

Schweizerischer Fussballverband
Association Suisse de Football
Associazione Svizzera di Football
Swiss Football Association



Swiss media guide

FIFA World Cup 2022



CONTENT

World Cup 2022	3
Squad	4
Players in detail	5
Technical staff	32
Staff	33
Schedule / facilities	34
Brazil	35
Cameroon	38
Serbia	41
World Cup qualification	44
Details	45
Final table	46
Statistics	47
Swiss World Cup records	48
Timetable 2022/23	52
Swiss FA / contacts	53
Swiss Football Association	54
Contacts	55



World Cup 2022

Squad (as of 18/11)

Name	Date of birth	Club	Caps	Goals
Goalkeepers				
21 Kobel Gregor	06.12.1997	Borussia Dortmund	3	0
24 Köhn Philipp	02.04.1998	FC Red Bull Salzburg	0	0
12 Omlin Jonas	10.01.1994	HSC Montpellier	4	0
1 Sommer Yann	17.12.1988	Borussia Mönchengladbach	77	0
Defenders				
5 Akanji Manuel	19.07.1995	Manchester City FC	43	1
18 Cömert Eray	04.02.1998	Valencia CF	10	0
4 Elvedi Nico	30.09.1996	Borussia Mönchengladbach	41	1
2 Fernandes Edimilson	15.04.1996	FSV Mainz 05	22	2
13 Rodriguez Ricardo	25.08.1992	FC Torino	100	9
22 Schär Fabian	20.12.1991	Newcastle United FC	73	8
3 Widmer Silvan	05.03.1993	FSV Mainz 05	34	2
Midfielder-Forwards				
14 Aebischer Michel	06.01.1997	Bologna FC	12	0
7 Embolo Breel	14.02.1997	AS Monaco	59	11
16 Fassnacht Christian	11.11.1993	BSC Young Boys	16	4
20 Frei Fabian	08.01.1989	FC Basel 1893	22	3
8 Freuler Remo	15.04.1992	Nottingham Forest FC	49	5
26 Jashari Ardon	30.07.2002	FC Luzern	1	0
19 Okafor Noah	24.05.2000	FC Red Bull Salzburg	9	2
25 Rieder Fabian	16.02.2002	BSC Young Boys	0	0
9 Seferovic Haris	22.02.1992	Galatasaray SK	89	25
23 Shaqiri Xherdan	10.10.1991	Chicago Fire FC	109	26
15 Sow Djibril	06.02.1997	Eintracht Frankfurt	32	0
11 Steffen Renato	03.11.1991	FC Lugano	28	1
17 Vargas Ruben	05.08.1998	FC Augsburg	27	4
10 Xhaka Granit	27.09.1992	Arsenal FC	107	12
6 Zakaria Denis	20.11.1996	Chelsea FC	43	3

Gregor Kobel

Goalkeeper · 06.12.1997

Playing for Borussia Dortmund since 2021

3 caps / 0 shutouts (as of 18/11/2022)



CLUB CAREER

SUMMER 2016 – SUMMER 2018

TSG HOFFENHEIM

6 matches

SUMMER 2018 – SUMMER 2019

FC AUGSBURG (ON LOAN)

18 matches

SUMMER 2019 – SUMMER 2021

VFB STUTTGART

65 matches, promotion to the Bundesliga 2019/20

NATIONAL TEAM CAREER

FIRST CAP

01.09.2021, 2-1 in Basel against Greece (friendly)

Debut in Murat Yakin's first game in charge

PARTICIPATION IN FINAL TOURNAMENTS

1 (1X EURO)

EURO 2021: no matches played (was added to the squad after Jonas Omlin's injury in the warm-up against Wales)

IN PERSON

- His father Peter Kobel was a former professional ice hockey player in the highest Swiss league (ZSC Lions, Kloten, Lugano, Davos)
- Born and raised in Zurich

VARIA

- Tallest player of the Swiss squad (1,94 m)
- Joined Grasshopper Club Zürich in his early age as a junior player from FC Seefeld
- Joined the youth department of TSG Hoffenheim as a 16-year old teenager, his manager was Julian Nagelsmann (now Bayern Munich)
- Was selected for the national team in autumn 2017 und 2018 already
- Has played for all Swiss youth national teams (starting in the Under 15)

Philipp Köhn

Goalkeeper · 02.04.1998

Playing for Red Bull Salzburg since 2018

0 caps (as of 18/11/22)



CLUB CAREER

SUMMER 2017 – SUMMER 2018

RB LEIPZIG

No matches for the first team

SUMMER 2018 – SUMMER 2020

RED BULL SALZBURG

No matches for the first team

SUMMER 2020 – SUMMER 2021

FC WIL (ON LOAN)

33 matches

SINCE SUMMER 2021

RED BULL SALZBURG

3x Austrian champion and 3x Cup winner, 64 matches, 2x participant of the UEFA Champions League

NATIONAL TEAM CAREER

FIRST CAP

--

PARTICIPATION IN FINAL TOURNAMENTS

0

IN PERSON

- Son of a German father and a Swiss mother (from Lausanne)
- Born and raised in Dinslaken/Germany

VARIA

- In his very early days as a youth player, Philipp was a striker
- Played for several German youth national teams, up to the Under 18
- Decided to register for Switzerland in 2016 and played for the Under 19, 20 and 21
- Was part of the Swiss team at the UEFA Under-21 European Championship 2021 (no matches played)
- Was called up for the Swiss national team for the first time in November 2021
- Is a dog owner

Jonas Omlin

Goalkeeper · 10.01.1994

Playing for Montpellier HSC since summer 2020

4 caps / 1 shutout (as of 18/11/22)



CLUB CAREER

SUMMER 2012 - SUMMER 2014

SC KRIENS

28 matches

SUMMER 2014 - SUMMER 2015

FC LUZERN

1 match

SUMMER 2015 - SUMMER 2016

FC LE MONT (ON LOAN)

15 matches

SUMMER 2016 – SUMMER 2018

FC LUZERN

59 matches

SUMMER 2018 - SUMMER 2020

FC BASEL

1x Swiss cup winner, 2x participant of the UEFA Champions League, 1x participant of the Europa League, 79 matches

SINCE SUMMER 2020

HSC MONTPELLIER

70 matches

NATIONAL TEAM CAREER

FIRST CAP

07.10.2020, 1-2 in St. Gallen against Croatia (friendly)

Debut under Vladimir Petkovic

PARTICIPATION IN FINAL TOURNAMENTS

1 (1X EURO)

EURO 2021: no matches played (got injured in the warm-up against Wales and left the squad the day after)

IN PERSON

- From Sachseln (canton of Obwalden)
- Son of a painter and a doctor's assistant
- Enjoyed a commercial education for top athletes
- Married to Janice (daughter of Dutch football manager René van Eck) and father of a son

VARIA

- Was selected for the Swiss national team without having played a single minute for any youth national team before
- Got his first selection for the national team in November 2018
- Owns a boat on the Lake of Lucerne and is a passionate golf player

Yann Sommer

Goalkeeper · 17.12.1998

Playing for Borussia Mönchengladbach since 2014

77 caps · 30 shutouts (as of 18/11/22)



CLUB CAREER

2003 - 2007

FC BASEL 1893

No matches played

2007 - WINTER 2008

FC VADUZ (ON LOAN)

Promotion to Super League, 54 matches

WINTER 2008 – SUMMER 2009

FC BASEL 1893

7 matches

SUMMER 2009 – SUMMER 2010

GRASSHOPPER CLUB ZÜRICH

33 matches

2010 - 2014

FC BASEL

4x Swiss champion, 2x Swiss cup winner, 2x participant of the UEFA Champions and the Europa League, 163 matches

SINCE SUMMER 2014

BORUSSIA MÖNCHENGLADBACH

3x participant of the UEFA Champions and the Europa League, 335 matches

NATIONAL TEAM CAREER

FIRST CAP

30/05/2012, 0-1 in Lucerne against Romania (friendly)

Debut under manager Ottmar Hitzfeld (in the same game as Michel Morganella and Adrian Winter). Remained without any mistake and got good critics despite the defeat.

FIRST MATCH WITHOUT CONCEDED A GOAL

06/02/2013, 0-0 in Piraeus against Greece (friendly)

FIRST MATCH AS NUMBER ONE GOALKEEPER

08/09/2014, 0-2 in Basel against England (European Qualifier)

First match under the new national coach Vladimir Petkovic after the FIFA World Cup 2014 in Brasil

PARTICIPATION IN FINAL TOURNAMENTS

4 (2 X WORLD CUP, 2 X EURO)

World Cup 2014 in Brazil: no matches played

EURO 2016 in France: 4 matches, 390 minutes played, 3-2 goals, 2 shut-outs

World Cup 2018 in Russia: 4 matches, 360 minutes played, 5-5 goals

EURO 2021: 5 matches, 510 minutes played, 8-9 goals

IN PERSON

- Born in the western part of Switzerland, his family first moved to Herrliberg (next to Zurich) and later on to Basel
- His father Daniel was a goalkeeper too (in the 3rd Swiss division) and publishing director of the "Basler Zeitung"
- In his early days in Basel, Yann played for Concordia Basel
- Married to Alina, father of two daughters

VARIA

- Last 5 penalties against Sommer from the spot (except in penalty shootings) in international matches have not been scored
- Is the number one goalkeeper since Diego Benaglio has retired after the World Cup 2014 in Brazil
- Is a passionate guitar player and has his instrument often with him while on international duty
- Participant of the UEFA Under 17 European final tournament in 2005 (did not concede a goal until the final in 4 matches)
- Finalist at the UEFA Under 21 European championship in 2011 under Pierluigi Tami (now national teams director)
- "Player of the year" in 2016, 2018 and 2021

Manuel Akanji

Central defender · 19.07.1995

Playing for Manchester City since 2022

43 caps / 1 goal (as of 18/11/22)



CLUB CAREER

2007 – SUMMER 2015

FC WINTERTHUR

37 matches/1 goal

2015 – WINTER 2018

FC BASEL

2x Swiss champion, 1x Cup winner, 1x participant of the UEFA Champions and the Europa League, 58 matches/7 goals

WINTER 2018 – SUMMER 2022

BORUSSIA DORTMUND

1x German Cup winner, 4x participant of the UEFA Champions League, 158 matches/4 goals

SINCE SUMMER 2022

MANCHESTER CITY

12 matches/0 goal

NATIONAL TEAM CAREER

FIRST CAP

09.06.2017, 2-0 in Torshavn against the Faroe Island (World Cup qualifier)

Debut under Vladimir Petkovic, played alongside Johan Djourou after being called up due to injuries or suspensions of other central defenders. A header of Akanji hit the bar (31st minute)

FIRST GOAL

24.09.2022, 2-1 in Saragossa against Spain (UEFA Nations League)
Brought Switzerland 1-0 up with a headed goal after a corner by Ruben Vargas and also assisted Breel Embolo's winner with a header (after another corner)

PARTICIPATION IN FINAL TOURNAMENTS

2 (1X WORLD CUP, 1X EURO)

World Cup 2018 in Russia: 4 matches, 360 minutes played, 0 goals

EURO 2021: 5 matches, 510 minutes played, 0 goals

IN PERSON

- Married to Melanie, father of two sons
- Manuel's father is from Nigeria, his mother is Swiss
- Has two older sisters:
 - Sarah is a local politician (Social Democratic party) in the Cantonal Council of Zurich and co-founder of the women's section of FC Winterthur
 - Michelle is a cultural publicist

VARIA

- Used to play for FC Wiesendangen as a youth player
- Before joining FC Winterthur and being used as a winger there, Manuel also practiced athletics and tennis
- Manuel is a huge fan of NBA basketball
- Tore his crucial ligaments in March 2016 what has been his biggest setback so far
- Since spending time at FC Basel, Breel Embolo is a very big friend of Manuel
- Has shown his massive skills in mental arithmetic on several occasions in (club) TV shows

Eray Cömert

Central defender · 04.02.1998

Playing for Valencia CF since winter 2022

10 caps / 0 goals (as of 18/11/22)



CLUB CAREER

2009 – WINTER 2022

FC BASEL

2x Swiss champion, 1x Cup winner, 2x participant of the UEFA Europa League, 1x participant of the UEFA Conference League, 140 matches/7 goals

MARCH 2017 – JUNE 2017

FC LUGANO (ON LOAN)

12 matches/0 goals

JULY 2017 – JUNI 2018

FC SION (ON LOAN)

12 matches/0 goals

SINCE WINTER 2022

VALENCIA CF

20 matches/1 goal

NATIONAL TEAM CAREER

FIRST CAP

18.11.2019, 6-1 in Gibraltar (World Cup qualifier)

Debut under Vladimir Petkovic, came on for Manuel Akanji in the 65th minute when the score was 3-0

PARTICIPATION IN FINAL TOURNAMENTS

1 (1X EURO)

EURO 2021: no matches played

IN PERSON

- Eray is of Turkish decent and was raised in Rheinfelden
- He was an apprentice in an IT company

VARIA

- Eray was the captain of the Swiss Under-19 and before being called up to the national team also for the Under-21
- In 31 matches during the season 2018/2019, he played under six different managers (Tramezzani, Gabri, Jacobacci, Wicky Frei, Koller) for 3 different teams (Sion, Basel, Lugano)
- Had two shoulder surgeries within 1,5 years starting from March 2017
- Once scored a goal in the UEFA Youth League against Arsenal from 60 meters
- His family changed its name in August 2018. When Eray's grandparents had arrived in Switzerland from East Anatolia, the then-registered name was (by error) Cümart. After showing relevant documents, Swiss authorities changed the name back to Cömert.

