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**New European
Autumn in Zagreb**

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Editorial

Mirko Barišić, the President of GNK Dinamo

GNK Dinamo has continued its impressive run on the European stage: our club has qualified for the group phase of the UEFA club competitions a remarkable 16 times in the last 17 seasons. It has also reached the knockout stage three times in the past five years. Overall, this is our 19th participation in the group stages of the UEFA competitions. In this record, GNK Dinamo has played in the UEFA Champions League eight times, in the UEFA Cup/Europa League ten times, and will now make its debut in the UEFA Europa Conference League. Furthermore, our club concluded the previous season by securing its 34th national championship title in its history, with 24 of them won in the independent Croatian league which has been launched back in 1992. In the past

18 seasons alone, Dinamo has clinched 17 national championship titles. This may seem like dry statistics, but it clearly demonstrates a continuity of success both domestically and internationally, reflecting the high standards that the club has set for itself in recent history. We conceived and implemented the idea of creating a firm Central European club with the goal of building, preserving, and enhancing a strong system at all levels - in business, organization, and the sporting aspect. We have created a platform on which GNK Dinamo has achieved its longest streak of club trophies, producing historic generations of players who led the Croatian national team to the silver and bronze medals at the FIFA World Cups and to the UEFA Nations League finals.

UEFA Europa Conference League 2023/2024

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Matchday 1 September 21st



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Matchday 2 October 5th



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Dinamo



Astana
Viktoria Plzeň

Matchday 3 October 26th



Dinamo
Viktoria Plzeň



Ballkani
Astana

Matchday 4 November 9th



Viktoria Plzeň
Dinamo



Astana
Ballkani

Matchday 5 November 30th



Astana
Dinamo



Ballkani
Viktoria Plzeň

Matchday 6 December 14th



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GNK Dinamo in the group stages of the UEFA club competitions:

1998/'99 UEFA Champions League
1999/'00 UEFA Champions League
2004/'05 UEFA Cup
2007/'08 UEFA Cup
2008/'09 UEFA Cup
2009/'10 UEFA Europa League
2010/'11 UEFA Europa League
2011/'12 UEFA Champions League
2012/'13 UEFA Champions League
2013/'14 UEFA Europa League

2014/'15 UEFA Europa League
2015/'16 UEFA Champions League
2016/'17 UEFA Champions League
2018/'19 UEFA Europa League
2019/'20 UEFA Champions League
2020/'21 UEFA Europa League
2021/'22 UEFA Europa League
2022/'23 UEFA Champions League
2023/'24 UEFA Europa Conference
League



Our history

GNK Dinamo is the most successful Croatian football club and was founded on April 26, 1911, under the name "Prvi hrvatski građanski športski klub" (literally translated as the "First Croatian Citizens' Football Club"), or simply – Gradjanski or „Citizens“. Therefore, the clubs' prefix was changed from NK (FC) to GNK (Citizens' Football Club) with the letter G symbolizing the clubs' roots with the ancient name of Gradjanski. The new prefix was added before the club's annual assembly ahead of the 100th anniversary celebration. In its rich history, the club has won 66 trophies. Among these achievements are 34 national championship titles, with 24 of them coming in the Prva HNL (Croatian First Football League), 23 domestic Cup titles, including 16 in Croatia, and eight Croatian Supercups. Notably, Dinamo also stands out with its victory in the Inter-Cities Fairs Cup, a competition that later evolved into the UEFA Cup and today's UEFA Europa League. Dinamo was the 1963 finalist and later claimed the title in 1967.

The club from Maksimir has participated in European competitions a total of 19 times, including eight appearances in the UEFA Champions League, 10 in the UEFA Europa League, and

one in the UEFA Europa Conference League. Special attention is drawn to their second-place finish in the Champions League group stage in 1998/99 and three recent European knockout stages in the UEFA Europa League: the Round of 16 in 2018/'19, the quarter-finals in 2020/'21, and the Intermediate round in 2021/'22.

In the distant past, when the club was named "Gradjanski," there were no continental club competitions, so friendly matches played a significant role. During that time, Gradjanski defeated Barcelona in the away game, scored five goals against Liverpool in Zagreb, defeated Juventus twice in a week, beat both Inter and Milan within two weeks, and outplayed the top three Turkish clubs in Istanbul. There was also a 0-0 draw in a friendly match against the Brazilian national team in Zagreb.

