

NK Slaven Belupo

Nogometni klub Slaven Belupo (English: Slaven Belupo Football Club), often referred to as **NK Slaven Belupo**, **Slaven Belupo** or simply **Slaven**, and known internationally as **NK Slaven Koprivnica**, is a Croatian professional football club based in the city of Koprivnica in the north of Croatia. They play their home matches at Gradski stadion in Koprivnica.

History

The first football club in Koprivnica was founded in June 1907, when a student team was formed and named *Dački nogometni klub*, which is <u>Croatian</u> for *Students' Football Club*. The name Slaven first appeared when a sports club named *HŠK Slaven* was founded by the members of the Friedrich family on 20 August 1912 and this is considered to be the foundation date of the present-day club. The club won the Croatian championship in 1920, which was one of the Yugoslav regional championships. Slaven was subsequently renamed *HŠK Victorija*, but disbanded six years later due to financial difficulties. Subsequently, the city of Koprivnica was without a football club for four years, between 1926 and 1930.

Between 1930 and 1945, the club was known as *HŠK Koprivnica*, *HŠK Danica* and *RNHŠK Sloga*, before the name Slaven returned with the foundation of *FD Slaven*. From 1953, the club was known as *SD Podravka*, before being renamed to *NK Slaven* in 1958. The name Slaven remains until today, with occasional changes to the name of the club's principal sponsors. The club was thus known as *NK Slaven Bilokalnik* between 1992 and 1994, after which it was changed to its current name following a sponsorship agreement with the Koprivnica-based pharmaceutical company Belupo.

Slaven gained their first promotion to the Prva HNL in 1997 and have never been relegated. In 2000, they finished fifth in the Prva HNL and qualified for the UEFA Intertoto Cup. In their first Intertoto Cup appearance, they managed to reach the third round of the competition before being eliminated by Czech club Sigma Olomouc after losing 2–0 at home and getting a goalless draw on the road. One year later, they repeated the success and were eliminated by renowned English club Aston Villa with a 3–2 aggregate defeat. In their next two Intertoto Cup appearances, they were even more successful as they reached the semifinals of the competition on both occasions. They were eliminated after losing to renowned clubs Stuttgart from Germany and Lille from France, respectively.

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Their last Intertoto Cup appearance in 2005 ended in the third round with a 4–0 aggregate defeat to Spanish club Deportivo La Coruña, having lost the first leg by $1-0^{[1]}$ and the second leg by 0-3. [2]

Slaven Belupo heads the all-time Intertoto Cup table being the most successful team in history of this tournament. [3]

In 2007, the club reached the Croatian Cup final for the first time, after defeating defending Cup holders HNK Rijeka 3–2 on aggregate. In the final, they lost to Dinamo Zagreb 2–1 on aggregate. Despite having lost the final, Slaven qualified for the UEFA Cup for the first time in their history, since Dinamo had already qualified for the UEFA Champions League by virtue of having won the Prva HNL.

Slaven reached the second qualifying round of the 2007–08 UEFA Cup, defeating Albanian side <u>Teuta Durrës</u> 8–4 on aggregate before being eliminated after a 4–2 aggregate defeat to Turkish club <u>Galatasaray</u>. In 2008, Slaven finished runners-up in the Croatian league, which remains their best domestic result to date.

On 28 August 2008 Slaven Belupo qualified for the 2008–09 UEFA Cup by beating Aris of Greece 2–1 on aggregate, thereby achieving arguably the best result in the history of the club. [6][7]

Slaven finished 3rd in the 2011–12 1. HNL, qualifying for the 2012–13 UEFA Europa League. After defeating Portadown 10–2 on aggregate they bowed out to Spanish giants Athletic Bilbao 4–3 on aggregate.

In 2016, Slaven defeated HNK Rijeka 4–2 on aggregate in the 2015–16 Croatian Football Cup semi-final, reaching the final for the second time in their history.

Supporters

In 2023 group of fans organized themselves into a fan group under the name *Podravske štuke* (Podravska pike).

