

# EUROPEAN QUALIFIERS - 2019/20 SEASON MATCH PRESS KITS



**Azerbaijan**

**Bakcell Arena - Baku**  
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Group E - Matchday 6



**Croatia**

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## EUROPEAN QUALIFIERS OFFICIAL SPONSORS



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## Previous meetings

### Head to Head

#### 2020 UEFA European Championship

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
21/03/2019	QR (GS)	Croatia - Azerbaijan	2-1	Zagreb	Barišić 44, Kramarić 79; Sheydaev 19

#### 2016 UEFA European Championship

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
03/09/2015	QR (GS)	Azerbaijan - Croatia	0-0	Baku	
13/10/2014	QR (GS)	Croatia - Azerbaijan	6-0	Osijek	Kramarić 11, Perišić 34, 45, Brozović 45+1, Modrić 57 (P), R. F. Sadygov 61 (og)

	Qualifying								Final tournament				Total					
	Home				Away													
	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
<b>EURO</b>																		
Azerbaijan	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	2	-	-	-	-	3	0	1	2	1	8
Croatia	2	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	-	-	-	-	3	2	1	0	8	1
<b>FIFA*</b>																		
Azerbaijan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Croatia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Friendlies</b>																		
Azerbaijan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Croatia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>																		
Azerbaijan	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	2	-	-	-	-	3	0	1	2	1	8
Croatia	2	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	-	-	-	-	3	2	1	0	8	1

\* FIFA World Cup/FIFA Confederations Cup

# Squad list

## Azerbaijan

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season					
						Qual.		FT			
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls		
<b>Goalkeepers</b>											
-	Emil <b>Balayev</b>	17/04/1994	25	Tobol	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Salahat <b>Agayev</b>	04/01/1991	28	Neftçi	-	4	0	0	0		
-	Shakhrudin <b>Magomedaliyev</b>	12/06/1994	25	Qarabağ	-	0	0	0	0		
<b>Defenders</b>											
-	Pavlo <b>Pashayev</b>	04/01/1988	31	Olexandriya	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Maksim <b>Medvedev</b>	29/09/1989	29	Qarabağ	*	4	0	0	0		
-	Shahriyar <b>Rahimov</b>	06/04/1989	30	Sabail	-	3	0	0	0		
-	Tamkin <b>Khalilzade</b>	06/08/1993	26	Sabah	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Bahlul <b>Mustafazade</b>	27/02/1997	22	Sabah	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Anton <b>Krivotsyuk</b>	20/08/1998	21	Neftçi	*	3	0	0	0		
-	Omar <b>Buludov</b>	15/12/1998	20	Neftçi	-	0	0	0	0		
<b>Midfielders</b>											
-	Javid <b>Hüseynov</b>	09/03/1988	31	Zirə	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Araz <b>Abdullayev</b>	18/04/1992	27	Qarabağ	-	3	0	0	0		
-	Gara <b>Garayev</b>	12/10/1992	26	Qarabağ	-	4	0	0	0		
-	Rashad <b>Eyubov</b>	03/12/1992	26	Sabah	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Emin <b>Makhmudov</b>	27/04/1992	27	Neftçi	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Mahir <b>Emreli</b>	01/07/1997	22	Qarabağ	-	4	2	0	0		
-	<b>Richard Almeida</b>	20/03/1989	30	Qarabağ	-	4	0	0	0		
-	Dmitri <b>Nazarov</b>	04/04/1990	29	Erzgebirge	*	3	0	0	0		
<b>Forwards</b>											
-	Ramil <b>Sheydaev</b>	15/03/1996	23	Dinamo Moskva	-	4	2	0	0		
-	Rüfat <b>Dadaşov</b>	29/09/1991	27	Preußen Münster	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Agabala <b>Ramazanov</b>	20/01/1993	26	Sabail	-	3	0	0	0		
-	Renat <b>Dadashov</b>	17/05/1999	20	Paços Ferreira	-	2	0	0	0		
<b>Coach</b>											
-	Nikola Jurcevic	14/09/1966	52		-	4	0	0	0		

