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Moldova

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Head coach

Erik Hamrén

Date of birth: 27 June 1957

Nationality: Swedish

Playing career: Ljusdal, Stockviks

Coaching career: Njurunda (youth), Sundsvall (youth), Bro (youth), Enköping, Väsby, Brommapojkarna, Vasalund, Degerfors, AIK, Örgryte, AaB, Rosenborg, Sweden, Iceland

- Hamrén's short-lived playing career began with home-town club Ljusdal at 17, but after a two-year spell both there and at Stockviks, he was forced into retirement through injury.
- Began coaching at junior level before taking on his first senior post with Enköping and experienced his first major success nine years later, when he led AIK to victory in the 1996 Swedish Cup – a trophy he successfully defended with the Stockholm side the following year. He also took the team to the quarter-finals of the UEFA Cup Winners' Cup in 1996/97, where they bowed out to eventual winners Barcelona. A third Swedish Cup was added to his CV with Örgryte in 2000.
- After moving abroad in 2004 to join AaB he won the Danish Superliga in 2008, having also led them into the UEFA Cup group stage, then followed up with back-to-back Norwegian championships at Rosenborg.
- During his time in Trondheim he was appointed as the coach of the Swedish national side, doing the two jobs simultaneously until he stepped down from his Rosenborg duties in September 2010 to take charge of Sweden full time. Over the next six years he led his country to the finals of both UEFA EURO 2012 and UEFA EURO 2016, missing out on the 2014 FIFA World Cup only after a qualifying play-off defeat by Portugal.
- After two years out of the game he was recalled to the international arena by Iceland, who appointed him as their new head coach on 8 August 2018 in succession to Heimir Hallgrímsson.

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 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

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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