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Republic of Ireland

Switzerland

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Head coach

Mick McCarthy

Date of birth: 7 February 1959
Nationality: Irish
Playing career: Barnsley, Manchester City, Celtic, Lyon, Millwall
Coaching career: Millwall, Republic of Ireland (twice), Sunderland, Wolves, Ipswich

• Mick McCarthy was appointed Ireland manager for the second time in November 2018, succeeding Martin O'Neill to return to a post he held with distinction for almost seven years. He had already enjoyed a distinguished playing career for Ireland, winning 57 caps and appearing at EURO '88 – Ireland's first major tournament – and the 1990 FIFA World Cup.

• Born in Barnsley, England, McCarthy – whose father was Irish – began his playing days with his home-town club, making his league debut in the fourth division in August 1977. A tough and committed central defender, he helped Barnsley to two promotions in his six years with the team before departing for Manchester City in 1983.

• Moved on to Celtic four years later, winning a Scottish league and cup double in 1987/88 and another Scottish Cup the following year. After a short stint in France with Lyon, McCarthy returned to England with Millwall, although injuries restricted his availability and he effectively hung up his boots when he was named player-manager by the London club in 1992.

• Installed as Ireland manager in February 1996 following Jack Charlton's departure, McCarthy's side narrowly missed out on the 1998 World Cup and UEFA EURO 2000, but reached the last 16 at the 2002 World Cup, losing to Spain on penalties; McCarthy stepped down that November.

• Then had three years in charge of Sunderland before occupying the Wolves helm between 2006 and 2012, guiding the team to promotion to the Premier League as champions in 2008/09, McCarthy's second Championship title following his 2005 success with Sunderland. Left Wolves in February 2012 and subsequently spent nearly six seasons at Ipswich, leaving the club in April 2018.

Vladimir Petković

Date of birth: 15 August 1963
Nationality: Swiss
Playing career: Sarajevo (twice), Rudar Ljubija, Koper, Chur 97 (twice), Sion, Martigny-Sports, Bellinzona (twice), Locarno
Coaching career: Bellinzona (twice), Malcantone Agno, Lugano, Young Boys, Samsunspor, Sion, Lazio, Switzerland

• Started his career in midfield with Sarajevo, losing in the 1983 Yugoslavian Cup final but featuring twice as his team took the 1984/85 league title, the only major honour of his playing days. Moved to Switzerland in 1987, playing for second-tier Chur and then ascending to the top flight with Sion in 1988/89; returned to the second division to represent Martigny, Bellinzona and Locarno.

• Petković hung up his boots in 1999, aged 36, following a season as player-coach at Bellinzona. Then led Malcantone Agno to promotion from the third divison in 2002/03 before becoming the first coach of AC Lugano – successors to FC Lugano.

• Rejoined Bellinzona in October 2005, steering them to the 2007/08 Swiss Cup final, where they lost 4-1 to Basel, but consolation came two weeks later as victory in a relegation/promotion play-off against St Gallen gave Bellinzona a Super League berth.

• Was appointed Young Boys coach in August 2008, guiding them to second-placed finishes in his first two campaigns in charge as well as the 2008/09 Swiss Cup final. After short spells in charge of Turkey's Samsunspor and Sion back in Switzerland, was named Lazio coach in June 2012 and won the Coppa Italia in his first term in Italy, also helping the side to seventh position in the final standings.

• Left in January 2014 after being appointed Switzerland coach Ottmar Hitzfeld's successor, taking the reins after the 2014 FIFA World Cup. Promptly guided his charges to UEFA EURO 2016, where they lost to Poland in the last 16, and to the same stage of the 2018 World Cup, where they were beaten by Sweden. Switzerland did, however, reach the first UEFA Nations League Finals, ahead of Belgium and Iceland.

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
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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