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Lithuania

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Portugal

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Head coach

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Head coach

Valdas Urbonas

Date of birth: 29 November 1967

Nationality: Lithuanian

Playing career: Mokslas Vilnius, Neris Vilnius, Vienybė Ukmergė, Makabi Vilnius, Miniija Kretinga, Geležinis Vilkas, Žalgiris, Inkaras Kaunas, Videoton, Gázszer, Ekranas

Coaching career: Vėtra (assistant), Kaunas (assistant), Ekranas, Trakai, Spartaks Jūrmala, Žalgiris, Lithuania

- Played in defence for several clubs in Lithuanian capital Vilnius, including Žalgiris, whom he represented between 1993 and 1997. Then moved to Hungary, spending three years there before returning to his native Panevezys for a final campaign with Ekranas.
- Participated in Lithuania's first competitive matches as an independent country in 1992, and scored once in 14 appearances for his country overall.
- Following his 2001 retirement, worked as an assistant at Vėtra and Kaunas before being named head coach at Ekranas in 2008. There, Urbonas won five successive championships, two national cups and was named best domestic club coach three times.
- Named Lithuania's best coach again in 2015, having led Trakai to a second-place finish in the league. A brief spell at the end of 2017 in Latvia with Spartaks earned him another league title.
- Appointed by former club Žalgiris midway through 2018 and steered the team to a Lithuanian Cup triumph. Named Lithuania's head coach in February 2019.

Fernando Santos

Date of birth: 10 October 1954

Nationality: Portuguese

Playing career: Benfica, Estoril (twice), Marítimo

Coaching career: Estoril, Estrela da Amadora, Porto, AEK Athens (twice), Panathinaikos, Sporting CP, Benfica, PAOK, Greece, Portugal

- A left-back, Santos – who holds a degree in electrical and telecommunications engineering – started his playing days at home-town club Benfica before spending most of his career with Estoril.
- He retired from playing in 1987, going immediately into coaching at Estoril, where he was head coach for six years, guiding the club to two promotions and into the Portuguese top flight.
- Had four seasons with Estrela da Amadora prior to joining Porto in 1998. Led his side to the Liga title in his first term, adding two domestic cups before departing for AEK in 2001. Again made an instant impact, lifting the 2002 Greek Cup. Went to Panathinaikos that summer followed by spells at Sporting, AEK again and Benfica.
- He then revived PAOK's fortunes after taking over in 2007, steering them to runners-up spot in the 2009/10 Super League to earn a place in the UEFA Champions League third qualifying round. Announced his departure in May 2010 and was confirmed as Otto Rehhagel's successor as Greece coach six weeks later, proving an immediate hit as he helped them to the quarter-finals of UEFA EURO 2012. Repeated the feat for the 2014 FIFA World Cup, guiding Greece to the last 16, before stepping down.
- He was appointed by Portugal that September after Paulo Bento's departure and led them to UEFA EURO 2016 thanks to seven successive victories. The crowning glory was to come in France, Portugal remaining unbeaten throughout the tournament and defeating the hosts in the St-Denis final thanks to Éder's extra-time goal; two years later, Santos and his team reached the last 16 of the World Cup, following that with victory in the first UEFA Nations League, beating Switzerland and the Netherlands on home soil in the Finals.

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