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FC Shakhtar Donetsk

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Group C - Matchday 1

Manchester City FC

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Shakhtar Donetsk and Manchester City have been drawn together in the UEFA Champions League group stage for the third year in a row, and the Ukrainian side will hope for a more positive outcome than last season.

• In 2018/19 City won 3-0 in Kharkiv – the first English club to win an away game against Shakhtar – and 6-0 in Manchester, their record UEFA Champions League win although that was subsequently surpassed by the 7-0 defeat of Schalke in the round of 16 second leg.

• City are aiming to reach the knockout stages for the seventh season in a row; Shakhtar have made it to the last 16 in four of their last eight UEFA Champions League appearances, although they missed out 12 months ago.

Previous meetings
• David Silva, Aymeric Laporte and Bernardo Silva got City's goals at the Metalist Stadium in Kharkiv on 23 October 2018, ending Shakhtar's seven-game unbeaten record at home to English clubs (W5 D2).

• David Silva also opened the scoring in City's 6-0 home win on matchday four, Gabriel Jesus contributing a hat-trick that included two penalties and Raheem Sterling and Riyad Mahrez completing the scoring. City went through to the round of 16 as group winners, while Shakhtar finished third in the section.

• The teams were paired together for the first time in the 2017/18 group stage, when home sides held the upper hand. City were 2-0 winners in Manchester on matchday two, Kevin De Bruyne and Sterling scoring at the start and end of the second half to secure the points.

• Josep Guardiola's side travelled to Ukraine for their final fixture with a place in the round of 16 already assured, but looking to make it six wins out of six in the section. Instead Shakhtar secured their own place in the knockout stages with a 2-1 victory, goals from Bernard and Ismaily proving enough despite Sergio Agüero's added-time penalty.

Form guide
Shakhtar
• Shakhtar qualified as winners of the Ukrainian league, claiming the title for the 12th time in 2018/19, when they completed a domestic double for the third season in succession.

• Quarter-finalists in 2010/11, Shakhtar won only one of their six matches in last season's group stage, picking up six points to finish behind City and Lyon in Group F. They picked up only two points at home, drawing with Hoffenheim and Lyon and losing to City, going on to lose 6-3 on aggregate to Eintracht Frankfurt in the UEFA Europa League round of 32 (2-2 h, 1-4 a).

• The Donetsk club have lost only two of their last 18 home matches in Europe (W11 D5), although they have not won any of the last four. They have not kept a clean sheet in any of the last nine.

• Shakhtar have got out of their UEFA Champions League group in three of their last six participations.

• A 3-2 victory at Hoffenheim on matchday five last season is Shakhtar's only win in their last nine European matches (D4 L4).

Manchester City
• Champions of England for the second season running and sixth overall – four of those titles having come in the last eight years – City also lifted the FA Cup and League Cup in 2018/19, becoming the first English club to win all three domestic trophies in one season.

• This is the Citizens' ninth UEFA Champions League campaign; they have been involved in the group stage every season since 2011/12 and have reached the round of 16 or better in the last six campaigns.

• In 2018/19, City recovered from a matchday one defeat at home to Lyon (1-2) to finish first in Group F ahead of the French club, Shakhtar and Hoffenheim, picking up 13 points. They brushed aside Schalke 10-2 on aggregate in the last 16, but for the second year running lost to English opposition in the quarter-finals, Tottenham eliminating them on away goals after a dramatic 4-4 aggregate draw (0-1 a, 4-3 h).

• Guardiola's side have won eight of their last 15 European matches, home and away – losing six. Away from home it is four wins in seven matches (D1 L2), both defeats coming in England.

• City's record in Ukraine is W2 L2, last season's victory at Shakhtar adding to a 3-1 success at Dynamo Kyiv in the 2015/16 UEFA Champions League round of 16.

• City's best UEFA Champions League performance was reaching the 2015/16 semi-finals.

Links and trivia
• Shakhtar's record European defeat was a 7-0 loss at Guardiola's Bayern München in the 2014/15 round of 16. The

Pitmen lost four of their five fixtures against Barcelona when Guardiola was in charge, including the 2009 UEFA Super Cup (0-1); their ten games against clubs coached by the Spaniard make him their most frequent opponent in European competition.

• Fernandinho was a Shakhtar player between 2005 and 2013 when he left for City, scoring 31 goals in 183 league outings. He was named Ukraine's Premier League player of the year in 2007/08, and amassed six league titles, four Ukrainian Cups and the 2008/09 UEFA Cup.

• Fernandinho's Shakhtar team-mates included Andriy Pyatov, Serhiy Kryvtsov, Taras Stepanenko, Taison, Alan Patrick and Dentinho.

