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Italy



Croatia

Group C - Matchday 2
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Previous meetings

Head to Head

FIFA World Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
08/06/02	GS-FT	Italy - Croatia	1-2	Ibaraki	Vieri 55; Olić 73, Rapačić 76

EURO '96

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
08/10/95	PR (GS)	Croatia - Italy	1-1	Split	Šuker 48; Albertini 29
16/11/94	PR (GS)	Italy - Croatia	1-2	Palermo	Baggio 89; Šuker 32, 57

	Qualifying								Final tournament				Total					
	Home				Away				Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L										
EURO																		
Italy	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	-	-	-	-	2	0	1	1	2	3
Croatia	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	-	-	-	-	2	1	1	0	3	2
FIFA*																		
Italy	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	2
Croatia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	1
Friendly matches																		
Italy	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	1	1	4	2
Croatia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	1	1	2	4
Total																		
Italy	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	6	1	2	3	7	7
Croatia	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	6	3	2	1	7	7

* FIFA World Cup / FIFA Confederations Cup

Match background

Italy will look to secure a first win against Croatia since the latter's independence when the sides meet in UEFA EURO 2012 Group C, with Slaven Bilić having some fond memories of his previous encounters with the Azzurri.

- Croatia are also in buoyant mood having opened with a 3-1 defeat of the Republic of Ireland, Mario Mandžukić scoring twice and Nikica Jelavić once. Antonio Di Natale gave Italy a 61st-minute lead against holders Spain, but that only proved enough for a draw after Cesc Fàbregas levelled three minutes later.

Head-to-head record

- Italy's record in five games against Croatia since the collapse of the former Yugoslavia reads W0 D2 L3.
- Italy first met a Croatian national team in a friendly game in Genoa on 5 April 1942, which Italy won 4-0.
- The first modern-day meetings were EURO '96 qualifiers, with Croatia taking four points en route to their first ever finals tournament. Current national-team coach Bilić played 90 minutes in the first match in Palermo on 16 November 1994, which Croatia won 2-1 with two goals from Davor Šuker (32, 57); Italy replied through Dino Baggio (89).
- Bilić was absent from the return match in Split on 8 October 1995, when Arrigo Sacchi's team, despite having goalkeeper Luca Bucci sent off after nine minutes, went ahead through current Italian Football Federation (FIGC) vice-president Demetrio Albertini (29), with Šuker earning a 1-1 draw in the 48th minute.
- The sides' next game was a 0-0 friendly draw in Zagreb on 28 April 1999. They then met at the 2002 FIFA World Cup finals, with Croatia winning 2-1 in Japan.

Selected previous meetings

16 August 2006: Italy 0-2 Croatia (Eduardo 26, Modrić 42) – Stadio Armando Picchi, Livorno, friendly

Italy: Amelia, Zenoni, Falcone, Terlizzi, Chiellini, Delvecchio (Di Natale 84), Liverani (Palombo 58), Ambrosini (Gobbi 75), Esposito (Semioli 46), Lucarelli (Caracciolo 65), Rocchi (Di Michele 58).

Croatia: Pletikosa, Sablić, Knežević, Šerić (Ćorluka 46), Šimunić, Srna (Kranjčar 46), N Kovač (J Leko 46), Modrić, Eduardo (Olić 77), Klasnić (Balaban 62), Rapačić (Petrić 57).

- The teams' most recent meeting marked Bilić's debut as Croatia coach, and a 20-year-old Vedran Ćorluka's first senior appearance, as Italy played their first game since winning the FIFA World Cup – though the members of that triumphant side were rested for this friendly, Roberto Donadoni's first match in charge of the Azzurri.

8 June 2002: Italy 1-2 Croatia (Vieri 55; Olić 73, Rapačić 76) – Kashima Soccer Stadium, Ibaraki, FIFA World Cup group stage

Italy: Buffon, Panucci, Maldini, Cannavaro, Nesta (Materazzi 24), Zanetti, Doni (Inzaghi 79), Tommasi, Zambrotta, Totti, Vieri.

Croatia: Pletikosa, Šimunić, Tomas, Šarić, Jarni, R Kovač, Rapačić (D Šimić 79), Vugrinec (Olić 57), N Kovač, Soldo (Vranješ 62), Bokšić.

- In the sides' most recent competitive contest – their first at a major finals tournament – Mirko Jozić's Croatia came out on top against Giovanni Trapattoni's Italy. However, it was to be a bittersweet success; Italy went on to the next phase, finishing second in the group, while Croatia missed out in third place.

Form guide

- Croatia are competing at a third successive UEFA European Championship; they have missed only one of the last five – UEFA EURO 2000.
- Italy have not missed a major finals tournament – World Cup or EURO – since EURO '92.

Team ties

- Whereas three members of Croatia's UEFA EURO 2008 squad were based in Italy (Dario Šimić at AC Milan, Dario Knežević at AS Livorno Calcio and Igor Budan at Parma FC), none of the current selection have Serie A experience.
- Šimić, the only player to have earned 100 caps for Croatia, spent a great part of his career in Italy with FC Internazionale Milano (1999-2002) and AC Milan (2002-08).
- Croatia's Mandžukić and Italy's Andrea Barzagli played together at VfL Wolfsburg during the 2010/11 season until the Italy defender joined Juventus in January 2011.
- Daniele De Rossi scored the only goal of the game as Italy defeated Croatia at the 2004 UEFA European Under-21 Championship finals. Niko Kranjčar played for Croatia, with Danijel Pranjić an unused substitute. Italy went on to win the title, beating Serbia 3-0 in the final.

• Eduardo scored against De Rossi's AS Roma as FC Shakhtar Donetsk completed a 6-2 aggregate win to reach the UEFA Champions League quarter-finals for the first time in the club's history in 2010/11.

