

Northern Ireland to play Montenegro friendly on 11th, August, 2010

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Northern Ireland will complete their preparations for the 2012 European qualifiers with a friendly away to Montenegro on 11 August.

Nigel Worthington's men will play the match in Podgorica where the Republic of Ireland drew 0-0 in a World Cup qualifier against Montenegro in 2008.

Montenegro are placed 69th in the Fifa rankings, 19 below Northern Ireland.

They wanted to play Northern Ireland because Wales are their first opponents in the Euro qualifiers.

In May, Northern Ireland will play Turkey and World Cup-bound Chile in a two-game tour.

The Turkey match is on 26 May in the Veterans Stadium in New Britain, Connecticut.

Four days later Chile will host Northern Ireland in the city of Chillan.

It is thought many NI regulars will be missing from the tour because of holiday, allowing Worthington to try out fringe players.