Ukraine

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Head coach

Andriy Shevchenko

Date of birth: 29 September 1976  
Nationality: Ukrainian  
Playing career: Dynamo Kyiv (twice), AC Milan (twice), Chelsea  
Coaching career: Ukraine (assistant), Ukraine  

• Shevchenko enjoyed phenomenal early success with Dynamo Kyiv, the club he joined as a schoolboy, winning five successive Ukrainian titles and contributing 60 top-flight goals, including a league-best tally of 18 in 1998/99; that same season he also jointly topped the UEFA Champions League charts with eight goals as Dynamo reached the semi-finals.  

• Joined Milan in July 1999 and hit the ground running, finishing top of the Serie A goal charts in his debut season (the first foreigner to achieve the feat) with 24 goals, a tally he would match the following campaign and again in 2003/04, when he led the listings once more as Milan won the Scudetto; won the Ballon d'Or in December 2004 to go with his six Ukrainian footballer of the year titles.  

• Won the UEFA Champions League with the Rossoneri in 2003, scoring the decisive spot kick in the final against Juventus to crown an injury-curtailed campaign; however, missed crucially from the spot in the 2005 showpiece against Liverpool.  

• Left Milan in 2006 with 127 Serie A and 37 European goals to his credit, but a move to Chelsea did not work out and he returned to Milan for an equally unsuccessful loan spell in 2008/09 before making the permanent move back to Dynamo a year later.  

• Ukraine’s record scorer by a distance with 48 goals in 111 appearances, he captained the team to the quarter-finals of the 2006 FIFA World Cup and became the first player to reach the 100-cap milestone for Ukraine, in October 2010. Scored twice in a famous win against Sweden at UEFA EURO 2012, his international swansong.  

• After a short-lived foray into politics, appointed assistant to Ukraine coach Mykhaylo Fomenko, taking over as head coach after UEFA EURO 2016 but losing out to Iceland and eventual runners-up Croatia in their qualifying section for the 2018 FIFA World Cup. Better followed in the inaugural UEFA Nations League, Ukraine winning promotion into League A.  

Mladen Krstajić

Date of birth: 4 March 1974  
Nationality: Serbian  
Playing career: Čelik, Senta, Kikinda, Partizan (twice), Werder Bremen, Schalke  
Coaching career: Serbia  

• A tall, left-footed defender, Krstajić’s career began in the youth sector of Bosnian club Čelik from his home town of Zenica. He moved to Serbia in 1992 during the Yugoslav civil war, playing for unheralded Senta and Kikinda before being snapped up in 1996 by Belgrade giants Partizan.  

• Rapidly became a Partizan regular, starting out at left-back before moving into central defence. He helped the Black-and-Whites to three championship titles (1995/96, 1996/97, 1998/99) and one national cup (1997/98) during his four-year stay.  

• In the summer of 2000 Krstajić moved to Werder Bremen, where he performed with distinction for a further four seasons, climaxing in 2003/04 as he helped the club win the German Bundesliga/DFB Pokal double. He then left for a five-year stint at Schalke, where he was appointed as captain and established himself as one of the Bundesliga’s foremost defenders.  

• He played 59 senior international matches for his country, from 1999 to 2008, notably featuring as one of the ‘Famous Four’ alongside Nemanja Vidić, Goran Gavrančić and Ivica Draganović in the Serbia and Montenegro defence that qualified for the 2006 FIFA World Cup with the concession of just one goal. He also started all three matches at the finals in Germany.  

• He returned to Belgrade to end his career back at Partizan, winning two more titles, before being appointed as the club’s sports director. He later helped Serbia qualify for the 2018 World Cup as assistant coach to Slavoljub Muslin before replacing him, initially as caretaker, and leading the side at the finals in Russia, where they were eliminated at the group stage. Went on to oversee a promotion-winning campaign in the UEFA Nations League 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

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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