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GROUP C

Dinamo Zagreb
Viktoria Plzeň
Astana
Ballkani

Crucial match in Zagreb!



Editorial

Mirko Barišić, the President of GNK Dinamo

GNK Dinamo has continued its impressive run on the European stage: our club has qualified for the group phase of the UEFA club competitions a remarkable 16 times in the last 17 seasons. It has also reached the knockout stage three times in the past five years. Overall, this is our 19th participation in the group stages of the UEFA competitions. In this record, GNK Dinamo has played in the UEFA Champions League eight times, in the UEFA Cup/Europa League ten times, and will now make its debut in the UEFA Europa Conference League. Furthermore, our club concluded the previous season by securing its 34th national championship title in its history, with 24 of them won in the independent Croatian league which has been launched back in 1992. In the past

18 seasons alone, Dinamo has clinched 17 national championship titles. This may seem like dry statistics, but it clearly demonstrates a continuity of success both domestically and internationally, reflecting the high standards that the club has set for itself in recent history. We conceived and implemented the idea of creating a firm Central European club with the goal of building, preserving, and enhancing a strong system at all levels - in business, organization, and the sporting aspect. We have created a platform on which GNK Dinamo has achieved its longest streak of club trophies, producing historic generations of players who led the Croatian national team to the silver and bronze medals at the FIFA World Cups and to the UEFA Nations League finals.

UEFA Europa Conference League 2023/2024

Group C

Matchday 1 September 21 st		Matchday 4 November 9 th	
 Dinamo Astana	5 1	 Viktoria Plzeň Dinamo	1 0
 Viktoria Plzeň Ballkani	1 0	 Astana Ballkani	0 0
Matchday 2 October 5 th		Matchday 5 November 30 th	
 Ballkani Dinamo	2 0	 Astana Dinamo	0 2
 Astana Viktoria Plzeň	1 2	 Ballkani Viktoria Plzeň	0 1
Matchday 3 October 26 th		Matchday 6 December 14 th	
 Dinamo Viktoria Plzeň	0 1	 Dinamo Ballkani	
 Ballkani Astana	1 2	 Viktoria Plzeň Astana	

		PLAYED	WON	DRAWN	LOST	GOAL DIFFERENCE	POINTS
1	 Viktoria Plzeň	5	5	0	0	5	15
2	 Dinamo Zagreb	5	2	0	3	2	6
3	 Astana	5	1	1	3	-6	4
4	 Ballkani	5	1	1	3	-1	4

GNK Dinamo in the group stages of the UEFA club competitions:

1998/'99 UEFA Champions League
 1999/'00 UEFA Champions League
 2004/'05 UEFA Cup
 2007/'08 UEFA Cup
 2008/'09 UEFA Cup
 2009/'10 UEFA Europa League
 2010/'11 UEFA Europa League
 2011/'12 UEFA Champions League
 2012/'13 UEFA Champions League
 2013/'14 UEFA Europa League

2014/'15 UEFA Europa League
 2015/'16 UEFA Champions League
 2016/'17 UEFA Champions League
 2018/'19 UEFA Europa League
 2019/'20 UEFA Champions League
 2020/'21 UEFA Europa League
 2021/'22 UEFA Europa League
 2022/'23 UEFA Champions League
 2023/'24 UEFA Europa Conference League



Our history

GNK Dinamo is the most successful Croatian football club and was founded on April 26, 1911, under the name "Prvi hrvatski građanski športski klub" (literally translated as the "First Croatian Citizens' Football Club"), or simply – Gradjanski or „Citizens“. Therefore, the club's prefix was changed from NK (FC) to GNK (Citizens' Football Club) with the letter G symbolizing the club's roots with the ancient name of Gradjanski. The new prefix was added before the club's annual assembly ahead of the 100th anniversary celebration. In its rich history, the club has won 66 trophies. Among these achievements are 34 national championship titles, with 24 of them coming in the Prva HNL (Croatian First Football League), 23 Croatian Cup titles, including 16 in Croatia, and eight Croatian Supercups. Notably, Dinamo also stands out with its victory in the Inter-Cities Fairs Cup, a competition that later evolved into the UEFA Cup and today's UEFA Europa League. Dinamo was the 1963 finalist and later claimed the title in 1967.

