

Serbia national football team

The **Serbia men's national football team** (Serbian Cyrillic: Фудбалска репрезентација Србије, romanized: *Fudbalska reprezentacija Srbije*) represents Serbia in men's international football competition. It is controlled by the Football Association of Serbia, the governing body for football in Serbia.

After the breakup of SFR Yugoslavia and its football team in 1992 Serbia was represented (alongside Montenegro) within the new FR Yugoslavia national football team. Despite qualifying for Euro 1992 the team was banned from participating in the tournament due to international sanctions, with the ruling also enforced for 1994 World Cup and Euro 1996 qualifiers. The national team played its first friendly in December 1994, and with the easing of sanctions the generation of the 1990s eventually participated at the 1998 World Cup, reaching the round of 16, and the quarter-finals at Euro 2000. The team played in the 2006, 2010, 2018 and 2022 FIFA World Cups, but failed to progress past the group stage on each occasion.^{[3][4][5][6][7][8][9][10]}

Between February 2003 and June 2006 Serbia participated as Serbia and Montenegro due to the countries' name change. Following a 2006 referendum Montenegro declared its independence, leading to separate football federations which resulted in the teams final renaming and establishment as the Serbia national football team.^{[11][12][13][14][15][16]} Serbia is considered by FIFA and UEFA to be the official successor team of FR Yugoslavia/Serbia and Montenegro national football teams, but also the Kingdom of Yugoslavia/SFR Yugoslavia team.^{[17][18][19][20]}

History

Serbia within Yugoslavia (1920–1992)

The Football Federation of what was then the Kingdom of Serbs, Croats and Slovenes (later Yugoslavia) was founded in Zagreb in 1919 under the name *Jugoslavenski nogometni savez* (*Yugoslavian Football Association*). Jovan Ružić was the first Serb to represent the national team in its international debut match, a 7–0 drubbing by Czechoslovakia at the 1920 Olympic Games in Antwerp, Belgium.^[21]

Serbia





Nickname(s)	Орлови / <i>Orlovi</i> (Eagles)
Association	Fudbalski savez Srbije (FSS)
Confederation	UEFA (Europe)
Head coach	Dragan Stojković
Captain	Dušan Tadić
Most caps	Branislav Ivanović (105)
Top scorer	Aleksandar Mitrović (57)
Home stadium	Red Star Stadium
FIFA code	SRB



First colours



Second colours

FIFA ranking	
Current	32 ▲ 2 (15 February 2024) ^[1]
Highest	6 (December 1998)
Lowest	101 (December 1994)
First international	
 Czechoslovakia 7–0 Kingdom of SCS 	(Antwerp, Belgium; 28 August 1920)
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While the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, consisting of Serbia and Montenegro, was formed on 27 April 1992,^[30] its teams were banned from all international sporting events, including

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the national football team as a result of U.N. sanctions stemming from the conflict in Yugoslavia.^[31] Consequently, the national team did not play its first game as a new country before 23 December 1994, a friendly match played in Porto Alegre and in which Brazil won 2–0.^[32] This was the first ever team composed of Serbian and Montenegrin players exclusively, while Slobodan Santrač, a former Yugoslavia national team player, was named the team's first ever manager. The next game was played three days later, this time in Buenos Aires, resulting in a 1–0 loss to Argentina.^[33]

Due to international sanctions, the team could not participate in 1994 World Cup qualifying nor the Euro 1996 qualifying process.^{[31][34]}

1998 World Cup

As FR Yugoslavia joined FIFA and UEFA in 1994, the team was available to participate in the 1998 World Cup qualifiers. Slobodan Santrač was appointed manager for the team.^[35] In the qualifiers, Yugoslavia was drawn in Group 6 with Euro 1996 runners-up Czech Republic, Slovakia, Spain, Faroe Islands and Malta. With 23 points, Yugoslavia ended up in second place behind Spain. Yugoslavia qualified for the play-off in which they were drawn to play against Hungary. Winning 12–1 on aggregate, Yugoslavia qualified for the World Cup.^[36]

The draw put the team in Group F alongside Germany, the United States, and Iran. Yugoslavia won its first game 1–0 against Iran thanks to a goal from defender Siniša Mihajlović.^[37] The next game was a draw for Yugoslavia; after leading Germany 2–0, a free kick from Michael Tarnat deflected off Mihajlović and into the goal, then Oliver Bierhoff equalised it at 2–2 at the 80th minute.^[38] Yugoslavia responded in the next game against the United States and won 1–0 due to a goal in the fourth minute by Slobodan Komljenović.^[39] Yugoslavia finished second in the group behind Germany on goal difference.

Due to their second position, Yugoslavia saw itself face the Netherlands in the Round of 16. Yugoslavia entered in the match with a sole attacker, but its defensive tactics proved unsuccessful as Dennis Bergkamp put the Netherlands in front in the 38th minute. Following the start of the second half, Yugoslavia pressured the Dutch, who conceded a header from Komljenović. The turning point of this match was a penalty awarded to Yugoslavia after Vladimir Jugović was fouled.^[40] Predrag Mijatović missed, and the scoreline remained the same at 1–1.^[41] Such an event demoralized the Yugoslavs, as the Dutch took the initiative. In the late seconds of the game Edgar Davids' shot towards the Yugoslav net from a distance of 20 meters and beat goalkeeper Ivica Kralj.^[40]

Euro 2000

The draw for the Euro 2000 qualifiers saw first-seeded Yugoslavia drawn in a group with Croatia, thus marking the first games between the two teams after the breakup of Yugoslavia. The other teams in the group were the Republic of Ireland, Macedonia, and Malta. Milan Živadinović was dismissed and was replaced by Vujadin

Best result	As Yugoslavia: Runners-up (<u>1960</u> , <u>1968</u>) as FR Yugoslavia/Serbia and Montenegro: Quarter-finals (<u>2000</u>) As Serbia: To be determined (<u>2024</u>)	
	Medal record	[show]
	UEFA European Championship	
S	<u>1960 France</u>	<u>Team</u>
S	<u>1968 Italy</u>	<u>Team</u>
	Olympic Games	
G	<u>1960 Rome</u>	<u>Team</u>
S	<u>1948 London</u>	<u>Team</u>
S	<u>1952 Helsinki</u>	<u>Team</u>
S	<u>1956 Melbourne</u>	<u>Team</u>
B	<u>1984 Los Angeles</u>	<u>Team</u>
	Balkan Cup	
G	<u>1934–35 Greece</u>	<u>Team</u>
G	<u>1935 Bulgaria</u>	<u>Team</u>
	Mediterranean Games	
G	<u>1971 Izmir</u>	<u>Team</u>
G	<u>1979 Split</u>	<u>Team</u>



Yugoslavia at the 1930 FIFA World Cup, featured an all Serbian team following a boycott by Croat representatives.

The team started with a 1–0 win over Ireland in Belgrade, before beating Malta 3–0 in Ta' Qali. The home fixture against the Maltese followed, but was moved to Thessaloniki, Greece due to the NATO bombing of Yugoslavia. The team won 4–1. The first match against Croatia took place in Belgrade after the bombing ended, and was interrupted due to a power outage at the beginning of the second half, resuming after 43 minutes and eventually finishing 0–0.^[44] A 2–1 defeat against Ireland in Dublin was followed by victories home and away against Macedonia (3–1 and 4–2 respectively), meaning that Yugoslavia needed to win its final qualifier against Croatia in Zagreb, or to draw with Ireland failing to beat Macedonia in Skopje, in order to qualify automatically for Euro 2000. In the event, Ireland conceded an injury-time equaliser, meaning that Yugoslavia's 2–2 draw with the Croatians put them through.

