Kazakhstan

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Group I - Matchday 1

Scotland

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Head coach
Legend

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Head coach

Michal Bílek

**Date of birth:** 13 April 1965  
**Nationality:** Czech

**Playing career:** Sparta Praha (four times), Cheb, Real Betis, Viktoria Žižkov, Teplice

**Coaching career:** Teplice, Cartaginés, Czech Republic Under-19, Chmel Blšany, Viktoria Plzeň, Sparta Praha, Ružomberok, Czech Republic, Dinamo Tbilisi, Jihlava, Zlín, Kazakhstan

- A gritty midfielder who was an expert at free-kicks and penalties, Bílek had four spells at Sparta, the most memorable between 1986 and 1990 during which he won three league titles and two Czechoslovakian Cups.
- Travelled to the 1990 FIFA World Cup as the reigning Czechoslovakian player of the year; featured in all five matches at right-back to help Czechoslovakia to quarter-finals, scoring from the penalty spot in the opening two matches against the United States and Austria. Extended his international career beyond break-up of Czechoslovakia, winning 35 caps and scoring 11 goals.
- Had slow start to coaching career, including spell in Costa Rica, but eventually established himself at top level back at home and was appointed coach of Sparta in September 2006; won domestic double in his first season but dismissed in May 2008.
- Led Slovakian club Ružomberok in 2008/09 before taking on assistant role to former team-mate Ivan Hašek with Czech national side. Promoted to top job in October 2009, as Hašek returned to his position as association president, and guided the Czechs to UEFA EURO 2012 via a play-off win against Montenegro.
- Took the Czech Republic to the quarter-finals in Poland-Ukraine but left his post the following year. Went on to have a short spell in Georgia with Dinamo Tbilisi and brief stints in charge of both Jihlava and Zlín in his homeland before agreeing a return to international football with Kazakhstan in early 2019.

Alex McLeish

**Date of birth:** 21 January 1959  
**Nationality:** Scottish

**Playing career:** Aberdeen, Motherwell

**Coaching career:** Motherwell, Hibernian, Rangers, Scotland (twice), Birmingham, Aston Villa, Nottingham Forest, Genk, Zamalek

- McLeish made his name as a rock-solid central defender with Alex Ferguson's illustrious Old Firm-defying Aberdeen side of the 1980s; the Dons won the Scottish league title in 1980, 1984 and 1985, added four Scottish Cup victories in five years and, most famously, beat Real Madrid 2-1 in the 1983 UEFA Cup Winners' Cup final before also overcoming Hamburg in that year's UEFA Super Cup.
- During his 17 years at Pittodrie, 'Eck' earned 77 caps for Scotland, playing at the 1982, 1986 and 1990 FIFA World Cup finals. He joined Motherwell as player/manager in 1994 and proved an immediate success at Fir Park, guiding the unfancied side to a runners-up spot in the Scottish Premier League in his first season in charge.
- He moved on in 1998 to Hibernian, where he experienced a mixture of highs and lows. Mooted at one point as a candidate to become Ferguson's right-hand man at Manchester United, his next career move took him instead to Rangers, where he replaced Dick Advocaat as manager in December 2001. McLeish's four-and-a-half-year tenure brought two league titles, two Scottish Cups and three Scottish League Cups to Ibrox, but a difficult season in 2005/06 prompted his departure.
- In January 2007 McLeish was named as the new manager of Scotland, replacing Walter Smith. He would last less than a year, quitting in November to join English Premier League club Birmingham. He remained at St Andrew's for three and a half seasons, winning the League Cup in 2011 but also experiencing relegation at the end of the same campaign. In a surprise move he left to join city rivals Aston Villa but lasted only a season in charge.
- Brief stints at Nottingham Forest, Belgian club Genk (where he enjoyed a fruitful 2014/15 campaign) and Egyptian side Zamalek preceded his reappointment as Scotland manager on 16 February 2018, ending more than 18 months in the managerial wilderness. Made a positive start to his second spell in charge, guiding Scotland to UEFA Nations League promotion later that year.
:: 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

d: Disciplinary (S: suspended)

pens: Penalties
og: Own goal
P: Penalty
Pl: 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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