The club from Maksimir has participated in European competitions a total of 19 times, including eight appearances in the UEFA Champions League, 10 in the UEFA Europa League, and

one in the UEFA Europa Conference League. Special attention is drawn to their second-place finish in the Champions League group stage in 1998/99 and three recent European knockout stages in the UEFA Europa League: the Round of 16 in 2018/'19, the quarter-finals in 2020/'21, and the Intermediate round in 2021/'22.

In the distant past, when the club was named "Gradjanski," there were no continental club competitions, so friendly matches played a significant role. During that time, Gradjanski defeated Barcelona in the away game, scored five goals against Liverpool in Zagreb, defeated Juventus twice in a week, beat both Inter and Milan within two weeks, and outplayed the top three Turkish clubs in Istanbul. There was also a 0-0 draw in a friendly match against the Brazilian national team in Zagreb.

During that time, "Purgeri" (the popular nickname of the Zagreb citizens and the club itself) won six national championship titles as Gradjanski and later they continued their winning ways under the Dinamo name, clinching the state championship four times. Many will point out that during this period, they were actually champions five times,

but their 1979 title, although judicially awarded to Dinamo, was not officially credited in the archives of the Football Federation of Yugoslavia.

Since 2005, the club reached its longest streak of trophies, producing historic generations of players, including former Dinamo captain Luka Modrić, who emerged from our youth academy and rose to become the world's best footballer. The club has maintained a tradition of nurturing young talents, and Dinamo played a key role in the success of the Croatian national team. In the 2018 FIFA World Cup there were 14 players who played for GNK Dinamo during their career including national team captain, FIFA Player of the World and Ballon d'Or winner Luka Modrić who came through our club's youth academy. GNK Dinamo Zagreb holds a record relating to the FIFA World Cup. No other club has had more homegrown players in a FIFA World Cup final than GNK Dinamo Zagreb. Former GNK Dinamo players also had a key role four years later when Croatia secured bronze at the World Cup in Qatar, as well as this year when our national team reached the finals of the UEFA Nations League.



Trophy case

1911 Founding of I. HSK Gradjanski **1945** Name change from Gradjanski to Dinamo **1967** Inter-Cities Fairs Cup (predecessor of the UCL/UCL winners) **1991/93** Name change to HAŠK Gradjanski and later to NK Croatia Zagreb

1923 First out of 34 domestic championship titles

1948 First championship title after WWII Relocating to the Maksimir Stadium

1982 Last domestic championship title in former Yugoslavia

1992 Start of the Croatian Football League



34x Croatian National Championships Winners



23x Croatian National Cup Winners



7x Croatian National SuperCup Winners



1x Inter-Cities Fairs Cup

2000 Renaming back to Dinamo

2004/07/08/09/10/13/14/18/20/21 UEFA Cup/Europa League group stage

2021 UEFA Europa League quarterfinals

and counting...

1998/99/11/12/15/16/19/22 UEFA Champions League group stage

1997 UEFA Cup round of 16

2019 UEFA Europa League round of 16

2022 UEFA Europa League knockout round play-offs (round of 24)

Overall statistics in the history of the european club competitions

competition	games	w-d-l	goal difference
UEC / UCL *	160	67-33-60	239-221
ICFC / UC / UEL **	178	72-41-65	269-215
UECL ***	5	2-0-3	7-5
CWC ****	31	11-06-14	31-38
overall	374	152-80-142	546-479

*European Cup / UEFA Champions League **Inter-Cities Fairs Cup / UEFA Cup / UEFA Europa League *** UEFA Europa Conference League ****Cup Winner's Cup

Most goals scored for GNK Dinamo in european club competitions

28 Mislav Oršić
21 Bruno Petković
15 Slaven Zambata
15 Igor Cvitanović
13 Sammir
13 El Arabi Hilal Soudani
13 Arijan Ademi
11 Mario Mandžukić
10 Marijan Novak

Most appearances for GNK Dinamo in european club competitions

104 Arijan Ademi
76 Sammir
74 Dominik Livaković
70 Mislav Oršić
68 Bruno Petković
53 Amer Gojak
52 Milan Badelj
50 Kevin Theophile
48 Edin Mujčin
48 Mihael Mikić
48 Petar Stojanović



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BUILDING OF THE STADIUM

2011-2013

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The construction of the stadium complex began in 1953, according to the design by the architect Vladimir Turina. The stadium was built in stages, and in June 2011, the club's management decided to invest in the city property and renovate part of the complex by 2013. They installed new seats, a heated pitch, an automatic irrigation system, artificial turf around the field, a modern club hotel, top-notch locker rooms, a chapel, and numerous practice fields with artificial turf where over 500 young footballers from Dinamo's academy train.

