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Germany

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Previous meetings

Head to Head

FIFA World Cup

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
11/10/2016	QR (GS)	Germany - Northern Ireland	2-0	Hanover	Draxler 13, Khedira 17

2016 UEFA European Championship

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
21/06/2016	GS-FT	Northern Ireland - Germany	0-1	Paris	Gomez 30

UEFA EURO 2000

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
08/09/1999	PR (GS)	Germany - Northern Ireland	4-0	Dortmund	Bierhoff 2, Ziege 15, 35, 45
27/03/1999	PR (GS)	Northern Ireland - Germany	0-3	Belfast	Bode 19, 43, Hamann 62

FIFA World Cup

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
20/08/1997	QR (GS)	Northern Ireland - Germany	1-3	Belfast	Michael Hughes 60; Bierhoff 73, 78, 79
09/11/1996	QR (GS)	Germany - Northern Ireland	1-1	Nuremberg	Möller 41; Taggart 39

1984 UEFA European Championship

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
16/11/1983	PR (GS)	West Germany - Northern Ireland	0-1	Hamburg	Whiteside 50
17/11/1982	PR (GS)	Northern Ireland - West Germany	1-0	Belfast	Stewart 18

FIFA World Cup

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
10/05/1961	QR (GS)	Germany - Northern Ireland	2-1	Berlin	Kress 29, Brülls 58; McIlroy 85
26/10/1960	QR (GS)	Northern Ireland - Germany	3-4	Belfast	Mc Adams 25, 51, 89; Brülls 6, Seeler 53, Dörfel 54, 80

FIFA World Cup

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
15/06/1958	GS-FT	Germany - Northern Ireland	2-2	Malmö	Rahn 20, Seeler 79; McParland 17, 58

	Qualifying								Final tournament				Total					
	Home				Away													
	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
Total																		
Northern Ireland	4	1	0	3	5	1	1	3	2	0	1	1	16	2	4	10	13	35
Germany	5	3	1	1	4	3	0	1	2	1	1	0	16	10	4	2	35	13

Squad list

Northern Ireland

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season					
						Qual.		FT			
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls		
Goalkeepers											
-	Roy Carroll	30/09/1977	40	Linfield	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Alan Mannus	19/05/1982	35	St Johnstone	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Michael McGovern	12/07/1984	33	Norwich	-	8	0	0	0		
Defenders											
-	Gareth McAuley	05/12/1979	37	West Brom	-	6	1	0	0		
-	Jonny Evans	03/01/1988	29	West Brom	*	8	1	0	0		
-	Conor McLaughlin	26/07/1991	26	Millwall	-	7	1	0	0		
-	Lee Hodson	02/10/1991	26	Rangers	-	4	0	0	0		
-	Callum Morris	03/02/1990	27	Dunfermline	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Tom Flanagan	21/10/1991	25	Burton	-	0	0	0	0		
Midfielders											
-	Steven Davis	01/01/1985	32	Southampton	*	8	2	0	0		
-	Chris Brunt	14/12/1984	32	West Brom	-	5	2	0	0		
-	Josh Magennis	15/08/1990	27	Charlton	*	7	2	0	0		
-	Corry Evans	30/07/1990	27	Blackburn	*	4	0	0	0		
-	Oliver Norwood	12/04/1991	26	Fulham	*	8	0	0	0		
-	Stuart Dallas	19/04/1991	26	Leeds	*	6	1	0	0		
-	Shane Ferguson	12/07/1991	26	Millwall	-	6	0	0	0		
-	George Saville	01/06/1993	24	Millwall	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Matthew Lund	21/11/1990	26	Burton	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Paul Paton	18/04/1987	30	St Johnstone	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Jordan Jones	24/10/1994	22	Kilmarnock	-	0	0	0	0		
Forwards											
-	Kyle Lafferty	16/09/1987	30	Hearts	-	8	3	0	0		
-	Niall McGinn	20/07/1987	30	Gwangju	-	7	0	0	0		
-	Conor Washington	18/05/1992	25	QPR	-	4	1	0	0		
Coach											
-	Michael O'Neill	05/07/1969	48		-	8	0	0	0		

