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Round of 16, First leg



Juventus

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Lyon have had a tough time in the UEFA Champions League round of 16 and face a tall order to improve that record against a Juventus side they have never beaten.

- The French club have lost their three most recent last-16 ties – and six of their last seven contests at this stage – and have not reached the quarter-finals since 2009/10. Juve have not lost in the last 16 since 2015/16, their only reverse in their last six appearances at this juncture.
- Juve comfortably reached this season's round of 16 having progressed unbeaten from their section, while Lyon had to come from two goals down against Leipzig on Matchday 6 to snatch a qualification-clinching point thanks to a late Memphis Depay goal.

Previous meetings

- This is the sides' fifth match, all in the last six years. Juve won three of the first four fixtures, including a pair of 1-0 victories in France.
- The teams first met in the 2013/14 UEFA Europa League quarter-finals, Leonardo Bonucci scoring the only goal of the first leg at Lyon's former home, the Stade de Gerland, five minutes from time. Andrea Pirlo increased Juve's aggregate advantage four minutes into the Turin return and, although Jimmy Briand's 18th-minute strike gave OL hope, a Samuel Umtiti own goal midway through the second half sealed Juventus's place in the semi-finals.
- In the 2016/17 UEFA Champions League group stage, Juventus again secured a narrow victory in France, Juan Cuadrado getting the only goal with 14 minutes left at the OL Stadium on Matchday 3. The Bianconeri looked set for another narrow victory at the Juventus Stadium thanks to Gonzalo Higuaín's 13th-minute penalty, but Corentin Tolisso earned Lyon a point with five minutes left.
- Juve went on to finish first in Group H, third-placed Lyon moving into the UEFA Europa League, where they reached the semi-finals.

Form guide

Lyon

- Lyon squeezed into the last 16 as Group G runners-up having picked up eight points from their six games, one more than both Benfica and Zenit. Held 1-1 at home by Zenit on Matchday 1, Lyon then won 2-0 at eventual section winners Leipzig before a 2-1 defeat at Benfica. They turned the tables with a 3-1 home win against the Portuguese side only for a 2-0 defeat at Zenit to leave their hopes in the balance again – and when Leipzig raced into a two-goal lead at the OL Stadium, Lyon were in peril before second-half goals from Houssein Aouar and, eight minutes from time, Depay salvaged the point they needed to make sure of progress.
- Despite those defeats at Benfica and Zenit, Lyon have lost only four of their last 18 European matches (W6 D8).
- When Lyon's Rayan Cherki came on as a substitute at Zenit on Matchday 5, he became, at the age of 16 years 102 days, the second youngest player to appear in the UEFA Champions League – after Celestine Babayaro, who was aged 16 years 87 days when he played for Anderlecht against Olympiacos in November 1994.
- Third in Ligue 1 last season, this is Lyon's 16th UEFA Champions League campaign – four more than any other French club – and fourth in five seasons.
- This is Lyon's 11th round of 16 appearance, where their aggregate record is W4 L6. Having won their first three ties, they have lost six of the last seven, the most recent win against Real Madrid in 2009/10 (1-0 h, 1-1 a).
- Les Gones were eliminated by Barcelona in last season's round of 16 (0-0 h, 1-5 a).
- Lyon drew all four home games in last season's UEFA Champions League, and have now won one of their last eight home European matches (D6 L1).
- However, a 3-2 defeat by CSKA Moskva in the 2017/18 UEFA Europa League round of 16 is Lyon's only home reverse in 17 European contests (W8 D8), since that 1-0 loss to Juventus in October 2016.
- The French club's record in two-legged knockout ties against Italian clubs is W2 L5. They had suffered five straight eliminations before winning the most recent contest, against Roma in the 2016/17 UEFA Europa League round of 16 (4-2 h, 1-2 a).
- Lyon's last games against a Serie A side came against Atalanta in the 2017/18 UEFA Europa League group stage (1-1 h, 0-1 a). That 2017 home win against Roma is OL's only success in their last nine matches with Italian sides, home and away (D2 L6).
- Lyon were UEFA Champions League semi-finalists in 2010.

