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FC Dynamo Kyiv

(First leg: 2-1)
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Play-off, Second leg

KAA Gent

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Dynamo Kyiv are well placed to reach the UEFA Champions League group stage for the first time in four years following a first-leg win at Gent.

• The Ukrainian side struck first at the KAA Gent Stadium on 23 September thanks to Vladyslav Supryaha's ninth-minute opener and, though Tim Kleindienst levelled four minutes before half-time, Gent's hopes suffered a significant setback early in the second half when former Dynamo midfielder Roman Bezus was sent off. Dynamo capitalised 11 minutes from time, Carlos De Pena earning a narrow advantage to take into the home leg. None of the three first-leg scorers had ever previously found the net in UEFA club competition.

• While Gent reached the round of 16 on their sole previous UEFA Champions League campaign in 2015/16, the most recent of Dynamo's 16 group stage appearances came in the following season.

Previous meetings
• Dynamo were comfortable winners against Gent in the 2010/11 UEFA Champions League third qualifying round in the Belgian club's first European Cup tie. The Ukrainian side followed up a 3-0 win at the Stadion Dynamo im. Valeriy Lobanovskiy with a 3-1 success in Belgium.

Form guide
Dynamo Kyiv
• Dynamo finished as Ukrainian Premier League runners-up behind Shakhtar Donetsk for the fourth season running in 2019/20, although they did claim the domestic cup for the 21st time, defeating Vorskla Poltava 8-7 on penalties in the final after a 1-1 draw.

• In Europe, Bilo-Syni lost to Club Brugge in the UEFA Champions League third qualifying round before moving into the UEFA Europa League, where they were eliminated after finishing third in their section behind Malmö and Copenhagen.

• Dynamo kicked off their 2020/21 European campaign with a 2-0 home win against AZ Alkmaar in their one-off third qualifying round tie, second-half goals from Gerson Rodrigues – the Luxembourg international's first in Europe – and Mykola Shaparenko taking Mircea Lucescu's side through.

• Dynamo's most successful UEFA Champions League campaign came in 1998/99 when they made it as far as the semi-finals. Twelve of their subsequent 13 appearances in the competition proper have ended in the group stage, including the most recent in 2016/17 when they finished bottom of their section.

• The Kyiv side have gone out in the UEFA Champions League qualifying phase in each of the last three seasons.

• This is Dynamo's fourth UEFA Champions League play-off; they lost to Ajax in both 2010/11 (1-1 h, 1-2 a) and on their most recent appearance in 2018/19 (1-3 a, 0-0 h) either side of a victory against Borussia Mönchengladbach in 2012/13 (3-1 a, 1-2 h). They have won all three of their UEFA Europa League play-offs.

• This is the second season running in which Dynamo have faced Belgian opponents in UEFA Champions League qualifying, the Kyiv club losing 4-3 on aggregate to Club Brugge in last season's third qualifying round (0-1 a, 3-3 h). The first-leg win against Gent was only Dynamo's fourth in their 11 matches with Belgian clubs (D1 L6), and a first since beating Gent in 2010 (D1 L3).

• Dynamo have won all 27 of the UEFA ties in which they recorded an away first-leg victory, most recently against Aktobe of Kazakhstan in the 2013/14 UEFA Europa League play-offs (3-2 a, 5-1 h). That includes five instances where the first leg finished 2-1, the most recent example against Litex Lovech at the same stage in 2011/12 (1-0 h).

• Dynamo Kyiv's record in one UEFA penalty shoot-out is W1 L0:
3-1 v Sparta Praha, 1998/99 UEFA Champions League second qualifying round

Gent
• This is Gent's third UEFA Champions League campaign, and only their 13th match in the competition. The 2-1 defeat of Rapid Wien at the KAA Gent Stadium in this season's third qualifying round under new coach Wim De Decker was their fourth victory in the competition (D1 L7), and the third at home.

• Having lost to Dynamo in 2010, Gent went on to reach the last 16 in their next venture into the UEFA Champions League five years later. Having qualified automatically for the group stage as Belgian champions, a side coached by Hein Vanhaezebrouck recovered from taking one point from their opening three fixtures to win the last three and finish second in their section behind Zenit but ahead of Valencia and Lyon. Wolfsburg proved too strong in the first knockout round, however, running out 4-2 aggregate winners (2-3 h, 0-1 a).

• Runners-up in the Belgian First Division A in 2019/20 behind Club Brugge, Gent also reached the UEFA Europa

League round of 32, going out to Roma (0-1 a, 1-1 h) having come through three qualifying rounds before finishing top of a section including St-Étienne, Wolfsburg and Ukrainian side Olexandriya.

