

# EUROPEAN QUALIFIERS - 2019/20 SEASON MATCH PRESS KITS



**San Marino**

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Group I - Matchday 5



**Belgium**

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## EUROPEAN QUALIFIERS OFFICIAL SPONSORS



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## Previous meetings

### Head to Head

#### FIFA World Cup

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
07/09/2005	QR (GS)	<b>Belgium</b> - San Marino	8-0	Antwerp	Simons 34, Daerden 39, 67, Buffel 44, Mbo Mpenza 52, 71, Vandenberg 53, Van Buyten 83
30/03/2005	QR (GS)	San Marino - <b>Belgium</b>	1-2	Serravalle	Selva 41; Simons 18, Van Buyten 65

#### FIFA World Cup

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
06/06/2001	QR (GS)	San Marino - <b>Belgium</b>	1-4	Serravalle	Selva 11; Wilmots 10, 90, Verheyen 61, Sonck 69
28/02/2001	QR (GS)	<b>Belgium</b> - San Marino	10-1	Brussels	Vanderhaeghe 10, 50, Emile Mpenza 13, Goor 26, 60, Baseggio 64, Wilmots 72, Peeters 76, 84, 88; Selva 90

#### FIFA World Cup

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
07/06/1997	QR (GS)	<b>Belgium</b> - San Marino	6-0	Brussels	Staelens 15, 84, Van Meir 26, Emile Mpenza 27, 45, Luís Oliveira 33
09/10/1996	QR (GS)	San Marino - <b>Belgium</b>	0-3	Serravalle	Verheyen 10, Nilis 19, 47

	Qualifying								Final tournament				Total					
	Home				Away													
	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
<b>EURO</b>																		
San Marino	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Belgium	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>FIFA*</b>																		
San Marino	3	0	0	3	3	0	0	3	-	-	-	-	6	0	0	6	3	33
Belgium	3	3	0	0	3	3	0	0	-	-	-	-	6	6	0	0	33	3
<b>Friendlies</b>																		
San Marino	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Belgium	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

	Qualifying								Final tournament				Total					
	Home				Away													
	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
<b>Total</b>																		
San Marino	3	0	0	3	3	0	0	3	-	-	-	-	6	0	0	6	3	33
Belgium	3	3	0	0	3	3	0	0	-	-	-	-	6	6	0	0	33	3

\* FIFA World Cup/FIFA Confederations Cup

# Squad list

## San Marino

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season					
						Qual.		FT			
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls		
<b>Goalkeepers</b>											
-	Matteo <b>Zavoli</b>	06/07/1996	23	Libertas	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Simone <b>Benedettini</b>	21/01/1997	22	Marino	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Mirco <b>De Angelis</b>	03/03/2000	19	Tropical Coriano	-	0	0	0	0		
<b>Defenders</b>											
-	Davide <b>Simoncini</b>	30/08/1986	33	Libertas	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Fabio <b>Vitaioli</b>	05/04/1984	35	Tropical Coriano	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Mirko <b>Palazzi</b>	21/03/1987	32	SP Tre Penne	-	3	0	0	0		
-	Cristian <b>Brolli</b>	28/02/1992	27	Folgore	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Mattia <b>Giardi</b>	15/12/1991	27	Tropical Coriano	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Manuel <b>Battistini</b>	22/07/1994	25	Tropical Coriano	-	4	0	0	0		
-	Andrea <b>Grandoni</b>	23/03/1997	22	Marignanese	-	3	0	0	0		
-	Marcello <b>Mularoni</b>	08/09/1998	20	Pietracuta	-	4	0	0	0		
-	Alessandro <b>D'Addario</b>	09/09/1997	21	Tre Fiori	-	0	0	0	0		
<b>Midfielders</b>											
-	Alex <b>Gasperoni</b>	30/06/1984	35	SP Tre Penne	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Enrico <b>Golinucci</b>	16/07/1991	28	Libertas	-	4	0	0	0		
-	Alessandro <b>Golinucci</b>	10/10/1994	24	Pietracuta	-	2	0	0	0		
-	José <b>Hirsch</b>	31/01/1986	33	Pennarossa	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Luca <b>Censoni</b>	18/07/1996	23	Riccione	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Kevin <b>Zonzini</b>	11/08/1997	22	Cosmos	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Lorenzo <b>Lunadei</b>	12/07/1997	22	Riccione	-	4	0	0	0		
<b>Forwards</b>											
-	Matteo <b>Vitaioli</b>	27/10/1989	29	Tropical Coriano	-	4	0	0	0		
-	Fabio <b>Tomassini</b>	05/02/1996	23	Pietracuta	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Filippo <b>Berardi</b>	18/05/1997	22	Vibonese	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Nicola <b>Nanni</b>	02/05/2000	19	Crotone	-	3	0	0	0		
<b>Coach</b>											
-	Franco <b>Varrella</b>	25/01/1953	66		-	4	0	0	0		

