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Introduction

Welcome to Zagreb and Maksimir stadium...

home of GNK Dinamo

History

GNK Dinamo was founded in 1911. and during more than 100 year history, due to political and other reasons, changed it's name several times. Through all that time Dinamo remained the same club, with the same fans and same meaning in society. Dinamo had it's first golden period in the 50' of the last century when the club achieved great successes in European competitions. After a couple of semi-finals, Dinamo finally won the Inter-Cities Fairs Cup (today Europa league) in 1967. by winning the great Leeds United in the final. Even though Dinamo had a great squad by European standards, due to political reasons Modri, the Blues in English, didn't win as much domestic trophies as they should.

In the 90', when Republic of Croatia was established, Dinamo soon became the most successful club in the country. Till this day, Dinamo won 16 of total 23 national championship and 12 national Cups.

Modri won last 9 championship titles.



Inter-Cities Fairs
Cup winners '67

Through that period Dinamo constantly played in the European competitions, UEFA Champions League on two occasions in the late 90' and in seasons 11/12 and 12/13. Modri often played in UEFA Cup / UEFA EL too and hope to make a big impact in UEL this season.

Great Dinamo results are a big part of of the Croatian national team success because over 60 % of the representatives come from our youth school and senior team. The names of Luka Modrić, Milan Badelj, Mario Mandžukić, Josip Šimunić, Mateo Kovačić, Domagoj Vida, Šime Vrsaljko, Vedran Ćorluka, Niko Kranjčar, Alen Halilović, Jerko Leko, Dejan Lovren are just some of the players that proudly wear the national team shirt.

Regarding the fans, Dinamo is the most popular Croatian club in the country and among Croats all over the world.

Club Honours

National Championship (26)

1923, 1926, 1928, 1937, 1940, 1943, 1948, 1954, 1958, 1982, 1993,
1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2003, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010,
2011, 2012, 2013, 2014

National Cup (19)

1925, 1940, 1951, 1960, 1963, 1965, 1969, 1973, 1980, 1983, 1994,
1996, 1997, 1998, 2001, 2002, 2004, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2011, 2012

National Super Cup (5)

2002, 2003, 2006, 2010, 2013

Inter-Cities Fairs Cup (1)

Coach: ZORAN MAMIĆ



Zoran Mamić was born on 30th of September 1971. and started his career in Dinamo Zagreb. After going through youth levels he got to the first team, played more than 100 games and then left for Germany where he spent most of his career. He played for Bochum, Bayer Leverkusen, Trier and several other clubs before eventually coming back to Dinamo in 2005. Modrić had a awful season before that but Zoran came back and lead the team as a captain to the league title; first of now already nine consecutive ones.

Soon after that he ended his playing career and started one as an official: first sports director which took him to become an ECA board member and from August 2013. as the first team coach. He shortly took over the team after a loss against Austria Vienna (0:2) and almost lead the team to an amazing come back in the return leg (3:2). Shortly after that Branko Ivanković was appointed as the coach but that didn't last long and Zoran was officially named as the first team manager in October 2013.

Together with two other club legends, Damir Krznar and Igor Cvitanović, Zoran won the league title and qualified for the group stage of the Europa league. Although a young coach with not so much experience Zoran knows what kind of football he wants his team to play, he created a great atmosphere inside the squad and the fans are very eager to see how good his Dinamo really is. If anyone can judge after his first year on the bench – pretty good.

Star Player: DUJE ČOP

Duje Čop was born on 1st of February 1990. in Vinkovci where his father Davor, a famous striker, played football. When he was a kid his family returned to Dalmatia and he started to play football in Hajduk where, unfortunately for them, they didn't recognize his amazing talent; couple of times. First they sold him as a youngster to Portuguese Nacional, then he came back but once again left Hajduk – this time to city rival Split.



He spent a year playing for Split when his contract expired, Dinamo saw him as a great player he is and signed him for free. In his first season with Dinamo he was adopting and scored 13 goals but in his second season he showed what kind of great player he is and – "exploded". He scored 33 goals, won the best scorer of the league award and attracted interest of many foreign clubs.

