

# UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE - 2020/21 SEASON MATCH PRESS KITS



**FC Midtjylland**

(First leg: 0-0)

**Arena Herning - Herning**

Wednesday 30 September 2020

21.00CET (21.00 local time)

Play-off, Second leg



**SK Slavia Praha**

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Midtjylland welcome Slavia Praha to Denmark for the concluding leg of their UEFA Champions League play-off with the tie finely poised after a goalless first leg.

- Slavia – who are bidding to reach the group stage for the second season running – kicked off their new European campaign in the first leg, and needed an impressive display from goalkeeper Ondřej Kolář to keep the scoresheet blank.
- Midtjylland have already recorded two victories this season to reach the UEFA Champions League play-offs for the first time as they bid to earn a group stage debut in the competition.

### Midtjylland

- Champions of Denmark for the third time in 2019/20 – all those titles coming in the last six seasons – this is Midtjylland's sixth European Cup tie. The club have already made history in 2020/21; they had never previously won more than one UEFA Champions League tie in a season.
- Midtjylland were 1-0 winners at Ludogorets in this season's one-off second qualifying round tie before a 3-0 home defeat of Swiss side Young Boys in the next stage.
- The club's two previous forays into the UEFA Champions League both proved short-lived. In their 2015/16 debut they won both legs against Lincoln Red Imps of Gibraltar in the second qualifying round (1-0 h, 2-0 a) before being eliminated by APOEL on away goals in the next stage (1-2 h, 1-0 a); in 2018/19 they lost 2-1 at Kazakhstan's Astana in the first leg of their second qualifying round tie, going out by the same aggregate scoreline.
- This season's successes mean Midtjylland have won five of their nine UEFA Champions League matches (D2 L2). All of those victories have been achieved with a clean sheet, and they have yet to concede in Europe this term.
- Midtjylland have won nine of their last 15 home UEFA matches (D3 L3), although in the UEFA Champions League their overall home record is W2 D1 L1.
- In 2019/20 Ulvene played only one European tie, going down 7-3 to Scottish side Rangers in the UEFA Europa League third qualifying round (2-4 h, 1-3 a).
- Midtjylland were four European games without a win (D1 L3), losing three in a row, before this season's successes.
- They are bidding to become the fifth Danish club to take part in the UEFA Champions League group stage, and the first since Copenhagen in 2016/17.
- While Midtjylland have never before reached the UEFA Champions League play-offs, their record at the same stage of the UEFA Europa League is W1 L5, the most recent defeat in 2018/19 against Scandinavian rivals Malmö (2-2 a, 0-2 h).
- This is Midtjylland's first European tie against a Czech club.
- Midtjylland have recorded an away first-leg draw in a UEFA tie only twice previously, losing that UEFA Europa League play-off to Malmö in 2018 having beaten Southampton at the same stage of the 2015/16 competition (1-1 a, 1-0 h).
- Midtjylland lost their only UEFA penalty-shoot-out:  
2-4 v Manchester City, 2008/09 UEFA Cup second qualifying round

### Slavia

- Champions of the Czech Republic for the third time in four years last season – their 19th domestic title – Slavia are aiming to successfully negotiate the UEFA Champions League qualifying rounds for only the third time and the second campaign in a row. In 2019/20, Jindřich Trpišovský's side overcame Romanian side CFR Cluj at this stage before going on to finish bottom of a section including Barcelona, Borussia Dortmund and Internazionale, picking up two points from their six fixtures.
- Slavia beat CFR 1-0 home and away in last season's play-offs, securing their first group stage appearance since 2007/08 when they had finished third in their section behind Arsenal and Sevilla. The Prague club lost in the qualifying rounds four times in between those two group appearances.
- Slavia's record in UEFA Champions League play-off ties is W1 L1. They were beaten by Cypriot club APOEL in 2017/18 (0-2 a, 0-0 h). Their play-off record in the UEFA Europa League is also W1 L1.
- Despite the victories against CFR last season, Slavia have won only three of their last 24 matches in the UEFA Champions League (D10 L11). Away from home it is one win in the last 12 (D4 L7).
- Slavia are unbeaten and yet to concede a goal in their five matches against Danish clubs, taking four points off

Copenhagen in the 2018/19 UEFA Europa League group stage (1-0 a, 0-0 h). Their sole previous knockout tie was a 5-0 aggregate defeat of AB in the 2000/01 UEFA Cup first round (3-0 h, 2-0 a).

- Slavia have won four of the nine UEFA ties in which they have drawn the first leg at home. All four victories have come after goalless draws – with one win after extra time and two on away goals – most recently against Genk in the 2018/19 UEFA Europa League round of 32 (4-1 away). They have been unsuccessful just once after being held 0-0 at home in the first leg, losing to Kaiserslautern in the 2000/01 UEFA Cup fourth round (0-1 away).

- Slavia's record in two UEFA penalty shoot-outs is W2 L0:

5-4 v Schalke, 1998/99 UEFA Cup first round

4-3 v Žilina, 2007/08 UEFA Champions League second qualifying round

#### **Links and trivia**

- Midtjylland's Pione Sisto scored the winner in Denmark's 2-1 UEFA European Under-21 Championship defeat of the Czech Republic at the Eden Arena, where the first leg took place, on 17 June 2015.

- A Bulgaria team in which Midtjylland's Bozhidar Kraev appeared as a substitute were 1-0 winners against a Czech Republic side including Slavia's Jan Bořil, Petr Ševčík and substitute Lukáš Masopust in UEFA EURO 2020 qualifying on 17 November 2019.

- On 15 November 2006, Midtjylland coach Brian Priske Pedersen came on as a substitute in Denmark's 1-1 friendly draw against a Czech Republic team featuring Stanislav Vlček, currently part of Slavia's coaching staff.

## 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

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

### Other abbreviations

<b>(aet):</b> After extra time	<b>pens:</b> Penalties
<b>No.:</b> Number	<b>og:</b> Own goal
<b>ag:</b> Match decided on away goals	<b>P:</b> Penalty
<b>Pld:</b> Matches played	<b>agg:</b> Aggregate
<b>Pos.:</b> Position	<b>AP:</b> Appearances
<b>Pts:</b> Points	<b>Comp.:</b> Competition
<b>R:</b> Sent off (straight red card)	<b>D:</b> Drawn
<b>Res.:</b> Result	<b>DoB:</b> Date of birth
<b>sg:</b> Match decided by silver goal	<b>ET:</b> Extra Time
<b>GF:</b> Goals for	<b>GA:</b> Goals against
<b>gg:</b> Match decided by golden goal	<b>t:</b> Match decided by toss of a coin
<b>Y/R:</b> Sent off (two yellow cards)	<b>W:</b> Won
<b>f:</b> Match forfeited	<b>Y:</b> Booked
	<b>L:</b> Lost
	<b>Nat.:</b> Nationality
	<b>N/A:</b> Not applicable

### Statistics

-: Denotes player substituted  
\*: Denotes player sent off

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

## Squad list

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**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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