

# Turkey national football team

The **Turkey national football team** (Turkish: *Türkiye Millî Futbol Takımı*; officially recognized as **Türkiye** by FIFA<sup>[5][6]</sup>) represents Turkey in men's international football matches. The team is controlled by the Turkish Football Federation (Turkish: *Türkiye Futbol Federasyonu*), the governing body for football in Turkey, which was founded in 1923 and has been a member of FIFA since 1923 and UEFA since 1962. [7]

The team played their first official international game in 1923 and has represented the nation in major competitions since their debut appearance at the 1924 Summer Olympics. They have participated in Summer Olympics a total of six times (1924, 1928, 1936, 1948, 1952 and 1960), and reached the quarter-finals twice, in 1948 and 1952.

The team enjoyed their highest achievements in the 2000s, most notably finishing in third place at the 2002 FIFA World Cup and the 2003 FIFA Confederations Cup, and reaching the semi-finals at UEFA Euro 2008. They qualified for FIFA World Cup three times (1950, 1954 and 2002) and reached the semi-finals in 2002, winning bronze medals. The team qualified for UEFA European Championships five times. Making their debut at Euro 96, they reached the quarter-finals in Euro 2000 and semi-finals in Euro 2008. In recent years, Turkey qualified to the Euro 2016, Euro 2020 and Euro 2024 championships. Turkey also qualified as a co-host for the Euro 2032 championship.

Since its introduction in 1992, the <u>FIFA World Rankings</u> has ranked the team between 5th and 57th place. Following their success at the 2002 World Cup, Turkey managed to stay in the top 10 in rankings between 2002 and 2004, ranking 5th in June 2004. The team climbed once again up to 10th place in December 2008, following their success at Euro 2008. Turkey achieved their highest victory margin with 7–0 wins over <u>Syria</u> in 1949, <u>South Korea</u> in 1954 and <u>San Marino</u> in 1996, while their biggest losses were 8–0 defeats to <u>Poland</u> in 1968 and England in 1984 and 1987.

As of 2020, the most capped player to play on the national team is Rüştü Reçber with 120 senior international caps between 1994 and 2012, and the most scoring player is Hakan Şükür with 51 goals scored between 1992 and 2007. The longest-serving captain is Turgay Şeren with the captaincy of 35 international encounters from 1950 to 1966.

## History

### Early years



The Turkish National Team's first game was against Romania, played on 26 October 1923 at Taksim Stadium in Istanbul, a 2–2 draw. [16] Zeki Rıza Sporel is considered as the first big star of Turkish football as he scored the first two goals against Romania. Turkey played their first ever official match at the 1924 Summer Olympics losing to Czechoslovakia, 5–2. The first two goals in an official game were scored by Bekir Refet.

### 1950 FIFA World Cup

Although Turkey qualified for the 1950 World Cup, beating Syria 7–0, they were forced to withdraw from the tournament due to financial problems.

### 1954 FIFA World Cup

Turkey then qualified for the 1954 World Cup after a play-off with Spain. The Turkish team first lost 4–1 to Spain, but a 1–0 win a few days later initiated a replay. On that occasion, they tied 2–2 after, booking their place after a coin toss. Turkey was put in a group along with Hungary and West Germany. The Turks, however, never played Hungary due to the tournament format, and a 4–1 defeat by the Germans was followed by Turkey carrying out a 7–0 win over South Korea. Turkey lost the play-off to West Germany 7–2. In 1956, however, Turkey did play Hungary in a friendly match in Istanbul, defeating what was one of the strongest teams of the era, 3–1. Lefter Küçükandonyadis, arguably one of the best Turkish strikers of all time, scored two goals during the tournament.

#### **Near misses**

Despite the introduction of a national league, and showings by Turkish clubs in European competition, the 1960s would be a barren time for the national team. Most players from the 1954 World Cup squad were retired, and the new generation of players failed to qualify for a major tournament. The 1970s saw Turkey holding back in the World Cup and UEFA European Championship qualifiers, but the team was a point too short to qualify for both UEFA Euro 1972 and Euro 1976. In the 1980s the Turkish team also suffered their worst defeats with 8–0 scorelines against Poland and twice against England. Yet the 1990 World Cup qualifiers would mark a turning point for Turkish football, with Turkey only missing out on qualification in the final match. Prominent players in this period included Ridvan Dilmen, Oğuz Çetin, Rıza Çalımbay, Feyyaz Uçar, and European Golden Boot winner Tanju Çolak.

### 1990-1997

Turkey 2–2 Romania (Istanbul, Turkey; 26 October 1923)[a] **Biggest win** Turkey 7–0 Syria (Ankara, Turkey; 20 November 1949) 🔼 Turkey 7–0 South Korea 💓 (Geneva, Switzerland; 20 June 1954) 🔼 Turkey 7–0 San Marino 📥 (Istanbul, Turkey; 10 November 1996) Biggest defeat Poland 8–0 Turkey 🔼 (Chorzów, Poland; 24 April 1968) Turkey 0–8 England — (Istanbul, Turkey; 14 November 1984) England 8–0 Turkey (London, England; 14 October 1987) **World Cup Appearances** 2 (first in 1954) Best result Third place (2002) **European Championship Appearances** 6 (first in 1996) **Best result** Semi-finals/Third place (2008)**Olympic Games** 6 (first in 1924) **Appearances** Best result Quarter-finals (1948, 1952) **FIFA Confederations Cup Appearances** 1 (first in 2003) Best result Third place (2003) Medal record show **FIFA World Cup** 2002 South Korea-Japan Team B **UEFA European Championship** ■ 2008 Austria & Switzerland (<u>s.f.</u>) Team **FIFA Confederations Cup** B 2003 France Team tff.org (https://www.tff.or Website g/)

In 1990, coach <u>Sepp Piontek</u> was put in charge of the national team. Under his guidance, a group of new players debuted for the national team. Many of these players (which included <u>Bülent Korkmaz</u>, <u>Alpay Özalan</u>, <u>Sergen Yalçın</u>, <u>Rüştü Reçber</u>, and <u>Hakan Şükür</u>) would become the backbone of the national team for many years. Piontek's mission came to an end in 1993, when he was replaced by Fatih Terim, who in turn managed to qualify

for Euro 1996. Turkey qualified for its first major tournament since 1954, marking another turning point for Turkish football. The appointment of Piontek was a recommended move by another coach, Jupp Derwall, who had coached Galatasaray for three seasons. Derwall is regarded as the revolutionizer of Turkish football since his introduction of training techniques and tactical ideas to the Turkish game also heavily influenced the national team.



