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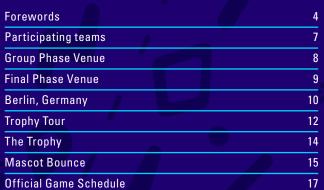
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FOREWORDS



This has been a very significant summer for basketball across the continent because, after the safe return to action of senior men's and women's national teams over the past two years, our young players also took back to the court and competed in European youth championships once again.

Attendance figures rose again, in arenas throughout Europe, and the return of the fans has been enormously uplifting for the players and for the game itself. This fact underscores the importance of the decision we had taken to postpone FIBA EuroBasket by one year, in order to ensure that fans can enjoy it from up close.

There could be therefore no better conclusion to this summer than the biggest event on the European calendar. All of us, but especially the four host countries of FIBA EuroBasket 2022, have waited for five long years for this amazing moment to arrive.

Czech Republic, Georgia, Italy and Germany are well-prepared for this exceptional occasion and each one will add their own unique blend of tradition and culture to the tournament, picking up the baton from the enormously successful sets of co-hosts of 2017 and 2015, when we first implemented this model and exceeded all expectations.

It's common knowledge that FIBA EuroBasket is enormously competitive and each edition elevates the level of European basketball to new heights. Our brightest stars are eager to represent their nations in the 41st edition and their eagerness is, to a great extent, a testament to the resilience and healthy foundations of European basketball.

We came out of the pandemic crisis stronger and with renewed optimism for the future, despite facing unprecedented challenges that nobody could have predicted when we decided to switch our flagship tournament to a four-year cycle and introduce a new



qualification system.

I wish to thank wholeheartedly the four partner federations, the local organizing committees, the authorities and volunteers in all five cities, not only for their tireless work, but mostly because each one of them invested a piece of themselves in this huge event.

I am confident that the end result will be even more impactful than they ever imagined and that they will enjoy the fruit of their labor together with all of us in Europe and with the basketball community around the globe.

I also wish the best of luck to all players, coaches and officials that will take part at FIBA EuroBasket 2022. Let me assure each one of you that you will play a role in a sporting event for the ages.

Best regards,

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Turgay Demirel FIBA Europe President



This has always been the case and each one of the previous 40 tournaments helped elevate this competition to its current status as one of the truly unmissable events of global basketball, an event that has long transcended European borders and captures the attention of fans and media around the world.

Reigning champions Slovenia conquered the trophy five years ago, with the 2017 Final becoming the most-watched sports program and the medal ceremony the most-watched broadcast in the history of Slovenian television.

But these five years are the longest period between two tournaments in the modern FIBA EuroBasket era and it's not a secret that the 41st edition is definitely the most eagerlyanticipated in the long history of the competition.

Cologne, Milan, Prague, Tbilisi and then Berlin are more than ready to host this milestone edition of FIBA EuroBasket and will welcome the thousands of fans that will travel to support their national teams.

There are so many fans that have missed enormously the experience of watching a game in person and have been patiently counting the days until they sit in the tribune again and attend a game at the highest possible level of basketball.

The fans' patience will be rewarded with one of the most memorable EuroBasket tournaments in history, there is no doubt about that. This tournament will be the culmination of exemplary hard work and excellent planning from the host federations, so that Europe and the entire world can once again enjoy this sporting celebration.

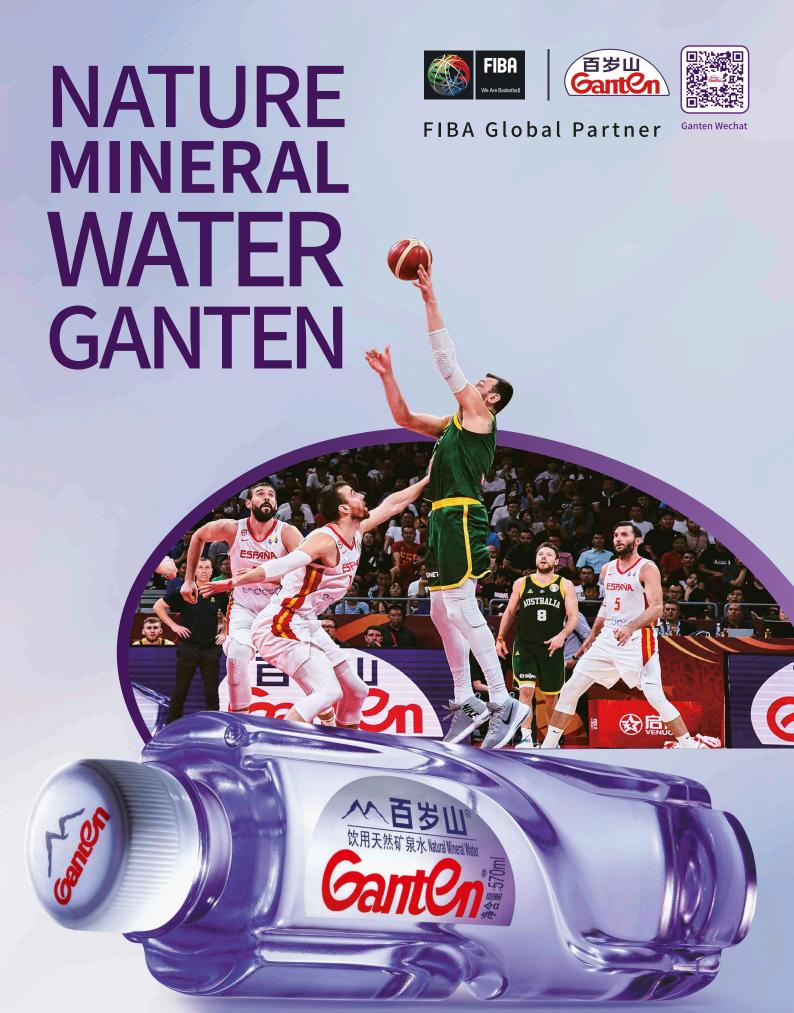
An enormous thanks is probably not enough to express our gratitude to our four host nations and national federations for their commitment and hard work throughout the many twists and turns that they had to navigate since they were awarded the honor - and responsibility - to host this tournament.

I wish everyone involved in FIBA EuroBasket 2022 the very best of luck and I hope everybody performs at their very best and, equally importantly, enjoys every moment of this truly monumental occasion.

Best regards,

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Kamil Novak
FIBA Executive Director Europe



PARTICIPATING TEAMS

FIBA EuroBasket 2022 marks the 41st edition of the continental showpiece event and will be held in Czech Republic, Georgia, Germany and Italy. From September 1-18, 2022, Europe's best players will come together in the cities of Berlin, Cologne, Milan, Prague and Tbilisi to fight for the title of European

champions. With the four co-hosts qualified automatically, the remaining 20 teams punched their tickets via the Qualifiers, which were held over three windows, in February 2020, November 2020 and February 2021.



BELGIUM

FINAL ROUND APPEARANCES: 18 BEST FINISH: 4th



BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

FINAL ROUND APPEARANCES: 10 BEST FINISH: 8th



BULGARIA

FINAL ROUND APPEARANCES: 24 BEST FINISH: 2nd MEDAL COUNT: 2



CROATIA

FINAL ROUND APPEARANCES: 14
BEST FINISH: 3rd
MEDAL COUNT: 2



CZECH REPUBLIC

FINAL ROUND APPEARANCES: 6 Best Finish: 7th



ESTONIA

FINAL ROUND APPEARANCES: 6



FINLAND

FINAL ROUND APPEARANCES: 17 BEST FINISH: 6th



FRANCE

FINAL ROUND APPEARANCES: 39 BEST FINISH: 1st TITLES: 1 (2013) MEDAL COUNT: 2



GEORGIA

FINAL ROUND APPEARANCES: 5 BEST FINISH: 11th



GERMANY

FINAL ROUND APPEARANCES: 25 BEST FINISH: 1st TITLES: 1 (1993) MEDAL COUNT: 2



GREAT BRITAIN

FINAL ROUND APPEARANCES: 5 BEST FINISH: 13th



GREECE

FINAL ROUND APPEARANCES: 28 BEST FINISH: 1st TITLES: 2 (1987, 2005) MEDAL COUNT: 5



HUNGARY

FINAL ROUND APPEARANCES: 16 BEST FINISH: 1st TITLES: 1 (1955) MEDAL COUNT: 3



ISRAEL

FINAL ROUND APPEARANCES: 30 BEST FINISH: 2nd



ITALY

FINAL ROUND APPEARANCES: 38 BEST FINISH: 1st TITLES: 2 (1983, 1999) MEDAL COUNT: 10



LITHUANIA

FINAL ROUND APPEARANCES: 15 BEST FINISH: 1st TITLES: 3 (1937, 1939, 2003) MEDAL COUNT: 7



MONTENEGRO

FINAL ROUND APPEARANCES: 4 Best Finish: 13th



NETHERLANDS

FINAL ROUND APPEARANCES: 16 REST FINISH: 4th



POLAND

FINAL ROUND APPEARANCES: 29 BEST FINISH: 2nd MEDAL COUNT: 4



SERBIA

FINAL ROUND APPEARANCES: 7 BEST FINISH: 2nd MEDAL COUNT: 2



SLOVENIA

FINAL ROUND APPEARANCES: 14 BEST FINISH: 1st TITLES: 1 (2017) MEDAL COUNT: 1



SPAIN

FINAL ROUND APPEARANCES: 32 BEST FINISH: 1st TITLES: 3 (2009, 2011, 2015) MEDAL COLINT: 13



TURKEY

FINAL ROUND APPEARANCES: 25 BEST FINISH: 2nd MEDAL COUNT: 1



UKRAINE

FINAL ROUND APPEARANCES: 9 BEST FINISH: 6th

GROUP PHASE VENUE

TBILISI ARENA

CAPACITY: 10,000

University street 15a, Tbilisi

COLOGNE ARENA

CAPACITY: 19,250

Willy-Brandt-Platz 3, 50679 Koln

PRAGUE ARENA

CAPACITY: 18,000

Českomoravská 2345/17, 190 00 Praha 9

MILAN ARENA

CAPACITY: **12,000**

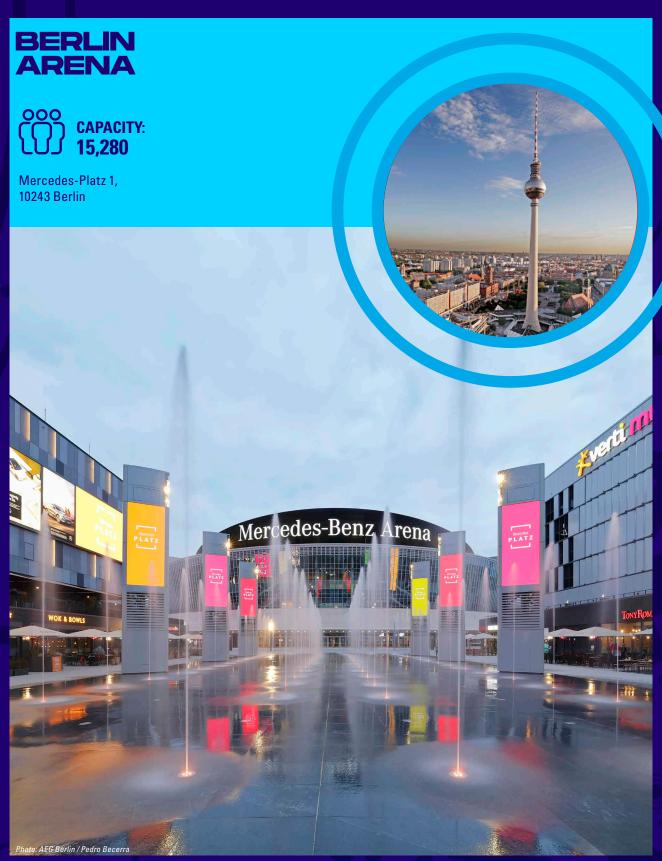
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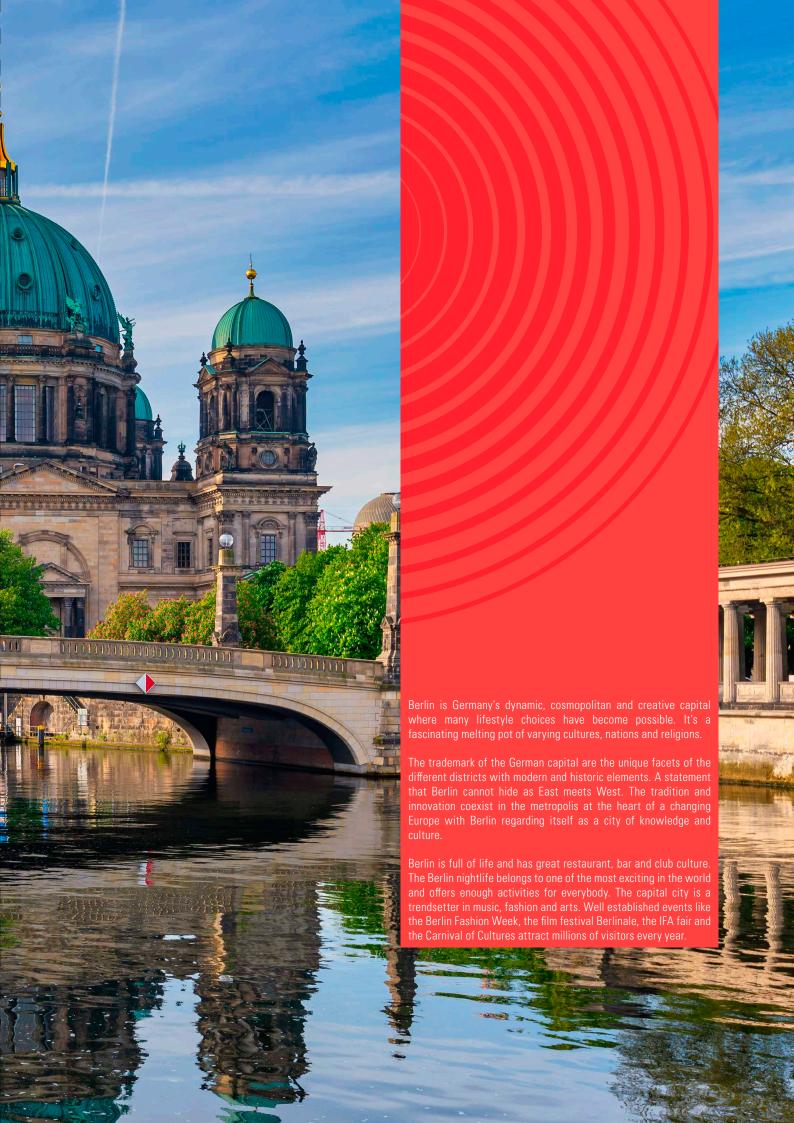




FINAL PHASE VENUE







TROPHY TOUR

The FIBA EuroBasket 2022 Trophy Tour commenced on March 25, beginning with its first stop in Botevgrad, Bulgaria.

The ambitious tour made stops in FIBA EuroBasket 2022 participating countries, offering fans around Europe the opportunity to see the coveted trophy from up close, as well as offering additional exposure to each of the participating teams ahead of the September event.

There were also visits to the five cities that are hosting the prestigious tournament with Milan (Italy), Cologne, Berlin (Germany), Tbilisi (Georgia) and Prague (Czech Republic) included in the tour.

FIBA EUROBASKET 2022 TROPHY TOUR OVERVIEW

COUNTRY	DATE	CITY
Bulgaria	25/3 – 28/3	Botevgrad
Hungary	4/5 – 7/5	Debrecen
Estonia	17/5 – 19/5	Tallinn
Poland	23/5 – 25/5	Wroclaw
Italy	30/5 – 31/5	Milan
Croatia	3/6 – 5/6	Zagreb
Germany	7/6 – 8/6	Cologne
Belgium	10/6 – 12/6	Brussels & Oostende
Germany	18/6 – 19/6	Berlin
Serbia	21/6 - 22/6	Belgrade
Montenegro	25/6	Podgorica
Italy	30/6 – 1/7	Trieste
Czech Republic	3/7 – 4/7	Prague & Pardubice
Great Britain	6/7 - 7/7	Newcastle
Bosnia and Herzegovina	9/7	Sarajevo
Netherlands	25/7 – 29/7	Utrecht
Greece	1/8 - 2/8	Athens
Israel	4/8 – 5/8	Tel Aviv & Jerusalem
Finland	7/8	Tampere & Helsinki
Lithuania	11/8 – 12/8	Alytus
Georgia	15/8 – 17/8	Tbilisi
Slovenia	19/8 – 20/8	Ljubljana
Turkey	23/8 – 24/8	Istanbul
Spain	24/8 – 25/8	Pamplona
France	29/8	Paris
Germany	29/8	Munich



THE TROPHY



The current FIBA EuroBasket trophy is the third version which was held aloft for the first time by Slovenia at FIBA EuroBasket 2017. Maintaining the same shape and feel of the previous edition of the trophy, which was last lifted by Spain in 2015, version 3.0 has been created in line with the trophies of FIBA's other continental championships in Africa, the Americas and Asia.

It was re-designed by UK-based creative agency Radiant Studios and crafted by silversmith Thomas Lyte. The trophy is 26.5cm high and, apart from the trophy name, all 40 previous winners are engraved in the roll of honour. The sterling silver bowl is 35cm in diameter and has a manually hammered finish referencing the texture of a basketball. The gold plated band on top is consistent across all FIBA continental trophies, bringing the basketball world further together.

MEET THE FIBA EUROBASKET 2022 MASCOT BOUNCE



Some say he was once a baller on the court. Others are convinced he's a chart-topping DJ. It's even been suggested he comes from the future, having tumbled through a gap in time. The truth is, no one knows for sure. What we do know is he goes by the name of Bounce He's a man of few words. But it's never quiet when he's around. He's

always ready to raise the roof. Ready to amplify the atmosphere. Ready to bring the noise. He shines bright, reflecting the energy of the room, whenever he's in the mix. As for his song selections? They're certified 24-Carat gold, just like the chain around his neck.

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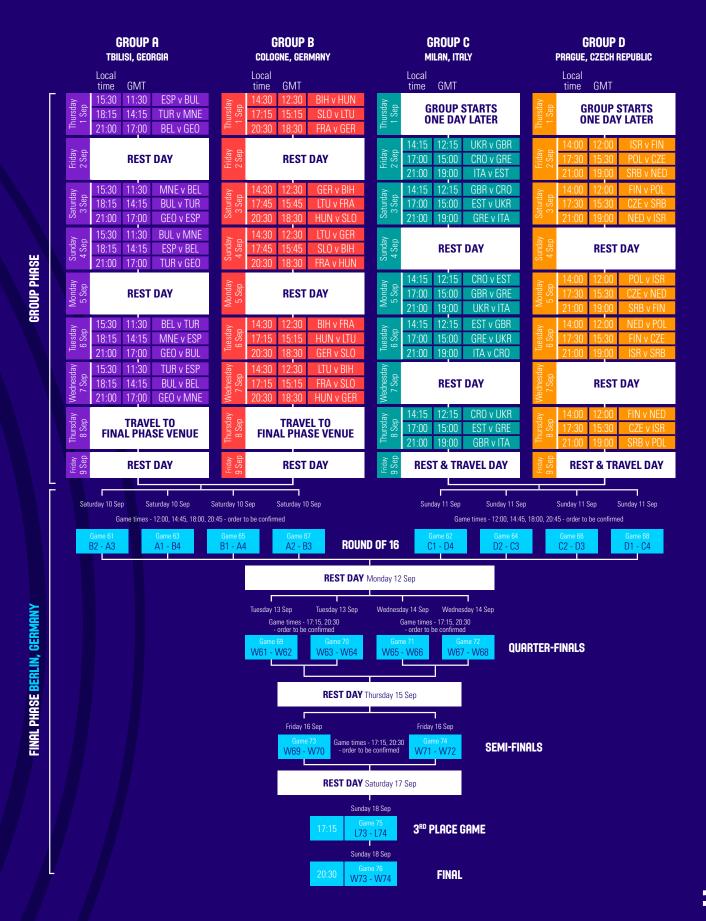
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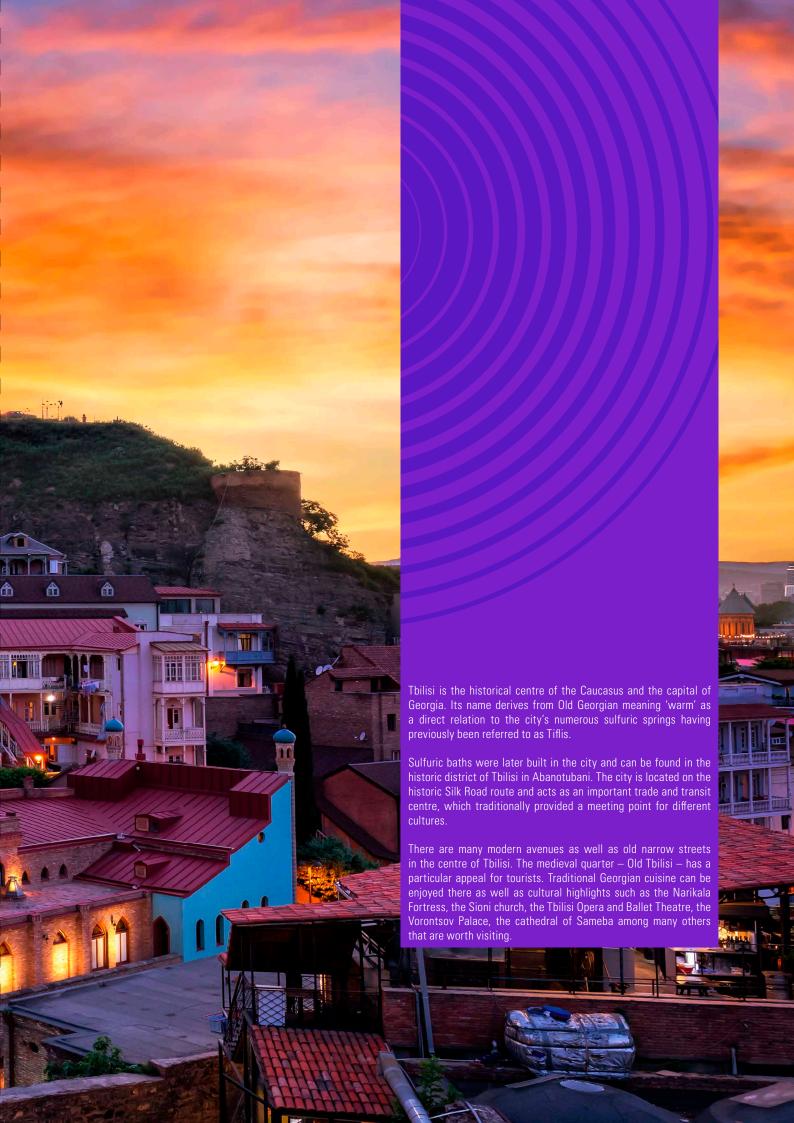
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GROUP















SPAIN



		LT	CET
Thursday, 1 September 2022	Spain - Bulgaria	15:30	11:30
	Turkey - Montenegro	18:15	14:15
	Belgium - Georgia	21:00	17:00
Saturday, 3 September 2022	Montenegro - Belgium	15:30	11:30
	Bulgaria - Turkey	18:15	14:15
	Georgia - Spain	21:00	17:00
Sunday, 4 September 2022	Bulgaria - Montenegro	15:30	11:30
	Spain - Belgium	18:15	14:15
	Turkey - Georgia	21:00	17:00
Tuesday, 6 September 2022	Belgium - Turkey	15:30	11:30
	Montenegro - Spain	18:15	14:15
	Georgia - Bulgaria	21:00	17:00
Wednesday, 7 September 2022	Turkey - Spain	15:30	11:30
	Bulgaria - Belgium	18:15	14:15
	Georgia - Montenegro	21:00	17:00

BELGIUM **BELGIAN LIONS READY TO ROAR ON BIG STAGE**

Belgium are set to compete at EuroBasket for a fifth consecutive tournament for the first time in its history in the competition. They made a long-awaited return in 2011 after an 18-year absence and have begun to establish themselves as regular participants at Europe's flagship event.

The last few years have seen Belgium pull off notable wins in EuroBasket Qualifiers over Lithuania and Czech Republic as well as a home-and-away double against Serbia in the FIBA Basketball World Cup 2023 European Qualifiers.

The retention of their core group of players has laid the foundations for improved success and the challenge will now be to make their mark on the biggest of stages with several players in their preliminary squad having made multiple appearances at the Final Round.

Maxime De Zeeuw, Pierre-Antoine Gillet, Jonathan Tabu and Kevin Tumba bring vital experience to the team and something that can be an important factor when it comes to dealing with the pressure that is forthcoming.

Retin Obasohan continues to have a great impact on the international stage for the Belgian Lions, while Ismael Bako is still honing his skills as a crafty big man in Europe with the now 26-year-old set for a far greater role at his second EuroBasket.

However, Belgium are no longer able to call upon the reliable services of Sam Van Rossom. The savvy guard put an end to his long tenure with the national team — spanning over a decade - after retiring during the World Cup Qualifiers in which Van Rossom had averaged 17.0 points

per game.

It's always next person up when it comes to the national team and there are always doors opening with the likes of Haris Bratanovic and Vrenz Bleijenbergh coming through to lead the next generation of talented youngsters.

Belgium only managed one win at FIBA EuroBasket 2017 as their opening 103-90 victory over Great Britain was followed by a run of four straight defeats to miss out on a place in the Round of 16.

The task to make it to the knockout stages is never easy, especially at what is shaping up to be one of the most competitive continental Championships in history, but Belgium are certainly in contention to do so.

Their toughest tests in facing reigning World Cup champions Spain and a strong Turkey side come in the middle of their Group A campaign as they also take on Bulgaria, Montenegro and hosts Georgia, in Tbilisi in games that appear far trickier to call and could prove decisive in the battle to advance.

Belgium have been one of the in-form teams across Qualifiers competitions in the past few years and now it's about replicating those results at the Final Round. Eddy Casteels was at the helm for their previous EuroBasket appearances in the last decade, and now it's the turn of Dario Gjergja to make his mark on the big stage with the aim of inspiring a deep run.

By Bradley Gains



Last 10 FIBA Events

Year	Event	Place	Achievement
2021	Olympics	Tokyo (JPN)	Did not qualify
2019	FIBA Basketball World Cup	Beijing (CHN)	Did not qualify
2017	FIBA EuroBasket	Istanbul (TUR)	19th
2016	Olympics	Rio de Janeiro (BRA)	Did not qualify
2015	FIBA EuroBasket	Lille (FRA)	13th
2014	FIBA Basketball World Cup	Madrid (ESP)	Did not qualify
2013	FIBA EuroBasket	Ljubljana (SLO)	9th
2012	Olympics	London (GBR)	Did not qualify
2011	FIBA EuroBasket	Kaunas (LTU)	21st
2010	FIBA Basketball World Cup	Istanbul (TUR)	Did not qualify

FIBA EuroBasket 2022 Qualifiers Accumulated Stats

Alexandre LIBERT

Quentin SERRON

Jean SALUMU

Vrenz BLEIJENBERGH

Jean-Marc MWEMA

Pierre-Antoine GILLET

Maxime DE ZEEUW

Hans VANWIJN

Haris BRATANOVIC

Ismael BAKO

Kevin TUMBA

1.88

1.90

2.08

1.94

1.98

2.01

2.04

2.07

2.08

2.08

2.06

SG

SG

SF

SF/PF

25/01/90

25/02/90

26/07/90

05/12/89

16/04/91

26/04/87

15/02/95

10/10/95

20/04/01 Filou Oostende

23/02/91 Phoenix Brussels

Spirou Charleroi

14/10/00 Windy City Bulls (USA)

Antwerp Giants

Filou Oostende

Boulazac Basket (FRA)

Champagne Basket (FRA)

New Basket Brindisi (ITA)

Casademont Zaragoza (ESP)

BAXI Manresa (ESP)

			FG		2PT	FG	3РТ	3PT FG FT		FT REB									
Name	G	Min	M/A	%	M/A	%	M/A	%	M/A	%	0	D	Tot	AST	T0	STL	BLK	PF	PTS
Retin OBASOHAN	6	26.5	46/76	60.5	35/52	67.3	11/24	45.8	15/22	68.2	0.2	3.2	3.3	3.2	2.0	1.8	0.3	2.2	19.7
Pierre-Antoine GILLET	6	24.8	17/42	40.5	7/15	46.7	10/27	37.0	2/2	100.0	1.0	3.8	4.8	1.0	0.8	0.7	0.2	3.2	7.7
Jean Marc MWEMA	6	19.1	10/20	50.0	3/5	60.0	7/15	46.7	2/3	66.7	0.0	2.0	2.0	1.2	0.8	1.7	0.2	2.0	4.8
Alexandre LIBERT	6	18.6	12/22	54.5	6/11	54.5	6/11	54.5	11/14	78.6	0.2	1.3	1.5	2.3	1.5	0.7	0.0	2.3	6.8
Emmanuel LECOMTE	4	22.6	13/35	37.1	9/24	37.5	4/11	36.4	10/11	90.9	0.3	8.0	1.0	3.5	0.8	1.5	0.0	1.0	10.0
Maxime DE ZEEUW	4	19.3	9/22	40.9	3/11	27.3	6/11	54.5	3/4	75.0	2.0	2.0	4.0	1.3	1.3	0.5	0.3	3.8	6.8
Kevin TUMBA	4	19.3	7/13	53.8	7/13	53.8	0/0	0.0	5/11	45.5	1.3	1.3	2.5	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.5	2.5	4.8
Khalid BOUKICHOU	4	16.6	10/24	41.7	10/22	45.5	0/2	0.0	4/5	80.0	1.0	1.8	2.8	1.5	2.0	0.0	8.0	2.3	6.0
Vincent KESTELOOT	4	11.4	2/2	100.0	2/2	100.0	0/0	0.0	4/5	80.0	0.3	1.8	2.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	2.0
Thomas AKYAZILI	4	9.2	5/11	45.5	3/6	50.0	2/5	40.0	8/10	80.0	0.5	0.5	1.0	1.8	0.5	1.0	0.0	1.3	5.0
Jonathan TABU	3	21.1	18/37	48.6	7/14	50.0	11/23	47.8	1/1	100.0	0.7	2.3	3.0	4.3	1.0	1.7	0.3	3.0	16.0
Hans VANWIJN	3	19.9	8/16	50.0	5/10	50.0	3/6	50.0	1/2	50.0	0.7	2.0	2.7	1.7	1.0	0.3	0.3	1.7	6.7
Andy VAN VLIET	3	16.1	10/15	66.7	10/12	83.3	0/3	0.0	2/2	100.0	2.0	2.0	4.0	0.7	0.3	0.3	1.0	3.3	7.3
Loic SCHWARTZ	3	7.4	4/7	57.1	2/3	66.7	2/4	50.0	0/0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.3	0.0	1.3	3.3
Quentin SERRON	2	20.4	7/10	70.0	3/5	60.0	4/5	80.0	2/2	100.0	0.0	4.0	4.0	3.5	1.0	1.5	0.0	2.0	10.0
Michael GILMORE	2	4.0	1/2	50.0	1/1	100.0	0/1	0.0	0/0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.5	1.0
Ismael BAKO	1	19.8	5/7	71.4	5/7	71.4	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	1.0	3.0	4.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	10.0
Tim LAMBRECHT	1	3.8	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0
Vrenz BLEIJENBERGH	1	2.4	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Ajay MITCHELL	1	1.7	1/1	100.0	1/1	100.0	0/0	0.0	1/1	100.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	3.0
Haris BRATANOVIC	1	1.6	1/2	50.0	1/2	50.0	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0
Simon BUYSSE	1	0.8	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Team/Coaches											1.2	2.8	4.0	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.2	
TOTALS		306.4	186/364	51.1	120/216	55.6	66/148	44.6	71/95	74.7	7.8	23.8	31.7	18.7	10.8	8.8	3.0	23.3	84.8

COACHDario GJERGJA



Nationality: Croatian-Belgian Date of Birth: 21/08/75 Place of Birth: Zadar (CRO)

Team 2021-22: Filou Oostende (Bel-

gium-BNXT)

Club Career: Liege (Belgium-BLB, 2009-11); Filou Oostende (Belgium-BLB, 2011-22)

International Career: Croatia (Assistant Coach, 2015); Belgium (Head Coach (2018-)

Gjergja has a long association with basketball in Belgium having been a head coach in the league since 2009, whilst officially gaining citizenship during his long tenure with Filou Oostende. The Zadar native started out as an assistant coach in Croatia and was on the bench for some of the league title successes at Cibona. Gjergja became head coach of Oostende in December, 20011 after a two year stay with Liege, and went on to become a three-time winner of the Coach of the Year award. Oostende have had a prolonged period of success with their pieces of silverware well into double figures. Gjergja's level of knowledge of Belgian basketball saw him take over from long-serving national team coach Eddy Casteels in 2018 and has maintained their Final Round track record.

Manu LECOMTE



Height: 1.80
Position: Point Guard
Date of Birth: 16/08/95
Place of Birth: Brussels

Team 2021-22: C-Bet Jonava (Lithuania-LKL)

Career: University of Miami (USA-NCAA, 2013-15); University of Baylor (USA-NCAA, 2016-18); Agua Caliente Clippers (USA-GLeague, 2018-19); UCAM Murcia (Spain-ACB League, 2019-20); Gran Canaria (Spain-ACB League, 2020); Fraport Skyliners (Germany-BBL, 2020-21); Elan Bearnais (France-LNB Pro A, 2021); BC Prenai (Lithua-

nia-LKL, 2021); C-Bet Jonava (Lithuania-LKL, 2021-22)

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Lecomte is a player on the rise after reigniting his pro career in Lithuania for the last 16 months. This past season, the 26-year-old earned monthly MVP honors in the top division on the way to averaging 15+ points per game for the first time since college in America. Lecomte was a prolific scorer for the Belgian U20 national team at three successive European Championships and is another player expected to step up at the Final Round after only seeing 12.3 minutes per game in 2017. There is a need for production in the backcourt and Lecomte recently contributed 16 points to a memorable road win in Serbia as well as making a strong start to their EuroBasket prep games.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	4	28.0	8/20	3/11	9/11	1.8	4.3	8.5
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	4	23.0	9/24	4/11	10/11	1.0	3.5	10.0
2019	FIBA EuroBasket 2019 Pre-Qualifiers	1	18.0	2/6	0/2	2/2	4.0	1.0	6.0
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017	4	12.0	4/11	3/8	3/3	1.0	0.3	5.0

Retin OBASOHAN





Height: 1.86

Position: Shooting Guard/Point Guard

Date of Birth: 06/07/93 Place of Birth: Antwerp

Team 2021-22: Hapoel Jerusalem (Israel-BSL)

Career: Sidigas Avellino (Italy-Serie A, 2016-17); Rockets Gotha (Germany-BBL, 2017-18); Northern Arizona Suns (USA-GLeague, 2018-19); Brose Bamberg (Germany-BBL, 2019-20); ERA Nymburk (Czech Republic-NBL, 2020-21); Hapoel Jerusalem (Israel-BSL, 2021-22)

Twitter: Oballsohard

Instagram: oballsohard

No player spent more time on court for Belgium than Obasohan during the FIBA EuroBasket 2022 Qualifiers which highlights his importance for the team. The production was there, too, with 19.7 points along with 3.3 rebounds and 3.2 assists to guide Belgium back to the Final Round once again. Obasohan carries the bulk of the scoring load for the Belgian Lions and has continued to grow his game at club level with stints across Europe since completing a four-year college career at Alabama in 2016; recently sealing a move to ASVEL for the coming season. Obasohan impacts the game at both ends of the floor and is finally set to make a debut appearance at a major tournament after missing out at EuroBasket 2017. And, if highlight plays are your thing, then Obasohan is your man — he even scores when he misses with his breakaway windmill attempt going viral earlier this summer.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	6	30.0	20/37	9/27	23/35	2.7	3.2	15.0
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	6	27.0	35/52	11/24	15/22	3.3	3.2	19.7
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	4	25.0	13/26	3/11	14/21	3.0	2.8	12.3
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017 Qualifiers	6	18.0	8/25	6/19	15/19	3.3	1.8	8.2

Marshall NELSON



Height: 1.87
Position: Point Guard
Date of Birth: 31/01/94
Place of Birth: Minnesota (USA)

Team 2021-22: Cairns Taipans (Australia-NBL) **Career:** Wayland Baptist University (USA-NCAA, 2015-17); Illawarra Hawks (Australia-NBL, 2017-19); Jamtland (Sweden-SBL, 2019-20); Grindavik (Iceland-KKI, 2021); Cairns Taipans (Austra-

lia-NBL, 2021-22)
Instagram: hoopwithem

The new name to the national team, Nelson was born in Minnesota, grew up in Perth and holds Belgian citizenship. Nelson made a senior debut during the preparation games with a two-game series against Finland and gave the team more competition for the spots in the backcourt. After attending Wayland Baptist University in America, Nelson started out with the Illawarra Hawks in Australia's NBL before heading to Europe in 2019. Nelson spent a season in Sweden playing for Jamtland and also had time in Iceland prior to returning to Australia. A sharpshooter who can heat up quickly, Nelson has been preparing for the summer's action with some big scoring performances in the NBL1 West with a 39-point outing in July.



Jonathan TABU



Height: 1.90
Position: Point Guard/Shooting Guard
Date of Birth: 07/10/85

Place of Birth: Kinshasa (COD)

Team 2021-22: Limburg United (Belgium-BNXT)
Career: Spirou Charleroi (Belgium-BLB, 2004-10);
Cantu (Italy-Serie A, 2010-11); Vanoli (Italy-Serie A, 2011-12); Cantu (Italy-Serie A, 2012-13); Casademont Zaragoza (Spain-ACB League, 2013-14);
ALBA Berlin (Germany-BBL, 2014-15); Olimpia
Milano (Italy-Serie A, 2015); Fuenlabrada (Spain-ACB League, 2015-16); Bilbao (Spain-ACB League,

2016-18); Le Mans (France-LNB Pro A, 2018-19); Le Portel (France-LNB Pro A, 2019-20); BAXI Manresa (Spain-ACB League, 2020-21); Champagne Basket (France-LNB Pro A, 2021-22); Limburg United (Belgium-BNXT, 2022)

Twitter: Jontabs9
Instagram: jon_tabs

Tabu brings a veteran presence to the team having already competed at four consecutive EuroBasket tournaments; leading Belgium to their sole victory in 2017 with 18 points against Great Britain. The crafty guard last played for the national team in competition during the FIBA EuroBasket 2022 Qualifiers with a key role in their opening win over Lithuania. Tabu's playing career dates has spanned almost two decades with the 36-year-old returning to play in Belgium earlier this year following stints across Europe since leaving Spirou in 2010 as a three-time league title winner. His words of wisdom will be invaluable, particularly for the younger players coming through in training camp and Tabu still knows how to put the ball in the basket, that's for sure.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	3	21.0	7/14	11/23	1/1	3.0	4.3	16.0
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	4	23.0	7/20	6/18	6/9	3.0	4.0	9.5
2019	FIBA EuroBasket 2019 Pre-Qualifiers	3	22.0	2/8	4/12	5/5	3.3	2.0	7.0
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017	5	24.0	9/20	4/19	10/15	2.2	4.4	8.0
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017 Qualifiers	6	25.0	12/24	13/32	18/21	4.3	3.0	13.5

Alexandre LIBERT



Position: Shooting Guard
Date of Birth: 25/01/90

Place of Birth: Liege

Team 2021-22: Spirou Charleroi (Belgium-BNXT) **Career:** Belfius Mons-Hainaut (Belgium-BLB, 2007-13); Verviers-Pepinster (Belgium-BLB, 2013-15); Spirou Charleroi (Belgium-BLB, 2015-22)

Instagram: alexlibert

One thing you will get from Libert is commitment. A playing career of 15+ years consists of representing just three different Belgian clubs that began with a long spell at Belfius Mons-Hainaut before moving onto Verviers-Pepinster for three seasons. Libert has been at Spirou ever since the 2015-16 season and is aging like a fine wine with scoring averages still going in the right direction. The 32-year-old contributed 6.8 points per game during the FIBA EuroBasket 2022 Qualifiers, whilst shooting at 55-percent from beyond the arc with Libert adding to the outside weapons on the team. Libert is a proud family man that has gained a couple of special additional supporters in the stands in recent years to provide more motivation.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

4	YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2	2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	6	18.0	8/13	8/23	7/10	1.7	1.3	7.8
- 2	2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	6	19.0	6/11	6/11	11/14	1.5	2.3	6.8
2	2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	4	17.0	2/7	8/18	1/2	1.5	1.8	7.3
2	2019	FIBA EuroBasket 2019 Pre-Qualifiers	3	15.0	4/7	1/6	3/3	1.0	1.7	4.7
2	2015	FIBA EuroBasket 2015 2nd Qual. Round	1	10.0	0/0	1/3	0/0	0.0	1.0	3.0

Quentin SERRON



Height: 1.90
Position: Shooting Guard
Date of Birth: 25/02/90
Place of Birth: Etterheek

Team 2021-22: Boulazac Basket (France-LNB Pro B) Career: Filou Oostende (Belgium-BLB, 2009-16); Gravelines (France-LNB Pro A, 2016-18); SIG Strasbourg (France-LNB Pro A, 2018-20); Bilbao (Spain-ACB League, 2019-21); Boulazac (France-LNB Pro B, 2021-22)

Serron already has three EuroBasket Final Round appearances under his belt after representing Belgium at the tournaments in 2013, 2015 and 2017. The 32-year-old was part of a successful Oostende side in the early parts of his career having won a Best Young Player award during his seven years with the club. Serron spent two years at both Gravelines and Strasbourg in France before a further two-year stint followed in Spain in Bilbao, while he was back in France last season. Serron scored 10 points in each of his two appearances during the FIBA EuroBasket 2022 Qualifiers and was amongst the team's leading scorers at the Final Round five years ago with 8.2 points per game having averaged more time on court than any other player.

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YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	6	7.0	4/7	1/5	1/1	0.3	0.3	2.0
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	2	20.0	3/5	4/5	2/2	4.0	3.5	10.0
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	2	36.0	7/8	5/10	0/0	4.0	2.5	14.5
2019	FIBA EuroBasket 2019 Pre-Qualifiers	3	28.0	11/13	3/9	0/0	3.7	2.0	10.3
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017	5	25.0	11/17	5/15	4/4	4.0	2.6	8.2

Vrenz BLEIJENBERGH



Height: 2.08
Position: Small Forward
Date of Birth: 14/10/00
Place of Birth: Brasschaat

Team 2021-22: Windy City Bulls (USA-G League) Career: Antwerp Giants (Belgium-BLB, 2018-21); Real Betis (Spain-ACB League, 2021-22); Windy City Bulls (USA-G League, 2022)

Twitter: Vrenzzz Instagram: vrenzzz

He may have three Zs in his social media handles, but don't sleep on this guy. Bleijenbergh is another bright talent coming through for Belgium having opted to continue his development domestically as opposed to taking the US college route. A winner of the Rising Star award during his time with Antwerp, Bleijenbergh began last season in Spain before a venture in the NBA G League and will return home next season after joining Filou Oostende. The 21-year-old has also won two bronze medals with the Belgian junior national team: first in 2018 at U18 level and then the following year with the U20s — earning All-Tournament honors on both occasions. Could this be an opportunity on the big stage?

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	1	2.0	0/0	0/0	0/0	1.0	0.0	0.0
2019	FIRA FuroRasket 2019 Pre-Qualifiers	1	6.0	n/n	1/1	n/n	0.0	0.0	3.0

Jean SALUMU



Height: 1.94
Position: Small Forward
Date of Birth: 26/07/90
Place of Birth: Sint Niklaas

Team 2021-22: Champagne Basket (France-LNB

Pro A)

Career: Filou Oostende (Belgium-BLB, 2009-11); Leuven Bears (Belgium-BLB, 2011-12); Filou Oostende (Belgium-BLB, 2012-18); Sakarya (Turkey-BSL, 2018); Varese (Italy-Serie A, 2018-19); Pistoia (Italy-Serie A, 2019-20); Rasta Vechta (Germany-BBL, 2020-21); Champagne Basket (France-

LNB Pro A, 2021-22)

Twitter: JeanSalumu

Instagram: jsalumu

Another former Oostende player part of the squad, Salumu made his Final Round debut for Belgium back in 2015 before making another appearance at the last edition with 6.0 points per game in 2017. Salumu was not part of the side that qualified for FIBA EuroBasket 2022, but returned to action during the FIBA Basket-ball WC 2023 EU Qual. with 12.0 minutes per contest across three appearances including their memorable win over Serbia in Nis. Salumu averaged 8.3 points per game in 23 games for Champagne Basket last season, briefly playing alongside Jonathan Tabu, but was unable to help save the team from relegation to France's Pro B and will head to Poland next season with Trefl Sopot.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	3	12.0	3/4	1/5	1/2	0.7	1.0	3.3
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	4	25.0	8/9	1/11	11/15	2.3	1.5	7.5
2019	FIBA EuroBasket 2019 Pre-Qualifiers	3	20.0	8/13	3/9	14/16	3.3	2.0	13.0
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017	5	20.0	5/8	4/13	8/12	1.2	1.2	6.0
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017 Qualifiers	6	24.0	11/15	10/22	15/20	0.5	1.2	11.2

Jean-Marc MWEMA



Height: 1.98

Position: Small Forward/Power Forward

Date of Birth: 05/12/89 Place of Birth: Merksem

Team 2021-22: Antwerp Giants (Belgium-BNXT) Career: Antwerp Giants (Belgium-BLB, 2008-16); Filou Oostende (Belgium-BLB, 2016-21); Antwerp Giants (Belgium-BNXT, 2021-22)

Twitter: JeanMarcMw Instagram: jeanmarcmw

It's a rare feat to be a one-club player in professional basketball and can be just as rare to have only played for two teams across a 13-year span. From Antwerp to Oostende and back to Antwerp this past season, Mwema also has a long history of playing in European competitions across FIBA Europe Cup and Basketball Champions League. At 32, Mwema has been around the national team for quite some time with a Final Round debut in 2013 before two further appearances in 2015 and 2017 as part of the frontcourt rotation. Mwema put up 9.3 points and 6.0 rebounds across three appearances in the First Round of the FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual. — similar to the numbers posted in last season's BNXT with Antwerp.

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YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	3	23.0	1/1	8/12	2/2	6.0	2.0	9.3
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	6	19.0	3/5	7/15	2/3	2.0	1.2	4.8
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	2	10.0	1/2	0/1	0/0	1.5	0.0	1.0
2019	FIBA EuroBasket 2019 Pre-Qualifiers	2	16.0	0/3	0/4	1/2	3.5	1.0	0.5
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017	5	15.0	7/9	2/8	3/5	2.6	1.0	4.6

Pierre-Antoine GILLET



Height: 2.01
Position: Power Forward
Date of Birth: 16/04/1991
Place of Birth: Huy

Team 2021-22: Filou Oostende (Belgium-BNXT)
Career: Liege Basket (Belgium-BLB, 2009-13);
Filou Oostende (Belgium-BLB, 2013-17); Elan
Chalon (France-Pro A, 2017-18); Tenerife (Spain-ACB League, 2018-19); Fuenlabrada (Spain-ACB
League, 2019-20); Filou Oostende (Belgium-BNXT, 2020-22)

Twitter: PA_gillet

The shaven head, the beard, the smooth shooting stroke. It won't be too difficult to spot Gillet in action for Belgium this summer with the 31-year-old ready to answer the call at the Final Round for a third time having been part of the core group that competed at both the 2015 and 2017 editions. Pierre-Antoine tested the waters outside of Belgium for a season in France followed by two years in Spain before returning home for a second spell with Filou Oostende. The former Belgian Player of the Year (2015) offers versatility with his ability to stretch the floor and contributed 7.7 points and 4.8 rebounds per game during the Qualifiers campaign to keep Belgium part of Europe's best on the big stage.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	4	24.0	7/12	5/20	3/4	3.3	1.3	8.0
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	6	25.0	7/15	10/27	2/2	4.8	1.0	7.7
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	5	21.0	8/11	6/21	0/1	4.0	1.0	6.8
2019	FIBA EuroBasket 2019 Pre-Qualifiers	2	25.0	3/7	4/9	2/2	5.5	1.5	10.0
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017	5	24.0	5/10	8/22	4/4	2.6	1.0	7.6

Maxime DE ZEEUW



Height: 2.04 Position: Power Forward Date of Birth: 26/04/87 Place of Birth: Uccle

Team 2021-22: New Basket Brindisi (Italy-Serie A) Career: Brussels (Belgium-D2, 2004-05); Verviers-Pepinster (Belgium-BLB, 2005-10); Optima Gent (Belgium-BLB, 2010-11); Verviers-Pepinster (Belgium-BLB, 2011-12), Antwerp Giants (Belgium-BLB, 2012-14); Virtus Roma (Italy-Serie A, 2014-15); Nymburk (Czech Republic-NBL, 2015-16); EWE Baskets Oldenburg (Germany-BBL, 2016-18);

Obradoiro (Spain-ACB League, 2018-20); Hapoel Holon (Israel-BSL, 2020-22); New Basket Brindisi (Italy-Serie A, 2022)

Twitter: MaxDeZeeuw Instagram: maxdezeeuw

The captain of the Belgian Lions and a player that has been through it all with the national team. De Zeeuw was part of the historic side — along with Jonathan Tabu - that qualified for EuroBasket in 2011 to end an 18-year absence and is now set to make a fifth consecutive appearance at the Final Round. The now 35-year-old had his best contribution at EuroBasket in 2017 with 10.4 points per game, and his leadership will be just as important as anything on the statsheet. De Zeeuw has never been a prolific scorer, nor needed to be, as he brings a little bit of everything to the team and still has plenty to offer with over a decade's worth of service to the national team.

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	2	19.0	0/2	6/10	0/0	5.0	2.0	9.0
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	4	19.0	3/11	6/11	3/4	4.0	1.3	6.8
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	2	21.0	2/6	2/9	3/4	3.5	1.0	6.5
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017	5	18.0	10/19	6/14	14/18	4.0	0.8	10.4
2017	FIRA FuroRacket 2017 Qualifiers	6	21 በ	2/12	10/25	10/10	5.0	3.0	73

Hans VANWIJN



Height: 2.07 Position: Power Forward Date of Birth: 15/02/95

Place of Birth: Heusden-Zolder

ACB League)

Career: Leuven Bears (Belgium-BLB, 2013-14); Limburg United (Belgium-BLB, 2014-17); Antwerp Giants (Belgium-BLB, 2017-20); Dijon (France-LNB Pro A, 2020-21); Casademont Zaragoza (Spain-ACB League, 2021-22)

Team 2021-22: Casademont Zaragoza (Spain-

Twitter: hansvanwijn9

Instagram: hvw9

Vanwijn has long been heralded as a top Belgian talent since leading the Under-20s side to promotion back in the summer of 2014 having already played as a 17-year-old two years earlier. Twice a Belgian Player of the Year, Vanwijn averaged 12.8 points and 6.4 rebounds with Antwerp in the 2019-20 season having helped the team to an impressive third place finish in the Basketball Champions League the previous year. Vanwijn played overseas in France and Spain with a reduced role at Zaragoza last season with 18.9 minutes per contest. A return to France next season with Nanterre has been labeled a 'comeback season' for Vanwijn, who played in all six games of the First Round of the World Cup European Qualifiers for Belgium.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	6	23.0	21/34	1/11	6/9	4.8	1.7	8.5
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	3	20.0	5/10	3/6	1/2	2.7	1.7	6.7
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	4	25.0	9/20	1/6	4/8	6.5	1.5	6.3
2019	FIBA EuroBasket 2019 Pre-Qualifiers	2	24.0	7/14	0/2	1/1	6.5	1.5	7.5
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017 Qualifiers	6	10.0	8/13	0/3	3/4	1.8	0.3	3.2

Ismael BAKO



Height: 2.08
Position: Center
Date of Birth: 10/10/95
Place of Birth: Leuven

Team 2021-22: BAXI Manresa (Spain-ACB League)

Career: Leuven Bears (Belgium-BLB, 2012-17); Antwerp Giants (Belgium-BLB, 2017-19); ASVEL (France-LNB Pro A, 2019-21); BAXI Manresa (Spain-ACB League, 2021-22)

Instagram: ismaelbako21

Bako was just 21 years old as the youngest member of the playing roster for Belgium at FIBA EuroBasket 2017. Fast forward five years and he now stands as one of the most prominent figures on the team having developed his game in recent years. Bako carved out a bigger role at BAXI Manresa this past season with increased production in Spain's top flight as well as the Basketball Champions League after making the switch following two years at ASVEL in France. Expect Bako to be rocking the rims in Tbilisi as he offers an athletic presence in the paint and looks to make his mark on the Final Round this time after the learning experience in 2017.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	4	24.0	17/30	0/0	13/14	7.0	2.5	11.8
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	1	20.0	5/7	0/0	0/0	4.0	0.0	10.0
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	4	11.0	7/13	0/0	6/10	2.8	0.0	5.0
2019	FIBA EuroBasket 2019 Pre-Qualifiers	4	13.0	10/16	0/0	7/7	3.8	1.0	6.8
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017	3	7.0	5/8	0/0	0/0	1.0	0.0	3.3

Haris BRATANOVIC



Height: 2.08 Position: Center Date of Birth: 20/04/01 Place of Birth: Ghent

Team 2021-22: Filou Oostende (Belgium-BNXT) Career: Barcelona B (Spain-D2, 2018-20); Filou Oostende (Belgium-BNXT, 2020-22)

Twitter: x

Instagram: bratanovicc

As the youngest player selected in the training camp squad, Bratanovic represents the new wave of talent coming through for Belgium. The center was part of the roster for the FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual. without seeing meaningful court time in the First Round, but the experience will no doubt be invaluable for his development. Bratanovic has been on the radar for some time after impressing in youth events; averaging a double-double at the FIBA U16 European Championship before coming of age in the FIBA U20 European Challengers as one of the standout performers against higher-level opposition with 18.8 points and 9.6 rebounds. Bratanovic is still honing his skills having returned to Oostende from Barcelona and this could be an early glimpse into Belgium's future.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	1	2.0	1/2	0/0	0/0	0.0	0.0	2.0
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	1	2.0	1/1	0/0	0/0	1.0	0.0	2.0

Kevin TUMBA



Height: 2.06
Position: Center
Date of Birth: 23/02/91
Place of Birth: Lubumbashi (COD)
Team 2021-22: Ionikos (Greece-A1)

Career: Belfius Mons-Hainaut (Belgium-BLB, 2011-13); Leuven Bears (Belgium-BLB, 2013-15); Spirou Charleroi (Belgium-BLB, 2015-17); UCAM Murcia (Spain-ACB League, 2017-20); Kolossos Rodou (Greece-A1, 2020-21); Fos Provence Basket (France-LNB Pro A, 2021-22); Ionikos (Greece-A1, 2020-21); Ionikos (Greece-A1

Instagram: kevtumba

Tumba is in line for a third Final Round appearance after playing in 2015 and 2017 and adding to the depth in the frontcourt with 11.9 minutes per contest five years ago. Since then, Tumba has branched out from Belgium at club level and found a home with UCAM Murcia; spending the best part of four years with the Spanish club and being part of the squad that finished third in their debut campaign in the Basketball Champions League. His towering frame makes him a difficult defender to score past, and equally as tricky to stop under the basket at the other end but sending Tumba to the line may not be the worst tactic having been below 50-percent in free throw shooting in each of the past three seasons.

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	4	15.0	6/10	0/0	0/2	4.5	0.5	3.0
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	4	19.0	7/13	0/0	5/11	2.5	0.5	4.8
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	4	25.0	2/9	0/0	5/12	4.8	0.3	2.3
2019	FIBA EuroBasket 2019 Pre-Qualifiers	3	10.0	2/6	0/0	3/4	3.7	0.3	2.3
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017	5	12.0	4/9	0/0	9/11	3.2	1.0	3.4

BULGARIA

A DECADE-LONG ABSENCE FROM THE BIG STAGE IS OVER

Bulgaria has been in the bleachers for a whole decade but is now ready to make a return to the big stage of European basketball.

The last time the Men's team has been at EuroBasket was back in 2011 and not many of the current Bulgarian squad remembers it. Of course, one thing is the same — head coach Rosen Barchovski is back at the helm.

But besides that, almost a whole new generation of Bulgarian basketball players has emerged. A generation, which could easily be labeled as a golden one. A generation of Bulgaria's favorite sons — born between 1993-95. Going up from the U16, U18 and U20 age groups, it was about time that these boys took the next step and level up to EuroBasket.

Being down to the last pot in all draws in the past few years, Bulgaria's chances were slim to none. Qualifiers for EuroBasket 2013, 2015 and 2017 are something most fans have been trying to forget or haven't even thought about. And then it all turned around for good, and finally Bulgaria grabbed their chance.

Going to Latvia for the last qualifying game, with no Aleksandar Vezenkov on the team, again the odds were against the Bulgarians. But it was one game, one chance, and nothing to lose. And they lost nothing and won it all. In this one game, Bulgaria outwitted the Latvians by bringing them out of their comfort zone and finishing strong.

So EuroBasket 2022 is one that Bulgaria deserves to be at.

Leaving aside golden boys, there is this American boy, who turned some pages for Bulgaria — Dee Bost. The point guard has been returning to wear the Bulgarian jersey since 2016. Six years and counting, it will be the last summer for Bost with the national team, and he will certainly be missed. At the back of the minds of all Bulgarian basketball leaders is hanging the big question — who will replace Bost? But until then, he

will have a memorable summer, no doubt.

Speaking of favorite sons — Vezenkov is the synonym for Bulgarian basketball nowadays. Bulgarian basketball society lives and breathes with Vezenkov, his success feels like the whole nation's success and most Bulgarians are Olympiacos fans. Sasha is just a different breed of person, not just a basketball player. Quiet and humble, he leads by example. The only way Vezenkov knows to do things — hard, hard work. And it paid off. Greek League champion, Cup winner, MVP, Euroleague best. All in one season. Sacramento Kings invited Vezenkov for NBA talks and it might not be a long wait. Until then, he is going to lead Bulgaria as usual. This time at EuroBasket.

Two players' experience Bulgaria will count on are Chavdar Kostov and Stanimir Marinov. Both have struggled with some injuries during the past few seasons and the nation is just having fingers crossed they stay healthy. Kostov and Marinov are staples in the rotation of Barchovski and will be alongside Bost in the tough challenges ahead.

The scoring abilities of Pavlin Ivanov are undisputed and are something that everyone will expect to see at EuroBasket. A prolific shooter and at this point a player with more than enough experience overseas, Ivanov is one of the names to emerge in Tbilisi for Bulgaria. The same goes for Yordan Minchev, the super-athletic forward who is part of the younger wave of players on the roster. Minchev has also suffered a bad string of injuries, but he is a beast when healthy.

Bulgaria will bring two bright youngsters to EuroBasket — Emil Stoilov and Kosntantin Kostadinov, who grew up in the ranks of Spanish Estudiantes and Real Madrid and are now looking to make their mark in the senior team. Both Stoilov and Kostadinov are names to be heard in the next decade of Bulgarian basketball.

By Maria Mitsova



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Aleksandar VEZENKOV

Coach: Rosen BARCHOVSKI

Andrey IVANOV

Emil STOILOV

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Name	G	Min	M/A	%	M/A	%	M/A	%	M/A	%	0	D	Tot	AST	T0	STL	BLK	PF	PTS
Aleksandar YANEV	6	21.7	16/39	41.0	13/25	52.0	3/14	21.4	4/9	44.4	1.8	2.3	4.2	1.0	0.7	0.5	0.0	2.5	6.5
Stanislav VAKLINOV	6	13.1	6/11	54.5	6/11	54.5	0/0	0.0	1/5	20.0	0.8	1.8	2.7	0.2	1.0	0.0	0.0	3.3	2.2
Dee BOST	5	31.8	24/72	33.3	8/22	36.4	16/50	32.0	19/30	63.3	0.2	3.8	4.0	5.4	2.4	2.2	0.0	1.4	16.6
Chavdar KOSTOV	5	29.5	21/46	45.7	13/25	52.0	8/21	38.1	6/11	54.5	0.8	2.2	3.0	1.0	1.0	8.0	0.4	2.4	11.2
Pavlin IVANOV	5	17.4	8/27	29.6	1/12	8.3	7/15	46.7	0/0	0.0	0.2	8.0	1.0	1.2	1.0	0.6	0.0	1.8	4.6
Dimitar DIMITROV	4	25.5	16/48	33.3	10/29	34.5	6/19	31.6	2/7	28.6	1.5	2.3	3.8	2.3	1.8	0.3	0.0	3.0	10.0
Hristo ZAHARIEV	4	17.9	6/19	31.6	4/11	36.4	2/8	25.0	1/5	20.0	0.5	2.5	3.0	2.0	2.3	1.3	0.0	1.3	3.8
Andrey IVANOV	4	17.0	8/20	40.0	6/16	37.5	2/4	50.0	1/2	50.0	0.8	3.3	4.0	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.3	3.5	4.8
Vasil BACHEV	4	16.6	7/20	35.0	3/9	33.3	4/11	36.4	0/0	0.0	0.8	8.0	1.5	1.0	1.0	8.0	0.0	2.0	4.5
Yordan MINCHEV	2	25.3	7/12	58.3	6/9	66.7	1/3	33.3	6/8	75.0	0.5	4.5	5.0	1.5	0.5	1.0	0.0	2.5	10.5
Deyan KARAMFILOV	2	23.4	1/5	20.0	1/4	25.0	0/1	0.0	4/4	100.0	1.5	1.0	2.5	5.0	1.5	1.5	0.0	1.5	3.0
Kris MINKOV	2	19.4	6/12	50.0	5/7	71.4	1/5	20.0	0/0	0.0	0.5	0.5	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	1.5	6.5
Pavel MARINOV	2	19.0	4/19	21.1	4/14	28.6	0/5	0.0	2/4	50.0	1.5	1.5	3.0	1.0	2.0	0.5	0.0	3.0	5.0
Stanimir MARINOV	2	17.6	9/19	47.4	5/8	62.5	4/11	36.4	4/5	80.0	0.5	4.5	5.0	1.5	1.5	0.0	0.0	2.0	13.0
Ventsislav PETKOV	2	16.4	4/7	57.1	1/2	50.0	3/5	60.0	0/0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.5	1.5	0.0	0.5	0.0	1.0	5.5
Bozhidar AVRAMOV	2	10.6	0/10	0.0	0/3	0.0	0/7	0.0	1/2	50.0	0.5	0.5	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	1.5	0.5
Aleks SIMEONOV	2	9.7	2/6	33.3	1/3	33.3	1/3	33.3	0/0	0.0	0.5	2.5	3.0	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	2.5
Evgeni HADZHIRUSEV	2	9.1	3/8	37.5	0/1	0.0	3/7	42.9	0/0	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	4.5
Krastan KRASTANOV	1	22.1	0/2	0.0	0/2	0.0	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	0.0	2.0	0.0
Konstantin KOSTADINOV	1	20.3	4/8	50.0	1/2	50.0	3/6	50.0	0/0	0.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	1.0	2.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	11.0
Tsvetomir CHERNOKOZHEV	1	10.8	3/4	75.0	1/2	50.0	2/2	100.0	0/0	0.0	0.0	4.0	4.0	1.0	3.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	8.0
Nikolay STOYANOV	1	7.4	0/1	0.0	0/0	0.0	0/1	0.0	0/0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0
Konstantin KOEV	1	3.3	0/1	0.0	0/0	0.0	0/1	0.0	0/0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Asen VELIKOV	0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Team/Coaches											2.3	2.5	4.8	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	
TOTALS		404.9	155/416	37.3	89/217	41.0	66/199	33.2	51/92	55.4	10.3	24.7	35.0	16.2	13.3	7.5	0.8	22.8	71.2

COACHRosen BARCHOVSKI



Nationality: Bulgarian Date of Birth: 16/08/60 Place of Birth: Sofia

Team 2021-22: CSKA Sofia (Bulgaria-NBL, 1972-91); La Gulet (Tunisia, 1991-92)

Club Career: Mikaelense (Portugal, 1992-94); Slavia Sofia (Bulgaria-NBL, 1994-97); Al Nasr (Saudi Arabia, 1997-99); CSKA Sofia (Bulgaria-NBL, 1999-2008); Dunav Ruse (Bulgaria-NBL, 2008-09); Rilski sportist (Bulgaria-NBL, 2010-16)

International Career: Bulgaria (Head Coach,

1995-97, 2003-06, 2010-12, 2020-22)

Rosen Barchovski carries a legacy and creates one himself, leading Bulgaria for a third time at EuroBasket. A son of the absolute legend of Bulgarian Women's basketball Vanya Voynova and prominent player and coach Tsvyatko Barchovski, the path was not easy for Barchovski, who had a lot to prove. He also established a name first as a player, and then continued the journey on the sidelines. Now, after exactly 30 years of coaching, he will carve his name in history with a third EuroBasket after those in 2005 and 2011. Barchovski has surrounded himself with a young group of coaches and will have a great squad to choose from for the return of the team on the big stage.

Dee BOST



Height: 1.88 Position: Point Guard Date of Birth: 12/10/89

Place of Birth:Charlotte, NC (USA)
Team 2021-22: Galatasaray (Turkey-BSL)

Career: Mississippi State (USA-NCAA, 2008-12), Buducnost Podgorica (Montenegro-Prva Liga, 2012-13), Trabzonspor (Turkey-BSL, 2014-15), Stelmet Zielona Gora (Poland-PLK, 2015-16), AS Monaco Basket (France-LNB Pro A, 2016-17), Zalgiris Kaunas (Lithuania-LKL, 2017-18), Strasbourg (France-LNB Pro A, 2017-18), Khimki (Russia-VTB,

2018-19), AS Monaco Basket (France-LNB Pro A, 2019-21); Galatasaray (Turkey-BSL, 2021-22)

Instagram: dbost_1

Dee Bost is an epitome of what every naturalized player must bring to his adopted country. He has dedicated six years to come back and help Bulgaria reach its goals. And is now part of the success, coming to wear the jersey one last time at EuroBasket 2022. Dee Bost can be described with one word — excitement. He is the author of some of the most thrilling moments not only for Bulgaria but in the whole of the EuroBasket Qualifiers. Off the court he is a teammate that everyone on the squad loves and no doubt he is missed everywhere he has played during the years for that reason.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	4	35.0	6/11	17/46	5/6	5.0	4.0	17.0
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	5	32.0	8/22	16/50	19/30	4.0	5.4	16.6
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	4	30.0	5/14	10/32	3/6	3.8	5.5	10.8
2017	FIBA B. WC 2019 EU Pre-Qualifiers	4	28.0	8/15	12/28	5/6	2.5	4.8	14.3
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017 Qualifiers	4	27.0	9/25	4/13	10/11	4.0	5.0	10.0

Aleksandar VEZENKOV





Height: 2.06
Position: Power Forward
Date of Birth: 06/08/95
Place of Birth: Nicosia (CYP)
Team 2021-22: Olympiacos (Greece-A1)

Career: Aris Thessaloniki (Greece-A1, 2011-15); FC Barcelona (Spain-ACB League, 2015-18); Olym-

piacos (Greece-A1, 2018-22) Instagram: sashavezenkov

Bulgaria's shining light when it comes to basketball. The country's only current Euroleague player, while the NBA awaits. 2022 was Aleksandar Vezenkov's year for sure. He made Euroleague First-Team, leading Greek giants Olympiacos to the Final Four, and was MVP of the Greek League after winning both the league title and Cup. Vezenkov still feels the huge responsibility to lead Bulgaria to some success. He has missed almost four years with the National team, so this summer he is truly dedicated to the EuroBasket mission. Sasha is all Bulgaria expects — he leads by example, and is always, always working hard for the next step and the next level. The true showing of practice makes perfect — Sasha Vezenkov.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	1	38.0	8/14	3/9	4/5	11.0	2.0	29.0
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	7	35.0	21/49	15/44	28/36	8.7	1.9	16.4
2017	FIBA B. WC 2019 EU Pre-Qualifiers	4	32.0	14/23	8/21	15/19	10.8	2.8	16.8
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017 Qualifiers	4	36.0	12/22	10/28	14/15	4.3	3.3	17.0
2015	FIBA EuroBasket 2015 2nd Qual. Round	6	34.0	26/42	13/35	13/18	6.3	1.5	17.3

Deyan KARAMFILOV



Height: 1.80
Position: Point Guard
Date of Birth: 21/01/94
Place of Birth: Krumovgrad
Team 2021-22: Rilski (Bulgaria-NBL)

Career: Beroe Stara Zagora (Bulgaria-NBL, 2013-14; 2015-16; 2019-20), Levski Sofia (Bulgaria-NBL, 2014-15; 2017-19), Cherno More Varna (Bulgaria-NBL, 2016-17), Rilski sportist (Bulgaria-NBL, 2020-22)

Instagram: deyankaramfilov

Deyan Karamfilov is part of the generation that made a sensational run in youth basketball. The generation of 1993-95 won promotion to Division A consecutively at U16, U18 and U20 levels. And it was a long-awaited EuroBasket on the Men's stage. Karamfilov has a unique court vision and superb passing, which compensates for his smaller frame. Recently he has been part of the great performances by Rilski sportist in Bulgaria and FIBA Europe Cup and is just entering his prime years. His fun personality makes him one of his teammates' favorites and his jokes are always there to cheer up the locker room.

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	5	10.0	0/3	1/3	0/0	0.8	1.8	0.6
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	2	23.0	1/4	0/1	4/4	2.5	5.0	3.0
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	1	12.0	0/1	1/1	0/0	5.0	1.0	3.0



Stanimir MARINOV



Height: 1.93
Position: Point Guard
Date of Birth: 07/09/91
Place of Birth: Silistra

Team 2021-22: Balkan (Bulgaria-NBL)

Career: Balkan Botevgrad (Bulgaria-NBL, 2009-14), Levski Sofia (Bulgaria-NBL, 2014-15), Cherno More Varna (Bulgaria-NBL, 2014-15), Sigal Prishtina (Kosovo-Superliga, 2015-16), Cherkaski Mavpy (Ukraine-SuperLeague, 2017-18), U-BT Cluj Napoca (Romania-Liga Nationala, 2018-19), UJAP Quimper 29 (France-Pro B. 2019-20): Balkan Bo-

tevgrad (Bulgaria-NBL, 2020-22) **Instagram:** stanimir23

The players' favorite player must be Stanimir Marinov. Everybody loves him no doubt. His quiet personality hides a huge heart and tough character. What Marinov has been through physically cannot be compared to anything. He has gone through so many injuries, surgeries and pain that anyone else would have quit basketball a long time ago. Not that this thought was a stranger to Stanimir, but it was never bigger than the love for basketball. Bulgarian basketball fans are rooting to see him at EuroBasket, because he deserves it.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	5	24.0	8/19	10/27	3/3	3.8	4.6	9.8
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	2	18.0	5/8	4/11	4/5	5.0	1.5	13.0
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	10	27.0	24/45	13/41	24/39	3.4	4.1	11.1
2017	FIBA B. WC 2019 EU Pre-Qualifiers	4	20.0	10/19	1/7	1/3	1.5	5.0	6.0
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017 Qualifiers	1	4.0	0/1	0/0	0/0	1.0	0.0	0.0

Paylin IVANOV



Height: 1.95
Position: Shooting Guard
Date of Birth: 28/03/93
Place of Birth: Yambol

Team 2021-22: Rilski (Bulgaria-NBL)

Career: Benetton Treviso (Italy, 2008-12), Buducnost Podgorica (Montenegro-Prva Liga, 2012-14), Yambol (Bulgaria-NBL, 2013-14), Levski Sofia (Bulgaria-NBL, 2014-15), Beroe Stara Zagora (Bulgaria-NBL, 2014-15), Lukoil Academic (Bulgaria-NBL, 2015-19), Balkan Botevgrad (Bulgaria-NBL, 2018-19), Treviglio (Italy-Serie A2, 2019-20), Rilski

Sportist Samokov (Bulgaria-NBL, 2020-22)

Instagram: pavlinivanov

Pavlin Ivanov has been at the top level for so long that it is hard to imagine he is just entering his best years. At a very young age he was noticed by the renowned Benetton Treviso and grew his talent in Italy. Sometimes people forget but Ivanov was the Italian U19 MVP. The generation of 1993-95 had Pavlin as the star and its natural leader. He helped the team win Division B titles at U16 and U18 levels before single-handedly placing the U20s side into Division A with 35 points in the decisive game. Yes, he is all that and now the challenge is bigger, but it was about time for Ivanov to be at EuroBasket. And all between success on the court, he has been a father of three — his greatest achievement.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

-	YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2	2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	6	26.0	9/23	13/41	3/4	3.5	2.2	10.0
2	2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	5	17.0	1/12	7/15	0/0	1.0	1.2	4.6
2	2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	4	14.0	2/7	3/10	4/5	2.0	0.8	4.3
2	2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017 Qualifiers	6	23.0	12/30	5/15	6/12	3.0	1.5	7.5
2	2015	FIBA EuroBasket 2015 1st Qual. Round	1	1.0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Vasil BACHEV



Height: 1.95
Position: Shooting Guard
Date of Birth: 11/08/92
Place of Birth: Sofia

Team 2021-22: Akademik Plovdiv (Bulgaria-NBL) **Career:** Akademik Plovdiv (Bulgaria-NBL, 2013-22)

Instagram: vasilbachev

Consistency, hard work and patience — Vasil Bachev represents all of that. One of the best scorers in the Bulgarian league, Bachev has also turned into a leading player when he found his spot in Plovdiv. He has been running the Akademik team for the past few years with a tough hand, and it is showing results. Despite all of the difficulties, Bachev has not given up his dreams of big basketball and is an example of amazing work ethics. Most of all, he is a player every coach can rely on to keep his head cool when it comes to it.

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YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	3	14.0	1/1	4/9	0/0	1.3	1.3	4.7
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	4	17.0	3/9	4/11	0/0	1.5	1.0	4.5
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	2	3.0	0/1	0/0	0/0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Chavdar KOSTOV



Height: 1.96
Position: Shooting Guard
Date of Birth: 18/04/88
Place of Birth: Sofia

Team 2021-22: Levski (Bulgaria-NBL)

Career: Lukoil Academic (Bulgaria-NBL, 2004-10), Kavala (Greece-A1, 2010-12, 2015-16), Guessing Knights (Austria-OBL, 2014-15), Kymi BC (Greece-A1, 2016-18), Rabotnicki Skopje (North Macedonia-Prva Liga, 2018-19), Levski Sofia (Bulgaria-NBL, 2012-13, 2019-22)

Instagram: chavdar8

Chavdar Kostov is the leader every team is always searching for. The pressure of being a star player since an early age has never seemed to bother Kostov and he has risen to all of the challenges. If you need someone to shoot the tough shots, he will do it. If you need someone to fire up the locker room, he is the one. If you need to hear the truth, ask him. And if you can't find him in the gym, or with his family, you can always find Kostov on the lake doing his favorite thing — fishing. It will be EuroBasket appearance number 3 for Kostov — he was a young gun back in 2009 and 2011.

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	6	22.0	11/28	7/20	6/8	4.8	1.5	8.2
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	5	29.0	13/25	8/21	6/11	3.0	1.0	11.2
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	9	19.0	13/22	9/34	5/8	2.6	0.7	6.4
2017	FIBA B. WC 2019 EU Pre-Qualifiers	4	26.0	12/16	9/19	5/5	3.0	1.8	14.0
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017 Qualifiers	4	18.0	7/14	4/14	2/4	3.0	1.3	7.0

Ventsislav PETKOV



Height: 1.88 Position: Guard **Date of Birth: 14/10/91** Place of Birth: Sofia

Team 2021-22: Levski Sofia (Bulgaria-NBL)

Career: Overgas Sofia (Bulgaria-NBL, 2008-10), Dunav 2007 (Bulgaria-NBL, 2010-11), Levski Sofia (Bulgaria-NBL, 2011-14), Beroe Stara Zagora (Bulgaria-NBL, 2014-15), Yambol (Bulgaria-NBL, 2016-17), Balkan Botevgrad (Bulgaria-NBL, 2017-19); Levski Sofia (Bulgaria-NBL, 2019-22)

Instagram: petkovv

Ventsislav Petkov has always been the shy and humble player on every team he has played. But the last four years seems to have catapulted his self-confidence and that has helped the guard rise. When he is playing with confidence, has the ball in his hands and has the freedom to attack, Petkov is a force. He hasn't always been first choice for the national team coaches but his performances in recent years seem to have caught their attention and now Petkov has the chance to fight for a EuroBasket spot.

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YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	3	11.0	1/1	5/11	1/2	0.7	1.3	6.0
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	2	16.0	1/2	3/5	0/0	0.5	1.5	5.5
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	7	14.0	2/10	6/16	0/0	0.9	1.1	3.1

Konstantin KOSTADINOV



Height: 2.04 **Position:** Forward Date of Birth: 25/03/03 Place of Birth: Burgas

Team 2021-22: Palma (Spain-LEB Gold) Career: Palma (Spain-LEB Gold, 2021-22) Instagram: kostasskostadinov13

Kostadinov has been considered Bulgaria's best young player since he graduated from one of the top academies in Europe at Real Madrid. Not only did he go through the academy, but he was one of the top players there. His biggest asset is his athleticism which is truly phenomenal. His dunks are insane, but lately Kostas also developed his shooting a lot. Last season was tough for him, breaking into senior basketball but Bulgaria gave him his debut also and now he is looking better and better each day.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	5	8.0	3/7	1/3	4/6	2.2	0.2	2.6
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	1	20.0	1/2	3/6	0/0	2.0	1.0	11.0

Ivan ALIPIEV



Height: 2.03 **Position:** Forward Date of Birth: 28/07/99 Place of Birth: Sofia

Team 2021-22: Loyola Marymount University

(USA-NCAA)

Career: Levski Sofia (Bulgaria-NBL, 2015-18), Loyola Marymount University (USA-NCAA, 2018-

Instagram: ia3five

The NCAA turned the super skinny super shooter that Ivan Alipiev once was, into a mass of muscles and ready for senior basketball. Alipiev graduated from Loyola Marymount in NCAA Division I but missed a lot of the season due to shoulder injury. His debut for the Bulgarian national team was long awaited though so his return to Europe was just in time for this summer's games. Ivan is strikingly smart, not just a player but as a person; he graduated from a French school in Sofia and then at LMU. He received high praise from Bulgarian coaching staff from Day 1 of training camp and will be a part of the future for sure.

Yordan MINCHEV



Position:Forward Date of Birth: 17/10/98 Place of Birth: Sliven

Team 2021-22: Levski Sofia (Bulgaria-NBL)

Career: Levski Sofia (Bulgaria-NBL, 2014-16; 2019-21), Fenerbahce Istanbul (Turkey-BSL, 2016-17), KK Vrsac (Serbia-KLS, 2016-17), MZT Skopje (North Macedonia-Prva Liga, 2017-18), Academic Sofia (Bulgaria-NBL, 2017-18), Istanbul Buyuksehir (Turkey-BSL, 2018-19), OSE Lions (Hungary, 2021-22)

Instagram: minchyordan

Minchev is considered Bulgaria's greatest asset since Vezenkov. His skills have amazed people since he was 12-13-years old and still seems capable of developing more and more. 10 years on and Minchev will be the big missing piece for Bulgaria at EuroBasket, as he is recovering from an ankle injury from the last FIBA Basketball World Cup European Qualifiers window. At the age of 23, Minchev has had his talent recognized by the great Zeljko Obradovic and has spent a couple of years playing in Fenerbahce. Per his own words, this is just the beginning, and he truly believes soon he will get his chance to play at EuroBasket for Bulgaria.

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS	
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	4	25.0	10/18	1/4	3/7	5.5	1.8	6.5	
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	2	25.0	6/9	1/3	6/8	5.0	1.5	10.5	
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	2	19.0	3/11	1/4	3/6	3.5	0.5	6.0	
2017	FIBA B. WC 2019 EU Pre-Qualifiers	1	16.0	0/2	0/1	0/0	4.0	0.0	0.0	



Aleksandar YANEV



Height: 2.03
Position: Forward
Date of Birth: 20/01/90
Place of Birth: Varna

Team 2021-22: Beroe (Bulgaria-NBL)

Career: Cherno More Varna (Bulgaria-NBL, 2007-12), Manresa (Spain-ACB League, 2012-13), Lukoil Academic (Bulgaria-NBL, 2013-14), Guessing Knights (Austria-OBL, 2014-15), San Martin de Corrientes (Argentina-LNB, 2015-16), SO Maritime Boulogne (France-Pro B, 2015-16), Kozuv Gevgelija (North Macedonia-Prva Liga, 2016-17), KK Zadar

(Croatia-HKL, 2016-17), Beroe Stara Zagora (Bulgaria-NBL, 2017-20, 2021-22), BC Brno (Czech Republic-NBL, 2020-21)

Instagram: aleksandar.yanev

Don't be confused if you heard of Aleksandar with another surname as he is better known in Bulgaria as Aleksandar Yanev, but you can find him in FIBA with the Georgiev name. Besides that, no one can mistake Aleksandar's personality — it's one of a kind. He is a part of one truly talented 1990-91 generation and has been involved in basketball from a very early age. A product of the famous Cherno More Varna junior academy, Aleksandar is never in the shadows. If he is there, you will notice him. He waited a long time for a shot at EuroBasket and here it is.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	5	22.0	13/19	3/10	8/11	4.0	1.6	8.6
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	6	22.0	13/25	3/14	4/9	4.2	1.0	6.5
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	12	23.0	22/43	9/26	21/26	3.1	1.5	7.7
2017	FIBA B. WC 2019 EU Pre-Qualifiers	4	22.0	11/19	1/6	5/11	6.0	0.8	7.5
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017 Qualifiers	6	28.0	22/33	8/27	7/13	4.8	1.0	12.5

Dimitar DIMITROV



Height: 2.03 Position: Power Forward Date of Birth: 01/03/93 Place of Birth: Sofia

Team 2021-22: Balkan Botevgrad (Bulgaria-NBL) Career: Rimini (Italy-Serie A2, 2009-12), Levski Sofia (Bulgaria-NBL, 2012-13; 2014-15), Arkadia Traiskirchen Lions (Austria-OBL, 2013-14; 2016-17), Lukoil Academic Sofia (Bulgaria-NBL, 2015-16; 2017-18), Balkan Botevgrad (Bulgaria-NBL, 2018-22)

Instagram: mitko1meech

Dimitar Dimitrov is one more piece of the golden generation of Bulgaria. He developed in Italy in the Rimini Academy and continued the family success — his mother Tina Dimitrova is a famous player and coach, and his sister Ekaterina also had a good career. But Dimitar is now being a great success himself winning two titles in four seasons with Balkan Botevgrad. He has always been under pressure to deliver at a higher level but is managing to cope so far. Filling out the power forward position when Vezenkov is absent and not rarely having to play in the post — nothing scares Dimitrov on his path to glory.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	6	18.0	12/25	2/15	5/11	2.3	1.0	5.8
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	4	25.0	10/29	6/19	2/7	3.8	2.3	10.0
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	12	17.0	21/43	8/21	7/9	3.1	0.9	6.1
2017	FIBA B. WC 2019 EU Pre-Qualifiers	2	16.0	10/11	0/2	0/1	3.5	1.0	10.0
2015	FIBA EuroBasket 2015 2nd Qual. Round	6	13.0	3/10	0/3	5/8	2.0	0.3	1.8

Andrey IVANOV



Height: 2.06
Position: Center
Date of Birth: 07/05/96
Place of Birth: Yambol
Team 2021-22: Chernomorets (Bulgaria-NBL)
Career: Yambol (Bulgaria-NBL, 2014-18; 202021), Academic Sofia (Bulgaria-NBL, 2018-20),
Steaua Bucuresti (Romania-Liga Nationala, 202122), Chernomorets Burgas (Bulgaria-NBL, 2022)
Instagram: andre_i23ivanov

Andrey Ivanov never had it easy growing up as a center with a smaller frame than most opponents. But he is persistent and with all the patience and hard work managed to secure a national team place. Ivanov has been building his reputation slowly but surely and is at a point where coaches rely on his abilities. His placement in the paint and a natural feel for rebounding is highly appreciated and is making him an asset for Bulgaria. Ivanov had his first experience overseas last season to help his growth.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	3	9.0	3/8	0/1	2/2	0.7	0.0	2.7
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	4	17.0	6/16	2/4	1/2	4.0	0.3	4.8

Emil STOILOV



Height: 2.08
Position: Center
Date of Birth: 07/02/02
Place of Birth: Sofia

Team 2021-22: Estudiantes (Spain-ACB League) **Career:** Movistar Estudiantes Madrid B (Spain-EBA, 2017-20), Movistar Estudiantes Madrid

(Spain-ACB League, 2020-22) **Instagram:** emilstoilov17

Bulgaria's greatest hope of having a true post-up player in a while. For his giant frame, Emil Stoilov carries this responsibility with such grace that you would be surprised. The young center is one of the smartest players around and there is no doubt that Estudiantes aided his development over the past few years. Emil is perfectly aware of what a long road is in front of him. But he always remains patient and extraordinarily humble. If you happen to meet him, don't miss the chance to talk to him — it will be worth it.

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	6	18.0	14/27	0/0	3/12	4.7	0.7	5.2

GEORGIA

HISTORY IN THE MAKING

This is the time for the Georgian national basketball team, Georgian basketball and, you could say, the whole country of Georgia. The announcement was made three years ago, and now the wait is over: Tbilisi is hosting FIBA EuroBasket for the first time in the history of Georgia. And for a country that passionately loves the sport and has so much tradition in it, this tournament is set to become something very special.

But with so much attention and expectations raised so high, the pressure is on Ilias Zouros' side to deliver. Georgian fans want to witness victories at the new Tbilisi Arena and they want to see their national team make history as well — to qualify for the knockout stage of FIBA EuroBasket for the first time ever. So far, Georgia came closest to this achievement in 2011 when they reached the second Group Phase in Lithuania, but only to finish in 11th place in the final standings. Under the Greek coach this will be Georgia's second EuroBasket after they failed to make the next phase in Tel Aviv in 2017 due to an inferior head-to-head record with Ukraine.

The Georgian national team qualified for this tournament as a cohost, but still took part in the Qualifiers to have an opportunity to play competitive games ahead of the home tournament. And they finished second in Group E with four wins including an impressive victory over Serbia in Belgrade. That was an incredible performance by Thad McFadden with 33 points and Giorgi Shermadini's 23 points and 11 rebounds as the Georgians sent a big message around Europe: there's no team we can't beat.

Zouros now has all the country's top players for EuroBasket, including one of the strongest frontcourts in the competition and the aforementioned scoring ace McFadden. Will Georgia's head coach be able to play these cards right?

Local prodigy Rati Andronikashvili will be helping McFadden with the backcourt duties, while Giorgi Tsintsadze can help the team with a limitless amount of experience and organizing the half-court offense. Zouros will also be able to get some scoring from the team's debutant at a major tournament in Kakhaber Jintcharadze and another team veteran Duda Sanadze, ready to perform at his fourth EuroBasket in a row.

With his athleticism and defensive prowess, Beka Burjanadze seems to be an obvious choice at the starting small forward position, unless Zouros would like to go big and play his captain Toko Shengelia at this spot. The Georgian team captain does have some experience at playing at the wing position and by now we are well aware that Shengelia would do whatever it takes for his national team to succeed. And that includes sacrificing his usual role on the court to accommodate more bigs in the starting line-up.

And Georgia has no shortage of solid big men. Sandro Mamukelashvili can stretch the floor with his solid three-point shot while a duo of Shermadini and Goga Bitadze is something any coach would dream of at the center position. Shermadini enters this EuroBasket as one of the elite centers in the Spanish ACB so don't be surprised if he steals the show in Tbilisi.

Georgia's squad looks pretty well balanced, and on paper at least they should be able to get a ticket to Berlin. And, if you add to that the factor of the crowd at Tbilisi Arena who will act as the sixth man on the court, Georgia's recent win over Spain in the FIBA Basketball World Cup 2023 European Qualifiers, then who knows, we might even be looking at one of the favorites in Group A.

By Vladimir Spivak



Player	Height (m)	Position	Date of Birth	Team 2021-22
Rati ANDRONIKASHVILI	1,94	PG	19/03/01	Creighton University (USA)
Givi BAKRADZE	1,80	PG	26/05/91	Olimpi Tbilisi
Luka MAZIASHVILI	1,87	PG	27/10/00	Tskhum-Apkhazeti
Giorgi TSINTSADZE	1,92	PG	07/02/86	TSU Tbilisi
Thad MCFADDEN	1,88	PG/SG	29/05/87	Murcia (ESP)
Merab BOKOLISHVILI	1,98	SG	27/02/92	Rustavi
Duda SANADZE	1,93	SG	29/06/92	Borac (SRB)
Kakhaber JINTCHARADZE	1,97	SF/SG	16/07/93	Olimpi Tbilisi
Beka BURJANADZE	2,03	SF	03/01/94	Real Betis (ESP)
Mikheil BERISHVILI	2,03	SF/PF	12/04/87	TSU Tbilisi
Tornike SHENGELIA	2,07	PF	05/10/91	Virtus Bologna (ITA)
Sandro MAMUKELASHVILI	2,11	PF/C	23/05/99	Milwaukee Bucks (USA)
Beka BEKAURI	2,07	С	18/01/91	Batumi
Goga BITADZE	2,11	С	20/07/99	Indiana Pacers (USA)
Giorgi SHERMADINI	2,17	С	02/04/89	Tenerife (ESP)

Coach: Ilias ZOUROS

Last 10 FIBA Events

Year	Event	Place	Achievement
2021	Olympics	Tokyo (JPN)	Did not qualify
2019	FIBA Basketball World Cup	Beijing (CHN)	Did not qualify
2017	FIBA EuroBasket	Istanbul (TUR)	17th
2016	Olympics	Rio de Janeiro (BRA)	Did not qualify
2015	FIBA EuroBasket	Lille (FRA)	15th
2014	FIBA Basketball World Cup	Madrid (ESP)	Did not qualify
2013	FIBA EuroBasket	Ljubljana (SLO)	17th
2012	Olympics	London (GBR)	Did not qualify
2011	FIBA EuroBasket	Kaunas (LTU)	11th
2010	FIBA Basketball World Cup	Istanbul (TUR)	Did not qualify

FIBA EuroBasket 2022 Qualifiers Accumulated Stats

			FG		2PT	FG	3PT	FG	F	т		REB							
Name	G	Min	M/A	%	M/A	%	M/A	%	M/A	%	0	D	Tot	AST	T0	STL	BLK	PF	PTS
Giorgi SHERMADINI	6	34.3	37/60	61.7	37/60	61.7	0/0	0.0	42/48	87.5	3.3	7.0	10.3	2.5	2.3	0.8	0.2	1.2	19.3
Merab BOKOLISHVILI	6	14.3	5/13	38.5	1/3	33.3	4/10	40.0	1/1	100.0	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.7	8.0	0.2	0.0	3.0	2.5
George KORSANTIA	5	11.1	6/8	75.0	4/4	100.0	2/4	50.0	0/0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.2	3.2	2.8
Saba LOBJANIDZE	5	7.2	2/6	33.3	2/4	50.0	0/2	0.0	1/2	50.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	8.0	0.2	0.2	0.0	1.6	1.0
Thaddus MCFADDEN	4	37.2	25/54	46.3	9/16	56.3	16/38	42.1	23/24	95.8	0.3	2.8	3.0	7.3	1.5	0.8	0.0	1.0	22.3
Duda SANADZE	4	32.3	15/56	26.8	8/28	28.6	7/28	25.0	17/18	94.4	2.0	2.3	4.3	2.3	2.0	1.3	0.3	3.3	13.5
Beka BURJANADZE	4	28.5	17/41	41.5	13/24	54.2	4/17	23.5	15/18	83.3	2.0	4.3	6.3	1.5	1.5	1.0	0.8	2.8	13.3
Givi BAKRADZE	4	23.4	8/22	36.4	4/7	57.1	4/15	26.7	5/6	83.3	0.5	8.0	1.3	2.8	1.3	1.0	0.0	2.3	6.3
Mikheil BERISHVILI	4	18.8	10/19	52.6	1/3	33.3	9/16	56.3	0/0	0.0	0.3	1.0	1.3	1.0	0.5	0.3	0.0	2.0	7.3
Aleksandre PHEVADZE	4	17.3	10/20	50.0	9/11	81.8	1/9	11.1	0/2	0.0	1.8	2.3	4.0	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.3	2.3	5.3
Beka BEKAURI	4	9.3	4/11	36.4	2/5	40.0	2/6	33.3	0/0	0.0	0.8	0.8	1.5	0.5	1.3	0.0	0.5	1.5	2.5
Tornike SHENGELIA	2	27.4	12/22	54.5	11/15	73.3	1/7	14.3	11/15	73.3	0.5	6.5	7.0	4.5	5.0	2.0	0.0	3.0	18.0
Rati ANDRONIKASHVILI	2	14.6	5/9	55.6	4/8	50.0	1/1	100.0	4/4	100.0	0.5	1.5	2.0	0.0	3.0	1.0	0.0	2.5	7.5
George TSINTSADZE	2	12.8	2/4	50.0	2/2	100.0	0/2	0.0	4/4	100.0	0.0	0.5	0.5	2.5	2.5	0.0	0.0	1.5	4.0
Giorgi TURDZILADZE	2	5.9	2/2	100.0	2/2	100.0	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	1.0	1.5	2.5	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.5	1.0	2.0
Ilia LONDARIDZE	2	2.3	1/2	50.0	1/2	50.0	0/0	0.0	1/2	50.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.5
Luka ZAKRADZE	2	1.4	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Kakhaber JINTCHARADZE	1	26.3	0/3	0.0	0/1	0.0	0/2	0.0	1/2	50.0	1.0	2.0	3.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	4.0	1.0
Conner Michael FRANKAMP	1	19.6	4/11	36.4	4/7	57.1	0/4	0.0	2/2	100.0	0.0	4.0	4.0	2.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	10.0
Luka BULASHVILI	0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Team/Coaches											1.7	2.5	4.2	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	
TOTALS		344.0	165/363	45.5	114/202	56.4	51/161	31.7	127/148	85.8	10.8	24.7	35.5	17.2	14.5	6.0	1.7	21.7	84.7

COACHIlias ZOUROS



Nationality: Greek

Date of Birth: 11/03/66

Place of Birth: Butare (RWA)

Team 2021-22: Promitheas Patras (Greece-A1) Club Career: Panionios, (Assistant Coach, Greece-A1, 1992-93); Ethnikos Piraeus (Assistant Coach, Greece-A1, 1993-94); Palaio Faliro (Assistant Coach, Greece-A2, 1995-96); Sporting B.C. (Assistant Coach, Greece-A2, 1996-98); Maroussi (Assistant Coach, Greece-A1, 1998-99); Olympiacos (Assistant Coach, Greece-A1, 1998-90); Olympiacos (Greece-A1, 2000-02); Sagesse SC (Leba-

non-FLB, 2003-04); Peristeri (Greece-A1, 2004); Aris (Greece-A1, 2005-2006); Paris Basket Racing (France-LNB Pro A, 2006-07); Paris-Levallois Basket (France-LNB Pro A, 2007-08); Panellionis (Greece-A1, 2007-10); Zalgiris (Lithuania-LKL, 2011); Anadolu Efes (Turkey-BSL, 2012); Zalgiris (Lithuania-LKL, 2013); Tofas (Turkey-BSL, 2014-15); KK Buducnost (Montenegro-Prva A Liga, 2016-17); Peristeri (Greece-A1, 2019); Promitheas Patras (Greece-A1, 2021-22) International Career: Greece (2011-2012); Georgia (2016-)

One of the most experienced play callers at FIBA EuroBasket 2022, Zouros will coach at his third continental championships. His best result so far — 6th place with the Greek national team in Lithuania in 2011. Six years later he just missed the knockout stages with Georgia after losing out to Ukraine on head-to-head. But now it's a totally different story. Georgia will play at home and Zouros is expected to lead the team at least past the Group Phase. He's been with this team for five years now and this performance will be a result of the program he's been building to this particular tournament. All the best Georgian players have reported to the squad and it's up to Zouros to know how to play his cards right and make one of the FIBA EuroBasket host countries proud.

Rati ANDRONIKASHVILI



Height: 1.94 Position: Point Guard Date of Birth: 19/03/01 Place of Birth: Tbilisi

Team 2021-22: Creighton University (NBA-NCAA) Career: Ionikos Nikaias (Greece-A1, 2019-20); BC Rustavi (Georgia-Superliga, 2020); Creighton University (NBA-NCAA, 2021-2022)

Twitter: rati_4_

Instagram: rati.andronikashvili

Andronikashvili enters FIBA EuroBasket following his freshman season at NCAA level, where he registered quite humble numbers, but became a big piece of the Creighton Bluejays by the end of the season. His team came one step short of the Sweet 16 stage and Rati was a big help on defensive end. In Georgia, this youngster is considered a prodigy and someone who can help the national team's elite frontcourt blossom. On offense Andronikashvili can be a creator on the ball, but can also finish with a drive or jump shot. Luckily for Zouros he has some many experienced guards, so Rati's shortage of professional basketball may even go unnoticed.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	2	19.0	7/10	2/3	1/2	1.5	0.5	10.5
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	2	15.0	4/8	1/1	4/4	2.0	0.0	7.5
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	5	6.0	6/7	0/1	0/0	0.4	0.2	2.4

Giorgi SHERMADINI





Height: 2.17 Position: Center Date of Birth: 02/04/89 Place of Birth: Natakhtari

Team 2021-22: Tenerife (Spain-ACB League)

Career: Maccabi Tbilisi (Georgia-Superliga, 2005-08); Panathinaikos (Greece-A1, 2008-10); Olimpija (Slovenia-1.SLK, 2010-11); Cantu (Italy-LBA, 2011-12); Maccabi Tel Aviv (Israel-Premier League, 2012); Olympiacos (Greece-A1, 2012-13); Zaragoza (Spain-ACB, 2013); Olympiacos (Greece-A1, 2014); Zaragoza (Spain-ACB, 2014); Cantu (Italy-LBA,

2014-15); Andorra (Spain-ACB, 2015-17); Unicaja (Spain-ACB, 2017-19); Tenerife (Spain-ACB, 2019-2022)

Instagram: gioshermadini9

It's an unbelievable yet very possible situation when the Spanish ACB MVP of 2021 and Basketball Champions League winner in 2022 may be starting FIBA EuroBasket games at home on the bench. It's just another fact that proves Georgia's depth at frontcourt. However, just try to imagine this 2.17m tall X-factor coming off the bench and getting first touches against opposing centers. Shermadini has been unstoppable offensively more often than not during his past three seasons with Tenerife and obviously hopes to carry this form to the national team. His size is also vital for his own rim protection. Girogi made his senior national team debut at the age of 17 back in 2006.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	6	31.0	35/61	0/0	32/41	8.3	2.5	17.0
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	6	34.0	37/60	0/0	42/48	10.3	2.5	19.3
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	8	27.0	39/63	0/1	33/41	8.8	1.4	13.9
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017	5	18.0	12/26	0/0	27/29	4.6	1.6	10.2
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017 Qualifiers	6	15.0	15/26	0/0	19/21	4.0	0.5	8.2

Givi BAKRADZE



Height: 1.80
Position: Point Guard
Date of Birth: 26/05/91
Place of Birth: Tbilisi
Team 2021-22: Olympus (Georgia-Superliga)

Career: Mgzavrebi (Georgia-Superliga, 2010-11); Dinamo Tbilisi (Georgia-Superliga, 2011); TSU Tbilisi (Georgia-Superliga, 2012-13); Kobrat (Finland-Korisliiga, 2013-2015); Sokhumi (Georgia-Superliga, 2015-2016); Olympus (Georgia-Superliga, 2016-18); Vera (Georgia-Superliga, 2019-21); KK Tamis (Serbia-KLS, 2021-22); Olympus (Geor-

gia-Superliga, 2022) **Twitter:** givikoo4 **Instagram:** givibakradze

The 31-year-old has been in consideration to make a final cut for FIBA EuroBasket on a few occasions now but so far has always come up short. This may be the time for Bakradze after he had a very successful domestic campaign with Olympus helping them to the Finals for the first time in nine years. Olympus went down to Kutaisi, but Bakradze had a great effort with more than 10 points and almost 7 assists per game on average. With the likes of Andronikashvili, Tsinsadze and McFadden in the roster, Givi isn't expected to get big minutes but if Georgia needs some of his playmaking skills, he'd be ready.

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	6	7.0	0/4	1/7	0/0	0.7	1.7	0.5
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	4	23.0	4/7	4/15	5/6	1.3	2.8	6.3

Luka MAZIASHVILI



Height: 1.87
Position: Point Guard
Date of Birth: 27/10/00
Place of Birth: Tbilisi

Team 2021-22: Tskhum-Apkhazeti (Georgia-Su-

perliga

Career: Olympus (Georgia-Superliga, 2018-19); UMass (USA-NCAA, 2019-20); Vera (Georgia-Superliga, 2020-21); Tskhum-Apkhazeti (Georgia-Superliga, 2021-22)

Twitter: MaziashviliLuka Instagram: lukamaziashvili_

Another young point guard on the Georgian national team roster, Maziashvili had a breakthrough 2021-22 season with Tskhum-Apkhazeti. Even though his team won only seven games in the Georgian Superliga, Luka was without any doubts a bright spot in their performances. He averaged almost 12 points and 5 assists per game and got onto coach Zouros' radar. Maziashvili likes to create his own shot — both with a drive or off the dribble — but is also capable of dishing outside-the-box passes to his big man.

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YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	1	11.0	0/2	0/0	0/0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Giorgi TSINTSADZE



Height: 1.92 Position: Point Guard Date of Birth: 07/02/86 Place of Birth: Tbilisi

Team 2021-22: TSU Tbilisi (Georgia-Superliga)

Career: Academy Tbilisi (Gerogia-Superliga, 2001-02), Basko Batumi (Gerogia-Superliga, 2002-03); CSKA Moscow (Russia-Superleague, 2003-04); CSK VVS Samara (Russia-Superleague, 2004-05); Ural Greit Perm (Russia-Superleague, 2005); Dynamo Moscow (Russia-Superleague, 2005-06); Tartu Ulikool (Estonia-KML, 2006-09);

Trikala (Greece-A1, 2009); BC Donetsk (Ukraine-Superleague, 2009-10), Trefl Sopot (Poland-PLK, 2010); Tartu Ulikool (Estonia-KML, 2010-11); Olimpi Tbilisi (Gerogia-Superliga, 2011-12); Budivelnyk Kiev (Ukraine-Superleague, 2012-13); BC Donetsk (Ukraine-Superleague, 2013-14); Champville (Lebanon-FLB, 2014); MZT Skopje (North Macedonia-Prva Liga, 2014); MIA Academy (Georgia-Superliga, 2014-15); BCM Gravelines (France-Pro A, 2015); Rouen (France-Pro B, 2016); Kutaisi 2010 (Georgia-Superliga, 2016-17); Politehnica (Romania-LNBM, 2017-18); Al-Shamal Doha (Qatar-Basketball League, 2018-20); Dinamo Tbilisi (Georgia-Superliga, 2020); Banlyas Abu Dhabi (UAE-National Basketball League, 2020-21); TSU Tbilisi (Georgia-Superliga, 2021-22)

Instagram: georgetsinsadze8

Speaking of experience, Tsintsadze has plenty to share. The 35-year-old has played in 10 different tournaments and this will be his 5th straight FIBA EuroBasket with the Georgian national team. Once the biggest prospect in the country, Giorgi's fastest days in terms of quickness on the court are obviously behind him, but coach Zourus still uses one of his favorite guards to bring calmness to his squad and build a proper half-court offense. The 2022 event is likely to become Tsinsadze's last dance in a national team jersey, but he would like to finish it with a bang in front of the home crowd.

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YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	2	13.0	2/2	0/2	4/4	0.5	2.5	4.0
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	9	27.0	7/29	12/41	14/19	2.6	4.8	7.1
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017	5	25.0	4/8	2/14	0/2	1.6	3.2	2.8
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017 Qualifiers	6	31.0	12/22	5/23	11/13	3.2	6.8	8.3
2015	FIBA EuroBasket 2015	6	29.0	10/15	7/19	7/7	1.2	4.3	8.0

Thad MCFADDEN



Height: 1.88

Position: Point Guard/Shooting Guard

Date of Birth: 29/05/87
Place of Birth: Flint (USA)

Team 2021-22: UCAM Murcia (Spain-ACB League) Career: Usti nad Labem (Czech Republic-NBL, 2009-12); Phantoms Braunschweig (Germany-BBL, 2012); Usti nad Labem (Czech Republic-NBL, 2013); APOEL (Cyprus-Division A, 2013-14); AEK Larnaca (Cyprus-Division A, 2014-16); Nancy (France-LNB Pro A, 2016); PAOK (Greece-A1, 2016-17); Kapros Sokoli (North Macedonia-Prva Liga, 2017); Kymis

(Greece-A1, 2017-18); Tenerife (Spain-ACB League, 2018-19); Joventut (Spain-ACB League, 2019); San Pablo Burgos (Spain-ACB League, 2019-21); UCAM Murcia (Spain-ACB League, 2021-22)

Twitter: ThadJr12 Instagram: thaddjr12

After receiving a Georgian passport in 2018 McFadden has always reported to the national team and has become one of the cornerstones of Ilias Zouros' program. His best international performance so far came in February, 2020 when Thad scored 33 points but his team went down to Serbia in a FIBA EuroBasket Qualifier. Being able to cover both guard positions, McFadden takes pride in playing for the national team and can be the team's playmaker as well as scorer. The Michigan native has had numerous games in a Georgian jersey with at least 5 assists. He is the star of its backcourt and the team's success in Tbilisi is firmly tied with his ability to deliver.

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YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	6	37.0	9/34	29/66	24/31	4.0	5.5	21.5
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	4	37.0	9/16	16/38	23/24	3.0	7.3	22.3
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	6	35.0	6/19	22/50	20/26	2.7	3.3	16.3

Merab BOKOLISHVILI



Height: 1.98
Position: Shooting Guard
Date of Birth: 27/02/92
Place of Birth: Tbilisi

Team 2021-22: Rustavi (Georgia-Superliga)

Career: MIA Tbilisi (Georgia-Superliga, 2011-14); Mgzavrebi (Georgia-Superliga, 2014-2015); Vita Tbilisi (Georgia-Superliga, 2015-16); Sokhumi (Georgia-Superliga, 2016-17); Olympus (Georgia-Superliga; 2017-18); Dinamo Tbilisi (Georgia-Superliga, 2018-19); Rustavi (Georgia-Superliga, 2019-22)

Instagram: merabbokolishvili

Another experienced veteran who is yet to make his FIBA EuroBasket debut in a Georgia national team jersey. However, he shone brightly with a 16-point performance against Serbia in the FIBA Basketball World Cup European Qualifiers. So far it's a high-scoring game in the national team jersey. Bokolishvili feels comfortable in transition offense and can occasionally create an open shot. He spent the last three seasons with Rustavi and lifted the national title with the club in the summer of 2021 after sweeping Tskhum-Abkhazeti in the Finals.

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	5	18.0	6/8	1/9	0/1	0.8	1.2	3.0
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	6	14.0	1/3	4/10	1/1	0.3	0.7	2.5
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	12	21.0	4/15	10/33	4/5	1.2	0.9	3.5

Duda SANADZE



Height: 1.92 Position: Shooting Guard Date of Birth: 25/07/92 Place of Birth: Tbilisi

Team 2021-22: Borac (Serbia-KLS)

Career: Dinamo Tbilisi (Georgia-Superliga, 2009-10); Rustavi (Georgia-Superliga, 2010-11); Batumi (Georgia-Superliga, 2011); Dinamo Tbilisi (Georgia-Superliga, 2011-12); San Diego University (USA-NCAA, 2012-16); KK Primorska (Slovenia-1. SKL, 2016-17); Pistoia 2000 (Italy-LBA, 2017); Gipuzkoa Basket (Spain-ACB, 2018); Rosa Radom

(Poland-PLK, 2019); Fuenlabrada (Spain-ACB League, 2019); Oliveirense (Portugal-LPB, 2019-20); Al Khor (Qatar-Basketball League, 2020-21); Borac (Serbia-KLS, 2021-22)

Twitter: DudaSanadze
Instagram: dudasanadze

At times it looks like Duda Sanadze is the complete package at the shooting guard position: he has decent size and is athletic and skillful enough even to get a shot in top European leagues like Spain's ACB or Italy's LBA. But so far, the San Diego alumni has failed to establish himself at the elite level of club basketball. Furthermore, he hasn't featured in a game in the Play-Offs in more than 10 years. Sanadze spent last season with Borac Cacak in Serbia, where he averaged 9+ points per game. With all that being said, Duda does often start games for coach Zouros and a home FIBA EuroBasket may turn out to be a breakthrough for him.

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YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	4	30.0	4/15	7/28	8/8	3.5	1.0	9.3
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	4	32.0	8/28	7/28	17/18	4.3	2.3	13.5
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	8	29.0	9/24	15/40	21/26	2.9	1.6	10.5
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017	5	27.0	9/12	9/23	9/9	2.0	1.2	10.8
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017 Qualifiers	6	20.0	9/15	7/20	6/6	2.3	0.5	7.5

Kakhaber JINTCHARADZE



Height: 1.95

Position: Small Forward/Shooting Guard

Date of Birth: 16/07/93 Place of Birth: Poti

Team 2021-22: Olympus (Georgia-Superliga)

Career: Samedicino (Georgia-Superliga, 2011-12); Mgzavrebi (Georgia-Superliga, 2014-16); Batumi (Georgia-Superliga, 2016-17); Mgzavrebi (Georgia-Superliga, 2017-19); Olympus (Georgia-Superliga, 2019-22)

Instagram: k_j1ntcharadz6

Jintcharadze has been the main local star of the Georgian Superliga for the past two seasons. He was in the top five of the league in scoring and led all Georgian players in this category, averaging more than 20 points per game. In the 2021-22 season he helped his Olympus to silver medals in the national league. Kakhaber is a versatile scorer who mostly shoots spot up shots and converts around 35 percent of his long distance attempts. He's also very aggressive on the glass and has gathered around 7 rebounds per game during the previous three seasons. FIBA EuroBasket in Tbilisi could become his debut at a major tournament.