During that time, "Purgeri" (the popular nickname of the Zagreb citizens and the club itself) won six national championship titles as Gradjanski and later they continued their winning ways under the Dinamo name, clinching the state championship four times. Many will point out that during this period, they were actually champions five times,

but their 1979 title, although judicially awarded to Dinamo, was not officially credited in the archives of the Football Federation of Yugoslavia.

Since 2005, the club reached its longest streak of trophies, producing historic generations of players, including former Dinamo captain Luka Modrić, who emerged from our youth academy and rose to become the world's best footballer. The club has maintained a tradition of nurturing young talents, and Dinamo played a key role in the success of the Croatian national team. In the 2018 FIFA World Cup there were 14 players who played for GNK Dinamo during their career including national team captain, FIFA Player of the World and Ballon d'Or winner Luka Modrić who came through our club's youth academy. GNK Dinamo Zagreb holds a record relating to the FIFA World Cup. No other club has had more homegrown players in a single FIFA World Cup final than GNK Dinamo Zagreb. Former GNK Dinamo players also had a key role four years later when Croatia secured bronze at the World Cup in Qatar, as well as this year when our national team reached the finals of the UEFA Nations League.



Trophy case

1911 Founding of I. HSK Gradjanski **1945** Name change from Gradjanski to Dinamo **1967** Inter-Cities Fairs Cup (predecessor of the UCL/UCL winners) **1991/93** Name change to HAŠK Gradjanski and later to NK Croatia Zagreb

1923 First out of 34 domestic championship titles

1948 First championship title after WWII Relocating to the Maksimir Stadium

1982 Last domestic championship title in former Yugoslavia

1992 Start of the Croatian Football League



34x Croatian National Championships Winners



23x Croatian National Cup Winners



7x Croatian National SuperCup Winners



1x Inter-Cities Fairs Cup

2000 Renaming back to Dinamo

2004/07/08/09/10/13/14/18/20/21 UEFA Cup/Europa League group stage

2021 UEFA Europa League quarterfinals

and counting...

1998/99/11/12/15/16/19/22 UEFA Champions League group stage

1997 UEFA Cup round of 16

2019 UEFA Europa League round of 16

2022 UEFA Europa League knockout round play-offs (round of 24)

Overall statistics in the history of the European club competitions

competition	games	w-d-l	goal difference
UEC / UCL *	160	67-33-60	239-221
ICFC / UC / UEL **	178	72-41-65	269-215
CWC ***	31	11-06-14	31-38
overall	369	150-80-139	539-474

*European Cup / UEFA Champions League **Inter-Cities Fairs Cup / UEFA Cup / UEFA Europa League ***Cup Winner's Cup

Most goals scored for GNK Dinamo in European club competitions

28 Mislav Oršić
19 Bruno Petković
15 Slaven Zambata
15 Igor Cvitanović
13 Sammir
13 El Arabi Hilal Soudani
13 Arijan Ademi
11 Mario Mandžukić
10 Marijan Novak

Most appearances for GNK Dinamo in European club competitions

104 Arijan Ademi
76 Sammir
74 Dominik Livaković
70 Mislav Oršić
66 Bruno Petković
53 Amer Gojak
52 Milan Badelj
50 Kevin Theophile
48 Edin Mujčin
48 Mihael Mikić
48 Petar Stojanović



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1912

BUILDING OF THE STADIUM

2011-2013

RECONSTRUCTION

The unique natural harmony of the park and the game of football... In such an environment, the concept of the new football pitch was envisioned back in 1911, and a year later, the project to build a sports field near Maksimir Park was implemented. The park, the Zoo, and the stadium, three symbols of Zagreb located side by side in perfect harmony between nature and sports, have become an integral part of our city's identity.

The construction of the stadium complex began in 1953, according to the design by the architect Vladimir Turina. The stadium was built in stages, and in June 2011, the club's management decided to invest in the city property and renovate part of the complex by 2013. They installed new seats, a heated pitch, an automatic irrigation system, artificial turf around the field, a modern club hotel, top-notch locker rooms, a chapel, and numerous practice fields with artificial turf where over 500 young footballers from Dinamo's academy train.

