EUROPEAN QUALIFIERS - 2019/20 SEASON
MATCH PRESS KITS

Republic of Armenia
Republican Stadium after Vazgen
Sargsyan - Yerevan
Sunday 8 September 2019
15.00CET (17.00 local time)
Group J - Matchday 6

Head coach
Legend

European Qualifiers Official Sponsors:
Head coach

Armen Gyulbudaghyants

**Date of birth:** 19 December 1966  
**Nationality:** Armenian  
**Playing career:** Spartak Hoktemberyan, Lori, Banants, Homenetmen Lebanon  
**Coaching career:** Banants (twice), Armenia Under-19, Armenia U21, Pyunik (twice), Impuls, Alashkert, Gol Gahar (assistant), Padideh (assistant), Armenia  

- A powerful and creative midfielder, Gyulbudaghyants spent the early part of his career in the USSR lower leagues before joining Banants in 1992, finishing third in the league and winning the Armenian Cup in the first post-independence season. He scored 17 goals in 61 appearances for the club before retiring aged 29 after suffering a knee injury that also restricted him to a single senior cap for Armenia.
- Switched to coaching and in 2001 returned to Banants, combining his new role with gaining coaching qualifications. In 2007 he went to Moscow to study, becoming the first Armenian coach to acquire a UEFA Pro Licence.
- His most successful spell followed at Pyunik between May 2007 and July 2008, players such as Henrikh Mkhitaryan, Gevorg Ghazaryan and Karlen Mkrtchyan breaking through and going on to become the backbone of the national side.
- Gyulbudaghyants guided Pyunik to the 2007 league title and took Impuls to the Armenian Cup final four years later, his most notable coaching achievements; however, he also has a fine record in improving his sides' results and developing young players.
- Stepped up to take charge of Armenia in October 2018 following the departure of Vardan Minasyan.

Robert Prosinečki

**Date of birth:** 12 January 1969  
**Nationality:** Croatian  
**Playing career:** Dinamo Zagreb (twice), Crvena zvezda, Real Madrid, Real Oviedo, Barcelona, Sevilla, Hrvatski Dragovoljac, Standard Liège, Portsmouth, Olimpija Ljubljana, Zagreb  
**Coaching career:** Croatia (assistant), Crvena zvezda, Kayserispor, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina  

- Born in Germany, Prosinečki moved back to Croatia with his family in 1979, and developed as a midfielder with stunning technique at Dinamo Zagreb.
- He moved on to Crvena zvezda and, after starring in Yugoslavia's 1987 World Youth Championship (now FIFA U-20 World Cup) triumph in Chile, he helped help the Belgrade side to win the 1990/91 European Champion Clubs' Cup, scoring the opening penalty in their shoot-out success in the final victory against Marseille. He also won three Yugoslav league titles with the club.
- After a high-profile transfer, injuries hampered his time at Real Madrid, though he was to stay in Spain for some time, representing Oviedo, Barcelona and Sevilla before further adventures in Belgium, England and Slovenia.
- Capped 15 times by Yugoslavia and 49 times by Croatia, his goals in the 1990 and 1998 tournaments made him the only player to score in FIFA World Cup final tournaments for two different nations.
- Having assisted former Croatia team-mate Slaven Bilić with the national team, Prosinečki coached Crvena zvezda to Serbian Cup success in 2011/12 and led Turkish side Kayserispor from 2012 to 2013. Hired as Azerbaijan coach in December 2014, he stepped down three years later and was appointed by Bosnia and Herzegovina on 4 January 2018, guiding his new side to promotion from League B of the UEFA Nations League later that year.