GEORGIA

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**Head coach**

**Vladimír Weiss**

Date of birth: 22 September 1964  
Nationality: Slovakian  
Playing career: Agro Hurbanovo, Inter Bratislava, Sparta Praha, Drnovice, Dunajská Streda, Košice, Artmedia  
Coaching career: Artmedia (twice), Saturn Moskovskaya Oblast, Slovakia, Slovan Bratislava, Kairat Almaty, Georgia  

- Bratislava-born, Weiss spent six and a half years developing his talent as a defensive midfielder with local club Inter. First capped by Czechoslovakia in 1988, he won three of his 19 caps at the 1990 FIFA World Cup.  
- Had brief spell at Sparta Praha, winning the final Czechoslovakian championship in 1993. Won a further dozen caps for Slovakia, scoring his country’s first post-independence goal, against United Arab Emirates in February 1994. Ended playing career with Artmedia, serving as an assistant coach until 2000 when he took the top job.  
- Led Artmedia to Slovakian league title and cup final in 2005 before knocking out Celtic and Partizan to reach UEFA Champions League group stage, where they registered a famous 3-2 win at Porto. Left for Russian club Saturn in early 2006 but returned to Artmedia 18 months later and masterminded domestic double.  
- Appointed national team coach in June 2008 in place of Ján Kocian and steered Slovakia to first appearance at a World Cup finals as qualifying group winners, including historic 2-1 win away to the Czech Republic. Even better followed in South Africa, Slovakia reaching the last 16 by eliminating holders Italy before losing to the Netherlands.  
- Coached Slovakia in tandem with Slovan Bratislava in 2011/12 and led his home-town club into their first UEFA Europa League group stage. Nearly did the same with Kairat, only losing against Bordeaux on away goals in play-offs. Left Almaty in November 2015 having won Kazakhstan Cups in successive seasons. Hired by Georgia in March 2016, he was unable to oversee a win in 2018 World Cup qualifying as his team picked up five points from ten matches but did guide them to promotion in the inaugural UEFA Nations League.

**Julio César Ribas**

Date of birth: 8 January 1957  
Nationality: Uruguayan  
Playing career: Bella Vista (three times), Nacional Montevideo (twice), Liverpool Montevideo, Gimnasia LP, Sud América, Defensor Sporting, River Plate Montevideo (twice), Mayindú, Cartaginés  
Coaching career: Sud América, Nacional Asunción, Bella Vista (twice), Peñarol (twice), Liverpool Montevideo, Venezia, Juventud de las Pedras, Oman, Deportivo Maldonado, Cartagena, Lincoln Red Imps, Gibraltar  

- During a 17-year playing career that was mostly spent in his native Uruguay but also took him to Argentina’s Gimnasia and Cartagines in Costa Rica, Ribas won the Uruguayan league with Nacional in 1977 and Bella Vista in 1990 and also won second division titles in his homeland with Liverpool and River Plate, in addition to his ten caps for Uruguay.  
- His coaching career started successfully with a second division title for his first club, Sud América. Another second-tier championship success three years later with Bella Vista, whom he had represented three times as a player, earned a move to Montevideo giants Peñarol, where Ribas remained for three years, winning the Uruguayan national championship in 1999.  
- His first move outside Uruguay brought him to Venice, but it did not go to plan as Venezia were relegated from Italy’s Serie B. Ribas then tried his hand at international football, coaching Oman for a short spell in 2008.  
- Back at Peñarol, he helped steer the club to the 2009 Uruguayan title but was soon on the move again, eventually ending up in Spain’s Segunda División B (third tier) with Cartagena in 2014/15.  
- He was appointed coach of Lincoln Red Imps, the perennial champions of Gibraltar, in April 2016, and although they were pipped to the title in his first full season, Ribas nevertheless made a name for himself by leading the team to a sensational 1-0 home first-leg win over Celtic in a UEFA Champions League qualifier (albeit in a 1-3 aggregate defeat) and then reclaiming the national title for Lincoln in 2017/18 before taking over as head coach of the Gibraltar national team.
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
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

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