

Montenegro national football team

The **Montenegro national football team** (Montenegrin: *Fudbalska reprezentacija Crne Gore*) has represented Montenegro in men's international football since 2007. It is controlled by the Football Association of Montenegro, the governing body for football in Montenegro. Montenegro's home ground is Podgorica City Stadium in Podgorica.

Montenegro is one of the world's youngest international teams, having joined FIFA and UEFA in 2007, following the restoration of Montenegrin independence in 2006. Montenegro played its first official international match against Hungary in March 2007, and competed in their first FIFA World Cup qualifiers in 2010.

History

Formation

Following the independence of Montenegro from Serbia and Montenegro, Serbia was set to represent both Serbia and Montenegro in the Euro 2008 qualifying stage. UEFA, however, would be willing to include Montenegro as a late entry if FIFA ratified a separate Montenegrin Football Association before September 2006. However, this did not occur before the competition began.^{[3][4][5]}

In October 2006, Montenegro was granted provisional membership of UEFA, with a debate regarding full membership scheduled at a full UEFA Congress in January 2007.^[6] Montenegro's first FIFA World Ranking was joint 199th place, the last place on the list by default.

First matches

On 26 January 2007, the Montenegro FA was granted full membership of UEFA.^[7] The team played its first FIFA-recognized friendly match against Hungary on 24 March 2007 at Stadion Pod Goricom in Podgorica. Montenegro won 2–1 in front of 12,000 spectators. Striker Mirko Vučinić scored the country's first goal in the 62nd minute.^{[8][9]} On 31 May 2007, Montenegro was admitted as FIFA's 208th member.^[10] Montenegro's first coach was Zoran Filipović. In 23 matches, Filipović recorded eight victories, eight draws and seven defeats. He left in January 2010 when his contract expired. During his tenure, Montenegro rose to 73rd position in the FIFA rankings. Montenegro played at the 2007 Kirin Cup, but finished in last place behind Japan and Colombia. On 26 March 2008, Montenegro recorded one of its best results with a 3–1 win over Norway.

First competitive matches

On 6 September 2008, Montenegro played their first World Cup qualifier against Bulgaria at the Podgorica City Stadium. Bulgaria took the lead in the 11th minute with a goal from Stiliyan Petrov. Mirko Vučinić scored in the 61st minute to tie the game, before Igor Burzanović put Montenegro ahead 82nd minute from a penalty. However, a last-minute equalizer from Blagoy Georgiev denied Montenegro their first competitive win. In their next match on 10 September, they achieved another notable result when they held the Republic of Ireland to a 0–0 draw. Another near-upset came in a narrow 2–1 loss against Italy. After Alberto Aquilani's early strike, Vučinić quickly equalized, but Aquilani scored the

Montenegro	
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Nickname(s)	<div><i>Hrabri sokoli</i> / Храбри соколи</div> <div>(The Brave Falcons)</div>
Association	Football Association of Montenegro (FSCG)
Confederation	UEFA (Europe)
Head coach	<u>Robert Prosinečki</u>
Captain	<u>Stevan Jovetić</u>
Most caps	<u>Fatos Bećiraj</u> (86)
Top scorer	<u>Stevan Jovetić</u> (34)
Home stadium	<u>Podgorica City Stadium</u>
FIFA code	MNE
<div><div><div></div><div>First colours</div></div><div><div></div><div>Second colours</div></div></div>	
FIFA ranking	
Current	72 ▼ 2 (15 February 2024) ^[1]
Highest	16 (June 2011)
Lowest	199 (June 2007)
First international	
<div><div><div></div><div>Montenegro 2–1 Hungary </div></div><div>(Podgorica, Montenegro; 24 March 2007)</div></div>	
Biggest win	
<div><div><div></div><div>San Marino 0–6 Montenegro </div></div><div>(Serravalle, San Marino; 11 September 2012)</div></div>	

winning goal ten minutes later. Their second match against Italy ended 2–0 in favour of the world champions. Another disappointment came when the team could only draw 0–0 against Georgia, followed by a 2–2 draw against Cyprus after being two goals down. On 5 September 2009, Montenegro took an early lead against Bulgaria in Sofia with Stevan Jovetić putting them 1–0 up, only for Bulgaria to recover and win 4–1. After drawing 1–1 with Cyprus, Montenegro finally registered their first competitive win, beating Georgia 2–1. They then drew 0–0 with the Republic of Ireland at Croke Park. They finished fifth in the group with nine points, below Cyprus on goal difference.

