

Norway Sporran Guide

Norway v Scotland – Saturday 17th June – 6pm CET (5pm BST)

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After a fantastic start to Euro 2024 qualification in March Scotland face another 2 crucial Group A matches this month as they aim for top 2 in the section to win a spot in Germany next summer. First up is a tough away match in Oslo against Norway, 3rd seeds in the group they would have fancied their chances in this section but after only picking up 1 point from 2 away matches in March (1-1 draw in Georgia and 3-0 defeat in Spain) they know they must win both matches in June. In the 2nd game Scotland face Georgia at Hampden whilst Norway welcome Cyprus

at home, both will hope to steal a march on Spain who are playing in the Nations League Finals in the Netherlands so won't pick up any points in Group A this month.



Norway's national football team have never really reached the heights expected of them. Whilst always looking like a very capable strong team and a difficult opponent they have actually only qualified for 2 World Cups (1994 and 1998) and 1 Euros (2000). A real force in the 1990s they were ranked as high as 2 in the world but in the 3 attempts at tournaments they failed at the group stages twice. They did progress ahead of Scotland and Morocco in France 1998 but were defeated 1-0 by Italy in the 2nd Round. Norway did win a Bronze medal in the 1936 Olympics and played their first ever game against Sweden in July 1908. They are currently ranked 44 in the

world, failed to qualify for Qatar after finishing behind Netherland and Turkey in Group G and remain in League B of the Nations League after finishing 2nd behind Austria in section B1.

Scotland v Norway Record

Norway and Scotland have faced each other 18 times since they first met in Bergen in 1929, Scotland won 7-3. The biggest game between them was when the 2 teams met in France 98, a 1-1 draw in Bordeaux. In the last game between the sides Scotland won 1-0 in a friendly in Molde. However the last competitive match was a 4-0 defeat in Oslo in qualification for the

2010 World Cup, both nations finished that campaign on 10 points and that big win was a factor in Norway placing 2nd ahead of Scotland on goal difference. However as the worst ranked of the 9 second placed teams Norway did not qualify for the play offs and were also eliminated.

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Bst	Wst	Lst
Home	6	3	2	1	11	5	6-1	0-1	0-0
Away	11	6	3	2	22	15	7-3	0-4	1-0
Neutral	1	0	1	0	1	1	1-1	1-1	1-1
Total	18	9	6	3	34	21	6-1	0-4	1-0



Ullevaal Stadium, Oslo



The Ullevaal Stadion in the north of Oslo was open in September 1926, originally built for FK Lyn and athletics it hosted its first international game in 1927. Over the last 100 years ownership has gradually transferred from Lyn to the Norwegian Football Federation, who took full ownership in 2007. After they were relegated in 2009 FK Lyn moved out, Vålerenga played home games at Ullevaal from 1999-2017 but there currently isn't a club team playing there just now. It has hosted the Norwegian Football Cup since 1948 and hosted the final of the UEFA Women's Euro in 1987 and 1997.

It has a capacity of 28,000, Scotland have an allocation of 1,350 in sections 110-112 and will enter via Entrance 16. Only small rucksacks and handbags are permitted, bagpipes and small drums are ok too.



Ullevaal Stadion is located in the north of Oslo, about 4 kilometres from the city centre and a little more from central rail station. If using public transport, the stadium can be easily reached by metro ([T-Bane](#)). Line 3, 4, and 5 can all be taken from Oslo's city centre or central station. Take line 3 in the direction of Sognsvann, or line 4 or 5 in the direction of Ringen. Get off at stop Ullevaal Stadion. The journey takes 10 minutes, if you stay on Line 5 to the Berg stop this is the east side of the stadium and closer to Entrance 16.

Ticket Pickup

Ticket collection is on match day only from 10am-3pm at the [Radisson Blu Scandinavia Hotel](#), Holbergsgate 30, Oslo 166. **There is no collection point at the stadium**, tickets must be

collected individually and you must have a valid ID (photocopy is accepted) to prove the ticket is yours.