One of the early formations in 1922.

#### **Euro 1996**

Turkey qualified for Euro 1996, defeating both Switzerland and Sweden 2–1 during qualification. Despite a solid performance during the qualifiers, Turkey lost all their matches without scoring a single goal. They did, however, go home with an award: the fair play award, given to Alpay Özalan.



Turkey against Romania in 1923.

#### **Euro 2000**

Although Turkey failed to qualify for the 1998 World Cup, they qualified for Euro 2000 after winning a play-off against the Republic of Ireland. Turkey lost their first match 2–1 to Italy, they drew their second match against Sweden 0–0, and beat host nation Belgium 2–0, making it the first time in the history of the UEFA European Championship a host nation had been eliminated in the first round. This victory brought Turkey into the last eight of the tournament, where they were beaten 2–0 by Portugal, with Arif Erdem missing a critical penalty.



Turkey in 1950.

### 2002 FIFA World Cup

For the 2002 World Cup, Turkey finished second in their qualifying group, despite starting well and being the favorites to top the group. They lost 2–1 to Sweden in the crucial match that would decide the top spot. The Turks were forced to play the play-offs against Austria. They defeated the Austrians 6–0 on aggregate and booked their place in the finals. The Turkish team started the 2002 World Cup with a 2–1 defeat against eventual winners Brazil. [18] Turkey qualified from the group stage with a 3–0 win against China PR after drawing 1–1 with Costa Rica. [19][20]

Turkey then faced home team <u>Japan</u> in the second round, winning 1– o. [21] The Turkish team continued their run, as they beat <u>Senegal</u> 1–0 on a <u>golden goal</u> to book their place in the semi-finals, where a 1–0 defeat against eventual tournament winners Brazil forced them to play the third-place match, and a bronze medal was won after a 3–2 victory over co-hosts South Korea. [22][23][24] Hakan Şükür scored Turkey's first goal



Turkey against Netherlands in 1958.

in 10.8 seconds, even when the South Koreans kicked off first. It was the fastest goal in World Cup history. [25][26] Tens of thousands of flag-waving Turkish fans greeted the World Cup squad on their return to Istanbul, where



Turkish national football team on an Azerbaijan stamp for the 2002 FIFA World Cup.

they joined a massive street party at Taksim Square. Rüştü Reçber, Alpay Özalan and Hasan Şaş were all included in the All-Star Team, with Reçber also being voted as the best goalkeeper in the UEFA Team of the Year 2002, while Şenol Güneş was being voted as the best manager.

### 2003 FIFA Confederations Cup

In the summer of 2003, Turkey reached third place at the 2003 FIFA Confederations Cup. In the group

stages, Turkey defeated the <u>United States 2-1</u> before losing to <u>Cameroon 0-1</u>. In their final group match, Turkey drew 2-2 against Brazil, eliminating them from the tournament. Turkey lost to eventual tournament winners France 3-2 in the

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Turkish national football team on an <u>Azerbaijan</u> stamp for Euro 1996.

<u>Tuncay</u> scored three goals and made an assist, which won him the Silver Shoe Award and the Silver Ball Award for the second-best player of the tournament.

semi-final match. Turkey then defeated Colombia 2-1 to win the bronze medal.

#### **Euro 2004**

The Turkish team did not qualify for <u>Euro 2004</u> after <u>Latvia</u> won the qualification play-offs. This also marked a turning point for the national team as new players were introduced to the national team to create a new generation.

### 2006 FIFA World Cup

The Turkish team once again narrowly missed out on the <u>World Cup</u> finals after failing to win a play-off, this time on away goals against Switzerland, again after finishing second in their group. There were scenes of violence after the game on and off the pitch where the Turkish team brawled with Swiss players down the tunnel.

#### **Euro 2008**

Turkey qualified for their first international tournament in six years by finishing second behind <u>Greece</u> in <u>Euro</u> 2008 qualifying Group C to reach the <u>Euro</u> 2008 final stages. They were placed alongside Switzerland, Portugal, and the <u>Czech Republic</u> in <u>Group A</u>. In their first match, they played Portugal and were beaten 2–0, but wins over Switzerland (2–1) and the Czech Republic (3–2) – both secured by late goals – brought qualification for the knockout stages. [28][29][30] Again, Turkey knocked out a host nation – Switzerland – in the group stages for the second time. [31]

The quarter-final against <u>Croatia</u> was goalless after 90 minutes, and Croatia led 1–0 in the final minute of extra time, but another late <u>Turkish</u> goal by forward <u>Semih Şentürk</u> brought the game to penalties. The goal raised some controversy with Croatia fans and Croatia head coach <u>Slaven Bilić</u>, who claimed that the goal had been scored after extra time had elapsed. This complaint, however, was overruled, and the game went into penalties. Turkey defeated Croatia in penalties, 3–1. [32]

Turkey went into the semi-final against Germany with just 14 outfield players available as a result of injuries and suspensions but scored first and were drawing 2–2. But they finished third by default after losing 3–2 with a last-minute goal by Philipp Lahm. [33] Both Russia and Turkey were given bronze medals in the dressing rooms

after the semi-finals.

#### 2010 FIFA World Cup

Turkey was drawn in <u>UEFA Group 5</u> together with <u>Armenia</u>, Belgium, <u>Bosnia and Herzegovina</u>, <u>Estonia</u> and Spain. Turkey had a mixed qualifying campaign, finishing with 15 points and missing out on a playoff place to Bosnia and Herzegovina with 19 points. Spain topped the group to qualify, winning every game in the process. Coach Fatih Terim announced he would be resigning his post following their failure to qualify. [34]



Turkey against France on 5 June 2009.

#### **Euro 2012**

Turkey was drawn in Group A in qualification for Euro 2012, together with Kazakhstan, Austria, Belgium, Germany and Azerbaijan. The Turkish team reached the play-offs after beating Azerbaijan 1–0 but got eliminated 3–0 on aggregate by Croatia. On 14 November 2012, Turkey celebrated their 500th match in a friendly game played against Denmark at the Türk Telekom Arena, Istanbul, which ended in a 1–1 draw. Before the match, footballers and coaches, who contributed to the national team's success in the past, were honored. Turkish pop singer Hadise, who wore a national team jersey with the number 500, performed a small concert. [35][36]



The Turkish team during the <u>UEFA Euro</u> 2012 qualification.

