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Group F - Matchday 10



Norway

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Previous meetings

Head to Head

2020 UEFA European Championship

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
05/09/2019	QR (GS)	Norway - Malta	2-0	Oslo	Berge 34, King 45+1 (P)

2016 UEFA European Championship

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
10/10/2015	QR (GS)	Norway - Malta	2-0	Oslo	Tettey 19, Söderlund 52
10/10/2014	QR (GS)	Malta - Norway	0-3	Ta' Qali	Daehli 22, King 26, 49

UEFA EURO 2008

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
21/11/2007	QR (GS)	Malta - Norway	1-4	Ta' Qali	Mifsud 53; Iversen 25, 27 (P), 45, Pedersen 75
02/06/2007	QR (GS)	Norway - Malta	4-0	Oslo	Hæstad 31, Helstad 73, Iversen 79, John Arne Riise 90+1

EURO '96

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
07/06/1995	PR (GS)	Norway - Malta	2-0	Oslo	Fjørtoft 42, Flo 88
14/12/1994	PR (GS)	Malta - Norway	0-1	Ta' Qali	Fjørtoft 10

	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																		
Malta	3	0	0	3	4	0	0	4	-	-	-	-	7	0	0	7	1	18
Norway	4	4	0	0	3	3	0	0	-	-	-	-	7	7	0	0	18	1
FIFA*																		
Malta	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Norway	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Friendlies																		
Malta	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	0	2	2	2	10
Norway	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	2	2	0	10	2
Total																		
Malta	3	0	0	3	4	0	0	4	-	-	-	-	11	0	2	9	3	28
Norway	4	4	0	0	3	3	0	0	-	-	-	-	11	9	2	0	28	3

* FIFA World Cup/FIFA Confederations Cup

Squad list

Malta

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season					
						Qual.		FT			
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls		
Goalkeepers											
-	Justin Haber	09/06/1981	38	Gżira	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Henry Bonello	13/10/1988	31	Valletta	-	9	0	0	0		
-	Rashed Al-Tumi	04/10/2000	19	Casarano	-	0	0	0	0		
Defenders											
-	Jonathan Caruana	24/07/1986	33	Valletta	-	4	0	0	0		
-	Andrei Agius	12/08/1986	33	Hibernians	-	8	0	0	0		
-	Steve Borg	15/05/1988	31	Valletta	-	7	1	0	0		
-	Joseph Zerafa	31/05/1988	31	Valletta	-	6	0	0	0		
-	Jurgen Pisani	03/09/1992	27	Floriana	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Ferdinando Apap	29/07/1992	27	Hibernians	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Karl Micallef	08/09/1996	23	Hamrun	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Dunstan Vella	27/04/1996	23	Hibernians	-	5	0	0	0		
Midfielders											
-	Paul Fenech	20/12/1986	32	Balzan	-	7	0	0	0		
-	Rowen Muscat	05/06/1991	28	Valletta	-	9	0	0	0		
-	Tristan Caruana	15/09/1991	28	Hamrun	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Zach Muscat	22/08/1993	26	Olhanense	-	9	0	0	0		
-	Jake Grech	18/11/1997	22	Hibernians	-	6	0	0	0		
-	Luke Gambin	16/03/1993	26	Colchester	-	5	0	0	0		
-	Nikolai Muscat	13/07/1996	23	Gżira	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Brandon Paiber	05/06/1995	24	Floriana	-	1	0	0	0		
Forwards											
-	Michael Mifsud	17/04/1981	38	Birkirkara	-	5	0	0	0		
-	Alfred Effiong	29/11/1984	34	Balzan	-	6	0	0	0		
-	Kyrian Nwoko	04/07/1997	22	Valletta	-	8	1	0	0		
-	Joseph Mbong	15/07/1997	22	Hibernians	-	9	0	0	0		
Coach											
-	Raymond Farrugia	01/10/1955	64		-	9	0	0	0		

