



TOP 10 BEST ATHLETES IN CROATIA

ACTIVE ATHLETES

LUKA MODRIĆ

- Croatian professional footballer
- he plays as a midfielder for Spanish club Real Madrid
- captain of Croatia national team
- one of the best midfielders of all time
- the greatest Croatian footballer ever



Modrić with Croatia at the 2018 FIFA World Cup

Personal information

Full name	Luka Modrić ^[1]
Date of birth	9 September 1985 (age 36) ^[2]
Place of birth	Zadar, SR Croatia, SFR Yugoslavia
Height	1.72 m (5 ft 8 in) ^[3]
Position(s)	Midfielder

Club information

Current team	Real Madrid
Number	10

BROTHERS SINKOVIĆ

- Valentin and Martin
- the greatest Croatian rowers
- first men's double sculls team to go under 6 minutes for their race time
- Olympic games winners (multiple times)
- World championships winners (multiple times)
- European championships winners (multiple times)





Martin Sinković in 2012

Personal information

Nationality Croatian

Born 10 November 1989 (age 31)
Zagreb, SR Croatia,
Yugoslavia

Height 1.88 m (6 ft 2 in)

Weight 96 kg (212 lb)

Sport

Country Croatia

Sport Rowing

Event(s) Coxless pair, Double sculls,
Quadruple sculls

Club HAVK Mladost

Medal record

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Men's rowing

Representing Croatia

Olympic Games

- G 2016 Rio de Janeiro Double sculls
- G 2020 Tokyo Coxless pair
- S 2012 London Quadruple sculls

World Championships

- G 2010 Karapiro Quadruple sculls
- G 2013 Chungjiu Quadruple sculls
- G 2014 Amsterdam Double sculls
- G 2015 Aiguebelette Double sculls
- G 2018 Plovdiv Coxless pair
- G 2019 Ottensheim Coxless pair
- S 2017 Sarasota Coxless pair
- B 2011 Bled Quadruple sculls

European Championships

- G 2012 Varese Quadruple sculls
- G 2016 Brandenburg Double sculls
- G 2018 Glasgow Coxless pair
- G 2019 Lucerne Coxless pair
- G 2021 Varese Coxless pair
- S 2010 Montemor-o-Velho Quadruple sculls
- S 2020 Poznan Coxless pair



Valent Sinković in 2012

Personal information

Nationality Croatian

Born 2 August 1988 (age 33)
Zagreb, SR Croatia,
Yugoslavia

Height 1.84 m (6 ft 0 in)

Weight 82 kg (181 lb)

Sport

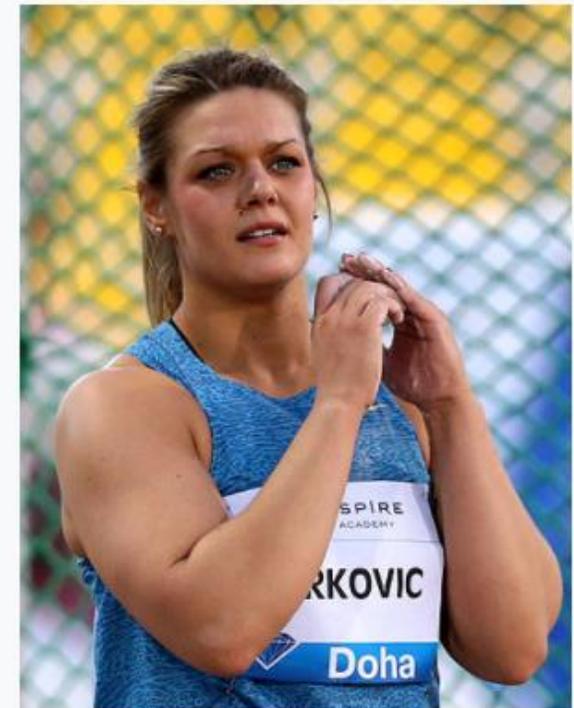
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Sport Rowing

Event(s) Coxless pair, Double sculls,
Quadruple sculls

SANDRA PERKOVIĆ

- Croatian discus thrower
- two-time Olympic winner (2012, 2016)
- World (2013, 2017) champion
- a five-time European champion (2010, 2012, 2014, 2016, 2018)
- six-time Diamond League overall winner
- personal best and national record is 71.41 meters (2017)



