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Here's the headline:

England have qualified for Euro 2016 as group winners with two games to spare.

While the 6-0 defeat of San Marino on 5 September secured their qualification to the tournament in France, the 2-0 win over Switzerland at Wembley three days later meant that the Swiss, the Three Lions closest rivals in Group E, could only amass 21 points, three short of England's current total.

The race for second place is still on though, with **Switzerland**, **Slovenia** and **Estonia** all capable of automatically going to France next summer. On paper, **Slovenia** have the easiest run in, with a home tie to Lithuania followed by a trip to San Marino left to play. Two wins would not assure them of second place, but with Switzerland having to end with a tricky trip to Estonia, they will be hoping to sneak into Euro 2016 at the death.

While **Estonia** are mathematically still able to finish second, it would mean a monumental upset of San Marino beating Switzerland.

Third place in Group E is not guaranteed a play-off place, but big wins over any team bar San Marino (results against the bottom team are

discounted) could mean a double header in November with a place at Euro 2016 on the line.

Elsewhere

England were one of four nations already assured of their place at UEFA Euro 2016 going into this week's round of group fixtures.

GROUP A

Two of those qualified teams – **Iceland** and **Czech Republic** – can be found in Group A. The race for third in that group sees Turkey, currently occupying the spot, up against **Netherlands** who are two points behind. Netherlands face Kazakhstan in Astana tomorrow, while **Turkey** are in action in Czech Republic.

GROUP B

Wales have a massive match in Bosnia and Herzegovina tomorrow. A draw or better for Chris Coleman's men would see the Dragons qualify for their first major tournament since the 1958 FIFA World Cup. They have the back-up of a home game with lowly-ranked Andorra in Cardiff three days should they lose in Zenica. Elsewhere in the group, a victory for **Belgium** in Andorra

would guarantee them one of the automatic qualification spots. With Wales and Belgium expected to take the top two spots, **Israel** would then be left to battle it out with **Bosnia and Herzegovina** and **Cyprus** for third and a possible play-off.

GROUP C

The picture is fairly clear in Group C with **Spain**, **Slovakia** and **Ukraine** all guaranteed a top-three finish. A win for Spain at home to Luxembourg tonight will see them through automatically and Slovakia would be all but there with a victory over Belarus.