Golden era

During the UEFA Euro 2012 qualification campaign, the team recorded further success. They opened their campaign with a 1–0 victory over Wales; Mirko Vučinić scored the only goal. A few days later, the team defeated Bulgaria 1–0 in Sofia. The next month, they beat Switzerland 1–0 and then recorded a 0–0 draw in London against England. On 4 June 2011, Montenegro drew 1–1 against Bulgaria, with Radomir Đalović scoring for Montenegro early in the second half, but Ivelin Popov scoring minutes later, to keep Montenegro second in the group, behind England on goal difference. Montenegro were beaten 2–1 by Wales in Cardiff. They were still second in Group G, but Switzerland closed the gap between them to only three points. In the June 2011 FIFA rankings, Montenegro recorded their highest ranking of 16th. On 7 October, Montenegro came back from 2–0 down to draw 2–2 against England in Podgorica, after Wayne Rooney was sent off. Wales beat Switzerland 2–0 to ensure Montenegro won a play-off place, putting the team two matches away from qualifying for Euro 2012. In their last match in the qualifiers, Montenegro lost 2–0 to Switzerland in Basel. On 13 October, the draw for the UEFA Euro 2012 qualifying play-offs was held in Kraków, Poland. Montenegro were paired with the Czech Republic, but they lost 3–0 on aggregate and failed to qualify. Montenegro were drawn in Group H in the qualifiers, along with England, Poland, Ukraine, Moldova and San Marino. In their first match, Montenegro tied against Poland in a 2–2 draw. On 11 September, Montenegro played against San Marino in Seravalle. In a one-sided match, Montenegro won 6–0,^[11] the biggest win in the team's history. Montenegro then beat Ukraine 1–0 in Kyiv,^[12] with the only goal scored by Dejan Damjanović. In their last match in 2012, Montenegro faced San Marino in Podgorica on 14 November, and won 3–0. Montenegro played their fifth qualifier match against Moldova in Chişinău on 22 March 2013, winning 1–0 through Mirko Vučinić's goal. Montenegro then returned to Podgorica to play the second-placed England. The outcome was a 1–1 draw. Leading their World Cup qualifying group, Montenegro hosted Ukraine on 7 June 2013. They suffered their first defeat in the group, losing 4–0. The match also saw Montenegro finish the match with nine men after Vladimir Volkov and Savo Pavićević were sent off. Their last four matches yielded just a single point; a 1–1 draw in Poland. Their 2014 World Cup qualifying campaign finished with a 5–2 home defeat to Moldova, and they finished third behind England and Ukraine.

Ups and downs

On 23 February 2014 in Nice, Montenegro were drawn for qualification in UEFA Euro 2016 qualifying Group G alongside Russia, Sweden, Austria, Moldova and Liechtenstein. Though they opened their campaign with a 2–0 win over Moldova, they failed to qualify with a 0–0 tie against Liechtenstein, a 1–0 loss to Austria and a 1–1 tie at home to Sweden. On 27 March 2015, Montenegro's home match against Russia was abandoned after 67 minutes due to crowd violence, after the Russian left-back Dmitri Kombarov was hit by a projectile. The score was 0–0 and Russia had missed a penalty moments before the match was abandoned. The Russian goalkeeper Igor Akinfeev was hit by a flare, causing a second 33-minute delay.^[13] The abandoned match was ruled a 3–0 win in Russia's favour. Montenegro finished fourth at the end of the campaign and placed 95th on the FIFA ranking list. Montenegro participated in the 2018 FIFA World Cup qualification and were placed with Poland, Denmark, Kazakhstan, Armenia and Romania. Poland and Romania had been participants in the UEFA Euro 2016, but Montenegro began by drawing 1–1 away to Romania, beating Kazakhstan 5–0 at home and defeating Denmark 1–0.

Biggest defeat	
<div><div><div><div><div></div></div><div><div></div></div></div><div><div><div>England</div><div>7–0</div><div>Montenegro</div></div></div></div><div>(London, England; 14 November 2019)</div></div>	
World Cup	
Appearances	2 (<i>first in 1998 as FR Yugoslavia/Serbia and Montenegro</i> <i>Never qualified as Montenegro</i>)
Best result	As FR Yugoslavia/Serbia and Montenegro: Round of 16 (1998) As Montenegro: 3rd in qualification group (2014 qualifying, 2018 qualifying)
European Championship	
Appearances	1 (<i>first in 2000 as FR Yugoslavia/Serbia and Montenegro</i> <i>Never qualified as Montenegro</i>)
Best result	As FR Yugoslavia/Serbia and Montenegro: Quarter-finals (2000) As Montenegro: Play-off finals (2012)



Montenegro national team squad in EURO 2020 qualifiers

However, they then lost 3–2 away to Armenia despite leading 2–0, and were defeated 2–1 at home by Poland. Montenegro then rebounded, beating Armenia 4–1 and Kazakhstan 3–0. They later eliminated Romania with a 1–0 victory, but losses to the Danes and Poles ended Montenegro's chance of qualifying.