• Oleksandr Zinchenko was initially a trainee Shakhtar, but left the club in 2014 without making a senior appearance. He signed for City in July 2016 following a spell with Russian side Ufa.

• Yevhen Konoplyanka scored in Sevilla's 2-1 defeat at City of Manchester Stadium in the 2015/16 UEFA Champions League group stage.

• Konoplyanka was also on target against England at Wembley in a 1-1 2014 FIFA World Cup qualifying draw. Sterling and Kyle Walker were unused substitutes.

• International team-mates:
Taison, Ismaily & Fernandinho, Ederson, Gabriel Jesus (Brazil)
Andriy Pyatov, Serhiy Kryvtsov, Taras Stepanenko, Viktor Kovalenko, Marlos, Bohdan Butko, Mykola Matviyenko, Yevhen Konoplyanka, Serhiy Bolbat, Júnior Moraes & Oleksandr Zinchenko (Ukraine)

Latest news

Shakhtar
• **Summer transfers**
In: Yevhen Konoplyanka (Schalke), Vitão (Palmeiras)
Out: Ivan Petryak (Fehérvár), Oleksandr Zubkov (Ferencváros, loan), Oleg Danchenko (Rubin), Ivan Ordets (Dinamo Moskva), Valeriy Bondarenko (Vitória SC, loan), Eduard Sobol (Club Brugge, loan), Wellington Nem (Fluminense, loan), Olarenwaju Kayode (Gazişehir Gaziantep, loan), Gustavo Blanco Leschuk (Antalyaspor), Fernando (Sporting CP, loan)

• Luís Castro replaced his Roma-bound compatriot Paulo Fonseca as Shakhtar head coach in June.

• Shakhtar opened this season with a 2-1 Ukrainian Super Cup loss to Dynamo Kyiv, their third defeat in four years in the competition against their great rivals.

• That is Shakhtar's only defeat this season; their first seven league games have brought seven wins, 23 goals scored and only six conceded.

• Shakhtar shipped half that total at home to Zorya on Saturday, recovering from 0-2 down to win 4-3 through a late Júnior Moraes goal, his second of the game.

• Shakhtar are now unbeaten in 36 league games (W31 D5), since a 1-0 away loss to Dynamo Kyiv on 3 August 2018.

• Júnior Moraes has seven goals and four assists in Shakhtar's eight competitive matches this season.

• Marlos, who scored the second against Zorya on Saturday, has five goals and two assists in eight games for Shakhtar this season.

• The Pitmen won 2-1 at Dynamo on 10 August thanks to goals from Júnior Moraes and Marlos.

• Manor Solomon provided an assist in each of Israel's two European Qualifiers in early September, against North Macedonia (1-1) and Slovenia (2-3).

• Shakhtar's Danylo Sikan and Valeriy Bondar were key players of the Ukraine side that won the 2019 FIFA U-20 World Cup in Poland this summer.

Manchester City
• **Summer transfers**
In: Zack Steffen (Columbus Crew), Angeliño (PSV), Rodri (Atlético Madrid), João Cancelo (Juventus), Scott Carson (Derby County, loan), Pedro Porro (Girona)
Out: Vincent Kompany (Anderlecht), Fabian Delph (Everton), Patrick Roberts (Norwich City, loan), Tom Dele-Bashiru (Watford), Zack Steffen (Fortuna Düsseldorf, loan), Philippe Sandler (Anderlecht, loan), Taylor Richards (Brighton), Douglas Luiz (Aston Villa), Yangel Herrera (Granada, loan), Lukas Nmecha (Wolfsburg, loan), Danilo (Juventus), Pedro Porro (Real Valladolid, loan), Eliaquim Mangala (Valencia), Jeremie Frimpong (Celtic), Lorenzo González (Málaga), Aleix García (Mouscron)

• City won the FA Community Shield for the sixth time overall – and second year in a row – with a 5-4 shoot-out defeat

of Liverpool at Wembley on 4 August, Raheem Sterling scoring City's goal in a 1-1 draw.

• Including that fixture, City were unbeaten in 13 matches in all competitions (W11 D2), since a 1-0 loss at Tottenham in last season's UEFA Champions League quarter-final first leg, before going down 3-2 at Norwich on Saturday evening.

• That was City's first defeat against a promoted club in 25 matches, since a 1-0 loss at Burnley in March 2015. They had been unbeaten in all 18 such matches under Josep Guardiola.

• Sergio Agüero has found the net in City's first five league games of the season, scoring seven goals in all. The Argentinian is the third player to score in the first five matches of a Premier League season after José Antonio Reyes (Arsenal 2004/05) and Wayne Rooney (Manchester United 2011/12).

