

# Match report comprehension



## Foundation

Northern Ireland achieved a first friendly victory away from home in 13 years when they beat the Czech Republic in Prague to end a run of 22 games without a friendly win on the road since victory over Finland in 2006.

The win against the Czechs was a dramatic one as Paddy McNair's double, either side of a Jonny Evans effort, had Northern Ireland in charge before the Czech Republic scored twice in two minutes to set up a nervy finish.

McNair opened the scoring in the ninth minute, charging on to Boyce's low cross and skipping past a defender before striking across the goalkeeper. Midway through the half McNair turned provider as his corner caused chaos in the Czech box. Flanagan's effort was blocked but the ball fell for Evans, who fired it into the roof of the net.

McNair struck a third five minutes before the end of the half. Steven Davis's long ball found the Middlesbrough man and he ran clear before rounding the keeper. The game changed after the Czechs made four changes at half-time and they were back in it in the 67th minute when a rising shot through a crowded box was too hot for Michael McGovern.

The Czechs hit a second into the bottom corner to set up a tense finale. However, Northern Ireland held on to record the win.

### Northern Ireland

- 12 Michael McGovern
- 20 Craig Cathcart
- 5 Jonny Evans
- 4 Tom Flanagan
- 2 Conor McLaughlin
- 17 Paddy McNair
- 8 Steve Davis (C)
- 15 Jordan Thompson
- 14 Stuart Dallas
- 9 Liam Boyce
- 18. Gavin Whyte

### Substitutes

- Bailey Peacock-Farrell
- Michael Smith
- George Saville (65')
- Niall McGinn (87')
- Kyle Lafferty
- Shane Ferguson
- Cory Evans (64')
- Matthew Kennedy
- Liam Donnelly
- Josh Magennis (71')
- Trevor Carson



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## Retrieval questions (scanning – looking for key words)

1. Name the two teams who played. \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Who won and how many goals were scored in total?  
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3. Who were the Northern Ireland goal scorers?  
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4. When was the last time Northern Ireland won an away friendly game and who was it against?  
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5. How many substitutions did Northern Ireland make and who was the final substitute to get on?  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. What club team does Paddy McNair play for? \_\_\_\_\_

## Determining importance (the main ideas of the text)

7. Underline or highlight the five most important pieces of information in the text.

## Inference (reading between the lines)

8. In what order were the goals scored? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. Who was the Northern Ireland goalkeeper? \_\_\_\_\_

## Summarising (retelling the most important parts of the text in your own words)

10. On another page, write a short summary of the article. You can use the answers from question seven to help you.

## Extension/additional activities

**Written:** Suggest a headline for the piece that will capture the reader's attention.  
Why did you choose this title?

**Cross-curricular activity – Geography:** What are the capital cities of each country?