



# UEFA EURO 2012

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Republic of Ireland



Croatia

**Group C - Matchday 1**  
**Municipal Stadium Poznan, Poznan**  
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## Previous meetings

### Head to Head

#### UEFA EURO 2000

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
04/09/99	PR (GS)	Croatia - Republic of Ireland	1-0	Zagreb	Šuker 90
05/09/98	PR (GS)	Republic of Ireland - Croatia	2-0	Dublin	Irwin 4(p), Keane 15

	Qualifying								Final tournament				Total					
	Home				Away				Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L										
<b>EURO</b>																		
Republic of Ireland	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	-	-	-	-	2	1	0	1	2	1
Croatia	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	-	-	-	-	2	1	0	1	1	2
<b>FIFA*</b>																		
Republic of Ireland	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Croatia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Friendly matches</b>																		
Republic of Ireland	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	1	3	0	5	4
Croatia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	0	3	1	4	5
<b>Total</b>																		
Republic of Ireland	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	-	-	-	-	6	2	3	1	7	5
Croatia	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	-	-	-	-	6	1	3	2	5	7

\* FIFA World Cup / FIFA Confederations Cup

## Match background

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The Republic of Ireland take on Croatia in their first Group C game at UEFA EURO 2012 having not played at a final tournament since the 2002 FIFA World Cup.

### Head-to-head record

- The Irish have had slightly the better of the sides' previous six meetings, boasting the record W2 D3 L1 against Croatia. In their two competitive meetings, the sides claimed a win apiece.
- They first met in Dublin on 2 June 1996, in Croatia's final preparation match before their major finals debut at EURO '96. Davor Šuker (14) and Zvonimir Boban (46) gave the visitors a 2-1 lead after Keith O'Neill had levelled (24). Niall Quinn salvaged a 2-2 draw for the Irish with an 89th-minute equaliser. Slaven Bilić played the full 90 minutes.
- The teams' next meetings came in UEFA EURO 2000 qualifying, where an Ireland side featuring teenagers Robbie Keane and Damien Duff beat Croatia 2-0 in Dublin thanks to a fourth-minute Denis Irwin penalty and a Roy Keane strike (15). Bilić again featured in the return leg as a last-gasp Šuker strike gave the home side a 1-0 win.
- A friendly in Dublin on 15 August 2001 produced a repeat of the 1996 result, with Damien Duff (21) and Clinton Morrison (78) scoring for the hosts, only for late goals by Davor Vugrinec (80) and a Šuker penalty (90) to earn the visitors a draw. Manchester United FC defender John O'Shea, then 20, won his first cap.
- The Irish fared better when the teams met again in Dublin for a friendly on 16 November 2004. A 24th-minute Robbie Keane goal earning them a 1-0 victory.

### Selected previous meetings

#### 10 August 2011: Republic of Ireland 0-0 Croatia – Dublin Arena, Dublin, friendly

**Republic of Ireland:** Given (Westwood 65), Kelly, Dunne, St Ledger, Ward, Duff (Treacy 83), Whelan (O'Dea 74), Gibson, Hunt (Keogh 65), Long (Cox 83), Keane.

**Croatia:** Pletikosa, Čorluka (Vrsaljko 74), Šimunić, Lovren, Strinić, Srna, Modrić, Vukojević (Dujmović 86), Kranjčar (Ilićević 65), Eduardo (Olić 46), Mandžukić (Kalinić 74).

- The sides' most recent meeting was their first at the new home of Irish football, the Dublin Arena.

#### 4 September 1999: Croatia 1-0 Republic of Ireland (Šuker 90) – Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb, UEFA EURO 2000 qualifier

**Croatia:** Ladić, D Šimić, Jarni, Soldo, Štimac, Bilić (Rukavina 46), Asanović, Stanić (J Šimić 85), Šuker, Rapaić, R Kovač

**Republic of Ireland:** A Kelly, Carr, Staunton, Breen, Cunningham, Carsley, G Kelly (Harte 73), Kinsella, Cascarino (Quinn 83), McLoughlin, Duff (Kilbane 57).

- Miroslav Blažević's Croatia got the better of Mick McCarthy's Ireland in the teams' last competitive meeting, with Šuker hitting his 42nd international goal to record a 1-0 win. Bilić played the first half, but gave way to Tomislav Rukavina at the break.

### Form guide

- Ireland have not lost in six competitive meetings since that 0-0 friendly draw against Croatia in August 2011, recording three wins and three draws as they made it to the finals of UEFA EURO 2012 with a play-off success against Estonia.
- Eliminated on penalties by Spain in the last 16 of the 2002 FIFA World Cup, Ireland are unbeaten in finals games since losing 2-0 to the Netherlands in their final fixture at the 1994 World Cup, in the round of 16.
- The Irish are competing in a UEFA European Championship final tournament for the first time since making their debut in the 1988 event. In West Germany, they beat England 1-0 in their opening fixture, but missed the cut for the semi-finals, drawing against the Soviet Union then losing to the Netherlands.
- Croatia are competing at a third successive UEFA European Championship; they have missed only one of the last five – UEFA EURO 2000.
- Croatia lost on penalties to Turkey in the quarter-finals of UEFA EURO 2008; they have thus not lost a European finals tie over 90 minutes since being beaten 4-2 by England in their final group stage game at UEFA EURO 2004.

### Team ties

- A Croatia side featuring Stipe Pletikosa and Josip Šimunić beat Giovanni Trapattoni's Italy 2-1 in their second game at the 2002 World Cup finals.
- Vedran Čorluka and Richard Dunne played together at Manchester City FC from 2007 to 2008.

- Between 2009 and 2011, Ćorluka, Luka Modrić and Niko Kranjčar shared the Tottenham Hotspur FC dressing-room with Robbie Keane when the Ireland striker was not on loan at Celtic FC and West Ham United FC.
- Nikola Kalinić played alongside Keith Andrews at Blackburn Rovers FC between 2009 and 2011.
- In January Nikica Jelavić moved from Rangers FC to Everton FC, becoming a team-mate of Darron Gibson who signed from Manchester United FC the same month.
- When Brian Kerr's Ireland won the 1998 UEFA European Under-18 Championship, to go with the U16 title they had picked up two months earlier, they met Croatia in the finals group stage in Cyprus. Robbie Keane scored in the 5-2 win, playing alongside Dunne in the Ireland team. Pletikosa lined up for Croatia.
- The Irish went on to take the title by beating Germany 4-3 on penalties after a 1-1 draw, while the Croatians earned bronze medals with a 5-4 shoot-out win after a goalless 120 minutes with Portugal, Pletikosa making the decisive save.

## Match facts

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### REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

- The Republic of Ireland are 14 matches unbeaten, a run stretching back to a 3-2 loss to Uruguay on 29/03/2011.
- At 73 years and 85 days, Giovanni Trapattoni will become the oldest coach to grace a UEFA European Championship against Croatia, breaking the record of Otto Barić (71yrs, 2 days), Croatia's coach in 2004.
- James McClean is yet to play a competitive fixture for the Ireland.
- Damien Duff has won 97 caps and is set to become Ireland's fifth centurion after Shay Given, Robbie Keane, Kevin Kilbane and Steve Staunton.

### Injury news

- Given (knee) and John O'Shea (ankle) missed the Bosnia and Herzegovina friendly as a precaution but returned to training on 31/05 and started against Hungary on 04/06.
- Trapattoni made two changes to his provisional 23-man squad, defender Kevin Foley and midfielder Keith Fahey making way for Paul McShane and Paul Green, respectively.