Having failed to reach the World Cup, Montenegro had a dismal performance in the 2018–19 UEFA Nations League C. The team was grouped with Serbia, Romania and Lithuania. Montenegro only managed two victories, all against Lithuania, and suffered two losses to Serbia, one defeat to Romania at home and an away draw to the Romanian side as well. This effectively denied Montenegro a chance to qualify to the UEFA Euro 2020 playoff.

Worst campaign

The Euro 2020 qualifiers for Montenegro have been the worst in the team's short history. After an unsuccessful Nations League campaign, the team started off with a 1–1 away draw to Bulgaria, following a controversial penalty for the hosts. It was followed with a 1–5 loss at home to England despite having taken an early lead. On the day of the match with Kosovo, Serbian coach Ljubiša Tumbaković and two players originated from Serbia, due to political reasons, abandoned the national team, betraying the squad in unprecedented condition before the two crucial matches for qualifiers. Montenegro managed to avoid defeat against Kosovo (1–1), however they lost to Czech Republic 0–3. The same result occurred in the rematch, one month later. With no chances to qualify directly, Montenegro failed to win the match against last placed Bulgaria (0–0), and lost to Kosovo (0–2). At the end of their worst campaign, Montenegro suffered their biggest defeat in history. On 14 November 2019, they were defeated against England in London 7–0. Not only did they finish the qualifying campaign without a single victory, Montenegro managed to score only three goals in eight matches, but conceded 22. Also, throughout the entire qualifying campaign the team had troubles with injuries to key players, most notably Stevan Jovetić and Stefan Savić.



Mirko Vučinić was the first captain of Montenegro

Comeback

The team topped the group in 2020–21 UEFA Nations League above Luxembourg, Azerbaijan and Cyprus and were promoted into League B. They were also an important team in fight to qualify for 2022 FIFA World Cup. They were 4th of 6 teams in group with Netherlands, Turkey, Norway, Latvia and Gibraltar.

Stadium and facilities

Montenegro play home matches at the Podgorica City Stadium (Montenegrin: *Stadion pod Goricom*). The stadium's capacity is 15,230, but international matches reduce this to between 10,700 and 13,000.

Camp FSCG

The Football Association of Montenegro owns Camp FSCG, a Montenegrin training ground. Built in 2007, the centre has a total area of 54,000 square metres.^[14] It is located on *Ćemovsko polje*, a plain located in the outskirts of Podgorica outskirts between the settlements of Stari Aerodrom and Konik. It consists of six pitches with stands and floodlights,^[15] and *House of Football* – the seat of the Football Association of Montenegro.^[16]

The camp currently represents an important asset for the whole Montenegrin football system. The grounds are home to all Montenegrin national teams (men and women) and numerous local teams from Podgorica. CAMP FSCG meets the criteria for Montenegrin First League games and UEFA competitions for young players.

Team image



Nickname

Under the official FIFA Trigramme, the team's name is abbreviated as **MNE**, which is also the country's ISO 3166-1 code. The team's nickname is "The Brave Falcons" (Montenegrin: *Hrabri Sokoli*).

Kits and colours

Montenegro's traditional home colours are red, with a gold trim. This reflects the country's flag. The team's away kits have usually been white, with a red trim.

The current kit is produced by the Italian company Legea.

Manufacturer	Period
 daCapo	2007–2008
 Legea	2008–present



Montenegrin supporters

Supporters

At competitive matches, the Montenegrin home ground Podgorica City Stadium is often filled to capacity. The stadium is regarded as too small to meet the needs of the national team. Demand for the World Cup qualifier against Italy in 2009 was 30,000 tickets; 40,000 for the Euro 2012 qualifying match against England in 2011.

Montenegro's loudest and most loyal supporters are named *Ultra Crna Gora* (Ултра Црна Гора; *Ultra Montenegro*). As an ultras group, their support consists of standing up and singing for 90 minutes both home and away. They occupy the north and south stands of Podgorica City Stadium. Choreography is usually performed at the beginning of games. *Ultra Crna Gora* consists of many subgroups, mostly named after Podgorica's neighborhoods and Montenegrin towns in other parts of the country.















Results and fixtures

The following is a list of match results in the last 12 months, as well as any future matches that have been scheduled.