The draw for the finals placed Yugoslavia in Group C along with Spain, Norway and another former Yugoslav republic, Slovenia. The Slovenians took a 3–0 lead in the first game at the Stade du Pays de Charleroi, but three goals in six second-half minutes enabled Yugoslavia to secure a 3–3 draw. The team then beat Norway 1–0 in Liège, thanks to an early Savo Milošević backheel strike. The final group game, against Spain in Bruges, saw the Yugoslavs take the lead three times, before a Gaizka Mendieta penalty and an Alfonso strike in injury-time secured a 4–3 win for the Spaniards and top spot in the group. Yugoslavia nonetheless finished second, level on points with Norway but ranked ahead due to its victory in Liège. In each of the three games, the team had one player sent off (Siniša Mihajlović, Mateja Kežman, and Slaviša Jokanović, respectively).^[45] In the quarter-finals, Yugoslavia was paired with the Netherlands. The co-hosts won 6–1 in Rotterdam with Patrick Kluivert scoring a hat-trick. Despite Yugoslavia's elimination, Savo Milošević was crowned the joint top scorer of the tournament alongside Patrick Kluivert. Both players scored five goals, although Milošević played one game fewer.^[46]

2002 World Cup campaign

Ilija Petković replaced Boškov as head coach in July 2000.^[47] For the 2002 World Cup qualifiers, Yugoslavia was drawn in Group 1 with Russia, Slovenia, Switzerland, the Faroe Islands and Luxembourg. After winning against Luxembourg, Petković was sacked and replaced with a three-pieced team which consisted of Boškov, Dejan Savićević and Ivan Ćurković. Despite winning both games against Luxembourg and Faroe Islands as well and away game against Switzerland, Yugoslavia managed to suffer a home loss and away draw against Russia, a home draw against Switzerland and both draw games against Slovenia. Yugoslavia ended the qualifying campaign in the third place of the group just one point behind second-placed Slovenia.^[48]

Euro 2004 campaign

Savićević was appointed as coach in July 2002.^[49] For the Euro 2004 qualifiers Yugoslavia was drawn in Group 9 with Italy, Wales, Finland and Azerbaijan. During qualifying, the country went under a political transformation, and the newly named Serbia and Montenegro appeared for the first time in a game against Azerbaijan in February 2003.^[50] In June, after a 2–1 loss to Azerbaijan, Savićević resigned and was replaced by Ilija Petković.^[51] Despite drawing both games against eventual group winners Italy and winning both games against runners-up Wales, Serbia and Montenegro failed to qualify, mostly due to a 2–2 home draw, the 2–1 loss to Azerbaijan, as well as a 3–0 away loss to Finland.

2006 World Cup

Petković remained as manager for the team.^[52] Qualifying for the 2006 World Cup resulted in six wins and four draws, with Serbia and Montenegro ending up first in the group with an undefeated record in their qualification group ahead of Spain, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Lithuania and San Marino. The Serbia and Montenegro team also allowed only one goal in the ten matches, the best defensive record of all 51 teams participating in qualification.



Serbia and Montenegro and Ivory Coast playing at the Allianz Arena in the 2006 FIFA World Cup

On 3 June 2006, following a referendum, Montenegro declared its independence from Serbia. As the World Cup was about to start, it was decided that the Serbia and Montenegro team that had qualified for the tournament would compete, with the split into separate teams representing the new countries of Montenegro and Serbia to take place once the team was no longer in the tournament.

In the group stage, Serbia and Montenegro lost their opening game to the Netherlands. The final score was 1–0 after Arjen Robben scored the only goal of the game. They also lost their second game to Argentina 6–0, Serbia and Montenegro's worst ever international result. With the team's two losses and with Netherlands and Argentina winning both their games, Serbia and Montenegro could no longer qualify for the knockout matches and was playing for pride alone in their final group game against Ivory Coast. After a 2–0 lead for much of the first half, *the Elephants* managed to come back and win 3–2,

leaving Serbia and Montenegro with no points.^[53]

Independent Serbia (2006–present)

Euro 2008 campaign

Javier Clemente, Serbia's first-ever foreign coach, was appointed to lead the team for the 2008 Euro campaign.^[54] After Montenegro declared independence, Serbia marked their split from Montenegro with a 3–1 win over the Czech Republic. For the Euro 2008 qualifiers, Serbia was drawn in Group A along with Poland, Portugal, Belgium, Finland, Kazakhstan, Armenia and Azerbaijan. A strong start in qualification was overshadowed by the final hurdle of matches where inconsistency took over, the side dropping points against the likes of Finland, Belgium, Armenia and Kazakhstan. They eventually finished third, three points behind runners-up Portugal and Group A winners Poland. Clemente was sacked after the team's failure to qualify.^[55]

Serbia replaced Clemente with Miroslav Đukić, who then left the position on 19 August of the following year without having played any official games, due to disagreements with the Football Association of Serbia.

2010 World Cup



Atmosphere at the start of match vs. France, 9 September 2009

Subsequent to Đukić's departure, Radomir Antić was appointed coach. Serbia's World Cup qualification campaign began in 2008. Their qualification group featured 1998 World Cup winners and 2006 World Cup runners-up France, Romania, as well as Austria, Lithuania and the Faroe Islands. Serbia played consistently during the qualifiers and this led to the team automatically qualifying for the 2010 FIFA World Cup in South Africa. They confirmed qualification with a 5–0 win at home against Romania.



The 2010 World Cup team featured captain Dejan Stanković, who became the only player to feature in a World Cup having played under three different national names (although he never changed nationality; this was a result of geopolitical events involving the identity of Yugoslavia).^[57] They were to face Ghana, Germany and Australia.

Serbia's starting XI under coach Radomir Antić in their 1–0 win over Germany at the 2010 FIFA World Cup.^[56]

Their opening group game was against Ghana and chances came to both sides but a red card to Aleksandar Luković and a handball by substitute Zdravko Kuzmanović in the second half gave Ghana a penalty to take all three points at the death. Asamoah Gyan converted eight minutes from full-time and Serbia were defeated 1–0. In Serbia's second group match, they defeated Germany by a score of 1–0 with a goal by Milan Jovanović in the first half. FIFA's official YouTube channel called the win "the most famous day in Serbia's footballing history".^[58]

Serbia only needed a single point to reach the knockout stages, but was defeated by Australia 2–1. Australia scored two goals in the second half through Tim Cahill and Brett Holman. A late Marko Pantelić goal served only as a consolation. They finished last in the group.

Euro 2012 campaign

Radomir Antić was sacked two games into the Euro 2012 qualification process, a 1–1 draw at home to Slovenia spelling the end to his two-year stint. The sacking meant the bringing in of Vladimir Petrović to the job.

For the Euro 2012 qualifying, Serbia was drawn in Group C featuring Italy, Slovenia, Estonia, Northern Ireland and the Faroe Islands. The qualifying stage began with Radomir Antić as coach and finished with Vladimir Petrović. Serbia and Antić started the first two games with a 3–0 win away to Faroe Islands and a 1–1 draw at home to Slovenia but this result brought the end of Antić's reign as the country's coach.^[59] New coach Petrović faced setbacks with a 3–1 loss at home to Estonia^[60] and an abandoned match resulting in a 3–0 loss to Italy due to crowd trouble from the Serbian away supporters in Genoa.^[61]

Serbia returned to form with a 2–1 win at home over Northern Ireland but could only manage a 1–1 draw away to Estonia. Afterwards, Serbia won back to back games with a 1–0 win away to Northern Ireland and a crucial 3–1 win at home against Faroe Islands. These results put Serbia in pole position to confirm a play-off spot behind Italy.

Serbia needed a win at home against Italy to confirm a play-off spot but their efforts only resulted in a 1–1 draw. The team, however, still had one more chance to confirm a play-off place when they faced Slovenia away. This game was a must-win even though Serbia had a superior goal difference over Estonia; a draw was not good enough for progression. Neither side played decisively better in the first half, but a long-range goal put Slovenia up 1–0 at half time.^[62] In the second half, Nemanja Vidić missed penalty.^[62] Serbia left empty-handed after a 1–0 loss and exited the tournament for the third time in a row during the qualifying group stages, missing out by one point behind Estonia. Serbia once again failed to qualify for the European Championships.^[62] Vladimir Petrović was sacked after the team's failure to qualify.

2014 World Cup campaign

Ahead of the qualifying campaign for the 2014 FIFA World Cup, Dejan Stanković and Nemanja Vidić announced that they were retiring from international football.^{[63][64]} Branislav Ivanović became the new captain. Siniša Mihajlović, a former member of the national team, was appointed as the coach on 24 April 2012. Serbia was drawn in Group A in qualification for the 2014 World Cup, together with Croatia, Belgium, Scotland, Macedonia, and Wales. The team began the qualification campaign with a goalless draw with Scotland and a 6–1 win over Wales. In the next two games, Serbia suffered two defeats, from Macedonia and Belgium.

On 22 March 2013, Serbia played in Zagreb against Croatia. The game was highly anticipated in both countries due to their rivalry both on and off the pitch. Croatia won 2–0.^[65] Serbia then defeated Scotland 2–0 at home in a crucial qualifier, though their World Cup hopes were taken away after a 2–1 defeat to Belgium. Serbia drew with Croatia 1–1 in the corresponding fixture at home, where 18-year-old Aleksandar Mitrović scored an equalizer in the second-half after Mario Mandžukić opened the scoring.^[66] They then defeated Wales 3–0 in Cardiff. Dejan Stanković's farewell game was completed in a friendly against Japan, which Serbia won 2–0. He

finished his career with 103 appearances for the national team, a record previously held by Savo Milošević, with 102 appearances. Serbia finished qualifying with a 5–1 home win against Macedonia,^[67] putting them in third in the group, three points from a playoff spot behind Croatia and group winners Belgium.

