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**Sevilla FC**

**Estadio Ramón Sánchez-Pizjuán -  
Seville**

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Group E - Matchday 2



**Stade Rennais FC**

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## Match background

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Sevilla will look to use their impressive home European form to kick-start their Group E campaign as UEFA Champions League debutants Rennes come to Spain.

- This is the sides' first meeting and they begin on one point apiece. UEFA Europa League holders Sevilla earned a goalless draw at Chelsea on Matchday 1, while Sehrou Guirassy had the honour of scoring Rennes' first ever European Cup goal the same night, although visitors – and fellow competition newcomers Krasnodar – swiftly hit back for a 1-1 draw.

### Form guide

#### Sevilla

- This is Sevilla's sixth UEFA Champions League group stage campaign, and a first since 2017/18, when they reached the quarter-finals. They have qualified for the knockout round in all but one of the previous five participations.
- Julen Lopetegui's side won the UEFA Europa League in 2019/20, beating Internazionale 3-2 in the final. It was their record-extending sixth triumph in the UEFA Cup/UEFA Europa League, all since 2006.
- Sevilla finished first in their UEFA Europa League group last season with 15 points having won all but one of their matches, then ousted CFR Cluj on away goals in the round of 32 (1-1 a, 0-0 h) before wins in one-off ties in Germany against Roma (2-0), Wolves (1-0), Manchester United (2-1) and Inter.
- Fourth in Spain in 2019/20, Sevilla won their section in each of their first two UEFA Champions League campaigns and, after finishing third in 2015/16 – when they went on to complete a hat-trick of UEFA Europa League wins – they have been group runners-up in their two most recent seasons in the competition.
- In September, Sevilla lost 2-1 after extra time to European champions Bayern München in the UEFA Super Cup in Budapest. It was their fifth defeat in the match in six appearances.
- The defeat by Bayern was just Sevilla's fifth loss in their last 31 European matches (W21 D5).
- Sevilla have won 16 of their 31 matches in the UEFA Champions League group stage, losing eight.
- The Andalusian side are unbeaten in 12 home European matches (W10 D2), since their last UEFA Champions League fixture at the Ramón Sánchez Pizjuán – a 2-1 loss to Bayern in the 2017/18 quarter-final first leg.
- Sevilla are, however, without a win in three home UEFA Champions League matches (D2 L1).
- Sevilla have won two of their three European games at home to French clubs (L1), most recently beating Lyon 1-0 in the 2016/17 UEFA Champions League group stage. That was only Sevilla's second victory in their seven games against Ligue 1 opponents, home and away (D1 L4) – they drew the reverse fixture in France 0-0.

#### Rennes

- Rennes are making their European Cup debut in 2020/21 having finished third in Ligue 1 last season.
- The Brittany club have played 63 matches in UEFA competition, 42 of them in the UEFA Cup/UEFA Europa League.
- This is Rennes' third successive season playing European football, a club first.
- Having reached the UEFA Europa League round of 16 in 2018/19, Julien Stéphan's side finished fourth in their section in the same competition last season, picking up four points to finish behind Celtic, CFR Cluj and Lazio.
- Rennes were 2-0 winners at home to Lazio on Matchday 6 in last season's UEFA Europa League, their only win in their last eight European matches (D2 L5).
- Les Rouge et Noir are the 11th Ligue 1 club to take part in the UEFA Champions League group stage and the first French debutants since Montpellier in 2012/13.
- This is only Rennes' fourth game in Spain, their last trip also taking them to Seville for a 3-1 win against Real Betis in the 2018/19 UEFA Europa League round of 32 second leg (6-3 aggregate).
- Home and away, the Brittany club have lost only one of their six meetings against Spanish sides (W2 D3), a 3-1 defeat at Atlético de Madrid in the 2011/12 UEFA Europa League group stage.
- Rennes have lost their last four European away matches; that victory at Betis was the last time they avoided defeat on their travels.

#### Links and trivia

- Steven Nzonzi made 90 Liga appearances for Sevilla between 2015 and 2018 and was part of their UEFA Europa League-winning side in 2015/16.
- Have also played in France:

Diego Carlos (Nantes 2016–19)  
Jules Koundé (Bordeaux 2017–19)  
Lucas Ocampos (Monaco 2012–15, Marseille 2015–19)  
Karim Rekik (Marseille 2015–17)

• International team-mates:  
Yassine Bounou, Youssef En-Neysri & Nayef Aguerd (Morocco)

## Latest news

### Sevilla

#### • Summer transfers

**In:** Oussama Idrissi (AZ Alkmaar), Óscar Rodríguez (Real Madrid), Marcos Acuña (Sporting CP), Ivan Rakitić (Barcelona), Suso (Milan), Yassine Bounou (Girona), Karim Rekik (Hertha)