Competition format

• If two or more teams finish level on points, Articles 8.07 and 8.08 of the UEFA EURO 2012 regulations apply. In May Article 8.07 was amended after being approved by the UEFA Executive Committee. It now reads:

If two or more teams are equal on points on completion of the group matches, the following criteria are applied to determine the rankings:

- a) Higher number of points obtained in the matches played between the teams in question;
- b) Superior goal difference resulting from the matches played between the teams in question;
- c) Higher number of goals scored in the matches played between the teams in question;
- d) If, after having applied criteria a) to c), two teams still have an equal ranking, criteria a) to c) are reapplied exclusively to the matches between the two teams in question to determine the final rankings of the two teams. If this procedure does not lead to a decision, criteria e) to i) apply in the order given;
- e) superior goal difference in all group matches;
- f) higher number of goals scored in all group matches;
- g) position in the UEFA national team coefficient ranking system (see annex I, paragraph 1.2.2);
- h) fair play conduct of the teams (final tournament);
- i) drawing of lots

• The Group C coefficients are as follows:

Spain 43.116

Italy 34.357

Croatia 33.003

Republic of Ireland 28.576

• Article 8.08 reads: if two teams which have the same number of points, the same number of goals scored and conceded play their last group match against each other and are still equal at the end of that match, the ranking of the two teams in question is determined by kicks from the penalty mark provided no other teams within the group have the same number of points on completion of all group matches. Should more than two teams have the same number of points, the criteria listed under paragraph 8.07 apply.

Match facts

ITALY

- The Azzurri ended a three-match losing run with a draw on matchday one.
- Coach Cesare Prandelli is unbeaten in competitive internationals, recording eight wins and three draws to date.
- Antonio Di Natale's goal against Spain was his first for Italy since his effort in the 3-2 defeat by Slovakia at the 2010 FIFA World Cup – he had played just once since, however.
- Christian Maggio, Giorgio Chiellini, Mario Balotelli and Leonardo Bonucci were booked against Spain and are a yellow card away from a ban.
- Emanuele Giaccherini made his Italy debut against Spain; Fabio Borini and Alessandro Diamanti are yet to make their competitive bows at international level.

Injury news

- Antonio Cassano was expected to miss the rest of the season after undergoing heart surgery on 04/11 but returned to action at the start of April.

Miscellaneous

- Italy gathered at Coverciano, Florence, on 21/05, with players of Juventus, SSC Napoli and Paris Saint-Germain FC joining four days later due to domestic duties. The Azzurri arrived in Krakow on 05/06.
- At 1.64m, Sebastian Giovinco is the smallest player at UEFA EURO 2012.
- Gianluigi Buffon surpassed Dino Zoff as Italy's third highest appearance maker in February.
- Eight of the squad have previous UEFA European Championship experience: Buffon (2004, 2008), Cassano (2004, 2008), Andrea Pirlo (2004, 2008), Chiellini (2008), Andrea Barzagli (2008), Daniele De Rossi (2008), Di Natale (2008) and Morgan De Sanctis (2008).

Pre-tournament friendly

01/06 Italy 0-3 Russia (Kerzhakov 59, Shirokov 75 89)

- Italy's friendly with Luxembourg in Parma, scheduled for 29/05, was cancelled after the region was struck on the morning of the game by an earthquake with a magnitude of 5.8 on the Richter scale.

UEFA EURO 2012 qualifying

- Italy's tally of 26 points from ten games a national record in a qualifying section for a major tournament.
- The Azzurri also finished with the best defensive record across the nine groups, conceding only two goals.
- Discounting the six minutes of the home game against Serbia before it was abandoned, Italy did not concede for 625 minutes between Estonia finding the net in their opening fixture and Serbia's goal 13 months later.
- Chiellini played every minute of Italy's campaign; Cassano was the only other ever-present member of the squad and also the Azzurri's six-goal leading scorer.
- Of the final squad, six players did not feature in qualifying: Angelo Ogbonna, Ignazio Abate, Giaccherini, Di Natale, Borini and Diamanti.

Domestic information

- The Italy squad features seven members of the Juventus side that went through the Serie A season unbeaten en route to the title: Buffon, Barzagli, Bonucci, Chiellini, Giaccherini, Claudio Marchisio and Pirlo.
- The Bianconeri suffered their first defeat of the season in their last outing in the Coppa Italia final on 20/05, losing 2-0 to a Napoli side featuring De Sanctis and Maggio.
- Balotelli scored 13 goals in 23 appearances and was sent off twice as Manchester City FC won their first English top-flight title in 44 years.
- Di Natale struck 23 goals as Udinese Calcio finished third in Serie A, the third successive season he has hit 20 or more. He did not manage more than 17 before he reached the age of 30.
- Giovinco (15), Marchisio (9) and Diamanti (8) all established personal bests in front of goal in Serie A while Nocerino's return of ten in 35 games was four more than he had mustered in his previous four seasons.
- Andrea Pirlo has not been on the losing side in Serie A since 18 December 2010, when he was at AC Milan.

CROATIA

- Mario Mandžukić's opener against the Republic of Ireland was timed at two minutes, 38 seconds – the sixth quickest goal at a UEFA European Championship. The record is held by Russia's Dmitri Kirichenko, who struck after 67 seconds against Greece at UEFA EURO 2004.
- Mandžukić became only the second Croatia player to score a double at the UEFA European Championship, after Davor Šuker. He had just two attempts on goal all match.
- Slaven Bilić's side have won four successive UEFA European Championship group games.
- Luka Modrić and Niko Kranjčar were booked against Ireland and are a yellow card away from a ban.
- 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 (torn hamstring) and Ivo Iličević (calf) were ruled out of the tournament and replaced in the squad by Nikola Kalinić and Šime Vrsaljko, respectively.
- 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

- Bilić announced last month that he will step down after UEFA EURO 2012 to take the reins at FC Lokomotiv Moskva.
- On 6 June, FC Dynamo Kyiv confirmed the signing of Kranjčar on a four-year contract.
- There are ten survivors of Croatia's UEFA EURO 2008 squad: Stipe Pletikosa, Vedran Ćorluka, Danijel Pranjić, Šimunić, Darijo Srna, Kranjčar, Modrić, Ivan Rakitić, Ognjen Vukojević and Kalinić.
- This is 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)

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

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.