Germany

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season					
						Qual.		FT			
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls		
Goalkeepers											
-	Kevin Trapp	08/07/1990	27	Paris	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Bernd Leno	04/03/1992	25	Leverkusen	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Marc-André ter Stegen	30/04/1992	25	Barcelona	-	4	0	0	0		
Defenders											
-	Jérôme Boateng	03/09/1988	29	Bayern	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Mats Hummels	16/12/1988	28	Bayern	*	7	1	0	0		
-	Sebastian Rudy	28/02/1990	27	Bayern	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Shkodran Mustafi	17/04/1992	25	Arsenal	-	2	1	0	0		
-	Marvin Plattenhardt	26/01/1992	25	Hertha	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Antonio Rüdiger	03/03/1993	24	Chelsea	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Niklas Süle	03/09/1995	22	Bayern	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Matthias Ginter	19/01/1994	23	Mönchengladbach	-	1	0	0	0		
Midfielders											
-	Toni Kroos	04/01/1990	27	Real Madrid	-	6	1	0	0		
-	Lars Stindl	26/08/1988	29	Mönchengladbach	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Amin Younes	06/08/1993	24	Ajax	-	1	1	0	0		
-	Emre Can	12/01/1994	23	Liverpool	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Julian Draxler	20/09/1993	24	Paris	-	7	3	0	0		
-	Leon Goretzka	06/02/1995	22	Schalke	-	3	1	0	0		
-	Julian Brandt	02/05/1996	21	Leverkusen	-	4	1	0	0		
-	Leroy Sané	11/01/1996	21	Man. City	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Joshua Kimmich	08/02/1995	22	Bayern	-	8	1	0	0		
Forwards											
-	Sandro Wagner	29/11/1987	29	Hoffenheim	-	1	3	0	0		
-	Thomas Müller	13/09/1989	28	Bayern	*	7	5	0	0		
Coach											
-	Joachim Löw	03/02/1960	57		-	8	0	0	0		

Head coach

Michael O'Neill

Date of birth: 5 July 1969

Nationality: Northern Irish

Playing career: Coleraine FC, Newcastle United FC, Dundee United FC, Hibernian FC, Coventry City FC, Aberdeen FC (loan), Reading FC (loan), Wigan Athletic FC, Saint Johnstone FC, Portland Timbers, Clydebank FC, Glentoran FC, Ayr United FC

Coaching career: Brechin City FC, Shamrock Rovers FC, Northern Ireland

- A midfielder and forward during a 20-year playing career, O'Neill spent the bulk of his time in Scotland, most notably with Dundee United and Hibernian. Enjoyed late success when winning a Northern Irish league and League Cup double with Glentoran in 2002/03.
- Made 31 appearances for his country, scoring four goals, two of which came in a memorable 5-3 victory against Austria during EURO '96 qualifying.
- Moved into coaching as assistant manager of Scottish club Cowdenbeath in 2005 before taking the reins at Brechin in March 2006. Was named coach of Shamrock Rovers in the Republic of Ireland in December 2008, guiding the Hoops to a second-place finish in his debut season before clinching their first title since 1994 in 2010.
- Made history as Rovers became the first Irish side to qualify for the group stage of a European competition, beating FK Partizan in the 2011/12 UEFA Europa League play-offs. Also led the Hoops to a second successive domestic championship in 2011.
- Appointed coach of his country in December 2011 and helped Northern Ireland record several notable results in 2014 FIFA World Cup qualifying, including a 1-1 draw in Portugal and a home win against Russia. Even better was to come as O'Neill steered his charges to UEFA EURO 2016, their first UEFA European Championship appearance, taking Northern Ireland to the last 16 at the finals in France.

Joachim Löw

Date of birth: 3 February 1960

Nationality: German

Playing career: SC Freiburg (three times), VfB Stuttgart, Eintracht Frankfurt, Karlsruher SC, FC Schaffhausen, FC Winterthur, FC Frauenfeld

Coaching career: FC Winterthur (youth), FC Frauenfeld, VfB Stuttgart, Fenerbahçe SK, Karlsruher SC, Adanaspor AŞ, FC Tirol Innsbruck, FK Austria Wien, Germany (assistant), Germany