The pitch was originally planted in 1951 and lasted a full 58 years until 2009, when it was replaced after two back-to-back U2 concerts held at a full stadium. The field couldn't withstand the strain, so it was replaced, and a heating system was also installed. Since the summer of 2018, a new hybrid surface, consisting of 70% natural grass and 30% artificial turf, has been used on the pitch.

Unfortunately, due to an earthquake in Zagreb and the surrounding area on March 22, 2020, the eastern stand remains out of use for safety reasons.

A full-page photograph of Coach Jakirović walking on a football pitch. He is wearing a dark suit jacket over a light blue shirt, dark trousers, and white sneakers. He is looking down and adjusting his shirt. The background is a blurred stadium with spectators.

Coach Jakirović

Sergej Jakirović took over the team of GNK Dinamo in this August and secured two important victories in the first two league matches, both derbies against Rijeka and Osijek. Although he already won convincingly against Sparta Prague in his debut match on the Maksimir bench, in the first leg of the UEFA Europa League play-off, the Czechs managed to overturn the result in the return leg. Nevertheless, coach Jakirović, with three wins in his first four appearances, has shown strong foundations in his initial matches, bringing optimism ahead of the group stage of the UEFA Europa Conference League.

His coaching journey reveals a clear and proper path, starting with youth teams, progressing through the second division, and moving up to higher levels. He began his coaching career with U-19 teams in Dugo Selo, continued in Sesvete, and then came to Gorica where he secured a great fifth-place finish in the 2018/19 Prva HNL (top tier of Croatian football). After a brief stint in Slovenian side Maribor, he achieved a remarkable success with Zrinjski Mostar, leading them to the 2021/22 Bosnia and Herzegovina championship title, with a staggering 27-point lead over the second-placed Tuzla City. Since November 2022, Jakirović has been in charge of Rijeka, elevating them from seventh place to the upper part of the table and securing a spot in European competitions.

In his communication, he is open, direct, full of energy, and he strives to transmit his character to the team itself.



OUR TEAM THE PURGERS

WE'RE READY! Team for the UEFA Europa Conference League-
with this squad, we aim to earn points in the current season.