### 2014 FIFA World Cup

Turkey was drawn in Group D in qualification for the 2014 World Cup, together with Andorra, Estonia, Hungary, the Netherlands and Romania, finishing fourth. Turkey began to lose critical points during qualification and Abdullah Avcı was sacked soon after. Fatih Terim was put in charge for the third time to lead the national team, but a 2–0 defeat against the Netherlands ended hopes of qualification.

#### **Euro 2016**

Turkey was drawn in Group A in the qualification campaign for the Euro 2016, together with Iceland, Latvia, Kazakhstan, the Netherlands, and the Czech Republic. The Turkish team qualified for their first major tournament in eight years as the best third-placed team after beating Iceland 1–0, with Selçuk İnan netting a free kick in the 89th minute and combined with Kazakhstan beating Latvia 1–0. [37][38][39][40][41] After over 18 months unbeaten, a loss to England as a pre-tournament friendly ended the team's winning streak, subsequently leading to back-to-back losses against Croatia and Spain in the tournament. Turkey won their last game against the Czech Republic, 2–0. They were close to reaching the last 16 until a late winner for Ireland against Italy meant that the



Turkey against <u>Austria</u> on 29 March 2016.

latter instead qualified as one of the best third-placed teams. Despite elimination, youngster <u>Emre Mor</u>'s skillful display and assist during the game revealed a hopeful future for Turkish football. [42]

#### 2018 FIFA World Cup

Turkey was drawn in <u>UEFA Group I</u> for the <u>2018 World Cup</u> qualifying campaign. together with Croatia, <u>Finland</u>, Iceland, <u>Kosovo</u> and <u>Ukraine</u>. During the qualifiers, head coach Fatih Terim stood down after an off-field incident, <u>and 72-year-old former Romania manager Mircea Lucescu</u> took over. After eight games, Turkey stood a strong chance of qualifying for the tournament, but a 0–3 defeat against Iceland at home ended automatic qualification hopes. After a 2–2 draw against Finland, the team finished fourth in Group I.

### 2018–19 UEFA Nations League and Euro 2020

Turkey was drawn with Russia and Sweden in the 2018–19 UEFA Nations League B and Turkey had a poor performance which led the country to finish bottom. At the first game held at home against 2018 World Cup host and quarter-finalist Russia, Turkey lost 1–2 despite an equalizer by Serdar Aziz. Turkey then put up its best performance in the League, winning 3–2 against Sweden right on Swedish soil. However, Turkey could not capitalize on this opportunity and lost 0–2 to Russia in Sochi before suffering a humiliating 0–1 home loss to Sweden, thus initially sending Turkey to League C. However, UEFA rule changes meant Turkey was allowed to remain in League B.

Turkey was drawn in Group H in the qualifying stage along with the 2018 FIFA World Cup champions France, as well as Iceland, <u>Albania</u>, <u>Moldova</u>, and Andorra. Veteran coach <u>Şenol Güneş</u> revolutionized the team, with many young talents, combining them with experienced players like <u>Burak Yılmaz</u> and <u>Emre Belözoglu</u>. The team restructuring proved to be genius, as Turkey had one of the best campaigns in recent history.

Turkey managed to achieve a 2–0 victory against the group favorites France in Konya and later a 1–1 draw at Stade de France. Turkey struggled against the group underdogs Andorra in their first match against them, winning by an 89th-minute goal at the Vodafone Arena in Istanbul. Turkey's only defeat in the group came against Iceland in Reykjavik, losing 2–1. The defeat came after the ill-treatment of the Turkish group at the Iceland customs, keeping them at the airport for 3 hours. This was followed by an Icelandic supporter holding a toilet brush to team captain Emre Belozoglu as a pretend microphone during an interview. The events were heavily criticized by the Turkish and European media. In an interview, Turkish Coach Şenol Güneş, said that had come here 40 years ago, nothing had changed about the stadium and the country, except that some Icelandic people had lost the hospitality they had 40 years ago. Turkey entered matchday 9 against Iceland as group leaders with 19 points. Turkey and Iceland were drawn 0–0 at Turk Telekom Arena in Istanbul. Though unable to defeat Iceland and losing the first place to France, a draw was enough to secure Turkey a spot in Euro 2020 finals, ahead of their away match against Andorra. [44]

Turkey had the honor of opening the Euro 2020 Finals but it soon turned out to be a night to forget for the Turkish. Turkey kicked off the European Championship with a 3–0 loss against Italy in Group A at the Olympic Stadium with Ciro Immobile and Lorenzo Insigne on target. Roberto Mancini's side had been frustrated by Turkey's defensive approach in the first half but broke through in the 53rd minute when a hard-hit cross from Domenico Berardi flew in off Turkey defender Merih Demiral for an own goal. They went on to lose the next two games from both Switzerland and Wales, losing all three games in a row alongside debutants North Macedonia.

### 2020-21 UEFA Nations League and 2022 World Cup

After qualifying for Euro 2020, Turkey entered with momentum, even though they had to face old foe Russia, alongside Hungary, and Serbia in the 2020–21 UEFA Nations League B.

However, despite all these improvements, Turkey performed poorly in their two opening games in September 2020. The first game against Hungary at home saw Turkey suffer a 0–1 loss by a free kick from <u>Dominik Szoboszlai</u>. Going to <u>Belgrade</u> against Serbia, after repeated Serbian pressure, Turkey had a one-man advantage following <u>Aleksandar Kolarov</u>'s red card, however, the Turks failed to capitalize and were held goalless. This damaged their chances of qualifying for League A, as their next opponents in October will be Russia (who had had a strong start) and Hungary. The early poor performance could also represent a detrimental effect for Turkey, as this season's Nations League was used for the 2022 FIFA World Cup qualification process.