• Summer signing Rodri got his first City goal at Norwich.

• Sterling has scored six goals in City's six games this season, and was also on target in England's 4-0 defeat of Bulgaria at Wembley on 7 September and the 5-3 win against Kosovo three days later, when he provided three assists.

• Bernardo Silva provided two assists for Cristiano Ronaldo in Portugal's 5-1 win against Lithuania on 10 September.

• Oleksandr Zinchenko found the net in Ukraine's 3-0 win in Lithuania on 7 September and the 2-2 friendly draw against Nigeria three days later.

• Kevin De Bruyne scored one goal and set up the other three as Belgium won 4-0 in Scotland on 9 September. Phil Foden got both goals as England's Under-21 side beat Kosovo 2-0 the same night.

• Aymeric Laporte damaged the cartilage and lateral meniscus in his right knee during a 4-0 home win against Brighton on 31 August and is expected to be sidelined for around six months.

• Leroy Sané is also facing a lengthy spell on the sidelines after suffering an anterior cruciate ligament injury to his right knee during the Community Shield against Liverpool.

• Benjamin Mendy (knee) has not played since 17 April, while John Stones (10 August) and Gabriel Jesus (17 August) returned from thigh problems to feature at Norwich.

Legend

ALL-TIME STATISTICS

The all-time record of the competing clubs in UEFA club competition.

UEFA club competition: These are the official statistics considered valid for communicating official records in UEFA club competition defined as European Champion Clubs' Cup, UEFA Champions League, UEFA Europa League, UEFA Cup Winner's Cup UEFA Super Cup, UEFA Intertoto Cup and European/South American Cup. Matches in the Inter-Cities Fairs Cup and the 1972 Super Cup are not included as they were not held under UEFA auspices, while the FIFA Club World Cup is excluded.

Match officials

UCL: Total matches officiated in the UEFA Champions League from 1992/93 season, group stage to final only. Matches where the official has acted as the fourth official are not included in these statistics. These are the official statistics considered valid for communicating official records.

UEFA: Total matches officiated in UEFA club competition including all qualifying round matches. Matches where the official has acted as the fourth official are not included in these statistics. These are the official statistics considered valid for communicating official records.

Competitions

Club competitions

UCL: UEFA Champions League
ECCC: European Champion Clubs' Cup
UEL: UEFA Europa League
UCUP: UEFA Cup
UCWC: UEFA Cup Winners' Cup
SCUP: UEFA Super Cup
UIC: UEFA Intertoto Cup
ICF: Inter-Cities Fairs Cup

National team competitions

EURO: UEFA European Football Championship
WC: FIFA World Cup
CONFCUP: FIFA Confederations Cup
FRIE: Friendly internationals
U21FRIE: Under-21 friendly internationals
U21: UEFA European Under-21 Championship
U17: UEFA Under-17 Championship
U16: UEFA European Under-16 Championship
U19: UEFA Under-19 Championship
U18: UEFA European Under-18 Championship
WWC: FIFA Women's World Cup
WEURO: UEFA European Women's Championship

Competition stages

F: Final
GS1: First group stage
3QR: Third qualifying round
R2: Second round
R4: Fourth round
SF: Semi-finals
R16: round of 16
R32: Round of 32
1st: first leg

2nd: second leg
PO: Play-off
Rep: Replay
PO - FT: Play-off for Final Tournament

GS: Group stage
GS2: Second group stage
R1: First round
R3: Third round
PR: Preliminary round
QF: Quarter-finals
QR: Qualifying round
1QR: First qualifying round
2QR: Second qualifying round

FT: Final tournament
ELITE: Elite round
3rdPO: Third-place play-off
GS-FT: Group stage – final tournament

Other abbreviations

(aet): After extra time
No.: Number
ag: Match decided on away goals
Pld: Matches played
Pos.: Position
Pts: Points
R: Sent off (straight red card)
Res.: Result
sg: Match decided by silver goal

GF: Goals for
gg: Match decided by golden goal
Y/R: Sent off (two yellow cards)
f: Match forfeited

pens: Penalties
og: Own goal
P: Penalty
agg: Aggregate
AP: Appearances
Comp.: Competition
D: Drawn
DoB: Date of birth
ET: Extra Time
GA: Goals against
t: Match decided by toss of a coin
W: Won
Y: Booked
L: Lost
Nat.: Nationality
N/A: Not applicable

Statistics

-: Denotes player substituted
*: Denotes player sent off

+: Denotes player introduced
+/-: Denotes player introduced and substituted

Squad list

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