The pitch was originally planted in 1951 and lasted a full 58 years until 2009, when it was replaced after two back-to-back U2 concerts held at a full stadium. The field couldn't withstand the strain, so it was replaced, and a heating system was also installed. Since the summer of 2018, a new hybrid surface, consisting of 70% natural grass and 30% artificial turf, has been used on the pitch.

Unfortunately, due to an earthquake in Zagreb and the surrounding area on March 22, 2020, the eastern stand remains out of use for safety reasons.



Coach Jakirović

Sergej Jakirović took over the team of GNK Dinamo in this August and secured two important victories in the first two league matches, both derbies against Rijeka and Osijek. Although he already won convincingly against Sparta Prague in his debut match on the Maksimir bench, in the first leg of the UEFA Europa League play-off, the Czechs managed to overturn the result in the return leg. Nevertheless, coach Jakirović, with three wins in his first four appearances, has shown strong foundations in his initial matches, bringing optimism ahead of the group stage of the UEFA Europa Conference League.

His coaching journey reveals a clear and proper path, starting with youth teams, progressing through the second division, and moving up to higher levels. He began his coaching career with U-19 teams in Dugo Selo, continued in Sesvete, and then came to Gorica where he secured a great fifth-place finish in the 2018/19 Prva HNL (top tier of Croatian football). After a brief stint in Slovenian side Maribor, he achieved a remarkable success with Zrinjski Mostar, leading them to the 2021/22 Bosnia and Herzegovina championship title, with a staggering 27-point lead over the second-placed Tuzla City. Since November 2022, Jakirović has been in charge of Rijeka, elevating them from seventh place to the upper part of the table and securing a spot in European competitions.

In his communication, he is open, direct, full of energy, and he strives to transmit his character to the team itself.



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WE'RE READY! Team for the UEFA Europe Conference League-
with this squad, we aim to earn points in the current season.



