



FC SOCHAUX-MONTBÉLIARD

PANIONIOS NFC

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MATCH BACKGROUND

Stalemate to suit Sochaux ambition

With Newcastle United FC having qualified for the later stages of the UEFA Cup, both FC Sochaux-Montbéliard and Panionios NFC are still in contention with Sporting Clube de Portugal as the three clubs fight for the final two places from Group D.

Advantage Sochaux

Sochaux, who have won two of their three group games, have a three points advantage over Panionios and also have home advantage, as they look beat Greek opposition for the first time. In the first round of the 1982/83 UEFA Cup, FC PAOK Thessaloniki beat Sochaux after a frenzy of excitement in the closing minutes of the tie. Christos Dimopoulos scored the only goal of the first leg in Greece, and that seemed to be enough until Philippe Anziani equalised with a 90th minute penalty in the return leg. Dimopoulos scored again on 94 minutes and that was enough to win the tie on away goals despite Anziani's second four minutes later.

Panionios defeated

Panionios are also looking to beat French opposition in UEFA club competitions for the first time. Their previous meeting with a French club ended in defeat by Toulouse FC in the first round of the 1987/88 UEFA Cup. Two strikes from Alberto Marcico, added to other goals from internationals G erald Passi, Yannick Stopyra and Dominique Rocheteau, earned Toulouse a 5-1 home win in the first leg. Rocheteau was also on the mark in the return leg to give Toulouse, who were coached by Jacques Santini, a 6-1 aggregate win. Now Panionios need to record their first win against a French club win to remain in the competition.

State of play: Group D

Newcastle United FC have qualified and look certain to be joined by Sporting Clube de Portugal, even if the Portuguese side lose their final match at St James's Park. Sporting, who will win the group if they beat Newcastle, have a vastly superior goal difference their rivals, third-placed FC Sochaux-Montb eliard and fourth-placed Panionios NFC, who meet in France. Panionios must win to advance while Sochaux need only avoid defeat. Sochaux could only lose and still qualify if Sporting lost to Newcastle by a massive margin. FC Dinamo Tbilisi are already out.

PLAYERS PROFILES

FC Sochaux-Montbéliard

Goalkeepers

No	Name	Nat.	DoB
1	Gérard Gnanhouan	FRA	12.02.1979
16	Teddy Richert	FRA	21.09.1974
30	Alexandre Martinovic	FRA	31.05.1985
42	Jérémy Deichelbohrer	FRA	25.04.1986

Defenders

No	Name	Nat.	DoB
2	Ibrahim Tall	SEN	23.06.1981
3	Grégory Paisley	FRA	07.05.1977
5	Sylvain Monsoreau	FRA	20.03.1981
6	Lionel Potillon	FRA	10.02.1974
21	Souleymane Diawara	SEN	24.12.1978
23	Cédric Rey	FRA	25.08.1984
24	Aimé Lavie	FRA	07.12.1984
27	Omar Daf	SEN	12.02.1977
41	Jean Calve	FRA	30.04.1984
46	Maxime Josse	FRA	21.03.1987
47	Fabien Lavoyer	FRA	29.07.1985
49	Mathieu Pelletay	FRA	19.01.1986

Midfielders

No	Name	Nat.	DoB
8	Fabien Boudarène	FRA	05.10.1978
10	Wilson Oruma	NGA	30.12.1976
12	Mickaël Isabey	FRA	20.02.1975
14	Johann Lonfat	SUI	11.09.1973
17	Romain Pitau	FRA	08.08.1977
18	Guirane N'Daw	SEN	24.04.1984
20	Sigamary Diarra	MLI	10.01.1984
25	Jérémy Mathieu	FRA	29.10.1983
28	Marcelo Trapasso	ARG	30.04.1976
34	Francis Laurent	FRA	06.01.1986
40	Steve Bernardet	FRA	21.06.1985
43	Hakim Elbounadi	FRA	09.08.1986
44	Mevlut Erding	FRA	25.02.1987
51	Badara Sene	SEN	19.11.1984
52	Toufik Zerara	FRA	03.02.1986

Forwards

No	Name	Nat.	DoB
9	Ilan	BRA	18.09.1980
11	Santos	TUN	20.03.1979
19	Basile De Carvalho	SEN	31.10.1981
22	Thomas Regnier	FRA	11.03.1984
26	Jérémy Menez	FRA	07.05.1987

29	Jaouad Zairi	MOR	17.04.1982
31	Ahmed Farag	EGY	20.05.1986
32	Won Kwang Cho	KOR	23.08.1985
45	Benjamin Genghini	FRA	16.12.1985
48	Kevin Le Bigot	FRA	10.02.1984
50	Gabriel Rodriguez	FRA	24.02.1985