Nico Elvedi

Central defender · 30.09.1996

Playing for Borussia Mönchengladbach since 2015

41 caps / 1 goal (as of 18/11/22)



CLUB CAREER

UNTIL SUMMER 2015

FC ZÜRICH

1x participant of the UEFA Europa League, 26 matches/1 goal

SINCE SUMMER 2015

BORUSSIA MÖNCHEGLADBACH

3x participant of the UEFA Champions and the Europa League, 251 matches/13 goals

NATIONAL TEAM CAREER

FIRST CAP

28.05.2016, 1-2 in Geneva against Belgium (friendly)

Debut unter Vladimir Petkovic as a substitute (came on for Philippe Senderos in the 63rd minute at the score of 1-1)

FIRST GOAL

18.11.2019, 5-2 in Lucerne against Belgium (UEFA Nations League)

A header after a pass by Xherdan Shaqiri brought Switzerland 4-2 up. The goal was kind of compensation for a shaky start. An error from Elvedi had led to Belgium's early first goal.

PARTICIPATION IN FINAL TOURNAMENTS

2 (1X WM, 1X EURO)

EURO 2016 in France: no matches played

World Cup 2018 in Russia: no matches played

EURO 2021: 5 matches, 510 minutes played

IN PERSON

- In a relationship with Alexandra
- His twin brother Jan plays for Jahn Regensburg in the 2nd German division
- Nico's family comes from Val Lumnezia in the canton of Grisons, he grew up in Greifensee, a few kilometers outside of Zurich

VARIA

- Nico's nickname is „kingfisher“ (Eisvogel in German) and was «intended» by his former coach André Schubert. “I like this nickname. I am not really nervous before kick-off, maybe a bit tense. But I stay cool in case of mistakes, they do not throw me off course.”
- He once completed a commercial education while being at the academy of FC Zurich. He finished it at the offices of Borussia Mönchengladbach.
- Back from the times in Zurich, he knows and appreciates Djibril Sow
- His father Adrian who used to be his coach at FCZ academy is still working for the club as “Head of Préformation”
- Nico was a supporter of FC Zurich as a kid and admired Sergio Ramos
- He was participant of the Under-17 European championships 2013 and was later the captain of the Under-19
- 3 months after his debut for the Swiss Under-21 (in March 2016), Nico was called up for the national team for the first time

Edimilson Fernandes

Defender/midfielder • 15.04.1996

Playing for FSV Mainz 05 since summer 2019

22 caps / 2 goals (as of 18/11/22)



CLUB CAREER

2014 – 2016

FC SION

Swiss Cup winner 2015, 1x participant of the UEFA Europa League, 65 matches/6 goals

SUMMER 2016 – SUMMER 2018

WEST HAM UNITED

48 matches/1 goal

SUMMER 2018 – SUMMER 2019

FIORENTINA (ON LOAN)

33 matches/2 goals

SUMMER 2019 – SUMMER 2021

FSV MAINZ 05

40 matches/1 goal

SUMMER 2021 – WINTER 2022

BSC ARMINIA BIELEFELD (ON LOAN)

8 matches/0 goal

WINTER 2022 – SUMMER 2022

BSC YOUNG BOYS (ON LOAN)

14 matches/2 goals

SINCE SUMMER 2022

FSV MAINZ 05

14 matches/0 goal

NATIONAL TEAM CAREER

FIRST CAP

13.11.2016, 2-0 in Lucerne against the Faroe Islands (World Cup qualifier)

Debut under Vladimir Petkovic as a "sub", replaced Valentin Stocker in the 69th minute

PARTICIPATION IN FINAL TOURNAMENTS

1 (1X EURO)

EURO 2021: no matches played

IN PERSON

- Father of a son
- Has roots in Portugal and the Cape Verde Islands

VARIA

- At the beginning of his national team career, it happened that Edimilson Fernandes was called up together with his older cousin Gelson. They both never played at the same time though.
- „Edi“ is part of an extended family with roots on the Cape Verde Islands. His cousins are Gelson Fernandes, Manuel Fernandes (former national player of Portugal) and Cabral (former Under-21 player of Switzerland). Elton Monteiro (Lausanne-Sport) and Ulisses Garcia (BSC Young Boys) are also akin to Edimilson Fernandes.
- Joined FC Sion's youth department because Gelson's father used to be the greenkeeper of the club.

Ricardo Rodriguez

Central defender / left back · 25.08.1992

Playing for Torino since summer 2020

100 caps / 9 goals (as of 18/11/22)



CLUB CAREER

UNTIL WINTER 2012

FC ZÜRICH

1x participant of the UEFA Europa League, 48 matches/2 goals

WINTER 2012 – SUMMER 2017

VFL WOLFSBURG

1x German Cup winner, 1x winner of the German Supercup, 1x participant of the UEFA Champions and Europa League, 184 matches/22 goals

2017 – 2020

AC MILAN

2x participants of the UEFA Europa League, 93 matches/4 goals

WINTER 2020 – SUMMER 2020

PSV EINDHOVEN (ON LOAN)

6 matches/0 goals

SINCE SUMMER 2020

FC TORINO

68 matches/0 goals

NATIONAL TEAM CAREER

FIRST CAP

07.10.2011, 0-2 in Swansea against Wales (European Qualifiers)

Debut under Ottmar Hitzfeld, Rodriguez came on for Xherdan Shaqiri in the 62nd minute

FIRST GOAL

07.10.2016, 3-2 in Budapest against Hungary (World Cup Qualifier)

Rodriguez hit the net for the first time in his 38th match with a volley, scoring the 2nd Swiss goal

PARTICIPATION IN FINAL TOURNAMENTS

4 (2 X World Cup, 2 X EURO)

World Cup 2014 in Brazil: 4 matches, 390 minutes played, 0 goals

EURO 2016 in France: 4 matches, 390 minutes played, 0 goals (scored in the penalty shooting against Poland)

World Cup 2018 in Russia: 4 matches, 360 minutes played, 0 goals

EURO 2021: 5 matches, 477 minutes played, 0 goals

IN PERSON

- Ricardo's father is Spanish, his mother who died in 2015 was Chilean
- Has 3 citizenships (SUI/ESP/CHI)
- Grew up in Schwamendingen (suburbs of Zurich)
- His brothers Roberto and Francisco also play(ed) professional football
- In a relationship with Nicole and father of a son

VARIA

- Joined FC Zurich at the age of 12
- Became Under-17 World champion 2009 with Haris Seferovic and Granit Xhaka (amongst others)
- Was part of the Swiss Olympic football team 2012 in London
- "Credit Suisse Player of the year" 2014
- While being a caretaker trainee, he steered a forklift truck at the ice stadium Neudorf in Zürich-Oerlikon for one day. Result: He hit a door and demolished it
- Ricardo and Granit Xhaka are best friends, they know each other since their time in the Under-15/Under-16 and have often shared rooms while on international duties
- Due to his long hair/haircut, his nickname is "Pilz" ("mushroom" in English)
- Became Torino's captain for the season 2022-2023

Fabian Schär

Central defender · 20.12.1991

Playing for Newcastle United since 2016

73 caps / 8 goals (as of 18/11/22)



CLUB CAREER

1999 – SUMMER 2012

FC WIL

56 matches/9 goals

SUMMER 2012 – SUMMER 2015

FC BASEL

3x Swiss champion, 2x participant of the UEFA Champions and the Europa League, 114 matches/15 goals

SUMMER 2015 – SUMMER 2017

TSG 1899 HOFFENHEIM

32 matches/1 goal

SUMMER 2017 – SUMMER 2018

DEPORTIVO LA CORUÑA

27 matches/2 goals

SINCE SUMMER 2018

NEWCASTLE UNITED

114 matches/10 goals

NATIONAL TEAM CAREER

FIRST CAP

14.08.2013, 1-0 in Basel against Brazil (friendly)

Debut under Ottmar Hitzfeld, just as Michael Lang. Came in as a half-time substitute for Philippe Senderos when the score was goalless

FIRST GOAL

06.09.2013, 4-4 in Bern against Iceland (World Cup Qualifier)

What a crazy game to score the first goal (2-1) in what was his second appearance. Switzerland conceded the first goal and then scored four in a row to finally concede the 4-4 in the additional time (91st).

PARTICIPATION IN FINAL TOURNAMENTS

4 (2 X WORLD CUP, 2 X EURO)

World Cup 2014 in Brazil: 2 matches, 210 minutes played, 0 goals

EURO 2016 in France: 4 matches, 390 minutes played, 1 goal (1-0 against Albania)

World Cup 2018 in Russia: 3 matches, 270 minutes played, 0 goals

EURO 2021: 4 matches, 196 minutes played, 0 goals

IN PERSON

- Enjoyed a commercial education between 2007 and 2010 in a bank in his hometown Wil
- In a relationship with Alexandra
- His father is the owner and CEO of a window construction in Wil

VARIA

- Has not played for any a youth national team before the Under-20
- Was part of the Swiss Olympic football team 2012 in London
- Has scored the "goal of the year 2019" for Newcastle

Silvan Widmer

Right back · 06.02.1997

Playing for FSV Mainz 05 since summer 2021

34 caps / 2 goals (as of 18/11/22)



CLUB CAREER

2008 – SUMMER 2012

FC AARAU

70 matches/11 goals

SUMMER 2012 - SUMMER 2018

UDINESE CALCIO

142 matches/5 goals

SUMMER 2018 – SUMMER 2021

FC BASEL

1x Swiss Cup winner, 1x participant of the UEFA Europa League, 117 matches/9 goals

SINCE SUMMER 2021

FSV MAINZ 05

50 matches/5 goals

NATIONAL TEAM CAREER

FIRST CAP

14.10.2014, 4-0 in Serravalle against San Marino (European Qualifier)

Debut under Vladimir Petkovic, came in the 59th minute to replace Stephan Lichtsteiner when the score was 3-0

FIRST GOAL

06.09.2020, 1-1 in Basel against Germany (UEFA Nations League)

In his first international match since June 2017, Widmer levelled the score in the 57th minute with his left foot after Breel Embolo had centered the ball

PARTICIPATION IN FINAL TOURNAMENTS

1 (1X EURO)

