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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.

Slaviša Stojanović

Date of birth: 6 December 1969

Nationality: Slovenian

Playing career: Slovan Ljubljana, Ljubljana (twice), Celje, Vevče, Livar

Coaching career: Slovan Ljubljana, Livar, Domžale, Celje, United Arab Emirates (assistant), Slovenia, Crvena zvezda, Lierse, Changchun Yatai, Riga, Levski Sofia, Latvia

- Born in what is now Serbia, Stojanović had an unremarkable career as a defender in Slovenian football, finding his true calling as a coach in his late 20s when he led Slovan Ljubljana to national titles at Under-16 and U18 levels.
- Established his local reputation in charge of Domžale between 2002 and 2008, during which his side won the 2006/07 and 2007/08 domestic titles – their first top-division successes.
- After a single campaign at Celje, Stojanović moved abroad to assist compatriot Srečko Katanec, then coach of the United Arab Emirates; the pair were dismissed in September 2011, Stojanović taking over as Slovenia boss the following month.
- Stojanović resigned as Slovenia coach in December 2012, after just over a year in charge, and returned to football in June 2013 with Crvena zvezda, whom he steered to their first Serbian title in seven years in his lone campaign.
- After an ill-starred spell in Belgium with Lierse, Stojanović coached clubs in China and Latvia, then took command of Levski Sofia at the start of the 2018/19 campaign. He left the Bulgarian side in January 2019 and was appointed head coach of Latvia two months later.

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