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Slovenia

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Head coach

Matjaž Kek

Date of birth: 9 September 1961

Nationality: Slovenian

Playing career: Maribor (twice), Spittal/Drau, Grazer AK

Coaching career: Maribor, Slovenia (youth), Slovenia (twice), Al-Ittihad, Rijeka

- Born in Maribor, he began a long affiliation with the local club as a player. Featured from 1979 to 1984 in the Yugoslavian Federal League before a decade in Austria's lower leagues with Spittal/Drau and Grazer AK – earning one cap for Slovenia in 1992 while with the latter. Returned home to win a hat-trick of Slovenian titles at Maribor between 1997 and 1999 as well as two national cups.
- Turned to coaching immediately after hanging up his boots and was on the staff for four further Maribor championship wins before taking charge himself for the 2003/04 season.
- Appointed coach of Slovenia's Under-15 and U16 teams in 2006 before the call came to replace senior head coach Branko Oblak midway through UEFA EURO 2008 qualifying campaign in January 2007.
- Endured difficult start to reign with youthful team but came good to eventually steer Slovenia to 2010 FIFA World Cup finals after a famous away-goals victory over Russia in the play-offs. Oversaw creditable performances in South Africa although Slovenia failed to progress from group stage.
- Stepped down after failure to reach UEFA EURO 2012, going on to have a brief spell in Saudi Arabia with Al-Ittihad before resurfacing at Rijeka in February 2013. Kek proved a huge success in Croatia, winning the club's first title in 2016/17 when Rijeka completed the double by claiming the Croatian Cup for the second time in his reign; also took the club into the UEFA Europa League group stage in 2013/14 and 2014/15. Stepped down in October 2018 and reappointed as Slovenia coach the following month.

Andreas Herzog

Date of birth: 10 September 1968

Nationality: Austrian

Playing career: Rapid Wien (twice), Werder Bremen (twice), Bayern München, Los Angeles Galaxy

Coaching career: Austria (assistant), Austria Under-21, United States (assistant), United States U23, Israel

- A Vienna-born attacking midfielder, Herzog started his senior career as a teenager with Rapid Wien and made his first appearance for the national team shortly before his 20th birthday. He would go on to become Austria's most-capped player with 103 appearances (23 goals) – a record that still stands.
- Twice an Austrian champion with Rapid Wien, the gifted left-footer's best years at club level came in Germany at Werder Bremen, with whom he won the Bundesliga title in 1992/93 and two German Cups. He also scored a personal-best tally of 15 Bundesliga goals in 1996/97, the season in which he returned to Werder after just one year away at Bayern München where he became a UEFA Cup winner.
- Returned home to Rapid in 2001 for two further years in the Austrian Bundesliga and then headed west to see out his career with MLS side Los Angeles Galaxy.
- Began his coaching career as caretaker of the Austria national team in 2005 and went on to be assistant to Karel Brückner. He continued to be head coach of the Austrian U-21 team, playing a key part in the development of future senior internationals such as David Alaba.
- In 2011 he joined forces again with his former Bayern team-mate Jürgen Klinsmann to become the assistant coach of the United States national team, helping them reach the round of 16 at the 2014 FIFA World Cup. After a spell in charge of the USA's Under-23s he took on work as a TV pundit before accepting an offer to become head coach of Israel on 1 August 2018.

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