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Head coach

Ante Čačić

Date of birth: 29 September 1953

Nationality: Croatian

Playing career: NK Prigorje Markuševac

Coaching career: NK Dubrava, NK Inter Zaprešić (three times), NK Osijek, NK Zadar, NK Slaven Belupo (twice), GNK Dinamo Zagreb, NK Radnik Sesvete, NK Maribor, NK Kamen Ingrad, NK Lokomotiva Zagreb (twice), NK Croatia Sesvete, Croatia Under-21 (assistant), Libya (assistant), Croatia

- A graduate of the University of Zagreb's coaching school, Čačić was among the first ten Croatian coaches to receive a UEFA Pro licence; he started his coaching career at lower-league Prigorje Markuševac, where he had also played.
- Spent the bulk of his career in the Croatian top division, also earning promotion to the First League with Dubrava and Inter Zaprešić.
- His highest-profile job was at Dinamo Zagreb; hired in December 2011, he won a domestic double and led the club into the 2012/13 UEFA Champions League group stage. Left in November 2012.
- From 1994 to 1998, he was assistant coach of Croatia's Under-21 team, and from 2003 to 2006 assisted countryman Ilija Lončarević during his time as Libya coach.
- In 2013, he took Maribor to the UEFA Europa League group stage; he was most recently in charge of Lokomotiva, whom he guided into 2015/16 UEFA Europa League qualifying. Took over the national side in September 2015, guiding them to UEFA EURO 2016 and subsequently the last 16 in France, losing in extra time to eventual winners Portugal.

Andriy Shevchenko

Date of birth: 29 September 1976

Nationality: Ukrainian

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

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 topped the UEFA Champions League charts with ten 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 FC.
- Left Milan in 2006 with 127 Serie A and 38 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, 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.

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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