

One of Croatia's Key Players

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A lot of experts for the game between Sweden and Croatia expected victory of the Nordic team. After eleven minutes Sweden was leading seemingly easy by 6:3. But in the next five minutes CRO scored five times in a row. (6:8 for CRO in 16th minute). Three of these goals were scored by the Croatian left back-court player Marko **Mamic** (height 200 cm, player of Swiss team Schaffhausen). Sweden was leading for the last time in the match short after the start of second half time (14:13). The period from 5th till 15th minute was won by CRO by 1:7 (15:20 for CRO). And again the power engine of turn around was Mamic with other five goals. Totally Mamic scored 11 goals from 15 attempts (73 % efficiency). We presented in the following video clips the most interesting of his goals (all in second half time) which indicate the variety of Mamic skills.

1st Example: Referees gives warning signal for passive play and two CRO players build the screen wall for Mamic which uses jump shot (ball placed in upper left corner of goal) and scores the 14th goal for his team - see the **Video clip 1**.



2nd Example: Similar situation approximately four minutes later. Warning signal for passive play and two CRO players create the screen wall. Mamic jump shots in right lower corner of the goal (new score 14:16 for CRO) - see the **Video clip 2**.



3rd Example: After short preparation passes among all three back attackers the CB is moving to middle line position (see the stabile CRO line player in left side). Mamic uses it after two times dribble (change with right and left hand) and wins one on one situation for jump shot (new score 15:17 for CRO) - see the **Video clip 3**.



4th Example: Free throw and preparation passes among CRO backs. In the final phase CB the passes the ball to the RB who crosses with LB Mamic which places the ground shot in left lower corner of the goal (new score 15:18 for CRO) - see the **Video clip 4**.



5th Example: About three minutes to the end of regular playing time (score 21:24 for CRO) is Sweden starts to play for two minutes in numerical superiority and have last chance to overturn the score. Therefore SWE is acting in very open defense 0-3+3. But after run in of RW in LP position and cross with CB Mamic is able to score the 25th goal - see the **Video clip 5**.

