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Match background

UEFA EURO 2008™ co-hosts Austria open their Group B campaign against Croatia at the Ernst-Happel-Stadion in Vienna aiming to prove they are worthy of their place among Europe's élite.

- This is Austria's first appearance in a UEFA European Championship final tournament and their first taste of any major tournament since the FIFA World Cup in France a decade ago. Coach Josef Hickersberger will consider a positive start vital to his side's prospects but they can expect a tough test against a Croatia side who eliminated England in qualifying and ran out 4-1 winners on their last visit to this stadium in 2006.
- Croatia advanced to the finals as Group E winners, finishing with an impressive record of nine wins, two draws and just one defeat.
- Austria's best performance in the UEFA European Championship came in the inaugural edition of 1960, which was a four-team final tournament, where they reached the quarter-finals before losing 9-4 on aggregate to France.
- Austria finished third in their group at France '98, with two draws and a defeat. Their last victory in a major tournament was a 2-1 success against United States at the 1990 World Cup.
- Croatia's best performance in the UEFA European Championship came in 1996 on their debut appearance at an international tournament. Current coach Slaven Bilić featured in the team which beat Turkey and Denmark prior to a 2-1 quarter-final defeat by Germany.
- Croatia reached the finals again in 2004 but were knocked out in the first round following draws with Switzerland and France and a defeat by England.
- The Balkan team suffered the same fate at the 2006 World Cup where they drew with Japan and Australia following an opening loss to Brazil.
- Since finishing third at the 1998 World Cup, Croatia have not got past the first round in three appearances at major tournaments. Their only win in their last nine finals matches was a 2-1 success against Italy at Korea/Japan 2002.
- Croatia won all three of the sides' previous meetings, starting with a 2-1 triumph in Klagenfurt in an April 2000 friendly. Mario Stanić scored the winning goal for Croatia in a match which featured current Austrian international Martin Stranzl and Croatia's Stipe Pletikosa, Niko and Robert Kovač and Dario Šimić.
- Pletikosa, Robert Kovač and Šimić played in Croatia's 1-0 home victory against Austria in February 2001. Martin Hiden and Alex Manninger were in the Austria team.



- Croatia's third and most recent win against Austria came in Vienna on 23 May 2006 where they won 4-1 through goals from Ivan Klasnić (2), Marko Babić and Boško Balaban. Andreas Ivanschitz scored the Austria goal.
- The teams in Vienna were:
Croatia: Stipe Pletikosa (Joey Didulica 46), Dario Šimić, Stjepan Tomas, Robert Kovač (Mario Tokič 61), Darijo Srna (Jerko Leko 71), Igor Tudor, Marko Babić, Niko Kovač (Luka Modrić 57), Niko Kranjčar, Dado Pršo (Boško Balaban 57), Ivan Klasnić (Ivica Olić 46).
Austria: Helge Payer, Andreas Ibertsberger, Martin Stranzl, Paul Scharner, Joachim Standfest, Christoph Leitgeb (Michael Mörz 73), Andreas Ivanschitz, Thomas Prager, René Aufhauser (Ferdinand Feldhofer 66), Stefan Lexa (Christian Fuchs 83), Marc Janko (Roland Linz 64).
- Croatia captain Niko Kovač is also skipper of Austrian club side FC Salzburg and his team-mates there include Austrian internationals René Aufhauser and Christoph Leitgeb. Ivanschitz was also with him at Salzburg before he moved to Panathinaikos FC.
- Martin Harnik of Austria plays with Croatian international Ivan Klasnić at Werder Bremen.
- Darijo Srna was in the Shakhtar team that got the better of Salzburg in the UEFA Champions League third qualifying round in 2007/08.
- Croatia's coach at UEFA EURO 2004™, Otto Barić, had an earlier spell in charge of Austria (1999-2001).
- Only three teams have become European champions on home soil: France in 1984, Italy in 1968 and Spain four years earlier.
- This is the 13th edition of the UEFA European Championship and the eighth edition that features a final tournament with a group phase.

Match facts

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UEFA EURO 2008™ qualifying statistics

N/A

Team information

- Over 2,500 fans braved heavy rain on 2 June to cheer on Austria in their first public practice session at their base in Stegersbach.
- With Helge Payer ruled out, Josef Hickersberger hesitated on naming his first-choice goalkeeper for UEFA EURO 2008™, despite admitting he had made his decision some time before the opening game.
- On 10 May Austria made a fine start to their pre-UEFA EURO 2008™ training camp with a 6-0 victory against third division side SV Spittal in an unofficial friendly. Christian Fuchs, Stefan Maierhofer, Ümit Korkmaz, Christoph Leitgeb and Erwin Hoffer (2) got the goals.

Friendly results

30.05.2008: Austria 5–1 Malta (Aufhauser, Linz 2, Vastic, Harnik)
27.05.2008: Austria 1–1 Nigeria (Kienast)
26.03.2008: Austria 3–4 Netherlands (Ivanschitz, Prödl 2)
06.02.2008: Austria 0–3 Germany
21.11.2007: Austria 0–0 Tunisia
16.11.2007: Austria 0–1 England
17.10.2007: Austria 3–2 Ivory Coast (Kuljic, Aufhauser, Standfest)
13.10.2007: Switzerland 3–1 Austria (Aufhauser)
11.09.2007: Austria 0–2 Chile
07.09.2007: Austria 0–0 Japan (Austria won 4-3 on pens)
22.08.2007: Austria 1–1 Czech Republic (Harnik)

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02.06.2007: Austria 0–0 Paraguay
30.05.2007: Austria 0-1 Scotland
28.03.2007: France 1–0 Austria
24.03.2007: Austria 1–1 Ghana (Aufhauser)
07.02.2007: Malta 1–1 Austria (Ivanschitz)
15.11.2006: Austria 4–1 Trinidad & Tobago (Aufhauser 3, Feldhofer)
11.10.2006: Austria 2–1 Switzerland (Linz, Kuljic)
06.10.2006: Liechtenstein 1–2 Austria (Garics, Prager)
06.09.2006: Austria 0–1 Venezuela
02.09.2006: Austria 2–2 Costa Rica (Linz 2)
16.08.2006: Austria 1–2 Hungary (Kuljic)

Injury news

- On 27 May Payer was ruled out of UEFA EURO 2008™ and replaced in the squad by Ramazan Özcan after it was discovered he urgently needed an operation for a stomach condition. The 28-year-old was Hickersberger's likely No1 in the finals until being diagnosed with partially blocked veins in his stomach.
- Emanuel Pogatzetz has been struggling with a bruised calf over the past week.

Domestic information

- Four members of the Austrian party at UEFA EURO 2008™ were part of the SK Rapid Wien squad that claimed their 32nd league title this season: Markus Katzer, Jürgen Patocka, Korkmaz and Hoffer.
- Korkmaz played 31 times, but announced before the finals that he will move to Germany this summer, joining Eintracht Frankfurt on a four-year deal.
- Ivica Vastic was named Player of the Season after a terrific campaign for LASK Linz. It earned the 38-year-old an international recall on the eve of UEFA EURO 2008™, and when he started against Nigeria on 27 May it was his first appearance in an Austria shirt since August 2005.

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UEFA EURO 2008™ qualifying statistics

- Four Croatia players appeared in all 12 matches in qualifying Group E: Niko Kranjčar, Eduardo da Silva – ruled out of the finals by injury – Vedran Ćorluka and Luka Modrić. Only Ćorluka played all 1,080 minutes.
- Four of the final 23-man squad did not feature in qualifying: Mario Galinović, Hrvoje Vejić, Nikola Pokrivač and Nikola Kalinić.
- Eduardo struck ten goals in qualifying, fewer only than top scorer David Healy. Mladen Petrić managed seven.
- Croatia scored 28 times in qualifying, fewer only than Germany (35) and Slovakia (33). Croatia's 12-match average was 2.33 goals per game.
- Croatia conceded eight times in their 12 qualifying matches. France, the Czech Republic and the Netherlands had the best defensive records with five goals conceded each.
- Slaven Bilić's side collected only seven yellow cards in qualifying – the best disciplinary record of any side.

