

Squad for UEFA European Under-19 Championship Elite Round announced



Scot Gemmill has confirmed his squad for the forthcoming UEFA European Under-19 Championship Elite Round matches in Croatia later this month.

Rangers striker Ryan Hardie, who bagged a hat-trick for loan club Raith Rovers against St Mirren at the weekend, has been included in the 18-player squad, as has Celtic's Aidan Nesbitt who recently joined Partick Thistle on loan.

Gemmill will be without Celtic left-back Kieran Tierney and Nottingham Forest winger Oliver Burke who have both been promoted to Gordon Strachan's senior squad for the friendly match against Denmark at Hampden on 29th March as preparations for the FIFA World Cup qualifiers begin.

Scotland qualified for the elite round following wins over Latvia and Republic of Ireland in the qualifying round, and are bidding to reach their first under-19 finals in 10 years.

The group winners will progress to this summer's finals being played in Germany in July.

Scotland Under-19 squad for the Elite Round qualifiers:

Goalkeepers

Robby McCrorie (Rangers)

Ross Doohan (Celtic)

Defenders

Sam Wardrop (Celtic)

Jack Breslin (Celtic)

Zak Jules (Reading)

Alex Iacovitti (Nottingham Forest)

Kyle Cameron (Newcastle United, on loan to York City)

Daniel Harvie (Aberdeen)

Ross McCrorie (Rangers, on loan to Ayr United)

Midfielders

Joe Thompson (Celtic)

Mark Hill (Celtic)

Ruben Sammut (Chelsea)

Aidan Nesbitt (Celtic)

Frank Ross (Aberdeen)

Forwards

Greg Kiltie (Kilmarnock)

Craig Wighton (Dundee)

Scott Wright (Aberdeen)

Ryan Hardie (Rangers)

UEFA European Under-19 Championship Elite Round fixtures:

Belgium vs Scotland | 23rd March, 12.30pm | Pomorac Kostrena, Kostrena

Scotland vs Croatia | 25th March, 4pm | Kantrida, Rijeka

Bulgaria vs Scotland | 28th March , 4pm | Pomorac Kostrena, Kostrena