- A native of the Black Forest in south-west Germany, Löw spent most of his playing days with local club Freiburg, where he had three spells, before winding down his career in Switzerland.
- Operated as a player-coach in Switzerland before becoming an assistant, and later head coach, back in Germany with Stuttgart. Succeeded Rolf Fringer in 1996 and led the Swabian side to a German Cup win in his first season and the UEFA Cup Winners' Cup final against Chelsea FC in his second.
- Left Stuttgart for Fenerbahçe but struggled to match his early success until he joined Tirol Innsbruck, guiding the team to the 2001/02 Austrian Bundesliga title.
- After nine months with Austria Wien he was summoned by old friend Jürgen Klinsmann to become his assistant with Germany. The pair steered the Nationalmannschaft to a third-place finish on home soil at the 2006 FIFA World Cup.
- Replaced Klinsmann as head coach, taking the side to a runners-up spot at UEFA EURO 2008 and third place at the 2010 World Cup. They also reached the last four of UEFA EURO 2012, before qualifying unbeaten for the 2014 global finals.
- The real glory was to follow in Brazil, Löw leading the team to their fourth world title with a final defeat of Argentina. In 2015 he signed a new contract running until 2018, although Germany were unable to add the European title to their world crown, losing to hosts France in the UEFA EURO 2016 semi-finals.

Match officials

Referee	Danny Makkelie (NED)
Assistant referees	Mario Diks (NED) , Hessel Steegstra (NED)
Fourth official	Kevin Blom (NED)
FIFA Match Commissioner	Philippe Prudhon (FRA)
Referee observer	Vítor Melo Pereira (POR)

Referee

Name	Date of birth		UEFA matches
Danny Makkelie	28/01/1983	4	45

FIFA World Cup matches involving teams from the two countries involved in this match

Date	Competition	Stage reached	Home	Away	Result	Venue
06/09/2013	WC	QR	Northern Ireland	Portugal	2-4	Belfast

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

Date	Competition	Stage reached	Home	Away	Result	Venue
02/09/2011	U21	QR	Serbia	Northern Ireland	1-0	Novi Sad
29/02/2012	U21	QR	Germany	Greece	1-0	Halle
06/09/2013	WC	QR	Northern Ireland	Portugal	2-4	Belfast
14/10/2014	U21	PO	Germany	Ukraine	2-0	Essen
10/06/2015	FRIE.	GS-FT	Germany	USA	1-2	Cologne
23/06/2015	U21	GS-FT	Czech Republic	Germany	1-1	Prague
16/09/2015	UCL	GS	Bayer 04 Leverkusen	FC BATE Borisov	4-1	Leverkusen
08/12/2015	UCL	GS	Manchester City FC	VfL Borussia Mönchengladbach	4-2	Manchester
02/11/2016	UCL	GS	Borussia Dortmund	Sporting Clube de Portugal	1-0	Dortmund

Competition facts

The Week of Football concept enables fans around the world to enjoy the very best action from the European Qualifiers – which will determine UEFA's representatives at the 2018 FIFA World Cup in Russia.

Qualifying for the 2018 FIFA World Cup comprises nine groups of six teams, with matches played on a home-and-away basis.

Qualifying takes place under the 'Week of Football' concept, introduced ahead of the UEFA EURO 2016 qualifying campaign, in which games are spread out from Thursday to Tuesday, shining the spotlight on more teams on the road to the finals in Russia. Moreover, thanks to the Week of Football, at least 43% of matches will be played on weekends, giving fans a better chance to follow the action on television, in the stadiums and on UEFA.com.

Kick-off times will be set mainly at 18:00CET and 20:45CET on Saturdays and Sundays and at 20:45CET for Thursdays, Fridays, Mondays and Tuesdays. In double-header matchweeks, sides will play on Thursday/Sunday, Friday/Monday or Saturday/Tuesday. Each day of the Week of Football will feature eight to ten games.

The nine group winners will qualify directly for the final tournament. The eight best runners-up will contest play-offs to decide the last four qualifiers for the finals.

The 13 qualifiers then join hosts Russia in the finals to make it 14 UEFA member associations represented.