Players

Current squad

As of 23 February 2023^[8]

Note: Flags indicate national team as defined under FIFA eligibility rules. Players may hold more than one non-FIFA nationality.

No.	Pos.	Nation	Player	No.	Pos.	Nation	Player
1	<u>GK</u>	CRO	Matija Jesenović	19	FW	CRO	Tomislav Štrkalj
5	DF	KOS	Bujar Pllana	20	<u>DF</u>	CRO	Filip Hlevnjak
6	DF	CRO	Tomislav Božić	22	<u>FW</u>	CRO	Ante Šuto
7	<u>FW</u>	BIH	Matej Šakota	23	<u>DF</u>	CRO	<u>Daniel Štefulj</u> (on loan from <u>Dinamo</u> Zagreb)
9	FW	CRO	Robert Murić	25	CIV	CDO	_
10	MF	CRO	Benedik Mioč	25	<u>GK</u>	CRO	Ivan Sušak
	<u></u>			29	DF	CRO	Vinko Međimorec
11	MF	CMR	Samuel Nongoh <i>(on loan from <u>Adana</u></i> <u>Demirspor</u>)	30	MF	★ GHA	Michael Agbekpornu
13	MF	CRO	Ivan Lepinjica	32	<u>GK</u>	CRO	Ivan Čović
14	MF	CRO	Adrian Liber	33	<u>DF</u>	CRO	Antonio Bosec
16	<u>DF</u>	CRO	Luka Ćurković	55	<u>DF</u>	CRO	Marco Boras
17	MF	■■ MDA	Mihail Caimacov	_	MF	CRO	Ivan Jelić Balta (on loan from Sarajevo)

Dual registration

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No.	. <u>Pos.</u> Nation		Player
18	DF	CRO	Filip Krušelj <i>(at <u>M</u>ladost Ždralovi)</i>

Out on loan

Note: Flags indicate national team as defined under FIFA eligibility rules. Players may hold more than one non-FIFA nationality.

No.Pos.NationPlayerNo.Pos.NationPlayer2DFAUTGabriel Eskinja (at Zrinski Osječko 1664 until 30 May 2024)12GKCROAntun Marković (at Karlovac 1919 until 18 June 2024)

Recent seasons

[show]		I	1	Le	ague	I	I	I		Cup	European competitions		Top league	scorer
Season	Division	Р	W	D	L	F	Α	Pts	Pos		competit	ions	Player	Goals
1992	3. HNL North	14	7	2	5	30	19	16	3rd ↑					
1992–93	2. HNL North	30	11	6	13	47	52	28	10th					
1993–94	2. HNL North	30	14	5	11	53	38	33	6th					
1994–95	2. HNL North	30	17	6	7	68	25	57	3rd	<u>R1</u>				
1995–96	2. HNL North	30	25	2	3	81	13	77	1st ↑	<u>R2</u>				
1996–97	1B. HNL	30	16	6	8	51	26	54	2nd ↑	R2				
1997–98	1. HNL	32	11	5	16	31	56	38	9th	R2			Josip Markovinović	6
1998–99	<u>1. HNL</u>	32	10	9	13	39	44	39	7th	SF			Zoran Slišković	7
1999–00	1. HNL	33	12	13	8	34	34	49	5th	QF			Marijo Dodik	13
2000–01	<u>1. HNL</u>	32	11	11	10	39	37	44	5th	R2	Intertoto Cup	R3	Marijo Dodik	16
2001–02	<u>1. HNL</u>	30	11	9	10	34	36	41	6th	<u>R1</u>	Intertoto Cup	R3	Miljenko Kovačić	9
2002–03	<u>1. HNL</u>	32	12	4	16	37	36	40	7th	R2	Intertoto Cup	SF	Marijo Dodik	12
2003–04	<u>1. HNL</u>	32	10	10	12	37	39	40	9th	R2			Srebrenko Posavec	11
2004–05	1. HNL	32	12	9	11	37	41	45	6th	QF	Intertoto Cup	SF	<u>Ivica</u> Karabogdan	10
2005–06	<u>1. HNL</u>	32	10	11	11	46	48	41	8th	QF	Intertoto Cup	<u>R3</u>	Marijo Dodik, Igor Musa, Bojan Vručina	8
2006–07	<u>1. HNL</u>	33	14	7	12	40	37	49	5th	RU			Bojan Vručina	11
2007–08	<u>1. HNL</u>	33	16	6	11	45	29	54	2nd	QF	UEFA Cup	QR2	Stjepan Poljak	8
2008–09	1. HNL	33	16	7	10	46	39	55	4th	QF	UEFA Cup	<u>R1</u>	Bojan <u>Vručina</u>	14
2009–10	<u>1. HNL</u>	30	11	10	9	44	45	43	7th	QF	Europa League	QR3	Mateas Delić	6
2010–11	<u>1. HNL</u>	30	10	10	10	34	30	40	7th	SF			Leon Benko	8