Turkey continued to find its first win in the Nations League. Against Russia in Moscow, a team which Turkey has failed to win on Russian soil since its last win in 1966 and still finding its first win over the Russians since 1975 in general, Turkey once again failed to register a win, though they got an encouraging 1–1 draw thanked for Kenan Karaman's equalizer. Yet, the Turkish side was disappointed with only a 2–2 draw over Serbia at home soil. [45]

November 2020 proved to be very important as Turkey must gain important wins to stay or even better get the possible promotion. Their first game in this month's Nations League was against Russia, but Denis Cheryshev scored an early lead making the Turkish side look hapless. Yet, a red card to Andrei Semyonov proved to be a game changer, and with a one-man advantage, the Turks turned the deficit to finally break down its winless run against Russia with a 3–2 home win. [46][47][48] The Turks then traveled to Hungary with the hope that a win against the Hungarians could mean possible promotion, at least if Russia lost to Serbia. However, while Russia suffered a humiliating 0–5 defeat away in Belgrade, Turkey failed to gain the advantage and instead lost 2–0 to the Hungarians, despite late pressure to find an equalizer in the second half. That meant Turkey and Serbia were tied on points, but they were relegated after they lost the head-to-head away goals tiebreaker, 2–0 to 2022–23 UEFA Nations League C. [49][50][51] Such an outcome also meant Turkey would have to fight to get a direct 2022 FIFA World Cup ticket as play-off qualification appeared to be slim with their relegation, in which the 2022 World Cup qualifiers that started in March 2021.

In the 2022 World Cup qualifiers, Turkey was drawn into Group G with the Netherlands, Norway, Montenegro, Latvia, and Gibraltar. After they finished second in their group behind the Netherlands,  $\frac{[52][53][54]}{[52][53][54]}$  they entered 2022 FIFA World Cup UEFA playoffs against Portugal  $\frac{[55][56]}{[56]}$  but they lost 3–1 in a game that Burak Yılmaz missed a crucial penalty to equalise and thus failed to qualify for the 2022 FIFA World Cup.  $\frac{[57]}{[57]}$  Afterwards, he announced his international retirement.

### 2022–23 UEFA Nations League and Euro 2024

In the 2022–23 UEFA Nations League C, they were drawn in Group 1 with Luxembourg, the Faroe Islanders, Lithuania. They were promoted to 2024–25 UEFA Nations League B after having 13 points in 6 games. Their Nations League success not only rewarded them a playoff place should they fail to qualify directly, but also rewarded with an easier draw in Group D with Croatia, Wales, Armenia, and Latvia. They subsequently qualified directly on 16 October 2023 and finished top on 19 November 2023. [61][62][63]

#### **Euro 2032**

On 10 October 2023, Turkey was selected to co-host the <u>UEFA Euro 2032</u> alongside Italy. They earned an automatic qualification as co-host. [64][65]

## Kit suppliers

Turkey's kit colors were home red kits and white away kits; they were manufactured by Adidas from 1982 to 2002, and they later announced their manufacturer as Nike in 2003. Starting in 2020, they switched their kit colors so that white is home and red is away.

Kit provider	Period
Adidas	1982–2002
Nike	2003-present

### **Rivalries**

Turkey has developed several notable rivalries, the most well-known being with Croatia, [66] and Greece.

Turkey and Croatia have played each other nine times, [67] with their first encounter at Euro 1996; where both countries made their debuts in the opening match, which Croatia won 1–0. [68] A well-remembered match between them was at Euro 2008, which Turkey won on penalties after a 1–1 deadlock even after extra-time. With the win, Turkey reached the semi-finals in only their third appearance overall at the Euro finals. [69] The two teams faced each other in the 2012 Euro qualifying play-offs, with Croatia winning 3–0 in the first-leg in Istanbul, and advancing to the tournament finals following a 0–0 draw in the second-leg. [70][71] The two teams faced each other once again in a European competition at Euro 2016, playing in the opening match of Group D; with Croatia winning 1–0. [72][73] Only three months after the match at the Euros, the two teams played in their opening match in Group I of 2018 FIFA World Cup qualifying, which finished 1–1. [74] Exactly one year after this, Turkey won the reverse fixture 1–0 at home, which played a key part in both countries' qualifying campaign, although Turkey would not qualify for World Cup while Croatia would go on to qualify and finish second in that edition. [75][76]

Turkey also has a historical rivalry with <u>Greece</u>. They played a total of 14 times. Among these competitions, Turkey won against Greece 8 times, drew 3 times, and lost only 3 times. Both countries have been described as "punching above their weight"; with Greece winning <u>Euro 2004</u> despite being classified as underdogs before the competition, and Turkey followed-up their <u>World Cup bronze medal in 2002</u> by advancing to the semi-finals of <u>Euro 2008</u>, where they were knocked out by <u>Germany</u>. Due to tension between the two countries and the dispute over <u>Cyprus</u>, coupled with several incidents occurring during matches between Turkish and Greek clubs, it has been described as one of the biggest international football rivalries. [78]

### Results and fixtures

The following is a list of match results in the last 8 months, as well as any future matches that have been scheduled.

Win	Draw	Loss	Fixture

#### 2023

UEFA Euro 2024 25 March 2023 qualifying	Armenia 1–2 🔼 Turkey	Yerevan, Armenia [show]
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UEFA Euro 2024 28 March 2023 qualifying	Turkey <mark>c 0−2                                   </mark>	Bursa, Turkey [show]
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Nations League B						
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# **Coaching staff**

As of 21 September 2023[89]

Position	Name
Head coach	■ Vincenzo Montella
Assistant coaches <sup>[90]</sup>	Daniele Russo
Assistant coacnes	Selçuk Şahin
Coolkooping oppobas	Ozan Özerkan
Goalkeeping coaches	Emrah Karakovan
	Pierpaolo Polino
Fitness coach	Ömür Serdal Altunsöz
Match analyst	Massimo Crivellaro
Match analyst	C Okan Aydıner
Team manager <sup>[c]</sup>	Mamit Altıntop

# **Players**

### **Current squad**

The following players were called up for the  $\underline{\text{friendly}}$  match against  $\underline{\text{Germany}}$  on 18 November 2023 and  $\underline{\text{UEFA}}$  Euro 2024 qualifying match Wales on 21 November 2023. [92]

Caps and goals are correct as of 21 November 2023, after the match against ## Wales.

