

EUROPEAN QUALIFIERS - 2019/20 SEASON MATCH PRESS KITS



Cyprus

GSP Stadium - Nicosia
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Group I - Matchday 5



Kazakhstan

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EUROPEAN QUALIFIERS OFFICIAL SPONSORS



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Previous meetings

Head to Head

	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																		
Cyprus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kazakhstan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
FIFA*																		
Cyprus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kazakhstan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Friendlies																		
Cyprus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	0	0	5	2
Kazakhstan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	0	0	2	2	5
Total																		
Cyprus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	0	0	5	2
Kazakhstan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	0	0	2	2	5

* FIFA World Cup/FIFA Confederations Cup

Squad list

Cyprus

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season					
						Qual.		FT			
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls		
Goalkeepers											
-	Urko Pardo	28/01/1983	36	Alki Oroklini	-	3	0	0	0		
-	Kostas Panayi	08/10/1994	24	Omonia	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Neofytos Michael	16/12/1993	25	Asteras	-	0	0	0	0		
Defenders											
-	Georgios Vasiliou	12/06/1984	35	Apollon	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Giorgos Merkis	30/07/1984	35	APOEL	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Costas Mintikkis	14/07/1989	30	Doxa	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Antreas Karo	09/09/1996	22	Salernitana	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Antreas Panayiotou	31/05/1995	24	Pafos	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Nicholas Ioannou	10/11/1995	23	APOEL	-	4	0	0	0		
-	Ioannis Kousoulos	14/06/1996	23	Omonia	-	4	2	0	0		
Midfielders											
-	George Efrem	05/07/1989	30	APOEL	-	4	1	0	0		
-	Kostakis Artymatas	15/04/1993	26	Anorthosis	-	4	0	0	0		
-	Kostas Laifis	19/05/1993	26	Standard Liège	-	4	1	0	0		
-	Chambos Kyriakou	09/02/1995	24	Apollon	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Grigoris Kastanos	30/01/1998	21	Pescara	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Matija Špoljarić	02/04/1997	22	AEK Larnaca	-	4	0	0	0		
-	Michalis Ioannou	30/06/2000	19	Anorthosis	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Jack Roles	26/02/1999	20	Cambridge United	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Ioannis Costi	17/03/2000	19	Nea Salamis	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Anthony Georgiou	24/02/1997	22	Ipswich	-	4	0	0	0		
Forwards											
-	Pieros Sotiriou	13/01/1993	26	København	-	3	2	0	0		
-	Fotis Papoulis	22/01/1985	34	Apollon	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Ioannis Pittas	10/07/1996	23	Apollon	-	2	0	0	0		
Coach											
-	Ran Ben Simon	28/11/1970	48		-	4	0	0	0		

Kazakhstan

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season					
						Qual.		FT			
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls		
Goalkeepers											
-	Stas Pokatilov	08/12/1992	26	Kairat	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Igor Shatskiy	11/05/1989	30	Shakhter	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Dmytro Nepohodov	17/02/1988	31	Ordabasy	-	4	0	0	0		
Defenders											
-	Dmitri Shomko	19/03/1990	29	Astana	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Abzal Beysebekov	30/11/1992	26	Astana	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Viktor Dmitrenko	04/04/1991	28	Tobol	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Gafurzhan Suyumbayev	19/08/1990	29	Kairat	*	3	1	0	0		
-	Sergei Maliy	05/06/1990	29	Ordabasy	-	4	0	0	0		
-	Aibol Abiken	01/06/1996	23	Kairat	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Temirlan Yerlanov	09/07/1993	26	Ordabasy	-	3	0	0	0		
-	Alexandr Marochkin	14/07/1990	29	Kaysar	-	1	0	0	0		
Midfielders											
-	Askhat Tagybergen	09/08/1990	29	Kaysar	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Timur Dosmagambetov	01/05/1989	30	Ordabasy	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Serikzhan Muzhikov	17/06/1989	30	Astana	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Islambek Kuat	12/01/1993	26	Kairat	*	4	1	0	0		
-	Bauyrzhan Islamkhan	23/02/1993	26	Kairat	-	2	1	0	0		
-	Yan Vorogovskiy	07/08/1996	23	Kairat	-	4	1	0	0		
-	Georgi Zhukov	19/11/1994	24	Kairat	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Yuri Pertsukh	13/05/1996	23	Astana	-	4	1	0	0		
Forwards											
-	Aleksei Schetkin	21/05/1991	28	Ordabasy	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Abat Aimbetov	07/08/1995	24	Aktobe	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Maxim Fedin	08/06/1996	23	Tobol	-	2	1	0	0		
Coach											
-	Michal Bílek	13/04/1965	54		-	4	0	0	0		