Team information

- The squad have been together since 19 May when they convened for a training camp at Rovinj, a setting in Jules Verne's novel Mathias Sandorf.
- After the friendly victory against Moldova on 24 May, Bilić's men set up camp in Catez in Slovenia, then travelled to Budapest to take on Hungary. They had 1 June off, but were back to training in Zagreb the following day before their departure for Austria.

Friendly results

31.05.2008: Hungary 1-1 Croatia (N. Kovač)
24.05.2008: Croatia 1-0 Moldova (N. Kovač)
26.03.2008: Scotland 1-1 Croatia 1-1 (Kranjčar)
06.02.2008: Croatia 0-3 Netherlands

Injury news

- Petrić has been hampered by a back injury that ruled him out of the last five games of BV Borussia Dortmund's Bundesliga season. He recovered to start for Croatia against Hungary, however.
- Scorer of ten goals in qualifying, Arsenal FC striker Eduardo was ruled out of the finals with a compound double fracture of his left leg he suffered in February.

Miscellaneous

- With 98 caps to his name, Dario Šimić could become the first Croatia player to win 100 caps during this summer's tournament.
- On 2 June Croatian Prime Minister Dr Ivo Sanader talked football over lunch with Bilić and his players at the Sheraton Hotel in Zagreb. "I came to wish you luck and success at the European Championship," said Mr Sanader, who was presented with a signed shirt by Niko Kovač.
- Not content with simply coaching Croatia, Bilić has also written a fans' song for the finals with his rock band, Rawbau. Named Vatreno Ludilo (Flaming Madness), the song was performed by the band from a rooftop in Sofia in April.

Domestic information

- Ognjen Vukojević and Modrić played pivotal roles as NK Dinamo Zagreb claimed the league-and-cup double in Croatia. Club captain Modrić scored 13 league goals before agreeing a €21m transfer to English Premier League outfit Tottenham Hotspur FC in late April.
- Vukojević is also on the move, taking time out from pre-UEFA EURO 2008™ training on 26 May to seal a reported €8m switch to FC Dynamo Kyiv. The midfielder agreed a five-year deal.
- Darijo Srna also claimed the domestic double with FC Shakhtar Donetsk in Ukraine, going one better than Mario Galinović and Kranjčar. After missing the start of the season, Galinović helped Panathinaikos FC to the Greek title, while Kranjčar played a part in every game of Portsmouth FC's successful FA Cup run.

Squad list

Austria

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	BL	UEFA EURO 2008™				Overall Team	
						Qual. Pld	Gls	FT Pld	Gls		
Goalkeepers											
1	Alexander Manninger	04.06.1977	31	AC Siena	-	-	-	-	-	27	-
21	Jürgen Macho	24.08.1977	30	AEK Athens FC	-	-	-	-	-	14	-
23	Ramazan Özcan	28.06.1984	23	TSG 1899 Hoffenheim	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders											
2	Joachim Standfest	30.05.1980	28	FK Austria Wien	-	-	-	-	-	30	2
3	Martin Stranzl	16.06.1980	27	FC Spartak Moskva	-	-	-	-	-	45	2
4	Emanuel Pogatetz	16.01.1983	25	Middlesbrough FC	-	-	-	-	-	27	1
12	Ronald Gercaliu	12.02.1986	22	FK Austria Wien	-	-	-	-	-	11	-
13	Markus Katzer	11.12.1979	28	SK Rapid Wien	-	-	-	-	-	11	-
15	Sebastian Prödl	21.06.1987	20	SK Sturm Graz	-	-	-	-	-	10	2
16	Jürgen Patocka	30.07.1977	30	SK Rapid Wien	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
17	Martin Hiden	11.03.1973	35	SK Austria Kärnten	-	-	-	-	-	49	1
Midfielders											
5	Christian Fuchs	07.04.1986	22	SV Mattersburg	-	-	-	-	-	17	-
6	René Aufhauser	21.06.1976	31	FC Salzburg	-	-	-	-	-	51	11
8	Christoph Leitgeb	14.04.1985	23	FC Salzburg	-	-	-	-	-	19	-
10	Andreas Ivanschitz	15.10.1983	24	Panathinaikos FC	-	-	-	-	-	39	6
11	Ümit Korkmaz	17.09.1985	22	SK Rapid Wien	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
14	György Garics	08.03.1984	24	SSC Napoli	-	-	-	-	-	12	1
19	Jürgen Säumel	08.09.1984	23	SK Sturm Graz	-	-	-	-	-	11	-
20	Martin Harnik	10.06.1987	20	Werder Bremen	-	-	-	-	-	8	2
Forwards											
7	Ivica Vastic	29.09.1969	38	LASK Linz	-	-	-	-	-	48	13
9	Roland Linz	09.08.1981	26	SC Braga	-	-	-	-	-	32	7
18	Roman Kienast	29.03.1984	24	Ham-Kam Fotball	-	-	-	-	-	6	1
22	Erwin Hoffer	14.04.1987	21	SK Rapid Wien	-	-	-	-	-	4	-
Coach											
-	Josef Hickersberger	27.04.1948	60	AUT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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Goalkeepers											
1	Stipe Pletikosa	08.01.1979	29	FC Spartak Moskva	-	10	-	-	-	69	-
12	Mario Galinović	15.11.1976	31	Panathinaikos FC	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
23	Vedran Runje	10.02.1976	32	RC Lens	-	2	-	-	-	4	-
Defenders											
2	Dario Šimić	12.11.1975	32	AC Milan	-	9	-	-	-	98	3
3	Josip Šimunović	18.02.1978	30	Hertha BSC Berlin	-	10	-	-	-	62	3
4	Robert Kovač	06.04.1974	34	BV Borussia Dortmund	-	11	-	-	-	74	-
5	Vedran Čorluka	05.02.1986	22	Manchester City FC	-	12	-	-	-	20	-
6	Hrvoje Vejić	08.06.1977	30	FC Tom Tomsk	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
13	Nikola Pokrivač	26.11.1985	22	AS Monaco FC	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
15	Dario Knežević	20.04.1982	26	AS Livorno Calcio	-	1	-	-	-	7	1
Midfielders											
7	Ivan Rakitić	10.03.1988	20	FC Schalke 04	-	4	1	-	-	8	1
8	Ognjen Vukojević	20.12.1983	24	NK Dinamo Zagreb	-	1	-	-	-	5	1
10	Niko Kovač	15.10.1971	36	FC Salzburg	-	10	-	-	-	77	14
11	Darijo Srna	01.05.1982	26	FC Shakhtar Donetsk	-	9	3	-	-	55	15
14	Luka Modrić	09.09.1985	22	Tottenham Hotspur FC	-	12	1	-	-	26	3
16	Jerko Leko	09.04.1980	28	AS Monaco FC	-	8	-	-	-	52	2
19	Niko Kranjčar	13.08.1984	23	Portsmouth FC	-	12	2	-	-	41	7
22	Danijel Pranjić	02.12.1981	26	SC Heerenveen	-	3	-	-	-	11	-
Forwards											
9	Nikola Kalinić	05.01.1988	20	HNK Hajduk Split	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
17	Ivan Klasnić	29.01.1980	28	Werder Bremen	-	2	1	-	-	29	8
18	Ivica Olić	14.09.1979	28	Hamburger SV	-	8	1	-	-	54	9
20	Igor Budan	22.04.1980	28	Parma FC	-	1	-	-	-	5	-
21	Mladen Petrić	01.01.1981	27	BV Borussia Dortmund	-	10	7	-	-	23	9
Coach											
-	Slaven Bilić	11.09.1968	39	CRO	-	12	-	-	-	-	-

Head coach

Austria: Josef Hickersberger

Date of birth: 27 April 1948

Nationality: Austrian

Playing career: FK Austria Wien, Kickers Offenbach, Fortuna Düsseldorf, SSW Innsbruck, SK Rapid Wien

Coaching career: Austria Under-21, Austria, Fortuna Düsseldorf, FK Austria Wien, Al Ahli, Arab Contractors, Al Shabab, Al Wasl, Al Etehad, SK Rapid Wien, Austria

One of Austria's most successful football figures, Josef Hickersberger has appeared at the FIFA World Cup finals both as a player and a coach. He will need all of his vast experience now, however, as he looks to plot a successful course for the co-hosts at UEFA EURO 2008™.