### Miscellaneous

- Ireland's official UEFA EURO 2012 song is a modern twist on the folk song Rocky Road To Dublin. Fresh lyrics were submitted by listeners to a radio station and Irish folk singer Damien Dempsey and rock band The Coronas recorded a new version, Rocky Road To Poland, with the squad providing backing vocals.
- The squad convened at their training camp in Dublin on 20/05, with Keane (arriving from Los Angeles) and Glenn Whelan (who got married on 19/05) joining up a day later. The squad spent a week in Montecatini, Tuscany, and played Hungary in Budapest before arriving in Sopot on 05/06.
- Green is without a club for next season after parting company with Derby County FC while Darren O'Dea is set to leave Celtic FC next month when his contract expires.
- There are four survivors of Ireland's last squad at a major international final tournament, the 2002 FIFA World Cup: Given, Keane, Duff and Richard Dunne, though Dunne did not play in South Korea/Japan.
- None of Ireland's 2002 World Cup squad had ever played top-flight football in Ireland – five of the UEFA EURO 2012 party have: Stephen Ward, Kevin Doyle, Shane Long, McClean and David Forde.
- None of the Irish squad have UEFA European Championship experience, but Keane and Dunne were in the side that won the 1998 UEFA European Under-18 Championship, the same year O'Shea lifted the U16 equivalent.

### Pre-tournament friendlies

04/06 Hungary 0-0 Republic of Ireland

Given (Westwood 46); O'Shea, St Ledger, Dunne, Ward; Duff (Hunt 63), Andrews (Gibson 66), Whelan (Green 85), McGeady; Keane (Cox 61), Doyle (Walters 46).

26/05 Republic of Ireland 1-0 Bosnia and Herzegovina (Long 78)

Westwood; McShane (Kelly 79), Dunne (St Ledger 70), O'Dea, Ward; Duff (McGeady 46), Gibson, Whelan (Andrews 46), McClean; Keane (Long 63), Doyle (Walters 63).

### UEFA EURO 2012 qualifying

- Keane scored seven goals in qualifying as he passed a half-century of international goals. He is now on 53.
- Trapattoni's side went a national record eight matches without conceding between the 3-2 friendly defeat at home by Uruguay in 29/03/2011 and a 2-1 win at home to Armenia on 11/10/2011.
- Aiden McGeady was Ireland's only ever-present in qualifying.

### Domestic information

- Ward played every minute of Wolverhampton Wanderers FC's English Premier League campaign as the side finished bottom of the table. Club-mates Doyle and Stephen Hunt also suffered relegation.
- Four members of the squad played for English second-tier sides last season: Forde (Millwall FC), Sean St Ledger (Leicester City FC), McShane (Hull City AFC) and Green (Derby).
- Keane helped the LA Galaxy claim the MLS title in November. He had a seven-game spell with England's Aston Villa FC at the beginning of the year before returning to the United States in March for the start of the new season.

## CROATIA

- Croatia have won just one of their last four games.
- Josip Šimunić has 95 caps for Croatia and is approaching Dario Šimić's national record of 100.
- Goalkeepers Danijel Subašić and Ivan Kelava, and defender Jurica Buljat are yet to make a competitive appearance for Croatia. Subašić and Buljat have won friendly caps, though.

### Injury news

- Ivica Olić was ruled out of the squad after tearing his hamstring in Norway on 02/06 and replaced by Nikola Kalinić.
- Ivo Ilićević was ruled out on the eve of the finals with a ruptured calf muscle and replaced by Šime Vrsaljko.
- Dejan Lovren was named in Croatia's provisional squad but was left out of the final 23 after failing to recover from an Achilles problem.

### Miscellaneous

- Slaven Bilić announced last month that he will step down as Croatia coach after UEFA EURO 2012 to take the reins at FC Lokomotiv Moskva.
- There are ten survivors of Croatia's UEFA EURO 2008 squad: Stipe Pletikosa, Vedran Ćorluka, Danijel Pranjić, Šimunić, Darijo Srna, Niko Kranjčar, Luka Modrić, Ivan Rakitić, Ognjen Vukojević and Kalinić.
- This will be the third UEFA European Championship for Srna and Šimunić, equalling a national record set by Šimić.
- The squad began gathering in Zagreb on 16/05, and were complete seven days later when FC Bayern München's Pranjić arrived after the UEFA Champions League final. They moved to their EURO base in Warka on 05/06.
- Croatia have scored four goals in each of the EURO group stages they have participated in, in 1996, 2004 and 2008.

### Pre-tournament friendlies

02/06 Norway 1-1 Croatia (Elyounoussi 90+1; Eduardo 79)

Pletikosa; Srna, Šimunić, Schildenfeld, Vida; Strinić (Vukojević 46), Rakitić, Perišić (Kranjčar 63), Dujmović (Pranjić 46); Jelavić (Olić 46; Ilićević 71), Mandžukić (Eduardo 63).

25/05 Croatia 3-1 Estonia (Ćorluka 16, Kalinić 20, Vukojević 81; Vassiljev 83)

Subašić; Vida, Ćorluka (Vrsaljko 80), Schildenfeld (Šimunić 46), Strinić; Ilićević (Rakitić 60), Dujmović (Vukojević 46), Badelj, Perišić (Kranjčar 46); Kalinić, Eduardo (Mandžukić 60).

### UEFA EURO 2012 qualifying

- With Group F leaders Greece trailing 1-0 to Georgia on the final day, Croatia were 11 minutes from automatic qualification before goals from Giorgos Fotakis and Angelos Charisteas turned things round.
- Olić broke the deadlock two minutes into the play-off with Turkey in what was his first competitive start in 13 months.
- Kranjčar was Croatia's top scorer in qualifying with four goals.
- Ćorluka and Eduardo played 11 of Croatia's 12 qualifiers, play-offs included.
- Croatia kept six clean sheets in 12 matches, with Vedran Runje and Pletikosa each keeping three from six.

### Domestic information

- Kelava, Domagoj Vida, Šimunić, Milan Badelj and Vrsaljko played key roles as GNK Dinamo Zagreb claimed a seventh successive Croatian championship.
- Kelava saved a crucial penalty six minutes from time in the second leg of the Croatian Cup final as Dinamo edged out NK Osijek 2-1 on aggregate.
- The youngest player in the Croatia squad, 20-year-old Vrsaljko has already collected five trophies with Dinamo Zagreb: three championships and two cups.
- Ivan Perišić was part of the Borussia Dortmund squad that claimed their first domestic double, beating Bayern 5-2 in the German Cup final on 12/05.
- Gordon Schildenfeld missed just one game as Eintracht Frankfurt finished runners-up in the second tier to secure promotion to the Bundesliga.
- Nikica Jelavić scored nine goals in ten league starts after swapping Rangers FC for Everton FC in January.
- Srna and Eduardo were in the FC Shakhtar Donetsk squad that claimed the domestic double in Ukraine.
- On 6 June FC Dynamo Kyiv confirmed the signing of Kranjčar on a four-year contract.

## Team facts

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### Team facts: Republic of Ireland