## Belgium

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season					
						Qual.		FT			
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls		
<b>Goalkeepers</b>											
-	Simon Mignolet	06/03/1988	31	Club Brugge	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Matz Sels	26/02/1992	27	Strasbourg	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Thibaut Courtois	11/05/1992	27	Real Madrid	-	4	0	0	0		
<b>Defenders</b>											
-	Thomas Vermaelen	14/11/1985	33	Vissel Kobe	-	3	0	0	0		
-	Toby Alderweireld	02/03/1989	30	Tottenham	-	4	0	0	0		
-	Jan Vertonghen	24/04/1987	32	Tottenham	-	4	0	0	0		
-	Thomas Meunier	12/09/1991	27	Paris	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Brandon Mechele	28/01/1993	26	Club Brugge	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Jason Denayer	28/06/1995	24	Lyon	-	0	0	0	0		
<b>Midfielders</b>											
-	Kevin De Bruyne	28/06/1991	28	Man. City	-	2	1	0	0		
-	Nacer Chadli	02/08/1989	30	Anderlecht	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Dennis Praet	14/05/1994	25	Leicester	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Youri Tielemans	07/05/1997	22	Leicester	-	4	1	0	0		
-	Hans Vanaken	24/08/1992	27	Club Brugge	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Adnan Januzaj	05/02/1995	24	Real Sociedad	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Yari Verschaeren	12/07/2001	18	Anderlecht	-	0	0	0	0		
<b>Forwards</b>											
-	Christian Benteke	03/12/1990	28	Crystal Palace	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Romelu Lukaku	13/05/1993	26	Internazionale	-	2	3	0	0		
-	Benito Raman	07/11/1994	24	Schalke	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Dries Mertens	06/05/1987	32	Napoli	-	4	1	0	0		
-	Michy Batshuayi	02/10/1993	25	Chelsea	-	3	1	0	0		
-	Yannick Carrasco	04/09/1993	26	Dalian Yifang	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Divock Origi	18/04/1995	24	Liverpool	-	0	0	0	0		
<b>Coach</b>											
-	Roberto Martínez	13/07/1973	46		-	4	0	0	0		

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## Head coach

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### Franco Varrella

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**Date of birth:** 25 January 1953

**Nationality:** Italian

**Playing career:** Rimini, Urbino, Montecchio, Jesina

**Coaching career:** Bellaria, Pietri Carpi, Forlì, Brescia, Monza, Casertana, Salernitana, Reggiana, Savoia, Padova, Triestina, Ravenna, San Marino

- A youth player with Juventus for a time, Varrella played at a senior level in the lower leagues in Italy before becoming a games teacher.
- Started coaching with Bellaria and later moved into Serie C2 with Forlì in 1986/87, stepping up to Serie B to take charge of Brescia, Salernitana, Reggiana, Savoia and Ravenna.
- Won Serie C2 – the fourth highest division in Italy – with Padova in 2000/01. Hired as San Marino coach in January 2018.
- Worked as Arrigo Sacchi's assistant with Italy from 1995 onwards, culminating in a trip to EURO '96. Varrella continues to teach coaches at the Italian Football Federation (FIGC) technical centre in Coverciano and for UEFA Coach Education Programme.

### Roberto Martínez

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**Date of birth:** 13 July 1973

**Nationality:** Spanish

**Playing career:** Real Zaragoza, Balaguer, Wigan, Motherwell, Walsall, Swansea, Chester City

**Coaching career:** Swansea, Wigan, Everton, Belgium

- Born in Catalonia, Martínez started out at youth level with home-town club Balaguer before joining Zaragoza aged 16. The bulk of his three years there were spent in the youth and B teams, with a solitary appearance for the senior side before he returned to Balaguer in 1994, also running the club's football school.
- Moved to England and Wigan in 1995, forming the 'Three Amigos' with fellow Spaniards Jesús Seba and Isidro Díaz; over the next six years, helped the club win the third division title in 1997 and the Football League trophy two years later. A year with both Motherwell and Walsall preceded a lengthier spell at Swansea between 2003 and 2006, Martínez helping the club to promotion to the third tier. After a season with Chester, he returned to south Wales in 2007, initially as player-manager before quickly hanging up his boots.
- Guided Swansea to the League One championship in 2008 before leaving for Premier League Wigan the following year. Inspired an unlikely escape from relegation in 2011/12 and landed the Latics' first major trophy with victory against Manchester City FC in the FA Cup final 12 months later – although three days after that landmark triumph, Wigan were relegated.
- Martínez remained a man in demand and was appointed Everton manager in June 2013, steering the club to fifth place with their record Premier League points tally in his first term. Everton reached the 2014/15 UEFA Europa League round of 16 and both domestic cup semi-finals in the next campaign, but indifferent league form meant Martínez was dismissed in May 2016.
- Appointed Belgium coach three months later in the wake of Marc Wilmots' departure and led the side to the semi-finals of the 2018 FIFA World Cup, Belgium ultimately finishing third in Russia – their highest ever placing.