**Out:** Sergio Rico (Paris Saint-Germain), Simon Kjær (AC Milan), Éver Banega (al-Shabab), Rony Lopes (Nice, loan), Sébastien Corchia (released), Juan Soriano (Málaga, loan), Alejandro Pozo (Eibar, loan), Bryan Gil (Eibar, loan), Roque Mesa (released)

- Sergio Escudero's next appearance in UEFA club competition will be his 50th.
- Sevilla's first game of the season was that extra-time defeat by Bayern München in the UEFA Super Cup on 24 September.
- Julen Lopetegui's side were undefeated in their opening three Liga games (W2 D1) before losing 1-0 at Granada on 17 October. They were also beaten on Saturday, 1-0 at home by Eibar.
- Saturday's result was Sevilla's first home defeat in all competitions since a 2-1 loss against Villarreal on 15 December 2019, ending a 14-match unbeaten run at the Ramón Sánchez Pizjuán (W8 D6).
- Defeat at Granada ended Sevilla's 18-match unbeaten Liga run (W10 D8), and was their first defeat since a 2-1 loss at Celta Vigo on 9 February.
- Youssef En-Nesyri scored in Morocco's 3-1 friendly victory over Senegal on 9 October, with club-mate Yassine Bounou also in action.
- Escudero was substituted 18 minutes into the loss at Granada with a hip injury and has not played since.
- Jules Koundé, whose last appearance came on 12 October, has been sidelined by illness, while summer signing Idrissi is still awaiting his Sevilla debut.

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#### • Summer transfers

**In:** Steven Nzonzi (Roma, loan), Martin Terrier (Lyon), Nayef Aguerd (Dijon), Serhou Guirassy (Amiens), Alfred Gomis (Dijon), Dalbert (Internazionale, loan), Daniele Rugani (Juventus, loan), Jérémy Doku (Anderlecht)

**Out:** Jakob Johansson (IFK Göteborg), Alan Kerouedan (Rodez), Jérémy Morel (Lorient), Maxime Bernauer (Le Mans), Riffi Mandanda (released), Mathis Picouveau (Valenciennes), Jordan Tell (Clermont), Souleyman Doumbia (Angers), Metehan Güçlü (Valenciennes, loan), Denis-Will Poha (Guimarães), Rafik Guitane (Marítimo, loan), Armand Laurienté (Lorient), Theoson Siebatcheu (Young Boys, loan), Edouard Mendy (Chelsea), Lucas Da Cunha (Nice), Jérémy Gelin (Royal Antwerp, loan), Sacha Boey (Dijon, loan), Raphinha (Leeds)

- Thirteen Rennes players made their first appearance in the UEFA Champions League, group stage to final, on Matchday 1, including goalscorer Guirassy. Only Nzonzi and Terrier had previously appeared in the competition.
- Rennes lost their unbeaten Ligue 1 record on Friday night, going down 2-1 at home to Angers despite taking a first-half lead through Adrian Hunou's second goal in three league appearances. Their previous Ligue 1 record this season was W4 D3; they have scored 16 goals in their eight games.
- Rennes are now without a win in four matches in all competitions (D3 L1), since a 3-0 Ligue 1 success at St-Étienne on 26 September that was their fourth successive victory.
- Guirassy scored twice on his first start for Rennes, a 4-2 win in Nîmes on 13 September. He also found the net in a 3-0 success at St-Étienne on 26 September.
- On 7 October Eduardo Camavinga, aged 17 years 333 days, became France's youngest goalscorer since Maurice Gastiger against Switzerland in March 1914. Camavinga scored the opening goal in a 7-1 friendly win against Ukraine at the Stade de France.
- Camavinga had already become the youngest player to represent France since Gastiger in 1914 when he made his senior debut aged 17 years 304 days in the UEFA Nations League game against Croatia on 8 September (4-2).
- Camavinga is also the youngest player to sign a professional contract with Rennes (17 years 35 days, December

2018), the first player born in 2002 to feature in one of Europe's top five leagues (April 2019) and the youngest goalscorer in Rennes' history (v Lyon, December 2019, 17 years 36 days).

- James Lea Siliki (adductors) is yet to play this season after being injured in a pre-season friendly against St-Étienne on 12 August.
- Faitout Maouassa suffered an ankle injury against Monaco on 9 September and is expected to be sidelined until December.
- Goalkeeper Gomis recovered from an adductor problem to make his Rennes debut on Matchday 1.
- Hamary Traoré scored for Mali against Ghana on 9 October in a friendly 3-0 win in Tukey.

## 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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