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Belgium

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Head coach

Steve Clarke

Date of birth: 29 August 1963
Nationality: Scottish
Playing career: St Mirren, Chelsea
Coaching career: Newcastle (caretaker), West Brom, Reading, Kilmarnock, Scotland

• Born in Saltcoats on the west coast of Scotland, Clarke started out on a part-time contract at St Mirren, training as a defender while serving an apprenticeship as an instrument engineer, but – after making his debut in 1982 – eventually established himself as the Paisley side's first choice right-back.

• Signed by Chelsea in February 1987, Clarke would make over 400 appearances for the club, and featured in the sides that won the 1997 FA Cup and the League Cup the following season; his final appearance was in the 1998 UEFA Cup Winners' Cup final, the Blues beating Stuttgart 1-0 in Stockholm.

• Capped just six times by Scotland, Clarke moved into coaching as assistant to his former Stamford Bridge team-mate Ruud Gullit at Newcastle United, from 1998/99, taking caretaker command for one match. Then returned to Chelsea, initially as a youth team coach, before assisting José Mourinho (during two title-winning campaigns) and Avram Grant.

• Assisted another Stamford Bridge alumnus, Gianfranco Zola, at West Ham from 2008 to 2010, and was Kenny Dalglish's assistant at Liverpool before taking sole command at West Brom in 2012/13.

• Following a spell in charge at Reading, he was assistant to Roberto Di Matteo at Aston Villa in 2016, and then returned to management in 2017 with Kilmarnock – the club his brother Paul represented between 1974 and 1986; hired to coach Scotland in May 2019 after being named the Scottish Premiership's manager of the year.

Roberto Martínez

Date of birth: 13 July 1973
Nationality: Spanish
Playing career: Real Zaragoza, Balaguer, Wigan, Motherwell, Walsall, Swansea, Chester City
Coaching career: Swansea, Wigan, Everton, Belgium

• Born in Catalonia, Martínez started out at youth level with home-town club Balaguer before joining Zaragoza aged 16. The bulk of his three years there were spent in the youth and B teams, with a solitary appearance for the senior side before he returned to Balaguer in 1994, also running the club's football school.

• Moved to England and Wigan in 1995, forming the 'Three Amigos' with fellow Spaniards Jesús Seba and Isidro Díaz; over the next six years, helped the club win the third division title in 1997 and the Football League trophy two years later. A year with both Motherwell and Walsall preceded a lengthier spell at Swansea between 2003 and 2006, Martínez helping the club to promotion to the third tier. After a season with Chester, he returned to south Wales in 2007, initially as player-manager before quickly hanging up his boots.

• Guided Swansea to the League One championship in 2008 before leaving for Premier League Wigan the following year. Inspired an unlikely escape from relegation in 2011/12 and landed the Latics' first major trophy with victory against Manchester City FC in the FA Cup final 12 months later – although three days after that landmark triumph, Wigan were relegated.

• Martínez remained a man in demand and was appointed Everton manager in June 2013, steering the club to fifth place with their record Premier League points tally in his first term. Everton reached the 2014/15 UEFA Europa League round of 16 and both domestic cup semi-finals in the next campaign, but indifferent league form meant Martínez was dismissed in May 2016.

• Appointed Belgium coach three months later in the wake of Marc Wilmots' departure and led the side to the semi-finals of the 2018 FIFA World Cup, Belgium ultimately finishing third in Russia – their highest ever placing.

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 statisical 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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