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YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	6	20.0	10/18	3/11	6/6	3.3	0.3	5.8
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	1	26.0	0/1	0/2	1/2	3.0	1.0	1.0
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017 Qualifiers	1	7.0	0/0	0/0	0/0	1.0	0.0	0.0

Beka BURJANADZE



Height: 2.03 **Position:** Small Forward

Date of Birth: 03/01/94 Place of Birth: Tbilisi

Team 2021-22: Real Betis (Spain-ACB League)

Career: Cajasol Sevilla (Spain-ACB League, 2011-14); Basquet Coruna (Spain-LEB Gold, 2014-16); Andorra (Spain-ACB League, 2016-18); Gipuzkoa Basket (Spain-ACB League, 2018-19); Gran Canaria (Spain-ACB League, 2019-21); Real Betis (Spain-ACB League, 2021-22)

Twitter: BeqaBurjanadze

Instagram: b7burjanadze

Despite being only 28 years old, Burjanadze is one of the national team's veterans and has already featured at two FIBA EuroBasket tournaments. Beka has spent all of his professional career in Spain, including last season with Real Betis. He rarely features amongst the game's top scorers, but he's valued in the best national league in Europe for his athleticism and ability to guard both forward positions. You can always rely on him to make an open three — he converted 40 percent of those last season. Burjanadze is a cousin of Georgian basketball legend Zaza Pachulia.

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YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	4	23.0	8/17	1/8	10/13	4.5	1.8	7.3
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	4	28.0	13/24	4/17	15/18	6.3	1.5	13.3
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	2	10.0	1/2	1/2	1/2	2.5	0.0	3.0
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017 Qualifiers	6	16.0	12/23	2/3	7/9	4.2	1.0	6.2
2015	FIBA EuroBasket 2015	6	6.0	1/5	1/4	0/0	0.5	0.2	0.8

Mikheil BERISHVILI



Height: 2.03

Position: Small Forward/ Power Forward

Date of Birth: 12/11/90 Place of Birth: Tbilisi

Team 2021-22: TSU Tbilisi (Georgia-Superliga)
Career: Mgzavrebi (Georgia-Superliga, 2010);
TSU Tbilisi (Georgia-Superliga, 2010-11); Olympus
(Georgia-Superliga, 2011-13); Mgzavrebi (Georgia-Superliga, 2013-14); Zlatorog Lasko (Slovenia-1.SKL, 2014); MIA Academy (Georgia-Superliga, 2015); Dinamo Tbilisi (Georgia-Superliga,

2015-18); Al-Shamal Doha (Qatar-Basketball League, 2018-21), TSU Tbilisi (Georgia-Superliga, 2021-22)

Instagram: mishaberishvili

One of the most experienced players on Georgia's roster, Berishvili has been a part of the national team since 2008 but only made his FIBA EuroBasket debut five years ago. Last season, Mikheil came back to Georgia to play with TSU Tbilisi after a three-year spell in Qatar. It looks like he wanted to be closer to the national team to fulfill every current Georgian player's dream — to play at a home EuroBasket. Berishvili is a typical stretch power forward who likes to shoot three-pointers. He averaged 10 points and 6 boards last season in the local Superliga.

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	5	18.0	3/8	4/11	3/4	2.0	2.2	4.2
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	4	19.0	1/3	9/16	0/0	1.3	1.0	7.3
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	12	21.0	4/6	21/47	13/17	2.8	0.8	7.0
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017	5	3.0	0/0	1/1	1/3	0.4	0.0	0.8
2009	FIBA EuroBasket 2009 Division B	1	1.0	0/0	1/1	0/0	0.0	0.0	3.0



Sandro MAMUKELASHVILI



Height: 2.11

Position: Power Forward/Center

Date of Birth: 23/05/99

Place of Birth: New York (USA)

Team 2021-22: Milwaukee Bucks (USA-NBA) **Career:** Seton Hall University (USA-NCAA, 2017-

2021); Wisconsin Herd (USA-NBA G League, 2021-22); Milwaukee Bucks (USA-NBA, 2021-22)

Twitter: Mamukelashvili5

Instagram: Ma23Mu

Born in New York, Sandro never had any doubts when he was given an oppor-

tunity to represent the Georgian national team at a tender age. Mamukelashvili

grew up in Tbilisi, idolizing the biggest basketball star of independent Georgia Zaza Pachulia, and made his senior national team debut in 2018 during the FIBA

Basketball World Cup European Qualifiers campaign. And even though his high

school, university and now professional career are happening in the USA, Sandro

always reports to the national team. A home EuroBasket is another chance for 'Mamu' to get closer to his native land. Sandro's ability to stretch the floor will be

very useful for coach Zouros as the team's frontcourt is absolutely stacked with



Goga BITADZE

Height: 2.11 Position: Center Date of Birth: 23/03/97

Place of Birth: Sagarejo
Team 2021-22: Indiana Pacers (USA-NBA)

Career: Vita Tbilisi (Georgia-Superliga, 2015-16); Smederevo (Serbia-KLS, 2016-17); Mega (Serbia-KLS, 2017-18); Buducnost (Montenegro-Prva A Liga, 2018-19); Fort Wayne Mad Ants (USA-NBA G League, 2019-21); Indiana Pacers (USA-NBA,

2019-2022)

Twitter: GogaBiitadze

Instagram: gogabiadze

The Indiana Pacer is good enough of a reason to keep Shermadini fresh and hungry - Bitadze can be monstrous under the basket on his own. The bulky center started to establish himself as an NBA regular last season as he averaged almost 15 minutes per game for the Pacers. This was a great boost of confidence for Bitadze as he enters FIBA EuroBasket as a much more mature player compared to the 2017 edition of the tournament in which he was on the roster but had to sit out due to an injury. Bitadze names Pachulia, Shengelia and Shaquille O'Neal as his childhood basketball heroes.

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YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	10	22.0	35/67	5/21	30/49	5.9	0.9	11.5

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top level players.

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS	
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	2	9.0	0/2	0/1	0/0	2.0	0.5	0.0	

Beka BEKAURI



Height: 2.07
Position: Center
Date of Birth: 18/01/91
Place of Birth: Tbilisi

Team 2021-22: Batumi (Georgia-Superliga)

Career: Samedicino (Georgia-Superliga, 2010-12); MIA Tbilisi (Georgia-Superliga, 2011-13); Sokhumi (Georgia-Superliga, 2013-14); Kutaisi (Georgia-Superliga, 2014-15); Sokhumi (Georgia-Superliga, 2015-18); Kutaisi (Georgia-Superliga, 2015-18); Tskhum-Apkhazeti (Georgia-Superliga, 2018-19); Kutaisi (Georgia-Superliga, 2019-20); Batumi (Georgia-Superliga, 2020-22)

With a frontline like this, Bekauri will certainly have to wait for a while before he gets a nod from Zouros which would mean it's Beka's time to make his debut at the FIBA EuroBasket in front of the home crowd. The 31-year-old hasn't featured at a major tournament but has already helped Georgia to get some notable qualifying results including an overtime victory at home against mighty Spain during the FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual. this summer, where Beka scored 5 points and gathered 4 rebounds. Bekauri has some post moves in his repertoire as well as a decent three-point shot.

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YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	3	10.0	4/6	0/1	4/8	3.3	0.7	4.0
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	4	9.0	2/5	2/6	0/0	1.5	0.5	2.5
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	3	4.0	0/0	0/1	0/2	1.7	0.0	0.0
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017 Qualifiers	3	2.0	0/0	0/1	0/0	0.7	0.0	0.0

Tornike SHENGELIA



Height: 2.07
Position: Power Forward
Date of Birth: 05/10/91
Place of Birth: Tbilisi

Team 2021-22: Virtus Bologna (Italy-LBA)

Career: Valencia (Spain-ACB, 2008-10); RBC Pepinster (Belgium-PBL, 2010-11); Spirou Charleroi (Belgium-PBL, 2011-12); Brooklyn Nets (USA-NBA, 2012-14); Springfield Armor (USA-NBA G-League, 2012-14); Chicago Bulls (USA-NBA, 2014); Baskonia (Spain-ACB, 2014-20); CSKA Moscow (Russia-VTB League, 2020-22); Virtus Bologna (Italy-LBA, 2022)

Twitter: TokoShengelia23 Instagram: tshengel1a

He is one of the best power forwards in basketball and he loves to represent his country. If ever any proof of Shengelia's dedication to his national team was needed, in 2020 he insisted on a clause in his contract with CSKA Moscow that the club is obligated to let him join the Georgian national team in every game. It was an unprecedented move by a player, but it looked so natural for Toko. Shengelia made his debut at EuroBasket in 2011 and since then has been a key factor for Georgia. His heroic style of play has brought him a lot of glory around Europe, including winning a national title in Spain, and it's time now to put the national team on his shoulders and carry it to the Round of 16, and perhaps beyond.

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	3	34.0	19/38	0/3	11/15	9.3	3.3	16.3
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	2	27.0	11/15	1/7	11/15	7.0	4.5	18.0
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	4	32.0	25/52	5/21	18/26	10.8	2.5	20.8
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017	5	36.0	33/60	2/12	22/30	7.8	3.2	18.8
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017 Qualifiers	5	25.0	26/39	3/11	25/30	8.0	2.0	17.2



NO ALARMS AND NO SURPRISES, PLEASE

It was supposed to be an easy summer in Montenegro, enjoying the weather, the nature and the sunshine. However, things got flipped-turned upside down in May, when an official announcement was made - Montenegro are taking Russia's spot at the upcoming FIBA EuroBasket 2022

The Montenegrin federation had to change their plans instantly, and begin searching for the right method to put together a team to compete in September. Do they go with a revamped selection and emphasize the youngsters from the talented U20 generation? Or do they go with the old school guys who have been a part of this program for years?

The answer is somewhere in the middle. Even without the boy wonder Fedor Zugic, Montenegro still has a relatively young group powered by Marko Simonovic, and even without Nikola Vucevic, they still have the experience of Bojan Dubljevic to put at the top seat of the table.

Bosko Radovic got a chance to take all these guys to dance, and with the backing of big names such as Nikola Pekovic and Bogdan Tanjevic, Radovic can enjoy working at this level and try to make history already at FIBA EuroBasket 2022. Montenegro were already the smallest nation to ever qualify for a FIBA Basketball World Cup event, and now they are chasing a long run at the continental summit.

Montenegro always counted on naturalized players to take them one step further. Omar Cook played in 2011, Tyrese Rice took over in 2013 and 2017, Derek Needham was on hand at the FIBA Basketball World Cup in 2019, and guys like Taylor Rochestie and Kendrick Perry also own

a Montenegrin passport. However, they managed to find another gem in Germany, booking a deal with Jonah Radebaugh.

The man with the mullet was a revelation in Ludwigsburg, and with his gritty defense and hard working persona, Radebaugh sounds like an ideal player for a team such as Montenegro. Considering the fact they had to put together a solid roster just seconds before the summer buzzer, Montenegro could be a dark horse with Nikola Ivanovic, Jonah Radebaugh, Dino Radoncic, Marko Simonovic and Bojan Dubljevic, that kind of a team that nobody wants to see on the other side. Just ask France, they learned the hard way in July, during the FIBA Basketball World Cup 2023 European Qualifiers.

To be fair, Montenegro aren't just some wild card team that was selected randomly. At 3-3, they were two wins clear of Germany in the FIBA EuroBasket 2022 Qualifiers, but Germany were already qualified as hosts, taking the 4-2 pair of France and Great Britain through to the Final Round.

With their track record of reaching the World Cup in China, of storming through the World Cup 2023 Qualifiers, and becoming a regular at FIBA EuroBasket Final Rounds, it's only a matter of luck for Montenegro to put a serious run together and add another record to the history books. With their population of just over 600,000, they could become the smallest nation to ever win a medal at this event.

By Igor Curkovic



Year	Event	Place	Achievement
2021	Olympics	Tokyo (JPN)	Did not qualify
2019	FIBA Basketball World Cup	Beijing (CHN)	25th
2017	FIBA EuroBasket	Istanbul (TUR)	13th
2016	Olympics	Rio de Janeiro (BRA)	Did not qualify
2015	FIBA EuroBasket	Lille (FRA)	Did not qualify
2014	FIBA Basketball World Cup	Madrid (ESP)	Did not qualify
2013	FIBA EuroBasket	Ljubljana (SLO)	17th
2012	Olympics	London (GBR)	Did not qualify
2011	FIBA EuroBasket	Kaunas (LTU)	21st
2010	FIBA Basketball World Cup	Istanbul (TUR)	Did not qualify

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19/04/92 Beijing Royal Fighters (CHN)

17/09/96 SC Derby

01/04/96 Buducnost

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Name	G	Min	M/A	%	M/A	%	M/A	%	M/A	%	0	D	Tot	AST	T0	STL	BLK	PF	PTS
Nikola IVANOVIC	6	27.1	27/54	50.0	13/29	44.8	14/25	56.0	22/30	73.3	0.5	1.2	1.7	4.0	2.3	1.2	0.0	2.3	15.0
Marko SIMONOVIC	6	20.2	18/34	52.9	11/20	55.0	7/14	50.0	10/13	76.9	1.2	5.0	6.2	1.3	1.7	1.0	0.3	2.7	8.8
Dino RADONCIC	6	19.3	11/21	52.4	9/13	69.2	2/8	25.0	6/8	75.0	1.2	2.8	4.0	0.7	0.8	0.5	0.0	2.2	5.0
Suad SEHOVIC	6	18.3	5/18	27.8	1/1	100.0	4/17	23.5	8/8	100.0	0.5	1.2	1.7	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.5	3.7
Danilo NIKOLIC	6	17.5	13/42	31.0	7/18	38.9	6/24	25.0	6/6	100.0	1.2	2.3	3.5	0.5	0.5	0.2	0.2	2.7	6.3
Milko BJELICA	6	11.0	8/24	33.3	4/15	26.7	4/9	44.4	2/2	100.0	0.3	1.2	1.5	0.7	0.7	0.3	0.2	1.3	3.7
Justin COBBS	5	30.9	17/52	32.7	15/44	34.1	2/8	25.0	23/25	92.0	0.4	1.6	2.0	3.6	1.8	0.8	0.0	1.8	11.8
Nemanja DJURISIC	5	16.2	12/27	44.4	9/17	52.9	3/10	30.0	5/5	100.0	0.6	0.8	1.4	0.6	1.0	0.2	0.2	1.8	6.4
Petar POPOVIC	4	27.7	13/29	44.8	9/18	50.0	4/11	36.4	10/11	90.9	0.0	2.0	2.0	2.5	2.5	0.8	0.3	1.3	10.0
Zoran NIKOLIC	4	13.2	6/11	54.5	6/11	54.5	0/0	0.0	3/4	75.0	1.8	2.5	4.3	0.0	8.0	0.3	1.3	2.0	3.8
Jovan KLJAJIC	3	2.7	0/1	0.0	0/0	0.0	0/1	0.0	0/0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0
Marko TODOROVIC	2	25.3	9/18	50.0	8/17	47.1	1/1	100.0	9/14	64.3	3.0	4.0	7.0	0.5	3.0	1.5	0.0	3.5	14.0
Nemanja VRANJES	2	18.0	2/9	22.2	1/3	33.3	1/6	16.7	0/0	0.0	0.5	3.0	3.5	1.0	1.0	1.5	0.0	2.0	2.5
Igor DROBNJAK	2	8.9	0/1	0.0	0/0	0.0	0/1	0.0	3/4	75.0	0.0	1.5	1.5	1.5	0.5	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.5
Fedor ZUGIC	1	5.1	0/1	0.0	0/0	0.0	0/1	0.0	0/0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Aleksa ILIC	1	3.0	1/2	50.0	1/2	50.0	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0
Ognjen CARAPIC	0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Emir HADZIBEGOVIC	0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Team/Coaches											1.7	1.7	3.3	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	
TOTALS		264.4	142/344	41.3	94/208	45.2	48/136	35.3	107/130	82.3	9.7	23.2	32.8	13.5	12.3	5.8	1.8	19.3	73.2

COACHBosko RADOVIC



Nationality: Montenegrin Date of Birth: 26/05/79 Place of Birth: Podgorica Team 2021-22: -Club Career: -

International Career: Montenegro (Assistant Coach, 2015-19); Montenegro (Head

Coach, 2019-)

Looking at his resume, one would assume Bosko Radovic is a rookie in this job. One would be wrong. Bosko Radovic is a long term project by the authorities in Montenegrin basketball, having been part of all but one previous staffs of the national team, when Luka Pavicevic was at the helm. All the others - Dusko Vujosevic, Dejan Radonjic, Bogdan Tanjevic and Zvezdan Mitrovic - relied on Radovic to help them out, and once the floor opened up, he got the call. He has also coached national youth selections and was part of Jelena Skerovic's staff in the women's national team, too. Being within the system for so long, knowing all the players on and off the court, it's no wonder Radovic's reign is a success for now.

Igor DROBNJAK



Height: 1.88

Position: Point Guard

Date of Birth: 21/04/00

Place of Birth: Podgorica

Team 2021-22: Buducnost (Montenegro-Prva A)

Career: SC Derby (Montenegro-Prva A, 2018-21); Buducnost (Montenegro-Prva A, 2021-)

Another one in line of the Montenegrins typical point guards, Igor Drobnjak is all about strength and staying low at all times, ready to hit you with a number of crafty crossovers and bursts of speed. Drobnjak's arrival was a long time coming, Buducnost trusted his development through SC Derby's system, allowing him to get his first professional level seasons, and to bounce back from injuries which have slowed down his progress. But Drobnjak is as steady as they come, with his style of basketball he's bound to hang around for a long time, so we may have to write about him in the FIBA EuroBasket 2037 Media Guide, too.

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2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	4	3.0	0/2	1/4	0/0	0.3	0.5	0.8
2021	FIBA B. WC 2023 EU Pre-Qualifiers	4	19.0	8/15	4/12	7/8	2.0	0.3	8.8
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	2	9.0	0/0	0/1	3/4	1.5	1.5	1.5







Height: 2.05
Position: Power Forward
Date of Birth: 24/10/91
Place of Birth: Niksic
Team 2021-22: Valencia (Spain-ACB)

Career: Lovcen (Montenegro-Prva A, 2009-10); Buducnost (Montenegro-Prva A, 2010-12); Valen-

cia (Spain-ACB, 2012-)

Bojan Dubljevic is here, and nothing else matters. The man with the beard has been one of the best players of the Liga Endesa over the past decade, and he spent it with Valencia entirely, staying loyal despite rumors of bigger clubs and bigger contracts trying to lure him in. Dubljevic is your go-to big guy who is powerful, has elite footwork, can step outside and shoot, but most importantly, who is a leader. Talk to him about music, he's a unique character in that regard, liking the hard hitting stuff like Slipknot and Metallica also in there, hence the pun in the first sentence of this piece. Music is a therapy for him, but not for his teammates, who aren't allowing him to get near the bluetooth speaker in the locker room.

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YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	2	30.0	6/12	4/7	2/5	7.5	6.5	13.0
2019	FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019	5	26.0	6/12	8/22	14/18	7.2	2.6	10.0
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	6	30.0	24/39	12/36	25/32	6.8	1.3	18.2
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017	6	21.0	15/26	11/18	14/16	6.5	1.8	12.8
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017 Qualifiers	6	18.0	13/25	6/19	25/28	5.5	1.8	11.5

Nikola IVANOVIC



Height: 1.90
Position: Point Guard
Date of Birth: 19/02/94
Place of Birth: Podgorica

Team 2021-22: Crvena Zvezda (Serbia-KLS)

Career: Mornar (Montenegro-Prva A, 2010-11); Buducnost (Montenegro-Prva A, 2011-15); Mega Basket (Serbia-KLS, 2015-16); AEK (Greece-A1, 2016-17); Orlandina (Italy-LBA, 2017); Buducnost (Montenegro-Prva A, 2017-21); Crvena Zvezda (Serbia-KLS, 2021-)

For some guys, it's just a matter of getting an opening somewhere. Nikola Ivanovic was overlooked for most of his career, trying to find his spot under the sun in Serbia, Greece and Italy. But a trip back home to Buducnost in 2017 made Ivanovic a certified star in Montenegro. He grew with each season, culminating with selection to the All-Star Five of the Adriatic League and a big transfer to Crvena Zvezda in 2021. Ivanovic is a master of navigating on the court to get to his spots, loving the snake dribble on the pick and rolls, and owning a deep arsenal of floaters and off-balance layups.

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	2	30.0	5/13	1/7	10/12	2.0	6.5	11.5
2021	FIBA B. WC 2023 EU Pre-Qualifiers	3	28.0	7/15	5/15	13/16	3.3	2.7	14.0
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	6	27.0	13/29	14/25	22/30	1.7	4.0	15.0
2019	FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019	4	23.0	11/17	6/19	7/8	1.8	3.8	11.8
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	10	26.0	18/53	20/52	42/50	2.3	4.8	13.8



Nikola PAVLICEVIC



Height: 1.92 Position: Point Guard Date of Birth: 13/08/88 Place of Birth: Niksic

Team 2021-22: SC Derby (Montenegro-Prva A)
Career: Sutjeska (Montenegro-Prva A, 2006-09);
Lovcen (Montenegro-Prva A, 2009-12); Sutjeska
(Montenegro-Prva A, 2012-13); Hallmann Vienna
(Austria-BSL, 2013-14); Sutjeska (Montenegro-Prva A, 2014-16); Olimpija (Slovenia-SKL, 2016);
Szolnoki Olaj (Hungary-NB I/A, 2016-17); MZT
Skopie (North Macedonia-MPL, 2017): Sutieska

(Montenegro-Prva A, 2018-20); SC Derby (Montenegro-Prva A, 2020-)

There wasn't a lot to be happy about in 2017 for Montenegro, but Nikola Pavlicevic played his part, for sure. A streaky shooter would be a good definition, when he is on his day, he'll make all sorts of pull up three-pointers and long two-pointers. Having Pavlicevic on board is a matter of balancing act, somebody who has the experience in the backcourt to balance out the youngsters in case the team needs more steadiness and control. A career journeyman, Pavlicevic has settled nicely in SC Derby, signaling that he is ready to see his career through in Podgorica.

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М	YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
1	2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	6	8.0	0/2	1/8	2/2	0.5	1.2	0.8
	2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	4	12.0	1/6	4/12	5/7	0.8	0.8	4.8
2	2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017	6	16.0	5/9	11/24	3/3	2.3	3.0	7.7
	2017	FIRA EuroRacket 2017 Qualifiers	5	15.0	2/7	1/11	9/12	12	1.6	5.0

Petar POPOVIC



Height: 1.92 Position: Point Guard Date of Birth: 13/09/96 Place of Birth: Cetinje

Team 2021-22: Buducnost (Montenegro-Prva A) Career: Lovcen (Montenegro-Prva A, 2011-14); Nea Kifissia (Greece-A1, 2014-16); Mega Basket (Serbia-KLS, 2016); Buducnost (Montenegro-Prva A, 2016-)

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Strong legs, defensive pressure, crafty offense - Petar Popovic has all the trades needed to be considered a typical Montenegrin guard. Coming from Cetinje, he joined Lovcen's first team as a 15-year-old and soon got the attention of other clubs. However, the decision to join Nea Kifissia in Greece did not bring the desired results, a loan to Mega Basket followed and then Popovic finally found his way to powerhouse Buducnost as a 20-year-old. Not counting the six games for Mega, Petar is coming off of his best season to date, getting 7.4 points in just 19 minutes per game for Buducnost in the Adriatic League.

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YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	5	23.0	6/19	2/8	10/17	2.2	1.2	5.6
2021	FIBA B. WC 2023 EU Pre-Qualifiers	4	18.0	3/13	3/7	2/3	1.0	1.8	4.3
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	4	28.0	9/18	4/11	10/11	2.0	2.5	10.0
2019	FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019	5	28.0	16/33	4/19	2/2	2.0	3.0	9.2
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	9	20.0	12/37	3/12	16/23	0.8	1.8	5.4

Djordije JOVANOVIC



Height: 1.97
Position: Shooting Guard
Date of Birth: 15/05/03
Place of Birth: Montenegro
Team 2021-22: Dunav (Serbia-KLS)

Career: Mladost (Serbia-KLS, 2019-20); Partizan NIS (Serbia-KLS, 2020-21); Dunav (Serbia-KLS, 2024-20)

2021-22)

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FIBA EuroBasket 2022 may come a bit too fast for Djordjije Jovanovic to make an impact, but Partizan NIS' youngster is someone who will carry the team in years to come. His 1.97 frame feels bigger because of his drive to finish everything around the rim with a dunk, and even though his release point isn't the highest of all time, he's efficient with it, knocking down 36.7 percent of his threes in his first real season as a pro in Serbia. He was a part of the FIBA U20 European Championship team earlier this summer.

Vladimir MIHAILOVIC



Height: 1.95
Position: Shooting Guard
Date of Birth: 10/08/90
Place of Birth: Cetinje

Team 2021-22: Mornar (Montenegro-Prva A)
Career: Mornar (Montenegro-Prva A, 200810); Buducnost (Montenegro-Prva A, 2010-14);
Oostende (Belgium-PBL, 2014); Tigers Tubingen
(Germany-BBL, 2014-16); s.Oliver Wurzburg (Germany-BBL, 2016); EWE Baskets Oldenburg (Germany-BBL, 2016-17); Oostende (Belgium-PBL, 2017-18); Anwil Wloclawek (Poland-PLK, 2018);

Tsmoki-Minsk (Belarus-BPL, 2018-19); Okapi Aalst (Belgium-PBL, 2019-21); Mornar (Montenegro-Prva A, 2021-)

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It took a lot of side roads and detours for Vladimir Mihailovic to become the player he was supposed to become, but after switching clubs in almost every season, he found his happiness in Belgium, winning the MVP of the League there in 2021. The time arrived for him to return to Mornar, and his 2021-22 season can also be deemed as a successful one, with 16.6 points per game in the Adriatic League, including a record breaking 46-point outing against Mega in March. Vlado is a shooter and a scorer, but he can also distribute the ball and rebound it at a fairly good rate (3.1 per game) for a shooting guard.

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	6	24.0	18/29	19/30	7/11	3.3	1.8	16.7
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	3	15.0	0/5	3/9	1/2	1.7	0.3	3.3
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017	6	20.0	5/15	4/21	0/2	2.5	1.3	3.7
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017 Qualifiers	6	18.0	8/13	7/23	7/8	1.0	2.7	7.3
2015	FIBA EuroBasket 2015 2nd Qual, Round	6	18.0	6/13	6/18	3/11	1.5	1.8	5.5

Jonah RADEBAUGH



Height: 1.91

Position: Shooting Guard

Date of Birth: 17/06/97

Place of Birth: Thornton, Colorado (USA)

Team 2021-22: MHP Riesen Ludwigsburg (Ger-

many-BBL)

Career: Koping Stars (Sweden-SBL, 2020); MHP Riesen Ludwigsburg (Germany-BBL, 2020-22)

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Fear the mullet! Jonah Radebaugh clicked with the team instantly upon joining them for the FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.. Radebaugh's rise to fame was not scripted, he went through a mid-major college, then started his pro career in Sweden and got to Ludwigsburg in Germany just to work out for a spot on the roster. The rest is history, Radebaugh's athleticism led him to Star Lineup First Team selection in the BCL in 2022, and he was supposed to join title holders Lenovo Tenerife over the summer. But he left them without playing a single game for Tenerife, using his EuroLeague exit clause to sign with Valencia on July 18.

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YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	2	27.0	3/4	4/9	0/2	5.5	1.5	9.0

Aleksa ILIC



Height: 2.04

Position: Power Forward Date of Birth: 17/09/96 Place of Birth: Niksic

Team 2021-22: SC Derby (Montenegro-Prva A)
Career: Sutjeska (Montenegro-Prva A, 2012-15);
Buducnost (Montenegro-Prva A, 2015-21); SC Derby (Montenegro-Prva A, 2021-22)

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Consider it luck that Aleksa Ilic opted for basketball instead of volleyball. He has all the right movements to be an elite volleyball player, especially when it comes to two-legged jumps for blocks which look crazy to even attempt - but Aleksa is spiking those balls away with ease. Having a player like Ilic can always spark a crowd, because he's pretty fast for a big guy, meaning his blocks also lead to transition dunks for the rim runner who will be 26 on the penultimate day of FIBA EuroBasket 2022. Imagine a birthday party with a medal around the neck...

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YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	2	24.0	10/15	0/1	0/0	9.5	0.5	10.0
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	1	3.0	1/2	0/0	0/0	0.0	0.0	2.0
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	2	17.0	3/6	0/0	0/0	3.0	0.5	3.0

Dino RADONCIC



Height: 2.03 **Position:** Small Forward **Date of Birth:** 08/01/99

Place of Birth: Giessen (GER)
Team 2021-22: Zaragoza (Spain-ACB)

Career: Real Madrid (Spain-ACB, 2015-18); San Pablo Burgos (Spain-ACB, 2018-19); UCAM Murcia (Spain-ACB, 2019-20); Tenerife (Spain-ACB, 2020); Gipuzkoa (Spain-ACB, 2020-21); Zaragoza (Spain-ACB, 2021-)

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Back in the U16s, there was a lot of talk about the Doncic-Radoncic combo of Real Madrid. Their paths weren't exactly the same afterwards, but Dino Radoncic grew into a serious Liga Endesa player, playing rock solid basketball for the last two seasons. He had 11 points and 6 rebounds per game for Gipuzkoa in 2020-21, and backed it up with 8 points and 5 rebounds for Casademont Zaragoza in 2021-22, knocking down 52.3 percent of his shots. Radoncic was born in Germany because his father Damir played handball professionally there.

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YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	4	31.0	7/15	2/5	13/21	6.0	1.3	8.3
2021	FIBA B. WC 2023 EU Pre-Qualifiers	4	29.0	14/18	6/13	10/11	6.5	1.5	14.0
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	6	19.0	9/13	2/8	6/8	4.0	0.7	5.0
2019	FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019	5	17.0	8/12	1/4	1/4	4.4	0.6	4.0
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	3	7.0	0/2	0/1	0/0	1.7	0.3	0.0

Nemanja RADOVIC



Height: 2.08 **Position:** Power Forward

Date of Birth: 11/11/91 Place of Birth: Bijelo Polje

Team 2021-22: UCAM Murcia (Spain-ACB)

Career: Mornar (Montenegro-Prva A, 2008-11); Buducnost (Montenegro-Prva A, 2011-12); Hemofarm Vrsac (Serbia-KLS, 2012-13); KAOD (Greece-A1, 2013); Mega Basket (Serbia-KLS, 2013-14); UCAM Murcia (Spain-ACB, 2014-17); Obradoiro (Spain-ACB, 2017-18); Zaragoza (Spain-ACB, 2018-20); UCAM Murcia (Spain-ACB, 2020-)

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Just another bearded Montenegrin who made a name for himself in Spain. In a story similar to Bojan Dubljevic, Nemanja Radovic is one of the more beloved players in Spain, where he spent six seasons with UCAM Murcia, two with Casademont Zaragoza and one more with Obradoiro. He always averaged around 10 points and 5 rebounds per game during that nine-year long trip to Spain, but his best quality is that he's always there for his teams. He played 30 or more league games in seven of his last eight seasons in the ACB.

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS	
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	6	24.0	23/41	5/14	7/9	4.5	0.3	11.3	
2019	FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019	2	8.0	2/5	0/0	0/0	2.5	0.5	2.0	
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	10	14.0	20/33	2/13	9/15	3.1	0.1	5.5	
2015	EIRA EuroRacket 2015 2nd Oual Round	6	22.0	E/1/I	2/16	E/7	F 2	1.2	4.0	



Radosav SPASOJEVIC



Height: 2.04
Position: Power Forward
Date of Birth: 28/02/92
Place of Birth: Niksic

Team 2021-22: Sutjeska (Montenegro-Prva A)
Career: Traiskirchen Lions (Austria-BSL, 201014); Oviedo (Spain-ACB, 2014); Sutjeska (Montenegro-Prva A, 2014-16); Mega Basket (Serbia-KLS, 2016-17); MZT Skopje (North Macedonia-MPL, 2017-18), Sutjeska (Montenegro-Prva A, 2018-19); Steaua Bucuresti (Romania-LN, 2019-20); Sutjeska (Montenegro-Prva A, 2020-)

Players from the Balkans don't usually go to the Austrian League, but Radosav Spasojevic is sort of a legend in the Basketball Super League. He flirted with double-doubles nearly every single time he played for Traiskirchen Lions over the four years spent there, and then booked his trip back home in 2014. He is one of the poster players for Adriatic League's Second Division, he scored in double figures in all 10 games there in 2020-21, and missed the double digits mark just once in 14 games last season. Spasojevic is big and experienced, his contribution could be crucial to give Bojan Dubljevic some much needed rest in a busy schedule of FIBA EuroBasket 2022.

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YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	6	13.0	6/12	1/6	4/5	2.0	0.2	3.2
2021	FIRA R WC 2023 FLI Pre-Qualifiers	4	27 N	9/15	3/13	5/8	2.5	1.5	8.0

Marko SIMONOVIC



Height: 2.11 Position: Center Date of Birth: 15/10/99 Place of Birth: Kolasin

Team 2021-22: Chicago Bulls (USA-NBA)

Career: Mens Sana Siena (Italy-LBA, 2017-18); Olimpija (Slovenia-SKL, 2018-19); Roseto Sharks (Italy-LBA, 2018); Mega Basket (Serbia-KLS, 2019-21); Windy City Bulls (USA-G League, 2021-22); Chicago Bulls (USA-NBA, 2021-)

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The fact that he needed to get to the Chicago Bulls to find stability speaks volumes for Marko Simonovic. He was 16 when he started playing professionally in Italy, in lower-league club PMS Moncalieri, and just a couple of years later he was off to Siena. That's not all, from 2018 to 2019 he went through three different clubs, and once he got to Mega Basket in Serbia, he started putting up numbers impressive enough to get his name called as the 44th overall pick in the 2020 NBA Draft. He spent the summer in the NBA Summer League, being named to the Second Team of the entire event in 2022. More to come, for sure.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	6	20.0	11/20	7/14	10/13	6.2	1.3	8.8

Zoran NIKOLIC



Height: 2.13
Position: Center
Date of Birth: 01/04/96
Place of Birth: Niksic

Team 2021-22: Buducnost (Montenegro-Prva A) Career: Sant Josep (Spain-ACB, 2012-13); Joventut Badalona (Spain-ACB, 2013-16), Prat (Spain-ACB, 2013-16); Buducnost (Montenegro-Prva A, 2016-18); Mega Basket (Serbia-KLS, 2018-19); Buducnost (Montenego-Prva A, 2019-22)

Twitter: Mandole19

The big guy tried going the road less traveled, singing with Joventut Badalona as a teenager, but never really getting a chance to show what he could on the court. Instead, he found happiness with Buducnost, where he has been since 2016, except for the atypical 2018 trade to Mega for Goga Bitadze. After the Georgian wunderkind did his part for Buducnost, Nikolic came back to Podgorica and continued with his steady and solid contribution as the first big man off the bench. Nikolic probably isn't going to win you a game, but he is an excellent player to give you frontcourt depth on all levels.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	IMIIN	ZPIFG	3P FG	FI	KEB	ASI	PIS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	6	20.0	15/29	0/0	7/17	4.7	2.2	6.2
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	4	13.0	6/11	0/0	3/4	4.3	0.0	3.8
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	3	19.0	10/18	0/0	8/14	4.0	0.3	9.3

Marko TODOROVIC



Height: 2.08
Position: Center
Date of Birth: 19/04/92
Place of Birth: Podgorica

Team 2021-22: Beijing Royal Fighters (China-CBA)
Career: Joventut Badalona (Spain-ACB, 2010-12);
Prat (Spain-ACB, 2010-12); Barcelona (Spain-ACB, 2012-14); Bilbao (Spain-ACB, 2014-16); Khimki (Russia-VTB, 2016-18); Joventut (Spain-ACB, 2018-19); Tianjin Ronggang (China-CBA, 2019-21);
Real Betis (Spain-ACB, 2021); Beijing Royal Fighters (China-CBA, 2021-)

Why be a 10-point guy in Europe, when you can be a 30 points per game player in China? Marko Todorovic has already put together three seasons in the CBA, the best one coming in the 2020-21 run, which saw him get 29.7 points per game in 24 games for Tianjin. It seemed like that season would be enough to get him back to Europe, but Todorovic split with Real Betis after just 10 games, moving back to China. Once he's done playing basketball, Marko plans on becoming a soccer coach, full time. He's already working on learning the different aspects of becoming a coach in a completely different sport.

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA B. WC 2023 EU Pre-Qualifiers	2	23.0	7/15	3/4	12/12	5.0	3.0	17.5
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	2	25.0	8/17	1/1	9/14	7.0	0.5	14.0
2019	FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019	5	11.0	4/9	0/1	5/7	1.4	0.4	2.6
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	2	23.0	7/11	0/0	7/10	6.5	0.5	10.5
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017	5	12.0	6/12	0/0	2/4	2.4	1.0	2.8



WILL IT BE SEVEN IN A ROW?

Even though Spain has a long basketball history, it's their play in the 21st century that has set them apart from basically all FIBA EuroBasket 2022 participants. Sergio Scariolo's team arrives in Tbilisi with six straight FIBA EuroBasket medals and a 2019 FIBA Basketball World Cup title.

Yet on some level this feels like a case where pre-COVID events come from a much different time. We're only one summer removed from the Tokyo Olympics where a loss in the Quarter-Finals was followed by national team retirements from Pau Gasol, Marc Gasol and Sergio Rodriguez.

To make matters worse, Ricky Rubio, Alex Abrines and Victor Claver headline a group of veterans who weren't able to make it to this year's EuroBasket. Rubio, the MVP of the 2019 FIBA Basketball World Cup, has to be highlighted as one of the main stars missing from this year's action due to an ACL tear.

Scariolo is left to work with a group of players from different generations. Do they have the skill and feel to replicate the beautiful basketball which was Spain's trademark for numerous years?

For one, Spain has been one of the most assist-heavy teams in the FIBA Basketball World Cup 2023 European Qualifiers. Secondly, you have to imagine that Rudy Fernandez and Sergio Llull will try to help their teammates find that set of basketball magic. Both veterans are set to reach a combined 400 national team caps, which is more than the rest of the roster combined.

However, with Rubio and Rodriguez out of the picture, the leading point guard position is up for grabs. The Spanish Basketball Federation has tried to resolve this quandary by seeking out the 32-year-old American guard Lorenzo Brown. His travels in and out of the NBA include getting to know Scariolo while both were on the Toronto Raptors. That's not to say that the 2019 World Cup champion Quino Colom doesn't have experience driving and dishing for Spain.

Similar questions can be addressed about the situation in the frontcourt. The Hernangomez brothers have long appeared as possible heirs to the Gasols. Both have settled in reserve roles at the NBA level, yet now have the chance to usher Spain into a new era. That will particularly be the case if ankle problems persist for Usman Garuba, who is the team's third representative from the NBA. Garuba's and Alberto Abalde's health status left Scariolo with a number of choices to make across the forward and center positions.

Overall, Spain has no shortage of players with credible experience in the ACB or in any of the last two Qualifiers campaigns. Players like Xavier Lopez-Arostegui have held down the fort with an admirable effort in regards to scoring the ball.

However, as Scariolo stressed before training camp started, the goal for La Roja is to maintain their values of generosity and sharing the ball. FIBA EuroBasket 2022 will tell whether this squad has the principles and talent to make that happen.

By Reinis Lacis



Jaime FERNANDEZ

Sergio LLULL

Joel PARRA

Usman GARUBA

Jaime PRADILLA

Willy HERNANGOMEZ

Coach: Sergio SCARIOLO

Fran GUERRA

Sebas SAIZ

Yankuba SIMA

Dario BRIZUELA

Rudy FERNANDEZ

Xabi LOPEZ-AROSTEGUI

Juancho HERNANGOMEZ 2.06

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08/11/94 Unicaja

19/05/97 Valencia

04/04/00 Joventut

03/01/01 Valencia

23/12/92 Tenerife

28/07/96 Manresa

28/09/95 Utah Jazz (USA)

09/03/02 Houston Rockets (USA)

27/05/94 New Orleans Pelicans (USA)

15/07/94 Alvark Tokyo (JPN)

15/11/87 Real Madrid

04/04/85 Real Madrid

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Last 10 FIBA Events

Year	Event	Place	Achievement
2021	Olympics	Tokyo (JPN)	6th
2019	FIBA Basketball World Cup	Beijing (CHN)	Gold
2017	FIBA EuroBasket	Istanbul (TUR)	Bronze
2016	Olympics	Rio de Janeiro (BRA)	Bronze
2015	FIBA EuroBasket	Lille (FRA)	Gold
2014	FIBA Basketball World Cup	Madrid (ESP)	5th
2013	FIBA EuroBasket	Ljubljana (SLO)	Bronze
2012	Olympics	London (GBR)	Silver
2011	FIBA EuroBasket	Kaunas (LTU)	Gold
2010	FIBA Basketball World Cup	Istanbul (TUR)	6th

FIBA EuroBasket 2022 Qualifiers Accumulated Stats

			FG		2PT I	FG	ЗРТ	FG	F	г		REB							
Name	G	Min	M/A	%	M/A	%	M/A	%	M/A	%	0	D	Tot	AST	T0	STL	BLK	PF	PTS
Dario BRIZUELA	6	19.1	28/62	45.2	16/33	48.5	12/29	41.4	14/19	73.7	0.3	1.2	1.5	2.3	1.8	0.7	0.0	2.0	13.7
Xabi LOPEZ-AROSTEGUI	5	18.0	12/23	52.2	3/9	33.3	9/14	64.3	15/19	78.9	0.2	3.0	3.2	0.6	1.0	1.4	0.0	1.8	9.6
Ferran BASSAS	5	12.8	11/26	42.3	6/9	66.7	5/17	29.4	4/6	66.7	0.2	0.8	1.0	2.8	1.0	0.8	0.0	1.6	6.2
Ruben GUERRERO	5	12.6	7/13	53.8	7/13	53.8	0/0	0.0	2/2	100.0	1.6	3.8	5.4	8.0	0.6	0.8	8.0	1.2	3.2
Javier BEIRAN	4	22.7	6/22	27.3	5/13	38.5	1/9	11.1	7/10	70.0	1.3	4.5	5.8	1.5	0.8	1.3	0.0	0.0	5.0
Xavi RABASEDA	4	21.2	6/20	30.0	3/8	37.5	3/12	25.0	5/5	100.0	1.0	1.3	2.3	0.0	1.5	0.8	1.3	1.5	5.0
Jonathan BARREIRO	4	19.8	17/27	63.0	13/19	68.4	4/8	50.0	7/9	77.8	2.3	4.5	6.8	0.5	0.8	1.0	0.5	1.8	11.3
Nacho LLOVET	4	11.4	1/3	33.3	1/3	33.3	0/0	0.0	2/8	25.0	8.0	1.3	2.0	0.5	1.0	1.0	0.0	2.0	1.0
Victor ARTEAGA	4	11.0	6/11	54.5	6/11	54.5	0/0	0.0	3/4	75.0	1.8	1.3	3.0	0.3	0.5	0.5	1.5	2.0	3.8
Francis ALONSO	3	9.8	7/16	43.8	4/5	80.0	3/11	27.3	1/1	100.0	0.3	0.3	0.7	0.3	0.3	0.7	0.0	0.3	6.0
Dani DIEZ	2	26.8	14/22	63.6	7/9	77.8	7/13	53.8	2/3	66.7	2.0	3.0	5.0	0.5	1.5	0.0	0.0	2.0	18.5
Sebastian SAIZ	2	24.4	12/18	66.7	12/18	66.7	0/0	0.0	8/14	57.1	5.0	6.0	11.0	1.0	3.5	1.0	1.5	2.5	16.0
Carlos ALOCEN	2	21.9	3/10	30.0	1/3	33.3	2/7	28.6	0/2	0.0	0.5	1.0	1.5	9.0	4.0	1.0	0.5	1.0	4.0
Fran GUERRA	2	20.2	5/12	41.7	5/10	50.0	0/2	0.0	5/10	50.0	2.0	2.5	4.5	2.5	1.5	0.5	0.0	3.0	7.5
Tyson PEREZ	2	19.9	5/12	41.7	5/10	50.0	0/2	0.0	9/12	75.0	3.5	4.0	7.5	0.5	0.0	0.5	0.0	2.5	9.5
Quino COLOM	2	19.6	13/23	56.5	8/11	72.7	5/12	41.7	4/4	100.0	0.0	1.5	1.5	4.5	2.5	0.5	0.0	2.0	17.5
Alberto DIAZ	2	18.2	3/6	50.0	2/3	66.7	1/3	33.3	1/1	100.0	0.5	1.5	2.0	1.5	1.0	1.0	0.0	2.0	4.0
Oriol PAULI	2	17.5	0/7	0.0	0/3	0.0	0/4	0.0	2/4	50.0	0.5	2.0	2.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	1.5	1.0
Santi YUSTA	2	16.2	4/14	28.6	4/7	57.1	0/7	0.0	4/5	80.0	0.0	1.5	1.5	1.5	0.5	0.0	0.0	2.0	6.0
Joel PARRA	2	15.6	5/10	50.0	5/8	62.5	0/2	0.0	2/2	100.0	2.0	2.5	4.5	1.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	1.5	6.0
Jaime FERNANDEZ	2	15.1	3/8	37.5	3/4	75.0	0/4	0.0	4/4	100.0	0.0	2.5	2.5	2.5	1.5	0.0	0.0	2.0	5.0
Sergi GARCIA	2	14.3	1/7	14.3	0/1	0.0	1/6	16.7	0/0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.5	2.5	1.0	0.0	0.0	1.5	1.5
Rodrigo SAN MIGUEL	2	11.8	2/3	66.7	1/2	50.0	1/1	100.0	1/1	100.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	3.5	0.0	0.0	2.5	3.0
Miquel SALVO	2	5.5	1/3	33.3	1/2	50.0	0/1	0.0	1/4	25.0	0.5	1.5	2.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.5
Team/Coaches											1.8	1.5	3.3	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.2	
TOTALS		405.4	172/378	45.5	118/214	55.1	54/164	32.9	103/149	69.1	14.2	28.0	42.2	17.0	15.0	8.2	3.7	19.8	83.5

COACHSergio SCARIOLO



Nationality: Italian

Date of Birth: 01/04/61

Place of Birth: Brescia (ITA)

Team 2021-22: Virtus Bologna (Italy-Serie A) Club Career: Vigna di Valle (Italy-Serie A, 1984-85); Pesaro (Assistant Coach, Italy-Serie A, 1985-89); Pesaro (Italy-Serie A, 1989-90); Desio (Italy-Serie A, 1991-93); Fortitudo Bologna (Italy-Serie A, 1993-97); Baskonia Vitoria (Spain-ACB, 1997-99); Real Madrid (Spain-ACB, 1999-02); Unicaja Malaga (Spain-ACB, 2003-08); Khimki (Russia-VTB, 2008-10); Olimpia Milano (Italy-Serie A, 2011-13); Baskonia

Vitoria (Spain-ACB, 2013-14); Toronto Raptors (Assistant Coach, USA-NBA, 2018-21); Virtus Bologna (Italy-Serie A, 2021-)

International Career: Spain (2009-12); Spain (2015-)

Twitter: sergioscariolo

Even if the 2020 Olympics marked only the second time Scariolo didn't medal with Spain, the Italian has a slew of opportunities ahead of him. His contract stretches until the next Olympics in Paris in 2024. On the other hand, the experienced coach will have to navigate unfamiliar waters as many of his star pupils have now retired. Scariolo's previous trust in younger players might be a sign for optimism, but even he has hinted at Spain having a different level of talent this time around. Still, there are five 2019 FIBA Basketball World Cup gold medalists for him to work with so he could continue moving up in the pantheon of the most excellent international coaches.

Willy HERNANGOMEZ





Height: 2.09 Position: Center Date of Birth: 27/05/94 Place of Birth: Madrid

Team 2021-22: New Orleans Pelicans (USA-NBA) Career: Real Madrid EBA (Spain-EBA, 2012-13); Sevilla (Spain-ACB, 2013-15); Real Madrid (Spain-ACB, 2015-16); New York Knicks (USA-NBA, 2016-18); Charlotte Hornets (USA-NBA, 2018-20); New Orleans Pelicans (USA-NBA, 2020-)

Twitter: willyhg94

Instagram: willyhernangomez

The older of two Hernangomez brothers might have made his debut for Spain earlier, yet has always seen a logjam of centers in front of him. Now it's his time to take over and showcase that ballet-like agility when playing in the post. Unlike his brother, Willy has seemingly found a home in New Orleans where he forms a nightmare of a tag team with Lithuanian Jonas Valanciunas. Hernangomez enjoys using brute strength for offensive rebounds, yet will have to prove his abilities as a starting center on the defensive end.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2020	Olympic Basketball Tournament 2020	4	12.0	11/22	0/1	4/6	4.5	0.8	6.5
2019	FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019	8	13.0	22/40	0/2	12/19	3.9	1.3	7.0
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017	9	14.0	26/49	0/1	16/21	5.9	0.8	7.6
2016	Olympic Basketball Tournament 2016	7	11.0	20/32	0/0	6/8	2.7	0.1	6.6
2015	FIBA EuroBasket 2015	7	5.0	10/12	0/0	2/9	1.0	0.1	3.1

Lorenzo BROWN



Height: 1.96
Position: Point Guard
Date of Birth: 26/08/90
Place of Birth: Roswell (USA)

Team 2021-22: UNICS Kazan (Russia-VTB)

Career: NC State Wolfpack (USA-NCAA, 2010-13); Philadelphia 76ers (USA-NBA, 2013-14); Delaware 76ers (USA-G League, 2013-14); Springfield Armor (USA-G League, 2014); Grand Rapids Drive (USA-G League, 2014-15); Minnesota Timberwolves (USA-NBA, 2015); Grand Rapids Drive (USA-G League, 2015-16); Phoenix Suns (USA-

NBA, 2016); Zhejiang Golden Bulls (China-CBA, 2016-17); Grand Rapids Drive (USA-G League, 2017); Toronto Raptors (USA-NBA, 2017-19); Raptors 905 (USA-G League, 2017-18); Guangzhou Long-Lions (China-CBA, 2019); Crvena Zvezda (Serbia-KLS, 2019-20); Fenerbahce (Turkey-BSL, 2020-21); UNICS Kazan (Russia-VTB, 2021-22)

Twitter: Zo_Brown Instagram: officialzobrown

The newly minted Spanish citizen fills an obvious, Ricky Rubio-sized hole in Spain's roster. You might get lost in his career history as the 52nd pick in the NBA Draft had to claw his way to 103 games in the NBA over five seasons and numerous stretches in the G League. However, Brown has managed to build up his reputation in Europe during the last three seasons. The guard carries a 1.96m tall frame and doesn't mind using it for some physical defense. Time will tell whether he learns the Spanish basketball lingo on and off the court.

Quino COLOM



Height: 1.88
Position: Point Guard
Date of Birth: 01/11/88

Place of Birth: Andorra la Vella (AND)

Team 2021-22: AEK Athens (Greece-Greek A1)

Career: Zaragoza (Spain-LEB Oro, 2006-07); L'Hospitalet (Spain-LEB Oro, 2007-08); Lleida (Spain-LEB Oro, 2008-09); Zaragoza (Spain-ACB, 2009); Fuenlabrada (Spain-ACB, 2009-13); Estudiantes (Spain-ACB, 2013-14); Bilbao Basket (Spain-ACB, 2014-15); UNICS Kazan (Russia-VTB, 2015-18); Bahcesehir (Turkey-BSL, 2018-19); Va-

lencia (Spain-ACB, 2019-20); Crvena Zvezda (Serbia-KLS, 2020-21); Baskonia (Spain-ACB, 2021); AEK Athens (Greece-Greek A1, 2021-22)

Twitter: qcolom10
Instagram: qcolom10

Even though Quino Colom has the 2019 FIBA Basketball World Cup gold medal in his collection, the Qualifiers are the stage on which his star shone the brightest. Scariolo first entrusted him with the starting spot back in 2017. Colom has run wild with it ever since, creating a pretty nice second half to his career. Blink once and you'll miss the 1.88m playmaker race past his defender for another acrobatic finish or needle-threading pass. His younger brother Guillem enjoys scoring in bunches, too, for Andorra in the FIBA European Championship for Small Countries.

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YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	5	17.0	5/14	5/18	5/8	2.6	4.6	6.0
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	2	20.0	8/11	5/12	4/4	1.5	4.5	17.5
2019	FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019	5	5.0	2/3	1/3	0/0	0.6	1.2	1.4
2019	FIRA Baskethall WC 2019 FIT Qual	12	23.0	33/68	20/62	38/46	2.8	4.8	13.7



Jaime FERNANDEZ



Height: 1.86 **Position:** Point Guard Date of Birth: 04/06/93 Place of Birth: Madrid

Team 2021-22: Unicaja (Spain-ACB)

Career: Estudiantes (Spain-ACB, 2010-17); Andorra (Spain-ACB, 2017-18); Unicaja (Spain-ACB,

2018-22)

Twitter: jaimefb44 Instagram: jaimefb44

Once upon a time Jaime Fernandez scored in double digits at every level of FIBA European Youth Championships. Now the four-time youth medallist is looking for his debut at FIBA EuroBasket. For Fernandez good opportunities have come with time. He was only 17 when he first played for Estudiantes, yet he spent seven seasons in Madrid, during which he saw different roles, also playing at shooting guard. Two clubs later Txus Vidorreta has envisioned Fernandez as a part of Tenerife's scoring machine which will look to repeat as champions in the Basketball Champions League.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	5	19.0	13/25	6/18	5/9	1.4	2.4	9.8
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	2	15.0	3/4	0/4	4/4	2.5	2.5	5.0
2019	FIRA Raskethall WC 2019 FU Qual	10	22 N	13/39	12/33	26/33	2.1	3.3	8.8

Dario BRIZUELA



Height: 1.88 **Position:** Shooting Guard Date of Birth: 08/11/94 Place of Birth: San Sebastian Team 2021-22: Unicaja (Spain-ACB)

Career: Estudiantes (Spain-ACB, 2012-19); Huesca (Spain-LEB Oro, 2014-15); Unicaja (Spain-ACB,

Twitter: basquemamba

Dario Brizuela didn't exactly lack success during his youth. The shooting guard played a huge role in Spain reaching the FIBA U20 European Championship Final in 2014. However, there were probably few who predicted him suddenly becoming the ACB's leading scorer in the 2018-19 season. Estudiantes could only hold on to their prized scorer for so long. The last two and a half seasons he has been the main offensive threat from the perimeter for Unicaja. Perhaps, Brizuela has developed a hunger to score from his deep appreciation for Kobe Bryant. Or maybe his edge comes from him studying psychology.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	5	17.0	9/14	6/22	8/12	2.0	1.8	8.8
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	6	19.0	16/33	12/29	14/19	1.5	2.3	13.7
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 FU Qual.	5	21.0	16/28	7/24	8/9	2.6	0.6	12.2

Sergio LLULL



Height: 1.90

Position: Shooting Guard/Point Guard

Date of Birth: 15/11/87 Place of Birth: Mahon

Team 2021-22: Real Madrid (Spain-ACB)

Career: Manresa (Spain-ACB, 2005-07); Real Madrid (Spain-ACB, 2007-)

Twitter: 23Llull Instagram: 23llull

It might seem like Sergio Llull has been on Spain's roster in every possible tournament. Yet this is his return to EuroBasket competition as the guard missed out in 2017 after suffering an ACL tear. One has to imagine the creative veteran will have a bigger burden in regards to initiating the offense this time around. The point guard position is no secret to him, even if that hasn't been his primary duty for Spain. Just recently Llull celebrated his seventh championship title in the ACB. FIBA EuroBasket 2022 might grant him his eight medal with Spain.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

FG 3PT FG FT REB AST PTS
11 4/15 5/6 0.8 1.0 8.3
38 13/49 9/11 1.3 3.8 10.5
29 7/23 17/19 2.0 3.1 8.3
38 11/37 18/21 2.2 4.4 9.4
17 5/23 2/7 1.6 1.0 5.6
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Rudy FERNANDEZ



Position: Small Forward/Shooting Guard

Date of Birth: 04/04/85

Place of Birth: Palma de Mallorca

Team 2021-22: Real Madrid (Spain-ACB)

Career: Joventut (Spain-ACB, 2002-08); Portland Trail Blazers (USA-NBA, 2008-11); Real Madrid (Spain-ACB, 2011); Denver Nuggets (USA-NBA, 2011-12); Real Madrid (Spain-ACB, 2012-)

Twitter: rudy5fernandez Instagram: rudy5fernandez

If Llull is here to spark the offense, then Fernandez seems fit to be Spain's elder statesman. We know he can be nasty on the court, yet the 37-year-old also didn't mind questioning his federation's choice of naturalizing Lorenzo Brown. These days Fernandez fires almost exclusively from downtown, only attempting about one two2-point shot per game. Spain has used that constant movement of his for three FIBA EuroBasket gold medals and two titles at the FIBA Basketball World Cup. Fernandez has reupped for another season with Real, yet one has to wonder if this will be his swansong for Spain.

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2020	Olympic Basketball Tournament 2020	4	24.0	1/3	6/19	0/0	4.3	0.3	5.0
2019	FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019	8	27.0	4/11	15/36	9/12	3.6	3.0	7.8
2016	Olympic Basketball Tournament 2016	8	27.0	10/15	15/40	17/24	3.4	2.0	10.3
2015	FIBA EuroBasket 2015	8	23.0	11/25	4/24	16/18	3.6	1.5	6.3
2014	FIBA Baskethall World Cup 2014	7	22.0	8/15	11/25	11/12	2.3	2.6	8.6

Xabi LOPEZ-AROSTEGUI



Height: 2.00 Position: Small Forward Date of Birth: 19/05/97 Place of Birth:Getxo

Team 2021-22: Valencia (Spain-ACB)

Career: Prat (Spain-LEB Oro, 2015-17); Joventut (Spain-ACB, 2017-21); Valencia (2021-)

Twitter: Xabi6lopez Instagram: xabi6lopez

It was a significant season for 'Xabi' who led Spain in scoring in the FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.. The Basque player faced high expectations as a member of the 2021-22 All-ACB First Team as he played for his new club Valencia. His abilities as a shooter allow him to get within sniffing distance of the exclusive 50-40-90 club. Lopez-Arostegui might have landed on the roster for the 2020 Olympics after Juancho Hernangomez's injury, however, he is a definite big game player. You'll find his name in the 2013 FIBA U16 European Championship All-Tournament Team as a representative for the gold medallists.

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YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	6	22.0	10/23	13/28	10/12	3.0	2.3	11.5
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	5	18.0	3/9	9/14	15/19	3.2	0.6	9.6
2020	Olympic Basketball Tournament 2020	1	4.0	0/0	0/0	0/0	1.0	0.0	0.0
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	2	13.0	2/6	1/2	2/2	1.5	0.5	4.5

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Usman GARUBA

Height: 2.03

Position: Power Forward Date of Birth: 09/03/02 Place of Birth: Madrid

Team 2021-22: Houston Rockets (USA-NBA)

Career: Real Madrid B (Spain-EBA, 2017-19); Real Madrid (Spain-ACB, 2018-21); Rio Grande Valley Vipers (USA-G League, 2021-22); Houston Rockets (USA-NBA, 2021-)

Twitter: Usmangaruba Instagram: destusman

Garuba's exploits in the FIBA Youth Championships are legendary. That especially goes for the MVP award he received as a 14-year-old at the 2016 FIBA U16 European Championship. While it currently seems like a minor setback for a star in the making, the last year has been tough for him. Nagging injuries have kept him from making an impact on the Houston Rockets. Ankle issues also kept him from participating in this year's NBA Summer League. Yet Spain sustains hope that Garuba could help with his unlimited defensive potential. He already has national team experience from the 2020 Olympics.

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YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2020	Olympic Basketball Tournament 2020	4	12.0	1/2	0/5	2/4	2.8	0.3	1.0

Joel PARRA



Height: 2.02

Position: Small Forward
Date of Birth: 04/04/00
Place of Birth: Barcelona

Team 2021-22: Joventut (Spain-ACB)

Career: Joventut (Spain-ACB, 2017-); Prat (Spain-

LEB Oro, 2018-19) **Twitter:** joelparralopez3 **Instagram:** jooelparra

The 22-year-old Parra is another promising forward for Scariolo to look at. Whereas Garuba got the 2016 FIBA U16 European Championship MVP honors, Parra was Spain's leading scorer. That's one of seven times when the Joventut pupil participated in a FIBA Youth Championship. Currently the Badalona club can feel certain about fielding offers for Parra whose stats improved last season in nearly every category. He's still the same guy who doesn't mind going down in the post and getting into the opponent's chest. Meanwhile, his shot from outside is slowly, but steadily improving.

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YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	6	20.0	13/23	1/9	9/15	3.7	1.7	6.3
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	2	16.0	5/8	0/2	2/2	4.5	1.0	6.0

Jaime PRADILLA Heigh



Height: 2.05
Position: Power Forward
Date of Birth: 03/01/01
Place of Birth: Zaragoza

Team 2021-22: Valencia (Spain-ACB)

Career: Zaragoza (Spain-ACB, 2018-20); Palencia (Spain-LEB Oro, 2019-20); Valencia (Spain-ACB,

2020-)

Instagram: jaimepradilla

On the surface Jaime Pradilla might seem astonishingly old-school for his age. The big man has gracious, yet ground-bound footwork in the post, some tenacity of yesteryear and he doesn't dabble much in the modern three-pointer. However, then your jaw drops when he finishes a pick-and-roll with an alley-oop. Pradilla has been quick to adapt to the pro game after scoring in bunches for various Spain's youth teams. His growth was convincing enough for the center to become a staple of Spain's in the FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual. and also get a spot on ACB's Best All-Young Team.

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	6	22.0	18/24	0/6	3/3	4.0	1.3	6.5



Fran GUERRA



Height: 2.14
Position: Center
Date of Birth: 23/12/92

Place of Birth: Las Palmas de Gran Canaria

Team 2021-22: Tenerife (Spain-ACB)

Career: Estudiantes (Spain-ACB, 2012-14); Lleida (Spain-LEB Oro, 2014-15); Estudiantes (Spain-ACB, 2015-16); Ourense (Spain-LEB Oro, 2016-17); Melilla (Spain-LEB Oro, 2017-18); Bahia San Agustin (Spain-LEB Oro, 2018-19); Tenerife (Spain-ACB, 2019-22)

Twitter: franguerra355

Instagram: fguerra35

Fran Guerra and Giorgi Shermadini have made up quite the massive center duo for Tenerife. An oak of a man, Guerra can be relied on for some finishing around the basket and solid rim protection. As his frame indicates, moving him is usually not an option. His road to a back-up spot for the winners of the 2021-22 Basketball Champions League led through LEB Oro where he enjoyed some fine years. This summer he already started for Spain in the FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.. Making the FIBA EuroBasket 2022 roster would be a nice story for the self-made player.

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YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	5	18.0	14/22	0/0	2/6	5.8	1.8	6.0
2021	FIBA FuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	2	20.0	5/10	0/2	5/10	4.5	2.5	7.5

Sebas SAIZ



Height: 2.05 Position: Center Date of Birth: 15/07/94 Place of Birth: Madrid

Team 2021-22: Alvark Tokyo (Japan-B1 League)
Career: University of Mississippi (USA-NCAA,
2013-17); San Pablo Burgos (Spain-ACB, 201718); Tenerife (Spain-ACB, 2018-19); Sun Rockers
Shibuya (Japan-B1 League, 2019-20); Chiba Jets
(Japan-B1 League, 2020-21); Alvark Tokyo (Japan-B1 League, 2021-22)

Twitter: sebassaiz

Instagram: sebassaiz

Only certain Spaniards go the NCAA route, as Saiz did. Yet you won't find anyone else on this squad who has played in Japan. By doing so, Saiz exchanged an ACB reserve center role for a 2021 B1 League Finals MVP. Equipped with a 2.31m wingspan, Saiz also can shoot it from outside. Back in 2017, he was one of the last players cut before EuroBasket started. Nowadays he already has several good Qualifiers games under his belt. Those are useful reps to possibly become a nice offensive option off the bench this time around.

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YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	3	17.0	14/19	0/0	5/7	6.0	0.0	11.0
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	2	24.0	12/18	0/0	8/14	11.0	1.0	16.0
2019	FIBA Baskethall WC 2019 FU Qual.	12	17.0	30/58	0/0	20/40	5.8	0.3	6.7

Juancho HERNANGOMEZ



Height: 2.06

Position: Power Forward/Small Forward

Date of Birth: 28/09/95 Place of Birth: Madrid

Team 2021-22: Utah Jazz (USA-NBA)

Career: Estudiantes Madrid (Spain-EBA, 2012-14); Estudiantes Madrid (Spain-ACB, 2014-16); Denver Nuggets (USA-NBA, 2016-20); Minnesota Timberwolves (USA-NBA, 2020-21); Boston Celtics (USA-NBA, 2021-22); San Antonio Spurs (USA-NBA, 2022); Utah Jazz (USA-NBA, 2022), Toronto Raptors (USA-NBA, 2022-)

Twitter: juanchiviris41
Instagram: juanchiviris41

While he was already starting for the champions back in the 2019 FIBA Basketball World Cup, Juancho Hernangomez is an even more vital part of Spain's team this year. With fewer veterans around, previous averages of 10.5 points per game in the World Cup probably have to go up. The Spaniard has seen the business side of the NBA as the Raptors are his sixth team in two and a half years. Yet he did enjoy the benefits of Hollywood in the movie Hustle, which also enlisted coach Scariolo. Either way, the pedigree of NBA-level talent remains. Hernangomez can get hot from three-point range and has the body to finish in the paint.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS	
2019	FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019	8	23.0	19/27	11/25	13/19	5.4	0.6	10.5	
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	2	25.0	6/12	2/10	3/3	6.0	0.0	10.5	
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017	9	20.0	15/34	7/20	25/32	5.9	0.7	8.4	

Yankuba SIMA



Height: 2.11 Position: Center Date of Birth: 28/07/96 Place of Birth: Girona

Team 2021-22: Manresa (Spain-ACB)

Career: St. John's University (USA-NCAA, 2015-17); Oklahoma State University (USA-NCAA, 2017-18); Manresa (Spain-ACB, 2018-22); Ourense

(Spain-LEB Oro, 2020)

Twitter: Yankusima

Instagram: yankubasima

Sima first turned heads way back in 2014 when he wowed those in attendance for the FIBA U18 European Championship. Thus he didn't lack attention as a collegiate recruit or as an NBA prospect. The last couple of seasons he's been a highlight factory for Manresa. As a pogo stick of an athlete, Sima can be a rim-running nightmare for the opposition. Add some more consistency and the sky i the limit, almost literally. Though brought up in Spain, Sima spent a year in his parents' home country of Gambia during his youth.

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	6	14.3	20/28	0/0	15/19	4.0	1.0	9.2

TURKEY TURKEY AND ATAMAN GO ALL IN

Less than two years ago the Turkey national team was on the ropes as it had lost all three games in the FIBA EuroBasket 2022 Qualifiers. They

managed to climb out of that hole, yet the following summer Turkey again failed to qualify for the Olympics. However, on the eve of FIBA EuroBasket 2022 they seem to have all the belief in the world that this is their year. How so?

For starters, the Turkish Basketball Federation made a splash this spring when it hired Ergin Ataman as its new head coach. Ataman, ambitious as always, stressed that there is no other goal than to win the gold medal in this year's EuroBasket.

Furthermore, Turkey's leading players certainly got the message. Not only will almost all of them be present in Tbilisi, but Furkan Korkmaz also spiced things up when he echoed the sentiments of Ataman by proclaiming that Turkey is about to achieve success.

When you look at their starting lineup, you understand where they're coming from. Shane Larkin will lead at point guard as he looks to replicate the success he's had with Ataman at Anadolu Efes. While he participated in last year's Olympic Qualifying Tournament, this will be the first EuroBasket action for Larkin. The American essentially replaced Scottie Wilbekin who, at first, was also included in Turkey's preliminary roster.

Korkmaz and Cedi Osman headline Turkey's threats on the wing. Both have parlayed success at FIBA Youth Championships into successful, five-year long NBA careers. The athletic players profile as versatile options who could help out in more than one position.

Meanwhile, Sertac Sanli and Alperen Sengun are quite the names for

Turkey's frontcourt. While the all-around Sanli will bring his experience, Sengun seems poised for a breakout performance after proving his worth as a rookie for the Houston Rockets. Figuring out how to use both centers might be one of Ataman's biggest challenges. That task changed quite a bit, though, when Omer Yurtseven revealed he would not play in this year's competition.

Then there's Melih Mahmutoglu who has done his fair share in numerous tournaments and might be the team's best spark plug type of a scorer. That being said, questions about Turkey's production off the bench seem fair. There certainly are others who have had their moments in high-pressure situations. Yet many of those occurrences came in the aforementioned Youth Championships when a certain group of players born in the mid-1990s was dubbed Turkey's golden generation.

Osman, Korkmaz, even Kartal Ozmizrak experienced Ataman's first goaround with Turkey. Thus far their core hasn't gone further than the Quarter-Finals at the FIBA Basketball World Cup 2014 which remains Turkey's best finish in recent tournaments.

On the flip side, a majority of this roster should now hit its prime. Moreover, Ataman is a coach who is capable of managing a shorter rotation. Players like Larkin know this well and might be relied on heavily.

It definitely could turn into quite the fun ride. As a matter of fact, don't expect it to end with EuroBasket 2022. Ataman's goals stretch as far as the 2024 Olympics.

By Reinis Lacis



Player	Height (m)	Position	Date of Birth	Team 2021-22
Shane LARKIN	1.80	PG	02/10/92	Anadolu Efes
Dogus OZDEMIROGLU	1.91	PG	17/04/96	Darussafaka
Kartal OZMIZRAK	1.88	PG	29/08/95	Bahcesehir Koleji
Bugrahan TUNCER	1.93	PG/SG	23/03/93	Anadolu Efes
Melih MAHMUTOGLU	1.91	SG/PG	12/05/90	Fenerbahce
Sehmus HAZER	1.93	SG	15/02/99	Fenerbahce
Furkan KORKMAZ	2.01	SG/SF	24/07/97	Philadelphia 76ers (USA)
Onuralp BITIM	1.98	SF/SG	31/03/99	Bursaspor
Cedi OSMAN	2.01	SF	08/04/95	Cleveland Cavaliers (USA)
Metecan BIRSEN	2.05	SF/PF	06/04/95	Fenerbahce
Yigitcan SAYBIR	2.03	PF/SF	27/02/99	Anadolu Efes
Sadik KABACA	2.05	PF/C	13/12/00	Galatasaray
Furkan HALTALI	2.07	С	02/12/02	Besiktas
Sertac SANLI	2.13	C	05/08/91	Barcelona (ESP)
Alperen SENGUN	2.08	С	25/07/02	Houston Rockets (USA)
Coach: Ergin ATAMAN				

FIBA EuroBasket 2022 Qualifiers 3rd in Group D (3 W – 3 L)

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Last 10 Fl	IBA E	vents
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Year	Event	Place	Achievement
2021	Olympics	Tokyo (JPN)	Did not qualify
2019	FIBA Basketball World Cup	Beijing (CHN)	22nd
2017	FIBA EuroBasket	Istanbul (TUR)	14th
2016	Olympics	Rio de Janeiro (BRA)	Did not qualify
2015	FIBA EuroBasket	Lille (FRA)	14th
2014	FIBA Basketball World Cup	Madrid (ESP)	8th
2013	FIBA EuroBasket	Ljubljana (SLO)	17th
2012	Olympics	London (GBR)	Did not qualify
2011	FIBA EuroBasket	Kaunas (LTU)	11th
2010	FIBA Basketball World Cup	Istanbul (TUR)	Silver

FIBA EuroBasket 2022 Qualifiers Accumulated Stats

			FG		2PT	FG	ЗРТ	FG	F	т		REB							
Name	G	Min	M/A	%	M/A	%	M/A	%	M/A	%	0	D	Tot	AST	T0	STL	BLK	PF	PTS
Melih MAHMUTOGLU	6	29.4	30/69	43.5	18/29	62.1	12/40	30.0	7/9	77.8	0.2	1.3	1.5	2.3	1.0	0.7	0.0	8.0	13.2
Goksenin KOKSAL	6	14.5	4/15	26.7	1/6	16.7	3/9	33.3	1/2	50.0	1.2	1.3	2.5	1.0	0.3	0.3	0.0	1.2	2.0
James Metecan BIRSEN	5	23.1	14/40	35.0	11/24	45.8	3/16	18.8	6/9	66.7	2.4	3.8	6.2	1.6	0.8	0.4	0.2	1.6	7.4
Sertac SANLI	5	22.1	31/50	62.0	26/41	63.4	5/9	55.6	2/5	40.0	1.0	2.0	3.0	0.8	0.8	0.8	1.0	3.2	13.8
Bugrahan TUNCER	5	17.8	18/42	42.9	9/19	47.4	9/23	39.1	4/5	80.0	0.4	1.6	2.0	4.0	2.6	1.0	0.2	2.0	9.8
Berkan DURMAZ	5	16.1	10/22	45.5	6/11	54.5	4/11	36.4	4/8	50.0	1.2	1.6	2.8	0.2	1.0	8.0	8.0	1.6	5.6
Shane LARKIN	4	31.8	18/37	48.6	6/11	54.5	12/26	46.2	12/18	66.7	0.0	1.0	1.0	7.0	2.5	1.3	0.5	1.5	15.0
Alperen SENGUN	4	23.1	16/30	53.3	14/27	51.9	2/3	66.7	14/28	50.0	3.0	4.3	7.3	1.0	1.5	1.3	1.0	2.8	12.0
Berk UGURLU	4	16.5	7/14	50.0	3/6	50.0	4/8	50.0	0/0	0.0	0.3	0.5	8.0	1.5	1.0	0.5	0.0	1.8	4.5
Dogus BALBAY	3	17.1	0/6	0.0	0/3	0.0	0/3	0.0	0/0	0.0	1.0	1.7	2.7	3.0	0.7	1.3	0.3	2.0	0.0
Sehmus HAZER	3	12.0	7/10	70.0	6/9	66.7	1/1	100.0	2/2	100.0	0.3	1.0	1.3	1.3	0.7	0.7	0.0	1.3	5.7
Dogus OZDEMIROGLU	3	5.3	1/4	25.0	1/4	25.0	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	1.0	0.0	2.3	0.7
Semih ERDEN	2	19.9	6/10	60.0	6/10	60.0	0/0	0.0	5/7	71.4	1.5	2.0	3.5	0.5	2.0	0.0	2.0	3.5	8.5
Kartal OZMIZRAK	2	12.8	1/7	14.3	0/0	0.0	1/7	14.3	0/0	0.0	0.5	2.0	2.5	1.5	1.0	0.5	0.0	2.0	1.5
Samet GEYIK	2	10.5	0/1	0.0	0/0	0.0	0/1	0.0	0/0	0.0	0.5	2.5	3.0	0.0	0.5	0.5	0.5	3.5	0.0
Tolga GECIM	2	9.6	0/3	0.0	0/1	0.0	0/2	0.0	5/5	100.0	0.0	0.5	0.5	1.5	1.5	0.0	0.0	2.0	2.5
Ege ARAR	2	8.9	2/4	50.0	2/4	50.0	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	1.0	2.0	3.0	1.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.5	2.0
Furkan HALTALI	2	4.3	1/3	33.3	1/3	33.3	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.0
Muhsin YASAR	1	9.6	1/3	33.3	1/3	33.3	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0.0	3.0	3.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	2.0
Yigit ARSLAN	1	6.0	0/3	0.0	0/1	0.0	0/2	0.0	0/0	0.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Metin TUREN	1	4.2	0/1	0.0	0/1	0.0	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Burak YILDIZLI	0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Team/Coaches											1.5	1.0	2.5	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.2	
TOTALS		314.6	167/374	44.7	111/213	52.1	56/161	34.8	62/98	63.3	11.2	20.0	31.2	19.3	12.5	7.5	3.8	20.3	75.3

COACHErgin ATAMAN



Nationality: Turkish Date of Birth: 07/01/66 <u>Place of</u> Birth: Istanbul

Team 2021-22: Anadolu Efes (Turkey-BSL)

Club Career: Efes Pilsen (Assistant Coach, 1995-96); Turk Telekom (Turkey-BSL, 1996-98); Pinar Karsiyaka (Turkey-BSL, 1999; Efes Pilsen (Turkey-BSL, 1999-01); Montepaschi Siena (Italy-Serie A, 2001-03); Ulkerspor (Turkey-BSL, 2003-06); Fortitudo Bologna (Italy-Serie A, 2006-07); Besiktas (Turkey-BSL, 2008-10); Besiktas (Turkey-BSL, 2008-10); Besiktas (Turkey-BSL, 2011-12); Galatasaray

(Turkey-BSL, 2012-17); Anadolu Efes (Turkey-BSL, 2017-)

International Career: Turkey (Assistant Coach, 1996-97); Turkey (2014-16); Turkey (2022-)

Ergin Ataman already has 23 titles as a head coach in his club career. He didn't enjoy the same success at the FIBA Basketball World Cup 2014 or FIBA EuroBasket 2015, yet the Quarter-Finals in 2014 is something Turkey have not surpassed since. As you would expect from the self-confident Ataman, he's back with gold on his mind. Some juicy quotes or significant events on the sidelines, as Turkey tries to fulfill that goal, would only add to that story. While his stints with Anadolu Efes and other Turkish clubs have helped his fame rise, Ataman has also coached in Italy and even spent a season observing the Stanford Cardinal NCAA team back in 1998-99. He is also fluent in English and Italian

Cedi OSMAN



KEY PLRYER

Height: 2.01
Position: Small Forward
Date of Birth: 08/04/95
Place of Birth: Ohrid (MKD)

Team 2021-22: Cleveland Cavaliers (USA-NBA) Career: Pertevniyal (Turkey-TBL, 2011-12); Anadolu Efes (Turkey-BSL, 2012-17); Cleveland Cavaliers (USA-NBA, 2017-)

Twitter: cediosman
Instagram: cediosman

Cedi Osman is almost like the poster child for a unique period in Turkey's youth basketball. The 2014 FIBA U20 European Championship MVP won gold two years in a row, celebrating an U18 title in 2013 as well. His individual accolades haven't been shabby on the national team either. Osman was one of the few to average more than 20 points at the FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019. With five consistent years behind him in the NBA, Osman's probably licking his chops to finally make noise in a FIBA or NBA elimination game type of setting.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2020	FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tour. 2020	3	31.0	11/19	4/15	8/12	5.7	4.3	14.0
2019	FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019	5	33.0	28/42	10/34	16/19	3.2	2.6	20.4
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	4	29.0	16/36	12/26	9/14	8.0	1.5	19.3
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017	6	34.0	13/31	13/37	31/38	5.0	3.8	16.0
2016	FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tour. 2016	2	24.0	4/7	0/8	9/12	5.5	1.0	8.5

Dogus OZDEMIROGLU



Height: 1.91
Position: Point Guard
Date of Birth: 17/04/96
Place of Birth: Balilkesir

Team 2021-22: Darussafaka (Turkey-BSL)

Career: Darussafaka (Turkey-TBL, 2013-15); Acibadem Universitesi (Turkey-TBL, 2015-16); Yesilgiresun (Turkey-BSL, 2016-17); Darussafaka

(Turkey-BSL, 2017-) **Twitter:** dozdemiroglu **Instagram:** dozdemiroglu

There were a couple of seasons where Ozdemiroglu was loaned out, yet he's been with Darussafaka ever since their days in Turkey's second-tier league. Back then he was a youngster collecting medals with the rest of Turkey's golden generation. With time he became one of Darussafaka's leaders. Though there is improvement to be made, he's getting more reps in the pick-and-roll. However, his main expertise is picking your pocket as evidenced by him finishing first in steals in the 2021-22 Basketball Champions League season. In order to make the roster, Ozdemiroglu has to first recover from hand surgery.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	3	6.0	1/2	1/4	1/2	0.7	0.3	2.0
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	3	5.0	1/4	0/0	0/0	0.0	0.7	0.7
2020	FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tour. 2020	3	21.0	3/6	1/6	0/0	3.0	1.7	3.0

Kartal OZMIZRAK



Height: 1.88
Position: Point Guard
Date of Birth: 29/08/95
Place of Birth: Istanbul

Team 2021-22: Bahcesehir Koleji (Turkey-BSL)
Career: Besiktas (Turkey-BSL, 2011-15); Eskisehir Basket (Turkey-BSL, 2014-15); Istanbul BB (Turkey-BSL, 2015-17); Darussafaka (Turkey-BSL, 2017-20); Obradoiro (Spain-ACB, 2020-21); Bah-

cesehir Koleji (Turkey-BSL, 2021-22)

Twitter: KartalOzmizrak Instagram: kartalozmizrak

Another Turkish player with plenty of FIBA Youth Championship success, Ozmirzak made his debut at FIBA EuroBasket 2015 for coach Ataman. Since then he's only participated in five Qualifiers games. The point guard has plenty of experience for Besiktas and Darussafaka, yet his dream was to play in Spain. That turned into reality in the 2020-21 season when he joined Obradoiro. Ozmizrak had a contract for one more season, but returned home due to family reasons. There he sparked Bahcesehir Koleji's title run in the 2021-22 FIBA Europe Cup by scoring 24 points in the second Semi-Final game against ZZ Leiden.

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	2	13.0	0/0	1/7	0/0	2.5	1.5	1.5
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	3	9.0	1/3	2/3	0/0	0.0	1.7	2.7
2015	FIBA EuroBasket 2015	4	7.0	0/3	1/5	2/2	0.3	1.0	1.3



Bugrahan TUNCER



Height: 1.93

Position: Point Guard/Shooting Guard

Date of Birth: 23/03/93 Place of Birth: Istanbul

Team 2021-22: Anadolu Efes (Turkey-BSL)

Career: Besiktas (Turkey-BSL, 2019-11); Aliaga Petkim (Turkey-BSL, 2011-12); Istanbul BB (Turkey-TBL, 2012-13); Mersin BB (Turkey-TBL, 2013-14); Eskisehir Basket (Turkey-BSL, 2014-15); Yesilgiresun (Turkey-BSL, 2015); Best Balikesir (Turkey-TBL, 2016-18); Anadolu Efes (Turkey-BSL, 2018-)

Instagram: bugrahantuncer

Bugrahan Tuncer, a FIBA U18 European Championship bronze medallist in 2011, bounced around for a fair amount of his career. Yet he might have gained a lot from his experience of helping Eskisehir climb up from the second-tier Turkish league in 2016-17. When the fall of 2018 came around, he was already on the Turkish powerhouse Anadolu Efes roster and making his debut for the Turkey national team. Capable of playing both guard positions, Tuncer also participated at the FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019. He will continue to knock down three-pointers for Efes after they signed him to a new deal.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	4	23.0	10/20	6/18	2/2	3.5	6.0	10.0
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	5	18.0	9/19	9/23	4/5	2.0	4.0	9.8
2020	FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tour. 2020	3	17.0	5/6	2/8	1/2	2.0	3.7	5.7
2019	FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019	5	10.0	3/6	1/5	2/2	1.2	2.6	2.2
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	5	22.0	8/23	7/27	6/8	4.0	3.2	8.6

Melih MAHMUTOGLU



Height: 1.91

Position: Shooting Guard/Point Guard

Date of Birth: 12/05/90 Place of Birth: Istanbul

Team 2021-22: Fenerbahce (Turkey-BSL)

Career: Pertevniyal (Turkey-TBL, 2007-08); Darussafaka (Turkey-BSL, 2008-10); Galatasaray (Turkey-BSL, 2010-11); Antalya BB (Turkey-TBL, 2011-12); Erdemirspor (Turkey-BSL, 2012-13); Fenerbahce (Turkey-BSL, 2013-)

Twitter: melihmahmutoglu Instagram: melihmahmutoglu

Mahmutoglu might have a relatively small stature for a shooting guard, but sometimes big things come in small packages. Coming off the bench doesn't bother him either, however, he has had several 20-point games as a starter for Turkey. The 32-year-old is an expert shooter off the dribble who has surpassed the 40-percent mark from the three-point line several times in his career. Ironically, Mahmutoglu was brought up in the Anadolu Efes system, yet has become a Fenerbahce lifer. As a captain for Fener, he just won his fifth Turkish League championship.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	4	28.0	7/17	12/30	5/5	1.3	0.3	13.8
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	6	29.0	18/29	12/40	7/9	1.5	2.3	13.2
2020	FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tour. 2020	3	20.0	4/6	6/12	4/5	0.7	0.0	10.0
2019	FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019	5	31.0	22/33	15/31	4/5	1.6	1.0	18.6
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	8	19.0	7/21	13/37	1/2	1.5	1.1	6.8

Sehmus HAZER



Height: 1.93

Position: Shooting Guard Date of Birth: 15/02/99 Place of Birth: Batman

Team 2021-22: Fenerbahce (Turkey-BSL)

Career: Bandirma Kirmizi (Turkey-TBL, 2016-18); Bandirma (Turkey-BSL, 2017-20); Besiktas (Turkey-BSL, 2020-21); Fenerbahce (Turkey-BSL, 2021-)

Twitter: sehmus_hazer Instagram: hazer.2

Sehmus Hazer had his first experience with basketball in sixth grade. He didn't like the sport, but had to pick it up later on when it caught the interest of his friends. Meanwhile, Hazer's parents hoped he would become a doctor. Despite their wishes, at the age of 16, he traveled across Turkey to join Bandirma's system. Hazer has developed into a lightning-quick guard who thrives in transition. His jumpshot is a work in progress, yet it didn't keep him from averaging 14.9 points per game for Besiktas in the 2020-21 season.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	2	18.0	5/5	2/3	2/4	3.5	3.0	9.0
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	3	12.0	6/9	1/1	2/2	1.3	1.3	5.7
2020	FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tour. 2020	2	6.0	1/2	0/0	1/2	0.5	0.5	1.5

Furkan KORKMAZ



Height: 2.01

Position: Shooting Guard/Small Forward

Date of Birth: 24/07/97 Place of Birth: Istanbul

Team 2021-22: Philadelphia 76ers (USA-NBA)

Career: Pertevniyal (Turkey-TBL, 2013-14); Anadolu Efes (Turkey-BSL, 2014-16); Bandirma (Turkey-BSL, 2016-17); Philadelphia 76ers (USA-NBA, 2017-), Delaware 87ers (USA-G League, 2017)

Twitter: FurkanKorkmaz Instagram: furkankorkmaz

Korkmaz has played for Turkey so often that he even repped the U20 team two years after appearing at FIBA EuroBasket 2015 as an 18-year-old. The three-time FIBA Youth Championship medallist never shies away from taking a shot. For example, he averaged 25.3 points per game at the FIBA U16 European Championship in 2013. Even if there is some streakiness in him, Korkmaz is a high-level threat thanks to his ability to shoot on the move. Due to his role of a marksman on the 76ers, one might have forgotten about his willingness to attack the rim in traffic.

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2020	FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tour. 2020	3	26.0	7/19	9/19	7/9	2.0	1.7	16.0
2019	FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019	4	27.0	11/22	7/18	4/5	3.5	1.8	11.8
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	4	27.0	15/29	11/18	18/22	4.3	1.5	20.3
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017	6	22.0	16/24	5/15	16/19	2.0	1.5	10.5
2016	FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tour. 2016	3	12.0	1/4	1/2	5/6	0.7	0.7	3.3

Onuralp BITIM



Height: 1.98

Position: Small Forward/Shooting Guard

Date of Birth: 31/03/99 Place of Birth: Istanbul

Team 2021-22: Bursaspor (Turkey-BSL)

Career: Anadolu Efes (Turkey-BSL, 2016-19); ITU BK (Turkey-TBL, 2017-18); Pinar Karsiyaka (Turkey-BSL, 2019-21); Bursaspor (Turkey-BSL, 2021-)

Twitter: OnuralpBitim
Instagram: onuralpbitim

The 2015 FIBA U16 European Championship All-Tournament member was about to stray away from the usual Turkish path as he went to the USA at the age of 16. Bitim soon returned home, though, and with time has become a lethal scorer for Bursaspor. He is more than comfortable operating off the dribble, but also efficient on catch-and-shoot jumpshots and timely slashes to the rim. Those offensive exploits led to a national team debut in two FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual. games. Coach Ataman faces an interesting question about finding the former NBA prospect a role within this team.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	2	12.0	0/7	1/2	3/4	3.5	0.5	3.0

Shane LARKIN



Height: 1.80

Position: Point Guard **Date of Birth:** 02/10/92

Place of Birth: Cincinnati (USA)
Team 2021-22: Anadolu Efes (Turkey-BSL)

Career: Miami Hurricanes (USA-NCAA, 2011-13); Dallas Mavericks (USA-NBA, 2013-14); Texas Legends (USA-G League, 2014); New York Knicks (USA-NBA, 2014-15); Brooklyn Nets (USA-NBA, 2015-16); Baskonia (Spain-ACB, 2016-17); Boston Celtics (USA-NBA, 2017-18); Anadolu Efes (Turkey-BSL, 2018-)

Twitter: shanelarkin

DeShane Davis Larkin might have had different plans when going in the first round of the NBA Draft. It was only after he found his sixth club, Anadolu Efes, that Larkin could enjoy a stint longer than one season. However, it's clear that for him scoring in bunches is way more fun than being a third-string point guard in the NBA. The 2019 Turkish League Finals MVP has already done enough for Anadolu Efes where he has grown accustomed to coach Ataman. Yet bringing home a FIBA EuroBasket medal as a much-needed offensive creator would surely make him a legend in Turkey. Funny how life can turn out for the son of a baseball Hall of Famer.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	4	32.0	14/19	8/22	18/21	3.8	7.3	17.5
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	4	32.0	6/11	12/26	12/18	1.0	7.0	15.0

Metecan BIRSEN



Height: 2.05

Position: Small Forward/Power Forward

Date of Birth: 06/04/95 Place of Birth: Istanbul

Team 2021-22: Fenerbahce (Turkey-BSL)

Career: Fenerbahce (Turkey-BSL, 2011-15); Istanbul BB (Turkey-TBL, 2012-13); Eskisehir Basket (Turkey-BSL, 2014-15); Istanbul BB (Turkey-BSL, 2015-17); Sakarya BB (Turkey-BSL, 2017-18); Anadolu Efes (Turkey-BSL, 2018-19); Pinar Karsiyaka (Turkey-BSL, 2019-21); Fenerbahce (Turkey-BSL, 2021-)

Twitter: metecanbirsen Instagram: jamesbirsen

During his youth Metecan Birsen flashed the potential of a great point forward who could rebound and pass with the best of them. Years later the forward doesn't shy away from the fact that with high expectations there were certain difficulties. Yet he's still only 27, and his return at Fenerbahce ended with a Turkish League championship. The jumper remains wildly inconsistent, yet he's solidified his spot on the national team in tournaments like the FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019. Birsen's first name is actually James, given to him by his Irish mother.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	4	25.0	9/11	3/13	5/5	8.0	1.5	8.0
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	5	23.0	11/24	3/16	6/9	6.2	1.6	7.4
2020	FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tour. 2020	1	6.0	0/1	0/0	0/0	1.0	0.0	0.0
2019	FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019	5	18.0	11/16	1/8	6/6	4.8	0.2	6.2
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	9	22.0	17/37	4/19	10/16	4.3	0.7	6.2

Sadik KABACA



Height: 2.05

Position: Power Forward/Center

Date of Birth: 13/12/00
Place of Birth: Izmir

Team 2021-22: Galatasaray (Turkey-BSL)

Career: Bandirma Kirmizi (Turkey-TBL, 2016-20); Bandirma (Turkey-BSL, 2019-20); Besiktas (Turkey-BSL, 2020-21); Galatasaray (Turkey-BSL, 2021-)

Instagram: sadikabaca

There are certain expectations which come when a young player is bought out from his previous club. The 21-year-old Kabaca handled them perfectly as he contributed with several nice performances for Galatasaray. The young center, who has already found a place on Ataman's national team, possesses very soft hands which make him a dangerous spot up threat. Ataman also saw that up close in the Turkish League playoffs. With post moves which almost resemble Sengun, you wonder if Banvirma shouldn't just teach all young big men. With Omer Yurtseven out of the picture, Kabaca has a shot at making the roster.

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	3	10.0	1/5	0/4	0/0	2.7	0.3	0.7



Yigitcan SAYBIR



Height: 2.03 Position: Power Forward Date of Birth: 27/02/99 Place of Birth: Istanbul

Team 2021-22: Anadolu Efes (Turkey-BSL)

Career: Anadolu Efes (Turkey-BSL, 2017-22); Is-

tanbul Basket (Turkey-TBL, 2020-21)

Twitter: yigitcansaybir Instagram: yigitcan_saybir

Even though Yigitcan Saybir only made his debut for the national team this June, he has a shot at cracking the roster for FIBA EuroBasket 2022. The likes of Onuralp Bitim might have overshadowed him in years past, yet Saybir did average 16.4 points per game in the 2017 FIBA U18 European Championship. The lefty forward thrives off cuts and in transition where he can get the appropriate chances to finish at the rim. His jumpshot requires some improvement, however, evaluating his play has been hard as Saybir has mostly had a limited role with Anadolu Efes.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	1	16.0	4/5	0/2	1/3	3.0	0.0	9.0

Furkan HALTALI



Height: 2.07 Position: Center Date of Birth: 02/12/02 Place of Birth: Konya

Team 2021-22: Besiktas (Turkey-BSL)
Career: Bandirma Kirmizi (Turkey-TBL, 2017-19);

Teksut Bandirma (Turkey-BSL, 2019-20); Besiktas

(Turkey-BSL, 2020-) **Instagram:** fhaltali

Furkan Haltali has been a back-up to Alperen Sengun both for Teksut Bandirma and Besiktas. Moreover, the big men shared the same joy as silver and bronze medallists in two FIBA European Championships at youth level. Haltali has some of Sengun's smooth post game skills and is capable of finishing with both hands. Besiktas has already banked on his offensive game by signing the center to a long-term deal. Given the talent at the center position, it might be too early for him to make Turkey's roster. However, he was already playing in Turkey's second-tier league at the age of 14.

Sertac SANLI



Height: 2.13 Position: Center Date of Birth: 05/08/91 Place of Birth: Edirne

Team 2021-22: Barcelona (Spain-ACB)

Career: Genc Telekom (Turkey-BSL, 2008-10); Galatasaray (Turkey-BSL, 2010-13); Tofas (Turkey-BSL, 2011); Gaziantep (Turkey-BSL, 2013-14); Usak Sportif (Turkey-BSL, 2014-15); Trabzonspor (Turkey-BSL, 2015-16); Besiktas (Turkey-BSL, 2016-18); Anadolu Efes (Turkey-BSL, 2018-21); Barcelona (Spain-ACB, 2021-)

Twitter: SanliSertac Instagram: sertacsanli

We are now accustomed to Sertac Sanli being a top-level European center for the mighty Barcelona. Yet he was mostly a reserve in FIBA Youth Championships and only made his national team debut at FIBA EuroBasket 2017. Meanwhile, his club career consisted of inconsistent roles for numerous Turkish teams. The two-time Turkish League champion with Anadolu Efes has stressed that his main improvement has been on the mental side of the game. Reliable on defense and capable of the occasional three-pointer, Sanli is a selfless option at the center position.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	1	26.0	3/4	1/3	0/0	7.0	1.0	9.0
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	5	22.0	26/41	5/9	2/5	3.0	0.8	13.8
2020	FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tour. 2020	3	20.0	3/5	3/5	2/2	4.3	1.0	5.7
2019	FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019	4	11.0	5/9	0/0	6/10	2.3	0.0	4.0
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	12	17.0	28/56	0/3	10/15	2.2	0.8	5.5

Alperen SENGUN



Height: 2.08
Position: Center
Date of Birth: 25/07/02
Place of Birth: Giresun

Team 2021-22: Houston Rockets (USA-NBA) **Career:** Bandirma Kirmizi (Turkey-TBL, 2018-19);

Teksut Bandirma (Turkey-BSL, 2019-20); Besiktas (Turkey-BSL, 2020-21); Houston Rockets (USA-NBA, 2021-)

Twitter: alperennsengun Instagram: alperen.sengun

There hasn't been a situation that stumps Alperen Sengun. At first, there were the two medals in the FIBA Youth European Championships. Then, at the age of 18, he averaged 18.6 points per game to become the Turkish League MVP. Recently, he looked comfortable using his deep bag of tricks in the post as an NBA rookie. He's got some national team experience, which includes the 2020 FIBA Men's Olympic Qualifying Tournament. However, EuroBasket is a different type of beast. He'll provide fancy passes and sneaky blocks, but the real test will be fulfilling the high expectations in Turkey.

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	4	23.0	14/27	2/3	14/28	7.3	1.0	12.0
2020	FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tour. 2020	3	20.0	10/18	0/1	14/18	6.0	2.0	11.3







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	France - Germany	20:30	18:30
Saturday, 3 September 2022	Germany - Bosnia and Herzegovina	14:30	12:30
	Lithuania - France	17:15	15:15
	Hungary - Slovenia	20:30	18:30
Sunday, 4 September 2022	Lithuania - Germany	14:30	12:30
	Slovenia - Bosnia and Herzegovina	17:15	15:15
	France - Hungary	20:30	18:30
Tuesday, 6 September 2022	Bosnia and Herzegovina - France	14:30	12:30
	Hungary - Lithuania	17:15	15:15
	Germany - Slovenia	20:30	18:30
Wednesday, 7 September 2022	Lithuania - Bosnia and Herzegovina	14:30	12:30
	France - Slovenia	17:15	15:15
	Hungary - Germany	20:30	18:30



TROUBLES BEYOND THE BASKETBALL COURT

Bosnia and Herzegovina have zero issues when it comes to their on court performances. They have been a fun team to watch, their stands are usually packed to the rafters and louder than most places, and there is so much potential for future success, with the likes of Dzanan Musa and Jusuf Nurkic entering the primes of their careers.

But it all could be irrelevant. The Basketball Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina announced earlier in the summer that lack of funds could prevent the nation from playing at FIBA EuroBasket 2022, as the Federation cannot cover all the costs for the training camp and the Final Round itself.

One could say the signs were there off the court, with previous coach Vedran Bosnic leaving the team abruptly after the Federation could not guarantee they would meet all of his demands ahead of the training camp. The national team was quick to react and brought in Adis Beciragic, a legendary player from the 1990s, a man who sat next to Bogdan Tanjevic for six years as his assistant coach, a man whose dream was to one day become the national team coach in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Beciragic put together a respectable roster, with the first two cuts coming even before the team started their training camp for the FIBA EuroBasket 2022. The rules allow only one naturalized player, which is why John Roberson is on the list, and also why Luka Garza and Amar Alibegovic were taken off the list. Garza and Alibegovic were both born

in the United States, both in BIH families, but could not represent BIH because of their US passports. To make it even more of a family matter, Garza and Alibegovic are cousins.

Even without them, Bosnia and Herzegovina still have a deep frontcourt, with Nurkic, Miralem Halilovic and Emir Sulejmanovic. Roberson will do his part on and off the ball, since BIH have a primary creator and facilitator in Musa, the reigning MVP of the season in the strongest domestic league in all of Europe, the Spanish Liga Endesa.

There will be no lack of athleticism whichever way coach Beciragic goes, and don't be surprised to see lineups with all five players taller than 2.00. This is similar to what Bosnia and Herzegovina did in 1993, when they had their best result in FIBA EuroBasket history, reaching the Quarter-Finals in Germany, with Beciragic on the team, and Sabahudin Dino Bilalovic ending up as the top scorer of the entire event with 24.6 points per game.

Since then, BIH could not get a top ten finish at the continental summit. Maybe their dominant FIBA EuroBasket 2022 Qualifiers campaign, their safe passage to the FIBA Basketball World Cup 2023 European Qualifiers Second Round, and the fact they have a pair of superstars in Nurkic and Musa sends them back to the Quarter-Finals once more, in spite of all the off-court troubles.

By Igor Curkovic



Year	Event	Place	Achievement
2021	Olympics	Tokyo (JPN)	Did not qualify
2019	FIBA Basketball World Cup	Beijing (CHN)	Did not qualify
2017	FIBA EuroBasket	Istanbul (TUR)	Did not qualify
2016	Olympics	Rio de Janeiro (BRA)	Did not qualify
2015	FIBA EuroBasket	Lille (FRA)	23rd
2014	FIBA Basketball World Cup	Madrid (ESP)	Did not qualify
2013	FIBA EuroBasket	Ljubljana (SLO)	12th
2012	Olympics	London (GBR)	Did not qualify
2011	FIBA EuroBasket	Kaunas (LTU)	19th
2010	FIBA Basketball World Cup	Istanbul (TUR)	Did not qualify

FIBA EuroBasket 2022 Qualifiers Accumulated Stats

Adin VRABAC

Jusuf NURKIC

Ajdin PENAVA

Ismet SEJFIC

Djordje TOPOLOVIC

Coach: Adis BECIRAGIC

Kenan KAMENJAS

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Portland Trail Blazers (USA)

Belfius Mons-Hainaut (BEL)

SC Derby (MNE)

07/07/01 Vrijednosnice Osijek (CRO)

07/09/93 Podgorica (MNE)

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Name	G	Min	M/A	%	M/A	%	M/A	%	M/A	%	0	D	Tot	AST	T0	STL	BLK	PF	PTS
Emir SULEJMANOVIC	6	25.9	27/54	50.0	17/33	51.5	10/21	47.6	8/12	66.7	2.2	6.7	8.8	2.0	1.3	1.8	0.7	2.7	12.0
Aleksandar LAZIC	6	23.0	16/34	47.1	8/15	53.3	8/19	42.1	8/11	72.7	0.5	2.8	3.3	1.0	1.5	0.8	0.2	2.0	8.0
Adin VRABAC	6	12.5	8/16	50.0	8/14	57.1	0/2	0.0	7/11	63.6	0.7	1.8	2.5	0.2	1.0	0.8	0.2	1.7	3.8
John ROBERSON	4	31.1	13/34	38.2	3/10	30.0	10/24	41.7	10/10	100.0	0.3	1.3	1.5	6.8	3.8	0.8	0.3	2.0	11.5
Edin ATIC	4	30.0	20/53	37.7	12/25	48.0	8/28	28.6	8/15	53.3	1.0	4.8	5.8	2.8	1.8	0.8	8.0	2.8	14.0
Kenan KAMENJAS	4	28.1	28/37	75.7	27/36	75.0	1/1	100.0	7/12	58.3	3.3	4.5	7.8	1.5	0.5	0.3	0.5	2.8	16.0
Amar GEGIC	4	25.8	9/24	37.5	8/17	47.1	1/7	14.3	5/6	83.3	1.3	2.3	3.5	5.0	1.3	1.3	8.0	2.5	6.0
Milan MILOSEVIC	4	16.8	14/32	43.8	13/23	56.5	1/9	11.1	4/8	50.0	2.0	2.5	4.5	8.0	1.0	0.3	0.0	1.8	8.3
Muhamed PASALIC	4	15.6	5/15	33.3	4/7	57.1	1/8	12.5	1/1	100.0	0.5	0.5	1.0	1.3	0.3	0.0	0.0	1.3	3.0
Sani CAMPARA	4	13.0	6/13	46.2	3/6	50.0	3/7	42.9	4/6	66.7	0.0	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	0.3	0.0	1.3	4.8
Ajdin PENAVA	4	11.0	9/17	52.9	6/13	46.2	3/4	75.0	5/9	55.6	1.3	3.3	4.5	0.0	0.5	0.0	8.0	2.3	6.5
Miralem HALILOVIC	2	28.8	10/23	43.5	10/23	43.5	0/0	0.0	2/7	28.6	3.5	5.0	8.5	0.0	3.0	1.0	0.0	2.5	11.0
Filip ADAMOVIC	2	26.1	3/9	33.3	2/3	66.7	1/6	16.7	2/2	100.0	0.0	2.0	2.0	3.5	2.5	3.0	0.0	1.5	4.5
Andrija STIPANOVIC	2	10.4	1/7	14.3	1/6	16.7	0/1	0.0	1/4	25.0	1.0	2.5	3.5	1.5	0.5	0.0	0.0	2.5	1.5
Haris DELALIC	2	3.6	0/1	0.0	0/0	0.0	0/1	0.0	1/2	50.0	0.0	0.5	0.5	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5
Jure ZUBAC	2	1.0	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Tihomir VRANJES	2	1.0	0/1	0.0	0/1	0.0	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Amar ALIBEGOVIC	1	2.3	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0/2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Ismet SEJFIC	1	1.9	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0
Team/Coaches											1.3	1.5	2.8	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.2	
TOTALS		307.9	169/370	45.7	122/232	52.6	47/138	34.1	73/118	61.9	12.8	29.8	42.7	17.7	13.7	7.2	3.0	19.7	76.3

COACHAdis BECIRAGIC



Nationality: Bosnian
Date of Birth: 18/06/70
Place of Birth: Sarajevo
Team 2021-22: -

Club Career: Ulkerspor (assistant coach, Turkey-TBL, 2005-06); Galatasaray (assistant coach, Turkey-TBL, 2006-09); Antalya Kepez (Turkey-TBL, 2009-11); Darussafaka (Turkey-TBL, 2011-13); Gaziantep (Turkey-TBL, 2013); Selcuk (Turkey-TBL, 2014); Konyaspor (Turkey-TBL, 2014-16); Kombassan Konya (Turkey-TBL, 2018); Usak Sportif (Turkey-TBL, 2018-19); Peja (Kosovo-Super-

liga, 2020); Golden Eagle Ylli (Kosovo-Superliga, 2020-)

International Career: Turkey (Assistant Coach, 2004-10); Iraq (Head Coach; 2020-22); Bosnia and Herzegovina (Head Coach, 2022-)

A lifelong dream is realized. Adis Beciragic was a notable national team player back in the 1990s, part of the team that reached the Quarter-Finals of FIBA EuroBasket 1993 in Germany, but also a point guard who always knew he wanted to be a coach. He served as Bogdan Tanjevic's assistant for a long time in Turkey, opening up possibilities for his own head coaching career one day, and he grew from strength to strength in Kosovo, winning back-to-back titles with Golden Eagle Ylli in 2021 and 2022. Coach Beciragic came through Bosna Sarajevo's academy as part of an extremely talented generation that also had Predrag Danilovic, Nenad Markovic and his current assistant coach Gordan Firic.

Jusuf NURKIC





Height: 2.13
Position: Center
Date of Birth: 23/08/94
Place of Birth: Zivinice

Team 2021-22: Portland Trail Blazers (USA-NBA) Career: Cedevita (Croatia-HKL, 2012-14); Zadar (Croatia-HKL, 2013); Denver Nuggets (USA-NBA, 2014-17); Portland Trail Blazers (USA-NBA; 2017-)

Twitter: bosnianbeast27
Instagram: bosnianbeast27

Jusuf Nurkic is finally set to make his major tournament debut for BIH, just weeks after turning 28. Nurkic already played for the team in various Qualifiers, including the one before the last EuroBasket, when he averaged 19.2 points and 13.5 rebounds per game, living up to his Bosnian Beast moniker. Another late bloomer, Nurkic began playing basketball when his father, a former police officer, beat up 14 people and made the news in BIH, with agents and coaches asking if that giant had a son. Jusuf's younger brother is also a big guy, and their grandpa was so strong he once grabbed a bull by the horns and threw him down.

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YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	2	25.0	10/19	0/2	19/26	12.0	2.5	19.5
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017 Qualifiers	4	29.0	24/57	0/1	29/42	13.5	1.5	19.3
2013	FIBA EuroBasket 2013 Qualifiers	3	10.0	2/7	0/1	2/2	3.0	0.3	2.0

Sani CAMPARA



Height: 1.89
Position: Point Guard
Date of Birth: 03/03/99
Place of Birth: Sarajevo
Team 2021-22: Split (Croatia-HKL)

Career: Spars Sarajevo (BIH-PBIH, 2015-16); Palencia (Spain-ACB League, 2017-18); MoraBanc

Andorra (Spain-ACB League, 2018); Sloboda Tuzla (BIH-PBIH, 2019-20); Split (Croatia-HKL, 2020-22)

Instagram: sani_champyy12

Along with Dzanan Musa and Njegos Sikiras, Sani Campara was a part of the three-headed monster at the FIBA U16 European Championship in 2015, sending BIH all the way to the top. Campara had a brief adventure in Spain, but grew from season to season back home, in the Adriatic League, spending the last two seasons with Split, mostly as the backup point guard. He won't go too far this summer, moving to next door neighbors Zadar for another Adriatic League season, where he will try and get even more of his specialty - long range buzzer beating threes.

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YEAR (COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023 I	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	1	9.0	0/0	0/0	1/2	1.0	0.0	1.0
2021 I	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	4	13.0	3/6	3/7	4/6	1.3	1.3	4.8
2019 I	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	4	16.0	4/6	5/10	2/2	1.3	1.0	6.3

Amar GEGIC



Height: 2.00
Position: Point Guard
Date of Birth: 14/02/98
Place of Birth: Stuttgart (GER)
Team 2021-22: Cibona (Croatia-HKL)

Career: Spars Sarajevo (BIH-PBIH, 2012-16); Bayern Munich (Germany-BBL, 2016-18); Partizan NIS (Serbia-KLS, 2018-19); Sloboda Tuzla (BIH-PBIH, 2019-20); Spars Sarajevo (BIH-PBIH, 2020-21); Cibona (Croatia-HKL, 2021-22)

Twitter: gegamali Instagram: gegatron23

The most physically gifted guard on this roster, Amar Gegic is capable of covering point guard duties for Bosnia and Herzegovina, something that he did efficiently in Cibona en route to the 2022 double crown in Croatia. Gegic averaged 14.3 points, 4.4 rebounds and 3.6 assists in 24 appearances in the Adriatic League last season, comfortably his best as a pro. With John Roberson being the first option for point guard duties, look for Gegic to do a bit of everything when Roberson is taking a breather. A former Bayern member himself, Gegic is a big fan of the club's soccer section.