GROUP D

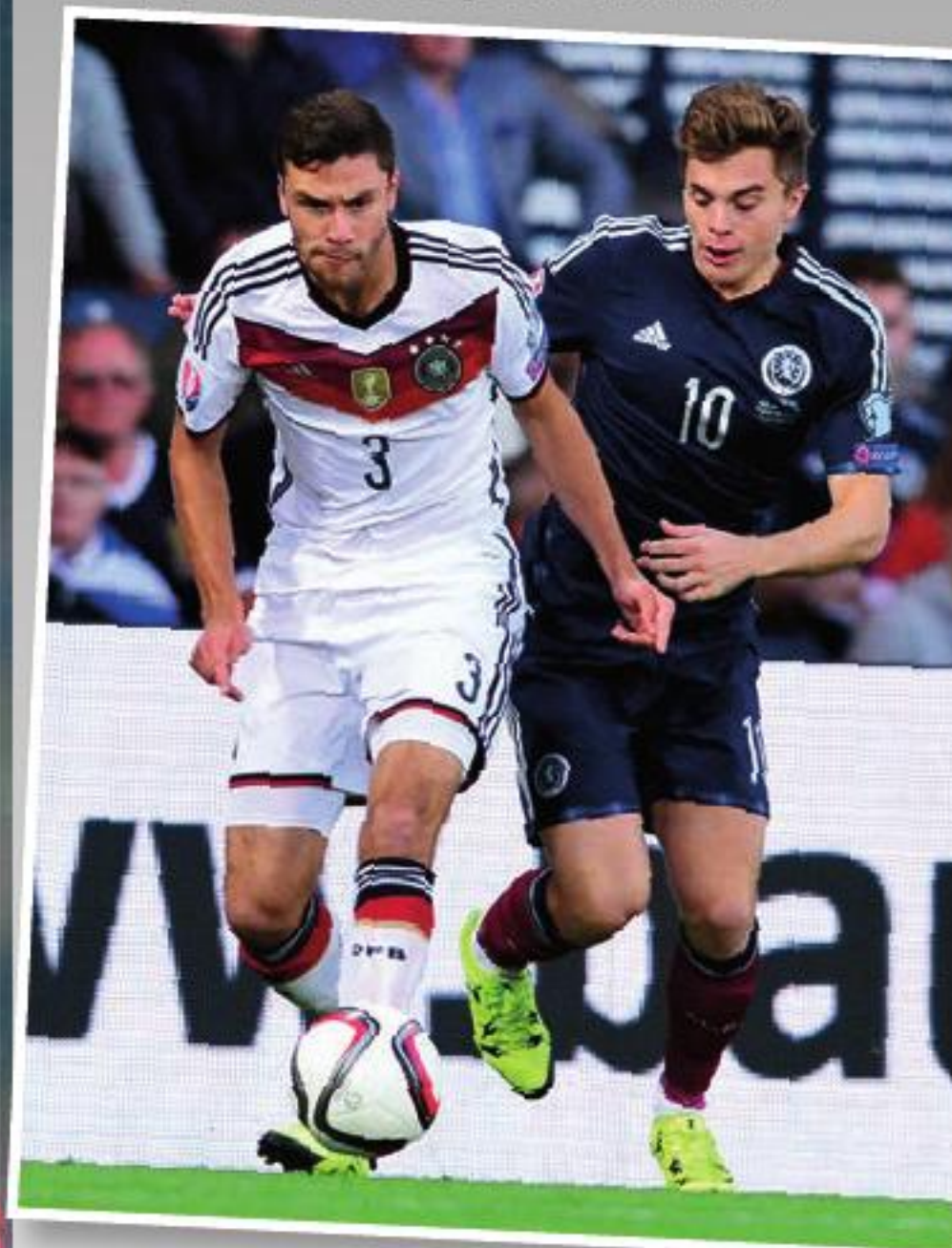
Group D would have become clearer yesterday, with leaders **Germany** (top right) travelling to third-placed **Republic of Ireland**. **Scotland** would have needed a win away at second-placed **Poland** and results to have gone their way to remain in contention for UEFA Euro 2016 qualification.

GROUP F

Last night was also huge for **Northern Ireland**, who topped Group F ahead of their home game with Greece in Belfast. They are already guaranteed a top-three



England have already secured their ticket to next summer's European Championship, of course, but who'll be joining us?



finish, and a play-off spot, leaving **Romania, Hungary** and **Finland** in contention for other two places.

