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### BELGIUM

#### Fair play is a priority

A fair play campaign is to be used to raise awareness among all parties concerned regarding the problem of violence in youth football, to combat it by changing people's way of thinking and thus to focus on how youth training can be improved.

Based on past experiences in the field of fair play and sportsmanship, we have created a Fair Play Charter setting out a number of guidelines to be followed by players, coaches, club officials, parents, supporters and other people involved in youth football. Clubs will be invited to display the charter in their stadium.

This positive message from the Belgian Football Association (URBSFA) is designed to show the targeted groups that football training and education can be more effective if conducted in a healthy atmosphere.

To mark FIFA Fair Play Day (27 and 28 September), a special campaign will be launched in the national media and in each Belgian province. Training will be offered to youth team officials and/or managers. Officials will receive a "fair play fan" jacket and players will be given T-shirts. Young players will be invited to wear their fair play T-shirt as they take to the field before a first-team match. A photo of this event will be taken at each club.

*François Vantomme*



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#### New licensed coaches

A prize-giving ceremony to present coach graduates with their diplomas has been held in the Olympic centre in Zetra. Following the UEFA coach education programme, 187 coaches from all over Bosnia & Herzegovina have obtained the B licence and 28 coaches have passed the A licence. There are a number of well-known faces among the new graduates, including former Bosnia & Herzegovina captain Meho Kodro, who now coaches the Real Sociedad youth team, as well as Kemal Hafizovic, Dzevad Secerbegovic, Predrag Pasic, Mario Tot, Milimir Odovic, Husref Musemic and Emir Tufek, to name but a few. The diplomas were presented by NSBiH President Jusuf Pusina, General Secretary Munib Usanovic and Munir Talovic, head of the NSBiH coach education centre.

This is another victory for the now united football of Bosnia & Herzegovina. With the help of UEFA and our association, our licensed coaches can now pass on their knowledge to others and put their qualifications into practice in clubs outside Bosnia & Herzegovina.

*"This project was started by UEFA two years ago and is greatly appreciated. I hope it will turn out to be a tremendous success,"* said the NSBiH president.

In co-operation with UEFA's Coach Education unit, the NSBiH is now planning to train coaches to Pro licence level.

The progress of the coach education courses was monitored from UEFA's side by Zdenek Sivek (Czech Republic), Erich Rutemöller (Germany), Andreas Morisbak (Norway) and György Mezey (Hungary).

*Fuad Kravavac*



### CROATIA

#### Competitions and visits

Due to significant changes that have been implemented as from the current season,

the Croatian Football Federation (HNS) is following all its competitions with great interest. So far all indicators suggest that the decrease in the number of participating clubs in the championship to 12 (six clubs participating in play-off and six clubs in the play-out matches) has been successful.

The final of the Croatian Cup will involve a first. Opposite FC Hajduk Split, who have won the title several times in the past, will be second division club FC Uljanik Pula. Under the new rules, the final will not be played in Zagreb for once.

Significant changes have also been made in the youth competitions. The aim was to combine stimulating competition in all youth categories with the basic orientation of our federation - development of technical skills and raising the quality of the game. Besides the high-quality U-19 and U-17 divisions of the first division clubs, five new regional divisions have been founded in which lower-ranked amateur clubs play. The winners of these two competition systems contest a super-final match.

The first new-generation artificial football field has been installed in the city of Rijeka. Youth matches are already being played on this surface. The interest in this kind of playing surface suggests that their number will increase very soon, which will significantly contribute to more successful work with youth players.

We were very delighted to receive a UEFA delegation composed of UEFA Referees Committee member Jozef Marko and UEFA's Refereeing Manager Yvan Cornu. Their task was to conduct an audit into how refereeing is organised within the HNS. We are of the opinion that our refereeing set-up is improving constantly in terms of both its activities and the quality of refereeing. Our referees committee operates independently in its expert area. The number of referees is growing constantly, refereeing lists have been rejuvenated, and it is very interesting that there are more and more referees with university degrees. The quality of refereeing has been improved and women are showing more interest in the refereeing profession. We already have six women FIFA referees.



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