

World Cup qualifying 2010

Group one

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Portugal	1	1	0	0	4	0	3
Albania	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Denmark	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Hungary	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Sweden	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Malta	1	0	0	1	0	4	0

Albania 0	Sweden 0
Hungary 0	Denmark 0
Malta 0	Portugal 4
	Said og 24
	Hugo Almeida 61
	Simao 71
	Nani 78

Group two

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Greece	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Latvia	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Israel	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Switzerland	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Moldova	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Luxembourg	1	0	0	1	0	3	0

Israel 2	Switzerland 2
Benayoun 73	Yakin 45
Sahar 90	Nkufo 56
Luxembourg 0	Greece 3
	Torosidis 37
	Gekas 45
	Charisteas pen 77

Moldova 1	Latvia 2
Alexeev 76	Karlsons 8
	Astafjevs 22

Group three

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Slovakia	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Poland	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Slovenia	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Czech Rep.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Marino	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
N. Ireland	1	0	0	1	1	2	0

Poland 1	Slovenia 1
Zewlakow pen 17	Dedic 35
Slovakia 2	N. Ireland 1
Skrtel 46	Durica og 81
Hamsik 70	

Group four

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Germany	1	1	0	0	6	0	3
Wales	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Finland	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Russia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Azerbaijan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Liechtenstein	1	0	0	1	0	6	0

Liechtenstein 0	Germany 6
	Podolski 21, 48
	Rolfes 65
	Schweinsteiger 66
	Hitzlsperger 76
	Westermann 87
Wales 1	Azerbaijan 0
Vokes 83	

Group five

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Turkey	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Belgium	1	1	0	0	3	2	3
Spain	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Estonia	1	0	0	1	2	3	0
Bosnia-Herz.	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Armenia	1	0	0	1	0	2	0

Armenia 0	Turkey 2
	Tuncay 61
	Senturk 77

Belgium 3	Estonia 2
Sonck 39, 79	Zeniov 57
Defour 75	Oper 90

Spain 1	Bosnia-Herzegovina 0
Villa 58	

Group six

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Croatia	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
England	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Ukraine	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Kazakhstan	2	1	0	1	3	3	3
Belarus	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Andorra	1	0	0	1	0	3	0

Andorra 0	England 2	Kazakhstan 0
	J Cole 49, 55	
Croatia 3		
N Kovac 13		
Modric 35		
Petric 79		

Ukraine 1	Belarus 0
Shevchenko pen 90	

Group seven

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Lithuania	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Austria	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
Serbia	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
France	1	0	0	1	1	3	0
Faroe Is.	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
Romania	1	0	0	1	0	3	0

Austria 3	France 1
Janko 9	Govou 61
Aufhauser 42	
Ivanschitz pen 73	

Romania 0	Lithuania 3
	Stankevicius 31
	Mikollunas 69
	Kalonas 87
	Faeroe Isles 0

Serbia 2	
Jacobsen og 30	
Zigic 88	

Group eight

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Italy	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Rep. of Ireland	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Bulgaria	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Montenegro	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Cyprus	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Georgia	1	0	0	1	1	2	0

Cyprus 1	Italy 2
Aloneftis 28	Di Natale 8, 90
Georgia 1	Republic of Ireland 2
Kenia 90	Doyle 13
	Whelan 70
Montenegro 2	Bulgaria 2
Vucinic 62	Petrov 11
Jovetic pen 82	Georgiev 90

Group nine

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
FYR Macedonia	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Iceland	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Norway	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Holland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Scotland	1	0	0	1	0	1	0

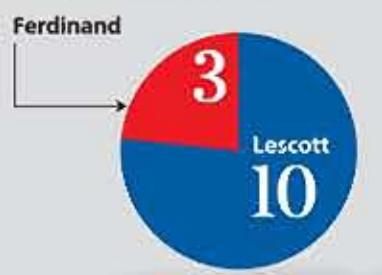
FYR Macedonia 1	Scotland 0
Naumoski 5	
Norway 2	Iceland 2
Iversen pen 36, 50	Helguson 39
	Gudjohnsen 68



Lescott threat

Joleon Lescott, right, will again stand in for Rio Ferdinand at centre back if the Manchester United player is not fit for Wednesday's match against Croatia, which should give England a greater goal threat, as the Everton player scored ten goals for his club last season while Ferdinand managed just three for United.