GROUP G

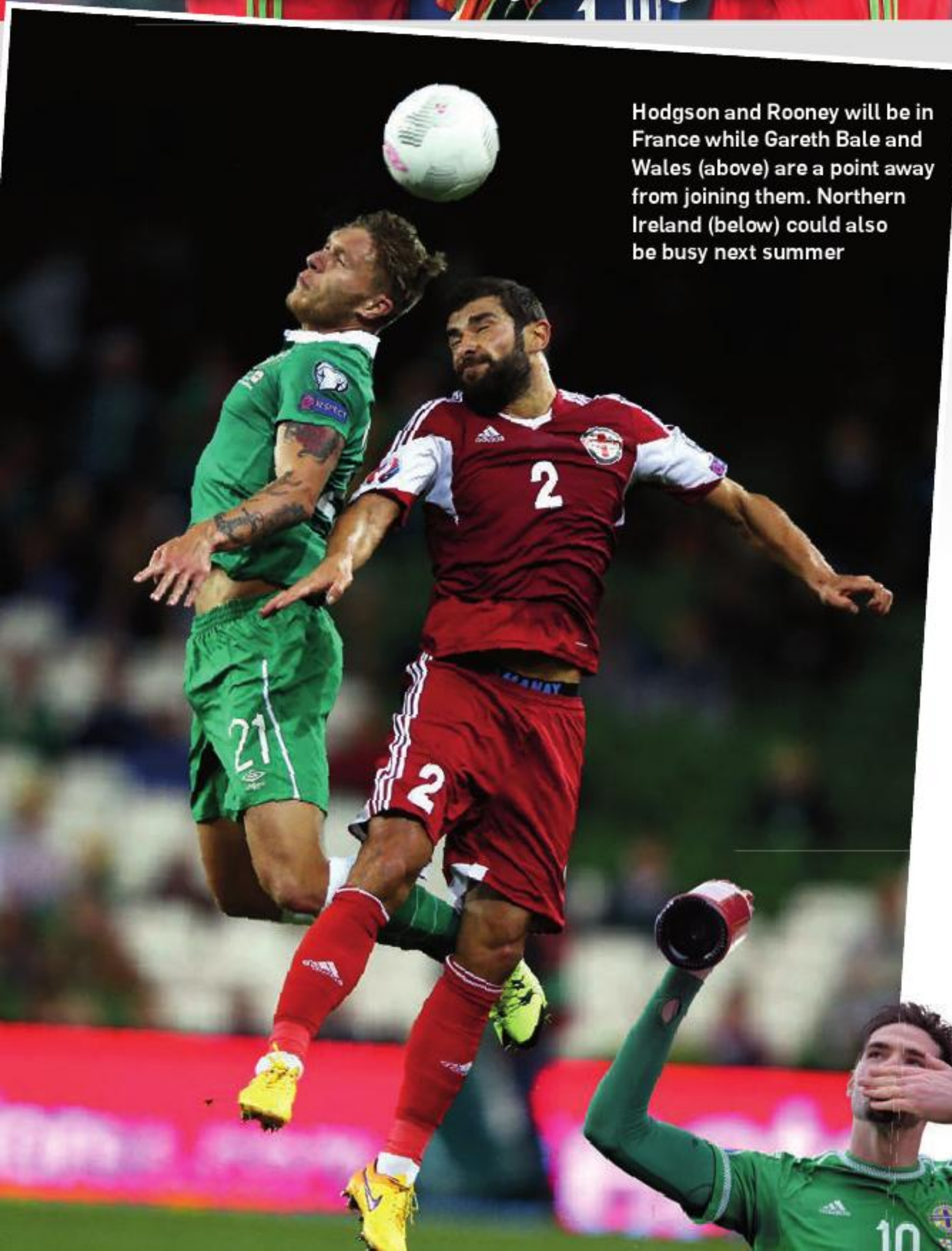
Austria qualified for UEFA Euro 2016 prior to their match at home to Liechtenstein tonight. There's a crucial clash in Moscow as second-placed **Russia** host fourth-placed **Montenegro** while **Sweden** in third are in Liechtenstein.

GROUP H

It's tight in Group H, with leaders **Italy** two points ahead of **Norway**, who are in turn two points clear of **Croatia**. All three nations are still in contention for a top-two finish while **Bulgaria** are still capable of taking the third spot in the group. That situation makes their trip to face Croatia in Zagreb tomorrow a crucial one.

GROUP I

Victory for either **Portugal** or **Denmark** in their Group I meeting last night would have guaranteed either nation a place in the tournament. A win for Portugal would have left **Albania** in contention for a second-place finish, prior to their trip to Armenia in two days time. Group I has just five teams and it was Denmark who completed their fixtures yesterday.