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Tartan Army Events

Tartan Army Sunshine Appeal

The [Tartan Army Sunshine Appeal's 94th consecutive donation](#) will be made to 'Step By Step' and will take place in Oslo. 'Step by Step' is a charity set up by sporting friends, who've represented Norway at national level. Joakim Hykkerud (Handball) and Stefan Strandberg (Football) started the organisation together to lend a helping hand to children, adults and families in need. Step By Step Charity wants to give every day joys to people who are having a tough time. Their projects in Norway aim to make life better for children / young people and adults, as well as helping families with financial issues. Your donation will be used towards continuing this work. In view of the last few years with Covid, everyone needs a helping hand and for this reason, we're happy to be able to support their work. #EverywhereWeGo



Tartan Army Children's Charity

The Norwegian Children's Cancer Association is an independent, voluntary, nationwide organization run by families who have or have had children with cancer. Through an arrangement with the Norwegian FA, the charity receives tickets for Norway's home games for the children and their families (just like TACC's My First Scotland Match). [TACC](#) is donating 30,000 NOK (about £2,250) to The Norwegian Children's Cancer Association on match day.



Nicht Afore Party

Ted Christopher will be performing at the fabulous [Rockefeller club](#) and pub on Friday 16th June where the TARTAN ARMY 'NICHT AFORE' event will take place from 8pm-2am admission 100 NOK [£8] . Tickets can be purchased from [Ticketmaster](#).

On matchday the party will be at [Pokalen Barcode \(Fotball pub\)](#), located 6-700 meters from Oslo Central Station. [Address: Dronning Eufemias gate 42](#). From 12:00 – 16:30 before the match and then after the match from 20:30 – 03:00.

Pipfest Festival Discount

Ted and Tam have negotiated with a local promoter to get all Tartan Army a special discount to a music festival which takes place in Oslo from 15th-17th June. More info available here

www.pipfest.no

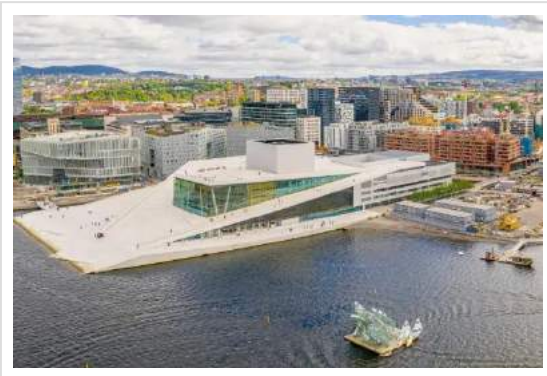
TA Select FC

The [Tartan Army Select Football Club](#) (TASFC) are a group of Scotland football supporters who regularly travel to away games, and organise a game against a local amateur team or supporters club. Unfortunately our Norwegian counterparts could not raise a team so there is no fixture for the TA Select FC in Norway.



Oslo

Nestled amidst the breathtaking landscapes of Norway, Oslo stands as a vibrant and captivating city, gracefully combining its rich history with modern urban charm. As the capital and largest city of Norway, Oslo presents a fascinating blend of Scandinavian sophistication and natural wonders. Steeped in Viking heritage, Oslo embraces its past with ancient landmarks like the [Akershus Fortress](#), yet effortlessly transitions into a cosmopolitan hub boasting architectural marvels, cutting-edge design, and a thriving cultural scene. With its picturesque fjords, verdant parks, and a commitment to sustainability, Oslo offers a harmonious balance between urban allure and natural beauty.



Oslo offers a plethora of captivating experiences, from cultural landmarks to natural wonders. Begin your exploration at [Vigeland Sculpture Park](#), where over 200 sculptures by Gustav Vigeland portray the human form in captivating poses. The park's thought-provoking artistry and serene surroundings make it a must-visit attraction. Next, immerse yourself in Viking history at the [Viking Ship Museum](#), home to remarkably preserved Viking ships such as the Oseberg, Gokstad, and Tune. Delve into the seafaring culture and marvel at the intricate craftsmanship of these ancient vessels. To delve deeper into Norwegian exploration, visit the [Fram Museum](#), dedicated to polar expeditions. Explore the original polar exploration vessel, the Fram, and gain insight into the expeditions of Fridtjof Nansen and Roald Amundsen. No visit to Oslo is complete without witnessing the regal grandeur of the [Royal Palace](#). Marvel at the neoclassical architecture, stroll through the Palace Park, and witness the changing of the guards.