Coach

No	Name	Nat.	DoB
	Guy Lacombe	FRA	13.06.1955

Panionios NFC

Goalkeepers

No	Name	Nat.	DoB
1	Jaroslav Drobný	CZE	18.10.1979
22	Dimitris Sotiriou	GRE	13.09.1987
35	Sorin Colceag	ROM	11.03.1972

Defenders

No	Name	Nat.	DoB
3	Travis Dodd	AUS	06.01.1980
5	Petr Vlcek	CZE	18.10.1973
6	Panagiotis Giannopoulos	GRE	25.09.1972
14	Euripidis-Grigorios Makos	GRE	18.01.1987
17	Mico Smiljanic	YUG	04.09.1974
21	Nikos Spiropoulos	GRE	10.10.1983
24	Savas Exouzidis	GRE	04.12.1981

Midfielders

No	Name	Nat.	DoB
8	Saša Zimonjic	YUG	09.04.1978
9	Fanourios Goundoulakis	GRE	13.07.1983
10	Juan Martín Parodi	URU	22.09.1974
11	Andreas Lagonikakis	GRE	04.06.1972
15	Gilles Domoraud	FRA	15.02.1979
18	Evangelos Tsiolis	GRE	09.05.1981
20	Karlos Marcora	URU	01.02.1976
23	Alexandros Karachalios	GRE	20.10.1985
25	Nikolaos Mitrou	GRE	10.07.1984
27	Georgios Xidis	GRE	23.02.1980
30	Alexandros Tziolis	GRE	13.02.1985

Forwards

No	Name	Nat.	DoB
7	Lubomir Meszaros	SVK	23.03.1979
19	Dimitrios Patsiavouras	GRE	14.07.1983
26	Evangelos Mantzios	GRE	22.04.1983
28	Mário Breška	SVK	27.12.1979

Coach

No	Name	Nat.	DoB
	Georgios Vazakas	GRE	01.06.1960

DOMESTIC FORMGUIDE

Newcastle look to finish in style (Monday, 13 December 2004)

This week's game at St James' Park will determine whether Newcastle United FC can finish top of UEFA Cup Group D. Their opponents, Sporting Clube de Portugal, can overtake them with a victory and neither side warmed up in the best possible way. The other fixture in the section will decide the destination of the other qualifying place with FC Sochaux-Montbéliard hosting Panionios NFC. The French team have a three-point advantage over their opponents but the goal difference is such that a win will take the Greek club through.

Newcastle

The Premiership side failed to win at home for the fifth time in succession on Saturday and will be looking to get back to form on Thursday in the competition where they have a 100 per cent record. Lee Bowyer (banned for the Sochaux tie) gave Newcastle the lead against Portsmouth FC with a spectacular strike but a deflected goal pegged them back. Graeme Souness was again forced to do without Stephen Carr, Nicky Butt and Alan Shearer while Patrick Kluivert was a new addition to the injury list. However, Olivier Bernard was able to return.

Sporting

Sporting drew 0-0 at home to SC Braga with Fabio Rochemback, Mauricio Pinilla and Mário Sérgio back in the squad. Custódio and Tinga were both suspended while Carlos Martins and Marius Niculae were injured. The point put the Lisbon side level on 25 points with FC Porto, in second place in the Portuguese SuperLiga. Hugo Viana, on loan to Sporting from Newcastle, will not be able to play on Thursday due to the loan agreement.

Sochaux

Sochaux suffered a third straight home defeat on Sunday. Having trailed 2-0 to Paris Saint-Germain FC, they gave themselves hope with a Santos goal 15 minutes from time. For Matchday 5, Sochaux will be without Sylvain Monsoreau (knee), Lionel Potillon (adductor muscle) and Marcelo Trapasso (knee) but midfielder Wilson Oruma and striker Jaouad Zairi can return.

Panionios

The Greek team's first away goal in the league brought them their first away win, an Evangelos Mantzios strike earning maximum points against Iraklis FC. Coach Georgios Vazakas could not count on Mico Smiljanic, Saša Zimonjic or Evangelos Tsiolis through injury or illness while Australian right-back Travis Dodd is on a three-week leave of absence in his home country for personal reasons. A further blow is the unavailability for this week's game of suspended central defender Panagiotis Giannopoulos.

Dinamo Tbilisi

Heavy snow caused the postponement until further notice of FC Dinamo Tbilisi's Georgian Cup quarter-final second leg against FC Zestafoni. Dinamo won the first leg in Tbilisi 2-1 on 9 December, in contrast to their UEFA Cup fortunes where they lost all four matches.