<u>No.</u>	Pos.	Player	Date of birth (age)	Caps	Goals	Club
1	GK	Mert Günok	1 March 1989	27	0	c Beşiktaş
12	GK	Altay Bayındır	14 April 1998	8	0	Manchester United
23	<u>GK</u>	Uğurcan Çakır	5 April 1996	26	0	<b>⊡</b> Trabzonspor
	<u>GK</u>	Ertaç Özbir	25 October 1989	0	0	Adana Demirspor
2	DF	Zeki Çelik	17 February 1997	42	2	Roma
3	DF	Samet Akaydin	13 March 1994	4	0	Panathinaikos
4	DF	Çağlar Söyüncü	23 May 1996	55	2	Fenerbahçe
13	DF	Eren Elmalı	7 July 2000	10	0	C Trabzonspor
14	DF	Abdülkerim Bardakcı	7 September 1994	6	1	Galatasaray
15	DF	Ozan Kabak	25 March 2000	24	2	1899 Hoffenheim
20	DF	Ferdi Kadıoğlu	7 October 1999	15	1	c· Fenerbahçe
21	DF	Cenk Özkacar	6 October 2000	7	0	<u> </u>
22	DF	Kaan Ayhan	10 November 1994	55	5	Galatasaray
	DF	Rıdvan Yılmaz	21 May 2001	6	0	Rangers
5	MF	Salih Özcan	11 January 1998	16	0	Borussia Dortmund
6	MF	Berat Özdemir	23 May 1998	3	0	Trabzonspor
10	MF	Abdülkadir Ömür	25 June 1999	12	0	CTrabzonspor
16	MF	İsmail Yüksek	26 January 1999	12	1	renerbahçe
18	MF	Berkan Kutlu	25 January 1998	8	0	Galatasaray
	MF	Emre Akbaba	4 October 1992	6	3	Adana Demirspor

<u>No.</u>	Pos.	Player	Date of birth (age)	Caps	Goals	Club
7	FW	Kerem Aktürkoğlu	21 October 1998	26	5	Galatasaray
8	FW	İrfan Kahveci	15 July 1995	30	2	c- Fenerbahçe
9	FW	Barış Alper Yılmaz	23 May 2000	11	1	c. Galatasaray
11	FW	Yusuf Yazıcı	29 January 1997	41	3	Lille
17	FW	Yusuf Sarı	20 November 1998	4	1	Adana Demirspor
19	FW	Kenan Yıldız	4 May 2005	3	1	<b>■</b> Juventus
	FW	Bertuğ Yıldırım	12 January 2002	3	2	Rennes

# Recent call-ups

The following players have been called up for the team within the last twelve months.

Pos.	Player	Date of birth (age)	Caps	Goals	Club	Latest call-up
GK	Doğan Alemdar	29 October 2002	2	0	Troyes	v. Latvia, 15 October 2023
<u>GK</u>	Muhammed Şengezer	5 January 1997	0	0	c İstanbul Başakşehir	v. <u>##</u> <u>Wales</u> , 19 June 2023
DF	Merih Demiral	5 March 1998	41	2	Al-Ahli	v. Latvia, 15 October 2023
DF	Rayyan Baniya	18 February 1999	0	0	Trabzonspor	v. Latvia, 15 October 2023
DF	Mert Müldür	3 April 1999	19	1	Fenerbahçe	v. • Japan, 12 September 2023
DF	Onur Bulut	16 April 1994	3	0	c Beşiktaş	v. • <u>Japan</u> , 12 September 2023
DF	Kazımcan Karataş	16 January 2003	0	0	<u>Co</u> Galatasaray	v. • <u>Japan</u> , 12 September 2023
DF	Tayyip Talha Sanuç	17 December 1999	1	0	<b>c</b> Beşiktaş	v. Croatia, 28 March 2023
MF	Hakan Çalhanoğlu <sup>INJ</sup> (captain)	8 February 1994	82	17	Inter Milan	v. Germany, 18 November 2023
MF	Orkun Kökçü	29 December 2000	24	2	Benfica	v. Latvia, 15 October 2023
MF	Salih Uçan	6 January 1994	2	0	c Beşiktaş	v. • Japan, 12 September 2023
MF	Arda Güler	25 February 2005	4	1	Real Madrid	v. <b>444</b> Wales, 19 June 2023 <sup>INJ</sup>
MF	Mehmet-Can Aydın	9 February 2002	0	0	c Trabzonspor	v. Croatia, 28 March 2023
FW	Cengiz Ünder <sup>INJ</sup>	14 July 1997	51	16	<b>C</b> Fenerbahçe	v. Germany, 18 November 2023
FW	Cenk Tosun	7 June 1991	50	20	c Beşiktaş	v. Latvia, 15 October 2023
FW	Yunus Akgün	7 July 2000	7	2	Leicester City	v. Latvia, 15 October 2023
<u>FW</u>	Halil Dervişoğlu	8 December 1999	16	6	Galatasaray	v. • <u>Japan</u> , 12 September 2023
<u>FW</u>	Umut Nayir	28 June 1993	4	1	← Fenerbahçe	v. Armenia, 8 September 2023 <sup>INJ</sup>
FW	Kenan Karaman	5 March 1994	31	6	Schalke 04	v. <u>Wales,</u> 19 June 2023
FW	Umut Bozok	19 September 1996	1	0	c Trabzonspor	v. Latvia, 16 June 2023
<u>FW</u>	Enes Ünal	10 May 1997	32	3	Getafe	v. Croatia, 28 March 2023 <sup>INJ</sup>
Neter						

Pos.	Player	Date of birth (age)	Caps	Goals	Club	Latest call-up
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- PRE = Preliminary squad/standby.
- INJ = Not part of the current squad due to injury.
- SUS = Player is suspended.
- RET = Retired from international football.

# **Player records**

As of 15 October 2023<sup>[93]</sup> Players in **bold** are still active with Turkey.

### **Most appearances**

Rank	Name	Caps	Goals	Career
1	Rüştü Reçber	120	0	1994–2012
2	Hakan Şükür	112	51	1992–2007
3	Bülent Korkmaz	102	2	1990–2005
4	Emre Belözoğlu	101	9	2000–2019
5	Arda Turan	100	17	2006–2017
6	Tugay Kerimoğlu	94	2	1990–2007
7	Alpay Özalan	90	4	1995–2005
8	Hamit Altıntop	82	7	2004–2014
0	Hakan Çalhanoğlu	82	17	2013-present
10	Mehmet Topal	81	2	2008–2018

## Top goalscorers

Rank	Player	Goals	Caps	Ratio	Career
1	Hakan Şükür	51	112	0.46	1992–2007
2	Burak Yılmaz	<u>z</u> 31 7		0.4	2006–2022
3	Tuncay Şanlı	22	80	0.28	2002–2010
4	Lefter Küçükandonyadis	21	46	0.46	1948–1963
5	Cenk Tosun	20	50	0.4	2013-present
	Metin Oktay	19	36	0.53	1956–1968
6	Cemil Turan	19	44	0.43	1969–1979
	Nihat Kahveci	19	68	0.28	2000–2011
9	Hakan Çalhanoğlu	17	82	0.21	2013-present
Э	Arda Turan	17	100	0.17	2006–2017



Rüştü Reçber is Turkey's most capped player with 120 caps and Turkey's record holder in clean sheets.