☐ Win ☐ Draw ☐ Loss ☐ Fixture

2023

<u>UEFA Euro 2024 qualifying</u>	24 March 2023	<u>Bulgaria</u> 	0–1	 <u>Montenegro</u>	<u>Razgrad, Bulgaria</u> [show]
	21:45 <u>UTC+2</u>		Report (https://www.uefa.com/uefa-com/ropean-qualifiers/match/2036302/)	Krstović ⚽ 70'	Stadium: <u>Huvepharma Arena</u> Attendance: 9,234 Referee: <u>Aliyar Aghayev</u> (Azerbaijan)
<u>UEFA Euro 2024 qualifying</u>	27 March 2023	<u>Montenegro</u> 	0–2	 <u>Serbia</u>	<u>Podgorica, Montenegro</u> [show]
	20:45 <u>UTC+1</u>		Report (https://www.uefa.com/uefa-com/ropean-qualifiers/match/2036326/)	Vlahović ⚽ 78', 90+6'	Stadium: <u>Podgorica City Stadium</u> Attendance: 9,831 Referee: <u>Clément Turpin</u> (France)
<u>UEFA Euro 2024 qualifying</u>	17 June 2023	<u>Montenegro</u> 	0–0	 <u>Hungary</u>	<u>Podgorica, Montenegro</u> [show]
	18:00 <u>UTC+2</u>		Report (https://www.uefa.com/uefa-com/ropean-qualifiers/match/2036326/)		Stadium: <u>Podgorica City Stadium</u> Attendance: 6,761 Referee: <u>Jesús Gil Manzano</u> (Spain)

Friendly	20 June 2023 20:45 UTC+2	Montenegro  1–4 Czech Republic 	Podgorica, Montenegro [show]
		<u>Camaj</u> ⚽ 66' Report (https://int.soccerway.com/matches/2023/06/20/world/friendlies/montenegro/czech-republic/4026664) <u>Čytil</u> ⚽ 28' M. Sadílek ⚽ 57' Provod ⚽ 75' Hložek ⚽ 85'	Stadium: <u>Podgorica City Stadium</u> Attendance: 1,792 Referee: <u>Matthew De Gabriele</u> (Malta)
UEFA Euro 2024 qualifying	7 September 2023 21:45 UTC+3	Lithuania  2–2 Montenegro 	Kaunas, Lithuania [show]
		<u>Paulauskas</u> ⚽ 71' Report (https://www.uefa.com/european-qualifiers/match/2036395/) <u>Černych</u> ⚽ 90 +4' <u>Krstović</u> ⚽ 78' <u>Savić</u> ⚽ 89'	Stadium: <u>Darius and Girėnas Stadium</u> Attendance: 11,328 Referee: <u>Mohammed Al-Hakim</u> (Sweden)
UEFA Euro 2024 qualifying	10 September 2023 18:00 UTC+2	Montenegro  2–1 Bulgaria 	Podgorica, Montenegro [show]
		<u>Savić</u> ⚽ 45+1' Report (https://www.uefa.com/european-qualifiers/match/2036417/) <u>Jovetić</u> ⚽ 90+6' <u>Borukov</u> ⚽ 79'	Stadium: <u>Podgorica City Stadium</u> Attendance: 4,232 Referee: <u>Harm Osmers</u> (Germany)
Friendly	12 October 2023 18:00 UTC+2	Montenegro  3–2 Lebanon 	Podgorica, Montenegro [show]
		<u>Kuč</u> ⚽ 16', 19' Report (https://int.soccerway.com/matches/2023/10/12/world/friendlies/montenegro/lebanon/4234317/) <u>Osmajić</u> ⚽ 69' <u>Darwich</u> ⚽ 65' <u>Tneich</u> ⚽ 80'	Stadium: <u>Podgorica City Stadium</u> Attendance: 1,337 Referee: <u>Eldorjan Hamiti</u> (Albania)
UEFA Euro 2024 qualifying	17 October 2023 20:45 UTC+2	Serbia  3–1 Montenegro 	Belgrade, Serbia [show]
		<u>Mitrović</u> ⚽ 9', 73' Report (https://www.uefa.com/european-qualifiers/match/2036463/) <u>Tadić</u> ⚽ 77' <u>Jovetić</u> ⚽ 36'	Stadium: <u>Rajko Mitić Stadium</u> Attendance: 25,884 Referee: <u>Szymon Marciniak</u> (Poland)
UEFA Euro 2024 qualifying	16 November 2023 18:00 UTC+1	Montenegro  2–0 Lithuania 	Podgorica, Montenegro [show]
		<u>Kuč</u> ⚽ 3' Report (https://www.uefa.com/european-qualifiers/match/2036487/) <u>Jovetić</u> ⚽ 48'	Stadium: <u>Podgorica City Stadium</u> Attendance: 3,647 Referee: <u>Artur Soares Dias</u> (Portugal)
UEFA Euro 2024 qualifying	19 November 2023	Hungary  3–1 Montenegro 	Budapest, Hungary [show]