#### UEFA European Championship record

**2008:** did not qualify

**2004:** did not qualify

**2000:** did not qualify

**1996:** did not qualify

**1992:** did not qualify

**1988:** group stage, final tournament

**1984:** did not qualify

**1980:** did not qualify

**1976:** did not qualify

**1972:** did not qualify

**1968:** did not qualify

**1964:** quarter-finals

**1960:** did not qualify

#### Team EURO records

##### Final tournament win

**1-0:** England v Republic of Ireland, 12/06/88, group stage

##### Final tournament loss

**1-0:** Republic of Ireland v Netherlands, 18/06/88, group stage

##### Qualifying win

**8-0:** Republic of Ireland v Malta, 16/11/83

##### Qualifying loss

**6-0:** Austria v Republic of Ireland, 10/10/71

#### Player EURO records

##### Final tournament appearances

**3:** 11 players

##### Final tournament goals

**1:** Ray Houghton

**1:** Ronnie Whelan

#### Overall appearances

**35:** Robbie Keane

**32:** Kevin Kilbane

**31:** Shay Given

**29:** Damien Duff

**27:** Liam Brady

**26:** John O'Shea

**26:** Niall Quinn

**26:** Frank Stapleton

#### Overall goals

**18:** Robbie Keane

**10:** Frank Stapleton

**9:** Don Givens

**8:** John Aldridge

**8:** Niall Quinn

**Team facts: Croatia**

**UEFA European Championship record**

**2008:** quarter-finals

**2004:** group stage, final tournament

**2000:** did not qualify

**1996:** quarter-finals

**Team EURO records**

**Final tournament win**

**3-0:** Croatia v Denmark, 16/06/96, group stage

**Final tournament loss**

**0-3:** Croatia v Portugal, 19/06/96, group stage

**Qualifying win**

**7-0:** Croatia v Andorra, 07/10/06

**Qualifying loss**

**0-2:** four times, most recently Greece v Croatia, 07/10/11

**Player EURO records**

**Final tournament appearances**

**6:** Niko Kovač

**6:** Robert Kovač

**6:** Josip Šimunić

**6:** Ivica Olić

**5:** Dario Šimić

**5:** Darijo Srna

**Final tournament goals**

**3:** Davor Šuker

**2:** Ivan Klasnić

**Overall appearances**

**31:** Josip Šimunić

**31:** Darijo Srna

**30:** Dario Šimić

**29:** Stipe Pletikosa

**27:** Vedran Ćorluka

**27:** Robert Kovač

**26:** Ivica Olić

**Overall goals**

**20:** Davor Šuker

**13:** Eduardo

**8:** Mladen Petrić

**6:** Zvonimir Boban

**6:** Niko Kranjčar

**6:** Darijo Srna



## Squad list

### Republic of Ireland

No	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	UEFA EURO 2012				Overall	
						Qual.		FT		Team	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
<b>Goalkeepers</b>											
1	Shay Given	20/04/76	36	Aston Villa FC	-	11	-	-	-	122	-
16	Keiren Westwood	23/10/84	27	Sunderland AFC	-	1	-	-	-	10	-
23	David Forde	20/12/79	32	Millwall FC	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
<b>Defenders</b>											
2	Sean St Ledger	28/12/84	27	Leicester City FC	-	9	1	-	-	27	2
3	Stephen Ward	20/08/85	26	Wolverhampton Wanderers FC	-	5	1	-	-	12	2
4	John O'Shea	30/04/81	31	Sunderland AFC	-	9	-	-	-	76	1
5	Richard Dunne	21/09/79	32	Aston Villa FC	-	10	1	-	-	73	8
12	Stephen Kelly	06/09/83	28	Fulham FC	-	5	-	-	-	30	-
13	Paul McShane	06/01/83	29	Hull City AFC	-	-	-	-	-	27	-
18	Darren O'Dea	04/02/87	25	Celtic FC	-	4	-	-	-	14	-
<b>Midfielders</b>											
6	Glenn Whelan	13/01/84	28	Stoke City FC	-	12	-	-	-	39	2
7	Aiden McGeady	04/04/86	26	FC Spartak Moskva	-	12	2	-	-	49	2
8	Keith Andrews	13/09/80	31	West Bromwich Albion FC	-	7	1	-	-	29	3
11	Damien Duff	02/03/79	33	Fulham FC	-	7	-	-	-	97	8
15	Darron Gibson	25/10/87	24	Everton FC	-	4	-	-	-	19	1
17	Stephen Hunt	01/08/81	30	Wolverhampton Wanderers FC	-	7	-	-	-	39	1
21	Paul Green	10/04/83	29	-	-	4	-	-	-	11	1
22	James McClean	22/04/89	23	Sunderland AFC	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
<b>Forwards</b>											
9	Kevin Doyle	18/09/83	28	Wolverhampton Wanderers FC	-	9	2	-	-	48	10
10	Robbie Keane	08/07/80	31	Los Angeles Galaxy	-	11	7	-	-	117	53
14	Jon Walters	20/09/83	28	Stoke City FC	-	2	1	-	-	7	1
19	Shane Long	22/01/87	25	West Bromwich Albion FC	-	5	1	-	-	25	7
20	Simon Cox	28/04/87	25	West Bromwich Albion FC	-	6	-	-	-	12	3
<b>Coach</b>											
-	Giovanni Trapattoni	17/03/39	73	-	-	12	-	-	-	2	-

## Croatia

No	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	UEFA EURO 2012				Overall	
						Qual.		FT		Team	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
<b>Goalkeepers</b>											
1	Stipe Pletikosa	08/01/79	33	FC Rostov	-	6	-	-	-	91	-
12	Ivan Kelava	20/02/88	24	GNK Dinamo Zagreb	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
23	Danijel Subašić	27/10/84	27	AS Monaco FC	-	-	-	-	-	4	-
<b>Defenders</b>											
2	Ivan Strinić	17/07/87	24	FC Dnipro Dnipropetrovsk	-	8	-	-	-	17	-
3	Josip Šimunić	18/02/78	34	GNK Dinamo Zagreb	-	9	-	-	-	95	3
4	Jurica Buljat	12/09/86	25	Maccabi Haifa FC	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
5	Vedran Ćorluka	05/02/86	26	Tottenham Hotspur FC	-	11	1	-	-	54	3
13	Gordon Schildenfeld	18/03/85	27	Eintracht Frankfurt	-	4	-	-	-	12	-
15	Šime Vrsaljko	10/01/92	20	GNK Dinamo Zagreb	-	1	-	-	-	4	-
21	Domagoj Vida	29/04/89	23	GNK Dinamo Zagreb	-	4	-	-	-	10	-
<b>Midfielders</b>											
6	Danijel Pranjić	02/12/81	30	FC Bayern München	-	8	-	-	-	43	-
7	Ivan Rakitić	10/03/88	24	Sevilla FC	-	8	-	-	-	41	8
8	Ognjen Vukojević	20/12/83	28	FC Dynamo Kyiv	-	8	1	-	-	39	4
10	Luka Modrić	09/09/85	26	Tottenham Hotspur FC	-	10	1	-	-	54	8
11	Darijo Srna	01/05/82	30	FC Shakhtar Donetsk	-	10	1	-	-	91	19
14	Milan Badelj	25/02/89	23	GNK Dinamo Zagreb	-	1	1	-	-	4	1
16	Tomislav Dujmović	26/02/81	31	FC Spartak Moskva	-	6	-	-	-	18	-
19	Niko Kranjčar	13/08/84	27	Tottenham Hotspur FC	-	8	4	-	-	71	15
20	Ivan Perišić	02/02/89	23	Borussia Dortmund	-	6	-	-	-	10	-
<b>Forwards</b>											
9	Nikica Jelavić	27/08/85	26	Everton FC	-	9	-	-	-	19	2
17	Mario Mandžukić	21/05/86	26	Hamburger SV	-	10	3	-	-	29	5
18	Nikola Kalinić	05/01/88	24	FC Dnipro Dnipropetrovsk	-	6	2	-	-	13	5
22	Eduardo	25/02/83	29	FC Shakhtar Donetsk	-	11	3	-	-	47	23
<b>Coach</b>											
-	Slaven Bilić	11/09/68	43	-	-	13	-	-	-	4	-

## Head coach

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### Republic of Ireland: Giovanni Trapattoni

**Date of birth:** 17 March 1939

**Nationality:** Italian

**Playing career:** AC Milan, AS Varese

**Coaching career:** AC Milan, Juventus (twice), FC Internazionale Milano, FC Bayern München (twice), Cagliari Calcio, ACF Fiorentina, Italy, SL Benfica, VfB Stuttgart, FC Salzburg, Republic of Ireland

- Capped 17 times by Italy, Trapattoni spent the majority of his club career as a defender and ball-winning midfielder with Milan, winning seven major trophies including two European Champion Clubs' Cups.
- Started coaching with Milan but established himself as one of Italy's greatest ever 'allenatori' during ten-year spell with Juventus, which yielded victories in all three major European club competitions – an unprecedented achievement – and six Serie A titles.
- Decamped to Inter in 1986 and led Nerazzurri to long-awaited Scudetto triumph in 1988/89 as well as the UEFA Cup, a trophy he won again during a second spell at Juve from 1991 to 1994.
- Moved abroad and won national titles with Bayern, Benfica and Salzburg, becoming the first coach since Ernst Happel to win league championships in four different countries. No success, however, with the Italian national team after unexpected early exits at 2002 FIFA World Cup and UEFA EURO 2004.
- Returned to international management with Ireland in 2008; led the team undefeated through 2010 FIFA World Cup qualifying group – including two draws against Italy – before suffering play-off defeat by France. Reached the play-offs again for UEFA EURO 2012 but this time there was a happy ending as Estonia were defeated 5-1 as Ireland qualified for the first time since 1988.