EURO 2021: 4 matches, 297 minutes played, 0 goals

IN PERSON

- Born and raised in the canton of Argovia
- Married to Céline and father of two daughters

VARIA

- Silvan was the first debutant under Vladimir Petkovic
- Plays golf and the guitar
- His wife Céline is promoting an American beauty brand
- Once played for Team Argovia and when he scored his first goal against Germany, two graduates of this team also were on the pitch (Loris Benito and Renato Steffen)
- Silvan was discovered by manager René Weiler who promoted him to the first team of FC Aarau back in 2011
- Widmer was elected team captain of FSV Mainz 05 in summer 2022
- He was a stand-by player for two final tournaments (World Cup 2014 and EURO 2016)

Michel Aebischer

Midfielder • 06.01.1997

Playing for FC Bologna since winter 2022

12 caps / 0 goals (as of 18/11/22)



CLUB CAREER

UNTIL WINTER 2022

BSC YOUNG BOYS

4x Swiss champion, 1x Cup winner, 2x participant of the UEFA Champions League, 4x participant of the Europa League, 194 matches/15 goals

SINCE WINTER 2022

FC BOLOGNA

26 matches/1 goal

NATIONAL TEAM CAREER

FIRST CAP

18.11.2019, 6-1 in Gibraltar (European Qualifier)

Aebischer replaced Ruben Vargas in the 85th minute

PARTICIPATION IN FINAL TOURNAMENTS

0

IN PERSON

- Grew up in the countryside of Heitenried in the canton of Fribourg

VARIA

- Is a fan of the ice hockey team of Fribourg-Gottéron (club of the National League)
- Admires Toni Kroos and loves to watch all kind of football matches on TV
- Michel was „sportsman of the year“ in the canton of Fribourg in 2018
- Joined Young Boys Bern as Under-17 player and started practicing with the first team squad in autumn 2016. Michel played an important part in the squad that won 4 league titles in a row (2018 to 2021).
- When YB played (and beat) Manchester United in the Champions League in 2021, Ole Gunnar Solskjaer said at the press conference before the game: “I think Michel Aebischer is able to run 15 kilometers in a single match.”
- First under contract as a loan player, FC Bologna decided to buy Michel Aebischer in summer 2022

Breel Embolo

Striker · 14.02.1997 in Yaoundé (CMR)

Playing for AS Monaco since summer 2012

59 caps / 11 goals (as of 18/11/22)



CLUB CAREER

2010 – SUMMER 2016

FC BASEL

2x Swiss champion, 1x participant of the UEFA Champions League, 2x participant of the Europa League, 90 matches/31 goals

SUMMER 2016 – SUMMER 2019

FC SCHALKE 04

1x participant of the UEFA Champions and the Europa League, 61 matches /12 goals

SUMMER 2019 – SUMMER 2022

BORUSSIA MÖNCHENGLADBACH

1x participant of the UEFA Champions and the Europa League, 75 matches/14 goals

SINCE SUMMER 2022

AS MONACO

1x participant of the Europa League, 23 matches/8 goals

NATIONAL TEAM CAREER

FIRST CAP

31.03.2015, 1-1 in Zurich against the USA (friendly)

Debut under Vladimir Petkovic, was brought in in the 56th minute for Josip Drmic at the score of 0-1

FIRST GOAL

09.10.2015, 7-0 in St. Gallen against San Marino (European Qualifier)

Scored from the penalty spot in the 80th minute to make it 6-0

PARTICIPATION IN FINAL TOURNAMENTS

3 (1X WORLD CUP, 2X EURO)

EURO 2016 in France: 4 matches, 160 minutes played, 0 goals

World Cup 2018 in Russia: 4 matches, 134 minutes played, 0 goals

EURO 2021: 5 matches, 367 minutes played, 1 goal (1-0 against Wales, final score 1-1)

IN PERSON

- In a relationship with Naomi and father of two sons
- Was born in Cameroon, moved to Basel with his mother in his early ages and grew up there

VARIA

- Breel is the third-youngest debutant in the history of the Swiss FA at the age of 18 years, 1 month and 17 days. Only Alain Sutter and Johann Vogel were younger when playing for Switzerland for the first time
- Joined the youth section of FC Basel in 2010, coming from local club FC Nordstern
- After having played 4 matches for the Swiss Under-16, he was not allowed to play the other youth teams as he was not Swiss citizen at this time. He returned in December 2014 for the Under-20 and Under-21 after having rejected to play for Cameroon
- While under contract with Schalke in October 2016, a severe leg injury forced him to the sidelines for around 9 months (Breel was fouled by a Augsburg player)
- Breel is best friends with Manuel Akanji since their common days in Basel, later playing for Schalke and Dortmund respectively
- The supposed transfer fee that Schalke paid to buy Breel Embolo in 2016 (around 25 million CHF) is still the highest for any Swiss player leaving the Swiss Super League abroad

Christian Fassnacht

Winger/striker • 11.11.1993

Playing for Young Boys since summer 2017

16 caps / 4 goals (as of 18/11/22)



CLUB CAREER

SUMMER 2015 – SUMMER 2016

FC WINTERTHUR

50 matches/11 goals

SUMMER 2016 – SUMMER 2017

FC THUN

36 matches/10 goals

SINCE SUMMER 2017

YOUNG BOYS

4x Swiss champion, 1x Swiss Cup winner, 2x participant of the UEFA Champions League, 3x participant of the Europa League, 230 matches/68 goals

NATIONAL TEAM CAREER

FIRST CAP

12.10.2018, 1-2 in Brussels against Belgium (UEFA Nations League)

Debut under Vladimir Petkovic, brought in in the 87th minute to replace Remo Freuler

FIRST GOAL

18.11.2019, 6-1 in Gibraltar (European Qualifiers)

Scored the 3-0 in the 57th minute with his left foot. Kept the overview in a confusing situation in the penalty area

PARTICIPATION IN FINAL TOURNAMENTS

1 (1X EURO)

EURO 2021: 2 matches, 73 minutes played, 0 goals

IN PERSON

- Has two older brothers: Daniel and Fabian (former professional snowboarder)
- Got engaged with Jennifer
- His cousin Linus Obexer plays for Stade Lausanne-Ouchy in the Challenge League (2nd highest Swiss division)

VARIA

- Christian is probably the most “untypical” national team member as he has never played for any youth national team
- Played matches for different clubs in the first 7 (!) divisions in Switzerland
- At the age of 15, Christian was judged being too small (1,55 m) and too light weighted by the youth department of FC Zurich, the growth forecast was not very optimistic. Therefore, he decided to join Red Star Zurich and later he went back to his home club FC Thalwil (4th/5th division)
- Completed a commercial education at a athletes’ school in Zurich
- When “Fasi” was playing as an amateur in Thalwil (2014), he was casted to be part of the opener for different sports broadcast shows in the Swiss national TV showing a scissor kick
- Christian is co-owner of a fashion brand called Cedici, together with his best friend from school

Fabian Frei

Midfielder • 08.01.1989

Playing for FC Basel since 2017

22 caps / 3 goals (as of 18/11/22)



CLUB CAREER

SUMMER 2007 – SUMMER 2009

FC BASEL

1x Swiss champion and 1x cup winner, 1x participant of the UEFA Champions League and the UEFA Cup, 64 matches/1 goal

SUMMER 2009 – SUMMER 2011

FC ST. GALLEN (ON LOAN)

72 matches/18 goals

SUMMER 2011 – SUMMER 2015

FC BASEL

4x Swiss champion and 1x cup winner, 3x participant of the UEFA Champions League, 2x participant of the Europa League, 191 matches/26 goals

SUMMER 2015 – WINTER 2018

FSV MAINZ 05

1x participant of the Europa League, 62 matches/3 goals

SINCE WINTER 2018

FC BASEL

1x Swiss cup winner, 1x participant of the UEFA Champions and the Europa League, 3x participant of the Conference League, 226 matches/32 goals

NATIONAL TEAM CAREER

FIRST CAP

07.10.2011, 0-2 in Swansea against Wales (European Qualifier)

Debut under Ottmar Hitzfeld as part of the starting XI, was substituted in the 71st minute after Wales scored the 2nd goal

FIRST GOAL

18.11.2014, 4-0 in Wroclaw against Poland (friendly)

Frei scored the late equalizer with a low shot 3 minutes from time in the 750th match of the Swiss national team

PARTICIPATION IN FINAL TOURNAMENTS

1 (1X EURO)

EURO 2016 in France: 1 match, 14 minutes played, 0 goals

IN PERSON

- Married to Muriel and father of two daughters
- Born and raised in Frauenfeld in the canton of Thurgau (eastern part of Switzerland)

VARIA

- His father Markus was a successful coach of Swiss youth national teams (Under-17 European champion in 2002)
- In earlier days, Fabian played as a striker for the youth national teams and was a regular scorer
- Scored the "Swiss goal of the season 2008" with a spectacular long-range shot against Aarau (December 2008)
- Was part of the Under-21 team that qualified for the final of the European Championship in 2011 and also took part in the Olympic Games 2012 in London
- Was a stand-by player for the World Cup 2014
- In September 2021, Frei was a late call-up by Murat Yakin for the first time in around 3,5 years and started in the World Cup qualifier against Italy
- In May 2022, Fabian became FC Basel's player with the most games for the club, surpassing Massimo Ceccaroni's mark of 453 matches
- Nicknamed "Schlaubi Schlumpf" in his earlier days for being a "know-it-all"

Remo Freuler

Midfielder • 15.04.1992

Playing for Nottingham Forest since summer 2022

49 caps / 5 goals (as of 18/11/22)



CLUB CAREER

SUMMER 2005 – SUMMER 2010

FC WINTERTHUR

2 matches/0 goals

SUMMER 2010 – WINTER 2012

GRASSHOPPER CLUB ZÜRICH

16 matches/3 goals

WINTER 2012 – WINTER 2014

FC WINTERTHUR

74 matches/9 goals

WINTER 2014 – WINTER 2016

FC LUZERN

73 matches/9 goals

WINTER 2016 – SUMMER 2022

ATALANTA BERGAMO

3x participant of the UEFA Champions League, 2x participant of the Europa League, 260 matches/21 goals

SINCE SUMMER 2022

NOTTINGHAM FOREST

12 matches/0 goals

NATIONAL TEAM CAREER

FIRST CAP

25.03.2017, 1-0 in Geneva against Latvia (World Cup Qualifier)

Debut under Vladimir Petkovic (just as his buddy Steven Zuber) as a "sub" to replace Haris Seferovic in the 82nd minute

FIRST GOAL

26.03.2019, 3-3 in Basel against Denmark (European Qualifier)

Brought Switzerland 1-0 up in the 19th minute with a powerful shot

PARTICIPATION IN FINAL TOURNAMENTS

2 (1X WORLD CUP, 1X EURO)

World Cup 2018 in Russia: no matches

EURO 2021: 5 matches, 461 minutes, 0 goals

IN PERSON

- Born and raised in Hinwil in the canton of Zurich
- Married to Kristina and father of a son
- His brother Dario is two years older

VARIA

- Had to decide either to become a tennis or a football player
- Was called up for the first time in November 2016
- Used to be called «Mini» because of his height as he was always the youngest and smallest guy as a youth player
- In Italy, his nickname was «Iceman». Some say because of his eye color, some because of his detached style of play
- Was captain of Atalanta on several occasions in his last two seasons in Bergamo

Ardon Jashari

Midfielder • 30.07.2002

Playing for FC Luzern since childhood

1 cap / 0 goals (as of 18/11/22)



CLUB CAREER

SINCE 2020

FC LUZERN

40 matches/2 goals

NATIONAL TEAM CAREER

FIRST CAP

27.09.2022, 2-1 in St. Gallen against Czechia (UEFA Nations League)

Debut under Murat Yakin, replaced Remo Freuler in injury time

PARTICIPATION IN FINAL TOURNAMENTS

0

IN PERSON

- Born and raised in the region of Zug in Central Switzerland
- Has an elder brother