	15:00 UTC+1	Szoboszlai ⚽ 66', 68'	Report (https://www.uefa.com/uefa-qualifiers/match/2036509/)	Rubežić ⚽ 36'	Stadium: Puskás Aréna Attendance: 59,600 Referee: Danny Makkelie (Netherlands)
2024					
Friendly	21 March	Montenegro 🇲🇳	v	Belarus 🇧🇪	Antalya, Turkey Stadium: TBD
Friendly	26 March	Montenegro 🇲🇳	v	North Macedonia 🇲🇰	Antalya, Turkey Stadium: TBD
Friendly	5 June	Belgium 🇧🇪	v	Montenegro 🇲🇳	Brussels, Belgium Stadium: King Baudouin Stadium
Friendly	9 June	Montenegro 🇲🇳	v	Georgia 🇧🇪	Podgorica, Montenegro Stadium: Podgorica City Stadium
2024–25 UEFA Nations League B	6 September	Iceland 🇮🇸	v	Montenegro 🇲🇳	Iceland
	18:45 UTC±0				
2024–25 UEFA Nations League B	9 September	Montenegro 🇲🇳	v	Wales 🇬🇧	Montenegro
	19:45 UTC±0				
2024–25 UEFA Nations League B	11 October	Turkey 🇹🇷	v	Montenegro 🇲🇳	Turkey
	21:45 UTC+3				
2024–25 UEFA Nations League B	14 October	Wales 🇬🇧	v	Montenegro 🇲🇳	Wales
	19:45 UTC±0				
2024–25 UEFA Nations League B	16 November	Montenegro 🇲🇳	v	Iceland 🇮🇸	Montenegro
	18:00 UTC+1				
2024–25 UEFA Nations League B	19 November	Montenegro 🇲🇳	v	Turkey 🇹🇷	Montenegro
	20:45 UTC+1				

Coaching history

Manager	Career	Played	Won	Draw	Lost	GF	GA	Win %
🇲🇳 Zoran Filipović	2006–2009	23	8	8	7	28	31	34.78%
🇮🇸 Zlatko Kranjčar	2010–2011	13	6	2	5	14	11	46.15%
🇲🇳 Branko Brnović	2011–2015	34	11	9	14	44	50	32.35%
🇮🇸 Ljubiša Tumbaković	2016–2019	26	7	7	12	33	33	26.92%
🇲🇳 Miodrag Džudović	2019 (acting)	2	0	1	1	1	4	00.00%
🇲🇳 Faruk Hadžibegić	2019–2020	13	5	4	4	13	16	38.46%
🇲🇳 Miodrag Radulović	2020–2023	23	6	4	13	22	35	26.08%
🇲🇳 Robert Prosinečki	2024–present	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%

Players

In international football, players can normally only play for one national team once they play in all or part of any match recognised as a full international by FIFA. However, an exception is made in cases where one or more newly independent states are created out of a former state. Based on current FIFA rules, a player will be eligible to play for Montenegro, even if he had previously represented Serbia and Montenegro or any other country, if at least one of the following statements applies:^[17]

- The player was born in Montenegro;





- At least one of their parents and/or at least one of their grandparents was born in Montenegro;
- The player has lived in Montenegro continuously for any five-year period.

Due to mixed ancestries, it is likely that a high percentage of the players eligible to play for Montenegro will also remain eligible to play for Serbia, and vice versa. However, once they have played for either Serbia or Montenegro in any competitive fixture, they are no longer eligible to play for any other nation.

Current squad

The following players were called up for games against Lithuania on 16 November and against Hungary on 19 November 2023.^[18]

Caps and goals as of 19 November 2023, after the match against Hungary.^{[19][20]}

No.	Pos.	Player	Date of birth (age)	Caps	Goals	Club
1	GK	<u>Milan Mijatović</u>	26 July 1987	36	0	 <u>Železničar Pančevo</u>
22	GK	<u>Filip Đukić</u>	6 August 1999	1	0	 <u>Hvidovre</u>
12	GK	<u>Nikola Ivezić</u>	1 April 2003	0	0	 <u>Lommel</u>
15	DF	<u>Stefan Savić</u> (<i>vice-captain</i>)	8 January 1991	72	9	 <u>Atlético Madrid</u>
13	DF	<u>Žarko Tomašević</u>	22 February 1990	64	5	<i>Free Agent</i>
7	DF	<u>Marko Vešović</u>	28 August 1991	50	2	 <u>Qarabağ</u>
3	DF	<u>Risto Radunović</u>	4 May 1992	33	1	 <u>FCSB</u>
5	DF	<u>Igor Vujačić</u>	8 August 1994	31	0	 <u>Rubin Kazan</u>
2	DF	<u>Andrija Vukčević</u>	11 October 1996	7	0	 <u>Juárez</u>
23	DF	<u>Miloš Milović</u>	22 December 1995	4	0	 <u>Qingdao Hainiu</u>
	DF	<u>Slobodan Rubežić</u>	21 March 2000	3	1	 <u>Aberdeen</u>
19	DF	<u>Marko Tući</u>	4 December 1998	3	0	 <u>Gangwon</u>
	MF	<u>Vladimir Jovović</u>	26 October 1994	54	0	 <u>Sogdiyona Jizzakh</u>
10	MF	<u>Marko Janković</u>	9 July 1995	45	1	 <u>Qarabağ</u>
4	MF	<u>Marko Vukčević</u>	7 June 1993	20	1	 <u>Varaždin</u>
6	MF	<u>Miloš Raičković</u>	2 October 1993	18	0	 <u>Budućnost</u>
20	MF	<u>Stefan Lončar</u>	19 February 1996	13	0	 <u>Debrecen</u>
18	MF	<u>Driton Camaj</u>	7 March 1997	12	1	 <u>Kisvárd</u>
14	MF	<u>Edvin Kuč</u>	27 October 1993	4	3	 <u>Ballkani</u>
16	MF	<u>Andrija Radulović</u>	3 July 2002	3	0	 <u>Vojvodina</u>
	MF	<u>Vladan Bubanja</u>	21 February 1999	1	0	 <u>Lokomotiva</u>
8	FW	<u>Stevan Jovetić</u> (<i>captain</i>)	2 November 1989	74	34	 <u>Olympiacos</u>
21	FW	<u>Milutin Osmajić</u>	25 July 1999	22	2	 <u>Preston North End</u>
11	FW	<u>Nikola Krstović</u>	5 April 2000	14	2	 <u>Lecce</u>
9	FW	<u>Dušan Bakić</u>	23 February 1999	5	0	 <u>Omonia Nicosia</u>
17	FW	<u>Viktor Ćukanović</u>	29 January 2004	3	0	 <u>Hammarby</u>