Team facts

Team facts: Italy

UEFA European Championship record

2008: quarter-finals
2004: group stage, final tournament
2000: runners-up
1996: group stage, final tournament
1992: did not qualify
1988: semi-finals
1984: did not qualify
1980: fourth place
1976: did not qualify
1972: quarter-finals
1968: winners
1964: last 16
1960: did not enter

Team EURO records

Final tournament win

2-0: four times, most recently France v Italy, 17/06/08, group stage

Final tournament loss

3-0: Netherlands v Italy, 09/06/08, group stage

Qualifying win

6-0: Italy v Turkey, 02/12/62

Qualifying loss

0-3: Italy v Sweden, 15/10/83

Player EURO records

Final tournament appearances

13: Paolo Maldini
13: Alessandro Del Piero
11: Gianluca Zambrotta
9: Alessandro Nesta
9: Stefano Fiore

Final tournament goals

2: Antonio Cassano
2: Pierluigi Casiraghi
2: Filippo Inzaghi
2: Francesco Totti

Overall appearances

40: Gianluigi Buffon
35: Fabio Cannavaro
33: Paolo Maldini
32: Alessandro Del Piero
29: Andrea Pirlo
28: Christian Panucci

Top scorers

Overall goals

14: Filippo Inzaghi
10: Luigi Riva
9: Alessandro Altobelli
9: Alessandro Del Piero
8: Antonio Cassano
7: Gianluca Vialli
7: Gianfranco Zola

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

6: Darijo Srna

5: Dario Šimić

5: Vedran Ćorluka

5: Niko Kranjčar

Final tournament goals

3: Davor Šuker

2: Ivan Klasnić

2: Mario Mandžukić

Overall appearances

32: Darijo Srna

31: Josip Šimunić

30: Dario Šimić

30: Stipe Pletikosa

28: Vedran Ćorluka

27: Robert Kovač

26: Ivica Olić

26: Luka Modrić

Overall goals

20: Davor Šuker

13: Eduardo

8: Mladen Petrić

6: Zvonimir Boban

6: Niko Kranjčar

6: Darijo Srna

5: Mario Mandžukić

5: Ivica Olić

Squad list

Italy

No	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	UEFA EURO 2012				Overall	
						Qual.		FT		Team	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers											
1	Gianluigi Buffon	28/01/78	34	Juventus	-	6	-	1	-	115	-
12	Salvatore Sirigu	12/01/87	25	Paris Saint-Germain FC	-	1	-	-	-	2	-
14	Morgan De Sanctis	26/03/77	35	SSC Napoli	-	1	-	-	-	5	-
Defenders											
2	Christian Maggio	11/02/82	30	SSC Napoli	*	4	-	1	-	17	-
3	Giorgio Chiellini	14/08/84	27	Juventus	*	10	-	1	-	51	2
4	Angelo Ogbonna	23/05/88	24	Torino FC	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
6	Federico Balzaretti	06/12/81	30	US Città di Palermo	-	4	-	-	-	8	-
7	Ignazio Abate	12/11/86	25	AC Milan	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
15	Andrea Barzagli	08/05/81	31	Juventus	-	2	-	-	-	29	-
19	Leonardo Bonucci	01/05/87	25	Juventus	*	6	1	1	-	15	2
Midfielders											
5	Thiago Motta	28/08/82	29	Paris Saint-Germain FC	-	3	1	1	-	9	1
8	Claudio Marchisio	19/01/86	26	Juventus	-	6	1	1	-	21	1
13	Emanuele Giaccherini	05/05/85	27	Juventus	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
16	Daniele De Rossi	24/07/83	28	AS Roma	-	7	1	1	-	73	10
18	Riccardo Montolivo	18/01/85	27	ACF Fiorentina	-	8	-	-	-	33	1
21	Andrea Pirlo	19/05/79	33	Juventus	-	9	1	1	-	84	9
22	Alessandro Diamanti	02/05/83	29	Bologna FC	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
23	Antonio Nocerino	09/04/85	27	AC Milan	-	4	-	1	-	12	-
Forwards											
9	Mario Balotelli	12/08/90	21	Manchester City FC	*	2	-	1	-	9	1
10	Antonio Cassano	12/07/82	29	AC Milan	-	10	6	1	-	30	9
11	Antonio Di Natale	13/10/77	34	Udinese Calcio	-	-	-	1	1	38	11
17	Fabio Borini	29/03/91	21	AS Roma	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
20	Sebastian Giovinco	26/01/87	25	Parma FC	-	3	-	1	-	9	-
Coach											
-	Cesare Prandelli	19/08/57	54	-	-	10	-	1	-	1	-

Croatia

No	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	UEFA EURO 2012				Overall	
						Qual.		FT		Team	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers											
1	Stipe Pletikosa	08/01/79	33	FC Rostov	-	6	-	1	-	92	-
12	Ivan Kelava	20/02/88	24	GNK Dinamo Zagreb	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
23	Danijel Subašić	27/10/84	27	AS Monaco FC	-	-	-	-	-	4	-
Defenders											
2	Ivan Strinić	17/07/87	24	FC Dnipro Dnipropetrovsk	-	8	-	1	-	18	-
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	1	-	55	3
13	Gordon Schildenfeld	18/03/85	27	Eintracht Frankfurt	-	4	-	1	-	13	-
15	Šime Vrsaljko	10/01/92	20	GNK Dinamo Zagreb	-	1	-	-	-	4	-
21	Domagoj Vida	29/04/89	23	GNK Dinamo Zagreb	-	4	-	-	-	10	-
Midfielders											
6	Danijel Pranjić	02/12/81	30	FC Bayern München	-	8	-	-	-	43	-
7	Ivan Rakitić	10/03/88	24	Sevilla FC	-	8	-	1	-	42	8
8	Ognjen Vukojević	20/12/83	28	FC Dynamo Kyiv	-	8	1	1	-	40	4
10	Luka Modrić	09/09/85	26	Tottenham Hotspur FC	*	10	1	1	-	55	8
11	Darijo Srna	01/05/82	30	FC Shakhtar Donetsk	-	10	1	1	-	92	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	-	1	-	19	-
19	Niko Kranjčar	13/08/84	27	Tottenham Hotspur FC	*	8	4	1	-	72	15
20	Ivan Perišić	02/02/89	23	Borussia Dortmund	-	6	-	1	-	11	-
Forwards											
9	Nikica Jelavić	27/08/85	26	Everton FC	-	9	-	1	1	20	3
17	Mario Mandžukić	21/05/86	26	Hamburger SV	-	10	3	1	2	30	7
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	1	-	48	23
Coach											
-	Slaven Bilić	11/09/68	43	-	-	13	-	1	-	5	-

Head coach

Italy: Cesare Prandelli

Date of birth: 19 August 1957

Nationality: Italian

Playing career: US Cremonese, Atalanta BC, Juventus

Coaching career: Atalanta BC, US Lecce, Hellas-Verona FC, AC Venezia, Parma FC, AS Roma, ACF Fiorentina, Italy

