





# TEAM PROFILES

## Group A

## LOKOMOTIV TASHKENT (UZB)



JERSEY NO.	NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	NATIONALITY	POSITION
1	IGNATIY NESTEROV	20 Jun, 1983	UZBEKISTAN	Goalkeeper
12	MAMUR IKRAMOV	12 Jun, 1982	UZBEKISTAN	Goalkeeper
96	NARTADJIEV RUSTAM	11 May, 1996	UZBEKISTAN	Goalkeeper
13	NEMANJA JANICIC	13 Jul, 1986	SERBIA	Defender
17	SALIM MUSTAFAEV	07 Mar, 1991	UZBEKISTAN	Defender
20	TUKHTAKHUJAEV ISLOM	30 Oct, 1989	UZBEKISTAN	Defender
24	MUKHTOROV KHURSHIDBEK	09 Feb, 1994	UZBEKISTAN	Defender
29	RUZIEV KUVONDIK	06 Oct, 1994	UZBEKISTAN	Defender
37	SHERZOD FAYZIYEV	06 Feb, 1992	UZBEKISTAN	Defender
44	PROKHOROV SERGEY	16 Oct, 1996	UZBEKISTAN	Defender
69	YUNUSOV VOKHIDJON	31 Dec, 1998	UZBEKISTAN	Defender
72	MUMINKULOV SHOKHRUKH	14 Aug, 1998	UZBEKISTAN	Defender
97	KHAMRAEV RUSTAM	24 Jun, 1998	UZBEKISTAN	Defender
98	KOMILOV ABBOS	10 Jul, 1998	UZBEKISTAN	Defender
5	MAKHARADZE KAKHI	20 Oct, 1987	GEORGIA	Midfielder
15	SARDOR MIRZAYEV	21 Mar, 1991	UZBEKISTAN	Midfielder
7	SADRIDDIN ABDULLAEV	11 Jun, 1986	UZBEKISTAN	Midfielder
8	SERVER DJEPAROV	03 Oct, 1982	UZBEKISTAN	Midfielder
16	JASUR KHASANOV	24 Jul, 1989	UZBEKISTAN	Midfielder
18	TIMUR KAPADZE	05 Sep, 1981	UZBEKISTAN	Midfielder
22	SHAAKHMEDOV SANJAR	23 Sep, 1990	UZBEKISTAN	Midfielder
27	BOBIRBEK TILLYABAEV	29 Jan, 1991	UZBEKISTAN	Midfielder
28	ALIBAEV IKROMJON	09 Jan, 1994	UZBEKISTAN	Midfielder
33	OLEG ZOTEEV	05 Jul, 1989	UZBEKISTAN	Midfielder
77	JASUR KHASANOV	02 Aug, 1983	UZBEKISTAN	Midfielder
10	MARAT BIKMAEV	01 Jan, 1986	UZBEKISTAN	Forward
11	TEMURKHUJA ABDUKHOLIKOV	25 Sep, 1991	UZBEKISTAN	Forward
21	USMANOV DONIYOR	07 Jun, 1994	UZBEKISTAN	Forward
70	IVAN NAGAEV	03 Jul, 1989	UZBEKISTAN	Forward
93	MUKHAMEDOV OTABEK	24 Nov, 1998	UZBEKISTAN	Forward

## Club Profile

Formed in 2002, Lokomotiv narrowly missed out on their first-ever Uzbek league title in 2015 as they were runners-up for the third season in a row, finishing just a single point behind champions Pakhtakor. They also reached the Uzbek Cup semi-finals, losing 2-1 on aggregate to Nasaf Karshi.

After being eliminated in the AFC Champions League playoffs by Al Nasr of the United Arab Emirates in 2013 and Kuwait SC in 2014, the Tashkent club made their first appearance in the group stage last year but finished last in their section with only four points from six games.



## Head Coach



### Andrey Miklyaev

Former full back Andrey Miklyaev took over as head coach at Lokomotiv Tashkent at the start of the 2016 season for the AFC Champions League having previously worked as assistant coach at the club to ex-Uzbekistan national team coach Vadim Abramov and Australia's Mikro Jelicic.

The 49-year-old former Pakhtakor, Neftchi and Nasaf defender took on the role as head coach for the first time after spending 2015 as an assistant coach and previously operating as the club's technical coordinator. He also worked as an assistant coach at Qizilqum and Olmaliq clubs.

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## AL NASR (UAE)



JERSEY NO.	NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	NATIONALITY	POSITION
12	AHMAD SHAMBIH	20 Dec, 1993	UAE	Goalkeeper
40	ABDULLA MOHD	02 Mar, 1993	UAE	Goalkeeper
44	IBRAHIM ESSA	10 Apr, 1994	UAE	Goalkeeper
45	ABDULLA HASSAN	27 Mar, 1993	UAE	Goalkeeper
2	MUBARAK SAEED	18 Oct, 1991	UAE	Defender
6	MAHMOUD KHAMIS	28 Oct, 1987	UAE	Defender
18	AHMED ALYASSI	31 Jul, 1988	UAE	Defender
20	MASOUD SULAIMAN	16 Jun, 1992	UAE	Defender
23	ESAM BIN SALMIN	03 Oct, 1982	UAE	Defender
27	ALI SALEM AL AMERI	07 Jan, 1989	UAE	Defender
32	KHALIFA MUBARAK GHANIM	30 Oct, 1993	UAE	Defender
52	HUSSAIN ABBAS	30 Nov, 1994	UAE	Defender
55	IBRAHIM ABBAS	25 Apr, 1996	UAE	Defender
56	MAYED AHMAD	30 Jan, 1997	UAE	Defender
81	HAMAD MOHD ISMAIL	27 May, 1996	UAE	Defender
4	KHALID JALAL	05 Apr, 1991	UAE	Midfielder
5	TARIQ AHMED	12 Mar, 1988	UAE	Midfielder
10	LUIS JIMENEZ	17 Jan, 1984	PALESTINE	Midfielder
16	AMIR MUBARAK	28 Dec, 1987	UAE	Midfielder
17	JASSIM YAQOOB	16 Mar, 1997	UAE	Midfielder
22	AHMED KHAMEIS	16 Nov, 1985	UAE	Midfielder
29	ALI ALMAZAM	21 Oct, 1985	UAE	Midfielder
57	HAMAD ALI	10 Sep, 1993	UAE	Midfielder
77	NASSER ALI	23 Jan, 1996	UAE	Midfielder
3	SALEM SALEH AL REJAIBI	14 May, 1991	UAE	Forward
7	NILMAR HONORATO DA SILVA	14 Jul, 1984	BRAZIL	Forward
8	JIRES KEMBO-EKOKO	08 Jan, 1988	FRANCE	Forward
11	JONATHAN PITROIPA	12 Apr, 1986	BURKINA FASO	Forward
43	ABDULLA MOOSA AHMAD GHULOOM AHMAD ALBALOOSHI	12 Jan, 1994	UAE	Forward
70	RASHED MOHAMMAD	06 Dec, 1995	UAE	Forward

### Club Profile

Al Nasr finished fifth in the UAE league in 2015 but they qualified for the group stage of the AFC Champions League for the third time after winning their first UAE President's Cup title since 1989. The Dubai club drew 1-1 with city rivals and AFC Champions League runners-up Al Ahli in the final before winning the penalty shootout 3-0 to lift the title.

The Blue Wave have made two previous appearances in the AFC Champions League in 2012 and 2013 but they went out at the group stage in both campaigns.



## Head Coach



### Ivan Jovanovic

Serbian coach Ivan Jovanovic took over at Al Nasr in 2013 and led the club to the GCC Champions League title in 2014 before steering the Dubai-based side to the UAE President's Cup and UAE League Cup titles at the end of the 2014-15 season.

Jovanovic moved to the United Arab Emirates after impressing in Cyprus, where he enjoyed significant success with APOEL, claiming four league titles in two stints and steering the club to the quarter-finals of the UEFA Champions League in the 2011-12 season, where they were eliminated by Real Madrid.

## Group A

## AL ITTIHAD (KSA)



JERSEY NO.	NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	NATIONALITY	POSITION
12	ASSAF AL QARNI	02 Apr, 1984	SAUDI ARABIA	Goalkeeper
22	FAWAZ ALQARNI	02 Apr, 1992	SAUDI ARABIA	Goalkeeper
25	HANI AL NAHEDH	02 Aug, 1987	SAUDI ARABIA	Goalkeeper
28	ALI ALAMRI	21 Aug, 1994	SAUDI ARABIA	Goalkeeper
2	ABDULRAHMAN KHALID AL-RIO	15 May, 1994	SAUDI ARABIA	Defender
6	BASEM MOHSEN ALMONTASHRI	18 Sep, 1990	SAUDI ARABIA	Defender
13	AHMED ASIRI	14 Nov, 1991	SAUDI ARABIA	Defender
16	MOHAMMED QASEM ALNAKHLI	19 Jan, 1995	SAUDI ARABIA	Defender
21	HAMAD AL MONTASHARI	22 Jun, 1982	SAUDI ARABIA	Defender
27	AWADH ALI M. ALYAMI	05 Jan, 1991	SAUDI ARABIA	Defender
33	YASYN ALNAKHLI	27 Sep, 1990	SAUDI ARABIA	Defender
34	FAISAL ALKHARRAA	03 Dec, 1993	SAUDI ARABIA	Defender
51	MAJED ALKHAIBARI	24 Sep, 1991	SAUDI ARABIA	Defender
4	SULLEY MUNTARI	27 Aug, 1984	GHANA	Midfielder
7	AHMED ESSA AL NATHIRI	07 Feb, 1993	SAUDI ARABIA	Midfielder
10	ABDULFATTAH ASIRI	26 Feb, 1994	SAUDI ARABIA	Midfielder
15	JAMAL BAJANDOUH	22 Aug, 1992	SAUDI ARABIA	Midfielder
20	TURKI ALKHUHAIR	23 Aug, 1987	SAUDI ARABIA	Midfielder
23	MOHAMMED ABUSABAAN	20 Jan, 1990	SAUDI ARABIA	Midfielder
24	IBRAHIM ZAHER AL-SHEHRI	23 Feb, 1996	SAUDI ARABIA	Midfielder
29	LUCIAN SANMARTEAN	13 Mar, 1980	ROMANIA	Midfielder
30	ZIYAD ABDULWAHED AL-SAHAFI	03 Feb, 1994	SAUDI ARABIA	Midfielder
35	YAHYA MOHAMMAD KHORMI	08 Jun, 1998	SAUDI ARABIA	Midfielder
50	GOSAY SAAD A ALSHELALI	22 Feb, 1994	SAUDI ARABIA	Midfielder
77	RIYADH ALIBRAHIM	14 Dec, 1993	SAUDI ARABIA	Midfielder
8	FHAD ALMUWALLAD	14 Sep, 1994	SAUDI ARABIA	Forward
9	GELMIN RIVAS	23 Mar, 1989	VENEZUELA	Forward
19	SALMAN ALSIBYANI	11 Nov, 1989	SAUDI ARABIA	Forward
44	MUKHTAR FALLATAH	15 Oct, 1987	SAUDI ARABIA	Forward
49	ABDULRAHMAN ALGHAMDI	01 Nov, 1994	SAUDI ARABIA	Forward

### Club Profile

Two-time AFC Champions League winners Al Ittihad earned a spot in this year's group stage after finishing fourth in the Saudi league in the 2014-15 season and beating Jordanian side Al Wehdat 2-1 in the playoffs in February.

The Jeddah side have made nine previous appearances in the competition, lifting the title in 2004 after a sensational 6-3 comeback win over Korea Republic's Seongnam Ilhwa Chunma and retaining it the following year after a 5-3 aggregate triumph against United Arab Emirates side Al Ain. They reached the final again in 2009 but lost 2-1 to Pohang Steelers of Korea Republic.



## Head Coach



### Victor Piturca

A European Cup winner during his playing days with Romania's Steaua Bucharest, the former Romania coach took over at the helm of Al Ittihad at start of the 2014-15 season.

Piturca arrived in Jeddah having won the Romanian league title with Steaua Bucharest as a coach in 2001, a title he had won with the same club on five occasions as a player as well as winning the European Cup with the club in 1986. In his first season in charge, Piturca steering Al Ittihad to a fourth place finish to qualify for the AFC Champions League playoffs.

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## FOOLAD MOBARAKEH SEPAHAN (IRN)



JERSEY NO.	NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	NATIONALITY	POSITION
1	RAHMAN AHMADI	30 Jul, 1980	IR. IRAN	Goalkeeper
27	MAHDI AMINI	16 May, 1996	IR. IRAN	Goalkeeper
35	SHAHAB GORDAN	21 May, 1984	IR. IRAN	Goalkeeper
3	HABIB GORDANI	09 Jun, 1983	IR. IRAN	Defender
5	HADI AGHILI	15 Jan, 1981	IR. IRAN	Defender
6	AHMADI MOHAMMADALI	04 Jul, 1983	IR. IRAN	Defender
10	ABDOLLAH KARAMI	27 Feb, 1983	IR. IRAN	Defender
20	LEANDRO PADOVANI	21 Dec, 1983	ITALY	Defender
21	VORYA GHAFOURI	20 Sep, 1987	IR. IRAN	Defender
24	ARMIN SOHRABIAN	26 Jul, 1995	IR. IRAN	Defender
33	SAEID GHAEDIFAR	13 Apr, 1992	IR. IRAN	Defender
39	MOHAMMAD ROSHANDEL	02 Jul, 1995	IR. IRAN	Defender
4	MOHARRAM NAVIDKIA	01 Nov, 1982	IR. IRAN	Midfielder
7	ALI KARIMI	11 Feb, 1994	IR. IRAN	Midfielder
8	RASOUL NAVIDKIA	21 Sep, 1983	IR. IRAN	Midfielder
11	AMIN JAHANALIAN	16 Jun, 1991	IR. IRAN	Midfielder
17	SENIJAD IBRICIC	26 Sep, 1985	BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA	Midfielder
37	HOSSEIN FAZELI	12 Jun, 1993	IR. IRAN	Midfielder
66	MILAD SARLAK	26 Mar, 1995	IR. IRAN	Midfielder
70	HAMED BAHIRAEI	12 Jul, 1995	IR. IRAN	Midfielder
80	ALI HAZAMI	25 Feb, 1996	IR. IRAN	Midfielder
9	MOHAMMAD REZA KHALATBARI	14 Sep, 1983	IR. IRAN	Forward
12	HOSSEIN PAPI	27 Feb, 1985	IR. IRAN	Forward
29	LUCIANO PEREIRA	15 Oct, 1983	BRAZIL	Forward
77	REZA MIRZAEI	14 Apr, 1996	IR. IRAN	Forward
74	AMIN MANOUCHEHRY	06 Feb, 1986	IR. IRAN	Forward

### Club Profile

After missing the AFC Champions League for only the second time in 12 seasons in 2015, Foolad Mobarakeh Sepahan secured a return to the continental stage by winning the Iranian league for the fifth time in 2014-15. They began the final round of games in third place but snatched the title after they beat Saipa and the top two teams, Tractorsazi Tabriz and Naft Tehran, drew 3-3.

Their best performance in their previous 10 appearances in the AFC Champions League came in 2007 when they reached the final but lost 3-1 on aggregate to Japan's Urawa Red Diamonds.

