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Bayer 04 Leverkusen

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Group D - Matchday 1



FC Lokomotiv Moskva

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Bayer Leverkusen and Lokomotiv Moskva will both know the importance of a positive start as they meet for the first time in the opening round of matches in UEFA Champions League Group D.

- This is only the German club's second group campaign in four seasons, while Lokomotiv are making their second successive appearance having ended a 14-year absence last season – and with Juventus and Atlético Madrid also in the section, three points in Germany would be a major boost for either side.

Form guide

Leverkusen

- Fourth in last season's Bundesliga, 2002 runners-up Leverkusen are in the UEFA Champions League group stage for the 12th time, and the first since 2016/17. They have reached the last 16 or better in seven of their last eight campaigns, most recently reaching the 2016/17 round of 16 where they lost to Atlético Madrid (2-4 h, 0-0 a).
- Absent from Europe in 2017/18, for the first time in eight years, last season Leverkusen finished first in their UEFA Europa League section ahead of Zürich, AEK Larnaca and Ludogorets, but lost on away goals to Russia's FC Krasnodar in the round of 32 (0-0 a, 1-1 h).
- The Werkself have drawn seven of their last 12 European home games (W4 D1).
- In the UEFA Champions League, Leverkusen have won only one of their last six matches at the BayArena (D4 L1).
- Last season's results against Krasnodar mean Leverkusen have won four and lost three of their 11 matches against Russian opposition. They are unbeaten in their last seven, the four most recent having resulted in draws, including two against CSKA Moskva (2-2 home, 1-1 away) in the 2016/17 UEFA Champions League group stage. Their home record versus Russian visitors is W2 D2 L1.

Lokomotiv

- Second in last season's Russian Premier League, when they won the Russian Cup for the third time in five years, Lokomotiv are in the group stage for the fifth time overall and the second in successive seasons. Their 2018/19 appearance was their first since 2003/04.
- Last season Loko finished bottom of a section involving Porto, Schalke and Galatasaray, losing five games and picking up their only points with a 2-0 home defeat of the Turkish club on matchday five.
- The win against Galatasaray ended Loko's run of six consecutive European defeats – they had won the previous four. That run was the worst losing sequence in Lokomotiv's European history, eclipsing their five successive losses in 2003.
- Loko lost at Galatasaray (0-3), Porto (1-4) and Schalke (0-1) in last season's group stage, making it four away European defeats in a row. However, they have still lost only five of their last 13 European away matches (W4 D4).
- Loko are without an away victory in the UEFA Champions League since a 2-1 win at Galatasaray in the 2002/03 first group stage. Their subsequent record, qualifying included, is D4 L9.
- Lokomotiv won their first fixture against German opponents, a 1-0 success at Bayern München in the 1995/96 UEFA Cup first round first leg, but lost the home return 5-0 to the eventual winners, and have been beaten in all six subsequent games against Bundesliga outfits. They lost 1-0 both home and away against Schalke last season, conceding in the 88th and 91st minutes respectively – the loss in Gelsenkirchen coming in the Moscow club's most recent European fixture, on matchday six.

Links and trivia

- Have played in Germany:
Benedikt Höwedes (Schalke 2007–17)
Jefferson Farfán (Schalke 2008–15)
Vedran Ćorluka (Bayer Leverkusen 2012)
- International team-mates:
Jonathan Tah, Sven Bender, Lars Bender, Karim Bellarabi, Kevin Volland & Benedikt Höwedes (Germany)
Paulinho & Murilo Cerqueira (Brazil U23)
- Leverkusen's Joel Pohjanpalo and Lokomotiv's Boris Rotenberg both came through the ranks at HJK Helsinki and are both internationals for Finland, as is Leverkusen goalkeeper Lukas Hradecky.