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GOALKEEPER

DANIJEL ZAGORAC

February 7, 1987 / Croatia



12

GOALKEEPER

ANTONIO RAJIĆ

March 4, 2007 / Croatia



33

GOALKEEPER

IVAN NEVISTIĆ

July 31, 1998 / Croatia



2

DEFENDER

SADEGH MOHARRAMI

March 1, 1996 / Iran



3

DEFENDER

JOAQUÍN SOSA

January 10, 2002 / Uruguay



4

DEFENDER

BOŠKO ŠUTALO

January 1, 2000 / Croatia

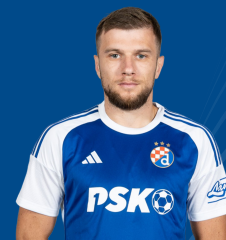


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DEFENDER

MAXIME BERNAUER

July 1, 1998 / France

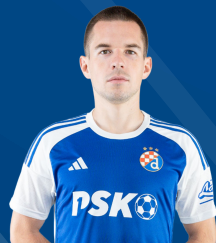


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DEFENDER

STEFAN RISTOVSKI

February 12, 1992 / N. Macedonia



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DEFENDER

BOHDAN MYKHAYLICHENKO

March 21, 1997 / Ukraine



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DEFENDER

MAURO PERKOVIĆ

March 22, 2003 / Croatia



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DEFENDER

DINO PERIĆ

July 12, 1994 / Croatia



10

MIDFIELDER

MARTIN BATURINA

February 16, 2003 / Croatia



14

MIDFIELDER

ROBERT LJUBIČIĆ

July 14, 1999 / Austria-Croatia



23

MIDFIELDER

TIBOR HALILOVIĆ

March 18, 1995 / Croatia



25

MIDFIELDER

PETAR SUČIĆ

October 25, 2003 / BiH-Croatia



27

MIDFIELDER

JOSIP MIŠIĆ

June 28, 1994 / Croatia



31

MIDFIELDER

MARKO BULAT

September 26, 2001 / Croatia



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MIDFIELDER

LUKA VRBANIĆ

July 4, 2005 / Croatia



72

MIDFIELDER

GABRIEL VIDOVIĆ

December 1, 2003 / Germany-Croatia



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STRIKER

BRUNO PETKOVIĆ

September 16, 1994 / Croatia



11

WINGER

MAHIR EMRELI

July 1, 1997 / Azerbaijan



17

STRIKER

SANDRO KULENOVIĆ

December 4, 1999 / Croatia



18

STRIKER

JOSIP DRMIĆ

August 8, 1992 / Switzerland-Croatia



20

WINGER

ANTONIO MARIN

January 9, 2001 / Croatia



30

WINGER

TAKURO KANEKO

July 30, 1997 / Japan



41

WINGER

GABRIEL RUKAVINA

January 16, 2004 / Croatia



70

WINGER

LUKA MENALO

July 22, 1996 / BiH



77

WINGER

DARIO ŠPIČIĆ

March 22, 1999 / Croatia



TEAM PHOTO THE PURGERS

UEFA Europa Conference League, get ready for us! A powerhouse in Croatian football, GNK Dinamo Zagreb, boasts a proud tradition and a dedicated fan base.

ROBERT LJUBIČIĆ

Ambasador Zaklade Nema predaje



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KF Ballkani

With two consecutive championship titles in recent years, Ballkani can comfortably be regarded as a football giant within Kosovo, coming from the town of Suhareka, a suburb of Prizren.

Ballkani was founded in 1947 under the name Rinia, and its current name was adopted in 1965 when the club was taken over by the local chemical-rubber company.

For much of its history, especially during the former Yugoslavia, the club played in lower, amateur leagues and lived in the shadow of its immediate neighbor, Liria from Prizren, a club that played in the second league at that time. The most well-known Kosovo clubs in Yugoslavia were Priština and Trepča, which participated in the first league, along with occasional second-league teams like Liria, Vëllaznimi, Besa (then Budućnost)...

In the independent Kosovo league, Ballkani danced between the first and third tiers. It dropped from the elite class in the summer of 2000, returned ten years later, only to slip back into the second and even the third league. It has been a regular member of the top tier of Kosovo football since the summer of 2018, where it initially secured eighth place, then twice finished in third place, followed by two consecutive championship titles.

The most significant step forward in its history occurred in the last three years when it first reached the final of the Kosovo Cup in 2020, narrowly losing to Priština 1-0. It was followed by two back to back championship titles in 2022 and 2023, as well as the Super Cup trophy in 2023. During this period, it qualified for the group stage of the UEFA Europa Conference League twice in a row.

In the summer of 2022, Ballkani became the first Kosovar club to qualify for the group stage of UEFA competitions and the only one to reach the play-offs. Last year, in the play-offs, it overcame Shkupi from Skopje, North Macedonia, and then in the group stage earned four points by defeating Turkish Sivasspor 4-3 away and drawing 1-1 against Romanian CFR Cluj. It put up a strong fight in Prague against Slavia, leading twice but ultimately losing 3-2 to the Czech team.

This season, in the playoffs, Ballkani outplayed the former UEFA Champions League participant, Belarusian BATE Borisov, with a convincing 4-1 victory in the first match in Priština advancing to the group stage.