- Made his name as a promising coach in the prestigious youth system at Atalanta, the club where he finished his playing career in 1990 after three league titles with Juventus (1981, 1982, 1984).
- His six seasons in Turin also brought the 1983 Coppa Italia, the 1984 UEFA Cup Winners' Cup and the European Champion Clubs' Cup a year later, although he struggled to win a regular role.
- Having impressed at Atalanta, Prandelli accepted the head coach position at Lecce in 1997 but resigned the following January. He then earned promotion to the top flight with both Verona and Venezia before further boosting his burgeoning reputation after moving to Parma in 2002.
- In 2004 Prandelli took over at Roma but soon left as wife Manuele – who sadly died in November 2007 – fell seriously ill. He moved to Fiorentina in 2005, leading them to a fourth place in his first season although they were subsequently stripped of their achievement for their part in Italy's sporting fraud trial.
- Prandelli guided the club to the 2007/08 UEFA Cup semi-finals and was awarded the Panchina d'Oro for the best coach in Serie A, in 2008. Took the Viola into the UEFA Champions League group stage in 2008/09 and the round of 16 a year later before succeeding Marcello Lippi as Italy coach, signing a four-year deal and guiding the Azzurri to UEFA EURO 2012 unbeaten.

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

Referee	Howard Webb (ENG)
Assistant referees	Michael Mullarkey (ENG), Peter Kirkup (ENG)
Additional assistant referees	Martin Atkinson (ENG), Mark Clattenburg (ENG)
Fourth official	Pavel Kralovec (CZE)
Reserve official	Roman Slyško (SVK)
UEFA Delegate	Adonis Procopiou (CYP)
UEFA Referee observer	Kyros Vassaras (GRE)

Referee

Name	Date of birth	Nationality
Howard Webb	14/07/1971	ENG

- Howard Webb has made tremendous progress in recent years, both in his native England – where highlights include the 2006/07 League Cup final and the 2008/09 FA Cup final – but also abroad, particularly in 2009/10.
- His appointment on matchday two of the 2006/07 campaign was his first taste of the UEFA Champions League proper, reward for an impressive performance at the UEFA European Under-21 Championship in Portugal.
- A former police officer who enjoys keeping fit, Webb already has a long career behind him having been inspired to pick up the whistle by his father at the age of 18. Took charge of the 2005 FA Community Shield, and that November was in the middle for his first senior international between Northern Ireland and Portugal.
- Having overseen five qualifiers, Webb was referee for two games at UEFA EURO 2008 and in 2008/09 took charge of the UEFA Cup semi-final first leg between Werder Bremen and Hamburger SV.
- The following season he became the fifth Englishman to oversee the European Cup final when FC Internazionale Milano overcame FC Bayern München in Madrid. Even better was to come at the FIFA World Cup, however, where Webb refereed three matches before becoming the first Englishman since Jack Taylor in 1974 to be awarded the final as Spain beat the Netherlands 1-0.

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

Date	Competition	Stage	Home	Away	Result	Venue
12/09/07	EURO	QR	Ukraine	Italy	1-2	Kyiv
07/10/11	EURO	QR	Greece	Croatia	2-0	Piraeus

Other matches

Date	Competition	Stage	Home	Away	Result	Venue
06/09/06	EURO	QR	Netherlands	Belarus	3-0	Eindhoven
24/03/07	EURO	QR	Lithuania	France	0-1	Kaunas
17/10/07	EURO	QR	Germany	Czech Republic	0-3	Munich
21/11/07	EURO	QR	Slovenia	Bulgaria	0-2	Celje
12/06/08	EURO	GS	Austria	Poland	1-1	Vienna
18/06/08	EURO	GS	Greece	Spain	1-2	Salzburg
08/10/10	EURO	QR	Germany	Turkey	3-0	Berlin
06/09/11	EURO	QR	Romania	France	0-0	Bucharest
11/11/11	EURO	PO	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Portugal	0-0	Zenica
08/06/12	EURO	GS	Russia	Czech Republic	4-1	Wroclaw

Competition facts

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.
- Jetro Willems became the youngest player to grace a UEFA European Championship when he started the Netherlands' opening Group B match against Denmark at UEFA EURO 2012. The PSV Eindhoven defender was aged 18 years and 71 days, breaking the record held by Belgium's Enzo Scifo, who was 18 years and 115 days against Yugoslavia in 1984.
- 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
Croatia	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
Spain	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Italy	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Republic of Ireland	1	0	0	1	1	3	0

Matchday 1 (10/06/12)

Spain 1-1 Italy

Goals: 0-1 Di Natale 61, 1-1 Fàbregas 64

Italy: Buffon, Maggio, Chiellini, Thiago Motta (Nocerino 90), Marchisio, Balotelli (Di Natale 56), Cassano (Giovinco 65), Giaccherini, De Rossi, Bonucci, Pirlo

Republic of Ireland 1-3 Croatia

Goals: 0-1 Mandžukić 3, 1-1 St Ledger 19, 1-2 Jelavić 43, 1-3 Mandžukić 49

Croatia: Pletikosa, Strinić, Čorluka, Rakitić (Dujmović 90+2), Vukojević, Jelavić (Kranjčar 72), Modrić, Srna, Schildenfeld, Mandžukić, Perišić (Eduardo 89)

Matchday 2 (14/06/12)

Italy v Croatia

Matchday 3 (18/06/12)

Croatia v Spain

Italy v Republic of Ireland

UEFA information

Vigilance at training sessions

Further to an incident that occurred at a Dutch national team training session on 8 June, UEFA has written to the mayors of the Polish and Ukrainian cities where open training sessions are scheduled to take place to ask that all effective and necessary measures – including an increased police presence – be implemented to prevent any display of discriminatory or racist behaviour at such public sessions. UEFA has also requested that the authorities ensure that any person found to be engaging in racist behaviour be immediately ejected from the stadium and its vicinity, and that criminal proceedings be launched against such individuals. A letter was also sent to the sports minister of Poland, Joanna Mucha, to ask for the full support of the Polish authorities in dealing with these important matters. Any such behaviour is totally incompatible with UEFA's zero-tolerance policy towards any type of discriminatory conduct. UEFA is nevertheless confident that the local authorities will deal adequately with the issue.