Norway

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season					
						Qual.		FT			
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls		
Goalkeepers											
-	Rune Jarstein	29/09/1984	35	Hertha	-	7	0	0	0		
-	Ørjan Nyland	10/09/1990	29	Aston Villa	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Sten Grytebust	25/10/1989	30	Copenhagen	-	1	0	0	0		
Defenders											
-	Tore Reginiussen	10/04/1986	33	Rosenborg	-	2	1	0	0		
-	Even Hovland	14/02/1989	30	Rosenborg	-	3	0	0	0		
-	Omar Elabdellaoui	05/12/1991	27	Olympiacos	-	9	0	0	0		
-	Jonas Svensson	06/03/1993	26	AZ Alkmaar	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Kristoffer Ajer	17/04/1998	21	Celtic	-	7	0	0	0		
-	Birger Meling	17/12/1994	24	Rosenborg	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Haitam Aleesami	31/07/1991	28	Amiens	-	9	0	0	0		
-	Sigurd Rosted	22/07/1994	25	Brøndby	-	0	0	0	0		
Midfielders											
-	Markus Henriksen	25/07/1992	27	Hull	-	8	0	0	0		
-	Fredrik Ulvestad	17/06/1992	27	Djurgården	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Ole Selnæs	07/07/1994	25	Shenzhen	-	9	0	0	0		
-	Mats Møller Daehli	02/03/1995	24	St Pauli	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Iver Fossum	15/07/1996	23	AaB	-	1	1	0	0		
-	Morten Thorsby	05/05/1996	23	Sampdoria	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Sander Berge	14/02/1998	21	Genk	-	7	1	0	0		
Forwards											
-	Tarik Elyounoussi	23/02/1988	31	AIK	-	6	1	0	0		
-	Joshua King	15/01/1992	27	Bournemouth	-	8	4	0	0		
-	Alexander Sørloth	05/12/1995	23	Trabzonspor	-	4	3	0	0		
Coach											
-	Lars Lagerbäck	16/07/1948	71		-	9	0	0	0		

Head coach

Ray Farrugia

Date of birth: 1 October, 1955

Nationality: Maltese

Playing career: Floriana, Melita Eagles, Naxxar Lions

Coaching career: Naxxar Lions, Malta Under-21 (twice), Pietà Hotspurs, Marxsaxlokk, Sliema Wanderers, Malta (assistant), Malta

- A combative midfielder, 'Zazu' made his debut for the senior team of local club Floriana at 16 and remained there for four seasons, winning two league titles and the FA Trophy and also claiming the first of four senior caps for Malta.
- He left for Australia aged just 21, joining top-flight outfit Melita Eagles, where he would spend the next 12 years, winning four State League championships and three Grand Finals and scoring 123 goals in 318 matches. He returned to his homeland in 1990, joining Naxxar Lions, and eventually hung up his boots at the age of 42.
- Started coaching while still playing at Naxxar before moving on to take charge of the Malta Under-21 side from 1998 to 2002. He later returned to club football on the island, serving Pietà Hotspurs, Marsaxlokk and Sliema Wanderers as head coach.
- In 2011 Farrugia was re-appointed as Malta U-21 head coach, remaining in charge until 2014, when he was promoted to the senior side as assistant to Pietro Ghedin.
- On 2 May 2018 he was appointed as Malta's head coach, replacing Tom Saintfiet who had been dismissed after just six months at the helm.

Lars Lagerbäck

Date of birth: 16 July 1948

Nationality: Swedish

Playing career: Alby, Gimonäs

Coaching career: Kilafors, Arbrå, Hudiksvalls, Sweden (youth sides), Sweden, Nigeria, Iceland, Norway

- A lower-league player, Lagerbäck began his coaching career in 1977 with Kilafors, joining the Swedish Football Association (SvFF) as a youth coach after spells with two other modest club sides Arbrå and Hudiksvall. Coached the national Under-21 and B teams until Tommy Söderberg took him on as his assistant with the senior national squad in 1998.
- Söderberg and Lagerbäck managed Sweden in tandem from 2000, reaching UEFA EURO 2000, the 2002 FIFA World Cup and the quarter-finals of UEFA EURO 2004; following Söderberg's departure, Lagerbäck took the troops to the 2006 World Cup and UEFA EURO 2008 single-handed.
- Stepped down after failing to lead Sweden to the 2010 World Cup finals, but ended up travelling to that tournament as coach of Nigeria.
- Appointed Iceland boss in October 2011, he steered the side to the 2014 World Cup play-offs where they lost to Croatia. Agreed a new contract that would mean he handed over the reins to assistant Heimir Hallgrímsson at the end of the UEFA EURO 2016 campaign – and promptly guided Iceland to their first ever major tournament.
- Even better was to follow as Iceland knocked out England en route to reaching the quarter-finals, where they lost to France, and in February 2017 Lagerbäck came out of retirement to take over as coach of Norway, his new side picking up ten points from their six 2018 World Cup qualifiers under his watch and going on to win promotion in the UEFA Nations League.

