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Bosnia and Herzegovina

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Head coach
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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.

Robert Prosinečki

Date of birth: 12 January 1969  
Nationality: Croatian  
Playing career: Dinamo Zagreb (twice), Crvena zvezda, Real Madrid, Real Oviedo, Barcelona, Sevilla, Hrvatski Dragovoljac, Standard Liège, Portsmouth, Olimpija Ljubljana, Zagreb  
Coaching career: Croatia (assistant), Crvena zvezda, Kayserispor, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina

• Born in Germany, Prosinečki moved back to Croatia with his family in 1979, and developed as a midfielder with stunning technique at Dinamo Zagreb.

• He moved on to Crvena zvezda and, after starring in Yugoslavia’s 1987 World Youth Championship (now FIFA U-20 World Cup) triumph in Chile, he helped helped the Belgrade side to win the 1990/91 European Champion Clubs’ Cup, scoring the opening penalty in their shoot-out success in the final victory against Marseille. He also won three Yugoslav league titles with the club.

• After a high-profile transfer, injuries hampered his time at Real Madrid, though he was to stay in Spain for some time, representing Oviedo, Barcelona and Sevilla before further adventures in Belgium, England and Slovenia.

• Capped 15 times by Yugoslavia and 49 times by Croatia, his goals in the 1990 and 1998 tournaments made him the only player to score in FIFA World Cup final tournaments for two different nations.

• Having assisted former Croatia team-mate Slaven Bilić with the national team, Prosinečki coached Crvena zvezda to Serbian Cup success in 2011/12 and led Turkish side Kayserispor from 2012 to 2013. Hired as Azerbaijan coach in December 2014, he stepped down three years later and was appointed by Bosnia and Herzegovina on 4 January 2018, guiding his new side to promotion from League B of the UEFA Nations League later that year.
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
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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