VARIA

- Joined the FC Luzern academy at the age of 12
- Ardon used to be the captain of FC Luzern's Under-21 in the last season
- Earned a regular place in the first team squad in the second half of last season and is now its captain
- Gave his debut in the highest Swiss league on 31st July 2020, one day after his 18th birthday
- He is the first FC Luzern player that was called up for a Swiss World Cup squad since Hakan Yakin (younger brother of national coach Murat Yakin) in 2010 and Luzern's first Swiss national team player since 2012 (Alain Wiss and Adrian Winter)
- His parents once moved from North Macedonia to Central Switzerland where he still lives with them
- Has made his (before) only appearance for a Swiss national team in March 2022 (for the Under-21)

Noah Okafor

Winger/striker • 24.05.2000

Playing for Red Bull Salzburg since winter 2020

9 caps / 2 goals (as of 18/11/22)



CLUB CAREER

UNTIL WINTER 2020

FC BASEL

1x Swiss cup winner, 1x participant of the UEFA Champions and the Europa League, 54 matches/7 goals

SINCE WINTER 2020

RED BULL SALZBURG

3x Austrian champion and cup winner, 3x participant of the UEFA Champions League, 2x participant of the Europa League, 100 matches/34 goals

NATIONAL TEAM CAREER

FIRST CAP

09.06.2019, 0-0 in Guimarães against England (UEFA Nations League Final Four)

Debut under Vladimir Petkovic, replaced Haris Seferovic in the 113th minute

FIRST GOAL

15.11.2021, 4-0 in Lucerne against Bulgaria (World Cup Qualifier)

Okafor broke the deadlock with his headed goal in the 48th minute

PARTICIPATION IN FINAL TOURNAMENTS

0

IN PERSON

- His full name is Noah Arinzechukwu Okafor
- Grew up in the outskirts of Basel (Arisdorf)
- Noah is the son of a Nigerian father (who fled to Switzerland via Austria and Germany at the age of 17) and a Swiss mother
- His younger brothers Elijah (SC Paderborn II) and Isaiah (Bayer Leverkusen Under-19) play football in Germany
- Has also an elder brother and an elder sister

VARIA

- Joined the FC Basel youth academy at the age of 9
- When he was 15, FC Basel offered him to live in the building ("FCB-Wohnheim") they got constructed for these players not coming from the region of Basel
- Made his debut in the highest Swiss league for FC Basel in the final round of the season 2017-2018 against FC Luzern, 5 days ahead of his 18th birthday
- Voted „Credit Suisse Youngster“ 2021
- When Salzburg bought him in winter 2020, Okafor was the then (supposedly) most expensive player joining the Austrian Bundesliga

Fabian Rieder

Midfielder • 16.02.2002

Playing for BSC Young Boys since 2017

0 caps (as of 18/11/22)



CLUB CAREER

SINCE 2017

BSC YOUNG BOYS

1x Swiss champion, 1x participant of the UEFA Champions and the Europa League, 67 matches/5 goals

NATIONAL TEAM CAREER

FIRST CAP

--

PARTICIPATION IN FINAL TOURNAMENTS

0

IN PERSON

- Was born in Bern and grew up in the Bernese countryside (in Koppigen)
- Lost his father when he was 11 years old and then moved to Bellach in the canton of Solothurn with his mother

VARIA

- Is in his second first team season with Young Boys and is a key player in midfield
- Used to be the captain of the Under-21 squad of YB, joined the youth department of Young Boys from FC Solothurn
- Was called up for the World Cup squad without having played a single minute for the national senior team
- Made his first appearance in the Swiss Under-21 in March 2021 at the European Championship (24 minutes played against Portugal), was the second-youngest player in the entire squad
- Fabian has played for all Swiss youth national teams in the past
- Was part of the Swiss team that qualified for the Under-17 European Championships in 2018
- Fabian is a fan of Bayern München since childhood and likes to see Kevin De Bruyne playing

Haris Seferovic

Striker · 22.02.1992

Playing for Galatasaray Istanbul since summer 2022

89 matches / 25 goals (as of 18/11/22)



CLUB CAREER

2007 – MARCH 2010

GRASSHOPPER CLUB ZÜRICH

3 matches/0 goal

MARCH 2010 – SUMMER 2011 / SUMMER 2012 – WINTER 2013

AC FIORENTINA

12 matches/1 goal

SUMMER 2011 – WINTER 2012

NEUCHÂTEL XAMAX (ON LOAN)

16 matches/2 goals -> termination without notice due to turmoil of the club's owner Bulat Chagaev

WINTER 2012 – SUMMER 2012

US LECCE (ON LOAN)

5 matches/0 goals

WINTER 2013 – SUMMER 2013

NOVARA CALCIO (SERIE B/ON LOAN)

18 matches/10 goals

SUMMER 2013 – SUMMER 2014

REAL SOCIEDAD SAN SEBASTIAN

1x participant of the UEFA Champions League (thanks to Seferovics' wide range shot in the qualification against Lyon), 40 matches/4 goals

SUMMER 2014 – SUMMER 2017

EINTRACHT FRANKFURT

96 matches/19 goals

SUMMER 2017 – SUMMER 2022

BENFICA LISBON

1x Portuguese champion, 2x Supercup winner, top scorer of the Portuguese league 2018-2019 (23 goals), 4x participant of the UEFA Champions League, 3x participant of the Europa League, 188 matches/74 goals

SINCE SUMMER 2022

GALATASARAY ISTANBUL (ON LOAN)

10 matches/2 goals

NATIONAL TEAM CAREER

FIRST CAP

06.02.2013, 0-0 in Piraeus against Greece (friendly)

Debut under Ottmar Hitzfeld, replaced Mario Gavranovic in the 69th minute

FIRST GOAL

08.06.2013, 1-0 in Geneva against Cyprus (World Cup Qualifier)

Scored the winner in the 90th minute with a chip ball after a through pass by Xherdan Shaqiri

REMARKABLE MATCHES

15.06.2014

He scored the late winner in Switzerland's first match at the World Cup 2014 in Brasilia against Ecuador (2-1)

18.11.2018

Scored a hatrick when Switzerland beat Belgium 5-2 in a match counting for the UEFA Nations League in Lucerne

PARTICIPATION IN FINAL TOURNAMENTS

4 (2X WORLD CUP, 2X EURO)

World Cup 2014 in Brazil: 4 matches, 140 minutes played, 1 goal (2-1 against Ecuador)

EURO 2016 in France: 4 matches, 290 minutes played, 0 goals

World Cup 2018 in Russia: 3 matches, 142 minutes played, 0 goals

EURO 2021: 5 matches, 379 minutes played, 3 goals (1 against Türkiye, 2 against France)

Haris Seferovic

Striker · 22.02.1992

Playing for Galatasaray Istanbul since summer 2022

89 matches / 25 goals (as of 18/11/22)



IN PERSON

- His family originates from Sanski Most in Bosnia-Herzegovina and moved to Switzerland in 1980
- Haris was born and raised in Sursee in the canton of Lucerne
- He speaks Croatian, Spanish, Portuguese, Italian and German
- Haris is married to Amina and is father of a daughter and a son

VARIA

- Became Under-17 world champion 2009 with Granit Xhaka and Ricardo Rodriguez, scored the winning goal in the final against Nigeria and became joint top scorer of the tournament with 5 goals (with 3 other players)
- Was part of the Swiss team disputing the Under-17 European championship 2009
- Haris was the top scorer of the Portuguese league in 2018-2019 (23 goals) and number 2 in 2020-2021 (22 goals)
- He was only the 3rd Swiss player being the top scorer of a foreign league after André «Trello» Abegglen (30 goals for FC Sochaux in 1934-1935) and Alex Frei (20 goals for Stade Rennais in 2004-2005)
- “Swiss footballer of the year” 2019
- Has 5 matches for the national team with 2 goals or more:
 - 4-0 against San Marino (2 goals/European qualifier 2016)
 - 2-1 in Austria (friendly in 2015)
 - 3-0 against Andorra (2 goals/World Cup qualifier 2018)
 - 5-2 against Belgium (3 goals/UEFA Nations League 2018)
 - 3-3 against France (3 goals/round of 16 at EURO 2021)

Xherdan Shaqiri

Offensive midfielder · 10.10.1991 in Gjiilan/KOS

Playing for Chicago Fire FC since winter 2022

109 caps / 26 goals (as of 18/11/22)



CLUB CAREER

UNTIL SUMMER 2012

FC BASEL

3 Swiss champion, 2x Swiss cup winner, 2x participant of the UEFA Champions and the Europa League, 130 matches/23 goals

SUMMER 2012 – WINTER 2015

BAYERN MUNICH

3x German champion, 2x cup winner, winner of the UEFA Champions League 2013, 1x FIFA Club World Cup winner, 1x winner of the UEFA Supercup, 1x German Supercup winner, 81 matches/17 goals

WINTER 2015 – SUMMER 2015

INTER MAILAND

20 matches/3 goals

SUMMER 2015 – SUMMER 2018

STOKE CITY

92 matches/15 goals

SUMMER 2018 – SUMMER 2021

LIVERPOOL FC

Winner of the Premier League 2020, the UEFA Champions League 2019, the UEFA Supercup and the FIFA Club World Cup 2019, 63 matches/8 goals

SUMMER 2021 – WINTER 2022

OLYMPIQUE LYON

1x participant of the Europa League, 16 matches/2 goals

SINCE WINTER 2022

CHICAGO FIRE FC

29 matches/7 goals

NATIONAL TEAM CAREER

FIRST CAP

03.03.2010, 1-3 in St. Gallen against Uruguay (friendly)

Debut under Ottmar Hitzfeld as a half-time substitute

FIRST GOAL

07.09.2010, 1-3 in Basel against England (European Qualifier)

Scored Switzerland's only goal in what was his 7th match for the country by curling in the ball in "Arjen Robben style"

REMARKABLE MATCHES

06.09.2011, 3-1 in Sofia against Bulgaria (European Qualifier)

25.06.2014, 3-0 in Manaus against Honduras (World Cup)

- Shaqiri scored a hat-trick in both games (within 45 minutes against Bulgaria, within 65 minutes against Honduras)

- Spectacular goals against Poland (bicycle kick against Poland in the round of 16 at EURO 2016 in France) and Belarus (long range curling shot in a friendly in Neuchâtel in June 2017)

PARTICIPATION IN FINAL TOURNAMENTS

5 (3 X WORLD CUP, 2 X EURO)

World Cup 2010 in South Africa: 1 match, 13 minutes played, 0 goals

World Cup 2014 in Brazil: 4 matches, 387 minutes played, 3 goals (all of them against Honduras/3-0)

EM 2016 in France: 3 matches, 377 minutes played, 1 goal (bicycle kick in the round of 16 against Poland)

World Cup 2018 in Russia: 4 matches, 350 minutes played, 1 goal (winner against Serbia/2-1)

EURO 2021: 5 matches, 371 minutes played, 3 goals (2 against Türkiye, 1 against Spain)

IN PERSON

- Was born as the youngest son of a Kosovar family in Gjiilan
- After moving to Switzerland, he grew up in August in the canton of Baselland in Augst BL under the most modest circumstances in an old house of a sawmill
- Xherdan's brother Erdin is his consultant
- Joined FC Basel at the age of 8

VARIA

- Took part at the Under-17 European championships in 2008
- Xherdan played an important part when Switzerland qualified for the final of the Under-21 European championship in 2011 and was voted to the UEFA Allstar team
- "Shaq" is one of three Swiss players who scored at a FIFA World Cup and at the UEFA EURO (besides Admir Mehmedi and Haris Seferovic)
- He is the most title-decorated Swiss player of all times
- With 4 goals at EURO and World Cups respectively, Shaqiri is Switzerland's top scorer in final tournaments of all times
- Only Valon Behrami and Stephan Lichtsteiner (10) have played more matches in World Cup tournaments than Xherdan (9)
- Xherdan has scored the most goals of the Swiss team called up for the World Cup 2022 (26 goals, one more than Haris Seferovic)

Djibril Sow

Defensive midfielder · 06.02.1997

Playing for Eintracht Frankfurt since summer 2019

32 caps / 0 goals (as of 18/11/22)



CLUB CAREER

2008 – SUMMER 2015

FC ZÜRICH

No matches played

SUMMER 2015 – SUMMER 2017

BORUSSIA MÖNCHENGLADBACH

3 matches/0 goals

SUMMER 2017 – SUMMER 2019

BSC YOUNG BOYS

2x Swiss champion, 1x participant of the UEFA Champions League and the Europa League, 77 matches/4 goals

SINCE SUMMER 2019

EINTRACHT FRANKFURT

Winner of the UEFA Europa League 2022, 1x participant of the UEFA Champions League, 2x participant of the Europa League, 137 matches/6 goals

NATIONAL TEAM CAREER

FIRST CAP

8. SEPTEMBER 2018, 6:0 in St. Gallen against Iceland (Nations League)

Debut under Vladimir Petkovic, Sow replaced Steven Zuber in the 78th minute at the score of 5-0. In the same match, Kevin Mbabu and Albian Ajeti also had their first cap.