'Poland is living football'

As proud co-hosts of UEFA EURO 2012, Poles are hoping that the tournament will leave a positive image of their country in addition to the social and economic impact that the event has already had since it was awarded to Poland and Ukraine in April 2007. "I think when it comes to the infrastructure and organisation, the [early] evaluation is very positive," said the president of the Polish Football Federation (PZPN), Grzegorz Lato. "I am very happy that the tournament is taking place in Poland – and not only the favourites are winning, this is what is beautiful about football." Lato and Polish tournament director Adam Olkowicz agreed that UEFA EURO 2012 had been pushing sporting and economic development forward in Poland. "We have great stadiums and centres, EURO 2012 is driving the development of football," said Lato. "We have constructed big stadiums and hundreds of kilometres of new highways, new airport terminals, it's a great challenge for development," added Olkowicz. "Thousands of workplaces have been created, so the tournament has had a great economic impact. This is the biggest event, not only in terms of football in Poland, but also the biggest social event that has ever been organised in our country."

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.

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 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.

Anti-doping tests under way

Following extensive pre-tournament out-of competition testing, the in-competition anti-doping programme is under way for UEFA EURO 2012. The pre-tournament testing involved blood and urine samples being collected from all 16 participating teams at key points during their preparations. Now the in-competition programme is operational for the final round in Poland and Ukraine. All 31 matches will be subject to controls, while teams and players may be subject to no-notice testing in rest periods between matches. UEFA operates a "zero tolerance" policy approach to doping. In addition, UEFA's EURO 2012 anti-doping programme is fully supported by all participating teams, whose team doctors have signed an anti-doping charter to confirm their commitment to promoting clean football among their teams and players. UEFA and the participating teams are aiming to achieve the objective of a successful and drug-free UEFA EURO 2012.

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

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

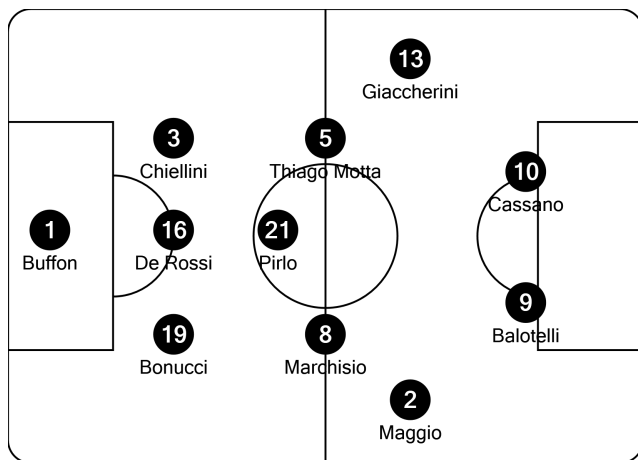
*: Misses next match if booked

#: Suspended for at least one match

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- 1 Gianluigi **Buffon** (GK) (C)
- 2(*) Christian **Maggio**
- 3(*) Giorgio **Chiellini**
- 5 **Thiago Motta**
- 8 Claudio **Marchisio**
- 9(*) Mario **Balotelli**
- 10 Antonio **Cassano**
- 13 Emanuele **Giaccherini**
- 16 Daniele **De Rossi**
- 19(*) Leonardo **Bonucci**
- 21 Andrea **Pirlo**



- 12 Salvatore **Sirigu** (GK)
- 14 Morgan **De Sanctis** (GK)
- 4 Angelo **Ogbonna**
- 6 Federico **Balzaretti**
- 7 Ignazio **Abate**
- 11 Antonio **Di Natale**
- 15 Andrea **Barzagli**
- 17 Fabio **Borini**
- 18 Riccardo **Montolivo**
- 20 Sebastian **Giovinco**
- 22 Alessandro **Diamanti**
- 23 Antonio **Nocerino**

Cesare **Prandelli** (HC)

Referee:

Howard **Webb** (ENG)

Assistant referees:

Michael **Mullarkey** (ENG)

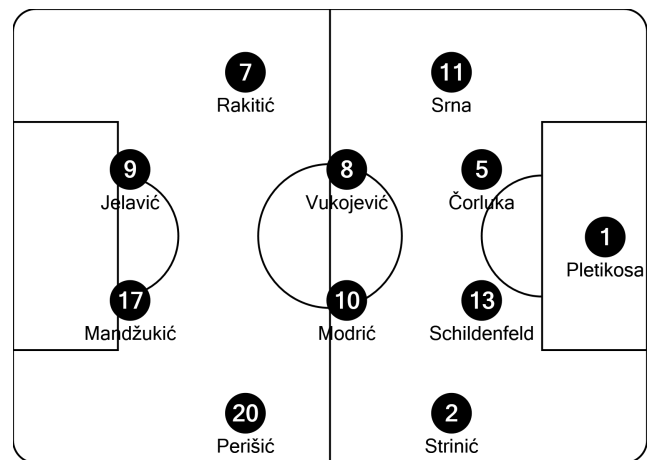
Peter **Kirkup** (ENG)

Additional assistant referees:

Martin **Atkinson** (ENG)

Mark **Clattenburg** (ENG)

- 1 Stipe **Pletikosa** (GK)
- 2 Ivan **Strinić**
- 5 Vedran **Čorluka**
- 7 Ivan **Rakitić**
- 8 Ognjen **Vukojević**
- 9 Nikica **Jelavić**
- 10(*) Luka **Modrić**
- 11 Darijo **Srna** (C)
- 13 Gordon **Schildenfeld**
- 17 Mario **Mandžukić**
- 20 Ivan **Perišić**



- 12 Ivan **Kelava** (GK)
- 23 Danijel **Subašić** (GK)
- 3 Josip **Šimunić**
- 4 Jurica **Buljat**
- 6 Danijel **Pranjić**
- 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:

Pavel **Kralovec** (CZE)

UEFA delegate:

Adonis **Procopiou** (CYP)

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

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- 1 Gianluigi Buffon (GK) (C)
- 2* Christian Maggio
- 3* Giorgio Chiellini
- 5 Thiago Motta
- 8 Claudio Marchisio
- 9* Mario Balotelli
- 10 Antonio Cassano
- 13 Emanuele Giaccherini
- 16 Daniele De Rossi
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- 18 Riccardo Montolivo
- 20 Sebastian Giovinco
- 22 Alessandro Diamanti
- 23 Antonio Nocerino

Cesare Prandelli (HC)

Attempts total	11
Attempts on target	6
Saves	3
Corners	4
Offsides	0
Fouls committed	8
Fouls suffered	9
Free kicks to goal	1
Possession	54%
Ball in play	15'48"
Total ball in play	29'20"

21 Andrea Pirlo (GK) 39'

45'

1'06"