## Head Coach



### Igor Stimac/Ghasem Zaghinejad

Former Croatia and Hadjuk Split defender Igor Stimac was appointed head coach of Sepahan in November 2015 with the club having already secured their place in the group stages of the AFC Champions League thanks to the league title won earlier in the year under Hossain Faraki.

Stimac, who coached extensively in his homeland as well as the Croatia national team, cut his reign short in April 2016 when he stood down from his post as the club's head coach and he was replaced by interim coach Ghasem Zaghinejad, Stimac's assistant, for the final round of group matches.



## Group B

## AL NASSR (KSA)



JERSEY NO.	NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	NATIONALITY	POSITION
1	ZAID ALBAWARDI	26 Jan, 1997	SAUDI ARABIA	Goalkeeper
22	ABDULLAH ALENEZI	20 Sep, 1990	SAUDI ARABIA	Goalkeeper
23	HUSSAIN SHAIAN	23 May, 1989	SAUDI ARABIA	Goalkeeper
31	SHARAHILI MUTEB	19 Nov, 1992	SAUDI ARABIA	Goalkeeper
2	MOHAMED HASAN	31 Jul, 1980	BAHRAIN	Defender
3	ABDULLAH MADU	15 Jul, 1993	SAUDI ARABIA	Defender
4	OMAR IBRAHIM OTHMAN	27 Sep, 1985	SAUDI ARABIA	Defender
5	JAMAAN IBRAHIM H ALDAWSARI	19 Jun, 1987	SAUDI ARABIA	Defender
12	KHALID ALGHAMDI	28 Mar, 1988	SAUDI ARABIA	Defender
13	MOHAMMED ALBISHI	03 May, 1987	SAUDI ARABIA	Defender
24	HUSSAIN SULAIMANI	21 Jan, 1977	SAUDI ARABIA	Defender
28	AHMED WALIBI	27 Aug, 1990	SAUDI ARABIA	Defender
40	MUTEB ALMTLAG	10 Dec, 1997	SAUDI ARABIA	Defender
8	YAHIA ALSHEHRI	26 Jun, 1990	SAUDI ARABIA	Midfielder
15	AHMED AL FRAIDI	29 Jan, 1988	SAUDI ARABIA	Midfielder
14	IBRAHIM GHALEB	28 Sep, 1990	SAUDI ARABIA	Midfielder
16	ABDULAZIZ ALJEBREEN	13 Apr, 1990	SAUDI ARABIA	Midfielder
18	MARCOS GABRIEL	21 Jul, 1990	BRAZIL	Midfielder
26	SHAYA SHARAHILI	30 May, 1990	SAUDI ARABIA	Midfielder
27	AWADH ALFARAJ	15 Jul, 1988	SAUDI ARABIA	Midfielder
37	AYMAN ABDULLAH	27 Dec, 1994	SAUDI ARABIA	Midfielder
38	SAMI ALNAJI	07 Feb, 1997	SAUDI ARABIA	Midfielder
39	ABDULRAHMAN ALDOSARI	25 Sep, 1997	SAUDI ARABIA	Midfielder
86	ADRIAN MIERZEJEWSKI	06 Nov, 1986	POLAND	Midfielder
9	NAIF HAZAZI	27 Jul, 1988	SAUDI ARABIA	Forward
10	MOHAMMED AL SAHLAWI	10 Jan, 1987	SAUDI ARABIA	Forward
25	MODIBO MAIGA	03 Sep, 1987	MALI	Forward
99	HASSAN ALRAHEB	21 Aug, 1983	SAUDI ARABIA	Forward

### Club Profile

Al Nassr qualified for the AFC Champions League for the third time after they successfully defended their Saudi league championship in 2015, finishing four points ahead of runners-up Al Ahli.

While the Riyadh club won the Asian Cup Winners' Cup and Asian Super Cup in 1998, three years after they were runners-up in the Asian Club Championship, they have not impressed on their previous two appearances in the AFC Champions League. They were eliminated by Iranian side Zobahan in the last 16 on their debut in 2011 and failed to get past the group stage last year.



## Head Coach



### Raúl Caneda

Spanish coach Raúl Caneda took over at Riyadh's Al Nassr in the weeks leading up to the AFC Champions League having previously experienced the competition at the helm of fellow Saudi Arabian side Al Ittihad.

Caneda led Al Ittihad to the semi-finals of the AFC Champions League in 2012 before leaving Al Ittihad due to the club's financial issues, to start the first of two stints with Al Nassr. He left the Riyadh-based club in 2014, only to return in early 2016 following the departure of Fabio Cannavaro as coach.

## Group B

## ZOBAHAN (IRN)



JERSEY NO.	NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	NATIONALITY	POSITION
1	MOHAMMADBAGHER SADEGHI	01 Apr, 1989	IR. IRAN	Goalkeeper
12	MOHAMMADRASHID MAZAHERI	18 May, 1989	IR. IRAN	Goalkeeper
40	PEYMAN SALMANI	18 Apr, 1994	IR. IRAN	Goalkeeper
2	MOHAMMAD NEJAD MEHDI	20 Oct, 1992	IR. IRAN	Defender
3	WALID ISMAIL	10 Nov, 1984	LEBANON	Defender
4	HADI MOHAMMADI	09 Mar, 1991	IR. IRAN	Defender
18	ALI HAMAM	25 Aug, 1986	LEBANON	Defender
19	MEHRDAD GHANBARI	22 Nov, 1989	IR. IRAN	Defender
20	HOJJAT HAGHVERDI	03 Feb, 1993	IR. IRAN	Defender
21	SAEB MOHEBI	28 Aug, 1993	IR. IRAN	Defender
26	NIMA TAHERI	15 Apr, 1997	IR. IRAN	Defender
32	MEHRAN DERAKHSHANMEHR	10 Aug, 1998	IR. IRAN	Defender
33	VAHID MOHAMMADZADEH	16 May, 1989	IR. IRAN	Defender
36	KIANOOSH EGHBALI	06 Apr, 1996	IR. IRAN	Defender
61	HASHEM BEIKZADEH	22 Jan, 1984	IR. IRAN	Defender
8	GHASEM HADADIFAR	12 Jul, 1983	IR. IRAN	Midfielder
13	SEYED MOHAMMADREZA H	15 Sep, 1989	IR. IRAN	Midfielder
15	EHSAN PAHLAVAN	25 Jul, 1993	IR. IRAN	Midfielder
16	MAHDIPOUR MAHDI	18 Feb, 1994	IR. IRAN	Midfielder
23	DANIAL ESMAELIFAR	18 Mar, 1993	IR. IRAN	Midfielder
24	REZA SHEKARI	31 May, 1998	IR. IRAN	Midfielder
25	MOHAMMAD REZA ABBASI	27 Jul, 1996	IR. IRAN	Midfielder
77	AMIRKAMDAR AHMAD	05 Jan, 1989	IR. IRAN	Midfielder
30	MAHDI RAJABZADEH	22 Jun, 1978	IR. IRAN	Midfielder
7	MASOUD HASSANZADEH	12 Apr, 1991	IR. IRAN	Forward
9	KAVEH REZAEI	05 Apr, 1992	IR. IRAN	Forward
11	MORTEZA TABRIZI	06 Jan, 1991	IR. IRAN	Forward
17	MARCO AURELIO IUBEL	07 Aug, 1986	BRAZIL	Forward
28	ALI KHODADADI	19 Jan, 1998	IR. IRAN	Forward

### Club Profile

Runners-up in the AFC Champions League in 2010, Zobahan secured a return to the competition for this time since 2011 after they lifted the Hazfi Cup in 2015 with a 3-1 victory over Naft Tehran in the final.

The club from Isfahan have appeared in the competition on four previous occasions and enjoyed their best performance six years ago when they reached the final but lost 3-1 to Korea Republic's Seongnam Ilhwa Chunma in Tokyo. They reached the quarter-finals the following year but went out in the playoffs in 2012 after losing 2-0 to Iranian league rivals Esteghlal.



## Head Coach



### Yahya Golmohammadi

Former Iran central defender Yahya Golmohammadi qualified Naft Tehran for the 2015 AFC Champions League playoffs with a third place finish in the domestic league before joining Zobahan ahead of the 2014-15 season.

Golmohammadi, who represented Iran at the 2006 FIFA World Cup finals in Germany, continued to show his coaching credentials in his new role, leading the club to a fourth place finish in the league while also winning the Hazfi Cup against his former team. He has previously also worked with the Saba and Persepolis clubs.

## Group B

## LEKHWIYA (QAT)



JERSEY NO.	NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	NATIONALITY	POSITION
1	SHEHAB MAMDOUH	18 Apr, 2000	QATAR	Goalkeeper
33	AHMAD ALI HATAMI	25 Aug, 1980	QATAR	Goalkeeper
40	AMINE LECOMTE	26 Apr, 1990	QATAR	Goalkeeper
90	IVANILDO RODRIGUES D SANTOS	05 Jan, 1992	QATAR	Goalkeeper
2	MOHAMED MUSA	01 Jan, 1986	QATAR	Defender
3	AHMED YASSER ABDELRAHMAN	17 May, 1994	QATAR	Defender
4	CHICO FLORES	06 Mar, 1987	SPAIN	Defender
7	KHALED MUFTAH	02 Jul, 1992	QATAR	Defender
14	MOHAMMED TRESOR ABDULLAH	04 Aug, 1987	QATAR	Defender
16	ABDELHADI SALAH	01 Jan, 1995	QATAR	Defender
24	KALED RADWAN	02 Oct, 1990	QATAR	Defender
8	LUIZ JUNIOR	13 Jan, 1989	QATAR	Midfielder
10	NAM TAEHEE	03 Jul, 1991	KOREA REPUBLIC	Midfielder
12	KARIM BOUDIAF	16 Sep, 1990	QATAR	Midfielder
20	ALI HASSAN AFIF	20 Jan, 1988	QATAR	Midfielder
23	AHMED MOHAMED ELSAYED	23 Mar, 1990	QATAR	Midfielder
28	YOUSSEF MSAKNI	28 Oct, 1990	TUNISIA	Midfielder
32	ABDULRAUF OMAR	05 Jan, 1995	QATAR	Midfielder
39	TALAL SAEED AL-QAHTANI	15 Dec, 1987	QATAR	Midfielder
98	ADEL BADER MUSA	17 Jan, 1997	QATAR	Midfielder
5	MUHAMMED RAZARK	04 Apr, 1986	QATAR	Forward
11	MOHAMMED MUNTARI	20 Dec, 1993	QATAR	Forward
13	HAZEM SHEHATA	02 Feb, 1998	QATAR	Forward
15	DIOKO KALUYITUKA	02 Jan, 1987	CONGO	Forward
18	AHMED MOHAMMED ALSADI	02 Oct, 1995	QATAR	Forward
70	ISMAIL MOHAMAD	05 Apr, 1990	QATAR	Forward
78	AHMED ABDULQADER A A AL-MEGHESSIB	28 Jun, 1998	QATAR	Forward

### Club Profile

Originally founded in 1938 as Al Shorta (Police Club), Lekhwiya have enjoyed much success in recent years, lifting the Qatar Stars League championship for the fourth time in five seasons in 2015 as they finished five points clear of runners-up Al Sadd.

They have qualified for five consecutive editions of the AFC Champions League and reached the quarter-finals for the second time last year after beating local rivals Al Sadd in the Round of 16. However, they were eliminated in the last eight after going down 6-3 on aggregate to Al Hilal of Saudi Arabia.



## Head Coach



### Djamel Belmadi

Former Algeria and Paris Saint-Germain midfielder Djamel Belmadi returned to Lekhwiya after a stint in charge of the Qatar national team that saw his squad capture the 2014 Gulf Cup title, defeating hosts Saudi Arabia in the final.

Belmadi left the Qatar post after a disappointing showing at the 2015 AFC Asian Cup in Australia, taking over from Michael Laudrup as head coach at a club he had previously led from 2010 to 2012, winning the Qatar Stars League on two occasions before a further success in 2015.

## Group B

## BUNYODKOR (UZB)



JERSEY NO.	NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	NATIONALITY	POSITION
1	PAVEL BUGALO	21 Aug, 1974	UZBEKISTAN	Goalkeeper
25	MURATJON ZUKHUROV	23 Feb, 1983	UZBEKISTAN	Goalkeeper
35	ABDUKARIM MUKHAMEDOV	11 Jan, 1994	UZBEKISTAN	Goalkeeper
45	AKBAR TURAEV	27 Aug, 1989	UZBEKISTAN	Goalkeeper
2	AKMAL SHORAKHMEDOV	10 May, 1986	UZBEKISTAN	Defender
3	KOMILOV AKRAMJON	14 Mar, 1996	UZBEKISTAN	Defender
4	KARIMOV HAYRULLA	22 Apr, 1978	UZBEKISTAN	Defender
6	ANVAR GAFUROV	14 May, 1982	UZBEKISTAN	Defender
15	JAVLON MIRABDULLAEV	19 Mar, 1994	UZBEKISTAN	Defender
22	ASHURMATOV RUSTAMJON	07 Jul, 1996	UZBEKISTAN	Defender
30	JURICA BULJAT	12 Sep, 1986	CROATIA	Defender
5	DILSHOD JURAEV	21 Apr, 1992	UZBEKISTAN	Midfielder
7	CHAKER ZOUAGHI	10 Jan, 1985	TUNISIA	Midfielder
8	JOVLON IBROKHIMOV	10 Dec, 1990	UZBEKISTAN	Midfielder
9	SATO MINORI	02 Mar, 1991	JAPAN	Midfielder
16	DILSHOD AKHMADALIEV	02 Nov, 1994	UZBEKISTAN	Midfielder
17	KHAMDAMOV DOSTONBEK	24 Jul, 1996	UZBEKISTAN	Midfielder
23	GIYOSOV KHURSHID	13 Apr, 1995	UZBEKISTAN	Midfielder
26	SANJAR KODIRKULOV	27 May, 1997	UZBEKISTAN	Midfielder
27	SARDOR SABIRKHODJAEV	06 Nov, 1994	UZBEKISTAN	Midfielder
28	ISMAILOV ERGASH	28 Jul, 1995	UZBEKISTAN	Midfielder
29	SHUKUROV OTABEK	22 Jun, 1996	UZBEKISTAN	Midfielder
46	AZIMOV SARDORBEK	01 Jun, 1995	UZBEKISTAN	Midfielder
71	ALEKSANDAR ALEMPIJEVIC	25 Jul, 1988	SERBIA	Midfielder
77	VIKTOR KARPENKO	07 Sep, 1977	UZBEKISTAN	Midfielder
10	SHOMURODOV ELDOR	29 Jun, 1995	UZBEKISTAN	Forward
11	SHAKHZODBEK NURMATOV	18 Sep, 1991	UZBEKISTAN	Forward
14	BAKHODIR NASIMOV	02 May, 1987	UZBEKISTAN	Forward
19	URINBOEV ZABIKHILLO	30 Mar, 1995	UZBEKISTAN	Forward
33	PURAK VYACHESLAV	16 Nov, 1996	UZBEKISTAN	Forward

### Club Profile

Bunyodkor finished fourth in the Uzbek league and lost in the Uzbek Cup final to Nasaf in 2015 but they secured a spot in the AFC Champions League group stage for the ninth season in a row after they beat Al Shabab of the United Arab Emirates 2-0 in the playoffs in February.