How qualification works

The other confederations have the following qualifying berths:

Africa: 5

Asia: 4.5

North and Central America and Caribbean: 3.5

Oceania: 0.5

South America: 4.5

Match-by-match lineups

Northern Ireland

FIFA World Cup - Qualifying round

Group C

Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Germany	8	8	0	0	35	2	24
Northern Ireland	8	6	1	1	16	2	19
Azerbaijan	8	3	1	4	8	12	10
Czech Republic	8	2	3	3	10	9	9
Norway	8	2	1	5	8	16	7
San Marino	8	0	0	8	2	38	0

Matchday 1 (04/09/2016)

Czech Republic 0-0 Northern Ireland

Northern Ireland: McGovern, C. McLaughlin, Ferguson (66 Hodson), McAuley, J. Evans, S. Davis, K. Lafferty (59 Magennis), Dallas, Norwood, McNair, Ward (74 McGinn)

Matchday 2 (08/10/2016)

Northern Ireland 4-0 San Marino

Goals: 1-0 S. Davis 26 (P) , 2-0 K. Lafferty 79, 3-0 Ward 85, 4-0 K. Lafferty 90+4

Northern Ireland: McGovern, C. McLaughlin (77 McNair), Ferguson, McAuley, J. Evans, McGinn, S. Davis, Dallas (65 Washington), Norwood, Ward, Magennis (72 K. Lafferty)

Matchday 3 (11/10/2016)

Germany 2-0 Northern Ireland

Goals: 1-0 Draxler 13, 2-0 Khedira 17

Northern Ireland: McGovern, Ferguson, McAuley, J. Evans, Hodson, S. Davis, C. Evans, Norwood (73 McNair), Hughes, Ward (61 McGinn), Magennis (76 K. Lafferty)

Matchday 4 (11/11/2016)

Northern Ireland 4-0 Azerbaijan

Goals: 1-0 K. Lafferty 27, 2-0 McAuley 40, 3-0 C. McLaughlin 66, 4-0 Brunt 83

Northern Ireland: McGovern, C. McLaughlin, Ferguson (73 McGinn), McAuley, J. Evans, S. Davis, K. Lafferty (61 Grigg), Brunt, C. Evans (81 McNair), Norwood, Magennis

Matchday 5 (26/03/2017)

Northern Ireland 2-0 Norway

Goals: 1-0 Ward 2, 2-0 Washington 33

Northern Ireland: McGovern, C. McLaughlin, McAuley, J. Evans, S. Davis, Washington (85 K. Lafferty), Brunt, Dallas (88 Lund), Norwood, Ward (80 McGinn), Cathcart

Matchday 6 (10/06/2017)

Azerbaijan 0-1 Northern Ireland

Goals: 0-1 Dallas 90+2

Northern Ireland: McGovern, C. McLaughlin, McAuley (25 McGinn), J. Evans, S. Davis, Boyce (77 K. Lafferty), Brunt, Dallas, Norwood, Hughes, Magennis

Matchday 7 (01/09/2017)

San Marino 0-3 Northern Ireland

Goals: 0-1 Magennis 71, 0-2 Magennis 75, 0-3 S. Davis 78 (P)

Northern Ireland: McGovern, C. McLaughlin, J. Evans, S. Davis, Washington (78 C. Evans), K. Lafferty (60 Ferguson), Brunt, Dallas (78 McGinn), Norwood, Hughes, Magennis

Matchday 8 (04/09/2017)

Northern Ireland 2-0 Czech Republic

Goals: 1-0 J. Evans 28, 2-0 Brunt 41

Northern Ireland: McGovern, C. McLaughlin, J. Evans, S. Davis, Washington (58 Hodson), Brunt, C. Evans, Dallas

(74 K. Lafferty), Norwood, Hughes, Magennis (84 Ferguson)

Matchday 9 (05/10/2017)

Northern Ireland-Germany

Matchday 10 (08/10/2017)

Norway-Northern Ireland

Germany

FIFA World Cup - Qualifying round

Matchday 1 (04/09/2016)

Norway 0-3 Germany

Goals: 0-1 Müller 15, 0-2 Kimmich 45, 0-3 Müller 60

Germany: Neuer, Hector, Höwedes, Hummels, Khedira (84 Weigl), Kroos, Özil, Draxler (84 Meyer), Müller, Götze (72 Brandt), Kimmich

Matchday 2 (08/10/2016)