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GOALKEEPER

DANIJEL ZAGORAC

February 7, 1987 / Croatia



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GOALKEEPER

ANTONIO RAJIĆ

March 4, 2007 / Croatia



33

GOALKEEPER

IVAN NEVISTIĆ

July 31, 1998 / Croatia



2

DEFENDER

SADEGH MOHARRAMI

March 1, 1996 / Iran



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DEFENDER

JOAQUÍN SOSA

January 10, 2002 / Uruguay



4

DEFENDER

BOŠKO ŠUTALO

January 1, 2000 / Croatia

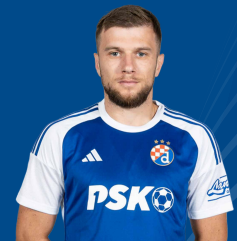


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DEFENDER

MAXIME BERNAUER

July 1, 1998 / France

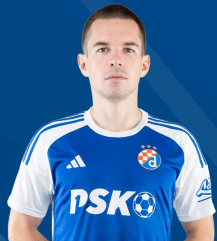


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DEFENDER

STEFAN RISTOVSKI

February 12, 1992 / N. Macedonia



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DEFENDER

BOHDAN MYKHAYLICHENKO

March 21, 1997 / Ukraine



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DEFENDER

MAURO PERKOVIĆ

March 22, 2003 / Croatia



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DEFENDER

DINO PERIĆ

July 12, 1994 / Croatia



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MIDFIELDER

MARTIN BATURINA

February 16, 2003 / Croatia



14

MIDFIELDER

ROBERT LJUBIČIĆ

July 14, 1999 / Austria-Croatia



23

MIDFIELDER

TIBOR HALILOVIĆ

March 18, 1995 / Croatia



25

MIDFIELDER

PETAR SUČIĆ

October 25, 2003 / BiH-Croatia



27

MIDFIELDER

JOSIP MIŠIĆ

June 28, 1994 / Croatia



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MIDFIELDER

MARKO BULAT

September 26, 2001 / Croatia



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MIDFIELDER

LUKA VRBANIĆ

July 4, 2005 / Croatia



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MIDFIELDER

GABRIEL VIDOVIĆ

December 1, 2003 / Germany-Croatia



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STRIKER

BRUNO PETKOVIĆ

September 16, 1994 / Croatia



11

WINGER

MAHIR EMRELI

July 1, 1997 / Azerbaijan



17

STRIKER

SANDRO KULENOVIĆ

December 4, 1999 / Croatia



18

STRIKER

JOSIP DRMIĆ

August 8, 1992 / Switzerland-Croatia



20

WINGER

ANTONIO MARIN

January 9, 2001 / Croatia



30

WINGER

TAKURO KANEKO

July 30, 1997 / Japan



41

WINGER

GABRIEL RUKAVINA

January 16, 2004 / Croatia



70

WINGER

LUKA MENALO

July 22, 1996 / BiH-Croatia



77

WINGER

DARIO ŠPIČIĆ

March 22, 1999 / Croatia



TEAM PHOTO THE PURGERS

UEFA Europa Conference League, get ready for us! A powerhouse in Croatian football, GNK Dinamo Zagreb, boasts a proud tradition and a dedicated fan base.

ROBERT LJUBIČIĆ

Ambasador Zaklade Nema predaje



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Astana FC



Seven domestic championship titles, three national Cups, six Supercup trophies, and on top of it all, five appearances in the group stages of the UEFA club competitions, including one memorable achievement – advancing to the knockout phase of the UEFA Europa League. And all that has been achieved in just 14 years of the club's existence! Astana FC, the current champions of Kazakhstan, has certainly made an impressive mark in its relatively short history, dating back to 2009. Two former top-tier clubs from Almaty – Megasport and Almati – merged into a single sports entity and relocated to Astana. The new club was named Lokomotiv, and two years later, in March 2011, it adopted the name Astana. There was another club of the same name, Astana, in the capital of Kazakhstan previously, but it had changed its name along the way.

The new Astana made its debut season in the elite ranks of Kazakhstani football immediately upon its establishment in 2009, securing second place in its inaugural campaign. The interesting thing is that the club earned a spot in the 2011/12 UEFA Europa League qualifying rounds with its performance, but it was ultimately denied this opportunity. Astana FC did not meet one of the UEFA's criteria, which specifies that clubs participating in the European competitions must be at least three years old. However, Astana clinched its first domestic

championship title in its sixth season, in 2014, followed immediately by a streak of six consecutive national titles. After two-years without a title, they once again reclaimed the domestic championship trophy in 2022. The young club transformed itself into a record-breaker, winning seven championship titles, more than any of its league competitors. They made their European debut in 2013 when Bulgarian side Botev Plovdiv halted their progress at the very first stage. However, by the following year, they reached the Europa League play-offs, where they were stopped by Spanish team Villarreal. But from 2015 onwards, they embarked on an impressive journey. Astana, just six years after the club's founding, initiated a streak of five consecutive appearances in the group stages of the UEFA competitions.

They entered the 2015/16 UEFA Champions League group stage facing Atletico Madrid, Galatasaray and Benfica. Astana secured four points with four draws.

Over the next four years, they played in the UEFA Europa League group stage, with the 2017/18 season being particularly noteworthy, as they finished second in the group and advanced to the knockout stage, where they were stopped by Sporting Lisbon. Another standout moment was their 2-1 victory over Manchester United in the 2019/20 UEFA Europa League group stage.

Coach Babayan



Date of Birth: April 2, 1980
Place of Birth: Almaty, Kazakhstan
Playing Career: Kairat Almaty (2002 – 2003),
Almaty (2003 – 2005)

Grigoriy Babayan was born in Almaty, the largest city in Kazakhstan with a population of just over two million. He is a football professional of Armenian descent whose playing career lasted only three years. At the age of 25, he transitioned into coaching. He briefly worked as an assistant and head coach at the Almaty FC. He also independently managed the Kazakh U-21 national team. For five years, he served as an assistant coach with the national A team.