The Tashkent club appeared in the AFC Champions League semi-finals in 2008 and 2012 and reached the knockout rounds on their first seven appearances in the competition from 2008 to 2014. However, they were eliminated in the group stage for the first time last year.



## Head Coach



### Sergey Lushan

Sergey Lushan finished his playing career at Bunyodkor at the end of the 2007-08 season before taking up a position with the club's youth academy. From there he took charge of the club's reserve side before being named head coach of Uzbekistan's Under 19 team in 2014.

Lushan, who played at centre half for Uzbekistan at the 2000 AFC Asian Cup finals in Lebanon and spent much of his club career in Russia, returned to club several months later to take charge of Bunyodkor at the start of the 2014-15 season.

## Group C

## PAKHTAKOR (UZB)



JERSEY NO.	NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	NATIONALITY	POSITION
1	NIKITA RIBKIN	20 Jan, 1992	UZBEKISTAN	Goalkeeper
12	TEMUR JURAEV	12 May, 1984	UZBEKISTAN	Goalkeeper
30	ERGASHEV BOTIRALI	23 Jun, 1995	UZBEKISTAN	Goalkeeper
2	ABDULLAEV IBROKHIM	05 Dec, 1996	UZBEKISTAN	Defender
4	ADNAN ORAHOVAC	05 Feb, 1991	MONTENEGRO	Defender
6	OTAKHONOV ABBOSJON	25 Aug, 1995	UZBEKISTAN	Defender
21	KOMOLIDDIN TADJIEV	03 May, 1983	UZBEKISTAN	Defender
24	DAVRONBEK KHASHIMOV	24 Nov, 1992	UZBEKISTAN	Defender
34	AVILOV KHUSHNUDBEK	04 Aug, 1998	UZBEKISTAN	Defender
2	YAKHSHIBOEV JASURBEK	24 Jun, 1997	UZBEKISTAN	Midfielder
5	AKBARJON ISMATULLAEV	10 Jan, 1991	UZBEKISTAN	Midfielder
7	AZIMJON AKHMEDOV	04 Jan, 1992	UZBEKISTAN	Midfielder
8	SHERZODBEK KARIMOV	26 Jan, 1989	UZBEKISTAN	Midfielder
9	MASHARIPOV JALOLIDDIN	01 Sep, 1993	UZBEKISTAN	Midfielder
10	JAMSHID ISKANDEROV	16 Oct, 1993	UZBEKISTAN	Midfielder
13	SUKHROB NURULLOEV	04 Jan, 1998	UZBEKISTAN	Midfielder
14	BOLTABOEV JAMSHID	03 Oct, 1996	UZBEKISTAN	Midfielder
15	SOKHIBOV JAVOKHIR	01 Mar, 1995	UZBEKISTAN	Midfielder
18	SIDIKOV JAVOKHIR	08 Dec, 1996	UZBEKISTAN	Midfielder
19	BERDIEV SUKHROB	12 Apr, 1990	UZBEKISTAN	Midfielder
27	DOSTON IBRAGIMOV	23 Jan, 1997	UZBEKISTAN	Midfielder
28	STANISLAV ANDREEV	06 May, 1988	UZBEKISTAN	Midfielder
29	VLADIMIR KOZAK	12 Jun, 1993	UZBEKISTAN	Midfielder
31	JAMSHID YUSUPOV	27 Jan, 1997	UZBEKISTAN	Midfielder
39	SAYIDJAMOL DAVLATJONOV	07 May, 1997	UZBEKISTAN	Midfielder
35	OYBEK KILICHEV	17 Jan, 1989	UZBEKISTAN	Midfielder
11	IGOR SERGEEV	30 Apr, 1993	UZBEKISTAN	Forward
17	TURAEV AKOBIR	03 Nov, 1996	UZBEKISTAN	Forward
22	NAURIZBEK ALIMOV	21 Mar, 1992	UZBEKISTAN	Forward
48	TIMUR TALIPOV	18 May, 1995	UZBEKISTAN	Forward

### Club Profile

Pakhtakor made a record 13th appearance in the AFC Champions League this year after successfully retaining the Uzbek league championship in 2015. They edged Lokomotiv by a single point to be crowned national champions for the 11th time.

The Tashkent side reached the semi-finals of the continental tournament in 2003 and 2004 but they have gone past the group stage in only two of their last 10 appearances. A win in their final group game last year would have sent them through but they were eliminated after losing 2-0 to Al Shabab of Saudi Arabia.



## Head Coach



### Numon Khasanov

Numon Khasanov took over as head coach of Pakhtakor after Samvel Babayan stood down from the post to take over as the head coach of the Uzbekistan national team in June 2015, and he continued the work done by his predecessor to steer the club to the domestic league title by the end of the season.

A winner of the inaugural Uzbek league title in 1992 as player with Pakhtakor, the former striker represented the country at the finals of the 1996 AFC Asian Cup in the United Arab Emirates and was also a league winner with MHSK Tashkent and Dustlik.

## Group C

## AL HILAL



JERSEY NO.	NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	NATIONALITY	POSITION
1	KHALID SHARAHILI	03 Feb, 1987	SAUDI ARABIA	Goalkeeper
22	FAHAD ALTHUNAYYAN	29 Aug, 1986	SAUDI ARABIA	Goalkeeper
30	MOHAMMED AHMED ALWAKID	25 Mar, 1992	SAUDI ARABIA	Goalkeeper
33	MARWAN ALHAIDARI	12 Apr, 1996	SAUDI ARABIA	Goalkeeper
2	MOHAMMED ALBURAYK	15 Sep, 1992	SAUDI ARABIA	Defender
4	ABDULLA ALDOSSARY	13 Aug, 1987	SAUDI ARABIA	Defender
5	AHMED SHARAHILI	08 May, 1994	SAUDI ARABIA	Defender
12	YASIR ALSHAHRANI	25 May, 1992	SAUDI ARABIA	Defender
23	KWAK TAEHWI	08 Jul, 1981	KOREA REPUBLIC	Defender
26	PAULA SILVA RODRIGO JUNIOR	07 May, 1988	BRAZIL	Defender
51	ZAHIM, FAHAD	01 Mar, 1994	SAUDI ARABIA	Defender
70	MOHAMMED JAHFALI	24 Oct, 1990	SAUDI ARABIA	Defender
3	CARLOS EDUARDO	17 Oct, 1989	BRAZIL	Midfielder
6	MOHAMMED ALQARNI	24 Nov, 1989	SAUDI ARABIA	Midfielder
7	SALMAN ALFARAJ	01 Aug, 1989	SAUDI ARABIA	Midfielder
8	ABDULLAH OTAYF	03 Aug, 1992	SAUDI ARABIA	Midfielder
10	MOHAMMED AL SHALHOUB	08 Dec, 1980	SAUDI ARABIA	Midfielder
11	ABDULAZIZ ALDAWSARI	11 Oct, 1988	SAUDI ARABIA	Midfielder
14	SAUD KARIRI	08 Jul, 1980	SAUDI ARABIA	Midfielder
18	ABDULMAJEED ALSUWAT	21 Apr, 1995	SAUDI ARABIA	Midfielder
19	KHALID KAABI	23 May, 1992	SAUDI ARABIA	Midfielder
24	NAWAF ALABID	26 Jan, 1990	SAUDI ARABIA	Midfielder
25	FAISAL DARWISH FARAJ	23 Apr, 1990	SAUDI ARABIA	Midfielder
27	ABDULKARIM ALQAHTANI	09 Feb, 1993	SAUDI ARABIA	Midfielder
29	SALEM ALDAWSARI	19 Aug, 1991	SAUDI ARABIA	Midfielder
37	ALSHARID, ABDULAZIZ	05 Jan, 1994	SAUDI ARABIA	Midfielder
9	AILTON	20 Aug, 1984	BRAZIL	Forward
15	NASSIR ALSHAMRANI	23 Nov, 1983	SAUDI ARABIA	Forward
16	YOUSEF ALSALEM	04 May, 1985	SAUDI ARABIA	Forward
20	YASSER ALQAHTANI	10 Oct, 1982	SAUDI ARABIA	Forward

### Club Profile

Al Hilal are one of Asia's most successful clubs with victories in the Asian Club Championship in 1991 and 2000, plus a pair of triumphs in both the Asian Cup Winners' Cup and Asian Super Cup. However, they have yet to win the AFC Champions League, finishing runners-up in 2014 and losing to Al Ahli of the United Arab Emirates in the semi-finals last year.

They finished third in the Saudi league last season but beat arch-rivals Al Nassr on penalties to win the King's Cup and qualify for the AFC Champions League for the 12th time.



## Head Coach



### Giorgis Donis

Giorgis Donis moved to Saudi Arabia to take the helm of two-time Asian champions Al Hilal after a run of success in his native Greece as well as in Cyprus. The former Blackburn Rovers and Greece midfielder won the Greek Cup with AEL in 2007 before claiming the Cyprus League and Cup double with APOEL in 2014.

The following season he took APOEL into the group stages of the UEFA Champions League before taking over at Al Hilal in February 2015, where his methods continued to deliver as the Riyadh-based club won the King's Cup and the Saudi Super Cup.

## Group C

## TRACTORSAZI TABRIZ (IRN)



JERSEY NO.	NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	NATIONALITY	POSITION
1	MOHAMMADREZA AKHBARI	15 Feb, 1993	IR. IRAN	Goalkeeper
44	FARZIN KAROUSIAN	19 Jul, 1992	IR. IRAN	Goalkeeper
55	MASOUD HEMAMI	01 May, 1983	IR. IRAN	Goalkeeper
2	MOHAMMAD IRANPOURIAN	21 Sep, 1985	IR. IRAN	Defender
3	SHOJAE KHALILZADEH	14 May, 1989	IR. IRAN	Defender
4	KHALED SHAFIEI	29 Mar, 1987	IR. IRAN	Defender
5	CARLOS CARDOSO	11 Sep, 1984	BRAZIL	Defender
18	IAIN RAMSAY	27 Feb, 1988	AUSTRALIA	Defender
25	REZA FARAJI	21 Jan, 1995	IR. IRAN	Defender
40	ALI HAMOUDI	21 Mar, 1986	IR. IRAN	Defender
88	FARDIN ABEDINI	18 Nov, 1991	IR. IRAN	Defender
6	SINA ASHOORI	16 Sep, 1988	IR. IRAN	Midfielder
8	SHAHIN SAGHEBI	25 Aug, 1993	IR. IRAN	Midfielder
10	SOROUSH RAFIEI	24 Mar, 1990	IR. IRAN	Midfielder
11	BAKHTIAR RAHMANI	23 Sep, 1991	IR. IRAN	Midfielder
15	AYOOB KALANTARI	27 Nov, 1990	IR. IRAN	Midfielder
16	MOHAMMAD POURRAHMAT	01 Jan, 1995	IR. IRAN	Midfielder
19	AUGUSTO CESAR	06 Aug, 1992	BRAZIL	Midfielder
32	MEHRAN GHORBANPOUR	11 May, 1995	IR. IRAN	Midfielder
66	MEHDI KIANI	10 Jan, 1987	IR. IRAN	Midfielder
77	SAEID AGHAEI	09 Feb, 1995	IR. IRAN	Midfielder
27	ALOYS NONG	16 Oct, 1983	CAMEROON	Forward
24	FARZAD HATAMI	04 Jan, 1986	IR. IRAN	Forward
90	MEHDI SHARIFI	16 Aug, 1992	IR. IRAN	Forward

### Club Profile

Tractorsazi Tabriz narrowly missed out on the Iranian league title in 2015 when they finished runners-up for the third time in four seasons. Leading the table on the final day of the season, they drew 3-3 with second-placed Naft Tehran but were overtaken by Sepahan after the Isfahan club beat Saipa in their final game.

Tractorsazi have appeared in the AFC Champions League for the past three seasons but they have yet to make it past the group stage, finishing in last place in all of their previous appearances.



## Head Coach



### Amir Ghalenoei

Experienced former Iran coach Amir Ghalenoei returned to Tractorsazi Tabriz for his second stint in charge of the club in late 2015 having previously taken the club to within a point of the domestic league title in 2012.

The well-travelled ex-midfielder started his coaching career with Keshavarz before a stint at Bargh Tehran, and in 2007 he took Iran to the finals of the AFC Asian Cup, where they were eliminated in the quarter-finals by Korea Republic. He is most closely associated with Tehran club Esteghlal, where he has served as coach on four occasions and where he spent much of his playing career.

## Group C

## AL JAZIRA (UAE)



JERSEY NO.	NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	NATIONALITY	POSITION
1	ALI KHASEIF	09 Jun, 1987	UAE	Goalkeeper
13	MOHAMED OBAID ALNAQBI	03 Mar, 1993	UAE	Goalkeeper
16	SAIF RASHED	10 Aug, 1991	UAE	Goalkeeper
36	AL SENANI	04 Oct, 1989	UAE	Goalkeeper
5	MUSALLEM FAYEZ	26 Mar, 1987	UAE	Defender
6	SAIF KHALFAN	31 Jan, 1993	UAE	Defender
18	ABDULLA MOUSA	23 Feb, 1987	UAE	Defender
14	EISSA ALOTAIBA	11 May, 1998	UAE	Defender
23	KHALID SEBIL	22 Jun, 1987	UAE	Defender
25	MOHAMED ABDALLA	25 Jan, 1995	UAE	Defender
37	MOHAMED OBAID	11 May, 1997	UAE	Defender
44	FARES JUMA	30 Dec, 1988	UAE	Defender
45	SAAAD HAZIM MABKHOUT MUBARAK ALOBAIDI	20 Mar, 1998	UAE	Defender
82	SULTAN ABDULAZIZ	26 Nov, 1993	UAE	Defender
8	PARK JONGWOO	10 Mar, 1989	KOREA REPUBLIC	Midfielder
10	THIAGO NEVES	27 Feb, 1985	BRAZIL	Midfielder
12	SALIM RASHID	21 Dec, 1993	UAE	Midfielder
15	KHALFAN MUBARAK	09 May, 1995	UAE	Midfielder
21	YAQOUB YOUSIF	01 Jun, 1987	UAE	Midfielder
22	SHAHEEN SUROUR	21 Jun, 1996	UAE	Midfielder
50	MOHAMED JAMAL	11 May, 1994	UAE	Midfielder
77	SULTAN BARGHASH	18 Jan, 1989	UAE	Midfielder
88	SALIM ALI	27 Sep, 1993	UAE	Midfielder
97	ANGEL LAFITA	07 Aug, 1984	SPAIN	Midfielder
7	ALI AHMED MABKHOUT	05 Oct, 1990	UAE	Forward
11	AHMED RABIA GHEILANI	14 Aug, 1995	UAE	Forward
27	SULTAN SAEED	22 Jun, 1996	UAE	Forward
70	AHMED HUSAIN AL HASHMI	28 Sep, 1995	UAE	Forward
80	ROBAYYA ALI	03 Feb, 1996	UAE	Forward
99	KENWYNE JONES	05 Oct, 1984	TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO	Forward

### Club Profile

After losing on penalties to Bunyodkor in the 2015 playoffs, Al Jazira won a shootout this year against Qatari side Al Sadd to qualify for the group stage for the seventh time in eight seasons.