Germany 3-0 Czech Republic

Goals: 1-0 Müller 13, 2-0 Kroos 49, 3-0 Müller 65

Germany: Neuer, Hector (68 Höwedes), Hummels, Khedira, Draxler (80 Brandt), Kroos (76 Gündoğan), Özil, Müller, Boateng, Kimmich, Götze

Matchday 3 (11/10/2016)

Germany 2-0 Northern Ireland

Goals: 1-0 Draxler 13, 2-0 Khedira 17

Germany: Neuer, Hector (81 Volland), Hummels, Khedira, Draxler, Kroos, Özil (46 Gündoğan), Müller, Boateng (69 Mustafi), Kimmich, Götze

Matchday 4 (11/11/2016)

San Marino 0-8 Germany

Goals: 0-1 Khedira 7, 0-2 Gnabry 9, 0-3 Hector 32, 0-4 Gnabry 58, 0-5 Hector 65, 0-6 Gnabry 76, 0-7 Stefanelli 82 (og), 0-8 Volland 85

Germany: ter Stegen, Hector, Hummels, Khedira (77 Goretzka), Gnabry, Müller, Henrichs, Kimmich, Götze (71 Meyer), Gündoğan, Gomez (71 Volland)

Matchday 5 (26/03/2017)

Azerbaijan 1-4 Germany

Goals: 0-1 Schürrle 19, 1-1 Nazarov 31, 1-2 Müller 36, 1-3 Gomez 45, 1-4 Schürrle 81

Germany: Leno, Hector, Höwedes, Hummels, Khedira, Draxler (84 Sané), Kroos (89 Rudy), Schürrle, Müller, Kimmich, Gomez (61 Özil)

Matchday 6 (10/06/2017)

Germany 7-0 San Marino

Goals: 1-0 Draxler 11, 2-0 Wagner 16, 3-0 Wagner 29, 4-0 Younes 38, 5-0 Mustafi 47, 6-0 Brandt 72, 7-0 Wagner 85

Germany: ter Stegen, Mustafi, Hector (55 Plattenhardt), Draxler (76 Demme), Goretzka, Wagner, Stindl (55 Werner), Can, Younes, Kimmich, Brandt

Matchday 7 (01/09/2017)

Czech Republic 1-2 Germany

Goals: 0-1 Werner 4, 1-1 Darida 78, 1-2 Hummels 88

Germany: ter Stegen, Hector, Ginter, Hummels, Kroos, Stindl (67 Draxler), Özil, Werner (79 Can), Müller, Kimmich, Brandt (61 Rüdiger)

Matchday 8 (04/09/2017)

Germany 6-0 Norway

Goals: 1-0 Özil 10, 2-0 Draxler 17, 3-0 Werner 21, 4-0 Werner 40, 5-0 Goretzka 50, 6-0 Gomez 79

Germany: ter Stegen, Hector, Hummels, Draxler, Kroos, Özil, Werner (66 Gomez), Müller (46 Goretzka), Rüdiger, Kimmich, Rudy (60 Khedira)

Matchday 9 (05/10/2017)

Northern Ireland-Germany

Matchday 10 (08/10/2017)

Germany-Azerbaijan

Legend

Competitions

Club competitions

UCL: UEFA Champions League
ECCL: European Champion Clubs' Cup
UEL: UEFA Europa League
UCUP: UEFA Cup
UCWC: UEFA Cup Winners' Cup
SCUP: UEFA Super Cup
UIC: UEFA Intertoto Cup
ICF: Inter-Cities Fairs Cup

National team competitions

EURO: UEFA European Football Championship
WC: FIFA World Cup
CONFCUP: FIFA Confederations Cup
FRIE: Friendly internationals
U21FRIE: Under-21 friendly internationals
U21: UEFA European Under-21 Championship
U17: UEFA Under-17 Championship
U16: UEFA European Under-16 Championship
U19: UEFA Under-19 Championship
U18: UEFA European Under-18 Championship
WWC: FIFA Women's World Cup
WEURO: UEFA European Women's Championship

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

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

Statistics

-: Denotes player substituted
*****: Denotes player sent off

+: Denotes player introduced
+/-: Denotes player introduced and substituted

Squad list

D: Disciplinary
*****: Misses next match if booked
S: Suspended

Overall: Total appearances in the UEFA European Under-21 Championship final tournament only

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