His association with Astana FC began in 2012, initially as an assistant, occasionally filling in as the head coach when needed. His first stint with Astana concluded at the end of 2019 when he took on the role of head coach for the Kazakh club Tobol, where he remained until the summer of 2021, winning the national championship which was his first coaching title. In the summer of 2021, he became an assistant coach at CSKA Moscow, where he spent a year. Then, in the the 2022/23 season, he took charge of the current club, with which he became the national champion, securing his second trophy as a head coach.



Squad list



GOALKEEPERS

Danil Podymyskiy	05.06.1998.
Aleksandr Zarutski	26.08.1993.
Josip Čondrić	27.08.1993.
Nagda Bakizhev	29.01.2002.
Konstantin Onopriyenko	05.08.2003.

DEFENDERS

Varazdat Haroyan	24.08.1992.
Mikhail Gabyshev	02.01.1990.
Kamo Hovhannisyan	05.10.1992.
Abzal Beysebekov	30.11.1992.
Alexandr Marochkin	14.07.1990.
Timur Dosmagambetov	01.05.1989.
Žarko Tomašević	22.02.1990.
Aleksa Amanović	24.10.1996.
Timur Tokenov	24.04.2004.
Sanzhar Anuarov	16.02.2005.
Yuri Akhanov	31.07.2002.

MIDFIELDERS

Yan Vorogovskiy	07.08.1996.
Max Ebong	26.08.1999.
Islambek Kuat	12.01.1993.
Marin Tomasov	31.08.1987.
Aslan Darabayev	21.01.1989.
Elkhan Astanov	21.05.2000.
Fabien Ourega	07.12.1992.
Dušan Jovančić	19.10.1990.
Stjepan Lončar	10.11.1996.
Rakhimzhan Amangeldinov	24.11.2005.
Nurali Zhaksylyk	04.11.2004.
Omirzhan Omarbek	03.10.2005.
Salamat Zhumabekov	25.01.2004.
Valikhan Tyulyupov	10.02.2002.

FORWARDS

Abat Aimbetov	07.07.1995.
Vladislav Prokopenko	01.07.2000.
Stanislav Basmanov	24.06.2001.
Dembo Darboe	17.08.1998.
Andrey Berezutskiy	30.01.2004.





Previous head-to-head matches

ASTANA, August, 7, 2018 **Tuesday, 16:00; local time: 20:00**

UEFA Champions League, 3rd qualifying round, 1st leg

ASTANA – DINAMO 0-2

Astana Arena

ASTANA: 1-Erić (c) – 2-Rukavina, 44-Postnikov, 5-Aničić, 77-Shomko – 18-Maevskiy; 14-Tomasov (80' 45-Murtazaev), 6-Kleinheisler, 7-Muzhyqov (46' 20-Richard), 11-P.Henrique – 30-Kabananga (63' 32-Janga)
Coach: Roman Hryhorchuk
(Subs not used: 35-Mokin; 15-Beysebekov, 25-Maliy, 99-Shchyotkin)

DINAMO: 1-Zagorac – 30-Stojanović, 28-Theophile, 66-Dilaver, 22-Leovac – 7-Olmo, 5-Ademi (c) (63' 34-Šunjić), 14-Gojak – 8-Hajrović (82' 92-Kqdzior), 9-Budimir (46' 11-Gavranović), 99-Oršić
Coach: Nenad Bjelica
(Subs not used: 98-Šemper; 13-Rrahmani, 55-Perić, 97-Knežević)

REFEREE: John Beaton (Scotland), ATT.: 26.500
SCORERS: 0-1 Budimir (39') (as. Olmo), 0-2 Olmo (84') (as. Gojak)

ZAGREB, August, 14, 2018 **Tuesday, 20:00**

UEFA Champions League, 3rd qualifying round, 2nd leg

DINAMO – ASTANA 1-0

Stadion Maksimir

DINAMO: 1-Zagorac – 30-Stojanović, 28-Theophile, 66-Dilaver, 22-Leovac – 5-Ademi (c), 14-Gojak (70' 34-Šunjić); 8-Hajrović, 7-Olmo, 99-Oršić (82' 55-Perić) – 9-Budimir (56' 11-Gavranović)
Coach: Nenad Bjelica
(Subs not used: 40-Livaković; 13-Rrahmani, 15-Hodžić, 92-Kqdzior)