Hodgson and Rooney will be in France while Gareth Bale and Wales (above) are a point away from joining them. Northern Ireland (below) could also be busy next summer



ROONEY 50 ENGLAND GOALS



WAYNE ROONEY v OPPOSITION

Team	Total Goals
San Marino	5
Croatia	4
Switzerland	4
Kazakhstan	3
Andorra	2
Belarus	2
Brazil	2
Bulgaria	2
Denmark	2
Estonia	2
Iceland	2
Montenegro	2
Poland	2
Scotland	2
Slovakia	2
Slovenia	2
Argentina	1
Ecuador	1
Liechtenstein	1
Lithuania	1
Macedonia	1
Netherlands	1
Norway	1
Russia	1
Ukraine	1
Uruguay	1

INSIDE THE BOX v OUTSIDE THE BOX



30 QF

QUALIFIER GOALS

6 TOURNAMENT GOALS

14 FRIENDLY GOALS

ENG 2-1 MKD, 6 Sep 2003 (ECQ) ⚽
 ENG 2-0 LIE, 10 Sep 2003 (ECQ) ⚽
 ENG 2-3 DEN, 16 Nov 2003 (ECQ) ⚽
 ENG 6-1 ISL, 5 Jun 2004 (FR) ⚽
 ENG 3-0 SUI, 17 Jun 2004 (FAST) ⚽
 ENG 4-2 CRO, 21 Jun 2004 (ECF) ⚽
 ENG 1-4 DEN, 17 Jun 2004 (ECF) ⚽
 ENG 3-2 ARG, 12 Aug 2005 (FR) ⚽
 ENG 1-1 NED, 15 Nov 2005 (FR) ⚽
 ENG 3-0 EST, 13 Oct 2007 (ECQ) ⚽
 ENG 4-1 RUS, 17 Oct 2007 (ECQ) ⚽
 ENG 5-1 KAZ, 10 Sep 2008 (WCQ) ⚽
 ENG 3-1 BLR, 15 Oct 2008 (WCQ) ⚽
 ENG 4-0 SVK, 28 Mar 2009 (WCQ) ⚽
 ENG 4-0 KAZ, 6 Jun 2009 (WCQ) ⚽
 ENG 6-0 AND, 10 Jun 2009 (WCQ) ⚽
 ENG 5-1 CRO, 9 Sep 2009 (WCQ) ⚽
 ENG 3-1 SUI, 7 Sep 2010 (ECQ) ⚽
 ENG 3-0 BUL, 2 Sep 2011 (ECQ) ⚽
 ENG 1-0 UKR, 19 Jun 2012 (ECF) ⚽
 ENG 5-0 SMR, 12 Oct 2012 (WCQ) ⚽
 ENG 1-1 POL, 17 Oct 2012 (WCQ) ⚽
 ENG 2-1 BRA, 6 Feb 2013 (FR) ⚽
 ENG 8-0 SMR, 22 Mar 2013 (WCQ) ⚽
 ENG 1-1 MNE, 26 Mar 2013 (WCQ) ⚽
 ENG 2-2 BRA, 2 Jun 2013 (FR) ⚽
 ENG 4-1 MNE, 11 Oct 2013 (WCQ) ⚽
 ENG 2-0 POL, 15 Oct 2013 (WCQ) ⚽
 ENG 2-2 ECU, 4 Jun 2014 (FR) ⚽
 ENG 1-2 URU, 19 Jun 2014 (WCF) ⚽
 ENG 5-0 SMR, 9 Oct 2014 (ECQ) ⚽
 ENG 1-0 NOR, 3 Sep 2014 (FR) ⚽
 ENG 3-1 SVN, 12 Oct 2014 (ECQ) ⚽
 ENG 3-1 SCO, 15 Nov 2014 (ECQ) ⚽
 ENG 4-0 LTU, 27 Mar 2015 (ECQ) ⚽
 ENG 3-2 SVN, 14 Jun 2015 (ECQ) ⚽
 ENG 6-0 SMR, 5 Sep 2015 (ECQ) ⚽
 ENG 2-0 SUI, 8 Sep 2015 (ECQ) ⚽

WAYNE'S FAVOURITES

England 3-2 Argentina

12 November 2005,

Friendly, Geneva

"It didn't feel like a friendly. I was still relatively young at the time and to score was a great feeling."