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	6	23.0	19/27	2/17	8/14	3.2	2.5	8.7
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	4	26.0	8/17	1/7	5/6	3.5	5.0	6.0
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	10	16.0	17/37	1/9	7/14	1.7	2.5	4.4
2017	FIBA B. WC 2019 EU Pre-Qualifiers	6	14.0	10/14	1/5	3/6	1.8	2.0	4.3



Dzanan MUSA



Height: 2.06
Position: Small Forward
Date of Birth: 08/05/99
Place of Birth: Bihac

Team 2021-22: Rio Breogan (Spain-ACB League) Career: Cedevita (Croatia-HKL, 2015-18); Brooklyn Nets (USA-NBA, 2018-20); Long Island Nets (USA-G League, 2018-20); Anadolu Efes (Turkey-TBL, 2021); Rio Breogan (Spain-ACB League, 2021-22)

Twitter: DzMusa Instagram: dzananmusa

The boy wonder is a grown man now. Dzanan Musa took the continent by storm when he led Bosnia and Herzegovina to the title in the FIBA U16 European Championship back in 2015, where he was named the MVP of the entire event. He needed a couple of detours to find himself again, and a move to Rio Breogan turned out to be a successful one, as Musa became the fan favorite there, while winning the Liga Endesa MVP award, along with the Liga Endesa top scorer honors. The biggest trophy came in mid-July. Musa signed a two-year deal with Real Madrid, getting a chance to lead a team at the highest of levels. He always had that in him, now it's time to prove it with one of the biggest clubs in Europe.

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	TOTALE TELLITORING								
YEAF	R COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	6	27.0	13/29	10/29	32/42	2.5	3.8	14.7
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	6	31.0	18/33	9/39	28/44	3.8	2.8	15.2
2017	FIBA B. WC 2019 EU Pre-Qualifiers	6	29.0	23/37	18/40	37/45	3.3	2.5	22.8
2017	FIRA FuroBasket 2017 Qualifiers	4	24.0	9/14	3/13	6/10	5.5	1.3	8.3

Edin ATIC



Height: 2.01
Position: Shooting Guard
Date of Birth: 19/01/97
Place of Birth: Bugojno

Team 2021-22: Buducnost (Montenegro-Prva A) Career: Spars Sarajevo (BIH-PBIH, 2013-15); AEK (Greece-A1, 2015-18); Mega Basket (Serbia-KLS, 2018-20); Igokea (BIH-PBIH, 2020-21), Buducnost (Montenegro-Prva A, 2021-)

Instagram: edinatic97

Edin Atic showed promise as a kid in Spars Sarajevo, so it was of no wonder that AEK Athens pulled the trigger when he was 18. However, it was around the time when AEK went into heavy investment and got a lot of international players, which often saw Atic out of the lineup due to the number of import players. Atic went back to the region, signing with Mega, then Igokea, and finally Buducnost. A 35-percent shooter from deep, with a solid leaping ability to grab 5 boards in 19 minutes per game, Atic is a perfect role player.

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YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	6	28.0	10/29	8/31	9/10	6.2	3.5	8.8
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	4	30.0	12/25	8/28	8/15	5.8	2.8	14.0
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	11	27.0	33/63	13/45	16/33	3.9	2.7	11.0
2017	FIBA B. WC 2019 EU Pre-Qualifiers	6	22.0	12/25	8/16	9/14	5.0	1.5	9.5

Aleksandar LAZIC



Height: 2.06
Position: Small Forward
Date of Birth: 10/06/96
Place of Birth: Vlasenica

Team 2021-22: Mornar (Montenegro-Prva A)
Career: Olimpija (Slovenia-SKL, 2012-15); Slovan (Slovenia-SKL, 2013-14); Skofja Loka (Slovenia-SKL, 2014-15); Dynamic (Serbia-KLS, 2016-17); Mega Basket (Serbia-KLS, 2017-18); Olimpija (Slovenia-SKL, 2018-19); Sixt Primorska (Slovenia-SLK, 2019-20); Mornar (Montenegro-Prva A, 2020-22)

Another long time soccer player, Aleksandar Lazic grew into his body and turned to basketball as a 15-year-old. Lazic almost immediately made the switch to Olimpija in Ljubljana, Slovenia, and began developing the working habits of a true team player, with physicality, defense and spot up shooting, which got to new heights in his Mega Basket season with coach Dejan Milojevic. He spent the last two seasons in Bar with Mornar, and he solved his contract situation before joining the training camp. Aleksandar will join Buducnost after FIBA EuroBasket 2022.

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YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	6	19.0	7/16	4/14	2/2	2.8	0.8	4.7
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	6	23.0	8/15	8/19	8/11	3.3	1.0	8.0
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	10	20.0	13/21	9/21	10/13	3.4	0.6	6.3
2017	FIBA B. WC 2019 EU Pre-Qualifiers	6	23.0	4/12	8/21	2/2	3.3	1.5	5.7

Haris DELALIC



Height: 2.03 Position: Power Forward Date of Birth: 24/04/94 Place of Birth: Sarajevo

Team 2021-22: Sloboda Tuzla (BIH-PBIH)

Career: Bosna (BIH-PBIH, 2013-15); Kakanj (BIH-PBIH, 2015-16); Bosna (BIH-PBIH, 2016-17); Proximus Spirou (Belgium-PBL, 2017-18); Leuven Bears (Belgium-PBL, 2018-19); Proximus Spirou (Belgium-PBL, 2019-20); Celik Zenica (BIH-PBIH, 2020-21); Sloboda Tuzla (BIH-PBIH, 2021-)

Instagram: harisdelalic

In a loaded front court, Haris Delalic will try to find his way into rotation with confidence and experience. Delalic can create off the dribble, he can shoot the ball, and it's just the question of whether he can make a contribution without being the main offensive option, as he was in Sloboda Tuzla last season. He is also on the move over the summer, a solid 15.5 points, 5.6 rebounds, 37.8 percent shooting from deep season earned him a contract with BIH's perennial champions Igokea. This FIBA EuroBasket is also a chance to play alongside his best friend Emir Sulejmanovic one more time.

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	2	4.0	0/0	0/1	1/2	0.5	0.0	0.5
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	3	11.0	1/3	2/4	3/5	1.0	0.7	3.7

Miralem HALILOVIC



Height: 2.08
Position: Power Forward
Date of Birth: 22/07/91
Place of Birth: Tuzla

Team 2021-22: Boulogne-Levallois (France-LNB) Career: Sloboda Tuzla (BIH-PBIH, 2007-2010); Zagreb (Croatia-HKL, 2010-14); Dzukija (Lithuania-LKL, 2014); Zagreb (Croatia-HKL, 2015); Krka Novo Mesto (Slovenia-SKL, 2015); Zagreb (Croatia-HKL, 2015-16); Sibenik (Croatia-HKL, 2016-17); Orleans (France-LNB Pro B, 2017-20); Boulogne-Levallois (France-LNB Pro A, 2020-22)

Instagram: halilmiralemovic

The captain of the team had a unique story. Numerous tries in Croatia did not work out to propel him to the next level, so instead Miralem Halilovic went for a French Second Division club. That turned out to be the best decision of his life, in three years with Orleans, he became a club legend, and the most responsible player for Orleans promotion to top division. Miralem settled with Boulogne-Levallois for a couple of seasons, but this summer he joined the list of BIH players with new clubs. He's staying in France, Nanterre 92 is the name of his new club.

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YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	5	27.0	37/65	0/0	8/17	7.0	1.8	16.4
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	2	29.0	10/23	0/0	2/7	8.5	0.0	11.0
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	6	29.0	35/69	0/0	5/9	8.8	2.3	12.5
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017 Qualifiers	3	20.0	9/14	0/0	5/8	5.3	1.3	7.7
2015	FIBA EuroBasket 2015 2nd Qual, Round	3	7.0	0/2	0/0	0/0	2.0	0.7	0.0

Adin VRABAC



Height: 2.05
Position: Power Forward
Date of Birth: 27/01/94
Place of Birth: Sarajevo

Team 2021-22: GGMT Vienna (Austrija-BSL)

Career: Spars Sarajevo (BIH-PBIH, 2013-14); Gladiators Treves (Germany-BBL, 2014-15); Partizan NIS (Serbia-KLS, 2015-17); Tenerife (Spain-ACB, 2017); Hamburg Towers (Germany-BBL, 2018); Spars Sarajevo (BIH-PBIH, 2018-20); Krka Novo Mesto (Slovenia-SKL, 2020-21); GGMT Vienna (Austria-BSL, 2021-22)

The Birdman still flies. Adin Vrabac, whose last name means "a sparrow" in Bosnian, showed extremely fun athleticism as a kid, and had a contract with the Serbian juggernauts Partizan back in 2015. However, he could not take his game to the next level back then. A few step backs were needed to refresh his career, and he's back on the right track after a season with 12.5 points and 4.4 rebounds per game in Austria. He will move to Belfius Mons-Hainaut, joining Ajdin Penava and former BIH coach Vedran Bosnic once more.

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YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	5	13.0	3/7	1/7	0/0	0.8	1.0	1.8
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	6	13.0	8/14	0/2	7/11	2.5	0.2	3.8
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	11	20.0	19/39	3/15	8/13	3.3	1.1	5.0
2017	FIBA B. WC 2019 EU Pre-Qualifiers	6	22.0	19/39	4/21	9/14	4.8	1.8	9.8
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017 Qualifiers	3	14.0	2/6	0/3	0/2	3.0	0.0	1.3

Emir SULEJMANOVIC



Height: 2.06
Position: Power Forward
Date of Birth: 13/07/95
Place of Birth: Zepa

Team 2021-22: Tenerife (Spain-ACB League)
Career: Olimpija (Slovenia-SKL, 2011-13); Barcelona (Spain-ACB League, 2013-16); Orlandina (Italy-LBA, 2015); Cibona (Croatia-HKL, 2016-17); Fuenlabrada (Spain-ACB League, 2017-19); Rio Breogan (Spain-ACB League, 2017-19); Bilbao (Spain-ACB League, 2019-20); Tenerife (Spain-ACB League, 2019-20); Tenerife (Spain-ACB League, 2019-20);

Twitter: sulejmanovic19 Instagram: sulejmanovic19

The kid born in the woods of Srebrenica is all grown up now. To say Emir Sulejmanovic had to face adversity growing up would be an understatement, his mother gave birth to him while they were fleeing war torn Zepa in 1995, and he only met his father when they reached Finland a year later. For Sulejmanovic, who grew up in Finland, representing BIH was the only option in international basketball. He plays to honor Srebrenica, to honor his late mother, and to prove that anything is possible. He won the BCL with Tenerife last season, but he left the club over the summer, signing his second deal with Bilbao Basket.

ACB League, 2020-22)

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YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	6	25.0	12/18	8/21	4/6	5.5	1.5	8.7
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	6	26.0	17/33	10/21	8/12	8.8	2.0	12.0
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	7	15.0	12/18	3/8	8/9	5.6	0.4	5.9
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017 Qualifiers	1	2.0	0/2	0/0	0/0	1.0	0.0	0.0

Kenan KAMENJAS



Height: 2.07
Position: Center
Date of Birth: 17/01/00
Place of Birth: Sarajevo

Team 2021-22: SC Derby (Montenegro-Prva A)
Career: Spars Sarajevo (BIH-PBIH, 2017-21); SC
Derby (Montenegro-Prva A, 2021-22)

Instagram: Kameniiiii

Big arms, big hands, big body, big dunks, just like his idol Nikola Pekovic. Kenan Kamenjas doesn't care who's on the other side, he'll go for the posters at any costs, and his entire Instagram profile is like a virtual museum of his best dunks. Even though he's only 22, Kamenjas is already taking care of what's coming up next for BIH, creating the Kenan Kamenjas Basketball Camp, which is in year two of its existence. The motivation behind it is the fact that Kenan had nothing similar as a kid. In fact, he was a soccer player who only switched to basketball just weeks before his 15th birthday.

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	6	19.0	20/35	0/0	6/8	4.3	0.8	7.7
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	4	28.0	27/36	1/1	7/12	7.8	1.5	16.0
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 FU Qual.	1	1.0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0.0	0.0	0.0



John ROBERSON



Height: 1.80 **Position:** Point Guard **Date of Birth: 28/10/88**

Place of Birth: Kansas City, Kansas (USA)

Team 2021-22: SIG Strasbourg (France-LNB Pro A) Career: Zlatorog Lasko (Slovenia-SKL, 2011); South Carolina Warriors (USA-ABA, 2011-12); ComuniKT (Ecuador-LEB, 2012); Monthey (Switzerland-LNB, 2012); Sodertalje Kings (Sweden-SBL, 2012-14); Atomeromu (Hungary-NB I/A, 2014); Sodertalje Kings (Sweden-SBL, 2014-15); Elan Chalon (France-LNB Pro A. 2015-17); ASVEL

(France-LNB Pro A, 2017-18); Enisey (Russia-VTB, 2018-19); South East Melbourne Phoenix (Australia-NBL, 2019-20); Galatasaray (Turkey-TBL, 2020); Estudiantes (Spain-ACB League, 2020-21), SIG Strasbourg (France-LNB Pro A, 2021-22)

Twitter: JDRIV03

Record for most threes in a game in FIBA Europe Cup, record for most threes in a EuroCup game, record for most threes in a season in Australia... You get a sense what John Roberson's game is all about. The former SIG Strasbourg guard will play for Manisa in Turkey next season, and continue his journey all over the world. Roberson admits he wasn't a true point guard before he arrived in Europe, but that shouldn't concern BIH at all. With Dzanan Musa as a creator, Roberson's job could be to just catch and shoot. Then, we could talk about the FIBA EuroBasket threes record in September.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	4	28.0	3/8	13/31	4/4	2.0	3.5	12.3
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	4	31.0	3/10	10/24	10/10	1.5	6.8	11.5

Ajdin PENAVA



Height: 2.06 **Position:** Center **Date of Birth: 11/03/97** Place of Birth: Sarajevo

Team 2021-22: Belfius Mons-Hainaut (Belgium-PBL)

Career: Marshall University (USA-NCAA, 2015-18); Baskonia (Spain-ACB, 2018-20); Belfius Mons-Hainaut (Belgium-PBL, 2020-)

Twitter: ajdinpenava Instagram: penava11

You can always tell a lot about a player based on his childhood heroes or role models, but when a person says he looked up to Michael Jordan, Mirza Teletovic, Damir Mrsic and Tracy McGrady, it's a wild mix, for sure. Ajdin Penava grew up in Sarajevo, but moved to the United States to attend Marshall University, setting an absurd NCAA Division I leading average of 4.9 blocks per game in 34 appearances. He signed with Baskonia after his junior year, but could not crack the rotation in Spain. Instead, he found a home in Belgium, spending the last two seasons with Mons-Hainaut, with former national team coach Vedran Bosnic as his playcaller.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	1	9.0	1/1	1/2	0/0	1.0	0.0	5.0
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	4	11.0	6/13	3/4	5/9	4.5	0.0	6.5

Ismet SEJFIC



Height: 2.08 **Position:** Center Date of Birth: 07/09/93 Place of Birth: Prozor-Rama

Team 2021-22: Podgorica (Montenegro-Prva A) Career: Izmir Buyuksehir Belediyesi (Turkey-TBL, 2012-13); Bosna (BIH-PBIH, 2014-15); Student Mostar (BIH-PBIH, 2015-16); PVSK Pecs (Hungary-NB I/A, 2016-17); JP-Auto Jaszbereny KSE (Hungary-NB I/A, 2017-18); Sencur (Slovenia-SKL, 2018-19); Sutjeska (Montenegro-Prva A, 2019-21); Podgorica (Montenegro-Prva A; 2021-22)

Instagram: sejfic21

There are big guys, and then there's Ismet Seific. Listed at 125kg, Seific is a walking mountain, but his coaches and teammates say that a big body is needed for his gigantic heart, which he displays every time he steps on the court. Don't be surprised to see him diving for loose balls, and you know that coach Adis Beciragic is in love with him when he booked his contract with Golden Eagle Ylli in Kosovo for 2022-23. Sejfic averaged 8.8 points and 7.7 rebounds in 13 games in the Second Division of the Adriatic League last season.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	1	1.0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	1	2.0	0/0	0/0	0/0	1.0	0.0	0.0
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	2	4.0	0/3	0/0	1/4	1.0	0.0	0.5
2017	FIBA B. WC 2019 EU Pre-Qualifiers	6	10.0	6/15	0/0	8/11	2.8	0.7	3.3

Djordje TOPOLOVIC



Height: 2.08 **Position:** Center Date of Birth: 07/07/01 Place of Birth: Saraievo

Team 2021-22: Vrijednosnice Osijek (Croatia-HKL) Career: Igokea (BIH-PBIH, 2019-20); Vrijednos-

nice Osijek (Croatia-HKL, 2020-) Instagram: djordje.topolovic

With Igokea having a loaded frontcourt and dominating with their physicality in the Basketball Champions League, the Adriatic League and the BIH championship. Diordie Topolovic left the club in search of a bigger role and found it in Croatia. He had 8.2 points and 3.8 rebounds in his first season in Osijek, then exploded for 15.5 points and 6.9 rebounds, while knocking down 39.4 percent of his shots from deep in 2021-22. Topolovic is living up to the numbers he posted at the U18 level for BIH, when he had 13.9 points and 7.4 rebounds per game in the FIBA U18 European Championship, Division B 2019.

FRANCE READY TO BOUNCE BACK

The wounds have healed up. In the last couple of years, France took bronze and silver at the FIBA Basketball World Cup and the Olympic Games after a horrendous ending to FIBA EuroBasket 2017. It was the worst position for Les Bleus in this competition since 1963 as they lost to Germany in the Round of 16. After finishing in 12th place, France are eager to get back to where they belong — on the podium.

They will be led by none other than Vincent Collet. A legendary coach is up for his 13th straight campaign with the national team and seems to be keeping up with the always-changing game of basketball — he won the Coach of the Year nomination in the domestic league this season, steering Metropolitans 92 towards a third place finish.

Collet has a job of sticking together one of the strongest groups of players on paper into a well-oiled machine. Five names are coming from the NBA, while the other eight will play in EuroLeague next season. Depth will not be a problem.

The 'Stifle Tower' Rudy Gobert is missing only a gold medal with France. A six-time All-NBA First Defensive Team member is fresh off a trade to the Minnesota Timberwolves after another less than convincing run in the NBA Playoffs. However, do not be fooled – when the game is played by the FIBA rules, the center's impact on court tends to grow from huge to dominant.

When he is on the bench, French will have plenty of substitutions to choose from. And boy do they have options! Big men Vincent Poirier and EuroCup MVP Mouhammadou Jaiteh are ready to step in and make sure the supporters do not feel the absence of Gobert.

The main scoring duties will probably be split between Evan Fournier and Elie Okobo. If the New York Knicks guard is a familiar name among the top scorers for France, Okobo will make his debut with the senior national team at the Final Round. After averaging 18.9 points in the FIBA U20 European Championship six years ago, he never made the final selection due to his voyages between the NBA and the G League. The 31st pick of the 2018 NBA Draft finally had a breakout season in Europe and, collectively with Fournier, should carry France with their perimeter scoring.

The wing position will be taken care of by the likes of Guerschon Yabusele, Timothy Luwawu-Cabarrot, William Howard and Isaiah Cordinier. The all-around Yabusele, 3-and-D wing Luwawu-Cabarrot, sharpshooter Howard and slasher Cordinier should each provide some versatility around the key building blocks of Gobert and Fournier.

Questions surround the point guard situation. Will scoring-first Thomas Heurtel be in shape after his season was cut short? Can he bring the best out of his teammates? Can defensive beast Frank Ntilikina control the team and penalize opponents from three-point land? France's success might hide behind the performance of these playmakers.

Collet has the know-how of winning EuroBasket gold. And, if France play their cards right, not only they are going to prove that their 12th place finish was a fluke, but also be serious contenders to stand on the podium once again.

By Augustas Suliauskas



Last 10 FIBA Events

Year	Event	Place	Achievement
2021	Olympics	Tokyo (JPN)	Silver
2019	FIBA Basketball World Cup	Beijing (CHN)	Bronze
2017	FIBA EuroBasket	Istanbul (TUR)	12th
2016	Olympics	Rio de Janeiro (BRA)	6th
2015	FIBA EuroBasket	Lille (FRA)	Bronze
2014	FIBA Basketball World Cup	Madrid (ESP)	Bronze
2013	FIBA EuroBasket	Ljubljana (SLO)	Gold
2012	Olympics	London (GBR)	6th
2011	FIBA EuroBasket	Kaunas (LTU)	Silver
2010	FIBA Basketball World Cup	Istanbul (TUR)	13th

FIBA EuroBasket 2022 Qualifiers Accumulated Stats

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Evan FOURNIER

Isaiah CORDINIER

William HOWARD

Guerschon YABUSELE

Mouhammadou JAITEH

Ismael KAMAGATE

Vincent POIRIER

Amath M'BAYE

Rudy GOBERT

Terry TARPEY

Timothy LUWAWU-CABARROT

SG/PG

SG/SF

SF/SG

SF/SG

SF/SG

PF/SF

23/10/97

09/05/95

02/03/94

26/06/92

29/10/92 New York Knicks (USA)

Atlanta Hawks (USA)

Sarthe Le Mans

14/12/89 Pinar Karsiyaka Izmir (TUR)

Utah Jazz (USA)

28/11/96 Virtus Bologna (ITA)

25/10/93 LDLC ASVEL

17/12/95 Real Madrid (SPA)

27/11/94 Virtus Bologna (ITA)

17/01/01 Paris Basketball

17/10/93 Real Madrid (SPA)

			FG		2PT	FG	3PT	FG	F	T		REB							
Name	G	Min	M/A	%	M/A	%	M/A	%	M/A	%	0	D	Tot	AST	T0	STL	BLK	PF	PTS
Amath M'BAYE	6	22.4	20/42	47.6	14/21	66.7	6/21	28.6	11/17	64.7	1.0	2.8	3.8	1.3	1.2	0.7	0.2	2.5	9.5
Axel BOUTEILLE	6	20.1	10/37	27.0	2/13	15.4	8/24	33.3	6/7	85.7	1.0	1.7	2.7	1.0	0.2	0.7	0.3	1.2	5.7
Isaia CORDINIER	6	19.1	18/31	58.1	16/21	76.2	2/10	20.0	8/10	80.0	0.7	3.7	4.3	0.5	1.2	0.7	0.7	3.3	7.7
Yakuba OUATTARA	6	18.3	23/48	47.9	17/30	56.7	6/18	33.3	8/9	88.9	1.7	1.5	3.2	1.2	0.8	0.7	0.0	8.0	10.0
Axel JULIEN	6	15.0	10/26	38.5	7/10	70.0	3/16	18.8	0/0	0.0	0.2	1.8	2.0	2.7	1.3	1.0	0.0	1.3	3.8
Alexandre CHASSANG	6	14.9	13/29	44.8	11/21	52.4	2/8	25.0	1/2	50.0	1.0	1.5	2.5	0.7	1.5	1.0	0.7	3.5	4.8
Lahaou KONATE	6	10.3	6/16	37.5	4/11	36.4	2/5	40.0	6/6	100.0	1.2	1.0	2.2	0.0	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.7	3.3
Andrew ALBICY	4	26.5	7/18	38.9	5/6	83.3	2/12	16.7	6/8	75.0	0.3	2.3	2.5	5.5	2.5	1.0	0.0	1.3	5.5
Mathias LESSORT	4	20.0	14/24	58.3	14/24	58.3	0/0	0.0	17/29	58.6	2.3	2.0	4.3	1.0	3.0	1.0	1.0	2.5	11.3
David MICHINEAU	4	15.6	12/28	42.9	12/27	44.4	0/1	0.0	4/4	100.0	0.5	1.0	1.5	2.0	1.8	1.0	0.0	1.8	7.0
Jerry BOUTSIELE	4	15.2	8/18	44.4	8/18	44.4	0/0	0.0	3/7	42.9	1.3	0.8	2.0	0.8	1.5	0.3	0.5	2.0	4.8
Thomas HEURTEL	2	22.6	8/20	40.0	5/8	62.5	3/12	25.0	2/2	100.0	0.0	2.5	2.5	6.0	1.5	1.0	0.0	0.5	10.5
Moustapha FALL	2	20.7	8/10	80.0	8/10	80.0	0/0	0.0	2/4	50.0	3.0	4.0	7.0	1.5	2.0	0.5	2.5	3.0	9.0
Guerschon YABUSELE	2	18.8	11/18	61.1	8/13	61.5	3/5	60.0	3/5	60.0	1.5	2.5	4.0	1.0	1.0	1.5	0.5	2.5	14.0
Hugo INVERNIZZI	2	6.5	1/5	20.0	0/1	0.0	1/4	25.0	0/0	0.0	0.0	1.5	1.5	0.0	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.5	1.5
Nicolas LANG	1	13.1	1/2	50.0	0/0	0.0	1/2	50.0	0/0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	3.0
Maxime ROOS	1	12.1	3/3	100.0	1/1	100.0	2/2	100.0	1/1	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	2.0	0.0	4.0	9.0
Jonathan ROUSSELLE	1	7.9	0/3	0.0	0/1	0.0	0/2	0.0	0/0	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Team/Coaches											2.2	2.3	4.5	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	
TOTALS		299.1	173/378	45.8	132/236	55.9	41/142	28.9	78/111	70.3	13.2	24.0	37.2	16.8	14.8	8.8	3.8	21.3	77.5

COACHVincent COLLET



Nationality: French
Date of Birth: 06/06/63
Place of Birth: Sainte-Adresse

Team 2021-22: Metropolitans 92 Paris

(France-Pro A)

Club Career: Montivilliers (France-N3, 1980-81); Le Mans (France-Pro A, 1981-85); Caen (France-Pro A, 1985-86); ASVEL (France-Pro A, 1986-90); Le Mans (France-Pro A, 1990-94); Le Havre (France-Pro A, 1994-98) Club Career: Le Mans (France-Pro A, 2000-07); ASVEL (France-Pro A, 2008-10); SIG Strasbourg (France-Pro A, 2011-20);

Metropolitans 92 Paris (France-Pro A, 2021-22)

International Career: France (Assistant Coach, 2002-03); France (Head Coach, 2009-)

Three bronzes, two silvers and one gold. Vincent Collet's accomplishments with the France national team look out of this world. But a 13-year stint as a leading general saw some major failures as well. The most recent one — at EuroBasket five years ago, where one of the favorites could not find any rhythm and fell short to Germany in a Round of 16 matchup. Only three players from that roster will be at Collet's disposal this time around and you better believe the French head coach knows a recipe for a successful comeback. He is also coming off of a fantastic club season, where after changing seats from Strasbourg to Metropolitans 92, he was voted as a Coach Of the Year for a fifth time in his career.

Rudy GOBERT





Height: 2.16
Position: Center
Date of Birth: 26/06/92
Place of Birth: Saint-Quentin

Team 2021-22: New Orleans Pelicans (USA-NBA) **Career:** Cholet Basket (France-Pro A, 2011-13);

Utah Jazz (USA-NBA, 2013-22); **Twitter:** rudygobert27 **Instagram:** rudygobert27

Few players cause more trouble for attacking teams than Rudy Gobert. With the absence of the three-second rule in FIBA games, his impact in the paint skyrockets. The 2.16m Frenchman possesses one the biggest wingspans in all basketball (2.39m) and will be looking to earn a first gold medal with the national team. Rim protection, offensive and defensive rebounds, enormous lob threat on pick-and-rolls — these are a few of the ways Rudy affects the action. Yes, on offense he is subject to the efforts of his teammates, but this time there will be enough shooters around to make it smoother for everyone else. Gobert was recently traded away from the franchise that drafted him in 2013 and should not be lacking motivation to cement his national team legacy.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2020	Olympic Basketball Tournament 2020	6	26.0	28/44	0/0	17/31	9.3	1.2	12.2
2019	FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019	8	26.0	27/43	0/0	27/39	9.1	1.8	10.1
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	2	17.0	6/7	0/0	9/12	4.5	0.0	10.5
2016	Olympic Basketball Tournament 2016	6	20.0	10/22	0/0	14/25	7.2	0.2	5.7
2015	FIBA EuroBasket 2015	9	24.0	35/59	0/0	24/36	8.1	0.4	10.4

Thomas HEURTEL



Height: 1.89
Position: Point Guard
Date of Birth: 10/04/89
Place of Birth: Beziers

Team 2021-22: Real Madrid (Spain-ACB)

Career: Montpellier (France-Pro A, 2002-03); Pau-Orthez (France-Pro A, 2003-09); SIG Strasbourg (France-Pro A, 2009-10); Alicante (Spain-ACB League, 2010- 11); Baskonia Vitoria (Spain-ACB League, 2011-14); Anadolu Efes (Turkey-BSL, 2014-17); FC Barcelona (Spain-ACB League, 2017-21); Real Madrid (Spain-ACB League, 2021-22)

Instagram: thomas_heurtel

It was the off-court stuff more than his performances on the hardwood that made people talk about Thomas Heurtel in the last couple of years. First, FC Barcelona leaving the Frenchman in one of Europe's airports, then a speculated miscommunication with other Real Madrid players and staff that kept Thomas off the team for a short period. Nonetheless, nobody can question the point guard's talent - shifty, quick with the dribble and solid with the jump shot. France will lean on the veteran's experience at the 1 spot and hope that he can control the team and score a few on his own.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	2	23.0	5/8	3/12	2/2	2.5	6.0	10.5
2020	Olympic Basketball Tournament 2020	6	17.0	13/24	6/19	4/6	2.0	3.5	8.0
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	2	25.0	6/11	1/7	3/4	4.5	5.0	9.0
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017	6	25.0	15/21	8/18	11/12	3.5	4.5	10.8
2016	FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tour. 2016	4	17.0	8/17	4/11	3/4	1.5	3.0	7.8

Theo MALEDON



Height: 1.93 Position: Point Guard Date of Birth: 12/06/01 Place of Birth: Rouen

Team 2021-22: Oklahoma City Thunder (USA-NBA) **Career:** LDLC ASVEL (France-Pro A, 2017-20); Oklahoma City Thunder (USA-NBA, 2020-22)

Instagram: theomaledon

Theo Maledon is one of the brightest prospects in France. After being the 34th selection in the 2020 NBA Draft, the point guard surprised in his rookie season, averaging 10.1 points in 27 minutes of action for the Oklahoma City Thunder. The only real problem was efficiency — Maledon shot the ball at below 40-percent from the field. A tall guard with an incredible wingspan feels great in open court and has shown maturity in halfcourt possessions. FIBA EuroBasket 2022 will be the first senior tournament for him and France will need some leadership and team control from this young man.

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	2	20.0	6/12	4/8	7/10	3.5	2.5	15.5
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	2	17.0	4/7	1/4	0/0	2.0	0.5	5.5



Frank NTILIKINA



Height: 1.93
Position: Point Guard
Date of Birth: 28/07/98
Place of Birth: Ixelles (BEL)

Team 2021-22: Dallas Mavericks (USA-NBA) **Career:** SIG Strasbourg (France-Pro A, 2015-17);

New York Knicks (USA-NBA, 2017-21); Dallas Mavericks (USA-NBA, 2021-22)

Twitter: FrankLikina Instagram: Frank_Ntilikina



Another player with an insane wingspan (2.16m), Ntilikina, at the moment, is a defensive-minded guard with limited offensive game. He is yet to develop a valid outside shot and that has hurt his NBA performances so far. Frank was a FIBA U18 European Championship MVP in 2016 when France won gold. The future looked especially bright after being selected 8th overall in the 2017 NBA Draft, but the New York Knicks sent the playmaker out after four years of patience. While the situation with the Dallas Mavericks does not look much better, Ntilikina is ready to give France a boost off the bench, locking up opponents' best perimeter players on a nightly basis.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2020	Olympic Basketball Tournament 2020	4	10.0	1/4	2/7	0/0	1.0	1.8	2.0
2019	FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019	8	19.0	16/31	8/24	8/9	2.6	2.5	8.0

Elie OKOBO



Height: 1.91

Position: Shooting Guard/Point Guard

Date of Birth: 23/10/97
Place of Birth: Bordeaux

Team 2021-22: LDLC ASVEL (France-Pro A)
Career: Elan Bernais Pau-Orthez (France-Pro A,
2015-18); Phoenix Suns (USA-NBA, 2018-20); Long
Island Nets (USA-G League, 2021); LDLC ASVEL

(France-Pro A, 2021-22); Instagram: elieokobo Twitter: ElieOkobo 0

Elie Okobo was the breakout star of the season in Europe. After three years of going back and forth between the Phoenix Suns' bench and the G League, a move to LDLC ASVEL paid huge dividends. The lefty combo guard exploded on court, excelling in a pick-and-roll and isolation heavy system. A change of speed, silky smooth jumper and a strong floater game converted into 14.3 points per game in all competitions. Okobo will be making a EuroBasket debut and should provide a healthy dose of scoring not only for himself, but also others.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	2	25.0	8/12	0/2	0/1	3.5	3.0	8.0
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	3	13.0	1/8	2/6	3/4	1.0	0.3	3.7

Evan FOURNIER



Height: 1.99

Position: Shooting Guard/Small Forward

Date of Birth: 29/10/92
Place of Birth: Saint-Maurice

Team 2021-22: New York Knicks (USA-NBA)

Career: INSEP (France-NM1, 2007-09); Nanterre (France-Pro B, 2009-10); Poitiers (France-Pro A, 2010-12); Denver Nuggets (USA-NBA, 2012-14); Orlando Magic (USA-NBA, 2014-21); Boston Celtics (USA-NBA, 2021); New York Knicks (USA-NBA, 2021-22)

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Twitter: EvanFourmizz

An 11-year NBA veteran, Evan Fournier did not have an efficient first season in New York. He kicked off the 2021-22 season scorching hot, yet finished the campaign with the lowest field goal percentage of his career. Whether it is a sign of a down period or a lack of efficient scoring opportunities in Tom Thibodeau's offense, we will never know. However, we can be sure Fournier will come out with the fireworks in the blue-and-white jersey. In the last two tournaments with France, Evan was averaging 19.8 and 18.7 points per game respectively, good enough to be amongst the top scorers in both competitions. Look for more of the same in this EuroBasket as well.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2020	Olympic Basketball Tournament 2020	6	28.0	23/43	17/45	15/18	3.2	2.5	18.7
2019	FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019	8	28.0	42/99	16/39	26/36	3.8	3.0	19.8
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	2	25.0	7/9	2/9	5/5	1.5	3.5	12.5
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017	6	24.0	21/38	10/27	23/28	2.3	1.7	15.8
2015	FIBA EuroBasket 2015	9	15.0	9/23	12/24	7/8	1.8	1.4	6.8

Isaia CORDINIER



Height: 1.96

Position: Small Forward/Shooting Guard

Date of Birth: 28/11/96 Place of Birth: Creteil

Team 2021-22: Virtus Bologna (Italy-Serie A)

Career: Sharks Antibes (France-Pro B/Pro A, 2012-14); ALM Evreux (France-Pro B, 2014-15); Denain-Voltaire (France-Pro B, 2015-16); Sharks Antibes (France-Pro A, 2016-19); Nanterre 92 (France-Pro A, 2019-21); Virtus Bologna (Italy-Serie A, 2021-22)

Twitter: izaycordinier Instagram: izaycordinier

High-flying dunks and a slick midrange jumpshot. That's Isaia Cordinier in short for you. An athletically gifted wing spent the first 10 years of his career in the domestic top flight before finally joining the Italian giant of Virtus Bologna in October, 2021. He is also another member of this team who will be making his debut at the senior level at a major tournament. Watch out for Cordinier's poster dunks in transition. However, opponents might have a get-out-of-jail free card with him in the lineup - he was only 29-percent from long-distance at Virtus and will be asked to deliver from spot up situations coming off the bench.

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	4	24.0	15/22	1/11	2/5	4.3	4.8	8.8
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	6	19.0	16/21	2/10	8/10	4.3	0.5	7.7

Timothy LUWAWU-CABARROT



Height: 2.01

Position: Shooting Guard/Small Forward

Date of Birth: 09/05/95 Place of Birth: Cannes

Team 2021-22: Atlanta Hawks (USA-NBA)

Career: Sharks Antibes (France-Pro B/Pro A, 2012-15); Mega Leks Belgrade (Serbia-ABA, 2015-16); Philadelphia 76ers (USA-NBA, 2016-18); Oklahoma City Thunder (USA-NBA, 2018-19); Chicago Bulls (USA-NBA, 2019); Brooklyn Nets (USA-NBA, 2019-21); Atlanta Hawks (USA-NBA, 2021-22)

Twitter: timcabs Instagram: 7tlc

With Nicolas Batum skipping the shift this summer, Timothy Luwawu-Cabarrot is looking at an increased on-court role with France. It will not be simple replacing the versatile forward, but Timothy has plenty to offer. At this point of his career, the Atlanta Hawks wing is known for his 3-and-D potential. He had a 37-percent success rate from three this season and added many 'winning basketball' plays, as recalled by his fellow Hawks. Yet to find a consistent role on an NBA team, Luwawu-Cabarrot will get his chance to demonstrate his full potential at EuroBasket with France.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2020	Olympic Basketball Tournament 2020	6	21.0	10/17	9/24	7/8	3.5	1.2	9.0

William HOWARD



Height: 2.03

Position: Power Forward/Small Forward

Date of Birth: 25/10/93
Place of Birth: Montbrison

Team 2021-22: LDLC ASVEL (France-Pro A)

Career: Gravelines-Dunkerque (France-Pro A, 2012-14); Denain Voltaire (France-Pro B, 2014-15); Hyeres-Toulon (France-Pro A, 2015-17); Limoges (France-Pro A, 2017-19); Salt Lake City Stars (USA-G League, 2019); Houston Rockets (USA-NBA, 2019-20); LDLC ASVEL (France-Pro A, 2020-22)

Twitter: whow25

Instagram: mister_howard

Big shot Howard. There was a buzzer-beating game-winner from halfcourt. Then a decisive triple in a critical moment of the French League finals that helped LDLC ASVEL clinch the title. The 28-year-old wing experienced an emotional season and is looking at some more — a debut with the senior team at the Final Round. William is a classical 3-and-D type of guy that shot 39-percent from deep in all games and often had the tricky task of staying in front of the opposing team's best player. Vincent Collet will have a similar assignment for Howard once he enters the game from the bench.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	5	8.0	3/6	3/6	0/0	1.8	0.0	

Terry TARPEY



Height: 1.96

Position: Small Forward Date of Birth: 02/03/94 Place of Birth: Poissy

Team 2021-22: Sarthe Le Mans (France-Pro A)
Career: Denain (France-Pro B, 2016-17); Sarthe Le

Mans (France-Pro A, 2017-22)

Twitter: Taarpey Instagram: taarpey

Terry Tarpey is the least expected name on this roster. A typical off-the-ball contributor, Tarpey is the guy you want on your team. The Le Mans wing will execute the right movement any time he is on the court — sprint in transition, cut on time, make a spot up jumper when asked. With a muscular body and powerful legs, it makes him a tough opponent to go against when attacking off the dribble. The 26-year old had not worn the Les Bleus' jersey in his career before the FIBA Basketball World Cup European Qualifiers and even making the cut on a star-studded roster like France is a tremendous accomplishment for Tarpey.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	5	19.0	6/9	1/5	1/2	4.4	2.2	3.2

Amath M'BAYE



Height: 2.06

Position: Power Forward
Date of Birth: 14/12/89
Place of Birth: Bordeaux

Team 2021-22: Pinar Karsiyaka Izmir (Turkey-BSL) Career: Nagoya Diamond Dolphins (Japan-B, 2013-16); New Basket Brindisi (Italy-Serie A, 2016-17); Olimpia Milano (Italy-Serie A, 2017-18); Virtus Bologna (Italy-Serie A, 2018-19); Pinar Karsiyaka Izmir (Turkey-BSL, 2019-22)

Twitter: Amath22Juice Instagram: amath24

Blink and you might miss it. I'm talking about Amath M'Baye's three-pointers. The modern day power forward is on his way to EuroLeague champions Anadolu Efes after posting solid numbers with Pinar Karsiyaka in the Basketball Champions League. A veteran sharpshooter that can do it in a variety of ways — pickand-pop, catch and shoot in rhythm or run off a pin down and shoot off-balance. Don't let his three-point accuracy (33-percent) fool you — M'Baye was firing non-stop, averaging 5.2 attempts per game, negatively impacting the efficiency. Whenever opponents will collapse on Gobert or Fournier, just know there is at least one player ready to let it fly immediately.

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	6	17.0	8/14	6/17	7/8	3.2	1.5	6.8
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	6	22.0	14/21	6/21	11/17	3.8	1.3	9.5
2019	FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019	8	18.0	7/12	10/18	2/4	1.9	0.3	5.8
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	4	19.0	5/13	6/10	5/6	1.8	2.0	8.3



Guerschon YABUSELE



Height: 2.03
Position: Power Forward
Date of Birth: 17/12/95
Place of Birth: Dreux

Team 2021-22: Real Madrid (Spain-ACB)

Career: Chorale Roanne (France-Pro B, 2013-15); Metropole Rouen (France-Pro A, 2015-16); Shanghai Sharks (China-CBA, 2016-17); Boston Celtics (USA-NBA, 2017-19); Nanjing Monkey Kings (China-CBA, 2019-20); LDLC ASVEL (France-Pro A, 2020-21); Real Madrid (Spain-ACB, 2021-22)

Instagram: guerschony

A member of U18 and U20 French youth teams, Yabusele blossomed into a toptier player in Europe only in the last couple of years. He wandered around the globe for four seasons, searching for luck between the NBA, the G League and the Chinese CBA. But it was a return to the Old Continent that allowed Yabusele to debut in the national team in 2021. A massive power forward is a three-level scoring threat with a dazzling force and quickness combination. Yes, you understood correctly – Guerschon will be a matchup nightmare for many bigs at FIBA EuroBasket 2022.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	2	19.0	8/13	3/5	3/5	4.0	1.0	14.0
2020	Olympic Basketball Tournament 2020	6	17.0	8/18	6/19	4/8	3.7	1.3	6.3

Movhammadov JAITEH



Height: 2.11
Position: Center
Date of Birth: 27/11/94
Place of Birth: Pantin

Team 2021-22: Virtus Bologna (Italy-Serie A)
Career: INSEP (France-NM1, 2010-12); SOMB
(France-Pro B, 2012-13); Nanterre 92 (France-Pro A, 2013-16); SIG Strasbourg (France-Pro A, 2016-17); Limoges (France-Pro A, 2017-18); Auxillium
Torino (Italy-Serie A, 2018-19); Avtodor Saratov
(Russia-VTB, 2019-20); Gaziantep (Turkey-BSL, 2020-21); Virtus Bologna (Italy-Serie A, 2021-22)

Twitter: mamjaiteh14
Instagram: mamjaiteh14

A dominant force under the basket, Mouhammadou Jaiteh is returning to the national team seven years after his debut at FIBA EuroBasket 2015. The road to come back was bumpy and long. France, Italy, Russia, Turkey and then Italy again. 2022 marks the most successful year in Jaiteh's career — he won the EuroCup MVP award and a ticket to the EuroLeague. Playing together with Milos Teodosic was beneficial as their strengths matched perfectly — Mouhammadou is great at positioning, quick to roll and even faster to dunk the passes that come on a silver platter.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	6	17.0	29/39	0/0	10/18	3.7	1.2	11.3
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	4	3.0	1/3	0/0	1/6	0.8	0.0	0.8
2015	FIBA EuroBasket 2015	3	6.0	3/8	0/0	0/0	1.7	0.0	2.0

Ismael KAMAGATE



Height: 2.11
Position: Center
Date of Birth: 17/01/01
Place of Birth: Paris

Team 2021-22: Paris Basketball (France-Pro A)
Career: Paris Basketball (France-Pro B, 2019-21);
Paris Basketball (France-Pro A, 2021-22)

Twitter: iampaslong Instagram: iampaslong

If NBA teams decide to take a flier on you, it means you possess something special. Ismael Kamagate most probably will not be playing a significant role on this roster, but the sky's the limit for this kid. The 21-year old center was selected 46th overall by the Detroit Pistons in the 2022 NBA Draft after winning Pro A's Best Defender of the Year award. He can erase literally any shot around the rim and dunk it with ease if you lob it up for him on the offensive end. Incredibly lengthy, he is also a tireless fighter for second chance points and averaged 2.5 offensive rebounds in the 2021-22 campaign for Paris Basketball.

Vincent POIRIER



Height: 2.13
Position: Center
Date of Birth: 17/10/93
Place of Birth: Clamart

Team 2021-22: Real Madrid (Spain-ACB)

Career: Paris Levallois (France-Pro A, 2012-14); Hyeres-Toulon (France-Pro B, 2014-15); Paris Levallois (France-Pro A, 2015-16); Centre Federal (France-NM1, 2015-16); Paris Levallois (France-Pro A, 2016); Baskonia Vitoria (Spain-ACB, 2017-19); Boston Celtics (USA-NBA, 2019-20); Philadelphia 76ers (USA-NBA, 2020-21); Real Madrid (Spain-

ACB, 2021-22)
Instagram: viinze_17p
Twitter: viinze_17P

Vincent Poirier is extremely good at basketball. But at Real Madrid, there is Walter Tavares. In the French national team — Rudy Gobert. On many teams - and I mean a lot of them — the center would be in the starting lineup, yet is looking at another bench role this September. It will be the fourth senior tournament for the 29-year old who is a traditional big man. A monstrous stature and solid quickness allows Poirier to be a significant pick-and-roll threat, where he is between the most efficient players in the Old Continent. Oh, and do not forget to box him out — the center is always on the chase for second chance opportunities.

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YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	ZPT FG	3PT FG	- 1	KEB	ASI	PIS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	2	23.0	10/18	0/0	7/10	7.5	1.0	13.5
2020	Olympic Basketball Tournament 2020	5	11.0	12/18	0/0	3/3	3.0	0.4	5.4
2019	FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019	7	15.0	14/25	0/0	10/12	3.9	0.7	5.4
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	4	12.0	12/20	0/0	8/9	4.5	1.0	8.0
2017	FIRA FuroRasket 2017	4	7.0	3/6	n/n	6/8	1.5	0.3	3.0

GERMANY

HOW FAR WILL SCHRODER CARRY THEM?

Germany enter FIBA EuroBasket 2022 with high hopes based on their potential but also facing the major question marks of how far can superstar guard Dennis Schroder carry them. This time, though, the Wagner brothers Moritz and Franz are there to share the load.

Germany will be hosting EuroBasket seven years after co-hosting FIBA EuroBasket 2015, where Schroder played alongside Dirk Nowitzki in the latter's farewell tournament but the team failed to get out of the Group Phase.

The 1993 European champions, whose last medal was silver in 2005, have continued to develop talent, and this summer's German team includes four players who played last season in the NBA. Those advancements resulted in Germany reaching the EuroBasket Quarter-Finals in 2017 for the first time since 2007. Germany could not build on that success at the FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019 though, crashing out of the First Round and placing 18th.

Schroder missed the FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tournament 2020 over an insurance issue, and Germany went to Croatia with low expectations. Still, Germany surprised everyone and booked their ticket to the Olympics.

After Tokyo, Germany parted ways with head coach Henrik Rodl and handed the reins to Gordie Herbert. The transition seems to have gone smoothly as Germany cruised into the Second Round of the FIBA Basketball World Cup 2023 European Qualifiers with a 5-1 record.

Schroder played the Qualifiers in June and July this summer and showed his excellence, including torching Poland for 38 points. Schroder has two strong point guard backups with Maodo Lo and Justus Hollatz. Lo

was the main force in getting Germany to the 2020 Olympics and can play off the ball as well. Hollatz, for his part, has already made the jump to the Spanish ACB league at the age of 21.

Herbert knows he can pair any of those playmakers with any of Nick Weiler-Babb, David Kramer, Andreas Obst or Kenneth Ogbe in the backcourt and that off-guard trio will provide outside shooting and the ability to get to the basket.

Small forward Franz Wagner meanwhile urgently hopes to guide Germany to the Knockout Stage in his home city of Berlin. The younger Wagner brother wowed many with a strong rookie NBA season with Orlando, flashing his scoring ability with a 38-point explosion in late December. Franz Wagner's backup will be Niels Giffey, who has been a proven winner at the club/college level.

Germany has a strong and deep frontcourt, giving Herbert the luxury of mixing and matching his bigs depending on the opponent. Moritz Wagner had a great summer in 2021 to help Germany reach the Olympics, and the power forward spot also has Johannes Thiemann, Christian Sengfelder and Robin Benzing.

Germany are well manned at center too with NBA rim protector Daniel Thies, inside-outside threat Johannes Voigtmann, Leon Kratzer and Jonas Wohlfarth-Bottermann.

Germany will be out to show that the China 2019 embarrassment is out of their system, and they are much closer to the team that qualified for the Olympics. They will also have the home fans behind them as long as they stay alive.

By David Hein



Maodo LO

Dennis SCHRODER

Nick WEILER-BABB

Andreas OBST

Niels GIFFEY

Franz WAGNER

Robin BENZING

Daniel THEIS

Leon KRATZER

Christian SENGFELDER

Johannes THIEMANN

Johannes VOIGTMANN

Coach: Gordie HERBERT

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09/02/94 Alba Berlin

Alba Berlin

Houston Rockets (USA)

FC Bayern Munich

FC Bayern Munich

Zalgiris Kaunas (LTU)

Orlando Magic (USA)

Boston Celtics (USA)

Telekom Baskets Bonn

CSKA Moscow (RUS)

20/02/90 MHP Riesen Ludwigsburg

Brose Bamberg

Fortitudo Kigili Bologna (ITA)

As FIBA EuroBasket 2022 co-hosts Played at FIBA EuroBasket 2022 Qualifiers 4th in Group G (1W – 5L)

Last 10 FIBA Events

Year	Event	Place	Achievement
2021	Olympics	Tokyo (JPN)	8th
2019	FIBA Basketball World Cup	Beijing (CHN)	18th
2017	FIBA EuroBasket	Istanbul (TUR)	6th
2016	Olympics	Rio de Janeiro (BRA)	Did not qualify
2015	FIBA EuroBasket	Lille (FRA)	18th
2014	FIBA Basketball World Cup	Madrid (ESP)	Did not qualify
2013	FIBA EuroBasket	Ljubljana (SLO)	17th
2012	Olympics	London (GBR)	Did not qualify
2011	FIBA EuroBasket	Kaunas (LTU)	9th
2010	FIBA Basketball World Cup	Istanbul (TUR)	17th

FIBA EuroBasket 2022 Qualifiers Accumulated Stats

			FG		2PT	FG	3P1	FG	F	Т		REB							
Name	G	Min	M/A	%	M/A	%	M/A	%	M/A	%	0	D	Tot	AST	T0	STL	BLK	PF	PTS
Robin BENZING	6	26.4	26/71	36.6	11/34	32.4	15/37	40.5	20/25	80.0	0.5	3.0	3.5	1.0	1.7	0.8	0.2	2.3	14.5
Ismet AKPINAR	6	25.0	19/45	42.2	11/23	47.8	8/22	36.4	4/6	66.7	0.2	0.7	0.8	3.2	3.7	0.3	0.0	3.0	8.3
Karim JALLOW	6	24.8	13/30	43.3	11/22	50.0	2/8	25.0	8/13	61.5	2.2	2.8	5.0	2.2	1.2	1.2	0.0	2.7	6.0
Christian SENGFELDER	6	15.7	10/27	37.0	8/15	53.3	2/12	16.7	4/4	100.0	1.0	2.0	3.0	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.0	2.0	4.3
Bennet HUNDT	6	11.2	5/16	31.3	4/10	40.0	1/6	16.7	5/8	62.5	0.0	0.7	0.7	1.3	1.3	0.3	0.0	1.2	2.7
Andreas OBST	5	22.3	22/44	50.0	8/13	61.5	14/31	45.2	10/11	90.9	8.0	2.4	3.2	2.0	2.0	0.6	0.2	1.6	13.6
Maik ZIRBES	4	19.5	14/23	60.9	14/23	60.9	0/0	0.0	2/2	100.0	1.5	4.0	5.5	1.5	1.5	1.0	1.8	8.0	7.5
Kenneth OGBE	4	19.0	9/17	52.9	4/10	40.0	5/7	71.4	7/11	63.6	1.5	3.0	4.5	0.8	0.5	0.8	0.3	2.3	7.5
Andreas SEIFERTH	4	13.5	18/26	69.2	18/26	69.2	0/0	0.0	7/8	87.5	1.0	2.0	3.0	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0	2.0	10.8
Jan Niklas WIMBERG	3	13.8	4/12	33.3	3/10	30.0	1/2	50.0	0/0	0.0	1.3	1.3	2.7	1.7	0.7	0.3	0.0	0.7	3.0
Leon KRATZER	3	12.6	5/10	50.0	5/10	50.0	0/0	0.0	1/2	50.0	0.7	1.7	2.3	0.7	0.7	0.3	0.3	2.3	3.7
Joshiko SAIBOU	2	21.4	10/24	41.7	8/14	57.1	2/10	20.0	4/4	100.0	1.5	3.0	4.5	3.5	3.0	1.0	0.0	2.0	13.0
Dominic LOCKHART	2	16.9	2/8	25.0	1/3	33.3	1/5	20.0	0/0	0.0	1.0	1.5	2.5	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	3.5	2.5
Philipp HERKENHOFF	2	15.0	3/6	50.0	1/2	50.0	2/4	50.0	0/0	0.0	2.5	2.5	5.0	1.0	0.5	0.0	0.5	2.0	4.0
Louis OLINDE	2	13.9	3/4	75.0	2/3	66.7	1/1	100.0	0/0	0.0	1.0	2.5	3.5	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	1.5	3.5
Justus HOLLATZ	2	12.8	1/5	20.0	1/3	33.3	0/2	0.0	1/2	50.0	0.0	0.5	0.5	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	2.0	1.5
Lukas MEISNER	2	6.4	0/4	0.0	0/1	0.0	0/3	0.0	0/0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0
Joshua OBIESIE	2	2.3	1/2	50.0	1/2	50.0	0/0	0.0	1/1	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.5	1.5
Robin AMAIZE	1	5.4	0/2	0.0	0/1	0.0	0/1	0.0	2/2	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	2.0
Team/Coaches											0.7	2.2	2.8	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	
TOTALS		297.9	165/376	43.9	111/225	49.3	54/151	35.8	76/99	76.8	10.8	24.3	35.2	15.2	14.3	6.5	2.3	21.2	76.7

COACHGordie HERBERT



Nationality: Canadian-Finnish Date of Birth: 16/02/59 Place of Birth: Penticton (CAN)

Club Career: Korihait (Finland-Korisliiga, 1994-96); Espoon Honka (Finland-Korisliiga, 1996-99); Oberwart (Austria-OBL, 1999-2000); Wurzburg (Germany-BBL, 2000-01); Frankfurt Skyliners (Germany-BBL, 2001-04); Paris Basket Racing (France-ProA, 2004-06); Elan Bearnais Pau-Orthez (France-ProA, 2006-07); Aris Thessaloniki (Greece-A1, 2007-08); Toronto Raptors (Assistant Coach, USA-NBA, 2008-09); Espoon Honka (Finland-Korisliiga, 2009-

10); Frankfurt Skyliners (Germany-BBL, 2010-11); Alba Berlin (Germany-BBL, 2011-12); Frankfurt Skyliners (Germany-BBL, 2013-19); Avtodor (Russia-VTB, 2020-21)

International Career: Finland U18 (Head Coach 1995-97); Canada (Assistant Coach, 2002); Georgia (Head Coach, 2005-06); Finland U18 (Head Coach, 2010); Canada (Head Coach, 2018); Canada (Assistant Coach, 2019); Canada (Head Coach, 2021); Germany (Head Coach, 2021-)

In September 2021, Herbert took over a German national team on the rise after having qualified unexpectedly for the 2020 Olympics following a disappointing 18th place finish at the FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019. Besides playing for Canada at the 1984 Olympics and FIBA Basketball World Cup 1986, Herbert has coaching experience in major competitions, serving as assistant coach for Canada at the 2002 and 2019 World Cups as well as the FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tournament 2020. Herbert knows German basketball very well, having coached at clubs there for 12 seasons - 10 of them with Frankfurt Skyliners. The Canadian native, who also has a Finnish passport after playing many years there, is considered a defensive-minded coach who expects his teams to execute in the half-court offense.

Justus HOLLATZ



Height: 1.91
Position: Point Guard
Date of Birth: 21/04/01
Place of Birth: Hamburg

Team 2021-22: Hamburg Towers (Germany-BBL) Career: Hamburg Towers (Germany-ProA, 2018-19); Hamburg Towers (Germany-BBL, 2019-22)

Instagram: hollatz21.4

Hollatz is one of Germany's future leaders at the point guard spot. The 21-year-old will make the move this off-season from his hometown club Hamburg Towers in Germany to the Spanish ACB with Breogan. Hollatz debuted with the German national team in the FIBA EuroBasket 2022 Qualifiers in February 2021, and he was the main playmaker in the first two windows of the FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.. His two older brothers Joshua and Jacob and his sister Josefine all are involved in basketball and his father also played the game.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	6	23.0	10/23	6/17	11/15	1.2	4.3	8.2
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	2	13.0	1/3	0/2	1/2	0.5	1.0	1.5

Dennis SCHRODER





Height: 1.88
Position: Point Guard
Date of Birth: 15/09/93
Place of Birth: Braunschweig

Team 2021-22: Houston Rockets (USA-NBA)

Career: Spot Up Medien Baskets Braunschweig (Germany-ProB, 2010-11); New Yorker Phantoms Braunschweig (Germany-BBL, 2011-13); Atlanta Hawks (USA-NBA, 2013-18); Oklahoma City Thunder (USA-NBA, 2018-2020); Los Angeles Lakers (USA-NBA, 2020-21); Boston Celtics (USA-NBA, 2021-22); Houston Rockets (USA-NBA, 2022)

Instagram: ds17_fg

Schroder has taken the reins from Dirk Nowitzki as Germany's main man and guided the country back to the FIBA EuroBasket Quarter-Finals for the first time in a decade in 2017. But for all the praise he received for that campaign, the playmaker drew criticism for not leading Germany past the First Round at the FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019. Schroder's game has remained the same - lightning quick first step to help him score and set up teammates while playing tough defense - but he matured off the court to become more of a leader. He also bought his former and hometown club Basketball Lowen Braunschweig. An insurance issue cost Schroder a chance to play at the FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tournament 2020 and last summer's Tokyo Olympics, but he was in Croatia for the OQT to show his commitment to the team.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	2	29.0	7/16	7/26	17/18	7.0	7.0	26.0
2019	FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019	5	33.0	19/49	10/21	30/37	4.6	9.4	19.6
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	4	33.0	22/41	5/25	35/42	4.5	7.5	23.5
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017	7	31.0	45/88	12/31	40/45	2.6	5.6	23.7
2015	FIBA EuroBasket 2015	5	30.0	31/58	6/19	25/30	4.6	6.0	21.0

David KRAMER



Height: 1.90
Position: Point Guard
Date of Birth: 14/01/97
Place of Birth: Myjava (SVK)

Team 2021-22: Basketball Lowen Braunschweig

(Germany-BBL)

Career: Oberwart Gunners (Austria-OBL, 2013-14); Weissenhorn Youngsters (Germany-ProB, 2014-15); Ratiopharm Ulm (Germany-BBL; 2015-19); Northern Arizona Suns (USA-G League, 2019-20); Austin Spurs (USA-G League, 2020-21); FC Bayern Munich (Germany-BBL, 2021); Basketball Lowen Braunschweig (Germany-BBL, 2021-22)

Kramer specializes in scoring but he can also serve as a playmaker when needed. He can drive to the basket or drain the long ball if given any space. Kramer was born in Slovakia, the home of his mother with his father Roman Kramer being a former Czechoslovakia and Slovakia national team player. David Kramer grew up in Austria and played for the Alpine nation at the U16 level before selecting Germany for the U18 category. Kramer made his senior debut for Germany in the FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019 European Qualifiers and showed at Braunschweig that he can lead a team.

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	6	23.0	11/19	11/35	12/14	3.8	1.5	11.2
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	1	15.0	1/2	1/3	2/2	1.0	0.0	7.0



Maodo LO



Twitter: maodolo12

Height: 1.92 **Position:** Point Guard **Date of Birth: 31/12/92** Place of Birth: Berlin

Team 2021-22: Alba Berlin (Germany-BBL)

Career: Central Hoops Berlin (Germany-5th division, 2009-11); Wilbraham & Monson Academy (USA-High School, 2011-12); Columbia University (USA-NCAA, 2012-16); Brose Bamberg (Germany-BBL, 2016-18); FC Bayern Munich (Germany-BBL, 2018-20); Alba Berlin (Germany-BBL, 2020-22).

Instagram: maodolo Lo continues to get better with age and the point guard is arguably in his prime,

leading Berlin to two straight German league crowns and now with six years of EuroLeague experience behind him (with Bamberg, Munich and Berlin). That has helped the son of a Senegalese father and internationally-acclaimed German painter mother Elvira Bach take more and more leadership with the German national team. With Dennis Schroder unavailable at the FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tournament 2020, Lo was the main man in guiding a young German team to the Tokyo Olympics. Lo's skill set allows for him to play point guard or off guard, creating or scoring whenever needed.

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YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	1	25.0	5/6	2/7	2/2	1.0	7.0	18.0
2020	Olympic Basketball Tournament 2020	4	29.0	8/13	12/30	2/3	2.8	5.0	13.5
2020	FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tour. 2020	4	26.0	6/16	8/28	15/17	2.5	4.0	12.8
2019	FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019	5	21.0	6/11	4/12	6/9	2.8	3.2	6.0
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	1	22.0	3/5	0/2	1/2	0.0	2.0	7.0

Andreas OBST



Height: 1.91 **Position:** Shooting Guard Date of Birth: 13/07/96 Place of Birth: Halle

Team 2021-22: FC Bayern Munich (Germany-BBL) Career: Bike-Cafe Messingschlager Baunach (Germany-ProB, 2012-14); Brose Bamberg (Germany-BBL, 2014-16); Giessen 46ers (Germany-BBL, 2016-17): Oettinger Rockets Gotha (Germany-BBL. 2017-18); Rio Natura Monbus Obradoiro (Spain-ACB, 2018-19); Ratiopharm Ulm (Germany-BBL, 2019-21); FC Bayern Munich (Germany-BBL, 2021-22)

Twitter: Fruit_96 Instagram: fruit_96

Obst has continually worked his way higher at both the club and national team level, playing at the FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019 and then averaging 12.0 points at the Tokyo Olympics in 2021. After a season in Spain and two in Ulm, he also showed he can excel at the EuroLeague level with Bayern Munich this past season. Obst's speciality is clearly his sniper presence from the outside. He cannot be given any space and he also works pretty hard getting around free for his shots. But he can also hurt defenses with his drive to the basket while playing solid defense.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

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Nick WEILER-BABB



Height: 1.96 **Position:** Shooting Guard **Date of Birth: 12/12/95**

Place of Birth: Topeka, Kansas (USA)

Team 2021-22: FC Bayern Munich (Germany-BBL) Career: University of Arkansas (USA-NCAA, 2014-15); Iowa State University (USA-NCAA, 2016-19); MHP Riesen Ludwigsburg (Germany-BBL, 2019-20); FC Bayern Munich (Germa-

ny-BBL, 2020-22) Twitter: nickbabb12 Instagram: nickbabb1

Weiler-Babb was a last second addition to the team after the American received his German passport just days before the preparations started. The parents of Weiler-Babb's mother are German citizens, allowing the combo guard to follow the footsteps of Shawn Bradley and Chris Kaman as naturalized Americans to play for Germany internationally. Weiler-Babb, who has played his entire three years of professional basketball in Germany, is a major boost to the team as a versatile guard who can score, be a playmaker and defend. Weiler-Babb's brother Chris Babb also plays professionally in Europe.

Niels GIFFEY



Height: 2.00 **Position:** Small Forward Date of Birth: 08/06/91 Place of Birth: Berlin

Team 2021-22: Zalgiris Kaunas (Lithuania-LKL) Career: Alba Berlin II (Germany-D4, 2008-10); University of Connecticut (USA-NCAA, 2010-14); Alba Berlin (Germany-BBL, 2014-21); Zalgiris Kaunas (Lithuania-LKL, 2021-22)

Instagram: niel5bln

Giffey has been a national team regular since 2013 - though he did not play at FIBA EuroBasket 2017 when Germany reached the Quarter-Finals. The long distance sniper was a long-time captain at his home town club Alba Berlin before he left his comfort zone this past season and played in Lithuania for Zalgiris Kaunas. The 31-year-old knows his role as an outside threat off the bench and a source of energy. He also is a proven winner, claiming two NCAA titles with Connecticut and two German league crowns with Berlin. Giffey's aunt Franziska Giffey is the mayor of Berlin.

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2020	Olympic Basketball Tournament 2020	4	23.0	5/8	5/13	4/6	1.8	0.8	7.3
2020	FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tour. 2020	4	22.0	7/9	3/8	3/4	1.0	0.8	6.5
2019	FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019	5	4.0	1/4	0/1	0/0	0.2	0.2	0.4
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	10	21.0	21/41	11/26	10/11	2.5	1.4	8.5
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017 Qualifiers	6	12.0	0/6	3/7	3/3	0.5	1.2	2.0

Franz WAGNER



Height: 2.08
Position: Forward
Date of Birth: 27/08/01
Place of Birth: Berlin

Team 2021-22: Orlando Magic (USA-NBA)

Career: SSV Lokomotive Bernau (Germany-ProB, 2018-19); Alba Berlin (Germany-BBL, 2018-19); University of Michigan (USA-NCAA, 2019-21); Orlando Magic (USA-NBA, 2021-22)

Twitter: franzboogie
Instagram: franz_weasley

Wagner will be making his German senior national team debut after last playing for his country at the FIBA U18 European Championship 2019. This past season, Wagner wowed the NBA world with his outstanding rookie campaign with Orlando Magic, where he played alongside his older brother Moritz Wagner. Franz Wagner has a great basketball IQ - debuting professionally with Berlin at just 16 years of age - and showed in the NBA he can play inside and drive to the lane while also being a lights out shooter. The NBA All-Rookie First Team member matched an Orlando scoring record with 38 points in December - held by Dennis Scott and Shaquille O'Neal.

Robin BENZING



Height: 2.10 Position: Power Forward Date of Birth: 25/01/89

Place of Birth: Seeheim-Jugenheim

Team 2021-22: Fortitudo Kigili Bologna (Italy-

Serie A)

Career: TV Langen (Germany-ProA, 2007-09); Ratiopharm Ulm (Germany-BBL, 2009-11); FC Bayern Munich (Germany-BBL, 2011-15); Zaragoza (Spain-ACB, 2015-17); s.Oliver Wurzburg (Germany-BBL, 2017-18); Besiktas Istanbul (Turkey-BSL, 2018-19); Zaragoza (Spain-ACB, 2019-21); Fortitudo Kigili

Bologna (Italy-SerieA, 2021-22)

Twitter: rosinio12

Benzing has long served as Germany's captain, playing with the national team since 2009. He will be competing in his sixth FIBA EuroBasket if selected and will be extra motivated this summer after not playing a major role for Germany at the Olympics last summer. The 33-year-old still can light up the scoreboard when given the chance - topping 20 points six times with Fortitudo this past season. He remains a major weapon from the outside who works well with his teammates on defense and can lead a team with his experience.

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YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	4	26.0	8/16	6/32	8/9	3.3	2.3	10.5
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	6	26.0	11/34	15/37	20/25	3.5	1.0	14.5
2020	Olympic Basketball Tournament 2020	3	5.0	0/2	0/4	2/2	1.0	0.0	0.7
2020	FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tour. 2020	4	12.0	2/5	3/9	8/9	1.8	1.0	5.3
2019	FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019	5	20.0	2/11	8/19	12/13	3.0	1.0	8.0

Christian SENGFELDER



Height: 2.00
Position: Power Forward
Date of Birth: 28/02/95
Place of Birth: Leverkusen

Team 2021-22: Brose Bamberg (Germany-BBL)
Career: Ehingen/Urspringschule (Germany-ProA, 2013-14); Fordham University (USA-NCAA, 2014-17); Boise State University (USA-NCAA, 2017-18); Basketball Lowen Braunschweig (Germany-BBL, 2018-19); Brose Bamberg (Germany-BBL, 2019-22)

Twitter: CSengfelder Instagram: Chris_Sengfelder

Sengfelder has become one of the best German big men in the German BBL over the past two years with Bamberg, and that has led to a solid role with the national team. Sengfelder is very efficient around the basket with a variety of moves and can also punish teams for not going out to cover him from long range. He also works hard at offensive rebounding, where he really helps his team earn extra possessions. FIBA EuroBasket 2022 will be his first major national team tournament. Sengfelder had his basketball journey told in the book "Der lange Weg zum Basketball-Profi" ('The long road to a pro basketball player').

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YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	6	26.0	29/47	6/15	16/18	6.0	0.5	15.3
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	6	16.0	8/15	2/12	4/4	3.0	0.7	4.3
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	2	12.0	3/3	0/1	0/0	1.5	1.0	3.0

Johannes THIEMANN



Height: 2.05
Position: Power Forward
Date of Birth: 09/02/94
Place of Birth: Trier

Team 2021-22: Alba Berlin (Germany-BBL)

Career: Baunach (Germany-Pro-A, 2014-16); MHP Riesen Ludwigsburg (Germany-BBL, 2016-18); Alba Berlin (Germany-BBL, 2018-22)

Twitter: Thiemann32

Instagram: johannestheimann

This past season was highlighted by Thiemann being named German BBL Finals MVP as Berlin claimed their third straight title. That came after the power forward served as a major role player at the FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tournament 2020 and then helped Germany reach the Quarter-Finals at the Tokyo Games. Thiemann, who grew up in the small village of Neunkirchen am Brand between Erlangen and Bamberg, operates very efficiently inside the paint and can step out to hit the three-pointer. He's a very team-oriented player but has shown he can take over games at the offensive end if the game allows it.

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	1	23.0	4/6	0/1	2/4	9.0	2.0	10.0
2020	Olympic Basketball Tournament 2020	4	21.0	8/16	2/8	4/4	6.0	0.3	6.5
2020	FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tour. 2020	4	17.0	7/9	1/7	0/3	3.3	1.0	4.3
2019	FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019	1	8.0	2/3	0/0	1/1	3.0	0.0	5.0
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	10	14.0	25/40	2/7	22/30	4.5	0.4	7.8



Daniel THEIS



Height: 2.03

Position: Center/Power Forward

Date of Birth: 04/04/92 Place of Birth: Salzgitter

Team 2021-22: Boston Celtics (USA-NBA)

Career: Spot Up Medien Baskets Braunschweig (Germany-ProB, 2009-11); New Yorker Phantoms Braunschweig (Germany-BBL, 2011-12); Ratiopharm Ulm (Germany-BBL, 2012-14); Brose Bamberg (Germany-BBL, 2014-17); Boston Celtics (USA-NBA, 2017-21); Chicago Bulls (USA-NBA, 2021): Houston Rockets (USA-NBA, 2021-22):

Boston Celtics (USA-NBA, 2022)

Twitter: dtheis10 Instagram: dtheis10

Theis returns to the national team after last appearing for Germany at the FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019. The energetic big man has bounced around the NBA the last two seasons, getting traded three times within the span of one calendar year before returning to the Boston Celtics, with whom he reached the 2022 NBA Finals. In the final trade from Houston to Boston, German national team star Dennis Schroder was swapped the other way - the two having played their early years in Germany together at Braunschweig. Theis is a menace around the basket at both ends of the court, especially as a major rim protector.

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YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2019	FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019	5	18.0	16/30	1/9	3/4	6.0	0.2	7.6
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017	7	24.0	24/42	4/8	16/24	6.3	0.4	10.9
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017 Qualifiers	6	22.0	18/24	4/7	17/22	5.2	1.0	10.8
2015	FIBA EuroBasket 2015 2nd Qual. Round	6	17.0	19/26	2/3	15/23	5.5	0.3	9.8

Leon KRATZER



Height: 2.09 **Position:** Center **Date of Birth: 04/02/97** Place of Birth: Bayreuth

Team 2021-22: Telekom Baskets Bonn (Germany-BBL) Career: Baunach (Germany-ProA, 2014-16); Brose Bamberg (Germany-BBL, 2015-16); s.Oliver Wurzburg (2016-17); Brose Bamberg (Germany-BBL, 2018); Fraport Skyliners Frankfurt (Germany-BBL, 2018-20); Telekom Baskets Bonn (Germany-BBL; 2020-22)

Twitter: LeonKratzer Instagram: LeonKratzer12

Kratzer is a strong center with good size and good offensive instincts who rebounds well and is a solid rim protector. Given Germany's depth in the frontcourt, Kratzer had difficulties to make his debut with the German senior national team, picking up his first cap in February 2020 at the FIBA EuroBasket 2022 Qualifiers. Kratzer is still young at just 25 and he has shown over the years that he can really dominate play at times. Kratzer played for Germany national team head coach Gordie Herbert during his time at Fraport Skyliners Frankfurt, so the coach knows how he can use the big man.

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Υ	'EAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2	023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	2	16.0	3/5	0/0	0/0	5.5	1.0	3.0
2	021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	3	13.0	5/10	0/0	1/2	2.3	0.7	3.7

Johannes VOIGTMANN



Height: 2.09 **Position:** Center **Date of Birth: 20/09/92** Place of Birth: Eisenach

Team 2021-22: CSKA Moscow (Russia-VTB) Career: Science City Jena (Germany-ProA, 2010-12); Fraport Skyliners Frankfurt (Germany-BBL, 2012-16); Baskonia Vitoria Gasteiz (Spain-ACB, 2016-19); CSKA Moscow (Russia-VTB, 2019-22)

Instagram: jumbo_jo7

Voigtmann has not played much basketball in the last six months as the center left his Russian club CSKA Moscow after the outbreak of the war in Ukraine in mid-February and did not play the rest of the season. He next played at the FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual. in June and July. The center remains a major force in the German national team and will be needed at the top of his game for the home side to advance deep in the tournament. His younger brother Georg Voigtmann is team captain of the Dresden club that was promoted to Germany's second division ProA this season.

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YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	2	24.0	3/5	2/6	0/1	8.0	3.0	6.0
2020	Olympic Basketball Tournament 2020	4	25.0	7/11	5/14	6/7	8.0	2.3	8.8
2020	FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tour. 2020	4	27.0	7/13	4/15	11/15	8.0	2.0	9.3
2019	FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019	5	20.0	11/15	10/18	5/7	5.4	2.8	11.4
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	4	15.0	3/6	0/5	2/2	2.3	2.3	2.0

Jonas WOHLFARTH-BOTTERMANN



Height: 2.08 **Position:** Center Date of Birth: 20/02/90 Place of Birth: Bonn

Team 2021-22: MHP Riesen Ludwigsburg

(Germany-BBL)

Career: Dragons Rhoendorf (Germany-ProB, 2008-10); Dragons Rhoendorf (Germany-ProA, 2010-11); Telekom Baskets Bonn (2011-13); Alba Berlin (Germany-BBL, 2013-16); Ratiopharm Ulm (Germany-BBL, 2017); Fraport Skyliners Frankfurt (Germany-BBL, 2017-19); MHP Riesen Ludwigs-

burg (Germany-BBL, 2019-22)

Instagram: wobo1

Wohlfarth-Bottermann, who goes by the nickname 'WoBo', made his comeback to the German national team in the February 2022 FIBA window, playing for the first time in nine years. The 32-year-old provides depth and leadership at the center position as one of the German BBL league's best shot blockers in history. 'WoBo' did not start playing basketball seriously until he was 15 years old. Wohlfarth-Bottermann's great-great-grandfather, Arndt Bottermann, was one of the last witches who was burned at the stake in Germany.

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	4	9.0	3/6	0/0	3/4	1.5	0.0	2.3



BACK-TO-BACK APPEARANCES FIRST TIME IN HALF CENTURY

Hungary are making a second consecutive trip to FIBA EuroBasket, the first time that's happened in more than 50 years. The big event is being staged in Cologne, Milan, Prague, Tbilisi and Berlin.

Hungary made it to the continental Championship this time after holding their nerve at the end of tight contests in the first two windows of the EuroBasket Qualifiers, when they won three of their first four games by a combined six points.

Whether it was Zoltan Perl making clutch free throws against Slovenia in the waning seconds, Rosco Allen hitting an incredibly difficult gamewinning layup against Ukraine at the death or Szilard Benke banking in a late go-ahead three-pointer against Austria, Hungary's players stepped up at the right time.

When the qualification process was over, Hungary and Group F foes Ukraine and Slovenia each had four wins in six games and spots at EuroBasket 2022.

Hungary will now try to get at least as far as the Round of 16, like they did in 2017 after victories over Czech Republic and Romania.

The Hungarians, to be marshaled forward at EuroBasket again by veteran coach Stojan Ivkovic, will play in Cologne, in Group B, against Lithuania, France, Slovenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina and hosts Germany. They will need a top-four finish to advance.

Several years on from the last EuroBasket and Hungary have a lot going for them, especially in terms of experience. David Vojvoda, Rosco Allen, Zoltan Perl and Akos Keller all had important roles in 2017 and are still in the team.

Hungary's most talented player in the past decade, Adam Hanga, is back as well. It's the first time he'll play for the national team since the last EuroBasket when he was Hungary's second-leading scorer, second

leading rebounder and leading assists man.

Since EuroBasket 2017, even more players have logged minutes in various international windows.

Now, Benedek Varadi, Adam Somogyi, Szilard Benke and Gyorgy Goloman have broken into the team and are important contributors.

Hungary should also benefit from the chemistry that some players possess because they are teammates at clubs.

Perl, Keller, Varadi, Somogyi, Benke and Goloman all suited up for Falco Szombathely this past season and impressed in the Basketball Champions League.

The 1.93m Somogyi's quickness and overall athleticism has helped him become a ball-hawking defender while the long, 2.11m Goloman has blossomed into a stretch four that knocks down threes but also gets to the rim.

Perl, 27 was a menace in his first EuroBasket experience, as Hungary's third leading scorer. He is very effective off the dribble, pulling up for short jumpers, driving all the way to the basket and creating for others.

Vojvoda will again need to be a perimeter threat, just as he has been his entire career.

Hungary's leading scorer at the last EuroBasket at 16 points per game, Vojvoda was in solid form in the EuroBasket Qualifiers, shooting 39.3 percent from behind the arc.

Varadi, meanwhile, will be an asset due to his toughness. Heading into the August window, he had played in five of the team's six World Cup European Qualifiers and was third in scoring, first in assists and first in steals.

By Jeff Taylor



Last 10 FIBA Events

Year	Event	Place	Achievement
2021	Olympics	Tokyo (JPN)	Did not Qualify
2019	FIBA Basketball World Cup	Beijing (CHN)	Did not Qualify
2017	FIBA EuroBasket	Istanbul (TUR)	Did not Qualify
2016	Olympics	Rio de Janeiro (BRA)	Did not Qualify
2015	FIBA EuroBasket	Lille (FRA)	Did not Qualify
2014	FIBA Basketball World Cup	Madrid (ESP)	Did not Qualify
2013	FIBA EuroBasket	Ljubljana (SLO)	Did not Qualify
2012	Olympics	London (GBR)	Did not Qualify
2011	FIBA EuroBasket	Kaunas (LTU)	Did not Qualify
2010	FIBA Basketball World Cup	Istanbul (TUR)	Did not Qualify

FIBA EuroBasket 2022 Qualifiers Accumulated Stats

David VOJVODA

Adam HANGA

Szilard BENKE

Csaba FERENCZ

Norbert LUKACS

Janos EILINGSFELD

Marko FILIPOVITY

Gyorgy GOLOMAN

Mikael HOPKINS

Akos KELLER

Rosco ALLEN

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Alba Fehervar

Kormend

05/05/93 Niigata Albirex BB (JPN)

18/05/01 Alba Fehervar

05/02/91 Atomeromu SE

02/04/96 Falco Szombathely

28/03/89 Falco Szombathely

23/06/93 Unahotels Reggio Emilia

30/07/96 Ayfon (TUR)

Real Madrid (ESP)

Falco Szombathely

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Name	G	Min	M/A	%	M/A	%	M/A	%	M/A	%	0	D	Tot	AST	T0	STL	BLK	PF	PTS
David VOJVODA	6	27.4	29/73	39.7	18/45	40.0	11/28	39.3	8/10	80.0	0.3	2.7	3.0	2.3	2.0	0.5	0.0	1.7	12.8
Akos KELLER	6	24.5	17/33	51.5	15/27	55.6	2/6	33.3	10/22	45.5	2.0	2.0	4.0	1.0	1.3	0.5	1.2	2.7	7.7
Zoltan PERL	6	24.0	26/53	49.1	23/43	53.5	3/10	30.0	14/17	82.4	1.0	2.8	3.8	4.7	1.7	0.8	0.0	1.3	11.5
Balint HORTI	6	4.3	2/6	33.3	2/5	40.0	0/1	0.0	4/6	66.7	0.2	0.5	0.7	0.3	1.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	1.3
Benedek VARADI	5	24.9	21/50	42.0	13/21	61.9	8/29	27.6	1/1	100.0	1.4	2.4	3.8	3.0	1.0	0.4	0.0	2.8	10.2
Csaba FERENCZ	5	18.9	9/22	40.9	2/5	40.0	7/17	41.2	4/6	66.7	0.6	2.0	2.6	1.0	0.2	0.2	0.0	2.0	5.8
Zsolt SZABO	5	14.7	4/18	22.2	3/10	30.0	1/8	12.5	0/2	0.0	1.0	2.2	3.2	0.8	0.2	1.4	0.0	1.4	1.8
Szilard BENKE	4	23.7	9/24	37.5	3/10	30.0	6/14	42.9	4/9	44.4	0.5	1.3	1.8	1.8	1.3	0.5	8.0	2.0	7.0
Marko FILIPOVITY	4	20.5	16/31	51.6	12/17	70.6	4/14	28.6	10/12	83.3	1.8	3.5	5.3	0.5	1.0	0.5	0.0	1.8	11.5
Kemal KARAHODZIC	4	11.6	4/7	57.1	4/7	57.1	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	1.5	0.3	1.8	0.0	0.5	0.5	0.3	2.8	2.0
Janos EILINGSFELD	3	15.5	6/13	46.2	2/3	66.7	4/10	40.0	0/0	0.0	0.3	1.7	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	1.0	5.3
Marcell PONGO	3	14.0	4/11	36.4	3/8	37.5	1/3	33.3	3/4	75.0	0.3	1.0	1.3	1.7	0.7	0.0	0.0	1.7	4.0
Rosco ALLEN	2	30.1	7/12	58.3	7/11	63.6	0/1	0.0	9/10	90.0	2.0	3.5	5.5	0.5	0.0	2.0	0.5	3.5	11.5
Mate PONGO	2	17.5	4/9	44.4	4/6	66.7	0/3	0.0	2/3	66.7	0.5	1.5	2.0	2.0	0.5	1.0	0.0	2.0	5.0
Norbert LUKACS	1	22.9	1/3	33.3	1/2	50.0	0/1	0.0	0/0	0.0	2.0	4.0	6.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	3.0	2.0
Adam SOMOGYI	1	14.9	1/5	20.0	1/4	25.0	0/1	0.0	0/0	0.0	0.0	2.0	2.0	3.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0
Norbert TOTH	1	5.6	0/1	0.0	0/1	0.0	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Mate FAZEKAS	1	1.9	1/1	100.0	1/1	100.0	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0
Darrin GOVENS	0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Team/Coaches											1.7	1.7	3.3	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.3	
TOTALS		316.9	161/372	43.3	114/226	50.4	47/146	32.2	69/102	67.6	11.8	22.8	34.7	16.0	10.2	5.8	2.2	20.8	73.0

COACH Stojan IVKOVIC



Nationality: Montenegrin/Hungarian

Date of Birth: 05/02/66 Place of Birth: Dubrovnik (CRO)

Team 2021-22: -

Club Career: Pécsi VSK-Pannonpower (Hungary-NB-I/A, 2005-09); Kecskemeti TE (Hungary NB-I/A, 2009-15); Szolnoki Olaj (Hungary NB-I/A, 2016-17); Kaposvar (Hungary NB-I/A, 2019-2021)

International Career: Montenegro (Assistant Coach, 2012-13); Hungary (Head Coach, 2007-08; 2013-22)

Stojan Ivkovic took Hungarian citizenship in 2017, the year he coached the national team at the EuroBasket in Romania and Istanbul. Becoming Hungarian was no surprise because his career, first as a player and then as a coach, gave him a strong connection to the country. In 1992 at 23 years of age, he played for Szolnok. He effectively belonged to Hungarian hoops ever since. In 2006, he went from player to coach and general manager. His first time at the helm of Hungary was in 2007, but he left the job the following year. Yet he reclaimed the helm in 2013 and then built a team that qualified for EuroBasket 2017, ending the country's 18-year absence from the event.

Marcell PONGO



Height: 1.95
Position: Point Guard
Date of Birth: 03/03/97
Place of Birth: Baja

Team 2021-22: Alba Fehervar (Hungary-NB-I/A) Career: Veolia (Hungary-NB-I/A, 2014-15); Ratiopharm Ulm (Germany, 2016-18); Nurnberg (Germany-Pro A, 2018-21)

Twitter: pongomarci Instagram: pongomarci

It remains to be seen if Marcell Pongo's time in Germany, where he played from 2016-2021, will pay big dividends because he has yet to see a substantial increase in minutes with Hungary's national team. In his first season back in Hungary, though, in 2021-22, he did average more than 24 minutes per game as the point guard for Alba Fehervar. Pongo, 25, has received call-ups to play for Hungary in the international windows and will be hoping to become a linchpin in the side just as he was in the youth national teams.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	2	14.0	0/0	3/7	0/0	1.5	1.5	4.5
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	3	14.0	3/8	1/3	3/4	1.3	1.7	4.0







Height: 2.00

Position: Shooting Guard/Small Forward

Date of Birth: 12/04/89
Place of Birth: Budapest

Team 2021-22: Real Madrid (Spain-ACB League)
Career: Albacomp (Hungary-NB-I/A, 2006-11);
Manresa (Spain-Liga Endesa, 2011-13); Baskonia
Vitoria (Spain-Liga Endesa, 2013-14); Avellino (Italy-Serie A, 2014-15) Baskonia Vitoria (Spain-ACB
League 2015-17); Barcelona (Spain-ACB League, 2017-21)

Twitter: angaAdamOnline
Instagram: hangaadamonline

Hungary are a solid, competitive national team but with Adam Hanga, it has a bona fide star that's been missing in recent international windows. Especially in the past few seasons of the Spanish ACB League, Hanga has shone for Barcelona and more recently, Real Madrid. The small forward is terrific in transition, both in attack and on defense, with plenty of highlight reel jams and swats to prove it. He chases down would-be dunkers and rejects them. He's a rim protector in the half-court, too. Hanga drives and scores with runners, makes layups with either hand and creates opportunities for others. He nailed 35.9 percent (42-of-117) of his attempts from the arc this past regular season. Hanga makes Hungary stronger.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017	5	25.0	13/31	10/28	14/22	3.2	4.2	14.0
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017 Qualifiers	5	30.0	21/38	12/33	19/31	7.2	4.4	19.4
2013	FIBA EuroBasket 2013 Qualifiers	8	29.0	38/71	10/28	23/43	4.3	2.8	16.1
2011	FIBA EuroBasket 2011	12	29.0	45/85	15/45	30/51	5.3	3.2	13.8
2009	FIBA EuroBasket 2009	6	12.0	8/18	0/4	5/10	1.2	1.3	3.5

Adam SOMOGYI



Height: 1.90
Position: Point Guard
Date of Birth: 30/06/00
Place of Birth: Budapest

Team 2021-22: Falco Szombathely (Hungary-

NB-I/A)

Career: Zamora (Spain-LEB Gold, 2018-19); DEAC

(Hungary-NB-I/A, 2019-21) **Instagram:** adam.somogyi08

Adam Somogyi's star is on the rise for Hungary after a terrific campaign with Falco Szombathely, a team he helped in the Basketball Champions League and during its title-winning 2021-22 domestic season. Quick, athletic and strong on both ends of the floor, Somogyi is scratching the surface of his potential. His biggest need for improvement is his three-point shot. He made 33.6 percent of his attempts in Hungary's league but just 23.8 percent (5-of-21) in the BCL and 22.2 percent (2-of-9) in five of Hungary's first six European Qualifiers for the FIBA Basketball World Cup 2023.

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	5	16.0	9/17	2/9	2/4	1.6	2.0	5.2
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	1	15.0	1/4	0/1	0/0	2.0	3.0	2.0
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	1	3.0	0/0	0/0	0/0	1.0	1.0	0.0



Benedek VARADI



Height: 1.94
Position: Guard
Date of Birth: 05/02/95
Place of Birth: Szombathely

Team 2021-22: Falco Szombathely (Hungary-

NB-I/A)

Career: Falco KC Szombathely (Hungary-NB-I/A,

2012-22)

Twitter: VradiVdodi10
Instagram: varadibenedek



Talented, driven and loyal to his club with whom he grew up, Falco Szombathely, Varadi was born into a sporting family with both his parents, and brother Kornel - whose own career was stopped short by injury - working as renowned coaches. When he needs advice, Varadi has plenty of options. He didn't make the final cut for FIBA EuroBasket 2017 yet he's a vital contributor for Hungary now, averaging 10.2 points and 3.0 assists in 24.9 minutes in five of Hungary's six EuroBasket Qualifiers. His leadership has been seen in his captaincy role with Falco.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	5	25.0	12/27	4/10	9/13	2.6	3.6	9.0
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	5	25.0	13/21	8/29	1/1	3.8	3.0	10.2
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	7	16.0	5/11	3/12	0/2	1.9	1.1	2.7
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017 Qualifiers	1	7.0	0/0	0/3	0/0	0.0	2.0	0.0

Zoltan PERL



Height: 1.95

Position: Shooting Guard
Date of Birth: 28/07/95
Place of Birth: Szombathely

Team 2021-22: Falco Szombathely (Hungary-

NB-I/A)

Career: Falco Szombathely (Hungary-NB-I/A, 2012-15); Orlandina Basket (Italy-Lega A, 2015-17); Nutribullet Treviso (Italy-Lega Due, 2016-17); Falco Szombathely (Hungary-NB-I/A, 2017-18); Moviestar Estudiantes (2018-19); Falco Szombathely (Hungary-NB-I/A, 2018-22)

Instagram: pzoli9

Zoltan Perl has been a part of the Hungary setup for more than a decade when considering the youth national teams. In 2015, Perl averaged 25.1 points per game at the FIBA U20 European Championship, Division B and two years later made a big splash at FIBA EuroBasket 2017, finishing third per game in efficiency (10.8), scoring (12.0), rebounds (3.2) and assists (1.5) per game. When the ball is in his hands, he excels hitting mid-range jumpers off the dribble and getting to the rim. His 16.9 points per game led Falco Szombathely in scoring in last season's Basketball Champions League.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	6	23.0	28/50	3/13	12/14	3.2	3.2	12.8
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	6	24.0	23/43	3/10	14/17	3.8	4.7	11.5
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	12	24.0	33/70	6/27	46/55	3.6	3.4	10.8
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017	6	23.0	21/38	4/15	18/22	3.2	1.5	12.0
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017 Qualifiers	6	19.0	16/30	5/14	6/9	4.3	1.7	8.8

David VOJVODA



Height: 1.96

Position: Shooting Guard Date of Birth: 04/09/90 Place of Birth: Kaposvar

Team 2021-22: Alba Fehervar (Hungary-NB-I/A) Career: Kaposvari KK (Hungary-NB-I/A, 2006–10); ZTE KK (Hungary-NB-I/A, 2010–11); Atomeromu SE (Hungary-NB-I/A, 2011–13); Szolnoki Olaj KK (Hungary-NB-I/A, 2013-19); Unahotels Reggio Emilia (Italy-Lega A, 2019-20); Alba Fehervar (Hungary-NB-I/A, 2020-22)

Instagram: david_vojvoda

Vojvoda, picked out as a real talent from an early age in his home town of Kaposvar, has lived up to expectations, both on the domestic front and with Hungary's national team. He led Hungary in scoring at FIBA EuroBasket 2017 at 16.0 points per game, and that increased to 16.8 in the European Qualifiers campaign for the FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019. Difficult to guard with a strong body, Vojvoda gets into the lane and goes hard to the basket. He played one year abroad, in Italy, before returning to Hungary and thriving at Alba Fehervar the past two seasons.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	6	30.0	17/36	9/30	12/14	1.0	2.2	12.2
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	6	27.0	18/45	11/28	8/10	3.0	2.3	12.8
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	12	31.0	43/84	27/73	35/39	3.5	2.6	16.8
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017	6	29.0	22/47	12/42	16/17	3.0	2.5	16.0
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017 Qualifiers	5	30.0	18/34	15/44	14/16	2.6	4.0	19.0

Szilard BENKE



Height: 1.98

Position: Small Forward Date of Birth: 22/05/95 Place of Birth: Kaposvar

Team 2021-22: Falco Szombathely (Hungary-

NB-I/A)

Career: Kaposvar (Hungary-NB-I/A, 2012-16); ZTE KK (Hungary-NB-I/A, 2016-18); Szolnoki (Hungary-NB-I/A, 2018-2019); Falco Szombathely (Hungary-NB-I/A, 2019-22)

Szilard Benke is making his debut at FIBA EuroBasket but has been a part of the Hungary setup for several years, beginning with the European Qualifiers for the FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019 when his best game was a 21-point eruption in an overtime win against Netherlands. With just under 12 seconds to play in OT of the first EuroBasket 2022 Qualifiers game against Austria, Benke banked in a go-ahead, game-winning three-pointer. His 12.9 points per game helped Falco Szombathely top their group in the Basketball Champions League and advance to the Round of 16.

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	4	22.0	8/15	2/12	4/4	2.0	2.0	6.5
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	4	24.0	3/10	6/14	4/9	1.8	1.8	7.0
2019	FIRA Rackethall W/C 2019 FIT Oual	12	20.0	17//11	12/26	11/19	23	0.7	6.8

Csaba FERENCZ



Height: 1.94
Position: Small Forward
Date of Birth: 24/05/85
Place of Birth: Kormend

Team 2021-22: Kormend (Hungary-NB-I/A) Career: Kormend (Hungary-NB-I/A, 2001-22)

Instagram: csaba._ferencz

Hungary's average age increases when 37-year-old Csaba Ferencz is on the roster, yet with that comes valuable experience and a lethal three-point shot. Making his Hungarian domestic debut at age 16, Ferencz has a reputation for making big plays when Hungary need them. At EuroBasket 2017, he buried a combined 9-of-14 shots from deep against Spain and Serbia. In the European Qualifiers for the FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019, he made 5-of-6 (83.3 percent) three-balls in a triumph over Croatia. In the EuroBasket 2022 Qualifiers, he sank 7-of-17 (41.2 percent) from the arc.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	3	14.0	0/2	4/9	0/0	0.3	0.0	4.0
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	5	19.0	2/5	7/17	4/6	2.6	1.0	5.8
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	3	18.0	0/0	7/13	2/2	3.0	0.0	7.7
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017	6	18.0	3/6	11/26	4/5	2.2	0.2	7.2
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017 Qualifiers	6	16.0	8/12	10/25	0/1	2.2	0.3	7.7

Rosco ALLEN



Height: 2.06

Position: Small Forward/Power Forward

Date of Birth: 05/05/93

Place of Birth: Budapest

Team 2021-22: Niigata Albirex BB (Japan B.

League)

Career: Stanford University (USA-NCAA, 2012-16); Obradoiro CAB (Spain-ACB League, 2016–17); Iberostar Tenerife (Spain-ACB League, 2017-2018); Shimane Susanoo Magic (Japan B. League, 2018-2019); Gunma Crane Thunders (Japan B. League, 2019-22).

Instagram: roscoallen

Allen moved to the USA from Hungary at the age of 12 with his family and several years later, after playing basketball at Bishop Gorman High School in Las Vegas, competed for Stanford University. He then signed for Obradoiro in Spain for the 2016-17 season before making his EuroBasket bow. After completing the 2017-18 campaign with Iberostar Tenerife, Allen moved to Japan's B League and has been there ever since. Allen played in Hungary's first two games of the EuroBasket Qualifiers, both wins. On February 23, 2020, his tough drive and basket with 0.2 seconds remaining clinched a 62-60 win over Ukraine.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	4	27.0	7/11	1/7	11/18	4.0	1.0	7.0
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	2	30.0	7/11	0/1	9/10	5.5	0.5	11.5
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	8	27.0	19/51	8/21	19/30	6.4	1.8	10.1
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017	6	19.0	7/24	4/17	7/12	2.3	0.7	5.5

Norbert LUKACS



Height: 2.04
Position: Small Forward
Date of Birth: 18/05/01
Place of Birth: Szekesfehervar

Team 2021-22: Alba Fehervar (Hungary-NB-I/A) Career: Alba Fehervar (Hungary-NB-I/A, 2018-22)

Norbert Lukacs is beginning to come into his own as a pro in Hungary, having averaged almost 20 minutes per game for the only club he has played for, Alba Fehervar. Along the way, he's become a part of the national team setup, appearing in one FIBA EuroBasket Qualifier game and a few European Qualifiers games for the FIBA Basketball World Cup 2023. Lukacs, who averaged 7.5 points and 3.3 rebounds in Hungary's top flight this past season, is set to play for Szolnok in the coming campaign.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	3	7.0	0/0	0/2	1/2	0.7	0.0	0.3
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	1	23.0	1/2	0/1	0/0	6.0	0.0	2.0

Janos EILINGSFELD



Height: 1.98

Position: Small Forward/Power Forward

Date of Birth: 05/02/91

Place of Birth: Pecs

Team 2021-22: Atomeromu SE (Hungary-NB-I/A) Career: PVSK (Hungary-NB-I/A, 2007-12); Kormend (Hungary-NB-I/A, 2012); Atomeromu SE (Hungary-NB-I/A, 2012-16); Szolnoki Olaj KK (Hungary-NB-I/A, 2016-17); Atomeromu SE (Hungary-NB-I/A, 2017-22)

Instagram: eilingsfeldjanos_07

Janos Eilingsfeld offers a physical, low-post presence on both ends of the floor for Hungary. He is also a threat to take and make three-pointers. The 1.98m Eilingsfeld was one of just four Hungarians to play in all 12 European Qualifiers for the FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019, and he drilled 14-of-23 (60.9 percent) of his shots from behind the arc. Having made his EuroBasket debut in 2017, Eilingsfeld brings experience and plenty of savvy. The Pecs-born player is coming off a solid season with Atomeromu SE in Hungary's top flight, having averaged 15.6 points and 7.8 rebounds.

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	3	19.0	9/12	0/3	2/5	5.3	0.3	6.7
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	3	15.0	2/3	4/10	0/0	2.0	0.0	5.3
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	12	22.0	17/43	14/23	14/23	4.1	0.8	7.5
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017	6	19.0	10/17	2/7	2/4	3.0	1.0	4.7
2017	FIRA FurnRasket 2017 Qualifiers	6	21 በ	14/16	8/19	3/4	4 0	Ω7	92



Marko FILIPOVITY



Height: 2.04

Position: Small Forward/Power Forward

Date of Birth: 30/07/96
Place of Birth: Kaposvar

Team 2021-22: Obradoiro CAB (Spain-ACB

League); Ayfon (Turkey-BSL)

Career: Kaposvari (2013-14); Alba Fehervar (Hungary-NB-I/A, 2015-16); Szedeak (Hungary-NB-I/A, 2016-17); Alba Fehervar (Hungary-NB-I/A, 2017-19); Falco Szombathely (Hungary-NB-I/A, 2019-20); Pesaro (Italy-Lega A, 2020-21)

Twitter: MFilipovity

Marko Filipovity, after several years playing professionally in his native Hungary, ventured outside of the country in the hope of discovering his best form. His first experience abroad was in Italy with a struggling Pesaro in 2020-21 and following a switch to Obradoiro in Spain this past season, where he played in 14 games, he moved to Turkey to finish up with Ayfon. The 2.04m Filipovity can hit catch-and-shoot jumpers, and drive, at times finishing in spectacular fashion. After failing to get on the court in Hungary's first two FIBA EuroBasket 2022 Qualifiers, Filipovity averaged 20.5 minutes over the next four games.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	4	15.0	6/11	0/9	1/3	2.0	0.3	3.3
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	4	20.0	12/17	4/14	10/12	5.3	0.5	11.5
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	4	2.0	1/1	1/3	0/0	0.0	0.0	1.3

Gyorgy GOLOMAN



Height: 2.11

Position: Power Forward/Center Date of Birth: 02/04/96

Place of Birth: Szombathely

Team 2021-22: Falco Szombathely (Hungary-NB-I/A)

Career: Kormend (Hungary-NB-I/A, 2011-13); UCLA (USA-NCAA, 2014-17); Westchester Knicks (USA-NBA G League, 2018-19); Yokohama B Corsairs (Japan B League, 2019-20); Yamagata Wyverns (Japan B League, 2019-20); Spirou Charleroi (Belgium-BLB, 2020-21)

Twitter: Goloman32 Instagram: golom4n

As a member of the UCLA Bruins and while in the United States overall, "GG" learned a different style of basketball. Goloman has put it to good use with Falco Szombathely in Hungary and the Basketball Champions League, and with the national team. The 2.11m Goloman is long, deceptively quick and has a good shooting range. When defenses respect his perimeter game, he puts the ball on the deck, drives hard to the basket and jams with authority. Goloman also protects the rim. His 1.6 blocks per game ranked seventh in the 2021-22 Basketball Champions League.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	3	13.0	1/5	0/2	0/0	2.7	0.0	0.7
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	2	24.0	3/6	1/6	3/4	5.5	0.0	6.0

Akos KELLER



Height: 2.08

Position: Power Forward/Center

Date of Birth: 28/03/89
Place of Birth: Szekesfehervar

Team 2021-22: Falco Szombathely (Hungary-NB-I/A)

Career: Alba Fehervar (Hungary-NB-I/A, 2007–13); Szolnoki Olaj KK (Hungary-NB-I/A, 2013–16); Alba Fehervar (Hungary-NB-I/A, 2016-2017); Alba Fehervar (Hungary-NB-I/A, 20017–18); Pau-Lacq-Orthez (France-LNB Pro A, 2018-2019); Kormend (Hungary-NB-I/A, 2019-20); Zadar (Cro-

atia-A-1, 2019-20); Orlandina Basket (Italy-Lega Due, 2019-20); Slask Wroclaw (Poland-EBL, 2020-21)

Instagram: akoskeller6

Akos Keller has title-winning experience in Hungary's domestic league and many games under his belt in European club competitions, including this past season with Falco Szombathely. He played in all of Falco's Basketball Champions League games. The energetic power forward was in the Hungary team that ended an 18-year drought by playing at FIBA EuroBasket 2017 and has been a lynchpin in the national side ever since, competing in 11 of the 12 European Qualifiers games for the FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019, all six EuroBasket 2022 Qualifiers and the first six European Qualifiers for the next World Cup.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	6	18.0	16/25	0/5	2/8	3.3	0.8	5.7
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	6	24.0	15/27	2/6	10/22	4.0	1.0	7.7
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	11	22.0	18/44	4/13	9/20	3.9	1.3	5.2
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017	6	23.0	13/27	0/3	3/12	4.5	0.7	4.8
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017 Qualifiers	6	21.0	17/24	1/2	13/22	5.2	0.2	8.3

Mikael HOPKINS



Height: 2.06
Position: Center
Date of Birth: 23/06/93

Place of Birth: Hyattsville, Maryland (USA)

Team 2021-22: Unahotels Reggio Emilia (Italy-Lega A)

Career: Georgetown University (USA-NCAA, 2011-15); Istanbul DSI (Turkey D2, 2015-16); Samsun (Turkey D2, 2016-17); Yalova (Turkey-TBL, 2017-18); Samsun (Turkey D2, 2017-18); Balkan (Bulgaria-NBL, 2018-19); Cedevita Olimpija (Slovenia-LN KBM, 2018-20).

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At Georgetown, Mikael Hopkins' strengths were rebounding and defense. His offense has improved since moving overseas. After starting his pro career in Turkey's second division, Hopkins moved to Slovenia and won a domestic title with Cedevita Olimpija. This past season, he was in Italy's top flight at Unahotels Reggio Emilia, who reached the 2021-22 FIBA Europe Cup Finals. Hopkins has diversified his offense, even making 15 three-pointers in the FIBA Europe Cup, while in Italy he had eight double-doubles in points and rebounds. Hopkins played in the second and third windows for Hungary in the FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual..

	YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
	2023	FIRA Baskethall WC 2023 FU Qual	4	21 0	5/18	4/11	4/6	5.0	0.3	6.5

LITHUANIA

CAN THE NEW GENERATION FINALLY BRING A MEDAL?

Lithuania has never experienced a longer medal drought in its short independent history. It's been seven years since they last took home the silver medal at FIBA EuroBasket 2015. Only four players remain on the team which has struggled mightily to find the right dynamics with their new stars. Now, with the addition of some fresh faces, rising stars and a new coach, they are ready to give it another go.

Last year, Lithuania's unsuccessful attempt to qualify for the Olympics cost the job of Darius Maskoliunas. It was the first-time ever this Baltic nation missed the event and the head coaching job search began. 45-year old specialist Kazys Maksvytis has been the most sought-after local name for a while now and the agreement was reached.

As usual, it's to be expected for this basketball-crazy nation's main team to be under immense pressure. But Maksvytis knows a thing or two about how to handle it — he led Lithuania's 'golden' generation - born in 1992 - to win all four FIBA youth tournaments in which they participated in from 2008 to 2012.

The brightest talent on those teams was none other than the current star of the national team Jonas Valanciunas. He and Maksvytis hope to finally understand how the Pelicans center and Kings' forward Domantas Sabonis should co-exist efficiently. Both are paint-heavy traditional big-man and fitting them together has been an arduous task. Lithuania wishes that Maksvytis' ideas will give a much-awaited breakthrough as the fate of their performance greatly depends on it.

To support the big-men duo, Lithuania are forming a strong supporting cast. An exciting fresh face is coming in. Ignas Brazdeikis, who spent the 2021-22 season between the Orlando Magic and the NBA G League,

has already made a shiny debut in national colors in the latest FIBA Basketball World Cup 2023 European Qualifiers window. The forward showcased outstanding 1-on-1 scoring and creating skills, something Lithuania haven't possessed in this position for a long time.

Even though Maksvytis' go-to offensive options will be inside the paint, there is no denying that modern basketball is dominated by perimeter players. Besides Brazdeikis, Lithuania will rely on Marius Grigonis and Lukas Lekavicius to get into the most dangerous area of the court -- the paint. Gritty and fast, both guards know perfectly well how to finish there as well with their floaters having been scorching the European nets for quite some time now.

The youngest member of the team, 21-year old rising star Rokas Jokubaitis is up for a gigantic task. Replacing legendary point-guard and captain Mantas Kalnietis is not a walk in the park. Neither is calling the shots for a group featuring NBA players and balancing between scoring himself. But the young prospect seems ready to take over the reins after a demanding season under Coach Jasikevicius in Barcelona.

The other big question is whether Lithuania will have enough shooters around its main core. Rokas Giedraitis, Mindaugas Kuzminskas and Eigirdas Zukauskas should provide some three-point prowess, each in a different position. With the absences of Edgaras Ulanovas, Eimantas Bendzius and Tadas Sedekerskis, their percentages from deep will act a fairly significant role.

Lithuania appears to have it all. But lately it has not been working. Can Kazys Maksvytis finally unlock the jigsaw and bring home the medal?