Duje continued to play at the highest level in this season, already scored many goals in domestic and European competitions and took Dinamo to the Europa league group stage. Čop is a modern striker, he is lethal in front of the goal, he doesn't miss a chance to score with both legs and head but also works hard for the team in defense. Of course, great displays earned him a place in the Croatia national team where a player of his quality certainly deserves to be. Without a doubt, Duje is one of the favourite Dalmatian born players among Dinamo fans.

GNK DINAMO



FIRST ROW: Marko Mikulić, Jeremy Taravel, Goncalo Santos, Duje Čop, Lee Auddy, Josip Šimunić, Eduardo Carvalho, Ivan Boras, Jozo Šimunović, Marcelo Brozović, Arijan Ademi, Antonijo Ježina

SECOND ROW: Wilson Eduardo, Ognjen Vukojević, Franko Andrijašević, Miralem Ibrahimović (goalkeeper coach), Krešimir Šoš (fitness coach), Igor Cvitanović (assistant coach), Damir Krznar (assistant coach), Ivan Štefanić (fitness coach), Marko Pjaca, Leonardo Sigali, Junior Fernandes

THIRD ROW: Angelo Henriquez, Armin Hodžić, Hilal Soudani, Josip Pivarić, Domagoj Antolić, Zoran Mamić (head coach), Ivo Pinto, Said Husejinović, Luis Ibanez, Ante Ćorić, Paulo Machado

FC Astra Giurgiu



FC Astra was founded in 1921, in Ploiesti and spent most of their history in lower leagues until after 1990. everything changed when Ioan Niculae took over the club. It took some time but Astra won the second division in 98. but didn't built up in the years to come. The club ended in the third division but in season 07./08. they started to raise once again. Year after year they went to the second and then first division to win the Cup last season and Super-cup too.

Their first European campaign last year was successful when they passed Domžale, Omonia and Trenčín but eventually were stopped in the play-offs by Maccabi Haifa. This year, after a second place in the league, they made a step forward: won Slovan Liberec and Lyon to qualify for the group stage. Although full backs Matel and Joaozinho, team captain and playmaker Budescu and others make a great team Astra doesn't have "stars". The main strength is the whole team and manager Daniel Isaila created a squad that plays modern and fast football. They came from the fourth pot to the group but certainly will have a lot to say in every game.

FC Salzburg



SV Austria Salzburg was founded in 1933. but completely changed clubs crest, name, stadium and jersey in 2005. when it was bought by Red Bull. Club is now called Red Bull Salzburg, FC Salzburg in UEFA competitions due to sponsorship restrictions, and they play their home games at Red Bull Arena. The club had it's golden era in the 90s when the first league title was won and they played in the UEFA Cup final (as Casino Salzburg). After the Red Bull takeover new owners invested a lot of capital in the club and it started to raise; five league titles and two Cups prove that. The club wanted to add European success to the domestic ones but it didn't go so easy in UEFA competitions. Although they had a spectacular Europa league campaign in season 09/10 with six group victories they lacked Champions league success. After several attempts the team was knocked out of the Champions league by F91 Dudelange of Luxembourg which lead to big changes.

New team didn't win the league title next season but in the season 13/14 they proved their quality and won the Austrian league with some style; adding the Cup title too. That is the reason why Salzburg fans are looking forward to this season because they believe that a team with players like Kevin Kampl, Jonathan Soriano, Valon Berisha and other great teammates can make a serious impact in UEFA Europa league. They certainly have the quality to do that.

FC Celtic



Celtic was founded in 1888, and is one of the European football giants. The club was never relegated and trophy room with 45 league titles and 36 Scottish Cup really says it all. One of the most precious titles is certainly the European cup from 1967. Of course, they had more and less successful periods but they are always at the top level and their home games are sold out; that never changed. To play the game at Celtic Park is something special and an experience every football fan and player should feel.