Liedson goals spur Sporting (Monday, 6 December 2004)

Liedson continued his tremendous scoring form for Sporting Clube de Portugal at the weekend as the Lisbon side warmed up for their UEFA Cup Group D showdown with leaders Newcastle United FC with victory. In contrast Newcastle's Premiership woes continued, while Matchday 5 adversaries FC Sochaux-Montbéliard and Panionios NFC could not manage a goal between them.

Newcastle

Newcastle lost for the third time in five league matches, 4-0 at league leaders Chelsea FC. With manager Graeme Souness having to contend with a string of injuries, 18-year-old right-back Steven Taylor started just his third Premiership match. Three straight Group D wins ensured Newcastle's place in the last 32 and they need only draw with Sporting to finish top of the section. They will, however, be without Nicky

Butt, Olivier Bernard (both hamstring) and Stephen Carr (knee) who all missed the Chelsea defeat. Captain Alan Shearer was also absent because of a thigh strain, but should return next week, when defender Andy O'Brien (hamstring) is also expected back. Lee Bowyer sits out the Sporting match through suspension.

Sporting

Sporting bounced back from their Matchday 4 defeat by Sochaux to climb to second in the SuperLiga on Sunday after winning 3-2 at A. Académica de Coimbra. The in-form Liedson struck on 20 and 22 minutes to put Sporting in control, and though Académica fought back to draw level early in the second half, Rogerio converted Hugo Viana's corner late on to seal the points. Tinga was sent off two minutes from time for Sporting as both sides finished the match with ten men. Liedson is now the SuperLiga's top scorer with eleven goals. Sporting coach José Peseiro was without injured midfielder Carlos Martins and striker Mauricio Pinilla. Fabio Rochemback was rested and Brazilian centre-back Anderson Polga dropped to the substitutes' bench as Peseiro stuck to his rotation policy. Custódio and Tinga were the only two additions to the side beaten 1-0 by Sochaux on Matchday 4.

Sochaux

Sochaux, who need only to avoid defeat against Panionios to advance, looked tired from their exertions in victory over Sporting last week as they drew 0-0 away to local rivals RC Strasbourg on Saturday. Guy Lacombe's side looked solid at the back even without key defenders Sylvain Monsoreau and Lionel Potillon, and Wilson Oruma and Jaouad Zairi up front. Oruma and Zairi should both return to face Panionios.

Panionios

Panionios, who must beat Sochaux to advance, also drew 0-0 at the weekend - their third goalless draw in four league matches, this time against Xanthi FC. Long-term absentees Mico Smiljanic and Saša Zimonjic (both knee) were joined on the sidelines by centre-back Savas Exouzidis (ankle) and right-back Travis Dodd (flu). Defender Panagiotis Giannopoulos misses the Sochaux match through suspension.

Dinamo

Dinamo's European campaign came to an end with their 5-2 defeat away to Panionios on Matchday 4, leaving the Georgian side bottom without a point from four matches. They beat FC Dinamo Batumi 1-0 on Sunday, however, to return to the top of the Georgian Premier League.

DOMESTIC LEAGUE DETAILS

FC Sochaux-Montbéliard (Ligue 1)

Results			Standings							
Date	Match	Res	R Clubs	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
13.11.2004	Sochaux - Istres	1 - 1	1 Lyon	18	10	8	0	22	7	38
19.11.2004	Monaco - Sochaux	1 - 3	2 Lille	18	10	5	3	23	11	35
28.11.2004	Sochaux - Lens	1 - 2	3 Monaco	18	7	8	3	23	17	29
04.12.2004	Strasbourg - Sochaux	0 - 0	4 Auxerre	18	8	5	5	22	16	29
12.12.2004	Sochaux - PSG	1 - 2	5 Marseille	18	8	4	6	21	17	28
			6 Bordeaux	18	5	11	2	20	9	26
			7 Sochaux	18	7	5	6	22	17	26
			8 Toulouse	18	6	7	5	19	17	25
			9 Nice	18	6	7	5	21	21	25
			10 St Etienne	18	5	8	5	24	19	23
			11 PSG	18	5	8	5	20	22	23
			12 Rennes	18	6	5	7	19	22	23
			13 Metz	18	5	8	5	17	23	23
			14 Lens	18	4	9	5	19	19	21
			15 Caen	18	4	7	7	15	28	19
			16 Nantes	18	4	5	9	14	20	17
			17 Bastia	18	4	5	9	13	23	17
			18 Strasbourg	18	3	7	8	17	25	16
			19 Ajaccio	18	2	9	7	16	23	15
			20 Istres	18	1	9	8	10	21	12