The Abu Dhabi club, who finished runners-up behind Al Ain in the UAE league in the 2014-15 season, may be regular participants in the AFC Champions League but they have yet to make an impact in the continental tournament, going out in the Round of 16 in 2012 and 2014 and failing to get past the group stage on the other five occasions.



## Head Coach



### Henk Ten Cate

Dutchman Henk Ten Cate worked as assistant coach at Barcelona under compatriot Frank Rijkaard after a decade working as a head coach at various levels within the game in the Netherlands. He then joined Ajax Amsterdam as head coach in 2007.

He took over at Al Jazira following stints in England as an assistant coach at Chelsea and as head coach of Panathinaikos in Greece, before stints in the United Arab Emirates, Qatar and China and in the Netherlands ahead of his return to the UAE with Al Jazira at the start of 2016.

## Group D

## AL AIN (UAE)



JERSEY NO.	NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	NATIONALITY	POSITION
17	KHALID EISA	15 Sep, 1989	UAE	Goalkeeper
22	MAHMOOD AL TENAJI	08 Sep, 1983	UAE	Goalkeeper
40	MOHAMMED BUSANDA	20 Jun, 1995	UAE	Goalkeeper
75	HAMAD ALMANSOORI	28 Mar, 1996	UAE	Goalkeeper
4	SAEED MUSABBEH	04 Feb, 1994	UAE	Defender
5	ISMAIL AHMED	07 Jul, 1983	UAE	Defender
15	KHALED ABDULRAHMAN	10 Sep, 1988	UAE	Defender
19	MOHANAD SALEM	01 Mar, 1985	UAE	Defender
21	FAWZI FAYEZ	14 Jul, 1987	UAE	Defender
23	MOHAMED AHMAD GHARIB	16 Apr, 1989	UAE	Defender
24	ABDULLA GHAMRAN	04 Jul, 1994	UAE	Defender
31	AHMED ALFARSI	23 Aug, 1994	UAE	Defender
44	SALEM JUMA	25 Feb, 1993	UAE	Defender
50	MOHAMMED FAYEZ	06 Oct, 1989	UAE	Defender
77	MOHAMED FAWZI	22 Feb, 1990	UAE	Defender
6	FELLIPE BASTOS	01 Feb, 1990	BRAZIL	Midfielder
8	RASHED EISA	24 Aug, 1990	UAE	Midfielder
10	OMAR ABDULRAHMAN	20 Sep, 1991	UAE	Midfielder
13	AHMED BARMAN	05 Feb, 1994	UAE	Midfielder
16	MOHAMED ALRAQI	04 Feb, 1989	UAE	Midfielder
18	DIAKY IBRAHIM AMUAH	24 May, 1982	UAE	Midfielder
20	HELAL SAEED	12 May, 1977	UAE	Midfielder
29	LEE MYUNG JOO	24 Apr, 1990	KOREA REPUBLIC	Midfielder
43	RAYAN YASLAM AL JABERI	23 Nov, 1994	UAE	Midfielder
70	DANILO ASPRILLA	12 Jan, 1989	COLOMBIA	Midfielder
79	HUSAIN ABDULLA	11 Jan, 1997	UAE	Midfielder
99	YASER MATAR	20 Sep, 1985	UAE	Midfielder
9	DYANFRES DOUGLAS	30 Dec, 1987	BRAZIL	Forward
11	SAEED ALKATHEERI	28 Mar, 1988	UAE	Forward
26	KHALED KHALFAN	23 Jan, 1996	UAE	Forward

### Club Profile

Al Ain entered the history books in 2003 when they won the inaugural AFC Champions League with a 2-1 aggregate victory over BEC Tero Sasana of Thailand in the final. The Emirati club also finished runners-up in 2005 and reached the semi-finals in 2014 but they went out on in the Round of 16 on away goals to UAE league rivals Al Ahli last year.

They booked their place in this season's tournament after winning the UAE league for a record 12th time in the 2014-15 season, finishing nine points ahead of runners-up Al Jazira.

## Head Coach



### Zlatko Dalic

Croatian coach Zlatko Dalic led Al Ain to the semi-finals of the AFC Champions League in 2014, losing out to the Al Hilal side he had coached the previous year and where he had won the Crown Prince Cup and finished as runners-up in the league in 2013.

Dalic started his coaching career with NK Varteks Varazdin in Croatia after a playing career spent in his homeland before working as an assistant coach with the country's under 21 team. He moved to Saudi Arabia in 2010 to work with Al Faisaly Harmah, where he kept the newly promoted club in the top flight before joining Al Hilal.



## Group D

## NASAF (UZB)



JERSEY NO.	NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	NATIONALITY	POSITION
25	ELDORBЕК SUYUNOV	12 Apr, 1991	UZBEKISTAN	Goalkeeper
30	ERGASHEV UMIDJON	20 Mar, 1999	UZBEKISTAN	Goalkeeper
35	SANJAR KUVVATOV	08 Jan, 1990	UZBEKISTAN	Goalkeeper
4	MAKSUD KARIMOV	02 Mar, 1985	UZBEKISTAN	Defender
5	MAMATKAZIN ILDAR	25 Oct, 1988	UZBEKISTAN	Defender
7	SHUKHRAT MUKHAMMADIEV	24 Jun, 1989	UZBEKISTAN	Defender
23	AZAMOV SHERZOD	14 Jan, 1990	UZBEKISTAN	Defender
31	RAKHMATOV SAYDULLO	17 May, 1992	UZBEKISTAN	Defender
42	NORMURODOV NAJMIDDIN	06 Jun, 1995	UZBEKISTAN	Defender
6	AZIZJON GANIEV	22 Feb, 1998	UZBEKISTAN	Midfielder
8	KUZIEV SIROJIDDIN	01 Sep, 1996	UZBEKISTAN	Midfielder
10	DILSHOD RAKHMATULLAEV	17 Feb, 1989	UZBEKISTAN	Midfielder
14	SHAROF MUKHITDINOV	14 Jul, 1997	UZBEKISTAN	Midfielder
18	ABDURAKHIMOV BAKHROM	11 Dec, 1988	UZBEKISTAN	Midfielder
20	ERKIN BAYDULLAEV	04 Oct, 1984	UZBEKISTAN	Midfielder
27	RASHIDKHANOV ISLOM	22 Oct, 1997	UZBEKISTAN	Midfielder
29	MURODOV AKBAR	21 Apr, 1996	UZBEKISTAN	Midfielder
33	HAMROBEKOV ODILJON	13 Feb, 1996	UZBEKISTAN	Midfielder
34	FARRUKH SAYFIEV	17 Jan, 1991	UZBEKISTAN	Midfielder
38	NARZULLAEV DONIYORJON	11 Apr, 1995	UZBEKISTAN	Midfielder
9	SHOMURODOV ILKHOM	28 Mar, 1984	UZBEKISTAN	Forward
16	KHUSHBAKOV DILSHOD	11 Mar, 1996	UZBEKISTAN	Forward
17	GEVORKYAN ARTUR	22 Nov, 1984	TURKMENISTAN	Forward
21	ALLANIYAZOV AZAMAT	15 Oct, 1989	UZBEKISTAN	Forward
45	ABDIXOLIKOV BOBIR	23 Apr, 1997	UZBEKISTAN	Forward

## Club Profile

Nasaf became the first Uzbek club to win a continental title in 2011 when they beat Kuwait SC 2-1 in the AFC Cup final. They also reached the semi-finals of the final edition of the Asian Club Championship in 2002 but they have yet to shine in the AFC Champions League, going out at the group stage in 2012 and 2015, and losing in the playoffs in 2014.

The Karshi-based side finished third in the Uzbek league last year but they won the Uzbek Cup for the first time after beating Bunyodkor 2-1 in the final.



## Head Coach



### Ruzikul Berdiev

Ruzikul Berdiev was named Uzbekistan Coach of the Year in 2013 and has spent his entire coaching career with Nasaf, where he also finished his time as a player in 2008 after setting the record for the most appearances for the club.

Berdiev took over as head coach in 2012 replacing Usmon Toshev having worked since 2009 as an assistant coach, serving under Anatoliy Demyanenko during the club's AFC Cup winning season in 2011. He steered the club to the Uzbek Cup in 2015 having also taken Nasaf to third in the league in 2013, 2014 and 2015.

## Group D

## AL AHLI (KSA)



JERSEY NO.	NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	NATIONALITY	POSITION
1	YASSER AL MOSAILEM	27 Feb, 1984	SAUDI ARABIA	Goalkeeper
22	ABDULLAH ALMUAIOUF	23 Jan, 1987	SAUDI ARABIA	Goalkeeper
66	BASIM SALEH ALBAQI	07 Nov, 1989	SAUDI ARABIA	Goalkeeper
2	ALI ALZUBAIDI	04 Jan, 1993	SAUDI ARABIA	Defender
3	OSAMA HAWSAWI	31 Mar, 1984	SAUDI ARABIA	Defender
6	MOHAMMED ALFATIL	04 Jan, 1992	SAUDI ARABIA	Defender
13	MOHAMED ABDELSHAFI	01 Jul, 1985	EGYPT	Defender
21	AQEEL ALSAHABI	15 Mar, 1987	SAUDI ARABIA	Defender
25	MOTAZ HAWSAWI	17 Feb, 1992	SAUDI ARABIA	Defender
26	MOHAMMED AMAN	08 Sep, 1988	SAUDI ARABIA	Defender
27	ABDULELAH ALBUKHARI	18 Jul, 1994	SAUDI ARABIA	Defender
31	MANSOUR AL HARBI	19 Oct, 1987	SAUDI ARABIA	Defender
77	AMIR FAHAD S. KURDY	11 Sep, 1991	SAUDI ARABIA	Defender
99	KAMIL AL MOUSA	29 Aug, 1982	SAUDI ARABIA	Defender
4	WALEED BAKSHWN	12 Nov, 1989	SAUDI ARABIA	Midfielder
5	FAHAD HAMAD	23 Nov, 1989	SAUDI ARABIA	Midfielder
8	TAISEER AL JASSAM	25 Jul, 1984	SAUDI ARABIA	Midfielder
10	IOANNIS FETFATZIDIS	20 Dec, 1990	GREECE	Midfielder
11	HUSSAIN ALMOQAHWI	24 Mar, 1988	SAUDI ARABIA	Midfielder
17	MAJED OMAR A KANABAH	27 Feb, 1993	SAUDI ARABIA	Midfielder
18	ABDULLAH SAUD O ALMUTAIRI	01 Jul, 1986	SAUDI ARABIA	Midfielder
19	ALMOUSA, RAYAN SIDDIQ E	24 Jul, 1994	SAUDI ARABIA	Midfielder
9	OMAR ALSOMA	23 Mar, 1990	SYRIA	Forward
14	MUHANNAD ABU RADIYAH	14 Oct, 1986	SAUDI ARABIA	Forward
15	SALEH MOHAMMED ALJAMAN	14 Oct, 1993	SAUDI ARABIA	Forward
20	ESLAM HUSSAIN	03 Jul, 1989	SAUDI ARABIA	Forward
24	SALMAN MUWASHAR	05 Oct, 1988	SAUDI ARABIA	Forward
40	RAED ALGHAMDI	06 May, 1994	SAUDI ARABIA	Forward
47	MUSTAFA ALBASSAS	02 Jun, 1993	SAUDI ARABIA	Forward
70	MARCO ANTONIO	03 Jul, 1986	BRAZIL	Forward

### Club Profile

Al Ahli qualified for the AFC Champions League for the sixth time in nine seasons after they finished runners-up in the Saudi league in 2015, four points behind champions Al Nassr.

The Jeddah-based club have twice been continental runners-up to South Korean sides, losing 3-1 to Daewoo Royals in the Asian Club Championship final in 1986 and going down 3-0 to Ulsan Hyundai in the AFC Champions League final in 2012. They were eliminated in the Round of 16 last year after being beaten on away goals by Naft Tehran of Iran.



## Head Coach



### Christian Gross

Switzerland's Christian Gross arrived at Al Ahli with an impressive resume having earned a reputation for success during his time with Grasshoppers in Zurich. A stint spent at Tottenham Hotspur in England was followed by almost a decade with Basel in his homeland, where he won the league title on four occasions.

Gross qualified VfL Stuttgart for the Europa League in 2010 and spent a year with Young Boys club from Berne before moving to Jeddah to join Al Ahli, where he won the Crown Prince Cup in his first season and took the club to the Round of 16 in the 2015 AFC Champions League.

## Group D

## EL JAISH (QAT)



JERSEY NO.	NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	NATIONALITY	POSITION
1	FAHAD BAKER	30 Jul, 1994	QATAR	Goalkeeper
16	KHALIFA ABABACAR	07 Jul, 1989	QATAR	Goalkeeper
22	SAOUD MUBARAK	09 Apr, 1991	QATAR	Goalkeeper
2	MURAD NAJI HUSSEIN	12 Jun, 1991	QATAR	Defender
3	ABDULLA ALI Q S ALMISAIKI	01 Jan, 1995	QATAR	Defender
4	LUCAS MENDES	03 Jul, 1990	BRAZIL	Defender
6	YASIR ISA	10 Jan, 1992	QATAR	Defender
8	YOUSUF MUFTAH	16 May, 1988	QATAR	Defender
77	ABDULAZIZ EBRAHIM	17 Apr, 1995	QATAR	Defender
19	ABDURAHMAN MOHAMMAD	03 Aug, 1990	QATAR	Defender
27	AHMAD MOEIN DOOZANDEH	20 Oct, 1995	QATAR	Defender
21	ALI SANAD AL-NUAIMI	31 Oct, 1985	QATAR	Defender
96	JASSIM ABDULRAHMAN A H AL-MULLA	06 Feb, 1996	QATAR	Defender
5	MOHAMMED AL JABRI	30 Mar, 1991	QATAR	Midfielder
7	WESAM RIZIK	05 Feb, 1981	QATAR	Midfielder
12	MAGID MOHAMED	01 Oct, 1985	QATAR	Midfielder
13	SALAH ALAWI ALYAHRI	25 Aug, 1995	QATAR	Midfielder
14	MOHD METHNANI	03 Mar, 1992	QATAR	Midfielder
17	OTHMAN AL YAHRI	24 Jun, 1993	QATAR	Midfielder
18	MOHAMED EL SAYED	01 Jan, 1987	QATAR	Midfielder
20	WAGNER RENAN RIBEIRO	14 Nov, 1987	QATAR	Midfielder
23	KHALED AL ZRIGI	14 Nov, 1990	QATAR	Midfielder
31	ROMARINHO RICARDO	12 Dec, 1990	BRAZIL	Midfielder
67	JASIM ALHASHEMI	27 Jan, 1996	QATAR	Midfielder
9	HAMED-ALLAH ABDERRAZZAQ	17 Dec, 1990	MOROCCO	Forward
10	SARDOR RASHIDOV	14 Jun, 1991	UZBEKISTAN	Forward

### Club Profile

Having missed out on the AFC Champions League group stage last year after losing to Naft Tehran in the playoffs, El Jaish exacted revenge on the Iranian side in February when they beat them 2-0 in Tehran to qualify for the group stage for the third time in four seasons.

The Doha club, who finished third in the Qatar Stars League and lost to Al Sadd in the Emir Cup final in 2015, reached the last 16 of the AFC Champions League on their debut in 2013 and went out at the group stage a year later.