## Croatia

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season					
						Qual.		FT			
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls		
<b>Goalkeepers</b>											
-	Lovre <b>Kalinić</b>	03/04/1990	29	Aston Villa	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Simon <b>Sluga</b>	17/03/1993	26	Luton	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Dominik <b>Livaković</b>	09/01/1995	24	Dinamo Zagreb	-	2	0	0	0		
<b>Defenders</b>											
-	Dejan <b>Lovren</b>	05/07/1989	30	Liverpool	*	3	1	0	0		
-	Domagoj <b>Vida</b>	29/04/1989	30	Beşiktaş	-	4	0	0	0		
-	Mile <b>Škorić</b>	19/06/1991	28	Osijek	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Matej <b>Mitrović</b>	10/11/1993	25	Club Brugge	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Karlo <b>Bartolec</b>	20/04/1995	24	København	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Josip <b>Juranović</b>	16/08/1995	24	Hajduk Split	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Borna <b>Barišić</b>	10/11/1992	26	Rangers	-	4	1	0	0		
-	Dario <b>Melnjak</b>	31/10/1992	26	Rizespor	-	0	0	0	0		
<b>Midfielders</b>											
-	Luka <b>Modrić</b>	09/09/1985	34	Real Madrid	-	4	0	0	0		
-	Milan <b>Badelj</b>	25/02/1989	30	Fiorentina	-	3	0	0	0		
-	Ante <b>Rebić</b>	21/09/1993	25	Milan	-	3	1	0	0		
-	Marcelo <b>Brozović</b>	16/11/1992	26	Internazionale	-	3	0	0	0		
-	Mario <b>Pašalić</b>	09/02/1995	24	Atalanta	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Mijo <b>Caktaš</b>	08/05/1992	27	Hajduk Split	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Nikola <b>Vlašić</b>	04/10/1997	21	CSKA Moskva	-	2	1	0	0		
-	Marko <b>Rog</b>	19/07/1995	24	Cagliari	-	0	0	0	0		
<b>Forwards</b>											
-	Ivan <b>Perišić</b>	02/02/1989	30	Bayern	-	4	2	0	0		
-	Mislav <b>Oršić</b>	29/12/1992	26	Dinamo Zagreb	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Bruno <b>Petković</b>	16/09/1994	24	Dinamo Zagreb	-	3	1	0	0		
-	Josip <b>Brekalo</b>	23/06/1998	21	Wolfsburg	-	4	0	0	0		
<b>Coach</b>											
-	Zlatko Dalic	26/10/1966	52		-	4	0	0	0		

## Head coach

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### Nikola Jurčević

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**Date of birth:** 14 September 1966

**Nationality:** Croatian

**Playing career:** Dinamo Zagreb, NK Zagreb (twice), Antwerp, Salzburg (twice), Freiburg

**Coaching career:** NK Zagreb, Dinamo Zagreb (twice), Salzburg, Slaven Belupo, Croatia (assistant), Lokomotiv Moskva (assistant), Beşiktaş (assistant), West Ham (assistant), Azerbaijan

- A youth player at home-town club Dinamo Zagreb, Jurčević graduated to the senior set-up but struggled to find opportunities and moved across the city to NK Zagreb in 1986, spending two seasons with the club. After a season in Belgium with Antwerp, where he made a single league appearance, Jurčević returned to NK Zagreb for another two-year stint.
- Tried his luck abroad again in 1991, moving to Austria to join Salzburg; won two Bundesliga titles with the club and finished joint top scorer in the league with 14 goals in 1993/94, the season Salzburg also reached the UEFA Cup final. Went on to spend two years across the border in Germany with Freiburg before hanging up his boots in 1999 having returned to Salzburg.
- Won 19 caps for Croatia between 1990 and 1996, scoring twice; made three appearances at EURO '96.
- Kicked off his coaching career at NK Zagreb in 2002, moving on to Dinamo the following year and winning the Croatian Cup in 2003/04. After short spells at Salzburg and Slaven Belupo, Jurčević spent six years as assistant to former team-mate Slaven Bilić with the Croatia national team.
- Also worked alongside Bilić at Lokomotiv Moskva, Beşiktaş and West Ham before once more striking out on his own in March 2018, when he was appointed head coach of Dinamo again – a position he held for just two months. Resurfaced in Azerbaijan, taking charge of the national side in February 2019.

### Zlatko Dalić

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**Date of birth:** 26 October 1966