Eating

These top dining spots in Oslo provide exceptional experiences, ranging from Michelin-starred fine dining to casual food halls and fast food Burger joints.

1. [Maaemo](#): Experience extraordinary three-Michelin-starred Nordic cuisine using local and seasonal ingredients with innovative techniques.
2. [Mathallen Oslo](#): A vibrant food hall in Vulkan, offering diverse culinary delights from around the world, including cheese, seafood, sushi, pizza, and craft beer.
3. [Lofoten Fiskerestaurant](#): Indulge in fresh and flavorful seafood dishes while enjoying stunning views of the Oslofjord.
4. [Smalhans](#): A casual spot focusing on modern Norwegian cuisine, with changing menus based on seasonal ingredients and a reasonably priced lunch menu.
5. [Døgnvill Burger](#): Gourmet burgers with high-quality ingredients and craft beers in 3 locations.
6. [Illegal Burger](#): Quick and delicious American-style burgers with fresh toppings and sauces.





Drinking

Oslo offers a vibrant drinking scene with a wide range of options to suit various preferences. Here are a few highlights:

1. **Craft Beer:** Oslo has a thriving craft beer scene with numerous breweries and bars offering an impressive selection of local and international craft beers. Places like [Crowbar & Bryggeri](#), [Schouskjelleren Mikrobryggeri](#), and [Himkok Bar](#) showcase a diverse range of flavors and styles, allowing beer enthusiasts to indulge in unique brews.
2. **TA Events** are held at [Rockefeller club](#) and [Pokalen Barcode \(Fotball pub\)](#).
3. **Aquavit:** As a traditional Norwegian spirit, aquavit holds a special place in Oslo's drinking culture. It is typically flavored with herbs and spices, and sipping aquavit can be a delightful way to experience the local traditions. Bars such as [Underbar](#) and [Bristol Pub](#) offer a fine selection of aquavits to explore and enjoy.
4. **Cocktail Bars:** Oslo boasts a number of exceptional cocktail bars where skilled mixologists craft creative and innovative concoctions. Places like Himkok, [Torggata Botaniske](#), and [The Thief's rooftop bar](#) provide elegant settings to enjoy expertly crafted cocktails, each with its own unique twist and flavor profile.
5. **Coffee Culture:** Oslo is known for its excellent coffee culture, making it a perfect destination for coffee lovers. Numerous specialty coffee shops like [Tim Wendelboe](#) and [Fuglen](#) serve exceptional brews.
6. Some cheaper alternatives [The Scotsman](#): Lively pub with affordable drinks and a friendly atmosphere; [Revolver](#): Eclectic alternative music bar known for its affordable prices and vibrant ambiance.
7. **Nightlife:** [Blå](#): Vibrant venue in Grünerløkka known for live music and DJ sets; [The Villa](#): Stylish bar with energetic nightlife and late hours.