Recent call-ups

The following players have been called on the last 12 months.

Pos.	Player	Date of birth (age)	Caps	Goals	Club	Latest call-up
<u>GK</u>	<u>Danijel Petković</u>	25 May 1993	25	0	 <u>Kisvárd</u>	v. <u>Lithuania</u> , 16 November 2023 ^{INJ}
<u>GK</u>	<u>Suad Ličina</u>	8 February 1995	0	0	 <u>Mladost DG</u>	v. <u>Serbia</u> , 17 October 2023
<u>GK</u>	<u>Miloš Dragojević</u>	3 February 1989	2	0	 <u>Budućnost Podgorica</u>	v. <u>Bulgaria</u> , 10 September 2023
<u>GK</u>	<u>Matija Šarkić</u>	23 July 1997	7	0	 <u>Millwall</u>	v. <u>Bulgaria</u> , 10 September 2023
<u>GK</u>	<u>Lazar Carević</u>	16 March 1999	2	0	 <u>Vojvodina</u>	v. <u>Hungary</u> , 17 June 2023 ^{PRE}
<u>DF</u>	<u>Adam Marušić</u>	17 October 1992	57	3	 <u>Lazio</u>	v. <u>Lithuania</u> , 16 November 2023 ^{INJ}
<u>DF</u>	<u>Nikola Šipčić</u>	17 May 1995	7	0	 <u>Tenerife</u>	v. <u>Lebanon</u> , 12 October 2023 ^{INJ}
<u>DF</u>	<u>Jonathan Drešaj</u>	15 March 2000	0	0	 <u>Dečić</u>	v. <u>Czech Republic</u> , 20 June 2023
<u>MF</u>	<u>Nebojša Kosović</u>	24 February 1995	33	1	 <u>Meizhou Hakka</u>	v. <u>Serbia</u> , 17 October 2023
<u>MF</u>	<u>Marko Bakić</u>	1 November 1993	24	0	 <u>OFI</u>	v. <u>Serbia</u> , 17 October 2023
<u>MF</u>	<u>Aleksandar Šćekić</u>	12 December 1991	40	0	 <u>Partizan</u>	v. <u>Bulgaria</u> , 10 September 2023
<u>MF</u>	<u>Sead Hakšabanović</u>	4 May 1999	33	1	 <u>Stoke City</u>	v. <u>Bulgaria</u> , 10 September 2023
<u>MF</u>	<u>Vukan Savičević</u>	29 January 1994	19	0	 <u>Vojvodina</u>	v. <u>Bulgaria</u> , 10 September 2023
<u>MF</u>	<u>Novica Eraković</u>	12 November 1999	4	0	 <u>Omonia</u>	v. <u>Czech Republic</u> , 20 June 2023
<u>MF</u>	<u>Aleksandar Boljević</u>	12 December 1995	26	2	 <u>Željezničar</u>	v. <u>Serbia</u> , 27 March 2023
<u>FW</u>	<u>Stefan Mugoša</u>	23 February 1992	53	15	 <u>Incheon United</u>	v. <u>Lithuania</u> , 16 November 2023 ^{INJ}
<u>FW</u>	<u>Uroš Đurđević</u>	2 March 1994	12	0	 <u>Sporting Gijón</u>	v. <u>Bulgaria</u> , 10 September 2023
Notes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ ^{INJ} = Withdrew due to injury ■ ^{PRE} = Preliminary squad/standby ■ ^{RET} = Retired from the national team ■ ^{SUS} = Serving suspension ■ ^{WD} = Player withdrew from the squad due to non-injury issue. 						

