



EURO 2020: Week One Roundup

Euro 2020 has begun with UK teams seeing mixed results after playing their first games of the competition.

England kicked off their competition with a win against Croatia at Wembley Stadium.

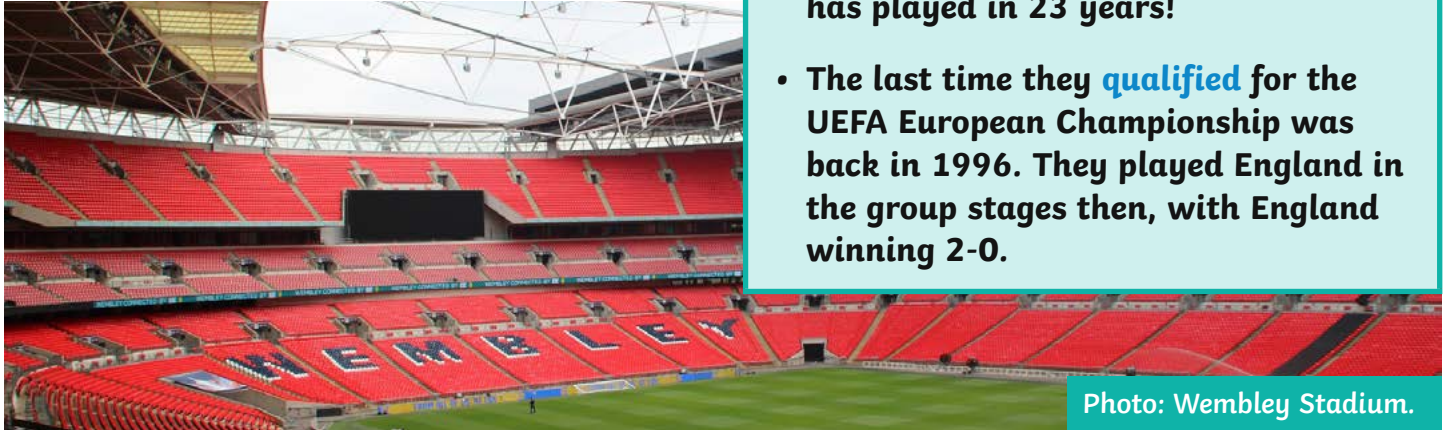


Photo: Wembley Stadium.

Raheem Sterling MBE came through with a goal in the 57th minute.

Historically, England has struggled to win their opening match at the Euros. This is the first time in a decade that they have won their first match!

Meanwhile, Wales have played their first two games. Their first match was against Switzerland. Despite the Swiss appearing to be the **dominant** side, Welsh forward Kieffer Moore levelled the score in the 74th minute and the game ended 1-1.

Last night's game against Turkey ended in a 2-0 win for Wales.

Scotland came away from their first game with a 2-0 loss against the Czech Republic. Despite playing well and a number of opportunities, the Scots were unable to find the back of the net.

They must now beat either Croatia or England, the other teams in Group D, to

Why is Euro 2020 particularly exciting for Scotland?

- Well, Euro 2020 is the first **international** football that Scotland has played in 23 years!
- The last time they **qualified** for the UEFA European Championship was back in 1996. They played England in the group stages then, with England winning 2-0.

move out of the competition's group stages.

So, all eyes are now on the upcoming game between England and Scotland. The neighbours will play at Wembley Stadium on Friday evening.

Who will you be cheering on?

Glossary

international	A competition or game between teams representing countries.
qualified	To get through to the next stage of something.
dominant	Being in control or in charge.

Reflect

What do you think the final score will be of the England vs Scotland game?



Questions

1. In what year did Scotland last participate in the UEFA European Championships?

2. Look at the information in the fact box. Why do you think the author has chosen to include this information with the article? **(tick one)**

To make you want to support Scotland.

To give you some background information.

To explain what the UEFA European Championship is.

To teach you about the rules of the game.

3. Which facts are not mentioned in the article? **(tick two)**

The England manager is Gareth Southgate.

Kieffer Moore scored for Wales in their game against Switzerland.

Patrik Schick scored both goals for Czech Republic against Scotland.

The England vs Scotland game is being played at Wembley.

4. Which of the following two options do you think is more likely? **(tick one and then explain your answer using evidence from the text to support your view.)**

Scotland will win the game.

England will win the game.