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RB Leipzig

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Head coach

Bruno Lage

Date of birth: 12 May 1976

Nationality: Portuguese

Coaching career: Vitória FC (youth), GDR 1.º Maio (youth), Fazendense (assistant), Comércio e Indústria, Benfica (youth, B team), Shabab Al-Ahli Dubai (U19, B team), Sheffield Wednesday (assistant), Swansea (assistant), Benfica B, Benfica

- Born in Setubal, hometown of José Mourinho, Bruno Miguel Silva do Nascimento uses Lage as a family name in homage to his father, former local player and coach Fernando Lage. With a low-key playing career in local clubs, Bruno hung up his boots early and graduated with a degree in physical education; started his coaching career aged just 21 as youth-team assistant at Setubal side Vitória FC.
- After spells with several local youth clubs, he got the first-team job at non-professional Comércio e Indústria in 2001/02, moving on to Benfica in 2004. In eight years at the Eagles he coached all youth levels, winning the 2008/09 Under-15 and 2010/11 U17 league championships with teams featuring the likes of Bruno Varela, João Cancelo, Bernardo Silva, Rony Lopes and Hélder Costa.
- Opted for a new challenge in summer 2012 with UAE side Shabab Al-Ahli Dubai, coaching their Under-19 and B teams over two years; then linked up with Carlos Carvalhal in England, working as assistant to his compatriot at both Sheffield Wednesday (2015–17) and Swansea (2018).
- Returned to Portugal after eight years abroad and was unveiled as the new coach of Benfica B in July 2018; only took charge of 15 matches before replacing Rui Vitória as head coach of the first team on 3 January 2019; given the job full time on 14 January and signed a contract until 2023 the following month.
- Lage – who has written two books on training and grassroots football, one of them with Carvalhal – took over with Benfica fourth in the Liga, seven points behind Porto; 18 wins and a draw in 19 matches later, the Eagles claimed their 37th league title having scored 103 goals, equalling the club record, with Lage voted coach of the season by his top-flight coaching colleagues and club captains.

Julian Nagelsmann

Date of birth: 23 July 1987

Nationality: German

Playing career: 1860 München II, Augsburg II

Coaching career: Augsburg (youth), 1860 München (youth), Hoffenheim (youth), Hoffenheim, RB Leipzig

- Nagelsmann's playing career began at Issing before a move to Augsburg's youth academy. From 2002 he represented 1860 München for five seasons, starting off in the youth side before being promoted to the second team.
- Injury prevented him from making a single appearance in 2006/07, so he returned to Augsburg, where he picked up a serious knee injury and was forced to retire in 2007 aged just 20 having never played a competitive first-team game.
- Nagelsmann, who has a degree in sports and applied coaching, swiftly took up a post in Augsburg's youth coaching set-up under Thomas Tuchel before two years in charge of 1860's Under-17 side.
- His association with Hoffenheim began in 2010 and he led the club's Under-19s to the league title in 2013/14, his first season. Succeeded Huub Stevens as first-team coach in February 2016, aged just 28 – the youngest coach in Bundesliga history – and guided the club away from the Bundesliga relegation zone by the end of that campaign.
- Took Hoffenheim to a fourth-placed finish in 2016/17 although their subsequent UEFA Champions League adventure lasted only one tie, Liverpool eliminating them in the play-offs. Another strong Bundesliga season was rewarded with third place and on 21 June 2018 it was announced that Nagelsmann would leave Hoffenheim at the end of 2018/19 to take over as coach of RB Leipzig; before departing he oversaw Hoffenheim's debut UEFA Champions League group campaign and a ninth-placed Bundesliga finish.

Legend

ALL-TIME STATISTICS

The all-time record of the competing clubs in UEFA club competition.

UEFA club competition: These are the official statistics considered valid for communicating official records in UEFA club competition defined as European Champion Clubs' Cup, UEFA Champions League, UEFA Europa League, UEFA Cup Winner's Cup UEFA Super Cup, UEFA Intertoto Cup and European/South American Cup. Matches in the Inter-Cities Fairs Cup and the 1972 Super Cup are not included as they were not held under UEFA auspices, while the FIFA Club World Cup is excluded.

Match officials

UCL: Total matches officiated in the UEFA Champions League from 1992/93 season, group stage to final only. Matches where the official has acted as the fourth official are not included in these statistics. These are the official statistics considered valid for communicating official records.

UEFA: Total matches officiated in UEFA club competition including all qualifying round matches. Matches where the official has acted as the fourth official are not included in these statistics. These are the official statistics considered valid for communicating official records.

Competitions

Club competitions

UCL: UEFA Champions League
ECCC: European Champion Clubs' Cup
UEL: UEFA Europa League
UCUP: UEFA Cup
UCWC: UEFA Cup Winners' Cup
SCUP: UEFA Super Cup
UIC: UEFA Intertoto Cup
ICF: Inter-Cities Fairs Cup

National team competitions

EURO: UEFA European Football Championship
WC: FIFA World Cup
CONFCUP: FIFA Confederations Cup
FRIE: Friendly internationals
U21FRIE: Under-21 friendly internationals
U21: UEFA European Under-21 Championship
U17: UEFA Under-17 Championship
U16: UEFA European Under-16 Championship
U19: UEFA Under-19 Championship
U18: UEFA European Under-18 Championship
WWC: FIFA Women's World Cup
WEURO: UEFA European Women's Championship

Competition stages

F: Final	GS: Group stage
GS1: First group stage	GS2: Second group stage
3QR: Third qualifying round	R1: First round
R2: Second round	R3: Third round
R4: Fourth round	PR: Preliminary round
SF: Semi-finals	QF: Quarter-finals
R16: round of 16	QR: Qualifying round
R32: Round of 32	1QR: First qualifying round
1st: first leg	2QR: Second qualifying round
2nd: second leg	FT: Final tournament
PO: Play-off	ELITE: Elite round
Rep: Replay	3rdPO: Third-place play-off
PO - FT: Play-off for Final Tournament	GS-FT: Group stage – final tournament

Other abbreviations

(aet): After extra time	pens: Penalties
No.: Number	og: Own goal
ag: Match decided on away goals	P: Penalty
Pld: Matches played	agg: Aggregate
Pos.: Position	AP: Appearances
Pts: Points	Comp.: Competition
R: Sent off (straight red card)	D: Drawn
Res.: Result	DoB: Date of birth
sg: Match decided by silver goal	ET: Extra Time
GF: Goals for	GA: Goals against
gg: Match decided by golden goal	t: Match decided by toss of a coin
Y/R: Sent off (two yellow cards)	W: Won
f: Match forfeited	Y: Booked
	L: Lost
	Nat.: Nationality
	N/A: Not applicable

Statistics

-: Denotes player substituted
*: Denotes player sent off

+: Denotes player introduced
+/-: Denotes player introduced and substituted

Squad list

D: Disciplinary

*: Misses next match if booked

S: Suspended

UCLQ: Current season total UEFA Champions League appearances in the qualifying rounds and play-offs only

UCL: Current season total UEFA Champions League appearances from group stage onwards prior to current matchday

UCL: Total appearances in the UEFA Champions League from 1992/93 season, group stage to final only

UEFA: All-time total appearances in UEFA club competition including qualifying

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