
Croatia Corner

Posted by Bored Of The Dance - 08-05-2008 13:55

Here I shall spend most of the time tempting PPV out of his semi-retirement

Please, grab a stool and join me

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Re:Croatia Corner

Posted by Andy C - 08-05-2008 14:00

That's a nice cloth on the table you're sitting at.

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Re:Croatia Corner

Posted by Felicity, I guess so - 08-05-2008 14:00

Ahem. here goes.

"Doesn't that shirt look like a tablecloth?"

(Edit: Snap!)

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Re:Croatia Corner

Posted by Andy C - 08-05-2008 14:00

Tee hee!

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Re:Croatia Corner

Posted by Bored Of The Dance - 08-05-2008 14:12

PPV very kindly agreed to my request of the blue change strip that the Croatians valiantly saved this summer's football for the rest of us in

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Re:Croatia Corner

Posted by Felicity, I guess so - 08-05-2008 14:16

Whioch doesn't look like a tablecloth. Much. Or maybe a tablecloth that's had a big bottle of ink spilt on it.

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Re:Croatia Corner

Posted by evilC - 08-05-2008 14:53

The new Croatia strip, yesterday:

<http://www.costumeworld.com/images/raggedy.jpg>

Away and home, respectively.

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Re:Croatia Corner

Posted by xbandystevox - 12-05-2008 22:05

So..... not many of us Croatia fans then?

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Re:Croatia Corner

Posted by ursus arctos - 12-05-2008 22:31

Welcome, xbandystevox.

I wonder if your name is easier with diacritical marks.

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Re:Croatia Corner

Posted by O Colluphid - 13-05-2008 13:51

I think I might adopt Croatia as my second team because I like Adrian Chiles.

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Re:Croatia Corner

Posted by JtS - 13-05-2008 17:03

I'm rooting for Croatia, as I think Modric my be the only spurs player at Euro08 (not that he's played any games for us yet)

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Re:Croatia Corner

Posted by Pietro Paolo Virdis - 14-05-2008 14:01

Bilic is a god!
It will be fun to see what Modric and Rakitic can do.

Come to Gothenburg, Bored. I'm organizing Cro parties at a sportsbar. We will be dancing on the tables, singing Croatian song, drinking til dawn.

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Re:Croatia Corner

Posted by ursus arctos - 14-05-2008 14:10

PPV!

Are you really back? You've been seriously missed.

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Re:Croatia Corner

Posted by Pietro Paolo Virdis - 14-05-2008 14:13

It's Euro time. Can't miss the best chats on the I-net before and during Euro

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Re:Croatia Corner

Posted by Inca - 14-05-2008 14:19

Did you get the package, PPV?

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Re:Croatia Corner

Posted by evilC - 14-05-2008 14:20

Hello again, PPV.

Can anyone (including PPV, although he may be less than unbiased) clarify something for me:

Is it just me or have Croatia, over the last decade or so been the most violent and aggressive national football team in Europe? It just seems that in nearly every game of theirs I've watched, they've been flying in with studs up, hacking at legs, etc etc.

Obviously every team fouls to a lesser or greater extent, but Croatia seem to be worse than most at it. It's a shame, as I had initially wanted to be able to root for them as an underdog* in some competitions, but their apparent behaviour stamped out that urge.

(* - Obviously they're nowhere near an underdog these days. In fact, they're probably the most likely candidate for a rank outsider to next win a European Cup, albeit probably not this one.)

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Re:Croatia Corner

Posted by Inca - 14-05-2008 14:36

Croatia were way down at 36 in terms of the numbers of fouls committed by teams during qualifications, averaging 10.58 called on them in each match (Scotland were worst, averaging 16.92). They had the cleanest record for yellow cards, with only 7 against them during all of qualification, and they had no red cards.

Obviously you can't get a sense of a team's style of play from just statistics--there could be a lot of fouls that the ref didn't call--but they have a very clean record from the qualifiers evilC.

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Re:Croatia Corner

Posted by evilC - 14-05-2008 14:38

That's good to know. I guess it must have just been the 'previous generation' who populated the national team that seemed quite dirty in their play.

I can go back to quite liking them now, then. :-)

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Re:Croatia Corner

Posted by Pietro Paolo Virdis - 14-05-2008 16:14

Yes Inca, many thanks!
I haven't had a chance to see it yet, mind.

evilC, you're right in that I probably shouldn't attempt a reply on the subject because I am stunned by what you say.

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Re:Croatia Corner

Posted by Inca - 14-05-2008 16:16

No worries, just wanted to be sure it made it (and I know it was probably low down on the list of things you wished you had!)

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Re:Croatia Corner

Posted by mnb098mnb - 14-05-2008 22:04

A startling Croatian statistic I heard on Eurosport a few weeks ago was that Eduardo had 10 shots on target for Croatia during qualification.

Every single one went in.

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Re:Croatia Corner

Posted by Bored Of The Dance - 15-05-2008 11:47

That could be a worrying statistic for us adopted Croatians (indeed, like Eduardo himself)

I forgot about the Chiles link

evil, I think that is a fairly outdated view of Croatia.

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Re:Croatia Corner

Posted by evilC - 15-05-2008 14:46

Bored Of The Dance wrote:

evil, I think that is a fairly outdated view of Croatia.

...and I'm very glad of that.

I'm still only a dabbler in football, relatively-speaking and it was dirty play by our own players (particularly the play-acting) that put me off watching it, 'back in the day'. However, I'm slowly getting hooked and I'm glad to see that all the various shitty elements of the game gradually seem to be disappearing.

Now, if only our players could get over this habit of 'not-qualifying' that they've got.

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Re:Croatia Corner

Posted by Bored Of The Dance - 15-05-2008 16:16

Hmm, your hope of no dirty play or play-acting may be in vain

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Re:Croatia Corner

Posted by Bored Of The Dance - 22-05-2008 13:47

OK, PPV, everything else is over, get us in the mood with some Croatian football gossip and insider knowledge

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Re:Croatia Corner

Posted by gerontofiel - 22-05-2008 13:53

OY!

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Re:Croatia Corner

Posted by Bored Of The Dance - 22-05-2008 14:02

Vey?

I do not understand

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Re:Croatia Corner

Posted by gerontofiel - 22-05-2008 14:27

Bored Of The Dance wrote:
OK, PPV, everything else is over

I beg to differ... The last game of the Scottish Premier League is tonight and Celtic and Rangers are level on points (Celtic have +4 goals)

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Re:Croatia Corner

Posted by Bored Of The Dance - 22-05-2008 16:51

I apologise.

Tonight? How can you have an end-of-season on a Thursday?

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Re:Croatia Corner

Posted by Pietro Paolo Virdis - 26-05-2008 21:10

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Start with Slaven Bilic group Rawbau contribution to this years supporter songs

here you go

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Re:Croatia Corner

Posted by gerontofiel - 26-05-2008 21:46

incidentally, PPV: welcome back.

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Re:Croatia Corner

Posted by Pietro Paolo Virdis - 26-05-2008 21:49

cheers, mate

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