Player records

As of 19 November 2023^[21]

Players in **bold** are still active with Montenegro.

Most appearances

Rank	Player	Caps	Goals	Career
1	<u>Fatos Bećiraj</u>	86	15	2009–2022
2	<u>Stevan Jovetić</u>	74	34	2007–present
3	<u>Stefan Savić</u>	72	9	2010–present
4	<u>Žarko Tomašević</u>	64	5	2010–present
5	<u>Elsad Zverotić</u>	61	5	2008–2017
6	<u>Adam Marušić</u>	57	3	2015–present
7	<u>Vladimir Jovović</u>	54	0	2013–present
8	<u>Stefan Mugoša</u>	53	15	2015–present
9	<u>Nikola Vukčević</u>	51	1	2014–present
10	<u>Marko Simić</u>	50	2	2013–present
	<u>Marko Vešović</u>	50	2	2013–present



Fatos Bećiraj is Montenegro's most capped player.

Top goalscorers

Rank	Player	Goals	Caps	Average	Career
1	<u>Stevan Jovetić</u>	34	74	0.46	2007–present
2	<u>Mirko Vučinić</u>	17	46	0.37	2007–2017
3	<u>Stefan Mugoša</u>	15	53	0.28	2015–present
	<u>Fatos Bećiraj</u>	15	86	0.17	2009–2022
5	<u>Stefan Savić</u>	9	72	0.13	2010–present
6	<u>Dejan Damjanović</u>	8	30	0.27	2008–2015
7	<u>Radomir Đalović</u>	7	26	0.27	2007–2012
8	<u>Andrija Delibašić</u>	6	21	0.29	2009–2013
9	<u>Elsad Zverotić</u>	5	61	0.08	2008–2017
	<u>Žarko Tomašević</u>	5	64	0.08	2014–present



Stevan Jovetić is the national team top scorer.






































Competitive record

Montenegro have participated in seven qualification rounds for World Cup or European Championship tournaments. Montenegro have never qualified, and their biggest success was reaching the play-offs for Euro 2012. Montenegro first tried to qualify for the 2010 World Cup in South Africa, but they finished fifth in their group. They had more success in the Euro 2012 qualifiers, when they finished second in their group to reach the play-offs, but lost to the Czech Republic. In the qualifiers for the 2014 World Cup, Montenegro finished third, and two years later, in the qualifiers for Euro 2016, they finished fourth in their group. They again finished third in their 2018 World Cup qualifying group. Worst performance came in the qualifiers for Euro 2020, as Montenegro finished last-placed in the group without single victory.

Competition	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD
<u>FIFA World Cup</u> qualifiers	40	13	13	14	61	58	+3
<u>UEFA European Championship</u> qualifiers	43	8	9	16	25	51	−26
<u>UEFA Nations League</u>	16	7	3	6	20	12	+8
Friendly games	50	18	13	18	59	62	−3
Overall	139	46	39	54	165	183	−18






















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FIFA World Cup

FIFA World Cup record									Qualification record													
Year	Result	Position	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pos	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA							
 <u>1930</u>	<i>Part of  <u>Yugoslavia</u></i>								<i>Part of  <u>Yugoslavia</u></i>													
 <u>1934</u>																						
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 <u>1958</u>																						
 <u>1962</u>																						
 <u>1966</u>																						
 <u>1970</u>									<i>Part of  <u>Yugoslavia</u></i>													
 <u>1974</u>																						
 <u>1978</u>																						
 <u>1982</u>																						
 <u>1986</u>																						
 <u>1990</u>																						
 <u>1994</u>	<i>Part of  <u>Yugoslavia</u></i>								<i>Part of  <u>Yugoslavia</u></i>													
 <u>1998</u>																						
  <u>2002</u>																						
 <u>2006</u>	<i>Part of  <u>Serbia and Montenegro</u></i>								<i>Part of  <u>Serbia and Montenegro</u></i>													
 <u>2010</u>	<i>Did not qualify</i>								<u>5th</u>	10	1	6	3	9	14							
 <u>2014</u>									<u>3rd</u>	10	4	3	3	18	17							
 <u>2018</u>									<u>3rd</u>	10	5	1	4	20	12							
 <u>2022</u>									<u>4th</u>	10	3	3	4	14	15							
   <u>2026</u>									<i>To be determined</i>													
   <u>2030</u>	<i>To be determined</i>																					
 <u>2034</u>																						
Total	0/4								—	40	13	13	14	61	58							