Sandra Perković in 2015

Personal information

Nationality	Croatian
Born	21 June 1990 (age 31) Zagreb, SR Croatia, SFR Yugoslavia
Height	1.83 m (6 ft 0 in) ^[1]
Weight	85 kg (187 lb) ^[2]

Sport

Country	Croatia
Sport	Athletics
Event(s)	Discus throw
Club	HAAK Mladost ^[3]

MARIN ČILIĆ

- Croatian professional tennis player
- won 20 ATP Tour singles titles
- Grand Slam title -2014 US Open
- career-high singles ranking - world No. 3
- won silver medal at 2020 Tokyo Olympics in doubles
- prize money - US\$29,164,610



Čilić at the 2018 Wimbledon Championships

Country (sports)	 Croatia
Residence	Monte Carlo, Monaco
Born	28 September 1988 (age 33) ^[1] Medjugorje, SR Bosnia and Herzegovina, SFR Yugoslavia (now Bosnia and Herzegovina)
Height	1.98 m (6 ft 6 in)
Turned pro	2005
Plays	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)

DOMAGOJ DUVNJAK

- Croatian professional handball player
- THW Kiel and Croatian national team
- regarded as one of the best handball players of all time
- on 26 January 2014, he was named the IHF World Player 2013

Domagoj Duvnjak



Duvnjak with THW Kiel in 2015

Personal information

Born	1 June 1988 (age 33) Đakovo, SR Croatia, SFR Yugoslavia
Nationality	Croatian
Height	1.97 m (6 ft 6 in)
Playing position	Centre back

Club information

Current club	THW Kiel
Number	4

RETIRED ATHLETES

JANICA KOSTELIĆ

- former World Cup alpine ski racer
- four-time Olympic gold medalist
- won five gold medals at the World Championships
- won thirty individual races
- the greatest female ski racer of all time
- retired -April 2007 (age 25)

Alpine skier



Janica Kostelić in Maribor, January 2001

Disciplines	Slalom, giant slalom, super-G, downhill, combined
Born	5 January 1982 (age 39) Zagreb, SR Croatia, SFR Yugoslavia
Height	1.75 m (5 ft 9 in)
World Cup debut	23 January 1998 (age 16)



IVICA KOSTELIĆ

- former World Cup alpine ski racer from Croatia
- coached by his father Ante Kostelić
- total of 26 World Cup race victories
- total of 59 World Cup podiums
- World Championship gold medal in slalom in 2003
- Olympic silver medal in slalom in 2010
- Olympic silver medals in combined in 2006
- World Cup title in 2011

Alpine skier 



Kostelić in October 2010

Disciplines	Slalom, Combined, Super-G, Giant slalom, Downhill
Club	Ski club Zagreb ^[1]
Born	23 November 1979 (age 41) Zagreb, SR Croatia, SFR Yugoslavia
Height	1.82 m (6 ft 0 in) ^[1]

Olympics

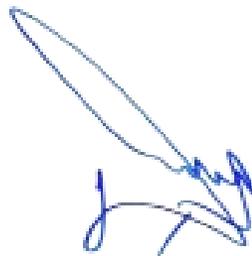
Teams	4 – (2002–2014)
Medals	4

World Cup

Seasons	20 – (1998–2017)
Wins	26 ^[2]
Podiums	60 ^[2]
Overall titles	1 – (2011)

GORAN IVANIŠEVIĆ

- Croatian former professional tennis player
- current tennis coach
- only man who won the singles title at Wimbledon as a wildcard
- career-high singles ranking was world No. 2
- inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame in 2020
- career titles - 22
- retired - 2004