Euro 2016 campaign

After failing to qualify for the 2014 World Cup, Dick Advocaat was appointed as the coach in 2014.^[68] Serbia was drawn in Group I in qualification for UEFA Euro 2016, together with Portugal, Denmark, Albania and Armenia. Advocaat started with a draw in a friendly 1–1 game against France. The team began qualification with a 1–1 draw against Armenia. The following game was a game against Albania in Belgrade, abandoned as a result of crowd trouble after a drone carrying an Albanian flag and a map of Greater Albania was flown over the pitch.^[69] Serbia was originally awarded with a 3–0 victory by UEFA, and deducted three points, but on 10 July 2015, the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) reversed the earlier decision and awarded Albania a 3–0 win.^[69] On 14 November 2014, Serbia played against Denmark in Belgrade and lost, 1–3. After this game, Advocaat left,^[70] whereupon Radovan Ćurčić was announced as a new coach on 25 November.^[71]

Serbia's first match in 2015 was a qualifying match against Portugal in Lisbon, during which Serbia lost 2–1, cutting their chances for qualification to Euro 2016. On 13 June 2015, Serbia played a qualifying match against Denmark in Copenhagen, losing 2–0. With the 10 July ruling by CAS on the abandoned game against Albania, Serbia would become mathematically eliminated from Euro 2016 qualification. On 4 September 2015, Serbia had their first victory, winning 2–0, against Armenia. On 8 October 2015, Serbia defeated Albania with a goal each from Aleksandar Kolarov and Adem Ljajić. In the table of Group I, Serbia finished second to last place with four points in a five-team group.

2018 World Cup

After failing to qualify for Euro 2016, Slavoljub Muslin was appointed as a coach. Serbia was drawn in Group D in qualification for the 2018 FIFA World Cup with Euro 2016 semi-finalists Wales, Austria, Ireland, Georgia and Moldova. They started off their campaign with a 2–2 draw against Ireland at the Red Star Stadium and eventually won against Austria, Georgia and Moldova.

Serbia beat Moldova in Belgrade with goals from Aleksandar Kolarov, Aleksandar Mitrović and Mijat Gaćinović. This consolidated their first position going into their top-of-the group clash with Ireland. They won this match with a 55th-minute goal from Kolarov. Serbia finished the qualifying campaign with a 1–0 home win against Georgia, and ended at the top of Group D and therefore qualified for the 2018 tournament. Despite Serbia's qualification, Muslin was sacked by the Football Association of Serbia as a result on differences regarding team selection.^[72] Muslin was criticized for not inviting Sergej Milinković-Savić to play in the campaign which sparked controversy in Serbia. Mladen Krstajić took the place as a temporary coach after Muslin's dismissal and led the team in the World Cup.^[73]



Serbia team at the 2018 World Cup in Russia

In the World Cup, Serbia opened their match against Costa Rica. Kolarov's free kick at the second half meant Serbia won their first World Cup game in eight years. Serbia lost their later encounters, losing 1–2 to Switzerland with a 90th-minute goal scored by Xherdan Shaqiri^[74] and 0–2 to Brazil, thus being eliminated in the group stage.^[75]

2018–19 UEFA Nations League

Due to the performance of Serbia in previous years, the country found itself started the campaign of the inaugural Nations League, where they were drawn into Group 4 with Montenegro, Lithuania and Romania. With both wins against Lithuania and Montenegro and both draw games against Romania, Serbia finished on top of

the group, securing the Euro 2020 play-off spot and being promoted into League B for 2020–21 season. With six goals, Aleksandar Mitrović finished the tournament as the top scorer.

Euro 2020 campaign

In December 2017, Mladen Krstajić became the permanent coach for Serbia.^[76] Serbia started the campaign of 2018–19 UEFA Nations League, which served as a part of UEFA Euro 2020 qualifying campaign.

For Euro 2020 qualifiers, Serbia was drawn into Group B with Euro 2016 champions Portugal, Ukraine, Lithuania and Luxembourg. Serbia kicked off the qualifiers with 1–1 away draw against Portugal. But in the next away game against Ukraine, Serbia lost 5–0. Krstajić was sacked after the loss and replaced with Ljubiša Tumbaković. Tumbaković started with a 2–4 home loss against Portugal. The next two games were away wins against Luxembourg and Lithuania, before beating Luxembourg at home. Serbia then drew 2–2 to Ukraine at home, meaning they could not finish in the top two and a play-off would ensue.

After the UEFA Euro 2020 qualifying play-offs were resumed, Serbia placed itself against Norway in Oslo. Two goals, one in extra time helped Serbia to overcome Norway 2–1, thus marching to the final playoff game against Scotland at home.^[77] The game was won by Scotland in a penalty shootout (5–4) after the game was tied 1–1 after full time.^[78] Serbia once again failed to qualify for the Euros, making 20 years since the country last took part in the tournament. Tumbaković was sacked after the team's failure to qualify for the tournament.^[79]

2022–23 UEFA Nations League

Serbia was drawn in 2022–23 UEFA Nations League B Group 4 alongside Norway, Sweden and Slovenia, finishing first and being promoted after wins against Sweden at home and Norway in Oslo.

2022 World Cup

Serbia was drawn in Group A in qualification for the 2022 FIFA World Cup with Portugal, Republic of Ireland, Luxembourg and Azerbaijan.^[80]

After a penalty shootout loss against Scotland in the Euro 2020 qualifying play offs, Ljubiša Tumbaković was sacked and replaced with Dragan Stojković.

Serbia started qualification with a 3–2 win against the Republic of Ireland in Belgrade in March 2021. After a 2–2 draw against Portugal, Serbia won against Azerbaijan in Baku 2–1. Mixed results meant Serbia needed a victory against Portugal to qualify directly from the group. On 14 November 2021, Serbia faced Portugal at the Estádio da Luz, and trailed by a goal. However, an equaliser by Dušan Tadić and a decisive goal from Aleksandar Mitrović in the final minutes of the second half meant Serbia automatically booked a ticket for Qatar.^[81]

Serbia was drawn in Group G with 2018 opponents Brazil and Switzerland, and African representatives Cameroon. Serbia was defeated in the first match against Brazil 2–0. They then drew Cameroon 3–3, and lost against Switzerland 3–2 after a fight between multiple Serbians and Granit Xhaka, ending up with only one point.^[82]

Euro 2024

Following the elimination in the group stage at the 2022 World Cup, Stojković stayed as a coach with a goal to bring Serbia to UEFA Euro 2024.^[83]

Serbia was drawn in Group G in qualification for Euro 2024 with Hungary, Montenegro, Bulgaria and Lithuania.^[84] Serbia started the qualifying campaign with a 2–0 wins against the Lithuania in Belgrade and Montenegro in Podgorica in March 2023. After a crucial friendly game against Jordan in which Serbia won 3–2,

Serbia ended up in a draw 1–1 against Bulgaria in Razgrad. The next game against Hungary in Belgrade, Serbia was forced to play behind closed doors, due to UEFA sanctioning the Serbian association because of chants against Montenegrins. Serbia eventually lost the game 1–2. The next game was another win against Lithuania in Kaunas, 3–1, with Aleksandar Mitrović scoring a hat-trick. On 14 October 2023 Serbia once again lost against Hungary in Budapest 1–2, but three days later Serbia won against Montenegro in Belgrade 3–1. After the crucial final game against Bulgaria at home which ended in a draw 2–2, Serbia ended the campaign in second place in group G with 14 points, therefore qualifying for a first European Championship in 24 years.^[85]

Rivalries

- **Serbia v. Croatia:** The rivalry stems from political roots, and is listed as one of the ten greatest international rivalries by Goal.com.^[86] and as the most politically charged football rivalry by the Bleacher Report.^[87] The two sides started the football rivalry in the 1990 when they were part of Yugoslavia, which dissolved after a series of wars. The two nations have played four times, with Croatia winning one and drawing the other three games.^[88]
- **Serbia v. Albania:** The rivalry stems from historical tensions and the Kosovo question.^[89]
- **Serbia v. Switzerland:** The rivalry is connected to the Albanian diaspora players in the Swiss football team and is linked to the tensions between the Albanians and the Serbs.^[90]