Juventus

- The Bianconeri won five of their six Group D games to finish six points clear at the top. They dropped points only in their first fixture, Maurizio Sarri's first European game as Juventus coach, being pegged back by two late Atlético Madrid goals in a 2-2 draw in Spain, but went on to beat Bayer Leverkusen 3-0 in Italy and Lokomotiv Moskva 2-1 home and away. A 1-0 home win against Atlético and a 2-0 success at Leverkusen made it six wins in their last 11 UEFA Champions League matches (D2 L3).
- Gianluigi Buffon's appearance in Leverkusen made him the second oldest player to feature in the UEFA Champions League, aged 41 years 317 days. The only older participant is another Italian goalkeeper, Marco Ballotta, who played for Lazio against Real Madrid in December 2007 aged 43 years 252 days.
- This is Juventus's 11th UEFA Champions League round of 16 tie (W7 L3); they have won the last three, producing a memorable comeback against Atlético 12 months ago (0-2 a, 3-0 h) thanks to Cristiano Ronaldo's second-leg hat-trick.
- In 2018/19, under Massimiliano Allegri, Juve finished first in their group and, after turning round their last-16 tie against Atlético, drew 1-1 at Ajax in the first leg of their quarter-final only to bow out following a 2-1 home defeat.
- Juve were without a victory in four European away matches before winning at Lokomotiv on Matchday 4, and made it two successive victories at Leverkusen last time out. A 2-1 loss at Young Boys on Matchday 6 last season ended Juve's five-match winning run in UEFA Champions League away matches.
- This is Juve's first two-legged tie against a French club since they defeated Monaco in the 2016/17 UEFA Champions League semi-finals (2-0 a, 2-1 h) to make it 12 aggregate wins out of 12 against Ligue 1 opponents.
- Higuaín scored both goals in that 2017 win at Monaco, Juve's third victory in their last four trips to France (D1).
- Juve are unbeaten in eight matches against French sides, home and away, since a 2-0 loss at Bordeaux in the 2009/10 group stage. Their record since is W6 D2.
- Champions of Italy for a record eighth season in a row in 2018/19, this is Juve's 20th UEFA Champions League campaign.
- Winners in 1985 and 1996, Juventus have played in nine European Cup finals – losing a record seven, including all of their last five.

Links and trivia

- Miralem Pjanić made 90 Ligue 1 appearances for Lyon, scoring ten goals, between 2008 and 2011. He was a Metz player between 2004 and 2008.
- Buffon spent 2018/19 with Paris Saint Germain, making 17 league appearances including a 5-0 win against Lyon at the Parc des Princes on 7 October 2018.
- Blaise Matuidi (2011–17) and Adrien Rabiot (2010–19) also played for Paris.
- Matuidi also represented Troyes (2004–07) and St-Étienne (2007–11) in French football while Rabiot spent the second half of 2012/13 on loan at Toulouse.
- Higuaín was born in the French city of Brest, when his father Jorge was playing for the local club.
- Lyon coach Rudi Garcia was in charge of Roma between 2013 and 2016, when Pjanić was part of the Italian club's squad; Roma finished second in Serie A behind Juventus in each of Garcia's first two seasons.
- Have played in Italy:
Mapou Yanga-Mbiwa (Roma 2014/15)
Joachim Andersen (Sampdoria 2017–19)
Ciprian Tătărușanu (Fiorentina 2014–17)
- Have played together:
Mapou Yanga-Mbiwa & Miralem Pjanić (Roma 2014/15)
Rafael & Cristiano Ronaldo (Manchester United 2008/09)
Bertrand Traoré & Matthijs de Ligt (Ajax 2016/17)
Ciprian Tătărușanu & Federico Bernardeschi (Fiorentina 2014–17)
Ciprian Tătărușanu & Juan Cuadrado (Fiorentina 2014)
Bertrand Traoré & Juan Cuadrado (Chelsea 2015)
- International team-mates:
Anthony Lopes & Cristiano Ronaldo (Portugal)
Léo Dubois & Blaise Matuidi (France)
Kenny Tete, Memphis Depay & Matthijs de Ligt (Netherlands)

Rafael & Alex Sandro, Danilo, Douglas Costa (Brazil)

Latest news

Lyon

• UEFA Champions League squad changes

In: Karl Toko Ekambi (Villarreal, loan), Bruno Guimarães (Athletico Paranaense)