- 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
- 20 Ivan Perišić

- 12 Ivan Kelava (GK)
- 23 Danijel Subašić (GK)
- 3 Josip Šimunić
- 4 Jurica Buljat
- 6 Danijel Pranjić
- 14 Milan Badelj
- 15 Šime Vrsaljko
- 16 Tomislav Dujmović
- 18 Nikola Kalinić
- 19* Niko Kranjčar
- 21 Domagoj Vida
- 22 Eduardo

Slaven Bilić (HC)

Attempts total	3
Attempts on target	3
Saves	3
Corners	1
Offsides	0
Fouls committed	10
Fouls suffered	7
Free kicks to goal	0
Possession	46%
Ball in play	13'32"
Total ball in play	29'20"

Referee: Howard Webb (ENG)
Assistant referees: Michael Mullarkey (ENG), Peter Kirkup (ENG)
Additional assistant referees: Martin Atkinson (ENG), Mark Clattenburg (ENG)

Fourth official: Pavel Kralovec (CZE)
UEFA delegate: Adonis Procopiou (CYP)

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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Full-time report
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ITALY **1-1** CROATIA

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half time

1 Gianluigi Buffon (GK) (C)
2 Christian Maggio
3 Giorgio Chiellini
5 Thiago Motta
8 Claudio Marchisio
9 Mario Balotelli
10 Antonio Cassano
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Cesare Prandelli (HC)

	Half	Full
Attempts total	11	15
Attempts on target	6	7
Saves	3	5
Corners	4	6
Offsides	0	3
Fouls committed	8	15
Fouls suffered	9	19
Free kicks to goal	1	1
Possession	54%	52%
Ball in play	15'48"	29'09"
Total ball in play	29'20"	56'02"

Referee:

Howard Webb (ENG)

Assistant referees:

Michael Mullarkey (ENG)

Peter Kirkup (ENG)

Additional assistant referees:

Martin Atkinson (ENG)

Mark Clattenburg (ENG)

1 Stipe Pletikosa (GK)
2 Ivan Strinić
5 Vedran Ćorluka
7 Ivan Rakitić
8 Ognjen Vukojević
9 Nikica Jelavić
10 Luka Modrić
11 Darijo Šmać (C)
13 Gordon Schildenfeld
17 Mario Mandžukić
20 Ivan Perišić

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16 Tomislav Dujmović
18 Nikola Kalinić
19 Niko Kranjčar
21 Domagoj Vida
22 Eduardo

Slaven Bilić (HC)

	Half	Full
Attempts total	3	10
Attempts on target	3	8
Saves	3	4
Corners	1	3
Offsides	0	1
Fouls committed	10	22
Fouls suffered	7	14
Free kicks to goal	0	0
Possession	46%	48%
Ball in play	13'32"	26'53"
Total ball in play	29'20"	56'02"

Fourth official:

Pavel Kralovec (CZE)

UEFA delegate:

Adonis Procopiou (CYP)

Man of the match:

21, Andrea Pirlo (ITA)

Attendance: 37,096

21 Andrea Pirlo (G) 39'

45'

1'06"

5 Thiago Motta (Y) 56'

18 Riccardo Montolivo (in) (S) 62'

5 Thiago Motta (out)

11 Antonio Di Natale (in) (S) 69'

9 Mario Balotelli (out)

68' (S) (in) 6 Danijel Pranjić

20 Ivan Perišić (out)

72' (G) 17 Mario Mandžukić

18 Riccardo Montolivo (Y) 80'

20 Sebastian Giovinco (in) (S) 83'

10 Antonio Cassano (out)

83' (S) (in) 22 Eduardo

9 Nikica Jelavić (out)

86' (Y) 13 Gordon Schildenfeld

90'

5'42" (S) (in) 19 Niko Kranjčar

17 Mario Mandžukić (out)

Goal (G) Booked (Y) Sent off (R) Substitution (S) Penalty (P) Own goal (O) Captain (C) Goalkeeper (GK) Misses next match if booked (M) Head coach (HC) 19:54:58CET 14 Jun 2012



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ITALY **1-1** CROATIA



	M	G	T	P	B	W	FC	FS	O	Y	R
Gianluigi Buffon	1	96'48"									
Christian Maggio	2	96'48"					1	1	2		
Giorgio Chiellini	3	96'48"					1	2			
Thiago Motta	5	62'58"					1	1		1	
Claudio Marchisio	8	96'48"	3			1	1				
Mario Balotelli	9	69'55"	2			3	3	4			
Antonio Cassano	10	83'55"				2	2	1			
Emanuele Giaccherini	13	96'48"				1	2	2			
Daniele De Rossi	16	96'48"						2			
Leonardo Bonucci	19	96'48"				1					
Andrea Pirlo	21	96'48"	1	1				3			
Salvatore Sirigu	12										
Morgan De Sanctis	14										
Angelo Ogbonna	4										
Federico Balzaretto	6										
Ignazio Abate	7										
Antonio Di Natale	11	26'53"							1		
Andrea Barzagli	15										
Fabio Borini	17										
Riccardo Montolivo	18	33'50"	1				2	2		1	
Sebastian Giovinco	20	12'53"					2	1			
Alessandro Diamanti	22										
Antonio Nocerino	23										



	M	G	T	P	B	W	FC	FS	O	Y	R
	96'48"										
	96'48"		1			1	2	1			
	96'48"						2				
	96'48"						3	1			
	96'48"						2	2			
	83'29"		2				3	1	1		
	96'48"		1			1	3	1			
	96'48"						1	4			
	96'48"						1	2		1	
	95'02"	1	2				5	1			
	68'18"		1					1			
	1'46"		1								
	13'19"										

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- 20 Ivan Perišić
- 12 Ivan Kelava
- 23 Danijel Subašić
- 3 Josip Šimunić
- 4 Jurica Buljat
- 6 Danijel Pranjić
- 14 Milan Badelj
- 15 Šime Vrsaljko
- 16 Tomislav Dujmović
- 18 Nikola Kalinić
- 19 Niko Kranjčar
- 21 Domagoj Vida
- 22 Eduardo