By Augustas Suliauskas



Year	Event	Place	Achievement
2021	Olympics	Tokyo (JPN)	Did not qualify
2019	FIBA Basketball World Cup	Beijing (CHN)	9th
2017	FIBA EuroBasket	Istanbul (TUR)	9th
2016	Olympics	Rio de Janeiro (BRA)	7th
2015	FIBA EuroBasket	Lille (FRA)	Silver
2014	FIBA Basketball World Cup	Madrid (ESP)	4th
2013	FIBA EuroBasket	Ljubljana (SLO)	Silver
2012	Olympics	London (GBR)	8th
2011	FIBA EuroBasket	Kaunas (LTU)	5th
2010	FIBA Basketball World Cup	Istanbul (TUR)	Bronze

FIBA EuroBasket 2022 Qualifiers Accumulated Stats

Marius GRIGONIS

Rokas GIEDRAITIS

Ignas BRAZDEIKIS

Arnas BUTKEVICIUS

Eigirdas ZUKAUSKAS

Gytis MASIULIS

Domantas SABONIS

Donatas TAROLIS

Martynas ECHODAS

Jonas VALANCIUNAS

Coach: Kazys MAKSVYTIS

Mindaugas KUZMINSKAS 2.05

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03/05/96

CSKA Moscow (RUS)

Baskonia Vitoria (ESP)

08/01/99 Orlando Magic (USA)

19/10/89 Zenit St Petersburg (RUS)

Tofas Bursa (TUR)

30/04/94 Buducnost Podgorica (MNE)

07/07/97 Umana Reyer Venezia (ITA)

06/05/92 New Orleans Pelicans (USA)

Surne Basket Bilbao (ESP)

Sacramento Kings (USA)

22/10/92 Rytas Vilnius

			FG		2PT I	FG	3РТ	FG	FI	г		REB							
Name	G	Min	M/A	%	M/A	%	M/A	%	M/A	%	0	D	Tot	AST	T0	STL	BLK	PF	PTS
Eimantas BENDZIUS	6	25.9	23/46	50.0	6/12	50.0	17/34	50.0	11/15	73.3	0.8	2.5	3.3	1.3	0.7	1.0	0.0	2.8	12.3
Mantas KALNIETIS	6	23.5	13/28	46.4	7/12	58.3	6/16	37.5	1/2	50.0	0.2	0.8	1.0	4.5	1.7	0.3	0.2	1.7	5.5
Tomas DIMSA	6	21.2	18/38	47.4	10/20	50.0	8/18	44.4	8/10	80.0	0.2	0.7	8.0	1.3	2.0	0.5	0.0	3.2	8.7
Mindaugas KUZMINSKAS	6	20.8	17/44	38.6	10/21	47.6	7/23	30.4	17/22	77.3	1.3	3.2	4.5	1.8	0.5	0.8	0.3	2.0	9.7
Jonas MACIULIS	6	18.7	13/24	54.2	10/16	62.5	3/8	37.5	7/10	70.0	0.2	2.8	3.0	1.0	1.2	0.7	0.2	2.7	6.0
Laurynas BIRUTIS	6	11.2	15/21	71.4	15/21	71.4	0/0	0.0	11/17	64.7	1.3	2.2	3.5	0.5	1.0	0.3	0.3	2.3	6.8
Arnas BUTKEVICIUS	4	24.5	10/21	47.6	7/12	58.3	3/9	33.3	4/6	66.7	1.3	3.3	4.5	2.5	0.5	1.0	0.3	1.3	6.8
Mindaugas GIRDZIUNAS	3	15.1	2/10	20.0	0/4	0.0	2/6	33.3	2/2	100.0	0.0	0.7	0.7	1.3	0.3	0.0	0.0	2.0	2.7
Gytis MASIULIS	3	13.1	6/6	100.0	5/5	100.0	1/1	100.0	11/14	78.6	1.0	1.3	2.3	0.7	0.3	0.0	0.0	1.7	8.0
Arnas VELICKA	3	12.3	3/10	30.0	3/9	33.3	0/1	0.0	6/6	100.0	0.3	1.0	1.3	2.3	0.7	0.7	0.0	1.0	4.0
Regimantas MINIOTAS	3	11.5	9/12	75.0	9/11	81.8	0/1	0.0	0/0	0.0	1.0	2.0	3.0	0.3	0.7	0.7	0.0	1.3	6.0
Marek BLAZEVIC	3	7.7	5/8	62.5	5/8	62.5	0/0	0.0	8/11	72.7	1.3	0.3	1.7	0.3	0.7	0.0	0.0	2.0	6.0
Vaidas KARINIAUSKAS	2	23.5	9/18	50.0	9/16	56.3	0/2	0.0	7/9	77.8	0.5	2.5	3.0	4.0	2.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	12.5
Donatas MOTIEJUNAS	2	17.6	11/18	61.1	11/17	64.7	0/1	0.0	5/9	55.6	3.5	2.5	6.0	0.5	1.5	0.0	0.0	2.0	13.5
Deividas GAILIUS	2	14.7	6/11	54.5	4/6	66.7	2/5	40.0	2/2	100.0	0.5	1.0	1.5	0.5	1.0	0.0	0.0	3.0	8.0
Paulius VALINSKAS	2	13.1	2/7	28.6	1/3	33.3	1/4	25.0	0/0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	1.5	2.5
Sarunas VASILIAUSKAS	2	6.4	2/3	66.7	0/0	0.0	2/3	66.7	2/2	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.0
Rokas JOKUBAITIS	1	22.6	2/8	25.0	2/7	28.6	0/1	0.0	3/4	75.0	0.0	3.0	3.0	6.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.0
Martynas ECHODAS	1	13.6	2/5	40.0	2/5	40.0	0/0	0.0	0/4	0.0	2.0	2.0	4.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	4.0
Zygimantas JANAVICIUS	1	4.1	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0.0	2.0	2.0	0.0	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Martynas SAJUS	1	4.1	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0
Augustas MARCIULIONIS	0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Team/Coaches											1.8	2.2	4.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.2	
TOTALS		325.2	168/338	49.7	116/205	56.6	52/133	39.1	105/145	72.4	10.3	22.3	32.7	18.7	11.5	5.3	1.3	22.2	82.2

COACHKazys MAKSVYTIS



Nationality: Lithuanian
Date of Birth: 15/06/77
Place of Birth: Kretinga

Team 2021-22: Zalgiris Kaunas (Lithua-

nia-LKL)

Club Career: Sakalai Vilnius (Lithuania-LKL, 2011-12); Neptunas Klaipeda (Lithuania-LKL, 2012-15); Lietkabelis Panevezys (Lithuania-LKL, 2015-17); Neptunas Klaipeda (Lithuania-LKL, 2017-19); BC Parma (Russia-VTB, 2019-22); Zalgiris Kaunas (Lithuania-LKL, 2022-)

International Career: Lithuania (2022-)

Kazys Maksvytis rose to fame in Lithuania between 2008 and 2012 when he accomplished a historical feat, winning all possible FIBA youth tournaments with the 1992 generation. The 'golden' team was led by Jonas Valanciunas but in 2012, Maksvytis showed that he can win the FIBA U20 European Championship without the country's biggest prospect, cementing his status as a promising coach. The freedom he gives to the players and good communication skills translated to success in the local league too. The 45-year old specialist brought Neptunas Klaipeda and Lietkabelis Panevezys to what was then unprecedented highs in LKL, finishing second twice and winning bronze once. Later on, he went on to work at BC Parma in the VTB league before joining the most-accomplished club in Lithuania, Zalgiris Kaunas this spring.

Jonas VALANCIUNAS





Height: 2.11
Position: Center
Date of Birth: 06/05/92
Place of Birth: Utena

Team 2021-22: New Orleans Pelicans (USA-NBA) Career: Perlas Vilnius (Lithuania-LKL, 2008-10); Lietuvos Rytas Vilnius (Lithuania-LKL, 2010-12); Toronto Raptors (Canada-NBA, 2012-19); Memphis Grizzlies (USA-NBA, 2019-21); New Orleans Pelicans (USA-NBA, 2021-22)

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Jonas Valanciunas has been the main piece in Lithuania's roster for years now and has been steadily adding to his game. At one point last season, the center had the best three-point percentage in all of the NBA. Look out for his spot up threes at EuroBasket as coach Maksvytis has mentioned fitting Valanciunas and Sabonis together as a main priority. Obviously, the 30-year-old will spend the majority of time in the paint, where few opponents can offer resistance against his right-hand hooks or turnaround jump shots. The real test for Jonas will be on the defensive end, where Luka Doncic picked his pick and roll defense apart in last year's FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tournament Final. Reunited with his former youth coach, Valanciunas will be looking to replicate their past glory.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2020	FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tour. 2020	4	22.0	27/34	0/0	10/16	9.5	0.3	16.0
2019	FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019	5	23.0	27/41	0/1	16/22	8.8	1.0	14.0
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	2	20.0	10/15	0/1	6/11	6.0	2.0	13.0
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017	6	27.0	32/53	0/0	31/41	12.0	1.0	15.8
2016	Olympic Basketball Tournament 2016	6	24.0	16/41	0/0	8/10	7.0	0.5	6.7

Rokas JOKUBAITIS



Height: 1.92
Position: Point Guard
Date of Birth: 19/11/00
Place of Birth: Mazeikiai

Team 2021-22: FC Barcelona (Spain-ACB)

Career: Neptunas-2 Klaipeda (Lithuania-NKL, 2016-17); Zalgiris Kaunas (Lithuania-LKL, 2017-21); FC Barcelona (Spain-ACB, 2021-22)

Instagram: jokubaitis13

Sarunas Jasikevicius, Mantas Kalnietis and now Rokas Jokubaitis. The young floor general is set to follow in the footsteps of great Lithuanian point guards and it will be the first tournament where he will face the daunting task of leading the national team. Jokubaitis showed he can handle the pressure after moving to FC Barcelona last summer. EuroLeague's Rising Star carved out a role for himself even with Nick Calathes and Nicolas Laprovittola ahead of him. Replacing the two legends will not be easy, but Jokubaitis' combination of skill and high IQ is what this Baltic nation has coveted for so long at the point guard position.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	1	23.0	2/7	0/1	3/4	3.0	6.0	7.0
2020	FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tour. 2020	4	17.0	13/18	2/7	4/6	1.8	3.0	9.0

Lukas LEKAVICIUS



Height: 1.80 Position: Point Guard Date of Birth: 30/03/94 Place of Birth: Silale

Team 2021-22: Zalgiris Kaunas (Lithuania-LKL) Career: Zalgiris-2 Kaunas (Lithuania-NKL, 2012-13); Zalgiris Kaunas (Lithuania-LKL, 2013-17); Panathinaikos Athens (Greece-A1, 2017-19); Zalgiris Kaunas (Lithuania-LKL, 2019-22)

Instagram: luuukass4

A perfect sixth man for any team, Lukas Lekavicius arrives to the EuroBasket after a strong 2021-22 campaign. The lefty point guard was a rare bright spot for the local powerhouse Zalgiris Kaunas as they finished dead last in EuroLeague last season. Impossible to catch, Lekavicius is a constant threat to the opposing teams by breaking their aggressive defenses with no mercy. A smaller playmaker with one of the best floater games in the continent and has improved his outside shooting, becoming lethal both from the midrange and downtown. Should Rokas Jokubaitis struggle with the pressure, Lithuania are sure they can count on their second option at the 1 spot.

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2020	FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tour. 2020	4	15.0	6/11	1/7	2/2	1.3	1.5	4.3
2019	FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019	5	18.0	21/28	3/9	14/15	1.6	1.8	13.0
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	4	20.0	8/19	2/3	13/14	2.0	2.3	8.8
2015	FIBA EuroBasket 2015	8	9.0	2/12	0/4	1/2	0.5	1.3	0.6



Kristupas ZEMAITIS



Height: 1.92 Position: Point Guard Date of Birth: 24/06/96 Place of Birth: Kaunas

Team 2021-22: Lietkabelis Panevezys (Lithuania-

LKL

Career: Zalgiris-2 Kaunas (Lithuania-NKL, 2014-16); Vytautas Prienai (Lithuania-LKL, 2016-17); Siauliai (Lithuania-LKL, 2017-20); Dzukija Alytus (Lithuania-LKL, 2020-21); Lietkabelis Panevezys (Lithuania-LKL, 2021-22)

Instagram: king_kristupas

Kristupas Zemaitis is looking at his debut with the senior national team. He represented Lithuania's U18 and U20 teams, but was never the most talented or gifted. The point guard had to battle through ups and downs in his career and after an excellent EuroCup and LKL performance with Lietkabelis Panevezys, he is ready to take the next step. Over the years, Zemaitis has slowly developed into a solid floor general that organizes the game and executes the game-plan extremely well. He will most likely be a third playmaker, yet has a career chance of showcasing his knack for the game on the international level.

Tomas DIMSA



Height: 1.96
Position: Shooting Guard
Date of Birth: 02/01/94
Place of Birth: Kaunas

Team 2021-22: Nutribullet Treviso (Italy-Serie A) Career: Zalgiris-2 Kaunas (Lithuania-NKL, 2010-12); Zalgiris Kaunas (Lithuania-LKL, 2012-15); Vytautai Prienai (Lithuania-LKL, 2016-18); Juventus Utena (Lithuania-LKL, 2018-19); Lietkabelis Panevezys (Lithuania-LKL, 2019-20); Gran Canaria Herbalife Las Palmas (Spain-ACB, 2020-21); Nutribullet Treviso (Italy-Serie A, 2021-22)

Instagram: dimsa33

Another product of Zalgiris Kaunas system, Tomas Dimsa is an explosive guard with a streaky shot. The guard was in all of Lithuania's youth teams but usually in the shadow of his good friend Marius Grigonis. At EuroBasket, these two have a chance of finally representing the senior squad together. It's been a long time coming for Dimsa, who made giant steps in the last couple of seasons while playing for Gran Canaria and Treviso. Now he is on the brink of making it to the main roster of Zalgiris Kaunas. Expect threes and warlike defense from him.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	6	25.0	8/28	11/37	5/8	1.2	2.7	9.0
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	6	21.0	10/20	8/18	8/10	0.8	1.3	8.7
2020	FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tour. 2020	4	7.0	2/3	3/7	1/1	0.3	0.3	3.5

Marius GRIGONIS



Height: 1.98
Position: Shooting Guard
Date of Birth: 26/04/94
Place of Birth: Kaunas

Team 2021-22: CSKA Moscow (Russia-VTB)

Career: Zalgiris-2 Kaunas (Lithuania-NKL, 2010-12); Zalgiris Kaunas (Lithuania-LKL, 2012-13); Iberostar Tenerife (Spain-ACB, 2016-17); ALBA Berlin (Germany-BBL, 2017-18); Zalgiris Kaunas (Lithuania-LKL, 2018-21); CSKA Moscow (Russia-VTB, 2021-2022)

Instagram: grigulica

Grit and grind. These two words represent Marius Grigonis as a player and perfectly sum up his career up to this point. The 28-year-old guard had to inch through every level of competition in Europe before signing a career deal last summer with one of the European giants. However, the 2021-22 season was a bumpy one. Between injuries and CSKA Moscow's removal from foreign competitions, Grigonis might come to EuroBasket rusty. Lithuania will hope he can shake it off in a hurry as they will need every bit of his energy, solid three-point shooting, floaters and proficient pick-and-roll game.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	2	29.0	4/11	3/11	6/8	5.0	6.0	11.5
2020	FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tour. 2020	4	25.0	6/15	5/17	14/17	3.8	3.3	10.3
2019	FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019	5	20.0	15/30	4/12	9/9	1.8	1.2	10.2
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	4	20.0	2/3	5/11	8/9	4.5	3.0	6.8
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017	5	19.0	4/5	4/15	1/1	3.0	1.6	4.2

Rokas GIEDRAITIS



Height: 2.00

Position: Shooting Guard/Small Forward

Date of Birth: 16/08/92 Place of Birth: Taurage

Team 2021-22: Baskonia Vitoria (Spain-ACB)
Career: ABRO-Universitetas Siauliai (Lithuania-NKL, 2011-12); Mazeikiai (Lithuania-NKL, 2012-13); Siauliai (Lithuania-LKL, 2013-16); Rytas Vilnius (Lithuania-LKL, 2015-18); ALBA Berlin (Ger-

many-BBL, 2018-20); Baskonia Vitoria (Spain-ACB, 2020-22)

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Instagram: giedraitis13

One more member of Lithuania's 'golden' 1992 generation, Rokas Giedraitis, was never the first choice for coach Maksvytis. Actually, he made only the last two youth teams at U19 and U20 level and had insignificant roles. A late bloomer, he climbed the career ladder step by step, evolving into a EuroLeague player at the age of 26. A sharpshooter, with 39-percent career three-point accuracy, can get hot in a blink of an eye with one of the fastest releases in the continent. Giedraitis should be a fantastic option from the bench for Lithuania to mix up their offense, possibly completely changing a game or two.

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2020	FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tour. 2020	4	19.0	4/9	4/14	0/0	2.5	1.0	5.0
2019	FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019	3	13.0	0/1	0/3	2/2	1.3	1.0	0.7
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	12	17.0	13/22	15/40	14/15	3.0	1.4	7.1

Ignas BRAZDEIKIS



Height: 2.01

Position: Small Forward/Shooting Guard

Date of Birth: 08/01/99 Place of Birth: Kaunas

Team 2021-22: Orlando Magic (USA-NBA)

Career: New York Knicks (USA-NBA, 2019-21), Philadelphia 76ers (USA-NBA, 2020-21); Orlando Magic (USA-NBA, 2021-22)

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Mystery surrounded Brazdeikis' ability to represent Lithuania until a couple of months ago when his passport issues were solved at last. In a much anticipated debut in national team colors at FIBA Basketball World Cup European Qualifiers in June, he delighted the supporters by showcasing a full bag of offensive tricks. Such a combo of skill, quickness and strength is something Lithuania have not had in that position for a long time and it could be a massive spark to their aspirations. A sizzling start with Lithuania's jersey earned Brazdeikis a contract with the powerhouse Zalgiris Kaunas and the forward will look to continue turning heads at EuroBasket as well.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	2	22.0	8/15	3/10	4/5	3.5	1.0	14.5

Mindaugas KUZMINSKAS



Height: 2.05

Position: Power Forward/Small Forward

Date of Birth: 19/10/89 Place of Birth: Vilnius

Team 2021-22: Zenit St Petersburg (Russia-VTB)
Career: Sakalai Vilnius (Lithuania-LKL, 2006-07);
Siauliai (Lithuania-LKL, 2008-10); Zalgiris Kaunas
(Lithuania-LKL, 2010-13); Unicaja Malaga (Spain-ACB, 2013-16); New York Knicks (USA-NBA, 2016-18); AX Armani Exchange Milano (Italy-Serie A, 2017-19); Lokomotiv Krasnodar (Russia-VTB, 2019-20); Olympiacos Pireaus (Greece-A, 2020-21); Ze-

nit St Petersburg (Russia-VTB, 2021-22)

Twitter: MKuzminskas Instagram: mkuzminskas

It might be hard to believe but the always-smiling Mindaugas Kuzminskas is the oldest player on this roster. The 32-year old wing has become a seasoned vet with various NBA and EuroLeague experiences under his belt. The journeyman has not lost the trademark skills that once contributed to making a jump to the NBA. Kazys Maksvytis will look to take advantage of his athleticism and floor stretching abilities at both forward spots as Lithuania will need as many shooters as possible around the inside duo of Valanciunas and Sabonis as well as their perimeter creators.

Arnas BUTKEVICIUS



Height: 1.96
Position: Small Forward
Date of Birth: 22/10/92
Place of Birth: Klaipeda

Team 2021-22: Rytas Vilnius (Lithuania-LKL)
Career: Sakalai Vilnius (Lithuania-LKL, 2010-12);
Lietkabelis Panvezys (Lithuania-LKL, 2012-13);
Neptunas Klaipeda (Lithuania-LKL, 2013-18); Ry-

tas Vilnius (Lithuania-LKL, 2017-22)

Every squad needs an all-round glue guy. Look no further than Arnas Butkevicius. The forward was often overlooked by national team coaches, explaining his sole participation in main FIBA tournaments. Coming off his best individual season ever, where he guided Rytas Vilnius to the first Championship in 12 years, the do-it-all Butkevicius should be a rotation player for Lithuania. MVP of the finals, the slashing wing thrives in transition, can defend multiple positions and has improved his spot up shooting abilities. A career season converted into a contract with Zalgiris Kaunas and Arnas will be looking to build upon that in a rare appearance with the national team jersey at a major tournament.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	4	22.0	7/16	2/5	5/5	5.3	1.3	6.3
FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	4	25.0	7/12	3/9	4/6	4.5	2.5	6.8
FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tour. 2020	4	19.0	6/10	4/5	4/7	3.3	2.0	7.0
FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019	5	10.0	6/7	0/1	2/3	2.4	0.6	2.8
FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	6	17.0	11/18	1/6	9/14	2.8	1.5	5.7
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Eigirdas ZUKAUSKAS



Position: Power Forward/Small Forward

Date of Birth: 03/06/92 Place of Birth: Radviliskis

Team 2021-22: Tofas Bursa (Turkey-BSL)

Career: Juodeliai Radvisliskis (Lithuania-NKL, 2011-12); Statyba Vilnius (Lithuania-NKL, 2011-12); Mazeikiai (Lithuania-NKL, 2012-13); Dzukija Alytus (Lithuania-NKL, 2013-14); Mazeikiai (Lithuania-LKL, 2014-15); JSA Bordeaux (France-NM1, 2015-16); Saint-Chamond (France-Pro B, 2016-17); Vytautas Prienai (Lithuania-LKL, 2017-18); BC Parma (Russia-VTB, 2018-22); Tofas Bursa (2021-22)

Some would say Eigirdas Zukauskas is not supposed to be here. O appearances in youth national teams. In 2017, he was playing basketball in only the second league of France. Yet, five years of hard work and a bit of luck later, he will represent his native country at the biggest European tournament of all. The forward is all about doing the right thing on the court – whether that's a cut, timely three from the corner or a defensive rotation. That is what seals the deal for head coach Kazys Maksvytis as these two have been at the same club for the last four years.

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS	
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	4	23.0	6/12	4/10	8/10	5.0	1.5	8.0	



Gytis MASIULIS



Height: 2.07 **Position:** Power Forward **Date of Birth: 10/04/98** Place of Birth: Kaunas

Team 2021-22: Surne Basket Bilbao (Spain-ACB) Career: Zalgiris-2 Kaunas (Lithuania-NKL, 2014-16); Zalgiris Kaunas (Lithuania-LKL, 2016-18); Neptunas Klaipeda (Lithuania-LKL, 2018-20); Lietkabelis Panevezys (Lithuania-LKL, 2020-21); Surne Basket Bilbao (Spain-ACB, 2021-22)

Instagram: gyciakas21

Gytis Masiulis, the top prospect of the 1998-born Lithuania class, has not quite lived up to the hype so far. A son of a former player and now FC Barcelona assistant coach Tomas Masiulis, is yet to develop his skinny body that often hurts him on the defensive end. On the other side of the court, Masiulis' game is up to the latest trends - Gytis can stretch the floor while playing at the 5 and is quick enough to be solid while switched onto guards. However, EuroBasket might be too high of a level for the prospect right now and he could have a hard time staying on the floor.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	4	14.0	6/8	2/8	9/13	2.5	0.3	6.8
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	3	13.0	5/5	1/1	11/14	2.3	0.7	8.0
2020	FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tour. 2020	4	4.0	3/5	0/1	0/1	2.3	0.5	1.5
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	3	14.0	3/7	3/8	4/6	2.3	0.3	6.3

Domantas SABONIS



Height: 2.11

Position: Power Forward/Center Date of Birth: 03/05/96 Place of Birth: Portland (USA)

Team 2021-22: Sacramento Kings (USA-NBA) Career: Unicaja Malaga (Spain-ACB, 2013-14); Gonzaga (USA-NCAA, 2014-16); Oklahoma City Thunder (USA-NBA, 2016-17); Indiana Pacers (USA-NBA, 2017-22); Sacramento Kings (USA-NBA, 2022-)

Twitter: Dsabonis11 Instagram: dsabonis11

Domantas Sabonis won the silver medal in his first appearance with the senior national team at FIBA EuroBasket 2015. However, the role he played was minimal. The Sacramento Kings forward is hoping to repeat the outcome now that he is one of the most important members on Lithuania's squad. Team play, pickand-roll greatness and excellent vision are the big man's trademark skills. While they have helped to attain multiple All-Star nods in the NBA, it has not been all sunshine and roses for Domantas in FIBA competitions. A solid midrange might unlock their offense and Lithuania's chances of coming back to the top.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2020	FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tour. 2020	4	27.0	21/32	0/1	5/9	8.0	1.5	11.8
2019	FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019	4	24.0	15/30	0/1	12/17	6.3	3.8	10.5
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	2	22.0	13/20	0/0	3/3	7.5	2.0	14.5
2016	Olympic Basketball Tournament 2016	6	19.0	12/29	1/6	6/13	4.5	0.7	5.5
2015	FIBA EuroBasket 2015	4	7.0	5/10	0/1	2/3	2.0	0.0	3.0

Donatas TAROLIS



Height: 2.03 **Position:** Power Forward Date of Birth: 30/04/94 Place of Birth: Gargzdai

Team 2021-22: Buducnost Podgorica (Montene-

gro-ABA)

Career: Bremena Gargzdai (Lithuania-NKL, 2012-13); Zalgiris-2 Kaunas (Lithuania-NKL, 2013-14); Zalgiris Kaunas (Lithuania-LKL, 2014-15); Lions Traiskirchen (Austria-ABL, 2015-16); Lietkabelis Panevezys (Lithuania-LKL, 2016-19); U-BT Cluj Napoca (Romania-LNBM, 2019-21); Afyon Belediye

(Turkey-TBL, 2021); Buducnost Podgorica (Montenegro-ABA, 2021-22)

Instagram: donce_27

An unlikely name to take the final spot, Donatas Tarolis will be making his first appearance with the national team. He is a traditional big man with a great motor, superb rolling to the basket skills and solid finishing around the rim. Following the most fashionable trends for forwards, he added to his bag and became a stretch big just recently, shooting at an exceptional 43-percent rate from behind the arc in the 2020-21 season. It was a career-best season for Tarolis at U-BT Cluj Napoca, marking the only time in his career with more than one made three-pointer per game.

Martynas ECHODAS



Height: 2.06 **Position:** Center **Date of Birth: 07/07/97** Place of Birth: Kaunas

Team 2021-22: Umana Reyer Venezia (Italy-Serie A) Career: Zalgiris-2 Kaunas (Lithuania-NKL, 2013-16); Siauliai (Lithuania-LKL, 2016-17); Rytas Vilnius (Lithuania-LKL, 2017-21); Umana Reyer Venezia (It-

aly-Serie A, 2021-22) Instagram: echodas14

Center Martynas Echodas is coming off the most disappointing season in his short career and definitely will be looking to revive his confidence at EuroBasket. The 2019 Euro Cup Rising Star averaged only 10 minutes per game in Italy's Serie A for Venezia but still has much to offer for coach Kazys Maksvytis. The bouncy center is an enormous lob threat whenever on court and his energy crashing the glass never goes unnoticed. Lately, he gained muscle to have better chances against the traditional big men in post defense. He will probably not be playing much but should be a solid backup to Valanciunas at the 5.

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	5	14.0	14/23	0/0	14/22	4.8	0.8	8.4
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	1	14.0	2/5	0/0	0/4	4.0	0.0	4.0
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	6	15.0	20/30	0/0	10/18	5.5	0.5	8.3



MORE THAN JUST A ONE-HIT WONDER

Five years ago, Slovenia went from an underdog to a Cinderella story all the way to FIBA EuroBasket 2017 champions status. A young, 18-year-old Luka Doncic introduced himself to the world of international basketball, and he seemed like a perfect fit to Igor Kokoskov's high-pace basketball, right next to the event MVP Goran Dragic.

Fast forward to 2022, Aleksander Sekulic is now in charge of the even faster Slovenian team. Goran Dragic is making a comeback after announcing national team retirement right after the 2017 title run, which turned out to be a five-year sabbatical from the national team for the 36-year-old.

But while he was away, the new kid on the block took matters into his own hands. Doncic went from being a boy wonder to becoming arguably the biggest international star in basketball. At 23, he is still improving and still developing his game - a scary sight for all those who stand on the other side, trying to stop him.

With Doncic in charge, coach Sekulic was able to create a rock solid system, surrounding him with strong athletic guys in positions 2-4 and adding the vertical threat of Mike Tobey at the 5 to throw down all those alley-oops, and protect the rim at the other end of the floor.

Slovenia will have a tough assignment already in Cologne, Germany, as they start the title defense in a competitive Group B, alongside France, Lithuania, the hosts Germany, Hungary and Bosnia and Herzegovina. However, this brings back some 2017 memories, as they were in an

equally close group with France, Greece, the hosts Finland, Poland and Iceland, and still topped the standings at 5-0.

In the meantime, the defending European champions had one major disappointment, and one major success. They missed out on the FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019, but bounced back with an impressive summer of 2021, when they won the FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tournament in Kaunas, Lithuania, and went on to reach the Semi-Finals of the Olympic Games in Tokyo, falling short of a spot in the Final on a last second Nicolas Batum block in the Semis against France.

While being heartbroken back then in Tokyo, the bigger picture still looks unreal for Slovenia. A country of just over two million people has one of the strongest basketball teams in the world, strong handball team that medaled at the European and World Championships, volleyball team that reached the Final of European Championship three times since 2015, Olympic medal and Tour de France winning cyclists, and a number of winter sports heroes, dominating the ski jumping events, especially.

A sporting nation like few others, Slovenia will be motivated to prove their success in 2017 was not just a one-hit wonder. The gold in Istanbul remains their only medal in EuroBasket history - something tells us it's a matter of when not if when it comes to Slovenia adding more silverware to the collection.

By Igor Curkovic



Player	Height (m)	Position	Date of Birth	Team 2021-22
Luka DONCIC	2.01	PG	28/02/99	Dallas Mavericks (USA)
Goran DRAGIC	1.90	PG	06/05/86	Brooklyn Nets (USA)
Aleksej NIKOLIC	1.91	PG	21/02/95	San Pablo Burgos (ESP)
Luka RUPNIK	1.86	PG	20/05/93	Yalova (TUR)
Ziga SAMAR	1.97	PG	26/01/01	Fuenlabrada (ESP)
Jaka BLAZIC	1.96	SG	30/06/90	Cedevita Olimpija
Klemen PREPELIC	1.89	SG	20/10/92	Valencia (ESP)
Zoran DRAGIC	1.96	SF	22/06/89	Cedevita Olimpija
Vlatko CANCAR	2.03	SF	10/04/97	Denver Nuggets (USA)
Jakob CEBASEK	2.00	SF	28/04/91	Leuven Bears (BEL)
Gregor HROVAT	1.96	SF	18/08/94	EB Pau-Lacq-Orthez (FRA)
Edo MURIC	2.02	SF	27/11/91	Cedevita Olimpija
Ziga DIMEC	2.11	С	20/02/93	Anwil Wloclawek (POL)
Jurij MACURA	2.11	С	23/12/99	Krka Novo Mesto
Mike TOBEY	2.13	С	10/10/94	Valencia (ESP)

FIBA EuroBasket 2022 Qualifiers 2nd in Group F (4W - 2L)

Last 10 FIBA Events

Year	Event	Place	Achievement
2021	Olympics	Tokyo (JPN)	4th
2019	FIBA Basketball World Cup	Beijing (CHN)	Did not qualify
2017	FIBA EuroBasket	Istanbul (TUR)	Gold
2016	Olympics	Rio de Janeiro (BRA)	Did not qualify
2015	FIBA EuroBasket	Lille (FRA)	12th
2014	FIBA Basketball World Cup	Madrid (ESP)	7th
2013	FIBA EuroBasket	Ljubljana (SLO)	5th
2012	Olympics	London (GBR)	Did not qualify
2011	FIBA EuroBasket	Kaunas (LTU)	7th
2010	FIBA Basketball World Cup	Istanbul (TUR)	8th

FIBA EuroBasket 2022 Qualifiers Accumulated Stats

			FG		2PT	FG	3P1	FG	F	T		REB							
Name	G	Min	M/A	%	M/A	%	M/A	%	M/A	%	0	D	Tot	AST	TO	STL	BLK	PF	PTS
Jaka BLAZIC	6	30.7	32/80	40.0	19/38	50.0	13/42	31.0	22/30	73.3	1.0	5.2	6.2	1.8	2.8	1.5	0.0	1.7	16.5
Edo MURIC	6	27.9	21/58	36.2	12/25	48.0	9/33	27.3	9/9	100.0	1.5	4.7	6.2	2.5	1.3	1.0	0.3	2.3	10.0
Luka RUPNIK	6	22.2	18/39	46.2	5/9	55.6	13/30	43.3	16/21	76.2	0.3	1.3	1.7	5.5	1.8	8.0	0.2	3.0	10.8
Gregor HROVAT	6	13.6	11/26	42.3	9/13	69.2	2/13	15.4	11/12	91.7	1.0	2.0	3.0	8.0	0.5	1.3	0.2	1.7	5.8
Blaz MAHKOVIC	6	10.9	8/14	57.1	6/9	66.7	2/5	40.0	6/6	100.0	0.0	0.8	8.0	0.7	0.5	0.2	0.3	2.2	4.0
Alen HODZIC	5	10.1	7/20	35.0	0/2	0.0	7/18	38.9	0/0	0.0	0.2	0.6	8.0	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.0	2.2	4.2
Jordan MORGAN	4	28.5	23/38	60.5	23/37	62.2	0/1	0.0	11/13	84.6	4.3	4.3	8.5	1.0	2.8	1.0	0.5	2.0	14.3
Ziga DIMEC	4	19.8	7/12	58.3	7/12	58.3	0/0	0.0	8/11	72.7	1.8	2.0	3.8	1.0	1.0	0.5	0.5	2.8	5.5
Luka LAPORNIK	4	18.2	6/23	26.1	4/13	30.8	2/10	20.0	3/4	75.0	0.5	0.8	1.3	0.8	0.3	0.8	0.3	2.8	4.3
Jan KOSI	3	11.4	3/4	75.0	3/4	75.0	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	1.0	0.3	1.3	0.3	1.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	2.0
Jan SPAN	3	9.9	1/8	12.5	0/1	0.0	1/7	14.3	0/0	0.0	0.7	1.3	2.0	1.0	0.3	0.7	0.0	1.3	1.0
Jurij MACURA	3	5.5	3/4	75.0	2/3	66.7	1/1	100.0	0/0	0.0	0.3	0.7	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.3	0.7	2.3
Klemen PREPELIC	2	34.3	8/25	32.0	6/11	54.5	2/14	14.3	11/11	100.0	1.5	5.5	7.0	5.0	3.0	0.5	0.0	2.5	14.5
Aleksej NIKOLIC	2	21.1	4/11	36.4	0/2	0.0	4/9	44.4	0/2	0.0	0.0	1.5	1.5	3.5	0.5	0.5	0.0	4.0	6.0
Matic REBEC	2	17.0	2/8	25.0	2/4	50.0	0/4	0.0	0/0	0.0	1.5	1.5	3.0	3.5	2.5	1.0	0.0	2.0	2.0
Miha LAPORNIK	2	10.5	3/6	50.0	0/2	0.0	3/4	75.0	0/0	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.5	4.5
Blaz MESICEK	1	6.2	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0
Team/Coaches											1.0	2.7	3.7	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	
TOTALS		297.8	157/376	41.8	98/185	53.0	59/191	30.9	97/119	81.5	11.3	26.3	37.7	18.2	13.0	7.5	2.0	23.2	78.3

COACHAleksander SEKULIC



Nationality: Slovenian Date of Birth: 24/02/78 Place of Birth: Ljubljana

Team 2021-22: ERA Nymburk (Czech Repub-

lic-NBL)

Club Career: Geoplin Slovan (Slovenia-SKL, 2004-08); Triglav Kranj (Slovenia-SKL, 2008-09); Luka Koper (Slovenia-SKL, 2009-10); Krka Novo Mesto (Slovenia-SKL, 2010-15); Skofja Loka (Slovenia-SKL, 2015-16); Sixt Primorska (Slovenia-SKL, 2016-17); ERA Nymburk (Czech Republic-NBL, 2017-)

International Career: Slovenia (Head Coach, 2020-)

Twitter: SasoSekulic Instagram: aleksandersekulic

The unsung hero of this new generation, coach Aleksander Sekulic took on the duties at the helm when it seemed like nobody could drive this team like Igor Kokoskov did in 2017. But Sekulic used his assistant coaching knowledge, and added a bit of spice from his head coaching days in ERA Nymburk in Czech Republic, creating a high octane offense around Luka Doncic. The idea is simple, surround him with guys who can cover multiple positions on defense, and can hit the open shots on offense, but people around Sekulic know how much work there is behind that simplicity. Sekulic is still a young coach, but has been around for nearly 20 years, getting to know most of these players on club levels early on in their careers.

Luka DONCIC





Team 2021-22: Dallas Mavericks (USA-NBA)
Career: Real Madrid (Spain-ACB League, 2015-18);
Dallas Mavericks (USA-NBA, 2018-)

Twitter: Luka7Doncic Instagram: lukadoncic

Anything we write right in here seems like a waste of words. There isn't an efficient way to describe what Luka Doncic does on the basketball court, you just have to see it to believe it. The ball bounces differently when he's got it in his hands, the athleticism is effortless, the passes are pin-point, in such a way that at least eight of the guys on the court do not realize where the ball is flying to. Probably the best part about Luka is his leadership. He knows exactly how to set the mood with his teammates, he'll organize their Balkan music nights, and then he'll double down in practice, demanding 100 percent effort from guys 2 to 15 on this team.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	2	33.0	9/14	7/20	13/17	9.0	8.0	26.0
2020	Olympic Basketball Tournament 2020	6	33.0	31/51	17/56	30/42	9.7	9.5	23.8
2020	FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tour. 2020	4	25.0	21/31	9/23	16/25	8.0	11.3	21.3
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017	9	29.0	22/40	19/61	28/33	8.1	3.6	14.3

Goran DRAGIC



Height: 1.90
Position: Point Guard
Date of Birth: 06/05/86
Place of Birth: Ljubljana

Team 2021-22: Brooklyn Nets (USA-NBA)

Career: Geoplin Slovan (Slovenia-SKL, 2004-06); UCAM Murcia (Spain-ACB, 2006-07); Olimpija (Slovenia-SKL, 2007-08); Phoenix Suns (USA-NBA, 2008-11); Houston Rockets (USA-NBA, 2011-12); Baskonia (Spain-ACB League, 2011); Phoenix Suns (USA-NBA, 2012-15); Miami Heat (USA-NBA, 2015-21); Toronto Raptors (USA-NBA, 2021-22);

Brooklyn Nets (USA-NBA, 2022)

Twitter: Goran_Dragic

Instagram: the_1_dragon

The reigning FIBA EuroBasket MVP is back. At 36, The Dragon had his unofficial retirement party back in June, when Slovenia hosted Croatia in the FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual., and the packed stands cheered his name long after the game was done. But since that Window went so fine for him personally, maybe it extended the run for a few more months, getting him to defend the title he orchestrated five years ago. The 2022 Dragic is not as fast as the 2017 one, but he is five years smarter and still capable of impacting the game at an elite level.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

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YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	2	24.0	11/18	3/11	8/13	2.5	2.5	19.5
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017	9	28.0	52/100	15/39	54/64	4.4	5.1	22.6
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017 Qualifiers	5	26.0	26/45	7/17	14/16	2.8	8.4	17.4
2014	FIBA Basketball World Cup 2014	7	26.0	35/52	11/31	9/15	2.9	4.3	16.0
2013	FIBA EuroBasket 2013	11	24.0	44/97	12/45	50/64	3.5	4.5	15.8

Aleksej NIKOLIC



Height: 1.91
Position: Point Guard
Date of Birth: 21/02/95
Place of Birth: Postojna

Team 2021-22: San Pablo Burgos (Spain-ACB

League)

Career: Spars Sarajevo (BIH-PBIH, 2011-15); Brose Bamberg (Germany-BBL, 2015-18); Partizan NIS (Serbia-KLS, 2018-21); Universo Treviso (Italy-LBA, 2019-20); BCM Gravelines-Dunkerque (France-LNB Pro A, 2021); San Pablo Burgos (Spain-ACB, 2021-)

Twitter: AliNikolic Instagram: alinikolic

The most powerful of all guards, Aleksej Nikolic is made of stone and not willing to give up an inch when pressuring opposing guards all over the floor. The 27-year-old knows how to pick his teams, enjoying different kinds of crowds, but always fanatic, with Bamberg, Treviso, Burgos, and, most notably Partizan. He was a big Partizan fan as a kid, he is one to this day, using his time off to travel to Belgrade and watch the games from the crowd. With such fandom, no wonder his own fans love him, wherever he plays.

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	4	19.0	3/7	7/14	6/7	0.5	2.3	8.3
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	2	21.0	0/2	4/9	0/2	1.5	3.5	6.0
2020	Olympic Basketball Tournament 2020	6	8.0	0/2	2/6	0/0	0.3	1.0	1.0
2020	FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tour. 2020	4	14.0	0/1	6/12	0/0	1.8	2.3	4.5
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	2	21.0	0/2	0/4	0/0	3.5	3.0	0.0



Luka RUPNIK



Height: 1.86
Position: Point Guard
Date of Birth: 20/05/93
Place of Birth: Ljubljana
Team 2021-22: Yalova (Turkey-TBL)

Career: Geoplin Slovan (Slovenia-SKL, 2009-12); Olimpija (Slovenia-SKL, 2012-16); Forca Lleida (Spain-ACB League, 2016); Fuenlabrada (Spain-ACB League, 2016-19); Antwerp Giants

(Belgium-PBL, 2019-20); ERA Nymburk (Czech Republic-NBL, 2020); Zaragoza (Spain-ACB League, 2020); Cedevita Olimpija (Slovenia-SKL, 2020-21);

Yalova (Turkey-TBL, 2021-)
Twitter: LukaRupnik5
Instagram: luka.rupnik5

Just another Slovenian guy named Luka with a unique talent of passing the ball. Rupnik and Doncic are close friends off the court, and it's easy to see why - even though he is six years older, Rupnik seems like a baby Doncic in a lot of ways on the floor, mostly in creating off the dribble. The numbers confirm the eye test, Luka is coming into the summer as the best passer of the Turkish League, getting 8.1 assists per game with Yalova. In total, he had six points-assists double-doubles in 19 games there.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	4	18.0	1/2	2/9	9/13	2.3	2.3	4.3
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	6	22.0	5/9	13/30	16/21	1.7	5.5	10.8
2020	Olympic Basketball Tournament 2020	5	6.0	0/3	2/7	2/4	1.2	2.2	1.6
2020	FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tour. 2020	3	13.0	1/2	3/8	10/10	2.0	4.0	7.0
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	10	13.0	7/18	11/22	16/21	1.6	2.8	6.3

Ziga SAMAR



Height: 1.97
Position: Point guard
Date of Birth: 26/01/01
Place of Birth: Jesenice

Team 2021-22: Fuenlabrada (Spain-ACB League) Career: Real Madrid (Spain-ACB League, 2017-19); Zamora (Spain-ACB League, 2019-20); Fuenlabrada (Spain-ACB League, 2019-22)

Twitter: Ziga5Samar Instagram: ziga.samar

Since getting one of the rare FIBA U18 European Championship triple-doubles back in 2019, Ziga Samar continued his steady progress in the Spanish League. Going step by step was a smart decision, Samar's three seasons with Fuen-labrada did not go unnoticed - he is off to Berlin for the next four years, signing a deal with Alba, a club known for taking the talents to a whole new level. Ziga is a big guard, but it's not his size that worries the defense. It's his vision, and his timing on the passes, making him a regular in Spanish League's top plays and highlights.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	1	25.0	3/4	0/3	2/2	3.0	5.0	8.0

Jaka BLAZIC



Height: 1.96
Position: Shooting Guard
Date of Birth: 30/06/90
Place of Birth: Jesenice

Team 2021-22: Cedevita Olimpija (Slovenia-SKL) Career: Triglav Kranj (Slovenia-SKL, 2007-09); Slovan (Slovenia-SKL, 2009-11); Olimpija (Slovenia-SKL, 2011-13); Crvena Zvezda (Serbia-KLS, 2013-15); Baskonia (Spain-ACB League, 2015-17); Andorra (Spain-ACB League, 2017-18); Barcelona (Spain-ACB League, 2018-19); Cedevita Olimpija (Slovenia-SKL, 2019-22)

Twitter: JakaBlazic Instagram: JakaBlazic

The quiet guy to the outsiders, the most lovable guy to the insiders. Jaka Blazic has been so influential to this squad that his spot on the roster is a guarantee, no matter if we're talking about FIBA EuroBasket, the Olympics or any kind of Qualifiers. Jaka is always there, and to prove that he's still in his prime, he celebrated his 32nd birthday by signing a lucrative contract with FIBA Europe Cup winners Bahcesehir College in Turkey. Look for him to be taking on the toughest defensive assignments, and enjoying the open floor on the offense.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	6	24.0	9/23	11/28	20/32	4.5	2.0	11.8
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	6	31.0	19/38	13/42	22/30	6.2	1.8	16.5
2020	Olympic Basketball Tournament 2020	6	25.0	14/27	9/35	3/4	3.8	1.2	9.7
2020	FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tour. 2020	4	21.0	6/11	6/12	8/10	4.0	0.8	9.5
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	6	31.0	18/39	9/32	21/27	4.5	3.2	14.0

Klemen PREPELIC



Height: 1.89
Position: Shooting Guard
Date of Birth: 20/10/92
Place of Birth: Maribor

Team 2021-22: Valencia (Spain-ACB League)
Career: Maribor (Slovenia-SKL, 2009-10); Helios
Suns (Slovenia-SKL, 2010-12); Olimpija (Slovenia-SKL, 2012-13); Banvit (Turkey-TBL, 2013-14);
Olimpija (Slovenia-SKL, 2014-15); EWE Baskets
Oldenburg (Germany-BBL, 2015-16); Limoges CSP
(France-LNB Pro A, 2016-17); Levallois Metropolitans (France-LNB Pro A, 2017-18); Real Madrid

(Spain-ACB League, 2018-19); Joventut Badalona (Spain-ACB League, 2019-20); Valencia (Spain-ACB League, 2020-)

Twitter: KlemenPrepelic Instagram: prepelicklemen

With all the talk about Goran Dragic and Luka Doncic, one may forget that Klemen Prepelic was the reason Slovenia won FIBA EuroBasket 2017. In the Final, Prepelic took matters into his own hands late in the game, getting all the important buckets, including the go-ahead triple, a big two-pointer and a couple of free throws to ice the Final. He finished the title game with 21 points, and he was an inch away from being the hero in Tokyo, too, but Nicolas Batum somehow blocked the shot. At 29, he is in his prime, expect him to be a big factor in 2022.

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	3	26.0	6/15	8/29	30/33	2.0	4.7	22.0
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	2	34.0	6/11	2/14	11/11	7.0	5.0	14.5
2020	Olympic Basketball Tournament 2020	6	23.0	11/23	16/40	23/28	3.3	2.7	15.5
2020	FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tour. 2020	3	18.0	6/11	4/17	0/0	1.0	2.7	8.0
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	6	30.0	11/22	14/42	29/35	2.8	4.8	15.5

Zoran DRAGIC



Height: 1.96
Position: Small Forward
Date of Birth: 22/06/89
Place of Birth: Ljubljana

Team 2021-22: Cedevita Olimpija (Slovenia-SKL) Career: Ilirija (Slovenia-SKL, 2004-05); Jance (Slovenia-SKL, 2005-06); Geoplin Slovan (Slovenia-SKL, 2006-10); Krka Novo Mesto (Slovenia-SKL, 2010-12); Unicaja Malaga (Spain-ACB, 2012-14); Phoenix Suns (USA-NBA, 2014-15); Miami Heat (USA-NBA, 2015); Sioux Falls Skyforce (USA-NBA, 2015); Khimki (Russia-VTB, 2015-16):

Olimpia Milano (Italy-LBA, 2016-17); Anadolu Efes (Turkey-TBL, 2017-18); Trieste (Italy-LBA, 2019); Ulm (Germany, BBL, 2019-20); Baskonia (Spain-ACB, 2020-21); Zalgiris (Lithuania-LKL, 2021); Cedevita Olimpija (Slovenia-SKL, 2021-)

Twitter: zoran_dragic
Instagram: zoki_dragic

The man who has waited five years for this, Zoran Dragic had a spot reserved on the 2017 roster, but a last minute injury kept him off the team, and made him a spectator in Slovenia's historic run. Zoran only felt the success as a fan, and now he wants to feel it as a player, too. With Zoran, full circle is always an option, whether it's about playing with his brother again; playing with Sasa Doncic to start his career, and Luka now; or playing under young assistant coach Sekulic back in 2006 to playing for the same man on the biggest international stages.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	4	24.0	13/21	4/18	10/12	4.8	1.0	12.0
2020	Olympic Basketball Tournament 2020	6	23.0	20/29	9/20	7/13	3.5	1.8	12.3
2020	FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tour. 2020	4	23.0	12/22	5/13	9/13	3.8	1.3	12.0
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	2	35.0	6/14	2/17	6/7	5.0	3.5	12.0
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017 Qualifiers	3	33.0	11/22	5/11	15/21	5.7	2.3	17.3

Vlatko CANCAR



Height: 2.03
Position: Small Forward
Date of Birth: 10/04/97
Place of Birth: Koper

Team 2021-22: Denver Nuggets (USA-NBA)
Career: Koper (Slovenia-SKL, 2012-13); Olimpija (Slovenia-SKL, 2013-14); Skofja Loka (Slovenia-SKL, 2014-16); Mega Basket (Serbia-KLS, 2016-18); San Pablo Burgos (Spain-ACB League, 2018-19); Denver Nuggets (USA-NBA, 2019-); Erie BayHawks (USA-G League, 2019); Grand Rapids Gold (USA-G League, 2021)

Twitter: cancarvlatko Instagram: cancar31

After a season of uncertainties, Vlatko Cancar arrived with his trademark big smile this summer. He is back to full fitness, that three-month long break with a foot injury is behind him, and to get his confidence on an all-time high level, the Denver Nuggets extended his contract for three more years back in July. A relaxed Cancar could be a big factor for Slovenia. No need to dig deep for confirmation, this is a guy who had 12.8 points per game on 48 percent shooting from deep at the Olympics.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2020	Olympic Basketball Tournament 2020	6	28.0	14/20	12/25	13/14	4.3	0.8	12.8
2020	FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tour. 2020	4	23.0	8/12	9/16	4/4	3.3	1.5	11.8
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	10	25.0	22/49	15/41	22/27	3.3	0.9	11.1
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017	9	14.0	5/8	3/16	3/4	1.6	1.0	2.4
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017 Qualifiers	4	7.0	1/3	0/4	2/2	0.5	0.5	1.0

Jakob CEBASEK



Height: 2.00 Position: Small Forward Date of Birth: 28/04/91 Place of Birth: Ljubljana

Team 2021-22: Leuven Bears (Belgium-PBL)

Career: Parklji Ljubljana (Slovenia-SKL, 2007-12); Maribor Nova KBM (Slovenia-SKL, 2014-15); Elektra Sostanj (Slovenia-SKL, 2015); Zlatorog Lasko (Slovenia-SKL, 2015-16); Hopsi Polzela (Slovenia-SKL, 2016-17); Liege Basket (Belgium-PBL, 2017-18); Kangaroes Basket Mechelen (Belgium-PBL, 2018-19); Sixt Primorska (Slovenia-SKL,

2019); Sentjur (Slovenia-SKL, 2019-20); Trieste (Italy-LBA, 2020); Dinamo Bucuresti (Romania-LN, 2021); Leuven Bears (Belgium-PBL, 2021-)

Instagram: cebo_55

Perhaps the most unusual path to the national team, Jakob Cebasek has been playing professional basketball for the last 15 years without going through Olimpija/Cedevita Olimpija's system. But he carved a way through with his specific, tight release, knocking down threes all over Slovenia, Italy and Belgium. He did not see a lot of minutes during the Olympics, but he is a winner, for sure. Cebasek won the Slovenian League with Sixt Primorska in 2019, and knocked down a four-point play to defeat Croatia on the road in the FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual..

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	5	10.0	0/1	5/8	1/1	2.8	0.4	3.2
2020	Olympic Basketball Tournament 2020	3	2.0	0/0	2/3	0/0	0.3	0.0	2.0
2020	FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tour. 2020	3	8.0	2/2	4/5	0/0	1.0	0.3	5.3
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.		12.0	0/2	2/6	0/0	2.8	0.5	1.5

Gregor HROVAT



Height: 1.96 Position: Small Forward Date of Birth: 18/08/94 Place of Birth: Koper

Team 2021-22: EB Pau-Lacq-Orthez (France-LNB

Pro A)

Career: Koper (Slovenia-SKL, 2009-11); Helios Suns (Slovenia-SKL, 2011-14); Olimpija (Slovenia-SKL, 2014-18); Bayreuth (Germany-BBL, 2018-19); Afyon Belediye (Turkey-TBL, 2019-20); Cholet (France-LNB Pro A, 2020-21); EB Pau-Lacq-Orthez (France-LNB Pro A, 2021-22)

Instagram: gregorh15

Swiss army knife Gregor Hrovat is a man with enough size to grab the rebounds, enough talent to get the points, and enough creativity to drop the assists, perhaps best seen in his season in Turkey in 2019-20, when he averaged 12 points, 5 assists and 4 rebounds per game. He found a home in France afterwards, and will stay there for at least another season, signing a contract with JDA Dijon before joining Slovenia's training camp. But, that wasn't the most important commitment made this summer. Gregor got engaged, safe to say he's living his best life in 2022.

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	4	11.0	4/6	0/2	4/6	2.3	0.5	3.0
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers		14.0	9/13	2/13	11/12	3.0	0.8	5.8
2020	Olympic Basketball Tournament 2020	4	5.0	2/4	1/1	0/0	1.3	0.0	1.8
2020	FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tour. 2020	4	12.0	7/10	3/5	8/9	2.3	0.8	7.8
2019	FIRA Raskethall WC 2019 FH Qual	7	20.0	13/31	3/15	18/20	3.0	1 4	7.6



Edo MURIC



Twitter: Edo_Muric
Instagram: muricedo8

Height: 2.02
Position: Small Forward
Date of Birth: 27/11/91
Place of Birth: Ljubljana

Team 2021-22: Cedevita Olimpija (Slovenia-SKL) Career: Parklji (Slovenia-SKL, 2008-10); Skofja Loka (Slovenia-SKL, 2008-09); Krka Novo Mesto (Slovenia-SKL, 2010-14); Partizan NIS (Serbia-KLS, 2014-16); Banvit (Turkey-TBL, 2016-17); Anadolu Efes (Turkey-TBL, 2017); Zielona Gora (Poland-PLK, 2017-18); Cedevita Zagreb (Croatia-HKL, 2018-19); Cedevita Olimpija (Slovenia-SKL, 2019-)

When Cedevita left Croatia and merged with Olimpija in Ljubljana, the first man they called was Edo Muric. The perfect team player, the man who keeps winning wherever he plays, racking up six Slovenian League titles, two Cups, with another two in Croatia and Turkey, too. He is still just 30 years old, the fact that he made his FIBA EuroBasket debut all the way back in 2011 speaks volumes of his longevity. He is a trick shot master, going viral with his full court volley hitting nothing but net at the Tokyo Olympics last summer.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	6	30.0	9/22	8/33	9/14	6.8	1.3	8.5
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	6	28.0	12/25	9/33	9/9	6.2	2.5	10.0
2020	Olympic Basketball Tournament 2020	6	15.0	4/7	5/14	0/0	2.8	1.0	3.8
2020	FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tour. 2020	4	17.0	3/4	4/8	2/2	2.8	2.3	5.0
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	10	25.0	17/42	6/36	14/24	4.3	1.0	6.6

Ziga DIMEC



Height: 2.11 Position: Center Date of Birth: 20/02/93 Place of Birth: Celje

Team 2021-22: Anwil Wloclawek (Poland-PLK)
Career: Zlatorog Lasko (Slovenia-SKL, 201014); Rogaska (Slovenia-SKL, 2014-15); Krka Novo
Mesto (Slovenia-SKL, 2015-18); Bayreuth (Germany-BBL, 2018); Lietkabelis (Lithuania-LKL,
2018-19); Sixt Primorska (Slovenia-SKL, 2019-20);
Cedevita Olimpija (Slovenia-SKL, 2020-21); Anwil
Wloclawek (Poland-PLK, 2021-)

Instagram: zigadimec

Part time center, part time model. Ziga Dimec demonstrated his modeling potential with his wife's fashion brand, and it seems the sky's the limit for the seven-footer, ticking a lot of boxes with his notable beard and tattoos. Dimec is the kind of what-you-see-is-what-you-get player, giving you depth and size off the bench, putting together a respectable career across Slovenia, Germany, Lithuania and most recently Poland. Dimec was a part of the FIBA EuroBasket 2017 winning team, he played all the games at the Tokyo Olympics, so expect him to be involved in 2022, too.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	6	15.0	6/10	0/0	5/10	3.3	0.7	2.8
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	4	20.0	7/12	0/0	8/11	3.8	1.0	5.5
2020	Olympic Basketball Tournament 2020	6	7.0	13/16	0/0	2/6	2.7	0.3	4.7
2020	FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tour. 2020	4	13.0	4/12	0/0	8/13	3.5	0.8	4.0
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	7	17.0	14/22	0/1	7/12	2.3	0.3	5.0

Jurij MACURA



Height: 2.11
Position: Center
Date of Birth: 23/12/99
Place of Birth: Ljubljana

Team 2021-22: Krka Novo Mesto (Slovenia-SKL) Career: Baskonia (Spain-ACB, 2017-19); Mega Basket (Serbia-KLS, 2019-20); Sixt Primorska (Slovenia-SKL, 2020-21); FMP Meridian (Serbia-KLS, 2020-21); Krka Novo Mesto (Slovenia-SKL, 2021-)

Twitter: jurijmacura Instagram: macurajurij_34

The dunking center is ready to crack the big guy rotation in the national team. Jurij Macura took the unusual path, signing with the Spanish powerhouse Baskonia as a 16-year-old, but he never got to prove his worth there, playing three seasons with the Baskonia B squad, and two more seasons on loans to Mega Basket, Sixt Primorska and FMP Meridian. His first season with Krka was a successful one, getting ten points and six rebounds per game across all competitions, done in just 19 minutes a night.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	5	6.0	1/3	0/1	4/4	1.6	0.2	1.2
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	3	5.0	2/3	1/1	0/0	1.0	0.0	2.3
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	1	1.0	0/0	0/0	0/0	1.0	0.0	0.0

Mike TOBEY



Height: 2.13
Position: Center
Date of Birth: 10/10/94

Place of Birth: Monroe, New York (USA)
Team 2021-22: Valencia (Spain-ACB League)
Career: Greensboro Swarm (USA-G League, 2016-17); Charlotte Hornets (USA-NBA, 2017); Valencia (Spain-ACB League, 2017); Tenerife (Spain-ACB League, 2017-18); Valencia (Spain-ACB League)

ACB League, 2018-22)

Twitter: miketobey10

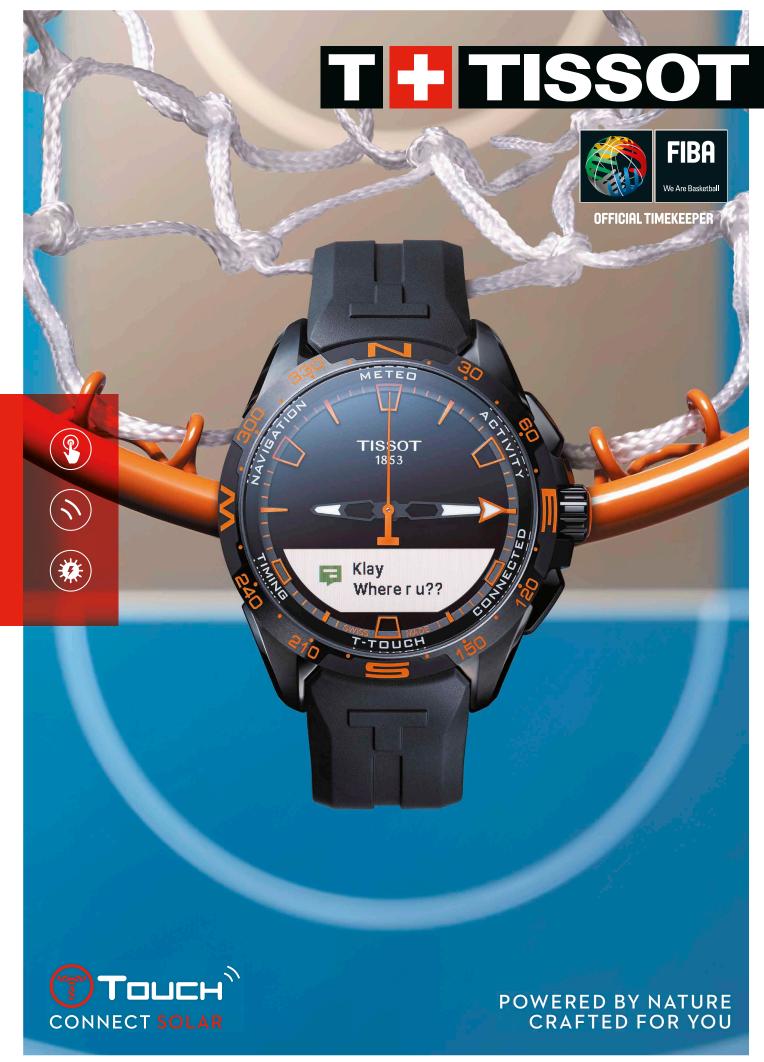
Instagram: miketobey10

Call me Miha. Mike Tobey made news last summer with his Slovenian name, and when you add a man who smiles a lot to a playful team, it's no wonder he's back for another run. Tobey is more athletic than it seems, plays well above the rim, and is a perfect target for all the alley-oop passes. Expect him to average 10 points and 10 rebounds, since he was born at 10am on 10/10, and has 10 on his jersey, too. Immediately after FIBA EuroBasket, he will be moving to his new home in Barcelona.

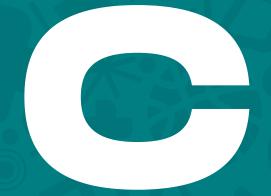
YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	4	31.0	23/32	1/8	4/7	9.8	2.8	13.3
2020	Olympic Basketball Tournament 2020	6	29.0	30/44	5/13	7/11	10.5	2.5	13.7
2020	FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tour. 2020	4	24.0	18/32	7/11	3/3	7.5	0.8	15.0







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Friday, 2 September 2022	Ukraine - Great Britain	14:15	12:15
	Croatia - Greece	17:00	15:00
	Italy - Estonia	21:00	19:00
Saturday, 3 September 2022	Great Britain - Croatia	14:15	12:15
	Estonia - Ukraine	17:00	15:00
	Greece - Italy	21:00	19:00
Monday, 5 September 2022	Croatia - Estonia	14:15	12:15
	Great Britain - Greece	17:00	15:00
	Ukraine - Italy	21:00	19:00
Tuesday, 6 September 2022	Estonia - Great Britain	14:15	12:15
	Greece - Ukraine	17:00	15:00
	Italy - Croatia	21:00	19:00
Thursday, 8 September 2022	Croatia - Ukraine	14:15	12:15
	Estonia - Greece	17:00	15:00
	Great Britain - Italy	21:00	19:00



QUICK CHANCE FOR REDEMPTION

It doesn't just go up and down with Croatia. It goes all the way up to the Himalayas and all the way down to Marianas Trench. From the Semi-Finals of FIBA EuroBasket 2013, to disappointment as one of the hosts of FIBA EuroBasket 2015. From upsetting Italy and Greece at the FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tournament in 2016, and reaching the Quarter-Finals of the Olympics, to not reaching the FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019.

From breezing through as the first nation to qualify for FIBA EuroBasket 2022, to not even making the Second Round of the FIBA Basketball World Cup 2023 European Qualifiers. With stars aligned like that, it sounds like the most Croatian thing to do to play the FIBA EuroBasket 2025 Pre-Qualifiers and then go on medal hunt a week later at FIBA EuroBasket 2022.

We called them the Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde of international basketball before FIBA EuroBasket 2017, and the metaphor still stands today. Croatia will try to search for quick redemption after breaking their fans hearts in July, and with Bojan Bogdanovic, Krunoslav Simon, Mario Hezonja, Dario Saric and Ivica Zubac on board, it doesn't sound crazy to consider them a dark horse favorite.

The Croatian Basketball Federation did take a few sharp turns since the elimination from World Cup contention earlier this summer. The board of advisors led by Dino Radja was let go, and with that decision, the doors opened up for Croatia to bring on a naturalized player again. The call went to Jaleen Smith in Germany, and it turned into a race

with time, trying to get all the paperwork done before the Final Round begins.

Along with the dismissal of Radja and the addition of an American born Croat, Damir Mulaomerovic made a few surprising cuts. The most notable are Ante Zizic and Dragan Bender, who weren't even on the 16 men list presented at the start of the training camp in early August.

Compared to last year's FIBA OQT roster, Miro Bilan, Roko Leni Ukic, Darko Planinic, Luka Babic, Zeljko Sakic and Antonio Jordano aren't on the list either, signaling an attempt to find something that previous playcaller Veljko Mrsic missed during his time on the sidelines.

It starts with a couple of youngsters, Lovro Gnjidic and Roko Prkacin, who are expected to take over the team in years to come, and it continues with one of the most athletic frontline in FIBA EuroBasket 2022, with Karlo Matkovic joining Ivica Zubac under - or above, to be more precise - the rims.

The depth of the team remains an issue, but history proves Croatian players love when you count them out. High hopes brought nothing but disappointment with this team since 1995. Being overlooked and underrated brought a lot of joy at the same time. So don't expect anything from Croatia. Not a single thing.

Maybe that turns out to be the panacea for their 27-year long medal drought in international basketball.

By Igor Curkovic



Player	Height (m)	Position	Date of Birth	Team 2021-22
Goran FILIPOVIC	1.83	PG	26/11/96	Cedevita Junior
Lovro GNJIDIC	1.97	PG	18/04/01	Cibona
Dominik MAVRA	1.95	PG	15/06/94	Zadar
Jaleen SMITH	1.93	PG	24/11/94	Alba Berlin (GER)
Mateo DREZNJAK	1.95	SG	08/03/99	Cibona
Mario HEZONJA	2.03	SG	25/02/95	UNICS (RUS)
Toni PERKOVIC	1.91	SG	10/04/98	Split
Bojan BOGDANOVIC	2.01	SF	18/04/89	Utah Jazz (USA)
Pavle MARCINKOVIC	1.97	SF	06/05/89	Zadar
Ivan RAMLJAK	2.03	SF	09/08/90	Slask Wroclaw (POL)
Krunoslav SIMON	1.97	SF	24/06/85	Anadolu Efes (TUR)
Roko PRKACIN	2.06	PF	26/11/02	Cibona
Dario SARIC	2.08	PF	08/04/94	Phoenix Suns (USA)
Karlo MATKOVIC	2.08	С	30/03/01	Mega Basket (SRB)
Ivica ZUBAC	2.13	С	18/03/97	Los Angeles Clippers (USA)
Coach: Damir MULAOM	EROVIC			

How did they qualify?

FIBA EuroBasket 2022 Qualifiers 1st in Group D (4W - 2L)

Last 10 FIBA Events

Year	Event	Place	Achievement									
2021	Olympics	Tokyo (JPN)	Did not qualify									
2019	FIBA Basketball World Cup	Beijing (CHN)	Did not qualify									
2017	FIBA EuroBasket	Istanbul (TUR)	10th									
2016	Olympics	Rio de Janeiro (BRA)	5th									
2015	FIBA EuroBasket	Lille (FRA)	9th									
2014	FIBA Basketball World Cup	Madrid (ESP)	10th									
2013	FIBA EuroBasket	Ljubljana (SLO)	4th									
2012	Olympics	London (GBR)	Did not qualify									
2011	FIBA EuroBasket	Kaunas (LTU)	13th									
2010	FIBA Basketball World Cup	Istanbul (TUR)	14th									

FIBA EuroBasket 2022 Qualifiers Accumulated Stats

			FG		2PT	FG	3РТ	FG	F	T		REB							
Name	G	Min	M/A	%	M/A	%	M/A	%	M/A	%	0	D	Tot	AST	T0	STL	BLK	PF	PTS
Zeljko SAKIC	6	27.5	24/69	34.8	12/28	42.9	12/41	29.3	13/14	92.9	1.7	4.8	6.5	3.0	1.8	0.5	0.3	2.5	12.2
Pavle MARCINKOVIC	6	24.6	11/19	57.9	4/7	57.1	7/12	58.3	6/8	75.0	1.3	2.7	4.0	1.2	0.8	1.7	0.3	1.3	5.8
Miro BILAN	6	22.9	26/42	61.9	26/41	63.4	0/1	0.0	20/26	76.9	1.8	4.8	6.7	1.5	1.5	0.0	0.2	2.2	12.0
Mateo DREZNJAK	6	21.5	19/33	57.6	17/21	81.0	2/12	16.7	1/7	14.3	0.8	1.2	2.0	0.7	0.8	1.2	0.0	1.8	6.8
Filip KRUSLIN	5	20.0	10/32	31.3	1/2	50.0	9/30	30.0	5/5	100.0	0.0	1.4	1.4	2.4	1.4	1.2	0.0	1.8	6.8
Dominik MAVRA	5	15.6	5/22	22.7	4/8	50.0	1/14	7.1	3/4	75.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.6	1.4	0.4	0.0	1.6	2.8
Roko Leni UKIC	4	20.6	8/26	30.8	3/7	42.9	5/19	26.3	0/0	0.0	0.0	1.3	1.3	6.0	1.0	0.8	0.0	1.5	5.3
Roko ROGIC	4	19.2	10/19	52.6	6/12	50.0	4/7	57.1	7/10	70.0	0.3	2.0	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.0	0.0	2.5	7.8
Roko PRKACIN	4	11.8	7/13	53.8	6/9	66.7	1/4	25.0	3/5	60.0	0.5	0.8	1.3	1.8	1.5	0.0	0.3	2.0	4.5
Marin MARIC	4	9.5	4/7	57.1	4/7	57.1	0/0	0.0	0/2	0.0	0.3	2.0	2.3	1.3	0.5	0.0	0.0	2.0	2.0
Darko PLANINIC	2	17.8	9/16	56.3	9/16	56.3	0/0	0.0	5/7	71.4	2.5	1.5	4.0	0.5	1.5	0.0	1.0	3.0	11.5
Antonio VRANKOVIC	2	14.4	6/9	66.7	6/9	66.7	0/0	0.0	1/2	50.0	1.5	0.0	1.5	1.5	0.5	0.0	0.0	2.0	6.5
Goran FILIPOVIC	2	13.5	5/9	55.6	3/5	60.0	2/4	50.0	5/5	100.0	0.0	1.5	1.5	1.0	1.5	0.5	0.0	0.5	8.5
Hrvoje PERIC	2	12.6	3/3	100.0	3/3	100.0	0/0	0.0	3/4	75.0	1.0	3.0	4.0	0.5	2.5	0.0	0.5	2.5	4.5
Toni PERKOVIC	2	9.1	2/6	33.3	0/2	0.0	2/4	50.0	2/2	100.0	0.5	1.0	1.5	0.5	1.0	0.5	0.5	2.0	4.0
Ivan RAMLJAK	2	8.8	3/3	100.0	2/2	100.0	1/1	100.0	0/0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.5	2.0	0.5	0.5	0.0	1.0	3.5
Tomislav GABRIC	1	20.4	4/5	80.0	1/1	100.0	3/4	75.0	2/2	100.0	2.0	2.0	4.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	13.0
Jakov MUSTAPIC	1	20.0	2/3	66.7	1/1	100.0	1/2	50.0	0/0	0.0	0.0	3.0	3.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	3.0	5.0
Antonio JORDANO	1	4.9	0/1	0.0	0/0	0.0	0/1	0.0	0/0	0.0	2.0	0.0	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	0.0
Team/Coaches											1.3	1.7	3.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.2	
TOTALS		314.7	158/337	46.9	108/181	59.7	50/156	32.1	76/103	73.8	10.2	24.5	34.7	19.3	13.8	7.0	1.7	20.7	73.7

COACH Damir MULAOMEROVIC



Nationality: Croat

Date of Birth: 19/09/1974

Place of Birth: Tuzla (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

Team 2021-22: Cedevita Junior

Club Career: Sloboda Tuzla (BIH-PBIH, 2013-15); Cibona (Croatia-Premijer Liga, 2015-17); Prishtina (Kosovo-Superleague, 2018-19); Sloboda Tuzla (BIH-PBIH, 2019-21); Cedevita Junior (Croatia-Premijer Liga, 2021-)

International Career: Bosnia and Herzegovina (2016); Kosovo (2018); Croatia (2022-)

Back in 2001, Damir Mulaomerovic lived his best playing days, and was selected to the all-tournament team at the FIBA EuroBasket 2001. It would remain the only time a Croat was selected to the All-Star Five until Bojan Bogdanovic did it in 2013, and now the two must work together to create something from nothing. Mulaomerovic took over after Veljko Mrsic left the job in January 2022, and he failed in his first mission. Not reaching the FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual. Second Round was a huge disappointment, but Damir is now ready for redemption on a big stage. He insisted on an American point guard, that's why Jaleen Smith was added to the list shortly after the July Qualifiers Window.

Goran FILIPOVIC



Height: 1.83
Position: Point Guard
Date of Birth: 26/11/1996
Place of Birth: Split

Team 2021-22: Cedevita Junior (Croatia-HKL)
Career: Split (Croatia-HKL, 2013-18); Siroki (BIH-PBIH, 2018-20); SCMU Craiova (Romania-LN, 2020-21); Cedevita Junior (Croatia-HKL, 2021-)

Instagram: gfilipovic___8

With Croatia struggling to produce point guards, Goran Filipovic seems to be the man Damir Mulaomerovic wants. The two of them are working together on club level too, and Filipovic deserved praise from Mulaomerovic for playing "one of the best games by a Croatian point guard in last 15 years" against Sweden in February. The guard put up 29 points and 5 assists, career-high numbers by some distance to help Croatia stay alive in the hunt for the FIBA Basketball World Cup 2023 spot. It ultimately did not matter, Croatia were eliminated in July, but Filipovic fortified his position in rotation.

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YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	4	19.0	7/16	6/10	4/9	2.5	2.8	9.0
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	2	13.0	3/5	2/4	5/5	1.5	1.0	8.5







Height: 2.01
Position: Small Forward
Date of Birth: 18/04/1989
Place of Birth: Mostar (BIH)
Team 2021-22: Utah Jazz (USA-NBA)

Career: Zrinjski Mostar (BIH-PBIH, 2004-05); Real Madrid (Spain-ACB, 2005-09); Zrinjski Mostar (BIH-PBIH, 2005-06); UCAM Murcia (Spain-ACB, 2008-09); Cibona (Croatia-Premijer Liga, 2009-11); Fenerbahce (Turkey-TBL, 2011-14); Brooklyn Nets (USA-NBA, 2014-17); Washington Wizards (USA-NBA, 2017); Indiana Pacers (USA-NBA, 2017-19);

Utah Jazz (USA-NBA, 2019-) **Twitter:** 44Bojan

Instagram: 44bojan

How much fuel is there left in Bojan's tank? The talismanic leader joined the team in 2010, and immediately became the go-to guy whenever Croatia needed points. He never failed in that, getting selected to the All-Star Five at FIBA EuroBasket 2013, and becoming the top scorer of the 2016 Olympics, with 25.3 points per game as Croatia reached the Quarter-Finals. Those days seem like ancient history by now, but at 33, Bogdanovic is still capable of putting up those same numbers, he did it in the NBA Playoffs a few months ago. Even though he is a proud Mostar native, he spends his off-seasons in Dubrovnik, where he owns a hotel and a restaurant nowadays, and in Split, not missing big Hajduk Split soccer games.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	2	36.0	6/15	4/14	10/15	4.5	3.5	17.0
2020	FIBA Olympic Qual. Tournament 2020	3	35.0	11/15	9/29	19/23	3.0	1.0	22.7
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	4	34.0	14/28	8/28	26/28	4.0	4.8	19.5
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017	6	32.0	23/38	18/33	35/44	4.8	1.0	22.5
2016	FIBA Olympic Qual. Tournament 2016	4	36.0	20/42	7/27	36/42	4.8	1.3	24.3

Lovro GNJIDIC



Height: 1.97
Position: Point Guard
Date of Birth: 18/04/2001
Place of Birth: Zagreb

Team 2021-22: Cibona (Croatia-HKL)
Career: Cibona (Croatia-HKL, 2020-22)

Modern basketball requires modern point guards, those big enough to cover other positions, and brave enough to throw the alley-oops and take the drives among the trees in the middle. Lovro Gnjidic is one of those guys, nearly two meters tall, and not afraid of contact when he plays. He is still a youngster, last season was basically his first in a prominent role on a senior level, but a trip to Cedevita Olimpija after this event proves that bigger stages await, sooner rather than later. Gnjidic's father Boris was also a professional player.

2023 FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual. 6 17.0 4/9 3/12 5/11 2.3 2.2 3.7	YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
	2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	6	17.0	4/9	3/12	5/11	2.3	2.2	3.7



Dominik MAVRA



Height: 1.95
Position: Point Guard
Date of Birth: 15/06/1994
Place of Birth: Zadar
Team 2021-22: Zadar

Career: Zagreb (Croatia-HKL, 2011-12); Split (Croatia-HKL, 2013); Cibona (Croatia-HKL, 2013-15); Dabrowa Gornicza (Poland-PLK, 2015-16); Karpos Sokoli (North Macedonia-MPL, 2016-17); Joventut Badalona (Spain-ACB, 2017); MZT Skopje (North Macedonia-MPL, 2017-18); Lietkabelis (Lithuania-LKL, 2018); Krka Novo Mesto (Slovenia-SKL,

2019); Zadar (Croatia-HKL, 2019-)

Twitter: dmavra30 Instagram: dmavra30

A lot of Dario Saric's youth events success comes with Dominik Mavra right next to him. Mavra was the point guard on those teams, and it took him a long time to find his role in professional basketball. Finally, things opened up right where he started from, back in his hometown Zadar, where he has been the club captain and the leader for the past three years, leading the club to Croatian League title as the Finals MVP in 2021, their first championship in 13 years. They have a saying that God created man, Zadar created basketball, Dominik is the one to explain that one in detail if needed.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	5	16.0	4/8	1/14	3/4	1.0	1.6	2.8
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	4	12.0	0/6	0/10	2/2	1.0	1.5	0.5

Mateo DREZNJAK



Height: 1.95
Position: Shooting guard
Date of Birth: 08/03/1999
Place of Birth: Mostar (BIH)
Team 2021-22: Cibona (Croatia-HKL)
Career: Siroki (BIH-PBIH, 2015-20); Cibona (Croa-

tia-HKL, 2020-22)

Instagram: mateodreznjak11

If Mateo Dreznjak was the only son in the Dreznjak family, basketball wouldn't be on the menu. Mateo was deep into karate, spending every day on the dojo mat for six years, but then he decided to follow his big brother Dario around, ending up in basketball. Another player born in Mostar, he spent the first five seasons of his career in Siroki, and moved to Cibona in 2020. However, financial issues made him switch clubs after a couple of years in Zagreb, and he will spend the next three seasons in SC Derby in Montenegro.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	6	15.0	5/11	0/8	0/0	1.0	1.2	1.7
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	6	21.0	17/21	2/12	1/7	2.0	0.7	6.8
2020	FIBA Olympic Qual, Tournament 2020	1	12.0	1/2	0/2	1/2	0.0	0.0	3.0

Jaleen SMITH



Height: 1.93
Position: Point Guard
Date of Birth: 24/11/1994
Place of Birth: Freeport, Texas (USA)
Team 2021-22: Alba Berlin (Germany-BBL)
Career: USC Heidelberg (Germany-BBL, 2017-19);
MHP Riesen Ludwigsburg (Germany-BBL, 201921); Alba Berlin (Germany-BBL, 2021-)
Twitter: Johan Smith 0

Twitter: JaleenSmith0
Instagram: jaleensmith3

Dontaye Draper's run was a success, while Oliver Lafayette turned out to be a flop for Croatia. After years of public debate in Croatia and resisting the need for a naturalized point guard, the Croatian Basketball Federation took a last second decision to call up Jaleen Smith. An experienced 27-year-old with a German Basketball Bundesliga MVP award in his collection when he was in Ludwigsburg, Smith admitted he was surprised when the option popped up, but was also excited to join the team. A native of Texas could give Croatia home court advantage in the Knockout Phase, which will be played in the same arena where Smith plays his club basketball.

Mario HEZONJA



Height: 2.03
Position: Shooting Guard
Date of Birth: 25/02/1995
Place of Birth: Dubrovnik
Team 2021-22: UNICS (Russia-VTB)

Career: Barcelona (Spain-ACB, 2012-15); Orlando Magic (USA-NBA, 2015-18); New York Knicks (USA-NBA, 2018-19); Portland Trail Blazers (USA-NBA, 2019-20); Panathinaikos (Greece-A1, 2021); UNICS (Russia-VTB, 2021-22)

Twitter: mariohezonja Instagram: supermariohezonja

Given his 2021-22 season, we could've easily put Mario Hezonja as the star player on this roster. Hezonja matured, earning the MVP of VTB United League award, and getting a trip to none other than Real Madrid over the summer - an interesting move for somebody who grew up in Barcelona's academy. Hezonja tried his luck in the NBA, but said he has no interest in attempting a comeback, wanting to stay in Europe for years to come. Hezonja lives by the "be a leader, not a follower" motto - he doesn't follow anybody on Twitter, nor on Instagram.

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	2	32.0	9/21	4/14	5/7	7.5	4.5	17.5
2020	FIBA Olympic Qual. Tournament 2020	3	28.0	12/22	4/18	14/18	5.7	2.3	16.7
2016	FIBA Olympic Qual. Tournament 2016	4	23.0	4/11	2/10	4/6	3.3	1.8	4.5
2016	Olympic Basketball Tournament 2016	6	22.0	6/13	12/24	6/6	3.3	1.3	9.0
2015	FIBA EuroBasket 2015	6	22.0	8/12	6/22	6/9	4.3	1.2	6.7

Toni PERKOVIC



Height: 1.91
Position: Shooting Guard
Date of Birth: 10/04/1998
Place of Birth: Pula
Team 2021-22: Split

Career: Cedevita (Croatia-HKL, 2017-19); Split

(Croatia-HKL, 2019-)
Instagram: _toni_perkovic_

The sharp shooter first got attention as the best player of Cedevita's talented U18 generation, and he took steady steps in his development, finding his place under the sun in Split. Perkovic is explosive and can finish plays with ferocious dunks, but his main weapon are his three-pointers, especially the spot up kind, which makes him a solid candidate to be on the final roster in 2022. He is the more successful Perkovic in sports so far, but keep an eye on his brother Mauro Perkovic, a talented 19-year-old center back playing for their hometown soccer club lstra 1961

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YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	4	14.0	3/7	4/13	1/2	1.3	1.0	4.8
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	2	9.0	0/2	2/4	2/2	1.5	0.5	4.0
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	2	10.0	1/5	0/3	0/2	1.5	1.0	1.0

Pavle MARCINKOVIC



Height: 1.97
Position: Small Forward
Date of Birth: 06/05/1989
Place of Birth: Zadar
Team 2021-22: Zadar

Career: Zadar (Croatia-HKL, 2007-11); Cibona (Croatia-HKL, 2011-13); Zagreb (Croatia-HKL, 2013-17); Split (Croatia-HKL, 2017-21); Sonik Puntamika (Croatia-HKL, 2021); Zadar (Croatia-HKL, 2021-)

Instagram: pavle_nails

The soldier of the national team, Pavle Marcinkovic probably is the man with the most Qualifiers appearances while never being selected for a Final Round of an event. He is already 33, he spent his entire career in Croatia, and even when he wanted to take things slowly and play for Sonik Puntamika in Zadar to start this last season, it did not last long. He was quickly called up to play for Zadar, and with a solid season behind him, he was back on the list for FIBA EuroBasket 2022. Maybe it is time for a long awaited debut in a major event.

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YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	2	20.0	5/8	1/3	0/0	3.0	1.0	6.5
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	6	25.0	4/7	7/12	6/8	4.0	1.2	5.8
2020	FIBA Olympic Qual. Tournament 2020	3	19.0	1/4	2/5	0/0	3.0	1.7	2.7
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	2	17.0	1/2	0/1	0/0	1.0	0.5	1.0
2013	FIBA EuroBasket 2013 Qualifiers	8	12.0	6/12	5/8	5/6	1.1	0.4	4.0

Ivan RAMLJAK



Height: 2.03
Position: Small Forward
Date of Birth: 09/08/1990
Place of Birth: Mostar (BIH)

Team 2021-22: Slask Wroclaw (Poland-PLK)
Career: Posusje (BIH-PBIH, 2007-09); Siroki
(BIH-PBIH, 2009-13); Cedevita (Croatia-HKL,
2013-15); Zadar (Croatia-HKL, 2015-16); Zagreb
(Croatia-HKL, 2016); Zadar (Croatia-HKL, 201617); Cedevita (Croatia-HKL, 2017-19); Krka Novo
Mesto (Slovenia-SKL, 2019-20); Slask Wroclaw
(Poland-PLK, 2020-)

Instagram: jabuka27

If there was a spot reserved for the defensive stopper, Ivan Ramljak would probably be a lock for all the Croatian teams from 2009 to today. Ramljak is big and athletic, with a wild wingspan and a hop that can stop everything around the rim. He is not the biggest of threats offensively, but when you have guys like Bogdanovic, Hezonja, Simon, Saric and Zubac, you don't need to be an offensive threat. Ramljak did a bit of everything for Slask over the past two years, getting 10 points, seven rebounds, two assists, and nearly two steals per game for the Polish squad.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	2	22.0	4/8	1/3	1/2	3.5	0.5	6.0
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	2	9.0	2/2	1/1	0/0	0.5	2.0	3.5
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	7	14.0	3/12	3/6	3/3	3.0	0.7	2.6
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017	5	12.0	4/4	1/2	4/6	3.0	1.8	3.0

Krunoslav SIMON



Height: 1.97
Position: Small Forward
Date of Birth: 24/06/1985
Place of Birth: Zagreb

Team 2021-22: Anadolu Efes (Turkey-TBL)
Career: Zagreb (Croatia-HKL, 2002-12); Unicaja
Malaga (Spain-ACB, 2012-13); Lokomotiv Kuban
(Russia-VTB, 2013-15); Olimpia Milano (Italy-LBA, 2015-17); Anadolu Efes (Turkey-TBL, 2017-22)

Instagram: kruno_simon7

The Doctor of Basketball. Krunoslav Simon is the last romantic, the man who doesn't care about lifting weights and pushing his body to the limit, but instead uses his superior basketball IQ to get the "oohs" and "ahhs" from crowds all over the continent. He is in the closing stages of his career, but even these days, he was an important piece of Anadolu Efes' back-to-back EuroLeague titles. The list of trophies and honors goes on and on, but perhaps the biggest one is that Anadolu Efes retired his number 44 in 2022. Big GNK Dinamo Zagreb fan.

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YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS	
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	2	24.0	3/5	4/8	1/2	2.5	1.0	9.5	
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017	6	21.0	8/15	3/15	1/1	4.0	4.0	4.3	
2016	FIBA Olympic Qual. Tournament 2016	4	26.0	3/11	10/25	5/12	4.8	2.0	10.3	
2016	Olympic Basketball Tournament 2016	6	26.0	11/23	7/31	10/10	5.3	4.3	8.8	
2015	FIBA EuroBasket 2015	6	25.0	13/24	13/24	17/20	4.7	3.7	13.7	



Roko PRKACIN



Height: 2.06

Position: Power Forward Date of Birth: 26/11/2002 Place of Birth: Zagreb

Team 2021-22: Cibona (Croatia-HKL)

Career: Rudes (Croatia-HKL, 2018-19); Cibona

(Croatia-HKL, 2019-22)

Twitter: rokoprkacin



The boy wonder is ready for the biggest of stages. Roko Prkacin was the MVP of Croatia's gold medal winning run at the FIBA U16 European Championship in 2018, and even though he had a couple of hiccups on his way to stardom, he picked a perfect spot for development in 2022. After the financial troubles in Cibona, Prkacin could choose which way to go, and ended up signing a long term contract with Girona, newly promoted Spanish club with legends such as Marc Gasol as the player/president and Aito Garcia Reneses as the head coach. If somebody knows what to do with a young point forward, it's those two.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	4	22.0	10/17	0/4	7/11	6.3	3.0	6.8
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	4	12.0	6/9	1/4	3/5	1.3	1.8	4.5

Karlo MATKOVIC



Height: 2.08
Position: Center

Date of Birth: 30/03/2001 Place of Birth: Livno (BIH)

Team 2021-22: Mega Basket (Serbia-KLS)
Career: Cedevita (Croatia-HKL, 2018-19); OKK

Beograd (Serbia-KLS, 2019-20); Mega Basket

(Serbia-KLS, 2020-22)

Twitter: KarloMatkovic15

Instagram: karlo.matkovic

It took a lot of patience to finally see Karlo Matkovic in the Croatian jersey. The high-flying big man, freakishly athletic, played for the youth teams of Bosnia and Herzegovina. But coming from a Croatian family, he always intended to play for the red-and-white, and once the embargo finished, he finally made his debut in February 2022. He went viral with his pre-Draft workouts, and was selected as 52nd pick in the 2022 NBA Draft, but he will stay in Europe for a while. Karlo made his way back onto Cedevita Olimpija's roster after a couple of seasons on loan in Serbia.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	2	19.0	7/13	0/0	2/3	7.0	1.5	8.0

Dario SARIC



Height: 2.08

Position: Power Forward
Date of Birth: 08/04/1994
Place of Birth: Sibenik

Team 2021-22: Phoenix Suns (USA-NBA)

Career: Zrinjevac (Croatia-HKL, 2009); Zagreb (Croatia-HKL, 2009-12); Dubrava (Croatia-HKL, 2010-11); Cibona (Croatia-HKL, 2012-14); Anadolu Efes (Turkey-TBL, 2014-16); Philadelphia 76ers (USA-NBA, 2016-18); Minnesota Timberwolves (USA-NBA, 2018-19); Phoenix Suns (USA-NBA, 2019-)

Twitter: dariosaric Instagram: megalodon20

To say that Dario Saric is eager to get back on the court would be the understatement of this media guide. Saric last played in the NBA Finals in 2021, but a torn ACL in Game 1 kept him off the floor for over a year. Reports say he's back to full fitness now, and he could be a big asset to coach Damir Mulaomerovic who already said he plans to use him in his Phoenix Suns role, as the point center, to counter the size of Zubac or Matkovic. Thanks to his sheer physical strength, Dario could easily do it without giving up an inch to bigger centers on the other side.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	4	31.0	12/33	9/21	16/21	8.5	3.8	16.8
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017	6	32.0	23/53	5/19	28/34	6.7	2.5	14.8
2016	FIBA Olympic Qual. Tournament 2016	4	36.0	18/34	2/11	14/20	10.0	2.3	14.0
2016	Olympic Basketball Tournament 2016	6	33.0	20/39	5/19	16/27	6.7	3.2	11.8
2015	FIBA EuroBasket 2015	6	29.0	17/32	4/15	12/25	6.3	2.7	9.7

Ivica ZUBAC



Height: 2.13
Position: Center
Date of Birth: 18/03/1997

Place of Birth: Mostar (BIH)

Team 2021-22: Los Angeles Clippers (USA-NBA) Career: Zrinjevac (Croatia-HKL, 2013-14); Cibona (Croatia-HKL, 2014-16); Mega Basket (Serbia-KLS, 2016); Los Angeles Lakers (USA-NBA, 2016-19); Los Angeles Clippers (USA-NBA, 2019-)

Twitter: ivicazubac Instagram: ivicazubac

The towering figure got his chance to shine. Zubac was named as the first option for coach Damir Mulaomerovic, and he believes in Ivica so much that he didn't even call Ante Zizic up to the training camp this summer. Zubac is a force inside, not a kid anymore, with six NBA seasons behind him. He was a full time starter for the Clippers last season, getting 10.3 points and 8.5 rebounds in just 24 minutes per game. If he could get that without being the number one option, imagine the damage he could do at FIBA EuroBasket 2022, knowing he's the man Croatia will roll with most of the time.

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	2	29.0	14/20	0/0	7/17	7.5	3.0	17.5
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	4	23.0	16/24	0/0	17/18	4.8	0.5	12.3

ESTONIA

YOUNG, TALENTED AND... AMBITIOUS?

Estonia is making a second FIBA EuroBasket appearance in the last 20 years, and they've only managed to get one win in the competition since 1993. That solitary victory occurred in 2015 when they upset the Ukrainian national team in the Group Phase. Interestingly they've been drawn in the same group with Ukraine again in this year's edition of FIBA EuroBasket. Is another upset in store?

Here's the thing about this Estonian team: they come to Milan as massive underdogs, and already making it to the main event is a huge success for them, but don't be surprised if they raise some eyebrows during the event. This team is young, probably the youngest in the whole competition, and they are hungry.

They only won twice during the qualification campaign but that was enough and both of those victories were on the road, including an overtime triumph over Italy in which Jukka Toijala's men really showed what they're made of. They combined a lot of speed and desire with the obvious lack of international experience — in that particular game they were up by 16 ahead of the final quarter, but let their lead slip and Italy pushed the encounter into overtime, where Estonia just really wanted it that much more. That result was crucial for the team in order to get a coveted ticket to EuroBasket.

The Finnish coach does have some experience in the backcourt in Sten Sokk - the team's oldest player - and Martin Dorbek. The latter is the team's captain and mostly plays at the shooting guard position for his club Kalev/Cramo but he'll have his share of time at point guard spot

at EuroBasket. Arizona Wildcat Kerr Kriisa and experienced ACB player Kristian Kullamae give Estonia some flexibility in the backcourt.

Their strongest and, perhaps, the most versatile line is on the wings. Judge yourself. There is the extremely talented and long Henri Drell, who spent the second part of the last season with Windy City Bulls in the NBA G League. Then there is another athletically gifted youngster in Sander Raieste, who has had a taste of top European club basketball with Baskonia. If you add to that list Janari Joesaar who always has an impressive dunk or two in his bag, and then polish it with one of the team's veterans in Siim-Sander Vene, who can be relied on to show his best when he plays for the national team.

And if we look at Estonia's frontcourt, it looks just as strong. Kaspar Treier is a solid power forward from the top Italian division, Kristjan Kitsing can stretch the floor and is capable of shooting the lights out from long range. While Estonia's main source of getting points and rebounds will be from their center Maik-Kalev Kotsar. He plays basketball with a lot of heart and does have some post-up skills which he's worked on in the NCAA as well as in the German BBL.

This team will have no pressure when playing in Milan and - possibly - Berlin, and this is a great position to start the tournament. Can they make another huge step forward and enter the knockout stages for the first time in almost 30 years?

By Vladimir Spivak



Year	Event	Place	Achievement
2021	Olympics	Tokyo (JPN)	Did not qualify
2019	FIBA Basketball World Cup	Beijing (CHN)	Did not qualify
2017	FIBA EuroBasket	Istanbul (TUR)	Did not qualify
2016	Olympics	Rio de Janeiro (BRA)	Did not qualify
2015	FIBA EuroBasket	Lille (FRA)	20th
2014	FIBA Basketball World Cup	Madrid (ESP)	Did not qualify
2013	FIBA EuroBasket	Ljubljana (SLO)	Did not qualify
2012	Olympics	London (GBR)	Did not qualify
2011	FIBA EuroBasket	Kaunas (LTU)	Did not qualify
2010	FIBA Basketball World Cup	Istanbul (TUR)	Did not qualify

FIBA EuroBasket 2022 Qualifiers Accumulated Stats

Janari JOESAAR

Sander RAIESTE

Siim-Sander VENE

Kaspar TREIER

Kristjan KITSING

Kregor HERMET

Matthias TASS

Rauno NURGER

Maik-Kalev KOTSAR

Coach: Jukka TOIJALA

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31/03/99 Baskonia (ESP)

11/12/90 Kalev/Cramo

09/06/97 Kalev/Cramo

24/11/93 Kalev/Cramo

Varese (ITA)

22/06/96 Hamburg Towers (GER)

medi Bayreuth (GER)

Dinamo Sassari (ITA)

Saint Mary's University (USA)

			FG		2PT	FG	3РТ	FG	F	T		REB							
Name	G	Min	M/A	%	M/A	%	M/A	%	M/A	%	0	D	Tot	AST	TO	STL	BLK	PF	PTS
Janari JOESAAR	6	28.4	15/36	41.7	10/21	47.6	5/15	33.3	11/15	73.3	1.2	3.2	4.3	2.2	0.8	1.2	0.3	1.8	7.7
Martin DORBEK	6	14.9	3/14	21.4	1/4	25.0	2/10	20.0	0/0	0.0	8.0	0.2	1.0	1.2	0.5	0.7	0.0	2.0	1.3
Rauno NURGER	6	12.0	11/18	61.1	11/18	61.1	0/0	0.0	13/16	81.3	1.5	1.7	3.2	0.2	1.2	0.3	0.3	1.3	5.8
Kristian KULLAMAE	5	28.6	31/60	51.7	19/27	70.4	12/33	36.4	6/9	66.7	0.4	1.8	2.2	4.2	3.2	1.0	0.0	3.2	16.0
Henri DRELL	5	18.5	14/32	43.8	8/19	42.1	6/13	46.2	5/9	55.6	8.0	1.6	2.4	0.8	1.4	0.8	0.6	1.4	7.8
Kregor HERMET	5	16.2	11/24	45.8	8/15	53.3	3/9	33.3	4/5	80.0	0.2	2.0	2.2	0.6	0.8	0.4	0.4	2.4	5.8
Kaspar TREIER	4	21.5	13/31	41.9	9/16	56.3	4/15	26.7	5/6	83.3	1.5	5.0	6.5	0.8	1.5	1.3	0.0	1.8	8.8
Maik-Kalev KOTSAR	3	29.4	24/45	53.3	24/45	53.3	0/0	0.0	7/9	77.8	2.3	2.0	4.3	3.3	3.3	0.7	0.0	2.3	18.3
Kristjan KITSING	3	21.7	10/20	50.0	2/6	33.3	8/14	57.1	7/8	87.5	0.3	2.7	3.0	0.7	1.3	0.7	0.0	2.3	11.7
Rain VEIDEMAN	3	19.8	6/20	30.0	6/13	46.2	0/7	0.0	2/2	100.0	0.0	3.0	3.0	4.7	2.0	1.0	0.0	2.3	4.7
Siim-Sander VENE	2	31.3	13/24	54.2	7/12	58.3	6/12	50.0	5/5	100.0	2.0	2.5	4.5	1.5	1.5	0.5	0.0	1.5	18.5
Sten SOKK	2	23.8	5/14	35.7	3/4	75.0	2/10	20.0	4/5	80.0	0.5	1.5	2.0	10.5	1.0	1.5	0.0	3.5	8.0
Sander RAIESTE	2	17.2	3/11	27.3	2/7	28.6	1/4	25.0	1/1	100.0	2.0	2.0	4.0	1.0	0.5	0.5	0.0	3.0	4.0
Mart ROSENTHAL	2	16.3	4/7	57.1	2/3	66.7	2/4	50.0	0/2	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	0.5	0.5	1.0	0.0	3.5	5.0
Kerr KRIISA	2	16.3	0/9	0.0	0/1	0.0	0/8	0.0	0/0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.5	3.0	2.5	1.0	0.0	1.5	0.0
Martin PAASOJA	1	21.3	2/3	66.7	2/2	100.0	0/1	0.0	2/2	100.0	1.0	2.0	3.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.0	6.0
Rait-Riivo LAANE	1	12.4	0/1	0.0	0/1	0.0	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.0	2.0	0.0	0.0	3.0	0.0
Jaan PUIDET	1	10.2	0/1	0.0	0/0	0.0	0/1	0.0	0/0	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	2.0	0.0	2.0	0.0
Saimon SUTT	1	6.8	1/2	50.0	0/0	0.0	1/2	50.0	0/0	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	3.0
Mihkel KIRVES	1	5.9	0/1	0.0	0/1	0.0	0/0	0.0	0/2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Tanel KURBAS	1	5.7	0/2	0.0	0/2	0.0	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0
Siim-Markus POST	1	5.3	1/2	50.0	1/1	100.0	0/1	0.0	1/2	50.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	2.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	3.0
Robert VALGE	0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Team/Coaches											2.7	1.0	3.7	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	
TOTALS		383.5	167/377	44.3	115/218	52.8	52/159	32.7	73/98	74.5	11.3	21.2	32.5	19.2	15.2	8.0	1.5	22.5	76.5

COACH **Jukka TOIJALA**



Nationality: Finnish **Date of Birth:** 09/05/72 Place of Birth: Kouvola (FIN)

Team 2021-22: HBA-Marsky (Finland-Koripal-

Club Career: Kouvot (Finland-Korisliiga, 2006-10); Kataja BC (Finland-Korisliiga, 2010-16); Steaua Bucuresti (Romania-LNBM, 2017-18); Trefl Sopot (Poland-PLK, 2018-2019); HBA-Marsky (Finland-Koripallon I-divisioona, 2019-22)

International Career: Finland (Assistant Coach, 2010-2019); Estonia (Head Coach, 2019-)

The Estonian national team needed a fresh start in 2019 after parting ways with previous head coach and legendary player Tiit Sokk. And that was when the basketball federation took a look across the border and saw a permanently developing program of Finland's national team. The Suomi had been improving under Henrik Dettmann and so was the German's assistant Jukka Toijala. He had been assistant to Dettmann since 2010 and it was time for him to take over a bigger responsibility. The decision has been proving to be the right one as the team reached FIBA EuroBasket for the second time in almost 30 years. It is almost certain that we'll see Toijala at the helm of Estonia for a long time and it's exciting to see their young players developing under him.

Kerr KRIISA



Height: 1.90 **Position:** Point Guard Date of Birth: 02/01/01 Place of Birth: Tartu

Team 2021-22: Arizona University (USA-NCAA) Career: Tartu Ulikool (Estonia-KML, 2016-17), Brose Bamberg (Germany-BBL, 2017-18); Zalgiris-2 (Lithuania-NKL, 2018-19); Prienai (Lithuania-LKL, 2019-20); Arizona University (USA-NCAA, 2020-22)

Twitter: KerrKriisa Instagram: kkriisa

Yes, you guessed it right, Kerr Kriisa was named by his former Estonian international father Valmo Kriisa after NBA legend Steve Kerr. Kriisa junior is obviously destined to become a lethal shooter and he's definitely working on it, but so far he has followed the footsteps of the nine-time NBA champion by joining Arizona University in NCAA action. Kriisa had a decent 2021-2022 season by helping the Wildcats to reach the Sweet 16 stage and recording a triple-double in one of the games. Indeed, Kriisa is an all-around player who can become Estonia's star on the international stage for many years to come.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	2	16.0	0/1	0/8	0/0	0.5	3.0	0.0





Height: 2.11 **Position:** Center Date of Birth: 22/06/96 Place of Birth: Tallinn

Team 2021-2022: Hamburg Towers (Germa-

Career: Audentes (Estonia-KML, 2011-15); South Carolina Gamecocks (USA-NCAA, 2016-20); Hamburg Towers (Germany-BBL, 2020-22)

Twitter: MaikKalev Instagram: maikkotsar

Born in Tallinn, Kotsar started his basketball education in the biggest national sport school Audentes before moving to the USA to complete his academic and basketball studies in South Carolina. Kotsar then began to showcase his skill in the German Bundesliga where he signed with Hamburg Towers. Strong, bulky and feisty, the center was constantly developing under coach Pedro Calles and drew some interest from European powerhouses. As a result, he'll spend next season with Baskonia.. Kotsar's skills and post up moves are still a learning curve sometimes, but his fighting spirit and speed are there every game, which he proved once again in that crucial overtime win over Italy in the Qualifiers. He scored 32 points in the process and was key in Estonia getting a ticket to Milan. Expect coach Toijala to try and get the ball into the post to Kotsar on a number of occasions during the tournament.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS	
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	4	27.0	23/49	3/3	12/18	7.0	0.5	16.8	
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	3	29.0	24/45	0/0	7/9	4.3	3.3	18.3	
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	4	24.0	15/32	0/2	5/8	3.5	1.3	8.8	

Sten SOKK



Height: 1.84 **Position:** Point Guard **Date of Birth: 14/02/89** Place of Birth: Tallinn

Team 2021-22: Messolonghi (Greece-A1)

Career: Audentes (Estonia-KML, 2005-06); Triobet/Dalkia (Estonia-KML, 2006-08); Tartu Ulikool (Estonia-KML, 2008-12); Olimpi Tbilisi (Georgia-Superliga, 2012-13); SCM U Craiova (Romania-LNBM, 2013-14); Rakvere Tartas (Estonia-KML, 2014); Dynamo Moscow (Russia-Superleague, 2015); Kalev/ Cramo (Estonia-KML, 2015-18); Iraklis (Greece-A1,

2018-19); Kalev/Cramo (Estonia-KML, 2019-22); Messolonghi (Greece-A1, 2022)

Instagram: timmusokk

The 33-year-old gives Estonia some important minutes off the bench and a vocal presence on the bench as well as the locker room. Defense has never been a strong part of his game, but with his decent international experience Sokk knows how to organize a half-court offense and will be a mentor for the young and talented Estonian team during this FIBA EuroBasket campaign. With more up-and-coming talent, this could be Sokk's last event in a national team jersey and he will try to make the most of it.

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	2	18.0	2/5	0/3	0/0	0.5	5.5	2.0
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	2	24.0	3/4	2/10	4/5	2.0	10.5	8.0
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	6	29.0	10/17	14/33	9/11	3.3	4.7	11.8
2017	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Pre-Qual.	4	29.0	4/7	9/18	8/9	3.0	3.8	10.8
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017 Qualifiers	6	31.0	9/18	10/30	11/14	2.8	4.2	9.8



Kristian KULLAMAE



Height: 1.94
Position: Point Guard/Shooting Guard
Date of Birth: 25/05/99

Place of Birth: Tallinn

Team 2021-22: San Pablo Burgos (Spain-ACB)
Career: Audentes (Estonia-KML, 2014-16); Rock-

ets (Germany-BBL, 2016-18); Baunach Young Pikes (Germany-ProA, 2018-19); Real Canoe (Spain-LEB Oro, 2019-20); Palma (Spain-LEB Oro, 2020-21); San Pablo Burgos (Spain-ACB, 2021-22)

Twitter: KKullamae

Instagram: kristiankullamae

You got the trend already, right? Kullamae is yet another son of a former Estonian international in the modern national team. Gert Kullamae was a member of the national team in 1993 when Estonia surprisingly reached the Quarter-Finals at FIBA EuroBasket in Germany. Kristian Kullamae has already shown he can do some special things in the national team jersey, too, by scoring 31 points in a road victory over North Macedonia in the Qualifiers opener and demonstrating what kind of pick-n-roll threat he can be. Kullamae's club career has also been trending upwards as he made his ACB and Basketball Champions League debut with San Pablo Burgos last season.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	4	25.0	7/21	8/18	4/4	4.3	5.8	10.5
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	5	29.0	19/27	12/33	6/9	2.2	4.2	16.0
2019	FIRA Baskethall WC 2019 FU Qual	9	23.0	26/44	7/41	5/11	22	26	8.7

Martin DORBEK



Height: 1.93
Position: Shooting Guard/Point Guard
Date of Birth: 21/01/91
Place of Birth: Tallinn

Team 2021-22: Kalev/Cramo (Estonia-KML)

Career: Tartu Ulikool (Estonia-KML, 2008-09); Kalev/Cramo (Estonia-KML, 2009-2010); Rakvere Tarvas (Estonia-KML, 2010-12); Rapla KK (Estonia-KML, 2012-2014); Kalev/Cramo (Estonia-KML, 2014-2022)

Instagram: martindorbek

Despite being only 31, Dorbek is considered a veteran in this Estonian team, furthermore he will probably captain the squad at FIBA EuroBasket. Dorbek is a great three-point shooter with around 40 percent success throughout his career, but coach Toijala likes him even more for his basketball IQ and leadership on the court. The Finn isn't shy to use him at the point guard position and increase the height of his line-up. Dorbek's ability to guard smaller and quicker opposing point guards also helps a lot. If Estonia are to have success in Italy and Germany then they won't be able to make it without the captain's A-game.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	4	14.0	2/10	2/4	0/0	1.0	1.5	2.5
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	6	15.0	1/4	2/10	0/0	1.0	1.2	1.3
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	4	16.0	3/11	0/0	2/4	3.3	1.5	2.0
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017 Qualifiers	6	21.0	8/15	7/14	1/2	3.2	2.3	6.3
2015	FIBA EuroBasket 2015 1st Qual. Tourn.	2	8.0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0.5	0.5	0.0

Mart ROSENTHAL



Height: 1.99
Position: Shooting Guard
Date of Birth: 15/03/93
Place of Birth: Tartu

Team 2021-22: Tartu Ulikool (Estonia-KML)
Career: Tartu Ulikool (Estonia-KML, 2015-19); KK
Parnu (Estonia-KML, 2019-21); Tartu Ulikool (Esto-

nia-KML, 2021-22)

Rosenthal can become an interesting option for Toijala off the bench. The Tartu native loves to drive to the basket and isn't afraid to finish it with the contact looking for and-one play. His three-point shooting isn't consistent but he's proved his ability to knock down open threes during last season with Tartu Ulikool. He won the Estonian Cup and was named MVP of the campaign. With the wings positions packed, Rosenthal isn't expected to play a lot of minutes but he can convince the coach to revise this issue with his courageous defense.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	3	17.0	0/2	1/6	0/0	0.7	4.7	1.0
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	2	16.0	2/3	2/4	0/2	1.0	0.5	5.0

Henri DRELL



Height: 2.06 **Position:** Shooting Guard/Small Forward

Date of Birth: 25/04/00 Place of Birth: Tallinn

Team 2021-2022: Windy City Bulls (USA-NBA G

League)

Career: Audentes (Estonia-KML, 2015-16); Brose Bamberg (Germany-BBL, 2016-2019); Pesaro (Ita-Iy-LBA, 2019-21); Windy City Bulls (USA-NBA G League, 2022)

Twitter: henridrell
Instagram: henridrell

Perhaps Estonia's biggest talent at the moment, Drell has been talked about for a while even though he's only 22. He comes from a basketball family with his father, mother and sister all being former professional players. Henri was on the radar very early and joined Brose Bamberg's youth system at the age of 16 when he signed a six-year deal with the German club. However, Drell only played three games for the senior team before moving to Pesaro. In Italy he showed glimpses of his talent more often but still came up short of becoming the team's leader. He then tried to get closer to his NBA dream by joining the G League's Windy City Bulls. With his elite size, Drell is a great slasher and cutter, he has a natural feel for the game, yet he needs to continue working on his shooting.