Fixtures

Date	Match
19.12.2004	Nantes - Sochaux
12.01.2005	Sochaux - Lyon
15.01.2005	Auxerre - Sochaux
22.01.2005	Sochaux - Bordeaux
26.01.2005	Marseille - Sochaux

Panionios NFC (Ethniki Kategoria)

Results			Standings							
Date	Match	Res	R Clubs	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
30.10.2004	Panathinaikos - Panionios	4 - 0	1 Olympiacos	11	8	2	1	22	5	26
07.11.2004	Panionios - Kalamarias	0 - 0	2 Panathinaikos	11	7	2	2	18	5	23
21.11.2004	Egaleo - Panionios	0 - 0	3 AEK	11	6	5	0	16	6	23
05.12.2004	Panionios - Xanthi	0 - 0	4 Egaleo	11	3	7	1	8	6	16
11.12.2004	Iraklis - Panionios	0 - 1	5 Xanthi	11	4	4	3	14	13	16
			6 OFI	11	4	3	4	17	15	15
			7 Halkidona	11	4	3	4	13	12	15
			8 Panionios	11	4	3	4	7	10	15
			9 Ionikos	11	4	3	4	8	11	15
			10 PAOK	11	3	4	4	11	17	13
			11 Iraklis	11	4	1	6	11	15	13
			12 Kallithea	11	3	3	5	15	17	12
			13 Kerkira	11	3	2	6	10	14	11
			14 Kalamarias	11	2	4	5	7	11	10
			15 Aris	11	1	6	4	9	14	9
			16 Ergotelis	11	1	2	8	6	21	5

Fixtures

Date	Match
19.12.2004	Panionios - Kallithea
29.12.2004	Aris - Panionios
09.01.2005	Panionios - Olympiacos
16.01.2005	Ergotelis - Panionios
23.01.2005	Panionios - Halkidona

REFEREE

Dick J.H. Van Egmond (HOL)

Date of birth: 13.05.1961

Matches involving teams from the two countries involved in this match

Date	Competition	Stage	Match	Res	Venue
15.07.2001	UIC	R3	Tavriya - PSG	0-1	Simferopol

ALL-TIME STATISTICS

Head-to-head record

No matches have been played between the two clubs

Home teams record versus clubs from the away teams country

Date	Competition	Stage	Match	Res	Venue
15.09.1982	UCUP	R1	PAOK - Sochaux	1-0	Thessalonika
29.09.1982	UCUP	R1	Sochaux - PAOK	2-1	Montbéliard

Overall record

FC Sochaux-Montbéliard Pld: 2, W: 1, D: 0, L: 1, GS: 2, GA: 2

Away teams record versus clubs from the home teams country

Date	Competition	Stage	Match	Res	Venue
16.09.1987	UCUP	R1	Toulouse - Panionios	5-1	Toulouse
30.09.1987	UCUP	R1	Panionios - Toulouse	0-1	Athens (Nea Smyrni)

Overall record

Panionios NFC Pld: 2, W: 0, D: 0, L: 2, GS: 1, GA: 6

RECORD IN EUROPE

FC Sochaux-Montbéliard

	AP	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
European Champions Clubs' Cup / UEFA Champions League	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
UEFA Cup Winners' Cup	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
UEFA Cup	7	31	14	9	8	55	30
UEFA Super Cup	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
UEFA Intertoto Cup	1	6	3	1	2	7	4
Total	8	37	17	10	10	62	34

Panionios NFC

	AP	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
European Champions Clubs' Cup / UEFA Champions League	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
UEFA Cup Winners' Cup	2	10	6	0	4	15	15
UEFA Cup	4	14	5	0	9	15	29
UEFA Super Cup	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
UEFA Intertoto Cup	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	6	24	11	0	13	30	44

LEGEND

ECCC: European Champions Clubs' Cup / UEFA Champions League

UCWC: UEFA Cup Winners' Cup

UCUP: UEFA Cup

UIC: UEFA Intertoto Cup

SCUP: UEFA Super Cup

AP: Appearances

DoB: Date of birth

D: Drawn

GA: Goals against

GF: Goals for

L: Lost

Pld: Matches played

Nat.: Nationality

No: Number

W: Won

F: Final(s)

GS: Group stage

GS1: First group stage

GS2: Second group stage

PR: Preliminary round

QF: Quarter-finals

QR: Qualifying round

QR1: First qualifying round

QR2: Second qualifying round

QR3: Third qualifying round

R1: First round

R2: Second round

R3: Third round

R4: Fourth round

SF: Semi-finals