PARTICIPATION IN FINAL TOURNAMENTS

1 (1X EURO)

EURO 2021: 2 matches, 47 minutes played, 0 goals

IN PERSON

- Son of a Senegalese father and a Swiss mother
- Born and raised in Zurich
- Djibril is the cousin of Coumba Sow, a female Swiss national team player
- Father of a daughter

VARIA

- School friend of Nico Elvedi
- Djibril is a graduate of the academy of FC Zurich
- He was part of the Under-17 team that qualified for the European championship in 2014
- Djibril has played for every Swiss youth national team in the past

Renato Steffen

Winger · 03.11.1991

Playing for FC Lugano since summer 2022

28 caps / 1 goal (as of 18/11/22)



CLUB CAREER

2012 – SUMMER 2013

FC THUN

22 matches/4 goals

SUMMER 2013 – WINTER 2016

BSC YOUNG BOYS

1x participant of the Europa League, 84 matches/21 goals

WINTER 2016 – WINTER 2018

FC BASEL

2x Swiss champion, 1x cup winner, 2x participant of the UEFA Champions League, 1x participant of the Europa League, 86 matches/17 goals

WINTER 2018 – SUMMER 2022

VFL WOLFSBURG

1x participant of the UEFA Champions League and the Europa League, 144 matches/18 goals

SINCE SUMMER 2022

FC LUGANO

12 matches/2 goals

NATIONAL TEAM CAREER

FIRST CAP

09.10.2015, 7-0 in St. Gallen against San Marino (European Qualifier)

Debut under Vladimir Petkovic als the 760th player for Switzerland, he replaced Josip Drmic in the 78th minute and assisted Eren Derdiyok's goal (7-0)

FIRST GOAL

12.10.2021, 4-0 in Vilnius against Lithuania (World Cup Qualifier)

He netted the 2nd Swiss goal with a sublime chip ball after a long pass from Fabian Schär

PARTICIPATION IN FINAL TOURNAMENTS

0

IN PERSON

- Married to Qendresa and father of a son
- Grew up in the canton of Argovia
- Successful apprenticeship as a painter in his hometown Suhr

VARIA

- Just like Christian Fassnacht and Jonas Omlin, Renato has never played for any Swiss youth national team
- Missed the EURO 2016 and 2021 due to muscle injuries and was not called up to the World Cup squad 2018
- Even though there had been tensions due to an old story back in 2015 (a dispute in September 2015 led to a summons to appear before the league's sports court), he is a close friend of Taulant Xhaka (older brother of Granit)
- Reni was kicked out of the academy of FC Aarau when he was 15 and made it via different small amateur clubs in lower leagues to professional football (Thun)
- The left-footer is a fan von Manchester United, his idol was David Beckham
- Steffen is a talented singer who used to take lessons in the past and was a choir member in school times
- Has deleted all his social media accounts

Ruben Vargas

Winger · 05.08.1998

Playing for FC Augsburg since summer 2019

27 caps / 4 goals (as of 18/11/22)



CLUB CAREER

2008 – SUMMER 2019

FC LUZERN

58 matches/12 goals

SINCE SUMMER 2019

FC AUGSBURG

107 matches/16 goals

NATIONAL TEAM CAREER

FIRST CAP

08.09.2019, 4-0 in Sion against Gibraltar (European Qualifier)

Debut under Vladimir Petkovic as a “sub”, was brought in to replace Granit Xhaka in the 74th minute at the score of 3-0

FIRST GOAL

18.11.2019, 6-1 in Gibraltar (European Qualifier)

In his third appearance, he assisted the first Swiss goal and scored the second with a header in the 50th minute

PARTICIPATION IN FINAL TOURNAMENTS

1 (1X EURO)

EURO 2021: 4 matches, 171 minutes played, 0 goals

IN PERSON

- Ruben's father originates from the Dominican Republic, his mother is of dual citizenship (SUI/ITA)
- Grew up in Adligenswil, the same town as long-serving captain Stephan Lichtsteiner
- Has a brother (Manuel) who is 4 years younger
- is a trained painter

VARIA

- His mother Fabienne della Giacomina was a participant of the European trampoline championship, his father Victor is a golf teacher
- Ruben was “Credit Suisse Rookie of the year 2019”
- At the age of 10, Ruben joined the youth department of FC Lucerne
- Ruben only got called up for youth national teams at Under-20 level due to a late growth spurt
- Vargas was a late call-up in September 2019 to replace Haris Seferovic who directly flew from Dublin to Lisbon to support his heavily pregnant wife
- At the EURO 2021, Ruben scored in the penalty shooting in the round of 16 against France, but shot wide against Spain

Granit Xhaka

Midfielder • 27.09.1992 (C)

Playing for Arsenal since summer 2016

107 caps / 12 goals (as of 18/11/22)



CLUB CAREER

2005 – SUMMER 2012

FC BASEL

2x Swiss champion and cup winner, 2x participant of the UEFA Champions League, 67 matches/3 goals

SUMMER 2012 – SUMMER 2016

BORUSSIA MÖNCHENGLADBACH

1x participant of the UEFA Champions League, 2x participant of the Europa League, captain as from September 2015, 140 matches/9 goals

SINCE SUMMER 2016

ARSENAL

2x FA Cup winner, 2x winner of the Community shield, finalist of the Europa League 2018-2019, 1x participant of the UEFA Champions League, 5x participant of the Europa League, 270 matches/18 goals

NATIONAL TEAM CAREER

FIRST CAP

04.06.2011, 2-2 at Wembley against England (European Qualifier)

Debut under Ottmar Hitzfeld in the same match as Admir Mehmedi and Innocent Emeghara. Helped to bring Switzerland 2-0 up and earned very good critics for his solid performance

FIRST GOAL

15.11.2011, 1-0 in Luxembourg (friendly)

Via bottom of the crossbar, Granit scored his first goal for Switzerland confusing situation in the penalty area

PARTICIPATION IN FINAL TOURNAMENTS

4 (2 X WORLD CUP, 2 X EURO)

World Cup 2014 in Brazil: 4 matches, 322 minutes played, 1 goal (2-5; 2-5 against France)

EURO 2016 in France: 4 matches, 390 minutes played, 0 goals, 2x "man of the match" (against Albania and Romania)

World Cup 2018 in Russia: 4 matches, 360 minutes played, 1 goal (1-1; 2-1 against Serbia)

EURO 2021: 5 matches, 490 minutes played, 0 goals

IN PERSON

- Married to Leonita and father of two daughters
- His older brother Taulant plays for FC Basel (and used to play for Albania)

VARIA

- Granit was an important part of the Swiss Under-17 squad that won the World Cup title in 2009 (with Ricardo Rodriguez and Haris Seferovic amongst others), scored 3 goals
- Finalist at the Under-21 European championships 2011
- He is best friends with Ricardo Rodriguez, they have known each other since their common time at Under-15/-16 level
- At the EURO 2016, Granit's try in the penalty shooting of the round of 16 against Poland was the only Swiss miss
- Since Stephan Lichtsteiner has retired in 2020, Granit is Switzerland's captain
- On March 29th 2022, Granit became Switzerland's youngest player to have 100 matches in the books (1-1 against Kosovo in Zurich) aged 29 years and 183 days
- Switzerland's joint no.3 in terms of matches at World Cups (8 matches), just as Ricardo Rodriguez
- Granit's father Ragip was once politically persecuted and tortured in Kosovo. He spent a total of three and a half years in prison

Denis Zakaria

Midfielder • 20.11.1996

Playing for Chelsea FC since winter 2022

43 caps / 3 goals (as of 18/11/22)



CLUB CAREER

UNTIL SUMMER 2015

SERVETTE FC

6 matches/2 goals

SUMMER 2015 – SUMMER 2017

BSC YOUNG BOYS

1x participant of the Europa League, 67 matches/2 goals

SUMMER 2017 – WINTER 2022

BORUSSIA MÖNCHENGLADBACH

1x participant of the UEFA Champions and the Europa League, 146 matches/11 goals

WINTER 2022 – SUMMER 2022

JUVENTUS TURIN

1x participant of the UEFA Champions League, 15 matches/1 goal

SINCE SUMMER 2022

CHELSEA FC (ON LOAN)

1x participant of the UEFA Champions League, 2 matches/1 goal

NATIONAL TEAM CAREER

FIRST CAP

28.05.2016, 1-2 in Geneva against Belgium (friendly)

Debut under Vladimir Petkovic just as Nico Elvedi, replaced Blerim Dzemaili in the 79th minute at the score of 1-1

FIRST GOAL

08.09.2018, 6-0 in St. Gallen against Iceland (UEFA Nations League)

Scored the 2nd goal for Switzerland in the 23rd minute after a free kick taken by Xherdan Shaqiri

PARTICIPATION IN FINAL TOURNAMENTS

3 (1X WORLD CUP, 2X EURO)

EURO 2016 in France: no matches played

World Cup 2018 in Russia: 2 matches, 50 minutes played, 0 goals

EURO 2021: 2 matches, 126 minutes played, 0 goals

IN PERSON

- His full name is Denis Lemi Zakaria Lako Lado
- His father originates from the Democratic Republic of Congo (where he lives since Denis was 11 years old), his mother is from Sudan
- Dual citizen SUI/DRC
- Has an elder brother and an elder sister

VARIA

- Was part of the youth academy of Servette FC in Geneva, was a striker at Under-16 level and until the Under-21, he was a central defender
- Got his first call-ups for Switzerland on Under-19 level
- A severe knee injury in March 2020 (after a crash with his own goalkeeper Yann Sommer in a game against Dortmund) was the first injury setback of his career
- Once bought an expensive car only to sell it a few weeks later again as he did not see the sense of possessing this kind of luxury

Technical staff

Fact sheet



Name: Murat Yakin

Function: Head Coach

Date/place of birth: 15.09.1974 in Basel

Tenure: since August 2021

Career as a player: Concordia Basel, Grasshopper Club Zürich, VfB Stuttgart, Fenerbahçe Istanbul, FC Basel 1893, 1. FC Kaiserslautern, FC Basel 1893. – 49 caps (4 goals) for Switzerland, EURO 2004. – 5x Swiss champion (2x GC, 3x Basel), 3x cup winner (1x GC, 2x Basel).

Career as a coach: FC Frauenfeld, Grasshopper Club Zürich (Under-21), FC Thun, FC Luzern, FC Basel 1893, Spartak Moskau, FC Schaffhausen, Grasshopper Club Zürich, FC Sion, FC Schaffhausen.

Achievements as a club coach: 2x Swiss champion with Basel, promotion to Super League with Thun, 2x SFL Best Coach.

Achievements as national coach: Winner of the World Cup qualification group C 2022 (ahead of Italy), stayed in League A of the UEFA Nations League 2022.