Match officials

Referee	Aliyar Aghayev (AZE)
Assistant referees	Zeynal Zeynalov (AZE) , Akif Amirali (AZE)
Fourth official	Rauf Jabarov (AZE)
UEFA Delegate	Robert Barczi (HUN)
UEFA Referee observer	Stefano Podeschi (SMR)

Referee

Name	Date of birth	UEFA EURO matches	UEFA matches
Aliyar Aghayev	17/10/1987	2	51

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
12/05/2014	U17	GS-FT	Malta	Netherlands	2-5	Gozo
04/08/2016	UEL	3QR	FC Krasnodar	Birkirkara FC	3-1	Krasnodar
19/07/2017	UCL	2QR	Rosenborg BK	Dundalk FC	2-1	Trondheim
04/10/2017	U19	QR	Norway	Montenegro	3-0	Tirana

Match-by-match lineups

Malta

Final tournament - Qualifying round

Group F

Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Spain	9	7	2	0	26	5	23
Sweden	9	5	3	1	20	9	18
Romania	9	4	2	3	17	10	14
Norway	9	3	5	1	17	10	14
Faroe Islands	9	1	0	8	4	27	3
Malta	9	1	0	8	2	25	3

Matchday 1 (23/03/2019)

Malta 2-1 Faroe Islands

Goals: 1-0 Nwoko 13, 2-0 S. Borg 77 (P) , 2-1 J. Thomsen 90+8

Malta: Bonello, Caruana, S. Borg, Agius, Guillaumier, Mbong, P. Fenech, Mifsud (71 J. Zerafa), Nwoko, R. Muscat (84 Mintoff), Corbolan (63 Z. Muscat)

Matchday 2 (26/03/2019)

Malta 0-2 Spain

Goals: 0-1 Morata 31, 0-2 Morata 73

Malta: Bonello, Caruana (85 Micallef), S. Borg, Guillaumier, Mbong (65 R. Muscat), P. Fenech, Nwoko, Corbolan, Mintoff (69 Mifsud), J. Zerafa, Z. Muscat

Matchday 3 (07/06/2019)

Sweden 3-0 Malta

Goals: 1-0 Quaison 2, 2-0 Claesson 50, 3-0 Isak 81

Malta: Bonello, S. Borg (80 Apap), Agius, J. Grech (64 P. Fenech), Mbong, Montebello (71 Nwoko), R. Muscat, Corbolan, Effiong, Gambin, Z. Muscat

Matchday 4 (10/06/2019)

Malta 0-4 Romania

Goals: 0-1 Puşcaş 7, 0-2 Puşcaş 29, 0-3 Chipciu 34, 0-4 Man 90+1

Malta: Bonello, S. Borg, Agius, Mbong, P. Fenech (59 J. Grech), R. Muscat, Corbolan (84 Montebello), Effiong, J. Zerafa, Gambin (67 Mifsud), Z. Muscat

Matchday 5 (05/09/2019)

Norway 2-0 Malta

Goals: 1-0 Berge 34, 2-0 King 45+1 (P)

Malta: Bonello, S. Borg, Agius, J. Grech (77 Effiong), Mbong, P. Fenech (64 J.P. Farrugia), Nwoko, R. Muscat, Vella, Corbolan, Z. Muscat (20 Apap)

Matchday 6 (08/09/2019)

Romania 1-0 Malta

Goals: 1-0 Puşcaş 47

Malta: Bonello, S. Borg, Agius, Mbong, J.P. Farrugia, Nwoko (72 Effiong), R. Muscat, Vella (86 J. Grech), Corbolan, Gambin (81 J. Zerafa), Z. Muscat

Matchday 7 (12/10/2019)

Malta 0-4 Sweden

Goals: 0-1 Danielson 11, 0-2 S. Larsson 58 (P) , 0-3 Agius 66 (og) , 0-4 S. Larsson 71 (P)

Malta: Bonello, Agius, Mbong, Nwoko, R. Muscat (68 P. Fenech), Vella, Shaw, Effiong (75 Mifsud), J. Zerafa, Gambin, Z. Muscat (66 Caruana)

Matchday 8 (15/10/2019)

Faroe Islands 1-0 Malta

Goals: 1-0 Baldvinsson 71

Malta: Bonello, S. Borg, Agius, J. Grech, Mbong, P. Fenech (71 Gambin), Mifsud (71 Effiong), Nwoko, R. Muscat (80 J. Zerafa), Vella, Z. Muscat

Matchday 9 (15/11/2019)