Team image

The badge of the Football Association of Serbia is modelled on the Serbian cross inescutcheon featured on the Serbian coat of arms. It consists of a modified version of the four firesteels and cross, with the addition of a football. The team is nicknamed "*the Eagles*" (Serbian Cyrillic: *Орлови*) in reference to the white double-headed eagle, a national symbol of Serbia.^{[91][92][93][94][95]} In 2022 the Football Association of Serbia launched a new, national team specific emblem for brand and marketing purposes. The previous FA crest was replaced by a stylised logo inspired by the lesser coat of arms of the Republic of Serbia.^[96]

For years following the breakup of SFR Yugoslavia the national team experienced an identity crisis, which despite its name, was seen as *de facto* representative of Serbia. From 1994 to 2006 the obsolete and unpopular Communist era national anthem "*Hej, Sloveni*" was often jeered, booed and whistled by home supporters as players refrained from singing the lyrics. During this period the team continued to officially carry the old nickname "*Plavi*" (*the Blues*), badge and kit design indicative of the Yugoslav tricolour.^{[97][94][98]}

Following the secession of Montenegro in 2006 the national team adopted red shirts, blue shorts and white socks in honor of the Serbian tricolour. Between 2010 and 2016 a cross motif inspired by the country's coat of arms was incorporated in the jersey. In years Serbia has utilised all-red uniforms due to FIFA's kit clash regulations. Away kits are traditionally white with blue or white shorts.^{[99][100]}

Serbia does not have an official national stadium and the team has played at grounds throughout the country. The Rajko Mitić Stadium is the most popular venue following by Partizan Stadium, both ground are located in the capital city Belgrade.^{[101][102][103]}

Kit sponsorship

In July 2014, a partnership was announced between the Football Association of Serbia and English manufacturer Umbro, which is Serbia's official supplier, before Puma took over with their home and away kits, debuting 7 September 2014 in the friendly match against France. That same day, Serbia unveiled their latest kits



Serbia team before a friendly match versus Ireland in Dublin in May 2008

also worn at the [Euro 2016 qualifiers campaign](#).^[104]

Kit Supplier	Period
 Adidas	1974–2002
 Lotto	2002–2006
 Nike	2006–2014
 Umbro	2014–2018
 Puma	2018–2024



The 53,000 capacity [Rajko Mitić Stadium](#) is the largest in Serbia, and is often utilised for international fixtures.

Results and fixtures









The following is a list of match results in the last 12 months, as well as any future matches that have been scheduled.

☐ Win ☐ Draw ☐ Loss ☐ Fixture

2023

UEFA Euro 2024 qualifying	24 March 2023	Serbia 	2–0	 Lithuania	Belgrade, Serbia [show]
	20:45	Tadić ⚽ 16' Report (https://www.uefa.com/european-qualifiers/match/2036303/) Vlahović ⚽ 53'			Stadium: Rajko Mitić Stadium Attendance: 21,125 Referee: Lawrence Visser (Belgium)
UEFA Euro 2024 qualifying	27 March 2023	Montenegro 	0–2	 Serbia	Podgorica, Montenegro [show]
	20:45	Report (https://www.uefa.com/european-qualifiers/match/2036326/) Vlahović ⚽ 78', 90+6'			Stadium: Podgorica City Stadium Attendance: 9,831 Referee: Clément Turpin (France)
International friendly	16 June 2023	Serbia 	3–2	 Jordan	Vienna, Austria [show]
	20:30	Eraković ⚽ 7' Report (https://int.soccerway.com/matches/2023/06/16/world/friendlies/serbia/jordan/4073382/) Joveljić ⚽ 83', 88' Al-Mardi ⚽ 54' Al-Taamari ⚽ 67'			Stadium: Franz Horr Stadium Attendance: 8,854 Referee: Stefan Ebner (Austria)
UEFA Euro 2024 qualifying	20 June 2023	Bulgaria 	1–1	 Serbia	Razgrad, Bulgaria [show]
	20:45	Despodov ⚽ 47' Report (https://www.uefa.com/european-qualifiers/match/2036326/) Lazović ⚽ 90+6'			Stadium: Huvepharma Arena Attendance: 6,700 Referee: Craig Pawson (England)

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UEFA Euro 2024 qualifying	7 September 2023	Serbia  1–2  Hungary	Belgrade, Serbia [show]
	20:45	A. Szalai  10' (o.g.) Report (https://www.uefa.com/europe/qualifiers/matches/match/2036394/) Varga  34' Orbán  36'	Stadium: Red Star Stadium Attendance: 6,924 Referee: Juan Martínez Munuera (Spain)
UEFA Euro 2024 qualifying	10 September 2023	Lithuania  1–3  Serbia	Kaunas, Lithuania [show]
	20:45	Paulauskas  45' Report (https://www.uefa.com/europe/qualifiers/matches/match/2036418/) A. Mitrović  21', 32', 43'	Stadium: Darius and Girėnas Stadium Attendance: 8,586 Referee: Sascha Stegemann (Germany)
UEFA Euro 2024 qualifying	14 October 2023	Hungary  2–1  Serbia	Budapest, Hungary [show]
	20:45	Varga  20' Report (https://www.uefa.com/europe/qualifiers/matches/match/2036441/) Pavlović  33' Sallai  34'	Stadium: Puskás Aréna Attendance: 58,215 Referee: François Letexier (France)
UEFA Euro 2024 qualifying	17 October 2023	Serbia  3–1  Montenegro	Belgrade, Serbia [show]
	20:45	Mitrović  9', 73' Report (https://www.uefa.com/europe/qualifiers/matches/match/2036463/) Jovetić  36' Tadić  77'	Stadium: Rajko Mitić Stadium Attendance: 25,884 ^[105] Referee: Szymon Marciniak (Poland)
International friendly	15 November 2023	Belgium  1–0  Serbia	Leuven, Belgium [show]
	20:45	Carrasco  2' Report (https://int.soccerway.com/matches/2023/11/15/world/friendlies/belgium/serbia/4073275/)	Stadium: Den Dreef Attendance: 0 Referee: Marian Alexandru Barbu (Romania)
UEFA Euro 2024 qualifying	19 November 2023	Serbia  2–2  Bulgaria	Leskovac, Serbia [show]

	15:00	Veljković 🇷🇸 17' Report (https://www.uefa.com/europe/qualifiers/match/2036510/)	Rusev 🇮🇪 59' Despodov 🇮🇪 69'	Stadium: Dubočica Stadium Attendance: 7,325 ^[106] Referee: Erik Lambrechts (Belgium)
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2024

International friendly	21 March 2024	Russia 🇷🇺	v	Serbia 🇷🇸	Moscow, Russia [show]
					Stadium: VTB Arena
International friendly	25 March 2024	Cyprus 🇨🇵	v	Serbia 🇷🇸	Limassol, Cyprus
International friendly	4 June 2024	Austria 🇦🇹	v	Serbia 🇷🇸	Vienna, Austria
International friendly	8 June 2024	Sweden 🇸🇪	v	Serbia 🇷🇸	Sweden
UEFA Euro 2024 Group C	16 June 2024	Serbia 🇷🇸	v	England 🇬🇧	Gelsenkirchen, Germany [show]
	21:00			Report (https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuro/match/2036166/)	Stadium: Arena AufSchalke
UEFA Euro 2024 Group C	20 June 2024	Slovenia 🇸🇮	v	Serbia 🇷🇸	Munich, Germany [show]
	15:00			Report (https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuro/match/2036177/)	Stadium: Allianz Arena
UEFA Euro 2024 Group C	25 June 2024	Denmark 🇩🇰	v	Serbia 🇷🇸	Munich, Germany [show]
	21:00			Report (https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuro/match/2036190/)	Stadium: Allianz Arena
2024–25 UEFA Nations League A	5 September 2024	Serbia 🇷🇸	v	Spain 🇪🇸	Serbia [show]
	20:45			Report (https://www.uefa.com/uefanationsleague/match/2040049--serbia-vs-spain/)	Stadium: TBD
2024–25 UEFA Nations League A	8 September 2024	Denmark 🇩🇰	v	Serbia 🇷🇸	Copenhagen, Denmark [show]
	18:00			Report (https://www.uefa.com/uefanationsleague/match/2040069--denmark-	Stadium: Parken Stadium

vs-serbia/

2024–25 UEFA Nations League A	12 October 2024	20:45	Serbia 	v		Switzerland	Serbia	[show]
				Report (https://www.uefa.com/uefanationsleague/match/2040119--serbia-vs-switzerland/)			Stadium: TBD	
2024–25 UEFA Nations League A	15 October 2024	20:45	Spain 	v		Serbia	Spain	[show]
				Report (https://www.uefa.com/uefanationsleague/match/2040140--spain-vs-serbia/)			Stadium: TBD	
2024–25 UEFA Nations League A	15 November 2024	20:45	Switzerland 	v		Serbia	Switzerland	[show]
				Report (https://www.uefa.com/uefanationsleague/match/2040162--switzerland-vs-serbia/)			Stadium: TBD	
2024–25 UEFA Nations League A	18 November 2024	20:45	Serbia 	v		Denmark	Serbia	[show]
				Report (https://www.uefa.com/uefanationsleague/match/2040186--serbia-vs-denmark/)			Stadium: TBD	

