Scotland squad announced for Canada and Slovenia games

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Gordon Strachan has announced his squad for Scotland's forthcoming matches against Canada and Slovenia.

Hibs' star John McGinn is included which could mean that he would miss the game against Falkirk on Saturday 25th.

Bournemouth winger Ryan Fraser and Fulham midfielder Tom Cairney have been handed their first senior call-ups.

There are also places for striker Jordan Rhodes, currently on loan to Sheffield Wednesday from Middlesbrough, and Celtic midfielder Stuart Armstrong, who netted in Celtic's 1-1 draw with Rangers yesterday.

Hull City goalkeeper Allan McGregor, on loan at Cardiff City, has returned to the group after impressing at his loan club, and West Bromwich Albion midfielder Matt Phillips has also been recalled.

Scotland take on Canada in an International Challenge Match on Wednesday, 22 March at Easter Road Stadium before facing Slovenia four days later in a FIFA World Cup qualifier at Hampden Park.

Tickets for both matches are available to buy at tickets.scottishfa.co.uk

Scotland squad

<u>Goalkeepers</u>

Craig Gordon (Celtic)
David Marshall (Hull City)
Allan McGregor (Hull City)*

Defenders

Ikechi Anya (Derby County)
Christophe Berra (Ipswich Town)
Grant Hanley (Newcastle United)
Russell Martin (Norwich City)
Charlie Mulgrew (Blackburn Rovers)
Andrew Robertson (Hull City)
Kieran Tierney (Celtic)
Lee Wallace (Rangers)

Midfielders

Stuart Armstrong (Celtic)
Barry Bannan (Sheffield Wednesday)
Scott Brown (Celtic)
Oliver Burke (RB Leipzig)
Tom Cairney (Fulham)
Darren Fletcher (West Bromwich Albion)
James Forrest (Celtic)
Ryan Fraser (Bournemouth)
James McArthur (Crystal Palace)
John McGinn (Hibernian)
James Morrison (West Bromwich Albion)
Matt Phillips (West Bromwich Albion)
Matt Ritchie (Newcastle United)
Robert Snodgrass (West Ham United)

Forwards

Steven Fletcher (Sheffield Wednesday)
Leigh Griffiths (Celtic)
Chris Martin (Derby County)*
Steven Naismith (Norwich City)
Jordan Rhodes (Middlesbrough)***

* on loan to Cardiff City
** on loan to Fulham
*** on loan to Sheffield Wednesday

International Challenge Match

Scotland v Canada Easter Road Stadium, Edinburgh Wednesday, 22 March 2017, kick-off 7.45pm

2018 FIFA World Cup Russia Qualifier Scotland v Slovenia Hampden Park, Glasgow Sunday, 26 March 2017, kick-off 7.45pm