

# EUROPEAN QUALIFIERS - 2019/20 SEASON MATCH PRESS KITS



**Albania**

**Elbasan Arena - Elbasan**  
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Group H - Matchday 6



**Iceland**

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## EUROPEAN QUALIFIERS OFFICIAL SPONSORS



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## Head coach

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### Edoardo Reja

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**Date of birth:** 10 October 1945

**Nationality:** Italian

**Playing career:** SPAL, Palermo, Alessandria, Benevento

**Coaching career:** Molinella, Monselice (twice), Pordenone, Pro Gorizia, Treviso, Mestre, Varese, Pescara (youth), Pescara, Cosenza, Verona, Bologna, Lecce, Brescia, Torino, Vicenza, Genoa, Catania, Cagliari, Napoli, Hajduk Split, Lazio (twice), Atalanta, Albania

- Reja came through the ranks at SPAL alongside close friend Fabio Capello, the pair also featuring in the club's first team in Serie A in 1965; Reja went on to make more than 100 career appearances in Italy's top flight and also appeared for Palermo, Alessandria and Benevento before hanging up his boots in 1977.
- Started his coaching career in Serie D with Molinella in 1979, going on to have short spells at a number of lower league clubs before stepping up to Serie B in 1989, when he took charge of Pescara.
- After spells at Cosenza and Lecce, Reja led Brescia – including a young Andrea Pirlo – to the Serie B title in 1997, but opted to drop back into the second division to take charge of Torino. His Serie A debut came in 1998/99 with Vicenza, who he was unable to save from relegation but who he guided to an immediate top-flight return; subsequently also took Cagliari into Serie A in 2003/04.
- In charge of Napoli between 2005 and 2009, winning successive promotions as the club returned to Italy's highest level, with the likes of Marek Hamšík and Ezequiel Lavezzi flourishing under Reja's guidance; then had a short spell in Croatia with Hajduk.
- Returned to his homeland in February 2010, taking charge of Lazio for two years; had a second stint in 2014 prior to a short spell with Atalanta, but had not coached for three years before taking charge of the Albanian national side in April 2019, replacing fellow Italian Christian Panucci.

### Erik Hamrén

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**Date of birth:** 27 June 1957

**Nationality:** Swedish

**Playing career:** Ljusdal, Stockviks

**Coaching career:** Njurunda (youth), Sundsvall (youth), Bro (youth), Enköping, Väsby, Brommapojkarna, Vasalund, Degerfors, AIK, Örgryte, AaB, Rosenborg, Sweden, Iceland

- Hamrén's short-lived playing career began with home-town club Ljusdal at 17, but after a two-year spell both there and at Stockviks, he was forced into retirement through injury.
- Began coaching at junior level before taking on his first senior post with Enköping and experienced his first major success nine years later, when he led AIK to victory in the 1996 Swedish Cup – a trophy he successfully defended with the Stockholm side the following year. He also took the team to the quarter-finals of the UEFA Cup Winners' Cup in 1996/97, where they bowed out to eventual winners Barcelona. A third Swedish Cup was added to his CV with Örgryte in 2000.
- After moving abroad in 2004 to join AaB he won the Danish Superliga in 2008, having also led them into the UEFA Cup group stage, then followed up with back-to-back Norwegian championships at Rosenborg.
- During his time in Trondheim he was appointed as the coach of the Swedish national side, doing the two jobs simultaneously until he stepped down from his Rosenborg duties in September 2010 to take charge of Sweden full time. Over the next six years he led his country to the finals of both UEFA EURO 2012 and UEFA EURO 2016, missing out on the 2014 FIFA World Cup only after a qualifying play-off defeat by Portugal.
- After two years out of the game he was recalled to the international arena by Iceland, who appointed him as their new head coach on 8 August 2018 in succession to Heimir Hallgrímsson.

## Legend

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### :: 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

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### Other abbreviations

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**(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