

# HNK Cibalia

**Hrvatski nogometni klub Cibalia**, commonly known as **Cibalia Vinkovci** or simply **Cibalia**, is a Croatian football club from the town of Vinkovci in eastern Croatia. Cibalia currently play in the Prva NL, Croatia's second tier league. Their stadium is located in the south part of their home town and can hold 10,000 spectators. The name Cibalia comes from the Roman settlement called *Colonia Aurelia Cibalae* which was the precursor of the present-day town of Vinkovci. In the period from 1945 to 1990 the club was called **NK Dinamo Vinkovci**.

## History

The club was founded in 1919 as *HGŽK Cibalia Vinkovci*, and in 1925 the team merged with local rivals RŠK Sloga. In the 1930s the club was coached by Bane Sekulić, Károly Nemes and Rajmond Breznik.<sup>[1]</sup> After World War II the club was banned by the new Communist regime. After the war re-established clubs Sloga and OFD Graničar merged and formed *NK Dinamo Vinkovci* which began competing within the Yugoslav football system. The club would see several humble decades before finally making it to the Yugoslav First League in 1982. They played in the top-tier league for five seasons until they were relegated to the Yugoslav Second League in 1987.

In 1990 the team returned its traditional name of *Cibalia*. The club spent much of the 1990s in the Prva HNL, Croatian top level. It remained in the Prva HNL until the 2003–04 season when it was relegated to the Druga HNL. The club was also penalized by UEFA in the same season with a deduction of six points for failure to fulfill financial obligations related to past player transfers. Nevertheless, in the 2004–05 season, Cibalia outdid all of its opponents in the second league by a large margin, won the promotion playoffs and returned to Prva HNL. It was in this season that they also had Croatian mixed martial arts legend Mirko Filipović play the final 8 minutes of a match vs HNK Vukovar.<sup>[2]</sup>

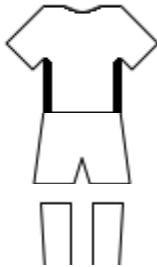
Cibalia also had some success playing in the Croatian Cup, where it reached the final in 1999 (lost to Osijek) and semi-final in 2000, 2004, 2009, 2011, 2012 and 2013.

The 2009–10 season was Cibalia's best ever season in the top division of Croatian football. They finished third after giants Dinamo Zagreb and Hajduk Split, having spent most of the season in second position. They qualified for the second qualifying round of the UEFA Europa League but eventually lost to Northern Irish side Cliftonville and exited the tournament.

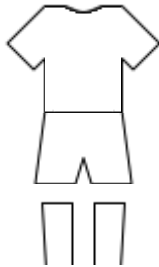
### Cibalia



<b>Full name</b>	Hrvatski nogometni klub Cibalia Vinkovci
<b>Nickname(s)</b>	<i>Nebesko plavi</i> (The Sky-blues)
<b>Founded</b>	7 May 1919 (as HGŽK Cibalia)
<b>Ground</b>	Stadion HNK Cibalia
<b>Capacity</b>	8,200
<b>Chairman</b>	Dea Lasić
<b>Manager</b>	Siniša Sesar
<b>League</b>	First League (II)
<b>2022–23</b>	3rd
<b>Website</b>	Club website ( <a href="http://www.hnk-cibalia.hr">http://www.hnk-cibalia.hr</a> )



**Home colours**



**Away colours**

Cibalia were relegated from the 1. HNL in 2018 and also faced bankruptcy.<sup>[3]</sup> They ended up being relegated directly to the third division, where they finished the season in first place and were promoted after receiving a second division license in May 2019.<sup>[4][5]</sup>

## Honours

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- Yugoslav Second League (West):
  - **Winners (1)**: 1981–82
- Yugoslav Third League (SR Croatia):
  - **Winners (1)**: 1974–75
- Yugoslav Cup
  - **Quarter-finals (1)**: 1977
- Croatian First League:
  - **Third place (1)**: 2009–10
- Croatian Second League:
  - **Winners (3)**: 1997–98, 2004–05, 2015–16
- Croatian Third League (East):
  - **Winners (1)**: 2018–19
- Croatian Cup:
  - **Runners-up (1)**: 1999
- UEFA Intertoto Cup:
  - **Semi-finals (1)**: 2003

