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Slovakia

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Marco Rossi

Date of birth: 9 September 1964  
Nationality: Italian  
Playing career: Torino, Campania, Campania Puteolana, Catanzaro, Brescia, Sampdoria, Club América, Eintracht Frankfurt, Piacenza, Ospitaletto, Salò  
Coaching career: Lumezzane, Pro Patria, Spezia, Scafatese, Cavese, Honvéd (twice), DAC Dunajská Streda, Hungary

• Rossi launched his playing career as a defender with Torino and made his Serie A debut in March 1984. Later played for Campania, Catanzaro and – briefly – Brescia before joining Sampdoria in 1993. Won the Coppa Italia with Samp in 1994 before moving abroad to play in Mexico for Club América and in Germany with Eintracht Frankfurt. His last professional club was Piacenza, finishing his career with lower-division outfits Ospitaletto and Salò.

• In 2004, he started coaching Lumezzane, subsequently taking charge of lower-league Italian clubs Pro Patria, Spezia, Scafatese and Cavese. He considered retiring before being appointed head coach of Honvéd in August 2012.

• In his first season in Budapest, the club made famous by Ferenc Puskás and Co in the 1950s finished third in the Hungarian top flight, but Rossi left in April 2014 – only to return, by popular demand, the following February. In 2016/17 the Italian defied the odds by steering Honvéd to a sensational Hungarian title triumph – the club's first league success for 24 years – but subsequently stepped down, pursuing his career instead across the border in Slovakia.

• He spent 2017/18 as head coach of DAC Dunajská Streda, a club with sizeable Hungarian support, leading them to third place in the Slovakian league and into a UEFA Europa League qualification spot.

• On 19 June 2018, Rossi returned to the country where he had made his name, becoming head coach of the Hungarian national team as the replacement for Belgian Georges Leekens.

Pavel Hapal

Date of birth: 27 July 1969  
Nationality: Czech  
Playing career: Sigma Olomouc (four times), Dukla Praha, Bayer Leverkusen, Tenerife, Sparta Praha, České Budějovice, Jakubčovice  
Coaching career: Opava, Zlín, Baník Ostrava, Nitra, Mladá Boleslav, Žilina, Zagłębie Lubin, Senica, Slovakia Under-21, Sparta Praha, Slovakia

• A versatile attacking midfielder often deployed on the right flank, Hapal represented both Czechoslovakia and the Czech Republic in the early 1990s, winning a total of 31 senior international caps and scoring one goal.

• Born 50km from Olomouc, Hapal started his playing career with Sigma – the first of four spells at the club – and helped them reach the 1991/92 UEFA Cup quarter-finals. His three goals in a memorable 6-2 aggregate win against Hamburg caught the eye of Bundesliga scouts and prompted a move to Leverkusen, where he remained for three years, winning the DFB-Pokal in 1992/93.

• Pursued his career in the Spanish Liga with Tenerife, where he also spent three seasons, before returning to his Czech homeland in 1998 and hanging up his boots four years later.

• Went straight into coaching, serving a succession of Czech clubs before making his name across the border in Slovakia – firstly by leading Nitra to a third-placed finish in 2007/08, then by steering Žilina to a record-equalling fifth Slovakian title in 2009/10, his debut season.

• After a two-year spell at Polish side Zagłębie Lubin and a brief stint back in Slovakia with Senica, he was appointed as coach of Slovakia's Under-21 side. It proved a successful alliance as he led the team to the European finals in Poland, where they were unfortunate to be eliminated in the group stage despite winning two of their three matches. Sparta Praha appointed him in March 2018 but he left in the summer and took charge of the senior Slovakia side in October following Ján Kozák'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

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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