## Head Coach



### Sabri Lamouchi

After leading Cote d'Ivoire to the finals of the 2014 FIFA World Cup in Brazil, Sabri Lamouchi was appointed head coach of El Jaish, his first job as a head coach at club level. As a player, Lamouchi won the league and cup with Auxerre in 1996 before claiming the league title with Monaco in 2000.

In his first season with El Jaish, Lamouchi took the club to third place in the Qatar Stars League, which was enough to secure a berth in the playoffs for the 2016 AFC Champions League.

## Group E

## JEONBUK HYUNDAI MOTORS (KOR)



JERSEY NO.	NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	NATIONALITY	POSITION
1	KWOUN SUNTAE	11 Sep, 1984	KOREA REPUBLIC	Goalkeeper
21	HONG JUNGNAM	21 May, 1988	KOREA REPUBLIC	Goalkeeper
41	HWANG BYEONGGEUN	14 Jun, 1994	KOREA REPUBLIC	Goalkeeper
3	KIM HYUNGIL	27 Apr, 1984	KOREA REPUBLIC	Defender
4	KIM KEE HEE	13 Jul, 1989	KOREA REPUBLIC	Defender
6	CHOI JAESOO	02 May, 1983	KOREA REPUBLIC	Defender
15	LIM JONG EUN	18 Jun, 1990	KOREA REPUBLIC	Defender
19	PARK WONJAE	28 May, 1984	KOREA REPUBLIC	Defender
23	CHOI KYUBAEK	23 Jan, 1994	KOREA REPUBLIC	Defender
25	CHOI CHUL SOON	08 Feb, 1987	KOREA REPUBLIC	Defender
27	KIM CHANGSOO	12 Sep, 1985	KOREA REPUBLIC	Defender
30	KIM YOUNG CHAN	04 Sep, 1993	KOREA REPUBLIC	Defender
32	LEE JU YONG	26 Sep, 1992	KOREA REPUBLIC	Defender
2	WOOHYEOK	24 Feb, 1993	KOREA REPUBLIC	Midfielder
5	LEE HO	22 Oct, 1984	KOREA REPUBLIC	Midfielder
7	HAN KYO WON	15 Jun, 1990	KOREA REPUBLIC	Midfielder
8	LUIZ HENRIQUE DA SILVA ALVES	02 Jul, 1981	BRAZIL	Midfielder
10	LEONARDO RODRIGUES PEREIRA	22 Sep, 1986	BRAZIL	Midfielder
13	KIM BO KYUNG	06 Oct, 1989	KOREA REPUBLIC	Midfielder
17	LEE JAE SUNG	10 Aug, 1992	KOREA REPUBLIC	Midfielder
22	SEO SANGMIN	25 Jul, 1986	KOREA REPUBLIC	Midfielder
34	JANG YUNHO	25 Aug, 1996	KOREA REPUBLIC	Midfielder
47	MOON SANGYUN	09 Jan, 1991	KOREA REPUBLIC	Midfielder
66	ERIK PAARTALU	03 May, 1986	AUSTRALIA	Midfielder
9	LEE JONGHO	24 Feb, 1992	KOREA REPUBLIC	Forward
11	RICARDO LOPES	28 Oct, 1990	BRAZIL	Forward
18	GO MOO YUL	05 Sep, 1990	KOREA REPUBLIC	Forward
20	LEE DONG GOOK	29 Apr, 1979	KOREA REPUBLIC	Forward
28	KIM HYOGI	03 Jul, 1986	KOREA REPUBLIC	Forward
99	KIM SHIN WOOK	14 Apr, 1988	KOREA REPUBLIC	Forward

## Club Profile

Jeonbuk Hyundai Motors qualified for the AFC Champions League for a seventh consecutive year after they successfully defended their K League Classic title in 2015, finishing six points ahead of runners-up Suwon Samsung Bluewings.

Jeonbuk became the first team from Korea Republic to win the AFC Champions League when they beat Al Karamah of Syria 2-1 on aggregate in the 2006 final. They also finished runners-up in 2011 after losing a penalty shootout to Al Sadd of Qatar and went out in the quarter-finals last year after a dramatic 3-2 aggregate loss to Japan's Gamba Osaka.

## Head Coach



### Choi Kang-hee

Choi Kang-hee is one of the most successful coaches in the history of club football in Korea Republic, guiding Jeonbuk Hyundai Motors to the Korean FA Cup in 2005 before winning the AFC Champions League title in 2006 against Syria's Al Karamah. He then went on to claim the domestic league title in 2009 and 2011.

The 57-year-old former defender left the club temporarily to take charge of the Korea Republic national team, successfully confirming the country's participation in the 2014 FIFA World Cup finals before returning to Jeonbuk to win the K League Classic title again in 2014 and 2015.



## Group E

## JIANGSU FC (CHN)



JERSEY NO.	NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	NATIONALITY	POSITION
1	GU CHAO	20 Aug, 1989	CHINA PR	Goalkeeper
25	JIANG HAO	28 Dec, 1989	CHINA PR	Goalkeeper
30	ZHANG SIPENG	14 May, 1987	CHINA PR	Goalkeeper
2	LI ANG	15 Sep, 1993	CHINA PR	Defender
5	ZHOU YUN	31 Dec, 1990	CHINA PR	Defender
6	TRENT SAINSBURY	05 Jan, 1992	AUSTRALIA	Defender
17	XU YOUZHI	13 Dec, 1987	CHINA PR	Defender
23	REN HANG	23 Feb, 1989	CHINA PR	Defender
32	LIU WEI	07 Jan, 1993	CHINA PR	Defender
7	RAMIRES SANTOS	24 Mar, 1987	BRAZIL	Midfielder
8	LIU JIANYE	17 Jun, 1987	CHINA PR	Midfielder
11	XIE PENGFEI	29 Jun, 1993	CHINA PR	Midfielder
12	ZHANG XIAOBIN	23 Oct, 1993	CHINA PR	Midfielder
13	TAO YUAN	18 Jan, 1993	CHINA PR	Midfielder
15	CAO KANG	08 Jan, 1993	CHINA PR	Midfielder
19	YANG HAO	19 Aug, 1983	CHINA PR	Midfielder
20	ZHANG XINLIN	04 Jun, 1992	CHINA PR	Midfielder
22	WU XI	19 Feb, 1989	CHINA PR	Midfielder
24	JI XIANG	01 Mar, 1990	CHINA PR	Midfielder
28	YANG XIAOTIAN	26 Mar, 1990	CHINA PR	Midfielder
29	YANG JIAWEI	04 Jan, 1992	CHINA PR	Midfielder
33	GU WENXIANG	08 Feb, 1991	CHINA PR	Midfielder
34	CAO WEN	08 Feb, 1997	CHINA PR	Midfielder
9	JOAO ALVES	20 Mar, 1987	BRAZIL	Forward
10	ALEX TEIXEIRA	06 Jan, 1990	BRAZIL	Forward
14	QU CHENG	08 Feb, 1989	CHINA PR	Forward
50	GE WEI	09 Sep, 1989	CHINA PR	Forward

## Club Profile

Despite finishing ninth in the Chinese Super League in 2015, Jiangsu FC qualified for the AFC Champions League after they lifted their first ever Chinese FA Cup title with a 1-0 aggregate victory over Shanghai Shenhua in the final.

The Nanjing-based club was a founding member of China's professional league in 1994 and enjoyed their highest league finish in 2012 when they were runners-up. On their only previous appearance in the AFC Champions League the following year, they narrowly missed out on the knockout rounds after finishing behind group runners-up Buriram United of Thailand on goal difference.



## Head Coach



### Dan Petrescu

Former Chelsea midfielder Dan Petrescu took over at Jiangsu FC in the summer of 2015 and had an immediate impact on the club, steering Jiangsu FC to the Chinese FA Cup with a 1-0 win over Shanghai Shenhua.

The ex-Romania international started his coaching career with Sportul Studentesc in his homeland before winning the Romanian title with Unirea Urziceni in 2008-2009. He then won the second division title in Russia with Dynamo Moscow and worked in Qatar with Al Arabi for a season. He joined Jiangsu after a short stint with ASA Targu Mures.

## Group E

## BECAMEX BINH DUONG (VIE)



JERSEY NO.	NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	NATIONALITY	POSITION
1	BUI TAN TRUONG	19 Feb, 1986	VIETNAM	Goalkeeper
25	CUONG	20 May, 1985	VIETNAM	Goalkeeper
2	AU VAN HOAN	01 Oct, 1989	VIETNAM	Defender
4	MICHAL	04 Dec, 1989	VIETNAM	Defender
5	NGUYEN XUAN LUAN	11 Sep, 1987	VIETNAM	Defender
6	DANG VAN ROBERT	27 Aug, 1984	VIETNAM	Defender
17	TONG ANH TY	24 Jan, 1997	VIETNAM	Defender
19	TRUONG HUYNH PHU	01 Jan, 1988	VIETNAM	Defender
20	TRUONG DINH LUAT	12 Nov, 1983	VIETNAM	Defender
24	NGUYEN TRUNG TIN	14 Sep, 1991	VIETNAM	Defender
30	HAN SEUNGYEOP	04 Nov, 1990	KOREA REPUBLIC	Defender
8	MOSES OLOYA	22 Oct, 1992	UGANDA	Midfielder
9	HOANG	14 Apr, 1989	VIETNAM	Midfielder
12	TRAN DUY KHANH	20 Jul, 1997	VIETNAM	Midfielder
13	TRUONG DU DAT	25 Jul, 1997	VIETNAM	Midfielder
14	LE TAN TAI	04 Jan, 1984	VIETNAM	Midfielder
15	DANG VAN THANH	30 Sep, 1984	VIETNAM	Midfielder
16	NGUYEN XUAN THANH	10 Nov, 1985	VIETNAM	Midfielder
18	NGUYEN TANG TUAN	28 Jun, 1986	VIETNAM	Midfielder
23	NGUYEN TRONG HUY	25 Jun, 1997	VIETNAM	Midfielder
27	TRINH QUANG VINH	17 Mar, 1987	VIETNAM	Midfielder
7	KISEKKA HENRY	31 Aug, 1989	UGANDA	Forward
11	NGUYEN ANH DUC	24 Oct, 1985	VIETNAM	Forward
21	CHRISTIAN JOSE NSI AMOUGOU	08 Jun, 1989	CAMEROON	Forward
22	NGUYEN TIEN LINH	20 Oct, 1997	VIETNAM	Forward
28	LE CONG VINH	10 Dec, 1985	VIETNAM	Forward

### Club Profile

Becamex Binh Duong will make their third appearance in the AFC Champions League after winning the Vietnamese double in 2015. They finished six points clear at the top of V.League 1 to claim their fourth league title and beat Hanoi T&T 4-2 in the National Cup final.

Becamex Binh Duong finished bottom of their group in both of their previous AFC Champions League appearances in 2008 and 2015 but they picked up their first win in the competition last year with a 1-0 victory over Japan's Kashiwa Reysol. They also reached the AFC Cup semi-finals in 2009.

## Head Coach



### Nguyen Thanh Son

Nguyen Thanh Son steered Becamex Binh Duong to the V.League 1 title in 2015 having taken over at the start of the season from Le Thuy Hai – who had won the title the previous year – and was subsequently named the country's Coach of the Year for 2015.

The 43-year-old also claimed the Vietnam National Cup – defeating Hanoi T&T in the final – and the Vietnam Super Cup as Nguyen ensured Becamex Binh Duong underscored their position of dominance within Vietnamese football.



## Group E

## FC TOKYO (JPN)



JERSEY NO.	NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	NATIONALITY	POSITION
13	ENOMOTO TATSUYA	16 Mar, 1979	JAPAN	Goalkeeper
31	KAKOI KENTARO	23 Apr, 1991	JAPAN	Goalkeeper
47	AKIMOTO YOTA	11 Jul, 1987	JAPAN	Goalkeeper
2	TOKUNAGA YUHEI	25 Sep, 1983	JAPAN	Defender
3	MORISHIGE MASATO	21 May, 1987	JAPAN	Defender
5	MARUYAMA YUICHI	16 Jun, 1989	JAPAN	Defender
25	OGAWA RYOYA	24 Nov, 1996	JAPAN	Defender
26	YANAGI TAKAHIRO	05 Aug, 1997	JAPAN	Defender
29	YOSHIMOTO KAZUNORI	24 Apr, 1988	JAPAN	Defender
50	KOMANO YUICHI	25 Jul, 1981	JAPAN	Defender
4	TAKAHASHI HIDETO	17 Oct, 1987	JAPAN	Midfielder
7	YONEMOTO TAKUJI	03 Dec, 1990	JAPAN	Midfielder
10	KAJIYAMA YOHEI	24 Sep, 1985	JAPAN	Midfielder
14	HA DAE SUNG	02 Mar, 1985	KOREA REPUBLIC	Midfielder
17	KAWANO HIROKI	30 Mar, 1990	JAPAN	Midfielder
19	HIRAOKA TASUKU	23 Feb, 1996	JAPAN	Midfielder
22	HANYU NAOTAKE	22 Dec, 1979	JAPAN	Midfielder
27	TANABE SOTAN	06 Apr, 1990	JAPAN	Midfielder
28	KOHNO SHUTO	04 May, 1993	JAPAN	Midfielder
32	YU INSOO	28 Dec, 1994	KOREA REPUBLIC	Midfielder
34	NOZAWA HIDEYUKI	15 Aug, 1994	JAPAN	Midfielder
37	HASHIMOTO KENTO	16 Aug, 1993	JAPAN	Midfielder
38	HIGASHI KEIGO	20 Jul, 1990	JAPAN	Midfielder
39	NAKAJIMA SHOYA	23 Aug, 1994	JAPAN	Midfielder
48	MIZUNUMA KOTA	22 Feb, 1990	JAPAN	Midfielder
9	HIRAYAMA SOTA	06 Jun, 1985	JAPAN	Forward
16	NATHAN BURNS	07 May, 1988	AUSTRALIA	Forward
20	MAEDA RYOICHI	09 Oct, 1981	JAPAN	Forward
21	SANDEZA ASENSIO	30 Nov, 1984	SPAIN	Forward
44	ABE TAKUMA	05 Dec, 1987	JAPAN	Forward

### Club Profile

FC Tokyo made their second appearance in the AFC Champions League after thrashing Chonburi FC of Thailand 9-0 in the playoffs in February. They finished fourth in the J1 League last year but secured their playoff spot after league runners-up Gamba Osaka also won the Emperor's Cup.

On their only previous appearance in the AFC Champions League 2012, FC Tokyo advanced to the knockout rounds after finishing runners-up behind eventual champions Ulsan Hyundai of Korea Republic in their opening round group. However, they lost 1-0 to Chinese side Guangzhou Evergrande in the Round of 16.



## Head Coach



### Hiroshi Jofuku

Hiroshi Jofuku took over for a second stint at head coach of FC Tokyo at the start of the 2016 season, coming in as the replacement for Italian coach Massimo Ficcadenti, who left the club at the end of the 2015 season having qualified them for the AFC Champions League.

Jofuku previously worked at the club for two years between 2008 and 2010 before moving to take charge of Ventforet Kofu, where he also spent two seasons. The 55-year-old, a midfielder in his playing days for Fujitsu, also previously worked with Japan's Under 17 team.