## Supporters and Rivalries

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The club has a relatively large but local following. Their main supporter group are called *Ultrasi*.<sup>[6]</sup> Their main rivals are the group *Kohorta Osijek* from NK Osijek.<sup>[7]</sup>

## Current squad

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*As of 1 March 2023*

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	<u>Ivan Križanović</u>	16	<u>DF</u>	 CRO	<u>Petar Rubić</u>
2	<u>DF</u>	 CRO	<u>Karlo Išasegi</u>	17	<u>DF</u>	 CRO	<u>Marin Belančić</u>
4	<u>DF</u>	 CRO	<u>Josip Gačić</u>	18	<u>FW</u>	 CRO	<u>Luka Bransteter</u>
5	<u>DF</u>	 CRO	<u>Patrick Stanić</u>	20	<u>MF</u>	 CRO	<u>Dominik Dogan</u>
7	<u>FW</u>	 CRO	<u>Karlo Miljanić</u>	22	<u>FW</u>	 BIH	<u>Robert Perić-Komšić</u>
8	<u>MF</u>	 NGA	<u>Gerald Diyoke</u>	23	<u>DF</u>	 CRO	<u>Bruno Unušić</u>
10	<u>MF</u>	 CRO	<u>Andrija Bubnjar</u>	26	<u>DF</u>	 CRO	<u>Marijan Oršolić</u>
11	<u>MF</u>	 CRO	<u>Domagoj Jelavić</u>	30	<u>MF</u>	 CRO	<u>Rene Šarić</u>
12	<u>GK</u>	 CRO	<u>Filip Kovačević</u>	40	<u>MF</u>	 CRO	<u>Šimun Mikočič</u>
13	<u>FW</u>	 CRO	<u>Jurica Bajić</u>	45	<u>MF</u>	 CRO	<u>Ivan Mihaljević</u>
14	<u>FW</u>	 CRO	<u>Filip Jazvić</u>	-	<u>MF</u>	 CRO	<u>Domagoj Stranput</u>
				-		 CRO	<u>Luka Kalaica</u>

## Recent seasons

Season	League									Cup	Europe / Other		Top league scorer(s)	
	Division	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Pos				Name	Goals
1992	<u>1. HNL</u>	22	3	9	10	13	24	15	9th	<u>DNQ</u>			<u>Josip Markovinović</u>	3
1992–93	<u>1. HNL</u>	30	11	9	10	31	30	31	5th	<u>R2</u>			<u>Davor Čop</u>	8
1993–94	<u>1. HNL</u>	34	11	13	10	37	27	35	7th	<u>R2</u>			<u>Josip Markovinović</u>	8
1994–95	<u>1. HNL</u>	30	9	10	11	26	33	37	10th	<u>QF</u>			<u>Josip Markovinović</u>	5
1995–96	<u>1. HNL</u>	36	11	12	13	43	55	45	9th	<u>R2</u>			<u>Goran Meštrović</u>	6
1996–97	<u>1. HNL</u>	30	11	0	19	35	56	33	13th ↓	<u>R1</u>			<u>Antun Andričević &amp; Ivica Marinčić</u>	5
1997–98	<u>2. HNL</u>	30	22	5	3	80	19	71	1st ↑	<u>R1</u>				
1998–99	<u>1. HNL</u>	32	10	7	15	34	44	26	9th	<u>RU</u>			<u>Ivan Bošnjak</u>	7
1999–2000	<u>1. HNL</u>	33	11	12	10	42	39	45	6th	<u>SF</u>			<u>Ivan Bošnjak</u>	14
2000–01	<u>1. HNL</u>	32	5	18	9	31	45	33	9th	<u>R2</u>	<u>Intertoto Cup</u>	<u>R2</u>	<u>Mario Meštrović</u>	7
2001–02	<u>1. HNL</u>	30	9	9	12	34	37	36	10th	<u>R1</u>			<u>Mladen Bartolović</u>	6