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	3	20.0	5/13	1/2	6/10	4.3	1.7	6.3
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	5	18.0	8/19	6/13	5/9	2.4	0.8	7.8
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	2	14.0	5/8	1/3	5/6	0.0	0.5	9.0

Janari JOESAAR



Height: 1.98
Position: Small Forward
Date of Birth: 08/12/93
Place of Birth: Tartu

Team 2021-22: medi Bayreuth (Germany-BBL)

Career: Ole Miss University (USA-NCAA, 2013-14); KK Rapla (Estonia-KML, 2015); Rakvere Tarvas (Estonia-KML, 2015-16); Tartu Ulikool (Estonia-KML, 2016-17); Kalev/Cramo (Estonia-KML, 2017-19); Tenerife (Spain-ACB League, 2019); Kalev/Cramo (Estonia-KML, 2019-20); Manresa (Spain-ACB League, 2020); Kalev/Cramo (Estonia-KML, 2020-21); medi Bayreuth (Germany-BBL, 2021-2022)

Twitter: janarijoesaar Instagram: joesaar21

Joesaar can also be considered as one of this team's veterans since he made his international debut in 2014. Janari is an athletic forward who can always impress you with a dunk or two. Joessar completed his basketball education before returning home and eventually making his name heard while playing for the country's powerhouse Kalev/Cramo. He's had two attempts to establish himself as an ACB player and spent last season in Germany's BBL, where he averaged a solid 10.6 points and 6.0 rebounds for medi Bayreuth.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	4	25.0	13/19	5/18	7/7	3.3	1.3	12.0
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	6	28.0	10/21	5/15	11/15	4.3	2.2	7.7
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	5	21.0	10/16	1/7	3/6	5.4	1.6	5.2
2017	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Pre-Qual.	1	17.0	4/7	1/3	2/2	3.0	0.0	13.0

Siim-Sander VENE



Height: 2.03 **Position:** Small Forward/ Power Forward

Date of Birth: 12/11/90 Place of Birth: Tartu

Team 2021-22: Varese (Italy-LBA)

Career: TTU KK (Estonia-KML, 2005-06); Zalgiris-2 (Lithuania-NKL, 2006-08); Atletas (Lithuania-LKL, 2008-09); Ludwigsburg (Germany-BBL, 2010-11); Atletas (Lithuania-LKL, 2011-2012); VEF Riga (Latvia-LBL, 2012); Prienai (Lithuania-LKL, 2012-13); Zalgiris (Lithuania-LKL, 2013-2016); Nizhny Novgorod (Russia-VTB, 2016-17); Reggiana (Italy-LBA, 2017);

Varese (Italy-LBA, 2018); Manresa (Spain-ACB, 2018); Fuenlabrada (Spain-ACB League, 2018); Gran Canaria (Spain-ACB League, 2018-19), Varese (Italy-LBA, 2019-20); Fuenlabrada (Spain-ACB League, 2020-21); Limoges (France-LNB ProA, 2021-22); Varese (Italy-LBA, 2022)

Instagram: bambergas22

One of only two current Estonian players with FIBA EuroBasket experience, Vene is one of those players who always answers the national team call. He comes from a basketball family, as both his father and mother played on a national level. Siim-Sander was spotted by Zalgiris at a tender age, but ultimately never had a significant role at the Lithuanian powerhouse. Having spent a few seasons on loan while being with Zalgiris, Vene got accustomed to switching clubs regularly and now, at the age of 32, has already played in eight different countries. He can cover both forward positions and sometimes can remind you of legendary German Dirk Nowitzki with his firm one-legged fadeaway shot.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	5	27.0	9/20	6/26	9/11	4.2	2.4	9.0
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	2	31.0	7/12	6/12	5/5	4.5	1.5	18.5
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	4	29.0	19/30	6/21	6/8	3.3	2.3	15.5
2015	FIBA EuroBasket 2015	5	23.0	15/37	1/10	6/9	6.4	1.6	7.8
2015	FIBA EuroBasket 2015 1st Qual. Tourn.	4	21.0	7/24	2/7	5/6	3.3	1.5	6.3

Sander RAIESTE



Height: 2.04
Position: Small Forward
Date of Birth: 31/03/99
Place of Birth: Tallinn

Team 2021-22: Baskonia (Spain-ACB League) Career: KK Viimsi (Estonia-KML, 2013-15); Audentes (Estonia-KML, 2015-16); Baskonia B (Spain-LEB Silver, 2016-19); Kalev/Cramo (Estonia-KML, 2019-20); Baskonia (Spain-ACB League, 2020-22)

Instagram: sanderraieste

Another Estonian talent who will without a doubt be of the national team's leaders for many years to come. Raieste got himself noticed by Spanish club Baskonia and moved to one of the best European systems for developing young players at the age of 17. He went through the club's youth teams and a loan to Kalev/Cramo before making his ACB debut in 2020. Raieste has great size for his position but is also very quick on his feet. He loves to run the floor and shoot corner threes. Sander will hope the 2022 edition of FIBA EuroBasket will be one of many for him in the Estonian team jersey.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	2	22.0	4/9	3/7	6/6	3.5	1.5	11.5
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	2	17.0	2/7	1/4	1/1	4.0	1.0	4.0
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	5	26.0	8/22	6/16	7/13	5.2	2.4	8.2

Kaspar TREIER



Height: 2.04 **Position:** Power Forward/Small Forward

Date of Birth: 19/09/99
Place of Birth: Tartu

Team 2021-22: Dinamo Sassari (Italy-LBA)
Career: Torino (Italy-LBA, 2016-17); Sutor Montegranaro (Italy-LBA, 2017-19); Ravenna (Italy-Serie A2, 2019-20); Dinamo Sassari (Italy-LBA, 2020-2022)

Twitter: KasparTreier Instagram: kaspartre

Treier plays every game with a lot of energy and can do a lot of things on the court which do not reflect on the scoresheet but as the preparation games proved, he can also carry some offensive load on this Estonian team. As someone who played professionally only in Italy, Kaspar feels natural in fast paced basketball and has significantly improved his long-distance shot during the course of last season with Dinamo Sassari. He also has some experience of winning with the national team from youth age as he lifted the FIBA U16 European Championship, Division B title in 2015.

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	6	25.0	6/12	8/18	12/15	3.7	1.0	8.0
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	4	22.0	9/16	4/15	5/6	6.5	0.8	8.8
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	3	9.0	1/2	0/3	1/1	1.3	0.7	1.0



Kristjan KITSING



Height: 2.06
Position: Power Forward
Date of Birth: 11/12/90
Place of Birth: Tartu

Team 2021-22: Kalev/Cramo (Estonia-KML)

Career: Tartu Ulikool (Estonia-KML, 2008-10); Kalev/Cramo (Estonia-KML, 2010-12); KK Parnu (Estonia-KML, 2012-13); Kalev/Cramo (Estonia-KML, 2013-15); TTU KK (Estonia-KML, 2015-16); Estudiantes Concordia (Argentina-LNB, 2016); Bakken Bears (Denmark-Basketligaen, 2016-17); Tartu Ulikool (Estonia-KML, 2017-18); Kalev/Cra-

mo (Estonia-KML, 2018-20); Rytas (Lithuania-LKL, 2020-21); Kalev/Cramo (Estonia-KML, 2021-22)

Instagram: kkitsing

Watch out for this guy getting hot from long range — Kitsing can make threes all night long. Add his solid size to this skill and you have a complete stretch power forward, who will be yet another attacking weapon for Estonia. Kitsing made five threes in a loss to Italy during the FIBA EuroBasket Qualifiers. He doesn't loom with his defensive skills but could be an option even in the center position if a situation forces Toijala to make this move.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	6	17.0	2/3	8/17	12/15	1.5	0.5	6.7
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	3	22.0	2/6	8/14	7/8	3.0	0.7	11.7
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	10	21.0	15/37	17/45	17/20	3.1	0.9	9.8
2017	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Pre-Qual.	1	11.0	0/0	1/3	0/0	1.0	0.0	3.0
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017 Qualifiers	6	20.0	13/25	5/11	5/9	2.7	0.8	7.7

Matthias TASS



Height: 2.08
Position: Center/Power forward
Date of Birth: 23/03/99

Place of Birth: 23/03/99
Place of Birth: Tallinn

Team 2021-22: Saint Mary's University (USA-NCAA) Career: Kalev/Cramo (Estonia-KML, 2016-17); TTU KK (Estonia-KML, 2017-18); Saint Mary's University (USA-NCAA, 2018-22)

Twitter: MatthiasTass Instagram: matthiastass

With his speed and athletic abilities, Tass should become a decent back-up for Maik-Kalev Kotsar at EuroBasket. Tass completed his NCAA career with Saint Mary's Gaels this summer, where he averaged over 12 points and 6 rebounds as a senior. The 23-year-old is quick on the roll, but has some post-up moves in his locker as well. He's not a frequent shooter from the three-point line, but his fearless defense is what Toijala likes the most about this player. Tass set a national record with 10 blocks while playing for Estonia at the FIBA U18 European Championship in 2017.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	2	14.0	4/6	0/0	2/4	2.5	2.0	5.0

Kregor HERMET



Height: 2.04
Position: Power Forward/Center
Date of Birth: 09/06/97
Place of Birth: Tallinn

Team 2021-22: Kalev/Cramo (Estonia-KML)

Career: Audentes (Estonia-KML, 2013-14); Kohila (Estonia-KML, 2014-15); Audentes (Estonia-KML, 2015-16); Forca Lleida (Spain-LEB Gold, 2016-18); Tartu Ulikool (Estonia-KML, 2018-20); Kalev/Cramo (Estonia-KML, 2020-22)

Instagram: kregorhermet

With so many perimeter threats in the roster, Hermet will have to wait for his chance as another proper stretch forward. He was a top scorer in all of the Estonian youth national teams but is yet to show his best in the senior squad. However, he helped Estonia to overcome Italy in that overtime win in the Qualifiers and might've just made a claim to get some playing minutes at FIBA EuroBasket. After a couple of seasons in the Spanish second division Hermet will leave his native land and compete in the Polish basketball league next season.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	1	15.0	1/4	0/3	0/0	0.0	0.0	2.0
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	5	16.0	8/15	3/9	4/5	2.2	0.6	5.8
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	6	4.0	2/3	3/3	2/2	0.2	0.2	2.5
2017	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 FU Pre-Qual.	3	6.0	4/4	1/2	0/0	1.0	0.0	3.7

Rauno NURGER



Height: 2.08 Position: Center Date of Birth: 24/11/93 Place of Birth: Keila

Team 2021-22: Kalev/Cramo (Estonia-KML)

Career: Tallinna Kalev (Estonia-KML, 2011-12); KK Rapla (Estonia-KML, 2012-13); Wichita State University (USA-NCAA, 2014-18); Penas Huesca (Spain-LEB Gold, 2018-19); Breogan (Spain-LEB Gold, 2019-20); Kalev/Cramo (Estonia-KML, 2020-22)

Twitter: RNurger Instagram: nurks

With Kotsar and Tass present in the squad, Nurger will need a lot of patience waiting for that nod from coach Toijala. Rauno has a decent speed and likes to catch alley-oop passes around the rim. He can also be productive for his team on the defensive end if they choose to play hedge option on pick-and-roll defense. Nurger spent all four years in NCAA action with Wichita State before moving to the Spanish second division and then returning to Estonia to play for Kalev/Cramo where he became a national champion in 2021.

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	6	12.0	7/17	0/0	5/8	2.3	0.2	3.2
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	6	12.0	11/18	0/0	13/16	3.2	0.2	5.8
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	6	15.0	11/19	1/4	5/8	2.7	0.0	5.0

GREAT BRITAIN

GB OUT TO BACK UP QUALIFIERS SUCCESS

Great Britain have impressed by taking some big scalps on the international stage in Qualifiers action in the past couple of years, but there is nothing like the test of playing in a major tournament.

Assistant coach Marc Steutel took charge during the FIBA EuroBasket 2022 Qualifiers, while Nate Reinking was unavailable due to club commitments in the US, and the team came together in a memorable run.

They started with a bump after losing on the road to Montenegro in an ominous opening knowing France and Germany were to come. However, they ignited their campaign with a thrilling home win against Germany in Newcastle as Luke Nelson lit up the arena with a 26-point haul.

The addition of Nelson's scoring power since college has been a huge boost for GB as they also lean on the likes of Ovie Soko and Myles Hesson to shoulder big responsibility on the team along with the vast leadership of Dan Clark - set to become the Senior men's all-time leader in caps.

Gabe Olaseni has become the silent assassin in the paint, quietly going to work inside after a huge breakout tournament at FIBA EuroBasket 2017 and will be another key piece to the puzzle for GB as they also look to their younger players to carve out bigger roles on the team.

GB missed out on home advantage as the Qualifiers went into a bubble format, but they bounced back from a heavy loss to France in Pau with a crucial 15-point victory over Montenegro to claim the head-to-head.

The final window took place in Podgorica and GB ensured there was no home party as Nelson's game-winner against Germany set up qualification before they celebrated in style with a stunning 21-point win over France as Soko starred.

GB have never made it to a FIBA Basketball World Cup, but they have found a level of consistency in reaching the Final Round of Europe's flagship event on five of the last six occasions — only missing out in 2015

While they failed to record a win five years ago, it's not unrealistic by any stretch for GB to be targeting a place in the Round of 16 this time around.

They defeated Greece in the World Cup European Qualifiers but can expect a much tougher test as they come up against a side led by Giannis Antetokounmpo, and Italy and Croatia will also be strong. But that could pave the way for a three-way battle to make it into the top four in Milan with Estonia and Ukraine the other sides in contention.

The Senior Women's side made history at EuroBasket in 2019 with a run to the Sem-Finals for their best-ever finish and the men will be hoping to stamp their own claim on the record books if they can make it to the knockout stages.

We've seen what GB can do in the Qualifiers, now as the level rises, can they step up to make some noise at the Final Round? That remains the big question.

By Bradley Gains



Luke NELSON

Ben MOCKFORD

Jamell ANDERSON

Ashley HAMILTON

Myles HESSON

Carl WHEATLE

Patrick WHELAN

Kavell BIGBY-WILLIAMS

Coach: Nate REINKING

Ovie SOKO

Dan CLARK

Gabe OLASENI

Tarik PHILLIP

Dwayne LAUTIER-OGUNLEYE 1.91

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05/06/90

24/03/98

25/08/96

07/02/91

16/09/88

07/10/95 Indios (DOM)

29/12/91 Darussafaka (TUR)

18/08/89 Lyon (FRA)

Le Portel (FRA)

Heroes Den Bosch (NED)

San Pablo Burgos (ESP)

Manchester Giants

Basquet Coruna (ESP)

Saga Ballooners (JPN)

Shiga Lakestars (JPN)

Manchester Giants

Pistoia Basket (ITA)

Leicester Riders

FIBA EuroBasket 2022 Qualifiers 2nd in Group G (4W - 2L)

Last 10 FIBA Events

Year	Event	Place	Achievement
2021	Olympics	Tokyo (JPN)	Did not qualify
2019	FIBA Basketball World Cup	Beijing (CHN)	Did not qualify
2017	FIBA EuroBasket	Istanbul (TUR)	22nd
2016	Olympics	Rio de Janeiro (BRA)	Did not qualify
2015	FIBA EuroBasket	Lille (FRA)	Did not qualify
2014	FIBA Basketball World Cup	Madrid (ESP)	Did not qualify
2013	FIBA EuroBasket	Ljubljana (SLO)	13th
2012	Olympics	London (GBR)	9th
2011	FIBA EuroBasket	Kaunas (LTU)	13th
2010	FIBA Basketball World Cup	Istanbul (TUR)	Did not qualify

FIBA EuroBasket 2022 Qualifiers Accumulated Stats

			FG		2PT	FG	3РТ	FG	F	T		REB							
Name	G	Min	M/A	%	M/A	%	M/A	%	M/A	%	0	D	Tot	AST	T0	STL	BLK	PF	PTS
Luke NELSON	6	31.1	32/75	42.7	23/43	53.5	9/32	28.1	11/11	100.0	0.0	3.5	3.5	4.3	1.7	0.7	0.0	2.2	14.0
Myles HESSON	6	28.8	26/67	38.8	20/46	43.5	6/21	28.6	25/29	86.2	1.2	4.8	6.0	2.0	3.0	1.2	0.3	2.8	13.8
Ben MOCKFORD	6	23.8	14/31	45.2	7/17	41.2	7/14	50.0	0/0	0.0	0.2	1.7	1.8	2.2	0.3	1.3	0.2	8.0	5.8
Gabe OLASENI	6	23.5	33/53	62.3	33/53	62.3	0/0	0.0	16/18	88.9	2.7	2.7	5.3	0.3	2.7	8.0	0.7	2.8	13.7
Teddy OKEREAFOR	6	21.1	7/18	38.9	4/14	28.6	3/4	75.0	4/4	100.0	0.7	2.8	3.5	3.2	1.5	1.7	0.3	1.5	3.5
Dan CLARK	6	17.9	9/27	33.3	3/7	42.9	6/20	30.0	2/2	100.0	0.5	3.2	3.7	1.8	1.0	8.0	0.3	3.0	4.3
Ovie SOKO	4	27.4	28/48	58.3	26/43	60.5	2/5	40.0	17/21	81.0	2.5	4.5	7.0	2.3	3.0	1.3	0.3	2.5	18.8
Tarik PHILLIP	4	25.9	11/37	29.7	9/26	34.6	2/11	18.2	3/4	75.0	1.3	1.8	3.0	2.0	3.0	2.8	0.0	2.0	6.8
Dwayne LAUTIER-OGUNLEYE	4	5.9	1/4	25.0	1/4	25.0	0/0	0.0	6/11	54.5	0.5	0.3	8.0	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.0	0.5	2.0
Ashley HAMILTON	3	9.9	3/6	50.0	1/3	33.3	2/3	66.7	4/4	100.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	0.0	1.7	0.0	0.3	0.0	4.0
Sacha KILLEYA JONES	2	8.9	2/6	33.3	2/5	40.0	0/1	0.0	1/2	50.0	0.5	1.5	2.0	0.0	2.0	0.5	0.0	1.0	2.5
Gareth MURRAY	2	4.8	0/1	0.0	0/0	0.0	0/1	0.0	0/0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	1.5	0.0
Conner WASHINGTON	2	4.3	0/1	0.0	0/0	0.0	0/1	0.0	0/0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0
Carl WHEATLE	1	9.7	2/4	50.0	2/2	100.0	0/2	0.0	0/1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	4.0
Akwasi YEBOAH	1	4.1	0/1	0.0	0/0	0.0	0/1	0.0	0/0	0.0	1.0	2.0	3.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Rex PFLUEGER	1	3.1	0/1	0.0	0/1	0.0	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Jacob ROUND	1	3.0	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0
Kareem QUEELEY	0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Team/Coaches											1.8	2.7	4.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
TOTALS		253.2	168/380	44.2	131/264	49.6	37/116	31.9	89/107	83.2	10.8	27.2	38.0	16.8	16.0	10.0	2.2	18.2	77.0

COACHNate REINKING



Nationality: American-British Date of Birth: 12/12/73 Place of Birth: Ohio (USA)

Team 2021-22: Canton Charge (USA-G League)
Playing Career: Kent State University (USANCAA, 1992-96); Leicester Riders (UK-BBL,
1996-98); Derby Storm (UK-BBL, 1998-99);
Sheffield Sharks (UK-BBL, 1999-2005); Bree
(Belgium-BLB, 2005-07); Belfius Mons-Hainaut
(Belgium-BLB, 2007-10); Mersey Tigers (UK-BBL,
2010-11); Sheffield Sharks (UK-BBL, 2011-12)

Club Career: Canton Charge (Head Coach, 2016-21)

International Career: Great Britain (Assistant Coach, 2013-17); Great Britain (Head Coach, 2019-)

This summer marked the 10-year anniversary of the London Olympics when Nate Reinking was part of a historic 12-player roster for GB competing in the event on home soil. Reinking — who hails from Ohio — settled in the UK with spells in Leicester, Derby and Sheffield over the course of nine seasons; eventually returning after time in Belgium to finish his playing career with the Sharks. Reinking moved into coaching and would soon be promoted to the head coach role at Canton Charge — the NBA G League affiliate of Cleveland Cavaliers. Reinking's club commitments meant he missed some time during the Qualifiers as Marc Steutel deputized with some big wins but he was back on the sidelines earlier this summer ahead of the Final Round

Teddy OKEREAFOR



Height: 1.91 Position: Point Guard Date of Birth: 08/11/92 Place of Birth: London

Team 2021-22: Cheshire Phoenix (UK-BBL)

Career: Virginia Commonwealth University (USA-NCAA, 2011-13); Rider University (USA-NCAA, 2014-16); Parnu (Estonia-KML, 2016); Pistoia Basket (Italy-Serie A, 2016-17); Kymis (Greece-A1, 2017-18); Fortitudo Bologna (Italy-Serie A2, 2018); Holargos (Greece-A1, 2018-19); Iraklis (Greece-A1, 2019-20); Bristol Flyers (UK-BBL, 2020-21);

Cheshire Phoenix (UK-BBL, 2021-22)

Twitter: TeddyOkereafor Instagram: teddyok5

Okereafor made history for the national team last year after breaking a 45-year record by appearing in 50 consecutive games for GB. The 29-year-old marked the occasion by contributing 19 points, 4 rebounds, 3 assists and 3 steals to an opening win against Greece in the FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.. Okereafor brings a steady presence in the backcourt with defense to match to make him a trusty contributor. His streak of games came to an end due to injury back in June, but Okereafor is set to make a second Final Round appearance at EuroBasket having impressed at the last edition. The Londoner took his talents back home for the first time in 2020 and has spent the last two seasons playing in the British Basketball League.

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YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	2	34.2	4/11	4/6	3/4	4.0	3.0	11.5
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	6	21.0	4/14	3/4	4/4	3.5	3.2	3.5
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	6	29.0	10/30	6/23	5/7	4.2	5.5	7.2
2019	FIBA EuroBasket 2019 Pre-Qualifiers	8	27.0	9/28	10/27	8/10	4.4	4.0	7.0
2017	FIBA FuroBasket 2017	5	31.0	8/22	7/14	11/13	4.2	5.0	9.6

Ovie SOKO





Height: 2.01 **Position:** Small Forward/Power Forward

Date of Birth: 07/02/91 Place of Birth: London

Team 2021-22: Shiga Lakestars (Japan-B1)

Career: University of Alabama at Birmingham (USA-NCAA, 2009-12); Duquesne University (USA-NCAA, 2013-14); Boulazac (France-D2, 2014-15); Trikala Aries (Greece-A1, 2015-16); New Basket Brindisi (Italy-Serie A, 2016); UCAM Murcia (Spain-ACB League, 2016-19); London Lions (UK-BBL, 2019-20); Le Mans (France-Pro A, 2020-

21); Shiga Lakestars (Japan-B1, 2021-22)

Twitter: OvieSoko
Instagram: oviesoko

Soko played a major role in helping lead Great Britain back to the Final Round with 18.8 points, 7.0 rebounds and 2.3 assists during the FIBA EuroBasket 2022 Qualifiers — including 27 points in a memorable win over France. The 31-year-old is set for a long-awaited debut at EuroBasket after not featuring in 2017. Ovie turned heads with an appearance on 'Love Island' — becoming a national heart-throb on the British reality TV dating show with many relating to his laidback and chilled demeanor. He would finish in third place, just as he did in the Basket-ball Champions League with UCAM Murcia in 2018 after earning a spot in the tournament's Star Lineup. Soko returns home next season with a second stint at ambitious BBL side London Lions as they prepare for another European venture.

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YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	4	27.0	26/43	2/5	17/21	7.0	2.3	18.8
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	2	30.0	9/16	1/6	9/13	7.5	1.5	15.0
2019	FIBA EuroBasket 2019 Pre-Qualifiers	4	24.0	17/32	5/11	10/13	5.5	2.0	14.8

Height: 1.90

Devon VAN OOSTRUM



Position: Point Guard
Date of Birth: 24/01/93
Place of Birth: Groningen (NED)
Team 2021-22: Melilla (Spain-LEB Gold)

Career: Tarragona (Spain-LEB Gold, 2011-12); Caceres (Spain-LEB Gold, 2012-13); Baskonia (Spain-ACB League, 2013-14); Cibona Zagreb (Croatia-A-1, 2014); Kouvot (Finland-Korisliiga, 2014); Leeds Force (UK-BBL, 2015); Penas Huesca (Spain-LEB Gold, 2015); Arkadikos (Greece-A1, 2015-16); Koroivos (Greece-A1, 2016-17); MZT Skopje (North

Macedonia-Prva Liga, 2017); Heroes Den Bosch (Netherlands-DBL, 2018-19); CBet Prenai (Lithuania-LKL, 2019); Landstede Zwolle (Netherlands-DBL, 2019-21); Penas Huesca (Spain-LEB Gold, 2020-22); Melilla (Spain-LEB Gold, 2022)

Twitter: DevonVanOostrum

Instagram: devonvanoostrum

Things could have turned out rather different for Van Oostrum. The boy wonder was tipped for stardom after bursting onto the British basketball scene, whilst gaining attention further afield as a nominee for FIBA Europe's Young Player of the Year in 2013. DVO made a EuroBasket debut for GB in 2011 and later starred at Under-20 level after leading GB to promotion as MVP of the Division B tournament with 26.8 points per game. Van Oostrum was signed in Spain by Baskonia as a teenager and recently returned for spells at Huesca and Melilla last season. The 29-year-old has bounced back from injuries and suited up for GB this summer after a long period of time away from the national team.

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	2	27.1	1/6	3/7	5/6	3.0	5.0	8.0
2015	FIBA EuroBasket 2015 2nd Qual. Round	3	28.0	7/22	1/10	4/8	6.0	4.0	7.0
2013	FIBA EuroBasket 2013	5	21.0	11/27	4/15	2/4	2.6	2.2	7.2
2011	FIBA EuroBasket 2011	3	17.0	1/7	0/4	2/4	1.7	3.0	1.3
2011	London Invitational	5	13.0	2/5	3/11	7/9	1.0	2.4	4.0

Luke NELSON



Height: 1.91

Position: Shooting Guard/Point Guard

Date of Birth: 29/06/95 Place of Birth: London

Team 2021-22: Le Portel (France-LNB Pro A)

Career: University of California, Irvine (USA-NCAA, 2013-17); Real Betis (Spain-ACB League, 2017-18); BAXI Manresa (Spain-ACB League, 2019-20); BG Gottingen (Germany-BBL, 2020-21); Le Portel (France-LNB Pro A, 2021-22)

Twitter: LukeNelson95_6 Instagram: lukenelson95_6

Nelson has already produced some memorable moments in a GB jersey, none less so than the dramatic driving layup to deliver his side victory against Germany in the FIBA EuroBasket 2022 Qualifiers. He came through the Worthing Thunder junior programme and excelled on the international stage for both England and Great Britain's age-group sides before embarking on a successful college career at UC Irvine. His pro career is still in its infancy with spells in Spain, Germany and France and British basketball fans will get to watch Nelson on a regular basis next season after he signed with London Lions to reunite with GB teammate Ovie Soko.

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YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	1	30.7	2/8	2/5	0/0	7.0	6.0	10.0
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	6	31.0	23/43	9/32	11/11	3.5	4.3	14.0
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	4	20.0	9/17	4/12	2/4	2.5	2.8	8.0
2019	FIBA EuroBasket 2019 Pre-Qualifiers	4	27.0	7/11	10/27	11/12	2.3	2.0	13.8
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017	4	24.0	10/17	3/13	5/6	1.0	2.3	8.5

Dwayne LAUTIER-OGUNLEYE



Height: 1.91

Position: Shooting Guard Date of Birth: 23/03/96 Place of Birth: London

Team 2021-22: Heroes Den Bosch (Nether-

lands-BNXT)

Career: Bristol Flyers (UK-BBL, 2014-15); Bradley University (USA-NCAA, 2015-19); Bergamo Basket (Italy-Serie A2, 2019-20); Poitiers (France-LNB Pro B, 2020-21); Udine (Italy-Serie A2, 2021); Latina Basket (Italy-Serie A2, 2021-22); Heroes Den Bosch (Netherlands-BNXT, 2022)

Twitter: 2dlo3

Instagram: 2dlo3

Lautier-Ogunleye made an immediate impression on the BBL after an impressive first year in the league with Bristol Flyers before heading off to college in America. After a four-year career at Bradley, DLO made a Senior debut for Great Britain during the FIBA EuroBasket Pre-Qualifiers having previously represented England and GB at all age groups. The 26-year-old turned pro in 2019 with a season in Italy and also played in France before signing for Heroes Den Bosch at the start of 2022. The energetic guard tasted silverware with the club as they became Dutch national champions, and he will be on the outlook for more success next season in Austria. DLO will be competing for one of the final spots on the roster.

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YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	4	8.0	2/7	0/4	3/4	1.0	0.3	1.8
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	4	6.0	1/4	0/0	6/11	8.0	0.3	2.0
2019	FIBA EuroBasket 2019 Pre-Qualifiers	4	9.0	2/6	1/6	9/15	1.8	0.8	4.0

Ben MOCKFORD



Height: 1.88

Position: Shooting Guard

Date of Birth: 08/11/92

Place of Birth: Shoreham-by-Sea

Team 2021-22: Lyon (France-D3)

Career: Iona University (USA-NCAA, 2009-10); St Francis Brooklyn University (USA-NCAA, 2011-14); Caceres (Spain-LEB Silver, 2014); Plymouth Raiders (UK-BBL, 2014-15); Caceres (Spain-LEB Gold, 2015-16); Palma (Spain-LEB Gold, 2016-18); Karditsas (Greece-A2, 2018-19); Cheshire Phoenix (UK-BBL, 2019-20); Bristol Flyers (UK-BBL, 2020-21); Cheshire Phoenix (UK-BBL, 2021-22); Lyon (France-D3, 2022)

Twitter: BenMockford Instagram: ben_mockford

Infectious energy, hustle off the bench, unrelenting commitment on defense and big shots from outside, it's no wonder that Mockford is loved by his teammates. A player that fits into the mold of a modern 3-and-D player, Mockford has become a regular member of the GB squad with one of his best performances coming against Bosnia and Herzegovina after scoring 19 points in Sarajevo back in 2014. Mockford also starred in a win over Germany on the road to qualifying for EuroBasket and is looking to make a second appearance at the Final Round after making the squad in 2017. Mockford will link up with GB assistant coach Marc Steutel in the upcoming campaign at Newcastle Eagles - the new home for GB games.

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YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	2	21.7	0/1	2/7	1/2	0.0	1.0	3.5
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	6	24.0	7/17	7/14	0/0	1.8	2.2	5.8
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017	5	11.0	3/4	2/10	0/0	0.6	0.6	2.4
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017 Qualifiers	3	4.0	0/3	1/3	0/0	0.3	0.0	1.0
2015	FIBA EuroBasket 2015 2nd Qual. Round	3	13.0	4/10	5/8	1/2	1.3	1.0	8.0

larik PHILLIP



Height: 1.91

Position: Shooting Guard Date of Birth: 10/08/93 Place of Birth: Brooklyn (USA)

Team 2021-22: San Pablo Burgos (Spain-ACB League) Career: West Virginia University (USA-NCAA. 2014-17); Szolnoki (Hungary-NB I/A, 2017-18); CB Clavijo (Spain-LEB Gold, 2018); Memphis Hustle (USA-G League, 2018-19); Tofas (Turkey-BSL, 2019-20); Hapoel Jersusalem (Israel-BSL, 2020); Tofas (Turkey-BSL, 2020-21); Reyer Venezia (Italy-Serie A, 2021-22); San Pablo Burgos (Spain-ACB

League, 2022) Instagram: t_r.e.x

Phillip could be an underrated weapon for GB. The Brooklyn native was announced on the international stage with a debut in 2017 and has begun to find his footing for the team in recent appearances. Phillip contributed 16 points, 5 rebounds and 4 assists to help GB to victory over Greece at the start of their FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual. and made four appearances in the qualifying campaign for EuroBasket. Phillip attracted attention during his season in the NBA G League after scoring a career-high 48 points with two spells at Turkish side Tofas following. He began last season in Italy before ending the year with Spanish side Burgos having featured in multiple European competitions.

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	2	34.2	7/11	4/10	4/4	3.5	5.5	15.0
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	4	26.0	9/26	2/11	3/4	3.0	2.0	6.8
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	6	16.0	8/19	2/9	17/23	3.5	1.7	6.5

Jamell ANDERSON



Height: 1.91
Position: Small Forward
Date of Birth: 06/07/90
Place of Birth: Nottingham

Team 2021-22: Manchester Giants (UK-BBL)

Career: Essex Pirates (UK-BBL, 2009-11); Leicester Riders (UK-BBL, 2011-16); Cheshire Phoenix (UK-BBL, 2016-17); La Roda (Spain-LEB Silver, 2017-18); Leicester Riders (UK-BBL, 2018-21); Manchester Giants (UK-BBL, 2021-22)

Twitter: Jamell Instagram: jamell

Taken under the wing of Rob Paternostro at Leicester Riders over a decade ago, Anderson became in sync with the team's defensive philosophy as part of a successful stint with the club. The ability to guard any position on the court with his long arms and anticipation has been recognized by coaches around the league with Anderson making the BBL's All-Defensive Team on three occasions. Anderson won a gold medal at the Commonwealth Games, playing alongside Myles Hesson in the 3x3 tournament in August to add another special memory at the competition after proposing to fellow GB Senior player Georgia Jones four years ago in the Gold Coast. Anderson is swapping Manchester for Cheshire next season in the BBL.

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YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	3	13.3	2/5	0/3	0/0	1.0	0.3	1.3

Myles HESSON



Height: 1.98
Position: Small Forward
Date of Birth: 05/06/90
Place of Birth: Birmingham

Team 2021-22: Saga Ballooners (Japan-D2)

Career: Essex Pirates (UK-BBL, 2010-11); Mersey Tigers (UK-BBL, 2011-12); Weissenhorn Youngsters (Germany-D3, 2012-13); ratiopharm Ulm (Germany-BBL, 2013); Giessen 46ers (Germany-D2, 2013-14); Eisbaren Bremerhaven (Germany-BBL, 2014-15); Dijon (France-LNB Pro A, 2015-16); Gravelines (France-LNB Pro A, 2016-17),

Nanterre (France-LNB Pro A, 2017-18); Gravelines (France-LNB Pro A, 2018-19); Elan Chalon (France-LNB Pro A, 2019-21); Saga Ballooners (Japan-D2, 2021-22)

Twitter: myleshesson Instagram: myleshesson

It has already been a summer that Myles will never forget after the Birmingham native won a gold medal in the 3x3 competition at the Commonwealth Games in his hometown — sinking the game-winner in overtime in the final against Australia. Hesson's journey has been unique after seeing his career take off after two years in the British BBL led to an opportunity in Germany. The athletic forward spent six seasons in France having dealt with serious injuries before moving onto Japan, where he is set for a second year next season. Hesson's rapid rise led to a starting role at FIBA EuroBasket 2013 before having to miss out four years later due to injury. He is finally back on the big stage looking to cap a golden summer.

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YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	2	33.1	6/16	5/13	14/20	8.5	3.5	20.5
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	6	29.0	20/46	6/21	25/29	6.0	2.0	13.8
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	2	20.0	7/16	3/8	0/2	5.0	0.0	11.5
2019	FIBA EuroBasket 2019 Pre-Qualifiers	8	26.0	36/79	10/30	35/45	6.9	3.6	17.1
2015	FIBA EuroBasket 2015 2nd Qual. Round	4	17.0	6/16	2/7	5/13	2.5	1.0	5.8

Ashley HAMILTON



Height: 2.01 Position: Small Forward Date of Birth: 28/09/88 Place of Birth: London

Team 2021-22: Basquet Coruna (Spain-LEB Gold)
Career: Loyola Marymount University (USA-NCAA, 2008-13); Pesaro (Italy-Serie A, 2013); Reggio Calabria (Italy-Serie A2, 2013-14); Cherkasy (Ukraine-USL, 2014-15); Olimpia Matera (Italy-Serie A2, 2015); Lavrio (Greece-A1, 2015-17); BAXI Manresa (Spain-LEB Gold, 2017-18); London City Royals (UK-BBL, 2018-19); Basquet Coruna (Spain-LEB

Gold, 2019-20); Plymouth Raiders (UK-BBL, 2020-21); Basquet Coruna (Spain-LEB Gold, 2021-22)

Twitter: Agphamilton
Instagram: agphamilton

Hamilton has played all across Europe since turning pro almost a decade ago with fleeting appearances for GB in between. The Londoner returned home in the 2018-19 season and helped London City Royals win BBL silverware as the Final MVP in their Trophy triumph. Hamilton later spent a season with Plymouth Raiders in between spells in Spain having returned to Coruna this past year. He previously helped Manresa earn promotion to the ACB League in Spain as they won the LEB Gold playoffs title in 2018. Hamilton is a versatile player that plays with intensity on both sides of the floor and provides GB with further experience and depth at the forward spot.

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YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS	
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	2	15.1	4/10	1/2	5/5	2.5	0.0	8.0	
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	3	10.0	1/3	2/3	4/4	2.0	0.0	4.0	
2019	FIBA EuroBasket 2019 Pre-Qualifiers	6	16.0	12/25	2/9	12/22	5.9	0.7	7.0	
2015	FIBA EuroBasket 2015 2nd Qual. Round	1	4.0	0/1	0/0	0/0	0.0	0.0	0.0	

Carl WHEATLE



Height: 2.01 Position: Small Forward Date of Birth: 24/03/98 Place of Birth: London

Team 2021-22: Pistoia Basket (Italy-Serie A2)
Career: Biella (Italy-Serie A2, 2016-19); Pistoia
Basket (Italy-Serie A1, 2019-20); Pistoia Basket
(Italy-Serie A2, 2020-22)

Twitter: CWheatle57
Instagram: cwheatle

FIBA EuroBasket 2017 was set to be a debut appearance at a major tournament for Wheatle, but injury struck in the lead up in cruel fashion. At the time he posted, 'Minor setback, MAJOR COMEBACK' — and how fitting would it be if Wheatle would play an important role for GB this time around. Wheatle has long been coveted as a leading player of his generation after starring at junior level for both England and Great Britain, helping the national team into Division A with promotions at both Under-16 and Under-20 age groups. Wheatle headed out to Italy as a teenager in a four-year deal with Biella before moving to Pistoia and has remained with the club since 2019.

YEA	R COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	2	20.8	6/9	1/1	2/3	2.0	1.5	8.5
202	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	1	10.0	2/2	0/2	0/1	0.0	0.0	4.0
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	2	4.0	0/1	0/0	1/2	0.0	0.0	0.5
2019	FIBA FuroBasket 2019 Pre-Qualifiers	3	14.0	4/5	4/6	4/4	1.3	0.7	8.0



Patrick WHELAN



Height: 1.96
Position: Small Forward
Date of Birth: 25/08/96
Place of Birth: Warrington

Team 2021-22: Leicester Riders (UK-BBL)

Career: William Jewell College (USA-NCAA, 2014-18), Real Murcia (Spain-LEB Silver/Gold, 2018-21); Leicester Riders (UK-BBL, 2021-22)

Twitter: p_whelan1Two **Instagram:** p_whelan1two

Whelan catapulted himself into the limelight this past season after an impressive season in the domestic league in the UK before making a debut with the GB Senior team against Greece. The 25-year-old was in the running for the league MVP award after averaging 15.0 points, 4.6 rebounds and 2.5 assists for Leicester Riders as part of their treble-winning season. Whelan had spent the previous three years in Spain with Real Murcia and helped the club earn promotion to the second division in his second season. A return to the UK led to a family reunion with Whelan going up against his older brother Jordan as Leicester defeated Manchester Giants in the BBL Cup Final.

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YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	2	33.9	6/10	3/10	2/3	3.0	3.5	11.5

Kavell BIGBY-WILLIAMS



Height: 2.11
Position: Center
Pate of Pirth: 07/10

Date of Birth: 07/10/95 Place of Birth: London

Team 2021-22: Indios de San Francisco (Dominican Republic-LNB)

Career: Oregon University (USA-NCAA, 2016-17); Louisiana State University (USA-NCAA, 2018-19); Erie BayHawks (USA-NBA G League, 2019-20); Fort Wayne Mad Ants (USA-NBA G League, 2020); Cantu (Italy-Serie A, 2020-21); Antwerp Giants (Belgium-BLB, 2021); Anwil Wroclawek (Poland-PLK, 2021-22); Fort Wayne Mad Ants (USA-NBA G League, 2022); Indios de San Francisco (Dominican Republic-LNB, 2022)

Twitter: Kavell6ft11
Instagram: kavell6ft11

A player with lots of potential, Bigby-Williams has already begun showing his talent on the international stage; producing a one-man dunk show during GB's World Cup Qualifier against Turkey in July. Bigby-Williams has been spending the European off-season in the Dominican Republic after helping guide Indios to the LNB Finals. The Londoner has a long-term connection with Luke Nelson as the duo combined for the Under-20's side in successive summers of Division A action. Bigby-Williams became one of just a few British players to make the Final Four of the Men's NCAA Tournament with Oregon Ducks and later spent time on the New Orleans Pelicans roster for pre-season in 2019. And just in case you wondered how tall KBW is, he's kindly included the information in his social handles.

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2023 FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual. 4 7.2 6/10 0/0 4/6 2.0 0.3 4.0	YE/	AR COMPET	ITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
	202	3 FIBA Bas	ketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	4	7.2	6/10	0/0	4/6	2.0	0.3	4.0

Dan CLARK



Height: 2.08
Position: Power Forward
Date of Birth: 16/09/88
Place of Birth: London

Team 2021-22: Manchester Giants (UK-BBL)

Career: CB Estudiantes Madrid (Spain-ACB League, 2006-08); Breogan (Spain-LEB Gold, 2007-09); CB Estudiantes Madrid (Spain-ACB League, 2009-13); Zaragoza (Spain-ACB League, 2013-14); Fuenlabrada (Spain-ACB League, 2014-15); Mora-Banc Andorra (Spain-ACB League, 2015-16); MZT Skopje (North Macedonia-Prva Liga, 2016-17);

UCAM Murcia (Spain-ACB League, 2017); Gipuzkoa (Spain-ACB League, 2017-18); Fuenlabrada (Spain-ACB League, 2018-19); MoncBanc Andorra (Spain-ACB League, 2019); Real Canoe (Spain-LEB Gold, 2020-21); Real Betis (Spain-ACB League, 2021); Manchester Giants (UK-BBL, 2021-22)

Twitter: Dan00Clark Instagram: dan10clark

One of the greats of British basketball, Clark has won over 100 caps for the GB Senior team having been involved in the programme all the way through. The veteran forward is never one to refrain from speaking up on behalf of the players and has been a model professional throughout his career that began back in 2006 having made a home in Spain. Basketball runs deep in the family with sister Ella also a top-level netball player while his dad Mark Clark is currently the head coach of London Lions' WBBL side. Clark played in the BBL for the first-time last season after joining Manchester Giants and helping the club reach the Cup final. Sure to leave it all on the floor, look out for his trademark one-legged fadeaway, too.

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YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	4	22.5	4/9	5/12	2/2	3.8	2.0	6.3
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	6	18.0	3/7	6/20	2/2	3.7	1.8	4.3
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	6	30.0	22/54	10/30	11/12	5.7	1.8	14.2
2019	FIBA EuroBasket 2019 Pre-Qualifiers	4	22.0	4/8	4/18	3/4	5.3	3.8	5.8
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017	5	28.0	14/35	11/25	5/7	2.8	3.8	13.2

Gabe OLASENI



Height: 2.10 Position: Center Date of Birth: 29/12/91 Place of Birth: London

Team 2021-22: Darussafaka (Turkey-BSL)

Career: University of Iowa (USA-NCAA, 2011-15); Giessen 46ers (Germany-BBL, 2015-16); Dinamo Sassari (Italy-Serie A, 2016-17); Orleans Loiret Basket (France-LNB Pro A, 2017); Fuenlabrada (Spain-ACB League, 2017-18); s.Oliver Wurzburg (Germany-BBL, 2018-19); Buraspor (Turkey-BSL, 2019-20); Buyukcekmece (Turkey-BSL, 2020-21); Darussafaka (Turkey-BSL, 2021-22)

Twitter: agolaseni Instagram: agolaseni

Somewhat of a surprising star at FIBA EuroBasket 2017, Olaseni had the golden touch in the paint for Great Britain with averages of 16.8 points and 11.2 rebounds per game to lead the entire tournament in the efficiency charts. Olaseni shot 70-percent from the floor and has thrived in his role for the national team — also pouring in a best of 28 points during the qualifying campaign to make it back to the Final Round. Olaseni played in Germany, Italy, France and Spain in the first few years of his pro career with the highlight being a run to the FIBA Europe Cup Finals. However, it has been in Turkey where the lowa alum has flourished over the past three years with the kind of form that can help make GB tough opposition.

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	4	28.5	19/42	0/0	9/11	6.5	1.8	11.8
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	6	24.0	33/53	0/0	16/18	5.3	0.3	13.7
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	4	28.0	18/31	0/0	16/21	8.8	0.8	13.0
2019	FIBA EuroBasket 2019 Pre-Qualifiers	7	25.0	25/46	0/2	13/16	8.9	1.3	9.0
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017	5	29.0	35/50	0/0	14/17	11.2	2.0	16.8

GREECE

A FAMILY REUNION IN PURSUIT OF GOLD

It took until the last two seconds of a dramatic overtime thriller in the far-flung destination of Riga until Greek fans could properly celebrate and look ahead to FIBA EuroBasket 2022. The unthinkable calamity — failing to qualify for the first time since 1985 — did not occur despite ups and down in qualification. But Hellenic faith was tested to the limit before second place in Group H was secured.

Slate wiped clean. Largely, now, a refreshed roster – gathering in Milan following a one-month training camp and FIBA Basketball World Cup 2023 European Qualifiers against Serbia and Belgium as one of the outstanding favorites. Greece sense a genuine opportunity to claim only their third European title and a first since 2005 with the return of two-time NBA Most Valuable Player Giannis Antetokounmpo to the national team fold, with his brothers Thanasis, Kostas, and Alex also included in a preliminary 23-strong squad.

Star power with NBA champions on board, plus new Dallas Mavericks' signing Tyler Dorsey. Surrounded by stellar names within Europe too. A spectacular cast to choose from for head coach Dimitris Itoudis as he prepares to lead his own nation in an international tournament for the very first time. Nick Calathes, Kostas Sloukas, Ioannis Papapetrou, Kostas Papanikolaou and Georgios Papagiannis, all back in the fold and with a hunger to, at the very least, reach a podium for the first time since EuroBasket in Poland in 2009.

A wave of huge optimism accompanies Giannis, on duty for the first time since the 2019 FIBA World Cup. Arguably the greatest player in the current era, he has hit his prime since then as an unstoppable all-round force. There is a redemption story for him to write. Three summers ago, amid insane hype, the Greek Freak could not even lift his side into the Quarter-Finals in Asia as waves of defenders were thrown his way and his mistakes proved costly.

In the build-up to this tournament, Itoudis had one overriding goal: to build a team that will take advantage of Antetokounmpo's dazzling brilliance — but not be wholly reliant on it. That means enough physicality in the paint, principally through Papagiannis, to allow their star to stay foul-free. Screeners who can help him get open and show his range. Defenders who can spell him minutes and unlock the door for his offensive brilliance to come to the fore.

Plus playmakers, like Calathes and Sloukas, whom can be relied upon to run this system and create enough variation that the athletically-gifted Greeks are tough to stop. Josh Oppenheimer, assistant coach at the Milwaukee Bucks, has been drafted in to install some of the tricks that make Antetokounmpo such a magician in the NBA. But Itoudis has solid experience from his long spell with CSKA Moscow of ensuring that large helpings of talent can become better in unison.

In the Group Phase, there will be familiar foes in the shape of Great Britain with whom they split the series 1-1 in the First Round of Qualifiers for the 2023 FIBA Basketball World Cup. Reunions with old rivals Italy and Croatia. Plus intriguing tests from Ukraine and Estonia. In theory, the 'Blue and White' will be favorites to gain top spot. Expectations do not always translate into achievement.

But they will have, bar any late switch, the Great Giannis. Capable of carrying his country on his back and with an opportunity for the 27-year-old to land a first international medal at any level. It would be extra special if some or all of his siblings are at his side. Brothers-inarms pitching up in Milan looking for a family photo that would have all of Greece ready to pin it up on their wall.

By Mark Woods



Lefteris BOCHORIDIS

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Thanasis ANTETOKOUNMPO 2.01

Giannis ANTETOKOUNMPO 2.08

Kostas ANTETOKOUNMPO 2.11

Kostas SLOUKAS

Michalis LOUNTZIS

Kostas PAPANIKOLAOU

Ioannis PAPAPETROU

Leonidas KASELAKIS

Dimitris AGRAVANIS

Giannis KOULEZOGLOU

Georgios PAPGIANNIS

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01/06/90 Peristeri

01/04/95 AEK Athens

03/07/97 Panathinaikos

20/12/92 Promitheas Patras

06/12/94 ASVEL Lyon (FRA)

20/11/97 Milwaukee Bucks (USA)

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Panathinaikos 18/07/92 Milwaukee Bucks (USA) FIBA EuroBasket 2022 Qualifiers 2nd in Group H (4W – 2L)

Last 10 FIBA Events

Year	Event	Place	Achievement
2021	Olympics	Tokyo (JPN)	Did not qualify
2019	FIBA Basketball World Cup	Beijing (CHN)	11th
2017	FIBA EuroBasket	Istanbul (TUR)	8th
2016	Olympics	Rio de Janeiro (BRA)	Did not qualify
2015	FIBA EuroBasket	Lille (FRA)	5th
2014	FIBA Basketball World Cup	Madrid (ESP)	9th
2013	FIBA EuroBasket	Ljubljana (SLO)	11th
2012	Olympics	London (GBR)	Did not qualify
2011	FIBA EuroBasket	Kaunas (LTU)	6th
2010	FIBA Basketball World Cup	Istanbul (TUR)	11th

FIBA EuroBasket 2022 Qualifiers Accumulated Stats

			FG		2PT	FG	3РТ	FG	F	T		REB							
Name	G	Min	M/A	%	M/A	%	M/A	%	M/A	%	0	D	Tot	AST	T0	STL	BLK	PF	PTS
Dimitrios KATSIVELIS	6	24.0	18/40	45.0	14/30	46.7	4/10	40.0	8/11	72.7	1.7	2.7	4.3	5.0	3.0	0.7	0.2	1.5	8.0
Evangelos MARGARITIS	6	23.8	21/32	65.6	18/23	78.3	3/9	33.3	12/19	63.2	1.0	2.7	3.7	1.7	0.7	1.0	0.8	3.3	9.5
Vasileios KAVVADAS	5	17.8	15/27	55.6	15/27	55.6	0/0	0.0	14/24	58.3	0.8	1.2	2.0	0.6	1.2	0.2	2.8	1.8	8.8
Dimitrios AGRAVANIS	4	23.0	17/44	38.6	10/25	40.0	7/19	36.8	6/10	60.0	2.5	3.5	6.0	8.0	1.0	0.8	0.3	4.0	11.8
Christos SALOUSTROS	4	20.0	12/23	52.2	9/14	64.3	3/9	33.3	4/4	100.0	1.0	4.5	5.5	1.5	0.3	0.8	0.0	2.0	7.8
Evangelos MANTZARIS	4	19.3	1/12	8.3	0/1	0.0	1/11	9.1	2/2	100.0	0.3	2.5	2.8	3.5	1.3	0.8	0.0	2.0	1.3
Gkay Gaios SKORDILIS	4	7.3	1/6	16.7	1/6	16.7	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.3	1.5	0.5
Linos CHRYSIKOPOULOS	3	26.0	14/33	42.4	10/21	47.6	4/12	33.3	8/10	80.0	0.0	1.7	1.7	0.7	0.3	1.0	0.7	3.0	13.3
Ioannis AGRAVANIS	3	16.7	4/9	44.4	4/5	80.0	0/4	0.0	2/2	100.0	1.0	2.7	3.7	0.7	0.0	0.7	0.0	1.3	3.3
Eleftherios BOCHORIDIS	2	30.8	6/17	35.3	3/11	27.3	3/6	50.0	12/16	75.0	0.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	2.0	1.5	0.5	1.5	13.5
Ioannis ATHINAIOU	2	23.6	9/24	37.5	1/6	16.7	8/18	44.4	1/1	100.0	0.5	5.5	6.0	1.5	3.0	0.0	0.0	1.5	13.5
Vasileios MOURATOS	2	21.0	0/9	0.0	0/5	0.0	0/4	0.0	4/6	66.7	0.0	0.5	0.5	6.0	0.5	1.5	0.0	3.0	2.0
Charalampos GIANNOPOULOS	2	20.4	4/10	40.0	2/2	100.0	2/8	25.0	3/3	100.0	1.0	1.5	2.5	0.5	1.0	0.0	0.0	1.5	6.5
Giannoulis LARENTZAKIS	2	19.3	9/21	42.9	5/9	55.6	4/12	33.3	0/0	0.0	0.0	2.5	2.5	2.0	2.0	2.0	0.0	3.0	11.0
Leonidas KASELAKIS	2	16.8	2/9	22.2	1/5	20.0	1/4	25.0	2/2	100.0	0.0	2.0	2.0	0.5	1.5	0.5	0.0	1.5	3.5
Michail LOUNTZIS	2	13.1	7/11	63.6	6/8	75.0	1/3	33.3	2/3	66.7	0.0	1.0	1.0	0.5	2.0	1.0	0.5	0.5	8.5
Nikolaos GKIKAS	2	12.6	2/9	22.2	1/6	16.7	1/3	33.3	4/4	100.0	0.5	1.0	1.5	0.5	1.5	1.0	0.0	0.5	4.5
Zois KARAMPELAS	2	10.9	1/3	33.3	1/2	50.0	0/1	0.0	0/0	0.0	0.0	2.0	2.0	1.5	1.0	0.5	0.0	1.0	1.0
Dimitrios Rafail MORAITIS	2	9.8	2/6	33.3	2/5	40.0	0/1	0.0	2/2	100.0	0.5	1.0	1.5	1.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	1.5	3.0
Nikolaos CHOUGKAZ	2	9.1	2/3	66.7	0/1	0.0	2/2	100.0	2/2	100.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.5	1.5	4.0
Ioannis KOUZELOGLOU	2	8.4	2/6	33.3	0/2	0.0	2/4	50.0	2/2	100.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	4.0
Georgios TSALMPOURIS	2	8.4	2/5	40.0	1/2	50.0	1/3	33.3	0/0	0.0	0.5	2.5	3.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.5	2.5	2.5
Konstantinos PAPADAKIS	1	25.5	3/4	75.0	0/1	0.0	3/3	100.0	2/2	100.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	11.0
Dimitrios KAKLAMANAKIS	1	14.2	3/8	37.5	3/8	37.5	0/0	0.0	3/4	75.0	6.0	2.0	8.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	2.0	9.0
Dimitrios FLIONIS	1	9.2	0/4	0.0	0/2	0.0	0/2	0.0	0/0	0.0	0.0	4.0	4.0	0.0	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Vasileios TOLIOPOULOS	1	6.4	0/2	0.0	0/2	0.0	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0
Michail TSAIRELIS	1	3.7	0/1	0.0	0/1	0.0	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Teams/Coaches											2.2	2.3	4.5	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.5	
TOTALS		441.1	157/378	41.5	107/230	46.5	50/148	33.8	95/129	73.6	11.5	28.5	40.0	18.3	13.8	6.8	4.8	22.5	76.5

COACHDimitris ITOUDIS



Nationality: Greek

Date of Birth: 08/09/70

Place of Birth: Trikana

Team 2021-22: CSKA Moscow (Russia-VTB) Club Career: PAOK Thessaloniki (Greece-A1, 1995-96); Philippos Thessaloniki (Greece-A2, 1997-99); Ment Thessaloniki (Greece-A2, 1999); Banvit (Turkey-TSL, 2013-14); CSKA Moscow (Russia-VTB League, 2014-22)

International Career: Greece (Head Coach, 2022-)

Twitter: ItoudisD

Appointed in March as successor to Rick Pitino, Itoudis — who turns 52 mid-tournament - won his first game in charge in June's World Cup qualifier against Great Britain. A trend, he hopes, which will continue at EuroBasket. He spent 13 years as Zeljko Obradovic's assistant at Panathinaikos — an unprecedented era in which five EuroLeague and 11 Greek League titles were captured. It offered Itoudis a platform to strike out on his own, first in Turkey and then with an eight-year spell at CSKA Moscow in which he twice won the EuroLeague and established himself as one of basketball's innovative young minds. A fan of the up-tempo, expect new ideas and a Greek side that will run and run.

Giannis ANTETOKOUNMPO





Height: 2.08
Position: Power Forward
Date of Birth: 20/11/97
Place of Birth: Athens

Team 2021-22: Milwaukee Bucks (USA-NBA) **Career**: Filathlitikos (Greece-B, 2011-13); Milwau-

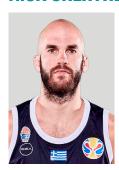
kee Bucks (USA-NBA, 2013-)
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Instagram: giannis_an34

The NBA's two-time MVP, who missed EuroBasket 2017 due to a knee injury, returns to the Greek national team for the first since the 2019 FIBA Basketball World Cup where he averaged 14.8 points and 8.8 rebounds per game. Antetokounmpo joined his three brothers in the initial summer roster — the first time all four have been in camp together. Known as 'The Greek Freak', Antetokounmpo — the son of Nigerian immigrants — holds the status as one of Europe's most formidable exports to the NBA where he won a title in 2021 in addition to six All Star appearances. Beginning his career in the second tier of the Greek League with Filathlitikos in 2011, he was drafted 15th overall ahead of joining the Bucks two years later. A Disney biopic 'Rise', based on his family story, was released earlier this summer.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS	
2019	FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019	5	25.0	22/37	2/9	24/34	8.8	2.4	14.8	
2016	FIBA Olympic Qual. Tournament 2016	3	25.0	11/17	5/15	9/9	5.7	2.0	15.3	
2015	FIBA EuroBasket 2015	8	24.0	20/35	10/26	8/13	6.9	1.1	9.8	
2014	FIBA Basketball World Cup 2014	6	16.0	10/15	1/9	15/19	4.3	0.3	6.3	

Nick CALATHES



Height: 1.98
Position: Point Guard
Date of Birth: 07/02/89
Place of Birth: Florida (USA)

Team 2021-22: FC Barcelona (Spain-ACB League) Career: University of Florida (USA-NCAA, 2007–2009); Panathinaikos (Greece A1, 2009–2012); Memphis Grizzlies (USA-NBA, 2013-15); Lokomotiv Kuban (Russia-VTB, 2012–2013); Panathinaikos (Greece A1, 2015–2020); FC Barcelona (Spain-ACB League, 2020–2022)

Twitter: Nick_Calathes15
Instagram: ncalathes

A mainstay of the Greek national team with over 100 appearances since a debut in 2009 that brought EuroBasket bronze, the American-born playmaker — who has dual nationality through his paternal grandparents - had planned to retire from international duties following the postponed Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. However, Calathes is back for his tenth campaign with the stated intention of finally featuring in an Olympics in Paris 2024. Set to move on from his latest club spell in FC Barcelona where he claimed an ACB title in 2021, the veteran is a sixtime Greek League champion with Panathinaikos where he also earned his lone EuroLeague crown in 2011. He has been one of Europe's most consistent point quards - and is not done yet.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2020	FIBA Olympic Qual. Tournament 2020	4	26.0	17/29	3/12	3/7	3.5	6.5	11.5
2019	FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019	5	29.0	17/31	10/24	3/7	4.4	5.4	13.4
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	3	30.0	12/19	10/19	3/3	3.7	7.0	19.0
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017	7	28.0	28/45	11/33	6/13	3.4	5.0	13.6
2016	FIBA Olympic Qual. Tournament 2016	3	20.0	5/10	2/7	0/0	2.3	5.3	5.3

Lefteris BOCHORIDIS



Height: 1.96
Position: Point Guard/Shooting Guard

Date of Birth: 18/04/94
Place of Birth: Thessaloniki

Team 2021-22: Panathinaikos (Greece-A1)
Career: Aris Thessaloniki (Greece-A1, 2010-14);
Panathinaikos (Greece-A1, 2014-17); Aris Thessaloniki (Greece-A1, 2017-20); Panathinaikos

(Greece-A1, 2020-) Instagram: lefbo7

After featuring twice at each of the U18 and U20 FIBA European Championships, Bochoridis was granted his senior debut for Greece in 2018. Up to the start of this summer, the combo guard had averaged 12.3 points per game in competitive international games. Beginning his club career with Aris in his home city of Thessaloniki, he switched to Panathinaikos for the first time in 2014 for a spell in which he secured the Greek League and Cup. Returning to Aris, he captained the side in their excursions in the Basketball Champions League and FIBA Europe Cup before commencing a second spell with Pana in which the A1 title was again landed in 2021.

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	1	16.0	2/3	2/4	1/1	1.0	0.0	11.0
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	2	31.0	3/11	3/6	12/16	5.0	5.0	13.5
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	7	19.0	13/23	4/13	18/25	3.1	2.1	8.0



Kostas SLOUKAS



Height: 1.90

Position: Point Guard/Shooting Guard

Date of Birth: 15/01/90
Place of Birth: Thessaloniki

Team 2021-22: Olympiacos (Greece-A1)

Career: Olympiacos (Greece-A1, 2008–2015); Aris (Greece-A1, 2010-11); Fenerbahce (Turkey-TSL, 2015–2020); Olympiacos (Greece-A1, 2020-)

Instagram: kos_slou

Comfortable with his status as a veteran, the 32-year-old left-hander wants to add an international medal to a resume that includes three titles in each of the EuroLeague, Greek League and Turkish League — and a FIBA Intercontinental Cup crown in 2013. Resettled in his home country with Olympiacos since 2020, it marked a return to the club where he began his senior career 12 years earlier at the close of a summer when he led Greece to the U18 European Championship title before matching that feat at U20 level a year later, combined with silver at the FIBA U19 World Cup. A number of that generation will line up once more at EuroBasket 2022 but with a window starting to close on their opportunity to land senior success.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	2	26.0	1/6	4/8	3/3	2.5	8.0	8.5
2020	FIBA Olympic Qual. Tournament 2020	4	25.0	11/18	8/20	6/7	1.5	5.5	13.0
2019	FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019	5	26.0	12/24	5/18	10/13	2.4	4.6	9.8
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	2	29.0	3/9	4/7	7/7	6.5	6.0	12.5
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017	7	29.0	17/36	17/29	19/20	3.4	4.1	14.9

Giannoulis LARENTZAKIS



Height: 1.96

Position: Shooting Guard Date of Birth: 22/09/93 Place of Birth: Maroussi

Team 2021-22: Olympiacos (Greece-A1)

Career: Aigaleo (Greece-A3, 2010–11); Ikaros Kallitheas (Greece-A1, 2011–13); Aris Thessaloniki (Greece-A1, 2013–16); AEK Athens (Greece-A1, 2016–19); UCAM Murcia (Spain-ACB League, 2019–20); Olympiacos (Greece-A1, 2020-22)

Instagram: larentzakis_5

Larentzakis had his initial experience of pro hoops in Greece's third tier with Aigaleo before signing for Ikaros. He became a mainstay of youth national teams — featuring at the 2011 FIBA U18 European Championships and at the U20 Euros from 2012-13 before a senior debut in 2017. Nicknamed 'Cobra', the swingman featured for Aris for three seasons but then moved on to AEK Athens where he was a factor as the capital side won the FIBA Basketball Champions League in 2018 before lifting the FIBA Intercontinental Cup the following year. Taking an overseas tour to the Spanish ACB with Murcia, Larentzakis signed for Olympiacos in 2020 and was a part of the Reds' charge to a domestic double of Greek League and Cup last season.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	3	17.0	2/7	0/13	0/0	3.0	2.0	1.3
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	2	19.0	5/9	4/12	0/0	2.5	2.0	11.0
2020	FIBA Olympic Qual. Tournament 2020	4	18.0	9/18	7/24	16/17	2.0	2.8	13.8
2019	FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019	4	10.0	3/3	2/6	6/7	0.5	1.3	4.5
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	9	17.0	16/32	13/30	15/17	2.0	1.7	9.6

Tyler DORSEY



Height: 1.96

Position: Shooting Guard
Date of Birth: 18/02/96
Place of Birth: California (USA)
Team 2021-22: Olympiacos (Greece-A1)

Career: University of Oregon (USA-NCAA, 2015-17); Atlanta Hawks USA-NBA, 2017–18); Memphis Grizzlies (USA-NBA, 2019-21); Maccabi Tel Aviv (Israel-Ligat, 2019-21); Olympiacos (Greece-A1, 2021-22)

Twitter: TDorsey_1
Instagram: tylerdorsey5

Recently signed to a two-way contract with the Dallas Mavericks, the California-born, naturalized Greek guard heads to EuroBasket off the back of a campaign in which he helped Olympiacos secure the Greek League and Cup titles. That followed a prolific two-year stint with Maccabi Tel Aviv where he landed back-to-back Israeli League championships. Prior to that, Dorsey — drafted in the second round after helping Oregon to the NCAA Final Four — split his initial NBA stint between Atlanta and Memphis, averaging 6.7 points in 104 games. His internal experience came with Greece on home turf at the 2015 FIBA U19 Basketball World Cup where he was named to the All-Tournament team before a senior debut in a friendly in 2016.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	1	25.0	1/2	2/6	5/6	3.0	7.0	13.0
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	2	6.0	0/2	0/2	0/0	1.0	0.5	0.0

Michalis LOUNTZIS



Height: 1.98

Position: Shooting Guard Date of Birth: 04/08/98 Place of Birth: Athens

Team 2021-22: Olympiacos (Greece-A1)

Career: Panathinaikos (Greece-A1, 2014–19); Lavrio (Greece-A1, 2019–20); Promitheas Patras (Greece-A1, 2020–21); Olympiacos (Greece-A1, 2021-22)

Instagram: mikelou_4

A serial medal winner in European competitions at youth level, Lountzis now seeks trophies on the senior stage, four years after his debut. Gold and bronze came his way at U20 level following his triumph with Greece at the 2015 FIBA U18 European Championship. The prodigy went on to sign a deal with Panathinaikos and made his league debut at the age of 16. Swiftly, he was the youngest player to feature in a Greek Cup final but was loaned out to Trikala and Lavrio in subsequent seasons before joining the latter in a permanent deal. Joining Promitheas in 2020, he switched to Olympiacos where he helped them to first place in the Greek League last term.

YE	AR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
20	23	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	2	10.0	2/3	1/4	0/0	1.0	0.0	3.5
20	21	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	2	13.0	6/8	1/3	2/3	1.0	0.5	8.5
20	19	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	2	3.0	0/0	1/2	0/0	0.0	0.0	1.5

Kostas Papanikolaou



Height: 2.04

Position: Shooting Guard/Small Forward

Date of Birth: 31/07/90 Place of Birth: Trikala

Team 2021-22: Olympiacos (Greece-A1)

Career: Aris Thessaloniki (Greece-A1, 2008–09); Olympiacos (Greece-A1, 2009-13); FC Barcelona (Spain-ACB League, 2013-14); Houston Rockets (USA-NBA, 2014-15); Denver Nuggets (USA-NBA, 2015-16); Olympiacos (Greece-A1, 2016-)

Twitter: k_pap16 Instagram: k_pap16

Five medals at youth level in European and global competitions between 2007-10 underlined the potency of the young Greek generation of which Papanikolaou was a part of. Now in his prime, along with others from that group too, he will surely want to finally replicate his prodigious haul from club basketball in the blue jersey. He helped Olympiacos to consecutive EuroLeague titles in 2012 and 2013 before winning a Spanish ACB title with Barcelona. The wing averaged 3.6 points over 69 games in the NBA representing Houston and Denver before rejoining Olympiacos. With the Reds, Papanikolaou has won three Greek League and Cups with his defensive skills over multiple positions coming to the fore.

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YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	3	26.0	4/5	3/11	3/3	2.0	3.0	6.7
2019	FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019	5	23.0	3/11	2/14	7/7	4.0	1.4	3.8
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	2	31.0	5/9	4/8	1/2	4.5	0.5	11.5
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017	7	27.0	13/22	3/9	12/19	4.7	2.1	6.7
2015	FIBA EuroBasket 2015	7	7.0	4/6	0/3	1/2	1.0	0.6	1.3

Ioannis PAPAPETROU



Height: 2.06 **Position:** Small Forward Date of Birth: 30/03/94 Place of Birth: Patras

Team 2021-22: Panathinaikos (Greece-A1) Career: University of Texas (USA-NCAA, 2012-13); Olympiacos (Greece-A1, 2013-18); Panathinaikos (Greece-A1, 2018-22)

Instagram: pap_33

From a basketball family – his father Argiris featured for the Greek team which came fourth at the 1994 FIBA Basketball World Cup - Papapetrou was an outlier as a Greek junior who opted to take his education in the United States. He switched from the Ilisiakos club to high school in Florida before a single NCAA season with the Texas Longhorns. He was lured home and signed for Olympiacos in 2013 before making a senior debut for Greece just three years later, also playing at FIBA EuroBasket 2017 and the 2019 FIBA Basketball World Cup. With Olympiacos, he was twice a Greek League champion. Signing for Panathinaikos in 2018, he added three Greek Leagues and two Greek Cups and was the league's MVP in 2021. He joined Partizan this summer.

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YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	1	22.0	5/6	1/3	0/0	3.0	2.0	13.0
2019	FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019	5	23.0	8/15	6/18	3/5	3.2	0.4	7.4
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	2	20.0	2/4	3/5	2/2	2.5	1.0	7.5
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017	7	10.0	3/5	4/10	4/6	2.3	0.4	3.1
2016	FIBA Olympic Qual. Tournament 2016	3	24.0	3/8	3/12	2/4	5.0	1.3	5.7

Thanasis ANTETOKOUNMPO



Height: 2.01

Position: Small Forward/Power Forward

Date of Birth: 18/07/92 Place of Birth: Athens

Team 2021-22: Milwaukee Bucks (USA)

Career: Filathlitikos (Greece-B, 2011-13); Delaware 87ers (USA-NBA G League, 2013-14); Westchester Knicks (USA-NBA G League, 2014-16); New York Knicks (USA-NBA, 2016); Andorra (Spain-ACB League, 2016-17); Panathinaikos (Greece-A1, 2017-19); Milwaukee Bucks (USA-NBA, 2019-)

Twitter: thanasis_ante43 Instagram: thanasis_ante43

The eldest of four basketball playing brothers of Nigerian parents, Antetokounmpo began his youth career at Filathlitikos. Chosen 51st overall in the 2014 NBA Draft by the New York Knicks, he made his NBA debut in January 2016. Returning to Europe with ACB side Andorra, he moved to Panathinaikos the following summer for a two-year spell in which he won consecutive Greek League titles, a Greek Cup and was twice named an All-Star. Joining his brother Giannis at the $\ensuremath{\mathsf{NBA's}}$ Milwaukee Bucks, he helped them to the 2021 NBA title and has a career average of 3.1 points over his four seasons in the league. Antetokounmpo debuted for Greece in the 2016 Olympic Qualifying Tournament and also featured at FIBA EuroBasket 2017.

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YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2019	FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019	5	12.0	9/14	3/8	3/6	1.4	1.0	6.0
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	5	16.0	14/18	3/6	7/13	1.8	0.0	8.8
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017	7	13.0	12/12	3/4	10/18	1.9	0.7	6.1
2016	FIBA Olympic Qual. Tournament 2016	3	15.0	7/8	0/3	8/12	1.7	0.0	7.3

Leonidas KASELAKIS



Height: 2.02 Position: Small Forward/Power Forward

Date of Birth: 01/06/90 Place of Birth: Chorlargos

Team 2021-22: Panathinaikos (Greece-A1)

Career: Ilysiakos (Greece-A1, 2008-12); PAOK Thessaloniki (Greece-A1, 2012-14); AEK Athens (Greece-A1, 2014-15); Nea Kifissia (Greece-A1, 2015-16); Astana (Kazakhstan-VTB, 2016-18); Promitheas Patras (Greece-A1, 2018-2020); Pana-

thinaikos (Greece-A1, 2020-22) Instagram: leonidas_kaselakis

Kaselakis won gold medals at the 2008 FIBA U18 European Championship and with the U20s in 2019. He made his debut for the senior side in 2018 and averaged 6 points per game in the 2020 Olympic Qualifying Tournament. His professional club career commenced in the Greek second tier with Ilysiakos in 2008 before switching to PAOK in 2012 and then AEK Athens in 2014. Kaselakis was named the Greek League's Most Improved Player at Kifisia but then signed for Kazakh club Astana where he won the domestic league and Cup in consecutive seasons. Returning to Greece in 2018 to join Promitheas Patras, his subsequent move to Panathinaikos earned him the Greek League, Cup and Super Cup in 2021.

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	1	20.0	2/3	1/1	0/0	5.0	2.0	7.0
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	2	17.0	1/5	1/4	2/2	2.0	0.5	3.5
2020	FIBA Olympic Qual. Tournament 2020	4	17.0	6/9	4/8	0/0	2.3	0.5	6.0
2019	FIBA Baskethall WC 2019 FU Qual	3	15.0	2/6	2/9	n/n	2.0	1.3	3.3



Dimitris AGRAVANIS



Height: 2.08
Position: Power Forward
Date of Birth: 20/12/92
Place of Birth: Maroussi

Team 2021-22: Promitheas Patras (Greece-A1) Career: Maroussi (Greece-A1, 2010-12); Panionios (Greece-A1, 2012-13); Olympiacos (Greece-A1, 2013-19); Promitheas Patras (Greece-A1, 2019-22)

Instagram: dimitris_agravanis

Agravanis debuted for Greece at senior level in the 2016 Olympic Qualifying Tournament and also featured in six games at EuroBasket 2017 and in 2019 FIBA Basketball World Cup European Qualifiers. Born in the Athens suburb of Maroussi, he began his career with the local club before a single campaign with Panionios was followed by a six-season spell at Olympiacos. While with the Reds, he picked up Greek League titles in 2015 and 2016 and the FIBA Intercontinental Cup in 2014. Switching to Promitheas in 2019, he was named in the league's Best Five for the 2021-22 season before joining Karditsa this off-season. Chosen 59th overall in the 2015 NBA Draft, his rights are held by the Sacramento Kings.

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YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	4	27.0	18/32	8/18	11/15	7.0	2.0	17.8
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	4	23.0	10/25	7/19	6/10	6.0	0.8	11.8
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017	6	7.0	1/5	1/2	4/5	1.5	0.0	1.5
2016	FIBA Olympic Qual. Tournament 2016	3	16.0	2/3	4/8	6/6	3.0	0.7	7.3

Kostas ANTETOKOUNMPO



Height: 2.11 **Position:** Power Forward/Center

Date of Birth: 06/12/94 Place of Birth: Athens

Team 2021-22: ASVEL Lyon (France-LNB Pro A)
Career: Dallas Mavericks (USA-NBA, 2018-19);
Los Angeles Lakers (USA-NBA, 2019-21); ASVEL
Lyon (France-LNB ProA, 2021-)

Twitter: Kostas_ante13
Instagram: Kostas_ante13

The fourth among five Antetokounmpo brothers, Kostas was a part of the Greece side which took bronze at the 2016 FIBA U20 European Championship, Division B with his competitive debut at senior level arriving at the 2020 Olympic Qualifying Tournament in Victoria. He played in high school and college in the United States before his selection as the 60th and final pick in the 2018 NBA Draft by the Philadelphia 76ers. Traded to the Dallas Mavericks, he made his NBA debut in March 2019. Signed by the LA Lakers off waivers that July, he was part of the roster which won the NBA Championship in 2020, becoming the first Greek player to secure the title. He joined French side ASVEL in 2021, averaging 4.2 points per game.

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YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	ZPIFG	3PT FG	- 11	KER	ASI	PIS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	1	16.0	4/5	0/1	2/4	5.0	0.0	10.0
2020	FIBA Olympic Qual. Tournament 2020	4	7.0	6/9	0/1	1/1	1.5	0.0	3.3

Giannis KOULEZOGLOU



Height: 2.07
Position: Power Forward
Date of Birth: 01/04/95
Place of Birth: Thessaloniki

Team 2021-22: AEK Athens (Greece-A1)

Career: Partizan Belgrade (Serbia-KLS, 2014-15); Apollon Patras (Greece-A1, 2015-17); Lavrio (Greece-A1, 2017-20); Aris Thessaloniki (Greece-A1, 2020-21); Pau-Orthez (France-LNB Pro A, 2021); Iraklis (Greece-A1, 2021); AEK Athens (Greece-A1, 2021-22)

Instagram: gianniskouz

Koulezoglou — also known as loannis — received a first call-up into the senior national team squad in 2020 before his inclusion in the preliminary roster for EuroBasket 2022. Much travelled, he came through the academy system in his native region of Thessaloniki before signing a professional deal with Serbia powerhouse Partizan Belgrade. Following a season there, he began a tour of Greek A1 clubs with Apollon Patras, Lavrio, Aris, Iraklis and AEK Athens with a brief spell in the French League at Pau-Orthez. In the 2021-22 FIBA Europe Cup, he averaged 8.1 points and 5.1 rebounds for Iraklis.

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VEAD	COMPETITION	C	BAIN	2PT FG	2DT FC	ET	DED	ACT	DTC
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2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	1	8.0	0/0	1/2	0/0	3.0	0.0	3.0
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	2	8.0	0/2	2/4	2/2	1.0	0.0	4.0

Georgios PAPAGIANNIS



Height: 2.20 Position: Center Date of Birth: 03/07/97 Place of Birth: Maroussi

Team 2021-22: Panathinaikos (Greece-A1)

Career: Peristeri (Greece-A1, 2012–2013); Panathinaikos (Greece-A1, 2014-16); Sacramento Kings (USA-NBA, 2016–2018); Portland Trail Blazers (USA-NBA, 2018); Panathinaikos (Greece-A1, 2018-)

Instagram: g_p_06

Currently the captain of Panathinaikos, he was part of the Greens team which claimed three consecutive Greek League titles from 2019-21 as well as four Greek Cups during his two spells there. The center also led the EuroLeague in rebounds and blocks last season. In 2012, Papagiannis became the youngest-ever player in the Greek League when he debuted for Peristeri at the age of 14. Chosen 13th overall by Phoenix in 2016 NBA Draft, he spent parts of two seasons with Sacramento before a single appearance with Portland. He made his senior debut in 2017 ahead of appearing at EuroBasket and has been a regular fixture ever since.

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	3	28.0	22/31	0/0	5/7	7.7	1.0	16.3
2020	FIBA Olympic Qual. Tournament 2020	4	23.0	22/30	0/0	3/5	6.3	1.0	11.8
2019	FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019	4	11.0	9/17	0/0	1/1	3.3	0.3	4.8
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	2	6.0	2/4	0/0	0/0	1.5	0.0	2.0
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017	7	10.0	11/24	0/0	2/2	2.3	0.6	3.4

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A PROMISING NEW ERA AHEAD OF AZZURRI

On 4 July, 2021, all of Italy was biting their nails in front of the television, wondering for how much longer Simone Fontecchio could have contained Vasilije Micic, if Achille Polonara would have ignited the net with yet another three-pointer in transition. If the magical evening of Nico Mannion was just a dream to wake up from or if Alessandro Pajola would have continued to play the role of his master Milos Teodosic, definitely not in the right mood on the other side of the parquet.

Instead, the 95-102 win in Belgrade's FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tournament Final against the hosts Serbia had really been an unexpected climax which was worth boundless joy and a participation in the Olympics that was missing from the magical national team that won silver in Athens in 2004.

After enjoying the Azzurri's adventure at Tokyo 2020, which ended with an excellent 5th place behind the United States, France, Australia and Slovenia, Gianmarco Pozzecco also observed from afar the games against Netherlands and Iceland in the FIBA Basketball World Cup 2023 European Qualifiers, while sitting next to Ettore Messina as assistant coach of Olimpia Milano. He was ready to take the lead of the U23 National team - then assigned to Marco Ramondino - when suddenly the scenario changed.

The new era that had begun to take shape that night in Belgrade, when Meo Sacchetti had succeeded in something historic, has definitely been shaped exactly two months from the beginning of EuroBasket 2022: Pozzecco is the new head coach of Italy, and his fingerprint was immediately visible. From the friendly encounter defeat against Luka Doncic's Slovenia in his beloved Trieste to the road win over Maurizio Buscaglia's Netherlands in the World Cup Qualifiers, the choices of the former coach of Dinamo Sassari have seen glimpses of fresh hope: the

return of the prodigal son Marco Spissu, the addition of the naturalized defensive specialist John Petrucelli, an accountable Tommaso Baldasso after the year in Milan.

The squad that is preparing for the first part of EuroBasket 2022 as the hosts in a fearsome Group C with Croatia, Greece, Ukraine, Estonia and Great Britain, is halfway between the new advances and certainties, in a growing path that began with Meo Sacchetti and now inherited by Gianmarco Pozzecco. Italy relies on the experience and leadership of captain Gigi Datome, an electrified Danilo Gallinari from the landing at the Boston Celtics and Simone Fontecchio ready to take the stage with Utah Jazz.

Looking at the frontcourt, whilst waiting for Paolo Banchero and keeping an eye on Leonardo Okeke's growth, the National team counts on the reliable presences of Nicolo Melli and Achille Polonara. Without forgetting essential elements, capable of yielding not indifferent accomplishments such as Stefano Tonut and Amedeo Della Valle, who come from high-scoring seasons respectively with Reyer Venezia and Brescia

The medal taste for these colors at a EuroBasket campaign has been missing since 2003. The last editions have been mixed with luxury exploits - including victories over Spain and Germany in 2015 - and scorching disappointments of elimination in the Group Phase in 2011 and defeat to Lithuania in 2015. The European bronze with Charlie Recalcati - now assistant coach of the National team - on the bench is not around the neck of Gianmarco Pozzecco. He wants to wear it this year, at the dawn of a new exciting and promising chapter for Azzurri's basketball.

By Cesare Milanti



Last 10 FIBA Events

Year	Event	Place	Achievement
2021	Olympics	Tokyo (JPN)	5th
2019	FIBA Basketball World Cup	Beijing (CHN)	10th
2017	FIBA EuroBasket	Istanbul (TUR)	7th
2016	Olympics	Rio de Janeiro (BRA)	Did not qualify
2015	FIBA EuroBasket	Lille (FRA)	6th
2014	FIBA Basketball World Cup	Madrid (ESP)	Did not qualify
2013	FIBA EuroBasket	Ljubljana (SLO)	8th
2012	Olympics	London (GBR)	Did not qualify
2011	FIBA EuroBasket	Kaunas (LTU)	17th
2010	FIBA Basketball World Cup	Istanbul (TUR)	Did not qualify

FIBA EuroBasket 2022 Qualifiers Accumulated Stats

Amedeo DELLA VALLE

Stefano TONUT

John PETRUCELLI

Simone FONTECCHIO

Danilo GALLINARI

Giampaolo RICCI

Achille POLONARA

Amedeo TESSITORI

Coach: Gianmarco POZZECCO

Nicolo MELLI

Paul BILIGHA

Luigi DATOME

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23/11/91

Germani Brescia

Germani Brescia

Baskonia (ESP)

Atlanta Hawks (USA)

Fenerbahce (TUR)

27/11/87 Olimpia Milano

27/09/91 Olimpia Milano

26/01/91 Olimpia Milano

31/05/90 Olimpia Milano

07/10/94 Virtus Bologna

Umana Reyer Venezia

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Name	G	Min	M/A	%	M/A	%	M/A	%	M/A	%	0	D	Tot	AST	TO	STL	BLK	PF	PTS
Marco SPISSU	6	28.7	24/54	44.4	11/24	45.8	13/30	43.3	15/17	88.2	0.3	2.3	2.7	7.7	2.3	1.8	0.0	2.7	12.7
Giampaolo RICCI	6	26.5	30/57	52.6	12/24	50.0	18/33	54.5	3/4	75.0	1.3	3.2	4.5	2.3	1.8	1.2	0.3	3.0	13.5
Nicola AKELE	6	17.1	11/19	57.9	9/12	75.0	2/7	28.6	4/5	80.0	0.5	2.3	2.8	0.8	1.3	0.5	0.5	2.0	4.7
Michele VITALI	5	28.8	18/41	43.9	8/16	50.0	10/25	40.0	28/31	90.3	1.0	3.4	4.4	2.2	0.8	1.6	0.0	1.8	14.8
Amedeo TESSITORI	5	18.7	26/37	70.3	25/34	73.5	1/3	33.3	10/18	55.6	2.4	2.0	4.4	1.4	2.4	0.6	0.4	3.0	12.6
Matteo SPAGNOLO	5	11.0	7/14	50.0	7/14	50.0	0/0	0.0	5/6	83.3	0.4	1.2	1.6	0.6	1.6	0.4	0.0	1.4	3.8
Davide ALVITI	4	18.5	8/20	40.0	4/8	50.0	4/12	33.3	3/4	75.0	0.3	2.3	2.5	1.8	1.3	1.0	0.0	1.8	5.8
Filippo ROSSI BALDI	4	13.2	11/23	47.8	7/13	53.8	4/10	40.0	0/0	0.0	8.0	2.0	2.8	1.3	1.0	0.3	0.3	1.0	6.5
Leonardo CANDI	3	18.1	6/13	46.2	2/7	28.6	4/6	66.7	1/1	100.0	0.3	2.0	2.3	3.0	0.7	0.7	0.0	3.7	5.7
Tommaso BALDASSO	3	14.4	6/14	42.9	4/8	50.0	2/6	33.3	0/0	0.0	0.3	1.3	1.7	1.3	0.7	0.3	0.0	1.3	4.7
Amedeo VALLE DELLA	3	13.3	4/13	30.8	4/8	50.0	0/5	0.0	7/9	77.8	0.0	0.7	0.7	2.7	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.3	5.0
Giordano BORTOLANI	3	11.7	8/11	72.7	5/7	71.4	3/4	75.0	2/2	100.0	0.0	1.3	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	7.0
Simone FONTECCHIO	2	29.3	7/16	43.8	4/10	40.0	3/6	50.0	2/2	100.0	0.5	4.5	5.0	1.0	2.5	1.5	0.5	2.5	9.5
Michele RUZZIER	2	15.4	3/7	42.9	2/4	50.0	1/3	33.3	2/4	50.0	0.0	1.5	1.5	2.0	2.5	0.5	0.0	3.0	4.5
Gabriele PROCIDA	2	12.7	4/8	50.0	2/4	50.0	2/4	50.0	0/0	0.0	1.0	0.5	1.5	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	5.0
Matteo Mario TAMBONE	2	4.9	0/1	0.0	0/0	0.0	0/1	0.0	0/0	0.0	0.5	0.5	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Alessandro PAJOLA	1	30.0	1/4	25.0	1/3	33.3	0/1	0.0	3/4	75.0	1.0	4.0	5.0	3.0	2.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	5.0
Raphael GASPARDO	1	15.0	1/5	20.0	1/2	50.0	0/3	0.0	2/3	66.7	0.0	3.0	3.0	1.0	2.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	4.0
Simone ZANOTTI	1	12.3	0/2	0.0	0/1	0.0	0/1	0.0	0/0	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	0.0
Davide MORETTI	1	7.5	1/1	100.0	0/0	0.0	1/1	100.0	0/0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	3.0	3.0
Francesco CANDUSSI	1	5.8	1/1	100.0	0/0	0.0	1/1	100.0	0/0	0.0	1.0	2.0	3.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	3.0
Andrea PECCHIA	1	4.3	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	1/4	25.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.0
Leonardo TOTE	0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Team/Coaches											1.2	2.2	3.3	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	
TOTALS		357.2	177/361	49.0	108/199	54.3	69/162	42.6	88/114	77.2	8.7	25.0	33.7	22.0	15.0	8.2	1.5	22.3	85.2

COACHGianmarco POZZECCO



Nationality: Italian Date of Birth: 15/09/72 Place of Birth: Gorizia

Club Career: Orlandina (Italy-Legadue, 2012-14); Varese (Italy-LBA, 2014-15); Cedevita (Croatia-ABA League, 2015-17); Fortitudo Bologna (Italy-Serie A2, 2018); Dinamo Sassari (Italy-LBA, 2019-21); Olimpia Milano (Italy-LBA, 2021-22)

International Career: Italy (Head Coach, 2022)

Twitter: theoriginalpoz Instagram: theoriginalpoz

If you are an Italian basketball fan and you were born between the 80s and the 90s, Gianmarco Pozzecco was probably your idol. An unusual personality and a dominant force in the field like few of his colleagues have made him an iconic player, with his eccentric personality that has also remained on the sidelines. He comes from a learning season next to the legendary figure of Ettore Messina, one of his predecessors on the Azzurri's bench. He wants his players to give everything and even more for Italy, hoping for a medal like that summer in Athens.

Simone FONTECCHIO





Height: 2.03
Position: Small Forward
Date of Birth: 09/12/95
Place of Birth: Pescara
Team 2021-22: Baskonia (Spain-ACB League)

Career: Virtus Bologna (Italy-LBA, 2012-16); Olimpia Milano (Italy-LBA, 2016-19); Vanoli Cremona (Italy-LBA, 2017-18); Pallacanestro Reggiana (Italy-LBA, 2019-20); ALBA Berlin (Germany-BBL,

2020-21); Baskonia (Spain-ACB League, 2021-22)

Twitter: simofonte13
Instagram: simofonte_

The growing path of Simone Fontecchio is as linear as anomalous, because the feeling is that he could have taken flight even before. The 2020-21 season, however, was the right moment: between important games with Alba Berlin and the summer campaign with the Azzurri, he proved to be one of the best equipped small forwards on the international stage. Danny Ainge, who brought him to the Utah Jazz, called him "the best free agent left on the market". A remarkable statement of esteem for a dream that will come true a few weeks after EuroBasket 2022.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS	
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	1	25.0	3/6	4/4	4/4	4.0	2.0	22.0	
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	2	29.0	4/10	3/6	2/2	5.0	1.0	9.5	
2020	Olympic Basketball Tournament 2020	4	30.0	19/33	10/22	9/11	3.0	1.5	19.3	
2020	FIBA Olympic Qual. Tournament 2020	3	30.0	15/26	7/13	8/8	6.3	1.7	19.7	
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	3	12.0	3/5	3/6	0/0	2.3	0.3	5.0	

Tommaso BALDASSO



Height: 1.91
Position: Point Guard
Date of Birth: 29/01/98
Place of Birth: Torino

Team 2021-22: Olimpia Milano (Italy-LBA)

Career: PMS Basketball (Italy-Serie C, 2014-16); Virtus Roma (Italy-LBA, 2016-20); Fortitudo Bologna (Italy-LBA, 2020-21); Olimpia Milano (Italy-LBA, 2021-)

Instagram: tommybi13

For a professional athlete it is difficult to maintain high concentration, performing to the maximum of their abilities, when unpleasant economic and off-court situations intervene in team dynamics. Tommaso Baldasso lived it with Virtus Roma, of which he was captain and leader, before moving to Fortitudo Bologna and Olimpia Milano. Despite being behind in the rankings as playmaker of the team, under the advice of Ettore Messina, Gianmarco Pozzecco and a master like Sergio Rodriguez, he has grown considerably: now he is hunting for a FIBA EuroBasket 2022 call.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS	
2021	FIBA FuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	3	14.0	4/8	2/6	0/0	1.7	1.3	4.7	

Marco SPISSU



Height: 1.84
Position: Point Guard
Date of Birth: 05/02/95
Place of Birth: Sassari

Team 2021-22: UNICS Kazan (Russia-VTB)

Career: Torres Basket (Italy-Serie C, 2011-12); Sant'Orsola (Italy-Serie C, 2012-13): CUS Bari (Italy-Serie A2, 2013-14); Casalpusterlengo (Italy-Serie A2, 2014-15); Viola Reggio Calabria (Italy-Serie A2, 2015); Derthona Basket (Italy-Serie A2, 2015-16); Virtus Bologna (Italy-Serie A2, 2016-17); Dinamo Sassari (Italy-LBA, 2017-21); UNICS Kazan

(Russia-VTB, 2021-22)

Twitter: minispi

Instagram: marcospissu10

When Gianmarco Pozzecco arrived in Sassari, he took Marco Spissu under his protective wing. Seeing himself again as the then Dinamo point guard, he entrusted him with the engine of the team, which led to excellent results such as winning the 2019 FIBA Europe Cup. Now, after a first season in the EuroLeague in Kazan and the announcement of his return to Italy with Reyer Venezia, the duo of Pozzecco-Spissu reunite with the national team. "Coaching Spissu again makes me happy", says the former, while the latter answers: "A look is enough for us to understand each other."

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	1	32.0	1/1	3/5	4/5	3.0	5.0	15.0
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	6	29.0	11/24	13/30	15/17	2.7	7.7	12.7
2020	Olympic Basketball Tournament 2020	1	5.0	0/0	0/0	0/0	1.0	0.0	0.0
2020	FIBA Olympic Qual. Tournament 2020	2	17.0	1/2	1/6	1/3	3.0	2.5	3.0



Alessandro PAJOLA



Height: 1.94
Position: Point Guard
Date of Birth: 09/11/99
Place of Birth: Ancona

Team 2021-22: Virtus Bologna (Italy-LBA)
Career: Virtus Bologna (Italy-LBA, 2015-)

Instagram: alessandro.pajola

In an international basketball environment dominated increasingly by team changes season after season, there is also room for Alessandro Pajola. Arriving in Bologna in his teens, he grew step by step with the club, from the youth sector to the promotion from the second Italian division to Serie A, up to the highest European peaks. Are you looking for a playmaker with refined skills in ball-handling, defense, steal and game creation for your teammates? Someone who is only 22 years old and with a bright career ahead of him? Pajola is the right choice.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	4	23.0	6/16	3/9	1/1	3.3	3.3	5.5
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	1	30.0	1/3	0/1	3/4	5.0	3.0	5.0
2020	Olympic Basketball Tournament 2020	4	19.0	1/3	0/5	6/8	2.0	3.0	2.0
2020	FIBA Olympic Qual. Tournament 2020	3	12.0	1/3	4/5	2/2	2.3	2.3	5.3

Niccolo MANNION



Height: 1.90 **Position:** Point Guard/Shooting Guard

Date of Birth: 14/03/01 Place of Birth: Siena

Team 2021-22: Virtus Bologna (Italy-LBA)

Career: Arizona University (USA-NCAA, 2019-20); Golden State Warriors (USA-NBA, 2020-21); Santa Cruz Warriors (USA-NBA G League, 2020-21); Virtus Segafredo Bologna (Italy-NBA, 2021-)

Twitter: niccolomannion Instagram: niccolo

If Italy qualified for the Olympic Games and came to play the final stages in Tokyo, the merit is also of Niccolo Mannion. After the summer and his transition to Virtus Bologna, however, an intestinal virus caused him considerable weight loss and inadequate preparation. "Red Mamba", born in Siena but raised in the United States, where at the NCAA level he had established himself as one of the best guards in the country, seeks the necessary redemption after a complex first season in Europe.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	2	27.0	6/14	7/14	6/9	1.5	4.0	19.5
2020	Olympic Basketball Tournament 2020	4	22.0	14/29	4/18	10/11	1.8	4.5	12.5
2020	FIBA Olympic Qual. Tournament 2020	3	22.0	10/20	5/11	18/23	1.7	4.0	17.7
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	1	30.0	2/7	1/3	2/2	2.0	0.0	9.0

Amedeo DELLA VALLE



Height: 1.94

Position: Shooting Guard/Point Guard

Date of Birth: 11/04/93
Place of Birth: Alba

Team 2021-22: Germani Brescia (Italy-LBA)

Career: Junior Casale (Italy-Serie A2, 2009-11); Ohio State University (USA-NCAA, 2012-14); Reggio Emilia (Italy-LBA, 2014-18); Olimpia Milano (Italy-LBA, 2018-20); Gran Canaria (Spain-ACB League, 2020); Buducnost (Montenegro-ABA League, 2020-21); Germani Brescia (Italy-LBA, 2021-)

Twitter: AmeDV8
Instagram: amedv8

When Italy won the FIBA U20 European Championship in 2013 in Estonia, there were two Azzurri players who particularly stood out over the others: Awudu Abass and Amedeo Della Valle. If the former has suffered a serious injury, the latter continues to collect MVP awards. Not only as a rising star of international basketball, but also in the last Serie A championship. After skipping the Olympics and introducing excellent skills in playmaking to his already defined scoring potential, Brescia's own can be a remarkable weapon among Italian guards.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	3	19.0	2/10	5/14	16/17	2.3	1.7	11.7
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	3	13.0	4/8	0/5	7/9	0.7	2.7	5.0
2019	FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019	5	11.0	5/9	5/17	6/6	1.2	1.2	6.2
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	8	25.0	12/31	28/60	34/39	2.4	2.0	17.8
2015	FIBA EuroBasket 2015	3	7.0	0/1	3/8	2/2	1.0	0.7	3.7

Stefano TONUT



Height: 1.94 **Position:** Shooting Guard **Date of Birth:** 07/11/93

Place of Birth: Cantu

Team 2021-22: Umana Reyer Venezia (Italy-LBA) **Career:** Trieste (Italy-Serie A2, 2012-15); Umana

Reyer Venezia (Italy-LBA, 2015-22); Twitter: SteveBucket7 Instagram: stevebucket07

They say that genetics do not lie, and with the Tonut family it's certainly true: Alberto gave a great offensive talent and a lot of heroic attitude to Stefano. Leader of Reyer Venezia since 2015, with which he won two wonderful Italian championships, he will debut in the EuroLeague next season with Olimpia Milano. In the middle, a participation in the Olympics after being absent at the 2019 FIBA Basketball World Cup. He was also part of that talented U20 expedition that won gold in Tallinn. Scoring is his natural gift: if he plays in the right mood, he can shoot and attack the rim like very few.

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	4	26.0	14/28	3/14	8/12	1.3	3.0	11.3
2020	Olympic Basketball Tournament 2020	4	27.0	12/19	4/15	4/4	2.0	1.5	10.0
2020	FIBA Olympic Qual. Tournament 2020	3	27.0	7/16	6/13	6/8	2.0	2.3	12.7
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	5	11.0	4/9	0/4	0/0	8.0	0.6	1.6
2016	FIBA Olympic Qual. Tournament 2016	4	6.0	2/4	0/1	0/2	0.3	0.8	1.0

John PETRUCELLI



Height: 1.93

Position: Shooting Guard/Small Forward

Date of Birth: 27/10/92

Place of Birth: Hicksville (USA)

Team 2021-22: Germani Brescia (Italy-LBA)

Career: Iskra Svit (Slovakia-BSE, 2015-16); Erie BayHawks (USA-NBA G League, 2016-17); Lakeland Magic (USA-NBA G League, 2017-19); Hapoel Be'er Sheva (Israel-Winner League, 2019-20); Basketball Ulm (Germany-BBL, 2020-21); Germani Brescia (Italy-LBA, 2021-)

Twitter: John_Petrucelli Instagram: john_petrucelli_

With Paolo Banchero still unavailable to play with Italy, the naturalized player slot has been occupied by John Petrucelli, a defensive specialist who knows how to do basically everything on the court. In his recent debut with the Azzurri, his goal was guarding Luka Doncic, not the simplest of responsibilities. He is the Swiss army knife that every coach would like to have, in the last season with Brescia he was among the candidates for the Defensive Player of the Year award. If you see him in front of you, good luck.

Danilo GALLINARI



Height: 2.08 Position: Power Forward Date of Birth: 08/08/88

Place of Birth: Sant'Angelo Lodigiano Team 2021-22: Atlanta Hawks (USA-NBA)

Career: Casalpusterlengo (Italy-Serie B, 2004-05); Pavia (Italy-Serie A2, 2005-06); Olimpia Milano (Italy-LBA, 2006-08); New York Knicks (United States of America-NBA, 2008-11); Olimpia Milano (Italy-LBA, 2011) Denver Nuggets (USA-NBA, 2011-17); Los Angeles Clippers (United States of America-NBA, 2017-19); Oklahoma City Thunder (USA-NBA, 2019-20); Atlanta Hawks (USA-NBA, 2020-22)

Twitter: gallinari8888 Instagram: danilogallogallinari

When 17-year-old Danilo Gallinari played in the Italian second division, on loan from Olimpia Milano to Pavia, he used to wear the Boston Celtics uniform. Now, after his time with the Atlanta Hawks, he'll be wearing the jersey of his dreams, always with the number 8. An easy choice for someone who was born on 08/08/88. The years pass, but the technique and the offensive potential available remain and those that are combined with endless experience after years and years of a professional career. For these reasons, it will be fundamental for Italy's Gianmarco Pozzecco to have at his disposal the greatest Italian ever passed by the NBA, ready for his third participation at EuroBasket after previous campaigns in 2011 and 2015.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2020	Olympic Basketball Tournament 2020	4	21.0	10/21	4/12	15/18	4.0	1.0	11.8
2019	FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019	5	30.0	14/25	12/24	22/28	5.6	2.8	17.2
2016	FIBA Olympic Qual. Tournament 2016	4	24.0	13/30	3/12	10/11	7.3	1.8	11.3
2015	FIBA EuroBasket 2015	8	30.0	31/47	10/25	51/58	6.9	2.8	17.9
2013	FIBA EuroBasket 2013 Qualifiers	8	27.0	23/42	11/36	42/51	6.8	1.3	15.1

Luigi DATOME



Height: 2.02
Position: Small Forward
Date of Birth: 27/11/87
Place of Birth: Montebelluna

Team 2021-22: Olimpia Milano (Italy-LBA)

Career: Mens Sana Siena (Italy-LBA, 2003-06); Scafati Basket (Italy-LBA, 2006-08); Virtus Roma (Italy-LBA, 2008-13); Detroit Pistons (USA-NBA, 2013-15); Grand Rapids Drive (USA-NBA G League, 2015); Boston Celtics (USA-NBA, 2015); Fenerbahce (Turkey-BSL, 2015-20); Olimpia Milano (Italy-LBA, 2020-)

Twitter: GigiDatome
Instagram: gigidatome

Together with Marco Belinelli, he gave up the Olympics experience to prepare himself perfectly for the 2021-22 season. After handing the captain's armband to Nicolo Melli, however, he would have never missed a FIBA EuroBasket tournament on home soil. Gigi Datome, a leader by experience and charismatic of this locker room, will be a fundamental figure for Italy's hopes. He comes from a winning season, so he would like to conclude it with a medal: it would be the first one with the national team, in what will be the sixth EuroBasket of his career. The first one? In 2007, when many of his teammates were under 10 years of age.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	1	14.0	1/2	2/5	3/3	4.0	0.0	11.0
2019	FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019	4	23.0	10/15	6/12	4/5	2.8	2.0	10.5
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	2	27.0	6/11	4/8	8/8	6.0	2.5	16.0
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017	7	30.0	19/36	18/43	13/15	4.3	1.4	15.0
2016	FIBA Olympic Qual. Tournament 2016	4	26.0	6/19	3/9	6/9	3.0	1.3	6.8

Giampaolo RICCI



Height: 2.01
Position: Power Forward
Date of Birth: 27/09/91
Place of Birth: Roma

Team 2021-22: Olimpia Milano (Italy-LBA)

Career: Stella Azzurra (Italy-Serie B, 2009-11); Casalpusterlengo (Italy-Serie A2, 2011-15); Scaligera Verona (Italy-Serie A2, 2015-16); Derthona Basket (Italy-Serie A2, 2016-17); Vanoli Cremona (Italy-LBA, 2017-19); Virtus Segafredo Bologna (Italy-LBA, 2019-21); Olimpia Milano (Italy-LBA, 2021-)

Twitter: giamp_pippo Instagram: giamp_ricci

Giampaolo Ricci has lived two dream years: becoming an Italian champion with Virtus Bologna in 2021, making debut at the Olympics and another Serie A title with Olimpia Milano in 2022. A versatile power forward, but above all a humble and precious player for the contribution he makes on the court beyond the numbers. In addition, he is a golden boy: he arrived at the preparation for EuroBasket 2022 after an expedition to Tanzania to raise funds for children who dream of much less than his last two years.

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	1	13.0	0/0	1/4	0/0	2.0	3.0	3.0
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	6	26.0	12/24	18/33	3/4	4.5	2.3	13.5
2020	Olympic Basketball Tournament 2020	3	13.0	2/2	3/6	0/0	2.7	1.0	4.3
2020	FIBA Olympic Qual. Tournament 2020	3	14.0	1/4	3/11	0/0	1.7	0.3	3.7
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	3	11.0	0/5	3/6	0/0	2.3	0.7	3.0



Nicolo MELLI



Twitter: NikMelli

Instagram: nikmelli

Height: 2.05 Position: Power Forward/Center Date of Birth: 26/01/91 Place of Birth: Reggio Emilia

Team 2021-22: Olimpia Milano (Italy-LBA)

Career: Reggio Emilia (Italy-Serie A2, 2007-10); Olimpia Milano (Italy-LBA, 2010-15); Pesaro (Italy-LBA, 2011); Brose Bamberg (Germany-BBL, 2015-17); Fenerbahce (Turkey-BSL, 2017-19); New Orleans Pelicans (USA-NBA, 2019-21); Dallas Mavericks (USA-NBA, 2021); A|X Armani Exchange Milano (Italy-LBA, 2021-)

The trend that sees more and more Italian players emerging abroad with European teams began with him. Since Nicolo Melli found his dimension at Bamberg, many have followed his example. Leaving his comfort zone, the power forward - who will probably spend some minutes in the 5 spot in September - found responsibility and gained experience that led him to be Italy's captain in Tokyo. Returning home to win, in Milan, was the icing on the cake of a path that could be even more delicious, playing EuroBasket where he won the Scudetto after eight long years.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2020	Olympic Basketball Tournament 2020	4	23.0	9/20	3/11	3/4	5.5	1.5	7.5
2020	FIBA Olympic Qual. Tournament 2020	3	21.0	2/11	2/10	0/2	4.0	2.0	3.3
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	2	23.0	5/10	2/5	4/4	3.5	2.5	10.0
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017	7	27.0	12/27	6/20	6/10	4.4	1.9	6.9
2016	FIBA Olympic Qual. Tournament 2016	4	21.0	14/22	0/3	6/7	5.3	0.8	8.5

Paul BILIGHA



Height: 2.00 **Position:** Center **Date of Birth: 31/05/90** Place of Birth: Perugia

Team 2021-22: Olimpia Milano (Italy-LBA)

Career: Casalpusterlengo (Italy-Serie A2, 2008-12); Pallacanestro Crema (Italy-Serie C, 2009-10), Pavia (Italy-Serie B, 2010-11); Scandone Avellino (Italy-LBA, 2012-14); Basket Ferentino (Italy-LBA, 2014-15); Vanoli Cremona (Italy-LBA, 2015-17); Umana Reyer Venezia (Italy-LBA, 2017-19); Olimpia Milano (Italy-LBA, 2019-)

He spent the beginning of his career changing different environments, from the north to the south of the Italian Peninsula. Since 2019, Paul Biligha has been on a permanent basis at Olimpia Milano and has almost never disillusioned expectations. Always ready to make his defensive contribution starting from the bench, he is the teammate that everyone would like. It will not be his first EuroBasket, as he was also present in 2017: he will want to go beyond a possible Quarter-Final, losing five years ago to Serbia at that stage.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	3	27.0	12/18	0/0	1/2	5.7	1.0	8.3
2019	FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019	5	19.0	12/21	0/0	3/8	3.2	0.2	5.4
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	12	17.0	26/45	1/2	9/12	2.6	0.6	5.3
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017	7	16.0	9/21	0/1	1/2	2.7	0.4	2.7

Achille POLONARA



Height: 2.05 **Position:** Power Forward/Center Date of Birth: 23/11/91 Place of Birth: Ancona

Team 2021-22: Fenerbahce (Turkey-BSL)

Career: Teramo Basket (Italy-LBA, 2008-12); Varese (Italy-LBA, 2012-14); Reggio Emilia (Italy-LBA, 2014-17); Dinamo Sassari (Italy-LBA, 2017-19); Saski Baskonia (Spain-ACB League, 2019-21); Fenerbahce (Turkey-BSL, 2021-22)

Twitter: ilpupazzo33 Instagram: ilpupazzo33

When his daughter was born, he could only call her Vitoria, like the city that changed his life. After his Baskonia experience, in fact, Achille Polonara has become one of the most fascinating stretch forwards of the European landscape, so much to deserve calls from two basketball powerhouses: first Fenerbahce and now Anadolu Efes, where he will play next to Vasilije Micic, Shane Larkin and Will Clyburn, among others. Crucial in the magical Belgrade night, he would never have imagined playing the Olympic Games as an important component. A year after Tokyo, he is one of the certainties of the Italian National team.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	1	27.0	2/3	3/8	2/2	4.0	3.0	15.0
2020	Olympic Basketball Tournament 2020	4	23.0	9/13	6/21	4/6	5.8	1.3	10.0
2020	FIBA Olympic Qual. Tournament 2020	3	29.0	7/8	11/18	5/7	9.3	1.3	17.3
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	6	12.0	5/18	2/7	3/5	3.2	1.0	3.2
2015	FIBA EuroBasket 2015	5	4.0	2/3	0/2	0/0	0.2	0.2	0.8

Amedeo TESSITORI



Height: 2.08 **Position:** Center Date of Birth: 07/10/94 Place of Birth: Pisa

Team 2021-22: Virtus Bologna (Italy-LBA)

Career: Virtus Siena (Italy-Serie C, 2010-12); Dinamo Sassari (Italy-LBA, 2012-14); Fulgor Libertas Forlì (Italy-Serie A2, 2012-13); Juvecaserta (Italy-LBA, 2014-15); Pallacanestro Cantù (Italy-LBA, 2015-16); Pallacanestro Biella (Italy-Serie A2, 2016-18); Treviso Basket (Italy-LBA, 2018-20); Virtus Bologna (Italy-LBA, 2020-22)

Instagram: amedeotess

All that is missing in the Italian basketball movement is a center who can bring height and physicality under the rim. Amedeo Tessitori responds to the identity, so much so that he has always been present in the latest Italian national team adventures: since his debut in 2018, he almost never missed any Qualifiers games and he was on the court at both the FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019 and the Olympics last summer. Pozzecco can't do without him, in the spot where Italy is in most difficulty for a lack of players to develop.

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	4	16.0	11/23	1/5	2/2	5.0	1.3	6.8
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	5	19.0	25/34	1/3	10/18	4.4	1.4	12.6
2020	Olympic Basketball Tournament 2020	2	5.0	1/4	0/0	1/1	2.0	0.5	1.5
2020	FIBA Olympic Qual. Tournament 2020	3	9.0	2/5	0/1	4/4	2.3	1.0	2.7
2019	FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019	5	10.0	14/19	0/1	4/6	2.4	0.6	6.4

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STRONG ROSTER AND STRONG HOPES

Ukraine returns to FIBA events after a five-year absence, in 2017 they made it to the Knockout Stages at FIBA EuroBasket in Istanbul only to be knocked out by eventual champions Slovenia in the Round of 16. However, historically EuroBasket has been the most successful for the Ukrainian national basketball team. In 2013, they made an impressive run in Slovenia by reaching the Quarter-Finals and marking their highest final standings in a FIBA competition in sixth place.

The yellow-blues failed to qualify for the FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019 in China and then brought in experienced Ainars Bagatskis as their new head coach. And the Latvian completed the task of qualifying to FIBA EuroBasket 2022 by winning Group F and beating defending champions Slovenia (once) in the process. It wasn't plain sailing for Ukraine during this qualifying campaign though as they suffered a painful home loss to Hungary at home in Zaporizhzhia.