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

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ITALY **1-1** **CROATIA**

39' Andrea Pirlo

72' Mario Mandžukić

	First half		Second half		Total		Tournament average			Tournament high		
	Italy	Croatia	Italy	Croatia	Italy	Croatia	Italy	Croatia	All	Italy	Croatia	All
Scoring situations												
Goals scored	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	2	1.35	1	3	4
open play	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	2	1.35	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	11	3	4	7	15	10	12.5	12	12.62	15	14	28
on target	6	3	1	5	7	8	6.5	8	6.69	7	8	15
off target	5	0	3	2	8	2	6	4	5.93	8	6	20
Assists	0	0	0	1	0	1	0.5	1.5	1.16	1	2	4
Corners	4	1	2	2	6	3	4	5	4.96	6	7	11
Offsides	0	0	3	1	3	1	3	1	1.96	3	1	6
Saves	3	3	2	1	5	4	4.5	3.5	3.04	5	4	6
Time & distance												
Total time played (minutes)	46'06"		50'42"		96'48"							
Ball possession	54%	46%	50%	50%	53%	47%						
Distance covered (metres)	58185	55719	58116	55948	116301	111667	116813	112719	111077	117324	113771	118701
Discipline												
Yellow cards	0	0	2	1	2	1	3	1.5	1.73	4	2	4
Red cards	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.08	0	0	1
Fouls committed	8	10	7	12	15	22	17	20	14.73	19	22	26
Passing & solo runs												
Passes attempted	304	268	274	258	578	526	547.5	554.5	566.19	578	583	834
Long	34	40	34	42	68	82	70	82	70.54	72	82	106
Medium	199	161	177	161	376	322	346.5	336	366.23	376	350	523
Short	71	67	63	55	134	122	131	136.5	129.43	134	151	266
Passes completed	226	181	184	172	410	353	375.5	373.5	403.46	410	394	672
Long	24	24	21	29	45	53	44.5	50	39.96	45	53	58
Medium	150	110	117	105	267	215	239.5	226	269.81	267	237	422
Short	52	47	46	38	98	85	91.5	97.5	93.69	98	110	225
Passes completion rate	74%	68%	67%	67%	71%	67%	69%	67%	71%	71%	68%	81%
Long	71%	60%	62%	69%	66%	65%	64%	61%	57%	62%	65%	55%
Medium	75%	68%	66%	65%	71%	67%	69%	67%	74%	71%	68%	81%
Short	73%	70%	73%	69%	73%	70%	70%	71%	72%	73%	73%	85%
Delivery/solo runs	34	28	25	33	59	61	47	52.5	48.58	59	61	86
into the attacking third	29	24	21	28	50	52	39.5	44.5	41.12	50	52	64
into the key area	18	12	18	23	36	35	26	31.5	28	36	35	62
into the penalty area	7	4	5	6	12	10	9.5	8.5	8.73	12	10	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	5	8	9	10	13	16	19	21	11	18	20	PC	PA	PC	PA	PC	PA	PC	PA	%	
Gianluigi Buffon	1	96'48"	-	-	6	-	-	-	2	3	5	8	3	-	-	-	5	7	21	24	1	1	27	32	84%
Christian Maggio	2	96'48"	-	-	-	1	9	3	3	-	1	6	6	-	-	-	0	4	18	25	11	16	29	45	64%
Giorgio Chiellini	3	96'48"	1	1	-	12	2	-	1	9	4	2	6	1	3	-	2	2	27	36	13	14	42	52	81%
Thiago Motta	5	62'58"	-	-	5	-	5	4	6	7	2	3	6	-	-	-	6	7	20	28	12	17	38	52	73%
Claudio Marchisio	8	96'48"	-	5	2	3	-	2	3	3	1	5	4	-	1	2	3	4	20	33	8	13	31	50	62%
Mario Balotelli	9	69'55"	-	1	-	1	2	-	3	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	0	1	6	15	4	5	10	21	48%
Antonio Cassano	10	83'55"	-	1	1	6	1	7	-	1	-	1	5	-	-	-	2	2	13	21	8	12	23	35	66%
Emanuele Giaccherini	13	96'48"	1	-	5	6	3	4	4	-	3	1	1	-	6	-	2	5	21	33	11	15	34	53	64%
Daniele De Rossi	16	96'48"	3	2	9	3	6	2	-	4	-	9	9	-	2	1	7	8	35	40	8	11	50	59	85%
Leonardo Bonucci	19	96'48"	4	12	1	-	2	3	5	-	8	-	10	2	1	-	9	14	32	43	7	8	48	65	74%
Andrea Pirlo	21	96'48"	1	4	3	9	9	2	7	4	6	9	-	1	2	2	9	14	39	52	11	13	59	79	75%
Antonio Di Natale	11	26'53"	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	3	5	0	2	3	7	43%
Riccardo Montolivo	18	33'50"	-	1	3	-	-	-	1	1	2	-	2	1	-	2	0	0	10	16	3	5	13	21	62%
Sebastian Giovinco	20	12'53"	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	0	0	2	5	1	2	3	7	43%
Total passes received:			10	29	36	41	40	27	35	33	33	33	45	54	5	7	45	68	267	376	98	134	410	578	71%



From	TP	To														Long		Medium		Short		Total			
		1	2	5	7	8	9	10	11	13	17	20	6	19	22	PC	PA	PC	PA	PC	PA	PC	PA	%	
Stipe Pletikosa	1	96'48"	-	-	1	3	-	7	-	3	-	5	2	1	-	-	15	24	6	8	1	1	22	33	67%
Ivan Strinić	2	96'48"	-	-	-	1	2	1	11	-	3	6	7	1	1	-	1	3	19	32	13	14	33	49	67%
Vedran Ćorluka	5	96'48"	5	4	-	1	5	4	-	1	4	1	-	1	-	-	8	10	13	21	5	8	26	39	67%
Ivan Rakitić	7	96'48"	-	4	3	-	5	4	3	11	2	5	4	-	1	-	6	7	27	37	9	15	42	59	71%
Ognjen Vukojević	8	96'48"	-	6	1	7	-	2	11	10	3	2	5	2	-	-	5	7	36	43	8	11	49	61	80%
Nikica Jelavić	9	83'29"	-	1	-	1	-	-	4	2	1	4	2	-	-	-	0	1	7	16	8	12	15	29	52%
Luka Modrić	10	96'48"	-	9	-	7	9	6	-	7	4	1	4	-	-	-	4	5	27	41	16	17	47	63	75%
Darijo Srna	11	96'48"	1	-	7	10	11	4	12	-	3	2	2	-	-	-	2	5	40	56	10	13	52	74	70%
Gordon Schildenfeld	13	96'48"	4	5	4	1	1	-	4	5	-	1	2	1	-	1	8	12	19	25	2	3	29	40	72%
Mario Mandžukić	17	95'02"	-	1	-	2	1	2	4	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	1	3	5	16	7	15	13	34	38%
Ivan Perišić	20	68'18"	-	2	1	2	1	2	4	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	4	8	15	4	9	14	28	50%
Danijel Pranjić	6	28'30"	-	1	1	-	4	-	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	7	10	2	4	10	15	67%
Niko Kranjčar	19	1'46"	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Eduardo	22	13'19"	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	1	2	0	0	1	2	50%
Total passes received:			10	33	18	35	39	32	55	43	20	28	28	8	2	2	53	82	215	322	85	122	353	526	67%

