

## **FK Rabotnicki Players Suspended For Doping**

Two [FK Rabotnicki](#) players, Milovan Petrovic and Dino Najdoski, have been suspended for one year following positive doping tests carried out at the UEFA Europa League match between S.S. Lazio and FK Rabotnicki (6-0) on 18 August 2011. The period of the provisional suspension imposed on both players, i.e. 45 days, is deducted.

**Physiotherapist Darko Velcevski and club doctor Mihajlo Ivanovski have also been suspended for a period of three and two years respectively from any football-related activity.** Rabotnicki has been suspended for one UEFA club competition for which they qualify during the next four seasons and the exclusion is suspended for four years. The team has also been fined €30,000 (\$37,000). Though the involved substance was not identified, it has been reported in the Macedonian media that it is the stimulant methylhexanamine. A 22-year-old forward, Petrovic, and Najdoski, a 20-year-old defender, would miss the entire season and will only be eligible to play again next July.

UEFA, the governing body of European Football, have handed Macedonian club Rabotnicki a suspended four-year ban from continental competitions after the two players tested positive for banned substances after their 6-0 defeat to Serie A outfit Lazio in a Europa League play-off tie last season. The governing body also made a request to global governing body FIFA to extend the punishments to a worldwide ban.

Milovan Petrovic, born on 23 January 1990, is a Macedonian–Serb footballer who plays as a striker or left-winger for FK Rabotnički in the Macedonian First League. Petrovic previously played for FK Tikveš and FK Pobeda and was also a member of the Macedonia national under-21 football team.

Dino Najdoski, born on 8 May 1992 in Belgrade, is a Macedonian footballer playing for FK Rabotnički and is a regular member of U-19 national team. He made his debut in the Macedonian first league for FK Rabotnički when he was of 16 years signed a contract with Swiss Super League team AC Bellinzona on 2 June 2010 but made a return to Macedonia to play again for FK Rabotnički. Dino is the son of the famous Yugoslav and Macedonian international footballer Ilija Najdoski.

The ban was reduced by 45 days by UEFA for time served while provisionally suspended; all the sanctions can be appealed. Rabotnicki team was banned by the UEFA disciplinary panel from the next European club competition it qualifies for, though this sanction is deferred for a four-year probationary period. The team lost 6-0 in Italy, and was beaten 3-1 by Lazio in the return match in Macedonia despite having two players on drugs. Both Milovan Petrovikj and Dino Najdoski have been suspended for one year but that will soon expire which will make both players eligible to return to the pitch after the 18th of September and FIFA has been asked to extend the suspensions to send a loud statement globally for discouraging players from using [banned substances](#).

In another development, the former manager of clubs such as Club Brugge and Crvena Zvezda was named as the new manager of Macedonia. The 51-year-old Chedomir Janevski will be officially announced as the new manager of Macedonia later in the week.