Coaching staff

As of 3 March 2021

Position	Name
Manager	 <u>Dragan Stojković</u>
Assistant coach	 <u>Goran Đorović</u>
Coach	 <u>Bratislav Živković</u>
Goalkeeping coach	 <u>Goran Čumić</u>
Fitness coach	 <u>Katsuhito Kinoshi</u>
Coach-analyst	 <u>Nebojša Stamenković</u>
Team manager	 <u>Nemanja Filipović</u>
Athletic director	 <u>Stevan Stojanović</u>

Manager history

As of 19 November 2023

Manager	Period	Record							Major competitions
		Matches	Won	Drawn	Lost	Win %	Draw %	Loss %	
 <u>Dragan Stojković</u>	2021–	35	20	7	8	57.14	20.00	22.85	 <u>Euro 2024</u> – TBD  <u>2022 World Cup</u> – Group stage
 <u>Ilija Stolica</u> (caretaker)	2021	2	0	2	0	0.00	100.00	0.00	—
 <u>Ljubiša Tumbaković</u>	2019–2020	14	6	5	3	42.86	35.71	21.43	 <u>Euro 2020</u> – Failed to qualify
 <u>Mladen Krstajić</u>	2017–2019	19	9	5	5	47.36	26.32	26.32	 <u>2018 World Cup</u> – Group stage
 <u>Slavoljub Muslin</u>	2016–2017	15	8	5	2	53.33	33.33	13.33	
 <u>Radovan Ćurčić</u>	2014–2016	11	5	0	6	45.45	0.00	55.55	 <u>Euro 2016</u> – Failed to qualify
 <u>Dick Advocaat</u>	2014	4	0	2	2	0.00	50.00	50.00	
 <u>Ljubinko Drulović</u> (caretaker)	2014	4	2	1	1	50.00	25.00	25.00	—
 <u>Siniša Mihajlović</u>	2012–2013	19	7	4	8	36.84	21.05	42.10	 <u>2014 World Cup</u> – Failed to qualify
 <u>Radovan Ćurčić</u> (caretaker)	2011–2012	5	2	1	2	40.00	20.00	40.00	—
 <u>Vladimir Petrović</u>	2010–2011	13	5	3	5	38.46	23.08	38.46	 <u>Euro 2012</u> – Failed to qualify
 <u>Radomir Antić</u>	2008–2010	28	17	3	8	60.71	10.71	28.57	 <u>2010 World Cup</u> – Group stage
 <u>Miroslav Đukić</u>	2007–2008	5	0	2	3	0.00	40.00	60.00	—
 <u>Javier Clemente</u>	2006–2007	16	7	7	2	43.75	43.75	12.50	 <u>Euro 2008</u> – Failed to qualify
 <u>Ilija Petković</u>	2003–2006	30	11	10	9	36.66	33.33	30.00	 <u>2006 World Cup</u> – Group stage
 <u>Dejan Savićević</u>	2001–2003	17	4	3	10	23.53	17.65	58.82	 <u>Euro 2004</u> – Failed to qualify
 <u>Boškov-Ćurković-Savićević</u>	2001	8	4	2	2	50.00	25.00	25.00	 <u>2002 World Cup</u> – Failed to qualify
 <u>Milovan Đorić</u>	2001	3	0	2	1	0.00	66.67	33.33	
 <u>Ilija Petković</u>	2000–2001	4	2	1	1	50.00	25.00	25.00	—
 <u>Vujadin Boškov</u>	1999–2000	15	6	5	4	40.00	33.33	26.67	 <u>Euro 2000</u> – Quarter final
 <u>Milan Živadinović</u>	1998–1999	6	3	2	1	50.00	33.33	16.67	—
 <u>Slobodan Santrač</u>	1994–1998	43	26	10	7	60.46	23.25	16.28	 <u>1998 World Cup</u> – Round of 16
	TOTAL	316	144	82	90	45.56	25.94	28.48	7 out of 14























For the period before 1992 see: Yugoslavia national football team#Head coaches


Players

Current squad

The following players were called up for a friendly against Belgium on 15 November 2023 and UEFA Euro 2024 qualifier against Bulgaria on 19 November 2023.^[108]^[109]

Caps and goals as of 19 November 2023, after the match against Bulgaria.^[110]^[111]

No.	Pos.	Player	Date of birth (age)	Caps	Goals	Club
1	<u>GK</u>	<u>Predrag Rajković</u>	31 October 1995	30	0	 <u>Mallorca</u>
12	<u>GK</u>	<u>Đorđe Petrović</u>	8 October 1999	2	0	 <u>Chelsea</u>
23	<u>GK</u>	<u>Vanja Milinković-Savić</u>	20 February 1997	18	0	 <u>Torino</u>
	<u>GK</u>	<u>Filip Stanković</u>	25 February 2002	0	0	 <u>Sampdoria</u>
2	<u>DF</u>	<u>Strahinja Pavlović</u>	24 May 2001	32	3	 <u>Red Bull Salzburg</u>
3	<u>DF</u>	<u>Filip Mladenović</u>	15 August 1991	29	1	 <u>Panathinaikos</u>
4	<u>DF</u>	<u>Nikola Milenković</u>	12 October 1997	50	3	 <u>Fiorentina</u>
6	<u>DF</u>	<u>Nemanja Gudelj</u>	16 November 1991	60	1	 <u>Sevilla</u>
13	<u>DF</u>	<u>Miloš Veljković</u>	26 September 1995	29	1	 <u>Werder Bremen</u>
15	<u>DF</u>	<u>Srđan Babić</u>	22 April 1996	7	1	 <u>Spartak Moscow</u>
16	<u>DF</u>	<u>Strahinja Eraković</u>	22 January 2001	6	1	 <u>Zenit Saint Petersburg</u>
5	<u>MF</u>	<u>Nemanja Maksimović</u>	26 January 1995	48	0	 <u>Getafe</u>
7	<u>MF</u>	<u>Nemanja Radonjić</u>	15 February 1996	44	5	 <u>Mallorca</u>
8	<u>MF</u>	<u>Lazar Samardžić</u>	24 February 2002	5	0	 <u>Udinese</u>
10	<u>MF</u>	<u>Dušan Tadić</u> (<i>captain</i>)	20 November 1988	104	22	 <u>Fenerbahçe</u>
11	<u>MF</u>	<u>Filip Kostić</u>	1 November 1992	60	3	 <u>Juventus</u>
14	<u>MF</u>	<u>Andrija Živković</u>	11 July 1996	42	1	 <u>PAOK</u>
17	<u>MF</u>	<u>Ivan Ilić</u>	17 March 2001	14	0	 <u>Torino</u>
19	<u>MF</u>	<u>Uroš Račić</u>	17 March 1998	12	0	 <u>Sassuolo</u>
20	<u>MF</u>	<u>Marko Grujić</u>	13 April 1996	24	0	 <u>Porto</u>
21	<u>MF</u>	<u>Filip Đuričić</u>	30 January 1992	44	5	 <u>Panathinaikos</u>
22	<u>MF</u>	<u>Saša Lukić</u>	13 August 1996	42	2	 <u>Fulham</u>
9	<u>FW</u>	<u>Aleksandar Mitrović</u> (<i>vice-captain</i>)	16 September 1994	87	57	 <u>Al Hilal</u>

No.	Pos.	Player	Date of birth (age)	Caps	Goals	Club
18	FW	Dušan Vlahović	28 January 2000	25	13	 Juventus

Recent call-ups

The following players have also been called up for the team in the last twelve months.