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Ilir Daja



Date of birth: October 20th, 1966

Place of birth: Tirana, Albania

Playing career: Dinamo Tirana (1980 – 1987), Besa Kavaja (1987 – 1988), Dinamo Tirana (1988 – 1991)

Coaching career: Elbasani (2005 – 2006), Dinamo Tirana (2007 – 2008), Besa Kavaja (2008 – 2009), Dinamo Tirana (2011), Besa Kavaja (2012 – 2013), Tirana (2015 – 2016), Skënderbeu (2017 – 2018), Flamurtari Vlora (2018 – 2019), Skënderbeu (2019 – 2020), Partizani Tirana (2020 – 2021), Ballkani (from 2022)

The team of Ballkani is coached by Ilir Daja, a former footballer whose playing career was set back by a serious knee injury in 1989 and then concluded two years later. After an extended absence from football, he began coaching in 2005. He won the Albanian championship three times with different clubs: Elbasani in the 2005/06 season, Dinamo Tirana in the 2007/08 season, and Skënderbeu in the 2017/18 season, securing both the domestic championship and the cup title with the same team. In that season, under Daja's management, Skënderbeu defeated GNK Dinamo Zagreb in the Europa League play-offs, marking the only instance in the last 17 seasons that Dinamo did not reach the group stage of a European competition. Daja continued his trophy harvest after moving from Albania to Kosovo. In January 2022, he took over the helm of Ballkani, guiding the team to the Kosovan championship. He continued his spell with successful journey through the UEFA Europa Conference League qualifying rounds, making Ballkani the first Kosovan club in history to participate in a group stage of the UEFA competitions. In the following season, he once again clinched the championship title and successfully navigated all obstacles on the path to the UECL group stage



Squad list



GOALKEEPERS

Enea Koliçi	13.02.1986.
Andrea Hoxha	28.09.1999.
Damir Ljuljanović	23.02.1992.

DEFENDERS

Armend Thaqi	10.10.1992.
Arbër Potoku	19.04.1994.
Gentrit	14.12.2001.
Lorenc Trashi	19.05.1992.
Bajram Jashanica	25.09.1990.
Marsel Ismajlgeci	14.03.2000.

MIDFIELDERS

Lumbardh Dellova	01.01.1999.
Lindon Emërllahu	07.12.2002.
Vesel Limaj	01.12.1996.
Qendrim Zyba	03.02.2001.
Leonard Shala	31.05.2003.
Edvin Kuç	27.10.1993.
Ramush Ramadani	15.06.2000.
Loris Kolgeci	20.03.2006.
Arlind Maloku	01.06.2004.
Arbnor Halitjaha	21.05.2002.

FORWARDS

Walid Hamidi	16.10.1996.
Albin Berisha	14.01.2001.
Nazmi Gripshi	05.07.1997.
Edi Maksutaj	04.10.2000.
Bernard Karrica	07.01.2001.
Arb Manaj	23.07.1998.
Almir Kryeziu	14.12.1998.
Bleart Tolaj	07.02.2000.
Krenar Dulaj	24.04.2006.
Destan Bytyçi	09.03.2004.





PREVIOUS HEAD-TO-HEAD MATCH

PRIŠTINA, October 5, 2023. (Thursday, 18:45)
UEFA Europa Conference League, group C, matchday 2

BALLKANI – DINAMO 2-0

Stadiumi Fadil Vokrri

BALLKANI: 1-Koliçi – 2-Thaqi, 5-Dellova, 32-Jashanica, 19-Trashi – 77-Ismajlgeci (66' 99-Tolaj), 11-Zyba, 20-Kuç (c);
10-Gripshi (87' 4-Halili) – 9-Berisha (66' 7-Hamidi), 98-Kryeziu (71' 8-Limaj)

Coach: Ilir Daja

(Subs not used: 12-Hoxha, 92-Ljuljanović; 3-Potoku, 17-Maksutaj, 18-Shala, 23-Ramadani, 25-Karrica, 30-Manaj)

DINAMO: 33-Nevistić – 2-Moharrami, 4-B.Šutalo, 55-Perić, 15-Mykhaylichenko (79' 20-Marin) – 27-Mišić (c);
70-Menalo (46' 11-Emreli), 31-Bulat (66' 25-Sučić), 10-Baturina, 72-Vidović (66' 23-Halilović) – 17-Kulenović

Coach: Sergej Jakirović

(Subs not used: 1-Zagorac; 3-Sosa, 6-Bernauer, 18-Drmić, 30-Kaneko, 39-Perković, 41-Rukavina)

REFEREE: Atilla Karaoglan (Turkey), **ATT.:** 9.654

SCORERS: 1-0 Kryeziu (44') (as. Zyba), 2-0 Hamidi (83')

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Zaklada Nema predaje



About the town of Suhareka and city of Priština

Ballkani is a Kosovar top-tier football club based in Suhareka, a town with just over 10,000 inhabitants, and the entire municipality around 60,000. It is located in the southern part of the country, 18 kilometers from Prizren, the second-largest city in Kosovo. The name of the town can be written in several ways; in the Serbian language, it is Suva Reka, which literally means “Dry River”, in the Albanian version Suharekë and Suhareka as a derivation from the Slavic root, or Therandë and Theranda in alternative Albanian form.

