



Lars Lagerbäck

SWEDEN

Lars Lagerbäck is a renowned Swedish football coach and former player.

He began as a football player in Alby FF and later Gimnäs CK, and transitioned into coaching in the late 1970s, starting with lower-division Swedish clubs as Kils IF, Arbrå BK, and Hudiksvalls ABK.

In 1998 he became assistant coach of the national team and from 2000 to 2009, he was the head coach of Sweden, leading the team to five consecutive major tournaments, including the World Cup and European Championships.

After leaving Sweden in 2009, he briefly coached Nigeria in 2010. His most celebrated achievement came with Iceland, where he led the team to their first-ever major tournament, UEFA Euro 2016, reaching the quarterfinals and famously defeating England.

From 2017 to 2020, he coached Norway and later returned to Iceland as an advisor.