

## TOP 5 : ANDY SELVA'S TOP SAN MARINO GOALS



Andy Selva stands as possibly the most widely recognised player to wear the San Marino colours in international fixtures across the footballing world. His time playing for his country over a 20 year career leaves him as San Marino's record goal scorer, scoring not only important goals, but also many spectacular strikes to light up San Marino's fixtures during this time. **Here we highlight five of his very best strikes.**

### **Goal 1: □□ Andy Selva vs □□ Slovakia 2008 ('10 WCQ)**

Starting at number one on the list and possibly ranking number one as the greatest individual goal in the relatively short history of San Marino football on the international stage. This goal in a losing 3-1 effort in a 2008 World Cup qualifier at home to Slovakia shows Selva's full range of skills. Great movement to find space, takes the defender one-on-one before beautifully curling the ball into the far corner, a simply wonderful goal.

### **Goal 2: □□ Andy Selva vs □□ Bosnia 2005 ('06 WCQ)**

The first free kick to feature on this list, a list that could equally stand as a tribute to Andy Selva's ability from the dead ball, it highlights Selva's quality as a ball striker. Here from some 30 yards out, Selva produces a powerful strike with minimal back lift that flashes over the Bosnian wall, before flying past the keeper into the corner of the net. A free kick that many would be proud to produce and a stand out among Selva's many fine efforts.

### **Goal 3: □□ Andy Selva vs ♦♦Wales 2007 ('08 ECQ)**

This wonderful dead ball strike came in a relatively competitive Euro 08 qualifying campaign for San Marino. They had a narrow 1-0 loss to Cyprus, and a heart breaking 2-1 loss to an Irish 90th minute winner, though again looked competitive at home to Wales. This well struck free kick pulled the score back to 2-1 and though the score remained at this leaving San Marino without a point, this strike remains the highlight of that game.

### **Goal 4: □□ Andy Selva vs □□ Belgium 2001 ('02 WCQ)**

In February 2001, San Marino travelled to Bruxelles to face a Belgium side fresh from co-hosting the previous Summer's Euro 2000 championships. Though it features in

the one true one-sided result on this list, Andy Selvas 25 yard strike from a free kick, right into the top corner of the Belgian net left Selva with one of his finest international strikes and left the home Belgian crowd to applaud this fantastic effort.

### Goal 5: Andy Selva vs Liechtenstein 2004

No list can be complete without including this strike. Coming during a 2004 friendly, this goal from Andy Selva helped to record a 1-0 victory against Liechtenstein, a result which currently stands as their only victory in official international football to date. Again showing his proficiency from free kicks, this near 35 yard strike once again finds its way into the corner, past the keeper to create a piece of San Marino football history.

### Complete list of Andy Selva International Goals

- 1: ECQ (Group 6) 10/14/98 (H)  San Marino 1:4 Austria
- 2: WCQ (Group 6) 02/28/01 (A)  Belgium 10:1 San Marino
- 3: WCQ (Group 6) 06/06/01 (H)  San Marino 1:4 Belgium
- 4: Int. Friendly 04/28/04 (H)  San Marino 1:0 Liechtenstein
- 5: WCQ (Group 7) 03/30/05 (H)  San Marino 1:2 Belgium
- 6: WCQ (Group 7) 06/04/05 (H)  San Marino 1:3 Bosnia&Herz.
- 7: ECQ (Group D) 10/17/07 (H)  San Marino 1:2 Wales
- 8: WCQ (Group C) 10/11/08 (H)  San Marino 1:3 Slovakia

#### Favourite Selva Goal

- 1: vs Slovakia
- 2: vs Bosnia
- 3: vs Wales
- 4: vs Belgium
- 5: vs Liechtenstein

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