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Czech Republic

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Andriy Shevchenko

Date of birth: 29 September 1976

Nationality: Ukrainian

Playing career: Dynamo Kyiv (twice), AC Milan (twice), Chelsea

Coaching career: Ukraine (assistant), Ukraine

- Shevchenko enjoyed phenomenal early success with Dynamo Kyiv, the club he joined as a schoolboy, winning five successive Ukrainian titles and contributing 60 top-flight goals, including a league-best tally of 18 in 1998/99; that same season he also jointly topped the UEFA Champions League charts with eight goals as Dynamo reached the semi-finals.
- Joined Milan in July 1999 and hit the ground running, finishing top of the Serie A goal charts in his debut season (the first foreigner to achieve the feat) with 24 goals, a tally he would match the following campaign and again in 2003/04, when he led the listings once more as Milan won the Scudetto; won the Ballon d'Or in December 2004 to go with his six Ukrainian footballer of the year titles.
- Won the UEFA Champions League with the Rossoneri in 2003, scoring the decisive spot kick in the final against Juventus to crown an injury-curtailed campaign; however, missed crucially from the spot in the 2005 showpiece against Liverpool.
- Left Milan in 2006 with 127 Serie A and 37 European goals to his credit, but a move to Chelsea did not work out and he returned to Milan for an equally unsuccessful loan spell in 2008/09 before making the permanent move back to Dynamo a year later.
- Ukraine's record scorer by a distance with 48 goals in 111 appearances, he captained the team to the quarter-finals of the 2006 FIFA World Cup and became the first player to reach the 100-cap milestone for Ukraine, in October 2010. Scored twice in a famous win against Sweden at UEFA EURO 2012, his international swansong; after a short-lived foray into politics, appointed assistant to Ukraine coach Mykhaylo Fomenko, taking over as head coach after UEFA EURO 2016 but losing out to Iceland and eventual runners-up Croatia in their qualifying section for the 2018 FIFA World Cup.

Jaroslav Šilhavý

Date of birth: 3 November 1961

Nationality: Czech

Playing career: Škoda Plzeň (now Viktoria Plzeň), RH Cheb, Slavia Praha, Drnovice, Viktoria Žižkov

Coaching career: Kladno, Viktoria Plzeň, České Budějovice, Slovan Liberec, Jablonec, Dukla Praha, Slavia Praha, Czech Republic

- An uncompromising centre-back who led by example, Šilhavý made a record 465 appearances in the Czechoslovakian and Czech league, scoring 26 goals. Spent almost a decade with RH Cheb before joining Sparta Praha in 1990.
- Part of the Sparta side that finished runners-up in the Czechoslovak First League in 1992/93, Šilhavý also helped Drnovice to the Czech Cup final in 1996; he was voted personality of the league in 1998, a year before hanging up his boots after two seasons as Viktoria Žižkov captain.
- Also won four caps for Czechoslovakia between 1990 and 1991, while his son Tomáš went on to be a professional – also as a defender – at Slavia.
- Šilhavý snr started his coaching career with Kladno in 2007 and, after spells with Viktoria Plzeň and České Budějovice, guided Slovan Liberec to the Czech title in 2011/12 – when he was also named coach of the year. Took the club into the UEFA Europa League round of 32 in 2013/14.
- After short spells at Jablonec and Dukla Praha, took over at Slavia in September 2016, masterminding a 26-match unbeaten run in the league to win the title at the end of that season. Succeeded former Slavia team-mate Karel Jarolím as coach of the Czech Republic in September 2018.

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