ASTANA: 1-Erić (c) – 2-Rukavina, 44-Postnikov, 25-Maliy, 77-Shomko – 18-Maevskiy; 14-Tomasov, 6-Kleinheisler (79' 99-Shchyotkin), 20-Richard (79' 7-Muzhyqov), 11-P.Henrique – 32-Janga (79' 30-Kabananga)
Coach: Roman Hryhorchuk
(Subs not used: 35-Mokin; 15-Beysebekov, 19-Zaynutdinov, 45-Murtazaev)

REFEREE: Gediminas Mažeika (Lithuania), ATT.: 11.903
SCORERS: 1-0 Gavranović (74') (as. Leovac)

ZAGREB, July, 25, 2023 **Tuesday, 20:00**

UEFA Champions League, 2nd qualifying round, 1st leg

DINAMO – ASTANA 4-0

Stadion Maksimir

DINAMO: 40-Livaković (c) – 2-Moharrami, 13-Ristovski, 37-J.Šutalo, 14-Ljubičić – 27-Mišić; 77-Špikić (71' 70-Menalo), 31-Bulat (71' 15-Mykhaylichenko), 10-Baturina (80' 20-Marin), 7-Ivanušec (90+5' 25-Sučić) – 9-Petković (80' 11-Emreli)
Coach: Igor Bišćan
(Subs not used: 33-Nevistić; 4-B.Šutalo, 6-Bernauer, 12-Bočkaj, 18-Drmić, 39-Perković, 55-Perić)

ASTANA: 93-Čondrić – 13-Hovhannisyan, 22-Marochkin, 33-Tomašević, 45-Amanović, 6-Vorogovskiy (83' 27-Dosmagambetov) – 10-Tomasov, 15-Beysebekov (c) (60' 29-Jovančić), 7-Ebong, 23-Ourega (68' 21-Astanov) – 88-Darboe (83' 17-Aymbetov)
Coach: Grigoriy Babayan
(Subs not used: 31-Podymskiy, 55-Zarutskiy; 8-Quat, 11-Darabaev, 20-V.Prokopenko, 44-Lončar, 72-Basmanov, 97-Zhaksylyk)

REFEREE: Guillermo Cuadra (Spain), ATT.: 7.123 (eastern stand out of use due to the earthquake)
SCORERS: 1-0 Špikić (34') (as. Petković), 2-0 Ivanušec (41') (as. Mišić), 3-0 Ivanušec (43') (as. Moharrami), 4-0 Ivanušec (56') (as. Ristovski out of the defender)

ASTANA, August, 2, 2023. **Wednesday, 16:00; local time: 20:00**

UEFA Champions League, 2nd qualifying round, 2nd leg

ASTANA – DINAMO 0-2

Astana Arena

ASTANA: 93-Čondrić – 13-Hovhannisyan, 22-Marochkin, 33-Tomašević (41' 27-Dosmagambetov), 45-Amanović – 7-Ebong, 44-Lončar; 10-Tomasov (c) (46' 29-Jovančić), 20-Prokopenko (46' 88-Darboe), 6-Vorogovskiy – 17-Aymbetov (69' 21-Astanov)
Coach: Grigoriy Babayan
(Subs not used: 31-Podymskiy, 55-Zarutskiy; 8-Quat, 11-Darabaev, 15-Beysebekov, 23-Ourega, 72-Basmanov, 97-Zhaksylyk)

DINAMO: 40-Livaković (c) – 2-Moharrami, 13-Ristovski, 37-J.Šutalo (67' 6-Bernauer), 15-Mykhaylichenko – 27-Mišić (78' 42-Lukanić); 11-Emreli (78' 18-Drmić), 25-Sučić, 14-Ljubičić (78' 10-Baturina), 77-Špikić – 9-Petković (67' 20-Marin)
Coach: Igor Bišćan
(Subs not used: 1-Zagorac, 33-Nevistić; 4-B.Šutalo, 7-Ivanušec, 8-Krdžalić, 39-Perković, 55-Perić)

