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Head coach

Ronald Koeman

Date of birth: 21 March 1963

Nationality: Dutch

Playing career: Groningen, Ajax, PSV Eindhoven, Barcelona, Feyenoord

Coaching career: Netherlands (assistant), Barcelona (assistant), Vitesse, Ajax, Benfica, PSV Eindhoven, Valencia, AZ Alkmaar, Feyenoord, Southampton, Everton, Netherlands

- One of the classiest ball-playing defenders in history, Ronald Koeman was also a frequent goalscorer, mostly from free-kicks and penalties. He began his career at Groningen before spending three seasons apiece at Ajax and PSV.
- The 1987/88 season was one of extraordinary achievement for the blond right-footer, who collected the Dutch domestic double as well as the European Cup with PSV and then proved an equally inspirational figure with the Netherlands at EURO '88, where they captured their only major international trophy to date.
- Koeman subsequently shone during a six-year spell at Barcelona – during which he played at three further tournaments for the Oranje, ending up with 78 caps and 14 goals. The highlight of his time in Catalonia was his winning goal in the 1992 European Cup final against Sampdoria at Wembley, giving Barça their first continental crown. He also won four Liga titles with the club.
- After ending his playing days at Feyenoord, Koeman took on assistant coach roles with the Netherlands then Barcelona before branching out on his own at the turn of the millennium and embarking on what would be a highly eventful coaching career. Having played for each of the Netherlands' big three clubs he became the first man to coach all three as well, winning two titles with Ajax, one with PSV and reinvigorating Feyenoord during a productive tenure from 2011 to 2014.
- He departed Rotterdam to pursue his career in England, firstly with Southampton, then Everton, with whom he parted company in October 2017. The following February he was appointed as the Netherlands' Bondscoach on a contract taking him through to the 2022 FIFA World Cup and led the Oranje to the inaugural UEFA Nations League Finals ahead of France and Germany, seeing off England in the semi-finals only to lose to hosts Portugal in the decider.

Karel Voolaid

Date of birth: 4 July 1977

Nationality: Estonian

Playing career: Flora Kehtna, Rapla Atli II, Koeru, Oper, Paide Linnameeskond

Coaching career: Flora Tallinn (youth, assistant coach), TPS Turku (assistant), Nõmme Kalju, Santos Tartu (youth), Estonia (Under-15, Under-16, Under-19, Under-21, Under-23, senior team)

- From Paide in central Estonia, Voolaid played in the lower leagues before moving to Paide Linnameeskond in 2008, and played top-division football with them in 2009, 2012 and 2013.
- Between 2003 and 2008, and again from 2012 to 2016, Voolaid worked as a coaching instructor for the Estonian Football Association (EJL), and gained his UEFA Pro coaching license in 2008; has been in charge of the EJL's coaching courses since 2016.
- From 1997 to 2008, Voolaid also worked in various positions at Flora Tallinn, including serving as assistant coach and coaching the youth team; in 2009, he moved to Finland to become assistant coach of TPS Turku.
- Returned to Estonia in 2010 to take charge at top-tier Nõmme Kalju for a few months before returning to youth football with Santos Tartu.
- Coached national youth teams alongside club teams throughout his career; took charge of the U21 side in 2017, and was named interim coach of the senior team in July 2019, following the departure of Martin Reim. He then committed to stay in charge until the end of the European Qualifiers for UEFA EURO 2020.

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

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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