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Borussia Dortmund

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FC Zenit

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Borussia Dortmund and Zenit know they can ill afford to slip further off the pace in Group F as they meet in Germany looking to rebuild after opening defeats.

- While Zenit conceded in the 93rd minute to lose 2-1 at home to Club Brugge on Matchday 1, Dortmund went down 3-1 at Lazio despite Erling Braut Haaland's 11th goal on only his ninth UEFA Champions League appearance.

Previous meetings

- Dortmund came out on top against Zenit in the 2013/14 UEFA Champions League round of 16, going through 5-4 on aggregate despite a home defeat. Marco Reus scored BVB's second goal – in only the fifth minute – in a 4-2 first-leg victory in St Petersburg, Robert Lewandowski adding two goals.
- The German club held on despite losing 2-1 at home, goals from Hulk and Salomon Rondón giving Zenit their third win in Germany – and their most recent victory against a Bundesliga club.

Form guide

Dortmund

- Second in the Bundesliga behind Bayern München for the second season running in 2019/20, this is Dortmund's 15th UEFA Champions League campaign; they were winners in 1997, and runners-up in 2013. BVB have reached the round of 16 in six of their last seven participations.
- Lucien Favre's side finished second behind Barcelona in their section last season, picking up ten points – seven of them at home – to finish ahead of Internazionale and Slavia Praha.
- Dortmund were 2-1 winners at home to Paris Saint-Germain in the round of 16 first leg, but bowed out after going down 2-0 in the return in France.
- BVB have won four of their last eight European matches (L4), all four defeats coming away from home.
- Despite victories in their last three home matches, Dortmund have won only six of their last 14 European matches in their own stadium (D3 L5).
- Dortmund have three wins in four away games against Russian sides (L1) but at home they have won just two of four (D1 L1). Most recently, they beat Krasnodar 2-1 in the 2015/16 UEFA Europa League group stage but went down 2-1 away.

Zenit

- Zenit claimed their seventh USSR/Russian league title in 2019/20, and their second in a row; their last six triumphs have all come from 2007 onwards. They also added the Russian Cup to complete the club's second domestic double.
- This is the St Petersburg outfit's eighth UEFA Champions League group campaign; they reached the round of 16 in 2011/12, 2013/14 and 2015/16 but have never progressed further.
- In 2019/20, Zenit finished fourth in their section, behind RB Leipzig, Lyon and Benfica despite picking up seven points from their six matches. It was their earliest European exit since 2009/10, when they were eliminated in the UEFA Europa League play-offs.
- The St Petersburg team have won only three of their last 12 European matches (D1 L8).
- Zenit have also recorded only two victories in their last ten UEFA Champions League games (D1 L7).
- Zenit are without a win in 12 European away matches (D3 L9) since a 3-1 victory at Real Sociedad on Matchday 6 of the 2017/18 UEFA Europa League.
- The St Petersburg side have lost five of their six games against German clubs since that 2014 victory at Dortmund (D1), most recently being beaten away (1-2) and at home (0-2) by Leipzig in last season's group stage.
- Zenit have lost their last three away games against Bundesliga clubs; they were unbeaten in five successive matches on German soil (W3 D2) until a 0-2 defeat at Bayer Leverkusen in the 2014/15 UEFA Champions League group stage.

Links and trivia

- Axel Witsel was a Zenit player between 2012 and 2017, scoring 22 goals in 180 appearances in all competitions. He was part of the team that won the Russian Premier League in 2014/15 and the domestic cup the following season.
- Has played in Germany:
Douglas Santos (Hamburg 2016–19)
- Have played together:

Emre Can & Dejan Lovren (Liverpool 2014–18)

- Haaland scored a second-leg winner for Molde against Zenit in the 2018/19 UEFA Europa League play-offs (2-1), although the Russian side still went through 4-3 on aggregate.
- Lovren scored Liverpool's added-time winner against Dortmund in the 2015/16 UEFA Europa League quarter-final, securing a 4-3 second-leg win and 5-4 aggregate success. Reus scored for the visitors at Anfield, with Łukasz Piszczek, Mats Hummels and Marcel Schmelzer also in the Dortmund line-up.
- Thorgan Hazard opened the scoring as Belgium beat Russia 4-1 in St Petersburg in UEFA EURO 2020 qualifying on 16 November 2019; Magomed Ozdоеv, Yuri Zhirkov, Artem Dzyuba and substitute Daler Kuzyaev all featured for the home side.