Name: Vincent Cavin

Function: Assistant Coach

Date/place of birth: 16.07.1975 in Yverdon-les-Bains

Tenure: since August 2021 (since 2016 video analyst and later on sports coordinator)

Career as a player: Yverdon-Sport, Lausanne-Sport, AC Bellinzona, FC Lugano, US Azzurri.



Name: Patrick Foletti

Function: Goalkeeper Coach

Date/place of birth: 27.05.1974 in Mendrisio

Tenure: since 2011

Career as a player: Mendrisio, Grasshopper Club Zürich, Schaffhausen, Luzern, Derby County (ENG), Kriens.

Achievements as a player: 2x Swiss champion with GC, 3 matches in the UEFA Champions League.



Name: Oliver Riedwyl

Function: Fitness Coach

Date/place of birth: 26. Juli 1975 in Bern

Tenure: since Juli 2014

Career as a player (among others): Grenchen, Solothurn and Breitenrain (3rd Swiss division)

Responsibilities (among others): Men's national team, SFV Footuro, Spitzensport-RS in Magglingen.

Staff



Patrick Abatangelo
Sponsor rep. PUMA



Adrian Arnold
Head of Communication



Sergio Nicola Affuso
Media Officer



Dominique Blanc
Swiss FA President



Emil Bolli
Chef cook



Robert Breiter
General Secretary



Samuel Ebnetter
Video Maker



Kevin Ehmes
Match Analyst



Dr. Pierre-Etienne Fournier
Medical Team Doctor



Simon Helbling
Video Maker



Dominique Huber
Head of Security



Roger Kaspar
Kit Supervisor



Nicolas Mathieu
Physiotherapist



Stephan Meyer
Physiotherapist



Fabian Michel
Content Producer



Damien Mollard
Manager Team Operations



Antonio Parente
Kit manager



Christopher Rohrbeck
Osteopath



Selcuk Sasivari
Video Analyst



Jean-Benoit Schuepach
Kit manager



Patrick Staehli
Physiotherapist



Pierluigi Tami
Director National Team



Dr. Philippe Tscholl
Medical Team Doctor



Dr. Markus Tschopp
Performance Analyst



Takahiro Yamamoto
Sports Manual Therapist

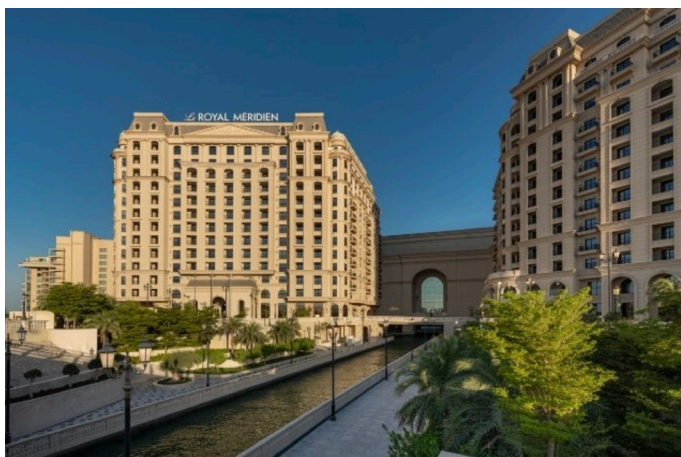
Schedule

Group G

Date	Match	Kickoff (CET)	Stadium
24.11.	Switzerland – Cameroon	11:00	Al-Janoub
24.11.	Brazil – Serbia	20:00	Lusail
28.11.	Cameroon – Serbia	11:00	Al-Janoub
28.11.	Brazil – Switzerland	17:00	Stadium 974
02.12.	Serbia – Switzerland	20:00	Stadium 974
02.12.	Cameroon – Brazil	20:00	Lusail

Team Base Camps

As of 14.11.2022



Hotel Le Royal Méridien Doha

Distance to training facilities: 9 km



University of Doha for Science and Technology

Brazil

Fact sheet



World Cup participations: 22 (out of 22 possible)

Best results: World champion 1958, 1962, 1970, 1994 and 2002

Result 2018: Eliminated in the quarter-final by Belgium

Did NOT take part: -

Manager: Tite (BRA, 61 years old, in charge since June 2016)

Captain: Thiago Silva

Most caps: Cafu (142)

Most goals: Pelé (77)

World Cup qualification 2022: Winner of the South American group, 17 matches, 14 wins, 3 draws, 40-5

Top scorer: Neymar (8)

FIFA ranking: 1

Brazil is:

- the only team that took part in every single World Cup
- the most successful team in World Cup history (5 titles)
- No 1 of the all-time World Cup ranking since 1958



Brazil

Squad



Name	Date of birth	Club
------	---------------	------

Goalkeepers

Alisson	02.10.1992	Liverpool (ENG)
Ederson	17.08.1993	Manchester City (ENG)
Weverton	13.12.1987	Palmeiras (BRA)

Coach

Tite	25.05.1961
------	------------

Defenders

Alex Sandro	26.01.1991	Juventus (ITA)
Alex Telles	15.12.1992	FC Sevilla (ESP)
Bremer	18.03.1997	Juventus (ITA)
Dani Alves	06.05.1983	Pumas (MEX)
Danilo	15.07.1991	Juventus (ITA)
Eder Militão	18.01.1998	Real Madrid (ESP)
Marquinhos	14.05.1994	Paris St-Germain (FRA)
Thiago Silva	22.09.1984	Chelsea (ENG)

Midfielders

Bruno Guimarães	16.11.1997	Newcastle United (ENG)
Casemiro	23.02.1992	Manchester United (ENG)
Everton Ribeiro	10.04.1989	Flamengo (BRA)
Fabinho	23.10.1993	Liverpool (ENG)
Fred	05.03.1993	Manchester United (ENG)
Lucas Paquetá	27.08.1997	West Ham United (ENG)

Strickers

Antony	24.02.2000	Manchester United (ENG)
Gabriel Jesus	03.04.1997	Arsenal (ENG)
Gabriel Martinelli	18.06.2001	Arsenal (ENG)
Neymar Jr.	05.02.1992	Paris St-Germain (FRA)
Pedro	20.06.1997	Flamengo (BRA)
Raphinha	14.12.1996	FC Barcelona (ESP)
Richarlison	10.05.1997	Tottenham Hotspur (ENG)
Rodrygo	09.01.2001	Real Madrid (ESP)
Vinicius Jr.	12.07.2000	Real Madrid (ESP)

Brazil

Switzerland's record



Opponent	Games	Wins	Draws	Losses	Goals
Brazil	9	2	4	3	9-11

Date	City	Result
28.06.50	São Paulo (World Cup)	2-2
11.04.56	Zurich	1-1
21.12.80	Cuiabá	0-2
19.05.82	Recife	1-1
17.06.83	Basel	1-2
21.06.89	Basel	1-0
15.11.06	Basel	1-2
14.08.13	Basel	1-0
17.06.18	Rostov (World Cup)	1-1

Cameroon

Fact sheet



World Cup participations: 8 (out of 22 possible)

Best result: Quarter-final 1990

Result 2018: not qualified

Did NOT take part for the last time in: 2018

Manager: Rigobert Song (CMR, 46, since February 2022)

Captain: Vincent Aboubakar (Al Nassr/KSA)

Most caps: Rigobert Song (137)

Most goals: Samuel Eto'o (56)

World Cup qualification 2022: Winner of Group D (2nd round), 0-1 and 2-1 in overtime against Algeria (play-offs)

Top scorer: Eric Maxim Choupo-Moting and Karl Toko Ekambi (3)

FIFA ranking: 43

Cameroon is:

- Africa's most qualified team in World Cup history (8 participations)
- the first team from the African continent that qualified for the quarter-finals of a World Cup (1990 in Italy)



Cameroon

Squad



Name	Date of birth	Club
------	---------------	------

Goalkeepers

Devis Epassy	02.02.1993	Abha Club (KSA)
Simon Ngapandouetnbu	12.04.2003	Marseille (FRA)
André Onana	02.04.1996	Inter Mailand (ITA)

Coach

Rigobert Song	01.07.1976
---------------	------------

Defenders

Jean-Charles Castelletto	26.01.1995	Nantes (FRA)
Enzo Ebose	11.03.1999	Udinese (ITA)
Collins Fai	13.08.1992	Al Tai (KSA)
Olivier Mbaizo	15.08.1997	Philadelphia Union (USA)
Nicolas N'Koulou	27.03.1990	Aris Saloniki (GRE)
Nouhou Tolo	23.06.1997	Seattle Sounders (USA)
Christopher Wooh	18.09.2001	Stade Rennes (FRA)

Midfielders

Martin Hongla	16.03.1998	Hellas Verona (ITA)
Pierre Kunde	26.07.1995	Olympiakos (GRE)
Olivier Ntcham	09.02.1996	Swansea City (WAL)
Gaël Ondoua	04.11.1995	Hannover 96 (GER)
Samuel Oum Gouet	14.12.1997	Mechelen (BEL)
André-Frank Zambo Anguissa	16.11.1995	Napoli (ITA)

Strickers

Vincent Aboubakar	22.01.1992	Al Nassr (KSA)
Christian Bassogog	18.10.1995	Shanghai Shenhua (CHN)
Eric Maxim Choupo-Moting	23.03.1989	Bayern München (GER)
Souaibou Marou	03.12.2000	Coton Sport (CMR)
Bryan Mbeumo	07.08.1999	Brentford (ENG)
Nicolas Moumi Ngamaleu	09.07.1994	Dynamo Moskau (RUS)
Jérôme Ngom	30.09.1998	Colombe Sportive du Sud Officie (CMR)
Georges-Kevin N'Koudou	13.02.1995	Besiktas (TUR)
Jean-Pierre Nsame	01.05.1993	BSC Young Boys (SUI)
Karl Toko Ekambi	14.09.1992	Olympique Lyonnais (FRA)

Cameroon

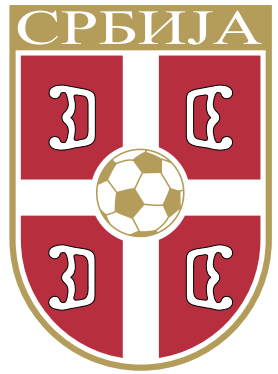
Switzerland's record



Opponent	Games	Wins	Draws	Losses	Goals
Cameroon	0	0	0	0	0-0

Serbia

Fact sheet



World Cup participations: 3 (since 2010)

Best result: Group stage

Result 2018: Group stage

Did NOT take part for the last time in: 2014

Manager: Dragan Stojkovic (SRB, 57, since March 2021)

Captain: Dusan Tadic (Ajax Amsterdam)

Most caps: Branislav Ivanovic (105)

Most goals: Aleksandar Mitrovic (50)

World Cup qualification 2022: Winner of Group A (ahead of Portugal), 8 matches, 6 wins, 2 draws, 18-9 goals

Top scorer: Aleksandar Mitrovic (8)

FIFA ranking: 21



Serbia

Squad



Name	Date of birth	Club
------	---------------	------

Goalkeepers

Marko Dmitrovic	24.01.1992	FC Sevilla (ESP)
Predrag Rajkovic	31.10.1995	Mallorca (ESP)
Vanja Milinkovic-Savic	20.02.1997	Torino (ITA)

Coach

Dragan Stojkovic	03.03.1965
------------------	------------

Defenders

Srdjan Babic	22.04.1996	Almeria (ESP)
Stefan Mitrovic	22.05.1990	Getafe (ESP)
Strahinja Erakovic	22.01.2001	Red Star Belgrade (SRB)
Nikola Milenkovic	12.10.1997	Fiorentina (ITA)
Filip Mladenovic	15.08.1991	Legia Warsaw (POL)
Strahinja Pavlovic	24.05.2001	RB Salzburg (AUT)
Milos Veljkovic	26.09.1995	Werder Bremen (GER)