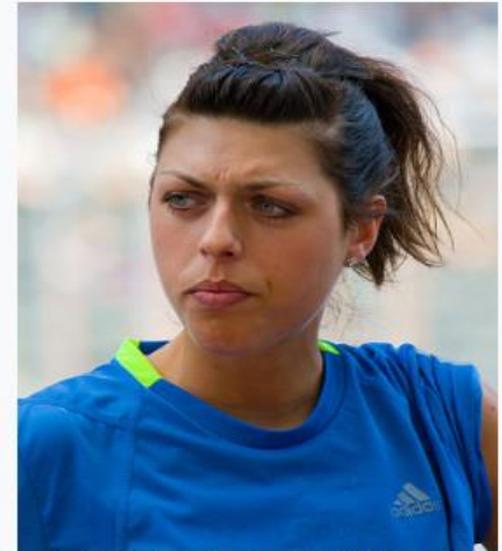


Ivanišević at the 2016 Tie Break Tens

Country (sports)	 Yugoslavia (1988–1991)  Croatia (1992–2004)
Residence	Monte Carlo, Monaco
Born	13 September 1971 (age 50) Split, SR Croatia, SFR Yugoslavia
Height	1.93 m (6 ft 4 in)
Turned pro	1988
Retired	2004
Plays	Left-handed (two-handed backhand)
Prize money	\$19,878,007

BLANKA VLAŠIĆ

- Croatian former track and field athlete who specialized in the high jump
- two-time world champion
- double Olympic medallist
- second highest female jumper of all time
- her personal record: 2.08 m
- Croatian record holder
- former indoor world champion
- retired - 19 February 2021



Blanka Vlašić during the 2008 ISTAF Berlin.

Personal information

Born	8 November 1983 (age 37) Split, SR Croatia, SFR Yugoslavia
Height	1.93 m (6 ft 4 in) ^[1]
Weight	70 kg (154 lb) ^[1]

Sport

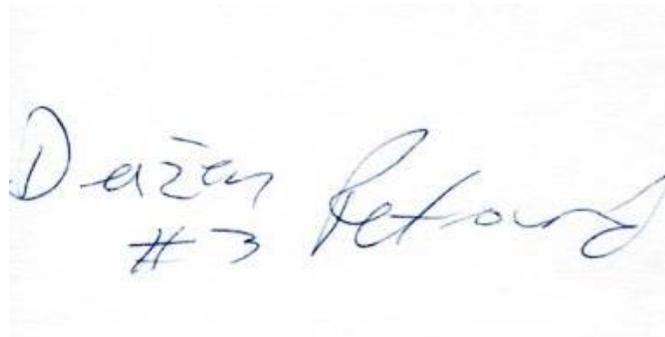
Country	 Croatia
Coached by	Joško Vlašić Bojan Marinović

Achievements and titles

World finals	1st (Osaka, 2007) 1st (Berlin, 2009)
Olympic finals	2nd (Beijing, 2008) 3rd (Rio de Janeiro, 2016)
Personal best(s)	High jump (outdoor): 2.08 m (NR) High jump (indoor): 2.06 m

DRAŽEN PETROVIĆ

- Yugoslav and Croatian professional basketball player
- position – shooting guard
- National Basketball Association (NBA) in 1989
- a star on multiple international basketball stages
- MVP of the 1986 FIBA World Championship
- MVP of the 1989 FIBA EuroBasket
- died in a car accident(28)



Dražen Petrović
#3



Petrović with the New Jersey Nets in 1992

Personal information

Born	22 October 1964 Šibenik, SR Croatia, SFR Yugoslavia
Died	7 June 1993 (aged 28) Denkendorf, Germany
Nationality	Yugoslav / Croatian
Listed height	6 ft 5 in (1.96 m)
Listed weight	195 lb (88 kg)

Career information

NBA draft	1986 / Round: 3 / Pick: 60th overall Selected by the Portland Trail Blazers
Playing career	1979–1993
Position	Shooting guard
Number	4, 9, 10, 5, 44, 3

NIKO KOVAČ

- Croatian professional football coach, former player
- manager of Ligue 1 club Monaco
- long-standing captain of the Croatia national team
- position - defensive midfielder
- ended his playing career with Austrian club Red Bull Salzburg



Kovač as manager of Bayern Munich in 2019

Personal information

Date of birth	15 October 1971 (age 50)
Place of birth	Berlin-Wedding, West Germany
Height	1.76 m (5 ft 9 in)
Position(s)	Central midfielder

Club information

Current team Monaco (manager)



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