

2009–10 in Croatian football

The following article presents a summary of the **2009–10 football (soccer) season in Croatia**, which is the 19th season of competitive football in the country.

National team

The home team is on the left column; the away team is on the right column.

Friendly matches

☐ Win ☐ Tie ☐ Loss

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| 2009–10 in Croatian football |
| First Division champions |
| <u>Dinamo Zagreb</u> (12th title) |
| Second Division champions |
| <u>RNK Split</u> |
| Third Division champions |
| <u>Lipik</u> (East) |
| <u>Dugopolje</u> (South) |
| <u>Gorica</u> (West) |
| Croatian Cup winners |
| <u>Hajduk Split</u> (5th title) |
| Teams in Europe |
| <u>Dinamo Zagreb</u> , <u>Hajduk Split</u> , <u>Rijeka</u> , <u>Slaven Belupo</u> |
| Croatia national team |
| <u>2010 World Cup qualification</u> |

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|-------------------------------|--|--------------|--|---|
| 8 October 2009 17:30 CET | Croatia  Ćorluka ⚽ 7' Klasnić ⚽ 11' Jelavić ⚽ 90+1' | 3 – 2 |  Qatar Siddiq ⚽ 45' Soria ⚽ 69' | Rijeka, Croatia [show] Stadium: <u>Kantrida</u> Attendance: 5,000 Referee: Cristian Balaj (Romania) |
| 14 November 2009 17:30 CET | Croatia  M. Bilić ⚽ 1', 49' Srna ⚽ 10' Eduardo ⚽ 23', 47' | 5 – 0 |  Liechtenstein | Vinkovci, Croatia [show] Stadium: <u>Stadion Cibalia</u> Attendance: 10,000 Referee: Mihaly Fabian (Hungary) |
| 3 March 2010 20:45 CET | Belgium  | 0 – 1 |  Croatia Report (http://www.sportnet.hr/vijesti/392877/nogomet-reprezentacija/video-hrvatska-osvojila-i-bruxelles) (in Croatian) Kranjčar ⚽ 63' | Brussels, Belgium [show] Stadium: <u>King Baudouin Stadium</u> Referee: <u>Gianluca Rocchi</u> (Italy) |
| 19 May 2010 20:30 CET | Austria  | 0 – 1 |  Croatia M. Bilić ⚽ 86' | Klagenfurt, Austria [show] Stadium: <u>Hypo-Arena</u> Attendance: 15,000 Referee: Kevin Blom (Netherlands) |
| 23 May 2010 19:00 CET | Croatia  Rakitić ⚽ 45' Gabrić ⚽ 82' | 2 – 0 |  Wales Report (http://www.sportnet.hr/vijesti/397665/nogomet-repre) | Osijek, Croatia [show] Stadium: <u>Gradski vrt</u> Attendance: 15,000 Referee: Slavko Vinčič (Slovenia) |

zentacija/dvije-
majstorije-za-n
ovu-pobjedu)
(in Croatian)

26 May 2010

Estonia



0 – 0



Croatia

Tallinn, Estonia

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Report (<http://www.sportnet.hr/vijesti/397869/nogomet-reprezentacija/besmisleno-beskorisno-bespotrebno>)
(in Croatian)

Stadium: A. Le Coq Arena
Attendance: 3,000
Referee: Michael Svendsen (Denmark)

2010 World Cup qualifiers

20 August 2009

Belarus



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Croatia

Verkhovtsov ⚽ 81'

Report (<https://web.archive.org/web/20090903061101/http://www.fifa.com/worldcup/preliminaries/europe/matches/round=250471/match=300041072/report.html>)

Olić ⚽ 22', 85'
Eduardo ⚽ 69'

Minsk, Belarus

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Stadium: Dinamo Stadium
Attendance: 21,651
Referee: Felix Brych (Germany)

5 September 2009

Croatia



1 – 0



Belarus

Rakitić ⚽ 24'

Report (<https://web.archive.org/web/20090910001742/http://www.fifa.com/worldcup/preliminaries/europe/matches/round=250471/match=300041070/report.html>)