		League										an	Top league scorer	
Season	Division	Р	w	D	L	F	Α	Pts	Pos <u>competitions</u> Player		Goals			
2011–12	1. HNL	30	14	10	6	41	27	52	3rd	R2			Leon Benko	7
2012–13	1. HNL	33	10	9	14	35	50	39	8th	SF	Europa League	QR3	<u>Davor</u> Vugrinec	8
2013–14	<u>1. HNL</u>	36	7	11	18	46	65	32	9th	SF			Davor Vugrinec	8
2014–15	<u>1. HNL</u>	36	11	9	16	38	49	42	6th	<u>R2</u>			Marko Mirić	10
2015–16	<u>1. HNL</u>	36	10	12	14	41	42	42	7th	RU			Muzafer Ejupi	16
2016–17	<u>1. HNL</u>	36	9	11	16	36	45	38	7th	<u>QF</u>			Héber, Mirko Ivanovski	10
2017–18	<u>1. HNL</u>	36	11	10	15	35	45	43	6th	<u>R2</u>			<u>Mirko</u> Ivanovski	15
2018–19	<u>1. HNL</u>	36	7	16	13	41	53	37	7th	<u>QF</u>			<u>Ivan</u> Krstanović	7
2019–20	<u>1. HNL</u>	36	10	9	17	34	51	39	7th	SF			<u>Ivan</u> Krstanović	12
2020–21	<u>1. HNL</u>	36	7	13	16	36	53	34	7th	<u>QF</u>			<u>Ivan</u> Krstanović	8
2021–22	<u>1. HNL</u>	36	9	9	18	35	54	36	7th	QF			<u>Ivan</u> Krstanović	10
2022–23	1. HNL	36	10	13	13	27	46	43	8th	SF			Arber Hoxha	7

European record

Summary

Competition	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Last season played
UEFA Cup / Europa League	20	10	2	8	48	24	2012–13
Intertoto Cup	34	17	7	10	50	29	2005
Total	54	27	9	18	98	53	

Source: uefa.com (http://www.uefa.com/footballeurope/club=64321/domestic.html), Last updated on 9 August 2012 **Pld** = Matches played; **W** = Matches won; **D** = Matches drawn; **L** = Matches lost; **GF** = Goals for; **GA** = Goals against

By result

Overall	Pld	w	D	L	GF	GA	GD
Home	27	18	4	5	65	21	+44
Away	27	9	5	13	33	32	+1
Total	54	27	9	18	98	53	+45

