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Group G - Matchday 7



Liechtenstein

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Head coach

Gianni De Biasi

Date of birth: 16 June 1956

Nationality: Italian

Playing career: Treviso FC, FC Internazionale Milano, AC Reggiana 1919, Pescara Calcio, Brescia Calcio, US Città di Palermo, Vicenza Calcio, Bassano Virtus 55 ST

Coaching career: FC Pro Vasto, Carpi FC 1909, Cosenza Calcio, SPAL 1907, Modena FC, Brescia Calcio, Torino FC (three times), Levante UD, Udinese Calcio, Albania

- Served apprenticeship as an academy coach and on the lower rungs of the Italian football ladder before making his name overseeing back-to-back promotions at Modena – guiding them from the third division to Serie A in 2002. It ended a 38-year absence from the top flight.
- Helped Modena survive first season among the elite before moving to Brescia, where he stayed two years before embarking on a tumultuous spell at Torino in 2005.
- Arrived with Torino picking up the pieces after bankruptcy and exceeded expectations by steering them back to Serie A in his first campaign, only to be replaced by Alberto Zaccheroni three days before the start of the next term. He was reappointed within seven months, leading the Granata to safety.
- Spent 2007/08 at Levante, winning plaudits despite relegation, then returned for a third stint at Torino with five games of the season remaining and saved them from relegation again. Sacked that December, he had a two-month reign at Udinese in 2009/10 before finding more constancy as Albania boss.
- A one-time midfielder with a handful of top-flight playing campaigns under his belt, De Biasi was installed in December 2011 as successor to Josip Kuže. He signed a new deal running until the end of UEFA EURO 2016 qualifying in November 2013, and promptly led the team to the finals for the first time, Albania only narrowly missing out on the last 16 in France after a memorable win against Romania in their final game.

René Pauritsch

Date of birth: 4 February 1964

Nationality: Austrian

Playing career: ASK Voitsberg, Grazer AK (twice), Donawitzer SV Leoben, Red-White Rankweil, SV Frohnleiten

Coaching career: USV Eschen/Mauren, AKA Vorarlberg, SC Austria Lustenau (assistant), Liechtenstein (youth), Liechtenstein

- Enjoyed a modest playing career, making a total of 35 Austrian Bundesliga appearances for Graz and Leoben in addition to spending time in the lower leagues with Voitsberg, Rankweil and Frohnleiten.
- His sole top-flight goal was a decisive one – the winner for Leoben in a 2-1 victory against Kremser SC on 3 November 1990.
- Began coaching at Eschen/Mauren before returning home to Austria to lead Vorarlberg and, subsequently, work as assistant at second-tier Austria Lustenau under Heinz Fuchsbichler.
- Took charge of Liechtenstein's youth teams in 2008, eventually stepping up to succeed Hans-Peter Zaugg at the helm of the senior national side in late 2012.
- Enjoyed some early success in his new role, guiding Liechtenstein to 1-1 home draws against Latvia and Slovakia in his first two competitive fixtures.

Legend

Competitions

Club competitions

UCL: UEFA Champions League
ECCC: European Champion Clubs' Cup
UEL: UEFA Europa League
UCUP: UEFA Cup
UCWC: UEFA Cup Winners' Cup
SCUP: UEFA Super Cup
UIC: UEFA Intertoto Cup
ICF: Inter-Cities Fairs Cup

National team competitions

EURO: UEFA European Football Championship
WC: FIFA World Cup
CONFCUP: FIFA Confederations Cup
FRIE: Friendly internationals
U21FRIE: Under-21 friendly internationals
U21: UEFA European Under-21 Championship
U17: UEFA Under-17 Championship
U16: UEFA European Under-16 Championship
U19: UEFA Under-19 Championship
U18: UEFA European Under-18 Championship
WWC: FIFA Women's World Cup
WEURO: UEFA European Women's Championship

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

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

Statistics

-: Denotes player substituted
*****: Denotes player sent off

+: Denotes player introduced
+/-: Denotes player introduced and substituted

Squad list

D: Disciplinary
*****: Misses next match if booked
S: Suspended

Overall: Total appearances in the UEFA European Under-21 Championship final tournament only

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