### Croatia: Slaven Bilić

**Date of birth:** 11 September 1968

**Nationality:** Croatian

**Playing career:** HNK Hajduk Split (twice), NK Primorac (loan), HNK Šibenik (loan), Karlsruher SC, West Ham United FC, Everton FC

**Coaching career:** HNK Hajduk Split, Croatia Under-21, Croatia

- A towering, uncompromising central defender, he began his career with hometown club Hajduk Split, winning the Croatian domestic double in 1992 before moving abroad to German club Karlsruhe.
- Having joined West Ham for a club-record fee in January 1996, he represented Croatia at EURO '96 and helped the team to the quarter-finals; two years later, as an Everton player, he won a FIFA World Cup bronze medal as Croatia finished third in France.
- After ending his playing career at Hajduk, he briefly took charge of the team before launching his coaching career in earnest with the Croatian U21 side.
- Stepped up from the U21s to become the senior national side's coach in July 2006 and masterminded the team's successful qualification for UEFA EURO 2008, where, as the youngest coach in the tournament, his team's progress was halted only at the quarter-final stage with a penalty shoot-out defeat by Turkey.
- Despite Croatia's position as seeds in their 2010 FIFA World Cup qualifying group, he could only lead them to third place and elimination. Announced he would stay on for the UEFA EURO 2012 qualifiers and guided them to the finals with a notable play-off win against Turkey. Announced in May 2012 he would leave for FC Lokomotiv Moskva after the tournament.

## Match officials

<b>Referee</b>	Björn Kuipers (NED)
<b>Assistant referees</b>	Sander van Roekel (NED), Erwin Zeinstra (NED)
<b>Additional assistant referees</b>	Pol van Boekel (NED), Richard Liesveld (NED)
<b>Fourth official</b>	Viktor Shvetsov (UKR)
<b>Reserve official</b>	Oleksandr Voytyuk (UKR)
<b>UEFA Delegate</b>	Adonis Procopiou (CYP)
<b>UEFA Referee observer</b>	Iouri Baskakov (RUS)

### Referee

Name	Date of birth	Nationality
Björn Kuipers	28/03/1973	

• Björn Kuipers is following in the family trade as he continues to work his way up the refereeing ladder, with his father having also acted as an official in the Netherlands.

• Kuipers Jr earned his FIFA badge aged 33, in 2006 – the year he took charge of the UEFA European Under-17 Championship final between the Czech Republic and Russia. He stepped up to work as a fourth official in both the UEFA Champions League and UEFA Cup during the season that followed.

• A fourth official for four matches at the 2007 European U21 Championship, Kuipers – who lives in the Dutch town of Oldenzaal with his wife and daughter, works as a supermarket director and counts mountain biking among his hobbies – held the same role in five qualifying games for UEFA EURO 2008.

• He was appointed as referee for four 2008/09 UEFA Cup fixtures, and was back at the U21 tournament as a referee in 2009, taking charge of four matches in Sweden including Germany's 4-0 final defeat of England.

• Became a UEFA Champions League regular the following season, overseeing five matches in the competition proper finishing with the round of 16 first leg between VfB Stuttgart and holders FC Barcelona. Continued his rise in 2010/11, overseeing the UEFA Europa League semi-final first leg involving FC Porto and Villarreal CF, and started the following season by taking charge of the UEFA Super Cup in Monaco.

### UEFA European Championship matches featuring teams from the two countries involved in this match

Date	Competition	Stage	Home	Away	Result	Venue
03/09/10	EURO	QR	Latvia	Croatia	0-3	Riga
15/11/11	EURO	PO	Republic of Ireland	Estonia	1-1	Dublin

### Other matches

Date	Competition	Stage	Home	Away	Result	Venue
29/03/11	EURO	QR	Northern Ireland	Slovenia	0-0	Belfast
07/10/11	EURO	QR	Wales	Switzerland	2-0	Swansea

## Competition facts

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### UEFA European Football Championship final tournament: Did you know?

- Germany are the most competition's most successful side having lifted the trophy in 1972, 1980 (both as West Germany) and 1996, reaching the final in 1976, 1992 and 2008. Only Spain (1964, 2008) and France (1984, 2000) have also triumphed more than once.
- Only three sides have ever won the UEFA European Championship on home soil: Spain (1964), Italy (1968) and France (1984).
- No side has ever retained the trophy, and no player has ever appeared in two victorious UEFA European Championship finals. The Soviet Union (1960, 1964) and West Germany (1972, 1976) returned to the finals as holders only to lose, while Rainer Bonhof twice picked up a winners' medal with West Germany (1972, 1980) but did not play in either tournament.
- Berti Vogts was a winner as a player with West Germany in 1972 and as coach of Germany in 1996, making him the only man to win as player and coach.
- Since 1980, when the final tournament expanded to become an eight-team event, the hosts or co-hosts have only failed to reach the semi-finals – or better – three times: Italy (1980), Belgium (2000) and Austria and Switzerland (2008).
- UEFA EURO 2012 is Germany's 11th successive UEFA European Championship final tournament – they last missed out as West Germany in 1968. The Netherlands are taking part in the finals for the seventh successive edition.
- Germany are appearing in the finals for the eleventh time, one more than Russia. This is the ninth tournament for the Netherlands and Spain.
- Five teams have qualified for the finals with a perfect record, including Spain and Germany this time round. The others are France (1992 and 2004) and Czech Republic (2000).
- The Netherlands' 6-1 defeat of Yugoslavia in the UEFA EURO 2000 quarter-finals is the biggest win in a final tournament. Three games have finished 5-0, most recently Sweden's 2004 defeat of Bulgaria.
- Spain are seeking to retain the trophy having already become only the third team to hold the UEFA European Championship and FIFA World Cup at the same time. West Germany won the European title in 1972 and added the world crown two years later, while France won the 1998 World Cup and UEFA EURO 2000. No team has ever won three consecutive world and continental titles.
- A total of 15 players appeared in both those finals: for West Germany, Sepp Maier, Franz Beckenbauer, Hans-Georg Schwarzenbeck, Paul Breitner, Uli Hoeness and Gerd Müller played in both matches, while Fabien Barthez, Marcel Desailly, Bixente Lizarazu, Lilian Thuram, Didier Deschamps, Youri Djorkaeff, Patrick Vieira, Zinedine Zidane and Christophe Dugarry also achieved the feat for France.
- Iker Casillas, Sergio Ramos, Carles Puyol, Joan Capdevila, Andrés Iniesta, Xavi Hernández, Cesc Fàbregas, Xabi Alonso and Fernando Torres played in Spain's 2008 EURO final win and the 2010 World Cup success.
- Five players have appeared in European Cup and UEFA European Championship final victories in the same year: Luis Suárez achieved the feat with FC Internazionale Milano and Spain in 1964, while in 1988 PSV Eindhoven quartet Hans van Breucklen, Ronald Koeman, Barry van Aerle and Gerald Vanenburg were all in the victorious Netherlands side.
- Wim Kieft and Nicolas Anelka narrowly missed out on this club. A Champion Clubs' Cup finalist with PSV in 1988, Kieft was an unused substitute in the Netherlands' European triumph, while Nicolas Anelka was similarly thwarted with France in 2000 after appearing in Real Madrid CF's UEFA Champions League final. Anelka's Madrid team-mate Christian Karembou holds the unique position of being an unused substitute in both European Cup and European Championship final victories in the same year.
- In 2008 Germany's Michael Ballack, then with Chelsea FC, became the first player to appear in European Cup and EURO final defeats in the same year.
- Four players have followed European Cup final defeat with EURO victory in the same year: Ignacio Zoco and Amancio Amaro (1964, Real Madrid CF and Spain) and Manny Kaltz and Horst Hrubesch (1980, Hamburger SV and West Germany).