Out: Heritier Deyonge, Oumar Solet, Issiar Drame

- Having won only one of their last four games in 2019 (D2 L1) in all competitions, Lyon kicked off the new year with a seven-match unbeaten run, winning six and, in the only draw, 2-2 at home to LOSC Lille in the French League Cup semi-finals on 21 January, prevailing 4-3 on penalties. They have won only two of their last six matches in all competitions, however, defeating Marseille 1-0 at home in the French Cup quarter-finals on 12 February before Friday's 2-0 triumph at Metz.
- Despite the victory at Metz, OL have won only three of their last nine Ligue 1 matches (D3 L3).
- January signing Karl Toko Ekambi scored in his first two Ligue 1 matches, but has not found the net in his last five appearances in all competitions.
- Aged 16 years 176 days, Ryan Cherki became the third youngest player to start a Ligue 1 game for Lyon in the 4-2 defeat at Paris Saint-Germain on 9 February.
- Lyon have won only four of their 12 home Ligue 1 games this season (D4 L4), although they are unbeaten in their last seven matches in their own stadium (W4 D3).
- After 26 Ligue 1 games this season, OL have 37 points; they were third on 46 points at the same stage of 2018/19.
- Moussa Dembélé is Lyon's top scorer this season with 20 goals in all competitions, including 14 in the league; the 23-year-old struck in his first seven appearances this year and has ten goals in 13 games in 2020. He got the opener from the penalty spot at Metz on Friday.
- Lyon will play Paris in the League Cup final at the Stade de France on 4 April, and are at home to the same opponents in the French Cup semi-finals on 4 March.
- Lucas Tousart will join Hertha Berlin at the end of the season.
- In January, Lyon signed Brazilian midfielder Camilo from Ponte Preta and Zimbabwean striker Tino Kadewere from Le Havre; both players will join the club on 30 June.
- Memphis Depay, who has nine Ligue 1 goals this season and five in the UEFA Champions League, has not played since 15 December due to a cruciate knee ligament injury.
- Jeff Reine-Adélaïde also suffered a cruciate injury in Lyon's 1-0 home defeat by Rennes on 15 December.
- Léo Dubois played 90 minutes at Metz, his first appearance for Lyon's senior team since 30 November due to a knee injury.
- Youssouf Koné has not played since undergoing ankle surgery in December.
- Oumar Solet has been removed from Lyon's UEFA Champions League squad after rupturing his cruciate knee ligament in January.

Juventus

• UEFA Champions League squad changes

In: Giorgio Chiellini

Out: Merih Demiral

- Juan Cuadrado's next appearance in UEFA club competition will be his 50th.
- Since Matchday 6 Juventus have played ten Serie A games, winning eight and losing two. In this streak the Bianconeri have scored 22 goals. Juve won their first five league games after Matchday 6 before losing twice in three outings, going down 2-1 at both Napoli on 26 January and Verona on 8 February.
- Juve have scored at least one goal in all of their last 22 Serie A games since the 0-0 draw at Fiorentina on 14 September.
- On 22 December Juventus lost the Italian Super Cup final 3-1 against Lazio, their third defeat in the match in the past four years.
- The Bianconeri reached the Coppa Italia semi-finals by beating Udinese 4-0 on 15 January and Roma 3-1 the following week. An added-time Cristiano Ronaldo penalty gave them a 1-1 draw at AC Milan in the first leg of their last-four tie on 13 February. The return leg is scheduled for 4 March.

- In the 2-1 defeat at Verona, Ronaldo beat David Trezeguet's club record by scoring in a tenth consecutive Serie A game for Juve. He was rested for the 2-0 home win against Brescia on 16 February but made it 11 in a row in Saturday's 2-1 win at SPAL.
- Ronaldo is the third player to score in 11 successive Serie A matches, after Gabriel Batistuta (Fiorentina, 1994/95) and Fabio Quagliarella (Sampdoria, 2018/19).
- Ronaldo has scored 16 of Juventus's last 24 league goals.
- Aaron Ramsey got Juve's winner at SPAL, his first goal in Serie A since 21 September.
- Giorgio Chiellini came on as a substitute against Brescia, his first game since sustaining a knee ligament injury in August. He started at SPAL, playing 55 minutes.
- Chiellini replaced Merih Demiral in Juventus's UEFA Champions League squad, the Turkey defender having suffered a similar injury in the 2-1 win at Roma on 12 January shortly after scoring his first goal for Juve.
- Douglas Costa has not played since suffering his third muscle injury of the season in the defeat at Verona on 8 February.
- Sami Khedira is reportedly close to returning to action after undergoing a knee operation in late November.
- On 11 February Wojciech Szczęsny extended his contract with Juventus until 2024.

Official UEFA Champions League Man of the Match award introduced

UEFA will give out an official Man of the Match award after every UEFA Champions League knockout stage game to recognise the top performers in Europe's top club competition. UEFA Technical Observers at each UEFA Champions League game from the round of 16 on will decide who deserves the Man of the Match, with an official award being handed to the successful players after full-time in recognition of their roles in decisive moments, tactical maturity, creativity and inspiration, exceptional skill and fair play.

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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