His career began in 1966 when he first signed for FK Austria Wien, and he won national titles in 1969 and 1970 before moving to Germany with Offenbacher Kickers 1901 and then Fortuna Düsseldorf. After winning the last of his 39 Austria caps at the 1978 FIFA World Cup, starring in a famous 3-2 win against West Germany, Hickersberger returned to his homeland to play for SSW Innsbruck. He ended his career with two seasons at SK Rapid Wien, winning the Austrian title again in 1982.

'Hicke' then took charge of the Austria Under-21 side before taking command of the senior squad in 1988. He earned Austria a place at the 1990 FIFA World Cup finals and oversaw memorable 3-2 friendly wins against Spain and a Netherlands side who were then reigning European champions. However, his 29-match spell as national coach came to an ignominious end with his dismissal after Austria lost their opening EURO '92 qualifying fixture 1-0 against the Faroe Islands. Düsseldorf handed him a return to club coaching and, after a spell at Austria Wien, he tried his luck in the Middle East.

He had spells at Al Ahli, Arab Contractors, Al Shabab and Al Wasl, Bahrain and Al Etehad and returned to Rapid in 2002. There he won the 2003/04 Austrian title and took his team to the group stages of the UEFA Champions League before being reappointed as national coach of Austria.

Croatia: Slaven Bilić

Date of birth: 11 September 1968

Nationality: Croatian

Playing career: HNK Hajduk Split, Karlsruher SC, West Ham United FC, Everton FC, Hajduk

Coaching career: Croatia Under-21, Croatia

With Croatia finishing top of Group E in qualifying, former international defender Slaven Bilić has already rewarded the Croatian Football Federation for the faith they showed when hiring him as national team coach in July 2006 at the age of 37. Bilić is determined their achievements will not end there, signing a new contract in May until 2010 and saying: "This is one of the best national teams I have seen in the last five years."

Bilić, who has a law degree, began as a coach during 2002/03 with HNK Hajduk Split, the hometown club where he first made his name. He had gone back to the capital after several years abroad and it was soon clear he had loftier ambitions. He was appointed to lead Croatia's Under-21 side in summer 2004 and the team won their qualifying group for the 2006 UEFA European Under-21 Championship but missed out on the finals after a play-off defeat by Serbia and Montenegro.

Bilić was absent for that tie as he was in hospital after back surgery. He began as a defender with Hajduk and spent six years there before moving on to Bundesliga side 1. FC Kaiserslautern in 1993. West Ham United FC paid a then club-record fee of €2.3m for his services in January 1996 and his form in England earned him a place in Croatia's team at EURO '96™, where he helped them reach the quarter-finals before Everton FC came calling with a €6.6m bid in March 1997.

Capped 44 times by his country, his greatest achievement came at the 1998 FIFA World Cup when he helped Croatia to a third-place finish in their first finals appearance. During 1999/00, he returned home to Hajduk and fans in Split could see him indulge his other passion, heavy metal, when playing guitar in a band called Rawbau.

Match officials

Referee	Pieter Vink (NED)
Assistant referee	Adriaan Inia (NED), Kristinn Jakobsson (ISL)
Fourth official	Kristinn Jakobsson (ISL)
Reserve official	Dimitris Bozatzidis (GRE)
UEFA Delegate	Mark Blackburne (ENG)

Referee

Name	Nat.	Date of birth
Pieter Vink	NED	13.03.1967

Pieter Vink has made great strides in recent years after being the man in the middle for the 2006 Dutch Cup final as AFC Ajax beat PSV Eindhoven 2-1 in Rotterdam and earning his first appointment in the UEFA Champions League the following November.

The policeman from Noordwijkerhout has been on the FIFA list since 2001, but actually began refereeing back in 1987. His first European appointment came with two UEFA European Under-17 Championship matches involving eventual semi-finalists Portugal back in March 2004, as Greece and Israel were defeated 2-0 and 3-0 respectively. By that August, he had worked his way up to U21 level but a major honour was still to come his way in the U19 category in May 2005.

Vink was given the honour of officiating at the 2004/05 UEFA European Under-19 Championship final played in Belfast, which France won 3-1 against England. It was his third match of the finals in Northern Ireland. A keen family man who enjoys a round of golf, Vink has been a regular face in the UEFA Cup in recent years. He has also been in charge for UEFA Champions League qualifiers and had his first taste of UEFA EURO 2008™ qualifying with Norway's 4-1 win in Hungary in September 2006.

Match-by-match lineups

Final tournament Group B

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Austria	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Croatia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Germany	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Poland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Date	Match	Result	Stadium/Venue
08.06.2008	Austria - Croatia	-	Ernst Happel, Vienna
08.06.2008	Germany - Poland	-	Wörthersee, Klagenfurt
12.06.2008	Croatia - Germany	-	Wörthersee, Klagenfurt
12.06.2008	Austria - Poland	-	Ernst Happel, Vienna
16.06.2008	Poland - Croatia	-	Wörthersee, Klagenfurt
16.06.2008	Austria - Germany	-	Ernst Happel, Vienna

Qualifying round Croatia

Group E

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Croatia	12	9	2	1	28	8	29
Russia	12	7	3	2	18	7	24
England	12	7	2	3	24	7	23
Israel	12	7	2	3	20	12	23
F.Y.R. Macedonia	12	4	2	6	12	12	14
Estonia	12	2	1	9	5	21	7
Andorra	12	0	0	12	2	42	0

Date	Match	Result	Stadium/Venue
06.09.2006	Russia - Croatia	0-0	Lokomotiv Stadium, Moscow
Goals: -			
Croatia: Pletikosa, Kovač, Čorluka, Sabljic, Šerić, Kovač, Modrić, Kranjčar, Rapaić (Petrić 58), Klasnić (Babić 88), Eduardo (Leko 71)			
07.10.2006	Croatia - Andorra	7-0	Maksimir, Zagreb
Goals: 1-0 Petrić 12, 2-0 Petrić 37, 3-0 Petrić 48, 4-0 Petrić 50, 5-0 Klasnić 58, 6-0 Balaban 62, 7-0 Modrić 83			
Croatia: Pletikosa, Šimić, Šimunić, Kovač, Čorluka, Kovač (Leko 69), Modrić, Klasnić, Kranjčar, Petrić (Balaban 60), Eduardo (Babić 64)			
11.10.2006	Croatia - England	2-0	Maksimir, Zagreb
Goals: 1-0 Eduardo 61, 2-0 G. Neville 69 (o.g.)			
Croatia: Pletikosa, Šimić, Šimunić, Kovač, Čorluka, Rapaić (Olić 76), Kovač, Modrić, Kranjčar (Babić 89), Eduardo (Leko 81), Petrić			
15.11.2006	Israel - Croatia	3-4	Ramat Gan, Tel Aviv
Goals: 1-0 Colautti 8, 1-1 Srna 35 (pen) , 1-2 Eduardo 39, 1-3 Eduardo 54, 2-3 Benayoun 68, 2-4 Eduardo 72, 3-4 Colautti 89			
Croatia: Runje, Šimić, Šimunić, Kovač, Čorluka, Kovač, Srna (Olić 88), Modrić, Kranjčar (Babić 70), Petrić, Eduardo (Leko 81)			