Zagreb, Croatia

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Stadium: Maksimir
Attendance: 25,628
Referee: Konrad Plautz (Austria)

9 September 2009

England



5 – 1



Croatia

Lampard ⚽ 7' (pen.), 59'

Gerrard ⚽ 17', 67'

Rooney ⚽ 78'

Report (<https://web.archive.org/web/20090910032624/http://www.fifa.com/worldcup/preliminaries/europe/matches/round=250471/match=300042930/index.html>)

Eduardo ⚽ 72'

London, England

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Stadium: Wembley Stadium
Attendance: 87,319
Referee: Alberto Undiano Mallenco (Spain)

14 October 2009

Kazakhstan



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Croatia

Astana, Kazakhstan

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Khizhnichenko 🇷🇺 26' Report (<https://web.archive.org/web/20091014224233/http://www.fifa.com/worldcup/preliminaries/europe/matches/round=250471/match=300041065/index.html>) Vukojević 🇭🇷 10' Kranjčar 🇭🇷 90+3'

Stadium: Astana Arena
Attendance: 10,250
Referee: Claudio Circhetta (Switzerland)

League tables

Prva HNL

| Pos | Team | Pld | W | D | L | GF | GA | GD | Pts | Qualification or relegation |
|-----|--------------------------|-----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|-------------------|--|
| 1 | Dinamo Zagreb (C) | 30 | 18 | 8 | 4 | 70 | 20 | +50 | 62 | Qualification to Champions League second qualifying round |
| 2 | Hajduk Split | 30 | 17 | 7 | 6 | 50 | 21 | +29 | 58 | Qualification to Europa League third qualifying round ^[a] |
| 3 | Cibalia | 30 | 16 | 9 | 5 | 46 | 20 | +26 | 57 | Qualification to Europa League second qualifying round |
| 4 | Šibenik | 30 | 14 | 8 | 8 | 34 | 37 | −3 | 50 | Qualification to Europa League first qualifying round |
| 5 | Osijek | 30 | 13 | 8 | 9 | 49 | 36 | +13 | 47 | |
| 6 | Karlovac | 30 | 12 | 11 | 7 | 32 | 23 | +9 | 47 | |
| 7 | Slaven Belupo | 30 | 11 | 10 | 9 | 44 | 45 | −1 | 43 | |
| 8 | Lokomotiva | 30 | 12 | 6 | 12 | 35 | 38 | −3 | 42 | |
| 9 | Rijeka | 30 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 49 | 44 | +5 | 40 | |
| 10 | Varteks | 30 | 9 | 9 | 12 | 36 | 43 | −7 | 36 | |
| 11 | Istra 1961 | 30 | 9 | 8 | 13 | 31 | 40 | −9 | 35 | |
| 12 | Zadar | 30 | 9 | 7 | 14 | 27 | 41 | −14 | 34 | |
| 13 | Inter Zaprešić | 30 | 10 | 3 | 17 | 36 | 50 | −14 | 33 ^[b] | |
| 14 | NK Zagreb ^[c] | 30 | 9 | 6 | 15 | 43 | 49 | −6 | 33 ^[b] | |
| 15 | Međimurje (R) | 30 | 8 | 5 | 17 | 37 | 61 | −24 | 29 | Relegation to Croatian Second Football League |
| 16 | Croatia Sesvete (R) | 30 | 3 | 5 | 22 | 30 | 81 | −51 | 14 | |

Source: Sportnet.hr (<https://sportnet.hr/statistika/117/ljestvice/>)
Rules for classification: 1) points; 2) goal difference; 3) number of goals scored.
For deciding champions, qualification to UEFA Europa League and relegation: 1st points; 2nd head-to-head points; 3rd head-to-head goal difference; 4th head-to-head away goals scored.
(C) Champions; (R) Relegated
Notes:
a. Hajduk Split won the 2009–10 Croatian Cup and thus qualified for the third qualifying round of the 2010–11 UEFA Europa League.

- b. Head-to-head record: Inter Zaprešić–NK Zagreb 1–3, NK Zagreb–Inter Zaprešić 0–3.
- c. Despite finishing 14th NK Zagreb eventually avoided relegation as only two second level clubs were granted first division licences by the Croatian Football Federation.

