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Finland
Helsinki

Liechtenstein

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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.

Helgi Kolvidsson

**Date of birth:** 13 September 1971  
**Nationality:** Icelandic  
**Playing career:** ÍK, HK, Pfullendorf (twice), Austria Lustenau, Mainz, Ulm, Kärnten  
**Coaching career:** Pfullendorf (twice), Austria Lustenau, Wiener Neustadt, Ried, Iceland (assistant), Liechtenstein

- A defender who spent the majority of his career outside his native Iceland, Kolvidsson started out with local side ÍK, joining HK in 1991 after his first club folded. He moved to Germany in 1995, signing for Pfullendorf.
- Switched to Austria Lustenau 12 months later, enjoying two years there before returning to Germany with Mainz and making 61 appearances over two seasons. He subsequently had a year at Ulm and then went back to Austria, joining Kärnten in 2001 before returning to Pfullendorf three years later.
- Hung up his boots in 2007, ending a career that also brought 29 international caps – making Kolvidsson a rarity among Icelandic footballers in having represented his country without appearing in the national top division.
- Appointed head coach at Pfullendorf in 2008, he stepped down to work as assistant to Walter Schneck while studying for his UEFA A licence, resuming control in 2010. Kolvidsson left for another former club, Austria Lustenau, the next year.
- Spent 2014/15 in Vienna with Wiener Neustadt before a campaign in charge of Ried. Appointed Iceland assistant coach to Heimir Hallgrimsson in August 2016, he helped the team reach their first FIFA World Cup. After Hallgrimsson stepped down following Iceland's ensuing group stage elimination in Russia, Kolvidsson struck out on his own by succeeding Rene Pauritsch as Liechtenstein boss that December.
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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