- Lothar Matthäus is the oldest player to appear in a UEFA European Championship finals; he was aged 39 years 91 days in Germany's 3-0 loss to Portugal at UEFA EURO 2000.
- Belgium's Enzo Scifo is the youngest player to feature; he was 18 years 115 days in the 2-0 defeat of Yugoslavia at the 1984 finals.
- Five players have appeared in four final tournaments: Lothar Matthäus, Peter Schmeichel, Alessandro Del Piero, Edwin van der Sar and Lilian Thuram.
- Austria's Ivica Vastic is the oldest player to score having found the net in a 1-1 draw against Poland at UEFA EURO 2008 aged 38 years 257 days.
- Johan Vonlanthen was 18 years 141 days old when scoring in Switzerland's 3-1 defeat by France at UEFA EURO 2004, making him the youngest player to strike in the finals.
- Russia's Dmitri Kirichenko scored the fastest goal in a UEFA European Championship; his effort against Greece at UEFA EURO 2004 was timed at 67 seconds.
- There have been eight hat-tricks in a final tournament: Dieter Müller (1976), Klaus Allofs (1980), Michel Platini (1984, twice), Marco van Basten (1988), Sérgio Conceição (2000), Patrick Kluivert (2000) and David Villa (2008).

## Match-by-match lineups

### Final tournament Group C

#### Standings

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Spain	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Italy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Republic of Ireland</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Croatia</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

#### Matchday 1 (10/06/12)

Republic of Ireland v Croatia

#### Matchday 2 (14/06/12)

Italy v Croatia

Spain v Republic of Ireland

#### Matchday 3 (18/06/12)

Croatia v Spain

Italy v Republic of Ireland

## UEFA information

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### **A celebration of football**

The European football family and its guests gathered together at Warsaw's Royal Castle to herald the start of UEFA EURO 2012. Speaking to government ministers, representatives of the eight host cities, members of European national football associations, and sporting and business guests from throughout Europe and beyond, UEFA President Michel Platini encapsulated the anticipation for the tournament. "We are finally there! The people of Poland and Ukraine have been waiting for more than five years for this moment," said Mr Platini. "The three weeks which lie ahead must be an immense festival, a popular celebration of the most beautiful sport in the world, because football is just one thing – happiness in its purest form." The UEFA President welcomed the presidents of the 16 participating associations on stage, and presented them with a symbolic gift – a hand-crafted silver football boot. "Good luck to you all," he said. "I hope all your players will behave in an exemplary manner on the pitch, and hope especially that they will succeed in making us dream during this EURO."

### **EURO Legends choose Carlsberg Man of the Match**

Legends who have graced past EUROS will be making a key contribution to UEFA EURO 2012 by voting for and helping to present the Carlsberg Man of the Match Award at each of the 31 games in Poland and Ukraine – and fans will join them in deciding who wins the coveted prize each time. A EURO legend, invited by UEFA President Michel Platini, will be present at each match. A fan vote will be accessible via the UEFA.com match centre, and the EURO Legend will take into consideration the fans' vote before making the final decision on the most outstanding man on the field during the match. A glittering array of superstars are being lined up to decide who wins each UEFA EURO 2012 Carlsberg Man of the Match Award. Fernando Couto (Portugal), Christian Karembeu (France), Predrag Mijatović (Montenegro), Peter Schmeichel (Denmark), Allan Simonsen (Denmark), Davor Šuker (Croatia) and Patrick Vieira (France) are among those who will act as award ambassadors in Poland and Ukraine.

### **Referees Committee briefs EURO teams**

Members of the UEFA Referees Committee have been meeting the coaches and players of the 16 participating teams ahead of UEFA EURO 2012 to discuss the instructions given to the referees for the tournament in Poland and Ukraine. The committee members – all vastly-experienced former international match officials – have emphasised the message that cooperation between the coaches, players and referees will contribute to the success and image of the tournament. Protection of players and the game's image, and punishment for mobbing the referee, as well as for incidents of mass confrontation, are among the instructions delivered by the UEFA Referees Committee to the 12 refereeing teams.

### **UEFA charity donation for EURO goals**

Committed to providing improved access and facilities for disabled football fans, UEFA is donating €3,000 for every goal scored at UEFA EURO 2012 to the Centre for Access to Football in Europe (CAFE), the official tournament charity. As part of the Respect programme at UEFA EURO 2012, UEFA is working with CAFE to manage separate Respect Inclusion initiatives, and football followers and other benefactors are being encouraged to donate money for upcoming schemes. CAFE was set up via UEFA's CHF1m charity cheque in 2009 to promote and ensure equal access across the region covered by UEFA's member national associations. It provides support, guidance and advice to partners and stakeholders, which include UEFA, national associations, leagues and clubs, disabled fans and disabled supporter groups.

### **Technical Team studies tactical trends**

UEFA's Technical Team of experienced technicians will look at the trends and talking points at UEFA EURO 2012 from a coaching point of view, helping to produce a report on the tournament. Appropriately, it is an 11-man team captained by UEFA's technical director Andy Roxburgh. "The brief is to provide a permanent record of the event from a coach's viewpoint and to trigger debate on the trends and talking points which emerge from it," he said. "A EURO, alongside the FIFA World Cup and the UEFA Champions League, is where benchmarks are laid and the most significant trends at the elite end of the game become apparent. These can supply valuable information in terms of pinpointing facets of the game which might need to be built into youth development programmes throughout UEFA's member associations."

Alongside Roxburgh will be Fabio Capello, Jerzy Engel, Dusan Fitzel, Gérard Houllier, Lars Lagerbäck, György Mezey and Holger Osieck, with Jean-Paul Brigger and Walter Gagg providing FIFA input, while Mordechai Shpigler will act as linkman to UEFA's Development & Technical Assistance Committee. The technical team's work is based on first-hand observations at each of the 31 matches. At least two of the team will attend every fixture to make sure each side is watched by a pair of expert eyes. One of the other tasks facing the technical team will be to acknowledge outstanding individual contributions and, after the final in Kyiv, Roxburgh and his team will be getting together to put the finishing touches to UEFA's All-Star Squad.



## Legend

### :: All-time statistics

The all-time record of the competing teams in the UEFA European Championship.

**Final tournament:** The UEFA European Championship was a four-team event in 1960, 1964, 1968, 1972 and 1976. From 1980 it was expanded to an eight-team finals and remained in that format in 1984, 1988 and 1992 until 1996, when the current 16-team format was adopted.

**Goals for/against:** Goals totals include the outcome of disciplinary decisions (eg match forfeits when a 3-0 result is determined). Goals totals do not include goals scored from the penalty mark during a penalty shoot-out after a tie ended in a draw.

### :: Squad list

The eligible list of players ordered first by playing position and then numeric order.

**UEFA EURO 2012 qualifying:** Total UEFA EURO 2012 appearances/goals in qualifying competition only.

**FT:** Total UEFA EURO 2012 appearances/goals in final tournament only.

**Overall:** Total international appearances/goals.

**DoB:** Date of birth

**Age:** based on the date press kit was last updated

**BL:** Booking list (\*: misses next match if booked, S: suspended)

### :: Match officials

The match officials appointed to officiate the fixture.