Pos.	Player	Date of birth (age)	Caps	Goals	Club	Latest call-up
<u>GK</u>	<u>Boris Radunović</u>	26 May 1996	0	0	 <u>Cagliari</u>	v.  <u>Montenegro</u> , 17 October 2023
<u>GK</u>	<u>Veljko Ilić</u>	21 July 2003	0	0	 <u>TSC</u>	v.  <u>Bulgaria</u> , 20 June 2023
<u>GK</u>	<u>Mile Svilar</u>	27 August 1999	1	0	 <u>Roma</u>	v.  <u>Jordan</u> , 12 June 2023 ^{PRE}
<u>GK</u>	<u>Dragan Rosić</u>	15 November 1996	1	0	 <u>Vojvodina</u>	v.  <u>Montenegro</u> , 27 March 2023
<u>GK</u>	<u>Marko Dmitrović</u>	24 January 1992	19	0	 <u>Sevilla</u>	v.  <u>Lithuania</u> , 24 March 2023 ^{RET}
<u>GK</u>	<u>Vladan Kovačević</u>	11 April 1998	0	0	 <u>Raków Częstochowa</u>	v.  <u>Lithuania</u> , 24 March 2023 ^{PRE}
<u>DF</u>	<u>Mihajlo Ilić</u>	4 July 2003	0	0	 <u>Bologna</u>	v.  <u>Belgium</u> , 15 November 2023 ^{PRE}
<u>DF</u>	<u>Aleksa Terzić</u>	17 August 1999	6	0	 <u>Red Bull Salzburg</u>	v.  <u>Montenegro</u> , 17 October 2023
<u>DF</u>	<u>Mihailo Ristić</u>	31 October 1995	9	0	 <u>Celta</u>	v.  <u>Hungary</u> , 14 October 2023 ^{INJ}
<u>DF</u>	<u>Erhan Mašović</u>	22 November 1998	3	0	 <u>VfL Bochum</u>	v.  <u>Hungary</u> , 14 October 2023 ^{PRE}
<u>DF</u>	<u>Nemanja Stojić</u>	15 January 1998	1	0	 <u>TSC</u>	v.  <u>Montenegro</u> , 27 March 2023
<u>MF</u>	<u>Sergej Milinković-Savić</u>	27 February 1995	47	7	 <u>Al Hilal</u>	v.  <u>Belgium</u> , 15 November 2023 ^{INJ}
<u>MF</u>	<u>Darko Lazović</u>	15 September 1990	29	1	 <u>Hellas Verona</u>	v.  <u>Belgium</u> , 15 November 2023 ^{PRE}
<u>MF</u>	<u>Stefan Mitrović</u>	15 August 2002	2	0	 <u>Hellas Verona</u>	v.  <u>Belgium</u> , 15 November 2023 ^{PRE}
<u>MF</u>	<u>Vladimir Lučić</u>	28 June 2002	1	0	 <u>Red Star Belgrade</u>	v.  <u>Belgium</u> , 15 November 2023 ^{PRE}
<u>MF</u>	<u>Mijat Gaćinović</u>	8 February 1995	24	2	 <u>AEK Athens</u>	v.  <u>Montenegro</u> , 17 October 2023 ^{INJ}
<u>MF</u>	<u>Nikola Čumić</u>	20 November 1998	0	0	 <u>Rubin Kazan</u>	v.  <u>Bulgaria</u> , 20 June 2023
<u>MF</u>	<u>Veljko Simić</u>	17 February 1995	1	1	 <u>Omonia</u>	v.  <u>Lithuania</u> , 24 March 2023 ^{PRE}
<u>FW</u>	<u>Petar Ratkov</u>	18 August 2003	1	0	 <u>Red Bull Salzburg</u>	v.  <u>Belgium</u> , 15 November 2023 ^{PRE}
<u>FW</u>	<u>Luka Jović</u>	23 December 1997	31	10	 <u>Milan</u>	v.  <u>Hungary</u> , 14 October 2023 ^{PRE}
<u>FW</u>	<u>Dejan Joveljić</u>	7 August 1999	6	2	 <u>LA Galaxy</u>	v.  <u>Bulgaria</u> , 20 June 2023
<u>FW</u>	<u>Đorđe Jovanović</u>	11 February 1999	3	0	 <u>Basel</u>	v.  <u>Bulgaria</u> , 20 June

Pos.	Player	Date of birth (age)	Caps	Goals	Club	Latest call-up
						2023
<u>FW</u>	<u>Nikola Štulić</u>	8 September 2001	1	0	 <u>Charleroi</u>	v. Lithuania, 24 March 2023 ^{PRE}
<div> <div>Notes</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ^{PRE} Preliminary squad ^{SUS} Suspended ^{INJ} Withdrew from the roster due to an injury ^{RET} Retired from the national team ^{WD} Withdrew from the roster for non-injury related reasons </div>						

Previous squads

FIFA World Cup squads

- 1930 FIFA World Cup squad
- 1950 FIFA World Cup squad
- 1954 FIFA World Cup squad
- 1958 FIFA World Cup squad
- 1962 FIFA World Cup squad
- 1974 FIFA World Cup squad
- 1982 FIFA World Cup squad
- 1990 FIFA World Cup squad
- 1998 FIFA World Cup squad
- 2006 FIFA World Cup squad
- 2010 FIFA World Cup squad
- 2018 FIFA World Cup squad
- 2022 FIFA World Cup squad

UEFA European Football Championship squads

- UEFA Euro 1960 squad
- UEFA Euro 1968 squad
- UEFA Euro 1976 squad
- UEFA Euro 1984 squad
- UEFA Euro 2000 squad

Player records

As of 19 November 2023^[112]

Players in **bold** are still active with Serbia.

Most capped players

Rank	Player	Caps	Goals	Pos.	Career
1	<u>Branislav Ivanović</u>	105	13	<u>DF</u>	2005–2018
2	<u>Dušan Tadić</u>	104	22	<u>MF</u>	2008–present
3	<u>Dejan Stanković</u>	103	15	<u>MF</u>	1998–2013
4	<u>Savo Milošević</u>	102	37	<u>FW</u>	1994–2008
5	<u>Aleksandar Kolarov</u>	94	11	<u>DF</u>	2008–2020
6	<u>Aleksandar Mitrović</u>	87	57	<u>FW</u>	2013–present
7	<u>Dragan Džajić</u>	85	23	<u>MF</u>	1964–1979
8	<u>Dragan Stojković</u>	84	15	<u>MF</u>	1983–2001
	<u>Vladimir Stojković</u>	84	0	<u>GK</u>	2006–2018
10	<u>Zoran Tošić</u>	76	11	<u>MF</u>	2007–2016



Branislav Ivanović is the most capped player in the history of Serbia with 105 appearances.

Top goalscorers

Rank	Player	Goals	Caps	Ratio	Career
1	<u>Aleksandar Mitrović</u>	<u>57</u>	87	0.66	2013–present
2	<u>Stjepan Bobek</u>	38	63	0.60	1946–1956
3	<u>Milan Galić</u>	37	51	0.73	1959–1965
	<u>Blagoje Marjanović</u>	37	58	0.64	1926–1938
	<u>Savo Milošević</u>	37	102	0.36	1994–2008
6	<u>Rajko Mitić</u>	32	59	0.54	1946–1957
7	<u>Dušan Bajević</u>	29	37	0.78	1970–1977
8	<u>Todor Veselinović</u>	28	37	0.76	1953–1961
9	<u>Predrag Mijatović</u>	27	73	0.37	1989–2003
10	<u>Borivoje Kostić</u>	26	33	0.79	1956–1964



Aleksandar Mitrović is the top scorer in the history of Serbia with 57 goals.

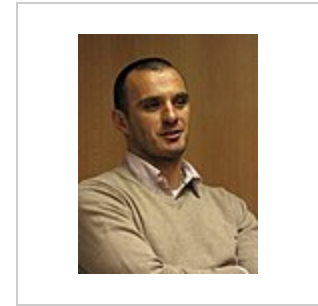
Captains (since 1994)

Player	Period	Tournaments as the captain
<u>Dragan Stojković</u>	1994–2001	<u>1998 FIFA World Cup</u> , <u>UEFA Euro 2000</u>
<u>Predrag Mijatović</u>	2001–2003	—
<u>Savo Milošević</u>	2003–2006	<u>2006 FIFA World Cup</u>
<u>Dejan Stanković</u>	2006–2011	<u>2010 FIFA World Cup</u>
<u>Nikola Žigić</u>	2011	—
<u>Branislav Ivanović</u>	2012–2017	—

<u>Aleksandar Kolarov</u>	2018–2020	<u>2018 FIFA World Cup</u>
<u>Dušan Tadić</u>	2021–	<u>2022 FIFA World Cup</u>

Notable players

Goalkeepers



Ivica Kralj played for the team from 1996 to 2001



Vladimir Stojković is the most capped goalkeeper in the team's history with 84 caps

Defenders



Miroslav Đukić played for the team from 1991 to 2001



Siniša Mihajlović played 63 matches for the team from 1993 to 2003 and managed the team in 2014 FIFA World Cup qualification



Zoran Mirković played for the team from 1995 to 2003



Mladen Krstajić played 59 matches for the team from 1999 to 2008 and managed the team at the 2018 World Cup