#### Most clean sheets

### As of 21 November 2023<sup>[94]</sup>

Players in **bold** are still available to play in Turkey national team.

Rank	Player	Clean sheets	Caps	Ratio	Career
1	Rüştü Reçber	58	120	0.48	1994–2012
2	Volkan Demirel	22	63	0.35	2004–2014
3	Turgay Şeren	16	46	0.35	1950–1966
4	Volkan Babacan	15	35	0.43	2014-present
5	Mert Günok	13	27	0.48	2011-present
6	Ömer Çatkıç	10	19	0.53	2000–2005
0	Engin İpekoğlu	10	32	0.31	1989–1999
8	Uğurcan Çakır	9	26	0.35	2019-present
9	Sabri Dino	7	12	0.58	1969–1975
9	Sinan Bolat	7	12	0.58	2009-present



<u>Hakan Şükür</u> is Turkey's alltime record goalscorer with 51 goals.

## **Centuriate goals**

As of 29 September 2020: [95][96]



Selçuk İnan scored
Turkey's 700th overall goal
in November 2015

Rank	Date	Scorer	Opponent	Score
1st	26 October 1923	Zeki Rıza Sporel	Romania	2–2
100th	23 June 1954	Mustafa Ertan	West Germany	2–7
200th	14 February 1973	Osman Arpacıoğlu	Algeria	4–0
300th	27 February 1991	Uğur Tütüneker	Yugoslavia	1–1
400th	27 March 1999	Sergen Yalçın	Moldova	2–0
500th	9 October 2004	Fatih Tekke	Kazakhstan	4–0
600th	5 September 2009	Arda Turan	Estonia	4–2
700th	3 September 2015	Selçuk İnan	Latvia	1–1
800th	13 November 2021	Kerem Aktürkoğlu	Gibraltar	6–0

# **Competitive record**

# **FIFA World Cup**

	930 Did not enter										Qua	lifica	tion r	ecord	
Year	Result	Position	Pld	W	<b>D</b> *	L	GF	GA	Squad	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
<u>==</u> 1930			Did ı	not er	nter		·					Did n	ot ent	er	
1934			Wi	thdre	W					Withdrew					
1938		Did not enter										Did n	ot ent	er	
<u> 1950</u>		Qı	ualified	but v	vithdre	ew				1	1	0	0	7	0
<b>1954</b>	Group stage	9th	3	1	0	2	10	11	Squad	3	1	1	1	4	6
1958		Withdrew										Witi	hdrew	,	
1962										4	2	0	2	4	4
<del></del> 1966										6	1	0	5	4	19
<b>1970</b>										4	0	0	4	2	13
1974										6	2	2	2	5	3
1978			Dial a		~1:£.					6	2	1	3	9	5
1982			Did n	ot qu	anry					8	0	0	8	1	22
1986										8	0	1	7	2	24
1990										8	3	1	4	12	10
1994										10	3	1	6	11	19
1998										8	4	2	2	21	9
• <u>2002</u>	Third place	3rd	7	4	1	2	10	6	Squad	12	8	3	1	24	8
2006										14	7	5	2	27	13
2010										10	4	3	3	13	10
<u> 2014</u>		Did not qualify								10	5	1	4	16	9
2018											4	3	3	14	13
2022												3	2	28	19

Total	Third place	2/25	10	5	1	4 2	20 1	7	_	39	53	27	59	204	206
2030			To be o	determ	nined						То	be de	eterm	ined	
2026															

	Turkey's FIFA World Cup history [sho												
Year	Round	Score	Result	Date	Venue								
		Turkey 1–4 West Germany	Loss	17 June 1954	Bern, Switzerland								
1954	Group 2	Turkey <b>7–0</b> 💸 South Korea	Win	20 June 1954	Geneva, Switzerland								
		Turkey 2–7 West Germany	Loss	23 June 1954	Zürich, Switzerland								
		Turkey 1–2 📀 Brazil	Loss	3 June 2002	<u>Ulsan</u> , South Korea								
	Group C	Turkey 1–1 Costa Rica	Draw	9 June 2002	Incheon, South Korea								
		Turkey 3-0 China	Win	13 June 2002	Seoul, South Korea								
2002	Round of 16	Turkey 1-0 ● Japan	Win	18 June 2002	Rifu, Japan								
	Quarter-final	Turkey 1-0 Senegal	Win	22 June 2002	Osaka, Japan								
	Semi-final	Turkey 0-1 S Brazil	Loss	26 June 2002	Saitama, Japan								
	Third place play-off	Turkey 3–2 🔅 South Korea	Win	29 June 2002	Daegu, South Korea								

# **UEFA European Championship**

Year	Result	Position	Pld	W	D*	<u>L</u>	GF	GA	Squad			
1960												
1964												
1968												
1972												
1976	Did not qualify											
1980												
1984												
1988												
1992												
<u>+</u> 1996	Group stage	16th	3	0	0	3	0	5	Squad			
2000	Quarter-finals	6th	4	1	1	2	3	4	Squad			
2004			Did n	ot qua	alify							
2008	Semi-finals	3rd	5	2	1	2	8	9	Squad			
2012			Did n	ot qua	alify							
2016	Croup stage	17th	3	1	0	2	2	4	Squad			
2020	Group stage	24th	3	0	0	3	1	8	Squad			
2024	Qualified											
	To be determined											
2028		Qualified as co-host										
2028		G	(ualifie	d as c	o-nos	il.						