### National team competitions

**EURO:** UEFA European Football Championship

**WC:** FIFA World Cup • **CONFCUP:** FIFA Confederations Cup

**FRIE:** Friendly internationals • **U21FRIE:** Under-21 friendly internationals

**U21:** UEFA European Under-21 Championship

**U17:** UEFA Under-17 Championship • **U16:** UEFA European Under-16 Championship

**U19:** UEFA Under-19 Championship • **U18:** UEFA European Under-18 Championship

**WWC:** FIFA Women's World Cup • **WCHAMP:** UEFA European Women's Championship

### :: Competition stages

**F:** Final

**GS:** Group stage

**GS1:** First group stage

**GS2:** Second group stage

**KO1:** First knockout round

**PR:** Preliminary round

**QF:** Quarter-finals

**QR:** Qualifying round

**QR1:** First qualifying round

**QR2:** Second qualifying round

**FT:** Final tournament

**ELITE:** Elite round

**3rdPO:** Third-place play-off

**GS-FT:** Group stage – final tournament

**3QR:** Third qualifying round

**R1:** First round

**R2:** Second round

**R3:** Third round

**R4:** Fourth round

**SF:** Semi-finals

**R16:** round of 16

**R32:** Round of 32

**1st:** first leg

**2nd:** second leg

**PO:** Play-off

**(Rep):** Replay

**PO - FT:** Play-off for Final

**Tournament**

**Prom/rel PO:** Promotion/relegation play-off

### :: Other abbreviations

**(aet):** Match decided after extra time

**No.:** Number

**aetps:** Match decided after extra time

**o.g.:** Own goal

and penalty shoot-out

**ag:** Match decided on away goals

**ag:** Aggregate

**AP:** Appearances

**Comp.:** Competition

**D:** Drawn

**DoB:** Date of birth

**GA:** Goals against

**GF:** Goals for

**gg:** Match decided by golden goal

**L:** Lost

**Nat.:** Nationality

**N/a:** Not applicable

**(P):** Penalty

**Pld:** Matches played

**Pos.:** Position

**Pts:** Points

**R:** Sent off (straight red card)

**Res.:** Result

**sg:** Match decided by silver goal

**t:** Match decided by toss of a coin

**W:** Won

**Y:** Booked

**Y/R:** Sent off (two yellow cards)

### :: Statistics

**(-):** Denotes player substituted

**(\*):** Denotes player sent off

**(+):** Denotes player introduced

**(+/-):** Denotes player introduced and substituted

### :: Squad list

**D:** Disciplinary

**S:** Suspended

\*: Misses next match if booked

#: Suspended for at least one match

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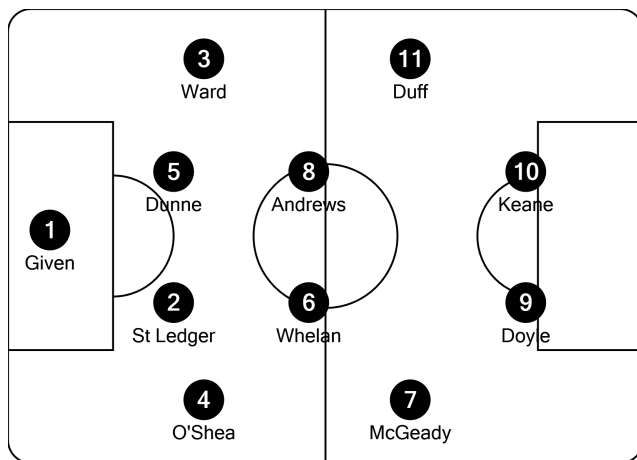
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**CROATIA**

- 1 Shay Given (GK)
- 2 Sean St Ledger
- 3 Stephen Ward
- 4 John O'Shea
- 5 Richard Dunne
- 6 Glenn Whelan
- 7 Aiden McGeady
- 8 Keith Andrews
- 9 Kevin Doyle
- 10 Robbie Keane (C)
- 11 Damien Duff



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- 23 David Forde (GK)
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- 14 Jon Walters
- 15 Darron Gibson
- 17 Stephen Hunt
- 18 Darren O'Dea
- 19 Shane Long
- 20 Simon Cox
- 21 Paul Green
- 22 James McClean

Giovanni Trapattoni (HC)

Referee:

Björn Kuipers (NED)

Assistant referees:

Sander Van Roekel (NED)

Erwin Zeinstra (NED)

Additional assistant referees:

Pol Van Boekel (NED)

Richard Liesveld (NED)

- 1 Stipe Pletikosa (GK)
- 2 Ivan Strinić
- 5 Vedran Ćorluka
- 7 Ivan Rakitić
- 8 Ognjen Vukojević
- 9 Nikica Jelavić
- 10 Luka Modrić
- 11 Darijo Srna (C)
- 13 Gordon Schildenfeld
- 17 Mario Mandžukić
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- 3 Josip Šimunić
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- 14 Milan Badelj
- 15 Šime Vrsaljko
- 16 Tomislav Dujmović
- 18 Nikola Kalinić
- 19 Niko Kranjčar
- 21 Domagoj Vida
- 22 Eduardo

Slaven Bilić (HC)

Fourth official:

Viktor Shvetsov (UKR)

UEFA delegate:

Adonis Procopiou (CYP)

Weather Conditions: Rain / Temperature: 18°C / Humidity: 64%

(C) Captain (GK) Goalkeeper (X) Misses next match if booked (HC) Head coach

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REPUBLIC OF IRELAND **1-2** CROATIA



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- 1 Shay Given (GK)
- 2 Sean St Ledger
- 3 Stephen Ward
- 4 John O'Shea
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Giovanni Trapattoni (HC)

Attempts total	5
Attempts on target	3
Saves	2
Corners	0
Offsides	2
Fouls committed	5
Fouls suffered	7
Free kicks to goal	0
Possession	42%
Ball in play	12'21"
Total ball in play	29'37"

Referee:  
**Björn Kuipers (NED)**  
Assistant referees:  
**Sander Van Roekel (NED)**  
**Erwin Zeinstra (NED)**  
Additional assistant referees:  
**Poel Van Boekel (NED)**  
**Richard Liesveld (NED)**

3' 17 Mario Mandžukić

2 Sean St Ledger 19'

43' 9 Nikica Jelavić

45'  
3'05" 8 Keith Andrews (Y)

- 1 Stipe Pletikosa (GK)
- 2 Ivan Strinić
- 5 Vedran Ćorluka
- 7 Ivan Rakitić
- 8 Ognjen Vukojević
- 9 Nikica Jelavić
- 10 Luka Modrić
- 11 Dario Srna (C)
- 13 Gordon Schildenfeld
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Slaven Bilić (HC)

Attempts total	9
Attempts on target	5
Saves	1
Corners	5
Offsides	0
Fouls committed	7
Fouls suffered	5
Free kicks to goal	0
Possession	58%
Ball in play	17'16"
Total ball in play	29'37"

Fourth official:  
**Viktor Shvetsov (UKR)**  
UEFA delegate:  
**Adonis Procopiou (CYP)**

Goal Booked Sent off Substitution Penalty Own goal Captain GK Goalkeeper Misses next match if booked HC Head coach

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Full-time report  
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REPUBLIC OF IRELAND **1-3** CROATIA

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- 1 Shay Given (GK)
- 2 Sean St Ledger
- 3 Stephen Ward
- 4 John O'Shea
- 5 Richard Dunne
- 6 Glenn Whelan
- 7 Aiden McGeady
- 8 Keith Andrews
- 9 Kevin Doyle
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- 14 Jon Walters
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- 17 Stephen Hunt
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- 22 James McClean

Giovanni Trapattoni (HC)

	Half	Full
Attempts total	5	13
Attempts on target	3	5
Saves	2	2
Corners	0	1
Offsides	2	2
Fouls committed	5	12
Fouls suffered	7	18
Free kicks to goal	0	0
Possession	42%	45%
Ball in play	12'21"	25'24"
Total ball in play	29'37"	56'29"

Referee:

Björn Kuipers (NED)

Assistant referees:

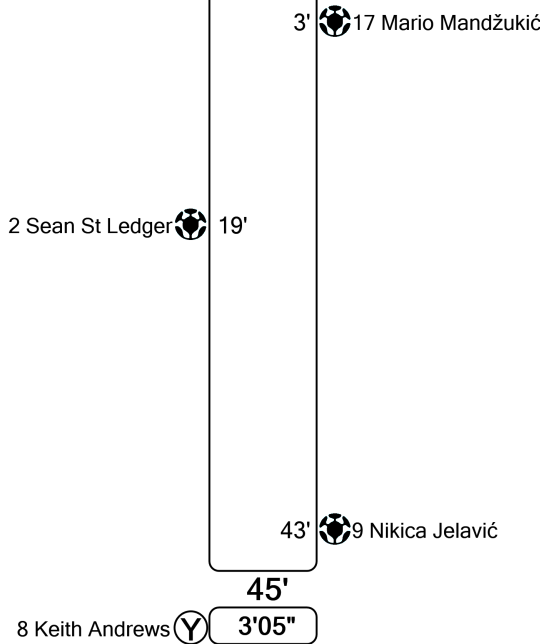
Sander Van Roekel (NED)

Erwin Zeinstra (NED)

Additional assistant referees:

Pol Van Boekel (NED)

Richard Liesveld (NED)



- 1 Stipe Pletikosa (GK)
- 2 Ivan Strinić
- 5 Vedran Ćorluka
- 7 Ivan Rakić
- 8 Ognjen Vukojević
- 9 Nikica Jelavić
- 10 Luka Modrić
- 11 Darijo Srna (C)
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- 18 Nikola Kalinić
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- 21 Domagoj Vida
- 22 Eduardo