Nemanja Vidić played 56 matches, was a participant in two World Cups and named twice in the FIFA World XI



Neven Subotić played 36 matches, was a participant at the 2010 World Cup



Branislav Ivanović is the most capped player in the team's history with 105 caps



Aleksandar Kolarov played 94 matches and captained the team at the 2018 World Cup

Midfielders



Dragan Stojković
played from 1983 to
2001 for the team,
and is the current
head coach



Dejan Savićević
played for the team
from 1986 to 1999
and managed the
team from 2001 to
2003



Slaviša Jokanović
played for the team
from 1991 to 2002



Vladimir Jugović
played for the team
from 1991 to 2002



Dejan Stanković is
the Serbian player
who won the most
trophies; he played in
three World Cups and
one European
Championship



Miloš Krasić played
for the team from
2006 to 2011



Milan Jovanović
played for the team
from 2007 to 2012



Nemanja Matić
played for the team
from 2008 to 2019



Dušan Tadić is the
current captain of the
team



Filip Kostić has been
playing for the team
since 2015

Forwards



Predrag Mijatović was a top goalscorer in 1998 World Cup qualifiers with 14 goals



Savo Milošević played 102 matches, scored 37 goals and was UEFA Euro 2000 Golden Boot



Darko Kovačević played 59 matches and scored 10 goals between 1994 and 2004



Mateja Kežman was the top goal scorer for the team in 2006 FIFA World Cup qualification



Nikola Žigić played 57 matches and scored 20 goals between 2004 and 2011



Aleksandar Mitrović is top goal scorer in the history of national team, and was 2018–19 and 2022–23 UEFA Nations League top goalscorer

Competition records




























Serbia was part of Yugoslavia and its national football team which existed between 1920 and 1992. With the collapse of Yugoslavia, the remaining constituent republics, Serbia and Montenegro, formed the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia in 1992. The country underwent a name change in 2003, and Montenegro left the state union in 2006. FIFA and UEFA consider the Football Association of Serbia a direct successor to the Football Association of Yugoslavia, thereby attributing all records to Serbia.^[113]













FIFA World Cup

FIFA World Cup record									Qualification record					
Year	Round	Position	Pld	W	D*	L	GF	GA	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
as Yugoslavia														
 1930	Fourth place	4th	3	2	0	1	7	7	Invited					
 1934	Did not qualify								2	0	1	1	3	4
 1938									2	1	0	1	1	4
 1950	Group stage	5th	3	2	0	1	7	3	5	3	2	0	16	6
 1954	Quarter-finals	7th	3	1	1	1	2	3	4	4	0	0	4	0
 1958	Quarter-finals	5th	4	1	2	1	7	7	4	2	2	0	7	2
 1962	Fourth place	4th	6	3	0	3	10	7	4	3	1	0	11	4
 1966	Did not qualify								6	3	1	2	10	8
 1970									6	3	1	2	19	7
 1974	Second group stage	7th	6	1	2	3	12	7	5	3	2	0	8	4
 1978	Did not qualify								4	1	0	3	6	8
 1982	Group stage	16th	3	1	1	1	2	2	8	6	1	1	22	7
 1986	Did not qualify								8	3	2	3	7	8
 1990	Quarter-finals	5th	5	3	1	1	8	6	8	6	2	0	16	6
as FR Yugoslavia / Serbia and Montenegro														
 1994	Suspended ^[note 1]								0	0	0	0	0	0
 1998	Round of 16	10th	4	2	1	1	5	4	12	9	2	1	41	8
 2002	Did not qualify								10	5	4	1	22	8
 2006	Group stage	32nd	3	0	0	3	2	10	10	6	4	0	16	1
as Serbia														
 2010	Group stage	23rd	3	1	0	2	2	3	10	7	1	2	22	8
 2014	Did not qualify								10	4	2	4	18	11
 2018	Group stage	23rd	3	1	0	2	2	4	10	6	3	1	20	10
 2022	Group stage	29th	3	0	1	2	5	8	8	6	2	0	18	9
 2026	To be determined								Future event					
 2030 ^[a]														
 2034														
Total	Fourth place	13/22	49	18	9	22	71	71	136	81	33	22	287	123

Serbia's World Cup record		[show]
First match	 Yugoslavia 2–1  Brazil (14 July 1930; <u>Montevideo</u> , <u>Uruguay</u>)	
Biggest Win	 Yugoslavia 9–0  Zaire (7 June 1974; <u>Gelsenkirchen</u> , <u>West Germany</u>)	
Biggest Defeat	 Argentina 6-0 <u>Serbia and Montenegro</u>  (16 June 2006; <u>Gelsenkirchen</u> , <u>Germany</u>)	
Best Result	Fourth place in <u>1930</u> and <u>1962</u>	
Worst Result	Group stage in <u>1950</u> , <u>1982</u> , <u>2006</u> , <u>2010</u> , <u>2018</u> , and <u>2022</u>	

UEFA European Championship

UEFA European Championship record									Qualification record					
Year	Round	Position	Pld	W	D*	L	GF	GA	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
as  <u>Yugoslavia</u>														
 <u>1960</u>	<u>Runners-up</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>	4	2	1	1	9	4
 <u>1964</u>	<i>Did not qualify</i>								4	2	1	1	6	5
 <u>1968</u>	<u>Runners-up</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	6	4	1	1	14	5
 <u>1972</u>	<i>Did not qualify</i>								8	3	4	1	7	5
 <u>1976</u>	<u>Fourth place</u>	<u>4th</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>7</u>	8	6	1	1	15	5
 <u>1980</u>	<i>Did not qualify</i>								6	4	0	2	14	6
 <u>1984</u>	Group stage	8th	3	0	0	3	2	10	6	3	2	1	12	11
 <u>1988</u>	<i>Did not qualify</i>								6	4	0	2	13	9
 <u>1992</u>	<i>Qualified, but suspended</i>								8	7	0	1	24	4
as  <u>FR Yugoslavia / Serbia and Montenegro</u>														
 <u>1996</u>	<i>Suspended</i>								<i>Suspended</i>					
  <u>2000</u>	Quarter-finals	8th	4	1	1	2	8	13	8	5	2	1	18	8
 <u>2004</u>	<i>Did not qualify</i>								8	3	3	2	11	11
as  <u>Serbia</u>														
  <u>2008</u>	<i>Did not qualify</i>								14	6	6	2	22	11
  <u>2012</u>									10	4	3	3	13	12
 <u>2016</u>									8	2	1	5	8	13
 <u>2020</u>									10	5	3	2	20	19
 <u>2024</u>	<i>Qualified</i>								8	4	2	2	15	9
  <u>2028</u>	<i>To be determined</i>								<i>To be determined</i>					
  <u>2032</u>														
Total	Runners-up	7/17	14	3	2	9	22	39	122	64	30	28	221	137

Serbia's European Championship record [show]	
First match	 France 4–5 Yugoslavia  (Paris , France; 6 July 1960)
Biggest win	 France 4–5 Yugoslavia  (Paris , France; 6 July 1960)  Yugoslavia 1–0 England  (Florence , Italy; 5 June 1968)  Norway 0–1 Yugoslavia  (Liège , Belgium; 18 June 2000)
Biggest defeat	 Denmark 5–0 Yugoslavia  (Lyon , France; 16 June 1984)  Netherlands 6–1 Yugoslavia  (Rotterdam , Netherlands; 25 June 2000)
Best Result	Runners-up in 1960 and 1968
Worst Result	Group stage in 1984

UEFA Nations League record

Last update : 27 September 2022

UEFA Nations League record										
Season	Division	Group	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	P/R	RK
2018–19	C	4	6	4	2	0	11	4	▲	27th
2020–21	B	3	6	1	3	2	9	7	▬	27th
2022–23	B	4	6	4	1	1	13	5	▲	19th
2024–25	A	<i>Future event</i>								1st–16th
Total			18	9	6	3	33	16	1st–16th	

Serbia's Nations League record [show]	
First Match	 Lithuania 0–1 Serbia  (Vilnius , Lithuania; 7 September 2018)
Biggest Win	 Serbia 5–0 Russia  (Belgrade , Serbia; 18 November 2020)
Biggest Defeat	 Russia 3–1 Serbia  (Moscow , Russia; 3 September 2020)
Best Result	19th in 2022–23
Worst Result	27th in 2018–19 and 2020–21

Other

- [Summer Olympics](#)
 - **Gold Medal:** [1960](#)
 - Silver Medal: [1948](#), [1952](#), [1956](#)
 - Bronze Medal: [1984](#)
- [Mediterranean Games](#)










