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Armenia

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Head coach

Armen Gyulbudaghyants

Date of birth: 19 December 1966

Nationality: Armenian

Playing career: Spartak Hoktemberyan, Lori, Banants, Homenetmen Lebanon

Coaching career: Banants (twice), Armenia Under-19, Armenia U21, Pyunik (twice), Impuls, Alashkert, Gol Gahar (assistant), Padideh (assistant), Armenia

- A powerful and creative midfielder, Gyulbudaghyants spent the early part of his career in the USSR lower leagues before joining Banants in 1992, finishing third in the league and winning the Armenian Cup in the first post-independence season. He scored 17 goals in 61 appearances for the club before retiring aged 29 after suffering a knee injury that also restricted him to a single senior cap for Armenia.
- Switched to coaching and in 2001 returned to Banants, combining his new role with gaining coaching qualifications. In 2007 he went to Moscow to study, becoming the first Armenian coach to acquire a UEFA Pro Licence.
- His most successful spell followed at Pyunik between May 2007 and July 2008, players such as Henrikh Mkhitaryan, Gevorg Ghazaryan and Karlen Mkrtychyan breaking through and going on to become the backbone of the national side.
- Gyulbudaghyants guided Pyunik to the 2007 league title and took Impuls to the Armenian Cup final four years later, his most notable coaching achievements; however, he also has a fine record in improving his sides' results and developing young players.
- Stepped up to take charge of Armenia in October 2018 following the departure of Vardan Minasyan.

Markku Kanerva

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

:: 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