

= Oliver Kahn =

Oliver Rolf Kahn (German pronunciation : [ʔʔ.lʔ.vʔ ʔkʔaʔn] ; born 15 June 1969) is a former German football goalkeeper . He started his career in the Karlsruher SC Junior team in 1975 . Twelve years later , Kahn made his debut match in the professional squad . In 1994 , he was transferred to Bayern Munich for the fee of DM4.6 million , where he played until the end of his career in 2008 . His commanding presence in goal and aggressive style earned him nicknames such as Der Titan ([deʔ ʔ ti.ʔtʔaʔn] , English : the Titan) from the press and Vol @-@ kahn @-@ o (" volcano ") from fans .

Kahn is one of the most successful German players in recent history , having won eight Bundesliga titles , six DFB @-@ Pokals , the UEFA Cup in 1996 , the UEFA Champions League and the Intercontinental Cup , both achieved in 2001 . Regarded as one of the greatest goalkeepers of all time , his individual contributions have earned him a record four consecutive UEFA Best European Goalkeeper awards , as well as three IFFHS World 's Best Goalkeeper awards , and two German Footballer of the Year trophies . At the 2002 FIFA World Cup , Kahn became the only goalkeeper in the tournament 's history to win the Golden Ball . Kahn placed fifth in both the IFFHS Best Goalkeeper of the 21st Century and Best Goalkeeper of the Past 25 Years elections .

From 1994 to 2006 , Kahn was part of the German national team , in which he played as a starter after the retirement of Andreas Köpke ; he was an unused member of the squad that won the 1996 UEFA European Championship . In the 2002 FIFA World Cup , the team reached the final . While Germany was several times derided for their poor performance , Kahn 's prowess proved to be the deciding factor in several games until the final , where Germany lost 0 ? 2 to Brazil and Kahn made a mistake on Brazil 's first goal . Nevertheless , he was named the tournament 's best player and received the Golden Ball award .

= = Club career = =

= = = Karlsruher SC = = =

At the age of six , Kahn joined Karlsruher SC , where his father Rolf had played from 1962 to 1965 . He started as an outfield player before becoming goalkeeper . Kahn was included in the team 's professional squad in the 1987 ? 88 season of the first Bundesliga division , at first being the reserve goalkeeper behind Alexander Famulla . On 27 November 1987 , Kahn made his league debut in a 4 ? 0 home victory against 1 . FC Köln . However , not until 1990 did manager Winfried Schäfer decide to start him over Famulla . In the following years , Kahn established himself as the team 's starting goalkeeper . He was considered a key player and a motivator in the Karlsruher squad which reached the semi @-@ finals in the 1993 ? 94 UEFA Cup . During the round of sixteen the team accomplished a 7 ? 0 rout of Valencia at its home field after losing the first match 1 ? 3 at the Mestalla Stadium . The game was nicknamed the " Miracle at Wildparkstadion " by the German media . The team was defeated by SV Austria Salzburg in the semi @-@ final .

= = = Bayern Munich = = =

Kahn 's performance for Karlsruher SC prompted Bayern Munich to express interest in acquiring him . The team signed him as a replacement for Raimond Aumann at the beginning of the 1994 ? 95 season , for the at that time record fee of DM4.6 million (? 2 @.@ 385 million) for his position , and was established as Bayern ? s starting goalkeeper . Although suffering a rupture of his cruciate ligament , which kept him off the field for almost six months , Kahn made his debut match for the German national team two months after his return . Bayern defeated Bordeaux 3 ? 1 in the 1996 UEFA Cup Final . In the 1996 ? 97 Bundesliga season , Kahn achieved his first German championship with Bayern Munich , the German League Cup , and was named German Goalkeeper of the Year for the second time in his career (the first in 1994) .

In 1999 , Bayern Munich reached the 1999 Champions League Final , facing Manchester United at Camp Nou . Although Bayern Munich player Mario Basler scored an early goal in the sixth minute of the game , two goals by Teddy Sheringham and Ole Gunnar Solskjær in injury time led to United 's victory . The same year , he was named World Goalkeeper of the Year by the International Federation of Football History and Statistics .