2002–03	<u>1. HNL</u>	32	12	7	13	39	44	43	5th	<u>QF</u>			<u>Mladen Bartolović</u>	9
2003–04	<u>1. HNL</u>	32	8	7	17	39	53	31	11th ↓	<u>SF</u>	Intertoto Cup	<u>SF</u>	<u>Zoran Ratković</u>	10
2004–05	<u>2. HNL</u>	32	21	8	3	65	23	65	1st ↑	<u>R1</u>			Danijel Kuzmanović	14
2005–06	<u>1. HNL</u>	32	9	10	13	33	47	37	9th	<u>R2</u>			<u>Mladen Križanović</u> <u>Aleksandar Stojanovski</u> <u>Ivan Žgela</u>	4
2006–07	<u>1. HNL</u>	33	9	5	19	33	53	32	10th	<u>QF</u>			<u>Zoran Zekić</u>	12
<u>2007–08</u>	<u>1. HNL</u>	33	11	7	15	40	48	40	8th	<u>QF</u>			Željko Malčić	12
<u>2008–09</u>	<u>1. HNL</u>	33	10	8	15	33	53	38	8th	<u>SF</u>			Željko Malčić	9
<u>2009–10</u>	<u>1. HNL</u>	30	16	9	5	46	20	57	3rd	<u>R1</u>			<u>Dino Kresinger</u>	9
<u>2010–11</u>	<u>1. HNL</u>	30	12	8	10	33	24	44	4th	<u>SF</u>	<u>Europa League</u>	<u>QR2</u>	<u>Dino Kresinger</u>	11
<u>2011–12</u>	<u>1. HNL</u>	30	13	6	11	35	35	45	5th	<u>SF</u>			<u>Mladen Bartolović</u>	8
<u>2012–13</u>	<u>1. HNL</u>	33	9	5	19	29	44	32	11th ↓	<u>SF</u>			<u>Tomislav Mazalović</u>	7
<u>2013–14</u>	<u>2. HNL</u>	33	18	5	10	41	39	59	2nd	<u>R2</u>			<u>Hrvoje Tokić</u>	16
<u>2014–15</u>	<u>2. HNL</u>	30	10	8	12	36	44	38	6th	<u>R2</u>			<u>Jakov Puljić</u>	16
<u>2015–16</u>	<u>2. HNL</u>	33	20	10	3	54	20	70	1st ↑	<u>R2</u>			<u>Frane Vitić</u>	15
<u>2016–17</u>	<u>1. HNL</u>	36	4	9	23	26	79	21	9th	<u>R2</u>			<u>Frane Vitić</u>	7
<u>2017–18</u>	<u>1. HNL</u>	36	6	8	22	36	75	26	10th ↕	<u>R2</u>			<u>Ivan Galić</u>	7
<u>2018–19</u>	<u>3. HNL</u>	30	21	5	4	67	24	68	1st ↑	<u>R1</u>			Dominik Dogan	16
<u>2019–20</u>	<u>2. HNL</u>	19	2	7	10	13	34	13	16th	<u>R1</u>			<u>Mate Bajić</u>	5
<u>2020–21</u>	<u>2. HNL</u>	34	15	6	13	50	43	51	4th	<u>R1</u>			Gerald Diyoke, Filip Jazvić	7
<u>2021–22</u>	<u>2. HNL</u>	30	11	8	11	44	42	41	6th	<u>R1</u>			Domagoj Pušić, Filip Jazvić	8

<div>2022–23</div>	<div>1. NL</div>	33	13	15	5	37	26	54	3rd	<div>R1</div>			Ivan Mihaljević	7
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## European record

### Summary

Competition	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Last season played
<i>UEFA Europa League</i>	2	0	1	1	0	1	2010–11
<i>UEFA Intertoto Cup</i>	10	3	3	4	13	16	2003
Total	12	3	4	5	13	17	

Source:<sup>[8]</sup> Last updated on 10 September 2010

**Pld** = Matches played; **W** = Matches won; **D** = Matches drawn; **L** = Matches lost; **GF** = Goals for; **GA** = Goals against. Defunct competitions indicated in italics.

