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**Albania**

**Loro Boriçi Stadium - Shkoder**

Saturday 17 November 2018  
20.45CET (20.45 local time)

Group C1 - Matchday 5



**Scotland**

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## Head coach

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### Christian Panucci

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**Date of birth:** 12 April 1973

**Nationality:** Italian

**Playing career:** Genoa, AC Milan, Real Madrid, Internazionale Milano, Chelsea (loan), Monaco, Roma, Parma

**Coaching career:** Russia (assistant), Livorno, Ternana, Albania

- Having risen through the ranks at Genoa, Panucci spent two seasons in the first team before leaving for Milan in 1993, winning the Scudetto and UEFA Champions League in his first season with the Rossoneri.
- A right-back who could cover in central defence, he captured a second Serie A title with Milan followed in 1996. Panucci moved to Real Madrid midway through 1996/97, becoming first Italian to play for Spanish giants, winning another league title that season and the UEFA Champions League again in 1998.
- Short spells at Inter, Chelsea and Monaco preceded his 2001 move to Roma, for whom he would make more than 300 appearances over the next eight years, winning the Coppa Italia twice. He hung up his boots in 2010 after a year with Parma.
- Twice a UEFA European Under-21 Championship winner with Italy, Panucci won 57 caps in a senior career spanning 14 years. Made his major tournament bow at the 2002 FIFA World Cup and scored the added-time goal against Scotland that took Italy to UEFA EURO 2008.
- Worked as Fabio Capello's assistant coach with Russia before striking out on his own; had short spells in charge of Serie B sides Livorno and Ternana before being appointed to succeed fellow Italian Gianni De Biasi as Albania coach in July 2017.

### Alex McLeish

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**Date of birth:** 21 January 1959

**Nationality:** Scottish

**Playing career:** Aberdeen, Motherwell

**Coaching career:** Motherwell, Hibernian, Rangers, Scotland (twice), Birmingham, Aston Villa, Nottingham Forest, Genk, Zamalek

- McLeish made his name as a rock-solid central defender with Alex Ferguson's illustrious Old Firm-defying Aberdeen side of the 1980s; the Dons won the Scottish league title in 1980, 1984 and 1985, added four Scottish Cup victories in five years and, most famously, beat Real Madrid 2-1 in the 1983 UEFA Cup Winners' Cup final before also overcoming Hamburg in that year's UEFA Super Cup.
- During his 17 years at Pittodrie, 'Eck' earned 77 caps for Scotland, playing at the 1982, 1986 and 1990 FIFA World Cup finals. He joined Motherwell as player/manager in 1994 and proved an immediate success at Fir Park, guiding the unfancied side to a runners-up spot in the Scottish Premier League in his first season in charge.
- He moved on in 1998 to Hibernian, where he experienced a mixture of highs and lows. Mooted at one point as a candidate to become Ferguson's right-hand man at Manchester United, his next career move took him instead to Rangers, where he replaced Dick Advocaat as manager in December 2001. McLeish's four-and-a-half-year tenure brought two league titles, two Scottish Cups and three Scottish League Cups to Ibrox, but a difficult season in 2005/06 prompted his departure.
- In January 2007 McLeish was named as the new manager of Scotland, replacing Walter Smith. He would last less than a year, quitting in November to join English Premier League club Birmingham. He remained at St Andrew's for three and a half seasons, winning the League Cup in 2011 but also experiencing relegation at the end of the same campaign. In a surprise move he left to join city rivals Aston Villa but lasted only a season in charge.
- Brief stints at Nottingham Forest, Belgian club Genk (where he enjoyed a fruitful 2014/15 campaign) and Egyptian side Zamalek preceded his reappointment as Scotland manager on 16 February 2018, ending a spell of more than 18 months in the managerial wilderness.

# Legend

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## Competitions

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