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Spain

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Head coach

Ray Farrugia

Date of birth: 1 October, 1955
Nationality: Maltese
Playing career: Floriana, Melita Eagles, Naxxar Lions
Coaching career: Naxxar Lions, Malta Under-21 (twice), Pietà Hotspurs, Marsaxlokk, Sliema Wanderers, Malta (assistant), Malta

- A combative midfielder, 'Zazu' made his debut for the senior team of local club Floriana at 16 and remained there for four seasons, winning two league titles and the FA Trophy and also claiming the first of four senior caps for Malta.
- He left for Australia aged just 21, joining top-flight outfit Melita Eagles, where he would spend the next 12 years, winning four State League championships and three Grand Finals and scoring 123 goals in 318 matches. He returned to his homeland in 1990, joining Naxxar Lions, and eventually hung up his boots at the age of 42.
- Started coaching while still playing at Naxxar before moving on to take charge of the Malta Under-21 side from 1998 to 2002. He later returned to club football on the island, serving Pietà Hotspurs, Marsaxlokk and Sliema Wanderers as head coach.
- In 2011 Farrugia was re-appointed as Malta U-21 head coach, remaining in charge until 2014, when he was promoted to the senior side as assistant to Pietro Ghedin.
- On 2 May 2018 he was appointed as Malta's head coach, replacing Tom Saintfiet who had been dismissed after just six months at the helm.

Luis Enrique

Date of birth: 8 May 1970
Nationality: Spanish
Playing career: Sporting Gijón, Real Madrid, Barcelona
Coaching career: Barcelona B, Roma, Celta Vigo, Barcelona, Spain

- Known for his versatility, Luis Enrique spent the bulk of his playing career with Spain's two most successful clubs having started out at home-town side Sporting Gijón.
- Won the Liga and Copa del Rey with Madrid and twice with Barcelona – whom he surprisingly joined on a free transfer from the Merengues in 1996 – and the UEFA Cup Winners' Cup and UEFA Super Cup at the Camp Nou, where he played under, among others, Sir Bobby Robson, Louis van Gaal and Frank Rijkaard.
- A scorer of 12 goals in 62 appearances for Spain and an Olympic gold medallist on home soil in 1992, Enrique took up both endurance running and triathlon before moving into coaching with Barcelona B in 2008, succeeding his former Azulgrana team-mate Josep Guardiola.
- Appointed coach of Roma in June 2011 but held the post for just one season after a disappointing campaign. Resurfaced at Celta in summer 2013, leading the Galician side to a ninth-place finish in the Liga in his only season in charge.
- Left in May 2014 and was soon announced as Gerardo Martino's replacement at Barcelona on a two-year contract. After a challenging first half of the season, 16 wins from 19 league games in the second half secured a Liga title, the Copa del Rey and UEFA Champions League following as Luis Enrique emulated Guardiola in winning the treble in his first season in charge, adding another league and cup double in 2015/16. Stepped down in 2017 after another cup win, and appointed Spain coach the following July.
:: 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
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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