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Head coach

Franco Foda

Date of birth: 23 April 1966
Nationality: German
Playing career: Kaiserslautern (twice), Arminia Bielefeld, Saarbrücken, Bayer Leverkusen, Stuttgart, Basel, Sturm Graz
Coaching career: Sturm Graz (three times), Kaiserslautern, Austria

• Born in Mainz to a German mother and Italian father, Foda started his playing career at Weisenau and joined Mainz, then in the third tier, in his youth. As a professional he played in 321 German Bundesliga games, winning the German Cup with both Kaiserslautern and Leverkusen.

• In 1987, the defender was called up by the West German national team for a South America tour. He played against Argentina and Brazil, his only two international caps.

• Foda ended his career with a highly successful four-year spell at Austrian club Sturm Graz, with whom he won three league titles and also reached the UEFA Champions League group stage three years running.

• After hanging up his boots, Foda remained in Styria and moved into coaching, initially as an assistant to the experienced Ivan Osim before taking over as Sturm's head coach in 2002.

• He would spend the best part of the next decade and a half at Sturm, punctuating his tenure only with a single season back in Germany with Kaiserslautern (2012/13) after leading Sturm to victories in the 2009/10 Austrian Cup and the following season's Bundesliga. In October 2017 he was appointed Marcel Koller's successor as head coach of the Austrian national team, taking over the reins in January 2018.

Jerzy Brzęczek

Date of birth: 18 March 1971
Nationality: Polish
Playing career: Olimpia Truskolasy (youth), Raków Częstochowa (youth), Olimpia Poznań, Lech Poznań, Górnik Zabrze, GKS Katowice, Tirol Innsbruck, LASK Linz, Maccabi Haifa, Tirol Innsbruck, Sturm Graz, FC Kärnten, Wacker Tirol, Górnik Zabrze, Polonia Bytom
Coaching career: Raków Częstochowa, Lechia Gdańsk, GKS Katowice, Wisła Płock, Poland

• Jerzy Brzęczek enjoyed a prolonged and eventful career as a midfielder. Known for his leadership skills, he was captain of most of the teams he played for. He is the uncle and mentor of Jakub Błaszczykowski, Poland's UEFA EURO 2012 captain who won his 100th cap at the 2018 FIFA World Cup.

• Brzęczek spent several years in Austria with a number of clubs, winning back-to-back Bundesliga titles with Tirol Innsbruck, the second in 2001/02 under Joachim Löw, to go with the 1992/93 Polish title he claimed with Lech Poznań. He amassed more than 500 league appearances in Poland, Austria and Israel.

• Was a key player and captain of the Poland side that won Olympic silver at the 1992 Games in Barcelona, losing narrowly to hosts Spain in the final (2-3) at the conclusion of a captivating, high-scoring campaign.

• Played 42 games for the senior Polish national team, some as captain, but did not take part in any major tournaments. Brzęczek scored four international goals, including one against Brazil in a friendly and one against England at Wembley (1-3) in a UEFA EURO 2000 qualifier.

• Started coaching in 2010 at Raków Częstochowa, where he remained for four years before experiencing his first taste of the Polish top flight with Lechia Gdańsk. He returned to the second division to coach GKS Katowice for two years before his first full season in the Ekstraklasa ended with a creditable fifth-place finish in charge of Wisła Płock – an achievement deemed worthy of promotion to the post of Poland coach in July 2018 to succeed Adam Nawałka.

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

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