In Milan - and possibly Berlin - Bagatskis can rely on a pretty experienced and versatile roster. Ukraine won't have any naturalized players for the second FIBA EuroBasket in a row, but this will be the first time they can rely on two current NBA players in a major tournament. Both Svi Mykhailiuk and Alex Len have committed to their national team this summer. And Ukrainian fans have surely been missing seeing this duo in national team jerseys since 2018 when they helped their homeland to beat Spain in a FIBA Basketball World Cup European Qualifier at home.

At 33 years of age Denys Lukashov is the most reliable point guard on the Ukrainian roster — coaches love his ability to organize his team's half-court offense and there's never a question mark next to his name

when it comes to playing for the national team when he's healthy. Bagatskis can also give a go to Ukraine's most improved player of late Illya Sidorov, who was an important piece in last season's Basketball Champions League splendid run by the national champions Prometey.

At the wings Ukraine does have some explosiveness. Mykhailiuk is still only 25 but it's been eight years since his debut with the national team and he always responds to a call-up with a huge desire. FIBA EuroBasket 2022 will be another chance for Mykhailiuk to put the shortcomings of his NBA career behind him. And there's an exciting task ahead for Bagatskis — to incorporate Svi with an explosive young gun in Issuf Sanon. Sanon has been NBA bound since 2018 when he was drafted by the Washington Wizards, and this year's national team campaign is a great chance to showcase the skills for him as well.

NBA veteran Len is also back to the national team, and Bagatskis' creativity will also be put to the test by this tournament's Ukrainian frontcourt. Len and Artem Pustovyi. Who will be the starting center? Can they play together? And if you figure out all this, it doesn't become any easier. How much time can you give to another potential star of this team in Volodymyr Gerun?

There's a decent chance that the Latvian and his coaching staff will come up with some special answers to those questions, which means Ukrainian fans will be in for a treat and enjoy some good-looking team basketball. Something they certainly keep for.

By Vladimir Spivak



FIBA EuroBasket 2022 Qualifiers Accumulated Stats

2013

2012

2011

2010

FIBA EuroBasket

FIBA EuroBasket

FIBA Basketball World Cup

Olympics

2.08

2.13

2.18

2.06

Alex LEN

Artem PUSTOVYI

Dmytro SKAPINTSEV

Coach: Ainars BAGATSKIS

C/PF

25/03/94

16/06/93

25/06/92

12/05/98

Buyukcekmece (TUR)

Gran Canaria (ESP)

Pieno Zvaigzdes (LTU)

Sacramento Kings (USA)

			FG		2PT	FG	3РТ	FG	F	т		REB							
Name	G	Min	M/A	%	M/A	%	M/A	%	M/A	%	0	D	Tot	AST	TO	STL	BLK	PF	PTS
Volodymyr HERUN	6	23.0	28/43	65.1	28/43	65.1	0/0	0.0	13/17	76.5	1.0	4.2	5.2	1.5	1.0	0.7	8.0	1.8	11.5
Oleksandr LYPOVYY	6	20.7	12/29	41.4	4/8	50.0	8/21	38.1	7/13	53.8	1.0	3.0	4.0	2.2	8.0	1.2	0.3	3.3	6.5
Vyacheslav BOBROV	6	19.0	22/32	68.8	19/25	76.0	3/7	42.9	11/13	84.6	1.0	2.8	3.8	2.7	2.7	0.3	0.5	1.8	9.7
Vitalii ZOTOV	6	11.8	5/18	27.8	2/7	28.6	3/11	27.3	3/4	75.0	0.3	0.5	8.0	3.7	8.0	0.3	0.0	2.0	2.7
Serhii PAVLOV	5	18.0	12/25	48.0	9/15	60.0	3/10	30.0	8/10	80.0	1.0	2.2	3.2	8.0	1.0	0.4	0.2	8.0	7.0
Bogdan BLIZNYUK	4	28.2	12/26	46.2	10/18	55.6	2/8	25.0	4/6	66.7	1.8	4.8	6.5	2.8	1.8	8.0	0.5	1.3	7.5
Denys LUKASHOV	4	27.3	10/21	47.6	5/10	50.0	5/11	45.5	3/4	75.0	0.5	2.8	3.3	4.8	2.0	0.3	0.0	3.0	7.0
Oleksandr MISHULA	4	21.4	13/33	39.4	1/5	20.0	12/28	42.9	7/7	100.0	0.0	2.3	2.3	1.5	1.0	0.5	0.0	1.3	11.3
Issuf SANON	4	16.5	6/18	33.3	3/9	33.3	3/9	33.3	4/6	66.7	0.5	3.0	3.5	1.5	1.3	1.5	0.3	2.0	4.8
Viacheslav PETROV	4	14.3	4/14	28.6	4/10	40.0	0/4	0.0	0/0	0.0	1.3	2.8	4.0	2.5	1.3	0.3	0.3	1.8	2.0
Jerome RANDLE	2	24.3	10/21	47.6	5/12	41.7	5/9	55.6	8/10	80.0	0.5	1.5	2.0	5.5	3.5	0.5	0.0	1.5	16.5
Anatoliy SHUNDEL	2	21.1	6/15	40.0	4/7	57.1	2/8	25.0	3/3	100.0	0.0	0.5	0.5	0.0	2.5	0.5	0.0	2.5	8.5
Pavlo KRUTOUS	2	20.5	3/8	37.5	2/5	40.0	1/3	33.3	0/0	0.0	0.0	1.5	1.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	1.5	3.5
Viacheslav KRAVTSOV	2	16.0	6/7	85.7	6/7	85.7	0/0	0.0	1/1	100.0	1.5	3.0	4.5	0.0	2.0	1.0	0.5	2.0	6.5
Artem PUSTOVYI	2	15.9	5/10	50.0	5/10	50.0	0/0	0.0	9/14	64.3	1.5	4.0	5.5	0.5	3.0	0.5	0.0	3.0	9.5
Maksym PUSTOZVONOV	2	7.5	5/8	62.5	2/3	66.7	3/5	60.0	1/2	50.0	0.0	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	7.0
Andrii VOINALOVYCH	2	4.1	0/4	0.0	0/1	0.0	0/3	0.0	0/0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0
Vladyslav KORENIUK	1	10.1	3/6	50.0	3/6	50.0	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0.0	3.0	3.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	6.0
Oleksandr BELIKOV	1	3.1	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Dmytro SKAPINTSEV	1	0.6	1/1	100.0	1/1	100.0	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0
Kyrylo MARCHENKO	0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Team/Coaches											1.2	1.8	3.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	
TOTALS	Γ	323.4	163/339	48.1	113/202	55.9	50/137	36.5	82/110	74.5	9.5	28.7	38.2	21.5	15.8	6.0	3.0	19.7	76.3

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Did not qualify

Did not qualify

Ljubljana (SLO)

London (GBR)

Kaunas (LTU)

Istanbul (TUR)

COACHAinars BAGATSKIS



Nationality: Latvian Date of Birth: 29/03/67 Place of Birth: Riga (LAT)

Team 2021-22: Kyiv-Basket (Ukraine-Super-

league)

Club Career: Barons Riga (Latvia-LBL, 2005-06); Zalgiris Kaunas (Lithunia-LKL, 2006); Valmiera (Latvia-LKL, 2007-09); Enisey Krasnoyarsk (Russia-Superleague, 2009-10); Sukhumi (Georgia-Superleague, 2011); Kryvbas (Ukraine-Superleague, 2011-12); Budivelnyk (Ukraine-Superleague, 2012-14); Nizhny Novgorod (Russia-VTB League, 2014-16); Maccabi Tel Aviv (Israel-Premier League, 2016-17); Brose Bamberg (Germany-BBL, 2018-19); Kyiv-Basket (Ukraine-Superleague, 2019-22)

International Career: Latvia (2010-17); Ukraine (2019-)

Ainars Bagatskis' results at FIBA EuroBasket could be one way to understand his progress as a head coach. With Latvia, he started in 2011 in Lithuania and finished in 21st place out of 24 participating teams. From that point on, Latvia under Bagatskis only went upwards: 11th in 2013, 8th in 2015 and then 5th in 2017. At the latter tournament the team led by Kristaps Porzingis was a consistent highlight machine and their Quarter-Final against Slovenia turned out to be one of the most exciting games in the history of the competition. It would probably be naive to expect Bagatskis to make a step forward and enter the Semi-Final stage in Berlin with his new team, but there is little doubt that we'll be entertained by the Ukrainian national team - both by creative offense on the court and full of irony in the press-conferences off it.

Denys LUKASHOV



Height: 1.87 Position: Point Guard Date of Birth: 30/04/89 Place of Birth: Donetsk

Team 2021-22: Nancy (France-LNB Pro B)

Career: Kyiv (Ukraine-Superleague, 2008-10); Budivelnyk (Ukraine-Superleague, 2010-12); Donetsk (Ukraine-Superleague, 2012-13); Azovmash (Ukraine-Superleague, 2013-14); Budivelnyk (Ukraine-Superleague, 2014-15); Avtodor (Russia-VTB League, 2015-16); Lietuvos Rytas (Lithuania-LKL, 2016); Enisey (Russia-VTB League, 2016-17);

Prienai (Lithuania-LKL, 2017-18); Enisey (Russia-VTB League, 2018-19); Prometey (Ukraine-Superleague, 2019-22); Nancy (France-LNB Pro B, 2022)

The most experienced player on the squad, Lukashov is the one who is difficult to imagine the Ukrainian national team without as of late. This will be a fourth FIBA EuroBasket appearance for the point guard, who first played in the competition in 2011 in Lithuania. Lukashov rarely records crazy numbers on the scoresheet but can always be relied on to organize the team's half-court offense and help his team on the defensive end. Lukashov was part of Prometey's successful run in the Basketball Champions League last season, when they reached the second group stage.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	5	20.0	5/13	7/17	4/4	3.8	2.8	7.0
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	4	27.0	5/10	5/11	3/4	3.3	4.8	7.0
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	10	22.0	6/15	13/39	6/8	3.3	4.4	5.7
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017	6	24.0	7/19	8/24	5/5	3.8	5.5	7.2
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017 Qualifiers	6	24.0	9/21	13/20	7/7	3.8	2.7	10.7

Sviatoslav MYKHAILIUK





Height: 2.01
Position: Shooting Guard/Small Forward
Date of Birth: 10/06/97

Place of Birth: Cherkasy

Team 2021-2022: Toronto Raptors (Canada-NBA) Career: Cherkaski Mavpi (Ukraine-Superleague, 2012-14); Kansas Jayhawks (USA-NCAA, 2014-2018); Los Angeles Lakers (USA-NBA, 2018-19); South Bay Lakers (USA-G-League, 2018-19); Detroit Pistons (USA-NBA, 2019-21); Oklahoma City Thunder (USA-NBA, 2021); Toronto Raptors (Canada-NBA, 2021-22); Raptors 905 (Cana-

da-G-League, 2022)

Twitter: Sviat_10

Instagram: sviat_10

It's been eight long years since Sviat last played for his senior national team at a major tournament. During this period Mykhauliuk has matured a lot and fulfilled his childhood dream of becoming an NBA player. And even though the 25-year-old is yet to find a suitable role and consistent playing time, practicing around the best players in the world on a daily basis has had an extremely positive impact on his game, primarily his confidence. Bagatskis will now give Sviat all the freedom in the world to create his own shots and expect Sviat to become the team's leader and put it on his shoulders when it's needed the most. His most recent impressive performances in the Ukrainian jersey in the FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual. prove that Mykhailiuk is up for the challenge.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	3	24.0	13/30	7/26	8/9	5.0	0.3	18.3
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	2	26.0	5/15	7/13	6/8	4.0	2.5	18.5
2014	FIBA Basketball World Cup 2014	4	8.0	1/5	1/6	2/5	1.3	0.5	1.8

Illya SYDOROV



Height: 1.82
Position: Point Guard
Date of Birth: 04/12/96
Place of Birth: Kharkiv

Team 2021-22: Lions Jindrichuv Hradec (Czech

Republic-NBL)

Career: Khimik (Ukraine-Superleague, 2014-19); Prometey (Ukraine-Superleague, 2019-22); Lions Jindrichuv Hradec (Czech Republic-NBL, 2022)

Instagram: iliya_sid

Sydorov had a breakthrough beginning of the 2021-22 season with national champions Prometey, both in Ukrainian Superleague and Basketball Champions League. He averaged almost 10 points and 4 assists in Prometey's star studded roster to give Ainars Bagatskis enough of a reason to call him the most improving player in the country. The point guard was a leader in the national U20 team but only made his senior debut in a Ukrainian jersey last year during the start of FIBA Basketball World Cup 2023 Qualifying campaign. Sydorov isn't a great three-point threat but he is very aggressive on pick-and-roll and likes to drive to the basket.

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	6	15.0	14/27	4/20	2/4	1.3	2.2	7.0



Vitalii ZOTOV



Height: 1.88
Position: Point Guard
Date of Birth: 03/03/97
Place of Birth: Lozova

Team 2021-22: VEF Riga (Latvia-LBL)

Career: Donetsk-2 (Ukraine-Higher League, 2013-14), Budivelnyk (Ukraine-Superleague, 2014-18); Mykolaiv (Ukraine-Superleague, 2018-20); Khimik (Ukraine-Superleague, 2020-21); Dnipro (Ukraine-Superleague, 2021-22); VEF Riga (VEF Riga (Latvia-LBL, 2022)

Instagram: vz457

Having been considered one of the country's top prospects for a while, Zotov showed some maturity last season when he won the Latvian championship with VEF. Vitalii became a reliable piece for the Riga team off the bench averaging almost 6 points in 17 minutes, but more importantly giving his side much-needed confidence in the backcourt. Zotov also showed glimpses of his playmaking talent in a FIBA EuroBasket 2022 Qualifiers win over Hungary (97-63) dishing out 9 assists. He has some long-term connection with the team's main star Mykhauliuk as they played together on the U16 and U20 national teams.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	5	12.0	0/6	1/7	6/7	2.0	0.6	1.8
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	6	12.0	2/7	3/11	3/4	0.8	3.7	2.7

ISSUF SANON



Height: 1.94

Position: Shooting Guard/Point Guard

Date of Birth: 30/10/99 Place of Birth: Donetsk

Team 2021-22: Siauliai (Lithuania-LKL)

Career: Dnipro (Ukraine-Superleague, 2016-2018); Olimpija (Slovenia-SKL, 2018-19); Dnipro (Ukraine-Superleague, 2019-22); Siauliai (Lithua-

nia-LKL, 2022)

Twitter: SanonIssuf
Instagram: issuf30

If Bagatskis finds a way to play them together, Sanon can form one of the most dangerous backcourts at FIBA EuroBasket alongside Mykhailiuk. Despite being drafted by the Washington Wizards in 2018, Sanon is yet to make his NBA debut and the upcoming national teams tournament will be a great opportunity for him to raise his stock. Issuf is an explosive guard, who can be a proper triple threat and has a huge variety of ways to finish around the rim. He finished last season in Lithuania giving out some impressive performances with Siauliai including a 30-point game against Labas GAS.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	4	17.0	6/14	2/11	4/4	1.8	4.0	5.5
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	4	16.0	3/9	3/9	4/6	3.5	1.5	4.8
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	3	11.0	3/4	4/11	0/0	0.7	1.3	6.0

Ivan TKACHENKO



Height: 1.97
Position: Shooting Guard
Date of Birth: 23/04/97
Place of Birth: Kamianka

Team 2021-22: Helsinki Seagulls (Finland-Korisliiga) **Career:** Cherkaski Mavpy (Ukraine-Superleague, 2014-22); Helsinki Seagulls (Finland-Korisliiga, 2022)

Instagram: vanya__tkach

Tkachenko had been on Bagatskis' radar for a few seasons but made his senior international debut in February of 2022 in a FIBA Basketball World Cup 2023 Qualifier versus Spain. Tkachenko is an athletic wing who uses his great size to battle for rebounds and during the previous four seasons he averaged almost 5 boards per game. Nor is he afraid of initiating contact when driving to the rim where he can finish with both hands. Tkachenko isn't a great long distance shooter but can be very useful for Ukraine on the defensive end.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	4	20.0	3/5	5/11	5/9	2.5	0.8	6.5

Pavlo KRUTOUS



leight: 1.96

Position: Small Forward/Shooting Guard

Date of Birth: 09/04/92 Place of Birth: Bila Tserkva

Team 2021-22: Dnipro (Ukraine-Superleague)

Career: Kyiv (Ukraine-Superleague, 2010-15); Budivelnyk (Ukraine-Superleague, 2015-17); Kalev/Cramo (Estonia-KML, 2017-18); Kyiv-Basket (Ukraine-Superleague, 2018-21); Dnipro

(Ukraine-Superleague, 2021-22)

Instagram: narduk12

Krutous is one of a few players on this Ukrainian national team with FIBA EuroBasket experience — he played in Riga in 2015. Besides his knowledge of international basketball, Krutous can provide his team with quickness and some impressive hops, fast paced basketball is the one where he feels the most comfortable. He can also be trusted to convert an open three-pointer. His stats during the past five seasons do not stun but he helped Ukraine to get an important away victory over Austria during the FIBA EuroBasket 2022 Qualifiers.

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	3	16.0	4/8	3/5	0/0	2.3	0.7	5.7
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	2	20.0	2/5	1/3	0/0	1.5	0.5	3.5
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	1	9.0	1/1	0/0	0/0	1.0	1.0	2.0
2015	FIBA EuroBasket 2015	3	7.0	1/4	0/0	0/0	1.0	0.0	0.7

Bogdan BLIZNYUK



Height: 1.98
Position: Small Forward
Date of Birth: 31/03/95
Place of Birth: Lutsk

Team 2021-22: Budivelnyk (Ukraine-Superleague) Career: Eastern Washington University (USA-NCAA, 2014-18); Bnei Herzliya (Israel-Premier League, 2018-19); Kyiv-Basket (Ukraine-Superleague, 2019-21); Budivelnyk (Ukraine-Superleague, 2021-22)

Instagram: superbog32

Despite being only 27, Bliznyuk has already re-written some basketball history — he became the highest ever scorer of the Eastern Washington Eagles at NCAA level. Bliznyuk was born in Ukraine but moved to the USA at the age of 7 together with his family, where he received his basketball education. But when the opportunity came around, Bogdan had no doubts to represent the Ukrainian national team and made his international debut in 2018. Bliznyuk can be a reliable source of points with his mid-range jump shots and drives to the basket.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	3	29.9	14/21	1/6	5/7	4.7	2.3	12.0
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	4	28.2	10/18	2/8	4/6	6.5	2.8	7.5
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	4	23.6	7/11	3/9	5/7	4.0	2.0	7.0

Artem KOVALOV



Height: 2.02
Position: Power Forward/Small Forward
Date of Birth: 28/11/97

Place of Birth: Mariupol

Team 2021-22: CB Clavijo (Spain-LEB Plata)
Career: Khimik (Ukraine-Superleague, 2015-20);
Kyiv-Basket (Ukraine-Superleague, 2020-22); CB

Clavijo (Spain-LEB Plata)

Instagram: artem35kovalyov

Kovalov is riding high following his breakthrough club season. He was an important part of Kyiv-Basket under Bagatskis which made it to the second round of the FIBA Europe Cup before moving to Spanish side CB Clavijo, where the forward averaged over 9 points in six games, making almost 46 percent of his long range shots. Kovalov is a quick lefty who can put the ball on the floor as well as stretch it. And don't be surprised to see a dunk or two from this recent Ilkrainian national team debutant

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	2	11.0	2/6	0/1	0/0	3.0	0.0	2.0

Vyacheslav BOBROV



Height: 2.02

Position: Power Forward/Small Forward

Date of Birth: 19/09/92 Place of Birth: Donetsk

Team 2021-22: Nanterre 92 (France-LNB Pro A) Career: Azovmash (Ukraine-Superleague, 2009-11); Kyiv (Ukraine-Superleague, 2011-13); Khimik (Ukraine-Superleague, 2012-13); Kyiv (Ukraine-Superleague, 2013-15); Agres Pitesti (Romania-LNBM, 2015-2016); UJAP Quimper 29 (France-Pro B, 2016-2017); Pieno Zvaigzdes (Lithuania-LKL, 2017-18);

Gipuzkoa Basket (Spain-ACB, 2018-19); Fuenlabrada

(Spain-ACB, 2019-20); Dnipro (Ukraine-Superleague, 2020-22), Nanterre 92 (France-LNB Pro A, 2022)

Instagram: boby_bobrov13

Bobrov is one of the fans' favorites in this Ukrainian national team. The reason is his feisty style of play — you can trust Vyacheslav to dive on the floor in an attempt to get a lost ball or fight for his spot under the basket to get a much needed offensive rebound. These kinds of guys are always needed in any team, and Bobrov's way of playing helped to compete in the top European league ACB for three seasons. This will be the second FIBA EuroBasket for him after the forward averaged 7 points in six games in 2017.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YE	AR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
20	23	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	4	18.0	9/15	2/5	8/12	5.0	0.3	8.0
20	21	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	6	19.0	19/25	3/7	11/13	3.8	2.7	9.7
20	19	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	12	21.0	35/57	4/15	20/24	4.3	2.2	8.5
20	17	FIBA EuroBasket 2017	6	20.0	19/29	0/1	6/9	3.7	2.5	7.3
20	17	FIBA EuroBasket 2017 Qualifiers	6	23.0	21/31	1/4	9/18	4.8	3.3	9.0

Andrii VOINALOVYCH



Height: 2.05 **Position:** Power Forward/Center

Date of Birth: 11/12/99 Place of Birth: Kyiv

Team 2021-22: Valmiera Glass/VIA (Latvia-LBL) **Career:** Khimik (Ukraine-Superleague, 2017-21); Kyiv-Basket (Ukraine-Superleague, 2021-22); Valm-

iera Glass/VIA (Latvia-LBL, 2022)
Instagram: andrey_voynalovich_17

Voinalovych was named Ukraine's best young player and, logically, he was the star of the U20 and U16 national teams and is currently trying to prove himself at senior level. Andrii made his debut under Bagatskis in a win over Slovenia in a FIBA EuroBasket 2022 Qualifier. With the frontline packed, it will be close to impossible for Voinalovych to get minutes on the court, but he can always offer some quickness, hard screens and a lot of energy on the defensive end.

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	1	22.0	0/2	0/3	2/2	2.0	0.0	2.0
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	2	4.0	0/1	0/3	0/0	0.5	0.0	0.0



Volodymyr GERUN



Height: 2.08
Position: Center/Power Forward
Date of Birth: 25/03/94
Place of Birth: Dnipropetrovsk

Team 2021-22: Buyukcekmece (Turkey-BSL)

Career: Dnipro (Ukraine-Superleague, 2011-12); West Virginia Mountaineers (USA-NCAA, 2012-13); Portland Pilots (USA-NCAA, 2013-15); Fuenlabrada (Spain-ACB, 2015); Forca Lleida (Spain-LEB Oro, 2015-16); CB Clavijo (Spain-LEB Oro, 2016-17); FC Barcelona B (Spain-LEB Oro, 2017-18); CB Breogan (Spain-ACB League, 2018-19); Unicaja

(Spain-ACB League, 2019-21); Buyukcekmece (Turkey-BSL, 2021-22)

Twitter: VolodymyrGerun Instagram: vgerun

During his tenure with Ukrainian national team Ainars Bagatskis has used every opportunity to mention that the country is extremely lucky to have an absolutely elite selection of big men, and Volodymyr Gerun is a perfect example of it. Gerun combines both strength and speed with a variety of ways to get a bucket including, quite often, spectacular two-handed dunks. Gerun spent last season in Turkey after six years in Spain and averaged 12 points and 8 rebounds playing for Buyukcekmece. FIBA EuroBasket 2022 will be Gerun's debut at a major tournament with the senior team.

Artem PUSTOVYI



Height: 2.18
Position: Center
Date of Birth: 25/06/92
Place of Birth: Kyiv

Team 2021-22: Gran Canaria (Spain-ACB League) Career: Khimki (Ukraine-Superleague, 2009-15); Obradoiro (Spain-ACB League, 2015-2018); FC Barcelona (Spain-ACB League, 2018-21); Gran Canaria (Spain-ACB League, 2021-22)

Instagram: pustovyi_artem

This will be Pustovyi's fifth FIBA EuroBasket in a row, and there's little doubt who will captain this Ukrainian national team. Some would call Artem an old-school center - since he doesn't shoot from distance - but all of his 2.18m in height proves to be constantly valuable in basketball when the center blocks an opposing guard's shot or finishes a play with an eye-catching put back dunk which no one can obviously stop. Pustovyi had a successful season in Spain, where he helped the club to reach the Play-Offs. He will continue his career in the top European league after signing with Murcia.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	5	22.0	22/27	0/1	12/16	6.4	1.0	11.2
FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	2	16.0	5/10	0/0	9/14	5.5	0.5	9.5
FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	6	14.0	11/21	0/0	8/11	2.8	1.2	5.0
FIBA EuroBasket 2017	6	22.0	37/55	0/5	18/24	6.5	1.0	15.3
FIBA EuroBasket 2017 Qualifiers	3	7.0	1/2	0/0	0/0	2.0	0.3	0.7
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Alex LEN



Height: 2.13
Position: Center
Date of Birth: 16/06/93
Place of Birth: Antratsyt
Team 2021-22: Sacramento Kings (USA-NBA)

Career: Dnipro (Ukraine-Superleague, 2010-11); Maryland Terrapins (USA-NCAA, 2011-13); Phoenix Suns (USA-NBA, 2013-18); Atlanta Hawks (USA-NBA, 2018-20); Sacramento Kings (USA-NBA, 2020); Toronto Raptors (Canada-NBA, 2020-21); Washington Wizards (USA-NBA, 2021); Sacramento Kings (USA-NBA, 2021-22)

Twitter: alexlen Instagram: alexlen_25

This is finally happening: Oleksiy Len is making his major tournament debut with the Ukrainian senior team. Len brings nine years of NBA experience and a lot of hope for Ukrainian fans that Bagatskis will find a way to get the best out of his five-star frontcourt. Alex has been constantly working on his three-point shot for the past few seasons which means he can become an option to play at the power forward position and stretch the floor, which can be beneficial for both sides. FIBA EuroBasket may be Len's chance to prove that he deserves more chances in the NBA.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	2	20.0	10/18	0/0	1/8	6.0	1.5	10.5

Dmytro SKAPINTSEV



Height: 2.06
Position: Center
Date of Birth: 12/05/98
Place of Birth: Cherkasy

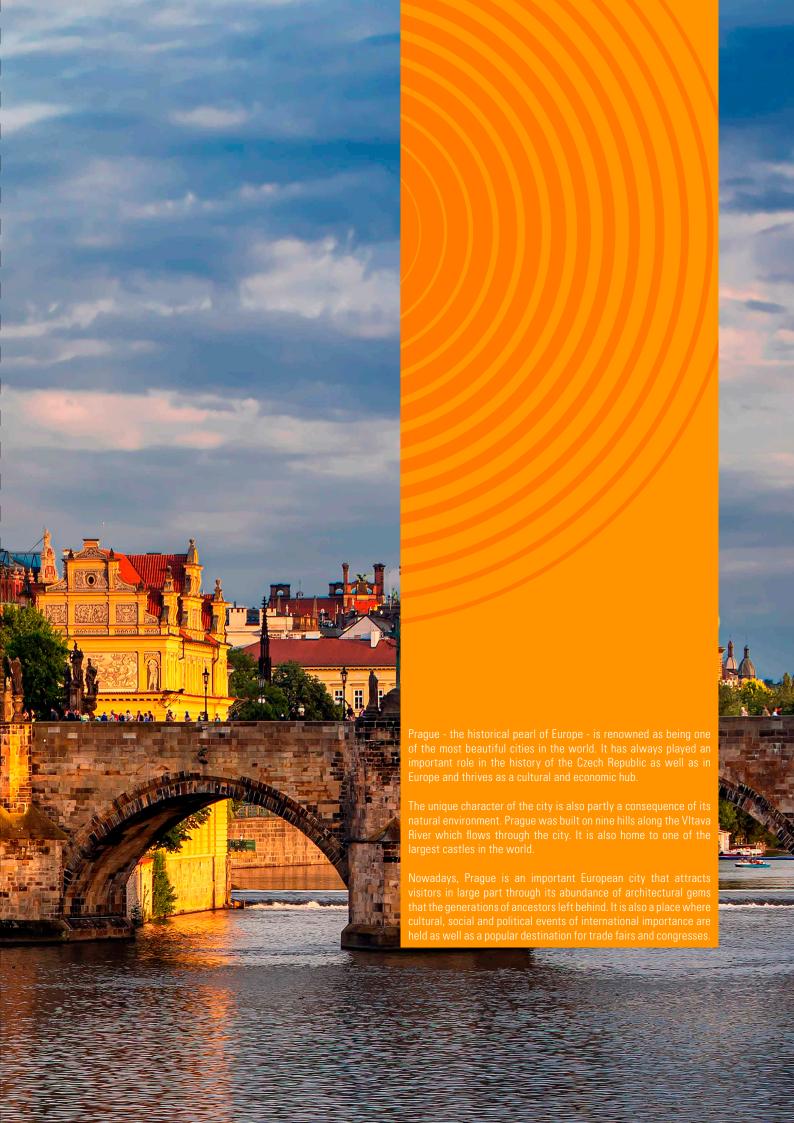
Team 2021-22: Pieno Zvaigzdes (Lithuania-LKL)
Career: Cherkaski Mavpy (Ukraine-Superleague, 2014-21); Kyiv-Basket (Ukraine-Superleague, 2021-22); Pieno Zvaigzdes (Lithuania-LKL, 2022)

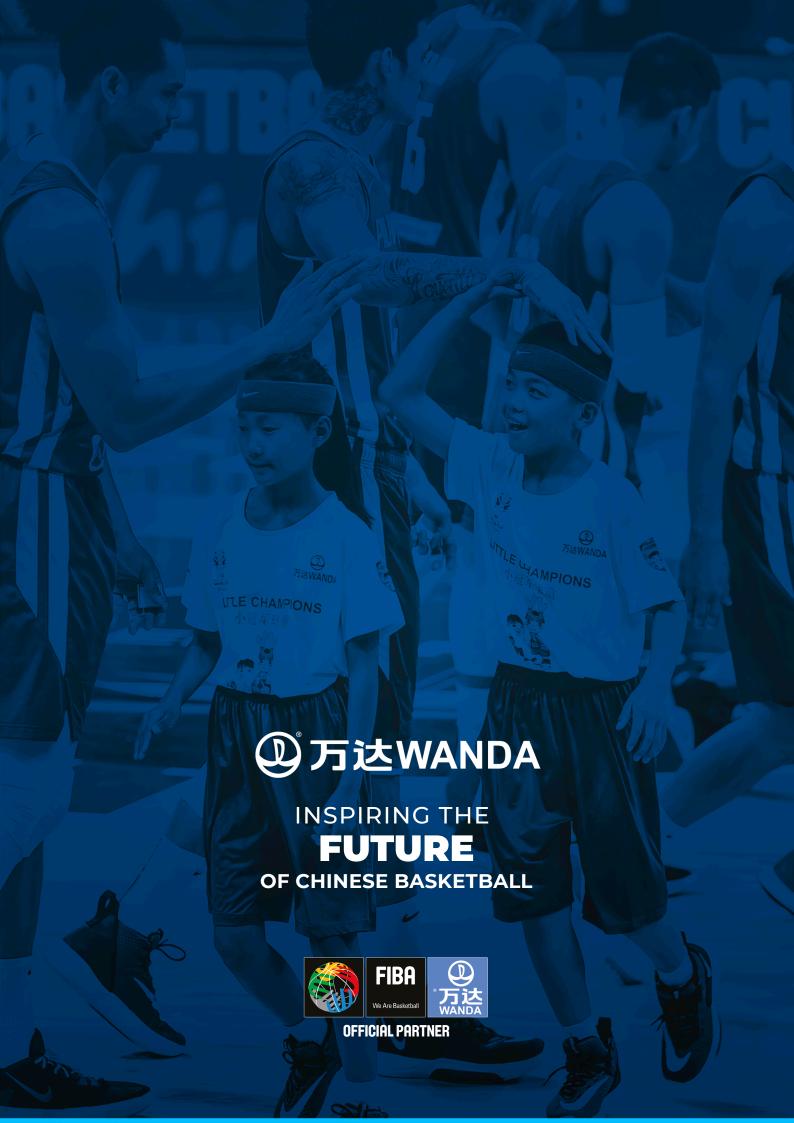
Instagram: d.skapintsev

It's a long line to get some playing time at the center position in the Ukrainian national team, but Skapintsev is eager to wait and take full advantage of any opportunity he gets. Dmytro can help his team fight for rebounds, especially on the offensive end, play tough defense in the post and help his ball handlers with solid screens. The Cherkasy-native finished last season in Lithuania, averaging 9 points and 6 rebounds for Pieno Zvaigzdes — a great start to his foreign league career.

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	4	15.0	4/9	0/0	0/1	4.3	0.8	2.0
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	1	1.0	1/1	0/0	0/0	1.0	0.0	2.0







GROUP















POLAND



SERBIA

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Friday, 2 September 2022	Israel - Finland	14:00	12:00
	Poland - Czech Republic	17:30	15:30
	Serbia - Netherlands	21:00	19:00
Saturday, 3 September 2022	Finland - Poland	14:00	12:00
	Czech Republic - Serbia	17:30	15:30
	Netherlands - Israel	21:00	19:00
Monday, 5 September 2022	Poland - Israel	14:00	12:00
	Czech Republic - Netherlands	17:30	15:30
	Serbia - Finland	21:00	19:00
Tuesday, 6 September 2022	Netherlands - Poland	14:00	12:00
	Finland - Czech Republic	17:30	15:30
	Israel - Serbia	21:00	19:00
Thursday, 8 September 2022	Finland - Netherlands	14:00	12:00
	Czech Republic - Israel	17:30	15:30
	Serbia - Poland	21:00	19:00

CZECH REPUBLIC

WILL IT BE A PARTY IN PRAGUE?

FIBA EuroBasket 2022 will be extra special for the Czech Republic with Group D being staged in Prague. As a host nation, there will be additional pressure yet for the Czechs, everyone knows this will be a long-awaited chance for their fans to celebrate what this team has become.

The Czech Republic are an example of how continuity, dedication, patience and togetherness can turn around a national team's fortunes.

This team has come a long way. When the old Division A and Division B competition was scrapped and Europe's showpiece event was expanded to 24 teams in 2011, the Czechs still didn't make it, although Finland, Georgia, Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Portugal did.

Two years later, the Czechs took part at EuroBasket 2013 in Slovenia and while they didn't advance from the Group Phase, signs of promise were there.

They had Jan Vesely, Tomas Satoransky, Vojtech Hruban, David Jelinek and Ondrei Balvin.

A 62-60 opening game defeat to Slovenia in Celje ultimately cost them a place in the next phase. Wins over Poland and Georgia weren't enough to get a top three spot in Group C.

The experience made them stronger, though, and when EuroBasket 2015 was staged, under new coach Neno Ginzburg, the team came in seventh to claim a place in the 2016 FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tournament field.

Despite finishing 20th at FIBA EuroBasket 2017, the Czechs came back stronger the next time.

They not only qualified for the FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019 in

China, but came in sixth! That earned them a position in one of the FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tournaments (OQT) for Tokyo.

The Czechs then won the Vancouver OQT to earn a spot at the Olympics.

Now, when you look at the Czech team, you see players that endured struggles but became stronger because of it. Now, the dynamic duo of Vesely (32) and Satoransky (30) is a veteran twosome.

Other players like Hruban (32), Balvin (29) and Jelinek (31), have endured difficult times yet have come out stronger from the experience.

Many of the Czech players have logged big minutes in important games, especially Vesely and Satoransky. With their clubs, they have competed in the NBA and also in Europe.

The international windows have allowed this team to build continuity

Jaromir Bohacik is a standout forward, was the team's second leading scorer behind Satoransky at the World Cup in China, while Patrik Auda was the team's second leading scorer, again after Satoransky, at the OQT in Victoria.

Balvin, almost unrecognizable from the player who struggled in the first several years of his career, averaged a double-double in points and rebounds at the Olympic Qualifying Tournament in Canada, and led all players at the event with eight blocks.

There is also the tantalizing prospect of a 22-year-old Vit Krejci, ahead of his second season in the NBA with Oklahoma City, providing a spark for the team.

If the Czechs have had some good times in recent years, even better could come at EuroBasket 2022.

By Jeff Taylor



	Year	Event	Place	Achievement
	2021	Olympics	Tokyo (JPN)	9th
1	2019	FIBA Basketball World Cup	Beijing (CHN)	6th
ı	2017	FIBA EuroBasket	Istanbul (TUR)	20th
ı	2016	Olympics	Rio de Janeiro (BRA)	9th
ı	2015	FIBA EuroBasket	Lille (FRA)	7th
	2014	FIBA Basketball World Cup	Madrid (ESP)	Did not qualify
	2013	FIBA EuroBasket	Ljubljana (SLO)	13th
	2012	Olympics	London (GBR)	Did not qualify
	2011	FIBA EuroBasket	Kaunas (LTU)	Did not qualify
	2010	FIBA Basketball World Cup	Istanbul (TUR)	Did not qualify

FIBA EuroBasket 2022 Qualifiers Accumulated Stats

Tomas KYZLINK

Jaromir BOHACIK

Vojtech HRUBAN

Lukas PALYZA

Patrik AUDA

Ondrej BALVIN

Martin PETERKA

Coach: Ronen GINZBERG

Martin KRIZ

Jan VESELY

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1.97

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20/09/92

ERA Nymburk

ERA Nymburk

12/01/95 Lowen Braunschweig (GER)

10/11/89 ERA Nymburk

18/06/93 ERA Nymburk

24/04/90 Fenerbahce (TUR)

SIG Strasbourg (FRA)

Yokohama B-Corsairs (JPN)

Gunma Crane Thunders (JPN)

			FG		2PT	FG	3РТ	FG	F	т		REB							
Name	G	Min	M/A	%	M/A	%	M/A	%	M/A	%	0	D	Tot	AST	T0	STL	BLK	PF	PTS
Jaromir BOHACIK	6	32.3	31/59	52.5	18/28	64.3	13/31	41.9	12/13	92.3	0.7	2.5	3.2	3.7	2.5	0.8	0.0	3.2	14.5
Martin KRIZ	6	27.8	23/42	54.8	22/35	62.9	1/7	14.3	7/16	43.8	1.7	2.0	3.7	0.5	1.2	0.5	0.2	2.5	9.0
Martin PETERKA	6	27.1	29/56	51.8	19/31	61.3	10/25	40.0	9/11	81.8	2.5	4.5	7.0	1.3	1.8	0.8	0.2	2.3	12.8
Tomas VYORAL	6	21.6	16/40	40.0	9/21	42.9	7/19	36.8	14/16	87.5	0.3	1.8	2.2	4.2	1.0	0.0	0.0	2.2	8.8
Simon PURSL	6	12.7	13/20	65.0	13/20	65.0	0/0	0.0	4/8	50.0	0.8	0.8	1.7	0.3	1.2	0.0	0.3	2.3	5.0
Jakub SIRINA	6	10.8	6/13	46.2	2/5	40.0	4/8	50.0	0/1	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.5	1.5	1.7	0.2	0.0	1.3	2.7
Lukas PALYZA	6	10.3	5/21	23.8	3/6	50.0	2/15	13.3	8/9	88.9	1.0	0.8	1.8	8.0	0.5	0.5	0.0	1.2	3.3
Vojtech HRUBAN	4	30.6	20/54	37.0	12/35	34.3	8/19	42.1	19/23	82.6	1.0	2.5	3.5	1.3	1.5	1.3	0.0	2.3	16.8
Ondrej SEHNAL	4	21.1	8/22	36.4	5/8	62.5	3/14	21.4	2/3	66.7	0.3	1.8	2.0	2.0	1.5	0.0	0.0	3.5	5.3
Radek FARSKY	4	4.1	1/2	50.0	1/2	50.0	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.5
Michal MARES	3	2.4	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0
Vit KREJCI	2	21.0	4/9	44.4	3/5	60.0	1/4	25.0	2/5	40.0	0.5	3.0	3.5	3.5	1.5	0.5	0.5	2.0	5.5
Petr SAFARCIK	2	8.1	4/6	66.7	3/4	75.0	1/2	50.0	0/0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.5	1.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.5	4.5
Lubos KOVAR	2	5.4	1/2	50.0	1/2	50.0	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	1.0
Ondrej BALVIN	1	21.7	5/9	55.6	5/9	55.6	0/0	0.0	4/5	80.0	2.0	4.0	6.0	3.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	14.0
Patrik AUDA	1	16.9	6/7	85.7	6/7	85.7	0/0	0.0	4/7	57.1	1.0	3.0	4.0	0.0	3.0	0.0	0.0	4.0	16.0
Kamil SVRDLIK	1	5.0	1/2	50.0	1/2	50.0	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0
Richard BALINT	1	2.2	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	0.0
Vaclav BUJNOCH	0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Team/Coaches											2.2	1.5	3.7	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	
TOTALS		281.1	173/364	47.5	123/220	55.9	50/144	34.7	85/117	72.6	11.2	19.8	31.0	16.8	13.2	3.8	8.0	22.3	80.2

COACHRonen GINZBERG



Nationality: Israeli Date of Birth: 19/09/63 Place of Birth: Tel Aviv

Team 2021-22: BC Prometey (Ukraine

Club Career: Bnei Hertzeliya (Israel-BSL, 2000-01); Ramat Hasharon (Israel-BSL, 2001-04); Bnei Hasharon (Israel-BSL, 2004-05); Maccabi Givat Shmuel (Israel-BSL, 2005-06); Mymburk (Assistant Coach, Czech Republic-NBL, 2006-10); Nymburk (Head Coach, 2011-2013); Nymburk (Head Coach, 2015-17) International Career: Israel U18 (Head Coach, 2011); Czech Republic (Head Coach, 2013-2022)

Neno Ginzburg first took the reins of Czech Republic in the winter of 2013 and most of the results since have been very good. The team finished an impressive and unexpected seventh at FIBA EuroBasket 2015 in Lille, France, and following a disappointing 20th place at EuroBasket 2017, Ginzburg steered the team through the European Qualifiers and into the FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019 in China, where it came in sixth. Things got even better for Ginzberg and the Czechs, who then won the FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tournament in Victoria, Canada, to reach the Tokyo Olympics. Ginzburg's association with the country dates back to 2006, when fellow Israeli Muli Katzburin, the Nymburk coach bired him as an assistant at the club

Tomas SATORANSKY





Height: 2.01 Position: Point Guard Date of Birth: 30/10/91 Place of Birth: Prague

Team 2021-22: Washington Wizards (USA-NBA) Career: USK Prague (Czech Republic-NBL, 2007-09); Cajasol Sevilla (Spain-ACB League, 2009-14); FC Barcelona (Spain-ACB League, 2014-16); Washington Wizards (USA-NBA, 2016-19); Chicago Bulls (USA-NBA, 2019-21)

Twitter: satoransky Instagram: tomasatoransky

No player is a greater symbol of the rise of Czech Republic basketball the past decade than Tomas Satoransky, who left home in 2009, as a teenager, for Spain, determined to capitalize on the promise he showed as a youngster with USK Praha. After seven years there, and several more in the NBA, mostly with Washington and Chicago, Satoransky has maintained a mix of humility and a thirst for success. A leader by example, Satoransky is the always first Czech to dive for loose balls, make extra passes to get better shots, draw charges, block shots or come up with steals.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	2	30.0	9/17	2/5	10/10	3.0	7.0	17.0
2020	Olympic Basketball Tournament 2020	3	34.0	10/24	2/10	6/9	5.7	8.7	10.7
2020	FIBA Olympic Qual. Tournament 2020	4	33.0	13/24	8/23	14/17	5.5	5.5	16.0
2019	FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019	8	33.0	29/65	13/27	27/30	5.6	8.5	15.5
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	2	34.0	12/24	1/7	11/13	8.5	6.5	19.0

Vit KREJCI



Height: 2.03
Position: Point Guard
Date of Birth: 19/06/00
Place of Birth: Strakonice

Team 2021-22: Oklahoma City Thunder (USA-NBA) Career: Zaragoza (Spain-ACB League, 2017-20); Oklahoma City Thunder (USA-NBA, 2021-22)

Twitter: v_krejci Instagram: vitaa_krejci

Another Czech that ventured to Spain as a teenager, developed in the best domestic competition in Europe at Zaragoza and also competed in the Basketball Champions League, Krejci has since made the most of his late second-round Draft pick status in the NBA by proving he can play at Oklahoma City. Though his start in America was slowed as he recovered from a torn ACL suffered at the end of his time in Spain, he showed slashing and spot-up shooting ability. On defense, his long arms helped him deflect passes to force turnovers. He can help the Czech national team.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	2	21.0	3/5	1/4	2/5	3.5	3.5	5.5
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	2	10.0	0/2	0/4	1/2	3.5	1.0	0.5

Viktor PULPAN



Height: 1.91
Position: Point Guard
Date of Birth: 17/08/96
Place of Birth: Hradec Kralove

Team 2021-22: Basket Brno (Czech Republic-NBL) Career: Pardubice (Czech Republic-NBL, 2013-20); Basket Brno (Czech Republic - NBL, 2020-22)

Instagram: victor pulp

It's better to be lucky than good, which Viktor Pulpin knows only too well after his season-ending injury in this past season's NBL playoffs with Brno. With the wind in his sails after providing much of the inspiration in a victory over former club Pardubice with 21 points, 8 assists and 6 rebounds, Pulpin suffered a hand injury and missed the rest of the play-offs. The outstanding defender featured in Czech youth sides and was included in teams that competed in the European Qualifiers for the FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019, and the European Qualifiers for next year's World Cup.

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	1	20.0	1/5	0/1	0/0	5.0	3.0	2.0
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	7	5.0	1/5	1/3	2/2	0.3	0.9	1.0



Ondrej SEHNAL



Height: 1.90 **Position:** Point Guard Date of Birth: 10/10/97 Place of Birth: Prague

Team 2021-22: Lowen Braunschweig (Germa-

Career: USK Prague (Czech Republic-NBL, 2014-21); Lowen Braunschweig (Germany-BBL, 2021-22)

Twitter: ondrasehnal19 Instagram: ondrasehnal19

At just 24 years of age, Sehnal has already experienced some major thrills with the Czech national team as a backup point guard. In the side that won the FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tournament in Victoria, Canada. Sehnal was not a significant factor in the OQT until the Final, when he hit three shots from behind the arc. His step-back three-pointer just before half-time was crucial for the Czech team because Greece had shaved 10 points off a 14-point deficit. Sehnal has since played in four EuroBasket Qualifiers and all six games in the European Qualifiers for next year's World Cup.

David JELINEK



Height: 1.96 **Position:** Shooting Guard **Date of Birth: 07/09/90** Place of Birth: Brno

Team 2021-22: Andorra (Spain-ACB League)

Career: BBK Brno (Czech Republic-NBL, 2006-07): Joventut Badalona (Spain-ACB League, 2007-12); Prat (Spain-LEB Silver, 2007-10); Olin Edirne (Turkey-BSL, 2012-13); Baskonia (Spain-ACB League, 2013-14); Krasnye Krylia (Russia-VTB United League, 2014); Usak Sportif (Turkey-BSL, 2015); Anwil Wloclawek (Poland-PLK, 2015-16);

Andorra (Spain-ACB League, 2016-22)

Instagram: jelinek25

The Brno-born sharpshooter is a curious case in Czech basketball. His star on the rise as a teenager when he left home for Spanish side Joventut Badalona, Jelinek began representing the senior side at the EuroBasket 2009 Division B campaign and was on the rosters at the EuroBaskets in 2013 and 2015. He then all but disappeared from the national team scene, missing out on the Czechs' finest moment of reaching the FIBA Basketball World Cup in China and then playing there. Gone but not forgotten, Jelinek returned to the team for the Tokyo Olympics and has been with it ever since

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	4	17.0	9/13	10/18	5/5	1.8	1.5	13.3
2020	Olympic Basketball Tournament 2020	3	13.0	4/10	4/11	0/0	0.7	1.7	6.7
2015	FIBA EuroBasket 2015	9	10.0	10/21	5/18	8/10	1.1	1.1	4.8
2013	FIBA EuroBasket 2013	5	14.0	3/15	1/8	4/4	1.6	0.8	2.6
2013	FIBA EuroBasket 2013 Qualifiers	8	16.0	17/39	8/27	11/18	1.8	0.6	8.6

Tomas VYORAL



Height: 1.90 **Position:** Point Guard Date of Birth: 28/09/92

Place of Birth: Weissenfels (GER)

Team 2021-22: Pardubice (Czech Republic-NBL) Career: Basket Podebrady (Czech Republic-NBL, 2009-10); USK Prague (Czech Republic-NBL, 2010-11); Nymburk (Czech Republic-NBL, 2011-12); Kolin (Czech Republic-NBL, 2012-13); Decin (Czech Republic-NBL, 2013-17); Nymburk (Czech Republic-NBL, 2017-19); Pardubice (Czech Republic-NBL, 2019-22).

Instagram: tomvyo4

The experienced point guard will already have a lot to cherish when his career ends one day, as a member of Czech teams that qualified for and then finished sixth at the FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019 in China. And he also experienced the high of being an Olympian thanks to last summer's triumph at the Olympic Qualifying Tournament in Victoria to clinch a spot in Tokyo. Having followed in the footsteps of his father, who finished second at the FIBA EuroBasket 1985 as a player for Czechoslovakia, Vyoral's sister, Tereza, has played for the Czech Republic at the FIBA Women's EuroBasket.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	4	7.0	2/3	0/5	1/2	1.0	0.5	1.3
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	6	22.0	9/21	7/19	14/16	2.2	4.2	8.8
2020	Olympic Basketball Tournament 2020	2	4.0	0/1	0/0	0/0	0.0	0.5	0.0
2020	FIBA Olympic Qual. Tournament 2020	4	4.0	0/1	0/1	0/0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2019	FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019	6	2.0	0/0	0/2	0/0	0.0	0.2	0.0

Tomas KYZLINK



Height: 1.94 **Position:** Shooting Guard Date of Birth: 18/06/93 Place of Birth: Vyskov

Team 2021-22: Brose Bamberg (Germany-BBL)

Career: USK Prague (Czech Republic-NBL, 2011-12); Caceres (Spain-LEB Gold, 2012-13); Blu Basket Treviglio (Italy-Serie A2, 2013-16); Helios Suns Domzale (Slovenia-1. SKL, 2016-17); JL Bourg Basket (France-LNB Pro B, 2017); Siena (Italy-Serie A2, 2017-18); Umana Reyer Venezia (Italy-Serie A1, 2018-19); Virtus Roma (Italy-Serie A1, 2019-

20); Reggio Emilia (Italy-Serie A1, 2020-21); USK Prague (Czech Republic-NBL, 2021); Brose Bamberg (Germany-BBL, 2021-22)

Twitter: TKyzlink

Instagram: tomaskyzlink

Better a late return than no return should be the mantra for the Vyskov-born shooting guard, a former youth team star who made the Czech roster for EuroBasket 2017 but didn't play in the European Qualifiers for the 2019 FIBA Basketball World Cup, didn't feature in China or in the EuroBasket 2022 Qualifiers. In the European Qualifiers for next year's World Cup, however, Kyzlink has played and been one of the most important players, knifing his way into the lane to score or get fouled and make free-throws. He's averaged 13.7 points and shot 81.8 percent (18-of-22) at the line.

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	6	26.0	26/39	4/18	18/22	3.2	1.7	13.7
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017	4	10.0	1/5	1/7	2/4	0.5	0.3	1.8

Jaromir BOHACIK



Height: 1.97

Date of Birth: 26/05/92

Position: Shooting Guard/Small Forward

Place of Birth: Ostrava

Team 2021-22: SIG Strasbourg (France-LNB Pro A) Career: BCM Ostrava (Czech Republic-NBL, 2009-10); Prostejov (Czech Republic-NBL, 2010-14); Leuven Bears (Belgium-BLB, 2014-15); USK Prague (Czech Republic-NBL, 2015-20); SIG Strasbourg (France-LNBPro A, 2020-22)

Instagram: bohacik17

Bohacik averaged more than 18 points per game for the Czechs at the 2012 FIBA U20 European Championship, Division B yet only made his EuroBasket bow in 2017. During the European Qualifiers for the FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019, he came into his own and was arguably his country's best player, shooting 46 percent from deep while nailing 29 three-pointers in 12 games. Once in China, Bohacik was the team's second leading scorer at 15.3 points per game, behind Satoransky's 15.5. Bohacik's older brother, Petr, is good, too. He's played in several European Qualifiers games for the 2023 FIBA Basketball World Cup.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	4	29.0	10/25	8/15	4/6	2.5	2.0	12.0
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	6	32.0	18/28	13/31	12/13	3.2	3.7	14.5
2020	Olympic Basketball Tournament 2020	3	21.0	4/8	0/7	0/1	1.7	2.3	2.7
2020	FIBA Olympic Qual. Tournament 2020	4	26.0	6/17	7/20	2/2	2.8	1.5	8.8
2019	FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019	8	30.0	25/54	20/47	12/15	4.0	2.4	15.3

Vojtech HRUBAN



Height: 2.02

Date of Birth: 29/08/89

Position: Shooting Guard/Small Forward

Place of Birth: Prague

Team 2021-22: ERA Nymburk (Czech Repub-

lic-NBL)

Career: USK Prague (Czech Republic-NBL, 2006-10); Benesov (Czech Republic-NBL, 2007-10); Benesov (Czech Republic-NBL, 2010-11); USK Prague (Czech Republic-NBL, 2011-12); Nymburk (Czech Republic-NBL, 2012-22)

Hruban, in the Czech team at the FIBA EuroBaskets in 2013 and 2015, had a breakout game against Group Phase hosts Romania in 2017 with 23 points in a 83-68 victory. Though the Czechs failed to win another game at the tournament, Hruban cemented his role as a key player moving forward. In the European Qualifiers for the FIBA Basketball World Cup, the small forward averaged 13.2 points and 4.3 rebounds while in China, he had gritty performances as the Czechs claimed important results against Turkey and Greece on their way to sixth place. Injury prevented Hruban from playing at the Canada OQT, and Tokyo Olympics. Heads to London next season.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	4	28.0	16/26	9/20	7/9	5.5	3.3	16.5
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	4	31.0	12/35	8/19	19/23	3.5	1.3	16.8
2019	FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019	8	28.0	25/43	12/37	5/5	4.5	2.0	11.4
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	11	26.0	36/74	17/49	22/22	4.3	2.6	13.2
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017	5	25.0	16/35	6/19	7/8	3.4	1.6	11.4

Lukas PALYZA



Height: 2.02 **Position:** Small Forward

Date of Birth: 10/11/89
Place of Birth: Ostrava

Team 2021-22: ERA Nymburk (Czech Repub-

lic-NBL

Career: BK NH Ostrava (Czech Republic-NBL, 2007-11); Basketball Nymburk (Czech Republic-NBL, 2011-14); Medi Bayreuth (Germany-BBL, 2014-15); BK Prostejov (Czech Republic-NBL, 2015-16); BK Decin (Czech Republic-NBL, 2016-17); GTK Gliwice (Poland-PLK, 2017—2018); Olomoucko

(Czech Republic-NBL, 2020-21); ERA Nymburk (Czech Republic-NBL, 2020-22)

Twitter: LPalyza Instagram: Lpalyza

If Palyza can shoot the basketball for the national team the way he did last season in the Czech Mattoni NBL, no one would be happier than coach Ginzburg. The small forward shot 52.6 percent from three-point range, connecting on 70-of-133 attempts. With the Czech team, however, Palyza doesn't get as many minutes and that can be hard for a "volume shooter", someone that usually needs to get a lot of shots up to make an impact. With David Jelinek having returned to the Czech fold and scoring at will, Palyza must be ready when his number is called.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	2	12.0	1/3	1/4	3/3	1.5	0.5	4.0
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	6	10.0	3/6	2/15	8/9	1.8	0.8	3.3
2020	Olympic Basketball Tournament 2020	2	10.0	3/5	2/5	0/0	0.5	0.0	6.0
2020	FIBA Olympic Qual. Tournament 2020	2	10.0	0/0	2/3	0/0	0.0	0.5	3.0
2019	FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019	4	4.0	0/0	2/6	0/0	1.5	0.8	1.5

Patrik AUDA



Height: 2.06
Position: Center
Date of Birth: 29/08/89
Place of Birth: Brno

Team 2021-22: Yokohama B-Corsairs (Japan-B.

League)

Career: Seton Hall University (USA-NCAA, 2010-14); Polfarmex Kutno (Poland-PLK, 2014-15); AZS Koszalin (Poland-PLK, 2015-16); Manresa (Spain-ACB League, 2016-17); Rosa Radom (Poland-PLK, 2017–18); Pistoia Basket (Italy-Lega A); Boulazac Basket Dordogne (France-LNB Pro A, 2019-20);

Yokohama B-Corsairs (Japan-B. League, 2020-22)

Twitter: Czechmeeout Instagram: Czechmeeout

Auda played significant minutes at Seton Hall and has had a nice pro career in Europe, and more recently Japan. Tall, strong and possessing a nice touch around the basket, Auda has been indispensable for Neno Ginzberg, providing scoring, rebounding and defense while being a smooth operator in the famous Czech passing game. In the big games, he's excelled, including against Turkey, Brazil and Greece to help the team finish sixth at the FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019. He also had 16 points against Canada and then 20 against Greece to help the Czechs win the FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tournament in Victoria last year.

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	2	21.0	9/16	0/0	8/14	3.5	1.0	13.0
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	1	17.0	6/7	0/0	4/7	4.0	0.0	16.0
2020	Olympic Basketball Tournament 2020	3	21.0	12/21	0/1	12/20	3.7	0.3	12.0
2020	FIBA Olympic Qual. Tournament 2020	4	20.0	21/30	1/3	11/17	3.5	1.5	14.0
2010	EIRA Rackethall World Cup 2010	0	22.0	20/52	1/0	10/26	2.5	0.6	11 /



Ondrej BALVIN



Height: 2.17

Date of Birth: 20/09/92

Position: Center

Place of Birth: Usti nad Labem

Team 2021-22: Gunma Crane Thunders (Japan-B.

League

Career: USK Prague (Czech Republic-NBL, 2009–10); Baloncesto Sevilla (Spain-ACB, 2010-16); Bayern Munich (Germany-BBL, 2016–2017); Estudiantes (Spain-ACB League, 2017); Gran Canaria (Spain-ACB League, 2017-19); Bilbao Basket (Spain-ACB League, 2019–21); Gunma Crane

Thunders (Japan-B. League, 2021-22)

Twitter: OBalvin
Instagram: ondrejbalvin

Balvin is an example of the saying, "Good things come to those who wait." Like Satoransky, he left home as a teenager for Sevilla but took longer to develop. Balvin wasn't with the Czechs when they finished seventh at FIBA EuroBasket 2015 yet in 2019, after a strong season at Bilbao, he was among the best centers at the FIBA Basketball World Cup in China, averaging 9.1 points, 8.4 rebounds and 1.3 blocks. One of Balvin's finest hours was his 14-point, 19-board, 5-block effort in a Semi-Final triumph over Canada at the OQT at Victoria as the Czechs qualified for the Tokyo Olympics.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YE/	R COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
202	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	2	29.0	11/18	1/3	2/9	9.0	2.0	13.5
202	1 FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	1	22.0	5/9	0/0	4/5	6.0	3.0	14.0
202	O Olympic Basketball Tournament 2020	3	26.0	16/21	2/5	4/7	6.7	0.3	14.0
202	FIBA Olympic Qual. Tournament 2020	4	27.0	18/31	1/1	10/13	10.8	2.3	12.3
201	FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019	8	26.0	28/49	1/2	14/22	8.4	1.4	9.1

Martin PETERKA



Height: 2.05
Position: Center
Date of Birth: 12/01/95
Place of Birth: Pardubice

Team 2021-22: Lowen Braunschweig (Germa-

ny-BBL

Career: Pardubice (Czech Republic-NBL, 2011-14); USK Prague (Czech Republic-NBL, 2014-15); Nymburk (Czech Republic-NBL, 2015-20); Lowen

Braunschweig (Germany-BBL, 2020-22)

Instagram: micego.15

Peterka has been an automatic selection for the Czechs and could soon be one of its most important players. On occasion, he can be a game-changer, as was the case in the 83-80 February win over Bulgaria in the European Qualifiers for next year's World Cup. Peterka hit 5-of-7 shots from deep, 6-of-7 at the line, and had 25 points and 10 rebounds. His perimeter game is lethal. In the Qualifiers before the August window, he had made 15-of-26 attempts from deep. If he keeps improving defensively, his value to the cause increases substantially.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAF	R COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	6	27.0	9/20	15/26	8/10	7.7	2.2	11.8
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	6	27.0	19/31	10/25	9/11	7.0	1.3	12.8
2020	Olympic Basketball Tournament 2020	2	8.0	1/2	1/3	0/0	2.0	1.0	2.5
2020	FIBA Olympic Qual. Tournament 2020	4	8.0	2/5	2/5	3/4	1.0	0.0	3.3
2019	FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019	8	11.0	9/16	9/15	2/2	2.1	0.9	5.9

Martin KRIZ



Height: 2.00
Position: Center
Date of Birth: 17/06/93
Place of Birth: Pardubice

Team 2021-22: ERA Nymburk (Czech Repub-

lic-NBL)

Career: USK Prague (Czech Republic-NBL, 2009-10); Nymburk (Czech Republic-NBL, 2010-12); Kolin (Czech Republic-NBL, 2012-13); Nymburk (Czech

Republic-NBL, 2013-22)
Instagram: Martin.Kriz31

Kriz was a star with the Czech youth teams, including at the 2012 FIBA U20 European Championship, Division B when his 16.9 points and 13.3 rebounds led the team to promotion. He cemented his role as a valuable player in the senior national team setup during the European Qualifiers for the FIBA Basketball World Cup in China, perhaps known best for doing a lot of dirty work. He averaged more than 20 minutes per contest and played in all 12 of the games. If not spectacular, Kriz is reliable and Ginzburg knows him as well as anyone since he also coached him at Nymburk.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	4	15.0	1/6	0/4	1/2	2.3	1.0	0.8
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	6	28.0	22/35	1/7	7/16	3.7	0.5	9.0
2019	FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019	8	11.0	10/22	0/5	0/0	2.0	0.6	2.5
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	12	21.0	27/40	1/6	8/26	4.3	1.3	5.4
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017	5	19.0	9/19	2/7	1/3	2.6	0.8	5.0

Jan VESELY



Height: 2.13
Position: Center
Date of Birth: 24/04/90
Place of Birth: Ostrava

Team 2021-22: Fenerbahce (Turkey-BSL)

Career: Geoplin Slovan (Slovenia-UPC Telemach, 2007-08); Partizan (Serbia-KLS, 2008–11); Washington Wizards (USA-NBA, 2011–14); Denver Nuggets (USA-NBA, 2014); Fenerbahce (Turkey-BSL, 2014–2022)

Twitter: JanVesely24

Instagram: 24janvesely

When FIBA EuroBasket 2022 tips off in Prague, 15 years will have passed from the time great leaper and dunker, Vesely, first played for the Czech Republic senior team. Most of his successes have come while playing for Fenerbahce in Turkey but a podium finish this summer would be an achievement he'd put right at the top, even more so considering family, friends and countrymen will watch in person. Vesely continues to have the athleticism and skills that make him an elite big in international basketball. He'll be looking for a big tournament ahead of joining his new club, Barcelona.

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2020	Olympic Basketball Tournament 2020	3	29.0	19/29	0/0	5/10	5.0	3.3	14.3
2020	FIBA Olympic Qual. Tournament 2020	4	27.0	18/32	0/1	7/8	8.0	3.5	10.8
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	2	21.0	5/11	0/0	3/4	4.5	1.5	6.5
2016	FIBA Olympic Qual. Tournament 2016	3	24.0	12/23	0/0	6/14	3.7	1.3	10.0
2015	FIBA EuroBasket 2015	9	29.0	75/117	0/0	24/47	9.1	1.0	19.3



SUSIJENGI: NEXT GENERATION

It's been 18 years now since Henrik Dettmann arrived from Germany with a FIBA Basketball World Cup bronze medal around his neck with high hopes of rebuilding the respectability of Finnish national team basketball.

With the leadership of veterans Hanno Mottola and Teemu Rannikko, the energy of young phenoms Petteri Koponen and Sasu Salin and a group of unselfish role players, Team Finland became known as Susijengi, 'The Wolf Pack', a team greater than the sum of its parts. Individual victories against powerhouses such as Serbia, Italy, France, and Israel were the humble beginnings and in 2011, Finland performed at the EuroBasket level for the first time in 16 years. In the 2010s, Susijengi was able to finish in 9th place at EuroBasket on two occasions (2011, 2013), make their debut in the FIBA Basketball World Cup in 2014 and rock five sold-out crowds in Helsinki at FIBA EuroBasket 2017 while introducing young phenom Lauri Markkanen to the global basketball community.

Time has flown. Young wolves have begun to turn gray and the next batch have been seasoned to take the lead throughout the last two FIBA Basketball World Cup European Qualifiers campaigns as well as the FIBA EuroBasket 2022 Qualifiers. Another change of epoque is underway, since this summer of 2022, 35-year-old Lassi Tuovi, the young-but-experienced head coach of SIG Strasbourg in France, has taken the throne from former 'Wolf King' Dettmann.

Quite a lot can be expected from Susijengi in the 2020s. While the collective identity of an unselfish, all-for-one-and-one-for-all style of play remains the same as it ever was, the 1997-2004 born batch of young wolves has been raised to previously unseen levels of professionality in the context of Finnish basketball. Finland is experiencing an all-time high amount of international basketball talents. Markkanen has already made a name of himself in the NBA while young guys such as interior patrolling jumping jack Alexander Madsen, firestarter point guard Edon Maxhuni, do-it-all forward Elias Valtonen and long and agile big man Mikael Jantunen are cherishing their roles. At the same time, teenage talents such as 18-year-old Baylor Bear to-be Miro Little are already flashing their potential.

The previous generation of Susijengi helped create a basketball boom in the cold, cold North. With former top players turning into coaches and mentors — please, take notice of Mottola's and Rannikko's presence in Susijengi coaching staff — today's young wolves will be battle-tested for the first time at FIBA EuroBasket 2022 as the first step of most likely many international competitions to came. While the OGs were able to will and power Susijengi into respectability in Europe, the Gen-Z wolves are setting their eyes on the top-eight of Europe and well beyond.

If this version of Susijengi knows something, they know that the top-six finish at EuroBasket way back in 1967 is up for grabs.

By Hippo Taatila



Perttu BLOMGREN 1.95 PG/SG 12/09/01 Salon Vilpas Henri KANTONEN 1.98 PG/SG 20/08/97 Karhubasket

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21/08/97 KTP-Basket

20/01/95 VEF Riga (LAT)

University of Tennessee (USA)

22/05/97 Cleveland Cavaliers (USA)

Ilari SEPPALA CSM U Pitesti (ROU) 1.88 PG/SG 27/03/93 Petteri KOPONEN SG/PG 13/04/88 Helsinki Seagulls 1.94 Iberostar Tenerife (ESP) Sasu SALIN 1.91 SG 11/06/91 Topias PALMI 1.95 SG/SF 26/08/94 Hubo Limburg (BEL) Shawn HUFF SF 05/05/84 Helsinki Seagulls 1.98 Elias VALTONEN 2.00 11/06/99 Basquet Manresa (ESP) Mikael JANTUNEN 2.05 20/04/00 Filou Oostende (BEL)

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Alexander MADSEN Coach: Lassi TUOVI

Olivier NKAMHOUA

Remu RAITANEN

Lauri MARKKANEN

Last 10 FIBA Events

Year	Event	Place	Achievement
2021	Olympics	Tokyo (JPN)	Did not qualify
2019	FIBA Basketball World Cup	Beijing (CHN)	Did not qualify
2017	FIBA EuroBasket	Istanbul (TUR)	11th
2016	Olympics	Rio de Janeiro (BRA)	Did not qualify
2015	FIBA EuroBasket	Lille (FRA)	16th
2014	FIBA Basketball World Cup	Madrid (ESP)	22nd
2013	FIBA EuroBasket	Ljubljana (SLO)	9th
2012	Olympics	London (GBR)	Did not qualify
2011	FIBA EuroBasket	Kaunas (LTU)	9th
2010	FIBA Basketball World Cup	Istanbul (TUR)	Did not qualify

FIBA EuroBasket 2022 Qualifiers Accumulated Stats

			FG		2PT	FG	3РТ	FG	F	ī		REB							
Name	G	Min	M/A	%	M/A	%	M/A	%	M/A	%	0	D	Tot	AST	TO	STL	BLK	PF	PTS
Sasu SALIN	6	30.1	21/51	41.2	7/18	38.9	14/33	42.4	24/25	96.0	0.5	3.2	3.7	2.0	1.3	2.7	0.0	2.2	13.3
Shawn HUFF	6	19.3	10/33	30.3	6/12	50.0	4/21	19.0	9/10	90.0	1.3	1.7	3.0	1.0	1.3	0.2	0.0	2.5	5.5
Alexander MADSEN	6	18.6	16/31	51.6	10/23	43.5	6/8	75.0	8/13	61.5	1.0	3.7	4.7	2.0	1.7	0.7	1.5	3.3	7.7
Matti NUUTINEN	6	13.8	7/17	41.2	5/10	50.0	2/7	28.6	1/2	50.0	0.7	1.2	1.8	0.3	1.0	0.5	0.0	3.3	2.8
Mikko KOIVISTO	5	11.0	6/15	40.0	3/4	75.0	3/11	27.3	1/2	50.0	0.0	0.4	0.4	1.0	1.2	0.4	0.0	8.0	3.2
Elias VALTONEN	4	23.5	18/31	58.1	16/27	59.3	2/4	50.0	5/8	62.5	1.5	3.5	5.0	3.5	1.3	2.3	8.0	2.5	10.8
Alex MURPHY	4	18.9	7/18	38.9	7/13	53.8	0/5	0.0	4/10	40.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	1.0	1.0	0.3	0.0	3.0	4.5
Jamar WILSON	4	18.9	9/28	32.1	9/23	39.1	0/5	0.0	10/13	76.9	0.5	0.5	1.0	2.3	2.8	0.5	0.0	2.8	7.0
Edon MAXHUNI	4	18.7	14/35	40.0	7/18	38.9	7/17	41.2	11/12	91.7	0.5	1.8	2.3	3.8	1.8	0.5	0.0	1.3	11.5
Ilari SEPPALA	4	14.2	5/18	27.8	4/10	40.0	1/8	12.5	0/0	0.0	0.5	8.0	1.3	1.0	1.3	8.0	0.0	8.0	2.8
Henri KANTONEN	3	14.1	2/6	33.3	2/4	50.0	0/2	0.0	3/3	100.0	0.3	1.7	2.0	1.7	1.0	0.7	0.0	1.7	2.3
Daniel DOLENC	3	12.0	3/12	25.0	3/12	25.0	0/0	0.0	4/5	80.0	2.0	1.0	3.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.7	3.3
Carl LINDBOM	3	9.5	3/11	27.3	2/5	40.0	1/6	16.7	2/2	100.0	0.7	1.3	2.0	1.0	0.0	0.3	0.3	2.0	3.0
Topias PALMI	2	19.2	8/17	47.1	4/8	50.0	4/9	44.4	5/8	62.5	0.0	2.5	2.5	2.0	1.0	0.5	0.0	2.5	12.5
Erik MURPHY	2	15.9	7/12	58.3	3/6	50.0	4/6	66.7	0/1	0.0	1.0	2.0	3.0	2.5	0.5	0.5	1.0	1.0	9.0
Aapeli ALANEN	2	13.2	3/6	50.0	2/4	50.0	1/2	50.0	0/2	0.0	0.5	1.0	1.5	0.5	0.5	1.0	0.0	2.0	3.5
Tuukka KOTTI	2	10.4	1/7	14.3	1/6	16.7	0/1	0.0	0/0	0.0	0.5	2.5	3.0	0.5	0.0	0.5	0.0	1.5	1.0
Petteri KOPONEN	1	24.1	4/8	50.0	1/2	50.0	3/6	50.0	10/11	90.9	1.0	1.0	2.0	4.0	4.0	0.0	0.0	3.0	21.0
Mikael JANTUNEN	1	20.6	3/5	60.0	3/5	60.0	0/0	0.0	5/7	71.4	1.0	3.0	4.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	3.0	11.0
Antti KANERVO	1	8.6	0/1	0.0	0/0	0.0	0/1	0.0	0/0	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	0.0
Team/Coaches											1.3	2.5	3.8	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	
TOTALS		334.6	147/362	40.6	95/210	45.2	52/152	34.2	102/134	76.1	10.0	23.0	33.0	17.8	14.3	8.5	2.5	26.2	74.7

COACH Lassi TUOVI



Nationality: Finnish
Date of Birth: 31/12/86
Place of Birth: Lappeenranta

Team 2021-22: SIG Strasbourg (France-LNB

Pro A

Club Career: Lappeenrannan NMKY (Assistant Coach, Finland-Korisliiga, 2004-11); Namika Lappeenranta (Head Coach, Finland-Korisliiga, 2011-14); Besiktas JK (Assistant Coach, Turkey-BSL, 2015-16); SIG Strasbourg (Assistant Coach, France-LNB Pro A, 2016-17), Gravelines-Dunkerque (Assistant Coach, France-LNB Pro A, 2017-

18); SIG Strasbourg (Assistant Coach, France-LNB Pro A, 2019-20); SIG Strasbourg (Head Coach, France-LNB Pro A, 2020-22)

International Career: Finland (Assistant Coach 2010-22); Finland (Head Coach, 2022-)

Twitter: coachtuovi Instagram: lassituovi

Lassi Tuovi's career as a basketball player ended abruptly at the tender age of 18. Luckily, Lappeenrannan NMKY head coach Mika Turunen respected the basketball IQ of his injured point guard and recruited the teenager as the video coordinator of the then-Finnish champions. Since then, Tuovi has gone a long way. He debuted with the Susijengi coaching staff at the age of 23, became Finnish Korisliiga head coach at 24 and Henrik Dettmann's assistant coach with Besiktas as a 28-year-old. After absorbing information from the likes of Dettmann and Vincent Collet, Tuovi has already coached SIG Strasbourg to third spot in the French top flight and Basketball Champions League; becoming one of the most interesting young coaches in Europe in the process.

Miro LITTLE



Height: 1.95
Position: Point Guard
Date of Birth: 30/05/04
Place of Birth: Tampere

Team 2021-22: HBA Helsinki (Finland-Divari A) Career: HBA Helsinki (Finland-Divari A, 2019-22)

Twitter: MiroLittle23 Instagram: mirolittle

"The Little One" is probably the most exciting young basketball player from Finland right now. His parents LaTrice and Kati met each other while playing NCAA basketball at Mercy College in New York and moved to Pirkkala, Finland after graduating. Miro is a dictionary example of a class youth as a polite, humble, thoughtful and at the same time incredibly gifted young man following the storied Finnish point guard tradition. About to create havoc with his patented drives and dunks with Sunrise Christian Academy in the USA while committed to the Baylor Bears NCAA franchise.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	4	10.0	2/7	2/7	1/2	1.5	2.0	2.8

Lauri MARKKANEN





Height: 2.13

Position: Power Forward/Center

Date of Birth: 22/05/97 Place of Birth: Vantaa

Team 2021-22: Cleveland Cavaliers (USA-NBA) Career: BC Jyvaskyla (Finland-Divari A, 2012-14); HBA Helsinki (Finland-Divari A, 2014-16); University of Arizona (USA-NCAA, 2016-17); Chicago Bulls (USA-NBA, 2017-21); Cleveland Cavaliers (USA-

NBA, 2021-22)

Twitter: MarkkanenLauri

Twitter: MarkkanenLauri Instagram: laurimarkkanen

Markksman, The Finnisher, 2017 NBA Draft lottery pick, 2018 NBA All-Rookie first teamer. Markkanen lit up the global basketball scene at the University of Arizona as one of the best big man shooters in NCAA history before reaping havoc at FIBA EuroBasket 2017 as a 20-year-old. Time flies; Markkanen has already collected 4000+ total points and almost 2000 rebounds in his five years in the NBA. Earlier this summer, Markkanen played his first games with Susijengi in four years, beating Croatia with his clutch three-pointer on the road. Lauri's father Pekka, a former Kansas Jayhawk, limited Shaquille O'Neal to eight points in individual matchup in 1989-90 NCAA season and his big brother Eero is a well-traveled soccer professional.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	2	31.0	9/15	6/15	5/7	9.0	3.0	20.5
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	2	32.0	14/22	2/5	7/13	7.0	2.5	20.5
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017	6	27.0	29/52	11/23	26/29	5.7	0.7	19.5

Edon MAXHUNI



Height: 1.88
Position: Point Guard
Date of Birth: 21/03/98
Place of Birth: Hyvinkää

Team 2021-22: Heroes Den Bosch (Nether-

lands-BNXT)

Career: HBA Helsinki (Finland-Divari A, 2014-17); Long Beach State (USA-NCAA, 2017-19); Gran Canaria II (Spain-EBA, 2019-20); KK Pärnu (Estonia-Meistriliiga, 2020-21); Heroes Den Bosch (Netherlands-BNXT, 2021-22)

Twitter: EdonMaxhuni Instagram: edonmaxhuni

Edon's father Besim Maxhuni moved from Kosovo to Finland in the early 1990s and became known as a fiery scoring point guard. Besim raised his son to become an evolution version of himself — a razzle-dazzle point god with a knack for putting the ball into the hoop. Edon learned the game in his hometown of Hyvinkaa and added some spice by playing streetball in Kosovo during his summer holidays. By sheer determination, skill and will, Maxhuni has picked up the keys to the Susijengi car in the footsteps of Teemu Rannikko, Petteri Koponen and Jamar Wilson. About to strut his stuff in bigger European leagues in years to come.

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	4	20.0	10/16	7/18	6/9	2.3	3.8	11.8
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	4	19.0	7/18	7/17	11/12	2.3	3.8	11.5



Perttu BLOMGREN



Height: 1.95

Position: Point Guard/Shooting Guard

Date of Birth: 12/09/01 Place of Birth: Lapua

Team 2021–22: Salon Vilpas (Finland-Korisliiga) Career: Kobrat Lapua (Finland-Korisliiga, 2015-18); HBA Helsinki (Finland-Divari A, 2018-20); Sa-

Ion Vilpas (Finland-Korisliiga, 2020-)

Twitter: PerttuBlomgren

Lapua is not exactly a booming metropolis with its population of just over 14,000 and therefore it's quite understandable that Perttu Blomgren was picked up to train with local Finnish league team Kobrat at the age of 14. Blomgren's quickness, junkyard dog defense, high-arched jump shot and point guard skills brought him to Helsinki Basketball Academy and for the last two years, he has bloomed as one of the top talents of his generation. As a kid who backs down to no-one and isn't afraid of strutting his stuff in front of NCAA-bred vets in Finnish Korisliiga, Blomgren is a key addition to the Susijengi defense.

Henri KANTONEN



Height: 198

Position: Point Guard/Shooting Guard

Date of Birth: 20/08/97
Place of Birth: Helsinki

Team 2021-22: Karhubasket (Finland-Korisliiga) Career: JKS (Finland-Divari A, 2015-16); Kouvot (Finland-Korisliiga, 2016-17); Karhubasket (Finland-Korisliiga, 2017-18); Salon Vilpas (Finland-Korisliiga, 2018-20); Aix-Maurienne (France-Pro B, 2020-21); Karhubasket (Finland-Korisliiga, 2021-22)

Kantonen played four positions from the point all the way to power forward during his junior years until, as a 20-year-old, he signed a deal with Finnish powerhouse-to-be Karhubasket and was handed the key to the team's engine as its starting point guard. A scholar, a professor, Kantonen is a well-read guy off the court and when he's not dropping Malcolm Gladwell references, he slashes to the paint, makes witty passes and is absolutely willing to harass opposing ball handlers full-court. Even though Kantonen has battled through injuries these past years, he's already a legend in Finnish Korisliiga and his natural determination to develop will take him places in the coming years.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	3	14.0	2/4	0/2	3/3	2.0	1.7	2.3

Ilari SEPPALA



Height: 1.88

Position: Point Guard/Shooting Guard

Date of Birth: 27/03/93 Place of Birth: Lapua

Team 2021-22: CSM U Pitesti (Romania-LNBM)
Career: Kobrat Lapua (Finland-Korisliiga, 2008-

09); Kouvot (Finland-Korisliiga, 2009-15); Bisons Loimaa (Finland-Korisliiga, 2015-16); Kouvot (Finland-Korisliiga, 2016); Kataja Basket (Finland-Korisliiga, 2016-19); Aix-Maurienne (France-LNB Pro B, 2019-21); CSM U Pitesti (Romania-LNBM, 2021-22)

Twitter: llariSeppala7 Instagram: ilariseppala

Everything is bigger in Ostrobothnia, Finland, and this is not just a reference to Ilari Seppala's Schwarzenegger-esque biceps. The Crown Prince of Lapua has always done things his own way and while he has never been the flashiest, he has always been the sneaky-skilled guy who lets his game speak for itself. Seppala brought his ice-cold demeanor to the Susijengi in the late 2010s and he has already shocked the European national teams with his clutch gene — just ask Switzerland, or Slovenia, or Croatia. He polished his game in the Finnish Korisliiga and has impressed people in both France and Romania ever since.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	5	15.0	5/12	5/20	0/0	1.2	3.2	5.0
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	4	14.0	4/10	1/8	0/0	1.3	1.0	2.8
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	7	9.0	4/10	0/5	3/4	0.3	1.1	1.6

Petteri KOPONEN



Height: 1.94

Position: Shooting Guard/Point Guard

Date of Birth: 13/04/88 Place of Birth: Helsinki

Team 2021-22: Helsinki Seagulls (Finland-Korisliiga) Career: Honka Playboys (Finland-Korisliiga, 2004-08); Virtus Bologna (Italy-Serie A, 2008-12); BC Khimki (Russia-VTB United League, 2012-16); FC Barcelona (Spain-ACB, 2016-18); Bayern Munich (Germany-BBL, 2018-20); Pallacanestro Reggiana (Italy-Serie A, 2021); Helsinki Seagulls (Finland-Korisliiga, 2021-22)

Twitter: KoponenPetteri

Wunderkind and a point guard phenom at the age of 16 and "The General" of Susijengi at the age of 22 is quietly saying his farewells to top level basketball after a long and respectable career with storied teams such as Virtus Bologna, FC Barcelona and Bayern Munich. In his last summer with Susijengi, Koponen is bringing a Winston Churchill-like demeanor to the team. While Koponen doesn't have the quickness of his youth, he still has enough tools to make his opponents look like fools. A hefty dose of step-back threes and sneaky assists to go before his new career in basketball coaching and veteran golf.

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	4	15.0	2/3	5/13	0/0	0.0	2.8	4.8
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	1	24.0	1/2	3/6	10/11	2.0	4.0	21.0
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	5	26.0	8/18	12/29	18/18	2.2	4.2	14.0
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017	6	32.0	15/43	12/26	13/20	2.5	6.3	13.2
2015	FIBA EuroBasket 2015	6	27.0	18/41	9/29	6/9	2.0	6.0	11.5

Sasu SALIN



Height: 1.91
Position: Shooting Guard
Date of Birth: 11/06/89
Place of Birth: Helsinki

Team 2021-22: Iberostar Tenerife (Spain-ACB

League

Career: Honka Playboys (Finland-Korisliiga, 2007-10); KK Union Olimpija (Slovenia-1. SKL, 2010-15); CB Gran Canaria (Spain-ACB League, 2015-17); Unicaja Malaga (Spain-ACB League, 2017-19); Iberostar Tenerife (Spain-ACB League, 2019-22)

Twitter: sasusalin10 Instagram: sassuli

It is still kind of unbelievable to comprehend that Sasu, the always-smiling, forever-young blonde beach lion has been around Susijengi for 12 years already. The man who popularized the Susijengi nickname in his 2010 Finnish national TV interview has already made his mark in the top leagues of Europe. Sasu has made Spain his second home and rewritten Basketball Champions League history books with his ever-improving sharpshooting, putting the fear of God in his opponents. Sasu is always ready to make the opposing team pay for their mistakes, whether it takes the form of a ridiculously deep off-screen three pointer or luring the opponent to bite on that offensive foul threat.

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YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	6	29.0	4/9	21/48	9/11	3.5	1.2	13.3
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	6	30.0	7/18	14/33	24/25	3.7	2.0	13.3
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	8	30.0	13/21	19/51	23/25	3.9	2.3	13.3
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017	6	33.0	15/26	13/36	1/2	5.7	2.0	11.7
2015	FIBA EuroBasket 2015	6	26.0	12/28	15/39	10/12	3.2	1.8	13.2

Shawn HUFF



Height: 1.98 **Position:** Small Forward

Date of Birth: 05/05/84 Place of Birth: Helsinki

Team 2021–22: Helsinki Seagulls (Finland-Korisliiga)
Career: ToPo (Finland-Korisliiga, 2000–01);
Honka Playboys (Finland-Korisliiga, 2001–04);
Valparaiso University (USA-NCAA, 2004–08);
Maroussi BC (Greece-GBL, 2008-09); BC Kavala/
Panorama (Greece-GBL, 2009-11); Forli (Italy-Serie B, 2011-12); Vanoli Cremona (Italy-Serie A, 2012-13); Orlandina Basket (Italy-Serie B, 2013); Riesen

Ludwigsburg (Germany-BBL, 2013-16); Le Portel (France-LNB Pro A, 2016), Frankfurt Skyliners (Germany-BBL, 2017-19); Helsinki Seagulls (Finland-Korisliga, 2019-22)

Twitter: Shuff247 Instagram: shuff247

The Susijengi captain since 2015, Shawn Huff made professional money already back in late 2000s, when today's youngest Susijengi players were still in kindergarten playing hide and seek. Even though the captain of hearts is just about to hang his sneakers after a professional career spanning three decades and six countries, he still has that lethal jumper and veteran savvy to gather his troops and make those young bucks pay like Uncle Drew. The 2021 elected Helsinki city councilman — a.k.a. Young Obama — might even have a dunk left in his national team career, reliable sources say.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	6	21.0	4/8	6/21	3/4	4.5	1.2	4.8
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	6	19.0	6/12	4/21	9/10	3.0	1.0	5.5
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	12	26.0	18/32	21/48	20/26	4.0	1.6	9.9
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017	6	24.0	10/15	3/11	3/3	5.5	0.8	5.3
2015	FIBA EuroBasket 2015	6	26.0	9/18	8/24	9/11	2.7	1.0	8.5

Topias PALMI



Height: 1.95

Position: Shooting Guard/Small Forward

Date of Birth: 26/08/94 Place of Birth: Tampere

Team 2021-22: Hubo Limburg (Belgium-BNXT)
Career: Tampereen Pyrinto (Finland-Korisliiga, 2012-18); Kataja Basket (Finland-Korisliiga, 2018-19); Vanoli Cremona (Italy-Serie A, 2019-21); Tampereen Pyrinto (Finland-Korisliiga, 2021-22); Hubo Limburg (Belgium-BNXT, 2022)

Instagram: tpalmi

Topias once scored 61 points in a junior national team game and that outburst pretty much sums up his game. Topias' best ability is to take the rock and put it into the basket. He has never met a defensive player worth fearing. He had a promising start to his international pro career in Europe with Vanoli Cremona in Italy's Serie A and has made a steady comeback after nagging health issues with his hometown team Tampereen Pyrinto by making his way to Belgium. Topias, a huge heavy metal head, is about to make splashes with Susijengi at EuroBasket level for the first time in his career.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	5	10.0	3/8	3/9	5/5	0.4	0.4	4.0
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	2	19.0	4/8	4/9	5/8	2.5	2.0	12.5
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	5	11.0	6/15	3/10	0/0	1.2	0.4	4.2

Elias VALTONEN



Height: 2.00
Position: Small Forward
Date of Birth: 11/06/99

Place of Birth: Eura

Team 2021-22: Basquet Manresa (Spain-ACB)
Career: Korihait (Finland-Korisliiga/Divari A,
2013-15); HBA Helsinki (Finland-Divari A, 201518); Arizona State University (USA-NCAA, 201820); Tigers Tubingen (Germany-Pro A, 2020-21);
Basquet Manresa (Spain-ACB League, 2021-22)

Twitter: EliasValtonen Instagram: eliasvaltonen

The "Jordan of Eura" learned the game of basketball in peculiar surroundings. Elias never really played junior ball because of the lack of teams, but instead he played recreational hoops against grown men ever since he was an eight-year-old in a rural farming community. The men of power in Finnish basketball took notice of Elias' world-class talent when he was 12 and during the last 10 years, he has developed into an Andre Iguodala type of do-it-all player, ready to punish the opponents with his tentacle hands, quick wits, high IQ and jumping ability. He just finished his rookie season in Manresa and is set to have a long pro career.

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	6	24.0	13/33	2/16	17/23	6.0	2.2	8.2
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	4	24.0	16/27	2/4	5/8	5.0	3.5	10.8



Mikael JANTUNEN



Height: 2.05
Position: Power Forward

Date of Birth: 20/04/00 Place of Birth: Helsinki

Team 2021-22: Filou Oostende (Belgium-BNXT) Career: HBA Helsinki (Finland-Divari A, 2016-19); University of Utah (USA-NCAA, 2019-21); Filou

Oostende (Belgium-BNXT, 2021-22)

Twitter: mikaeljantunen Instagram: mickejantunen



An old soul, Mikael Jantunen brought veteran presence to the team already back in 2018 when he debuted with Susijengi at the tender age of 18. The spin moves, the up-and-unders, the putbacks — "Micke" has a knack of frustrating opponents with his wits, Dr. Octopus like limbs and supernatural stamina. He might not look like the most athletic guy on the court, but he's capable of surprising opponents with his bounce and speed. Jantunen was selected as the BNXT Sixth Man of the Year in his professional debut in the 2021-22 season and is looking forward to making a name for himself at Europe's top level.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	6	25.0	19/28	5/14	18/22	5.8	1.0	11.8
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	1	21.0	3/5	0/0	5/7	4.0	0.0	11.0
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	8	17.0	7/14	1/2	3/6	3.6	1.1	2.5

Olivier NKAMHOUA



Height: 2.03

Position: Power Forward Date of Birth: 02/05/00 Place of Birth: Helsinki

Team 2021-22: University of Tennessee (USA-NCAA) Career: Helsingin NMKY (Finland-Divari A, 2017); University Tennessee (USA-NCAA, 2019-)

Twitter: Olivier_rn Instagram: nkamhoua

As a kid, he got the attention of his junior coaches as the cartwheel-doing, somersault-spinning, smiley-faced kid with attitude in Helsinki. He moved from his native Finland to live with his father, Christian, in the United States in 2017 and has developed a workhorse attitude ever since. Nkamhoua had a NCAA breakout season in 2021-22, logging 23 minutes and averaging 8 points and 6 rebounds per game for coach Rick Barnes and Tennessee Volunteers. Olivier's high-flying, chest-banging, offensive-rebounding, always-grinding ways are about to charm the whole EuroBasket community.

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YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	2	8.0	2/2	0/1	0/0	1.0	0.0	2.0

Remu RAITANEN



Height: 2.06

Position: Power Forward

Date of Birth: 21/08/97

Place of Birth: Helsinki

Team 2021-22: KTP-Basket (Finland-Korisliiga) Career: HBA Helsinki (Finland-Divari A, 2014-16); University of San Francisco (USA-NCAA, 2016-20); Kobrat Lapua (Finland-Korisliiga, 2020-21); KTP-Basket (Finland-Korisliiga, 2021-22)

Instagram: remuraitanen

When talking about scorers, we need to mention Remu Raitanen's dad Jari, who used to charm Finnish basketball community with his lethal, silky-smooth jump shot and Tom Selleck styled mustache. The next generation is always a leap ahead: Remu is a good four inches taller than his poppa and just as lethal from beyond the arc. Remu is an "officer and a gentleman" type of personality, who polished his fundamentals with San Francisco for four seasons before taking his game to the old continent. Remu set the net on flames in his first games with Susijengi and took home the Finnish Korisliiga MVP trophy in the 2021-22 season.

Alexander MADSEN



Height: 2.08
Position: Center
Date of Birth: 20/01/95
Place of Birth: Valkeala

Team 2021-22: VEF Riga (Latvia-LBL)

Career: Kouvot (Finland-Korisliiga, 2011-16); USK Praha (Czechia-NBL, 2016-18); CB Gran Canaria II (Spain-EBA, 2018-19); VEF Riga (Latvia-LBL, 2019-22)

Instagram: alemadsen

The hammer-wielding Thor, the God of Thunder assault helicopter with butterfly wings. Madsen has been working on his game for the last three years with Latvian powerhouse VEF Riga and at the same time he has cherished Tuukka Kotti's role as the anchorman of Susijengi's interior defense. Madsen is looking forward to making noise with Greek powerhouse AEK Athens while elevating his game with Susijengi as a part of the "Finn Towers" lineup with Lauri Markkanen. As a prime example of the athleticism and professionality genes of the Madsen family, Alexander's sisters Michaela and Yasmine are top level volley-ball players in Finland.

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	4	21.0	6/11	5/12	3/3	5.5	1.0	7.5
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	6	19.0	10/23	6/8	8/13	4.7	2.0	7.7
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	10	13.0	6/13	2/11	9/17	2.4	1.2	2.7



WILL YOUTHFUL PROMISE TRANSLATE TO ISRAEL SUCCESS?

Israel has been laying the foundation for future success in recent summers at various youth tournaments, and particularly the FIBA U20 European Championships.

The country reached the U20 Final in 2017, then won back-to-back U20 titles in 2018 and 2019 and this summer made it to the U20 Semi-Finals

Leading players in those teams have improved since. Yovel Zoosman an U20 European Champion in 2018 and the MVP of the event, won a German league crown this past season, his first outside Israel, with Alba Berlin.

One of his Alba teammates, Tamir Blatt, had been in the 2017 U20 team that reached the Final, while one of his 2018 title-winning teammates, Deni Avdija, was the MVP in the same event the following year and was a lottery pick of the Washington Wizards in the 2020 NBA Draft.

Another key man in the 2018 team, All-Star Five selection Yam Madar, a point guard, was a 2020 second round pick of the Boston Celtics.

Avdija now has two years of NBA experience under his belt while Madar has remained in Europe, honing his skills this past season under the watchful eye of legendary Serbian coach Zeljko Obradovic at Partizan in Belgrade.

If Israel has been trending upward with respect to the youth, is now, realistically, the time to capitalize on it at EuroBasket - a tournament in which Israel last reached the podium in 1979 when Mickey Berkowitz was the tournament's leading scorer?

To go from success at youth level to senior level is not straightforward

and especially not in Europe, the most competitive of all continents.

What could work in Israel's favor is that the country's younger players have gained valuable experience in the international windows, developing chemistry and learning how to compete in tough games. Coach Guy Goodes will have led Israel in eight European Qualifiers for next year's World Cup by the start of EuroBasket.

Avdija played in two European Qualifiers games for the 2019 FIBA Basketball World Cup, one EuroBasket Qualifier and was expected to feature in the window before this EuroBasket.

It's tempting to think a player of his ilk, Israel's NBA guy, would automatically take the team up a few notches, just as Dirk Nowitzki usually did for Germany when he joined the team most summers, yet a quantum leap in quality with an NBA player is never guaranteed.

In terms of the FIBA Ranking, the only Group D opponent at EuroBasket lower than Israel - 42nd - is the Netherlands at number 47, yet Israel should like their chances against every rival, including a sixth placed Serbia team that has been struggling for good results in the international windows. Finland are at number 35, Poland 13th and Czech Republic one place higher.

History suggests Israel should like their chances of not only advancing from Group D but also doing very well in their pool. At previous EuroBasket tournaments, Israel were 7-2 against the Finns, 4-1 against the Czechs, 7-4 against the Dutch, 2-2 against Serbia and 6-3 against Poland

By Jeff Taylor



Yiftach ZIV 1.91 PG 09/07/95 Maccabi Tel Aviv John DIBARTOLOMEO PG/SG 20/06/91 Maccabi Tel Aviv 1.83 Noam DOVRAT PG/SG 16/07/02 Hapoel Jerusalem 1.96 Yovel ZOOSMAN 2.00 SG/SF 12/05/98 Alba Berlin (GER) Deni AVDIJA 2.03 SF 03/01/01 Washington Wizards (USA) Nimrod LEVI 2.06 SF 24/03/95 Hapoel Galil Rafael MENCO 1.98 05/03/94 Hapoel Holon **Guy PNINI** 2.01 04/09/83 Hapoel Holon Tomer GINAT 2.03 PF 07/11/94 Levallois Metropolitans (FRA) Jake COHEN 2.06 25/09/90 Maccabi Tel Aviv Roman SORKIN 2.08 С 11/08/96 Maccabi Tel Aviv Idan ZALMANSON 18/04/95 Hapoel Tel Aviv 2.06 C

Coach: Guy GOODES

Last 10 FIBA Events

Year	Event	Place	Achievement
2021	Olympics	Tokyo (JPN)	Did not qualify
2019	FIBA Basketball World Cup	Beijing (CHN)	Did not qualify
2017	FIBA EuroBasket	Istanbul (TUR)	21st
2016	Olympics	Rio de Janeiro (BRA)	Did not qualify
2015	FIBA EuroBasket	Lille (FRA)	10th
2014	FIBA Basketball World Cup	Madrid (ESP)	Did not qualify
2013	FIBA EuroBasket	Ljubljana (SLO)	21st
2012	Olympics	London (GBR)	Did not qualify
2011	FIBA EuroBasket	Kaunas (LTU)	13th
2010	FIBA Basketball World Cup	Istanbul (TUR)	Did not qualify

FIBA EuroBasket 2022 Qualifiers Accumulated Stats

			FG		2PT	FG	3РТ	FG	F	r l		REB							
Name	G	Min	M/A	%	M/A	%	M/A	%	M/A	%	0	D	Tot	AST	T0	STL	BLK	PF	PTS
Tamir BLATT	6	25.0	12/41	29.3	1/4	25.0	11/37	29.7	16/20	80.0	0.3	1.5	1.8	8.2	2.2	1.3	0.0	1.3	8.5
Rafael MENCO	6	20.0	14/34	41.2	5/15	33.3	9/19	47.4	2/3	66.7	0.5	2.7	3.2	8.0	1.2	0.7	0.0	2.5	6.5
Guy PNINI	6	15.1	9/19	47.4	0/2	0.0	9/17	52.9	3/4	75.0	0.2	1.2	1.3	1.8	1.5	0.7	0.2	1.7	5.0
Jake COHEN	5	25.8	24/52	46.2	17/36	47.2	7/16	43.8	27/31	87.1	1.6	2.4	4.0	1.2	1.8	0.2	0.6	2.2	16.4
Tomer GINAT	5	21.2	17/23	73.9	16/20	80.0	1/3	33.3	6/8	75.0	1.4	3.6	5.0	1.8	1.8	1.2	0.2	3.0	8.2
Gal MEKEL	4	25.5	18/33	54.5	15/25	60.0	3/8	37.5	13/14	92.9	0.0	1.8	1.8	5.0	2.0	1.0	0.0	1.5	13.0
Yam MADAR	4	14.7	10/20	50.0	9/16	56.3	1/4	25.0	8/8	100.0	0.0	8.0	0.8	0.8	2.8	0.8	0.0	1.8	7.3
Golan GUTT	4	14.3	4/16	25.0	1/4	25.0	3/12	25.0	1/2	50.0	0.5	8.0	1.3	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.3	2.3	3.0
Iftah ZIV	4	13.2	8/14	57.1	8/12	66.7	0/2	0.0	5/9	55.6	0.5	2.0	2.5	1.8	1.0	1.3	0.0	1.5	5.3
Idan ZALMANSON	4	11.7	11/27	40.7	10/25	40.0	1/2	50.0	3/7	42.9	1.0	1.8	2.8	0.5	1.0	0.0	0.3	3.5	6.5
Nimrod LEVI	4	10.5	4/12	33.3	3/5	60.0	1/7	14.3	2/4	50.0	0.0	2.0	2.0	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.0	2.0	2.8
Ben CARTER	3	11.7	2/3	66.7	2/3	66.7	0/0	0.0	2/6	33.3	0.3	1.3	1.7	1.0	0.0	0.3	0.7	2.7	2.0
Roman SORKIN	3	7.7	7/10	70.0	7/10	70.0	0/0	0.0	5/7	71.4	0.3	1.3	1.7	0.3	0.7	0.0	0.7	1.0	6.3
TJ CLINE	2	19.7	5/8	62.5	5/7	71.4	0/1	0.0	3/4	75.0	0.5	3.5	4.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	6.5
Itay SEGEV	2	19.5	6/10	60.0	6/10	60.0	0/0	0.0	1/1	100.0	2.0	4.0	6.0	0.5	1.5	1.5	0.5	2.0	6.5
Adam ARIEL	2	14.1	3/8	37.5	0/2	0.0	3/6	50.0	1/1	100.0	0.0	1.5	1.5	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.5	5.0
Noam DOVRAT	2	12.4	3/6	50.0	3/3	100.0	0/3	0.0	1/1	100.0	0.5	0.0	0.5	1.5	0.5	0.0	0.0	1.5	3.5
Spencer WEISZ	2	12.2	2/9	22.2	2/4	50.0	0/5	0.0	0/0	0.0	1.0	2.0	3.0	0.5	0.0	1.5	0.5	1.5	2.0
Deni AVDIJA	1	24.0	8/13	61.5	5/7	71.4	3/6	50.0	2/4	50.0	2.0	6.0	8.0	2.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	21.0
Bar TIMOR	1	7.4	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	0.0
Team/Coaches											1.5	4.2	5.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	
TOTALS		325.7	167/358	46.6	115/210	54.8	52/148	35.1	101/134	75.4	8.3	26.7	35.0	21.5	14.0	7.5	2.3	23.7	81.2

COACHGuy GOODES



Nationality: Israeli Date of Birth: 13/03/71 Place of Birth: Haifa

Team 2021-22: Hapoel Holon (Israel-BSL)

Club Career: Maccabi Rishon Lezion (Israel-BSL, 2004-06); Maccabi Tel Aviv (Assistant Coach, Israel-BSL, 2006-08); Hapoel Jerusalem (Israel-BSL, 2008-10); Maccabi Tel Aviv (Assistant Coach, Israel-BSL, 2010-14); Maccabi Tel Aviv (Israel-BSL, 2014-15); Maccabi Tel Aviv (Assistant Coach, Israel-BSL, 2017-18); Maccabi Rishon Lezion (Israel-BSL, 2015-17, 2018-2021)

International Career: Great Britain (Assistant Coach, 2013-15); Israel U20 (Head Coach, 2019-20)

Guy Goodes played for Israel at FIBA EuroBasket in 1995 and 1999 and now, 23 years later, will coach the team at Europe's famous national team event. The sixth former player to hold the reins of the national team, Goodes coached Israel to three victories in the first six games in the First Round of the European Qualifiers for the FIBA Basketball World Cup 2023. Goodes is coming off a memorable season. Put in charge of Hapoel Holon in January, he steered the team into the Basketball Champions League Final Four and also to the Israeli BSL title - his first Championship as a coach.

Deni AVDIJA



Height: 2.03

Position: Small Forward
Date of Birth: 03/01/01
Place of Birth: Beit Zera

Team 2021-22: Washington Wizards (USA-NBA) Career: Maccabi Tel Aviv (Israel-BSL, 2017-20); Washington Wizards (USA-NBA, 2020-22)

Instagram: deniavdia8

Avdija's tournament best 24.7 efficiency at the 2017 FIBA U16 European Championship in Podgorica, Montenegro, revealed that a star was on the rise for Israel. At a star-studded 2018 Basketball Without Borders in Belgrade, Avdija was named MVP of the camp and at the 2019 U20 European Championship, he was MVP again after leading hosts Israel to the title. Avdija put an exclamation mark on his teenage years when, at 19, the Wizards drafted him ninth overall in the 2020 NBA Draft with the expectation he'd be a playmaking forward and elite defender. He's gained valuable experience in the league ever since. In his one EuroBasket Qualifiers appearance, Avdija had 21 points and 8 rebounds in a victory over Romania.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	1	24.0	5/7	3/6	2/4	8.0	2.0	21.0
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	2	14.0	1/1	2/4	3/4	2.0	1.5	5.5

Tamir BLATT



Height: 1.90 Position: Point Guard Date of Birth: 04/05/97 Place of Birth: Netanya

Team 2021-22: Alba Berlin (Germany-BBL)

Career: A.S. Ramat HaSharon (Israel-National League, 2014-15); Hapoel Tel Aviv (Israel-BSL, 2015-17); Hapoel Holon (2017-18); Hapoel Jerusalem (Israel-BSL, 2018-21); Alba Berlin (Germany-BBL, 2021-22)

Instagram: TamirBlatt6

The son of legendary coach David Blatt, who led Russia to the EuroBasket 2007 title and to third place at EuroBasket 2011, Tamir is a tenacious point guard that makes sure the offense runs smoothly, makes long three-pointers and hounds opposing guards on defense. His first experience in Israel's program was at the FIBA U16 European Championship in 2012 and five youth national team tournaments later, at the FIBA U20 European Championship in Greece, he was an All-Star Five selection after leading Israel to the Final. Blatt played in all six EuroBasket Qualifiers, averaging 8.5 points, 8.2 assists and 1.3 steals.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	3	27.0	1/4	7/17	5/8	2.3	5.3	9.3
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	6	25.0	1/4	11/37	16/20	1.8	8.2	8.5
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	9	28.0	6/22	18/43	14/17	1.3	5.3	8.9

Yam MADAR



Height: 1.90
Position: Point Guard
Date of Birth: 21/12/00
Place of Birth: Beit Dagan

Team 2021-22: Partizan Belgrade (Serbia-KLS)
Career: Hapoel Tel Aviv (2018-21); Partizan Bel-

grade (Serbia-KLS, 2021-22)
Instagram: yam_madar11

An All-Star Five selection after Israel successfully defended their FIBA U20 European Championship title in 2019, Madar's minutes per game at Hapoel Jerusalem shot up the next season to 33.2, and his scoring jumped from 9.3 points per game to 17.1. Madar's defense is sound, yet his offense is a work in progress, so moving to Partizan to play for legendary coach Zeljko Obradovic was a smart decision. Madar made 20-of-43 from three-point range in EuroCup action last season, the kind of shooting Israel would like this summer from the player that was a second-round NBA Draft pick by Boston in 2020.

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	6	24.0	17/37	2/18	8/10	2.3	2.2	8.0
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	4	15.0	9/16	1/4	8/8	0.8	0.8	7.3



Gal MEKEL



Height: 1.90 **Position:** Point Guard Date of Birth: 04/03/88 Place of Birth: Ramat HaSharon

Team 2021-22: Andorra (Spain-ACB League)

Career: Wichita State University (USA-NCAA, 2006-08); Maccabi Tel Aviv (Israel-BSL, 2008); Hapoel Gilboa Galil (Israel-BSL, 2008-11); Benetton Treviso (Italy-Serie A, 2011-12); Maccabi Haifa (Israel-BSL, 2012-13); Dallas Mavericks (USA-NBA, 2013-14); New Orleans Pelicans (USA-NBA, 2014); Crvena Zvezda (Serbia-KLS, 2015); Maccabi Tel

Aviv (Israel-BSL, 2015-16); Gran Canaria (Spain-ACB League, 2017-18); Zenit St Petersburg (Russia-VTB, 2018-19); Reggio Emilia (Italy-Serie A, 2019-20); Unicaja Malaga (Spain-ACB League, 2019-2021); Andorra (Spain-ACB League)

Twitter: GalMekel33 Instagram: galmekel

The veteran guard is among the most experienced players in the Israel team so his leadership will be important, along with his savvy, intensity and, of course, ball handling, scoring and defense. A standout player in Israel's youth teams from 2004-08, Mekel has four FIBA EuroBasket appearances under his belt. At EuroBasket 2015, Mekel's 15.8 points per game were second only to Omri Casspi's 16.4 on the team. His assists have gone up under Goodes. Playing in four of Israel's six First Round European Qualifiers games for next year's World Cup, Mekel averaged a team-high 5.8 assists.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	4	26.0	8/24	5/9	2/2	3.5	5.8	8.3
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	4	25.0	15/25	3/8	13/14	1.8	5.0	13.0
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	6	25.0	15/42	1/5	11/12	3.8	3.7	7.3
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017	5	30.0	19/40	1/13	23/26	1.2	4.2	12.8
2015	FIBA EuroBasket 2015	5	34.0	26/47	4/8	15/19	2.6	4.6	15.8

Yiftach ZIV



Height: 1.91 **Position:** Point Guard Date of Birth: 09/07/95 Place of Birth: Haifa

Team 2021-22: Maccabi Tel Aviv (Israel-BSL) Career: Ironi Kiryat Ata (Israel-D2, 2013-14); Maccabi Haifa (Israel-BSL, 2014-15); Bnei Herzeliya (Israel-BSL, 2015-16); Maccabi Ashdod (Israel-BSL, 2016-17); Ironi Nahariya (Israel-BSL, 2017-19); Hapoel Gilboa Galil (Israel-BSL, 2019-21); Maccabi Tel Aviv (Israel-BSL, 2021-22)

Instagram: yiftach_ziv

There are definite qualities in Ziv's game that make him valuable to Israel. On defense, he locks opposing guards down and jumps into passing lanes while on offense, he has a good shot and controls tempo. Ziv always seems to compete for loose balls and rebounds. Having played for Israel at the 2013 FIBA U18 European Championship and the 2015 FIBA U20 European Championship, Ziv made it to the senior national team during the European Qualifiers for the FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019. He played in four of Israel's EuroBasket Qualifiers Games and two of the country's First Round games for next year's World Cup.