Kahn was sent off in an incident against Hansa Rostock on 3 March 2001 . With his Bayern Munich team losing 2 ? 3 in the final minutes , he sneaked into the area during a corner kick , jumped up , and punched the ball into the opponent ? s net . He immediately received a red card , which dismissed him from the game . He was named man of the match when he was part of the squad which played the 2001 Champions League title against Valencia . He played an important role in the penalty shoot @-@ out held after the teams remained tied 1 ? 1 after extra time , making three saves . He also received the UEFA Fair Play Award for this match , after he walked up to a disappointed Santiago Cañizares , the opposition goalkeeper , after the penalty shoot @-@ out and attempted to comfort him . The same year , Bayern Munich won the International Cup at Tokyo 's National Stadium against the Argentine team Boca Juniors . But the team failed to win the UEFA Super Cup a couple of months earlier .

By Kahn 's account , injuries , personal problems and a lack of motivation were responsible for his game going into a rapid decline during the 2002 ? 03 season . This culminated with Kahn allowing a seemingly soft shot by Roberto Carlos into the net against Real Madrid in the first knockout @-@ round of the 2003 ? 04 Champions League season , contributing to the elimination of his team from the competition . The Daily Mail criticized him for his mistake : " Once again on the big occasion Kahn was undone by a Brazilian , just as he was in the 2002 World Cup Final . Only this time it was a Roberto Carlos free @-@ kick which he let slip , not a Rivaldo shot , for a goal as embarrassing as it is potentially catastrophic for Bayern " . Bayern Munich won the next Bundesliga season with Kahn .

Prior to a 2006 match against Arminia Bielefeld in Munich , Michael Rensing peppered Kahn with practice shots . One shot hit Kahn squarely in the eye , causing enough swelling and discoloration to keep him from playing . With Rensing in goal , Bayern Munich won the match 2 ? 0 .

Kahn announced his intention to honor his contract and play through the 2007 ? 08 season . As of 2011 , he is the all time clean sheet leader in the history of the Bundesliga , with 197 . On 2 September 2007 , aged 38 , he played his 535th Bundesliga match , becoming the league 's all @-@ time leader among goalkeepers in matches played . Kahn made his final European appearance for Bayern in a 4 ? 0 defeat to Zenit Saint Petersburg in the UEFA cup semi @-@ final on 1 May 2008 . His last Bundesliga game was the 4 ? 1 victory against Hertha Berlin on 17 May . It was his 557th appearance in the German top @-@ flight .

After a twenty @-@ year career , of which he played fourteen with Bayern , he had his professional farewell in a testimonial match versus the select Germany XI on 2 September 2008 , which ended 1 ? 1 . His last appearance for Bayern Munich was on 27 May 2008 at the Salt Lake Stadium (Yuvabharati Krirangan) , Kolkata in a friendly against Mohun Bagan of India during Bayern 's Asian tour of 2008 . Around 120 @,@ 000 people turned up for the match . The match ended 0 ? 3 in favour of Bayern and Michael Rensing substituted him in the 55th minute .

= = International career = =

Kahn was initially called for the German national team as a late back @-@ up for the 1994 FIFA World Cup ; however he made his first international appearance on 23 June 1995 in a 2 ? 1 victory against Switzerland , two months after recovering from his cruciate ligament injury . Along with Oliver Reck , Kahn was a reserve keeper of the squad , which won the 1996 UEFA European Football Championship in England . He spent the 1998 FIFA World Cup in France on the bench , and it was not until Andreas Köpke announced his retirement at the end of the tournament that Kahn became the starting goalkeeper . Two years after the 2000 UEFA European Football Championship , in which defending champions Germany made an embarrassing exit in the group stage , Kahn received the squad 's captaincy , succeeding the striker Oliver Bierhoff .