Druga HNL

| Pos | Team | Pld | W | D | L | GF | GA | GD | Pts | Promotion or relegation |
|-----|--|-----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|-----------|---|
| 1 | <u>RNK Split</u> (C, P) | 26 | 16 | 5 | 5 | 56 | 26 | +30 | 53 | Promotion to <u>Croatian First Football League</u> ^[a] |
| 2 | <u>Pomorac</u> | 26 | 14 | 5 | 7 | 41 | 24 | +17 | 47 | |
| 3 | <u>Hrvatski Dragovoljac</u> (P) | 26 | 11 | 9 | 6 | 35 | 23 | +12 | 42 | Promotion to <u>Croatian First Football League</u> ^[a] |
| 4 | <u>Lučko</u> | 26 | 12 | 6 | 8 | 38 | 28 | +10 | 42 | |
| 5 | <u>Solin</u> | 26 | 10 | 10 | 6 | 29 | 22 | +7 | 40 | |
| 6 | <u>Vinogradar</u> | 26 | 11 | 4 | 11 | 38 | 37 | +1 | 37 | |
| 7 | <u>Rudeš</u> | 26 | 10 | 7 | 9 | 38 | 38 | 0 | 37 | |
| 8 | <u>Imotski</u> | 26 | 10 | 5 | 11 | 29 | 31 | −2 | 35 | |
| 9 | <u>Junak</u> | 26 | 10 | 4 | 12 | 40 | 49 | −9 | 34 | |
| 10 | <u>Mosor</u> | 26 | 9 | 6 | 11 | 26 | 34 | −8 | 33 | |
| 11 | <u>Suhopolje</u> | 26 | 8 | 7 | 11 | 29 | 31 | −2 | 31 | |
| 12 | <u>Vukovar '91</u> | 26 | 7 | 10 | 9 | 31 | 39 | −8 | 31 | Relegation to <u>Croatian Third Football League</u> |
| 13 | <u>Moslavina</u> (R) | 26 | 6 | 6 | 14 | 25 | 44 | −19 | 24 | |
| 14 | <u>Segesta</u> (R) | 26 | 4 | 4 | 18 | 17 | 46 | −29 | 16 | |

Source: Druga HNL (http://www.druga-hnl.com/glasila_2009.php) (in Croatian)

Rules for classification: 1) points; 2) goal difference; 3) number of goals scored.

(C) Champions; **(P)** Promoted; **(R)** Relegated

Notes:

- a. Only RNK Split and Hrvatski Dragovoljac were granted a Prva HNL license for the Croatian First Football League.

Honours

| Competition | Winner | Runners-up |
|------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| <u>Croatian Cup</u> | <u>Hajduk Split</u> | <u>Šibenik</u> |
| <u>1. HNL</u> | <u>Dinamo Zagreb</u> | <u>Hajduk Split</u> |
| <u>2. HNL</u> | <u>RNK Split</u> | <u>Pomorac</u> |
| <u>3. HNL East Division</u> | <u>Lipik</u> | <u>MV Croatia</u> |
| <u>3. HNL South Division</u> | <u>Dugopolje</u> | <u>Raštane</u> |
| <u>3. HNL West Division</u> | <u>Gorica</u> | <u>HAŠK</u> |

Croatian clubs in Europe

Summary

| Club | Competition | Final round |
|----------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <u>Dinamo Zagreb</u> | <u>UEFA Champions League</u> | <u>Third qualifying round</u> |
| | <u>UEFA Europa League</u> | <u>Group stage</u> |
| <u>Slaven Belupo</u> | <u>UEFA Europa League</u> | <u>Third qualifying round</u> |
| <u>Rijeka</u> | <u>UEFA Europa League</u> | <u>Third qualifying round</u> |
| <u>Hajduk Split</u> | <u>UEFA Europa League</u> | <u>Third qualifying round</u> |

