Kosovo vs Czech Republic

Stadiumi Fadil Vokrri - Pristina
Saturday 7 September 2019 - 15.00CET
Group A - Matchday 5

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Head coach

Bernard Challandes

**Date of birth:** 28 July 1951  
**Nationality:** Swiss  
**Playing career:** Le Locle (twice), Urania Genève Sport, Saint-Imier  
**Coaching career:** Saint-Imier, Le Locle, La Chaux-de-Fonds, Yverdon-Sport, Young Boys (twice), Servette, Switzerland (youth), Switzerland Under-21, Zürich, Sion, Neuchâtel Xamax, Thun, Armenia, Kosovo

- Bernard Challandes has quietly carved out an impressive coaching CV since his career started in earnest when he took over at Yverdon in 1987. He stayed in the post for seven seasons, winning four lower-league titles, before moving to Young Boys.
- His stay in Bern proved nowhere near as lengthy or successful, however, Challandes departing in 1995 with the club finishing bottom of the first phase of the 12-team Swiss top flight after collecting just 17 points. A subsequent spell at Servette proved short-lived, and there followed a lengthy spell out of the limelight, during which he coached Switzerland’s Under-17 and Under-18 teams.
- The Le Locle native took over the Switzerland Under-21 side in 2001. The highlight of his six years in charge came in 2002, when a team including Alexander Frei, Ludovic Magnin and Daniel Gygax reached the UEFA European Under-21 Championship semi-finals on home soil.
- The lure of club football proved too strong for Challandes, however, and in 2007 he took charge of Zürich, leading them to the UEFA Cup round of 32 in his first season. The club’s third league title in four years followed in 2009, the Swiss side securing UEFA Champions League group stage football for the first time at the start of 2009/10.
- After leaving FCZ in 2010, Challandes took charge of Sion – with whom he won the Swiss Cup in 2011 – Neuchâtel Xamax, Thun and Young Boys, committing to his first job outside Switzerland in February 2014, at the age of 62, when he was announced as the new coach of Armenia. Stepped down the following year midway through UEFA EURO 2016 qualifying, going on to work as a scout at Basel before returning to coaching with Kosovo in March 2018. Made an immediate impact, winning promotion in the UEFA Nations League later that year.

Jaroslav Šilhavý

**Date of birth:** 3 November 1961  
**Nationality:** Czech  
**Playing career:** Škoda Plzeň (now Viktoria Plzeň), RH Cheb, Slavia Praha, Drnovice, Viktoria Žižkov  
**Coaching career:** Kladno, Viktoria Plzeň, České Budějovice, Slovan Liberec, Jablonec, Dukla Praha, Slavia Praha, Czech Republic

- An uncompromising centre-back who led by example, Šilhavý made a record 465 appearances in the Czechoslovakian and Czech league, scoring 26 goals. Spent almost a decade with RH Cheb before joining Sparta Praha in 1990.
- Part of the Sparta side that finished runners-up in the Czechoslovak First League in 1992/93, Šilhavý also helped Drnovice to the Czech Cup final in 1996; he was voted personality of the league in 1998, a year before hanging up his boots after two seasons as Viktoria Žižkov captain.
- Also won four caps for Czechoslovakia between 1990 and 1991, while his son Tomáš went on to be a professional – also as a defender – at Slavia.
- Šilhavý snr started his coaching career with Kladno in 2007 and, after spells with Viktoria Plzeň and České Budějovice, guided Slovan Liberec to the Czech title in 2011/12 – when he was also named coach of the year. Took the club into the UEFA Europa League round of 32 in 2013/14.
- After short spells at Jablonec and Dukla Praha, took over at Slavia in September 2016, masterminding a 26-match unbeaten run in the league to win the title at the end of that season. Succeeded former Slavia team-mate Karel Jarolím as coach of the Czech Republic in September 2018.
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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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