John DIBARTOLOMEO



Height: 1.83 **Date of Birth: 20/06/91**

Position: Point Guard/Shooting Guard Place of Birth: New York City (USA) Team 2021-22: Maccabi Tel Aviv (Israel-BSL) Career: Rochester (USA-NCAA Division III, 2009-13); Palma (Spain-LEB Gold/Silver, 2013-15); Maccabi Haifa (Israel-BSL, 2015-17); Maccabi Tel Aviv (Israel-BSL, 2017-22)

DiBartolomeo has had a terrific career since his college days at Rochester. After starting in Spain, he found a home in Israel and has never looked back. The

explosive guard is the captain of Israeli giants Maccabi Tel Aviv, with whom he won four straight Israeli league titles from 2018-21. DiBartolomeo was the Israeli league Final Four MVP in 2019. He played for Israel in two European Qualifiers games for the FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019 and appeared in three First Round games in the European Qualifiers for the 2023 World Cup.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	3	15.0	1/3	4/12	4/4	3.0	1.3	6.0
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	2	22.0	2/3	4/9	0/0	1.5	3.5	8.0

Noam DOVRAT



Height: 1.96

Position: Point Guard/Shooting Guard

Date of Birth: 16/07/02 Place of Birth: Rishon LeZion

Team 2021-22: Hapoel Jerusalem (Israel-BSL,

2021-22)

Career: Maccabi Rishon LeZion (Israel-BSL, 2019-21); Hapoel Jerusalem (Israel_BSL, 2021-22)

Instagram: noam dovrat

Named the Israeli Basketball Premier League Discovery of the Year in 2020, Dovrat has moved from strength to strength ever since. After playing in two of Israel's FIBA EuroBasket Qualifiers games, the high-scoring guard turned out this summer for Israel at the FIBA U20 European Championship in Podgorica, Montenegro, and averaged 17.7 points per game on his way to an All-Star Five selection, with his country finishing fourth. Dovrat was also a standout for Israel at the FIBA U16 European Championship in 2018 and at the FIBA U18 European Championship, Division B in 2019.

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	2	12.0	3/3	0/3	1/1	0.5	1.5	3.5

Yovel ZOOSMAN



Height: 2.00

Date of Birth: 12/05/98

Position: Shooting Guard/Small Forward

Place of Birth: Kfar Saba

Team 2021-22: Alba Berlin (Germany-BBL) Career: Maccabi Tel Aviv (Israel-BSL, 2015-16);

Maccabi Tel Aviv (Israel-BSL, 2017-21); Alba Berlin

(Germany-BBL, 2021-22) Instagram: yovelzoosman

Zoosman is a winner. After reaching the U20 FIBA European Championship Final in 2017, he led Israel to their first U20 title in 2018 and was named MVP. In 2018, 2019 and 2020, the swingman celebrated league title triumphs with Maccabi Tel Aviv. This past season, Zoosman lifted the German league trophy with Berlin. With Israel, he played in seven European Qualifiers for the FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019 and more recently the First Round of European Qualifiers for next year's World Cup, making 5-of-12 three-pointers to help Israel win one of their two games.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	2	28.0	3/5	5/12	3/4	7.0	4.5	12.0
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	7	28.0	15/36	8/33	8/10	3.7	3.7	8.9

Idan ZALMANSON

Height: 2.06 **Position:** Center Date of Birth: 18/04/95

Place of Birth: Be'er Ya'akov Team 2021-22: Hapoel Tel Aviv (Israel-BSL)

Career: Maccabi Tel Aviv (Israel-BSL, 2011-2013); Bnei Herzliya (Israel-BSL, 2013–2015); Maccabi Rishon LeZion (Israel-BSL, 2015-2018); Hapoel Eilat (Israel-BSL, 2018-19); Hapoel Jerusalem (2019-2021); Hapoel Tel Aviv (Israel-BSL, 2021-22) Instagram: idan_zalmanson

If experience counts, then Zalmanson will be an important man for Israel. One of just three players to suit up for the country at FIBA EuroBasket 2017, he has since featured in nine European Qualifiers games for the FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019, four EuroBasket Qualifiers contests and all six First Round European Qualifiers games for next year's FIBA Basketball World Cup. Zalmanson's highest scoring game in the EuroBasket Qualifiers was the first against Poland, when he came off the bench in Gliwice and poured in 12 points in just 12 minutes.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	6	11.0	9/25	0/1	1/2	2.2	1.2	3.2
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	4	12.0	10/25	1/2	3/7	2.8	0.5	6.5
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	9	14.0	17/38	1/1	15/18	2.2	1.3	5.8
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017	3	8.0	2/7	0/1	0/0	0.3	0.0	1.3

Nimrod LEVI



Height: 2.06 **Position:** Small Forward **Date of Birth: 24/03/95** Place of Birth: Ramat Gan

Team 2021-22: Hapoel Galil (Israel-BSL)

Career: Hapoel Kfar Saba (Israel-National League, 2013); Maccabi Be'er Yaakov (Israel-National League, 2013-14); Ironi Ramat Gan (Israel-National League, 2014-15); Hapoel Galil Elyon (Israel-BSL, 2015-16); Maccabi Rishon LeZion (2016-2017); Maccabi Tel Aviv (Israel-BSL, 2017); Maccabi Ashdod (Israel-BSL, 2017-18); Maccabi

Tel Aviv (Israel-BSL, 2018-19); Maccabi Ashdod (Israel-BSL, 2018-19); Hapoel Jerusalem (Israel-BSL, 2019-20); Ironi Ness Ziona (Israel-BSL, 2020-21); Hapoel Galil (Israel-BSL, 2021-22)

Instagram: nimlevi

A member of Israel's sides at the 2013 FIBA U18 European Championship, Division B and 2015 FIBA U20 European Championship, the numbers didn't suggest he'd become a vital member of the senior team yet he has. His minutes have doubled to more than 20 per game under Goodes. Heading into the Second Round of the European Qualifiers for the FIBA Basketball World Cup 2023, Levi was third on the Israel team in efficiency (13.2), fourth in scoring (10.0) and third in rebounding (5.3). Levi had drilled 47.4 percent of his three-balls. His nine three-pointers were the second most after Tomer Ginat's 13.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	6	20.0	14/23	9/19	5/6	5.3	1.5	10.0
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	4	11.0	3/5	1/7	2/4	2.0	0.3	2.8
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	7	12.0	7/10	3/10	2/2	2.9	0.3	3.6

Rafael MENCO



Height: 1.98 **Position:** Small Forward Date of Birth: 05/03/94 Place of Birth: Jerusalem

Team 2021-22: Hapoel Holon (Israel-BSL)

Career: Hapoel Jerusalem (Israel-BSL, 2012-2014); Hapoel Gilboa Galil (Israel-BSL, 2014-15); Hapoel Eilat (Israel-BSL, 2015-16); Hapoel Tel Aviv (Israel-BSL, 2017-18); Hapoel Eilat (2018-20); Elan Chalon (France-LNB Pro A, 2020-21); Hapoel Holon (Israel-BSL, 2021-22)

Instagram: rafimenco

Menco was a significant component in Hapoel Holon's title-winning season in Israel, and its march to the Basketball Champions League Final Four in Bilbao. The explosive shooter had the trust of coach Goodes, averaging more than 20 minutes per game both domestically and in Europe. He's been a big contributor to Israel, dating back to the youth teams in 2010-14 and again with the international windows. Menco played a lot of minutes in European Qualifiers for the 2019 FIBA Basketball World Cup, the EuroBasket 2022 Qualifiers and the European Qualifiers for next year's World Cup.

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	6	21.0	5/13	13/30	2/2	3.5	1.2	8.5
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	6	20.0	5/15	9/19	2/3	3.2	0.8	6.5
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	8	20.0	11/19	8/24	2/2	3.6	0.8	6.0



Guy PNINI



Height: 2.01

Position: Small Forward
Date of Birth: 04/09/83
Place of Birth: Tel Aviv-Yafo

Team 2021-22: Hapoel Holon (Israel-BSL)

Career: Bnei Hasharon (Israel-BSL, 2002-06); Hapoel Jerusalem (Israel-BSL, 2006-08); FMP (Serbia-KLS, 2008); Keravnos (Cyprus-Division A, 2009); Maccabi Tel Aviv (Israel-BSL, 2009—2017); Hapoel Holon (Israel-BSL, 2017-22)

Guy Pnini put on the Israel shirt for the first time in 2001, when he played in the Qualifying Round for the 2002 European Championship for Young Men. In 2006, he began suiting up for the senior team in their qualifying campaign for FIBA EuroBasket 2007. With five EuroBaskets under his belt, Pnini is the most experienced player in the national team setup. Boasting a reputation as a marksman that hits crucial shots and makes big plays late in games, Pnini has an abundance of confidence and savvy. He has the complete trust of Goodes, his coach at Hapoel Holon.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	6	15.0	2/2	4/9	4/8	2.0	2.7	3.3
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	6	15.0	0/2	9/17	3/4	1.3	1.8	5.0
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	7	24.0	4/6	16/31	8/12	2.0	1.6	9.1
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017	5	22.0	4/6	6/16	2/2	1.8	1.4	5.6
2015	FIBA EuroBasket 2015 2nd Qual. Round	6	30.0	15/23	8/28	7/12	2.7	4.2	10.2

Tomer GINAT



Height: 2.03
Position: Power Forward
Date of Birth: 07/11/94

Place of Birth: Gesher HaZiv

Team 2021-22: Levallois Metropolitans (France-INB ProA)

Career: Ironi Nahariya (Israel-National League, 2013-14); Ironi Kiryat Ata (Israel-National League, 2014-16); Hapoel Tel Aviv (Israel-BSL, 2016-20); Levallois Metropolitans (France-LNB ProA, 2020-22)

Twitter: TomerGinat Instagram: tomerginat

After playing for Israel at the FIBA U20 European Championship in both 2013 and 2014, Ginat began representing the senior team in the European Qualifiers for the FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019. He played in eight of those games, then five of Israel's six FIBA EuroBasket Qualifiers games. More recently, he appeared in all six of the team's First Round European Qualifiers for next year's World Cup and had a prominent role, averaging 13.3 points and 7.8 rebounds both team highs. Ginat played particularly well against Germany, averaging 18 points across the two meetings.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	6	25.0	28/42	4/13	12/18	7.8	1.8	13.3
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	5	21.0	16/20	1/3	6/8	5.0	1.8	8.2
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	8	13.0	10/19	3/6	12/15	3.0	0.9	5.1

Jake COHEN



Height: 2.06

Date of Birth: 25/09/90

Position: Center

Place of Birth: Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania (USA)
Team 2021-22: Maccabi Tel Aviv (Israel-BSL)

Career: Davidson (USA-NCAA, 2009-13); Maccabi Tel Aviv (Israel-BSL, 2013-15); Aris (Greece-A1, 2015-16); Maccabi Ashdod (Israel-BSL, 2016-17); Maccabi Tel Aviv (Israel-BSL, 2017-20); Obradoiro (Spain-ACB League, 2020-21); Maccabi Tel Aviv

(Israel-BSL, 2021-22)

Twitter: jacohen15

Instagram: jake_cohen15

Cohen thrived at Davidson College under legendary coach Bob McKillop. He was the Southern Conference Freshman of the Year and went on to become the school's all-time leader in blocks with 197, and in starts with 123. While at Davidson, Cohen spent the 2010 summer playing for Israel at the FIBA U20 European Championship, Division B in Austria, where he averaged a tournament best 20 points per game and made the All-Star Five. Cohen, known for high basketball IQ, shooting and all-around play, appeared in five of Israel's European Qualifiers games and averaged 16.4 points per contest.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	4	17.0	9/17	2/6	8/10	2.3	0.8	8.0
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	5	26.0	17/36	7/16	27/31	4.0	1.2	16.4
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	10	30.0	42/84	10/26	42/48	5.0	2.2	15.6
2015	FIBA EuroBasket 2015 2nd Qual. Round	1	13.0	3/5	1/1	2/2	5.0	1.0	11.0

Roman SORKIN



Height: 2.08
Position: Center
Date of Birth: 11/08/96
Place of Birth: Minsk (BLR)

Team 2021-22: Maccabi Tel Aviv (Israel-BSL)
Career: Oregon University (USA-NCAA, 2014-18);
Maccabi Haifa (Israel-BSL, 2018-21); Maccabi Tel

Aviv (Israel-BSL, 2021-22)

Twitter: RomannSorkin

Instagram: romsorkin

Sorkin has seen his career take off the past few seasons in Israel. In his second year with Maccabi Haifa in 2019-20, Sorkin averaged 10.8 points, 4.7 rebounds and almost a block a game, while the following campaign his production went up to 13.4 points and 7.2 rebounds. With Israel, he played for the youth teams from 2012-15. For the senior team, in a win over Romania in the FIBA EuroBasket Qualifiers, he poured in 18 points. Sorkin, in a European Qualifiers game in July for next year's World Cup, had 16 points and three blocks against Estonia.

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	3	19.0	13/22	0/1	7/10	3.7	1.0	11.0
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	3	8.0	7/10	0/0	5/7	1.7	0.3	6.3



NETHERLANDS BACK IN THE BIG TIME

The Oranje are back on the biggest European stage with their faithful followers sure to light up the stands when they arrive in Prague. After missing out on the last edition in 2017, Netherlands made it back to the big time with a strong FIBA EuroBasket 2022 Qualifiers campaign as they defied their seeding to finish second in a group involving Croatia and Turkey, while it was Sweden who missed out.

Netherlands had endured a long 28-year wait to get back to EuroBasket before qualifying in 2015, and they will be out to ensure that missing out in 2017 is the new exception rather than the norm with a chance to establish themselves amongst the top European sides.

Their 73-72 triumph over Georgia in the opening game of 2015 ended an even longer gap between wins at the tournament having gone 0-5 in their previous appearance in 1989. The best-ever finish for Netherlands came six years earlier when they achieved fourth place, losing to the Soviet Union in the battle for bronze and they have never been as close to the podium.

There is perhaps no greater baptism of fire than an opening game against much-fancied title contenders Serbia this time around. Ensuing battles with Israel, Czech Republic, Poland and Finland may provide a better indicator of their aspirations to make it through to the knockout stages for the first time this century.

The success of EuroBasket qualification was followed by early struggles

in their bid to make a return to the FIBA Basketball World Cup with zero wins to their name as they moved onto the Second Round. Those past performances offered plenty of encouragement with a victory over Turkey in Ankara being the highlight of the campaign before the competition moved into a bubble operation as a result of the pandemic.

Charlon Kloof was Netherland's leading performer in the EuroBasket Qualifiers in topping the team's scoring and rebounding charts with 15.4 points and 5.8 boards per game across six appearances. Further scoring prowess comes in the form of shooting guard Yannick Franke, while 20-year-old Keye Van Der Vuurst De Vries is one of Europe's most promising guards having caught the eye in Basketball Champions League action as a teenager.

There is also the added sentiment of a final farewell to the senior international stage for Worthy De Jong at EuroBasket. A veteran leader who has given everything for his country has decided to retire from the 5-on-5 game and is still more than capable of playing a major role with his versatile all-round skillset.

Experience also means so much more when it comes to major tournaments and there will have been lessons learned from 2015 with the aim of building upon that solitary victory under new leadership as Maurizio Buscaglia is at the helm.

By Bradley Gains



Year	Event	Place	Achievement
2021	Olympics	Tokyo (JPN)	Did not qualify
2019	FIBA Basketball World Cup	Beijing (CHN)	Did not qualify
2017	FIBA EuroBasket	Istanbul (TUR)	Did not qualify
2016	Olympics	Rio de Janeiro (BRA)	Did not qualify
2015	FIBA EuroBasket	Lille (FRA)	21st
2014	FIBA Basketball World Cup	Madrid (ESP)	Did not qualify
2013	FIBA EuroBasket	Ljubljana (SLO)	Did not qualify
2012	Olympics	London (GBR)	Did not qualify
2011	FIBA EuroBasket	Kaunas (LTU)	Did not qualify
2010	FIBA Basketball World Cup	Istanbul (TUR)	Did not qualify

FIBA EuroBasket 2022 Qualifiers Accumulated Stats

Mohamed KHERAZZI

Olaf SCHAFTENAAR

Roeland SCHAFTENAAR

Coach: Maurizio BUSCAGLIA

Luuk VAN BREE

Jesse EDWARDS

Matt HAARMS

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22/04/97

24/02/96 ZZ Leiden

Heroes Den Bosch

CSU Sibiu (ROU)

Heroes Den Bosch

Syracuse University (USA)

Fraport Skyliners (GER)

Coruna (ESP)

21/03/00 Mississippi State (USA)

			FG		2PT	FG	3РТ	FG	F			REB							
Name	G	Min	M/A	%	M/A	%	M/A	%	M/A	%	0	D	Tot	AST	TO	STL	BLK	PF	PTS
Yannick FRANKE	6	23.3	24/60	40.0	14/25	56.0	10/35	28.6	29/34	85.3	0.5	1.8	2.3	2.3	2.0	1.0	0.3	2.0	14.5
Mohamed KHERRAZI	6	22.6	9/21	42.9	9/21	42.9	0/0	0.0	1/4	25.0	1.5	4.2	5.7	0.5	1.8	1.3	0.5	2.7	3.2
Keye VAN DER VUURST DE VRIES	6	19.0	15/36	41.7	8/19	42.1	7/17	41.2	4/5	80.0	0.5	1.3	1.8	3.7	2.5	0.5	0.0	2.0	6.8
Jito KOK	6	18.6	10/17	58.8	10/17	58.8	0/0	0.0	6/10	60.0	1.5	1.5	3.0	0.2	2.0	0.2	0.5	1.8	4.3
Charlon KLOOF	5	27.4	22/55	40.0	10/23	43.5	12/32	37.5	21/29	72.4	0.4	5.4	5.8	2.4	2.8	1.4	0.0	2.2	15.4
Leon WILLIAMS	5	25.8	8/20	40.0	5/10	50.0	3/10	30.0	0/2	0.0	0.6	2.2	2.8	2.0	1.2	0.4	0.0	3.2	3.8
Roeland SCHAFTENAAR	5	12.8	11/22	50.0	8/16	50.0	3/6	50.0	4/5	80.0	1.0	1.4	2.4	8.0	0.2	8.0	0.0	1.4	5.8
Worthy DE JONG	4	26.4	14/39	35.9	10/20	50.0	4/19	21.1	1/2	50.0	2.0	2.5	4.5	2.8	2.5	1.3	8.0	1.3	8.3
Olaf SCHAFTENAAR	4	16.0	6/12	50.0	1/2	50.0	5/10	50.0	0/0	0.0	0.0	8.0	8.0	1.0	0.0	8.0	0.3	1.0	4.3
Johan Willem VAN ZEGEREN	4	8.6	5/9	55.6	5/9	55.6	0/0	0.0	2/4	50.0	1.0	0.5	1.5	0.0	0.3	0.0	1.3	8.0	3.0
Shane HAMMINK	3	19.3	6/15	40.0	3/8	37.5	3/7	42.9	2/2	100.0	0.0	1.7	1.7	0.7	1.7	0.3	0.7	2.3	5.7
Thomas VAN DER MARS	3	9.7	1/5	20.0	1/5	20.0	0/0	0.0	3/6	50.0	0.3	1.3	1.7	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.3	1.3	1.7
Emmanuel NZEKWESI	2	12.4	4/11	36.4	3/9	33.3	1/2	50.0	2/2	100.0	0.5	2.0	2.5	0.0	0.5	0.5	0.5	2.0	5.5
Luuk VAN BREE	1	28.7	3/7	42.9	2/3	66.7	1/4	25.0	0/0	0.0	1.0	4.0	5.0	1.0	2.0	1.0	0.0	3.0	7.0
Boy VAN VLIET	1	19.5	1/7	14.3	1/5	20.0	0/2	0.0	2/2	100.0	2.0	2.0	4.0	0.0	1.0	3.0	0.0	0.0	4.0
Bryan ALBERTS	1	4.5	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Nathan KUTA	1	0.2	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Team/Coaches											1.3	2.8	4.2	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	
TOTALS		294.8	139/336	41.4	90/192	46.9	49/144	34.0	77/107	72.0	9.8	25.0	34.8	14.0	15.8	7.7	3.5	19.2	67.3

COACHMaurizio BUSCAGLIA



Nationality: Italian

Date of Birth: 09/04/69

Place of Birth: Bari (ITA)

Team 2021-22: Napoli (Italy-Serie A, 2022)
Club Career: Piove di Sacco (Italy, 19962000); Mestre (Italy Serie B, 2002-03); Aquila
Trento (Italy-Serie C1, 2003-07); Mestre (Italy,
2007-08); Perugia (Italy, 2009-10); Aquila Trento (Italy-Serie A/A2, 2010-19); Reggio Emilia
(Italy-Serie A, 2019-20); Brescia (Italy-Serie A,
2020-21); Hapoel Holon (Israel-BSL, 2021-22);

International Career: Netherlands (Head

A coach with pedigree in his native Italy and now making a mark on the international stage with Netherlands after guiding them back to FIBA EuroBasket. Buscaglia returned to Italy at club level earlier this year with Napoli following an unsuccessful stint in Israel with Hapoel Holon. Buscaglia previously shone at Aquila Trento after two spells at the club in a tenure that included multiple promotions leading to the top flight as well as being named EuroCup Coach of the Year after a European debut for the club. He also had two stints with Mestre back in the early 2000s with his career progressing to taking the reins with Netherlands in 2019 and is now set for the big stage.

Worthy DE JONG





Height: 1.94

Position: Shooting Guard/Small Forward

Date of Birth: 14/03/88

Place of Birth: Paramaribo (SUR)
Team 2021-22: ZZ Leiden (Netherlands-BNXT)

Career: Rotterdam (Netherlands-DBL, 2009-10); ZZ Leiden (Netherlands-DBL, 2010-16); SOMB (France-Pro B, 2016-17); ZZ Leiden (Nether-

lands-DBL, 2017-22)

Twitter: BeWorthy

Instagram: beworthy

Retirement may be looming for De Jong, but don't be mistaken in thinking that this is because of any dip in performance. De Jong opened the preparation games with 26 points against Slovenia and is coming off a domestic season in which he was Finals MVP in the BNXT as well as Defensive Player of the Year. The list of accolades is as long as both arms with De Jong bringing 11 seasons with Leiden to a close this summer. He had one season overseas in France before returning to Leiden and further cementing his legacy as a club legend. The do-it-all competitor has been huge for Netherlands over the past decade with a EuroBasket debut in 2015. De Jong is also a keen content creator, and there are sure to be some capture worthy moments to come in his 5-on-5 swansong.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	4	29.0	10/22	8/23	9/13	6.3	3.8	13.3
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	4	26.0	10/20	4/19	1/2	4.5	2.8	8.3
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	12	22.0	22/47	10/44	13/18	2.8	1.8	7.3
2017	FIBA B. WC 2019 EU Pre-Qualifiers	4	26.0	10/17	8/21	9/11	6.0	1.5	13.3
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017 Qualifiers	6	26.0	17/26	12/26	12/18	4.8	2.3	13.7

Charlon KLOOF



Height: 1.85
Position: Point Guard
Date of Birth: 20/03/90

Place of Birth: Paramaribo (SUR)
Team 2021-22: FC Porto (Portugal-LPB)

Career: St Bonaventure University (USA-NCAA, 2011-14); Istanbul (Turkey-D2, 2014-15); Rethymno Cretan Kings (Greece-A1, 2015-16); Torino (Italy-Serie A, 2016); MZT Skopje (North Macedonia-First League, 2016-17); UCAM Murcia (Spain-ACB League, 2017-19); Ormanspor (Turkey-BSL, 2019-20); MoraBanc Andorra (Spain-ACB League, 2020); Fuen-

labrada (Spain-ACB League, 2020); Ormanspor (Turkey-BSL, 2021); FC Porto (Portugal-LPB, 2021-22)

Twitter: CharlonONEKloof Instagram: onekloof

Kloof can play effectively at either of the guard spots and has been an important presence for Netherlands on the international stage. The 32-year-old made a Final Round debut at FIBA EuroBasket 2015 with averages of 16.2 points, 4.6 rebounds and 3.2 assists to reflect his all-round capabilities. Kloof's scoring fire-power set Netherlands on their way to making it back to the major tournament after pouring in 27 points in a memorable win on the road against Turkey at the start of their Qualifiers campaign. He was a league MVP with Skopje in North Macedonia and will be key to Netherlands' hopes in Prague.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	2	27.0	7/12	2/5	7/8	2.5	1.5	13.5
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	5	27.0	10/23	12/32	21/29	5.8	2.4	15.4
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	11	31.0	30/77	12/38	46/66	3.9	4.2	12.9
2017	FIBA B. WC 2019 EU Pre-Qualifiers	3	24.0	5/12	2/7	10/16	2.7	5.0	8.7
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017 Qualifiers	6	30.0	10/29	8/27	35/43	5.3	3.2	13.2

Keye VAN DER VUURST DE VRIES



Height: 1.91
Position: Point Guard
Date of Birth: 29/12/01
Place of Birth: Rijswijk

Team 2021-22: Filou Oostende (Belgium-BNXT)
Career: Filou Oostende (Belgium-BNXT, 2018-22)

Instagram: k.vandervuurst6

There have been a lot of eyes on Van Der Vuurst De Vries – or KVDVDV as he is sometimes referred to – for some time after breaking out in the BCL as a talented teenager. Keye has developed with Filou Oostende in Belgium over the past four years or so and was also fast-tracked into Netherlands' senior team plans as their youngest ever debutant at the age of 16. KVDVDV has an eye for a pass and the playmaking guard will help run the Dutch offense with 5.5 assists per game in the latest round of FIBA Basketball World Cup European Qualifiers. He was also Finals MVP as Oostende won the national title in Belgium.

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	4	19.0	4/12	3/16	0/0	1.3	5.5	4.3
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	6	19.0	8/19	7/17	4/5	1.8	3.7	6.8
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	3	9.0	2/2	1/5	4/4	0.3	1.7	3.7



Leon WILLIAMS



Height: 1.88
Position: Point Guard
Date of Birth: 25/07/91
Place of Birth: Amersfoort

Team 2021-22: Donar Groningen (Nether-

lands-BNXT)

Career: WCAA Giants (Netherlands-DBL, 2010-11); Rotterdam (Netherlands-DBL, 2011-12); Landstede Zwolle (Netherlands-DBL, 2012-15); Heroes Den Bosch (Netherlands-DBL, 2015-16); BG Gottingen (Germany-BBL, 2016-18); Castello (Spain-LEB Gold, 2018-19); Den Helder Suns (Netherlands-DBL, 2019); Donar Groningen (Netherlands-DBL, 2019-20); BG Gottingen (Germany-BBL, 2020); Donar Groningen (Netherlands-DBL, 2020-22)

Twitter: LeonWilliams91 Instagram: leonwilliams91

Williams adds depth to Netherlands' backcourt and a familiarity having spent most of his playing career on home soil with multiple spells at different teams as well as competing at FIBA EuroBasket 2015. He spent time in Germany and Spain before returning to Germany during the pandemic to play alongside compatriot Jito Kok for the final part of the 2019-20 season. Williams has since enjoyed success back home as a winner of the Dutch Cup with Donar Groningen and made All-Defense Team honors in the 2020-21 campaign. Life is pretty good away from the court, too, as Leon got engaged to his partner in Bali this summer.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	4	23.0	3/9	3/9	2/2	2.0	1.3	4.3
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	5	26.0	5/10	3/10	0/2	2.8	2.0	3.8
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	9	9.0	6/13	1/11	3/5	0.6	0.8	2.0
2017	FIBA B. WC 2019 EU Pre-Qualifiers	4	21.0	3/8	2/7	6/8	2.0	4.5	4.5
2015	FIBA EuroBasket 2015	5	13.0	2/7	0/1	2/6	1.2	2.4	1.2

Yannick FRANKE



Height: 1.95
Position: Shooting Guard
Date of Birth: 21/05/96

Place of Birth: Haarlem

Team 2021-22: MoraBanc Andorra (Spain-ACB League)

Career: ZZ Leiden (Netherlands-DBL, 2013); Rotterdam (Netherlands-DBL, 2013-15); Donar Groningen (Netherlands-DBL, 2015-16); Bisons Loimaa (Finland-Korisliiga, 2016); Zadar (Croatia-A-1, 2017); Aquila Trento (Italy-Serie A, 2017-18); BC Pieno zvaigzdes (Lithuania-LKL, 2018-19);

Hamburg Towers (Germany-BBL, 2019-20); Nancy (France-Pro B, 2020); Lublin (Poland-PLK, 2020-21); Trefl Sopot (Poland-PLK, 2021-22); MoraBanc Andorra (Spain-ACB League, 2022)

Instagram: yannafranke

Franke provides an explosion of offensive firepower for Netherlands, and he will be the guy they want to heat up quickly at EuroBasket. The start of the summer provided an example of what Franke can do on the main stage after dropping 30 points in 28 minutes against Italy during the FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual. The promise was there for some time with Franke having been the youngest scoring champion in DBL history with 19.6 points per game in 2015 and emulating his father Rolfe at international level. Franke has re-found his footing in recent seasons and is set for another season in the BCL with a move to PAOK in Greece on the horizon.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	4	26.0	11/23	12/32	9/9	4.5	1.8	16.8
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	6	23.0	14/25	10/35	29/34	2.3	2.3	14.5
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	11	23.0	39/75	11/42	36/46	3.5	1.6	13.4
2017	FIBA B. WC 2019 EU Pre-Qualifiers	4	16.0	7/14	6/16	10/12	2.8	1.0	10.5
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017 Qualifiers	6	20.0	13/31	8/27	9/12	3.0	1.0	9.8

Shane HAMMINK



Height: 2.01

Position: Shooting Guard/Small Forward

Date of Birth: 22/07/94
Place of Birth: Louisiana (USA)

Team 2021-22: Heroes Den Bosch (Nether-

lands-BNXT)

Career: Louisiana State University (USA-NCAA, 2012-14); Valparaiso University (USA-NCAA, 2015-17); Bilbao Basket (Spain-ACB League, 2017-18); Donar Groningen (Netherlands-DBL, 2018-20); Yoast United (Netherlands-DBL, 2020); Spirou Charleroi (Belgium-BLB, 2020-21); Heroes Den Bosch (Netherlands-BNXT, 2021-22)

Hammink is the son of Geert Hammink — a former NBA player, who was selected in the first round of the 1993 NBA Draft. Hammink junior had the family bragging rights last season as Heroes Den Bosch defeated ZZ Leiden — where Geert is head coach — in the DBL Finals, though Leiden went on to win the BNXT title. The Louisiana native started out as LSU just as his father had done before representing Netherlands through the age groups with the national team. Hammink made a handful of appearances during the Qualifiers for FIBA EuroBasket 2015 and hopes to be part of the final roster.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	2	22.0	3/7	6/8	2/2	3.5	0.0	13.0
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	3	19.0	3/8	3/7	2/2	1.7	0.7	5.7
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	12	22.0	26/43	7/17	21/26	2.8	1.5	7.8
2015	FIBA EuroBasket 2015 2nd Qual. Round	2	2.0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2015	FIBA EuroBasket 2015	5	13.0	2/7	0/1	2/6	1.2	2.4	1.2

Dylan VAN EYCK



Height: 2.01

Position: Small Forward

Date of Birth: 19/05/98

Place of Birth: Boskoop

Team 2021-22: Iona University (USA-NCAA) **Career:** Iona University (USA-NCAA, 2019-22)

Twitter: dyl_ve Instagram: dyl_ve

Van Eyck achieves a dream of becoming a professional basketball player next season after landing a move to San Giobbe Basket in Italy. The young forward completed his college career in the US with Iona and averaged 8.3 points, 4.4 rebounds and 3.1 assists per game last season with the Gaels. Van Eyck was named Sixth Man of the Year in the MAAC after thriving in his role at Iona. He joined up with the national team earlier this summer and saw minutes at senior level for the first time having previously represented his country at U18 and U20 levels.

Mohamed KHERRAZI



Height: 2.00

Position: Small Forward/Power Forward

Date of Birth: 29/06/90

Place of Birth: Errachidia (MOR)

Team 2021-22: Heroes Den Bosch (Nether-

lands-BNXT)

Career: Amsterdam (Netherlands-DBL, 2009-11); ZZ Leiden (Netherlands-DBL, 2011-19); Landstede Zwolle (Netherlands-DBL, 2019-20); Feyenoord (Netherlands-DBL, 2020); Kangoeroes (Belgium-BLB, 2021); Heroes Den Bosch (Nether-

lands-BNXT, 2021-22) **Twitter:** mokherrazi **Instagram:** mokherrazi

A former Rookie of the Year at Amsterdam, Kherrazi went on to have a long tenure at ZZ Leiden spanning eight seasons which included a league title triumph in 2013. Kherrazi joined Heroes Den Bosch last season and celebrated another national title. The forward is renowned for his defensive strength having picked up the Defensive Player of the Year accolade on three occasions, whilst making the All-Defensive Team five times in total. Kherrazi had his first taste of FIBA EuroBasket action in 2015 and has carved out a role on the national team.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	4	15.0	4/10	0/0	0/2	2.8	0.5	2.0
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	6	23.0	9/21	0/0	1/4	5.7	0.5	3.2
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	5	23.0	7/16	0/0	3/8	6.2	0.8	3.4
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017 Qualifiers	5	12.0	1/3	0/0	2/4	1.8	0.6	0.8
2015	FIBA EuroBasket 2015	5	16.0	4/8	0/0	1/2	1.2	1.0	1.8

Jito KOK



Height: 2.06

Position: Power Forward

Date of Birth: 23/03/94

Place of Birth: Wageningen

Team 2021-22: Spirou Charleroi (Belgium-BNXT) Career: University of San Diego (USA-NCAA, 2012-16); Lavrio (Greece-A1, 2016-17); Kapla (Estonia-KML, 2017); Real Valladolid (Spain-LEB Gold, 2017-18); Dutch Windmills (Netherlands-DBL, 2018-19); Kangoeroes (Belgium-BLB, 2019-20); BG Gottingen (Germany-BBL, 2020); Kangoeroes (Belgium-BLB, 2020-21); Spirou Charleroi (Belgium-BNXT, 2021-22)

Twitter: JitoKok Instagram: jitokok

Kok was an ever-present in the EuroBasket Qualifiers campaign for Netherlands with an average of 18.6 minutes across the six appearances to add further size and depth to the frontcourt. He spent four years at San Diego before embarking on a pro career that began with a rookie year split between Greece and Estonia. Kok has since spent the last three and a bit years in Belgium, averaging 9.0 points and 5.2 rebounds with Spirou last season and will return to Netherlands with Heroes Den Bosch after signing a two-year deal with the Dutch champions.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	4	15.0	4/14	0/0	2/2	2.3	0.5	2.5
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	6	19.0	10/17	0/0	6/10	3.0	0.2	4.3
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	10	10.0	10/24	0/1	3/5	1.7	0.3	2.3
2017	FIBA B. WC 2019 EU Pre-Qualifiers	3	10.0	8/9	0/0	5/8	2.7	0.3	7.0

Olaf SCHAFTENAAR



Height: 2.06

Position: Small Forward/Power Forward

Date of Birth: 15/05/93 Place of Birth: Utrecht

Team 2021-22: CSU Sibiu (Romania-LN)

Career: Oregon State University (USA-NCAA, 2012-16); Landstede Zwolle (Netherlands-DBL, 2016-19); Real Canoe (Spain-LEB Gold, 2019-20); Girona (Spain-LEB Gold, 2021-22); CSU Sibiu (Romania-LN, 2022)

Twitter: 0_S_chaftenaar Instagram: o.schaftenaar

The younger half of the Schaftenaar siblings, Olaf followed in his brother's footsteps by playing at Oregon State during a four-year college career in the US. He also ended up playing in Spain and spent the backend of last season in Romania but will return home next season after joining Donar Groningen. Schaftenaar played in all four games of Netherlands' First Round campaign in the FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual. with a best contribution of 9 points against Italy. The 29-year-old will be hoping to make a Final Round debut and better still, getting to do so alongside his brother for the national team.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	4	10.0	0/0	5/9	0/0	0.5	0.3	3.8
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	4	16.0	1/2	5/10	0/0	0.8	1.0	4.3
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	1	3.0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Roeland SCHAFTENAAR



Height: 2.09

Position: Power Forward
Date of Birth: 29/07/88
Place of Birth: Utrecht

Team 2021-22: Basquet Coruna (Spain-LEB Gold)
Career: Oregon State University (USA-NCAA, 2006-10); La Palma (Spain-LEB Gold, 2010-12); Breogan (Spain-LEB Gold, 2012-14); Rethymno Cretan Kings (Greece-A1, 2014-17); Larissas (Greece-A1, 2017-18); Ionikos (Greece-A1, 2018-20); Caceres (Spain-LEB Gold, 2020-21); Basquet Coruna (Spain-LEB Gold, 2021-22)

The older half of the Schaftenaar siblings, Roeland has plenty of experience at the age of 34. His 12-year playing career has been split in Spain and Greece, even playing alongside Charlon Kloof during a three-year stay at Rethymno Cretan Kings. Schaftenaar was part of Netherlands' starting lineup at FIBA EuroBasket 2015, averaging 8.2 points and 4.0 rebounds after playing an important role in their qualifying effort. He made five appearances in the latest campaign and suited up alongside his brother during the FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual. window at the start of the summer with 10.3 minutes per contest in the First Round.

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	3	10.0	5/8	1/2	2/3	2.3	1.7	5.0
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	5	13.0	8/16	3/6	4/5	2.4	0.8	5.8
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	10	21.0	23/44	6/18	18/26	4.0	1.3	8.2
2017	FIBA B. WC 2019 EU Pre-Qualifiers	4	23.0	6/16	2/6	7/9	3.5	1.5	6.3
2017	FIBA FuroBasket 2017 Qualifiers	6	26.0	18/35	0/7	12/17	4.8	2.7	8.0



LUUK VAN BREE



Height: 2.06
Position: Power Forward
Date of Birth: 24/02/96
Place of Birth: Helmond

Team 2021-22: ZZ Leiden (Netherlands-BNXT)

Career: Bradley University (USA-NCAA, 2015-19);

ZZ Leiden (Netherlands-DBL, 2020-22)

Instagram: luukvanbree



Jesse EDWARDS

Height: 2.11
Position: Center
Date of Birth: 18/03/00
Place of Birth: Amsterdam

Team 2021-22: Syracuse University (USA-NCAA) **Career:** Syracuse University (USA-NCAA, 2019-22)

Instagram: jesse_edwards

Van Bree spent four years at Bradley University having made a positive start by being named to the Missouri Valley Conference All-Freshman Team. The Dutch production line continues at the Braves with Malevy Leons and Rienk Mast both on the roster having also received call ups to this summer's preliminary roster. Van Bree returned to the Netherlands following his college career and signed a two-year deal with ZZ Leiden in the summer of 2020. Van Bree posted 9.0 points and 3.3 rebounds per game last season as the club won another national title, though the 26-year-old is yet to really nail down a place with the senior national team.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS	
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	1	29.0	2/3	1/4	0/0	5.0	1.0	7.0	

Another in the long line of promising Dutch big men, Edwards is currently honing his craft at Syracuse having completed a junior year with 12.0 points and 6.5 rebounds per game as a regular starter. Edwards sustained a broken wrist earlier in the year to curtail his campaign but joined up with the national team as part of their FIBA EuroBasket preparations. The center previously made a debut for the senior side during the FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual. against Iceland. Edwards' older brother Kai was also part of the Netherlands preliminary roster.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

2023 FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual. 2 11.0 4/7 0/0 2/3 5.0 0.5 5.0	YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
	2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	2	11.0	4/7	0/0	2/3	5.0	0.5	5.0

Matt HAARMS



Height: 2.21
Position: Center
Date of Birth: 22/04/97
Place of Birth: Amsterdam

Team 2021-22: Fraport Skyliners (Germany-BBL) Career: Purdue University (USA-NCAA, 2017-20); Brigham Young University (USA-NCAA, 2020-21); Fraport Skyliners (Germany-BBL, 2021-22)

Instagram: matthaarms

Haarms is fresh off of a rookie year in Germany after averaging 7.4 points and 4.5 rebounds for Fraport Skyliners

Hard to miss with his towering frame, but it was his hair that caught attention during college with a dedicated Twitter account from his time at Purdue. Haarms was a Defensive Player of the Year in the West Coast Conference after averaging 2 blocks per game at BYU. His debut with the senior national team came in 2021 with 7 points in each outing against Iceland and Italy during the FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual. in November. Standing at 2.21m, there won't be many guards that fancy their chances of getting in Haarms way.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION		G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023	3 EU Qual.	2	14.0	5/7	0/0	4/7	1.5	0.0	7.0

Quinten POST



Height: 2.13
Position: Center
Date of Birth: 21/03/00
Place of Birth: Amsterdam

Team 2021-22: Boston College (USA-NCAA)
Career: Mississippi State University (USA-NCAA,
2019-21); Boston College (USA-NCAA, 2021-22)

Instagram: quintenpost_

The seven-footer from Amsterdam is another of Netherlands' emerging bright talents. Post joined up with the national team in the summer off the back of a junior year at Boston College with averages of 9.4 points and 5.4 rebounds per game. Post worked his way into the starting lineup later in the season and has already had the challenge of going up against Rudy Gobert in the lead up to EuroBasket. Post previously competed at the FIBA U20 European Championship, Division B in 2019 for his first taste of an international tournament with Netherlands, and now hopes to break into the senior team in amongst the competition for places in the frontcourt.



UNPREDICTABLE POLAND PRESENTED WITH AN OPPORTUNITY

A new coach, a failed FIBA Basketball World Cup qualification and the return of experienced players — those factors make Poland nearly impossible to judge before FIBA EuroBasket 2022

With Poland, everything starts from a certain coach with a tough personality. The impressive but still young coaching career of 46-year-old Igor Milicic has come as no surprise to anyone in Poland. He was known as a smart player and it was obvious that he wanted to coach. In the few past years he changed the coaching trends in Poland, bringing a lot of innovation, closing in with European philosophies, creatively using modern offenses and mixed styles of defense, which often confused opposing coaches and players.

So it was not a surprise to anyone that in the summer of 2021, after an unsuccessful Olympic Qualifying Tournament in Kaunas that the Polish Basketball Federation decided to replace American coach Mike Taylor after eight years of duty and turned to the most successful coach on the Polish market. So far, Milicic's revamped and rejuvenated national team could not reach the Second Round of FIBA Basketball World Cup European Qualifiers, but EuroBasket presents an opportunity for the ambitious coach to get back on track.

Poland only recorded two wins during the First Round of World Cup European Qualifiers as their hopes were ended with a heartbreaking loss to Germany, despite a 30-point effort from Slaughter. Just three years on from their impressive exploits in China, their absence will be felt at next year's major tournament.

One of the most important factors at EuroBasket, however, will be the return of both of their brightest stars, who didn't play in November and February windows. Euroleague standout Mateusz Ponitka and sharpshooting naturalized American A.J. Slaughter. Ponitka is the leader and showed his quality immediately after coming back to the team in June. He feels great as a player with responsibility and the team believes in him. He will be key on defense and playmaking, while Slaughter brings self-confidence to the team in the most important moments, as per coach Millicic.

Additionally, two talented but still somehow unproven players in the national team — Aleksander Dziewa and Michal Michalak — will make their return to the team after injuries. A lot of mystery and excitement surrounds the new Polish player in the NBA — 19-year-old Jeremy Sochan, the number 9 selection in the 2022 NBA Draft this summer, who is set to be a big part of the future plans.

"My goal for EuroBasket 2022 is to be the dark horse of the tournament and make everyone believe that we can be a surprise team," declared Milicic. "All the players know what to do and I hope that tactical cohesion and hard-nosed defense will be our identity at the tournament."

Poland enter with the mentality of underdogs and that may be the best way they can make some noise this time.

By Adam Romanski



ROSTER

Player	Height (m)	Position	Date of Birth	Team 2021-22
Jakub SCHENK	1.84	PG	29/07/94	Union Tours Metropole (FRA)
A.J. SLAUGHTER	1.92	PG/SG	03/08/87	Gran Canaria (ESP)
Lukasz KOLENDA	1.95	PG/SG	28/07/99	Slask Wroclaw
Jakub GARBACZ	1.97	SG	17/03/94	Arged BM Stal Ostrow Wlkp.
Michal MICHALAK	1.97	SG	02/11/93	Metropolitans 92 (FRA)
Michal KOLENDA	2.02	SG/SF	31/03/97	Trefl Sopot
Mateusz PONITKA	1.98	SG/SF	29/08/93	Zenit St. Petersburg (RUS)
Michal SOKOLOWSKI	1.96	SG/SF	11/12/92	Treviso Basket (ITA)
Jarosław ZYSKOWSKI	2.03	SF/PF	16/07/92	Enea Zastal BC Zielona Gora
Jakub COULIBALY	2.04	PF	12/01/03	Sojky Pelhrimov (CZE)
Aaron CEL	2.05	PF	04/03/87	Twarde Pierniki Torun
Jeremy SOCHAN	2.06	PF	20/05/03	Baylor University (USA)
Aleksander DZIEWA	2.06	PF/C	06/11/97	Slask Wroclaw
Aleksander BALCEROWSKI	2.18	С	19/11/00	Gran Canaria (ESP)
Dominik OLEJNICZAK	2.13	С	01/07/96	Gravelines (FRA)
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How did they qualify?

FIBA EuroBasket 2022 Qualifiers 3rd in Group A (3W - 3L)

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Last 10 FIBA Events

Year	Event	Place	Achievement
2021	Olympics	Tokyo (JPN)	Did not qualify
2019	FIBA Basketball World Cup	Beijing (CHN)	8th
2017	FIBA EuroBasket	Istanbul (TUR)	18th
2016	Olympics	Rio de Janeiro (BRA)	Did not qualify
2015	FIBA EuroBasket	Lille (FRA)	11th
2014	FIBA Basketball World Cup	Madrid (ESP)	Did not qualify
2013	FIBA EuroBasket	Ljubljana (SLO)	21st
2012	Olympics	London (GBR)	Did not qualify
2011	FIBA EuroBasket	Kaunas (LTU)	17th
2010	FIBA Basketball World Cup	Istanbul (TUR)	Did not qualify

FIBA EuroBasket 2022 Qualifiers Accumulated Stats

			FG		2PT	FG	3РТ	FG	F	Т		REB							
Name	G	Min	M/A	%	M/A	%	M/A	%	M/A	%	0	D	Tot	AST	T0	STL	BLK	PF	PTS
Michal MICHALAK	6	19.4	19/39	48.7	12/20	60.0	7/19	36.8	16/18	88.9	0.7	2.5	3.2	1.7	2.2	0.3	0.0	1.7	10.2
Michal SOKOLOWSKI	5	26.2	16/40	40.0	9/24	37.5	7/16	43.8	17/20	85.0	8.0	2.8	3.6	1.4	1.0	2.2	0.0	2.0	11.2
Aaron CEL	5	23.3	18/35	51.4	15/25	60.0	3/10	30.0	2/5	40.0	1.4	5.2	6.6	1.4	2.0	1.4	0.0	1.2	8.2
Lukasz KOSZAREK	5	20.4	8/29	27.6	3/13	23.1	5/16	31.3	3/3	100.0	0.4	2.0	2.4	4.2	0.4	0.4	0.0	2.0	4.8
Adam HRYCANIUK	5	14.3	2/11	18.2	2/11	18.2	0/0	0.0	4/6	66.7	1.2	1.2	2.4	0.2	1.2	0.2	0.0	2.4	1.6
AJ SLAUGHTER	4	29.8	28/51	54.9	14/29	48.3	14/22	63.6	12/13	92.3	8.0	1.8	2.5	2.8	2.5	1.5	0.3	2.3	20.5
Damian KULIG	4	19.8	10/25	40.0	9/20	45.0	1/5	20.0	14/16	87.5	1.5	2.5	4.0	2.0	0.8	0.8	2.0	2.5	8.8
Karol GRUSZECKI	4	13.6	6/19	31.6	4/7	57.1	2/12	16.7	0/2	0.0	0.3	1.3	1.5	8.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	1.5	3.5
Jaroslaw ZYSKOWSKI	4	12.2	4/15	26.7	4/11	36.4	0/4	0.0	8/10	80.0	0.5	1.3	1.8	0.0	0.8	0.5	0.3	2.0	4.0
Dominik OLEJNICZAK	4	11.6	8/14	57.1	8/14	57.1	0/0	0.0	1/1	100.0	1.5	2.3	3.8	0.5	1.5	0.5	1.0	2.0	4.3
Lukasz KOLENDA	4	11.5	2/7	28.6	2/5	40.0	0/2	0.0	6/6	100.0	0.0	0.5	0.5	1.3	0.3	0.8	0.0	1.0	2.5
Aleksander BALCEROWSKI	3	13.8	9/12	75.0	9/11	81.8	0/1	0.0	4/4	100.0	1.3	2.0	3.3	1.3	1.0	0.7	0.3	2.0	7.3
Tomasz GIELO	3	11.8	3/7	42.9	1/1	100.0	2/6	33.3	6/8	75.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	0.3	0.7	0.7	0.0	1.0	4.7
Adam WACZYNSKI	2	24.0	6/17	35.3	4/8	50.0	2/9	22.2	2/2	100.0	1.0	2.0	3.0	3.0	1.5	1.5	0.0	1.0	8.0
Marcel PONITKA	2	21.8	6/12	50.0	5/7	71.4	1/5	20.0	0/1	0.0	1.0	2.0	3.0	4.0	1.5	1.0	0.0	2.5	6.5
Kamil LACZYNSKI	2	8.2	2/5	40.0	2/3	66.7	0/2	0.0	1/1	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	1.0	1.0	0.0	2.5	2.5
Aleksander DZIEWA	2	6.0	3/4	75.0	3/4	75.0	0/0	0.0	4/6	66.7	1.5	0.5	2.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	5.0
Mateusz PONITKA	1	31.8	8/15	53.3	5/8	62.5	3/7	42.9	4/9	44.4	0.0	4.0	4.0	2.0	1.0	2.0	0.0	1.0	23.0
Jeremy SOCHAN	1	29.1	6/10	60.0	5/9	55.6	1/1	100.0	5/5	100.0	0.0	3.0	3.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	1.0	18.0
Jakub GARBACZ	1	6.2	0/2	0.0	0/1	0.0	0/1	0.0	3/3	100.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	3.0
Igor MILICIC	1	4.4	1/1	100.0	1/1	100.0	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	2.0
Team/Coaches											1.3	1.8	3.2	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	
TOTALS	Γ	359.2	165/370	44.6	117/232	50.4	48/138	34.8	112/139	80.6	10.3	24.2	34.5	16.5	12.7	9.2	2.8	19.7	81.7

COACH Igor MILICIC



Nationality: Croatian/Polish

Date of Birth: 09/06/76

Place of Birth: Slavonski Brod (CRO)

Team 2021-22: Arged BM Stal Ostrow Wlkp. (Poland-PLK)

Playing Career: KK Rijeka (Croatia-HKL, 1996-1997); KK Split (Croatia-HKL, 1997-1999); Cersanit Nomi Kielce (Poland-PLK, 1999-00); Polonia Warszawa (Poland-PLK, 2000); Trefl Sopot (Poland-PLK, 2000-02); Anwil Wloclawek (Poland-PLK, 2002-03); Iraklio Crete

(Greece-A1, 2003); Trepca Mitrovice (Kosovo-Superleague, 2004-05); Tuborg Izmir (Turkey-D1, 2005); Dexia Mons-Hainaut (Belgium-D1, 2005-06); Turk Telekom Ankara (Turkey-D1, 2006-07); Enisey Krasnoyarsk (Russia-Superleague, 2007), Prokom Trefl Sopot (Poland-PLK, 2007-08); AZS Koszalin (Poland-PLK, 2008-13)

Club Career: AZS Koszalin (Poland-PLK, 2014-15);, Anwil Wloclawek (Poland-PLK, 2015-20); Arged BM Stal Ostrow Wlkp. (Poland-PLK, 2020-

National Team Career: Polish Men (Head Coach, 2021-)

The former playmaker who played at several top European leagues and was a two-time Polish champion, finished his playing career in 2013 with a bang — helping AZS Koszalin to its only domestic medal in the Polish league thus far. Since becoming a head coach, he has won three Polish Championships with two different teams and also reached the FIBA Europe Cup Final with Stal in 2021. Milicic was born and raised in Croatia but he has been a Polish citizen since 2007 after marrying Barbara. Milicic' three sons are also basketball players, who started their careers in Koszalin, played in Sopot when he moved to coaching and then in Germany's Orange Academy in Ulm. The oldest—also named Igor, currently 20—is now a student-athlete at North Carolina Charlotte after transferring from Virginia. Igor junior has already played for the senior national team during World Cup European Qualifiers.

Jakub SCHENK



Height: 1.84
Position: Point Guard
Date of Birth: 29/07/94
Place of Birth: Tarnow

Team 2021-22: Union Tours Metropole (France-Pro B)

Career: Rosa Radom (Poland-PLK, 2012-16); Polpharma Starogard Gdanski (Poland-PLK, 2016-18;, King Szczecin (Poland-PLK, 2018-19); Polski Cukier Torun (Poland-PLK, 2019-20); King Szczecin (Poland-PLK, 2020-22); Union Tours Metropole (France-Pro B, 2022)

Former Poland national team coach Mike Taylor tried a lot of point guards during his eight years of duty, including Schenk, but it was coach Milicic who finally gave this player a chance during meaningful games. Always competitive, Schenk waited a few years before he was given a chance in the Polish league at Starogard Gdanski and then Szczecin, but few believed he had a national team quality. Fortunately, Schenk was not one of them, and he powered his way into the team and contributed as back-up playmaker in recent games. After completing the last season in the Polish league he signed for French Pro B team and he will remain with them next season even though they were relegated to third-tier in France.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR COMPETITION		G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023 FIBA Basketball W	C 2023 EU Qual.	6	15.0	7/17	3/7	11/12	2.2	4.7	5.7

Mateusz PONITKA





Height: 1.98

Position: Shooting Guard/Small Forward

Date of Birth: 29/08/93 Place of Birth: Poznan

Team 2021-22: Zenit St. Petersburg (Russia-VTB)
Career: AZS Politechnika Warszawska (Poland-D2., 2009-11); AZS Politechnika Warszawska
(Poland-PLK, 2011-12); Asseco Prokom Gdynia
(Poland-PLK, 2011-13); Telenet Oostende (Belgium-BLB, 2013-15), Stelmet BC Zielona Gora
(Poland-PLK, 2015-16), Pinar Karsiyaka Izmir (Turkey-BSL, 2016-17)' Iberostar Tenerife (Spain-ACB

League, 2017-18), Lokomotiv Kuban Krasnodar (Russia-VTB, 2018-19), Zenit St. Petersburg (Russia-VTB, 2019-22)

Still only 29, Mateusz Ponitka has become a veteran and key player for Poland in the last five years. He was the team's best player at the 2019 FIBA Basketball World Cup in China and also one of the leaders at EuroBasket 2017. He has experienced ups and downs of the Polish team since 2012, not long after he was an All-Tournament selection at the 2010 FIBA U17 Basketball World Cup where Poland claimed silver. Always competitive, athletic, a great defender and ready to pass the ball, he was a key player in Euroleague competition for Zenit St. Petersburg since 2019. He was the best Polish player in the latest World Cup European Qualifiers window in June/July, providing usual leadership on and off the court and playing all three outside positions.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	2	34.0	5/11	4/8	15/18	7.0	5.5	18.5
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	1	32.0	5/8	3/7	4/9	4.0	2.0	23.0
2020	FIBA Olympic Qual. Tournament 2020	3	26.0	13/23	4/8	10/12	4.0	2.0	16.0
2019	FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019	8	29.0	26/49	7/17	35/47	6.8	1.6	13.5
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	12	25.0	50/75	9/21	34/47	4.7	1.8	13.4

A.J. SLAUGHTER



Height: 1.92

Position: Point Guard/Shooting Guard

Date of Birth: 03/08/87

Place of Birth: Louisville, Kentucky (USA)

Team 2021-22: Gran Canaria (Spain-ACB League)
Career: Western Kentucky University (USA-NCAA, 2006-10); Angelico Biella (Italy-LegaBasket, 2010-11); Mons Hainaut (Belgium-BLB 2011-12); Cholet (France-LNB Pro A, 2012-13); Chalon-sur-Saone (France-LNB Pro A, 2013-2014); Panathinaikos Athens (Greece-A1, 2014-15); Banvit Bandirma (Turkey-BSL, 2015-16); SIG Strasbourg (France-LNB

Pro A, 2016-17); ASVEL Lyon (France-LNB Pro A, 2017-19); Real Betis (Spain-ACB League, 2019-20); Gran Canaria (Spain-ACB League, 2020-22)

A veteran of the last two EuroBasket campaigns and 2019 FIBA BasketballWorld Cup, where he played a key role, Slaughter is an unusually quiet person but once again proved valuable when he was called by coach Milicic earlier this summer. Slaughter's career highest note was playing for Euroleague powerhouse Panathinaikos in 2014-15, but since then he played only a step lower - for top teams in EuroCup including Gran Canaria. At 35, he would probably play his last big tournament for Poland. Maybe he would like to get some vengeance, since Poland's EuroBasket hopes in 2017 were dashed when he suffered an injury during a dramatic overtime loss against Finland and the team never recovered without him.

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	2	31.0	5/10	12/22	2/2	2.0	4.0	24.0
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	4	30.0	14/29	14/22	12/13	2.5	2.8	20.5
2020	FIBA Olympic Qual. Tournament 2020	3	30.0	9/21	8/16	4/7	2.0	4.7	15.3
2019	FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019	8	30.0	26/58	13/40	15/17	2.8	4.8	13.3
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	6	26.0	16/28	16/30	8/9	1.8	4.7	14.7

Lukasz KOLENDA



Height: 1.95

Position: Point Guard/Shooting Guard

Date of Birth: 28/07/99
Place of Birth: Flk

Team 2021-22: Slask Wroclaw (Poland-PLK)
Career: Trefl Sopot (Poland-PLK, 2012-2021);

Slask Wroclaw (Poland-PLK, 2021-22)



Last season was a kind of maturity exam for one of the most talented players in Poland in recent years and once MVP of FIBA U20 European Championship, Division B. After nine years, Kolenda left Trefl Sopot, which found him at the age of 13 together with his brother, and signed for EuroCup team Slask Wroclaw. After an up-and-down regular season in Wroclaw, he showed maturity in the Play-Offs and contributed in the title run for Slask. He needs to improve his decision-making on the court and there's no better way to develop than to watch and copy Polish national team star A.J. Slaughter. Kolenda was the last cut from the 2019 FIBA Basketball World Cup roster and hopes to sneak into the final 12 this time.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	1	9.0	0/0	0/2	3/4	0.0	2.0	3.0
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	4	12.0	2/5	0/2	6/6	0.5	1.3	2.5
2020	FIBA Olympic Qual. Tournament 2020	1	5.0	0/0	1/1	0/0	0.0	1.0	3.0
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	1	4.0	1/1	0/2	0/0	0.0	1.0	2.0

Jakub GARBACZ



Height: 1.97

Position: Shooting Guard Date of Birth: 17/03/94 Place of Birth: Radom

Team 2021-22: Arged BM Stal Ostrow Wlkp. (Po-

land-PLK)

Career: Polfarmex Kutno (Poland-D2, 2013-14;, GKS Tychy (Poland-D2, 2014-15); King Szczecin (Poland-PLK, 2015-17); Asseco Arka Gdynia (Poland-PLK, 2017-19); BM Slam Stal Ostrow Wlkp. (Poland-PLK, 2019-21); Syntainics MBC (Germany-BBL, 2021); Arged BM Stal Ostrow Wlkp. (Poland-PLK, 2021-22)

The great surprise of the last two seasons, where Garbacz transformed himself from a mediocre one-dimensional role player into an all-around star while with Stal Ostrow in 2020-21. His work ethic and desire to improve paid dividends at 27, when he was chosen as Finals MVP of the Polish League, selected to the Polish national team and was bought out from his contract in Ostrow by German BBL side Syntainics MBC. Unfortunately, he didn't last for a full season, coming back to Ostrow for a second spell in December. He played there for coach Milicic, who usually gives Garbacz a lot of shooting opportunities, in which he flourishes. He will fight for minutes at the 2 position, always being ready to fire it up.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	6	23.0	3/13	12/42	6/6	2.5	0.7	8.0
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	1	6.0	0/1	0/1	3/3	1.0	0.0	3.0
2020	FIBA Olympic Qual. Tournament 2020	3	14.0	3/5	4/12	0/0	2.0	0.7	6.0

Michal MICHALAK



Height: 1.97

Position: Shooting Guard Date of Birth: 02/11/93 Place of Birth: Pabianice

Team 2021-22: Metropolitans 92 (France-LNB Pro A) Career: LKS Lodz (Poland-D2, 2008-09); Polonia 2011 Warszawa (Poland-D2, 2009-11), AZS Politechnika Warszawska (Poland-PLK, 2011); LKS Lodz (Poland-PLK, 2012); Trefl Sopot (Poland-PLK, 2012-15); Polski Cukier Torun (Poland-PLK, 2015-16); PGE Turow Zgorzelec (Poland-PLK, 2016-17); Germani Basket Brescia (Italy-Serie A, 2017), Zaragoza (Spain-ACB

League, 2017-18); Anwil Wloclawek (Poland-PLK, 2018-19); Legia Warszawa (Poland-PLK, 2019-20); Syntainics MBC (Germany-BBL, 2020-21); EWE Baskets Oldenburg (Germany-BBL, 2021-22); Boulogne Metropolitans 92 (France-LNB Pro A, 2022)

If Bagatskis finds a way to play them together, Sanon can form one of the most dangerous backcourts at FIBA EuroBasket alongside Mykhailiuk. Despite being drafted by the Washington Wizards in 2018, Sanon is yet to make his NBA debut and the upcoming national teams tournament will be a great opportunity for him to raise his stock. Issuf is an explosive guard, who can be a proper triple threat and has a huge variety of ways to finish around the rim. He finished last season in Lithuania giving out some impressive performances with Siauliai including a 30-point game against Labas GAS.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	2	18.0	3/4	3/11	0/0	2.5	0.5	7.5
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	6	19.0	12/20	7/19	16/18	3.2	1.7	10.2
2020	FIBA Olympic Qual. Tournament 2020	3	15.0	3/7	0/3	6/7	2.0	0.7	4.0
2015	FIBA EuroBasket 2015 2nd Qual. Round	2	16.0	3/7	2/5	0/0	3.0	1.5	6.0

Michal SOKOLOWSKI



Height: 1.96

Position: Shooting Guard/Small Forward

Date of Birth: 11/12/92 Place of Birth: Warszawa

Team 2021-22: Treviso Basket (Italy-Serie A)
Career: Znicz Basket Pruszkow (Poland-D2., 201011); Anwil Wlocławek (Poland-PLK, 2011-14); Rosa
Radom (Poland-PLK, 2014-18); Stelmet Enea BC
Zielona Gora (Poland-PLK, 2018-19); Anwil Wloclawek (Poland-PLK, 2019-20); Legia Warszawa
(Poland-PLK, 2020); Treviso Basket (Italy-Serie A, 2020-21); Hapoel Holon (Israel-Winner League, 2021); Treviso Basket (Italy-Serie A, 2021-22)

The hard-nosed player from Pruszkow on the outskirts of Warsaw can be an example of how to build a basketball career in a calm but steady way. He developed with Anwil Wloclawek and then Rosa Radom for years, getting more and more playing time in the Polish League, then in European competition and finally the national team. After a good showing at the 2019 FIBA Basketball World Cup in China, he finally got a chance to transfer abroad, being an excellent team player and always-ready defender at Treviso Basket for the last two seasons with a short stint in Israel in between. One of the leaders of the Polish national team lately, he will for sure provide toughness and sharp shooting.

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	4	31.0	6/16	7/16	12/20	3.3	2.8	11.3
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	5	26.0	9/24	7/16	17/20	3.6	1.4	11.2
2020	FIBA Olympic Qual. Tournament 2020	3	25.0	4/11	2/8	0/0	2.0	0.7	4.7
2019	FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019	8	18.0	16/24	5/11	13/14	2.8	0.8	7.5
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	12	18.0	14/29	8/23	32/42	2.7	1.4	7.0

Michal KOLENDA



Height: 2.02 **Position:** Shooting Guard/Small Forward

Date of Birth: 31/03/97
Place of Birth: Elk

Team 2021-22: Trefl Sopot (Poland-PLK) Career: Trefl Sopot (Poland-PLK, 2015-)

The older of two Kolenda brothers debuted in the Polish national team after his brother, but played more for coach Milicic in recent games. Unlike his younger sibling, Michal is more of an off-ball player, usually playing top defense on all outside positions and possessing a deadly three-point shot. He is also a unique player in terms of his club longevity as he will play for Trefl Sopot for an 11th straight season next year, including eight seasons with the senior team. In the crowded backcourt of the Polish national team, he could be the odd man out but it is sure he will provide quality plays even if called for only a few minutes on the court.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	6	14.0	5/8	5/11	2/5	2.5	0.7	4.5

Jakub COULIBALY



Height: 2.04
Position: Power Forward
Date of Birth: 12/01/03
Place of Birth: Walbrzych

Team 2021-22: GBA Sojky Pelhrimov (Czech Re-

public-D2)

Career: GBA Sojky Pelhrimov (Czech Republic-D2,

2021-22)

Born in Poland, he moved with his mother to Spain at the age of 3 and after a while started playing basketball in the junior team of Unicaja Malaga. Looking for more progress and exposure last season, he moved to Czech Republic's Get Better Academy and then signed his first professional contract with Polish team Trefl Sopot earlier this summer. A modern power forward with a good build already at 19 years old, he can play in the post and shoot from outside. He was great with the Polish U20 national team this summer and got rewarded by being included in the senior team for EuroBasket preparations before he even played in the top senior league.

Jaroslaw ZYSKOWSKI



Height: 2.03

Position: Small Forward/Power Forward

Date of Birth: 16/07/92 Place of Birth: Wroclaw

Team 2021-22: Enea Zastal BC Zielona Gora (Po-

land-PLK)

Career: WKK Slask Wroclaw (Poland-PLK, 2011); LKS Lodz (Poland-PLK, 2011-12); Kotwica Kolobrzeg (Poland-PLK, 2012-13); Polski Cukier Torun (Poland-PLK, 2014-15); Polfarmex Kutno (Poland-PLK, 2015-16); Rosa Radom (Poland-PLK, 2016-17); Anwil Wloclawek (Poland-PLK, 2017-

19); Enea Zastal BC Zielona Gora (Poland-PLK, 2019-20); Rasta Vechta (Germany-BBL, 2020); Bilbao Basket (Spain-ACB League, 2020-21); Enea Zastal BC Zielona Gora (Poland-PLK, 2021-22)

The first thing you notice about Zyskowski on the basketball court is the strange form of his shot, but make no mistake: he is a deadly shooter from any range and possesses a unique set of skills in offense for such a big player at multiple spots. He is always compared to his father, also named Jaroslaw Zyskowski, who played for the national team 40 times and was a five-time Polish champion with Slask Wroclaw. Jaroslaw junior already won three titles in Poland - two with Anwil and one with Zastal - and was MVP of the shortened 2019-20 season. After stints in Germany and Spain, he came back to Poland in 2021, where he can write the next chapters in the book of basketball legacy of the Zyskowski family.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	6	25.0	14/27	9/17	9/12	3.0	1.0	10.7
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	4	12.0	4/11	0/4	8/10	1.8	0.0	4.0
2020	FIBA Olympic Qual. Tournament 2020	2	10.0	2/5	2/4	0/0	0.0	0.0	5.0

Aaron CEL



Height: 2.05
Position: Power Forward
Date of Birth: 04/03/87
Place of Birth: Orleans (FRA)
Team 2021-22: Twarde Pierniki Torun

Career: Le Mans Sarthe (France-LNB Pro A, 2005-07); Brest (France-Pro B, 2007-09); Boulazac (France-Pro B, 2009-10); Nantes (France-Pro B, 2010-11); PGE Turow Zgorzelec (Poland-PLK, 2011-13); Stelmet Zielona Gora (Poland-PLK, 2013-15); AS Monaco (France-LNB Pro A, 2015-16); Gravelines (France-LNB Pro A, 2016-17); Twarde Pierniki Torun (Poland-PLK, 2017-)

Born in France to Polish parents, Cel used to play for France at youth level but switched FIBA nationalities in 2014 and has played for Poland ever since. A power forward with soft hands and touch from distance, he was instrumental in getting Poland up the basketball ranks in recent years as one of the vocal leaders of the team. After playing at two EuroBaskets and the successful FIBA Basketball World Cup in 2019, he had a little break from the national team before returning to help the team again. Cel's trophy collection includes five medals in the Polish League and two Polish Cups with three clubs, including a league title with Zielona Gora in 2015.

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS	
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	5	23.0	15/25	3/10	2/5	6.6	1.4	8.2	
2020	FIBA Olympic Qual. Tournament 2020	3	21.0	3/5	3/7	0/0	2.3	2.7	5.0	
2019	FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019	8	20.0	13/28	8/24	1/2	3.4	0.9	6.4	
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	12	20.0	9/22	16/35	4/6	3.5	0.8	5.8	
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017	5	21.0	5/14	6/15	1/1	2.8	1.2	5.8	



Jeremy SOCHAN



Height: 2.06
Position: Power Forward
Date of Birth: 20/05/03

Place of Birth: Guymon, Oklahoma (USA)

Team 2021-22: Baylor University (USA-NCAA)

Career: Orange Academy Ulm (Germany-Pro B, 2020-2021); Baylor University (USA-NCAA, 2021-22)



Just after EuroBasket, Jeremy (or Jeremi — how he prefers to be called when playing for Poland) will become the fourth Pole to play in the NBA. After only one season in Baylor, he decided to forgo the rest of his NCAA eligibility and declare for the 2022 NBA Draft. He was selected 9th overall by the San Antonio Spurs. A dream come true for a kid born in Oklahoma to basketball playing parents with a Polish mother and American father. Jeremy was raised in England and represented both nations at youth level before making a senior debut for Poland in the FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.. The future of the national team, Sochan's versatility stands out in being able to play at least three positions on the floor and defend all five.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	1	29.0	5/9	1/1	5/5	3.0	1.0	18.0

Aleksander DZIEWA



Height: 2.06
Position: Power Forward/Center
Date of Birth: 06/11/97

Place of Birth: Konin

Team 2021-22: Slask Wroclaw (Poland-PLK)
Career: Slask Wroclaw (Poland-PLK/D2, 2016-)

Dziewa is noted for his steady and spectacular rise from a second division star to the best local player award in the Polish League in the last three years. Mixing inside and outside skills he was instrumental for Slask Wroclaw in winning their first Polish title in 20 years last season. He also had a few good games in the EuroCup which led to some interest from top teams in Europe. But the foot injury he suffered during the Play-Offs in Poland prevented him from signing abroad. He is now ready to contribute and may be a key addition to the national team as he can help the team playing both inside positions, which is not something others can do, and this is very much welcomed in the tactics of coach Milicic.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	4	10.0	1/3	0/1	5/6	1.3	1.3	1.8
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	2	6.0	3/4	0/0	4/6	2.0	0.5	5.0

Aleksander BALCEROWSKI



Height: 2.18
Position: Center
Date of Birth: 19/11/00
Place of Birth: Swidnica

Team 2021-22: Gran Canaria (Spain-ACB League) Career: Gran Canaria (Spain-ACB League, 2017-); BC Mega Basket (Serbia-ABA, 2021-22)

Balcerowski made a huge impression as a rookie on the Polish national team in 2019 when he surprisingly made the final roster for the FIBA Basketball World Cupas a 19-year-old. Since then he has settled down at the center position but could not provide necessary stability at this spot for Poland. Despite hopes, he also went undrafted in the latest NBA Draft and his adventure in Serbia was cut short as he returned to Gran Canaria - a place which he has called home since he was 13. Still, he has a unique combination of size and skills, being able to attack from outside, shoot three-pointers and dish no-look passes. Coach Milicic would surely welcome his progress as he is likely a key contributor for Poland for years to come.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	6	22.0	23/31	1/8	9/14	5.0	1.0	9.7
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	3	14.0	9/11	0/1	4/4	3.3	1.3	7.3
2020	FIBA Olympic Qual. Tournament 2020	3	20.0	8/15	4/7	7/10	3.0	2.7	11.7
2019	FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019	8	13.0	6/7	1/11	5/13	1.9	0.5	2.5

Dominik OLEJNICZAK



Height: 2.13
Position: Center
Date of Birth: 01/07/96
Place of Birth: Torun

Team 2021-22: Gravelines (France-LNB Pro A)
Career: SMS PZKosz (Poland, 2012-15); Drake
University (USA-NCAA, 2015-2016); University of
Mississippi (USA-NCAA, 2017-19); Florida State
University (USA-NCAA, 2019-20); Trefl Sopot (Poland-PLK, 2020-21); Gravelines (France-LNB Pro A, 2021-22)

The big man from Torun postponed his debut with senior teams in Europe for a few years since he represented SMS PZKosz before stops at three American colleges. But when he finally arrived there, his first two professional seasons were impressive, first with Trefl Sopot in Poland and then in France, where he extended his contract for two more years in 2022. Olejniczak is a typical big body operating close to the basket, hard to move, getting rebounds and blocks everywhere. He will provide backup muscle to more finesse inside players, which are in abundance in Poland's roster.

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	6	15.0	9/21	0/0	4/6	3.0	0.7	3.7
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	4	12.0	8/14	0/0	1/1	3.8	0.5	4.3
2019	FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019	5	3.0	4/8	0/0	0/0	1.4	0.2	1.6
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	2	8.0	2/5	0/0	0/4	1.5	0.5	2.0



THE LAND OF THE MVPS

It seems like a whole decade has passed since Serbia reached the Final around, in fact, coach Igor Kokoskov was also around for a couple of

Enter, Svetislav Pesic. The legendary coach is ready to do the same as 22 years ago when he was appointed head coach of FR Yugoslavia. The

He delivered, big time. Coach Kari picked up back to back gold medals at FIBA EuroBasket 2001 and the FIBA Basketball World Cup 2002. The best part about his work as a national team head coach? Management

Back in 2001, he found a way for Dejan Bodiroga, Predrag Stojakovic, Marko Jaric, Predrag Drobnjak, Dejan Tomasevic and all the others to work as one. A year later, he also had Vlade Divac at his disposal, and

waits for its first solo gold medal, having picked up four silver medals since the breakup with Montenegro in 2006. The fact that a lot of 2016 and 2017 will also be important, they probably kept that burning feeling in their heads, ready to erase it from the top step of the podium

With all due respect to other MVPs, having Nikola Jokic on board is the biggest news for Serbia. Jokic last played for the national team back at the FIBA Basketball World Cup in 2019, but he is an even better NBA Most Valuable Player twice, putting up record breaking numbers, becoming the first man with at least 2000 points, 1000 rebounds and 500 assists in a single season.

When you add Micic's clutch gene, the creativity of guys like Nemanja Bjelica, and team-first mentality of Nikola Kalinic and Marko Guduric, it's easy to see why Serbia are considered one of the biggest favorites

generation will offer something completely new in terms of big events - for the first time in 10 years, Bogdan Bogdanovic will not play for Serbia. He underwent a minor knee surgery, and should be back to full

By Igor Curkovic



Player	Height (m)	Position	Date of Birth	Team 2021-22
Aleksa AVRAMOVIC	1.92	PG	25/10/94	Partizan NIS
Ognjen JARAMAZ	1.93	PG	01/09/95	Bayern Munich (GER)
Vasilije MICIC	1.95	PG	13/01/94	Anadolu Efes (TUR)
Ognjen DOBRIC	1.98	SG	27/10/94	Crvena Zvezda
Marko GUDURIC	2.00	SG	08/03/95	Fenerbahce (TUR)
Vanja MARINKOVIC	1.98	SG	09/01/97	Baskonia (ESP)
Nemanja NEDOVIC	1.91	SG	16/06/91	Panathinaikos (GRE)
Dejan DAVIDOVAC	2.03	SF	17/01/95	Crvena Zvezda
Nikola KALINIC	2.02	SF	08/11/91	Crvena Zvezda
Vladimir LUCIC	2.03	SF	17/06/89	Bayern Munich (GER)
Nemanja BJELICA	2.06	PF	09/05/88	Golden State Warriors (USA)
Marko JAGODIC-KURIDZA	2.05	PF	15/05/87	Buducnost (MNE)
Nikola JOKIC	2.11	С	19/02/95	Denver Nuggets (USA)
Nikola MILUTINOV	2.13	C	13/12/94	CSKA Moscow (RUS)
Filip PETRUSEV	2.11	С	15/04/00	Anadolu Efes (TUR)

Coach: Svetislav PESIC

How did they qualify? FIBA EuroBasket 2022 Qualifiers 2nd in Group E (4W - 2L)

Last 10 FIBA Events

Year	Event	Place	Achievement
2021	Olympics	Tokyo (JPN)	Did not qualify
2019	FIBA Basketball World Cup	Beijing (CHN)	5th
2017	FIBA EuroBasket	Istanbul (TUR)	Silver
2016	Olympics	Rio de Janeiro (BRA)	Silver
2015	FIBA EuroBasket	Lille (FRA)	4th
2014	FIBA Basketball World Cup	Madrid (ESP)	Silver
2013	FIBA EuroBasket	Ljubljana (SLO)	7th
2012	Olympics	London (GBR)	Did not qualify
2011	FIBA EuroBasket	Kaunas (LTU)	8th
2010	FIBA Basketball World Cup	Istanbul (TUR)	4th

FIBA EuroBasket 2022 Qualifiers Accumulated Stats

			FG		2PT	FG	ЗРТ	FG	F	г		REB							
Name	G	Min	M/A	%	M/A		M/A		M/A	%	0	D	Tot	AST	T0	STL	BLK	PF	PTS
Aleksa AVRAMOVIC	6	25.6	34/60	56.7	27/42	64.3	7/18	38.9	19/28	67.9	0.8	3.7	4.5	2.8	1.8	1.2	0.2	2.3	15.7
Danilo ANDUSIC	4	30.4	23/39	59.0	10/16	62.5	13/23	56.5	22/28	78.6	0.8	1.8	2.5	4.3	2.5	0.5	0.3	3.3	20.3
Nikola REBIC	4	23.3	12/27	44.4	5/11	45.5	7/16	43.8	5/6	83.3	0.8	2.5	3.3	2.3	1.0	0.8	0.0	1.3	9.0
Ognjen JARAMAZ	4	21.4	12/23	52.2	7/11	63.6	5/12	41.7	8/9	88.9	0.0	1.5	1.5	3.8	2.5	1.8	0.0	2.8	9.3
Miroslav RADULJICA	4	20.5	14/25	56.0	13/24	54.2	1/1	100.0	11/15	73.3	2.5	2.8	5.3	1.5	1.0	0.5	0.5	2.8	10.0
Dragan APIC	4	17.3	12/21	57.1	12/21	57.1	0/0	0.0	14/17	82.4	2.3	1.3	3.5	1.3	1.0	0.5	0.3	2.5	9.5
Dejan KRAVIC	4	14.1	4/7	57.1	4/7	57.1	0/0	0.0	1/4	25.0	1.3	1.5	2.8	0.3	0.5	0.0	1.0	2.8	2.3
Borisa SIMANIC	4	13.8	7/13	53.8	4/6	66.7	3/7	42.9	2/2	100.0	0.3	1.0	1.3	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.3	1.5	4.8
Aleksa RADANOV	4	8.3	2/4	50.0	2/3	66.7	0/1	0.0	2/4	50.0	0.5	0.5	1.0	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.3	0.5	1.5
Rade ZAGORAC	3	23.6	8/29	27.6	6/14	42.9	2/15	13.3	3/4	75.0	1.0	4.7	5.7	0.3	1.7	1.3	1.0	2.3	7.0
Marko SIMONOVIC	3	23.4	5/14	35.7	4/7	57.1	1/7	14.3	11/13	84.6	0.7	2.7	3.3	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.3	2.0	7.3
Nemanja DANGUBIC	3	21.4	8/21	38.1	6/12	50.0	2/9	22.2	0/0	0.0	0.3	4.3	4.7	0.7	1.0	0.0	0.0	3.3	6.0
Filip PETRUSEV	2	34.1	19/29	65.5	17/25	68.0	2/4	50.0	9/12	75.0	2.5	4.5	7.0	2.5	1.0	1.5	0.5	2.0	24.5
Dejan TODOROVIC	2	18.0	5/12	41.7	3/6	50.0	2/6	33.3	0/0	0.0	1.5	4.0	5.5	0.5	2.5	0.0	0.0	0.5	6.0
Stefan POT	2	14.9	2/7	28.6	2/5	40.0	0/2	0.0	1/2	50.0	1.5	2.0	3.5	2.5	1.5	0.5	0.0	2.0	2.5
Novica VELICKOVIC	2	11.7	1/6	16.7	1/3	33.3	0/3	0.0	4/4	100.0	1.0	4.5	5.5	2.5	0.5	0.0	0.0	2.0	3.0
Stefan PENO	2	10.8	0/3	0.0	0/2	0.0	0/1	0.0	0/2	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.5	3.0	0.5	0.5	0.0	1.0	0.0
Marko LUKOVIC	2	9.3	3/5	60.0	3/3	100.0	0/2	0.0	4/4	100.0	0.5	0.0	0.5	1.0	1.0	0.5	0.0	1.5	5.0
Marko JEREMIC	2	8.5	0/2	0.0	0/0	0.0	0/2	0.0	0/0	0.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	0.5	0.5	1.0	0.0	0.5	0.0
Luka ASCERIC	2	5.7	1/3	33.3	0/2	0.0	1/1	100.0	0/0	0.0	1.0	0.5	1.5	1.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	1.0	1.5
Dalibor ILIC	2	4.9	2/3	66.7	2/3	66.7	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0.5	1.5	2.0	0.0	0.5	0.5	0.0	1.5	2.0
Uros TRIFUNOVIC	1	4.5	1/2	50.0	0/1	0.0	1/1	100.0	2/2	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	5.0
Marko RADOVANOVIC	1	2.6	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
Stefan DORDEVIC	1	2.2	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Nemanja NENADIC	0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Jovan NOVAK	0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0/0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Team/Coaches											1.2	2.2	3.3	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	
TOTALS	Γ	370.3	175/355	49.3	128/224	57.1	47/131	35.9	118/156	75.6	11.7	26.5	38.2	18.0	13.7	6.2	2.8	21.8	85.8

COACH **Svetislav PESIC**



Nationality: Serbian **Date of Birth: 28/08/1949** Place of Birth: Pirot

Club Career: Bosna (Yugoslavia-Prva liga, 1982-87); Alba Berlin (Germany-BBL, 1993-2000); RheinEnergie Koln (Germany-BBL, 2001-02); Barcelona (Spain-ACB League, 2002-04); Lottomatica Roma (Italy-LBA, 2004-06); Akasvayu Girona (Spain-ACB League, 2006-07); Dynamo Moscow (Russia-PBL, 2007-08); Crvena Zvezda (Serbia-KLS, 2008-09); Valencia (Spain-ACB League, 2010-11); Crvena Zvezda (Serbia-KLS, 2011-12); Bayern Munich (Germany-BBL, 2012-16); Barcelona

International Career: Germany (1987-1993); FR Yugoslavia (2000-02); Germany (2012); Ser-

Aleksa AVRAMOVIC



Height: 1.92 **Position:** Point Guard **Date of Birth: 25/10/94** Place of Birth: Cacak

Team 2021-22: Partizan NIS (Serbia-KLS)

Career: Borac Cacak (Serbia-KLS, 2013-14); OKK Beograd (Serbia-KLS, 2014-15); Borac Cacak (Serbia-KLS, 2015-16); Varese (Italy-LBA, 2016-19); Unicaja Malaga (Spain-ACB League, 2019); Movistar Estudiantes (Spain-ACB League, 2019-21); Partizan NIS (Serbia-KLS, 2021-)

Instagram: aleksaavramovic

It was next to impossible to become a prominent figure in Serbian basketball without playing for Crvena Zvezda or Partizan NIS, but Aleksa Avramovic managed to do so all the way until 2021, when he finally arrived in Belgrade. He built a name for himself in Italy, playing for Varese, where the fans fell in love with his explosiveness, ability to score in bunches and to throw down an occasional dunk or two with his long lefty swing. Avramovic is just another member of the Cacak school of basketball, which has already given the world the likes of Dragan Kicanovic and Zeljko Obradovic. Unfortunately, he misses out due to injury.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	6	27.0	22/40	15/37	12/13	2.2	3.8	16.8
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	6	26.0	27/42	7/18	19/28	4.5	2.8	15.7
2020	FIBA Olympic Qual. Tournament 2020	4	17.0	4/11	0/4	0/0	2.5	2.3	2.0
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	4	13.0	6/11	3/6	5/8	1.3	2.0	6.5

Nikola JOKIC





Height: 2.11 **Position:** Center Date of Birth: 19/02/95 Place of Birth: Sombor

Team 2021-22: Denver Nuggets (USA-NBA) Career: Mega Basket (Serbia-KLS, 2012-15); Den-

ver Nuggets (USA-NBA, 2015-)

The big man is back. Nikola Jokic needed some time off after the FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019, where the idea of using him as the power forward did not get Serbia to the podium. Jokic himself was not close to his NBA numbers, but after dominating the strongest league in the world for the past two seasons and breaking all sorts of records, the two time NBA MVP is ready to establish himself as the most dominant player in international basketball, too. Jokic will have extra motivation to put on a smiling face at the end of FIBA EuroBasket 2022. Winning a medal would be a perfect present for his daughter's 1st birthday, coming up in September.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2019	FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019	8	23.0	30/40	4/10	20/25	7.5	4.8	11.5
2016	FIBA Olympic Qual. Tournament 2016	4	20.0	29/38	0/4	13/19	7.5	2.8	17.8
2016	Olympic Basketball Tournament 2016	8	23.0	24/44	3/10	16/21	6.0	2.4	9.1

Ognjen JARAMAZ



Height: 1.93 **Position:** Point Guard **Date of Birth:** 01/09/95 Place of Birth: Krusevac

Team 2021-22: Bayern Munich (Germany-BBL) Career: Smederevo 1953 (Serbia-KLS, 2013-14); Mega Basket (Serbia-KLS, 2013-18); San Pablo Burgos (Spain-ACB League, 2018-19); Partizan NIS (Serbia-KLS, 2019-21); Bayern Munich (Germany-BBL, 2021-)

Instagram: jaramazognjen

Be a fan of Ognjen Jaramaz. Shortly after being drafted by the Knicks in the 2017 NBA Draft, Jaramaz took a medical checkup because his left arm turned blue. A blood clot in his shoulder was causing it, and it got even worse, because the clot dissolved into his lungs. With pulmonary embolism as diagnosis, the doctors told him he was lucky to be alive, and added that his career could be over. Luckily, Ognjen recovered completely, went back to Mega, Burgos, Partizan and Bayern Munich. His explosive style of play will make you an even bigger fan once you see him on the floor.

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	2	23.0	2/7	1/3	5/6	2.5	2.0	6.0
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	4	21.0	7/11	5/12	8/9	1.5	3.8	9.3
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	2	6.0	0/3	0/1	0/0	0.5	1.0	0.0



Vasilije MICIC



Height: 1.95
Position: Point Guard
Date of Birth: 13/01/94
Place of Birth: Kraljevo

Team 2021-22: Anadolu Efes (Turkey-TBL)

Career: Mega Basket (Serbia-KLS, 2010-14); Bayern Munich (Germany-BBL, 2014-15); Crvena Zvezda (Serbia-KLS, 2015-16); Tofas Bursa (Turkey-TBL, 2016-17); Zalgiris Kaunas (Lithuania-LKL, 2017-18); Anadolu Efes (Turkey-TBL, 2018-)

Instagram: vasamicic13

The most dominant player in European basketball right now? Vasilije Micic has won back-to-back EuroLeague titles with Anadolu Efes, he has a couple of Final Four MVP awards, plus another MVP of the season award from 2020-21. Consider him a late bloomer, a man with incredible patience who stayed confident throughout the injuries early in his career, and just turning on the jets since 2018. Micic can cover both guard positions, and his personality is a guarantee that he'll be happy to play whichever position coach Pesic asks from him. And do it at an extremely high level, too.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2020	FIBA Olympic Qual. Tournament 2020	3	23.0	9/16	4/11	15/18	1.7	5.0	15.0
2019	FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019	8	19.0	13/22	3/15	10/10	1.8	3.3	5.6
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	5	22.0	6/14	3/19	9/13	3.6	5.6	6.0
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017	9	13.0	5/14	3/10	3/4	1.7	1.3	2.4
2013	FIBA EuroBasket 2013	11	14.0	9/22	7/14	9/12	1.5	1.3	4.4

Ognjen DOBRIC



Height: 1.98
Position: Shooting Guard
Date of Birth: 27/10/94
Place of Birth: Knin (CRO)

Team 2021-22: Crvena Zvezda (Serbia-KLS)
Career: FMP Meridian (Serbia-KLS, 2013-16);

Crvena Zvezda (Serbia-KLS, 2016-)

Twitter: OgnjenDobric Instagram: ognjen.dobric

Add Ognjen Dobric to the list of MVPs. Crvena Zvezda's lefty shooter is a fourtime Adriatic League winner and a five-time Serbian League champion, getting two Serbian League Playoffs MVP awards and coming into this training camp as the reigning Adriatic League Finals MVP. Dobric has been loyal to Zvezda since day one of his career, racking up 368 appearances, putting him in fifth place on the all-time list of red-and-white players - and he's not even 28 yet... Dobric's shooting is off the chart, he has gone north of 40 percent from deep in four of his last five Adriatic League seasons.

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YEA	R COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
202	FIBA Olympic Qual. Tournament 2020	4	28.0	8/12	6/13	11/14	2.3	2.8	11.3
201	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	3	3.0	1/1	0/0	0/0	0.0	0.3	0.7

Marko GUDURIC



Height: 2.00
Position: Shooting Guard
Date of Birth: 08/03/95
Place of Birth: Priboj

Team 2021-22: Fenerbahce (Turkey-TBL)

Career: FMP Meridian (Serbia-KLS, 2013-15); Crvena Zvezda (Serbia-KLS, 2015-17); Fenerbahce (Turkey-TBL, 2017-19); Memphis Grizzlies (USA-NBA, 2019-20); Memphis Hustle (USA-G League, 2019-20); Fenerbahce (Turkey-TBL, 2020-)

Instagram: guduric

It's hard to find somebody who's more into his hometown and basketball than Marko Guduric. Even when he was an NBA player, he still couldn't resist a game of 3x3 in the neighborhood in Priboj, taking on local kids as if they were his NBA peers. Guduric's NBA run did not last long, but he has been Mr Loyalty in Europe, putting four seasons together with Crvena Zvezda/FMP and four more with Fenerbahce. He won the Turkish League in 2022, and he also has a big MVP award in his bio - when Serbia won the FIBA U20 European Championship in 2015, Guduric was named the MVP.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2019	FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019	7	15.0	5/9	7/20	8/10	1.1	1.1	5.6
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017	8	11.0	7/7	4/11	3/4	0.6	0.8	3.6

Vanja MARINKOVIC



Height: 1.98
Position: Shooting Guard
Date of Birth: 09/01/97
Place of Birth: Belgrade

Team 2021-22: Baskonia (Spain-ACB League)
Career: Partizan NIS (Serbia-KLS, 2013-19); Valencia (Spain-ACB League, 2019-21); Baskonia

(Spain-ACB League, 2021-)

Time flies, and a kid who was once in love with Valentino Rossi is now a fully grown 25-year-old waiting for his chance with this Serbia lineup. Vanja Marinkovic was all about Partizan until 2019, then watched in awe when Bojan Dubljevic took him to a MotoGP race in Valencia, but is now all about his basketball business. A move to Baskonia was a successful one, Vanja logged more than 60 games this past season, including two for Serbia in the June-July Window, when he averaged 13.0 points on 5-of-12 shooting from deep against Latvia and Belgium.

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	2	28.0	3/9	5/12	5/6	2.0	2.0	13.0
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	2	3.0	2/2	0/0	1/1	1.0	0.0	2.5

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Nemanja NEDOVIC



Height: 1.91
Position: Shooting guard

Date of Birth: 16/06/91
Place of Birth: Nova Varos

Team 2021-22: Panathinaikos (Greece-A1)

Career: Crvena Zvezda (Serbia-KLS, 2008-12); Rytas Vilnius (Lithuania-LKL, 2012-13); Golden State Warriors (USA-NBA, 2013-14); Santa Cruz Warriors (USA-G League, 2013-14); Valencia (Spain-ACB League, 2014-15); Unicaja Malaga (Spain-ACB League, 2015-18); Olimpia Milano (Italy-LBA, 2018-20); Panathinaikos (Greece-A1, 2020-22)

Twitter: nedovic1624

Nemanja Nedovic has gone full circle this summer. A long 14 years after starting his career with Crvena Zvezda, Nedovic returned to Belgrade in 2022, signing a three-year contract with Zvezda, signaling his intentions to remain in Belgrade for an even longer time. Returning to the national team is a sign of growth from both him and coach Pesic, as they obviously worked out their differences, culminating in a mini-drama during their days in Zvezda. That's all behind them, and Nedovic is ready to get his coach 10+ points per game, again. He averaged double digits in scoring in four of his last five EuroLeague seasons.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	2	17.0	3/5	2/5	3/3	2.0	0.5	7.5
2016	FIBA Olympic Qual. Tournament 2016	4	17.0	6/10	4/11	4/4	1.5	2.0	7.0
2016	Olympic Basketball Tournament 2016	8	13.0	10/24	7/16	4/5	1.1	1.6	5.6
2015	FIBA EuroBasket 2015	9	20.0	19/28	7/22	17/19	2.6	2.4	8.4
2013	FIBA EuroBasket 2013	11	26.0	21/48	14/51	14/23	2.6	2.5	8.9

Nikola KALINIC



Height: 2.02 **Position:** Small Forward

Date of Birth: 08/11/91
Place of Birth: Subotica

Team 2021-22: Crvena Zvezda (Serbia-KLS)

Career: Spartak Subotica (Serbia-KLS, 2009-10); Novi Sad (Serbia-KLS, 2010-11); Vojvodina (Serbia-KLS, 2011-13); Radnicki Kragujevac (Serbia-KLS, 2013-14); Crvena Zvezda (Serbia-KLS, 2014-15); Fenerbahce (Turkey-TBL, 2015-20); Valencia (Spain-ACB League, 2020-21); Crvena Zvezda (Serbia-KLS, 2021-22)

Instagram: nikola kalina

Another MVP on the list, Nikola Kalinic led Crvena Zvezda to the Adriatic League title, and won the MVP of the season award in the process. He has been the perfect team player since he joined the national team back in 2013, and his ability to play multiple positions got Barcelona to dial his number and make him their newest recruit in 2022. Kalinic will be back to Spain, where he had already played for Valencia, but he left the biggest mark in Turkey, wearing Fenerbahce's jersey for five years, winning the EuroLeague in 2017 as the top scorer of the Final.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

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YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2020	FIBA Olympic Qual. Tournament 2020	2	21.0	4/7	0/2	3/4	6.5	5.0	5.5
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	2	14.0	0/2	2/5	1/4	1.5	1.0	3.5
2016	FIBA Olympic Qual. Tournament 2016	4	22.0	6/11	4/5	11/11	1.5	1.8	8.8
2016	Olympic Basketball Tournament 2016	8	18.0	13/21	1/11	9/10	3.3	1.4	4.8
2015	FIBA EuroBasket 2015	9	16.0	14/18	6/11	6/18	2.1	1.7	5.8

Dejan DAVIDOVAC



Height: 2.03

Position: Small Forward Date of Birth: 17/01/95 Place of Birth: Zrenjanin

Team 2021-22: Crvena Zvezda (Serbia-KLS)
Career: Proleter Naftagas (Serbia-KLS, 2011-12);
Vrsac (Serbia-KLS, 2012-15); FMP Meridian (Serbia-KLS, 2015-17); Crvena Zvezda (Serbia-KLS, 2017-22)

Instagram: dekideki7

If there was an award for the Most Improved Player, Dejan Davidovac would be a candidate to win it every single season of his career. He added more and more layers to his calm presence on the court, and the numbers of 8.6 points and 3.9 rebounds per game don't paint the real picture because Davidovac is saving his best for the toughest opponents. In fact, Davidovac's 15-point game was the biggest reason why Zvezda defeated Partizan in the deciding game of the Adriatic League Finals. His progress did not go unnoticed. Dejan is a new CSKA Moscow player, starting straight after FIBA EuroBasket.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	2	24.0	4/4	1/4	1/2	5.5	2.0	6.0
2020	FIBA Olympic Qual. Tournament 2020	3	10.0	3/7	0/3	1/1	1.0	1.7	2.3

Vladimir LUCIC



Height: 2.03 **Position:** Small forward

Date of Birth: 17/06/89 Place of Birth: Belgrade

Team 2021-22: Bayern Munich (Germany-BBL)
Career: Superfund (Serbia-KLS, 2006-08); Partizan NIS (Serbia-KLS, 2008-13); Valencia (Spain-ACB League, 2013-16); Bayern Munich (Germa-

ny-BBL, 2016-)

When all is said and done, Vladimir Lucic will probably end his career with Bayern Munich, after extending his contract all the way to 2025. Lucic has always been a reliable shooter for Serbia, but the injuries have been piling up over the years, and as a 33-year-old with 16 professional seasons behind him, Vladimir is now feeding off of all the missed opportunities with the national team to get himself ready for 2022. He missed the FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tournament in 2021 with a last second injury, all the more motivation to power through and help Serbia this time around.

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2019	FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019	8	22.0	12/20	4/14	21/24	3.0	0.9	7.1
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	3	19.0	7/11	4/5	7/8	2.3	1.0	11.0
2017	FIBA EuroBasket 2017	9	27.0	18/35	10/21	14/22	5.7	1.1	8.9
2013	FIBA EuroBasket 2013 Qualifiers	1	26.0	2/4	2/5	6/8	7.0	0.0	16.0



Nemanja BJELICA



Height: 2.06
Position: Power Forward
Date of Birth: 09/05/88
Place of Birth: Belgrade

Team 2021-22: Golden State Warriors (USA-NBA) Career: Traiskirchen Lions (Austria-BSL, 2007-08); Crvena Zvezda (Serbia-KLS, 2008-10); Baskonia (Spain-ACB League, 2010-13); Fenerbahce (Turkey-TBL, 2013-15); Minnesota Timberwolves (USA-NBA, 2015-18); Sacramento Kings (USA-NBA, 2018-21); Miami Heat (USA-NBA, 2021); Golden State Warriors (USA-NBA, 2021-22)

Twitter: NemanjaBjelica Instagram: nemanjabjelica8

It's been a busy 2022 for Nemanja Bjelica. He helped the Golden State Warriors pick up the NBA Championship, becoming just the fourth Serbian player with a ring, joining Darko Milicic, Predrag Stojakovic and Ognjen Kuzmic. Bjelica's pin-point passes have been a big reason why the Warriors took him in, and at 34, he will try to find a similar role on this squad, making sure everybody eats. NBA champ, a former EuroLeague MVP, it's crazy to think that Bjelica started his pro career in Austria. He was a part of the silver medal winning Serbia squad at FIBA EuroBasket 2009.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	2	23.0	2/4	1/5	6/10	4.0	2.5	6.5
2020	FIBA Olympic Qual. Tournament 2020	3	25.0	5/10	7/17	4/6	5.7	0.7	11.7
2019	FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019	7	21.0	12/28	12/28	15/18	4.7	2.7	10.7
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	2	24.0	8/12	2/10	1/4	9.0	3.5	11.5
2015	FIBA EuroBasket 2015	9	27.0	34/50	12/32	21/25	6.6	2.7	13.9

Marko JAGODIC-KURIDZA



Height: 2.05
Position: Power forward
Date of Birth: 15/05/87
Place of Birth: Zadar (CRO)

Team 2021-22: Buducnost (Montenegro-Prva A)
Career: Spartak Subotica (Serbia-KLS, 2005-07);
Novi Sad (Serbia-KLS, 2007-09); Capljina Lasta
(BIH-PBIH, 2010); Borac Banja Luka (BIH-PBIH,
2010-11); Capljina Lasta (BIH-PBIH, 2011-12); Cibona (Croatia-HKL, 2012-15); ERA Nymburk (Czech
Republic-NBL, 2016); Oostende (Belgium-PBL,
2016-18); Sixt Primorska (Slovenia-SKL, 2018-19);

Crvena Zvezda (Serbia-KLS, 2019-21); Buducnost (Montenegro-Prva A, 2021-) Instagram: kuridza_21

What a story it could be. Marko Jagodic-Kuridza made his national team debut in 2021, and now, at 35, he could play his first ever major event for Serbia. Coach Svetislav Pesic adores the man, and he often praised him for his attitude and under-the-radar leadership qualities, but there is nothing under-the-radar when it comes to MJK's silverware collection. Two-time Adriatic League champion, one-time Adriatic League Second Division champion, with national titles to his name in Croatia, Serbia, Czech Republic, Belgium, Slovenia and Montenegro, while playing a major role in all these trophy runs. Fun fact - Marko never smiles in his photos with trophies. Never.

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	5	21.0	8/14	3/5	11/13	3.0	1.0	7.2

Nikola MILUTINOV



Height: 2.13
Position: Center
Date of Birth: 13/12/94
Place of Birth: Novi Sad
Team 2021-22: CSKA Moscow (Russia-VTB)
Career: Hemofarm (Serbia-KLS, 2011-12); Partizan
NIS (Serbia-KLS, 2012-15); Olympiacos (Greece-A1, 2015-20); CSKA Moscow (Russia-VTB, 2020-)

Nikola Milutinov is arguably the strongest center in Europe right now. To think that he only ended up in basketball after an accident, seems like it was all written in the stars for him. Milutinov was supposed to be a swimmer, but slipped and broke his jaw on the pool edge, switching to the "safer" sport of basketball instead. He made a name for himself in Greece, he considers himself to be Greek on the inside, and he was heavily rumored to be on his way back to Olympiacos this summer. But, he insists he still has a valid contract with CSKA Moscow and tends to see it through.

Instagram: nikola_milutinov11

NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2019	FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019	8	14.0	21/27	0/0	14/20	2.3	0.8	7.0
2019	FIBA Basketball WC 2019 EU Qual.	5	21.0	18/26	0/0	11/13	3.6	1.0	9.4
2015	FIBA EuroBasket 2015	6	4.0	3/8	0/0	2/2	0.8	0.0	1.3

Filip PETRUSEV



Height: 2.11
Position: Center
Date of Birth: 15/04/00
Place of Birth: Belgrade

Team 2021-22: Anadolu Efes (Turkey-TBL)
Career: Gonzaga University (USA-NCAA, 2018-20); Mega Basket (Serbia-KLS, 2020-21); Anadolu

Efes (Turkey-TBL, 2021-22)

Twitter: PetrusevFilip

Instagram: filip3petrusev

Even though his career indicates he only played for two clubs, Filip Petrusev has been through a lot. As a 14-year-old he signed with Baskonia in Spain, but insisted on finishing school so he moved to the United States at 16 instead of starting a pro career already in Europe. Once he finished high school, he joined Gonzaga, but decided to turn pro after his second NCAA season, when he averaged 17.5 points and 7.9 rebounds per game. He won the Adriatic League MVP award in 2021, but his move to Anadolu Efes wasn't as successful. He gets another chance for a restart, signing with Crvena Zvezda in July 2022.

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2023	FIBA Basketball WC 2023 EU Qual.	3	17.0	6/15	0/0	7/9	5.0	1.0	6.3
2021	FIBA EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers	2	34.0	17/25	2/4	9/12	7.0	2.5	24.5
2020	FIBA Olympic Qual. Tournament 2020	4	20.0	20/25	0/1	22/30	5.0	8.0	15.5

FIBA EUROBASKET ALL-TIME MEDALISTS

Year	Venue	Gold	Silver	Bronze	MVP	Top scorer	PPG
2017	Istanbul (TUR), Cluj-Napoca (ROU), Helsinki (FIN), Tel Aviv (ISR	Slovenia	Serbia	Spain	Goran Dragic (SLO)	Aleksei Shved (RUS)	24.3
2015	Berlin (GER), Riga (LAT), Zagreb (CRO), Montpellier, Lille (FRA)	Spain	Lithuania	France	Pau GASOL (ESP)	Pau GASOL (ESP)	25.6
2013	Celje, Jesenice, Koper, Ljubljana (SLO)	France	Lithuania	Spain	Tony PARKER (FRA)	Tony PARKER (FRA)	19.0
2011	Alytus, Kaunas, Klaipeda, Panevezys, Siauliai, Vilnius (LTU)	Spain	France	Russia	Juan Carlos NAVARRO (ESP)	Tony PARKER (FRA)	22.1
2009	Katowice, Lodz, Bydgoszcz, Wrocław, Warsaw, Poznan, Gdansk (POL)	Spain	Serbia	Greece	Pau GASOL (ESP)	Pau GASOL (ESP)	18.7
2007	Alicante, Granada, Sevilla, Palma de Mallorca, Madrid (ESP)	Russia	Spain	Lithuania	Andrei KIRILENKO (RUS)	Dirk NOWITZKI (GER)	24.0
2005	Vrsac, Podgorica, Novi Sad, Belgrade (SCG)	Greece	Germany	France	Dirk NOWITZKI (GER)	Dirk NOWITZKI (GER)	26.1
2003	Boras, Lulea, Norrköpping, Sodertalje, Stockholm (SWE)	Lithuania	Spain	Italy	Sarunas JASIKEVICIUS (LTU)	Pau GASOL (ESP)	25.8
2001	Ankara, Antalya, Istanbul (TUR)	Yugoslavia	Turkey	Spain	Predrag STOJAKOVIC (YUG)	Dirk NOWITZKI (GER)	28.7
1999	Antibes, Clermont-Ferrand, Dijon, Toulouse, Le Mans, Pau, Paris (FRA)	Italy	Spain	Yugoslavia	Gregor FUCKA (ITA)	Alberto HERREROS (ESP)	19.2
1997	Girona, Badalona, Barcelona (ESP)	Yugoslavia	Italy	Russia	Aleksandar DJORDJEVIC (YUG)	Oded KATTASH (ISR)	22.0
1995	Athens (GRE)	Yugoslavia	Lithuania	Croatia	Sarunas MARCIULIONIS (LTU)	Sarunas MARCIULIONIS (LTU)	23.7
1993	Berlin, Karlsruhe, Munich (GER)	Germany	Russia	Croatia	Chris WELP (GER)	Sabahudin BILALOVIC (BIH)	24.1
1991	Rome (ITA)	Yugoslavia	Italy	Spain	Toni KUKOC (YUG)	Nikos GALIS (GRE)	32.4
1989	Zagreb (YUG)	Yugoslavia	Greece	Soviet Union	Drazen PETROVIC (YUG)	Nikos GALIS (GRE)	35.6
1987	Athens (GRE)	Greece	Soviet Union	Yugoslavia	Nikos GALIS (GER)	Nikos GALIS (GRE)	37.0
1985	Karlsruhe, Leverkusen, Stuttgart (GER)	Soviet Union	Czechoslovakia	Italy	Arvydas SABONIS (URS)	Doron JAMCHY (ISR)	28.1
1983	Limoges, Caen, Nantes (FRA)	Italy	Spain	Soviet Union	Juan Antonio CORBALAN (ESP)	Nikos GALIS (GRE)	33.6
1981	Bratislava, Havirov, Prague (TCH)	Soviet Union	Yugoslavia	Czechoslovakia	Valdis VALTERS (URS)	Mieczyslaw MLYNARSKI (POL)	22.9
1979	Mestre, Siena, Gorizia, Turin (ITA)	Soviet Union	Israel	Yugoslavia	Mickey BERKOWITZ (ISR)	Mieczyslaw MLYNARSKI (POL)	27.1
1977	Liege, Ostend (BEL)	Yugoslavia	Soviet Union	Czechoslovakia	Drazen DALIPAGIC (YUG)	Kees AKERBOOM (NED)	26.4
1975	Belgrade, Split, Karlovac, Rijeka (YUG)	Yugoslavia	Soviet Union	Italy	Kresimir COSIC (YUG)	Atanas GOLOMEEV (BUL)	23.1
1973	Badalona, Barcelona (ESP)	Yugoslavia	Spain	Soviet Union	Wayne BRABENDER (ESP)	Atanas GOLOMEEV (BUL)	22.3
1971	Essen, Boblingen (GER)	Soviet Union	Yugoslavia	Italy	Kresimir COSIC (YUG)	Edward JURKIEWICZ (POL)	22.0
1969	Naples, Caserta (ITA)	Soviet Union	Yugoslavia	Czechoslovakia	Sergei BELOV (URS)	Georgios KOLOKITHAS (GRE)	23.0
1967	Helsinki, Tampere (FIN)	Soviet Union	Czechoslovakia	Poland	Jiri ZEDNICEK (TCH)	Georgios KOLOKITHAS (GRE)	25.4
1965	Moscow, Tbilisi (URS)	Soviet Union	Yugoslavia	Poland	Modestas PAULAUSKAS (URS)	Radivoj KORAC (YUG)/ Emiliano RODRIGUEZ (ESP)	21.9
1963	Wroclaw (POL)	Soviet Union	Poland	Yugoslavia	Emiliano RODRIGUEZ (ESP)	Radivoj KORAC (YUG)	26.4
1961	Belgrade (YUG)	Soviet Union	Yugoslavia	Bulgaria	Radivoj KORAC (YUG)	Radivoj KORAC (YUG)	24.0
1959	Istanbul (TUR)	Soviet Union	Czechoslovakia	France	Viktor ZUBKOV (URS)	Radivoj KORAC (YUG)	27.6
1957	Sofia (BUL)	Soviet Union	Bulgaria	Czechoslovakia	Jiri BAUMRUK (TCH)	Eddy TERRACE (BEL)	24.4
1955	Budapest (HUN)	Hungary	Czechoslovakia	Soviet Union	Janos GREMINGER (HUN)	Miroslav SKERIK (TCH)	19.1
1953	Moscow (URS)	Soviet Union	Hungary	France	Anatoly KONEV (URS)	Ahmed IDILIBI (LIB)	15.9
1951	Paris (FRA)	Soviet Union	Czechoslovakia	France	Ivan MRAZEK (TCH)	Ivan MRAZEK (TCH)	17.1
1949	Cairo (EGY)	Egypt	France	Greece	Huseyin OZTURK (TUR)	Huseyin OZTURK (TUR)	19.3
1947	Prague (TCH)	Soviet Union	Czechoslovakia	Egypt	Aloann LYSSOV (URS)	Otar KORKIA (URS)	14.8
1946	Geneva (SUI)	Czechoslovakia	Italy	Hungary	Ferenc NEMETH (HUN)	Pawel STOK (POL)	12.4
1939	Kaunas (LTU)	Lithuania	Latvia	Poland	Mykolas RUZGYS (LTU)	Heino VESKILA (EST)	16.7
1937	Riga (LAT)	Lithuania	Italy	France	Pranas TALZUNAS (LTU)	Rudolfs JURCINS (LAT)	12.5
1935	Geneva (SUI)	Latvia	Spain	Czechoslovakia	Rafael MARTIN (ESP)	Livo FRACESCHINI (ITA)	16.5

EUROBASKET TOP 100 SCORERS

Some of the greatest players the competition has ever seen make up the Top 100 list of scorers at FIBA EuroBasket. The breakdown features players from different generations and highlights their significance in EuroBasket history.