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- 24.03.2007 Croatia - F.Y.R. Macedonia 2-1 Maksimir, Zagreb
Goals: 0-1 Sedloski 36, 1-1 Srna 58, 2-1 Eduardo 87
Croatia: Pletikosa, Šimić, Šimunić, Ćorluka, Rapaić (Srna 45), Babić, Balaban (Budan 79), Kovač, Modrić, Kranjčar, Eduardo
- 02.06.2007 Estonia - Croatia 0-1 A Le Coq Arena, Tallinn
Goals: 0-1 Eduardo 32
Croatia: Pletikosa, Šimunić, Kovač, Ćorluka, Babić, Kovač, Srna, Modrić, Kranjčar (Leko 74), Petrić (Olić 54), Eduardo (Balaban 84)
- 06.06.2007 Croatia - Russia 0-0 Maksimir, Zagreb
Goals: -
Croatia: Pletikosa, Ćorluka, Šimić, Kovač, Šimunić, Srna (Leko 8), Kovač, Modrić, Kranjčar (Petrić 66), Eduardo, Olić (Babić 83)
- 08.09.2007 Croatia - Estonia 2-0 Maksimir, Zagreb
Goals: 1-0 Eduardo 39, 2-0 Eduardo 45+1
Croatia: Pletikosa, Šimić, Šimunić, Kovač, Ćorluka, Kovač, Srna (Babić 82), Modrić, Kranjčar (Rakitić 61), Petrić (Olić 72), Eduardo
- 12.09.2007 Andorra - Croatia 0-6 Estadi Comunal, Andorra La Vella
Goals: 0-1 Srna 34, 0-2 Petrić 38, 0-3 Petrić 44, 0-4 Kranjčar 49, 0-5 Eduardo 55, 0-6 Rakitić 64
Croatia: Runje, Srna, Kovač, Ćorluka, Knežević, Kranjčar, Modrić (Balaban 46), Leko, Babić, Petrić (Pranjić 46), Eduardo (Rakitić 62)
- 13.10.2007 Croatia - Israel 1-0 Maksimir, Zagreb
Goals: 1-0 Eduardo 52
Croatia: Pletikosa, Šimić, Šimunić, Kovač, Ćorluka, Srna, Modrić, Leko, Olić (Rakitić 81), Kranjčar (Pranjić 46), Eduardo
- 17.11.2007 F.Y.R. Macedonia - Croatia 2-0 Gradski, Skopje
Goals: 1-0 Maznov 71, 2-0 Naumoski 83
Croatia: Pletikosa, Šimić, Šimunić, Kovač, Ćorluka, Kovač, Srna, Modrić, Kranjčar (Vukojević 75), Petrić (Mandžukić 42), Eduardo (Olić 54)
- 21.11.2007 England - Croatia 2-3 Wembley (new), London
Goals: 0-1 Kranjčar 8, 0-2 Olić 14, 1-2 Lampard 56 (pen) , 2-2 Crouch 65, 2-3 Petrić 77
Croatia: Pletikosa, Ćorluka, Šimić, Kovač, Šimunić, Srna, Modrić, Kovač, Kranjčar (Pranjić 75), Olić (Rakitić 84), Eduardo (Petrić 69)

Competition facts

UEFA European Championship: Did you know?

- 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 appeared in two victorious finals.
- Since 1980, when the tournament became an eight-team event, the hosts have only failed to reach the semi-finals – or better – twice. Italy finished second in Group 2 in 1980, when only the top side in each section progressed to the final, and in 2000 Belgium – co-hosts with the Netherlands, who did reach the semi-finals – came third in their section.
- UEFA EURO 2008™ is Germany's tenth successive UEFA European Championship final tournament, more appearances than any other side – they last missed out as West Germany in 1968. The Netherlands are taking part in the finals for the sixth successive edition.
- Italy are bidding to 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 claimed the 1998 World Cup and UEFA EURO 2000™.
- 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 and France's Fabien Barthez, Marcel Desailly, Bixente Lizarazu, Lilian Thuram, Didier Deschamps, Yuri Djorkaeff, Patrick Vieira, Zinedine Zidane and Christophe Dugarry.
- Having played in Manchester United FC's UEFA Champions League final victory in Moscow on 21 May, Edwin van der Sar, Patrice Evra, Nani and Cristiano Ronaldo can join the exclusive band of five players who have appeared in European Champion Clubs' 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 Breukelen, Ronald Koeman, Barry van Aerle and Gerald Vanenburg were all in the victorious Netherlands side.
- Wim Kieft and Nicolas Anelka won the European Cup with PSV and Real Madrid CF in 1988 and 2000 respectively yet remaining on the bench for the Netherlands' and France's European Championship triumphs in those years. Anelka's Madrid and France team-mate from 2000, Christian Karembou, holds the unique position of being an unused substitute in both final victories in the same year.
- A total of ten players have been UEFA European Championship final losers after appearing in a European Cup victory: Sepp Maier, Hans-Georg Schwarzenbeck, Franz Beckenbauer and Uli Hoeness (1976, FC Bayern München and West Germany) and Paulo Ferreira, Ricardo Carvalho, Nuno Valente, Costinha, Maniche and Deco (2004, FC Porto and Portugal).
- Conversely six Chelsea players – Petr Čech, Claude Makelele, Carvalho, Michael Ballack, Florent Malouda and Anelka – could join a list of four players who followed European Cup final defeat with EURO victory in the same year: Ignacio Zoco and Amancio Amaro (1964, Real Madrid and Spain) and Manny Kaltz and Hörst Hrubesch (1980, Hamburger SV and West Germany).

UEFA European Championship final tournament: All-time records

• Leading scorer in a final tournament

1960: 2 François Heutte (FRA), Viktor Ponedelnik (URS), Valentin Ivanov (URS), Drazen Jerković (YUG)

1964: 2 Jesús María Pereda (ESP), Ferenc Bene (HUN), Deszö Novák (HUN)

1968: 2 Dragan Džajić (YUG)

1972: 4 Gerd Müller (FRG)

1976: 4 Dieter Müller (FRG)

1980: 3 Klaus Allofs (FRG)

1984: 9 Michel Platini (FRA)

1988: 5 Marco van Basten (NED)

1992: 3 Henrik Larsen (DEN), Karl-Heinz Riedle (GER), Dennis Bergkamp (NED), Tomas Brodin (SWE)

1996: 5 Alan Shearer (ENG)

2000: 5 Patrick Kluyvert (NED), Savo Milošević (YUG)

2004: 5 Milan Baroš (CZE)

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Ernst Happel, Vienna

• Oldest player to appear:

39yrs 91days: Lothar Matthäus (Portugal 3-0 **Germany**, 20.06.2000)

38yrs 308days: Morten Olsen (Italy 2-0 **Denmark**, 17.06.1988)

38yrs 271days: Peter Shilton (**England** 1-3 Netherlands, 15.06.1988)

• Youngest player to appear:

18yrs 115days: Enzo Scifo (**Belgium** 2-0 Yugoslavia, 13.06.1984)

18yrs 128days: Valeri Bozhinov (Sweden 2-1 **Bulgaria**, 14.06.2004)

18yrs 137days: Johan Vonlanthen (England 3-0 **Switzerland**, 17.06.2004)

18yrs 233days: Wayne Rooney (France 2-1 **England**, 13.06.2004)

• Oldest player to score:

34yrs 213days: Nené (**Portugal** 1-0 Romania, 20.06.1984)

34yrs 205days: Laurent Blanc (**France** 3-0 Denmark, 11.06.2000)

34yrs 92days: Ladislav Pavlovič (**Czechoslovakia** 2-0 France, 09.07.1960)

• Youngest player to score:

18yrs 141days: Johan Vonlanthen (**Switzerland** 1-3 France, 21.06.2004)

18yrs 237days: Wayne Rooney (**England** 3-0 Switzerland, 17.06.2004)

• Most goals in a match:

9: France 4-5 Yugoslavia (06.07.1960)

7: Netherlands 6-1 Yugoslavia (25.06.2000)

7: Yugoslavia 3-4 Spain (21.06.2000)

• Biggest victory:

6-1: Netherlands v Yugoslavia (25.06.2000)

5-0: Sweden v Bulgaria (14.06.2004)

5-0: Denmark v Yugoslavia (16.06.1984)

5-0: France v Belgium (16.06.1984)

• Fastest hat-trick

18mins: Michel Platini (**France** 3-2 Yugoslavia, 19.06.1984)

• Fastest goals

1min 7 secs: Dmitri Kirichenko (**Russia** 2-1 Greece, 20.06.2004)

2mins 7secs: Sergei Aleinikov (England 1-3 **Soviet Union**, 18.06.1988)

2mins 14 secs: Alan Shearer (Germany 1-1 (6-5pens) **England**, 26.06.1996)