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

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Tactical lineups: Full time
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ITALY **1-1** **CROATIA**

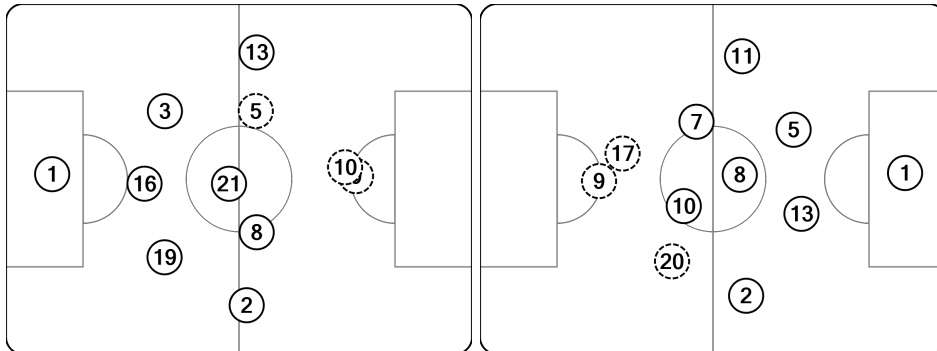
62' (In) 18 Montolivo / (Out) 5 Thiago Motta
69' (In) 11 Di Natale / (Out) 9 Balotelli
83' (In) 20 Giovinco / (Out) 10 Cassano

68' (In) 6 Pranjic / (Out) 20 Perisic
83' (In) 22 Eduardo / (Out) 9 Jelavic
90+4' (In) 19 Kranjcar / (Out) 17 Mandzukic

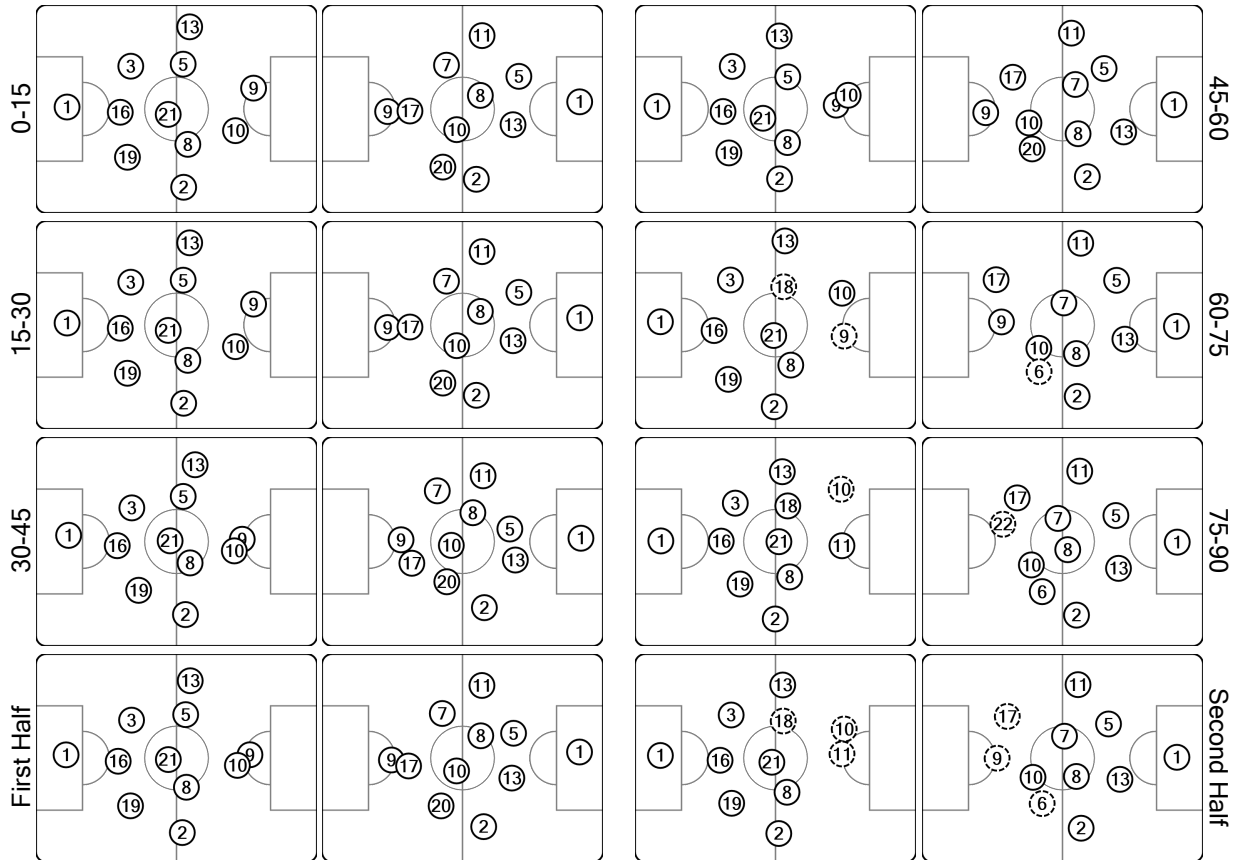
Total time played: 96'48"
52% - 29'09" Ball possession 48% - 26'53"

Actual formation
Direction of play --> <-- Direction of play

- Buffon 1
- Maggio 2
- Chiellini 3
- Thiago Motta 5
- Marchisio 8
- Balotelli 9
- Cassano 10
- Giaccherini 13
- De Rossi 16
- Bonucci 19
- Pirlo 21
- Di Natale 11
- Montolivo 18
- Giovinco 20



- 1 Pletikosa
- 2 Strinic
- 5 Corluka
- 7 Rakitic
- 8 Vukojevic
- 9 Jelavic
- 10 Modric
- 11 Sma
- 13 Schildenfeld
- 17 Mandzukic
- 20 Perisic
- 6 Pranjic
- 19 Kranjcar
- 22 Eduardo



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

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