## Match officials

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<b>Referee</b>	Horatiu Fesnic (ROU)
<b>Assistant referees</b>	Alexandru Cerei (ROU) , Valentin Avram (ROU)
<b>Fourth official</b>	Marius Avram (ROU)
<b>UEFA Delegate</b>	Steve Stride (ENG)
<b>UEFA Referee observer</b>	Ray Ellingham (WAL)

## Referee

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Name	Date of birth	UEFA EURO matches	UEFA matches
Horatiu Fesnic	17/10/1989	0	19

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

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No such matches refereed

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

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No such matches refereed

# Match-by-match lineups

## San Marino

### Final tournament - Qualifying round

#### Group I

Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
<b>Belgium</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>12</b>
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
<b>San Marino</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>0</b>

#### 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

**San Marino:** E. Benedettini, Palazzi, D. Simoncini, Nanni (46 M. Vitaioli), Mularoni, Giardi (74 Lunadei), Manuel Battistini, Cevoli, D. Rinaldi (46 Hirsch), Berardi, E. Golinucci

#### Matchday 2 (24/03/2019)

##### San Marino 0-2 Scotland

**Goals:** 0-1 McLean 4, 0-2 Russell 74

**San Marino:** E. Benedettini, Palazzi, D. Simoncini (86 Lunadei), M. Vitaioli (60 Nanni), Mularoni, Manuel Battistini, Cevoli, Golinucci, Berardi, Hirsch (77 Grandoni), E. Golinucci

#### Matchday 3 (08/06/2019)

##### Russia 9-0 San Marino

**Goals:** 1-0 Cevoli 25 (og) , 2-0 Dzyuba 31 (P) , 3-0 Kudryashov 36, 4-0 Anton Miranchuk 41, 5-0 Dzyuba 73, 6-0 Dzyuba 76, 7-0 Smolov 77, 8-0 Smolov 83, 9-0 Dzyuba 88

**San Marino:** E. Benedettini, Palazzi (50 L. Censoni), F. Vitaioli, M. Vitaioli, Mularoni, Manuel Battistini, Grandoni, Cevoli, D. Rinaldi (56 Tomassini), Golinucci (64 Lunadei), E. Golinucci

#### 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

**San Marino:** E. Benedettini, Cesarini (76 Manuel Battistini), Michael Battistini (46 E. Golinucci), Lunadei, F. Vitaioli, M. Vitaioli (83 Bernardi), Nanni, Mularoni, Grandoni, Brolli, L. Censoni

#### Matchday 5 (06/09/2019)

San Marino-Belgium

#### Matchday 6 (09/09/2019)

San Marino-Cyprus

#### Matchday 7 (10/10/2019)

Belgium-San Marino

#### Matchday 8 (13/10/2019)

Scotland-San Marino

#### Matchday 9 (16/11/2019)

San Marino-Kazakhstan

#### Matchday 10 (19/11/2019)

San Marino-Russia

## Belgium

### Final tournament - Qualifying round



## Group I

Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
<b>Belgium</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>12</b>
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
<b>San Marino</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>0</b>

### Matchday 1 (21/03/2019)

#### Belgium 3-1 Russia

**Goals:** 1-0 Tielemans 14, 1-1 Cheryshev 16, 2-1 E. Hazard 45 (P) , 3-1 E. Hazard 88

**Belgium:** Courtois, Alderweireld, Vertonghen, Dendoncker, Tielemans, E. Hazard, Mertens, T. Hazard (84 Chadli), Boyata, Castagne, Batshuayi

### Matchday 2 (24/03/2019)

#### Cyprus 0-2 Belgium

**Goals:** 0-1 E. Hazard 10, 0-2 Batshuayi 18

**Belgium:** Courtois, Alderweireld, Vermaelen, Vertonghen, Dendoncker, Tielemans, E. Hazard, Mertens (56 Januzaj), T. Hazard (68 Carrasco), Castagne, Batshuayi (89 Praet)

### Matchday 3 (08/06/2019)

#### Belgium 3-0 Kazakhstan

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

**Belgium:** Courtois, Alderweireld, Kompany (78 Vermaelen), Vertonghen, Witsel, De Bruyne (67 Tielemans), R. Lukaku (72 Batshuayi), E. Hazard, Mertens, T. Hazard, Castagne

### Matchday 4 (11/06/2019)

#### Belgium 3-0 Scotland

**Goals:** 1-0 R. Lukaku 45+1, 2-0 R. Lukaku 57, 3-0 De Bruyne 90+2

**Belgium:** Courtois, Alderweireld, Kompany (90 Vermaelen), Vertonghen, Witsel, De Bruyne, Tielemans (78 Mertens), R. Lukaku, E. Hazard, Meunier, T. Hazard (90 Carrasco)

### Matchday 5 (06/09/2019)

San Marino-Belgium

### Matchday 6 (09/09/2019)

Scotland-Belgium

### Matchday 7 (10/10/2019)

Belgium-San Marino

### Matchday 8 (13/10/2019)

Kazakhstan-Belgium

### Matchday 9 (16/11/2019)

Russia-Belgium

### Matchday 10 (19/11/2019)

Belgium-Cyprus

## Legend

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### :: 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

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### Other abbreviations

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**(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