2mins 25secs: Michael Owen (Portugal 2-2 (6-5pens) **England**, 24.06.2004)

2mins 27secs: Hristo Stoichkov (**Bulgaria** 1-0 Romania, 13.06.1996)

• Appearances

Players

Qualifying and final tournament

45: Lilian Thuram (FRA)

39: Peter Schmeichel (DEN)

39: Vitalis Astafjevs (LVA)

38: Hakan Şükür (TUR)

37: Sargis Hovsepyan (ARM)

36: Didier Deschamps (FRA)

36: Theodoros Zagorakis (GRE)

36: Rüştü Reçber (TUR)

35: Mart Poom (Estonia)

35: Jari Litmanen (Finland)

35: Laurent Blanc (France)

35: Fabio Cannavaro (Italy)

35: Mario Frick (Liechtenstein)

35: Dorinel Munteanu (Romania)

35: Gheorghe Popescu (Romania)

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Final tournament

14: Karel Poborský (CZE)
14: Lilian Thuram (FRA)
14: Zinédine Zidane (FRA)
14: Luís Figo (POR)
13: Peter Schmeichel (DEN)
13: Laurent Blanc (FRA)
13: Didier Deschamps (FRA)
13: Jürgen Klinsmann (FRG/GER)
13: Thomas Hässler (FRG/GER)
13: Paolo Maldini (ITA)
13: Edwin van der Sar (NED)
13: Phillip Cocu (NED)
13: Dennis Bergkamp (NED)

Teams

Final tournament

10: West Germany/Germany
8: Spain; Netherlands
7: Denmark; England; France; Italy

• Goals

Overall

22: Jon Dahl Tomasson (DEN)
22: Hakan Şükür (TUR)
20: Jan Koller (CZE)
20: Davor Šuker (YUG/CRO)
19: Raúl González (ESP)
18: Zlatko Zahovic (SLO)
17: Thierry Henry (FRA)
17: Shota Arveladze (GEO)
16: Gerd Müller (FRG)
16: Marco van Basten (NED)
15: Hristo Stoitchkov (BUL)
15: Jürgen Klinsmann (GER)

Final tournament

9: Michel Platini (FRA)
7: Alan Shearer (ENG)
6: Patrick Kluivert (NED)
5: Milan Baroš (CZE)
5: Zinédine Zidane (FRA)
5: Thierry Henry (FRA)
5: Jürgen Klinsmann (GER)
5: Marco Van Basten (NED)
5: Nuno Gomes (POR)
5: Savo Milošević (YUG)

Last updated: 05.06.2008

Team facts

Team facts: Austria

UEFA European Championship record

2004: Qualifying
2000: Qualifying
1996: Qualifying
1992: Qualifying
1988: Qualifying
1984: Qualifying
1980: Qualifying
1976: Qualifying
1972: Qualifying
1968: Qualifying
1964: Last 16
1960: Quarter-finals

Key facts

Overall

Pld: 80 **W:** 33 **D:** 13 **L:** 34 **F:** 146 **A:** 125

Final tournament

Pld: 0 **W:** 0 **D:** 0 **L:** 0 **F:** 0 **A:** 0

Qualifying

Pld: 80 **W:** 33 **D:** 13 **L:** 34 **F:** 146 **A:** 125

Records

Qualifying

Biggest win

7-0: Austria v San Marino, 28.04.1999, UEFA EURO 2000™ qualifying Group 6

7-0: Austria v Liechtenstein, 26.04.1994, UEFA EURO '96™ qualifying Group 6

Biggest loss

9-0: Spain v Austria, 27.03.1999, UEFA EURO 2000™ qualifying Group 6

Final tournament

Biggest win

n/a

Biggest loss

n/a

EURO appearances (players)

Overall

21: Bruno Pezzey
20: Andreas Herzog
20: Toni Polster
20: Friedrich Koncilia
19: Herbert Prohaska

Final tournament

n/a

Top scorers

Overall

14: Toni Polster
9: Hans Krankl
8: Walter Schachner
6: Andreas Herzog

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Final tournament

n/a

Last updated: 03.06.2008

Team facts: Croatia

UEFA European Championship record

2004: Group stage, final tournament

2000: Qualifying

1996: Quarter-finals

1992: n/a

1988: n/a

1984: n/a

1980: n/a

1976: n/a

1972: n/a

1968: n/a

1964: n/a

1960: n/a

Key facts

Overall record

Pld: 47 **W:** 28 **D:** 11 **L:** 8 **F:** 86 **A:** 38

Final tournament

Pld: 7 **W:** 2 **D:** 2 **L:** 3 **F:** 9 **A:** 11

Qualifying

Pld: 40 **W:** 26 **D:** 9 **L:** 5 **F:** 77 **A:** 27

Records

Qualifying

Biggest win

7-0: Croatia v Andorra, 07.10.2006, UEFA EURO 2008™ qualifying Group E

7-1: Croatia v Estonia, 03.09.1995, UEFA EURO '96™ qualifying Group 4

6-0: Andorra v Croatia, 12.09.2007, UEFA EURO 2008™ qualifying Group E

Biggest loss

2-0: F.Y.R. Macedonia v Croatia, 17.11.2007, UEFA EURO 2008™ qualifying Group E

2-0: Bulgaria v Croatia, 12.10.2002, UEFA EURO 2004™ qualifying Group 8

2-0: Republic of Ireland v Croatia, 05. 90.1998, UEFA EURO 2000™ qualifying Group 8

Final tournament

Biggest win

3-0: Croatia v Denmark, 16.06.1996, UEFA EURO '96™ Group D

Biggest loss

3-0: Croatia v Portugal, 19.06.1996, UEFA EURO '96™ Group D

EURO appearances (players)

Overall

29: Dario Šimić

24: Robert Kovač

21: Davor Šuker

21: Milan Rapačić

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Final tournament

4: Zvonimir Boban

4: Robert Jarni

4: Davor Šuker

4: Goran Vlaović

4: Aljoša Asanović

4: Dario Šimić

4: Slaven Bilić

Top scorers

Overall

19: Davor Šuker

10: Eduardo da Silva

7: Mladen Petrić

Final tournament

3: Davor Šuker

Last updated: 03.06.2008

UEFA information

'Wonderful atmosphere'

UEFA President Michel Platini has joined millions of football fans in Europe and around the world in heralding the long-awaited arrival of UEFA EURO 2008™. "As President of UEFA I am very proud that this tournament is kicking off," he said in Basel. "UEFA and EURO 2008 SA under COO Martin Kallen have been working hard for very many years to ensure the best possible conditions for players, spectators and the media. Everything is being done to ensure that there will be a wonderful atmosphere for the fans coming to Austria and Switzerland from the whole of Europe. What is really important are the feelings and emotions that will be felt by the spectators, thanks to the games that they will be watching. There is going to be a lot of drama, there will be pain and joy, and the best team will be the winner. I also hope that football will be the winner. I'm expecting wonderful emotions and I'm passing the ball on to all the players, who are key to our success."

Everything in place

UEFA EURO 2008™ organisers in host countries Austria and Switzerland say that everything is in place for what they hope will be the best EURO tournament ever. "We are ready, and everything has been working according to plan," said Euro 2008 SA COO Martin Kallen. "UEFA has been working very closely together with Austria and Switzerland since 2002 to make sure that this will be a great event. We will see if that is the case on 29 June." Meanwhile, Kallen warned fans against buying EURO tickets on the black market. "All of the tickets have been sold – there is not a single ticket left, and there has not been for a while," he explained. "We are obviously trying to prevent tickets being sold, but any tickets sold at this point are black market tickets. I would recommend that no one sells tickets on the black market, as there will be sanctions."

International Broadcast Centre opened

UEFA President Michel Platini has opened the International Broadcast Centre in Vienna – the nerve centre of broadcasting for UEFA EURO 2008™. At a ceremony attended by Austria's federal chancellor Alfred Gusenbauer, Vienna's mayor Michael Häupl and the President of the Austrian Football Federation, Friedrich Stickler, Mr Platini switched on the TV video feeds from all the Austrian and Swiss venues in the IBC Master Control Room with a symbolic push of the button. For the first time in EURO history, UEFA will produce the television signal for the tournament itself through UEFA Media Technologies SA, the 100 per cent owned UEFA subsidiary which is in charge of the Host Broadcast Operations.

