



WELCOME FROM MICHAEL O'NEILL

We are really looking forward to playing in front of a packed home crowd in our opening home fixture of this campaign.

The San Marino game is key for us obviously. In the last campaign we took 11 points at home and were unbeaten so we want to have that sort of campaign again here.

San Marino offers us an opportunity for three points but it will not be an easy game. I don't think anywhere in International football you can just turn up and win the game easily. The key is to do everything possible to win that game.

When we head away to Germany, anything we take will be a bonus. Playing away to Germany in International football is the equivalent to playing Barcelona at club football, it's as difficult as that.

It's going to be a hugely difficult game for us, a huge test for us but we've seen countries go there in the past and manage to get away with a point.

Thank you for your support and we hope you enjoy both games.

#DaretoDream

Michael O'Neill National Team Manager

WELCOME FROM GARY MCALLISTER

Hello and Welcome to the 12th Man Guide for the first home game of the 2018 World Cup campaign.

Following the positive start to the qualifying campaign in Prague, there is a realistic opportunity of adding three points to the tally against San Marino which will set us up for the trip to Hannover.

After what seems like an eternity, the refurbishment of the stadium is now complete. Hopefully the improved facilities will improve the matchday experience for everyone who visits the National Football Stadium at Windsor Park.

Over the past year, representatives from the Amalgamation of Official Northern Ireland Supporters' Clubs have attended a number of meetings with local residents, the Irish FA and other agencies to discuss various issues around the stadium development.

Arising from that, I would encourage everyone to bear in mind that many of us make our way through a residential area en route to the stadium and that we should do all that we can to minimise annoyance to the people who live there.

The San Marino game will of course mark the Official Opening and everyone is encouraged to get to the ground to be part of what should be a memorable evening from 7pm onwards.

Enjoy the match!

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Gary McAllister Chairman, AONISC



LAP OF LEGENDS

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Plus many more including Northern Ireland team captains from across Women's Teams, Youth Teams, Under 21s, Homeless Teams, Disability and Community Football.

They'll also be joined by supporters from across the generations and representatives from our Elite Development Programme, Club NI.

To mark the opening of the new National Football Stadium at Windsor Park, we have asked some famous Northern Ireland faces from sport, TV and music to do a lap of the pitch, each accompanied by a special guest from the football family. Following the Lap of Legends the stadium will be opened by two very special guests.

To be part of the celebration, we'd like you, the best fans in the world to play your part by being in your seats by 6.30pm.

Northern Ireland v San Marino Here Land v San Marino

Everyone welcome! Fun activities, bubble football, face painting and inflatables!

Saturday 8th October, 5.00pm-7.00pm
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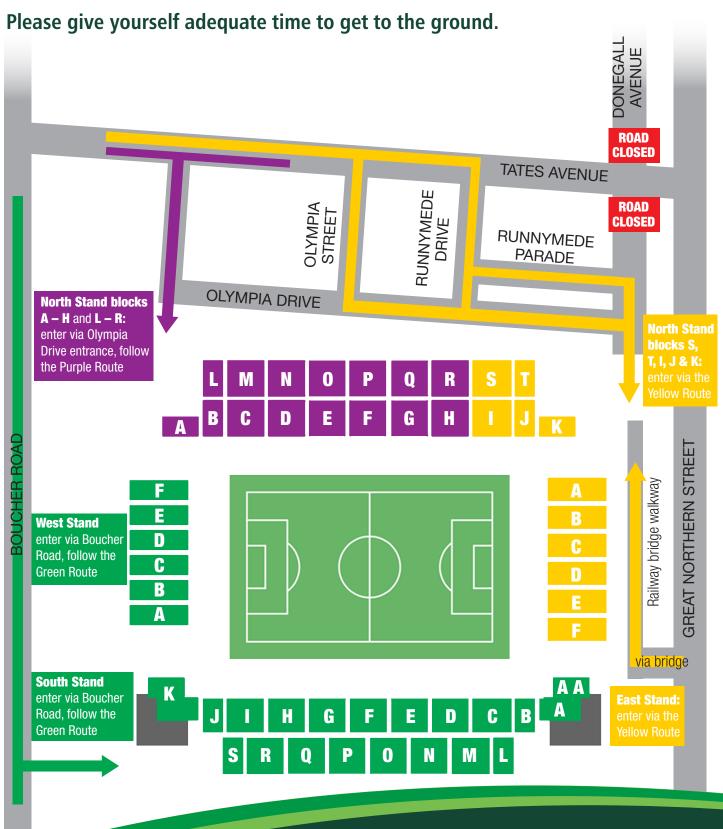
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National Football Stadium at Windsor Park - Getting there

Information for fans attending game - doors open 6.15pm, on-pitch entertainment and celebrity special guests from 7.00pm.



NORTHERN IRELAND SQUAD

Goalkeepers:

Michael McGovern (Norwich)

Alan Mannus (St Johnstone)

Trevor Carson (Hartlepool)

Defenders:

Gareth McAuley (West Brom)
Jonny Evans (West Brom)
Aaron Hughes (Kerala Blasters)
Conor McLaughlin (Fleetwood)
Lee Hodson (Rangers)
Michael Smith (Peterborough)
Tom Flanagan (Burton)
Ryan McGivern (Shrewsbury Town)
Paul Paton (St Johnstone)

Midfielders:

Steven Davis (Southampton)
Niall McGinn (Aberdeen)
Oliver Norwood (Brighton)
Corry Evans (Blackburn)
Jamie Ward (Nottingham Forest)
Shane Ferguson (Millwall)
Stuart Dallas (Leeds)
Paddy McNair (Sunderland)
Matthew Lund (Rochdale)
Callum Morris (Aberdeen)

Forwards:

Kyle Lafferty (Norwich)

Josh Magennis (Charlton)

Conor Washington (QPR)



2018 FIFA WORLD CUP QUALIFIERS **GROUP C FIXTURES**

GERMANY V NORTHERN IRELAND TUESDAY 11 OCTOBER 2016:

NORTHERN IRELAND V AZERBAIJAN FRIDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2016:

NORTHERN IRELAND V NORWAY SUNDAY 26 MARCH 2017:

AZERBAIJAN V NORTHERN IRELAND SATURDAY 10 JUNE 2017:

SAN MARINO V NORTHERN IRELAND FRIDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2017:

NORTHERN IRELAND v CZECH REPUBLIC MONDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2017:

NORTHERN IRELAND V GERMANY THURSDAY 5 OCTOBER 2017:

NORWAY v NORTHERN IRELAND SUNDAY 8 OCTOBER 2017:

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