By season

[show] Season	Competition	Round	Opponent	Home	Away	Agg
		R1	Glenavon	3–0	1–1	4–1
2000–01	Intertoto Cup	R2	Zagłębie Lubin	0–0	1–1	1–1 (<u>a</u>)
		R3	Sigma Olomouc	1–1	0–1	1–2
		R1	Anorthosis	7–0	2–0	9–0
2001–02	Intertoto Cup	R2	■ Bastia	1–0	1–0	2–0
		R3	+ Aston Villa	2–1	0–2	2–3
		R1	OD Trenčín	5–0	1–3	6–3
2002 02	Intortata Cun	R2	Belenenses	2–0	1–0	3–0
2002–03	Intertoto Cup	R3	Marek Dupnitsa	3–1	3–0	6–1
		SF	VfB Stuttgart	0–1	1–2	1–3
		R1	Hibernians	3–0	1–2	4–2
2004 05	ledented Com	R2	VIIaznia	2–0	0–1	2–1
2004–05	Intertoto Cup	R3	Spartak Trnava	0–0	2–2	2–2 (a)
		SF	■ Lille	1–1	0–3	1–4
		R1	<u>←</u> Drava Ptuj	1–0	1–0	2–0
2005–06	Intertoto Cup	R2	■ Gloria Bistriţa	3–2	1–0	4–2
		R3	Deportivo La Coruña	0–3	0–1	0–4
2007–08	UEFA Cup	QR1	Teuta	6–2	2–2	8–4
2007-08	<u>OEFA Cup</u>	QR2	Galatasaray	1–2	1–2	2–4
		QR1	Marsaxlokk	4–0	4–0	8–0
2008–09	UEFA Cup	QR2	Aris Thessaloniki	2–0	0–1	2–1
		R1	CSKA Moscow	1–2	0–1	1–3
		QR1	Birkirkara	1–0	0–0	1–0
2009–10	Europa League	QR2	Milano Kumanovo	8–2	4–0	12–2
		QR3	Troms ø	0–2	1–2	1–4
2040 40	Furna Las	QR2	-∤- Portadown	6–0	4–2	10–2
2012–13	Europa League	QR3	Athletic Bilbao	2–1	1–3	3–4

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Player records

- Most appearances in UEFA club competitions: **34 appearances**^[9]
 - Petar Bošnjak

- Top scorers in UEFA club competitions: 14 goals^[9]
 - Marijo Dodik

Notable players

To appear in this section a player must have:

- Played at least 150 league games for the club;
- Scored at least 50 league goals for the club; or
- Played at least one international match for their national team while playing for NK Slaven Belupo.

Years in brackets indicate their spells at the club.

- Roy Ferenčina (1997–2005)^[10]
- Marijo Dodik (1998–2007)^[11]
- Petar Bošnjak (1999–2008)^[12]
- Srebrenko Posavec (2000–05, 2006–10)^[13]
- Bojan Vručina (2004–10, 2011–12)[14]
- Silvio Rodić (2005–14)^[15]
- Mateas Delić (2006–10, 2012–16, 2018–)^[16]
- Vedran Purić (2008–2018)^[17]
- Fidan Aliti (2016–2017)^[18]
- Nikola Katić (2016–2018)

Historical list of coaches

- Ivan Bedi (1996-1997)
- Miroslav Buljan (1997)
- Marijan Vlak (1998)
- Luka Bonačić (1999–00)
- Mladen Frančić (2000–01)
- Tražen Besek (2001–02)
- Rajko Magić (2002–03)
- Ivan Bedi (2003–04)
- Milo Nižetić (2004)
- **Branko Karačić** (2004–05)
- Nikola Jurčević (2005)
- Elvis Scoria (2006–07)
- Krunoslav Jurčić (2007–08)
- Mile Petković (2008–09)
- Milivoj Bračun (2009)
- Zlatko Dalić (2009–10)
- Mile Petković (2010–11)
- Roy Ferenčina (2011–13)
- Roman Sović (2013)
- Ivan Katalinić (2013)
- Mladen Frančić (2013–14)
- Elvis Scoria (2014)
- Ante Čačić (2014–15)
- Željko Kopić (2015–17)
- Tomislav lvković (2017–18)
- Ivica Sertić (2018–19)
 Tomislav Stipić (2019–21)

- Dean Klafurić (2021)
- Zoran Zekić (2021–23)
- Ricardo Moniz (2023)
- Roy Ferenčina (2023–present)

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