From 1929 to 1941, Suhareka was part of the Vardar Banovina province in the former Kingdom of Yugoslavia. Unfortunately, like the general history of Kosovo, it has undergone difficult times in its history. The worst days are associated with the Kosovo War from 1996 to 1999.

The football club Ballkani, like all Kosovar clubs, plays its European matches in the capital and largest city, Priština, inhabited by just over 150,000 people. Priština is the center of cultural, political, and administrative power in the country. Since November 2023, the Fadil Vokrri Stadium in Priština has been temporarily closed for European matches, due to not meeting the UEFA standards, especially the pitch, so Ballkani hosted the last home game in Tirana.

Priština is also the sports center of Kosovo, where football tops the popularity list, while basketball and handball occupy second and third places. Moreover, Priština has been chosen by the International Olympic Committee to host the Mediterranean Games in 2030.



Fadil Vokrri Stadium

The Fadil Vokrri Stadium is a multi-purpose stadium in Pristina, the capital of Kosovo, and is home to the FC Pristina and the Kosovo national football team. Since the home stadium of Ballkani, with a capacity of only 3,000, does not meet UEFA standards for European competitions, the club plays its home matches in Pristina. Nevertheless, Fadil Vokrri Stadium itself has been temporarily closed for European matches at the end of 2023 due to not meeting the criteria, especially regarding the pitch.

It has a capacity of almost 14,000 and until 2018 was known as Pristina City Stadium or colloquially Stadium by Pristevica (river). In 2018 it was renamed after Fadil Vokrri, former great striker of Pristina, as well as a Yugoslav

international, who later served as the president of the Kosovo Football Federation. The stadium was renamed on the same day Vokrri passed away. The name change was initiated by the mayor of Pristina.

Built in the early 1950s, the stadium has undergone several renovations and experienced high attendance during the Yugoslav league era, particularly after Pristina reached the top league in the first half of the 1980s. It has a capacity of 13,980 seats and has hosted two major concerts featuring popular American rappers 50 Cent and Snoop Dogg. In December 2007, the famous rapper 50 Cent held a concert that marked the largest recorded attendance in the history of the stadium, 25,000 people.

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Fun Facts

Ballkani coach, Ilir Daja, led the Albanian side Skënderbeu in 2017 when they defeated Dinamo in the UEFA Europa League play-offs. The first leg in Zagreb ended 1-1, which was followed by a 0-0 draw, allowing the Albanian team to advance thanks to the away goal. It was the only instance in 17 seasons that Dinamo did not qualify for the group stage of UEFA competitions.

Dinamo coach, Sergej Jakirović, started the season at Rijeka when they played against the Kosovar team Dukagjini in the UEFA Europa Conference League second qualifying round. Rijeka won both matches, 1-0 in Priština and 6-1 in Rijeka.

Ballkani defender, Bajram Jashanica, played against Dinamo four times wearing the Skënderbeu jersey. In the 2015/16 UEFA Champions League play-offs, Dinamo won both games, 2-1 in Albania and 4-1 in Zagreb. Two years later, Skënderbeu beat Dinamo in the UEFA Europa League play-offs.

Ballkani left-back, Leonit Abazi, also played for Skënderbeu against Dinamo in 2015. He participated in the first leg in Albania, where Dinamo won 2-1.

Bajram Jashanica and former Dinamo defender Amir Rrahmani formed the central defensive pair for the Kosovo national team in the match against Croatia at Maksimir Stadium in September 2017 during the World Cup qualifiers. The match, which Croatia won 1-0, was played over two days due to heavy rain and a waterlogged pitch. It was interrupted in the 21st minute and resumed the next day.

