

# EUROPEAN QUALIFIERS - 2019/20 SEASON MATCH PRESS KITS



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**Finland**

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## Head coach

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### John van 't Schip

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**Date of birth:** 30 December 1963

**Nationality:** Dutch

**Playing career:** Ajax, Genoa

**Coaching career:** Ajax (youth, assistant), Twente, Jong Ajax (assistant), Netherlands (assistant), Ajax (assistant), Melbourne Heart, Guadalajara, Melbourne City, Zwolle, Greece

- Born in Canada, Van 't Schip was raised in the Netherlands from the age of eight, coming through the ranks at Ajax. The winger made his first-team debut in December 1981 and went on to win four league titles and three Dutch Cups with the club, also lifting the 1987 European Cup Winners' Cup and the UEFA Cup five years later.
- Also a member of the Netherlands' victorious squad at EURO '88, Van 't Schip won 41 caps for his country and was also involved in the 1990 FIFA World Cup and the 1992 UEFA European Championship, retiring in 1996 after four years with Genoa.
- Swiftly moved into coaching with Ajax's youth sides, taking charge of Twente in 2001; after two years back at Ajax B, he linked up with Marco van Basten to serve as assistant to the Netherlands national side.
- Left the Oranje after UEFA EURO 2008, following Van Basten to Ajax and working as his assistant there in 2008/09, taking temporary charge in May 2009 after the head coach's departure.
- Started a lengthy association with Melbourne Heart – now Melbourne City – in 2009, staying until 2017 either side of a year at Mexican side Guadalajara; returned to Europe in January 2017 for family reasons, taking charge of Zwolle from July 2017 to December 2018. Appointed coach of Greece in July 2019.

### Markku Kanerva

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**Date of birth:** 24 May 1964

**Nationality:** Finnish

**Playing career:** HJK Helsinki (twice), Elfsborg, FinnPa

**Coaching career:** HJK Helsinki (assistant), Viikingit, Finland Under-21s, Finland (caretaker, twice), Finland (assistant), Finland

- A defender in his playing days, Markku Kanerva started out at home-town club HJK and won five Finnish titles and three Finnish Cups over two spells, returning for four years until his retirement in 1998 after an initial stay from 1983 to 1990.
- Contested five games in the 1998/99 UEFA Champions League with HJK, having rejoined after stints with Swedish side Elfsborg and Finnish outfit FinnPa; Kanerva also picked up 59 caps for his national team, scoring once.
- Began his coaching career as an assistant at HJK before briefly holding the reins at Viikingit in 2003 and entering the Football Association of Finland (SPL-FBF) coaching set-up the following year.
- Took charge of Finland's U21s between 2004 and 2009, earning recognition as Finland's coach of the year in 2008 after booking the side a historic maiden place at the 2009 UEFA European U21 Championship finals.
- Assistant coach of Finland's senior team between 2010 and 2016, Kanerva took over in an interim capacity in both 2011 and 2015 before being handed the role full time as Hans Backe's replacement in December 2016. A home win against Iceland was the highlight of the unsuccessful qualifying campaign for the 2018 FIFA World Cup but better was to follow as Finland won promotion to League B in the first UEFA Nations League.

## Legend

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### :: 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

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### Other abbreviations

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**(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

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**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