Map



Winning Words

Hello	God dag.
A beer/two beers, please.	Kan jeg få en/to øl? (kahn yai foh en/toh ool)
How are you?	Hvordan går det? (voord-ahn gawr deh?) Korleis går det? ("kor-læis gohr deh')
Fine, thank you	(Jo) takk, bare bra. (yoo tak, bar-e brah) (Jau) takk, bærre brah ("Jauh tak, bere brah")
What is your name?	Hva heter du? (Vah he-ter du) Kva heiter du? ("Kvah hæi-ter du")
My name is _____	Jeg heter _____. (yei he:h-t'r _____) Eg heiter ("eg hei-ter")
Nice to meet you	Hyggelig å treffe deg. (Hygg-e-li å treff-e dei) Hyggeleg å møte deg ("Hyggi-eleg å mø-te deg")
Please	Vær så snill. (...)(you may hear "væh shaw snil")
Thank you	Tusen takk. (TOO-sen tahk)
You're welcome	Bare hyggelig. (Bar-e hygg-e-li)
Yes	Ja. (ya)
No	Nei. (naye)("næi")
Excuse me. (getting attention)	Unnskyld (meg). (Unn-shill mei) Orsak meg ("Or-sak meg")
Do you serve alcohol?	İçki var mı? (ickhi wha mhi)
I'm sorry	Beklager (be-klag-er) Beklagar ("Be-kla-gar")
Goodbye	Ha det bra! (Ha de bra) Farvel ("far-vel")
I can't speak Norwegian	Jeg/eg snakker/snakkar ikke/ikkje norsk. (Jei snakk-er ikk-e nåsjk)
Excuse me. Do you know how to speak English?	Unnskyld, kan du snakke engelsk? (Unn-skyll, kan du snakk-e eng-elsk?)
Help!	Hjelp! (Yelp!)
Good morning	God morgen/morgon. (Go må-årn)
Good evening	God kveld. (Go kvell)
Good night	God natt. (Go natt)
I don't understand you	Jeg forstår [deg] ikke/ikkje. (Jei forst-år [dei] ikk-e)
Where is the toilet?	Hvor/Kvar er toalettet? (Vor ær toa-lett-et?)
I'm lost	Jeg har gått meg bort. (yeh har goht may bort)
How do I get to the British embassy?	Hvordan kommer jeg til den britiske ambassade? (vor-dahn kommer yai teel den brit-ish-eh am-bah-sah-deh)
Police!	Politi! (poh-lee-tee)
It's an emergency.	Det er et nødstilfelle (deht ehr eht nødstil-fell-eh)
I lost my bag	Jeg har mistet baggasje (yeh har mees-teht bah-gahs-yeh)
I lost my wallet	Jeg har mistet lommebok (yeh har mees-teht loh-meh-bok)
I'm sick	Jeg er sjuk. (yeh ehr shoo-k)
I need a doctor	Jeg trenger (å få treffe) en lege (yeh tren-ger oh foh treh-feh en leh-geh)
I need your help.	Jeg trenger din hjelp (yeh tren-ger deen yelp)
Scotland	Skottland(skoht-lahn)
Norway	Norge (nor-yeh)



Common signs

OPEN	Åpen
CLOSED	LUKKET
ENTRANCE	INNGANG
EXIT	EXIT
PUSH	TRYKK
PULL	DRA
TOILET	TOALLET
GENTLEMEN	HERRER
LADIES	DAMER
FORBIDDEN	FORBUDT

Important Information

AVERAGE TEMPERATURE Oslo in June is an average of 16 °C but it is forecast to be much warmer

CURRENCY Norwegian Krone (NOK) Approx 13.5 NOK to £1

TIMEZONE Central European Summer Time [CEST](#) – BST + 1

PLUGS AND SOCKETS In Norway power plugs and sockets are [type F](#) so an adapter will be required

COVID All COVID-19 restrictions in Norway have been lifted, The same rules as prior to COVID-19 pandemic now apply

VISA You can travel to countries in the [Schengen area](#) for up to 90 days in any 180-day period without a visa. Your passport must be:

1. issued less than 10 years before the date you enter the country
2. valid for at least 3 months after the day you plan to leave

EMERGENCY Police 112, Ambulance 113, Fire 110

HEALTH	If you are a UK national ordinarily resident in the UK, you can use your UK passport to access state provided medical treatment, if it becomes necessary during your trip. Any treatment provided is on the same terms as Norwegian nationals. Always take out appropriate travel insurance
LGBT	Most Norwegians have a liberal attitude towards sexuality and gender identity, the country was among the first to enact anti-discrimination laws.
EMBASSY	The British Embassy in Oslo is in Thomas Heftyes gate 8 0264 Oslo. If you're in Norway and you need urgent help call +47 2313 2700
MOBILE PHONES ROAMING	Most mobile operators will allow an add-on or will allow usage of your normal plan in Norway however always check with your provider as roaming charges could be expensive
OTHER	Norway is an expensive country. While it is possible to travel in Norway on a limited budget, some care must be taken. Because labour is costly, anything that can be seen as a "service" will in general be more expensive than you expect.

Transport

Getting There

Oslo Gardermoen and Sandefjord are the main international airports in Norway although other major cities Stavanger, Bergen and Trondheim also have international airports.

Oslo Gardermoen Airport: There are two different trains that go to the city centre. The [Flytoget Express](#) train which is 230 NOK (£17) single and the normal [VY train](#) which takes 10 mins longer which is 118 NOK (£8.70). There are also 2 different operators that run the Airport Bus. [Vy Buss AS](#) runs line FB11 to Fredrikstad and [Flybussen Connect](#) runs several lines FB1, FB3A, FB3B, FB5A and FB5B to various destinations in Oslo costing 175NOK (£13) and takes approximately 70 minutes. A single TAXI trip to downtown Oslo will cost around 610-945 NOK (£45-70), Uber is also available.