Ballkani includes former Dinamo player Bernard Karrica in its lineup. Karrica played for Dinamo U-19 and Dinamo II before appearing in a friendly match for the first team.

Three Ballkani players have experience in the Croatian First Football League (Prva HNL): Bernard Karrica played for Rijeka and Hrvatski Dragovoljac, Arb Manaj for Slaven Belupo, and Lumbardh Dellova for Hajduk.

Walid Hamidi and Mamadou Danfa played against Dinamo in July 2022 for Macedonian side Shkupi in the UEFA Champions League second qualifying round. The match in Zagreb ended 2-2, while Dinamo won the return leg in Skopje 1-0. Hamidi played in both matches, while Danfa only appeared in the first game. Danfa is not eligible to play in the UECL group stage this season.

Dinamo played its first match against a Kosovar club in February 1973. In a friendly match at Maksimir Stadium, Dinamo hosted Priština, team from the Capital of Kosovo that competed in a second division. Dinamo won 2-0, with Josip Lalić and Fikret Mujkić scoring the goals.

Ballkani is the fourth Kosovar club to face Dinamo in official competitions. In the former Yugoslav league, Dinamo played against Priština and Trepča. In the Cup games the opponents were Trepča and Vëllaznimi.

In the 1965/66 season, Dinamo defeated Trepča in the Yugoslav Cup quarterfinals. Kosovar team avenged that defeat in the 1977/78 season beating Dinamo in the semifinal. The match was

played as a single game without a return leg, and Trepča won on

penalties after a 0-0 draw in regular time. Later, Rijeka defeated Trepča in the final.

Fatos Beqiraj, a Kosovo native, became the top scorer of the Croatian First Football League (HNL) playing for Dinamo. In the 2011/12 season, he scored 15 goals, becoming the league's top scorer. Beqiraj was born in Kosovo but played for the Montenegro national team. He spent three and a half years at Dinamo.

Two Kosovo-born players and former members of Dinamo, Kujtim Shala and Ardian Kozniku, played for the Croatian national team.

Famous Dinamo coach Miroslav Ćiro Blažević led Kosovar side Priština in the Yugoslav league just three years after winning the championship with Dinamo. He took over the Priština team midseason and managed to avoid the relegation.

In the era of the Yugoslav league, Kujtim Shala, a striker from Priština, became an admired player among Dinamo fans. Born in Prizren, he spent two years in the blue jersey. These were the last two seasons of the Yugoslav league, and Dinamo finished as the runner-up in both.

The first notable footballer of Kosovar origin in Dinamo jersey was the former Hajduk defender Vilson Džoni. He arrived in the summer of 1978 and had an excellent season in which Dinamo won the (unrecognized) championship. In the infamous Tomić case, Dinamo was judicially recognized as the champion, but in the FSJ archive, the title was attributed to Hajduk. Džoni was born in Split, and his family roots trace back to Prizren.

Former Croatian international and Kosovo-born Ardian Kozniku signed for Dinamo in 1998. Previously, he was the top scorer of the Croatian First Football League (HNL) with 12 goals while playing for Hajduk, in the inaugural season played in a shortened calendar, in the spring of 1992.

In the 2018/19 season, Kosovar defender Amir Rrahmani, currently playing for Napoli, made a significant contribution to Dinamo European success, reaching the Round of 16 of the UEFA Europa League.

Besnik Hasi, a Kosovo native, played for Dinamo youth team in the early 1990s. He is widely known for his later performances with Belgian side Anderlecht and as a coach who led three clubs to the UEFA Champions League group stages: Anderlecht, Legia, and Olympiacos.

In the mid 1980s, Agim Cana played for Dinamo, the father of Lorik Cana, a well-known Albanian international and former member of PSG and Olympique de Marseille. Agim Cana was born in Kosovo and came to Dinamo from Priština.

Two players went to the opposite direction, from Dinamo to Priština: Ismet Hadžić and Dragan Lepinjica, the father of Ivan Lepinjica, the current midfielder of Slaven Belupo.

Kosovo international Lirim Kastrati played for Dinamo from the summer of 2020 until September 2021.

Former Dinamo defender Andrej Panadić coached Kosovo side Ferizaj last season.

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