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Omonoia FC

(First leg: 0-2)

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Play-off, Second leg



Olympiacos FC

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Omonoia have it all to do to qualify for the UEFA Champions League group stage for the first time as they face an Olympiacos side who take a 2-0 lead to Cyprus.

- Second-half goals from Mathieu Valbuena (69 pen) and Youssef El-Arabi (90+2) gave Olympiacos victory in Piraeus, although the Greek club, who have been regular participants in the group stage, will still be wary ahead of this second leg having suffered a notable defeat against Anorthosis Famagusta and also come off worse against another of Omonoia's domestic rivals, APOEL, in recent years.
- Omonoia are attempting to become only the third club from Cyprus to reach the UEFA Champions League group stage, and the first since APOEL made their fourth appearance in 2017/18.

Previous meetings

- This is the teams' first competitive tie for 45 years, Olympiacos edging out their Cypriot rivals in the 1965/66 European Cup Winners' Cup preliminary round thanks to a 1-0 first-leg win in Nicosia; the second game in Athens finished 1-1.

Form guide

Omonoia

- This is Omonoia's first UEFA Champions League campaign since 2010/11 – when they lost 5-2 on aggregate to Salzburg in the third qualifying round – and all three of their single-leg ties so far in 2020/21 have proved tight contests.
- The Cypriot club, who were in first place in their domestic league when the season was halted in March 2020, needed extra time before winning at both Ararat-Armenia (1-0) in the first qualifying round and Legia Warszawa (2-0) in the second, and it took penalties to settle their third qualifying round tie at home to Crvena zvezda, Henning Berg's side eventually coming through 4-2 on spot kicks after a 1-1 draw.
- Omonia are playing European football for the first time in four years. In their most recent continental campaign they lost on away goals to Beitar Jerusalem in the 2016/17 UEFA Europa League second qualifying round (0-1 a, 3-2 h).
- That first-leg defeat at Beitar was Omonoia's only loss in 12 European fixtures, home and away (W7 D4), before they were beaten at Olympiacos.
- Omonoia are unbeaten in six home European matches (W4 D2) since a 2-1 loss against Dinamo Moskva in the 2014/15 UEFA Europa League play-offs. Omonoia have won six of their last 18 home European games by a margin that would either force extra time or win this tie outright.
- This is Omonoia's first UEFA Champions League play-off; they have lost all three of their ties at the same stage of the UEFA Europa League, most recently against Dinamo Moskva in 2014/15 (2-2 a, 1-2 h).
- Omonoia have now played seven matches against Greek clubs since those 1965 contests against Olympiacos. They lost on aggregate to PAOK in the 1976/77 European Champion Clubs' Cup first round (0-2 h, 1-1 a) and Panathinaikos at the same stage of the 1988/89 European Cup Winners' Cup (0-1 h, 0-2 a), but got the better of AEK Athens in the 2008/09 UEFA Cup second qualifying round (1-0 a, 2-2 h).
- Omonoia have won only four of the 19 UEFA ties in which they lost the away first leg, most recently losing on away goals to Beitar Jerusalem in 2016/17; all four aggregate victories came after a single-goal first-leg loss. They have been beaten 2-0 away in the first leg only once before, against Vaslui of Romania in the 2009/10 UEFA Europa League third qualifying round (1-1 h).
- Omonoia's record in UEFA penalty-shoot-outs is W1 L1:
5-6 v Crvena zvezda, 2012/13 UEFA Europa League third qualifying round
4-2 v Crvena zvezda, 2020/21 UEFA Champions League third qualifying round

Olympiacos

- Olympiacos are bidding to reach the group stage for the 20th time. In 2019/20 they finished third in their section behind eventual champions Bayern München and Tottenham Hotspur, picking up four points from their six fixtures to finish one ahead of Crvena zvezda.
- Pedro Martins' side then earned a famous win against Arsenal in the UEFA Europa League round of 32, progressing on away goals after a 2-2 aggregate draw (0-1 h, 2-1 a), but came unstuck against another English club in the last 16, losing to Wolves (1-1 h, 0-1 a).
- Last season Olympiacos were 6-1 aggregate winners against Russian club Krasnodar at this stage of the UEFA Champions League (4-0 h, 2-1 a).

- The Piraeus club had beaten Croatian side Rijeka in the 2017/18 play-offs (2-1 h, 1-0 a) and have three wins from three at this stage of the UEFA Champions League, having also knocked out Sheriff of Moldova in 2009/10 (2-0 a, 1-0 h). They have therefore now won all seven play-off matches in the competition. In the UEFA Europa League their play-off record is also a flawless W2 L0.
- Champions of Greece for the 45th time in 2019/20 – their first title since 2017 – Olympiacos also lifted the Greek Cup to complete their 18th domestic double.
- Erythrolefki have lost four of their last five European away games (W1), three of those defeats by a two-goal margin.
- Olympiacos are unbeaten in 17 European qualifying fixtures (W14 D3), home and away, since a 1-0 loss at Hapoel Beer-Sheva (0-1) in the 2016/17 UEFA Champions League third qualifying round.
- Olympiacos have recorded a win and a defeat in their ties against Cypriot clubs since their 1965 contests against Omonoia, notably going down to Anorthosis in the 2008/09 UEFA Champions League third qualifying round (0-3 a, 1-0 h) – their opponents thus becoming the first team from Cyprus to reach the competition's group stage.
- Olympiacos also suffered two defeats against Cypriot opponents in the 2016/17 UEFA Europa League group stage, losing 1-0 at home and 2-0 away against APOEL.
- The Piraeus side have won the home first leg 19 times in UEFA competition and prevailed in all but five of those ties, most recently defeating Krasnodar in last season's UEFA Champions League play-offs. They won the first three ties in which they prevailed 2-0 in the first instalment but lost the last, against Manchester United in the 2013/14 UEFA Champions League round of 16 (0-3 a).
- Olympiacos have never featured in a UEFA penalty shoot-out.

Links and trivia

- Avraam Papadopoulos joined Olympiacos in 2008, making his debut in that 3-0 first-leg defeat at Anorthosis; his second game was the 1-0 home win that proved insufficient to keep Olympiacos in the competition.
- Omonoia's Greek defender Charis Mavrias came through the ranks at Panathinaikos and scored the opening goal against an Olympiacos team including José Holebas in a 2-2 Super League draw on 9 December 2012.
- Omonoia's Cypriot international forward Fotis Papoulis was born in Athens and started his career at Acharnaikos in 2006. He played his football in Greece until 2012 with spells at Lamia (2008), Panachaiki (2009), Pyrsos Grevena (2009/10), Panthrakikos (2010–11) and OFI Crete (2011–12), before moving to Cyprus to join Apollon Limassol.
- Have played together:
 - Éric Bauthéac & Avraam Papadopoulos (Brisbane Roar 2017–19)
 - Tomáš Hubočan & Mathieu Valbuena (Dinamo Moskva 2014–15)
 - Jordi Gómez & Yann M'Vila (Sunderland 2015)
 - Jan Lecjaks & Hilal Soudani (Dinamo Zagreb 2017/18)
 - Vítor Gomes & Ahmed Hassan (Rio Ave 2012)
 - Fabiano & José Sá (Porto 2017/18)
- International team-mates:
 - Charis Mavrias & Andreas Bouchalakis, Kostas Fortounis, Giorgos Masouras, Leonardo Koutris, José Holebas, Avraam Papadopoulos (Greece)
- Bouchalakis and Mavrias were members of the Greece squad that lost to Spain in the final of the 2012 UEFA European Under-19 Championship in Estonia.

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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