Qualification record													
Pld	W	D	<u>L</u>	GF	GA								
2	1	0	1	2	3								
2	0	0	2	0	7								
6	1	2	3	3	8								
6 2 1 3 5 13													
6	2	2	2	5	10								
6 3 1 2 5 5													
8 3 1 4 8 16													
6	0	2	4	2	16								
6	0	0	6	1	14								
8	4	3	1	16	8								
10	5	4	1	16	7								
10	6	2	2	19	8								
12	7	3	2	25	11								
12	5	3	4	13	14								
10	5	3	2	14	9								
10	7	2	1	18	3								
8	5	2	1	14	7								
	То	be de	etermi	ined									
Qualified as co-host													
To be determined													

		Turkey's UEFA European Champ	oionship I	nistory	[show]
Year	Round	Score	Result	Date	Venue
		Turkey 0-1 === Croatia	Loss	11 June 1996	Nottingham, England
1996	Group D	Turkey 0–1 Portugal	Loss	14 June 1996	Nottingham, England
		Turkey 0–3 — Denmark	Loss	19 June 1996	Sheffield, England
		Turkey 1–2 Italy	Loss	11 June 2000	Arnhem, Netherlands
2000	Group B	Turkey 0-0 Sweden	Draw	15 June 2000	Eindhoven, Netherlands
2000		Turkey 2–0 Belgium	Win	19 June 2000	Brussels, Belgium
	Quarter-final	Turkey 0–2 portugal	Loss	24 June 2000	Amsterdam, Netherlands
		Turkey 0–2 portugal	Loss	7 June 2008	Geneva, Switzerland
	Group A	Turkey 2-1 👪 Switzerland	Win	11 June 2008	Basel, Switzerland
2008		Turkey 3–2 Czech Republic	Win	15 June 2008	Geneva, Switzerland
	Quarter-final	Turkey 1-1 (pen. 3-1) Croatia	Draw	20 June 2008	Wien, Austria
	Semi-final	Turkey 2–3 Germany	Loss	25 June 2008	Basel, Switzerland
		Turkey 0–1 <u>Croatia</u>	Loss	12 June 2016	Paris, France
2016	Group D	Turkey 0-3 Spain	Loss	17 June 2016	Nice, France
		Turkey 2–0 Czech Republic	Win	21 June 2016	Lens, France
		Turkey 0-3 I Italy	Loss	11 June 2021	Rome, Italy
2020	Group A	Turkey 0-2 # Wales	Loss	16 June 2021	Baku, Azerbaijan
		Turkey 1–3 👪 Switzerland	Loss	20 June 2021	Baku, Azerbaijan

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## **UEFA Nations League**

Total

Third place

6/20

	UEFA Nations League record											
Season	Division	Group	Pld	W	D*	<u>L</u>	GF	GA	P/R	RK		
2018–19	В	2	4	1	0	3	4	7	=	22nd		
2020–21	В	3	6	1	3	2	6	8	<b>Y</b>	29th		
2022–23	<u>C</u>	1	6	4	1	1	18	5	<b>A</b>	35th		
2024–25 B To be determined												
	Total		16	6	4	6	28	20	22	nd		

## **FIFA Confederations Cup**

FIFA Confederations Cup record											
Year	Year Result Position Pld W D L GF GA Squad										
1992		Did not qualify									

-	Total	Third place	1/10	5	2	1	2	8	8	_
	2017									
•	2013			טוע ווע	si que	anry				
<b>&gt;</b>	2009			Did no	ot au:	alify				
	2005									
	2003	Third place	3rd	5	2	1	2	8	8	Squad
:•:	<ul><li>2001</li></ul>									
	<u>1999</u>									
MOS	1997									
MSS	1995									

## **Olympic Games**

1968–1988 see <u>Turkey national amateur football team</u>. Football at the <u>Summer Olympics has been an under-23 tournament since</u> 1992.



Turkey at the  $\underline{1924 \text{ Summer}}$  Olympics in Paris.



Turkey at the <u>1928 Summer</u> Olympics in Amsterdam.

Olympic Games record										
Year	Result	Position	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Squad	
1924		13th	1	0	0	1	2	5	Squad	
1928	Round 1	14th	1	0	0	1	1	7	Squad	
<u> 1936</u>		15th	1	0	0	1	0	1	Squad	
<b>1948</b>	Quarter-finals	6th	2	1	0	1	5	3	Squad	
<u>+-</u> 1952	Quarter-illiais	8th	2	1	0	1	3	8	Squad	
<b>1956</b>		Withdrew								
<b>1960</b>	Round 1	14th	3	0	1	2	3	10	Squad	
<ul><li>1964</li></ul>										
1968										
1972		L	Did no	t qual	ify					
<b>1976</b>										
1980										
1984			With	drew						
<b>1988</b>		L	Did no	t qual	ify					
Since <u>1992</u>	Se	e <u>Turkey</u> nat	tional ເ	ınder	-23 f	ootb	all tea	m		
Total	Quarter-finals	6/14	10	2	1	7	14	34	_	

### **Mediterranean Games**

Mediterranean Games record											
Year	Result	Position	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA			
<u>©</u> 1951		Did	-4 <del>4</del>	:.: <b>4</b>	_						
1955		Did not participate									
1959	Runners-up	2nd	2	1	1	0	7	4			
1963	Runners-up	2nd	5	3	1	1	12	7			
<u> </u>	Fourth place	4th	5	2	1	2	5	7			
<u>c 1971</u>	Third place	3rd	4	3	1	0	4	1			
<u>1975</u>	Group stage	7th	4	0	2	2	1	5			
<b>1979</b>	Group stage	5th	3	1	1	1	2	2			
1983	Runners-up	2nd	4	2	0	2	4	5			
1987	Third place	3rd	5	3	0	2	6	2			
1991-present	See To	urkey nation	al und	er-20	footi	ball te	am				
Total	Runners-up	8/10	32	15	7	10	41	33			

# **Mediterranean Cup**

Year	Result	Position	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
1949	Runners-up	2nd	3	2	0	1	7	6
1950–53	Fourth place	4th	3	6	1	1	4	4
1953–58	Fourth place	4th	8	2	3	3	7	7
Total	Runners-up	3/3	14	10	4	5	18	17

# Balkan Cup

Balkan Cup record											
Year	Result	Position	Pld	W	D	<u>L</u>	GF	GA			
1929–31	Did not participate										
<u>1931</u>	<b>Runners-up</b> 2nd 2 1 0 1 3 5										
<u>1932</u>											
1933											
1934–35											
1935	Did not participate										
1936		Dia no	ι μαιτις	ιραιε	,						
1946											
1947											
1948											
1973–76	Semi-finals	4th	2	1	0	1	6	7			
1977–80	Group stage	3rd	4	1	1	2	4	8			
Total	Runners-up	3/12	8	3	1	4	13	20			

# **ECO Cup**

ECO Cup record										
Year	Result	Position	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA		
1965	Runners-up	2nd	2	1	1	0	3	1		
<b>C</b> 1967	Champions	1st	4	2	2	0	8	4		
<u>c 1969</u>	Champions	1st	4	2	2	0	8	2		
1970	Runners-up	2nd	3	2	1	0	4	2		
<u>C</u> 1974	Champions	1st	3	2	1	0	3	2		
1993	Did not participate									
Total	3 titles	5/6	16	9	7	0	26	11		

# **Head-to-head record**

The following table shows Turkey's all-time international record, as of 21 November 2023.