Head coach

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.

Michal Bílek

Date of birth: 13 April 1965

Nationality: Czech

Playing career: Sparta Praha (four times), Cheb, Real Betis, Viktoria Žižkov, Teplice

Coaching career: Teplice, Cartaginés, Czech Republic Under-19, Chmel Blšany, Viktoria Plzeň, Sparta Praha, Ružomberok, Czech Republic, Dinamo Tbilisi, Jihlava, Zlín, Kazakhstan

- A gritty midfielder who was an expert at free-kicks and penalties, Bílek had four spells at Sparta, the most memorable between 1986 and 1990 during which he won three league titles and two Czechoslovakian Cups.
- Travelled to the 1990 FIFA World Cup as the reigning Czechoslovakian player of the year; featured in all five matches at right-back to help Czechoslovakia to quarter-finals, scoring from the penalty spot in the opening two matches against the United States and Austria. Extended his international career beyond break-up of Czechoslovakia, winning 35 caps and scoring 11 goals.
- Had slow start to coaching career, including spell in Costa Rica, but eventually established himself at top level back at home and was appointed coach of Sparta in September 2006; won domestic double in his first season but dismissed in May 2008.
- Led Slovakian club Ružomberok in 2008/09 before taking on assistant role to former team-mate Ivan Hašek with Czech national side. Promoted to top job in October 2009, as Hašek returned to his position as association president, and guided the Czechs to UEFA EURO 2012 via a play-off win against Montenegro.
- Took the Czech Republic to the quarter-finals in Poland-Ukraine but left his post the following year. Went on to have a short spell in Georgia with Dinamo Tbilisi and brief stints in charge of both Jihlava and Zlín in his homeland before agreeing a return to international football with Kazakhstan in early 2019.

Match officials

Referee	Mattias Gestranus (FIN)
Assistant referees	Jan-Peter Aravirta (FIN) , Mikko Alakare (FIN)
Fourth official	Ville Nevalainen (FIN)
UEFA Delegate	Florian Prunea (ROU)
UEFA Referee observer	Gerard Perry (IRL)

Referee

Name	Date of birth	UEFA EURO matches	UEFA matches
Mattias Gestranus	07/06/1978	5	50

Mattias Gestranus

Referee since: 1996
First division: 2006
FIFA badge: 2009

Tournaments: 2012 UEFA European Under-17 Championship

Finals

N/A

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

Date	Competition	Stage reached	Home	Away	Result	Venue
13/10/2014	EURO	QR	Kazakhstan	Czech Republic	2-4	Astana

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

Date	Competition	Stage reached	Home	Away	Result	Venue
28/08/2014	UEL	PO	Legia Warszawa	FC Aktobe	2-0	Warsaw
13/10/2014	EURO	QR	Kazakhstan	Czech Republic	2-4	Astana
27/07/2017	UEL	3QR	Aberdeen FC	Apollon Limassol FC	2-1	Aberdeen
16/08/2018	UEL	3QR	APOEL FC	Hapoel Beer-Sheva FC	3-1	Nicosia
04/10/2018	UEL	GS	FC Astana	Stade Rennais FC	2-0	Astana