Spain 7-0 Malta

Goals: 1-0 Morata 23, 2-0 Santi Cazorla 41, 3-0 Pau Torres 62, 4-0 Sarabia 63, 5-0 Olmo 69, 6-0 Gerard Moreno 71, 7-0 Jesús Navas 85

Malta: Bonello, Caruana, Agius, Mbong, Nwoko, R. Muscat (63 Caruana), Vella, Paiber, Corbolan (33 Micallef), J. Pisani (75 J. Grech), Z. Muscat

Matchday 10 (18/11/2019)

Malta-Norway

Norway

Final tournament - Qualifying round

Group F

Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Spain	9	7	2	0	26	5	23
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Romania	9	4	2	3	17	10	14
Norway	9	3	5	1	17	10	14
Faroe Islands	9	1	0	8	4	27	3
Malta	9	1	0	8	2	25	3

Matchday 1 (23/03/2019)

Spain 2-1 Norway

Goals: 1-0 Rodrigo 16, 1-1 King 65 (P), 2-1 Ramos 71 (P)

Norway: Jarstein, Aleesami, Ajer, Nordtveit, King, Johansen (77 Kamara), T. Elyounoussi (55 Johnsen), Elabdellaoui, Selnæs, Henriksen, Ødegaard (56 Elyounoussi)

Matchday 2 (26/03/2019)

Norway 3-3 Sweden

Goals: 1-0 Johnsen 41, 2-0 King 59, 2-1 Claesson 70, 2-2 Nordtveit 86 (og), 2-3 Quaison 90+1, 3-3 Kamara 90+7

Norway: Jarstein, Aleesami, Ajer, Nordtveit, King, Elyounoussi (72 Kamara), Elabdellaoui, Selnæs, Henriksen, Ødegaard, Johnsen (87 Sørloth)

Matchday 3 (07/06/2019)

Norway 2-2 Romania

Goals: 1-0 T. Elyounoussi 56, 2-0 Ødegaard 70, 2-1 Keşerü 77, 2-2 Keşerü 90+2

Norway: Grytebust, Aleesami, Ajer, Nordtveit, King, T. Elyounoussi (84 Kamara), Elabdellaoui, Berge, Selnæs, Henriksen, Ødegaard

Matchday 4 (10/06/2019)

Faroe Islands 0-2 Norway

Goals: 0-1 Johnsen 49, 0-2 Johnsen 83

Norway: André Hansen, Aleesami, Ajer, Nordtveit, T. Elyounoussi (58 Kamara), Elabdellaoui, Berge, Selnæs (81 Midtsjø), Henriksen (72 Johansen), Ødegaard, Johnsen

Matchday 5 (05/09/2019)

Norway 2-0 Malta

Goals: 1-0 Berge 34, 2-0 King 45+1 (P)

Norway: Jarstein, Aleesami, Hovland, Nordtveit, King (58 Johnsen), Johansen (76 Normann), Elabdellaoui, Berge, Selnæs, Ødegaard, Haaland (66 T. Elyounoussi)

Matchday 6 (08/09/2019)

Sweden 1-1 Norway

Goals: 0-1 Johansen 45, 1-1 Forsberg 60

Norway: Jarstein, Aleesami, Reginiussen, Nordtveit, King, Johansen (76 Haaland), Elabdellaoui, Berge, Selnæs, Henriksen (64 T. Elyounoussi), Ødegaard

Matchday 7 (12/10/2019)

Norway 1-1 Spain

Goals: 0-1 Saúl Ñíguez 47, 1-1 King 90+4 (P)

Norway: Jarstein, Aleesami, Ajer, Nordtveit (30 Hovland), King, Johansen (63 Sørloth), Elabdellaoui, Berge, Selnæs, Henriksen (83 Johnsen), Ødegaard

Matchday 8 (15/10/2019)

Romania 1-1 Norway

Goals: 1-0 Mitriță 62, 1-1 Sørloth 90+2

Norway: Jarstein, Aleesami, Ajer, Hovland, King, Johansen (46 Sørloth), Elabdellaoui, Berge, Selnæs (67 Johnsen), Henriksen (81 Normann), Ødegaard

Matchday 9 (15/11/2019)

Norway 4-0 Faroe Islands

Goals: 1-0 Reginiussen 4, 2-0 Fossum 8, 3-0 Sørloth 62, 4-0 Sørloth 65

Norway: Jarstein, Aleesami, Ajer, Reginiussen, King (78 T. Elyounoussi), Fossum, Sørloth, Elabdellaoui, Berge (84 Ulvestad), Selnæs, Henriksen (70 Daehli)

Matchday 10 (18/11/2019)

Malta-Norway

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