Support for fans

The "fan embassies" project is designed to provide support to fans during UEFA EURO 2008™. Apart from facilities at each of the eight venues where fans can go for assistance, there will also be mobile fan embassies moving from stadium to stadium. The project is being run by people familiar with the fan scene in the participating countries, together with local fan experts. It is hoped that this co-operation will also be put to use well after UEFA EURO 2008™. The project leaders are UEFA's long-standing partners FARE (Football Against Racism in Europe) in co-operation with the FSI (Football Supporters International), Fairplay-vidc (Austria's Vienna Institute for international Dialogue and Co-operation) and Projektorganisation Öffentliche Hand (a Swiss state project organisation).

Location of fan embassies:

- Vienna: Vorplatz Museumsquartier
- Klagenfurt: Fancamp, Messegelände
- Salzburg: Ferdinand-Hanusch-Platz
- Innsbruck: Fancamp Innsbruck
- Zurich; Rathausplatz
- Basel: Marktplatz
- Berne: Waisenhausplatz
- Geneva: Place du Rhône

Official song

Can You Hear Me? by Enrique Iglesias is the official song of UEFA EURO 2008™, with the Spanish star scheduled to perform live at the final in Vienna on 29 June. The 33-year-old, who has had No1 hit records across the globe with songs such as Rhythm Divine, Be With You, Hero, Escape, Do You Know? and Tired of Being Sorry, will make his appearance in the ten-minute closing ceremony at the Ernst-Happel-Stadion. "I'm really pleased to be able to contribute to the football festival in Switzerland and Austria; it's an honour for me to perform at the final," said the Spaniard.

Competition information

• **Format:** The UEFA EURO 2008™ group stage draw in Lucerne on 2 December 2007 divided the 14 qualifiers and co-hosts Austria and Switzerland into four groups of four. Each country plays each other once. Three points are awarded for a win, one point for a draw and no points for a defeat. If two or more teams are equal on points on completion of the group matches, the following criteria are applied to determine the rankings:

- number of points obtained in the matches among the teams in question;
- goal difference from the matches among the teams in question;
- number of goals scored in the matches among the teams in question (if more than two teams finish level on points);
- goal difference in all group matches;
- number of goals scored in all the group matches;
- coefficient from the qualifying competitions for the 2006 FIFA World Cup and UEFA EURO 2008™ (points obtained divided by number of matches played);
- Fair Play conduct of teams in the final tournament;
- drawing of lots

• **Key dates:** The quarter-finals are played on 19, 20, 21 and 22 June in the following format:

Match 1 Winner Group A v Runner-up Group B

Match 2 Winner Group B v Runner-up Group A

Match 3 Winner Group C v Runner-up Group D

Match 4 Winner Group D v Runner-up Group C

The semi-finals are played on 25 and 26 June:

Winner Match 1 v Winner Match 2

Winner Match 3 v Winner Match 4

The final is played at the Ernst-Happel-Stadion in Vienna on Sunday 29 June, with the winners of Semi-final 1 being designated as the home team for administrative purposes.

• **Disciplinary information:** As a rule, a player who is sent off is suspended for the next match in the competition. The Control and Disciplinary Body is entitled to augment this punishment. In the case of repeated cautions, a player is suspended for one match after two cautions in two different matches. In May, UEFA's Executive Committee decided at its meeting in Moscow to cancel single yellow cards after the quarter-finals of UEFA EURO 2008™. Consequently, a situation will not arise whereby players receive a second yellow card of the tournament in the semi-finals and are suspended for the final as a result.

• **Player eligibility:** The 16 participants in the final tournament had to submit a final list of 23 players – of which three had to be goalkeepers – at least ten days before the opening match of the tournament, on 7 June. In the event of a serious injury to a listed player before his team's first match in the final tournament, the player in question could be substituted only if a doctor from the UEFA Medical Committee and the team doctor both confirmed the injury was serious enough to prevent the player taking part.

• **Financial information:** UEFA has earmarked a total of €184m for the 16 teams competing in UEFA EURO 2008™ compared to €129m at UEFA EURO 2004™. The 16 teams in the final tournament will each receive a participating fee of €7.5m with a performance bonus of €1m for a win during the group stage and €500,000 for a draw. The eight teams who reach the quarter-finals will all receive an additional payment of €2m, with the four teams who progress to the semi-finals collecting an extra €3m. For the teams who take the field for the final at the Ernst-Happel-Stadion on 29 June, the runners-up will receive €4.5m with the winners collecting €7.5m. Therefore, if the victorious side at the final win all three of their group games, they would collect a maximum of €23m.

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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 2008™ qualifying: Total UEFA EURO 2008™ appearances/goals in qualifying competition only.

FT: Total UEFA EURO 2008™ 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 • **U21:** UEFA European Under-21 Championship

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

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

U21: UEFA European Under-21 Championship

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

QR3: Third qualifying round

R1: First round

R2: Second round

R3: Third round

R4: Fourth round

SF: Semi-finals

1/8: Eighth-finals

1/16: Sixteenth-finals

1st: first leg

2nd: second leg

P-O: Play-off

:: Other Abbreviations

AP: Appearances

Comp.: Competition

D: Drawn

DoB: Date of birth

GA: Goals against

GF: Goals for

L: Lost

Nat.: Nationality

N/a: Not Applicable

No.: Number

Pld: Matches played

Pos.: Position

Pts: Points

R: Sent off (red card)

Res.: Result

W: Won

Y: Booked

Y/R: Sent off (yellow card then direct red)

:: Statistics

(-) : Denotes player substituted

(*) : Denotes player dismissed/sent off

(+) : Denotes player introduced

(+/-) : Denotes player introduced and substituted

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Team Line-ups
Group B - 8 June 2008
Ernst-Happel-Stadion - Vienna



AUSTRIA

18:00

CROATIA

- 21 Jürgen **Macho** **GK**
- 2 Joachim **Standfest**
- 3 Martin **Stranzl**
- 4 Emanuel **Pogatetz**
- 6 René **Aufhauser**
- 9 Roland **Linz**
- © 10 Andreas **Ivanschitz**
- 12 Ronald **Gercaliu**
- 15 Sebastian **Prödl**
- 19 Jürgen **Säumel**
- 20 Martin **Harnik**

- 1 Stipe **Pletikosa** **GK**
- 3 Josip **Šimunić**
- 4 Robert **Kovač**
- 5 Vedran **Čorluka**
- © 10 Niko **Kovač**
- 11 Darijo **Srna**
- 14 Luka **Modrić**
- 18 Ivica **Olić**
- 19 Niko **Kranjčar**
- 21 Mladen **Petrić**
- 22 Danijel **Pranjić**

- 1 Alexander **Manninger** **GK**
- 23 Ramazan **Özcan** **GK**
- 5 Christian **Fuchs**
- 7 Ivica **Vastic**
- 8 Christoph **Leitgeb**
- 11 Ümit **Korkmaz**
- 13 Markus **Katzer**
- 14 György **Garics**
- 16 Jürgen **Patocka**
- 17 Martin **Hiden**
- 18 Roman **Kienast**
- 22 Erwin **Hoffer**

- 12 Mario **Galinović** **GK**
- 23 Vedran **Runje** **GK**
- 2 Dario **Šimić**
- 6 Hrvoje **Vejić**
- 7 Ivan **Rakitić**
- 8 Ognjen **Vukojević**
- 9 Nikola **Kalinić**
- 13 Nikola **Pokrivač**
- 15 Dario **Knežević**
- 16 Jerko **Leko**
- 17 Ivan **Klasnić**
- 20 Igor **Budan**

Head Coach: Josef **Hickersberger**

Head Coach: Slaven **Bilić**

Referee: Pieter **VINK** (NED)

Fourth official: Kristinn **JAKOBSSON** (ISL)

Assistant referees: Adriaan **INIA** (NED)

UEFA delegate: Mark **BLACKBOURNE** (ENG)

