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Latvia

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Franco Foda

Date of birth: 23 April 1966  
Nationality: German  
Playing career: Kaiserslautern (twice), Arminia Bielefeld, Saarbrücken, Bayer Leverkusen, Stuttgart, Basel, Sturm Graz  
Coaching career: Sturm Graz (three times), Kaiserslautern, Austria

- Born in Mainz to a German mother and Italian father, Foda started his playing career at Weisenau and joined Mainz, then in the third tier, in his youth. As a professional he played in 321 German Bundesliga games, winning the German Cup with both Kaiserslautern and Leverkusen.
- In 1987, the defender was called up by the West German national team for a South America tour. He played against Argentina and Brazil, his only two international caps.
- Foda ended his career with a highly successful four-year spell at Austrian club Sturm Graz, with whom he won three league titles and also reached the UEFA Champions League group stage three years running.
- After hanging up his boots, Foda remained in Styria and moved into coaching, initially as an assistant to the experienced Ivan Osim before taking over as Sturm's head coach in 2002.
- He would spend the best part of the next decade and a half at Sturm, punctuating his tenure only with a single season back in Germany with Kaiserslautern (2012/13) after leading Sturm to victories in the 2009/10 Austrian Cup and the following season's Bundesliga. In October 2017 he was appointed Marcel Koller's successor as head coach of the Austrian national team, taking over the reins in January 2018.

Slaviša Stojanović

Date of birth: 6 December 1969  
Nationality: Slovenian  
Playing career: Slovan Ljubljana, Ljubljana (twice), Celje, Vevče, Livar  
Coaching career: Slovan Ljubljana, Livar, Domžale, Celje, United Arab Emirates (assistant), Slovenia, Crvena zvezda, Lierse, Changchun Yatai, Riga, Levski Sofia, Latvia

- Born in what is now Serbia, Stojanović had an unremarkable career as a defender in Slovenian football, finding his true calling as a coach in his late 20s when he led Slovan Ljubljana to national titles at Under-16 and U18 levels.
- Established his local reputation in charge of Domžale between 2002 and 2008, during which his side won the 2006/07 and 2007/08 domestic titles — their first top-division successes.
- After a single campaign at Celje, Stojanović moved abroad to assist compatriot Srečko Katanec, then coach of the United Arab Emirates; the pair were dismissed in September 2011, Stojanović taking over as Slovenia boss the following month.
- Stojanović resigned as Slovenia coach in December 2012, after just over a year in charge, and returned to football in June 2013 with Crvena zvezda, whom he steered to their first Serbian title in seven years in his lone campaign.
- After an ill-starred spell in Belgium with Lierse, Stojanović coached clubs in China and Latvia, then took command of Levski Sofia at the start of the 2018/19 campaign. He left the Bulgarian side in January 2019 and was appointed head coach of Latvia two months later.
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
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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