Club goals last season



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Talking tactics with Bill Edgar

Andorra v England

Walcott shows the way
Theo Walcott's great pace on the right wing caused Andorra early problems as the Arsenal player proved to be far England's most creative player



Shot-shy England

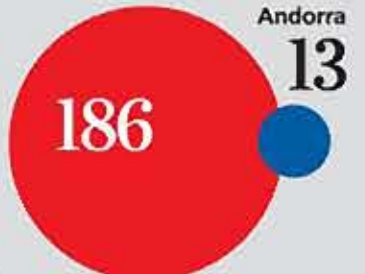
Despite facing extremely limited opposition, England managed only three shots on target, fewer than they recorded in ten of their 12 qualifying matches for Euro 2008



Despite facing a wall of Andorra defenders on the edge of the penalty area for most of the match, England scored both their goals through the centre rather than via the wings

One-way traffic

So one-directional was the flow of the game that for every successful pass that Andorra managed in the final third of the pitch, England made 14



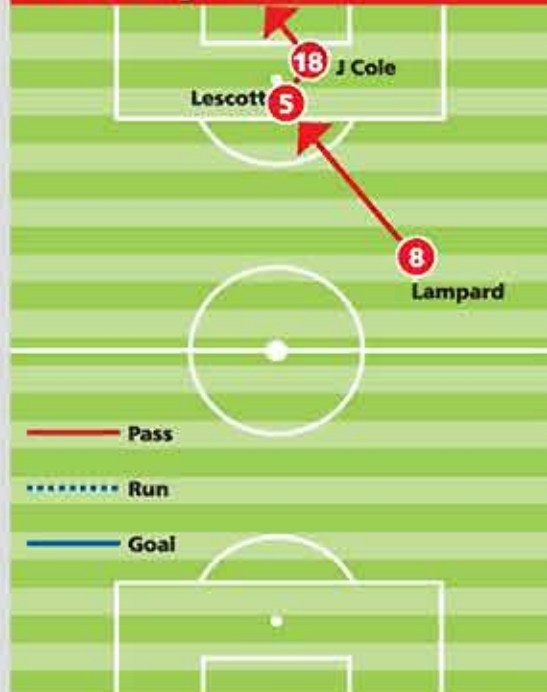
Ireland v Georgia

Easy does it

Ireland kept it simple to record a 2-1 win against Georgia in Mainz, Germany. They used an orthodox 4-4-2 system with two wide men and were rewarded in the thirteenth minute when Aiden McGeady, the Celtic winger, delivered a fine cross from the right-hand byline that Kevin Doyle headed home

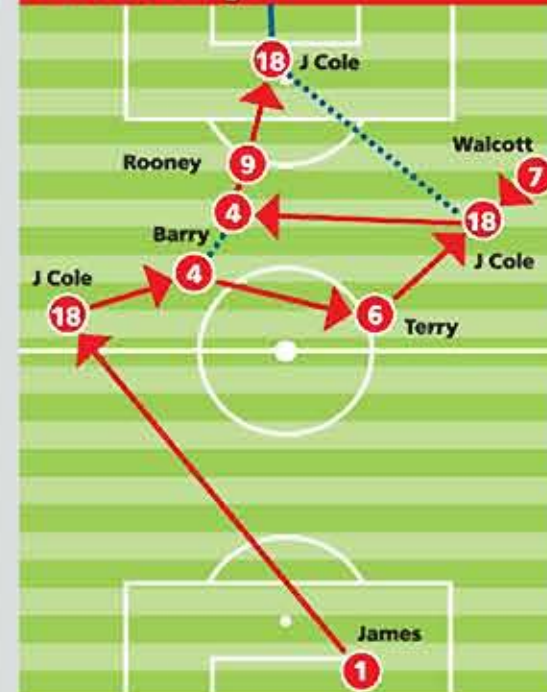


J Cole's first goal



Joe Cole opened the scoring after a simple move in which Frank Lampard chipped a free kick into the penalty area and Joleon Lescott knocked the ball down for the Chelsea winger to volley home

J Cole's second goal



Cole covered plenty of ground en route to scoring the second goal, which came after he collected Wayne Rooney's through pass

Wales v Azerbaijan

Bold Bale

Gareth Bale galvanised Wales from left back by running at Azerbaijan defenders



Sneaky



Kamran Arhaye, the Azerbaijan goalkeeper, stands two yards off his line as Jason Koumas prepares to take a penalty for Wales. The kick was saved and no retake was ordered

Macedonia v Scotland

Scotland's trip to forget

Scotland were denied a deserved win away to FYR Macedonia partly because the referee missed two clear penalty decisions within one second



Igor Mitreski, the Macedonia defender, wraps his leg around Kenny Miller's left ankle in the penalty area but is not punished



Just one second later the ball breaks to James McFadden, Miller's Scotland team-mate, who is brought down in the penalty area when Petar Milosevski, the Macedonia goalkeeper, kicks his shin, but again no spot kick is given

Slovakia v Northern Ireland

By George

George McCartney's difficult week - which featured a public argument with West Ham United over whether or not he instigated his move to Sunderland - continued with Northern Ireland's defeat by Slovakia, when he missed an open goal and was culpable for the home team's second goal



As the ball is headed across goal, McCartney is not watching Marek Hamsik as the Slovakia midfielder advances



McCartney has spotted the danger too late and his despairing lunge cannot stop Hamsik scoring

Northern Irish miss their chance

Northern Ireland had the better of the game against Slovakia, carving out more scoring chances, but their only breakthrough came with a late own goal



Northern Ireland