**Nationality:** Croatian

**Playing career:** Hajduk Split (twice), Budućnost Titograd, Velež, Varteks (twice)

**Coaching career:** Varteks, Rijeka, Dinamo Tirana, Slaven Belupo (twice), al-Faisaly, al-Hilal, al-Ain, Croatia

- A midfielder, he spent the best years of his playing career at Varteks, scoring 13 goals in 108 matches from 1992–96.
- Played for Varteks in two spells, and after hanging up his boots in 2000, worked simultaneously as the club's assistant coach and sporting director. Took sole command on the field for the first time in 2005.
- Dalić more recently found success in the Middle East with al-Hilal (Saudi Arabia) and al-Ain (United Arab Emirates); in 2016, he led al-Ain to the AFC Champions League final, where they lost to South Korea's Jeonbuk FC over two legs.
- Assistant coach of Croatia under-21s from 2006-11, he returned to the national-team set-up as boss of the senior side on 7 October 2017, stepping in following the departure of Ante Čačić.
- A win away to Ukraine two days after Dalić's appointment earned a 2018 FIFA World Cup play-off place, where Greece were defeated as Croatia reached the finals, prompting Dalić to sign a contract running until 2020. They went on to excel in Russia, reaching the knockout stages for the first time since 1998 courtesy of wins against Nigeria, Argentina and Iceland; Denmark and hosts Russia were beaten on penalties en route to the semi-finals, where England were overcome in extra time, but France proved a step too far in the final.

## Match officials

<b>Referee</b>	Sandro Schärer (SUI)
<b>Assistant referees</b>	Stephane De Almeida (SUI) , Alain Heiniger (SUI)
<b>Fourth official</b>	Fedayi San (SUI)
<b>UEFA Delegate</b>	Sergei Ilyich (BLR)
<b>UEFA Referee observer</b>	Alexandru Deaconu (ROU)

## Referee

Name	Date of birth	UEFA EURO matches	UEFA matches
Sandro Schärer	06/06/1988	1	36

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

No such matches refereed

## Other matches involving teams from either of the two countries involved in this match

Date	Competition	Stage reached	Home	Away	Result	Venue
25/03/2017	U19	ELITE	Croatia	Poland	2-0	Vila do Conde
28/03/2017	U19	ELITE	Turkey	Croatia	0-0	Felgueiras
19/10/2017	UEL	GS	FK Austria Wien	HNK Rijeka	1-3	Vienna
08/11/2018	UEL	GS	FC Vorskla Poltava	Qarabağ FK	0-1	Poltava
13/12/2018	UEL	GS	GNK Dinamo Zagreb	RSC Anderlecht	0-0	Zagreb
22/08/2019	UEL	PO	Linfield FC	Qarabağ FK	3-2	Belfast

# Match-by-match lineups

## Azerbaijan

### Final tournament - Qualifying round

#### Group E

Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Hungary	4	3	0	1	6	4	9
<b>Croatia</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>
Wales	4	2	0	2	4	4	6
Slovakia	4	2	0	2	7	6	6
<b>Azerbaijan</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>

#### Matchday 1 (21/03/2019)

##### Croatia 2-1 Azerbaijan

Goals: 0-1 Sheydaev 19, 1-1 Barišić 44, 2-1 Kramarić 79

**Azerbaijan:** S. Agayev, Garayev (88 Dadaşov), S. Rahimov, R. Mammadov, Medvedev, Hüseynov, Emreli, Sheydaev, Nazarov (58 A. Abdullayev), Eddy, Richard Almeida (72 Makhmudov )

#### Matchday 3 (08/06/2019)

##### Azerbaijan 1-3 Hungary

Goals: 0-1 Orban 18, 0-2 Orban 53, 1-2 Emreli 69, 1-3 Holman 71

**Azerbaijan:** S. Agayev, Garayev, R. Mammadov, Medvedev, Hüseynov, Emreli (74 A. Abdullayev), Sheydaev, Nazarov (86 Dadaşov), Dadashov (59 Ramazanov), Krivotsyuk, Richard Almeida

#### Matchday 4 (11/06/2019)

##### Azerbaijan 1-5 Slovakia

Goals: 0-1 Lobotka 8, 0-2 Kucka 27, 1-2 Sheydaev 29, 1-3 Hamšík 30, 1-4 Hamšík 57, 1-5 Hancko 85

**Azerbaijan:** S. Agayev, Garayev, S. Rahimov, Medvedev, Hüseynov, A. Abdullayev (89 Dadashov), Ramazanov (61 Emreli), Sheydaev, Eyubov (79 Makhmudov ), Krivotsyuk, Richard Almeida

#### Matchday 5 (06/09/2019)

##### Wales 2-1 Azerbaijan

Goals: 1-0 Pashayev 26 (og) , 1-1 Emreli 59, 2-1 Bale 84

**Azerbaijan:** S. Agayev, Garayev, S. Rahimov (73 Khalilzade), Medvedev, Mustafazade, Emreli, Sheydaev, Nazarov (86 Ramazanov), Krivotsyuk, Richard Almeida (69 Eyubov), Pashayev