• This is Gent's first UEFA Champions League play-off. Their record at the same stage of the UEFA Europa League is W3 L1; last season they beat Croatian side Rijeka (2-1 h, 1-1 a).

• Gent's sole previous knockout tie against Ukrainian opposition is that heavy defeat by Dynamo in 2010. They also lost away (0-5) and home (3-5) to Dynamo's great rivals Shakhtar in the 2016/17 UEFA Europa League group stage but fared better against Olexandriya in last season's competition, picking up four points (1-1 a, 2-1 h). The latter result was their first victory against a Ukrainian club at the sixth time of asking (D1 L4).

• Gent have suffered a home first-leg defeat in six previous UEFA ties, and won only one – against Lausanne in the 1991/92 UEFA Cup first round (0-1 h, 1-0 a, 4-1 pens). Most recently they lost to fellow Belgian side Genk in the 2016/17 UEFA Europa League round of 16 (2-5 h, 1-1 a). They have never previously lost a home first leg 2-1.

• Gent's record in two UEFA penalty shoot-outs is W1 L1:
4-1 v Lausanne, 1991/92 UEFA Cup first round
3-4 v Vardar, 2004 Intertoto Cup second round

Links and trivia

• Gent's Roman Yaremchuk, who scored the winning penalty against Rapid Wien, came through the Dynamo academy, joining the club in 2007. The forward made his debut in 2015/16 and left for Gent in August 2017 having played 11 games without scoring.

• Yaremchuk's Dynamo team-mates included Serhiy Sydorchuk, Vitaliy Buyalskiy, Viktor Tsygankov, Volodymyr Shepeliev, Oleksandr Tymchyk and Artem Kravets.

• Yaremchuk also had a spell on loan at Olexandriya in 2016/17, scoring six goals in 17 competitive games.

• Gent's Bezus was a Dynamo player between 2012 and 2014, his 47 games bringing five goals. Sydorchuk, Buyalskiy, Tsygankov, Kravets, Denys Boyko and Oleksandr Andriyevskiy were among his team-mates.

• Bezus also played for Kremin Kremenchuk (2006–08), Vorskla Poltava (2009–13) and Dnipro (2014–16) in Ukraine; he scored 29 goals in 155 top-flight matches in his homeland, including one against Dynamo in Vorskla's 3-1 win on 14 August 2010. That was one of only two victories in his nine games against Dynamo (D1 L6).

• Gent's Igor Plastun played for Dynamo's neighbours Obolon Kyiv (1997–2012) and Karpaty Lviv (2012–16); he scored seven goals in 150 league matches in Ukraine, with the record W1 D2 L11 in his 14 matches against Dynamo.

• Have also played together:
Denys Boyko & Roman Bezus (Dnipro, 2013–15)
Denys Boyko & Igor Plastun (Obolon Kyiv 2009)

• International team-mates:
Serhiy Sydorchuk, Vitaliy Buyalskiy, Viktor Tsygankov, Oleksandr Tymchyk, Georgiy Bushchan, Artem Shabanov, Vitaliy Mykolenko, Oleksandr Karavaev, Mykola Shaparenko, Vladyslav Supriaha & Roman Yaremchuk, Roman Bezus, Igor Plastun (Ukraine)

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
GS1: First group stage
3QR: Third qualifying round
R2: Second round
R4: Fourth round
SF: Semi-finals
R16: round of 16
R32: Round of 32
1st: first leg
2nd: second leg
PO: Play-off
Rep: Replay
PO - FT: Play-off for Final Tournament

GS: Group stage
GS2: Second group stage
R1: First round
R3: Third round
PR: Preliminary round
QF: Quarter-finals
QR: Qualifying round
1QR: First qualifying round
2QR: Second qualifying round
FT: Final tournament
ELITE: Elite round
3rdPO: Third-place play-off
GS-FT: Group stage – final tournament

Other abbreviations

(aet): After extra time
No.: Number
ag: Match decided on away goals
Pld: Matches played
Pos.: Position
Pts: Points
R: Sent off (straight red card)
Res.: Result
sg: Match decided by silver goal

GF: Goals for
gg: Match decided by golden goal
Y/R: Sent off (two yellow cards)
f: Match forfeited

pens: Penalties
og: Own goal
P: Penalty
agg: Aggregate
AP: Appearances
Comp.: Competition
D: Drawn
DoB: Date of birth
ET: Extra Time
GA: Goals against
t: Match decided by toss of a coin
W: Won
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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