England 4-2 Croatia

21 June 2004,

Euro 2004, Lisbon

"My second against Croatia at Euro 2004, I really enjoyed that goal. I played a one-two with Michael Owen and ran through and scored."

England 2-0 Poland

15 October 2013,

World Cup Qualifier, Wembley Stadium

"The goal against Poland got us to the World Cup. We all knew the opening goal was always going to be a massive one and I managed to score a header, which was a great feeling."

HEAD
11

RIGHT
34

LEFT
5

BREAKING DOWN THE 50

Goals	50
Penalties	6
Free-Kicks	2
Open play	42
Left	5
Right	34
Head	11
First half	23
Second half	27
Home	22
Away	21
Neutral	7

TIME OF GOALS

0-15



16-30



31-45+



46-60



61-75



76-90



EXTRA TIME



FOLLOW ENGLAND AWAY A TALE OF TWO NEW CITIES

The Three Lions face two more away trips this year to two new cities as they turn their attention to their Euro 2016 preparation

On Monday Roy Hodgson and his men travel to Vilnius to wrap up their Group E qualifying campaign against Lithuania at the 5,000-capacity LFF Stadium. With the game being played on a 3G pitch it will be England's first on an artificial surface since defeat in Russia in 2007. It will also be their first trip to Lithuania at senior level after the nations' maiden meeting in March.

Roy Hodgson's side won that game 4-0 before an 83,000 crowd as Spurs striker Harry Kane scored just 79 seconds into his England debut, heading in Raheem Sterling's cross at the far post. Wayne Rooney moved a step closer to Sir Bobby Charlton's all-time scoring record with one, while Sterling and Danny Welbeck also scored. Lithuania's captain is Giedrius Arlauskis, the Watford goalkeeper and keen

into this week's qualifying climax and still have the chance of a third-place finish.

Then next month, ahead of the Wembley friendly with France, the Three Lions fly to Spain's Costa Blanca to take on the current European Champions.

The Rico Perez Stadium in Alicante is the venue for the game on Friday 13 November, and it not only promises to be an entertaining game, but also a nice away trip for the travelling fans to another new city in which to watch England.

While England have already secured their place at next summer's Finals, Spain need a win tonight at home to Luxembourg to guarantee their passage.

The meeting with Vicente del Bosque's Spanish side, which is still subject to them avoiding a Euro 2016 play-off next month, will be the first since England's 1-0 win at Wembley in November 2011 when Frank Lampard bagged the winner. The Three Lions' last visit to Spain was in 2009, a 2-0 loss in Seville.

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fisherman who recently made his Hornets debut in the League Cup.

They currently lie in fifth place in Group E having won three and lost five of their eight qualifiers coming



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THE WINNERS

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HORACE BAILEY

In his big international year, he played on England's first European tour, then won 1908 Olympic gold with the UK amateurs.



ARTHUR DUNN

Scored twice on his debut as a forward in 1883. Eight years later, he returned as a full-back and captain in a 4-1 win over Scotland.



BILLY WILLIAMS

'One of the most dreaded backs that ever played for England', he could play anywhere in defence.



MICHAEL DAWSON

A late call-up for the 2010 World Cup, he made his debut immediately after it. Later helped to beat Wales 2-0 in the Euro Qualifiers.



HERBERT SMITH

Big strong amateur. England conceded only once in his four matches. Like Bailey, he won Olympic gold in 1908.



FRED PENTLAND

Injured on his England debut, he then featured in a win over Scotland and easy victories over Austria and Hungary.



ERNIE HINE

Good passer out to the wings. Won all his six caps against Wales and Ireland, scoring in four different matches.



TOM JOHNSON

Hard-shooting inside-forward who scored five goals in his first three internationals, including a 7-1 win over Spain in 1931.