- **Winners:** 1971, 1979
- Balkan Cup
 - **Winners:** 1934–35, 1935
 - Runners-up: 1929–31, 1932, 1933, 1946, 1947, 1977–80
- 1945 Yugoslav Football Tournament
 - **Winners:** 1945
- Lunar New Year Cup
 - **Winners:** 1995
- Korea Cup
 - Runners-up: 1997
- Kirin Cup
 - Runners-up: 2004

Head-to-head records (2006 onward)

As of 19 November 2023

Opponent [show]	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Competitive matches ^[b]
 Albania	2	1	0	1 ^[c]	2	3	−1	2016 EQ
 Algeria	1	1	0	0	3	0	+3	
 Armenia	5	3	2	0	8	1	+7	2008 EQ 2016 EQ
 Australia	2	0	1	1	1	2	−1	2010 W
 Austria	4	3	0	1	9	6	+3	2010 WQ 2018 WQ
 Azerbaijan	5	5	0	0	16	4	+12	2008 EQ 2022 WQ
 Bahrain	1	1	0	0	5	1	+4	
 Belgium	5	1	0	4	4	9	−5	2008 EQ 2014 WQ
 Bolivia	1	1	0	0	5	1	+4	
 Brazil	3	0	0	3	0	5	−5	2018 W 2022 W
 Bulgaria	4	2	2	0	10	4	+6	2024 EQ
 Cameroon	2	1	1	0	7	6	+1	2022 W
 Chile	2	1	0	1	3	2	+1	
 China	1	1	0	0	2	0	+2	
 Colombia	1	0	0	1	0	1	−1	
 Costa Rica	1	1	0	0	1	0	+1	2018 W
 Croatia	2	0	1	1	1	3	−2	2014 WQ
 Cyprus	4	3	1	0	7	2	+5	
 Czech Republic	2	1	0	1	4	5	−1	
 Denmark	3	0	0	3	1	8	−7	2016 EQ 2024 E 2023–24 NQ
 Dominican Republic	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	
 England	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2024 E
 Estonia	3	1	1	1	3	4	−1	2012 EQ
 Faroe Islands	4	4	0	0	10	1	+9	2010 WQ 2012 EQ
 Finland	2	1	1	0	2	0	+2	2008 EQ
 France	5	0	2	3	4	8	−4	2010 WQ
 Georgia	2	2	0	0	4	1	+3	2018 WQ
 Germany	3	1	1	1	3	3	0	2010 W
 Ghana	1	0	0	1	0	1	−1	2010 W
 Greece	2	1	0	1	2	1	+1	
 Honduras	1	0	0	1	0	2	−2	
Total (66)	189	86	47	56	295	205	+90	

Opponent	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Competitive matches ^[b]
 <u>Hungary</u>	5	1	1	3	4	6	−2	2020–21 NQ 2024 EQ
 <u>Israel</u>	2	2	0	0	5	1	+4	
 <u>Italy</u>	2	0	1	1 ^[d]	1	4	−3	2012 EQ
 <u>Jamaica</u>	2	1	1	0	3	2	+1	
 <u>Japan</u>	3	2	0	1	5	1	+4	
 <u>Jordan</u>	1	1	0	0	3	2	+1	
 <u>Kazakhstan</u>	2	1	0	1	2	2	0	2008 EQ
 <u>Lithuania</u>	8	7	0	1	20	6	+14	2010 WQ 2018–19 NQ 2020 EQ 2024 EQ
 <u>Luxembourg</u>	4	4	0	0	11	4	+7	2020 EQ 2022 WQ
 <u>Morocco</u>	1	0	0	1	1	2	−1	
 <u>Moldova</u>	2	2	0	0	6	0	+6	2018 WQ
 <u>Mexico</u>	1	0	0	1	0	2	−2	
 <u>Montenegro</u>	4	4	0	0	9	2	+7	2018–19 NQ 2024 EQ
 <u>Nigeria</u>	1	1	0	0	2	0	+2	
 <u>North Macedonia</u>	3	1	1	1	6	3	+3	2014 WQ
 <u>Northern Ireland</u>	3	3	0	0	4	1	+3	2012 EQ
 <u>Norway</u>	4	2	1	1	5	3	+2	2020 EQ 2022–23 NQ
 <u>New Zealand</u>	1	0	0	1	0	1	−1	
 <u>Panama</u>	2	0	2	0	1	1	0	
 <u>Paraguay</u>	1	1	0	0	1	0	+1	
 <u>Poland</u>	5	0	3	2	3	5	−2	2008 EQ
 <u>Portugal</u>	8	1	4	3	11	14	−3	2008 EQ 2016 EQ 2020 EQ 2022 WQ
 <u>Qatar</u>	3	2	0	1	8	3	+5	
 <u>Republic of Ireland</u>	7	3	4	0	10	7	+3	2018 WQ 2022 WQ
 <u>Romania</u>	4	2	2	0	10	4	+6	2010 WQ 2018–19 NQ
 <u>Russia</u>	6	1	2	3	9	8	+1	2020–21 NQ
 <u>Scotland</u>	3	1	2	0	3	1	+2	2014 WQ 2020 EQ
 <u>Slovenia</u>	4	1	2	1	7	5	+2	2012 EQ 2022–23 NQ 2024 E
Total (66)	189	86	47	56	295	205	+90	

Opponent	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Competitive matches ^[b]
 South Africa	1	1	0	0	3	1	+2	
 South Korea	3	1	1	1	3	3	0	
 Spain	1	0	0	1	0	2	−2	2023–24 NQ
 Sweden	4	3	0	1	8	3	+5	2022–23 NQ
 Switzerland	2	0	0	2	3	5	−2	2018 W 2022 W 2023–24 NQ
 Turkey	2	0	2	0	2	2	0	2020–21 NQ
 Ukraine	5	0	1	4	2	12	−10	2020 EQ
 United States	2	1	1	0	2	1	+1	
 Wales	4	2	2	0	11	3	+8	2014 WQ 2018 WQ
Total (66)	189	86	47	56	295	205	+90	

- a. Additional matches are scheduled to be played in [Argentina](#), [Paraguay](#), and [Uruguay](#) in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the [first world cup](#), however they are not considered to be official hosts of the tournament.^[115]
- b. Legend:
- "W" – [FIFA World Cup](#) match
 - "E" – [UEFA European Championship](#) match
 - "N" – [UEFA Nations League](#) Finals match
 - "Q" – qualifying match or [UEFA Nations League](#) group stage match
- In each final tournament of the World Cup, the European Championship and the Nations League (shown in **bold**), Serbia has played one match against the respective opponent, while in each qualifying tournament and each Nations League group stage, it has played two matches against the respective opponent. [Friendly matches](#) and minor tournaments are counted in the table but are not shown in this column.
- c. The [Serbia v Albania match](#) was abandoned with the score at 0–0 shortly before halftime after "various incidents", which resulted in the Albania players refusing to return to the field. UEFA ruled that Albania had forfeited the match and awarded a 3–0 win to Serbia, but also deducted three points from Serbia for their involvement in the events. Serbia must also play their next two home qualifying games behind closed doors, and both the Serbian and Albanian FAs were fined €100,000.^[116] Both the Serbian and Albanian football associations were looking to have the decision revisited,^{[117][118]} but the decision was upheld by UEFA.^[119] Both associations then filed further appeals to the [Court of Arbitration for Sport](#),^[120] and on 10 July 2015 the Court of Arbitration for Sport rejected the appeal filed by the Serbian FA, and upheld in part the appeal filed by the Albanian FA, meaning the match is deemed to have been forfeited by Serbia with 0–3 and they are still deducted three points.^[121] Serbian FA announced appeal at the [Federal Supreme Court of Switzerland](#).^[122]
- d. The Italy v Serbia match was abandoned after six minutes due to rioting by Serbian fans.^[123] The UEFA Control and Disciplinary Body awarded the match as a 3–0 forfeit win to Italy.^[124]

See also

- [Serbia national football team results](#)
- [Serbia and Montenegro national football team results](#)
- [Serbia national under-21 football team](#)

- [Serbia national under-20 football team](#)
- [Serbia national under-19 football team](#)
- [Serbia national under-17 football team](#)
- [List of Serbia international footballers \(including predecessor teams\)](#)
- [Yugoslavia national football team](#)
- [Serbia and Montenegro national football team](#)

Notes

1. Draw for [1994 FIFA World Cup qualifiers](#) was made on 8 December 1991, however due to [break-up of Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia](#) and consequent [military conflict](#), which broke in early 1991, [FSJ](#) ceased to exist as football organization of the SFR Yugoslavia. Organization that remained based in Belgrade, Serbia, was excluded from taking part as FSJ or its successor due to [UN sanctions](#).^[114]

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