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MATCH PRESS KITS

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Norway

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Head coach

Ray Farrugia

**Date of birth:** 1 October, 1955  
**Nationality:** Maltese  
**Playing career:** Floriana, Melita Eagles, Naxxar Lions  
**Coaching career:** Naxxar Lions, Malta Under-21 (twice), Pietà Hotspurs, Marsaxlokk, Sliema Wanderers, Malta (assistant), Malta

- A combative midfielder, ‘Zazu’ made his debut for the senior team of local club Floriana at 16 and remained there for four seasons, winning two league titles and the FA Trophy and also claiming the first of four senior caps for Malta.
- He left for Australia aged just 21, joining top-flight outfit Melita Eagles, where he would spend the next 12 years, winning four State League championships and three Grand Finals and scoring 123 goals in 318 matches. He returned to his homeland in 1990, joining Naxxar Lions, and eventually hung up his boots at the age of 42.
- Started coaching while still playing at Naxxar before moving on to take charge of the Malta Under-21 side from 1998 to 2002. He later returned to club football on the island, serving Pietà Hotspurs, Marsaxlokk and Sliema Wanderers as head coach.
- In 2011 Farrugia was re-appointed as Malta U-21 head coach, remaining in charge until 2014, when he was promoted to the senior side as assistant to Pietro Ghedin.
- On 2 May 2018 he was appointed as Malta's head coach, replacing Tom Saintfiet who had been dismissed after just six months at the helm.

Lars Lagerbäck

**Date of birth:** 16 July 1948  
**Nationality:** Swedish  
**Playing career:** Alby, Gimonäs  
**Coaching career:** Kilafors, Arbrå, Hudiksvalls, Sweden (youth sides), Sweden, Nigeria, Iceland, Norway

- A lower-league player, Lagerbäck began his coaching career in 1977 with Kilafors, joining the Swedish Football Association (SvFF) as a youth coach after spells with two other modest club sides Arbrå and Hudiksvall. Coached the national Under-21 and B teams until Tommy Söderberg took him on as his assistant with the senior national squad in 1998.
- Söderberg and Lagerbäck managed Sweden in tandem from 2000, reaching UEFA EURO 2000, the 2002 FIFA World Cup and the quarter-finals of UEFA EURO 2004; following Söderberg's departure, Lagerbäck took the troops to the 2006 World Cup and UEFA EURO 2008 single-handed.
- Stepped down after failing to lead Sweden to the 2010 World Cup finals, but ended up travelling to that tournament as coach of Nigeria.
- Appointed Iceland boss in October 2011, he steered the side to the 2014 World Cup play-offs where they lost to Croatia. Agreed a new contract that would mean he handed over the reins to assistant Heimir Hallgrímsson at the end of the UEFA EURO 2016 campaign – and promptly guided Iceland to their first ever major tournament.
- Even better was to follow as Iceland knocked out England en route to reaching the quarter-finals, where they lost to France, and in February 2017 Lagerbäck came out of retirement to take over as coach of Norway, his new side picking up ten points from their six 2018 World Cup qualifiers under his watch and going on to win promotion in the UEFA Nations League.
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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