Midfielders

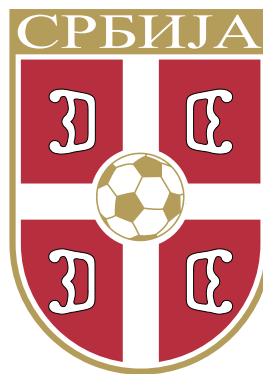
Marko Grujic	13.04.1996	FC Porto (POR)
Nemanja Gudelj	16.11.1991	FC Sevilla (ESP)
Ivan Ilic	17.03.2001	Hellas Verona (ITA)
Filip Kostic	01.11.1992	Juventus (ITA)
Darko Lazovic	15.09.1990	Hellas Verona (ITA)
Sasa Lukic	13.08.1996	Torino (ITA)
Nemanja Maksimovic	26.01.1995	Getafe (ESP)
Sergej Milinkovic-Savic	27.02.1995	Lazio (ITA)
Uros Racic	17.03.1998	Sporting Braga (POR)
Andrija Zivkovic	11.07.1996	PAOK (GRE)

Strikers

Filip Djuricic	30.01.1992	Sampdoria (ITA)
Luka Jovic	23.12.1997	Fiorentina (ITA)
Aleksandar Mitrovic	16.09.1994	Fulham (ENG)
Nemanja Radonjic	15.02.1996	Torino (ITA)
Dusan Tadic	20.11.1988	Ajax Amsterdam (NED)
Dusan Vlahovic	28.01.2000	Juventus (ITA)

Serbia

Switzerland's record



Opponent	Games	Wins	Draws	Losses	Goals
Serbia	1	1	0	0	2-1

Date	City	Result
22.06.18	Kaliningrad (World Cup)	2-1



World Cup qualification



Details

15.11.2021

Switzerland - Bulgaria 4-0 (0-0). – Swissporarena, Lucerne. - 14:300 spectators (sold out). - Referee Bastien (FRA). - Goals: 48. Okafor (Shaqiri) 1-0. 57. Vargas (Gavranovic) 2-0. 72. Itten (Steffen) 3-0. 91. Freuler (Shaqiri) 4-0.

Switzerland: Sommer; Mbabu, Schär (96. Sow), Frei, Widmer; Okafor (68. Steffen), Freuler, Zakaria, Vargas (79. Zeqiri); Shaqiri (96. Aebischer); Gavranovic (68. Itten).

Bulgaria: Karadzhov; Turitsov (46. Velkovski), Dimitrov, Andrea Hristov, Tsvetanov; Kostadinov; Nedelev, Chochev (65. Ilian Iliev), Kirilov (70. Radoslav Tsonev); Despodov (80. Yankov), Atanas Iliev (46. Minchev).

Remarks: Switzerland without Akanji (suspended), Xhaka, Rodriguez, Elvedi, Zuber, Fassnacht, Embolo, Seferovic, Kobel and Okoh (injured). Swiss players not used: Köhn, Omlin; Cömert, Garcia, Imeri. 100th international match of Xherdan Shaqiri. 45. Okafor hits the post. 55. Shaqiri hits the post. Disallowed goals (offside): 64. Gavranovic, 69. Itten. Yellow cards: 18. Turitsov. 33. Freuler. 67. Hristov. 92. Mbabu.

12.11.2021

Italy – Switzerland 1-1 (1-1). - Olimpico, Rome. - 51:900 spectators (sold out). – Referee Taylor (ENG). - Goals: 11. Widmer (Okafor) 0-1. 36. Di Lorenzo (Insigne) 1-1.

Italy: Donnarumma; Di Lorenzo, Bonucci, Acerbi, Emerson (80. Calabria); Barella (69. Cristante), Jorginho, Locatelli (58. Tonalì); Chiesa, Belotti (58. Berardi), Insigne (79. Raspadori).

Switzerland: Sommer; Widmer, Schär, Akanji, Rodriguez (68. Garcia); Vargas (87. Zeqiri), Zakaria, Freuler, Steffen (69. Imeri); Shaqiri (79. Sow); Okafor (79. Frei).

Remarks: Italy without Chiellini, Verratti, Immobile, Spinazzola, Zaniolo and Pellegrini (injured), Switzerland without Xhaka, Elvedi, Seferovic, Embolo, Zuber, Fassnacht, Kobel (injured) and Okoh (surplus). Swiss players not used: Köhn, Omlin; Aebischer, Cömert, Gavranovic, Itten, Mbabu. Debut of Kastriot Imeri. 90. Jorginho misses foul penalty. Yellow cards: 43. Chiesa. 46. Insigne. 77. Schär. 81. Akanji (misses next match).

12.10.2021

Lithuania - Switzerland 0-4 (0-3). - LFF-Stadion, Vilnius. - 3000 spectators. - Referee Martins (POR). - Goals: 31. Embolo (Shaqiri) 0-1. 42. Steffen (Schär) 0-2. 45. Embolo (Shaqiri) 0-3. 94. Gavranovic (Itten) 0-4.

Lithuania: Setkus; Baravykas, Satkus, Girdvainis (89. Gaspuitis), Barauskas; Slivka (46. Verbickas), Megelaitis (89. Armanavicius); Lasickas, Cernych (83. Veliulis), Novikovas; Laukzemis (46. Kazlauskas).

Switzerland: Sommer; Widmer, Schär, Elvedi, Rodriguez (46. Garcia); Freuler, Sow; Steffen (67. Fassnacht), Shaqiri (76. Gavranovic), Zuber (67. Vargas); Embolo (89. Itten).

Remarks: Lithuania without Vaitkunas (suspended), Switzerland without Zakaria (suspended), Xhaka, Seferovic, Akanji, Mbabu and Kobel (injured). Swiss players not used: Omlin, von Ballmoos; Aebischer, Ajeti, Cömert, Frei. 82. Vargas hits the post.

09.10.2021

Switzerland - Northern Ireland 2-0 (1:0). - Stade de Genève, Geneva. - 19:129 spectators. - Referee Vincic (SLO). - Goals: 45. Zuber (Embolo) 1-0. 91. Fassnacht (Embolo) 2-0.

Switzerland: Sommer; Mbabu (81. Widmer), Akanji (53. Schär), Elvedi, Rodriguez; Zakaria, Freuler; Steffen, Shaqiri (92. Sow), Zuber (81. Fassnacht); Embolo (92. Itten).

Northern Ireland: Peacock-Farrell; McNair, Ballard, Cathcart, Brown (80. Ferguson), Lewis; Dallas (86. Bradley), Davis, Thompson (80. Jones), Saville; Washington (62. Magennis).

Remarks: Switzerland without Frei (suspended), Kobel, Seferovic, Xhaka (injured) and Vargas (surplus). Swiss players not used: Omlin, von Ballmoos; Aebischer, Ajeti, Cömert, Garcia, Gavranovic. 4. Goal from Zakaria disallowed (offside). 37. Lewis sent off (2nd yellow card). Yellow cards: 23. Lewis. 88. Bradley. 89. Zakaria (misses next match). 89. Magennis.

08.09.2021

Northern Ireland - Switzerland 0-0. - Windsor Park, Belfast. - 15:660 spectators. - Referee Lechner (AUT).

Northern Ireland: Peacock-Farrell; Ballard, Cathcart, Brown, Lewis; Smith (68. Bradley), McCann, Davis, Thompson (74. Saville); Lavery (86. Jones), Washington (68. Charles).

Switzerland: Sommer; Widmer (86. Lotomba), Akanji, Elvedi, Rodriguez; Frei (59. Steffen); Fassnacht (59. Zuber), Freuler, Zakaria (86. Aebischer), Vargas; Seferovic (77. Zeqiri).

Remarks: Northern Ireland without McNair (suspended) and Evans (injured), Switzerland without Xhaka (Covid), Shaqiri, Embolo, Mbabu, Benito (injured) and Ndoye (surplus). Swiss players not used: Kobel, Mvogo; Garcia, Lauper, Schär, Sow, Zesiger. 33. Peacock-Farrell saves foul penalty taken by Seferovic. Yellow cards: 16. Frei. 24. Smith. 49. Lewis. 53. Zakaria. 73. McCann. 93. Brown.

05.09.2021

Switzerland - Italy 0-0. - St.-Jakob-Park, Basel. - 31:500 spectators (sold out). - Referee Cerro Grande (ESP).

Switzerland: Sommer; Widmer, Elvedi, Akanji, Rodriguez (62. Garcia); Frei; Steffen (71. Fassnacht), Aebischer, Sow (62. Zakaria), Zuber (62. Vargas); Seferovic (86. Zeqiri).

Italy: Donnarumma; Di Lorenzo, Bonucci, Chiellini, Emerson; Locatelli (77. Verratti), Jorginho, Barella (90. Pessina); Berardi (60. Chiesa), Immobile (60. Zaniolo), Insigne (90. Raspadori).

Remarks: Switzerland without Freuler (suspended), Xhaka (Covid), Shaqiri, Embolo, Mbabu and Benito (injured), Italy without Spinazzola (injured). Swiss players not used: Kobel, Mvogo; Schär, Lauper, Lotomba, Zesiger, Ndoye. 53. Sommer saves foul penalty taken by Jorginho. Yellow cards: 5. Sow. 41. Chiellini. 59. Aebischer. 68. Elvedi. 87. Frei.

Details

28.03.2021

Switzerland - Lithuania 1-0 (1-0). - Kybunpark, St. Gallen. - no spectators. - Referee Gestranius (FIN). - Goal: 2. Shaqiri (Embolo) 1-0.

Switzerland: Sommer; Elvedi, Akanji, Rodriguez; Widmer (65. Fernandes), Freuler (66. Zakaria), Xhaka, Vargas (79. Zuber); Shaqiri (80. Mehmedi); Embolo (65. Gavranovic), Seferovic.

Lithuania: Svedkauskas; Mikoliunas, Gaspuitis, Beneta, Vaitkunas; Simkus; Novikovas, Dapkus, Slivka (75. Eliosius), Lasickas (58. Laukzemis); Cernych (81. Petravicius).

Remarks: Switzerland without Schär, Steffen and Omeragic (injured). Swiss players not used: Mvogo, Omlin; Benito, Cömert, Fassnacht, Mbabu, Sow. 9. Akanji hits the post. 84. Zuber hits the post. Yellow cards: 42. Cernych.

25.03.2021

Bulgaria - Switzerland 1-3 (0:3). – Vasil Levski, Sofia. - No spectators. - Referee Dabanovic (MNE). - Goals: 7. Embolo (Rodriguez) 0-1. 10. Seferovic (Shaqiri) 0-2. 13. Shaqiri 0-3. 46. Despodov 1-3.

Bulgaria: Plamen Iliev; Popov, Dimov, Boschikov, Sanev, Cicinho (70. Zvetanov); Malinov (70. Chotschev), Kostadinov; Jomov (70. Ilian Iliev), Despodov (48. Delev); Dimitar Iliev (46. Atanas Iliev).

Switzerland: Sommer; Elvedi, Akanji, Rodriguez; Mbabu, Freuler (86. Sow), Xhaka, Zuber (75. Zakaria); Shaqiri (75. Vargas); Embolo (90. Mehmedi), Seferovic (86. Gavranovic).

Remarks: Bulgaria without Galabinov (injured), Switzerland without Schär, Steffen and Omeragic (injured). Swiss players not used: Mvogo, Omlin; Benito, Cömert, Fassnacht, Fernandes, Widmer. Yellow cards: 54. Akanji. 69. Cicinho.

