EUROPEAN QUALIFIERS - 2019/20 SEASON
MATCH PRESS KITS

Natsionalen Stadion Vasil Levski - Sofia
Sunday 17 November 2019
18.00CET (19.00 local time)
Group A - Matchday 10

Bulgaria

Czech Republic

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Georgi Dermendzhiev

Date of birth: 4 January 1955  
Nationality: Bulgarian  
Playing career: Slavia Sofia, Yantra Gabrovo, Spartak Plovdiv  
Coaching career: Spartak Plovdiv, Litex Lovech (assistant), Botev Plovdiv (assistant), Sliven (assistant), Sliven, Ludogorets (assistant), Ludogorets, Ordabasy Shymkent, Levski Sofia, Bulgaria  

• As a defender, Dermendzhiev won the Bulgarian Cup in 1980 while a player at Slavia, with whom he lined up alongside some of the country's greatest players of the time such as Andrey Zhelyzkov and Chavdar Tsvetkov.

• Gained his first coaching experience in 1995/96 with Spartak Plovdiv, but could not keep the club in the top flight. Between 1999 and 2008, Dermendzhiev was assistant at Litex Lovech, working under Ljupko Petrović, who had led Crvena zvezda to victory in the 1991 European Champion Clubs' Cup final.

• Took charge of Sliven in November 2008, guiding the club to 12th in the A PFG. Came to Ludogorets in 2011, serving as assistant and then youth academy director before succeeding Stoicho Stoev as head coach on 1 August 2014.

• Promptly led the club into the UEFA Champions League group stage for the first time and won three league titles in two spells in charge before stepping down in August 2017.

• Dermendzhiev spent 2018 in Kazakhstan with Ordabasy. Returned home after a year to take charge of Levski for three months in 2019 before being confirmed as the new coach of Bulgaria that October following Krasimir Balakov's departure.

Jaroslav Šilhavý

Date of birth: 3 November 1961  
Nationality: Czech  
Playing career: Škoda Plzeň (now Viktoria Plzeň), RH Cheb, Slavia Praha, Drnovice, Viktoria Žižkov  
Coaching career: Kladno, Viktoria Plzeň, České Budějovice, Slovan Liberec, Jablonec, Dukla Praha, Slavia Praha, Czech Republic  

• An uncompromising centre-back who led by example, Šilhavý made a record 465 appearances in the Czechoslovakian and Czech league, scoring 26 goals. Spent almost a decade with RH Cheb before joining Sparta Praha in 1990.

• Part of the Sparta side that finished runners-up in the Czechoslovak First League in 1992/93, Šilhavý also helped Drnovice to the Czech Cup final in 1996; he was voted personality of the league in 1998, a year before hanging up his boots after two seasons as Viktoria Žižkov captain.

• Also won four caps for Czechoslovakia between 1990 and 1991, while his son Tomáš went on to be a professional – also as a defender – at Slavia.

• Šilhavý snr started his coaching career with Kladno in 2007 and, after spells with Viktoria Plzeň and České Budějovice, guided Slovan Liberec to the Czech title in 2011/12 – when he was also named coach of the year. Took the club into the UEFA Europa League round of 32 in 2013/14.

• After short spells at Jablonec and Dukla Praha, took over at Slavia in September 2016, masterminding a 26-match unbeaten run in the league to win the title at the end of that season. Succeeded former Slavia team-mate Karel Jarolím as coach of the Czech Republic in September 2018.
Legend

:: Previous meetings
Goals for/against: Goal totals include the outcome of disciplinary decisions (e.g. match forfeits when a 3-0 result is determined). Goals totals do not include goals scored during a penalty shoot-out after a tie ended in a draw.

:: Squad list

Qual.: Total European Qualifiers appearances/goals for UEFA EURO 2020 only.
FT: Total UEFA EURO 2020 appearances/goals in final tournament only.
Overall: Total international appearances/goals.
DoB: Date of birth
Age: Based on the date press kit was last updated
D: Disciplinary (*: misses next match if booked, S: suspended)

:: Team facts

EURO finals: The UEFA European Championship was a four-team event in 1960, 1964, 1968, 1972 and 1976 (when the preliminary round and quarter-finals were considered part of qualifying).

From 1980 it was expanded to an eight-team finals and remained in that format in 1984, 1988 and 1992 until 1996, when the 16-team format was adopted. UEFA EURO 2016 was the first tournament to be played as a 24-team finals.

Records of inactive countries
A number of UEFA associations have been affected by dissolution or splits of member associations. For statistical purposes, the records of these inactive countries have been allocated elsewhere: therefore, all Soviet Union matches are awarded to Russia; all West Germany – but not East Germany – matches are awarded to Germany; all Yugoslavia and Serbia & Montenegro matches are awarded to Serbia; all Czechoslovakia matches are allocated to both the Czech Republic and Slovakia.

Abandoned/forfeited matches
For statistical purposes, when a match has been started and then abandoned but later forfeited, the result on the pitch at the time of abandonment is counted. Matches that never started and were either cancelled or forfeited are not included in the overall statistics.

Competitions

Other abbreviations

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

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