Hans **TEN HOOVE** (NED)

© Captain **GK** Goalkeeper
* Misses next match if booked

Weather Conditions: Partly Cloudy / Temperature: 21°C / Humidity: 64%

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Full-Time Report

Group B - 8 June 2008

Ernst-Happel-Stadion - Vienna



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AUSTRIA **0:1** **CROATIA**



(0)
half time

- 21 Jürgen **Macho** **GK**
- 2 Joachim **Standfest**
- 3 Martin **Stranzl**
- 4 Emanuel **Pogatetz**
- 6 René **Aufhauser**
- 9 Roland **Linz**
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- 13 Markus **Katzer**
- 14 György **Garics**
- 16 Jürgen **Patocka**
- 17 Martin **Hiden**
- 18 Roman **Kienast**
- 22 Erwin **Hoffer**

Head Coach: Josef **Hickersberger**

	Half	Full
Total shots	7	16
Shots on target	2	6
Free kicks to goal	0	1
Saves	0	0
Corners	2	4
Fouls committed	6	17
Fouls suffered	9	15
Offside	0	0
Possession	46%	53%
Ball in play	11'47"	28'13"
Total ball in play	25'37"	54'07"

Referee:
Pieter VINK (NED)
Assistant referees:
Adriaan INIA (NED)
Hans TEN HOOVE (NED)

- Goal
- Sent off
- Penalty
- Captain
- Misses next match if booked
- Booked
- Substitution
- Own goal
- Goalkeeper

(1)
half time

- 1 Stipe **Pletikosa** **GK**
- 3 Josip **Šimunić**
- 4 Robert **Kovač**
- 5 Vedran **Čorluka**
- © 10 Niko **Kovač**
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- 16 Jerko **Leko**
- 17 Ivan **Klasnić**
- 20 Igor **Budan**

Head Coach: Slaven **Bilić**

	Half	Full
Total shots	4	10
Shots on target	1	1
Free kicks to goal	1	1
Saves	2	6
Corners	3	7
Fouls committed	10	17
Fouls suffered	6	17
Offside	2	3
Possession	54%	47%
Ball in play	13'50"	25'54"
Total ball in play	25'37"	54'07"

Fourth official:
Kristinn JAKOBSSON (ISL)
UEFA delegate:
Mark BLACKBOURNE (ENG)

Man of the match:
1, Pletikosa Stipe (CRO)

Attendance: **51,428**

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4 Emanuel Pogatetz **Y** 3' 4' **P** 14 Luka Modrić

19 Jürgen Säumel **Y** 21'

45'

2'22"

51' **Y** 4 Robert Kovač

7 Ivica Vastic **in** ↔ 61' 61' ↔ **in** 15 Dario Knežević
19 Jürgen Säumel **out** ↔ 61' 61' ↔ **out** 19 Niko Kranjčar

15 Sebastian Prödl **Y** 68'
11 Ümit Korkmaz **in** ↔ 69'
12 Ronald Gercaliu **out** ↔ 69'

18 Roman Kienast **in** ↔ 72' 72' ↔ **in** 20 Igor Budan
9 Roland Linz **out** ↔ 73' 73' ↔ **out** 21 Mladen Petrić

83' ↔ **in** 8 Ognjen Vukojević
83' ↔ **out** 18 Ivica Olić

90'

3'19"

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Shots

G Goals
P Shots hitting post
B Shots hitting bar
T 6 Other shots on target
W 9 Shots off target

	5'	10'	15'	20'	25'	30'	35'	40'	45'	50'	55'	60'	65'	70'	75'	80'	85'	90'	
Joachim Standfest 2									W										
René Aufhauser 6				T		W													
Ivica Vastic 7																T	T	T	
Andreas Ivanschitz 10								W		W				W					
Ümit Korkmaz 11																		T	
Sebastian Prödl 15				W		W													
Roman Kienast 18																			W
Jürgen Säumel 19		T																	
Martin Harnik 20																W			

17 Fouls committed

	5'	10'	15'	20'	25'	30'	35'	40'	45'	50'	55'	60'	65'	70'	75'	80'	85'	90'	
Martin Stranzl 3	■																		
Emanuel Pogatetz 4						■													
René Aufhauser 6	■										■							■	
Ivica Vastic 7													■						
Roland Linz 9											■								
Andreas Ivanschitz 10		■									■		■					■	
Ümit Korkmaz 11															■			■	
Ronald Gercaliu 12			■																
Sebastian Prödl 15										■					■				
Jürgen Säumel 19					■														

15 Fouls Suffered

	5'	10'	15'	20'	25'	30'	35'	40'	45'	50'	55'	60'	65'	70'	75'	80'	85'	90'	
Joachim Standfest 2					■	■					■								■
Martin Stranzl 3																			■
Emanuel Pogatetz 4						■													
René Aufhauser 6		■																	■
Roland Linz 9							■	■			■								
Andreas Ivanschitz 10		■							■										■
Ümit Korkmaz 11																			
Martin Harnik 20								■											

Offside

4 Corners

	5'	10'	15'	20'	25'	30'	35'	40'	45'	50'	55'	60'	65'	70'	75'	80'	85'	90'	
						■		■									■	■	



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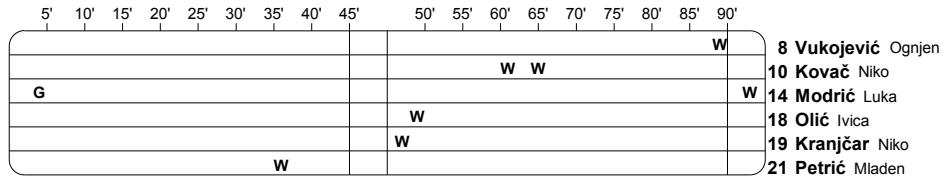
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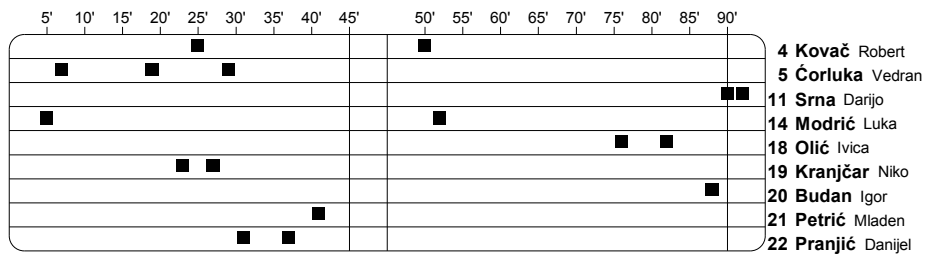
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Shots

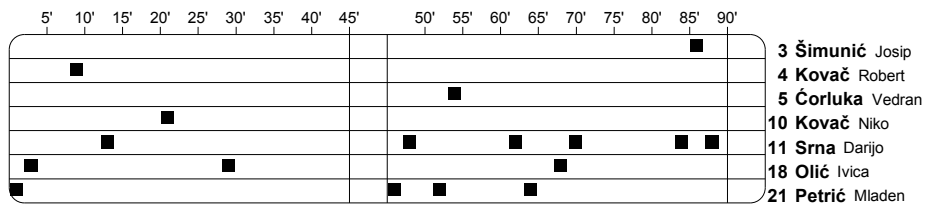
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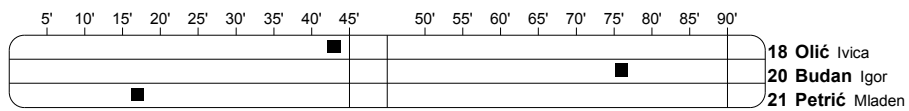
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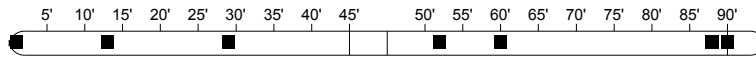
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Corners 7