Positive Record Neutral Record Negative Record

Opponents [show]	Pld	W	<u>D</u>	<u>L</u>	GF	GA
Albania	12	6	2	4	13	14
Algeria	3	1	0	2	4	2
Andorra	4	4	0	0	10	0
Angola	1	1	0	0	3	2
Armenia	4	3	1	0	7	2
Australia	2	2	0	0	4	1
Austria	16	7	1	8	22	18
	8	6	1	1	11	3
Belarus	4	2	1	1	8	7
Belgium	11	3	5	3	17	18
Name    Bosnia and Herzegovina	6	2	2	2	6	7
Srazil	6	0	2	4	3	10
Bulgaria	23	7	6	10	36	43
Cameroon	1	0	0	1	0	1
<b>■◆■</b> Canada	2	2	0	0	6	1
Chile	3	2	1	0	3	0
China	2	2	0	0	7	0
Colombia	1	1	0	0	2	1
Costa Rica	1	0	1	0	1	1
Croatia	12	2	6	4	11	15
Czech Republic <sup>[note 1]</sup>	20	6	3	12	18	44
Denmark	10	2	5	3	9	12
East Germany	5	3	1	1	10	5
Ecuador	1	0	0	1	0	1
Egypt	6	4	0	2	13	10
+ England	11	0	2	9	1	33
Estonia	8	5	3	0	17	4
Ethiopia	2	1	1	0	3	0
+ Faroe Islands	3	1	1	1	6	3
+ Finland	15	5	4	6	24	22
France	6	1	1	4	5	13
# Georgia	5	3	1	1	12	5
Germany <sup>[note 2]</sup>	22	4	4	14	16	52
<u></u> Ghana	2	0	2	0	3	3
Gibraltar	2	2	0	0	9	0
Greece	14	9	2	3	22	11
Guinea	1	0	1	0	0	0

Opponents	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
Honduras	3	3	0	0	5	0
Hungary	14	4	2	8	17	31
<b>!</b> Iceland	13	2	3	8	11	23
== Iran	7	5	2	0	14	2
Iraq	3	2	1	0	8	1
srael	6	4	0	2	9	12
<b>■</b> Italy	15	0	4	11	10	29
■ Ivory Coast	1	0	1	0	1	1
• Japan	2	1	0	2	3	5
Kazakhstan	6	6	0	0	19	2
Kosovo	2	2	0	0	6	1
Latvia	10	4	5	1	22	15
Libya	2	0	1	1	2	3
Liechtenstein	2	2	0	0	9	0
Lithuania	2	2	0	0	8	0
Luxembourg	9	7	1	1	18	9
Malaysia Malaysia	1	1	0	0	3	0
Malta	6	5	1	0	15	4
Moldova	13	11	2	0	35	3
Montenegro	4	2	2	0	7	5
Netherlands	14	4	4	6	14	21
New Zealand	1	1	0	0	2	1
North Macedonia	8	5	2	1	14	9
Northern Ireland	12	5	2	5	12	12
Norway	11	5	3	3	15	16
<u>Pakistan</u>	5	4	1	0	20	10
Paraguay	1	0	1	0	0	0
Poland	17	3	3	11	12	39
Portugal	9	2	0	7	9	19
■ Qatar	1	1	0	0	2	1
Republic of Ireland	14	3	6	5	16	27
Romania	26	5	7	14	24	49
Russia <sup>[note 3]</sup>	23	4	3	16	14	40
▲ San Marino	4	3	1	0	16	1
Saudi Arabia	3	3	0	0	6	1
Scotland	2	2	0	0	4	2
<b>I</b> Senegal	1	1	0	0	1	0

Opponents	Pld	W	<u>D</u>	<u>L</u>	GF	GA
Slovakia	6	4	1	1	8	3
Slovenia	2	1	0	1	1	2
South Africa	1	0	0	1	0	2
South Korea	7	4	2	1	13	4
Spain	11	1	4	6	5	17
Serbia <sup>[note 4]</sup>	12	1	5	6	16	28
Sweden	12	5	4	3	15	14
Switzerland	16	8	3	5	22	23
Syria	1	1	0	0	7	0
Tunisia	5	1	4	0	6	3
Ukraine	9	4	3	2	11	9
United States	4	1	1	2	5	6
<b>Uruguay</b>	1	0	0	1	2	3
Uzbekistan	1	1	0	0	2	0
<b>W</b> ales	10	4	2	4	11	12
Total (91)	622	242	146	232	857	882

- 1. Includes the results of **Czechoslovakia**.
- 2. Includes the results of West Germany.
- 3. Includes the results of Soviet Union.
- 4. Includes the results of **Yugoslavia**.

### **Honours**

- FIFA World Cup
  - 3 Third place (1): 2002
- FIFA Confederations Cup
  - 3 Third place (1): 2003
- UEFA European Championship
  - Semi-finals/Third place (1): 2008

#### **Decoration**

In 2002, the national team was honored with the Turkish "State Medal of Distinguished Service" for their third place achievement at the 2002 FIFA World Cup. All the team members, coaches and officials were given medals. [97]

### See also

- Turkey national under-21 football team
- Turkey national under-20 football team

- Turkey national under-19 football team
- Turkey national under-17 football team
- Turkey national youth football team

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#### **Notes**

- a. Since the Republic was not formally declared by the time of the event, the game was played between Romania and <u>TFF</u>. The city also was not consistently known as Istanbul in the English-speaking world until 1930
- b. Turkey withdrew due to financial reasons.[8][9]
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