## Group F

## SANFRECCE HIROSHIMA (JPN)



JERSEY NO.	NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	NATIONALITY	POSITION
1	HAYASHI TAKUTO	09 Aug, 1982	JAPAN	Goalkeeper
13	MASUDA TAKUYA	29 Jun, 1989	JAPAN	Goalkeeper
21	HIRONAGA RYOTARO	09 Jan, 1990	JAPAN	Goalkeeper
4	MIZUMOTO HIROKI	12 Sep, 1985	JAPAN	Defender
5	CHIBA KAZUHIKO	21 Jun, 1985	JAPAN	Defender
19	SASAKI SHO	02 Oct, 1989	JAPAN	Defender
23	YOSHINO KYOHEI	08 Nov, 1994	JAPAN	Defender
26	KAWASAKI YASUMASA	20 Aug, 1992	JAPAN	Defender
33	SHIOTANI TSUKASA	05 Dec, 1988	JAPAN	Defender
34	TAKAHASHI SOYA	29 Feb, 1996	JAPAN	Defender
35	OTANI NAOKI	24 Sep, 1995	JAPAN	Defender
6	AOYAMA TOSHIHIRO	22 Feb, 1986	JAPAN	Midfielder
7	MORISAKI KOJI	09 May, 1981	JAPAN	Midfielder
8	MORISAKI KAZUYUKI	09 May, 1981	JAPAN	Midfielder
14	MIHAEL MIKIC	06 Jan, 1980	CROATIA	Midfielder
16	SHIMIZU KOHEI	30 Apr, 1989	JAPAN	Midfielder
17	NOTSUDA GAKUTO	06 Jun, 1994	JAPAN	Midfielder
18	KASHIWA YOSHIFUMI	28 Jul, 1987	JAPAN	Midfielder
25	CHAJIMA YUSUKE	20 Jul, 1991	JAPAN	Midfielder
27	BYEOM YONG KIM	29 Jul, 1990	KOREA REPUBLIC	Midfielder
28	MARUTANI TAKUYA	30 May, 1989	JAPAN	Midfielder
29	MORISHIMA TSUKASA	25 Apr, 1997	JAPAN	Midfielder
37	MIYAHARA KAZUYA	22 Mar, 1996	JAPAN	Midfielder
24	NAGANUMA YOICHI	14 Apr, 1997	JAPAN	Midfielder
30	SHIBASAKI KOSEI	28 Aug, 1984	JAPAN	Midfielder
9	MADUABUCHI PETER UTAKA	12 Feb, 1984	BELGIUM	Forward
10	ASANO TAKUMA	10 Nov, 1994	JAPAN	Forward
11	SATO HISATO	12 Mar, 1982	JAPAN	Forward
22	MINAGAWA YUSUKE	09 Oct, 1991	JAPAN	Forward
31	MIYAYOSHI TAKUMI	07 Aug, 1992	JAPAN	Forward

### Club Profile

After missing the AFC Champions League last season, Sanfrecce Hiroshima secured their place in this year's competition by winning the domestic title for the third time in four seasons with a 4-3 aggregate victory over Gamba Osaka in the J1 League Championship Final in 2015.

Despite their domestic dominance in recent years, Sanfrecce's performances in the AFC Champions League going into the 2016 season this year had been disappointing. They were eliminated at the group stage in 2010 and 2013 and lost on away goals to eventual champions Western Sydney Wanderers in the last 16 in 2014.



## Head Coach



### Hajime Moriyasu

Hajime Moriyasu's stint at Sanfrecce Hiroshima has marked him out as the club's most successful coach, the former Japan international midfielder guiding his side to the J.League title in his first season in 2012 before successfully defending the crown 12 months later.

The 48-year-old continued his success in 2015 with another J.League title win as well as a third place finish at the FIFA Club World Cup, but he has yet to make a major impact on the AFC Champions League, having failed to take the club beyond the Round of 16.

## Group F

## FC SEOUL (KOR)



JERSEY NO.	NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	NATIONALITY	POSITION
1	YOO HYUN	01 Aug, 1984	KOREA REPUBLIC	Goalkeeper
31	YU SANGHUN	25 May, 1989	KOREA REPUBLIC	Goalkeeper
38	YANG HANBEEN	30 Aug, 1991	KOREA REPUBLIC	Goalkeeper
3	JUNG INWHAN	15 Dec, 1986	KOREA REPUBLIC	Defender
4	KIM DONG WOO	05 Feb, 1988	KOREA REPUBLIC	Defender
20	KIM WONGUN	01 May, 1992	KOREA REPUBLIC	Defender
23	SIM WOOSYEON	03 Apr, 1985	KOREA REPUBLIC	Defender
24	HWANG HYUNSOO	22 Jul, 1995	KOREA REPUBLIC	Defender
26	KIM NAMCHUN	19 Apr, 1989	KOREA REPUBLIC	Defender
2	YOJIRO TAKAHAGI	02 Aug, 1986	JAPAN	Midfielder
5	OSMAR BARBA IBANEZ	05 Jun, 1988	SPAIN	Midfielder
6	JU SE JONG	30 Oct, 1990	KOREA REPUBLIC	Midfielder
7	KIM CHIWOO	11 Nov, 1983	KOREA REPUBLIC	Midfielder
8	JIN HO	07 Sep, 1988	KOREA REPUBLIC	Midfielder
13	GO YOHAN	10 Mar, 1988	KOREA REPUBLIC	Midfielder
14	CHO CHAN HO	10 Apr, 1986	KOREA REPUBLIC	Midfielder
15	KIM WON SIK	05 Nov, 1991	KOREA REPUBLIC	Midfielder
21	SIM SANGMIN	21 May, 1993	KOREA REPUBLIC	Midfielder
22	PARK YONGWOO	10 Sep, 1993	KOREA REPUBLIC	Midfielder
25	LEE SEOKHYUN	13 Jun, 1990	KOREA REPUBLIC	Midfielder
27	KO KWANG MIN	21 Sep, 1988	KOREA REPUBLIC	Midfielder
29	LEE SANGHYEOB	01 Jan, 1990	KOREA REPUBLIC	Midfielder
30	LEE MINKYU	24 Apr, 1992	KOREA REPUBLIC	Midfielder
9	DEJAN DAMJANOVIC	27 Jul, 1981	SERBIA AND MONTENEGRO	Forward
10	PARK CHU YOUNG	10 Jul, 1985	KOREA REPUBLIC	Forward
11	CARLOS ADRIANO	28 Sep, 1987	BRAZIL	Forward
16	SHIM JEHYEOK	05 Mar, 1995	KOREA REPUBLIC	Forward
17	YUN ILLOK	07 Mar, 1992	KOREA REPUBLIC	Forward
19	YUN JUTAE	22 Jun, 1990	KOREA REPUBLIC	Forward
34	KIM JEONGHWAN	04 Jan, 1997	KOREA REPUBLIC	Forward

### Club Profile

FC Seoul went close to winning the AFC Champions League in 2013 when they were beaten on away goals by Guangzhou Evergrande of China in the final. They also reached the semi-finals in 2014 but bowed out in the Round of 16 last year after going down 6-3 on aggregate to Japan's Gamba Osaka.

They finished fourth in the K League Classic in 2015 but secured their spot in the AFC Champions League for the fourth season in a row after they lifted the Korean FA Cup with a 3-1 victory over Incheon United in the final.



## Head Coach



### Choi Yong-soo/Hwang Sun-hong

Former Korea Republic striker Choi Yong-soo led FC Seoul to the final of the 2013 AFC Champions League, where they lost to Guangzhou Evergrande on away goals, but was named AFC Coach of the Year for the season after his team's impressive displays.

Choi departed midway through the 2016 season to join China's Jiangsu Suning and was replaced by former Pohang Steelers head coach Hwang Sun-hong. Hwang, a winner of the Asian Club Championship title as a player in 1998 with Pohang, won the K League Classic title with Pohang in 2013.

## Group F

## BURIRAM UNITED (THA)



JERSEY NO.	NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	NATIONALITY	POSITION
1	SIWARAK TEDSUNGNOEN	20 Apr, 1984	THAILAND	Goalkeeper
29	YOTSAPON TEANGDAR	06 Apr, 1992	THAILAND	Goalkeeper
36	SITTHIKORN KLAMSAI	24 Jul, 1996	THAILAND	Goalkeeper
37	NOPPHON LAKHONPHON	19 Jul, 2000	THAILAND	Goalkeeper
2	THEERATHON BUNMATHAN	06 Feb, 1990	THAILAND	Defender
3	SATHAPORN DAENGSEE	13 May, 1988	THAILAND	Defender
5	ANDRES JOSE	15 Mar, 1987	SPAIN	Defender
14	CHITIPAT THANKLANG	11 Aug, 1991	THAILAND	Defender
16	KORAVIT NAMWISSET	02 Aug, 1986	THAILAND	Defender
24	NUKOOLKIT KRUTYAI	23 Sep, 1992	THAILAND	Defender
25	SUREE SUKHA	27 Jul, 1982	THAILAND	Defender
27	NATTAPON MALAPUN	10 Jan, 1994	THAILAND	Defender
4	ADUL LAHSOH	19 Sep, 1986	THAILAND	Midfielder
7	KO SEULKI	21 Apr, 1986	KOREA REPUBLIC	Midfielder
8	SUCHAO NUTNUM	17 May, 1983	THAILAND	Midfielder
10	JAKKAPHAN KAEWPROM	24 May, 1988	THAILAND	Midfielder
13	NARUBADIN WEERAWATNODOM	12 Jul, 1994	THAILAND	Midfielder
15	SURAT SUKHA	27 Jul, 1982	THAILAND	Midfielder
17	ANAWIN JUJEEN	13 Mar, 1987	THAILAND	Midfielder
28	CHAOWAT VEERACHAT	23 Jun, 1996	THAILAND	Midfielder
34	ANON AMORNLERLSAK	06 Nov, 1997	THAILAND	Midfielder
18	SITTICHOK KANNOO	09 Aug, 1996	THAILAND	Forward
19	SUPACHOK SARACHART	22 May, 1998	THAILAND	Forward
20	KAIO FELIPE	06 Jul, 1987	BRAZIL	Forward
39	ANAN BUASANG	30 Sep, 1992	THAILAND	Forward
40	DIOGO LUIS SANTO	26 May, 1987	BRAZIL	Forward

### Club Profile

Buriram United qualified for the AFC Champions League for a fifth straight season after they clinched the Thai double in 2015. They won the Thai Premier League for the fourth time in five seasons after finishing 13 points clear at the top of the table and beat arch-rivals Muangthong United 3-1 in the Thai FA Cup final.

Buriram reached the AFC Champions League quarter-finals in 2013 but narrowly missed out on the knockout stage last year after they finished third in their group despite being level on points with Gamba Osaka of Japan and Seongnam FC of Korea Republic.

## Head Coach



### Alexandre Gama (Alexandre Torreira da Gama Lima)

Brazilian coach Alexandre Gama took over at the helm of Buriram FC midway through the 2014 season and had an immediate impact, steering the club to the Thai Premier League title by the end of the year.

The 48-year-old former Al Wahda and Gyeongnam coach took the club to even greater heights in 2015, winning all three domestic trophies in Thailand, adding the Thai League Cup and the Thai FA Cup to a successful defence of the Thai Premier League crown.



## Group F

## SHANDONG LUNENG (CHN)



JERSEY NO.	NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	NATIONALITY	POSITION
12	LIU ZHENLI	26 Jun, 1985	CHINA PR	Goalkeeper
20	HAN RONGZE	15 Jan, 1993	CHINA PR	Goalkeeper
25	WANG DALEI	10 Jan, 1989	CHINA PR	Goalkeeper
28	ZHOU YUCHEN	12 Jan, 1995	CHINA PR	Goalkeeper
2	ZHAO MINGJIAN	22 Nov, 1987	CHINA PR	Defender
3	LI SONGYI	27 Jan, 1993	CHINA PR	Defender
5	CARLOS GILBERTO SILVA	12 Jun, 1987	BRAZIL	Defender
6	GAO ZHUNYI	21 Aug, 1995	CHINA PR	Defender
13	ZHANG CHI	08 Jul, 1987	CHINA PR	Defender
14	WANG TONG	12 Feb, 1993	CHINA PR	Defender
16	ZHENG ZHENG	11 Jul, 1989	CHINA PR	Defender
35	DAI LIN	28 Nov, 1987	CHINA PR	Defender
37	WANG JIONG	05 Jan, 1994	CHINA PR	Defender
4	JUCILEI	06 Apr, 1988	PALESTINE	Midfielder
8	WANG YONGPO	19 Jan, 1987	CHINA PR	Midfielder
10	WALTER MONTILLO	14 Apr, 1984	ARGENTINA	Midfielder
11	LIU BINBIN	16 Jun, 1993	CHINA PR	Midfielder
15	LI WEI	18 Mar, 1985	CHINA PR	Midfielder
17	WU XINGHAN	24 Feb, 1993	CHINA PR	Midfielder
22	HAO JUNMIN	24 Mar, 1987	CHINA PR	Midfielder
24	QI TIANYU	22 Jan, 1993	CHINA PR	Midfielder
26	CUI WEI	16 Aug, 1994	CHINA PR	Midfielder
30	CHEN ZHECHAO	19 Apr, 1995	CHINA PR	Midfielder
33	JIN JINGDAO	18 Nov, 1992	CHINA PR	Midfielder
9	DIEGO TARDELLI MARTINS	10 May, 1985	BRAZIL	Forward
18	CHEN HAO	28 Jan, 1993	CHINA PR	Forward
19	YANG XU	12 Feb, 1988	CHINA PR	Forward
23	CHENG YUAN	08 Oct, 1993	CHINA PR	Forward
27	HUANG PU	01 Jul, 1994	CHINA PR	Forward
29	ZHANG WENZHAO	28 May, 1987	CHINA PR	Forward

### Club Profile

Shandong Luneng FC are China's most regular representatives in the AFC Champions League with seven previous appearances. They secured a spot in this year's playoffs by finishing third in the Chinese Super League in 2015 and qualified for the group stage after beating Mohun Bagan of India and Adelaide United of Australia in the playoffs in February.

The Jinan-based club reached the quarter-finals on their debut in 2005 but they have not gone past the group stage on their last six appearances in the tournament including last year when they finished third behind Japan's Kashiwa Reysol and Korea Republic's Jeonbuk Hyundai Motors.



## Head Coach



### Mano Menezes/Felix Magath

Former Brazil head coach Mano Menezes took over at Shandong Luneng ahead of the 2016 Chinese Super League season having worked extensively throughout his homeland, including with the nation's under 23 team, Cruzeiro, Gremio, Corinthians and Flamengo.

Menezes resigned from the post in July for personal reasons and was replaced by former Bayern Munich head coach Felix Magath, who led the club into the knockout rounds of the competition. Magath brought a wealth of experience to the club, having won the Bundesliga title with Bayern Munich and Wolfsburg.