Torp Sandefjord Airport: A shuttlebus takes approximately 4 minutes from the airport to Torp Train Station, from there the train is 1.5 hours to central Oslo operated by [VY](#). [Torp–Ekspressen](#) bus has multiple departures in each direction to and from the Oslo central bus station. Train and Bus costs from 340-370NOK (£25-28).

Oslo is only about 60 miles to the Swedish border, trains and buses run to/from Stockholm and Gothenburg. Generally the bus is faster and cheaper than the train.

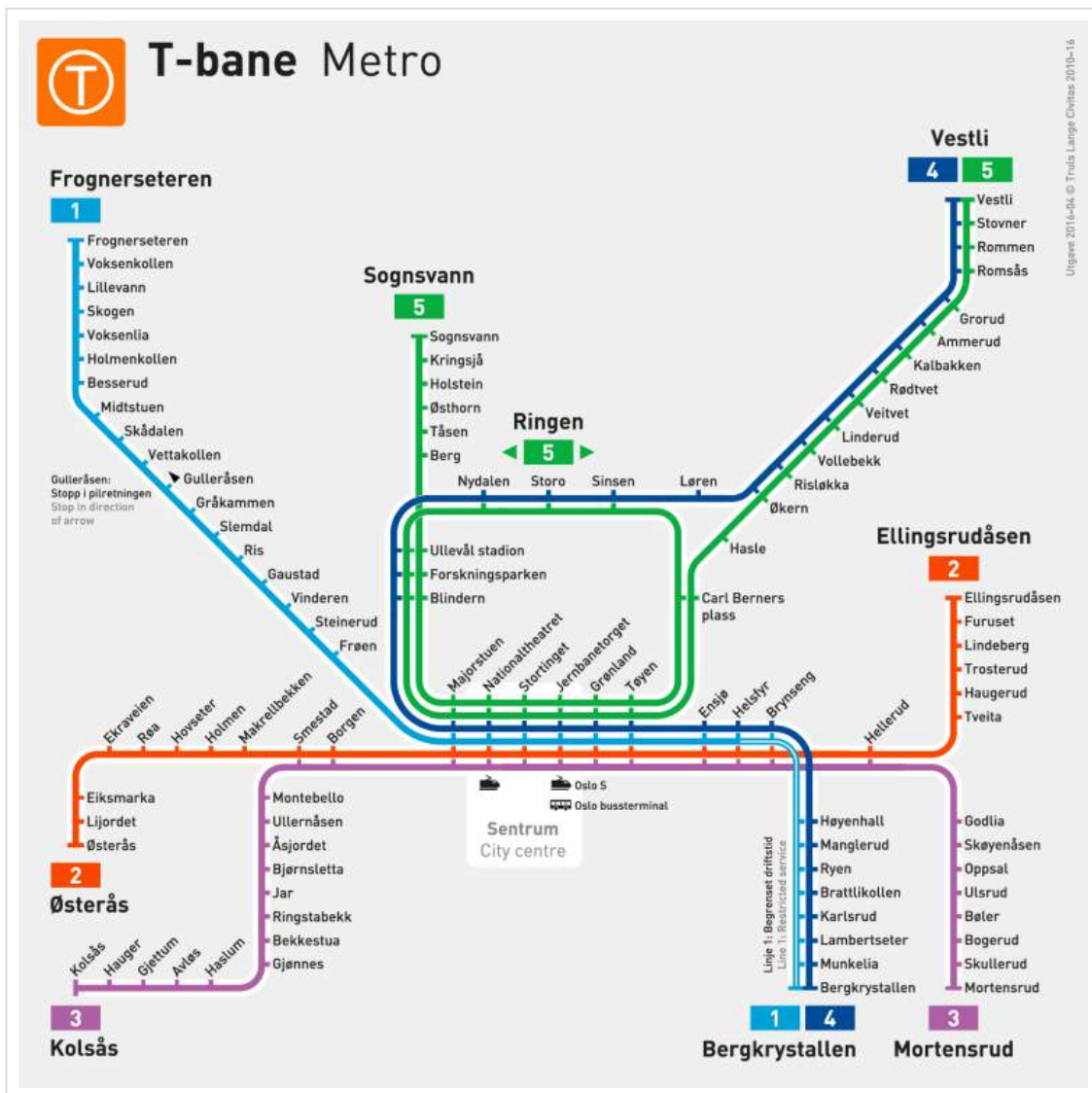
There are various ferries from Denmark, Germany and the Netherlands but only cruise ships from the UK. Oslo's port is in the centre of the city.