Match-by-match lineups

Cyprus

Final tournament - Qualifying round

Group I

Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Belgium	4	4	0	0	11	1	12
Russia	4	3	0	1	15	3	9
Kazakhstan	4	2	0	2	7	7	6
Scotland	4	2	0	2	4	7	6
Cyprus	4	1	0	3	6	5	3
San Marino	4	0	0	4	0	20	0

Matchday 1 (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

Matchday 2 (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

Matchday 3 (08/06/2019)

Scotland 2-1 Cyprus

Goals: 1-0 Robertson 61, 1-1 Kousoulos 87, 2-1 Burke 89

Cyprus: Pardo, Ioannou (66 Georgiou), N. Ioannou, Efrem, Sotiriou, Kousoulos, Makris (80 Pittas), Špoljarić (70 Costi), Margaça , Artymatas, Laifis

Matchday 4 (11/06/2019)

Russia 1-0 Cyprus

Goals: 1-0 Ionov 38

Cyprus: Pardo, N. Ioannou, Sotiriou, Avraam (71 Pittas), Kousoulos, Makris (81 Špoljarić), Margaça , Artymatas, Laifis, Costi, Georgiou (46 Efrem)

Matchday 5 (06/09/2019)

Cyprus-Kazakhstan

Matchday 6 (09/09/2019)

San Marino-Cyprus

Matchday 7 (10/10/2019)

Kazakhstan-Cyprus

Matchday 8 (13/10/2019)

Cyprus-Russia

Matchday 9 (16/11/2019)

Cyprus-Scotland

Matchday 10 (19/11/2019)

Belgium-Cyprus

Kazakhstan

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San Marino	4	0	0	4	0	20	0

Matchday 1 (21/03/2019)

Kazakhstan 3-0 Scotland

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

Kazakhstan: Nepohodov, Maliy, Yerlanov (81 Y. Akhmetov), Postnikov, Kuat, Pertsukh, Vorogovskiy, Murtazayev (68 Turysbek), Suyumbayev, Zainutdinov (84 Muzhikov), Merkel

Matchday 2 (24/03/2019)

Kazakhstan 0-4 Russia

Goals: 0-1 Cheryshev 19, 0-2 Cheryshev 45+2, 0-3 Dzyuba 52, 0-4 Beysebekov 62 (og)

Kazakhstan: Nepohodov, Maliy, Kuat, Y. Akhmetov, Pertsukh (85 Zhukov), Murtazayev (59 Turysbek), Suyumbayev, Merkel, Zainutdinov, Beysebekov, Logvinenko (30 Vorogovskiy)

Matchday 3 (08/06/2019)

Belgium 3-0 Kazakhstan

Goals: 1-0 Mertens 11, 2-0 Castagne 14, 3-0 R. Lukaku 50

Kazakhstan: Nepohodov, Maliy, Zhangylyshbay (46 Islamkhan), Yerlanov, Kuat (78 Tagybergen), Zhukov, Vorogovskiy, Pertsukh, Fedin (66 Aimbetov), Beysebekov, Marochkin

Matchday 4 (11/06/2019)

Kazakhstan 4-0 San Marino

Goals: 1-0 Kuat 45+1, 2-0 Fedin 62, 3-0 Suyumbayev 65, 4-0 Islamkhan 79

Kazakhstan: Nepohodov, Maliy, Yerlanov, Kuat (84 Pertsukh), Tagybergen, Islamkhan, Vorogovskiy, Turysbek (69 Zhangylyshbay), Suyumbayev, Aimbetov (58 Fedin), Shomko

Matchday 5 (06/09/2019)

Cyprus-Kazakhstan

Matchday 6 (09/09/2019)

Russia-Kazakhstan

Matchday 7 (10/10/2019)

Kazakhstan-Cyprus

Matchday 8 (13/10/2019)

Kazakhstan-Belgium

Matchday 9 (16/11/2019)

San Marino-Kazakhstan

Matchday 10 (19/11/2019)

Scotland-Kazakhstan

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