Slaven Bilić (HC)

	Half	Full
Attempts total	9	14
Attempts on target	5	9
Saves	1	3
Corners	5	7
Offsides	0	1
Fouls committed	7	18
Fouls suffered	5	12
Free kicks to goal	0	0
Possession	58%	55%
Ball in play	17'16"	31'05"
Total ball in play	29'37"	56'29"

Fourth official:

Viktor Shvetsov (UKR)

UEFA delegate:

Adonis Procopiou (CYP)

Man of the match:

17, Mario Mandžukić (CRO)

Attendance: 39,550



⚽ Goal (Y) Booked (R) Sent off (S) Substitution (P) Penalty (O) Own goal (C) Captain (GK) Goalkeeper (M) Misses next match if booked (HC) Head coach

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Player Summary Statistics  
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REPUBLIC OF IRELAND **1-3** CROATIA



	M	G	T	P	B	W	FC	FS	O	Y	R
Shay Given	1	98'26"									
Sean St Ledger	2	98'26"	1	1			1	3			
Stephen Ward	3	98'26"						1			
John O'Shea	4	98'26"						1			
Richard Dunne	5	98'26"		1			6				
Glenn Whelan	6	98'26"				1		2			
Aiden McGeady	7	56'20"									
Keith Andrews	8	98'26"		2		5	2	1		1	
Kevin Doyle	9	56'05"		1				4			
Robbie Keane	10	77'06"							2		
Damien Duff	11	98'26"				1		3			
Keiren Westwood	16										
David Forde	23										
Stephen Kelly	12										
Paul McShane	13										
Jon Walters	14	42'21"						1			
Darron Gibson	15										
Stephen Hunt	17										
Darren O'Dea	18										
Shane Long	19	21'20"									
Simon Cox	20	42'06"				1	3	2			
Paul Green	21										
James McClean	22										



	M	G	T	P	B	W	FC	FS	O	Y	R
	98'26"										
	98'26"						1				
	98'26"						3	2			
	94'51"		1			3	1	1			
	98'26"										
	74'18"	1	1			1	3	3			
	98'26"		2				1	1	1	1	
	98'26"		2								
	98'26"						2	1			
	98'26"	2	2				3	4			
	92'02"		1			1	1				
	3'35"										
	24'08"						3			1	
	6'24"										

- 1 Stipe Pletikosa
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- 7 Ivan Rakitić
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M Minutes played    G Goals scored    T Attempts on target    P Attempts hitting post  
 B Attempts hitting bar    W Other attempts off target    FC Fouls committed    FS Fouls suffered  
 O Offsides    Y Yellow cards    R Red cards

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# Team statistics: Full time

## Group C - 10 June 2012

### Municipal Stadium Poznan - Poznan



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19' Sean St Ledger

3' Mario Mandžukić

43' Nikica Jelavić

48' Mario Mandžukić

	First half		Second half		Total		Tournament average			Tournament high		
	Rep. of Ireland	Croatia	Rep. of Ireland	Croatia	Rep. of Ireland	Croatia	Rep. of Ireland	Croatia	All	Rep. of Ireland	Croatia	All
<b>Scoring situations</b>												
Goals scored	1	2	0	1	1	3	1	3	1.25	1	3	4
open play	1	2	0	1	1	3	1	3	1.25	1	3	4
penalty	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
direct from free-kick	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total attempts	5	9	8	5	13	14	13	14	14	13	14	28
on target	3	5	2	3	5	8	5	8	6.59	5	8	10
off target	2	4	6	2	8	6	8	6	7.42	8	6	20
Assists	1	1	0	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	2	4
Corners	0	5	1	2	1	7	1	7	5.09	1	7	11
Offsides	2	0	0	1	2	1	2	1	1.84	2	1	4
Saves	2	1	0	2	2	3	2	3	2.92	2	3	5
<b>Time &amp; distance</b>												
Total time played (minutes)	48'05"		50'21"		98'26"							
Ball possession	41%	59%	50%	50%	45%	55%						
Distance covered (metres)	55037	57038	56148	56733	111185	113771	111185	113771	110961	111185	113771	118701
<b>Discipline</b>												
Yellow cards	1	0	0	2	1	2	1	2	1.75	1	2	4
Red cards	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.17	0	0	1
Fouls committed	5	7	7	11	12	18	12	18	15	12	18	22
<b>Passing &amp; solo runs</b>												
Passes attempted	235	328	266	255	501	583	501	583	575.59	501	583	834
Long	44	48	49	34	93	82	93	82	70.75	<b>93</b>	82	93
Medium	130	196	155	154	285	350	285	350	375.42	285	350	523
Short	61	84	62	67	123	151	123	151	129.42	123	151	235
Passes completed	143	234	162	160	305	394	305	394	407.59	305	394	672
Long	21	28	24	19	45	47	45	47	41.59	45	47	50
Medium	80	142	105	95	185	237	185	237	275.17	185	237	422
Short	42	64	33	46	75	110	75	110	90.84	75	110	200
Passes completion rate	61%	71%	61%	63%	61%	68%	61%	68%	71%	61%	68%	81%
Long	48%	58%	49%	56%	48%	57%	48%	57%	59%	48%	57%	54%
Medium	62%	72%	68%	62%	65%	68%	65%	68%	73%	65%	68%	81%
Short	69%	76%	53%	69%	61%	73%	61%	73%	70%	61%	73%	85%
Delivery/solo runs	14	28	25	16	39	44	39	44	50.84	39	44	86
into the attacking third	11	24	20	13	31	37	31	37	41.75	31	37	64
into the key area	8	18	15	10	23	28	23	28	29.17	23	28	62
into the penalty area	3	4	6	3	9	7	9	7	10.25	9	7	22

Goals scored Penalty

**Bold values:** number 1 in the ranking

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Team / Players passing distribution: Full time  
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From	TP	To																				Long		Medium		Short		Total		
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	14	19	20	PC	PA	PC	PA	PC	PA	PC	PA	%						
Shay Given	1	98'26"	-	-	1	-	3	2	2	-	1	1	-	2	2	-	8	23	5	8	1	1	14	32	44%					
Sean St Ledger	2	98'26"	4	-	8	4	3	1	-	1	1	-	4	-	-	2	3	4	21	30	4	9	28	43	65%					
Stephen Ward	3	98'26"	1	6	-	1	1	1	4	5	4	2	1	1	-	3	5	15	20	33	5	11	30	59	51%					
John O'Shea	4	98'26"	1	2	-	-	5	5	-	4	3	2	13	2	1	1	6	11	22	34	11	13	39	58	67%					
Richard Dunne	5	98'26"	4	4	-	5	-	1	-	1	2	-	2	-	-	1	6	16	11	15	3	4	20	35	57%					
Glenn Whelan	6	98'26"	3	5	5	4	2	-	3	6	1	5	4	2	-	1	9	9	25	29	7	10	41	48	85%					
Aiden McGeady	7	56'20"	-	1	5	-	-	1	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	7	7	11	10	19	53%					
Keith Andrews	8	98'26"	-	3	4	6	1	7	1	-	1	2	3	1	1	3	2	3	21	41	10	19	33	63	52%					
Kevin Doyle	9	56'05"	-	-	1	-	-	2	2	1	-	2	3	-	-	-	0	1	7	14	4	6	11	21	52%					
Robbie Keane	10	77'06"	-	1	2	-	1	5	2	1	2	-	2	1	-	2	1	2	12	15	6	9	19	26	73%					
Damien Duff	11	98'26"	-	2	-	7	3	5	1	10	2	-	-	2	1	2	3	6	25	34	7	10	35	50	70%					
Jon Walters	14	42'21"	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	4	-	-	1	-	-	2	0	0	5	6	5	7	10	13	77%					
Shane Long	19	21'20"	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	0	0	1	4	2	5	3	9	33%					
Simon Cox	20	42'06"	1	1	3	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	2	2	-	-	1	2	8	15	3	8	12	25	48%					
<b>Total passes received:</b>			<b>14</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>501</b>	<b>61%</b>					