Due to Rangers financial problems they don't have a real opponent in Scotland so they've easily won last three league titles but the results in European competitions prove they have a great team. Unfortunately, this season they've been in the media because of the games against Legia Warsaw who beat them 6:1 on aggregate but the Scottish champions went to the next stage due to procedure error.

Never the less, Celtic is a big club which always has a great team and are always very tough to beat; especially at home. Team captain Scott Brown gives his team a glance of "Scottish spirit" but they also have a lot of foreign players who play the same style. Celtic is the team from the first pot which makes them the group favorite but they will have to prove that where it counts – on the pitch.

Stadium

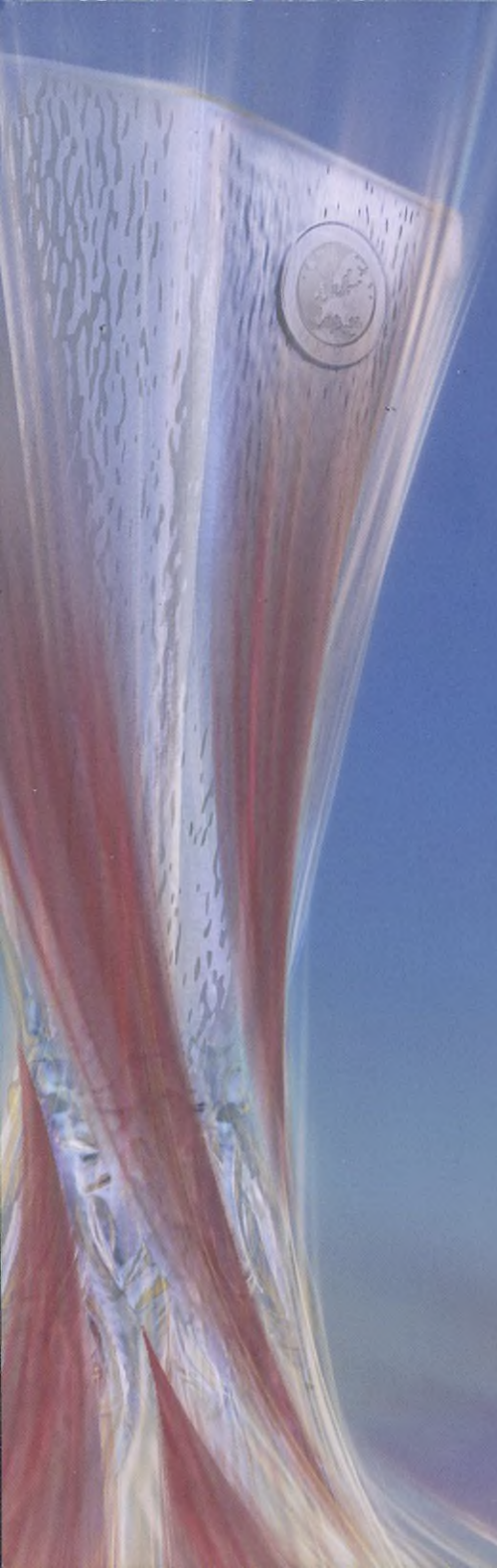
Maksimir stadium is owned by city of Zagreb and it was officially opened on 5th of May 1912. Of course, to this day it has been reconstructed several times. Big "face lifting" was done in 1997. and 1998. when all the standing places were replaced by seats and a completely new north stand was built.

In 2011. - GNK Dinamo invested in refurbishment. All the seats on the stands were replaced with new ones and new heated pitch and players benches were built; new media and comentary positions were built also as new press conference room and UEFA office. Lot of construction work was made to make the stadium better and as much comfortable for spectators as possible. Spectators can choose from seating stands: north, south, east and west. All together there are 35 123 seats at the Maksimir stadium.

In 2013. GNK Dinamo has reconstructed the South stand and results are new players dressing rooms, delegates room, referees room, fitness, doping controle room, mix zone, chapel... Currently new hotel for players is also under construction.



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