Latest news

Dortmund

• Summer transfers

In: Jude Bellingham (Birmingham), Thomas Meunier (Paris), Reinier (Real Madrid, loan)

Out: Mario Götze (PSV), Eric Oelschlägel (Utrecht), Dženis Burnić (Heidenheim), Leonardo Balerdi (Marseille, loan)

- Jude Bellingham became the youngest Englishman to play in the UEFA Champions League on Matchday 1, aged 17 years 113 days.
- Emre Can is banned following a red card in the round of 16 second leg against Paris in the last season.
- Dortmund's first competitive match in 2020/21 was a 5-0 win at third tier Duisburg in the first round of the German Cup on 14 September.
- Bellingham scored on his BVB debut in Duisburg, becoming the club's youngest ever scorer aged 17 years 77 days.
- On 19 September BVB won 3-0 against Mönchengladbach on the first day of the Bundesliga season, Giovanni Reyna scoring his first league goal and Erling Braut Haaland getting two.
- On 30 September BVB lost 3-2 in the German Super Cup at Bayern München.
- Dortmund's record in this season's Bundesliga is W4 L1. They were 3-0 winners in the Ruhr derby against Schalke on Saturday.
- Felix Passlack scored his first Bundesliga goal in the 4-0 home win against Freiburg on 3 October, Haaland getting another two.
- Haaland has 18 goals in 20 Bundesliga appearances for Dortmund, including one against Schalke on Saturday.
- On 4 September Haaland scored his first goal for Norway in a 2-1 UEFA Nations League defeat against Austria. Three days later the striker was on target twice in a 5-1 win at Northern Ireland.
- On 11 October Haaland scored a hat-trick in a 4-0 UEFA Nations League win against Romania, making it six goals in seven appearances for Norway.
- In UEFA European Under-21 Championship qualifying on 4 September, aged 17 years 68 days, Bellingham became England's youngest debutant and scorer in a 6-0 win in Kosovo.
- Nico Schulz suffered a muscle injury in Germany's 3-3 friendly draw against Turkey on 7 October and has not played since.
- Manuel Akanji returned on Saturday having not played since 3 October due to illness; he marked the occasion with the opening goal.
- Thorgan Hazard suffered a thigh injury against Mönchengladbach, returning as a substitute against Schalke.
- Dan-Axel Zagadou (out since August) and Marcel Schmelzer (July) have both been sidelined by knee injuries.

Zenit

• Summer transfers

In: Dejan Lovren (Liverpool), Wendel (Sporting)

Out: Branislav Ivanović (West Brom), Igor Smolnikov (Krasnodar), Oleg Shatov (Rubin), Aleksandr Kokorin (Spartak Moskva), Emanuel Mammana (Sochi, loan), Emiliano Rigoni (Elche)

- Zenit's six-game unbeaten domestic run (W3 D3) was ended on Saturday as they went down 2-1 at home to Rubin despite taking a first-half lead through Aleksandr Erokhin.
- That was only Zenit's second loss in their last 31 Russian Premier League games (W22 D7).
- Zenit beat Lokomotiv Moskva 2-1 in the Russian Super Cup on 7 August.

- Andrei Mostovoy won his first cap on 7 October as Russia lost 2-1 in a Moscow friendly against Sweden.
- Sardar Azmoun's 32nd international goal helped Iran to a 2-1 friendly victory against Uzbekistan on 8 October.
- On 17 October Sebastián Driussi returned from a knee injury that had kept him out since 26 August.
- Malcom has been training separately because of an injury.
- Yuri Zhirkov's last appearance came for Russia in the UEFA Nations League on 14 October, although the 37-year-old is close to full fitness again.

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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