## Group G

## MELBOURNE VICTORY (AUS)



JERSEY NO.	NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	NATIONALITY	POSITION
1	DANIEL VUKOVIC	27 Mar, 1985	AUSTRALIA	Goalkeeper
20	LAWRENCE ANDREW KINGSLEY THOMAS	09 May, 1992	AUSTRALIA	Goalkeeper
30	LUCAS SPINELLA	02 Feb, 1997	AUSTRALIA	Goalkeeper
2	JASON GERIA	10 May, 1993	AUSTRALIA	Defender
3	SCOTT GALLOWAY	25 Apr, 1995	AUSTRALIA	Defender
5	DANIEL GEORGIEVSKI	17 Feb, 1988	AUSTRALIA	Defender
15	GIANCARLO GALLIFUOCO	12 Jan, 1994	AUSTRALIA	Defender
17	MATTHIEU DELPIERRE	26 Apr, 1981	FRANCE	Defender
18	DYLAN MURNANE	18 Jan, 1995	AUSTRALIA	Defender
26	STEFAN NIGRO	10 Aug, 1996	AUSTRALIA	Defender
24	THOMAS DENG	27 Mar, 1997	AUSTRALIA	Defender
6	LEIGH BROXHAM	13 Jan, 1988	AUSTRALIA	Midfielder
9	KOSTA BARBAROUSES	19 Feb, 1990	NEW ZEALAND	Midfielder
13	OLIVER BOZANIC	08 Jan, 1989	AUSTRALIA	Midfielder
16	RASHID MAHAZI	20 Apr, 1992	AUSTRALIA	Midfielder
21	CARL VALERI	14 Aug, 1984	AUSTRALIA	Midfielder
22	JESSE MAKAROUNAS	18 Apr, 1994	AUSTRALIA	Midfielder
25	KIERAN DOVER	25 Nov, 1996	AUSTRALIA	Midfielder
4	NICHOLAS ANSELL	02 Feb, 1994	AUSTRALIA	Forward
8	BESART BERISHA	29 Jul, 1985	ALBANIA	Forward
10	ARCHIE THOMPSON	23 Oct, 1978	AUSTRALIA	Forward
11	CONNOR PAIN	11 Nov, 1993	AUSTRALIA	Forward
19	GEORGE HOWARD	08 Oct, 1996	AUSTRALIA	Forward
23	JAI INGHAM	14 Aug, 1993	AUSTRALIA	Forward
27	JOSEPH KATEBIAN	09 Nov, 1995	AUSTRALIA	Forward

### Club Profile

Melbourne Victory booked their spot in the AFC Champions League for the fifth time after they did the A-League double in the 2014-15 season, topping the Premiership and then beating Sydney FC 3-0 in the Grand Final.

While Victory are the A-League's most successful club with three Premierships and three Grand Final victories in their 10-year history, they will be looking to give a better account of themselves on the continental stage after going out at the group stage in all four of their previous appearances in the AFC Champions League.

## Head Coach



### Kevin Muscat

Former Australia international Kevin Muscat took on the role of head coach at Melbourne Victory soon after retiring as a player and the ex-Crystal Palace midfielder has had a significant impact on the club since replacing current Socceroos coach Ange Postecoglou in 2013.

Muscat, who won the Scottish Premier League title as a player with Rangers and who worked as an assistant coach with Melbourne, led Victory to the A-League Premiership and Championship in 2014-2015 while also claiming the FFA Cup, and he was rewarded with the title of A-League Coach of the Year for the season.



## Group G

## GAMBA OSAKA (JPN)

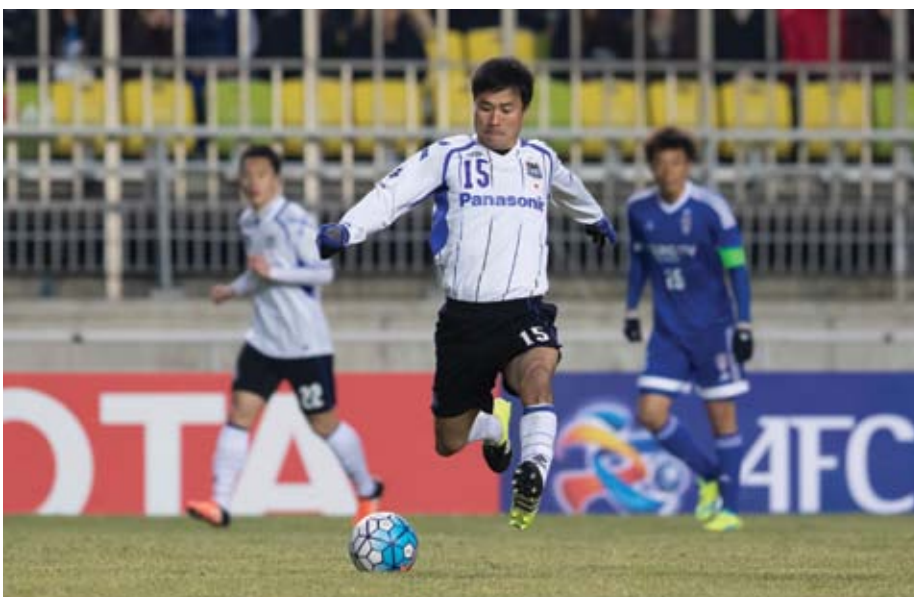


JERSEY NO.	NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	NATIONALITY	POSITION
1	HIGASHIGUCHI MASAACKI	12 May, 1986	JAPAN	Goalkeeper
16	TAJIRI KEN	11 Jun, 1993	JAPAN	Goalkeeper
18	FUJIGAYA YOSUKE	13 Feb, 1981	JAPAN	Goalkeeper
31	HAYASHI MIZUKI	04 Sep, 1996	JAPAN	Goalkeeper
3	NISHINO TAKAHARU	14 Sep, 1993	JAPAN	Defender
4	FUJIIHARU HIROKI	28 Nov, 1988	JAPAN	Defender
5	NIWA DAIKI	16 Jan, 1986	JAPAN	Defender
6	KIM JUNGYA	17 May, 1988	KOREA REPUBLIC	Defender
8	IWASHITA KEISUKE	24 Sep, 1986	JAPAN	Defender
14	YONEKURA KOKI	17 May, 1988	JAPAN	Defender
15	KONNO YASUYUKI	25 Jan, 1983	JAPAN	Defender
22	OH JAESUK	04 Jan, 1990	KOREA REPUBLIC	Defender
32	NODA HIROKI	27 Jul, 1997	JAPAN	Defender
35	HATSUSE RYO	10 Jul, 1997	JAPAN	Defender
7	ENDO YASUHITO	28 Jan, 1980	JAPAN	Midfielder
10	FUTAGAWA TAKAHIRO	27 Jun, 1980	JAPAN	Midfielder
11	KURATA SHU	26 Nov, 1988	JAPAN	Midfielder
13	ABE HIROYUKI	05 Jul, 1989	JAPAN	Midfielder
19	OMORI KOTARO	28 Apr, 1992	JAPAN	Midfielder
21	IDEGUCHI YOSUKE	23 Aug, 1996	JAPAN	Midfielder
25	FUJIMOTO JUNGO	24 Mar, 1984	JAPAN	Midfielder
27	UCHIDA TATSUYA	08 Feb, 1992	JAPAN	Midfielder
38	DOAN RITSU	16 Jun, 1998	JAPAN	Midfielder
36	ICHIMARU MIZUKI	08 May, 1997	JAPAN	Midfielder
9	ADEMILSON BRAGA BISPO JUNIOR	09 Jan, 1994	BRAZIL	Forward
20	NAGASAWA SHUN	25 Aug, 1988	JAPAN	Forward
23	GOYA HIROTO	02 Jan, 1994	JAPAN	Forward
29	ANDERSON PATRIC AGUIAR OLIVEIRA	26 Oct, 1987	BRAZIL	Forward
37	TAKAGI AKITO	04 Aug, 1997	JAPAN	Forward
39	USAMI TAKASHI	06 May, 1992	JAPAN	Forward

### Club Profile

Winners of the AFC Champions League in 2008 when they beat Adelaide United of Australia 5-0 in the final, Gamba Osaka went close to winning another title in 2015 when they were beaten 2-1 on aggregate in the semi-finals by eventual champions Guangzhou Evergrande of China.

After clinching the Japanese treble in 2014, Gamba found it tougher going last year as they finished runners-up to Sanfrecce Hiroshima in the J1 League and lost to Kashima Antlers in the J.League Cup final. However, they retained the Emperor's Cup after beating Urawa Red Diamonds 2-1 in the final.



## Head Coach



### Kenta Hasegawa

Kenta Hasegawa led Gamba Osaka back into the J.League's top flight following their relegation in 2012, winning the second division title before steering the club to the J.League title in 2014, the club's first domestic crown since 2005, the Emperor's Cup and the J.League Cup.

That feat earned Hasegawa, a former Japan international who played for Shimizu S-Pulse, the title of J.League Manager of the Year in 2014 and he went on to retain the Emperor's Cup the following season.

## Group G

## SUWON SAMSUNG BLUEWINGS (KOR)



JERSEY NO.	NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	NATIONALITY	POSITION
1	NO DONGGEON	04 Oct, 1991	KOREA REPUBLIC	Goalkeeper
21	YANG HYUNG-MO	16 Jul, 1991	KOREA REPUBLIC	Goalkeeper
41	KIM SUNWOO	22 Apr, 1993	KOREA REPUBLIC	Goalkeeper
3	YANG SANG MIN	24 Feb, 1984	KOREA REPUBLIC	Defender
6	YEON JEIMIN	28 May, 1993	KOREA REPUBLIC	Defender
8	CHO WON HEE	17 Apr, 1983	KOREA REPUBLIC	Defender
15	KU JARYONG	06 Apr, 1992	KOREA REPUBLIC	Defender
27	SEONGSOO	22 Jun, 1993	KOREA REPUBLIC	Defender
29	KWAK HEE JOO	05 Oct, 1981	KOREA REPUBLIC	Defender
30	SIN SE GYE	16 Sep, 1990	KOREA REPUBLIC	Defender
32	SEONGJIN	26 Mar, 1993	KOREA REPUBLIC	Defender
33	HONG CHUL	17 Sep, 1990	KOREA REPUBLIC	Defender
4	LEE YONG RAE	17 Apr, 1986	KOREA REPUBLIC	Midfielder
5	PARK HYUNBEM	07 May, 1987	KOREA REPUBLIC	Midfielder
7	LEE SANGHO	09 May, 1987	KOREA REPUBLIC	Midfielder
10	NATANAEL DE SOUZA SANTOS JUNIOR	25 Dec, 1985	BRAZIL	Midfielder
12	KO CHA WON	30 Apr, 1986	KOREA REPUBLIC	Midfielder
16	LEE JONG SUNG	05 Aug, 1992	KOREA REPUBLIC	Midfielder
17	KIM JONGWOO	01 Oct, 1993	KOREA REPUBLIC	Midfielder
19	JANG HYUNSOO	01 Jan, 1993	KOREA REPUBLIC	Midfielder
20	BAEK JIHOON	28 Feb, 1985	KOREA REPUBLIC	Midfielder
22	KWON CHANGHOON	30 Jun, 1994	KOREA REPUBLIC	Midfielder
24	KO SEUNG-BEOM	24 Apr, 1994	KOREA REPUBLIC	Midfielder
25	SUNGGYU	27 Jan, 1993	KOREA REPUBLIC	Midfielder
26	YEOM KI HUN	30 Mar, 1983	KOREA REPUBLIC	Midfielder
28	MOON JUNHO	12 Jul, 1993	KOREA REPUBLIC	Midfielder
39	MIN SANG GI	27 Aug, 1991	KOREA REPUBLIC	Defender
11	HYGOR GARCIA SILVA	13 Aug, 1992	BRAZIL	Forward
13	KIM GUNHEE	22 Feb, 1995	KOREA REPUBLIC	Forward
18	KIM JONGMIN	11 Aug, 1992	KOREA REPUBLIC	Forward

### Club Profile

Eliminated on away goals by Japanese side Kashiwa Reysol in the Round of 16 last year, Suwon Samsung Bluewings qualified for the AFC Champions League for the seventh time after they finished runners-up in the K League Classic in 2015.

Formed in 1995, Suwon won the last two editions of the Asian Club Championship as well as the Asian Super Cup in 2001 and 2002. However, they have yet to taste success in the AFC Champions League with their best performance coming in 2011 when they reached the semi-finals.



## Head Coach



### Seo Jung-won

As part of the Suwon Samsung Bluewings side that won back-to-back Asian Club Championship crowns in 2001 and 2002, Seo Jung-won is an icon of the club from Korea Republic and the former national team winger took over as head coach in 2013.

Seo steered Suwon to runners-up finishes in the K League Classic in 2014 and 2015 but has been unable to make a significant mark on the AFC Champions League as a coach to date, seeing his side eliminated in the group stages in 2013 and at the Round of 16 stage last year.

## Group G

## SHANGHAI SIPG (CHN)



JERSEY NO.	NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	NATIONALITY	POSITION
1	YAN JUNLING	28 Jan, 1991	CHINA PR	Goalkeeper
22	SUN LE	17 Sep, 1989	CHINA PR	Goalkeeper
35	SHI XIAODONG	26 Feb, 1997	CHINA PR	Goalkeeper
2	ZHANG WEI	28 Mar, 1993	CHINA PR	Defender
4	WANG SHENCHAO	08 Feb, 1989	CHINA PR	Defender
14	KIM JU YOUNG	09 Jul, 1988	KOREA REPUBLIC	Defender
23	FU HUAN	12 Jul, 1993	CHINA PR	Defender
27	SHI KE	08 Jan, 1993	CHINA PR	Defender
28	HE GUAN	25 Jan, 1993	CHINA PR	Defender
29	ZHENG ZHIYUN	17 Feb, 1995	CHINA PR	Defender
32	SUN XIANG	15 Jan, 1982	CHINA PR	Defender
33	YANG BOYU	24 Jun, 1989	CHINA PR	Defender
5	WANG JIAJIE	15 Nov, 1988	CHINA PR	Midfielder
6	CAI HUIKANG	10 Oct, 1989	CHINA PR	Midfielder
10	DARIO LEONARDO CONCA	11 May, 1983	ARGENTINA	Midfielder
18	ZHANG YI	17 Aug, 1993	CHINA PR	Midfielder
19	YANG SHIYUAN	11 Mar, 1994	CHINA PR	Midfielder
20	WANG JIAYU	28 Sep, 1990	CHINA PR	Midfielder
25	ZHU ZHENGYU	12 Jan, 1995	CHINA PR	Midfielder
31	SUN JUNGANG	05 Aug, 1995	CHINA PR	Midfielder
3	ASAMOAH GYAN	22 Nov, 1985	GHANA	Forward
7	WU LEI	19 Nov, 1991	CHINA PR	Forward
9	ELKESON DE OLIVEIRA CARDOSO	13 Jul, 1989	BRAZIL	Forward
11	LU WENJUN	11 Mar, 1989	CHINA PR	Forward
12	LI HAOWEN	29 Nov, 1993	CHINA PR	Forward
13	ZHU ZHENGRONG	11 Oct, 1988	CHINA PR	Forward
15	LIN CHUANGYI	28 Jan, 1993	CHINA PR	Forward
21	YU HAI	04 Jun, 1987	CHINA PR	Forward
26	HU JINGHANG	23 Mar, 1997	CHINA PR	Forward

## Club Profile

A rising force in Chinese football, Shanghai SIPG were the only debutants competing in this season's AFC Champions League group stage. Having finished runners-up in the Chinese Super League last year, they beat Muangthong United of Thailand 3-0 in the playoffs in February to advance to the main competition.