Kahn experienced one of his worst performances in his international career against England in Munich in 2001 . Germany were favored to win as they had beaten England 1 ? 0 in 2000 at the Wembley Stadium . However , they were routed 5 ? 1 , including a hat @-@ trick by Michael Owen . Despite the defeat , Germany qualified for the World Cup after winning a playoff against Ukraine , and Kahn remained as Germany 's number one for the upcoming Cup . Kahn was named the best goalkeeper in the world by IFFHS for the second time in his career .

Despite Germany 's comparatively low expectations when for the 2002 FIFA World Cup , the team advanced to the finals ; Kahn conceded only three goals in the course of the competition , two of which were in the Final . Playing the final match with torn ligaments in his right ring finger , Kahn conceded the first goal by fumbling a rebounded shot from Rivaldo to the feet of striker Ronaldo in the 67th minute . Once the game was over with Brazil as the new champion , he stood alone and disappointed in his goal ; nevertheless he refused to blame his injury for his mistake .

The FIFA Technical Study Group awarded him with the Lev Yashin Award for the best goalkeeper of the tournament , and became the first goalkeeper in history to win the Golden Ball for the best individual performance . He also became the first German goalkeeper to keep five clean sheets in a World Cup tournament . Kahn maintained his number one spot for the 2004 UEFA European Football Championship , but Germany were once again eliminated in the group stage . Oliver Kahn gave up his captaincy to Michael Ballack after the tournament .

Germany 's new manager Jürgen Klinsmann , who replaced Rudi Völler , adopted the strategy of rotating the number one spot between Kahn and his longtime competitor , Jens Lehmann of Arsenal , to stimulate competition between the two . On 7 April 2006 , after two years of dispute for the position Klinsmann announced Lehmann was his first @-@ choice goalkeeper for the 2006 World Cup . Kahn decided to stay on as a backup for the competition ; despite their acrimonious pre @-@ tournament battle for Germany ? s starting role , Kahn openly accepted Klinsmann ? s decision . Kahn and Lehmann embraced and shook hands as the former offered words of encouragement before the quarter @-@ final penalty shoot @-@ out against Argentina . In the postgame conference , Kahn publicly praised Lehmann for his two decisive penalty saves .

After Germany was eliminated in the semi @-@ finals by Italy , Kahn was given the start for the third place play @-@ off held on 8 July 2006 , which Germany won 3 ? 1 against Portugal . In what was his last international appearance for Germany , he also received the captaincy of the team in the absence of the injured Michael Ballack . Although overshadowed by Bastian Schweinsteiger ? s game @-@ winning performance in the match , Kahn played to a high standard , pulling off several saves . Kahn deflected a shot by Portuguese forward Pauleta after he beat the German defence , and later saved Deco 's shot made from just inside the penalty area . Following the match , Oliver Kahn announced his retirement from the German National Team . Throughout his international career he earned 86 caps for Germany , including 49 as team captain . He never won a World Cup , but finished as runner @-@ up in 2002 and third in 2006 .

= = Media = =

In 2015 , the arcade game company Konami announced that Kahn would feature in their football video game Pro Evolution Soccer 2016 as one of the new myClub Legends .

= = = Television career = = =

After the 2008 UEFA European Football Championship , he joined the ZDF sports team as an analyst for the German national team 's games . In 2009 , he was part of the jury of a China Central Television reality show , which aimed to find China 's best young goalkeeper . As of 2011 , he started negotiations with television channel Sat.1 to introduce the same format to German television under the name Never give up ? The Kahn Principle , in which the winner would receive a contract to play for a Bundesliga club .

= = Personal life = =

Kahn was born in Karlsruhe . He is partly of Latvian descent ; he had a Latvian grandmother and his father was born in Liepaja , where he remains well known . He has an older brother named Axel , who played in the second division for the Karlsruher .

In 2009 , he was offered the position of manager for the FC Schalke 04 , which he turned down . Two years thereafter , in April 2011 , a German court fined Kahn € 125 000 (\$ 182 223) for tax evasion after failing to declare more than € 6 000 of luxury clothing he bought on a trip to Dubai .