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Team statistics: Full time

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4' Luka Modrić

1st half	2nd half	Total	Period	1st half	2nd half	Total
47'22"	48'19"	95'41"	Total time played (mins)	47'22"	48'19"	95'41"
11'47"	16'26"	28'13"	Ball in play (mins)	13'50"	12'04"	25'54"
46%	57%	53%	Ball possession	54%	43%	47%
			Distance & speed			
53,234	54,624	107,858	Distance covered (metres)	52,923	52,906	105,830
27.12	25.99	27.12	Top speed (km/h)	24.40	25.35	25.35
4.82	6.32	6.30	Average speed	4.79	6.17	6.21
			Passing & solo runs			
201	249	450	Passes attempted	201	176	377
134	189	323	Passes completed	131	118	249
55	66	121	Long passes attempted	41	50	91
35	51	86	Long passes completed	25	28	53
103	133	236	Medium passes attempted	105	95	200
68	104	172	Medium passes completed	69	69	138
43	50	93	Short passes attempted	55	31	86
31	34	65	Short passes completed	37	21	58
25	29	54	Delivery/solo runs into the attacking third	18	17	35
13	23	36	Delivery/solo runs into the key area	9	7	16
8	13	21	Delivery/solo runs into the penalty area	3	6	9
			Scoring situations			
0	0	0	Goal(s) scored (open play)	0	0	0
0	0	0	Goal(s) scored (penalty)	1	0	1
0	0	0	Goal(s) scored (direct from free-kick)	0	0	0
0	0	0	Goal(s) scored (penalty shootout)	0	0	0
7	9	16	Attempts on/off target	4	6	10
0	0	0	Assist(s)	0	0	0
0	0	0	Save(s)	2	4	6
			Discipline			
2	1	3	Yellow card(s)	0	1	1
0	0	0	Red card(s)	0	0	0
6	11	17	Foul(s) committed	10	7	17
0	0	0	Offside(s)	2	1	3

Goal scored

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From	TP	To															Total		
		21	2	3	4	6	9	10	12	15	19	20	7	11	18	PC	PA	%	
Jürgen Macho	21	95'41"		2	1	2	3	1	1	1	-	-	2	-	-	1	14	21	67%
Joachim Standfest	2	95'41"	-		2	1	5	2	4	1	4	1	10	1	1	1	34	53	64%
Martin Stranzl	3	95'41"	-	4		6	1	1	3	1	10	5	1	-	1	1	34	41	83%
Emanuel Pogatzetz	4	95'41"	-	4	8		3	-	2	5	1	5	3	-	3	1	35	50	70%
René Aufhauser	6	95'41"	1	2	8	1		-	1	2	1	3	7	3	-	-	30	40	75%
Roland Linz	9	75'20"	-	-	-	-	3		2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	7	71%
Andreas Ivanschitz	10	95'41"	-	4	2	5	4	1		4	3	4	7	2	1	2	39	50	78%
Ronald Gercaliu	12	70'29"	-	2	1	3	5	3	3		-	11	-	1	-	-	29	38	76%
Sebastian Prödl	15	95'41"	1	6	3	1	3	-	5	2		1	6	3	-	-	31	44	70%
Jürgen Säumel	19	62'52"	-	-	1	3	3	1	6	8	3		-	-	-	-	25	35	71%
Martin Harnik	20	95'41"	1	8	-	2	1	-	2	-	2	1		3	1	-	21	37	57%
Ivica Vastic	7	32'49"	-	3	1	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	2		1	-	10	12	83%
Ümit Korkmaz	11	25'12"	1	-	-	2	1	2	1	-	-	-	-	2		1	10	13	77%
Roman Kienast	18	20'21"	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	6	9	67%
Team total:																	323	450	72%

From	TP	To															Total		
		1	3	4	5	10	11	14	18	19	21	22	8	15	20	PC	PA	%	
Stipe Pletikosa	1	95'41"		-	1	4	1	-	-	2	1	2	-	-	-	1	12	25	48%
Josip Šimunić	3	95'41"	-		3	1	2	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	14	57%
Robert Kovač	4	95'41"	1	3		3	2	3	4	1	2	1	1	1	-	-	22	24	92%
Vedran Ćorluka	5	95'41"	1	-	4		4	5	6	4	-	4	-	-	1	3	32	52	62%
Niko Kovač	10	95'41"	1	-	1	1		5	7	2	1	3	3	-	-	-	24	37	65%
Darijo Srna	11	95'41"	2	1	-	8	1		3	3	-	5	-	-	1	1	26	46	57%
Luka Modrić	14	95'41"	1	-	-	8	5	5		6	4	3	7	-	1	2	42	50	84%
Ivica Olić	18	84'25"	-	-	-	3	-	1	3		4	2	2	-	1	-	16	24	67%
Niko Kranjčar	19	63'20"	-	1	2	1	2	3	5	3		-	2	-	-	-	19	26	73%
Mladen Petrić	21	74'08"	-	1	1	-	2	3	-	3	1		2	-	-	-	13	24	54%
Danijel Pranjić	22	95'41"	-	-	1	-	1	1	5	2	3	6		1	2	-	22	35	63%
Ognjen Vukojević	8	11'16"	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	50%
Dario Knežević	15	32'21"	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	7	10	70%
Igor Budan	20	21'33"	-	-	-	1	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	5	8	63%
Team total:																	249	377	66%

TP: Time played

PA: Passes attempted

PC: Passes completed

%: Passing success percentage

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Team Line-ups

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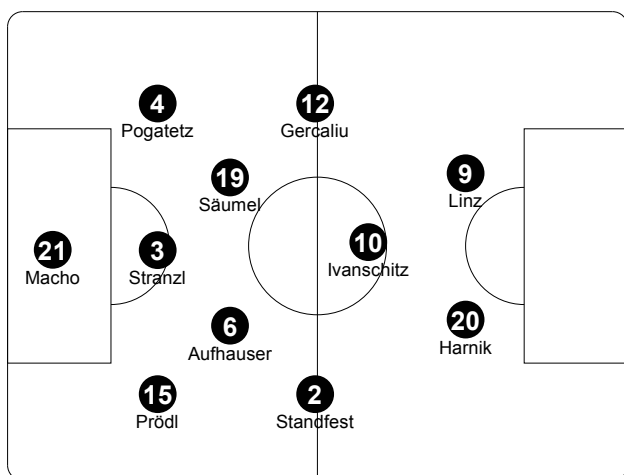
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- 2 Joachim Standfest
- 3 Martin Stranzl
- 4 Emanuel Pogatetz
- 6 René Aufhauser
- 9 Roland Linz
- Ⓢ 10 Andreas Ivanschitz
- 12 Ronald Gercaliu
- 15 Sebastian Prödl
- 19 Jürgen Säumel
- 20 Martin Harnik



- 1 Alexander Manninger **GK**
- 23 Ramazan Özcan **GK**
- 5 Christian Fuchs
- 7 Ivica Vastic
- 8 Christoph Leitgeb
- 11 Ümit Korkmaz
- 13 Markus Katzer
- 14 György Garics
- 16 Jürgen Patocka
- 17 Martin Hiden
- 18 Roman Kienast
- 22 Erwin Hoffer

Head Coach: Josef Hickersberger

- 1 Stipe Pletikosa **GK**
- 3 Josip Šimunić
- 4 Robert Kovač
- 5 Vedran Ćorluka
- Ⓢ 10 Niko Kovač
- 11 Darijo Srna
- 14 Luka Modrić
- 18 Ivica Olić
- 19 Niko Kranjčar
- 21 Mladen Petrić
- 22 Danijel Pranjić



- 12 Mario Galinović **GK**
- 23 Vedran Runje **GK**
- 2 Dario Šimić
- 6 Hrvoje Vojičić
- 7 Ivan Rakitić
- 8 Ognjen Vukojević
- 9 Nikola Kalinić
- 13 Nikola Pokrivač
- 15 Dario Knežević
- 16 Jerko Leko
- 17 Ivan Klasnić
- 20 Igor Budan

Head Coach: Slaven Bilić

Referee: Pieter VINK (NED)

Fourth official: Kristinn JAKOBSSON (ISL)

Assistant referees: Adriaan INIA (NED)
Hans TEN HOOVE (NED)

UEFA delegate: Mark BLACKBOURNE (ENG)

Ⓢ Captain **GK** Goalkeeper
* Misses next match if booked

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