Two-time MVP Pau Gasol leads the way ahead of legendary French point guard Tony Parker and tournament ambassador Dirk Nowitzki having all amassed 1,000+ points.

POSITION | PLAYER

GAMES | POINTS | PPG

POSITION	PLAYER	GAMES	POINTS	PPG
1	Pau Gasol (ESP)	58	1183	20,4
2	Tony Parker (FRA)	66	1104	16,7
3	Dirk Nowitzki (GER)	54	1052	19,5
4	Nikos Galis (GRE)	33	1031	31,2
5	Kamil Brabenec (CZE)	60	918	15,3
6	Miki Berkovich (ISR)	39	917	23,5
7	Juan Antonio San Epifanio (ESP)	52	894	17,2
8	Emiliano Rodriguez (ESP)	53	864	16,3
9	Radivoj Korac (SRB)	34	844	24,8
10	Panagiotis Giannakis (GRE)	58	769	13,3
11	Juan Carlos Navarro (ESP)	53	768	14,5
12	Stanislav Kropilak (SVK)	54	760	14,1
13	Sergei Belov (RUS)	51	727	14,3
14	Stephane Ostrowski (FRA)	43	706	16,4
15	Dariusz Zelig (POL)	41	703	17,1
16	Wayne Brabender (ESP)	43	684	15,9
17	Kresimir Cosic (CRO)	59	672	11,4
18	Dragan Kicanovic (SRB)	40	662	16,6
19	Doron Jamchy (ISR)	31	659	21,3
20	Herve Dubuisson (FRA)	47	657	14
21	Arvydas Sabonis (LTU)	36	652	18,1
22	Andrei Kirilenko (RUS)	38	650	17,1
23	Dino Meneghin (ITA)	57	638	11,2
24	Drazen Dalipagic (SRB)	43	623	14,5
25	Timo Lampen (FIN)	51	621	12,2
26	Atanas Golomeev (BUL)	32	611	19,1
27	Hedo Turkoglu (TUR)	54	607	11,2
28	Francisco Buscato (ESP)	54	607	11,2
29	Drazen Petrovic (CRO)	26	603	23,2
30	Goran Dragic (SLO)	44	592	13,5
31	Iliya Mirchev (BUL)	49	592	12,1
32	Jiri Zidek Sr. (CZE)	44	588	13,4
33	Boris Diaw (FRA)	73	581	8
34	Modestas Paulauskas (LTU)	39	572	14,7
35	Dragos Nosievici (ROU)	50	554	11,1
36	Alberto Herreros (ESP)	41	538	13,1
37	Marco Belinelli (ITA)	35	528	15,1
38	Alain Gilles (FRA)	39	526	13,5
39	Ibrahim Kutluay (TUR)	43	526	12,2
40	Marc Gasol (ESP)	49	520	10,6
41	Ivo Daneu (SLO)	40	515	12,9
42	Armand Novacek (ROU)	35	512	14,6
43	Laszlo Gabanyi (HUN)	49	510	10,4
44	Viktor Radev (BUL)	44	509	11,6
45	Jaka Lakovic (SLO)	57	509	8,9
46	Janusz Wichowski (POL)	45	504	11,2
47	Frantisek Konvicka (CZE)	43	496	11,5
48	Arturas Karnisovas (LTU)	27	492	18,2
49	Raimo Lindholm (FIN)	51	489	9,6
50	Giorgos Kolokithas (GRE)	25	488	19,5

POSITION	PLAYER	GAMES	POINTS	PPG
51	Rudy Fernandez (ESP)	53	486	9,2
52	Ivan Mrazek (CZE)	39	483	12,4
53	Mihai Nedef (ROU)	60	483	8,1
54	Mieczyslaw Mlynarski (POL)	22	482	21,9
55	Valdis Valters (LAT)	32	476	14,9
56	Panagiotis Fasoulas (GRE)	43	473	11
57	Boaz Janay (ISR)	41	472	11,5
58	Antonello Riva (ITA)	24	469	19,5
59	Ioannis Bourousis (GRE)	53	468	8,8
60	Tanhum Cohen-Mintz (ISR)	35	467	13,3
61	Georgi Christov (BUL)	36	464	12,9
62	Dino Radja (CRO)	31	462	14,9
63	Nenad Krstic (SRB)	33	461	14
64	Miroslav Skerik (CZE)	46	461	10
65	Candido Sibilio (ESP)	31	454	14,6
66	Jaroslav Sip (CZE)	44	453	10,3
67	Tibor Zsiros (HUN)	37	451	12,2
68	Richard Dacoury (FRA)	31	449	14,5
69	Nikos Zisis (GRE)	51	449	8,8
70	Renato Villalta (ITA)	39	448	11,5
71	Massimo Masini (ITA)	40	447	11,2
72	Zdenek Kos (CZE)	44	445	10,1
73	Bojan Bogdanovic (CRO)	27	444	16,4
74	Rene Aerts (BEL)	33	444	13,5
75	Patrick Femerling (GER)	56	441	7,9
76	Dejan Bodiroga (SRB)	37	440	11,9
77	Antoine Rigeaudeau (FRA)	38	440	11,6
78	Nicolas Batum (FRA)	39	436	11,2
79	Mihai Albu (ROU)	45	436	9,7
80	Mantas Kalnietis (LTU)	40	434	10,9
81	Anatoly Myshkin (RUS)	37	433	11,7
82	Edward Jurkiewicz (POL)	21	432	20,6
83	Vassilis Spanoulis (GRE)	38	429	11,3
84	Jiri Baumruk (CZE)	42	429	10,2
85	Vasily Karasev (RUS)	41	423	10,3
86	Nando De Colo (FRA)	46	419	9,1
87	Vladimir Tkatchenko (RUS/UKR)	36	418	11,6
88	Seppo Kuusela (FIN)	37	417	11,3
89	Rouman Peitchev (BUL)	34	416	12,2
90	Jacques Cachemire (FRA)	38	416	10,9
91	Mieczysław Lopatka (POL)	27	412	15,3
92	Gennadi Volnov (RUS)	44	412	9,4
93	Jiri Pospisil (CZE)	33	411	12,5
94	Georgi Panov (BUL)	44	408	9,3
95	Sarunas Jasikevicius (LTU)	45	405	9
96	Predrag Danilovic (SRB)	33	403	12,2
97	Vitaly Fridzon (RUS)	42	401	9,5
98	Costel Cernat (ROU)	26	400	15,4
99	Jaroslaw Tetiva (CZE)	53	400	7,5
100	Alfonso Martinez (ESP)	36	398	11,1
100	Altonso Martinez (LSI)	30	330	11,1



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FINAL STANDINGS

	Team	W/L		Team
1	Slovenia	9/0	13	Monten
2	Serbia	7/2	14	Turkey
3	Spain	8/1	15	Ukraine
4	Russia	6/3	16	Hungary
5	Latvia	5/2	17	Georgia
6	Germany	4/3	18	Poland
7	Italy	4/3	19	Belgium
8	Greece	3/4	20	Czech R
9	Lithuania	4/2	21	Israel
10	Croatia	4/2	22	Great B
11	Finland	4/2	23	Romania
12	France	3/3	24	Iceland

	Team	W/L
13	Montenegro	3/3
14	Turkey	2/4
15	Ukraine	2/4
16	Hungary	2/4
17	Georgia	2/3
18	Poland	1/4
19	Belgium	1/4
20	Czech Republic	1/4
21	Israel	1/4
22	Great Britain	0/5
23	Romania	0/5
24	Iceland	0/5

Group Phase

Group A

Slovenia b. Poland	90-8
Greece b. Iceland	90-6
Finland b. France	86-8
Poland b. Iceland	91-6
France b. Greece	95-8
Slovenia b. Finland	81-7
France b. Iceland	115-7
Slovenia b. Greece	78-7:
Finland b. Poland	90-8
Slovenia b. Iceland	102-7
France b. Poland	78-7
Finland b. Greece	89-7
Slovenia b. France	95-7
Greece b. Poland	95-7
Finland b. Iceland	83-7

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	Team	W/L	For	Agst.
1	Slovenia	5/0	89,2	76,8
2	Finland	4/1	85,2	81,6
3	France	3/2	90	84,4
4	Greece	2/3	84,2	80
5	Poland	1/4	82,2	82,8
6	Iceland	0/5	71	96,2

Group B

Germany b. Ukraine	75-63
Georgia b. Lithuania	79-77
Italy b. Israel	69-48
Germany b. Georgia	67-57
Italy b. Ukraine	78-66
Lithuania b. Israel	88-73
Ukraine b. Georgia	88-81
Lithuania b. Italy	78-73
Israel b. Germany	82-80
Lithuania b. Ukraine	94-62
Germany b. Italy	61-55
Georgia b. Israel	104-91
Lithuania b. Germany	89-72
Italy b. Georgia	71-69
Ukraine b. Israel	88-64

	Team	W/L	For	Agst.
1	Lithuania	4/1	85,2	71,8
2	Germany	3/2	71	69,2
3	Italy	3/2	69,2	64,4
4	Ukraine	2/3	73,4	78,4
5	Georgia	2/3	78	78,8
6	Israel	1/4	71,6	85,8

Group C	
Croatia b. Hungary	67-58
Spain b. Montenegro	99-60
Czech Republic b. Romania	83-68
Montenegro b. Hungary	72-48
Spain b. Czech Republic	93-56
Croatia b. Romania	74-58
Hungary b. Czech Republic	85-73
Croatia b. Montenegro	76-72
Spain b. Romania	91-50
Montenegro b. Czech Republic	88-75
Spain b. Croatia	79-73
Hungary b. Romania	80-71
Croatia b. Czech Republic	107-69
Spain b. Hungary	87-64
Montenegro h. Romania	86-69

1	Spain	5/0	89,8	60,6
2	Croatia	4/1	79,4	67,2
3	Montenegro	3/2	75,6	73,4
4	Hungary	2/3	67	74
5	Czech Republic	1/4	71,2	88,2
6	Romania	0/5	63,2	82,8

Group D

Belgium b. Great Britain	103-90
Serbia b. Latvia	92-82
Russia b. Turkey	76-73
Latvia b. Belgium	92-64
Russia b. Serbia	75-72
Turkey b. Great Britain	84-70
Latvia b. Great Britain	97-92
Russia b. Belgium	76-67
Serbia b. Turkey	80-74
Latvia b. Russia	84-69
Serbia b. Great Britain	82-68
Turkey b. Belgium	78-65
Russia b. Great Britain	82-70
Serbia b. Belgium	74-54
Latvia b. Turkey	89-79

	Team	W/L	For	Agst.
1	Serbia	4/1	80	70,6
2	Latvia	4/1	88,8	79,2
3	Russia	4/1	75,6	73,2
4	Turkey	2/3	77,6	76
5	Belgium	1/4	70,6	82
6	Great Britain	0/5	78	89,6

Round of 16

Slovenia b. Ukraine	79-55
Germany b. France	84-81
Italy b. Finland	70-57
Greece b. Lithuania	77-64
Latvia b. Montenegro	100-68
Serbia b. Hungary	86-78
Spain b. Turkey	73-56
Russia b. Croatia	101-78

Ouarter-Finals

Spain b. Germany	84-72
Slovenia b. Latvia	103-97
Russia b. Greece	74-69
Serbia b. Italy	83-67

Semi-Finals

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0	Serbia b. Russia	87-79
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<u>=</u>	Third-Place Game	
6	Spain b. Russia	93-85

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2	Slovenia b. Serbia	93-
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INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS¹

	Player	Team	Avg.
1	Aleksei Shved	Russia	24,3
2	Dennis Schroder	Germany	23,7
3	Kristaps Porzingis	Latvia	23,6
4	Goran Dragic	Slovenia	22,6
5	Bojan Bogdanovic	Croatia	22,5
6	Bogdan Bogdanovic	Serbia	20,4
7	Lauri Markkanen	Finland	19,5
8	Tornike Shengelia	Georgia	18,8
9	Marco Belinelli	Italy	17,9
10	Pau Gasol	Spain	17,4

REBOUNDS

	Player	Team	Avg.
1	Jonas Valanciunas	Lithuania	12,0
2	Gabe Olaseni	Great Britain	11,2
3	Zaza Pachulia	Georgia	9,2
4	Luka Doncic	Slovenia	8,1
5	Nikola Vucevic	Montenegro	8,0
6	Pau Gasol	Spain	7,8
7	Tornike Shengelia	Georgia	7,8
8	Timofey Mozgov	Russia	7,4
9	Marc Gasol	Spain	7,2
10	Mateusz Ponitka	Poland	7,2

	Player	Team	Avg.
1	Mantas Kalnietis	Lithuania	7,2
3	Sergio Rodriguez	Spain	6,8
3	Janis Strelnieks	Latvia	6,6
4	Tomas Satoransky	Czech Republic	6,6
5	Petteri Koponen	Finland	6,3
6	Aleksei Shved	Russia	5,9
7	Dennis Schroder	Germany	5,6
8	Denys Lukashov	Ukraine	5,5
9	Stefan Jovic	Serbia	5,4
10	Dairis Bertans	Latvia	5,3

FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE²

	Player	leam	%
1	Gabe Olaseni	Great Britain	70,0
2	Artem Pustovyi	Ukraine	61,7
3	Jonas Valanciunas	Lithuania	60,4
4	Melih Mahmutoglu	Turkey	57,9
5	Bojan Bogdanovic	Croatia	57,7
6	Patrik Auda	Czech Republic	54,5
	Pau Gasol	Spain	54,3
8	Lior Eliyahu	Israel	53,7
9	Kristaps Porzingis	Latvia	53,4
10	Lauri Markkanen	Finland	53,3

2PT FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE³

	Player	Team	%
1	Gabe Olaseni	Great Britain	70,0
2	Bogdan Bogdanovic	Serbia	67,7
3	Artem Pustovyi	Ukraine	67,3
4	Nick Calathes	Greece	62,2
5	Kristaps Porzingis	Latvia	60,6
6	Bojan Bogdanovic	Croatia	60,5
	Mindaugas Kuzminskas	Lithuania	60,5
8	Jonas Valanciunas	Lithuania	60,4
9	Pau Gasol	Spain	58,4
10	Martin Harmannasan	loolood	E7.0

3PT FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE⁴

	Player	Team	%
1	Lukasz Koszarek	Poland	63,6
2	Bojan Dubljevic	Montenegro	61,1
	Kostas Sloukas	Greece	58,6
4	Bojan Bogdanovic	Croatia	54,5
	Sam Van Rossom	Belgium	54,5
6	Janis Timma	Latvia	53,8
7	Melih Mahmutoglu	Turkey	50,0
/ /	Adas Juskevicius	Lithuania	50,0
L	Boris Diaw	France	50,0
	Marko Popovic	Croatia	50,0

FREE THROW PERCENTAGE5

	Player	Team	%
1	Haukur Palsson	Iceland	94,1
3	Giorgi Shermadini	Georgia	93,1
3	Nando De Colo	France	92,9
4	Klemen Prepelic	Slovenia	92,5
5	Lauri Markkanen	Finland	89,7
6	Kristaps Porzingis	Latvia	89,6
7	Dennis Schroder	Germany	88,9
	Adam Waczynski	Poland	88,9
9	Gal Mekel	Israel	88,5
10	Aleksei Shved	Russia	87,3

STEALS

	Player	Team	Avg.
1	Andrei Mandache	Romania	2,2
2	Marco Belinelli	Italy	2,1
3	Denys Lukashov	Ukraine	2
	Cedi Osman	Turkey	2
5	Nando De Colo	France	1,8

TURNOVERS

4	Player	Team	Avg.
1	Dennis Schroder	Germany	4,7
2	Michael Dixon	Georgia	4,0
3	Tornike Shengelia	Georgia	3,6
4	Aleksei Shved	Russia	3,4
5	Teddy Okereafor	Great Britain	3,4
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	Player	Team	Avg.
1	Kristaps Porzingis	Latvia	1,9
2	Artem Pustovyi	Ukraine	1,7
3	Pau Gasol	Spain	1,5
4	Marc Gasol	Spain	1,4
	Anthony Randolph	Slovenia	1,4
	Gasper Vidmar	Slovenia	1.4

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BERLIN, GERMANY; RIGA, LATVIA; ZAGREB, CROATIA; MONTPELLIER, LILLE, FRANCE;

FIN	IAL STANDINGS				
	Team	W/L		Team	W/L
1	Spain	7/2	13	Belgium	3/3
2	Lithuania	7/2	14	Turkey	3/3
3	France	8/1	15	Georgia	2/4
4	Serbia	7/2	16	Finland	2/4
5	Greece	7/1	17	Russia	1/4
6	Italy	5/3	18	Germany	1/4
7	Czech Republic	5/4	19	MKD	1/4
8	Latvia	4/5	20	Estonia	1/4
9	Croatia	3/3	21	Netherlands	1/4
10	Israel	3/3	22	Ukraine	1/4
11	Poland	3/3	23	Bosnia and Herzegovina	1/4
12	Slovenia	3/3	24	Iceland	0/5

Group Phase

Group A

Poland b. Bosnia and Herzegovina	68-64
Israel b. Russia	76-73
France b. Finland	97-87
Poland b. Russia	82-79
Israel b. Finland	79-66
France b. Bosnia and Herzegovina	81-54
Finland b. Russia	81-79
Bosnia and Herzegovina b. Israel	86-84
France b. Poland	69-66
Finland b. Bosnia and Herzegovina	88-59
Israel b. Poland	75-73
France b. Russia	74-67
Poland b. Finland	78-65
Russia b. Bosnia and Herzegovina	81-61
France b. Israel	86-61

	Team	W/L	For	Agst.	P
1_	France	5/0	81.4	67.0	
2	Israel	3/2	75.0	76.8	
3	Poland	3/2	73.4	70.4	
4	Finland	2/3	77.4	78.4	
5	Russia	1/4	75.8	74.8	
6	Rosnia and Horzogovina	1//	64.9	90 A	

Group B

Germany b. Iceland	71-65
Serbia b. Spain	80-70
Turkey b. Italy	89-87
Serbia b. Germany	68-66
Italy b. Iceland	71-64
Spain b. Turkey	104-77
Serbia b. Iceland	93-64
Turkey b. Germany	80-75
Italy b. Spain	105-98
Serbia b. Turkey	91-72
Italy b. Germany	89-82
Spain b. Iceland	99-73
Serbia b. Italy	101-82
Spain b. Germany	77-76
Turkey b. Iceland	111-102

۱		Team	W/L	For	Agst.
	1	Serbia	5/0	86.6	70.8
	2	Spain	3/2	89.6	82.2
	3	Italy	3/2	86.8	86.8
	4	Turkey	3/2	85.8	91.8
	5	Germany	1/4	74.0	75.8
	6	Iceland	0/5	73.6	89.0

Group C

Netherlands b. Georgia	73-7
Greece b. MKD	85-6
Croatia b. Slovenia	80-7
MKD b. Netherlands	78-7
Slovenia b. Georgia	79-6
Greece b. Croatia	72-7
Slovenia b. Netherlands	81-7
Greece b. Georgia	79-6
Croatia b. MKD	73-5
Greece b. Slovenia	83-7
Georgia b. MKD	90-7
Croatia b. Netherlands	78-7
Slovenia b. MKD	62-5
Georgia b. Croatia	71-5
Greece b. Netherlands	68-6

	Team	W/L	For	Agst.
1	Greece	5/0	77.4	68.0
2	Croatia	3/2	71.8	68.6
3	Slovenia	3/2	73.4	71.2
4	Georgia	2/3	73.8	72.8
5	MKD	1/4	64.8	76.2
6	Netherlands	1/4	71.0	75.4

Czech Republic b. Estonia	80-57
Latvia b. Belgium	78-67
Lithuania b. Ukraine	69-68
Belgium b. Estonia	84-55
Lithuania b. Latvia	68-49
Czech Republic b. Ukraine	78-64
Belgium b. Lithuania	76-74
Latvia b. Czech Republic	72-65
Estonia b. Ukraine	78-71
Czech Republic b. Belgium	66-64
Ukraine b. Latvia	75-74
Lithuania b. Estonia	64-62
Belgium b. Ukraine	79-71
Latvia b. Estonia	75-64
Lithuania b. Czech Republic	85-81

	ream	VV/L	For	Agst.
1	Lithuania	4/1	72.0	67.2
2	Latvia	3/2	69.6	67.8
3	Czech Republic	3/2	74.0	68.4
4	Belgium	3/2	74.0	68.8
5	Estonia	1/4	63.2	74.8
6	Ukraine	1/4	69.8	75.6

Round of 16

Latvia b. Slovenia	/3-66
Greece b. Belgium	75-54
Spain b. Poland	80-66
France b. Turkey	76-53
Czech Republic b. Croatia	80-59
Serbia b. Finland	94-81
Italy b. Israel	82-52
Lithuania b. Georgia	85-81

Quarter-Finals

Lithuania b. Italy	95-8
Serbia b. Czech Republic	89-7
France b. Latvia	84-7
Spain b. Greece	<u>73-7</u>

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Greece b. Latvia	97-90
Italy b. Czech Republic	85-70
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3	Spain b. France	80-7
)	Lithuania b. Serbia	67-64
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Czech Republic b. Latvia

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France b. Serbia

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Final	
Spain b. Lithuania	80-63



INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS1

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	Player	Team	Avg.
1	Pau GASOL	Spain	25.6
2	Dennis SCHRODER	Germany	21.0
3	Jan VESELY	Czech Republic	19.3
4	Danilo GALLINARI	Italy	17.9
5	Alessandro GENTILE	Italy	16.8
6	Omri CASSPI	Israel	16.4
7	Marco BELINELLI	Italy	16.3
8	Charlon KLOOF	Netherlands	16.2
9	Jonas VALANCIUNAS	Lithuania	16.0
	Kyrylo FESENKO	Ukraine	16.0
11	Adam WACZYNSKI	Poland	15.8
	Gal MEKEL	Israel	15.8
13	Zoran DRAGIC	Slovenia	15.5
	Tornike SHENGELIA	Georgia	15.5
15	Ersan ILYASOVA	Turkey	15.2

REBOUNDS

	Player	Team	Avg.
1	Andrey VORONTSEVICH	Russia	9.2
2	Jan VESELY	Czech Republic	9.1
3	Kyrylo FESENKO	Ukraine	8.8
	Pau GASOL	Spain	8.8
5	Jonas VALANCIUNAS	Lithuania	8.4
6	Rudy GOBERT	France	8.1
7	Dirk NOWITZKI	Germany	7.8
8	Erik MURPHY	Finland	7.7
9	Omri CASSPI	Israel	7.2
10	HIVDUR BAFRINGSSON	Iceland	7.0

ASSISTS

	Player	Team	Avg.
1	Mantas KALNIETIS	Lithuania	7.8
2	Tomas SATORANSKY	Czech Republic	7.3
3	Milos TEODOSIC	Serbia	7.1
4	Petteri KOPONEN	Finland	6.0
	Dmitry KHVOSTOV	Russia	6.0
	Dennis SCHRODER	Germany	6.0
7	Jon STEFANSSON	Iceland	5.8
8	Janis STRELNIEKS	Latvia	5.4
9	Vassilis SPANOULIS	Greece	5.3
	Nick CALATHES	Greece	5.3

FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE²

	Player	Team	%
1	Jan VESELY	Czech Republic	64.1
2	Miroslav RADULJICA	Serbia	61.7
3	Jonas VALANCIUNAS	Lithuania	59.1
4	Pau GASOL	Spain	57.5
5	Danilo GALLINARI	Italy	56.9
6	Kostas KOUFOS	Greece	56.3
	Andrija STIPANOVIC	Bosnia & Herzegovina	56.3
8	Nemanja BJELICA	Serbia	56.1
9	Gal MEKEL	Israel	54.5
10	Lior ELIYAHU	Israel	54.2

2PT FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE³

	Player	Team	%
1	Semih ERDEN	Turkey	74.4
2	Andrey ZUBKOV	Russia	64.5
3	Jan VESELY	Czech Republic	64.1
4	Mateusz PONITKA	Poland	63.2
5	Erik MURPHY	Finland	62.5
6	Miroslav RADULJICA	Serbia	61.7
7	Ioannis BOUROUSIS	Greece	61.2
8	Rudy GOBERT	France	59.3
9	Jonas VALANCIUNAS	Lithuania	59.1
10	Tornike SHENGELIA	Georgia	57.9

3PT FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE⁴

	Player	Team	%
1	Vitaly FRIDZON	Russia	65.2
2	Nick CALATHES	Greece	61.1
	Charlon KLOOF	Netherlands	61.1
4	Haukur PALSSON	Iceland	56.0
5	Krunoslav SIMON	Croatia	54.2
6	Jonas MACIULIS	Lithuania	53.8
	Pau RIBAS	Spain	53.8
	Oleksandr LYPOVYY	Ukraine	53.8
9	Kristaps JANICENOKS	Latvia	51.9
10	Evan FOURNIER	France	50.0
	Andrey VORONTSEVICH	Russia	50.0
	Alex RENFROE	Bosnia & Herzegovina	50.0

FREE THROW PERCENTAGE⁵

	Player	Team	%
1	Milos TEODOSIC	Serbia	94.1
2	Andrey ZUBKOV	Russia	93.8
3	Danilo GALLINARI	Italy	87.9
4	Jonas MACIULIS	Lithuania	86.7
	Sten SOKK	Estonia	86.7
6	Dirk NOWITZKI	Germany	85.7
	Jonas VALANCIUNAS	Lithuania	85.7
	Marco BELINELLI	Italy	85.7
9	Krunoslav SIMON	Croatia	85.0
10	Adam WACZYNSKI	Poland	84.8

STEALS

	Player	Team	Avg.
1	Jonas MACIULIS	Lithuania	1.9
2	Yogev OHAYON	Israel	1.7
	Tornile SHENGELIA	Georgia	1.7
4	Alex RENFROE	Bosnia & Herzegovina	1.6
5	Nicolas BATUM	France	1.4
	Sergei MONIA	Russia	1.4
	Jamar WILSON	Finland	1.4

TURNOVERS

	Player	Team	Avg.
1	Dennis SCHRODER	Germany	4.2
2	Andrija STIPANOVIC	Bosnia & Herzegovina	4.0
3	Mantas KALNIETIS	Lithuania	3.7
4	Sten SOKK	Estonia	3.6
5	7272 ΡΔΟΗΙΙΙΙΔ	Georgia	3.5

	Player	Team	Avg.
1	Pau GASOL	Spain	2.3
2	Rudy GOBERT	France	2.0
3	D'or FISHER	Israel	1.8
4	Jonas VALANCIUNAS	Lithuania	1.4
5	Erik MURPHY	Finland	1.3

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CELJE, JESENICE, KOPER AND LJUBLJANA, SLOVENIA;

FINAL STANDINGS					
	Team	W/L		Team	W/L
- 1	France	8/3	13	Great Britain	2/3
2	Lithuania	8/3		Bosnia and Herzegovina	3/2
3	Spain	7/4		Czech Republic	2/3
4	Croatia	8/3		Sweden	1/4
5	Slovenia	7/4		Turkey	1/4
6	Ukraine	6/5		Georgia	1/4
7	Serbia	6/5		Montenegro	2/3
8	Italy	6/5		Germany	2/3
9	Finland	5/3	21	Israel	1/4
	Belgium	3/5		MKD	1/4
11	Latvia	4/4		Poland	1/4
	Greece	4/4		Russia	1/4

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	Greece	4/4		Russia	
11	Latvia	4/4		Poland	

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Great Britain b. Israel	75-71
Ukraine b. Belgium	58-57
Germany b. France	80-74
Ukraine b. Israel	74-67
Belgium b. Germany	77-73
France b. Great Britain	88-65
Ukraine b. Germany	88-83
Belgium b. Great Britain	76-71
France b. Israel	82-63
Great Britain b. Germany	81-74
France b. Ukraine	77-71
Israel b. Belgium	87-69
Ukraine b. Great Britain	87-68
Germany b. Israel	80-76
France b. Belgium	82-65

	Team	W/L	For	Agst.
1	France	4/1	80.6	68.8
2	Ukraine	4/1	75.6	70.4
3	Belgium	2/3	68.8	74.2
4	Great Britain	2/3	72.0	79.2
5	Germany	2/3	78.0	79.2
6	Israel	1/4	72.8	76.0

Group B

Montenegro b. MKD	81-8
Serbia b. Lithuania	63-50
Latvia b. Montenegro	73-7
Serbia b. Bosnia and Herzegovina	77-67
Lithuania b. MKD	75-6
Bosnia and Herzegovina b. Montenegro	76-70
Lithuania b. Latvia	67-5
MKD b. Serbia	89-7
Bosnia and Herzegovina b. MKD	62-54
Serbia b. Latvia	80-7 ⁻
Lithuania b. Montenegro	77-70
Latvia b. MKD	76-6
Bosnia and Herzegovina b. Lithuania	78-7
Montenegro b. Serbia	83-70

	Team	W/L	For	Agst.
1	Serbia	3/2	74.2	73.2
2	Latvia	3/2	73.0	72.0
3	Lithuania	3/2	69.4	67.4
4	Bosnia and Herzegovina	3/2	71.6	71.8
5	Montenegro	2/3	75.2	76.4
6	MKD	1//	71.2	72.0

Georgia b. Poland	84-6
Spain b. Croatia	68-4
Slovenia b. Czech Republic	62-60
Croatia b. Georgia	77-70
Czech Republic b. Poland	69-68
Slovenia b. Spain	78-6
Spain b. Czech Republic	60-3
Croatia b. Poland	74-70
Slovenia b. Georgia	72-6
Spain b. Poland	89-5
Czech Republic b. Georgia	95-79
Croatia b. Slovenia	76-74

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3	Slovenia	3/2	69.4	68.8	
4	Czech Republic	2/3	63.2	67.8	
5	Georgia	1/4	73.2	78.8	
	Poland	1/4	65.8	75.4	
Grou	ıp D				
Finla	and b. Turkey			61-55	
Gree	ece b. Sweden			<u>79-51</u>	
Italy	b. Russia			76-69	
Finla	and b. Sweden			81-60	
Italy b. Turkey 90				90-75	
Gree	Greece b. Russia 80-7				
Swe	Sweden b. Russia				
Italy	b. Finland			62-44	
Gree	ece b. Turkey			84-61	
<u>Finla</u>	and b. Russia			86-83	
<u>ltaly</u>	b. Greece			81-72	
Turk	ey b. Sweden			87-74	
Finland b. Greece				86-77	
Italy	b. Sweden			82-79	
Russ	sia b. Turkey			89-77	

	Team	W/L	For	Agst.
1	Italy	5/0	78.2	67.8
2	Finland	4/1	71.6	67.4
3	Greece	3/2	78.4	70.0
4	Sweden	1/4	69.0	78.2
5	Turkey	1/4	71.0	79.6
6	Russia	1//	7/1.8	80 N

Second Round

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Serbia b. France			77-6
Lithuania b. Ukraine			70-63
Belgium b. Latvia			60-56
France b. Latvia	(102-9
Ukraine b. Serbia			82-7
Lithuania b. Belgium			86-6
Lithuania b. France			76-62
Serbia b. Belgium			76-69
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	leam	W/L	For	Agst.
1	Serbia	4/1	74.2	68.6
2	Lithuania	4/1	71.0	62.8
3	France	3/2	77.6	76.0
4	Ukraine	2/3	65.0	72.8
5	Belgium	1/4	63.6	71.6
6	Latvia	1/4	72.4	72.0

Group F

Croatia b. Finland	88-63
Greece b. Spain	79-75
Slovenia b. Italy	84-77
Croatia b. Italy	76-68
Spain b. Finland	82-56
Slovenia b. Greece	73-65
Croatia b. Greece	92-88
Italy b. Spain	86-81
Finland b. Slovenia	92-76

Team		W/L	For	Agst.
1	Croatia	4/1	74.4	72.2
2	Slovenia	3/2	77.0	75.8
3	Italy	3/2	74.8	71.4
4	Spain	2/3	75.0	67.8
5	Finland	2/3	68.2	77.0
6	Greece	1/4	76.2	81.4

Quarter-Finals

Spain b. Serbia	90-60	
France b. Slovenia	72-62	i
Croatia b. Ukraine	84-72	ŀ
Lithuania b. Italy	81-77	
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Slovenia b. Serbia	92-74
Ukraine b. Italy	66-58

ĺ	Semi-Finals	
	Lithuania b. Croatia	77-62
	France b. Spain	75-72
	Classification 7-8	
	Serbia b. Italy	76-64
	Classification 5-6	
h	Slovenia b. Ukraine	69-63
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	Third-Place Game	
2	Spain b. Croatia	92-66
_	Final	
	Final	
	France b. Lithuania	80-66

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS¹

	Player	Team	Avg.
1	Tony PARKER	France	19.0
2	Bojan BOGDANOVIC	Croatia	17.4
3	Vassilis SPANOULIS	Greece	16.7
4	Goran DRAGIC	Slovenia	15.8
5	Nenad KRSTIC	Serbia	15.4
6	Alessandro GENTILE	Italy	14.2
7	Marc GASOL	Spain	13.9
8	Luigi DATOME	Italy	13.8
9	Marco BELINELLI	Italy	13.6
10	Eugene JETER	Ukraine	13.5
11	Petteri KOPONEN	Finland	13.2
12	Mantas KALNIETIS	Lithuania	12.1
13	Rudy FERNANDEZ	Spain	12.0
	Sergii GLADYR	Ukraine	12.0
15	Pietro ARADORI	Italy	11.9

REBOUNDS

	Player	Team	Avg.
1	Axel HERVELLE	Belgium	7.9
2	Marc GASOL	Spain	7.8
3	Ante TOMIC	Croatia	7.2
4	Alexis AJINCA	France	7.0
	Nemanja BJELICA	Serbia	7.0
6	Tuukka KOTTI	Finland	5.9
7	Mirza BEGIC	Slovenia	5.6
8	Damir MARKOTA	Croatia	5.5
9	Marco CUSIN	Italy	5.4
10	Zoran DRAGIC	Slovenia	5.3

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1	Mantas KALNIETIS	Lithuania	5.0
2	Petteri KOPONEN	Finland	4.8
3	Goran DRAGIC	Slovenia	4.5
4	Nikos ZISIS	Greece	4.3
5	Eugene JETER	Ukraine	4.1
6	Janis STRELNIEKS	Latvia	3.6
7	Ricky RUBIO	Spain	3.4
	Boris DIAW	France	3.4
9	Tony PARKER	France	3.3
10	Roko Leni UKIC	Croatia	3.2
	Sergio RODRIGUEZ	Spain	3.2

FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE²

	Player	leam	7/0
1	Nenad KRSTIC	Serbia	51.3
2	Tony PARKER	France	50.7
3	Marc GASOL	Spain	50.5
4	Rudy FERNANDEZ	Spain	49.0
5	Axel HERVELLE	Belgium	47.8
6	Boris DIAW	France	47.4
7	Luigi DATOME	Italy	47.0
8	Alessandro GENTILE	Italy	45.6
9	Nicolas BATUM	France	45.3
10	Pietro ARADORI	Italy	44.7

2PT FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE³

	Player	Team	%
1	Greece	62.7	70,0
2	France	56.9	67,7
3	France	54.5	67,3
4	Serbia	53.2	62,2
5	Lithuania	52.9	60,6
6	France	52.6	60,5
7	Serbia	51.4	60,5
8	Spain	51.1	60,4
9	Croatia	51.0	58,4
10	Belgium	49.0	57,9

3PT FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE⁴

	Player	Team	%
1	Kristaps JANICENOKS	Latvia	53.6
2	Domen LORBEK	Slovenia	51.7
3	Damjan RUDEZ	Croatia	51.6
4	Olexandr MISHULA	Ukraine	50.0
5	Wen MUKUBU	Belgium	47.4
6	Jose CALDERON	Spain	45.7
7	Nikos ZISIS	Greece	45.0
8	Jonathan TABU	Belgium	44.8
9	Krunoslav SIMON	Croatia	44.7
10	Axel HERVELLE	Belgium	44.4

FREE THROW PERCENTAGE

	Player	Team	%
1	Renaldas SEIBUTIS	Lithuania	91.2
2	Ioannis BOUROUSIS	Greece	87.5
3	Alessandro GENTILE	Italy	86.7
4	Kristaps JANICENOKS	Latvia	82.1
5	Kostas KAIMAKOGLOU	Greece	81.5
6	Nikos ZISIS	Greece	80.0
7	Kostas SLOUKAS	Greece	79.4
8	Zoran DRAGIC	Slovenia	78.8
9	Sergii GLADYR	Ukraine	78.4
10	Tony PARKER	France	78.3

	Player	Team	Avg.
1	Petteri KOPONEN	Finland	1.4
	Ricky RUBIO	Spain	1.4
3	Nando DE COLO	France	1.1
	Dontaye DRAPER	Croatia	1.1
5	Nemanja NEDOVIC	Serbia	1.0
	Boris DIAW	France	1.0
	Rudy FERNANDEZ	Spain	1.0
	Nicolas BATUM	France	1.0
/	Kostas SLOUKAS	Greece	1.0
	Tuukka KOTTI	Finland	1.0
	Kostas PAPANIKOLAOU	Greece	1.0

TURNOVERS

	Player	Team	Avg.
1	Vassilis SPANOULIS	Greece	4.2
2	Petteri KOPONEN	Finland	3.4
3	Marc GASOL	Spain	2.6
4	Mantas KALNIETIS	Lithuania	2.5
	Axel HERVELLE	Belgium	2.5
	Kruppelay SIMON	Croatia	2.5

	Player	Team	Avg.
1	Viacheslav KRAVTSOV	Ukraine	2.0
2	Marco CUSIN	Italy	1.6
3	Mirza BEGIC	Slovenia	1.5
4	Jonas VALANCIUNAS	Lithuania	1.4
С.	Alovio A IINCA	Eropoo	1.2



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ALYTUS, KLAIPEDA, PANEVEZYS, SIAULIAI AND VILNIUS, LITHUANIA

FINAL STANDINGS					
	Team	W/L		Team	W/L
1	Spain	10/1	13	Great Britain	2/3
2	France	9/2		Israel	2/3
3	Russia	10/1		Croatia	2/3
4	MKD	7/4		Bulgaria	2/3
5	Lithuania	8/3	17	Ukraine	2/3
6	Greece	7/4		Bosnia and Herzegovina	2/3
7	Slovenia	6/5		Italy	1/4
8	Serbia	5/6		Poland	2/3
9	Germany	4/4	21	Portugal	0/5
	Finland	3/5		Latvia	0/5
11	Georgia	2/6		Montenegro	1/4
7	Turkey	3/5		Belgium	0/5

	Team	W/L	For	Agst.	Semi-Finals	
1	Russia	5/0	71.0	62.0	Spain b. MKD	92-80
2	MKD	4/1	67.6	62.6	France b. Russia	79-71
3	Greece	3/2	69.4	67.2	FIGURE D. NUSSIG	/3-/1
4	Slovenia	2/3	67.4	67.2	Olegoidiaghian 7.0	
5	Finland	1/4	67.6	74.4	Classification 7-8	
6	Georgia	0/5	65.8	75.4	Slovenia b. Serbia	72-68
<u>Spai</u>	arter-Finals n b. Slovenia			86-64	Classification 5-6 Lithuania b. Greece	73-69
MKE) b. Lithuania			<u>67-65</u>	Third-Place Game	
Fran	ce b. Greece			64-56	Russia b. MKD	72-68
Russ	sia b. Serbia			77-67		72 00
	ssification 5-8 Jania b. Slovenia			80-77	Final Spain b. France	98-85

First Round

Group A

Spain b. Poland	83-78
Turkey b. Portugal	79-56
Lithuania b. Great Britain	80-69
Spain b. Portugal	87-73
Turkey b. Great Britain	90-61
Lithuania b. Poland	97-77
Spain b. Great Britain	86-69
Poland b. Portugal	81-73
Lithuania b. Turkey	75-68
Great Britain b. Portugal	85-73
Poland b. Turkey	84-83
Spain b. Lithuania	91-79
Great Britain b. Poland	88-81
Turkey b. Spain	65-57
Lithuania b. Portugal	98-69

	Team	W/L	For	Agst.
1_/	Spain	4/1	80.8	72.8
2	Lithuania	4/1	85.8	74.8
3	Turkey	3/2	77.0	66.6
4	Great Britain	2/3	74.4	82.0
5	Poland	2/3	80.2	84.8

Group B

France b. Latvia	89-7
Germany b. Israel	91-6
Serbia b. Latvia	92-7
France b. Israel	85-6
Germany b. Italy	76-6
Serbia b. Israel	89-8
Italy b. Latvia	71-6
France b. Germany	76-6
Israel b. Latvia	91-8
France b. Italy	91-8
Serbia b. Germany	75-6
Israel b. Italy	96-9
Germany b. Latvia	81-8
France b. Serbia	97-9

		Team	W/L	For	Agst.
	1	France	5/0	87.6	78.2
ĺ	2	Serbia	4/1	86.4	77.2
	3	Germany	3/2	75.4	71.4
	4	Israel	2/3	79.8	89.6
	5	Italy	1/4	76.0	81.0
	6	Latvia	0/5	77.0	84.8

Group C

Montenegro b. MKD	70-
Greece b. Bosnia and Herzegovina	76-
Croatia b. Finland	84-
Bosnia and Herzegovina b. Montenegro	94-1
Greece b. Finland	81-
MKD b. Croatia	78-
Finland b. Bosnia and Herzegovina	92-
MKD b. Greece	72-
Croatia b. Montenegro	87-
MKD b. Finland	72-
Greece b. Montenegro	71-
Bosnia and Herzegovina b. Croatia	92-
Finland b. Montenegro	71-

Greece b. Croatia	74-69
MKD b. Bosnia and Herzegovina	75-63

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1	MKD	4/1	72.4	67.4		
2	Greece	4/1	72.0	64.8		
3	Finland	2/3	74.6	73.2		
4	Croatia	2/3	79.2	80.8		
5	Bosnia and Herzegovina	2/3	76.0	81.8		
	Montenegro	1/4	71.4	77.6		
Group D						
Georgia b. Belgium						

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Georgia b. Belgium	81-59
Slovenia b. Bulgaria	67-59
Russia b. Ukraine	73-64
Bulgaria b. Belgium	68-65
Russia b. Georgia	65-58
Slovenia b. Ukraine	68-64
Ukraine b. Bulgaria	67-56
Slovenia b. Georgia	87-75
Russia b. Belgium	79-58
Georgia b. Ukraine	69-53
Russia b. Bulgaria	89-77
Slovenia b. Belgium	70-61
Bulgaria b. Georgia	79-69
Russia b. Slovenia	65-64
Ukraine b. Belgium	74-61

Team		W/L	For	Agst.
1	Russia	5/0	74.2	64.2
2	Slovenia	4/1	71.2	64.8
3	Georgia	2/3	70.4	68.6
4	Bulgaria	2/3	67.8	71.4
5	Ukraine	2/3	64.4	65.4
	Belgium	0/5	60.8	74.4

Second Round

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France b. Turkey	68-64
Lithuanis b. Serbia	100-90
Spain b. Serbia	84-59
Germany b. Turkey	73-67
France b. Lithuania	73-67
Serbia b. Turkey	68-67
Spain b. France	96-69
Lithuania b. Germany	84-75

	Team	W/L	For	Agst.
1	Spain	4/1	81.0	68.0
2	France	4/1	76.6	77.6
3	Lithuania	3/2	81.0	79.4
4	Serbia	2/3	77.6	82.4
5	Germany	1/4	69.0	75.8
6	Turkey	1/4	66.2	68.2

Group F

	WIND B. Georgia	00 00
į	Russia b.Finland	79-60
	Greece b. Slovenia	68-60
	Finland b. Georgia	87-73
	MKD b. Slovenia	68-59
!	Russia b. Greece	83-67
2	Slovenia b. Finland	67-60
!	Greece b. Georgia	73-60
!	Russia b. MKD	63-61

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS¹

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	Player	Team	Avg.
1	Tony PARKER	France	22.1
2	Bo MCCALEBB	MKD	21.4
3	Pau GASOL	Spain	20.1
4	Dirk NOWITZKI	Germany	19.5
5	Juan Carlos NAVARRO	Spain	18.7
6	Nenad KRSTIC	Serbia	15.5
	Chris KAMAN	Germany	15.5
8	Andrei KIRILENKO	Russia	14.9
9	Nicolas BATUM	France	13.8
10	Dusko SAVANOVIC	Serbia	13.4
11	Marc GASOL	Spain	13.3
	Petteri KOPONEN	Finland	13.2
13	Viktor SANIKIDZE	Georgia	12.0
	Manuchar MARKOISHVILI	Georgia	11.9
15	Antonios FOTSIS	Greece	11.7

	Player	Team	Avg.
1	Chris KAMAN	Germany	10.0
2	Omer ASIK	Turkey	8.5
3	Pero ANTIC	MKD	8.5
4	Pau GASOL	Spain	8.3
5	Joakim NOAH	France	8.0
	Viktor SANIKIDZE	Georgia	8.0
7	Marc GASOL	Spain	7.3
8	Dirk NOWITZKI	Germany	6.6
9	Ersan ILYASOVA	Turkey	6.5
	Mirza BEGIC	Slovenia	6.5

ASSISTS

	Player	Team	Avg.
1	Milos TEODOSIC	Serbia	5.7
2	Victor KHRYAPA	Russia	5.1
3	Sarunas JASIKEVICIUS	Lithuania	4.6
4	Teemu RANNIKKO	Finland	4.5
5	Tony PARKER	France	4.4
6	Heiko SCHAFFARTZIK	Germany	3.9
7	Mantas KALNIETIS	Lithuania	3.8
	Nick CALATHES	Greece	3.8
9	Bo MCCALEBB	MKD	3.7
10	George TSINTSADZE	Georgia	3.3
	Stefan MARKOVIC	Serbia	3.3
	Vlada IHEVSKI	MKD	2.2

FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE²

	Player	Team	%
1	Nenad KRSTIC	Serbia	60.2
2	Chris KAMAN	Germany	53.9
3	Pau GASOL	Spain	53.8
4	Nicolas BATUM	France	53.5
5	Viktor SANIKIDZE	Georgia	52.9
6	Dusko SAVANOVIC	Serbia	50.5
	Ioannis BOUROUSIS	Greece	49.5
8	Andrei KIRILENKO	Russia	49.1
9	Bo MCCALEBB	MKD	47.0
10	Juan Carlos NAVARRO	Spain	46.2
	Mantas KALNIETIS	Lithuania	46.2

2PT FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE³

	Player	Team	%
1	Goran DRAGIC	Slovenia	60.6
2	Nenad KRSTIC	Serbia	60.2
3	Rimantas KAUKENAS	Lithuania	60.0
4	Enes KANTER	Turkey	59.2
5	Kostas KOUFOS	Greece	57.4
6	Dusko SAVANOVIC	Serbia	56.3
7	Omer ASIK	Turkey	56.2
8	Tornike SHENGELIA	Georgia	55.8
9	Hidayet TURKOGLU	Turkey	54.2
10	Chris KAMAN	Germany	53.9

3PT FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE⁴

	Player	Team	%
1	Mickael GELABALE	France	63.6
2	Robin BENZING	Germany	52.6
3	Philipp SCHWETHELM	Germany	52.6
4	Vitaly FRIDZON	Russia	48.8
5	Antonios FOTSIS	Greece	48.7
6	Ömer ONAN	Turkey	48.1
7	Marko KESELJ	Serbia	47.9
8	Simas JASAITIS	Lithuania	47.2
9	Petteri KOPONEN	Finland	47.1
10	Shawn HUFF	Finland	45.8

FREE THROW PERCENTAGE⁵

	Player	Team	%
1	Dirk NOWITZKI	Germany	93.3
2	Nikos ZISIS	Greece	91.9
3	Sarunas JASIKEVICIUS	Lithuania	91.7
4	Juan Carlos NAVARRO	Spain	90.5
5	Bo MCCALEBB	MKD	85.3
6	Nicolas BATUM	France	85.3
7	Marc GASOL	Spain	84.1
8	Petteri KOPONEN	Finland	83.3
9	Ioannis BOUROUSIS	Greece	82.5
	Joakim NOAH	France	81.2

STEALS

	Player	Team	Avg.
1	Andrei KIRILENKO	Russia	2.6
2	Bo MCCALEBB	MKD	2.1
3	Nicolas BATUM	France	2.0
4	Tuukka KOTTI	Finland	1.9
5	Vojdan STOJANOVSKI	MKD	1.7

TURNOVERS

	Player	Team	Avg.
1	Milos TEODOSIC	Serbia	3.8
2	Sarunas JASIKEVICIUS	Lithuania	3.0
	Viktor SANIKIDZE	Georgia	3.0
4	Manuchar MARKOISHVILI	Georgia	2.9
5	Goran DRAGIC	Slovenia	2.6
	Chris KAMAN	Germany	2.6
	Jonas VALANCIUNAS	Lithuania	2.6
	Victor KHRYAPA	Russia	2.6

	Player	Team	Avg.
1	Mirza BEGIC	Slovenia	1.9
2	Chris KAMAN	Germany	1.8
3	Pau GASOL	Spain	1.7
4	Omer ASIK	Turkey	1.5
	Timofey MOZGOV	Ruccia	1.5



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BYDGOSZCZ, GDANSK, KATOWICE, LODZ, POZNAN, WARSAW AND WROCLAW, POLAND

FII	NAL STANDINGS				
	Team	W/L		Team	W/L
1	Spain	7/2	9	MKD	2/4
2	Serbia	6/3		Poland	2/4
3	Greece	6/3	11	Germany	1/5
4	Slovenia	6/3		Lithuania	1/5
5	France	8/1	13	Great Britain	0/3
6	Croatia	4/5		Israel	0/3
7	Russia	5/4		Bulgaria	0/3
8	Turkey	5/4		Latvia	1/2

First Round

Group H	
Greece b. MKD	86-5-
Croatia b. Israel	86-79
MKD b. Israel	82-7
Greece b. Croatia	76-6
Croatia b. MKD	81-7
Greece b. Israel	106-8

	Team	W/L	For	Agst.
	Greece	3/0	89.3	67.3
2	Croatia	2/1	78.3	75.3
3	MKD	1/2	69.0	82.0
4	Israel	0/3	79.3	91.3

Group B

Russia b. Latvia	<u>81-68</u>
France b. Germany	70-65
Germany b. Russia	76-73
France b. Latvia	60-51
France b. Russia	69-64
Latvia b. Germany	68-62

	Team	W/L	For	Agst.
	France	3/0	66.3	60.0
2	Russia	1/2	72.7	71.0
3	Germany	1/2	67.7	70.3
4	Latvia	1/2	62.3	67.7

Group C

Slovenia b. Great Britain	72-59
Serbia b. Spain	66-57
Slovenia b. Serbia	80-69
Spain b. Great Britain	84-76
Spain b. Slovenia	90-84
Serbia b. Great Britain	77-59

	Team	W/L	For	Agst.
1	Slovenia	2/1	78.7	72.7
2	Serbia	2/1	70.7	65.3
3	Spain	2/1	77.0	75.3
4	Great Britain	0/3	64.7	77.7

Group D

90-78
84-76
86-75
94-66
87-69
84-69

Team		W/L	For	Agst.
1	Turkey	3/0	88.3	70.3
2	Poland	2/1	81.7	80.0
3	Lithuania	1/2	78.3	79.7
4	Bulgaria	0/3	71.0	89.3

Qualifying Round

Group E	
Russia b. Croatia	62-59
Greece b. Germany	84-76
France b. MKD	83-57
MKD b. Germany	86-75
Russia b. Greece	68-65
France b. Croatia	87-79
Russia b. MKD	71-69
France b. Greece	71-69
Croatia b. Germany	70-68

	Team	W/L	For	Agst.
1	France	5/0	76.0	66.8
2	Russia	3/2	67.6	67.6
3	Greece	3/2	76.0	67.4
4	Croatia	2/3	71.4	72.8
5	MKD	1/4	67.4	79.2
6	Germany	1/4	72 N	76.6

Group F

lurkey b. Spain	63-60
Serbia b. Poland	77-72
Slovenia b. Lithuania	81-58
Spain b. Lithuania	84-70
Slovenia b. Poland	76-60
Turkey b. Serbia	69-64
Serbia b. Lithuania	89-79
Spain b. Poland	90-68
Slovenia b. Turkey	69-67

	Team	W/L	For	Agst.
1	Slovenia	4/1	78.0	68.8
2	Turkey	4/1	74.0	67.6
3	Serbia	3/2	73.0	71.4
4	Spain	3/2	76.2	70.2
5	Poland	1/4	71.0	81.0
6	Lithuania	0/5	71.6	84.8

Quarter-Finals

Serbia b. Russia	79-68
Spain b. France	86-66
Greece b. Turkey	76-74
Slovenia b. Croatia	67-65

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France b. Turkey	80-68
Croatia b. Russia	76-69

Semi-Finals

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Russia b. Turkey

Classification 5-6	
France b. Croatia	69-62
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Third-Place Game	

Greece b. Slovenia

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Spain b.	Serbia	85-6

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS1

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	Player	Team	Avg.
1	Pau GASOL	Spain	18.7
2	Tony PARKER	France	17.8
3	Erazem LORBEK	Slovenia	16.4
4	Ersan ILYASOVA	Turkey	16.1
5	David LOGAN	Poland	15.5
6	Marcin GORTAT	Poland	14.3
7	Milos TEODOSIC	Serbia	14.1
П	Vassilis SPANOULIS	Greece	14.1
9	Jaka LAKOVIC	Slovenia	14.0
10	Rudy FERNANDEZ	Spain	13.6
	Roko Leni UKIC	Croatia	13.6
12	Nenad KRSTIC	Serbia	13.4
13	Juan Carlos NAVARRO	Spain	13.2
	Marijonas PETRAVICIUS	Lithuania	12.8
	Omer ASIK	Turkey	12.8

REBOUNDS

	Player	Team	Avg.
1	Marcin GORTAT	Poland	10.8
2	Pau GASOL	Spain	8.3
3	Erazem LORBEK	Slovenia	7.4
4	Ersan ILYASOVA	Turkey	7.3
5	Ioannis BOUROUSIS	Greece	7.2
6	Pero ANTIC	MKD	6.7
7	Omer ASIK	Turkey	6.3
	Jan-Hendrik JAGLA	Germany	6.3
9	Antonios FOTSIS	Greece	6.1
10	Maciej LAMPE	Poland	6.0

ASSISTS

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	Player	Team	Avg.
1	Milos TEODOSIC	Serbia	5.2
2	Anton PONKRASHOV	Russia	4.9
3	David LOGAN	Poland	4.5
4	Tony PARKER	France	4.4
5	Lukasz KOSZAREK	Poland	4.3
6	Vassilis SPANOULIS	Greece	4.2
7	Ricky RUBIO	Spain	3.9
8	Heiko SCHAFFARTZIK	Germany	3.8
	Steffen HAMANN	Germany	3.8
	Jaka LAKOVIC	Slovenia	3.8
	Boris DIAW	France	3.8
	Roko Leni LIKIC	Croatia	3.8

FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE²

	Player	Team	%
1	Omer ASIK	Turkey	66.7
2	Pau GASOL	Spain	64.4
3	Jeremiah MASSEY	MKD	58.3
4	Marcin GORTAT	Poland	54.8
5	Erazem LORBEK	Slovenia	52.7
6	Ersan ILYASOVA	Turkey	50.6
7	Nenad KRSTIC	Serbia	50.5
8	Milos TEODOSIC	Serbia	48.7
9	Rudy FERNANDEZ	Spain	48.0
10	Unite COLLAFEADTZIK	C	47.0

2PT FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE³

	Player	Team	%
1	Marijonas PETRAVICIUS	Lithuania	67.5
2	Omer ASIK	Turkey	66.7
3	Pau GASOL	Spain	66.3
4	Timofey MOZGOV	Russia	58.8
5	Sofoklis SCHORTSANITIS	Greece	58.6
6	Marcin GORTAT	Poland	56.3
7	Ersan ILYASOVA	Turkey	53.8
8	Erazem LORBEK	Slovenia	52.6
9	Nenad KRSTIC	Serbia	51.1
10	Joannis ROUROUSIS	Greece	/IQ 1

3PT FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE⁴

	Player	Team	%
1	Jonas MACIULIS	Lithuania	58.8
2	Vitaliy FRIDZON	Russia	58.6
3	Lucca STAIGER	Germany	57.1
4	Heiko SCHAFFARTZIK	Germany	54.8
5	Lukasz KOSZAREK	Poland	53.8
6	Engin ATSUR	Turkey	50.0
7	Maciej LAMPE	Poland	46.7
8	Jaka LAKOVIC	Slovenia	45.9
9	Goran JAGODNIK	Slovenia	45.5
10	Ersan ILYASOVA	Turkey	44.8

FREE THROW PERCENTAGE⁵

	Player	Team	%
1	Rudy FERNANDEZ	Spain	88.0
2	Milos TEODOSIC	Serbia	84.2
3	Darko SOKOLOV	MKD	83.3
4	Vassilis SPANOULIS	Greece	82.9
5	Juan Carlos NAVARRO	Spain	82.8
6	Kosta PEROVIC	Serbia	81.8
7	Marko POPOVIC	Croatia	80.6
8	Jaka LAKOVIC	Slovenia	77.8
	Erazem LORBEK	Slovenia	77.8
10	Kelly MCCARTY	Russia	75.7

STEALS

	Player	Team	Avg.
1	Rudy FERNANDEZ	Spain	2.1
2	Tony PARKER	France	1.8
3	Ksistof LAVRINOVIC	Lithuania	1.7
4	Kelly MCCARTY	Russia	1.6
	Nick CALATHES	Greece	1.6
	Sergei MONIA	Russia	1.6

TURNOVERS

	Player	Team	Avg.
1	Vassilis SPANOULIS	Greece	3.9
2	David LOGAN	Poland	3.3
3	Boris DIAW	France	2.6
/	Hidayet TURKOGLU	Turkey	2.6
5	Jaka LAKOVIC	Slovenia	2.4
1	Tony DADVED	Eranco	2.4

	Player	Team	Avg.
1	Pau GASOL	Spain	2.2
2	Marcin GORTAT	Poland	2.0
3	Timofey MOZGOV	Russia	1.3
	Marc GASOL	Spain	1.3
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First Round

Group A

Russia b. Serbia	73-65
Greece b. Israel	76-66
Russia b. Israel	90-56
Greece b. Serbia	68-67
Israel b. Serbia	87-83
Russia b. Greece	61-53

	Team	W/L	For	Agst.
1	Lithuania	3/0	88.3	74.7
2	Germany	2/1	80.7	70.3
3	Turkey	1/2	66.0	79.0
4	Czech Republic	0/3	75.0	86.0

Group B

Latvia b. Croatia	85-77
Spain b. Portugal	82-56
Croatia b. Portugal	90-68
Spain b. Latvia	93-77
Portugal b. Latvia	77-67
Croatia b. Spain	85-84

	Team	W/L	For	Agst.
	Croatia	2/1	84.0	79.0
2	Spain	2/1	86.3	72.7
3	Portugal	1/2	67.0	79.7
А	Latvia	1/2	76.2	92.2

Group C

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Turkey b. Czech Republic			80-72
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Lithuania b. Germany			84-80
Germany b. Turkey			79-49
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Lithuania b. Czech Republic			95-75
Lithuania b. Turkey			86-69
Germany b. Czech Republic			83-78

	Team	W/L	For	Agst.
1	Lithuania	3/0	88.3	74.7
2	Germany	2/1	80.7	70.3
3	Turkey	1/2	66.0	79.0
4	Czech Republic	0/3	75.0	86.0

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Slovenia b. Italy	69-68
France b. Italy	69-62
Slovenia b. Poland	70-52
Slovenia b. France	67-66
Italy b. Poland	79-70

	Team	W/L	For	Agst.
1	Slovenia	3/0	68.7	62.0
2	France	2/1	69.7	65.0
3	Italy	1/2	69.7	69.3
1	Poland	0/3	62.7	7/1 3

Second Round

Group E

Russia b. Portugal	78-65
Israel b. Croatia	80-75
Spain b. Greece	76-58
Portugal b. Israel	94-85
Greece b. Croatia	81-78
Spain b. Russia	81-69
Russia b. Croatia	83-70
Greece b. Portugal	85-67
Spain b. Israel	99-73

ı		Team	W/L	For	Agst.
	1	Spain	4/1	84.4	68.2
	2	Russia	4/1	76.2	65.0
	3	Greece	3/2	70.6	69.6
	4	Croatia	2/3	79.6	79.2
	5	Portugal	1/4	70.0	84.0
	6	Israel	1/4	72.0	86.8

Group F

France b. Germany	78-66
Lithuania b. Italy	79-74
Slovenia b. Turkey	66-51
Italy b. Turkey	84-75
Lithuania b. France	88-73
Slovenia b. Germany	77-47
Germany b. Italy	67-58
France b. Turkey	85-64
Lithuania b. Slovenia	80-61

	Team	W/L	For	Agst.
1	Lithuania	5/0	83.4	71.4
2	Slovenia	4/1	68.0	62.4
3	France	3/2	74.2	69.4
4	Germany	2/3	67.8	69.2
5	Italy	1/4	69.2	71.8
6	Turkey	0/5	61.6	80.0

Quarter-Finals

Russia b. France	75-71
Spain b. Germany	83-55
Lithuania b. Croatia	74-72
Greece b. Slovenia	63-62

Classification 5-8

Croatia b. France	86-69
Germany b. Slovenia	69-65
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Spain b. Greece Russia b. Lithuania

Classification 7-8	
Slovenia b. France	88-74

Germany b. Croatia	80-71
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Final Standings

	Team	W/L
1	Russia	8/1
2	Spain	7/2
3	Lithuania	8/1
4	Greece	5/4
5	Germany	5/4
6	Croatia	3/6
7	Slovenia	6/3
8	France	4/5
9	Russia	8/1
	Spain	7/2
11	Lithuania	8/1
	Greece	5/4
13	Germany	5/4
	Croatia	3/6
	Slovenia	6/3
	France	4/5

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS¹

POINTS

	Player	Team	Avg.
1	Dirk NOWITZKI	Germany	24.0
2	Tony PARKER	France	20.1
3	Hidayet TURKOGLU	Turkey	19.2
4	Pau GASOL	Spain	18.8
5	Andrei KIRILENKO	Russia	18.0
6	Marco BELINELLI	Italy	15.5
7	Yotam HALPERIN	Israel	14.0
8	Ramunas SISKAUSKAS	Lithuania	13.8
9	Matjaz SMODIS	Slovenia	13.4
10	Marko POPOVIC	Croatia	13.1
11	Jaka LAKOVIC	Slovenia	12.9
12	Andrea BARGNANI	Italy	12.7
13	Jose CALDERON	Spain	12.3
14	Radoslav NESTEROVIC	Slovenia	11.9
15	Yaniv GREEN	Israel	11.8

REBOUNDS

	Player	Team	Avg.
1	Yaniv GREEN	Israel	9.3
2	Dirk NOWITZKI	Germany	8.7
3	Andrei KIRILENKO	Russia	8.6
4	Victor KHRYAPA	Russia	7.8
	Mehmet OKUR	Turkey	7.7
6	Radoslav NESTEROVIC	Slovenia	7.6
7	Pau GASOL	Spain	7.0
8	Ademola OKULAJA	Germany	6.9
9	Angelo GIGLI	Italy	6.0
10	Feline REYES	Snain	5.9

ASSISTS

	Player	Team	Avg.
1	Sarunas JASIKEVICIUS	Lithuania	5.6
2	Meir TAPIRO	Israel	5.0
3	Jaka LAKOVIC	Slovenia	4.3
4	Massimo BULLERI	Italy	4.0
5	Victor KHRYAPA	Russia	3.2
	Filipe DA SILVA	Portugal	3.2
7	Yotam HALPERIN	Israel	2.8
	Zoran PLANINIC	Croatia	2.8
	Tony PARKER	France	2.8
10	Ramunas SISKAUSKAS	Lithuania	2.6
	Jose CALDERON	Spain	2.6

FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE²

	Player	Team	%
1	Pau GASOL	Spain	62.1
2	Jose CALDERON	Spain	55.6
3	Lior ELIYAHU	Israel	54.0
4	Radoslav NESTEROVIC	Slovenia	50.5
5	Yotam HALPERIN	Israel	49.2
6	Yaniv GREEN	Israel	49.0
7	Hidayet TURKOGLU	Turkey	48.1
8	Darius SONGAILA	Lithuania	47.6
9	Andrei KIRILENKO	Russia	47.3
	Tony PARKER	France	46.8

2PT FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE³

		Player	Team	%
_	1	Pau GASOL	Spain	62.1
	2	Mario KASUN	Croatia	57.1
	3	Tony PARKER	France	55.8
	4	Lior ELIYAHU	Israel	54.2
	5	Andrei KIRILENKO	Russia	53.6
	6	Radoslav NESTEROVIC	Slovenia	52.6
	7	Darius SONGAILA	Lithuania	51.4
	8	Dirk NOWITZKI	Germany	50.5
	9	Joao GOMES	Portugal	50.0
	10	Yaniv GREEN	Israel	49.0

3PT FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE⁴

	Player	Team	%
1	Juan Carlos NAVARRO	Spain	55.0
2	Hidayet TURKOGLU	Turkey	54.5
3	Matjaz SMODIS	Slovenia	52.2
4	Zakhar PASHUTIN	Russia	51.9
5	Jose CALDERON	Spain	50.0
	Simas JASAITIS	Lithuania	50.0
	Matan NAOR	Israel	50.0
8	Marko POPOVIC	Croatia	45.0
	Francisco JORDAO	Portugal	45.0
10	Ramunas SISKAUSKAS	Lithuania	44.4

FREE THROW PERCENTAGES

	Player	Team	%
1	Marco BELINELLI	Italy	92.3
2	Joao SANTOS	Portugal	90.9
3	Joao GOMES	Portugal	90.5
4	Dirk NOWITZKI	Germany	86.0
5	Matjaz SMODIS	Slovenia	83.3
	Jorge COELHO	Portugal	83.3
7	Andrei KIRILENKO	Russia	82.8
8	Ramunas SISKAUSKAS	Lithuania	80.0
	Sarunas JASIKEVICIUS	Lithuania	80.0
10	Jaka I AKOVIC	Slovenia	79.4

STEALS

	Player	Team	Avg
1	Andrei KIRILENKO	Russia	2.2
2	Victor KHRYAPA	Russia	2.1
3	Zoran PLANINIC	Croatia	1.6
4	Angelo GIGLI	Italy	1.5
	Meir TAPIRO	Israel	1.5

TURNOVERS

	Player	Team	Avg.
1	Meir TAPIRO	Israel	4.3
2	Sarunas JASIKEVICIUS	Lithuania	3.6
	Filipe DA SILVA	Portugal	3.0
4	Andrei KIRILENKO	Russia	2.8
5	Jaka LAKOVIC	Slovenia	2.7
	Zoran PLANINIC	Croatia	2.7

BLOCKED SHOTS

	Player	Team	Avg.
1	Radoslav NESTEROVIC	Slovenia	1.9
2	Andrei KIRILENKO	Russia	1.8
3	Pau GASOL	Spain	1.8
4	Yaniv GREEN	Israel	1.5
5	Angelo GIGLI	Italy	1.2

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Group Phase

Group A

84-82
86-74
89-61
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<u>51-50</u>

	Team	W/L	For	Agst.
1	Russia	2/1	74.3	62.0
2	Germany	2/1	72.3	64.0
3	Italy	2/1	81.3	77.0
4	Ukraine	0/3	64.7	89.7

Group B

Croatia b. Bulgaria	88-84
Lithuania b. Turkey	<u>87-75</u>
Lithuania b. Croatia	85-67
Turkey b. Bulgaria	94-89
Lithuania b. Bulgaria	92-79
Croatia b. Turkey	80-67

	Team	W/L	For	Agst.
1	Lithuania	3/0	88.0	73.7
2	Croatia	2/1	78.3	78.7
3	Turkey	1/2	78.7	85.3
4	Bulgaria	0/3	84.0	91.3

Slovenia b. Bosnia and Herzegovina	74-65
Greece b. France	64-50
France b. Bosnia and Herzegovina	79-62
Slovenia b. Greece	68-56
Slovenia b. France	68-58
Greece b. Bosnia and Herzegovina	67-50

	Team	W/L	For	Agst.
1	Slovenia	3/0	70.0	59.7
2	Greece	2/1	62.3	56.0
3	France	1/2	62.3	64.7
4	Bosnia and Herzegovina	0/3	59.0	73.3

Group D

<u>74-65</u>
89-70
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93-77
85-77
82-67

1		Team	W/L	For	Agst.
	1	Spain	2/1	93.3	88.0
	2	Serbia & Montenegro	2/1	81.7	77.7
	3	Israel	2/1	78.7	78.3
	4	Latvia	0/3	80.3	90.0

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<u> </u>			2 Boris DIAW	France	55.3	Spain b. Russia		89-77	Player	Team
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rmany b. Slovenia		76-62	1 Green Yaniv GREEN	Israel	68.0	3 Serbia & Montenegro	1/2	88.0 80.0 75.0 79.3	9 Juan Carlos NAVARRO	Spain
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thuania b. Russia		89-78						77.00	Player	Team
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7 Croatia		4/3	3 Tal BURSTEIN	Israel	3.8	Lithuania b. Russia		90.79	4 Damir MULAOMEROVIC	Lithuania Croatia
8 Russia		2/4	4 Zoran PLANINIC	Croatia	3.6			89-78	5 Giacomo GALANDA	Italy
9 Turkey		1/3	5 Andrei KIRILENKO	Russia	3.5	Slovenia b. Croatia		89-80		
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1 Dirk NOWITZKI	Germany	26.1	FIBA EuroBasket	2003		Third-Place Game			2 Damir MULAOMEROVIC 3 Matteo SORAGNA	Italy (Troatia
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3 Andrei KIRILENKO	Russia	17.5	Stockholm, SWEDEN;			The second secon			5 Ramunas SISKAUSKAS	Lithuania
4 Igor RAKOCEVIC	Serbia & Montene					Final			Mithat DEMIREL	Germany
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7 Ramunas SISKAUSKA		14.0	Group Phase					41	FREE THROW PERCENTAG	E ⁵
8 Boris DIAW	France	13.7	Group A			Final Standings			Player	Team
9 Jaka LAKOVIC	Slovenia	12.8	Slovenia b. Italy		77-67	Team		W/L	1 Arvydas MACIJAUSKAS	Lithuania
IO J.R. HOLDEN	Russia	12.5	France b. Bosnia and H	erzegovina	98-76	1 Lithuania		6/0	2 Jorge GARBAJOSA	Spain
			Slovenia b. Bosnia and		73-62	2 Spain		5/1	3 Ido KOZIKARO	Israel
			France b. Italy		85-52	3 Italy		4/3	4 Vasily KARASEV 5 Ramunas SISKAUSKAS	Russia Lithuania
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Group Phase

Group A	
Lithuania b. Ukraine	82-60
France b. Israel	77-71
Ukraine b. France	89-86
Lithuania b. Israel	68-59
Israel b. Ukraine	88-65
France b. Lithuania	76-65

	Team	W/L	For	Agst.
1	France	2/1	79.7	75.0
2	Lithuania	2/1	71.7	65.0
3	Israel	1/2	72.7	70.0
4	Ukraine	1/2	71.3	85.3

Group B

Turkey b. Latvia	<u>85-82</u>
Spain b. Slovenia	85-61
Slovenia b. Turkey	71-57
Spain b. Latvia	106-77
Latvia b. Slovenia	99-93
Turkey b. Spain	84-79

	Team	W/L	For	Agst.
1	Turkey	2/1	75.3	77.3
2	Spain	2/1	90.0	74.0
3	Latvia	1/2	86.0	94.7
4	Slovenia	1/2	75.0	80.3

Group C

Yugoslavia b. Croatia	80-66
Yugoslavia b. Estonia 1	13-58
Germany b. Croatia	98-88
Croatia b. Estonia	<u>81-69</u>
Yugoslavia b. Germany	<u>86-73</u>

	Team	W/L	For	Agst.
1	Yugoslavia	3/0	93.0	65.7
2	Germany	2/1	87.7	81.7
3	Croatia	1/2	78.3	82.3
4	Estonia	0/3	66.0	95.3

Group D

Russia b. Bosnia and Herzegovina	83-63
Greece b. Italy	83-82
Italy b. Bosnia and Herzegovina	96-66
Russia b. Greece	106-81
Italy b. Russia	64-58
Greece b. Bosnia and Herzegovina	101-77

	Team	W/L	For	Agst.
1	Russia	2/1	82.3	69.3
2	Italy	2/1	80.7	69.0
3	Greece	2/1	88.3	88.3
4	Bosnia and Herzegovina	0/3	68.7	93.3

Elimination Games

Croatia b. Italy	65-57
Latvia b. Lithuania	94-76
Germany b. Greece	80-75
Spain b. Israel	71-67

Quarter-Finals

Turkey b. Croatia	87-85
Germany b. France	81-77
Yugoslavia b. Latvia	114-78
Spain b. Russia	62-55

Classification 5-8

Russia b. Latvia	99-81
Semi-Finals	
Turkey b. Germany	79-78

Yugoslavia b. Spain

Spain b. Germany

Classification 7-8	
Croatia b. Latvia	93-

Classification 5-8 Russia b. France

Third-Place Game

Final

'ugoslavia b.	Turkey	78-69

Final Standings

	Team	W/L
1	Yugoslavia	6/0
2	Turkey	4/2
3	Spain	5/2
	Germany	4/3
5	Russia	4/2
6	France	3/3
7	Croatia	3/4
8	Latvia	2/5
9	Greece	2/2
	Israel	1/3
	Italy	2/2
	Lithuania	2/2
13	Bosnia and Herzegovina	0/3
	Estonia	0/3
	Slovenia	1/2
	Ukraine	1/2

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS¹

POINTS

	Player	Team	Avg.
1	Dirk NOWITZKI	Germany	28.7
2	Predrag STOJAKOVIC	Yugoslavia	23.0
3	Ibrahim KUTLUAY	Turkey	21.7
4	Andrei KIRILENKO	Russia	19.2
5	Kaspars KAMBALA	Latvia	19.0
6	Pau GASOL	Spain	17.3
7	Ainars BAGATSKIS	Latvia	17.2
8	Sergey CHIKALKIN	Russia	17.0
9	Damir MULAOMEROVIC	Croatia	16.7
10	Fragiskos ALVEDTIC	Crosso	16.0

REBOUNDS

_	Player	Team	Avg.
1	Pau GASOL	Spain	9.7
2	Huseyin BESOK	Turkey	9.2
3	Dirk NOWITZKI	Germany	9.1
4	Kaspars KAMBALA	Latvia	9.0
5	Andrei KIRILENKO	Russia	8.7
6	Mirsad TURKCAN	Turkey	8.3
7	Ademola OKULAJA	Germany	8.1
8	Emilijo KOVACIC	Croatia	7.7
9	Gregor FUCKA	Italy	7.0
7	Vaniy GREEN	lerael	7.0

ASSISTS

	Player	Team	Avg.
1	Raimonds MIGLINIEKS	Latvia	7.3
2	Laurent SCIARRA	France	5.3
3	Theodoros PAPALOUKAS	Greece	5.0
4	Sarunas JASIKEVICIUS	Lithuania	4.8
	Andrea MENEGHIN	Italy	4.8
6	Evgueni PACHUTINE	Russia	4.5
7	Roberts STELMAHERS	Latvia	3.9
8	Sergey PANOV	Russia	3.8
	Marko JARIC	Yugoslavia	3.8
10	Damir MULAOMEROVIC	Croatia	3.7

FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE²

	Player	Team	%
1	Georgios SIGALAS	Greece	65.6
2	Ainars BAGATSKIS	Latvia	63.5
3	Predrag STOJAKOVIC	Yugoslavia	60.5
4	Kaspars KAMBALA	Russia	58.4
Б	Androi KIRII ENKO	Ruccia	51 G

2PT FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE³

	Player	Team	%
1	Predrag STOJAKOVIC	Yugoslavia	67.4
2	Alfonso REYES	Spain	66.7
3	Predrad DROBNJAK	Yugoslavia	63.9
4	Andrei KIRILENKO	Russia	60.3
С	Damin MULLAGNAT DOVICE	Connection	FO.C

3PT FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE⁴

	Player	Team	%
1	Georgios SIGALAS	Greece	66.7
2	Efthymios RENTZIAS	Greece	62.5
3	Ainars BAGATSKIS	Latvia	56.0
4	Gianluca BASILE	Italy	52.4
5	Predrag STOJAKOVIC	Yugoslavia	51.4

FREE THROW PERCENTAGE⁵

78-73

99-90

	Player	Team	%
1	Laurent FOIREST	France	95.2
2	Gordan GIRICEK	Croatia	93.1
3	Roberts STELMAHERS	Latvia	90.5
4	Andrei KIRILENKO	Russia	85.7
5	Fragiskos ALVERTIS	Greece	84.8

STEALS

	Player	Team	Avg
1	Ramunas SISKAUSKAS	Lithuania	3.5
2	Marko JARIC	Yugoslavia	2.8
	Andrei KIRILENKO	Russia	2.8
4	Sergey PANOV	Russia	2.7
5	Gianluca BASILA	Italy	2.3

	Player	Team	Avg.
1	Sarunas JASIKEVICIUS	Lithuania	4.8
2	Yoav SAFFAR	Israel	4.5
3	Damir MULAOMEROVIC	Croatia	3.4
4	Meir TAPIRO	Israel	3.3
5	Kaspars KAMBALA	Latvia	3.1

BLOCKED SHOTS

	Player	Team	Avg.
1	Andrei KIRILENKO	Russia	2.8
2	Mehmet OKUR	Turkey	2.2
3	Pau GASOL	Spain	2.1
4	Mirsad TURKCAN	Turkey	1.2
5	Dirk NOWITZKI	Germany	1.0
	Ramunas SISKAUSKAS	Lithuania	1.0
	Inannis GIANNOLILIS	Greece	1.0

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First Round

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83-6
77-6
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	Team	W/L	For	Agst.
1	Yugoslavia	3/0	57.7	60.3
2	France	2/1	66.7	65.3
3	Israel	1/2	63.7	73.3
4	MKD	0/3	65.7	72.7

Russia b. Slovenia	68-4
Spain b. Hungary	84-7
Russia b. Hungary	73-7
Slovenia b. Spain	85-7
Slovenia b. Hungary	72-6
Spain b. Russia	72-6

	Team	W/L	For	Agst.
1	Russia	2/1	70.0	63.7
2	Spain	2/1	77.0	76.3
3	Slovenia	2/1	68.0	69.7
4	Hungary	0/3	71.0	76.3

Group C

Turkey b. Bosnia and Herzegovina	57.
Croatia b. Italy	70-
Turkey b. Croatia	70-
Italy b. Bosnia and Herzegovina	64
Croatia b. Bosnia and Herzegovina	65
Italy b. Turkey	64

	Team	W/L	For	Agst.
1	Turkey	2/1	62.7	56.3
2	Italy	2/1	65.3	63.3
3	Croatia	2/1	66.0	65.7
4	Bosnia and Herzegovina	0/3	53.3	62.0

Group D

Czech Republic b. Lithuania	78-
Germany b. Greece	59-
Lithuania b. Germany	84-
Czech Republic b. Greece	83-
Germany b. Czech Republic	77-
Lithuania b. Greece	82-

	Team	W/L	For	Agst
1	Czech Republic	2/1	76.3	70.3
2	Germany	2/1	70.0	70.0
3	Lithuania	2/1	76.0	72.0
4	Greece	0/3	64.7	74.7

Second Round

– Group E	
France b. Spain	74-57
Yugoslavia b. Slovenia	71-66
Russia b. Israel	93-84
Yugoslavia b. Spain	77-63
Israel b. Slovenia	67-66
France b. Russia	66-62
Spain b. Israel	88-74
Russia b. Yugoslavia	76-68
France b. Slovenia	74-69

	Team	W/L	For	Agst.
	Yugoslavia	5/1	73.8	64.3
	France	5/1	69.0	64.0
3	Russia	4/2	73.5	68.2
4	Spain	3/3	73.2	75-7
5	Israel	2/4	69.3	77.8
6	Slovenia	2/4	67.5	70.2

Group F

Lithuania b. Turkey	74-48
Croatia b. Czech Republic	86-64
Italy b. Germany	74-53
Lithuania b. Croatia	91-75
Turkey b. Germany	63-55
taly b. Czech Republic	95-68
Germany b. Croatia	102-85
Turkey b. Czech Republic	78-73
Lithuania b. Italy	74-62

	Team	W/L	For	Agst.
1	Lithuania	5/1	77.8	66.8
	Italy	4/2	71.2	64.2
3	Turkey	4/2	62.8	61.8
4	Germany	3/3	70.0	72.0
5	Croatia	3/3	74.0	75.7
6	Czech Republic	2/4	72.3	78.3

Quarter-Finals

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78-68
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Classification 5-8

Russia b. Germany	74-70
Lithuania b. Turkey	80-5

Italy b. Yugoslavia	71-6
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Yugoslavia b. France	74-

Italy b. Spain	64-

	Team	W/L
1	Italy	7/2
2	Spain	5/4
3	Yugoslavia	7/2
4	France	6/3
5	Lithuania	7/2
6	Russia	5/4
7	Germany	4/5
8	Turkey	4/5
9	Israel	2/4
	Slovenia	2/4
	Croatia	3/3
	Czech Republic	2/4
13	MKD	0/3
	Hungaria	0/3
	Bosnia and Herzegovina	0/3
	Greece	0/3

Players appearing amongst the statistical leaders must have played in at least 50% of the total number of games that could be played by one team. / ³Leaders must have averaged at least 8 attempts per game. / ⁴Leaders must have averaged at least 2 attempts per game. / ⁵Leaders must have averaged at least 3 attempts per game.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS¹

POINTS

	Player	Team	Avg.
1	Alberto HERREROS	Spain	19.2
2	Lubos BARTON	Czech Republic	18.7
3	Doron SHEFFER	Israel	16.7
4	Carlton MYERS	Italy	16.3
5	Antoine RIGEAUDEAU	France	15.5
6	Dirk NOWITZKI	Germany	15.2
7	Toni KUKOC	Croatia	14.5
8	Arturas KARNISOVAS	Lithuania	14.2
	Vasily KARASEV	Russia	14.2
10	Doign RODIROGA	Vugoelavia	1/11

REBOUNDS

	Player	Team	Avg.
1	Arvydas SABONIS	Lithuania	8.5
2	Vitaly NOSSOV	Russia	7.9
3	Huseyin BESOK	Turkey	7.4
4	Alfonso REYES	Spain	7.2
5	Ivica JURKOVIC	Slovenia	6.5
6	Toni KUKOC	Croatia	6.3
7	Dejan BODIROGA	Yugoslavia	6.2
8	Jim BILBA	France	6.1
9	Dejan TOMASEVIC	Yugoslavia	6.0
10	Miread TURKCAN	Turkov	5.0

ASSISTS

	Player	Team	Avg.
1	Toni KUKOC	Croatia	6.3
2	Vladimir BOGOJEVIC	Germany	5.2
3	Damir MULAOMEROVIC	Croatia	4.8
4	Kerem TUNCERI	Turkey	4.6
5	Dejan BODIROGA	Yugoslavia	4.3
6	Darius MASKOLIUNAS	Lithuania	4.1
7	Sarunas JASIKEVICIUS	Lithuania	3.5
8	Evgueni PACHUTINE	Russia	3.4
9	Arturas KARNISOVAS	Lithuania	3.3
	Carlton MYERS	Italy	3.3
	Jaka DANEU	Slovenia	3.3

FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE²

	Player	Team	%
1	Dejan BODIROGA	Yugoslavia	60.3
2	Nadav HENEFELD	Israel	59.3
3	Dirk NOWITZKI	Germany	58.2
4	Radoslav NESTEROVIC	Slovenia	56.7
5	Predrag DANILOVIC	Yugoslavia	56.6

2PT FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE³

	Player	Team	%
1	Predrag DANILOVIC	Yugoslavia	66.1
2	Dejan BODIROGA	Yugoslavia	59.7
3	Arvydas SABONIS	Lithuania	59.4
4	Nadav HENEFELD	Israel	59.3
5	Gregor FUCKA	Italy	57.1
	Miread TURKCAN	Turkov	F7 1

3PT FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE⁴

	Player	Team	%
1	Lubos BARTON	Czech Republic	61.3
2	Saulius STOMBERGAS	Lithuania	54.2
3	Dirk NOWITZKI	Germany	52.9
4	Arturas KARNISOVAS	Lithuania	50.0
	Doron SHEFFER	Israel	50.0
	Guy GOODES	Israel	50.0
	Mindaugas 7LIKALISKAS	Lithuania	50.0

FREE THROW PERCENTAGE⁵

	Player	Team	%
	Antoine RIGAUDEAU	France	93.8
2	Sergey PANOV	Russia	92.6
3	Arturas KARNISOVAS	Lithuania	87.8
4	Lubos BARTON	Czech Republic	86.2
5	Puelon AVI EEV	Puesia	00.1

STEALS

Player	Team	Avg.
Lubos BARTON	Czech Republic	2.0
Evgueni PACHUTINE	Russia	1.9
Vladimir BOGOJEVIC	Germany	1.8
Andrea MENEGHIN	Italy	1.7
Sergey PANOV	Russia	1.7
Toni KUKOC	Croatia	1.7
	Lubos BARTON Evgueni PACHUTINE Vladimir BOGOJEVIC Andrea MENEGHIN Sergey PANOV	Lubos BARTON Czech Republic Evqueni PACHUTINE Russia Vladimir BOGOJEVIC Germany Andrea MENEGHIN Italy Sergey PANOV Russia

TURNOVERS

_	Player	Team	Avg.
1	Toni KUKOC	Croatia	3.7
2	Petr CZUDEK	Czech Republic	3.4
3	Dirk NOWITZKI	Germany	2.9
4	Dejan BODIROGA	Yugoslavia	2.8
5	Damir MULAOMEROVIC	Croatia	2.5

FIBA EuroBasket 1997

Girona, Badalona and Barcelona, SPAIN; June 25 - July 6

First Round

Group A

Russia b. Bosnia and Herzegovina	65-55
Greece b. Turkey	74-52
Turkey b. Bosnia and Herzegovina	70-62
Greece b. Russia	74-72
Russia b. Turkey	87-56
Greece b. Bosnia and Herzegovina	78-76

Team		W/L	For	Agst.
1	Greece	3/0	75.3	66.7
2	Russia	2/1	74.7	61.7
3	Turkey	1/2	59.3	74.3
4	Bosnia and Herzegovina	0/3	64.3	71.0

Group B

France b. Slovenia	80-75
Lithuania b. Israel	75-60
Lithuania b. France	94-88
Israel b. Slovenia	69-68
Israel b. France	88-82
Lithuania b. Slovenia	76-67

	Team	W/L	For	Agst.
1	Lithuania	3/0	81.7	71.7
2	Israel	2/1	72.3	75.0
3	France	1/2	83.3	85.7
4	Slovenia	0/3	70.0	75.0

Group C

Italy b. Latvia	85-75
Yugoslavia b. Poland	104-76
Poland b. Latvia	86-79
Italy b. Yugoslavia	74-69
Yugoslavia b. Latvia	108-89
Italy b. Poland	80-65

	Team	W/L	For	Agst.
1	Italy	3/0	79.7	69.7
2	Yugoslavia	2/1	93.7	79.7
3	Poland	1/2	75.7	87.7
4	Latvia	0/3	81.0	93.0

Group D

Spain b. Ukraine	<u>82-54</u>
Croatia b. Germany	75-55
Germany b. Ukraine	81-60
Spain b. Croatia	<u> 78-71</u>
Ukraine b. Croatia	95-88
Spain b. Germany	67-59

Team		W/L	For	Agst.
1	Spain	3/0	75.7	61.3
2	Croatia	1/2	78.0	76.0
3	Germany	1/2	65.0	67.3
4	Ukraine	1/2	69.7	83.7

Classification 13-16

Slovenia b. Bosnia and Herzegovina	73-61
Ukraine b. Latvia	84-76
Bosnia and Herzegovina b. Latvia	96-94
Ukraine h. Slovenia	Ω∩_7F

Second Round

Group E

Turkey b. Israel	81-71
Russia b. France	93-80
Greece b. Lithuania	73-66
Russia b. Israel	87-69
Greece b. France	80-71
Lithuania b. Turkey	93-85
Greece b. Israel	85-82
Turkey b. France	82-71
Russia b. Lithuania	93-64

	Team	W/L	For	Agst.
1	Greece	6/0	77.3	69.8
2	Russia	5/1	82.8	66.3
3	Lithuania	4/2	78.0	77.7
4	Turkey	3/3	71.0	76.3
5	Israel	2/4	73.2	79.7
6	France	1/5	78.7	85.3

Group F

Yugoslavia b. Germany	88-73
Italy b. Spain	63-60
Poland b. Croatia	77-76
Italy b. Germany	67-62
Spain b. Poland	104-61
Yugoslavia b. Croatia	64-62
Poland b. Germany	86-76
Yugoslavia b. Spain	79-70
Italy b. Croatia	74-68

	Team	W/L	For	Agst.
1	Italy	6/0	73.8	66.5
2	Yugoslavia	5/1	85.3	74.0
3	Spain	4/2	76.8	64.5
4	Poland	3/3	75.2	86.5
5	Croatia	1/5	73.3	73.8
6	Germany	1/5	67.7	73.8

Classification 9-12

Israel b. Germany	84-75
France b. Croatia	84-79

Quarter-Finals

Greece b. Poland	72-62
Yugoslavia b. Lithuania	75-60
Russia b. Spain	70-67
Italy b. Turkey	66-43

Classification 11-12 Croatia b. Germany

Classification 9-10	
Israel b. France	91-84

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86-81

Semi-Finals Yugoslavia b. Greece 88-80 Italy b. Russia 67-65

Classification 7-8 Poland b. Turkey 89-87

Classification 5-6 Spain b. Lithuania

Final

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ugoslavia b. Italy	6

Final Standings

	Team	W/L
1	Yugoslavia	8/1
2	Italy	8/1
3	Russia	7/2
4	Greece	7/2
5	Spain	6/3
6	Lithuania	5/4
7	Poland	4/5
8	Turkey	3/6
9	Israel	4/4
10	France	2/6
11	Croatia	2/6
12	Germany	1/7
13	Ukraine	3/2
14	Slovenia	1/4_
15	Bosnia and Herzegovina	1/4
16	Latvia	0/5

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS¹

POINTS

	Player	Team	Avg.
1	Oded KATTASH	Israel	22.0
2	Ainars BAGATSKIS	Latvia	21.8
3	Nenad MARKOVIC	Bosnia and Herzegovina	21.4
4	Arturas KARNISOVAS	Lithuania	20.7
5	Tomer STHEINHAUR	Israel	17.1
6	Gintara EINIKIS	Lithuania	16.9
7	Ibrahim KUTLUAY	Turkey	16.8
8	Roberts STELMAHERS	Latvia	15.8
	Carlton MYERS	Italy	15.8
	Vann ROMATO	Franco	15.0

REBOUNDS

1	Radoslav NESTEROVIC	Slovenia	8.6
2	Mirsad TURKCAN	Turkey	7.3
3	Gintaras EINIKIS	Lithuania	6.4
	Tomer STHEINHAUR	Israel	6.4
5	Arturas KARNISOVAS	Lithuania	5.9
6	Alfonso REYES	Spain	5.6
	Mikhail MIKHAYLOV	Russia	5.6
8	Patrick FEMERLING	Germany	5.4
9	Dimitrios PAPANIKOLAOU	Greece	5.0
	Zeljko REBRACA	Yugoslavia	5.0
	Andreis BONDARENKO	Latvia	5.0

ASSISTS

	Player	Team	Avg.
1	Damir MULAOMEROVIC	Croatia	6.4
2	Raimonds MIGLINIEKS	Latvia	5.6
3	Darius LUKMINAS	Lithuania	4.5
4	Aleksandar DJORDJEVIC	Yugoslavia	4.4
5	Henrik RODL	Germany	4.3
6	Laurent SCIARRA	France	3.9
7	Arturas KARNISOVAS	Lithuania	3.8
8	Maciej ZIELINSKI	Poland	3.7
9	Oded KATTASH	Israel	3.6
	Aziz BEKIR	Bosnia and Herzegovina	3.6

FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE²

	Player	Team	%
1	Mikhail MIKHAYLOV	Russia	69.2
2	Radoslav NESTEROVIC	Slovenia	60.0
3	Gintaras EINIKIS	Lithuania	56.0
4	Nadav HENEFELD	Israel	55.4
5	Thierry GADOU	France	55.2

100-93 2PT FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE³

		Player	Team	%
ĺ	1	Mikhail MIKHAYLOV	Russia	69.2
ľ	2	Patrick FEMERLING	Germany	65.3
		Nenad MARKOVIC	Bosnia and Herzegovina	63.2
ľ	4	Yann BONATO	France	62.5
	5	Thierry GADOU	France	61.5

3PT FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE⁴

Δ	Player	Team	%
1	Roberts STELMAHERS	Latvia	58.8
2	Aleksandar DJORDJEVIC	Yugoslavia	53.3
3	Ibrahim KUTLUAY	Turkey	51.5
4	Evangelos KORONIOS	Greece	46.2
	Frederic FATHOUX	France	46.2

FREE THROW PERCENTAGE⁵

	Player	Team	%
1	Slaven RIMAC	Croatia	93.3
2	Carlton MYERS	Italy	91.4
3	Roberts STELMAHERS	Latvia	87.5
4	Oded KATTASH	Israel	86.3
5	Dmytro BAZELEVSKYY	Ukraine	82.9

STEALS

94-93

	Player	Team	Avg.
1	Raimons MIGLINIEKS	Latvia	3.8
2	Oded KATTASH	Israel	3.6
3	Roberts STELMAHERS	Latvia	3.2
4	Evangelos KORONIOS	Greece	3.1
5	Gintaras EINIKIS	Lithuania	3.0
	Maciej ZIELINSKI	Poland	3.0
	Igor KUDELIN	Russia	3.0
	Vladan ALANOVIC	Croatia	3.0
7	Jure ZDOVC	Slovenia	3.0

TURNOVERS

	Player	Team	Avg.
1	Oleksandr LOKHMANCHUK	Ukraine	3.8
2	Nenad MARKOVIC	Bosnia and Herzegovina	3.6
3	Darius LUKMINAS	Lithuania	3.5
4	Damir MULAOMEROVIC	Croatia	3.3
5	Roberts STELMAHERS	Latvia	32

FIBA EuroBasket 1993

Berlin, Karlsruhe and Munich, GERMANY; June 22 - July 4

First Round

Group A

	Team	W/L	For	Agst.
1	Spain	3/0	84.7	71.0
2	Russia	1/2	88.7	87.7
3	Bosnia and Herzegovina	1/2	85.0	88.0
4	Sweden	1/2	72.7	84.3

Group B

	Team	W/L	For	Agst.
1	Croatia	3/0	105.7	80.3
2	France	2/1	85.0	76.3
3	Turkey	1/2	65.3	84.0
1	Bulgaria	0/3	75.7	91 N

Group C

	Team	W/L	For	Agst.
1	Greece	2/1	81.0	71.3
2	Latvia	2/1	81.0	81.3
3	Italy	1/2	81.3	83.7
4	Israel	1/2	82.0	92.0

Group D

	Team	W/L	For	Agst.
1	Estonia	2/1	85.0	87.0
2	Germany	2/1	91.7	78.7
3	Belgium	1/2	74.7	77.7
4	Slovenia	1/2	66.0	74.7

Second Round

Group E

	Team	W/L	For	Agst.
1	Spain	4/1	86.0	77.4
2	Russia	4/1	88.8	74.2
3	Greece	4/1	82.8	75.6
4	Bosnia and Herzegovina	1/4	84.8	93.6
5	Italy	1/4	71.0	82.6
6	Latvia	1/4	79.6	89.6

Group F

	Team	W/L	For	Agst.
1	Croatia	5/0	97.4	75.0
2	France	4/1	76.8	67.6
3	Estonia	3/2	82.2	85.2
4	Germany	2/3	78.4	75.0
5	Turkey	1/4	65.0	79.0
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Quarter-Finals

Greece b. France	61-59
Russia b. Estonia	82-61
Germany b. Spain	70-67
Croatia b. Bosnia and Herzegovina	98-78

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Spain b. France	95-83

Russia b. Croatia	84-7
Germany b. Greece	76-7

Classification 7-8

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Final Standings

	Team	W/L
_	10000	
1	Germany	5/3
2	Russia	6/2
3	Croatia	7/1
4	Greece	5/3
5	Spain	6/2
6	Estonia	4/4
7	France	5/3
8	Bosnia and Herzegovina	1/7
9	Italy	1/4
	Latvia	1/4
	Turkey	1/4
	Belgium	0/5
13	Israel	1/2
	Slovenia	1/2
	Sweden	1/2
	Bulgaria	0/3

FIBA EuroBasket 1991

Rome, ITALY; June 24-29

Group Phase

Group A

	Team	W/L	For	Agst.
1	Yugoslavia	3/0	89.3	65.3
2	Spain	2/1	78.0	78.8
3	Poland	1/2	70.3	83.7
4	Bulgaria	0/3	78.7	88.7

	Team	W/L	For	Agst.
1	Italy	3/0	86.3	74.7
2	France	1/2	85.7	82.7
3	Greece	1/2	92.7	95.3
4	Czechoslovakia	1/2	94.3	106.3

Classification 5-8

Czechoslovakia b. Poland	85-72
Greece b. Bulgaria	110-83

Semi-Finals

Yugoslavia b. France	97-76
Italy b. Spain	93-90

Classification 7-8

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Final Standings

	Team	W/L
1	Yugoslavia	5/0
2	Italy	4/1
3	Spain	3/2
4	France	1/4
5	Greece	3/2
6	Czechoslovakia	2/3
7	Poland	2/3
8	Bulgaria	0/5

FIBA EuroBasket 1989

Zagreb, YUGOSLAVIA; June 20-25 June

Group Phase

83-75 Group A

119-80

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	Team	W/L	For	Agst.
1	Soviet Union	3/0	101.3	78.7
2	Italy	2/1	90.0	76.7
3	Spain	1/2	83.3	93.7
4	Netherlands	0/3	66.0	92.0

Group B

	Team	W/L	For	Agst.
	Yugoslavia	3/0	102.3	78.3
2	Greece	2/1	83.7	83.3
3	France	1/2	90.7	0.88
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Classification 5-8

France b. Netherlands	107-10
Spain b. Bulgaria	108-5
Semi-Finals	
Greece b. Soviet Union	81-8
Yugoslavia b. Italy	97-8

Classification 7-8

Bulgaria b. Netherlands	91
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Spain b. France

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ʻugoslavia b. Gr	reece	98-7

Final Standings

	Team	W/L
1	Yugoslavia	5/0
2	Greece	3/2
3	Soviet Union	4/1
4	Italy	2/3
5	Spain	3/2
6	France	2/3
7	Bulgaria	1/4
8	Netherlands	0/5

FIBA EuroBasket 1987

Athens, GREECE; June 3-14 June

Group Phase

Group A

	Team	W/L	For	Agst.
1	Soviet Union	5/0	100.2	79.8
2	Yugoslavia	3/2	94.6	84.2
3	Spain	3/2	99.4	91.0
4	Greece	3/2	86.0	79.8
5	France	1/4	79.0	94.2
6	Romania	0/5	82 N	112.2

Group B

95-79

101-83

88-73

	Team	W/L	For	Agst.
1	Italy	5/0	93.4	75.8
2	West Germany	3/2	85.6	89.4
3	Poland	3/2	86.4	86.8
4	Czechoslovakia	2/3	87.2	87.4
5	Netherlands	1/4	76.0	86.0
6	Israel	1/4	84.4	87.6

France b. Israel	96-93
Netherlands b. Romania	88-8
Israel b. Romania	97-8
France b. Netherlands	94-8
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Quarter-Finals

Soviet Union b. Czechoslovakia	110-9
Spain b. West Germany	107-7
Greece b. Italy	90-78
Yugoslavia b. Poland	128-8°

Classification 5-8

West Germany b. Czechoslovakia	93-91
Italy b. Poland	93-75

Semi-Finals

Soviet Union b. Spain.	113-96
Greece b. Yugoslavia	81-77

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Classification 5-6

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Greece b. Soviet Union	103-1

Final Standings

	Team	W/L
1	Greece	6/2
	Soviet Union	7/1
3	Yugoslavia	5/3
4	Spain	4/4
5	Italy	7/1
6	West Germany	4/4
7	Poland	4/4
8	Czechoslovakia	2/6
9	France	3/4
10	Netherlands	2/5
11	Israel	2/5
12	Romania	0/7

FIBA EUROBASKET FINAL STANDINGS 1935–1985

1985	
	Team
1	U.S.S.R.
2	Czechoslovakia
3	Italy
4	Spain
5	West Germany
6	France
7	Yugoslavia
8	Bulgaria
9	Israel
10	Romania
11	Poland
12	Netherlands

1979 EuroBasket 1979, Turin, Italy	
	Team
1	U.S.S.R.
2	Israel
3	Yugoslavia
4	Czechoslovakia
5	Italy
6	Spain
7	Poland
8	France
9	Greece
10	Netherlands
11	Bulgaria
12	Belgium

	1973 EuroBasket 1973, Barcelona, Spain	
	Team	
1	Yugoslavia	
2	Spain	
3	U.S.S.R.	
4	Czechoslovakia	
5	Italy	
6	Bulgaria	
7	Israel	
8	Turkey	
9	Romania	
10	France	
11	Greece	
12	Poland	

1967 EuroBasket 1967, Helsinki, Finland	
	Team
1	U.S.S.R.
2	Czechoslovakia
3	Poland
4	Bulgaria
5	Romania
6	Finland
7	Italy
8	Israel
9	Yugoslavia
10	Spain
11	France
12	Greece
13	Hungary
14	East Germany
15	Belgium
16	Netherlands

	1983 EuroBasket 1983, Nantes, France	
	Team	
1	Italy	
2	Spain	
3	U.S.S.R.	
4	Netherlands	
5	France	
6	Israel	
7	Yugoslavia	
8	West Germany	
9	Poland	
10	Czechoslovakia	
11	Greece	
12	Sweden	

1977 EuroBasket 1977, Liege, Belgium	
	Team
1	Yugoslavia
2	U.S.S.R.
3	Czechoslovakia
4	Italy
5	Israel
6	Bulgaria
7	Netherlands
8	Belgium
9	Spain
10	Finland
11	France
12	Austria

	1971 EuroBasket 1971, Essen, West Germany	
	Team	
1	U.S.S.R.	
2	Yugoslavia	
3	Italy	
4	Poland	
5	Czechoslovakia	
6	Bulgaria	
7	Spain	
8	Romania	
9	West Germany	
10	France	
11	Israel	
12	Turkey	

	1965 EuroBasket 1965, Moscow, U.S.S.R.	
	Team	
1	U.S.S.R.	
2	Yugoslavia	
3	Poland	
4	Italy	
5	Bulgaria	
6	Israel	
7	Czechoslovakia	
8	Greece	
9	France	
10	East Germany	
11	Spain	
12	Finland	
13	Romania	
14	West Germany	
15	Hungary	
16	Sweden	

1981 EuroBasket 1981, Prague, Czechoslovakia	
	Team
1	U.S.S.R.
2	Yugoslavia
3	Czechoslovakia
4	Spain
5	Italy
6	Israel
7	Poland
8	France
9	England
10	Greece
11	West Germany
12	Turkey

EuroBasket 1975, Belgrade, Yugoslavia	
	Team
1	Yugoslavia
2	U.S.S.R.
3	Italy
4	Spain
5	Bulgaria
6	Czechoslovakia
7	Israel
8	Poland
9	Turkey
10	Netherlands
11	Romania
12	Greece

1975

EuroBasket 1969, Naples, Italy	
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1	U.S.S.R.
2	Yugoslavia
3	Czechoslovakia
4	Poland
5	Spain
6	Italy
7	Bulgaria
8	Hungary
9	Romania
10	Greece
11	Israel
12	Sweden

1969

1963 EuroBasket 1963, Wroclaw, Poland	
	Team
1	U.S.S.R.
2	Poland
3	Yugoslavia
4	Hungary
5	Bulgaria
6	East Germany
7	Spain
8	Belgium
9	Israel
10	Czechoslovakia
11	Romania
12	Italy
13	France
14	Finland
15	Turkey
16	Netherlands

1957 EuroBasket 1957, Sofia, Bulgaria	
	Team
1	U.S.S.R.
2	Bulgaria
3	Czechoslovakia
4	Hungary
5	Romania
6	Yugoslavia
7	Poland
8	France
9	Turkey
10	Italy
11	Finland
12	Belgium
13	West Germany
14	Austria
15	Scotland
16	Albania

	EuroBasket 1951 Paris, France	
	Team	
1	U.S.S.R.	
2	Czechoslovakia	
3	France	
4	Bulgaria	
5	Italy	
6	Turkey	
7	Belgium	
8	Greece	
9	Finland	
10	Netherlands	
11	Austria	
12	West Germany	
13	Switzerland	
14	Denmark	
15	Portugal	
16	Scotland	
17	Luxembourg	

1946 EuroBasket 1946, Geneva, Switzerland	
	Team
1	Czechoslovakia
2	Italy
3	Hungary
4	France
5	Switzerland
6	Netherlands
7	Belgium
8	Poland
9	Luxembourg
10	England

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	1961 EuroBasket 1961,	
	Belgrade, Yugoslavia	
	Team	
- 1	U.S.S.R.	
2	Yugoslavia	
3	Bulgaria	
4	France	
5	Czechoslovakia	
6	Hungary	
7	Romania	
8	Belgium	
9	Poland	
10	Turkey	
11	Israel	
12	East Germany	
13	Spain	
14	Finland	
15	Netherlands	
16	West Germany	
17	Greece	
18	Sweden	
19	England	

1955 EuroBasket 1955, Budapest, Hungary	
	Team
1	Hungary
2	Czechoslovakia
3	U.S.S.R.
4	Bulgaria
5	Poland
6	Italy
7	Romania
8	Yugoslavia
9	France
10	Finland
11	Turkey
12	England
13	Austria
14	Switzerland
15	Luxembourg
16	Sweden
17	West Germany
18	Denmark

1949 EuroBasket 1949, Cairo, Egypt		
	Team	
1	Egypt	
2	France	
3	Greece	
4	Turkey	
5	Netherlands	
6	Syria	
7	Lebanon	

1939 EuroBasket 1939, Kaunas, Lithuania		
	Team	
1	Lithuania	
2	Latvia	
3	Poland	
4	France	
5	Estonia	
6	Italy	
7	Hungary	
8	Finland	

Belgrade, Yugoslavia	
	Team
1	U.S.S.R.
2	Yugoslavia
3	Bulgaria
4	France
5	Czechoslovakia
6	Hungary
7	Romania
8	Belgium
9	Poland
10	Turkey
11	Israel
12	East Germany
13	Spain
14	Finland
15	Netherlands
16	West Germany
17	Greece
18	Sweden
19	England

	Team
1	Hungary
2	Czechoslovakia
3	U.S.S.R.
4	Bulgaria
5	Poland
6	Italy
7	Romania
8	Yugoslavia
9	France
10	Finland
11	Turkey
12	England
13	Austria
14	Switzerland
15	Luxembourg
16	Sweden
17	West Germany
18	Denmark

	1947	
	EuroBasket 1947,	
	Prague, Czechoslovakia	
	Team	
1	U.S.S.R.	
2	Czechoslovakia	
3	Egypt	
4	Belgium	
5	France	
6	Poland	
7	Hungary	
8	Bulgaria	
9	Italy	
10	Romania	
11	Netherlands	
12	Austria	
13	Yugoslavia	
14	Albania	

1937 EuroBasket 1937, Riga, Latvia			
	Team		
1	Lithuania		
2	Italy		
3	France		
4	Poland		
5	Estonia		
6	Latvia		
7	Czechoslovakia		
8	Egypt		

1959 EuroBasket 1959, Istanbul, Turkey		
	Team	
1	U.S.S.R.	
2	Czechoslovakia	
3	France	
4	Hungary	
5	Bulgaria	
6	Poland	
7	Belgium	
8	Romania	
9	Yugoslavia	
10	Italy	
11	Israel	
12	Turkey	
13	Finland	
14	East Germany	
15	Spain	
16	Austria	
17	Iran	

Moscow, U.S.S.R.		
	Team	
1	U.S.S.R.	
2	Hungary	
3	France	
4	Czechoslovakia	
5	Israel	
6	Yugoslavia	
7	Italy	
8	Egypt	
9	Bulgaria	
10	Belgium	
11	Switzerland	
12	Finland	
13	Romania	
14	West Germany	
15	Lebanon	
16	Denmark	
17	Sweden	

EuroBasket 1935, Geneva, Switzerland		
	Team	
1	Latvia	
2	Spain	
3	Czechoslovakia	
4	Switzerland	
5	France	
6	Belgium	
7	Italy	
8	Bulgaria	
9	Hungary	
10	Romania	



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