Group G

Rank	Team	Games	Wins	Draws	Losses	Goals	Goal Difference	Points
1.	Switzerland	8	5	3	0	15-2	+13	18
2.	Italy	8	4	4	0	13-2	+11	16
3.	Northern Ireland	8	2	3	3	6-7	-1	9
4.	Bulgaria	8	2	2	4	6-14	-8	8
5.	Lithuania	8	1	0	7	4-19	-15	3



Statistics



World Cup records

Most matches played

Rank	Name	Matches
1.	Valon Behrami	10
	Stephan Lichtsteiner	10
3.	Xherdan Shaqiri	9
4.	Charles «Kiki» Antenen	8
	Ricardo Rodriguez	8
	Granit Xhaka	8
7.	Diego Benaglio	7
	Johan Djourou	7
	Blerim Dzemaili	7
	Gökhan Inler	7
	Haris Seferovic	7
12.	Tranquillo Barnetta	6
	Alexander Frei	6
	Philippe Senderos	6
15.	Steve von Bergen	5
	Hakan Yakin	5

Most goals scored

Rang	Name	Goals
1.	Josef «Seppe» Hügi	6
2.	Xherdan Shaqiri	4
	André «Trello» Abegglen	4
	Robert Ballaman	4
5.	Jacky Fatton	3
	Poldi Kielholz	3
7.	Alex Frei	2
	Adrian Knup	2
	Blerim Dzemaili	2
	Granit Xhaka	2
11.	Charles «Kiki» Antenen	1
	René Bader	1
	Tranquillo Barnetta	1
	Alfred Bickel	1
	Georges Bregy	1
	Stéphane Chapuisat	1
	Josip Drmic	1
	Gelson Fernandes	1
	Willy Jäggi	1
	Admir Mehmedi	1
	René Quentin	1
	Philippe Senderos	1
	Heinz Schneiter	1
	Haris Seferovic	1
	Alain Sutter	1
	Eugène «Genia» Walaschek	1
	Rolf Wüthrich	1
	Steven Zuber	1

World Cup records

Tournament by tournament

Year	Host	Status	Games	Wins	Draws	Losses	Goals
1934	Italy	Quarter-final	2	1	0	1	5-5
1938	France	Quarter-final	3	1	1	1	5-5
1950	Brazil	Group stage	3	1	1	1	4-6
1954	Switzerland	Quarter-final	4	2	0	2	11-11
1962	Chile	Group stage	3	0	0	3	2-8
1966	England	Group stage	3	0	0	3	1-9
1994	USA	Round of 16	4	1	1	2	5-7
2006	Germany	Round of 16	4	2	2	0	4-0
2010	South Africa	Group stage	3	1	1	1	1-1
2014	Brazil	Round of 16	4	2	0	2	7-7
2018	Russia	Round of 16	4	1	2	1	5-5
Total			37	12	8	17	50-64

1934

Date	City	Home	Away	Result	Swiss goalscorers
27.05.1934	Milan	Switzerland	Netherlands	3-2 (2-1)	Kielholz (2), A. Abegglen
31.05.1934	Torino	Czechoslovakia	Switzerland	3-2 (1-1)	Kielholz, Jäggi

1938

Date	City	Home	Away	Result	Swiss goalscorers
04.06.1938	Paris	Germany	Switzerland	1-1 (1-1, 1-1) OT	A. Abegglen
09.06.1938	Paris	Germany	Switzerland	2-4	Walaschek, Bickel, A. Abegglen (2)
12.06.1938	Lille	Hungary	Switzerland	2-0 (1-0)	--

World Cup records

Tournament by tournament

1950

Date	City	Home	Away	Result	Swiss goalscorers
25.06.1950	Belo Horizonte	Switzerland	Yugoslavia	0-3 (0-0)	--
28.06.1950	São Paulo	Brazil	Switzerland	2-2 (2-1)	Fatton (2)
02.07.1950	Porto Alegre	Switzerland	Mexico	2-1 (2-0)	Bader, Antenen

1954

Date	City	Home	Away	Result	Swiss goalscorers
17.06.1954	Lausanne	Switzerland	Italy	2-1 (1-1)	Ballaman, Hügi
20.06.1954	Bern	England	Switzerland	2-0 (1-0)	--
23.06.1954	Basel	Switzerland	Italy	4-1 (1-0)	Hügi (2), Ballaman, Fatton
26.06.1954	Bern	Austria	Switzerland	7-5 (5-4)	Hügi (3), Ballaman (2)

1962

Date	City	Home	Away	Result	Swiss goalscorers
30.05.1962	Santiago de Chile	Chile	Switzerland	3-1 (1-1)	Wüthrich
03.06.1962	Santiago de Chile	Germany	Switzerland	2-1 (1-0)	Schneider
07.06.1962	Santiago de Chile	Italien	Switzerland	3-0 (1-0)	--

1966

Date	City	Home	Away	Result	Swiss goalscorers
12.07.1966	Sheffield	Germany	Switzerland	5-0 (3-0)	--
15.07.1966	Sheffield	Spain	Switzerland	2-1 (0-1)	Quentin
19.07.1966	Sheffield	Argentina	Switzerland	2-0 (0-0)	--

1994

Date	City	Home	Away	Result	Swiss goalscorers
18.06.1994	Detroit	United States	Switzerland	1-1 (1-1)	Bregy
22.06.1994	Detroit	Romania	Switzerland	1-4 (1-1)	Sutter, Chapuisat, Knup (2)
26.06.1994	San Francisco	Switzerland	Columbia	0-2 (0-1)	--
02.07.1994	Washington	Spain	Switzerland	3-0 (1-0)	--

World Cup records

Tournament by tournament

2006

Date	City	Home	Away	Result	Swiss goalscorers
13.06.2006	Stuttgart	France	Switzerland	0-0	--
19.06.2006	Dortmund	Togo	Switzerland	0-2 (0-1)	Frei, Barnetta
23.06.2006	Hannover	Switzerland	South Korea	2-0 (1-0)	Senderos, Frei
26.06.2006	Köln	Switzerland	Ukraine	0-0 OT; 0-3 PS	--

2010

Date	City	Home	Away	Result	Swiss goalscorers
16.06.2010	Durban	Spain	Switzerland	0-1 (0-0)	G. Fernandes
21.06.2010	Port Elizabeth	Chile	Switzerland	1-0 (0-0)	--
25.06.2010	Bloemfontein	Switzerland	Honduras	0-0	--

2014

Date	City	Home	Away	Result	Swiss goalscorers
15.06.2014	Brasilia	Switzerland	Ecuador	2-1 (0-1)	Mehmedi, Seferovic
20.06.2014	Salvador	Switzerland	France	2-5 (0-3)	Dzemalli, Xhaka
25.06.2014	Manaus	Honduras	Switzerland	0-3 (0-2)	Shaqiri (3)
01.07.2014	São Paulo	Argentina	Switzerland	1-0 OT	--

2018

Date	City	Home	Away	Result	Swiss goalscorers
17.06.2018	Rostov	Brazil	Switzerland	1-1 (1-0)	Zuber
22.06.2018	Kaliningrad	Serbia	Switzerland	1-2 (1-0)	Xhaka, Shaqiri
27.06.2018	Nizhny Novgorod	Switzerland	Costa Rica	2-2 (1-0)	Dzemalli, Drmic
03.07.2018	St. Petersburg	Sweden	Switzerland	1-0 (0-0)	--

Schedule 2022/23

Date	Kickoff (CET)	Match	Result	Competition	Stadium / Location
26.03.22	18.00	England – Switzerland	2-1	Friendly	Wembley, London
29.03.22	20.45	Switzerland – Kosovo	1-1	Friendly	Letzigrund, Zurich
02.06.22	20.15	Czech Republic – Switzerland	2-1	UEFA Nations League	Sinobo Stadium, Prague
05.06.22	18.00	Portugal – Switzerland	4-0	UEFA Nations League	José Alvalade, Lisbon
09.06.22	18.00	Switzerland – Spain	0-1	UEFA Nations League	Stade de Genève, Geneva
12.06.22	18.00	Switzerland – Portugal	1-0	UEFA Nations League	Stade de Genève, Geneva
24.09.22	15.00	Spain – Switzerland	1-2	UEFA Nations League	La Romareda, Saragossa
27.09.22	21.00	Switzerland – Czech Republic	2-1	UEFA Nations League	kybunpark, St. Gallen
17.11.22	11:00	Ghana – Switzerland	2-0	Friendly	Zayed Sports City Stadium, Abu Dhabi
24.11.22	11:00	Switzerland – Cameroon		FIFA World Cup	Al Janoub Stadium, Doha
28.11.22	17:00	Brazil – Switzerland		FIFA World Cup	Stadium 974, Doha
02.12.22	20:00	Serbia – Switzerland		FIFA World Cup	Stadium 974, Doha
25.03.23	18:00	Belarus – Switzerland		European Qualifiers	
28.03.23	20:45	Schweiz – Israel		European Qualifiers	
16.06.23	20.45	Andorra – Schweiz		European Qualifiers	
19.06.23	20.45	Switzerland – Rumania		European Qualifiers	
09.09.23	20.45	Kosovo – Switzerland		European Qualifiers	
12.09.23	20.45	Switzerland – Andorra		European Qualifiers	
12.10.23	20.45	Israel – Switzerland		European Qualifiers	
15.10.23	20.45	Switzerland – Belarus		European Qualifiers	
18.11.23	20.45	Switzerland – Kosovo		European Qualifiers	
21.11.23	20.45	Rumania – Schweiz		European Qualifiers	



Swiss FA / Contacts

Facts

Profile of the Swiss Football Association

- Founded on April 7th 1895 in Olten
- FIFA member since 1904 (one of the 7 original members)
- UEFA member since 1954 (original member)
- 270'780 lizenzierte Spieler/innen aus 179 Nationen
- 14'303 Teams, 1352 Clubs, über 4500 Schiedsrichter/innen
- 15 national teams (women and men)
- President: Dominique Blanc (since July 1st 2019)
- General secretary: Robert Breiter
- Biggest achievements:
 - Olympic silver medalist 1924 in Paris
 - Under-17 World champion 2009
 - Under-17 European champion 2002
 - Finalist at the Under-21 European championship 2011
 - Finalist at the women's Under-17 European championship 2015
 - Website: www.football.ch
- First international match: 12.01.1905 against France (0-1)
- Manager: Murat Yakin (since August 2021)
- World Cup participations: 12 (1934/quarter-final, 1938/quarter-final, 1950/group stage, 1954/quarter-final, 1962/group stage, 1966/ group stage, 1994/Round of 16, 2006/Round of 16, 2010/group stage, 2014/ Round of 16, 2018/Round of 16, 2022)
- EURO participations: 5 (1996/group stage, 2004/group stage, 2008/ group stage, 2016/group stage, 2020/quarter-final)
- Most appearances: Heinz Hermann (118 caps)
- Most goals scored: Alex Frei (42 in 84 matches)
- Most participations in World Cups: Valon Behrami 4 (2006/2010/2014/2018)
- Most matches played in World Cups: Valon Behrami and Stephan Lichtsteiner (10)
- Most goals scored on World Cups: Josef „Seppe“ Hügi (6)
- Homepage: www.football.ch
- Social media channels of the Swiss national team:
 - **LinkedIn:** [Schweizerischer Fussballverband \(SFV\)](https://www.linkedin.com/company/schweizerischer-fussballverband-sfv/)
 - **Instagram:** [@sfv_asf](https://www.instagram.com/sfv_asf/)
 - **Twitter:** [@sfv_asf](https://twitter.com/sfv_asf)
 - **Facebook:** [@sfvasf](https://www.facebook.com/sfvasf)

Contacts

Persons

[Adrian Arnold](#)

Head of Communication

+41 79 400 24 70

[Sergio Affuso](#)

Media Officer

+41 79 394 14 18

[Stefan Baumgartner](#)

Accreditations

+41 79 468 22 84

Social Media

Instagram: [@swiss_nati_men](#)

Twitter: [@nati_sfv_asf](#)

Facebook: [@Swiss.Nati.Men](#)

TikTok: [@swiss_football_sfv_asf](#)

Imprint

Schweizerischer Fussballverband

Worbstrasse 48, 3074 Muri bei Bern

info@football.ch

+41 31 950 81 01

Editorial: Stefan Baumgartner

Graphic realisation: Genti Tahiri

Pictures: Fabian Michel / Keystone-SDA