Formed in 2005 as Shanghai East Asia, SIPG were promoted to the Chinese Super League for the first time in 2012 and they enjoyed their highest-ever league finish in 2015 when they took second place in the top flight, finishing just two points behind champions Guangzhou Evergrande.



## Head Coach



### Sven-Göran Eriksson

Former England and Lazio coach Sven-Göran Eriksson took over as head coach of Shanghai SIPG at the start of 2015 after a solid two-year stint with Guangzhou R&F, having qualified the club for the AFC Champions League for the first time in his final season.

The Swede followed that up with a second-place finish in the Chinese Super League behind Guangzhou Evergrande in his first year with SIPG as Shanghai qualified for the 2016 AFC Champions League, the first time the outfit had progressed to the continental club championship.

## Group H

## GUANGZHOU EVERGRANDE (CHN)



JERSEY NO.	NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	NATIONALITY	POSITION
1	LIU WEIGUO	03 May, 1992	CHINA PR	Goalkeeper
13	FANG JINGQI	17 Jan, 1993	CHINA PR	Goalkeeper
19	ZENG CHENG	08 Jan, 1987	CHINA PR	Goalkeeper
32	LIU DIANZUO	26 Jun, 1990	CHINA PR	Goalkeeper
3	MEI FANG	14 Nov, 1989	CHINA PR	Defender
5	ZHANG LINPENG	09 May, 1989	CHINA PR	Defender
6	FENG XIAOTING	22 Oct, 1985	CHINA PR	Defender
23	HAN PENGFEI	28 Apr, 1993	CHINA PR	Defender
25	ZOU ZHENG	07 Feb, 1988	CHINA PR	Defender
28	KIM YOUNG GWON	27 Feb, 1990	KOREA REPUBLIC	Defender
33	RONG HAO	07 Apr, 1987	CHINA PR	Defender
35	LI XUEPENG	18 Sep, 1988	CHINA PR	Defender
37	CHEN ZEPENG	18 May, 1996	CHINA PR	Defender
2	LIAO LISHENG	29 Apr, 1993	CHINA PR	Midfielder
8	BEZERRA MACIEL JUNIOR	25 Jul, 1988	BRAZIL	Midfielder
10	ZHENG ZHI	20 Aug, 1980	CHINA PR	Midfielder
12	WANG SHANGYUAN	02 Jun, 1993	CHINA PR	Midfielder
16	HUANG BOWEN	13 Jul, 1987	CHINA PR	Midfielder
17	LIU JIAN	20 Jan, 1985	CHINA PR	Midfielder
27	ZHENG LONG	15 Apr, 1988	CHINA PR	Midfielder
4	XU XIN	19 Apr, 1994	CHINA PR	Forward
9	JACKSON MARTINEZ	03 Oct, 1986	COLOMBIA	Forward
11	RICARDO GOULART	05 Jun, 1991	BRAZIL	Forward
18	LI YUANYI	28 Aug, 1993	CHINA PR	Forward
20	YU HANCHAO	25 Feb, 1987	CHINA PR	Forward
24	LIANG XUEMING	02 Aug, 1995	CHINA PR	Forward
26	YANG CHAOSHENG	22 Jul, 1993	CHINA PR	Forward
29	GAO LIN	14 Feb, 1986	CHINA PR	Forward
38	JU FENG	11 Jan, 1995	CHINA PR	Forward
39	WANG JINGBIN	09 May, 1995	CHINA PR	Forward

### Club Profile

Having become the first Chinese club to win the AFC Champions League in 2013, Guangzhou Evergrande were crowned champions of Asia for a second time last year after they edged Al Ahli of the United Arab Emirates 1-0 on aggregate in a hard-fought final.

Guangzhou Evergrande have dominated Chinese football in recent years and under Brazilian Luiz Felipe Scolari, who replaced Fabio Cannavaro as their head coach last June, the club from southern China lifted the Chinese Super League title for the fifth consecutive season in 2015.



## Head Coach



### Luiz Felipe Scolari

FIFA World Cup winner Luiz Felipe Scolari brought his years of experience to Guangzhou Evergrande midway through a difficult 2015 season, turning the team's fortunes around soon after arriving to retain the Chinese Super League title and secure the club's second AFC Champions League title.

In addition to winning the World Cup with his native Brazil in 2002, Scolari's vast experience has seen him garner success around the world, working as coach of Portugal and Chelsea as well in Japan with Jubilo Iwata and in Uzbekistan with Bunyodkor.

## Group H

## SYDNEY FC (AUS)



JERSEY NO.	NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	NATIONALITY	POSITION
1	VEDRAN JANJETOVIC	20 Aug, 1987	AUSTRALIA	Goalkeeper
30	ANTHONY BOUZANIS	01 Nov, 1995	AUSTRALIA	Goalkeeper
2	SEBASTIAN RYALL	18 Jul, 1989	AUSTRALIA	Defender
4	ZAC ANDERSON	30 Apr, 1991	AUSTRALIA	Defender
5	MATTHEW JURMAN	08 Dec, 1989	AUSTRALIA	Defender
12	JACOB TRATT	14 Sep, 1994	AUSTRALIA	Defender
16	RILEY PAUL WOODCOCK	23 May, 1995	AUSTRALIA	Defender
22	ALI ABBAS	30 Aug, 1986	AUSTRALIA	Defender
25	AARON CALVER	12 Jan, 1996	AUSTRALIA	Defender
6	ROBERT STAMBOLZIEV	26 Oct, 1990	AUSTRALIA	Midfielder
7	ANDREW HOOLE	22 Oct, 1993	AUSTRALIA	Midfielder
8	MILOS DIMITRIJEVIC	16 Feb, 1984	FRANCE	Midfielder
10	MILOS NINKOVIC	25 Dec, 1984	SERBIA	Midfielder
11	CHRISTOPHER NAUMOFF	29 Jun, 1995	AUSTRALIA	Midfielder
13	BRANDON O'NEILL	12 Apr, 1994	AUSTRALIA	Midfielder
23	RHYAN BERT GRANT	26 Feb, 1991	AUSTRALIA	Midfielder
26	MAX BURGESS	16 Jan, 1995	AUSTRALIA	Midfielder
27	MICKAEL TAVARES	25 Oct, 1982	FRANCE	Midfielder
29	ALEX MULLEN	13 Jun, 1992	AUSTRALIA	Midfielder
9	SHANE SMELTZ	29 Sep, 1981	AUSTRALIA	Forward
14	ALEX BROSQUE	12 Oct, 1983	AUSTRALIA	Forward
17	DAVID CARNEY	30 Nov, 1983	AUSTRALIA	Forward
18	MATTHEW SIMON	22 Jan, 1986	AUSTRALIA	Forward
20	IVAN NECEVSKI	25 Feb, 1980	AUSTRALIA	Forward
24	GEORGE BLACKWOOD	04 Jun, 1997	AUSTRALIA	Forward

### Club Profile

Sydney FC qualified for the AFC Champions League for the third time after they finished runners-up in the A-League Premiership in the 2014-15 season, three points behind champions Melbourne Victory. They also made the Grand Final that season but were beaten 3-0 by Victory.

The Sky Blues have twice competed in the continental tournament. In 2007, they narrowly missed out on the quarter-finals after finishing a point behind eventual champions Urawa Red Diamonds of Japan and they qualified again in 2011, but despite beating Shanghai Shenhua they lost out to Suwon Samsung FC and Kashima Antlers, finishing third in their group.



## Head Coach



### Graham Arnold

Graham Arnold returned to Australia to take over as head coach of Sydney FC mid-way through 2014 after a short spell in Japan with Vegalta Sendai and led the club to the runners-up position in the A-League and the A-League Grand Final at the end of his first season.

The former Socceroos striker previously coached Australia during the country's debut appearance at the AFC Asian Cup finals in 2007 and was named the A-League Manager of the Year in 2012 after guiding Central Coast Mariners to the A-League Premiership before sealing the A-League Championship with the same club a year later.

## Group H

## URAWA RED DIAMONDS (JPN)



JERSEY NO.	NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	NATIONALITY	POSITION
1	NISHIKAWA SHUSAKU	18 Jun, 1986	JAPAN	Goalkeeper
15	OTANI KOKI	08 Apr, 1989	JAPAN	Goalkeeper
23	IWADATE NAO	17 Aug, 1988	JAPAN	Goalkeeper
28	FUKUSHIMA HARUKI	08 Apr, 1993	JAPAN	Goalkeeper
2	KAGA KENICHI	30 Sep, 1983	JAPAN	Defender
4	NASU DAISUKE	10 Oct, 1981	JAPAN	Defender
5	MAKINO TOMOAKI	11 May, 1987	JAPAN	Defender
6	ENDO WATARU	09 Feb, 1993	JAPAN	Defender
17	NAGATA MITSURU	06 Apr, 1983	JAPAN	Defender
31	BRANKO ILIC	06 Feb, 1983	SLOVENIA	Defender
33	HASHIMOTO WATARU	14 Sep, 1986	JAPAN	Defender
46	MORIWAKI RYOTA	06 Apr, 1986	JAPAN	Defender
3	UGAJIN TOMOYA	23 Mar, 1988	JAPAN	Midfielder
7	UMESAKI TSUKASA	23 Feb, 1987	JAPAN	Midfielder
10	KASHIWAGI YOSUKE	15 Dec, 1987	JAPAN	Midfielder
14	HIRAKAWA TADAAKI	01 May, 1979	JAPAN	Midfielder
16	AOKI TAKUYA	16 Sep, 1989	JAPAN	Midfielder
18	KOMAI YOSHIAKI	06 Jun, 1992	JAPAN	Midfielder
22	ABE YUKI	06 Sep, 1981	JAPAN	Midfielder
24	SEKINE TAKAHIRO	19 Apr, 1995	JAPAN	Midfielder
26	ITO RYOTARO	06 Feb, 1998	JAPAN	Midfielder
9	MUTO YUKI	07 Nov, 1988	JAPAN	Forward
11	ISHIHARA NAOKI	14 Aug, 1984	JAPAN	Forward
13	TAKAGI TOSHIYUKI	25 May, 1991	JAPAN	Forward
20	LEE TADANARI	19 Dec, 1985	JAPAN	Forward
21	ZLATAN LJUBIJANKIC	15 Dec, 1983	SLOVENIA	Forward
30	KOHROGI SHINZOH	31 Jul, 1986	JAPAN	Forward

### Club Profile

Urawa Red Diamonds became the first Japanese winners of the AFC Champions League on their tournament debut in 2007 when they beat Iranian side Sepahan 3-1 on aggregate in the final. They reached the semi-finals the following year but did not get past the group stage on their last two appearances in 2013 and 2015.

They qualified for this season's tournament after winning the first stage of the J1 League championship in 2015. However, they were left trophy-less at the end of the season after losing to Gamba Osaka in the league playoff semi-finals and the Emperor's Cup final.



## Head Coach



### Mihailo Petrovic

Mihailo Petrovic took over as head coach of Urawa Red Diamonds after catching the eye with Sanfrecce Hiroshima, signing for the Saitama-based club ahead of the start of the 2012 season and leading the club to the J.League's first stage title in 2015 and a runners-up spot in the Emperor's Cup.

The Serbian coach previously led Sanfrecce to the final of the Emperor's Cup in 2006, the same season the club was relegated from the first division. Petrovic secured promotion for Hiroshima and took them to fourth in the top flight in their first season back before joining Urawa.

## Group H

## POHANG STEELERS (KOR)



JERSEY NO.	NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	NATIONALITY	POSITION
1	SHIN HWA YONG	13 Apr, 1983	KOREA REPUBLIC	Goalkeeper
21	KIM JINYOUNG	02 Mar, 1992	KOREA REPUBLIC	Goalkeeper
31	KANG HYEONMU	13 Mar, 1995	KOREA REPUBLIC	Goalkeeper
2	PARK SUNYONG	12 Mar, 1989	KOREA REPUBLIC	Defender
3	KIM KWANGSUK	12 Feb, 1983	KOREA REPUBLIC	Defender
4	PARK JUNHUI	01 Mar, 1991	KOREA REPUBLIC	Defender
6	KIM JUNSU	29 Jul, 1991	KOREA REPUBLIC	Defender
13	KIM WONIL	18 Oct, 1986	KOREA REPUBLIC	Defender
15	LEE JAEWON	04 Mar, 1983	KOREA REPUBLIC	Defender
22	KIM DAE HO	15 May, 1988	KOREA REPUBLIC	Defender
24	BAE SEULGI	09 Jun, 1985	KOREA REPUBLIC	Defender
27	PARK SUN JU	26 Mar, 1992	KOREA REPUBLIC	Defender
33	LEE NAMGYU	18 Mar, 1993	KOREA REPUBLIC	Defender
35	WOO CHANYANG	27 Apr, 1997	KOREA REPUBLIC	Defender
7	MOON CHANG JIN	12 Jul, 1993	KOREA REPUBLIC	Midfielder
9	HWANG JISOO	27 Mar, 1981	KOREA REPUBLIC	Midfielder
14	OH CHANGHYEON	02 Mar, 1993	KOREA REPUBLIC	Midfielder
26	CHO SOOCHUL	30 Oct, 1990	KOREA REPUBLIC	Midfielder
28	SON JUNHO	12 May, 1992	KOREA REPUBLIC	Midfielder
29	KIM DONGHYEON	14 Jul, 1994	KOREA REPUBLIC	Midfielder
36	LEE RAEJUN	19 Mar, 1997	KOREA REPUBLIC	Midfielder
8	VESELINOVIC LAZAR	04 Aug, 1986	SERBIA	Forward
11	SHIM DONGWOON	03 Mar, 1990	KOREA REPUBLIC	Forward
12	LEE GWANGHYEOK	11 Sep, 1995	KOREA REPUBLIC	Forward
17	KANG SANGWOO	07 Oct, 1993	KOREA REPUBLIC	Forward
18	YANG DONG HYEN	28 Mar, 1986	KOREA REPUBLIC	Forward
20	CHOE HOJU	10 Mar, 1992	KOREA REPUBLIC	Forward
23	YU JEHO	10 Aug, 1992	KOREA REPUBLIC	Forward
30	JUNG WONJIN	10 Aug, 1994	KOREA REPUBLIC	Forward
32	YU KANGHYUN	27 Apr, 1996	KOREA REPUBLIC	Forward

### Club Profile

The only team to be crowned Asian champions three times, Pohang Steelers qualified for this year's AFC Champions League after they finished third in the K League Classic in 2015. They secured their place in the group stage after a 3-0 win over Hanoi T&T in the playoffs in February.

Pohang won back-to-back Asian Club Championships in 1997 and 1998 and lifted the AFC Champions League in 2009 after beating Al Ittihad of Saudi Arabia 2-1 in the final. On their last appearance in 2014, they lost on penalties to K League Classic rivals FC Seoul in the quarter-finals.



## Head Coach



### Choi Jin-cheul

Former FIFA World Cup defender Choi Jin-cheul took over as head coach of Pohang Steelers with a reputation as one of Korea Republic's finest ever centre halves having featured in the side that reached the semi-finals of the World Cup on home soil in 2002.

Choi, who won the AFC Champions League in 2006 during his time with Jeonbuk Hyundai Motors, took over at the start of the season after a stint in charge of Korea Republic's Under 17 national team and after working as an assistant coach with Gangwon FC.