From	TP	To																						Long		Medium		Short		Total		
		1	2	5	7	8	9	10	11	13	17	20	16	19	22	PC	PA	PC	PA	PC	PA	PC	PA	%								
Stipe Pletikosa	1	98'26"	-	1	-	1	2	2	-	-	-	7	2	-	-	-	12	21	3	6	0	0	15	27	56%							
Ivan Strinić	2	98'26"	1	-	3	1	2	5	8	-	7	4	10	-	1	-	4	7	28	41	10	15	42	63	67%							
Vedran Ćorluka	5	98'26"	2	3	-	3	7	2	8	4	4	5	-	-	-	-	3	5	24	32	11	13	38	50	76%							
Ivan Rakitić	7	94'51"	-	1	3	-	5	4	6	14	4	4	1	-	2	-	5	6	26	38	13	19	44	63	70%							
Ognjen Vukojević	8	98'26"	-	4	4	8	-	1	5	5	7	2	2	-	1	-	1	3	26	29	12	14	39	46	85%							
Nikica Jelavić	9	74'18"	-	3	1	1	-	-	3	3	1	4	2	-	-	-	2	4	8	16	8	11	18	31	58%							
Luka Modrić	10	98'26"	-	6	5	11	4	1	-	11	4	-	8	-	1	1	5	9	32	45	15	21	52	75	69%							
Darijo Srna	11	98'26"	1	1	10	9	3	2	7	-	1	8	4	-	2	-	6	12	32	45	10	13	48	70	69%							
Gordon Schildenfeld	13	98'26"	2	10	3	1	5	2	4	1	-	1	2	-	-	-	4	8	23	35	4	5	31	48	65%							
Mario Mandžukić	17	98'26"	-	1	-	4	1	5	3	5	-	-	7	-	2	-	1	2	13	28	14	18	28	48	58%							
Ivan Perišić	20	92'02"	-	4	1	6	4	1	9	2	2	3	-	-	-	-	3	4	19	29	10	17	32	50	64%							
Tomislav Dujmović	16	3'35"	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%							
Niko Kranjčar	19	24'08"	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	1	3	6	1	2	5	9	56%							
Eduardo	22	6'24"	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	0	2	3	2	3	67%							
<b>Total passes received:</b>			<b>6</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>394</b>	<b>583</b>	<b>68%</b>							

TP: Time played PA: Passes attempted PC: Passes completed %: Passing success percentage

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Tactical lineups: Full time  
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53' (In) 14 Walters / (Out) 9 Doyle  
54' (In) 20 Cox / (Out) 7 McGeady  
75' (In) 19 Long / (Out) 10 Keane

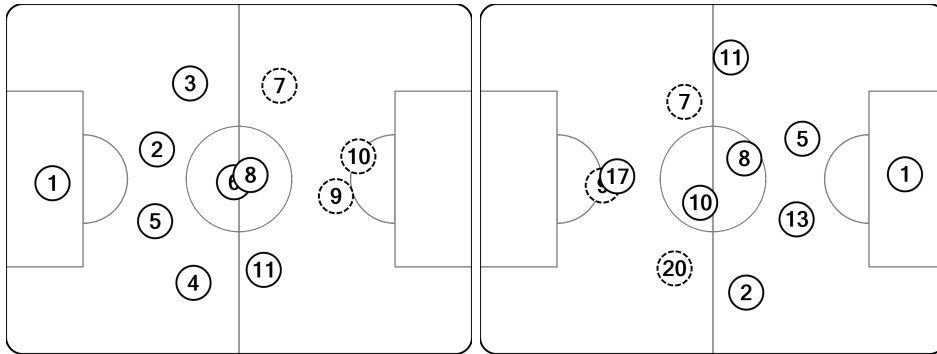
72' (In) 19 Kranjčar / (Out) 9 Jelavić  
89' (In) 22 Eduardo / (Out) 20 Perišić  
90+2' (In) 16 Dujmović / (Out) 7 Rakitić

Total time played: 98'26"  
45% - 25'24" Ball possession 55% - 31'05"

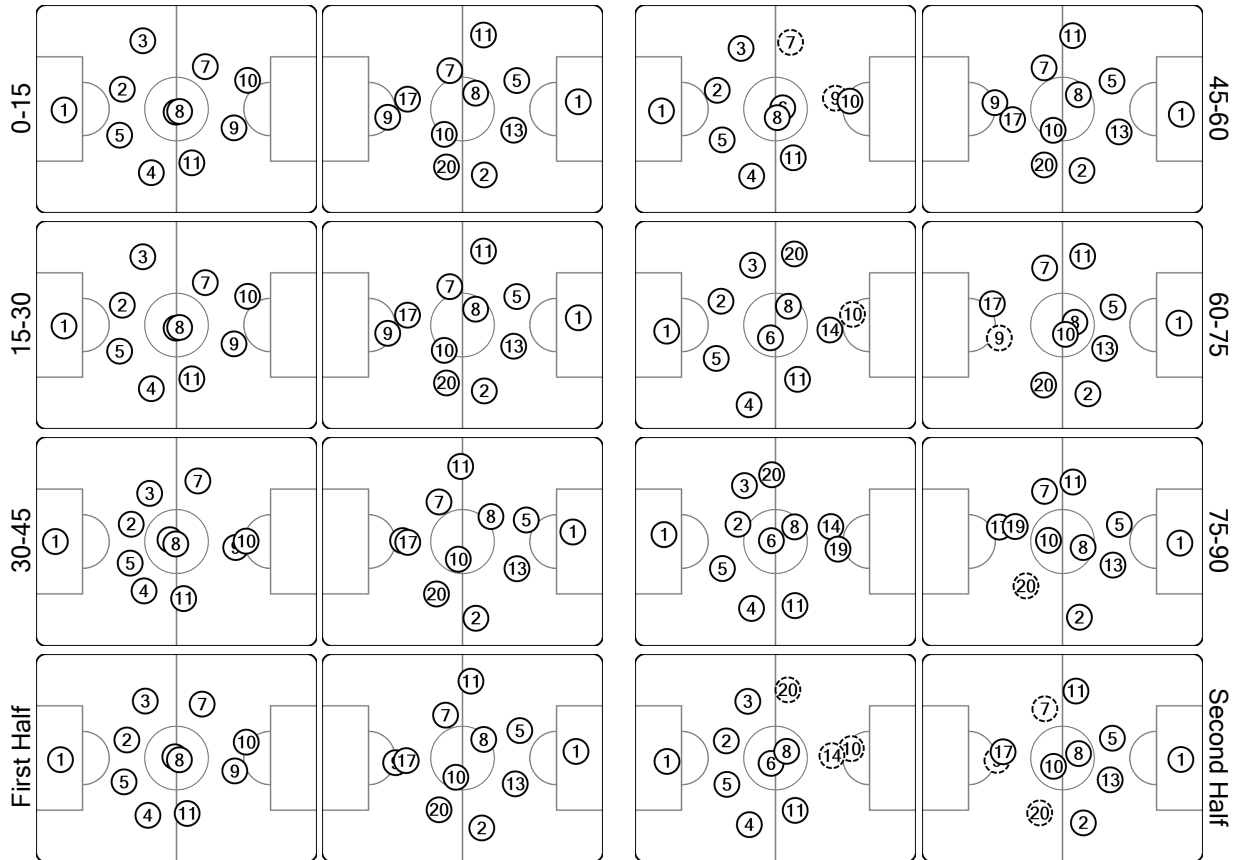
Actual formation

Direction of play --> <-- Direction of play

- Given 1
- St Ledger 2
- Ward 3
- O'Shea 4
- Dunne 5
- Whelan 6
- McGeady 7
- Andrews 8
- Doyle 9
- Keane 10
- Duff 11
- Walters 14
- Long 19
- Cox 20



- 1 Pletikosa
- 2 Strinić
- 5 Čorluka
- 7 Rakitić
- 8 Vukojević
- 9 Jelavić
- 10 Modrić
- 11 Sma
- 13 Schildenfeld
- 17 Mandžukić
- 20 Perišić
- 16 Dujmović
- 19 Kranjčar
- 22 Eduardo



○ did not play the entire match    ⊕ substitution    Ⓜ sent off

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