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Head coach

Didier Deschamps

Date of birth: 15 October 1968
Nationality: French
Playing career: Nantes, Marseille (twice), Bordeaux, Juventus, Chelsea, Valencia
Coaching career: Monaco, Juventus, Marseille, France

• A product of Nantes's highly rated youth system, Deschamps had success with Marseille as a defensive midfielder, winning Ligue 1 in 1990 and 1992 and captaining them to UEFA Champions League glory in 1993. Signed for Juve in 1994 and won the UEFA Champions League again in 1996, adding three Serie A titles, a Coppa Italia and a European/South American Cup.

• Left in 1999 for Chelsea, staying one season and lifting the FA Cup, before ending his career with a year in Valencia, watching from the bench as they lost the 2001 UEFA Champions League final to Bayern München. Skippered France to victory on home soil at the 1998 FIFA World Cup and also at UEFA EURO 2000, retiring that year with 103 caps.

• Started coaching career in 2001 with Monaco, landing the French League Cup in 2003 and reaching the UEFA Champions League final a year later, going down to José Mourinho's Porto. Resigned in September 2005 and joined his old club Juventus, then in Serie B, the following June. Stepped down after securing promotion back to Serie A in May 2007.

• Appointed Marseille boss in May 2009, replacing Eric Gerets. Ended OM's 18-year wait for the Ligue 1 championship in his first term and added a maiden League Cup, retaining the latter trophy in the next two campaigns.

• Succeeded Laurent Blanc after UEFA EURO 2012 and guided France to the 2014 World Cup, where they lost to eventual winners Germany in the quarter-finals, and then to the final of UEFA EURO 2016 on home soil only to lose to Portugal in extra time. Redemption followed at Russia 2018, where France went all the way to lift the trophy, making Deschamps only the third man to win the World Cup as both player and coach after Mário Zagallo and Franz Beckenbauer.

Semen Altman

Date of birth: 21 April 1946
Nationality: Ukrainian
Playing career: Kolhosnyk Rivne, Volyn Lutsk, Chornomorets Odesa, Zvezda Tiraspol (twice), Lokomotiv Kherson
Coaching career: Chornomorets Odesa (youth, assistant twice), Dinamo Moskva (assistant, caretaker), South Korea U23 (assistant), Zimbru Chisinau, Metalurh Donetsk, Ukraine (assistant, twice), Chornomorets Odesa, Illychivets Mariupil, Luch-Energia Vladivostok, Tavriya Simferopol, Moldova (caretaker)

• Born in the Kharkiv region in Ukraine, Altman started out in Kyiv but made his name as a goalkeeper with Chornomorets before having to retire early due to injury.

• Started his coaching career with the Chornomorets youth academy aged 30 and promoted to the first team staff in 1982, working as assistant to Viktor Prokopenko as the Odessa side finished fourth in the Soviet top flight two years later; moved to Dinamo Moskva, first working alongside Anatoli Byshovets and then having a spell in caretaker charge himself, leading the club to a third-placed league finish in 1990.

• Following the collapse of the USSR Altman returned to work alongside Prokopenko at Chornomorets, helping the club to two Ukrainian Cups before two years assisting Byshovets with South Korea's side as they reached the 1996 Olympic Games.

• Struck out on his own as head coach in 1997 with Zimbru, winning two league titles and the Moldovan Cup before leading both Metalurh Donetsk and Chornomorets to third place in the Ukrainian Premier League. Went on to have spells at Ukraine's Illychivets Mariupil (2007) and Russia's Luch-Energia Vladivostok (2008) before his most recent club stint, at Tavriya Simferopol in 2011/12.

• Had two spells as Ukraine assistant coach (2003–06 and 2010–11), helping Oleh Blokhin guide the country to the 2006 FIFA World Cup quarter-finals. Appointed Moldova's director of national teams on 8 April 2019, three months later he temporarily returned to coaching, taking charge of the side following Alexandru Spiridon's departure.

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 statisical 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	**pens**: Penalties
No.: Number	**og**: Own goal
ag: Match decided on away goals	**P**: Penalty
agg: Aggregate	**Pld**: Matches played
AP: Appearances	**Pos.**: Position
Comp.: Competition	**Pts**: Points
D: Drawn	**R**: Sent off (straight red card)
DoB: Date of birth	**Res.**: Result
ET: Extra Time	**sg**: Match decided by silver goal
GA: Goals against	**t**: Match decided by toss of a coin
GF: Goals for	**W**: Won
gg: Match decided by golden goal	**Y**: Booked
L: Lost	**Y/R**: Sent off (two yellow cards)
Nat.: Nationality	**N/A**: Not applicable

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