UEFA European Championship

<u>UEFA European Championship</u> record	<u>Qualification</u> record	<u>Qualification play-offs</u> record
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Year	Result	Position	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pos.	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA					
 1960	<i>Part of  Yugoslavia</i>																									
 1964																										
 1968																										
 1972																										
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 1988																										
 1992																										
 1996	<i>Part of  Yugoslavia</i>																									
 2000																										
 2004	<i>Part of  Serbia and Montenegro</i>		<i>Part of  Serbia and Montenegro</i>													<i>Part of  Serbia and Montenegro</i>										
 2008	<i>Did not enter</i>		<i>Did not enter</i>													—										
 2012	<i>Did not qualify</i>								PO	8	3	3	2	7	7	2	0	0	2	0	3					
 2016									4th	10	3	2	5	10	13	—										
 2020									5th	8	0	3	5	3	22											
 2024									3rd	8	3	2	3	9	11											
 2028	<i>To be determined</i>								<i>To be determined</i>							<i>To be determined</i>										
 2032																										
Total	0/4								—	34	9	10	15	29	53	2	0	0	2	0	3					

UEFA Nations League










UEFA Nations League record										
Season	Division	Group	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	P/R	RK
2018–19	C	4	6	2	1	3	7	6	=	35th
2020–21	C	1	6	4	1	1	10	2	▲	34th
2022–23	B	3	6	2	1	3	6	6	=	28th
2024–25	B	<i>To be determined</i>								
Total			18	8	3	7	23	14	28th	

Head-to-head record

Below is a summary of Montenegrin national team results against every opponent country.

As of 19 November 2023

Opponent	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Win %
 Albania	2	0	0	2	2	4	-2	0.00
 Armenia	3	1	0	2	6	5	+1	33.33
 Austria	2	0	0	2	2	4	-2	0.00
 Azerbaijan	3	2	1	0	4	0	+4	66.67
 Belarus	4	2	2	0	4	1	+3	50.00
 Belgium	1	0	1	0	2	2	+0	0.00
 Bosnia and Herzegovina	4	0	3	1	1	2	-1	0.00
 Bulgaria	8	3	4	1	9	9	+0	37.50
 Colombia	1	0	0	1	0	1	-1	0.00
 Cyprus	5	2	3	0	9	3	+6	40.00
 Czech Republic	5	0	0	5	1	13	-12	0.00
 Denmark	3	1	0	2	2	3	-1	33.33
 England	6	0	3	3	5	19	-14	0.00
 Estonia	1	1	0	0	1	0	+1	100.00
 Finland	2	0	0	2	0	4	-4	0.00
 Georgia	2	1	1	0	2	1	+1	50.00
 Ghana	1	1	0	0	1	0	+1	100.00
 Gibraltar	2	2	0	0	7	1	+6	100.00
 Greece	2	1	0	1	2	2	+0	50.00
 Hungary	5	2	2	1	8	8	+0	40.00
 Iceland	1	1	0	0	2	1	+1	100.00
 Israel	1	0	0	1	1	3	-2	0.00
 Iran	2	0	1	1	1	2	-1	0.00
 Italy	2	0	0	2	1	4	-3	0.00
 Japan	1	0	0	1	0	2	-2	0.00
 Kazakhstan	4	3	1	0	11	0	+11	75.00
 Kosovo	2	0	1	1	1	3	-2	0.00
 Latvia	4	2	2	0	5	2	+3	50.00
 Lebanon	1	1	0	0	3	2	+1	100.00
 Liechtenstein	2	1	1	0	2	0	+2	50.00
 Lithuania	4	3	1	0	10	3	+7	75.00
 Luxembourg	3	2	0	1	6	3	+3	66.67
 Moldova	4	3	0	1	7	5	+2	75.00
 North Macedonia	3	1	0	2	4	7	-3	33.33
 Netherlands	2	0	1	1	2	6	-4	0.00
 Northern Ireland	1	1	0	0	2	0	+2	100.00
 Norway	4	1	0	3	4	6	-2	25.00
 Poland	4	0	2	2	6	9	-3	0.00
 Republic of Ireland	2	0	2	0	0	0	+0	0.00
 Romania	7	3	2	2	7	6	+1	42.86
 Russia	2	0	0	2	0	5	-5	0.00

Opponent	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Win %
 San Marino	2	2	0	0	9	0	+9	100.00
 Serbia	4	0	0	4	2	9	−7	0.00
 Slovakia	2	0	1	1	2	4	−2	0.00
 Slovenia	3	0	1	2	1	4	−3	0.00
 Sweden	3	0	1	2	3	6	−3	0.00
 Switzerland	2	1	0	1	1	2	−1	50.00
 Turkey	4	0	2	2	5	7	−2	0.00
 Ukraine	2	1	0	1	1	4	−3	50.00
 Uzbekistan	1	1	0	0	1	0	+1	100.00
 Wales	3	2	0	1	4	3	+1	66.67
51 Teams	144	48	39	57	172	190	−18	33.33

FIFA rankings

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- Montenegro men's national football team results
- Montenegro men's national football team records and statistics
- List of Montenegro international footballers
- Montenegro women's national football team
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