He supports the Munich street football league Bunt kickt gut , which is considered a pioneer project of organized street football and a Germany and Europa wide model of intercultural understanding , education values and prevention ; the Sepp Herberger foundation , which promotes football in schools , clubs , and prisons ; and the Justin Rockola Association , whose goal is the protection of young people against violence , alcohol and drugs .

He received his coaching license in 2010 . After having studied business at the University of Hagen and Privatuniversität Schloss Seeburg Kahn holds a Master of Business Administration degree .

== Relationships ==

In 1999 , Kahn married Simone , with whom he has two children : Katharina Maria (born 28 December 1998) and David (born 7 March 2003) . The couple separated in 2003 and Kahn thereafter had a highly publicized relationship with Verena Kerth from 2003 to 2008 . Kahn and Simone briefly reconciled in 2009 , before divorcing the same year .

On 8 July 2011 Kahn married his girlfriend Svenja in Munich . The couple has a son , Julian (born 1 February 2011) .

== Reputation ==

Regarded as one of the greatest goalkeepers of all time , in addition to his goalkeeping technique , distribution , and shot stopping abilities , Kahn is widely admired for the stamina , mental strength , and composure he showed to overcome the stresses and pressures of his career . His profile on the Bayern Munich website lists his attributes as " impatient , disciplined , ambitious " .

Due to his performances during the 2002 FIFA World Cup in Japan and South Korea , Kahn gained popularity in Asia . He was depicted in several television commercials , including one for the Shinkin bank . In 2008 , his wax figure in the Berlin branch of the Madame Tussaud museum was inaugurated . Kahn is the subject of the song Olli Kahn by the German pop group Die Prinzen .

Due to the formidable presence , commanding influence , and aggressive playing style that he showed in goal during his professional career , Kahn 's epithet is " The Titan " .

== Career statistics ==

== Club ==

1 Includes German Super Cup

== International ==

== Honours ==

== Club ==

Karlsruher SC II

Oberliga Baden @-@ Württemberg : 1989 ? 90

Verbandsliga Nordbaden : 1988 ? 89

Bayern Munich

Source :

Bundesliga (8) : 1996 ? 97 , 1998 ? 99 , 1999 ? 2000 , 2000 ? 01 , 2002 ? 03 , 2004 ? 05 , 2005 ? 06 , 2007 ? 08

DFB @-@ Pokal (6) : 1997 ? 98 , 1999 ? 2000 , 2002 ? 03 , 2004 ? 05 , 2005 ? 06 , 2007 ? 08

DFB @-@ Ligapokal (6) : 1997 , 1998 , 1999 , 2000 , 2004 , 2007

UEFA Champions League : 2000 ? 01

UEFA Cup : 1995 ? 96

Intercontinental Cup : 2001

= = = International = = =

Source :

UEFA European Championship : 1996

FIFA Confederations Cup Third Place : 2005

FIFA World Cup Second Place : 2002

FIFA World Cup Third Place : 2006

= = = Individual = = =

Source :

Best Bundesliga Keeper : 1994 , 1997 , 1998 , 1999 , 2000 , 2001 , 2002

IFFHS World 's Best Goalkeeper : 1999 , 2001 , 2002

Best European Goalkeeper : 1999 , 2000 , 2001 , 2002

UEFA Club Football Awards ? Best Goalkeeper : 1999 , 2000 , 2001 , 2002

ESM Team of the Year : 1999 ? 2000 , 2000 ? 01

UEFA Champions League Final Man of the Match : 2001

German Footballer of the Year : 2000 , 2001

Ballon d 'Or ? Third place : 2001 , 2002

UEFA Fair @-@ Play Award : 2001

FIFA World Cup Golden Ball : 2002

FIFA World Cup Yashin Award : 2002

FIFA World Cup All @-@ Star Team : 2002

FIFA World Player of the Year ? Silver award : 2002

FIFA 100