Dinamo Zagreb

| Date | Venue | Opponents | Score ^[1] | Dinamo scorer(s) | Report |
|---|-------------------------------------|--|----------------------|--|--|
| 2009–10 Champions League - Second qualifying round | | | | | |
| 14 July 2009 | <u>Republican, Yerevan</u> (A) |  <u>Pyunik</u> | 0–0 | | uefa.com (http://www.uefa.com/competition/s/ucl/fixturesresults/round=2000025/match=2000287/index.html) |
| 21 July 2009 | <u>Maksimir, Zagreb</u> (H) |  <u>Pyunik</u> | 3–0 | <u>Mandžukić</u> , <u>Badelj</u> , <u>Lovren</u> | uefa.com (http://www.uefa.com/competition/s/ucl/fixturesresults/round=2000025/match=2000304/index.html) |
| 2009–10 Champions League - Third qualifying round | | | | | |
| 29 July 2009 | <u>Red Bull Arena, Salzburg</u> (A) |  <u>Red Bull Salzburg</u> | 1–1 | <u>Mandžukić</u> | uefa.com (http://www.uefa.com/competition/s/ucl/fixturesresults/round=2000026/match=2000314/index.html) |
| 4 Aug 2009 | <u>Maksimir, Zagreb</u> (H) |  <u>Red Bull Salzburg</u> | 1–2 | <u>Papadopoulos</u> | uefa.com (http://www.uefa.com/competition/s/ucl/fixturesresults/round=2000026/match=2000329/index.html) |
| 2009–10 Europa League - Play-off round | | | | | |
| 20 Aug 2009 | <u>Maksimir, Zagreb</u> (H) |  <u>Hearts</u> | 4–0 | <u>Mandžukić</u> , <u>Papadopoulos</u> , <u>Vrdoljak</u> , <u>Bišćan</u> | uefa.com (http://www.uefa.com/competition/s/uefacup/fixturesresults/round=2000036/match=2000690/index.html) |
| 27 Aug 2009 | <u>Tynecastle, Edinburgh</u> (A) |  <u>Hearts</u> | 0–2 | | uefa.com (http://www.uefa.com/competition/s/uefacup/fixturesresults/round=2000036/match=2000727/index.html) |
| 2009–10 Europa League - Group stage | | | | | |



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|-------------|--------------------------------|---|-----|--|--|
| 17 Sep 2009 | Maksimir, Zagreb (H) |  <u>Anderlecht</u> | 0–2 | | uefa.com (http://www.uefa.com/competition/s/uefacup/fixturesresults/round=2000037/match=2000764/report=rp.html) |
| 1 Oct 2009 | Dan Păltinișanu, Timișoara (A) |  <u>Timișoara</u> | 3–0 | <u>Badelj</u> , <u>Sammir</u> , <u>Morales</u> | uefa.com (http://www.uefa.com/competition/s/uefacup/fixturesresults/round=2000037/match=2000788/report=rp.html) |
| 22 Oct 2009 | Arena, Amsterdam (A) |  <u>Ajax</u> | 1–2 | <u>Tomečak</u> | uefa.com (http://www.uefa.com/competition/s/uefacup/fixturesresults/round=2000037/match=2000812/report=rp.html) |
| 5 Nov 2009 | Maksimir, Zagreb (H) |  <u>Ajax</u> | 0–2 | | uefa.com (http://www.uefa.com/competition/s/uefacup/fixturesresults/round=2000037/match=2000836/report=rp.html) |
| 2 Dec 2009 | Vanden Stock, Anderlecht (A) |  <u>Anderlecht</u> | 1–0 | <u>Slepička</u> | uefa.com (http://www.uefa.com/competition/s/uefacup/fixturesresults/round=2000037/match=2000860/report=rp.html) |
| 16 Dec 2009 | Maksimir, Zagreb (H) |  <u>Timișoara</u> | 1–2 | <u>Scutaru</u> (o.g.) | uefa.com (http://www.uefa.com/competition/s/uefacup/fixturesresults/round=2000037/match=2000896/index.html) |