REFEREE: Dennis Higler (the Netherlands), ATT.: 26.978
SCORERS: 0-1 Marochkin (24' own goal) („as.“ Emreli), 0-2 Marin (88') (as. Baturina out of the goalkeeper)

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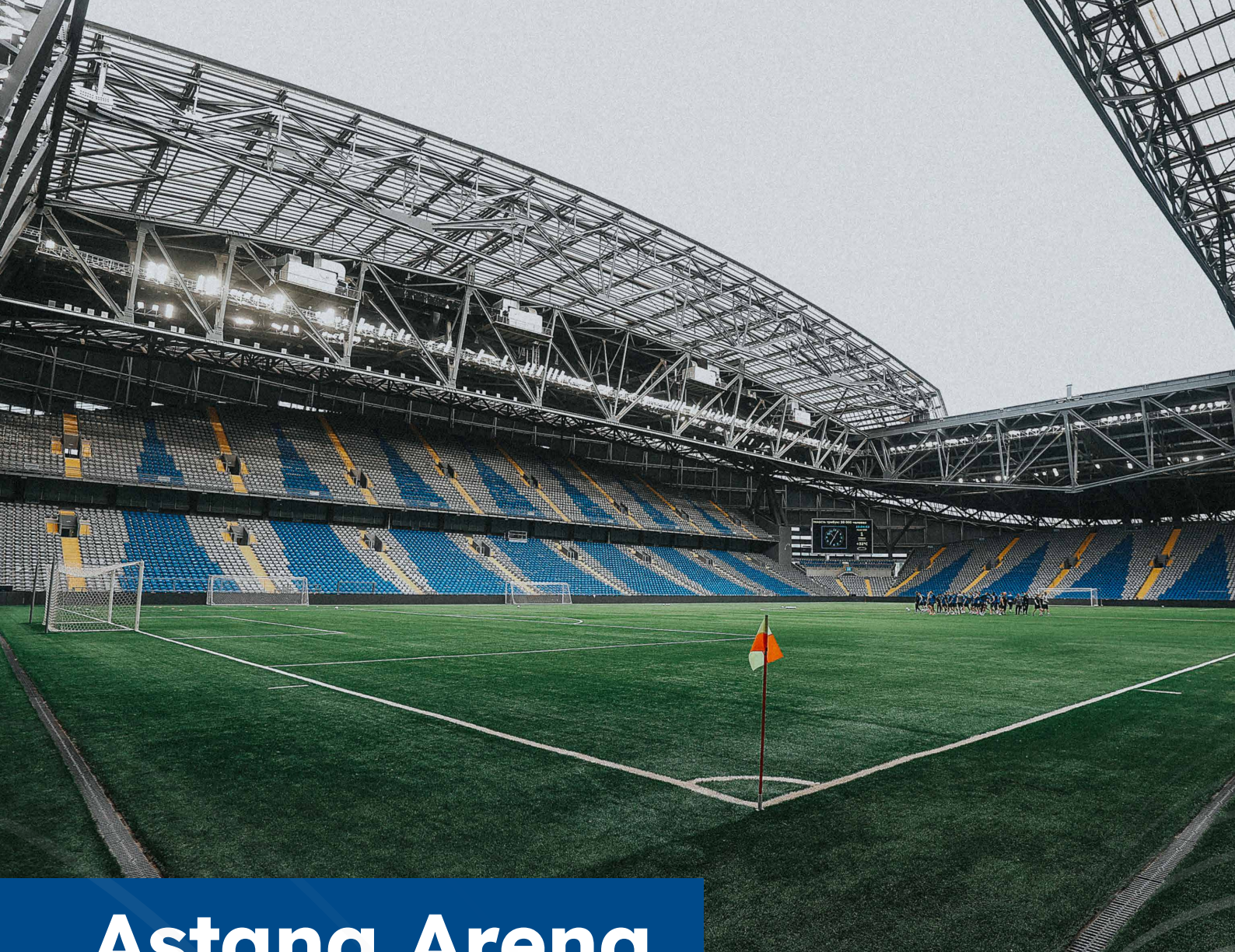