#### Matchday 6 (09/09/2019)

Azerbaijan-Croatia

#### Matchday 8 (13/10/2019)

Hungary-Azerbaijan

#### Matchday 9 (16/11/2019)

Azerbaijan-Wales

#### Matchday 10 (19/11/2019)

Slovakia-Azerbaijan

## Croatia

### Final tournament - Qualifying round

#### Group E

Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Hungary	4	3	0	1	6	4	9
<b>Croatia</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>
Wales	4	2	0	2	4	4	6
Slovakia	4	2	0	2	7	6	6

Azerbaijan	4	0	0	4	4	12	0
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**Matchday 1 (21/03/2019)**

**Croatia 2-1 Azerbaijan**

**Goals:** 0-1 Sheydaev 19, 1-1 Barišić 44, 2-1 Kramarić 79

**Croatia:** Kalinić, Brekalo, Barišić, Perišić, Čaleta-Car, Rakitić, Kovačić (73 Vlašić), Kramarić, Modrić (91 Badelj), Petković (69 Rebić), Vida

**Matchday 2 (24/03/2019)**

**Hungary 2-1 Croatia**

**Goals:** 0-1 Rebić 13, 1-1 Szalai 34, 2-1 Pátkai 76

**Croatia:** Kalinić, Barišić (30 Leovac), Perišić, Lovren, Rakitić, Kramarić, Modrić, Brozović, Jedvaj (77 Petković), Rebić (67 Brekalo), Vida

**Matchday 3 (08/06/2019)**

**Croatia 2-1 Wales**

**Goals:** 1-0 Lawrence 17 (og) , 2-0 Perišić 48, 2-1 Brooks 77

**Croatia:** Livaković, Barišić, Perišić (93 Škorić), Lovren, Brekalo (67 Pašalić), Kovačić (76 Badelj), Kramarić, Modrić, Brozović, Jedvaj, Vida

**Matchday 5 (06/09/2019)**

**Slovakia 0-4 Croatia**

**Goals:** 0-1 Vlašić 45, 0-2 Perišić 46, 0-3 Petković 72, 0-4 Lovren 89

**Croatia:** Livaković, Barišić, Perišić, Lovren, Modrić, Brozović, Vlašić (82 Badelj), Rebić (70 Brekalo), Petković (83 Pašalić), Vida, Bartolec

**Matchday 6 (09/09/2019)**

Azerbaijan-Croatia

**Matchday 7 (10/10/2019)**

Croatia-Hungary

**Matchday 8 (13/10/2019)**

Wales-Croatia

**Matchday 9 (16/11/2019)**

Croatia-Slovakia



## Legend

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### :: Previous meetings

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

### :: Squad list

**Qual.:** Total European Qualifiers appearances/goals for UEFA EURO 2020 only.

**FT:** Total UEFA EURO 2020 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

**D:** Disciplinary (\*: misses next match if booked, S: suspended)

### :: Team facts

**EURO finals:** The UEFA European Championship was a four-team event in 1960, 1964, 1968, 1972 and 1976 (when the preliminary round and quarter-finals were considered part of qualifying).

From 1980 it was expanded to an eight-team finals and remained in that format in 1984, 1988 and 1992 until 1996, when the 16-team format was adopted. UEFA EURO 2016 was the first tournament to be played as a 24-team finals.

### Records of inactive countries

A number of UEFA associations have been affected by dissolution or splits of member associations. For statistical purposes, the records of these inactive countries have been allocated elsewhere: therefore, all Soviet Union matches are awarded to Russia; all West Germany – but not East Germany – matches are awarded to Germany; all Yugoslavia and Serbia & Montenegro matches are awarded to Serbia; all Czechoslovakia matches are allocated to both the Czech Republic and Slovakia.

### Abandoned/forfeited matches

For statistical purposes, when a match has been started and then abandoned but later forfeited, the result on the pitch at the time of abandonment is counted. Matches that never started and were either cancelled or forfeited are not included in the overall statistics.

## Competitions

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### Other abbreviations

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**(aet):** After extra time

**No.:** Number

**ag:** Match decided on away goals

**agg:** Aggregate

**AP:** Appearances

**Comp.:** Competition

**D:** Drawn

**DoB:** Date of birth

**ET:** Extra Time

**GA:** Goals against

**GF:** Goals for

**gg:** Match decided by golden goal

**L:** Lost

**Nat.:** Nationality

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**pens:** Penalties

**og:** Own goal

**P:** Penalty

**Pld:** Matches played

**Pos.:** Position

**Pts:** Points

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

**Res.:** Result

**sg:** Match decided by silver goal

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

**W:** Won

**Y:** Booked

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

**N/A:** Not applicable