

Nogometni klub Varaždin, commonly referred to as **NK Varaždin** or simply **Varaždin**, is a Croatian professional football club based in Varaždin, that competes in the Croatian Football League, the top tier of Croatian football.

History

The club was founded as FC Varaždin Football School (Croatian: *NK Varaždin Škola nogometa, Varaždin ŠN*) as a phoenix club of NK Varaždin (1931–2015) in 2012 after the latter's suspension;^[1] the club was dissolved during the second part of the 2011–12 season due to high financial debt. Legally, the two clubs' track records and honours are kept separate by the Croatian Football Federation, but the 2012 club is a continuation of the older club, which did return to competition in 2013, overlapping with the life of Varaždin ŠN. However, the older club finally declared bankruptcy and dissolved in 2015, leaving the name NK Varaždin available once again.^[2]

After steadily progressing through the levels of the Croatian football league system, NK Varaždin competed in the top division for the first time in the 2019–20 season, where they finished in eighth place.^[3] However, they were relegated the following season after finishing bottom of the table.^[4]

Players

Current squad

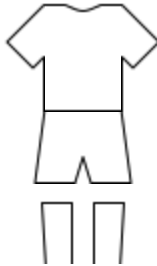
As of 25 February 2024^[5]

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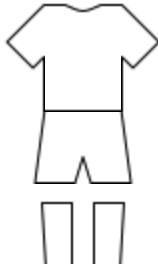
NK Varaždin



Full name	Nogometni klub Varaždin
Founded	1 July 2012
Ground	<u>Stadion Varteks</u>
Capacity	8,818
President	Dražen Vitez
Head coach	<u>Mario Kovačević</u>
League	<u>Croatian Football League</u>
<u>2022–23</u>	Croatian Football League, 6th of 10
Website	<u>Club website (https:// nk-varazdin.hr/)</u>



Home colours



Away colours

No.	Pos.	Nation	Player	No.	Pos.	Nation	Player
1	GK	 CRO	<u>Oliver Zelenika</u>	20	MF	 SUI	<u>David Mistafović</u>
5	DF	 MTN	<u>Lamine Ba</u>	21	GK	 CRO	<u>Domagoj Mamić</u>
6	DF	 CRO	<u>Ivan Nekić</u>	22	FW	 CRO	<u>Marko Dabro</u>
7	FW	 CRO	<u>Jurica Poldrugač</u>	23	MF	 CRO	<u>Marin Pilj</u>
8	MF	 CRO	<u>Igor Postonjski</u>	24	MF	 CRO	<u>Mario Marina</u>
9	FW	 CRO	<u>Domagoj Droždek</u>	25	DF	 CRO	<u>Antonio Boršić</u>
10	MF	 CRO	<u>Leon Belcar</u>	26	DF	 CRO	<u>Luka Jelenić</u>
11	FW	 CRO	<u>Michele Šego</u>	27	FW	 CRO	<u>Tomislav Gudelj</u>
12	GK	 CRO	<u>Josip Silić</u>	28	MF	 CRO	<u>Luka Škaričić</u>
13	MF	 CRO	<u>Leonard Vuk</u>	29	FW	 CRO	<u>Niko Domjanić</u>
14	MF	 CRO	<u>Karlo Lusavec</u>	30	FW	 CRO	<u>Ante Vukušić</u>
17	MF	 MKD	<u>Dimitar Mitrovski</u>	31	GK	 CRO	<u>Kruno Bašić</u>
19	FW	 MNE	<u>Marko Vukčević</u>	32	MF	 CRO	<u>Nick Ocvirek</u>

Out on loan

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No.	Pos.	Nation	Player	No.	Pos.	Nation	Player
15	FW	 CRO	Lovro Banovec (at  <u>Sesvete</u> until 15 June 2024)	—	MF	 CRO	Bruno Bujan (at  <u>Beltinci</u> until 15 June 2024)
16	FW	 CRO	Noa Vugrinec (at  <u>Dubrava</u> until 9 June 2024)	—	MF	 CRO	Ivan Težački (at  <u>Beltinci</u> until 15 June 2024)
—	DF	 CRO	Hrvoje Crnčec (at  <u>Cibalia</u> until 15 June 2024)	—	FW	 CRO	Karlo Perić (at  <u>Sesvete</u> until 15 June 2024)

Season-by-season record

Season	League									Cup	European competitions		Top scorer	
	Division	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	Pos.				Player	Goals
<u>2012–13</u>	2. ŽNL Varaždin County East	22	14	3	5	71	24	45	3rd	<u>DNQ</u>				
<u>2013–14</u>	2. ŽNL Varaždin County East	22	14	4	4	62	24	46	3rd ↑	<u>DNQ</u>				
<u>2014–15</u>	1. ŽNL Varaždin County	30	21	5	4	81	38	68	1st ↑	<u>DNQ</u>				
<u>2015–16</u>	3. HNL East	30	10	4	16	40	47	34	11th	<u>DNQ</u>				
<u>2016–17</u>	3. HNL East	30	18	6	6	53	27	60	2nd ↑ ^[1]	<u>R32</u>				
<u>2017–18</u>	2. HNL	33	18	7	8	50	32	61	2nd	<u>R32</u>				
<u>2018–19</u>	2. HNL	26	16	3	7	40	30	51	1st ↑	<u>R16</u>			Leon Benko	22
<u>2019–20</u>	1. HNL	36	9	9	18	29	50	36	8th	<u>R16</u>			Domagoj Droždek Dejan Glavica	6
<u>2020–21</u>	1. HNL	36	6	10	20	30	61	28	10th ↓	<u>R16</u>			Jorge Obregón	7
<u>2021–22</u>	2. HNL	30	19	6	5	56	29	63	1st ↑	<u>R16</u>			Igor Postonjski Michele Šego	7
<u>2022–23</u>	HNL	36	12	10	14	41	51	46	6th	<u>R16</u>			Fran Brodić	12

Key

- DNQ = Did not qualify
- R32 = Round of 32
- R16 = Round of 16

Notes

- ^a : Although NK Međimurje finished top of the 2016–17 3. HNL East, they did not apply for promotion, so runners-up NK Varaždin gained promotion to 2. HNL.

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