Zaklada Nema predaje



City of Astana

Astana is the capital city of Kazakhstan, located in the northern part of the country, on the banks of the Ishim River. It is home to a population of just over 1.3 million residents. Throughout its history, the city has undergone several name changes, having been known as Akmolinsk, Tselinograd, Akmola, among others. The current name, Astana, was adopted in 1998 and retained until 2019 when it was briefly renamed Nur-Sultan. This name change was in honor of Nursultan Nazarbayev, Kazakhstan's long-serving president who led the country from its independence in 1991 until January 2022. In September of the same year, the newly elected president returned the city to its previous name, Astana. Astana is often classified as a "planned city," meaning that great attention was paid to every spatial, infrastructural, and functional detail even before its inception. Despite this, since assuming the role of Kazakhstan's capital from Almaty in 1997, the city has undergone significant transformations. The chief architect, Kisho Kurokawa from Japan, turned it into an urban masterpiece, giving it the status of one of the most modern centers in Central Asia. Today, Astana is known for its modern buildings, luxurious hotels, and impressive skyscrapers, making it the political, economic, and cultural center of Kazakhstan.



Astana Arena

The champion of Kazakhstan play their home matches at the Astana Arena, a modern facility with a retractable roof that cost 185 million US dollars to build. The construction was completed in 2009, so it's not surprising that the stadium, both from the outside and inside, has a magnetic and visually impressive appearance. Astana Arena has a capacity of just over 30,000 spectators and originally bore the name "Kazhymukan Stadium," in honor of the celebrated Kazakh wrestler Kazhymukan Munaitpasov, who became a world champion in the early 20th century,

thus becoming an integral part of the national sports heritage. Later, the stadium was renamed Astana Arena. At the official opening on July 3rd, 2009, the match was played between Astana, then known as Lokomotiv, and the Kazakh U-21 national team. The initial kick-off was taken by the former President of the country, Nursultan Nazarbayev, the legendary retired referee Pierluigi Collina officiated the match, and some celebrated former footballers like Andriy Shevchenko, Kakha Kaladze, and Hakan Şükür were among the participants.

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Fun Facts

In the current Astana squad there are two players who were part of the team in 2018 when they played against Dinamo: Marin Tomasov and the current captain Abzal Beysebekov. Tomasov appeared in both matches, while Beysebekov was on the bench on both occasions.

Three current Dinamo players were involved in the matches against Astana in 2018. Goalkeeper Danijel Zagorac played in both games, Arijan Ademi captained the team and played all 180 minutes, while Dino Perić was on the bench in the first match and entered the game in the 82nd minute in the second leg.

In the summer of 2012, Marin Tomasov was on the verge of joining Dinamo. Although he had already trained with the club in Maksimir, the deal was not finalized and he continued his career with the German side TSV 1860 München.

Tomasov and three current Dinamo players – Josip Mišić, Stefan Ristovski and Ivan Nevistić – were teammates in Rijeka.

Marin Tomasov and Mate Baturina, the father of Dinamo midfielder Martin, played together for Zadar. They were also part of the squad in the match against Dinamo, where the Zagreb team won 2-1 in a

league game in October 2007. Luka Modrić was Dinamo captain in that match.

Stjepan Lončar, while at Rijeka, defeated Dinamo twice in the Croatian Cup. Firstly in the 2019 finals in Pula by 3-1 and then in the quarterfinals in Rijeka in 2020 by 1-0.

Five current Dinamo players and Lončar were part of the Rijeka squad during the 2020/21 season: Luka Menalo, Josip Drmić, Tibor Halilović, Sandro Kulenović and Ivan Nevistić.

Former Dinamo striker Fatos Beqiraj played for Astana in 2021.

Astana defender Varazdat Haroyan and Dinamo full-back Sadegh Moharrami knew each other from the Iranian league. Haroyan played for Padideh while Moharrami won the championship with Persepolis.

Apart from the matches against Astana, Dinamo played against a club from Kazakhstan only once. This happened in January 2018 during the pre-season in Turkey, where Dinamo defeated Ordabasy Shymkent by 4-0. Four current Dinamo players were on the pitch on that occasion: Arijan Ademi, Dino Perić, Antonio Marin and Danijel Zagorac.

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