Slaven Belupo

| Date | Venue | Opponents | Score ^[2] | Slaven scorer(s) | Report |
|--|---------------------------------|---|----------------------|------------------|--|
| Europa League - First qualifying round | | | | | |
| 2 July 2009 | Gradski stadion, Koprivnica (H) |  <u>Birkirkara</u> | 1–0 | <u>Csizmadia</u> | uefa.com (http://www.uefa.com/competitions/uefacup/fixturesresults/round=2000033/match=2000497/index.html) |
| 9 July 2009 | Ta' Qali Stadium, Ta' Qali (A) |  <u>Birkirkara</u> | 0–0 | | uefa.com (http://www.uefa.com/competitions/uefacup/fixturesresults/round=2000033/match=2000522/index.html) |
| Europa League - Second qualifying round | | | | | |

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|---|---------------------------------|---|-----|--|--|
| 16 July 2009 | Gradski Stadion, Kumanovo (A) |  <u>Milano</u> | 4–0 | Csizmadia, Vojnović (3) | uefa.com (http://www.uefa.com/competitions/uefacup/fixturesresults/round=2000034/match=2000566/index.html) |
| 23 July 2009 | Gradski stadion, Koprivnica (H) |  <u>Milano</u> | 8–2 | Poredski, Vručina, Tepurić (2), Vojnović (2), Gregurina, Jurić | uefa.com (http://www.uefa.com/competitions/uefacup/fixturesresults/round=2000034/match=2000606/index.html) |
| Europa League - Third qualifying round | | | | | |
| 30 July 2009 | Alfheim, Tromsø (A) |  <u>Tromsø</u> | 1–2 | Šafarić | uefa.com (http://www.uefa.com/competitions/uefacup/fixturesresults/round=2000035/match=2000634/index.html) |
| 6 August 2009 | Gradski stadion, Koprivnica (H) |  <u>Tromsø</u> | 0–2 | | uefa.com (http://www.uefa.com/competitions/uefacup/fixturesresults/round=2000035/match=2000669/index.html) |

Rijeka

| Date | Venue | Opponents | Score ^[2] | Rijeka scorer(s) | Report |
|--|-------------------------------|---|----------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| Europa League - Second qualifying round | | | | | |
| 16 July 2009 | Josy Barthel, Luxembourg (A) |  <u>Differdange</u> | 0–1 | | uefa.com (http://www.uefa.com/competitions/uefacup/fixturesresults/round=2000034/match=2000551/index.html) |
| 23 July 2009 | Kantrida, Rijeka (H) |  <u>Differdange</u> | 3–0 | Cerić, An. Sharbini, Ah. Sharbini | uefa.com (http://www.uefa.com/competitions/uefacup/fixturesresults/round=2000034/match=2000591/index.html) |
| Europa League - Third qualifying round | | | | | |
| 30 July 2009 | Kantrida, Rijeka (H) |  <u>Metalist Kharkiv</u> | 1–2 | Ah. Sharbini | uefa.com (http://www.uefa.com/competitions/uefacup/fixturesresults/round=2000035/match=2000621/index.html) |
| 23 July 2009 | Metalist Stadium, Kharkiv (A) |  <u>Metalist Kharkiv</u> | 0–2 | | uefa.com (http://www.uefa.com/competitions/uefacup/fixturesresults/round=2000035/match=2000656/index.html) |

Hajduk Split

| Date | Venue | Opponents | Score ^[2] | Hajduk scorer(s) | Report |
|--|-------------------------------|--|----------------------|-----------------------|---|
| <u>Europa League - Third qualifying round</u> | | | | | |
| 30 July 2009 | Pod Dubňom, <u>Žilina</u> (A) | <u>Žilina</u> | 1–1 | Rafael <u>Paraiba</u> | <u>uefa.com</u> (<u>http://www.uefa.com/competitions/uefacup/fixture sresults/round=2000035/match=2000639/index.html</u>) |
| 6 August 2009 | Poljud, <u>Split</u> (H) | <u>Žilina</u> | 0–1 | | <u>uefa.com</u> (<u>http://www.uefa.com/competitions/uefacup/fixture sresults/round=2000035/match=2000674/index.html</u>) |

References

- Dinamo score is shown first.
- The score of the Croatian team is shown first.

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