Getting Around

Norway is a big country and getting around, particularly up north, is expensive and time-consuming, domestic flights are very common. An extensive range of express buses connect cities all over Norway and even most national parks.

Oslo

There is a comprehensive public transport system in Oslo, consisting of buses, trams, trains, metro (T-bane) and boats. The public transport is planned and coordinated by [Ruter](#). Timetables and tickets sales can be done through the Ruter app on your mobile phone, there is a surcharge of 20 NOK to buy tickets on board. Fares are fom 40NOK for 1 Zone to 144 NOK for all zones anbd tickets are valid on all modes of travel.



Taxis

All taxi companies have a starting fee (0-160 NOK) and a fee per kilometer that varies from 14-30 NOK. These fees vary by taxi company and time of day. Usually, there's three different rates: The lowest one is the day rate, usually between 06.00 and 18.00. The next is the evening and night rate, usually 18.00-06.00 M-F and 06.00-18.00 Sa. The last rate is usually for Saturday after 18.00 till Monday 06.00, but different companies do have different time frames. Taxi drivers don't generally expect a tip but rounding up to nearest 10 NOK is common. Uber is

available in Oslo, make sure you are paying with a credit or debit card with a good exchange rate and no fees (e.g. Starling, Revolut, Chase, etc).

Statistics

European Championship Qualifiers Group A

Pos	Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
1	Scotland	2	2	0	0	5	0	5	6
2	Spain	2	1	0	1	3	2	1	3
3	Norway	2	0	1	1	1	4	-3	1
4	Georgia	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
5	Cyprus	1	0	0	1	0	3	-3	0

—	2-0	19-Nov	20-Jun	3-0
12-Oct	—	3-0	19-Nov	11-Sep
17-Jun	15-Oct	—	11-Sep	20-Jun
16-Nov	08-Sep	1-1	—	3-1
08-Sep	16-Nov	12-Oct	17-Jun	—

17-Jun 18:00 CEST	17:00		Norway	v		Scotland	Oslo
17-Jun 21:45 EEST	19:45		Cyprus	v		Georgia	Larnaca
20-Jun 20:45 CEST	19:45		Norway	v		Cyprus	Oslo
20-Jun 19:45 BST	19:45		Scotland	v		Georgia	Glasgow

UEFA Nations League Finals 2023

Semi-Finals							
14-Jun 20:45 CEST	19:45		Netherlands	2-4aet		Croatia	Rotterdam
15-Nov 20:45 CEST	19:45		Spain	2-1		Italy	Enschede
Third Place Play Off							
18-Jun 15:00 CEST	14:00		Netherlands	v		Italy	Enschede
2023 Nations League Final							
18-Jun 20:45 CEST	19:45		Croatia	v		Spain	Rotterdam

Scotland 2023 – Fixtures and Results

25-Mar 15:00 GMT	15:00		Scotland	3-0		Cyprus	Glasgow
28-Mar 19:45 BST	19:45		Scotland	2-0		Spain	Glasgow
17-Jun 18:00 CEST	17:00		Norway	v		Scotland	Oslo
20-Jun 19:45 BST	19:45		Scotland	v		Georgia	Glasgow
08-Sep 21:45 EEST	19:45		Cyprus	v		Scotland	Nicosia
12-Sep 19:45 BST	19:45		Scotland	v		England	Glasgow
12-Oct 20:45 CEST	19:45		Spain	v		Scotland	
17-Oct 20:45 CEST	19:45		France	v		Scotland	Lille
16-Nov 21:00 GET	17:00		Georgia	v		Scotland	
19-Nov 20:45 GMT	19:45		Scotland	v		Norway	Glasgow

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