BOB HAWKES

Not physically strong and inclined to wander, he went on the 1908 continental tour and was another Olympic winner.



FRED WHELDON

A famous finisher, he scored six goals in his four England internationals, three on his debut against Ireland and one in his last in Scotland.



FRANK OSBORNE

Despite admitting he wasn't international class, against Belgium in 1926 he became the last player to score a hat-trick in his final England game.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

If you want to put a personal message in the programme to celebrate a birthday or something else, simply email editorial@TheFA.com



A very special 'Happy Birthday' to Phil Manning, who turns 70 this weekend

and is attending his first England game here at Wembley tonight with his daughter Karen and her husband Matthew. Phil will also be joined by his younger brothers Steve and David. Have a great night everyone!

Happy 10th birthday Georgia Dunn. Have a great day and enjoy the match. Love from Mum, Dad, William and Alfie x

Wishing Caroline Widnall a very happy birthday for Sunday. Lots of love from Billy, Georgia, William and Alfie x



Happy 10th Birthday to Ethan Ellen, who is here tonight with his dad Rob. Enjoy

the match. Lots of love from Mum, Dad and Lucie x



Happy 21st Birthday to Rhys Bernard who is celebrating his birthday

watching the Three Lions take on Estonia with his friend Jack Wilson.



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NEXT UP: FRANCE

With qualification now assured, England's preparations get under way with a humdinger at Wembley against France

It's the same story every weekend across Europe's top leagues at the moment: a French player has scored a brilliant goal, won his team the game, or proved the decisive player. If it's not Karim Benzema at Real Madrid or Antoine Griezmann at Atletico Madrid, it's Anthony Martial at Manchester United, Hugo Lloris at Tottenham Hotspur, Blaise Matuidi at Paris Saint-Germain or Paul Pogba at Juventus.

The problem for France coach Didier Deschamps is getting these players to repeat their scintillating form for Les Bleus. In June, it almost reached crisis mode when France lost 3-4 at home to Belgium, and 1-0 away to Albania. The September fixtures brought some relief to Deschamps, with wins over Portugal (1-0) and Serbia (2-1) providing respite from the critics.

After this week's round of friendly matches against Armenia and Denmark, France, who as hosts of Euro 2016 have not played any competitive matches since reaching the 2014 World Cup quarter-finals, step up preparations for next summer with November games against Germany at Stade de France and, at Wembley Stadium, England.

Deschamps has one rule as coach: if you are not playing for your club, you will not be picked for the national team. That leaves Mathieu Debuchy out of favour at right-back, with Bacary Sagna preferred, and it explains why Yohan Cabaye left

the bench at PSG to become the key man in midfield at Crystal Palace.

Deschamps has used his friendlies this year to tinker with his formation: he started with a 4-2-3-1 against Denmark with West Ham's Dimitri Payet playing behind Benzema, who was a little isolated; then he tried a 4-4-2 against Portugal, with Benzema and Griezmann up front and Pogba at the top of a midfield diamond, with Cabaye at the base and Matuidi and Moussa Sissoko on the sides.

His preferred option, though, seems to be a 4-3-3 with Mathieu Valbuena (on the left) and Griezmann (on the right) on either side of Benzema in the middle. That suits the Real Madrid striker best but is not where the other two, neither a genuine winger, play for their clubs. Nabil Fekir's injury has left the coach with one fewer option to try, although the sparkling form of Martial at Old Trafford, or Kingsley Coman at Bayern Munich, could put pressure on Griezmann.

In his latest squad, Deschamps selected Lassana Diarra, the Marseille midfielder, more than five years after his last appearance for the team.

"His presence and experience will help us," said Deschamps. "He knows international football and he's good at playing in front of the defence."

There was no place for ex-Newcastle United man Hatem Ben Arfa, despite his scintillating early-season form for Nice, or for Payet, who has helped West Ham to their excellent start this season. Both will hope for a Deschamps change of heart before the November games come around.



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