Gorbunov, Dragun (86 Laptev), Martynovich, Shitov, Polyakov , Kovalev (79 Savitski), Signevich (63 Saroka), Putilo, Sivakov, Maevski, Stasevich

Matchday 2 (24/03/2019)

Northern Ireland 2-1 Belarus

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

Belarus: Klimovich, Dragun, Martynovich, Shitov (73 Polyakov), Savitski (85 Nekhaychik), Laptev, Hleb (66 Putilo), Sivakov, Maevski, M. Volodko, Stasevich

Matchday 3 (08/06/2019)

Belarus 0-2 Germany

Goals: 0-1 Sané 13, 0-2 Reus 62

Belarus: Gutor, Dragun, Martynovich, Shitov, Polyakov , Kovalev (69 Gordeichuk), Laptev (62 Skavysh), Gromyko (57 Korzun), Naumov, Maevski, M. Volodko

Matchday 4 (11/06/2019)

Belarus 0-1 Northern Ireland

Goals: 0-1 McNair 86

Belarus: Gutor, Martynovich, Shitov (72 Veretilo), Polyakov , Kovalev, Korzun (46 Kislyak), Shikavka (58 Laptev), Naumov, Maevski, Stasevich, Nekhaychik

Matchday 5 (06/09/2019)

Estonia-Belarus

Matchday 7 (10/10/2019)

Belarus-Estonia

Matchday 8 (13/10/2019)

Belarus-Netherlands

Matchday 9 (16/11/2019)

Germany-Belarus

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