Latest news

Leverkusen

- **Summer transfers**

In: Kerem Demirbay (Hoffenheim), Moussa Diaby (Paris), Daley Sinkgraven (Ajax), Nadiem Amiri (Hoffenheim)

Out: Thorsten Kirschbaum (VfV), Julian Brandt (Dortmund), Dominik Kohr (Frankfurt), Tin Jedvaj (Augsburg, loan)

- Leverkusen won 4-1 at fourth-tier Alemannia Aachen in the German Cup first round on 10 August and will host Bundesliga rivals Paderborn in October's second round.
- On 17 August Bayer kicked off the new Bundesliga season with a 3-2 win against Paderborn, and have picked up seven points from their first four games.
- Leverkusen suffered a first loss of the season on Saturday, going down 4-0 at Dortmund. It was their heaviest defeat since 21 April 2018, when they were beaten by the same scoreline and opponents.
- In the European Qualifiers Jonathan Tah scored an own goal in Germany's 4-2 home loss against the Netherlands on 6 September.
- Joel Pohjanpalo, who has been out since March 2018 due to persistent foot problems, returned to team training during the international break.

Lokomotiv

• Summer transfers

In: Dmitri Zhivoglyadov (Ufa), Murilo Cerqueira (Cruzeiro), Grzegorz Krychowiak (Paris, loan made permanent), Luka Djordjević (Zenit), João Mário (Inter, loan)

Out: Vitaliy Denisov (Rubin), Dmitri Tarasov (released), Khvicha Kvaratskhelia (Rubin), Igor Denisov (retired), Taras Mikhaliuk (Volyn), Manuel Fernandes (Krasnodar)

- Lokomotiv claimed their third Russian Super Cup on 6 July, beating Zenit 3-2.
- Loko have picked up 17 points from their first nine league matches this season, five more than at the same stage last season. They won 1-0 at Sochi on Saturday.
- Aleksei Miranchuk sat out Russia's wins against Scotland and Kazakhstan in UEFA EURO 2020 qualifying due to a muscle injury that is likely to keep him on the sidelines until late September.
- Guilherme conceded his first international goal since 21 March in Russia's 2-1 win in Scotland on 6 September, ending a run of three successive clean sheets.
- Jefferson Farfán and Boris Rotenberg are long-term absentees with knee injuries.
- Solomon Kverkvelia has not featured this season as he continues recovering from a calf injury.

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	GS: Group stage
GS1: First group stage	GS2: Second group stage
3QR: Third qualifying round	R1: First round
R2: Second round	R3: Third round
R4: Fourth round	PR: Preliminary round
SF: Semi-finals	QF: Quarter-finals
R16: round of 16	QR: Qualifying round
R32: Round of 32	1QR: First qualifying round
1st: first leg	2QR: Second qualifying round
2nd: second leg	FT: Final tournament
PO: Play-off	ELITE: Elite round
Rep: Replay	3rdPO: Third-place play-off
PO - FT: Play-off for Final Tournament	GS-FT: Group stage – final tournament

Other abbreviations

(aet): After extra time	pens: Penalties
No.: Number	og: Own goal
ag: Match decided on away goals	P: Penalty
Pld: Matches played	agg: Aggregate
Pos.: Position	AP: Appearances
Pts: Points	Comp.: Competition
R: Sent off (straight red card)	D: Drawn
Res.: Result	DoB: Date of birth
sg: Match decided by silver goal	ET: Extra Time
GF: Goals for	GA: Goals against
gg: Match decided by golden goal	t: Match decided by toss of a coin
Y/R: Sent off (two yellow cards)	W: Won
f: Match forfeited	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

D: Disciplinary

*****: Misses next match if booked

S: Suspended

UCLQ: Current season total UEFA Champions League appearances in the qualifying rounds and play-offs only

UCL: Current season total UEFA Champions League appearances from group stage onwards prior to current matchday

UCL: Total appearances in the UEFA Champions League from 1992/93 season, group stage to final only

UEFA: All-time total appearances in UEFA club competition including qualifying

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