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PAOK FC

(First leg: 1-2)

Stadio Toumba - Salonika

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Play-off, Second leg



FC Krasnodar

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Having come from behind at home to PAOK, Krasnodar travel to Greece for the second leg of their UEFA Champions League play-off defending a slender advantage.

- The visitors struck first at the Stadium Krasnodar on 22 September, Dimitris Pelkas giving them a 33rd-minute lead having had an early penalty saved by Krasnodar goalkeeper Matvei Safonov, but Krasnodar fought back with strikes from Viktor Claesson (40), also a penalty, and Rémy Cabella (71) turning the game around.
- While the Russian club are competing in only their second European Cup campaign, PAOK's previous six forays into the UEFA Champions League have all ended in the qualifying phase, including in each of the last two seasons.

Previous meetings

- The teams were paired together in the 2015/16 UEFA Europa League group stage, Krasnodar winning 2-1 at Stadion Kuban after a goalless draw at Stadio Toumba. Ari opened the scoring for the Russian club in the second match.
- Those four points helped Krasnodar progress to the round of 32 as group winners, with PAOK eliminated in third place behind Borussia Dortmund.

Form guide

PAOK

- This is PAOK's ninth European Cup campaign, and seventh in the UEFA Champions League era. They reached the second round on debut in 1976/77, but have won only six of their 14 ties in the competition.
- The Greek club have picked up two notable scalps already in 2020/21, however, both in single-leg ties played at home. Abel Ferreira's side beat Beşiktaş 3-1 in the second qualifying round and two-time European champions Benfica 2-1 in the third qualifying round, new signing Andrija Živković scoring the winner on his PAOK debut in the latter shortly after his release from the Lisbon club.
- PAOK's 2019/20 UEFA Champions League campaign lasted a single tie, losing 5-4 on aggregate to Ajax (2-2 h, 2-3 a) in the third qualifying round. The Salonika side moved into the UEFA Europa League play-offs but again their hopes were quickly extinguished, Slovan Bratislava ousting them on away goals (0-1 a, 3-2 h).
- PAOK have lost both previous UEFA Champions League play-offs, going down 4-3 on aggregate against Schalke in 2013/14 (1-1 a, 2-3 h) and 5-2 to Benfica in 2018/19 (1-1 a, 1-4 h). Their UEFA Europa League play-off record is W5 L4 with defeats in the two most recent.
- Only three Greek clubs have appeared in the UEFA Champions League group stage: Olympiacos (19 appearances), Panathinaikos (nine) and AEK Athens (five).
- Before winning their last three home European matches, PAOK were without a win in five in Salonika (D1 L4).
- PAOK's nine fixtures with Russian clubs have all come in the last ten years. Most recently before this tie, they beat Spartak Moskva 3-2 at home and on aggregate in the 2018/19 UEFA Champions League third qualifying round. The win in Salonika is their only success against Russian opponents, coming at the seventh attempt; their overall record now stands at W1 D5 L3.
- PAOK have won only four of the 15 UEFA ties in which they have suffered an away first-leg defeat, the 11th aggregate defeat coming in the most recent such contest, against Slovan last season. When suffering a 2-1 away defeat in the first leg, however, they have won both ties – against Lokomotiva Zagreb in the 2015/16 UEFA Europa League second qualifying round (6-0 h) and Leixões in the 2002/03 UEFA Cup first round (4-1 h).
- PAOK have lost all four of their previous UEFA penalty-shoot-outs:
4-5 v Eintracht Frankfurt, 1981/82 European Cup Winners' Cup first round
8-9 v Bayern München, 1983/84 UEFA Cup second round
3-4 v Sevilla, 1990/91 UEFA Cup first round
1-4 v Benfica 1999/2000 UEFA Cup second round

Krasnodar

- This is only Krasnodar's seventh season in UEFA competition – they have featured every year since making their debut in the 2014/15 UEFA Europa League. In 2019/20, they were eliminated by Olympiacos in the UEFA Champions League play-offs and went on to finish third in their UEFA Europa League section behind Basel and Getafe, picking up nine points from their six matches (W3 L3).
- Third in the Russian Premier League for the second season in a row in 2019/20, this is Krasnodar's sixth European Cup match. The first ended in a 1-0 home defeat by Porto in the 2019/20 third qualifying round first leg, only for them

to then turn round the tie with a remarkable 3-2 victory in Portugal in which they led 3-0 at half-time. However, Olympiacos proved too strong for Murad Musayev's team in the play-offs, winning 4-0 in Greece and 2-1 in Russia.

- Byki have therefore recorded a win and a defeat in their two previous away UEFA Champions League matches. They have lost three of their last four away matches in Europe, conceding 12 goals and scoring none in those defeats.
- Krasnodar have won three of their four UEFA Europa League play-off ties but lost the most recent, on away goals against Crvena zvezda in 2017/18 (3-2 h, 1-2 a).
- Krasnodar are bidding to become the seventh Russian club to compete in the UEFA Champions League group stage, and the first newcomers from the country since Rostov in 2016/17.
- Those three meetings with PAOK and last season's two losses to Olympiacos are Krasnodar's only five games against Greek clubs.
- Krasnodar have won five of the six previous European ties in which they recorded a home first-leg victory, although the sole defeat – that 2017 loss to Crvena zvezda – came in the most recent contest. Their only previous home first-leg win by a 2-1 scoreline came against Lyngby in the 2017/18 UEFA Europa League third qualifying round (3-1 a).
- Krasnodar have never been involved in a penalty shoot-out in UEFA competition.

Links and trivia

- PAOK defender Fernando Varela's next appearance in UEFA competition will be his 50th.
- PAOK's Icelandic international Sverrir Ingason played in Russia for Rostov between 2017 and joining PAOK in January 2019; his 81st-minute goal earned a 2-2 draw at Krasnodar on 4 November 2018.
- PAOK's Léo Jabá spent 2017/18 with Russia club Akhmat Grozny, where his team-mates included goalkeeper Evgeni Gorodov, recently re-signed by Krasnodar.
- Krasnodar's Swedish international striker Marcus Berg played in Greece for Panathinaikos between 2013 and 2017. He scored ten goals in 15 appearances against PAOK, including a hat-trick in Pana's 4-1 win in the 2013/14 Greek Cup final.
- PAOK midfielder Omar El Kaddouri was in the Morocco team that suffered a 2-0 friendly loss to Russia in Moscow on 6 June 2014.

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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