### By season

Season	Competition	Round	Opponent	Home	Away	Agg.
2000–01	<i>Intertoto Cup</i>	R1	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> FK Obilić	3–1	1–1	4–2
		R2	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> FC Tatabánya	0–0	2–3	2–3
2003–04	<i>Intertoto Cup</i>	R2	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> FC Shakhtyor	4–2	1–1	5–3
		R3	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Tampere United	0–1	2–0	2–1
		SF	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> VfL Wolfsburg	1–4	0–4	1–8
2010–11	<i>Europa League</i>	QR2	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Cliftonville	0–0	0–1	0–1

### Player records



























































- Most appearances in UEFA club competitions: **10 appearances**<sup>[9]</sup>
  - Jure Jurić
- Top scorers in UEFA club competitions: **3 goals**<sup>[9]</sup>
  - Ivan Maroslavac

## All-time total in the Prva HNL

	Points	Games	Wins	Draws	Losses	GF	GA
HNK Cibalia	515	438	129	128	181	470	587

## Historical list of coaches

- Bane Sekulić<sup>[1]</sup>
- Károly Nemes<sup>[1]</sup>

-  [Rajmond Breznik](#)<sup>[1]</sup>
-  [Dražan Jerković](#) (1975–76)
-  [Otto Barić](#) (1976–79)
-  [Ivan Marković](#)
-  [Tonko Vukušić](#) (19xx-84)
-  [Nedeljko Gugolj](#) (1984–8X)
-  [Martin Novoselac](#) (1986–88)
-  [Ivo Šušak](#) (1988–89)
-  [Stipe Kedžo](#) (1989–90)
-  [Tonko Vukušić](#) (1990-9x)
-  [Mile Petković](#) (1992)
-  [Stanko Mršić](#) (1993–95)
-  [Davor Čop](#) (*interim*) (1994)
-  [Tomislav Radić](#) (1995–96)
-  [Davor Čop](#) (*interim*) (1995)
-  [Mile Petković](#) (1996–97)
-  [Tomislav Radić](#) (1997)
-  [Tonko Vukušić](#) (1997–98)
-  [Krasnodar Rora](#) (1998)
-  [Mijo Ručević](#) (1998–99)
-  [Srećko Lušić](#) (1999–2000)
-  [Davor Čop](#) (2000–01)
-  [Mile Petković](#) (2001–03)
-  [Bruno Buhač](#) (*interim*) (2003)
-  [Srećko Lušić](#) (2003)
-  [Vjeran Simunić](#) (2003–04)
-  [Davor Mladina](#) (2004–05)
-  [Branko Karačić](#) (2005–06)
-  [Igor Štimac](#) (2006)
-  [Ivica Matković](#) (2006)
-  [Mile Petković](#) (2006–07)
-  [Srećko Lušić](#) (2007–08)
-  [Stanko Mršić](#) (2008–11)
-  [Siniša Jalić](#) (*interim*) (2011)
-  [Samir Toplak](#) (2011–12)
-  [Miroslav Bojko](#) (*interim*) (2012)
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-  [Peter Pacult](#) (2017)<sup>[10]</sup>
-  [Mladen Bartolović](#) (2017–19 Mar 18)
-  [Davor Rupnik](#) (2018)<sup>[11]</sup>
-  [Petar Tomić](#) (2018–19)
-  [Davor Mladina](#) (29 June 2019 -20)<sup>[12]</sup>
-  [Petar Tomić](#) (2020 –20 Sep 21)<sup>[13]</sup>
-  [Darko Jozinović](#) (21 Sep 2021 -19 Apr 22)<sup>[14]</sup>
-  [Ivan Karaula](#) (19 Apr 2022 - Jun 22)<sup>[15]</sup>
-  [Tomislav Radotić](#) (Jun 2022 –21 Jun 23)<sup>[16]</sup>
-  [Ivan Karaula](#) (Sep 2023 -)

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