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**Club Brugge**

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Group F - Matchday 2



**SS Lazio**

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## Match background

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Club Brugge and Lazio are both in buoyant mood as they meet for the first time in Belgium in the second set of Group F games.

- Both recorded opening victories, a 93rd-minute Charles De Ketelaere strike giving Club Brugge a 2-1 away win at Zenit while Ciro Immobile set Lazio on their way to an impressive 3-1 defeat of Borussia Dortmund in Rome.

### Form guide

#### Club Brugge

- Club Brugge are in the group stage for the third year in a row, the first time they have achieved that feat; it is their eighth UEFA Champions League group appearance overall. They have never progressed to the knockout rounds.
- In 2019/20, the Belgian side finished third behind Paris Saint-Germain and Real Madrid in Group A, picking up three points (D3 L3). It was the second year running they had finished third in their group.
- They went on to lose to Manchester United in the UEFA Europa League round of 32 (1-1 h, 0-5 a).
- The Matchday 1 win at Zenit was only Club Brugge's second victory in their last 19 fixtures in the UEFA Champions League proper (D6 L11); they have won none of their last ten home matches in the group stage (D4 L6), since a 3-2 defeat of Rapid Wien in November 2005.
- Club Brugge are without a win in four home European matches (D2 L2), since a 2-1 defeat of LASK in the 2018/19 UEFA Champions League play-offs. That was their third straight home victory; they had lost only one of their eight previous home European matches (W3 D4) before their current winless streak started.
- A 1-0 loss against Napoli in the 2015/16 UEFA Europa League group stage made it six home games against Serie A sides without a victory (D1 L5) for Club Brugge, who had won their first three matches against visitors from Italy, all in the 1970s.
- Club Brugge have not scored in their last four games against Italian sides and, home and away, are without a win in their last nine matches (D2 L7), since a 1-0 triumph at AC Milan in the 2003/04 UEFA Champions League group stage.
- Philippe Clement's side claimed Club Brugge's 16th Belgian league title in 2019/20, and third in the last five seasons.

#### Lazio

- This is Lazio's sixth UEFA Champions League campaign. On their most recent appearance, in 2007/08, they finished fourth in their section having picked up only five points from six games. Their previous appearances in the competition all came between 1999 and 2004.
- Lazio's record in the initial group stage is now W13 D7 L11.
- The Matchday 1 win against Dortmund was only Lazio's second in their last 12 UEFA Champions League matches, group stage to final (D4 L6).
- Before their first Group F game, Lazio's sole UEFA Champions League tie since 2007 had been a play-off defeat by another German club, Bayer Leverkusen, in 2015/16 (1-0 h, 0-3 a).
- The Rome club's most successful European Cup campaign came in 1999/2000, when they reached the quarter-finals before losing to Valencia (2-5 a, 1-0 h).
- The Biancocelesti took part in the UEFA Europa League group stage in 2019/20, winning two of their fixtures but losing the other four to finish third in the standings behind Celtic and CFR Cluj.
- Simone Inzaghi's side – who qualified for the group stage by finishing fourth in Serie A in 2019/20 – have lost eight of their last 11 European matches (W3).
- Lazio have lost their last five European away fixtures; a 3-1 win at Marseille in the 2018/19 UEFA Europa League group stage is the only time they have avoided defeat in their last eight away matches.
- This is only Lazio's fifth game against a club from Belgium. They have lost both away games, including the most recent – 3-2 at Zulte Waregem in the 2017/18 UEFA Europa League group stage. Felipe Caicedo and Lucas Leiva were both on target in that match, the former having earlier scored in Lazio's 2-0 home win when Ciro Immobile supplied the second goal, making it two home wins from two against Belgian visitors.

#### Links and trivia

- Have played in Belgium:  
Sergej Milinković-Savić (Genk 2014/15)  
Wesley Hoedt (Antwerp 2019/20)

Adam Marušić (Oostende 2016/17)

- Has played in Italy:

David Okereke (Spezia 2016–19, Cosenza 2018 loan)

- Have played together:

Siebe Schrijvers & Sergej Milinković-Savić (Genk 2014/15)

Simon Mignolet & Luis Alberto (Liverpool 2013/14)

Simon Mignolet & Lucas Leiva (Liverpool 2013–17)

## Latest news

### Club Brugge

#### • Summer transfers

**In:** Noa Lang (Ajax, loan)

**Out:** Erhan Mašović (Bochum), Cyril Ngonge (RKC Waalwijk), Jordi Vanlerberghe (Mechelen), Guillaume Hubert (Oostende), Ahmed Toubia (RKC Waalwijk), Kaveh Rezaei (Charleroi, loan), Loïs Openda (Vitesse, loan); Siemen Voet (Mechelen, loan), Thibault Vlietinck (OH Leuven, loan)

• Club Brugge lost two of their first three league games this season but had won five in a row, scoring 17 goals and conceding only three, before drawing 1-1 at Standard Liège on 17 October. On Saturday, they went down 2-1 at OH Leuven.

• Top scorers Krépin Diatta and Hans Vanaken both have five goals in the league this season.

• Noa Lang provided an assist in the Netherlands' 7-0 win in Cyprus in UEFA European Under-21 Championship qualifying on 13 October.

• Matej Mitrović has not played since the 5-0 loss at Manchester United in last season's UEFA Europa League round of 32 second leg on 27 February and has a heel problem.

### Lazio

#### • Summer transfers

**In:** Vedat Muriqi (Fenerbahçe), Mohamed Fares (SPAL), Pepe Reina (Milan), Gonzalo Escalante (Eibar), Jean-Daniel Akpa Akpro (Salernitana), Andreas Pereira (Manchester United, loan), Riza Durmisi (Nice), Wesley Hoedt (Southampton, loan)

**Out:** Valon Berisha (Reims), Ricardo Kishna (Den Haag), Milan Badelj (Genoa), Jony (Osasuna, loan), Wallace (Malatyaspor), Ivan Vargić (Koper), Jordan Lukaku (Royal Antwerp)

• Jean-Daniel Akpa-Akpro scored on his first appearance in UEFA club competition on Matchday 1.

• Lazio started the new season with a 2-0 win at Cagliari on 26 September but won none of their three subsequent Serie A matches, including heavy defeats against Atalanta (1-4) and Sampdoria (0-3), before Saturday's 2-1 success at home to Bologna.

• Ciro Immobile, who scored 36 Serie A goals last season, started the new campaign with a goal on the opening day and got the first against Dortmund before scoring what proved to be the winner against Bologna.

• Manuel Lazzari, who failed to register in 32 league games last season, scored his first goal in Serie A for Lazio against Cagliari. He suffered a thigh injury while on international duty with Italy and returned as a substitute on Saturday, replacing Adam Marušić three minutes before the break, when Lucas Leiva also limped off.

• Ștefan Radu has missed Lazio's last two games due to an injury to his right thigh.

• Luiz Felipe made his first appearance this season on Matchday 1 having twisted his left ankle in September.

• Sergej Milinković-Savić scored Lazio's goal in a 1-1 draw against Inter on 4 October and also got both goals, including an extra-time winner, as Serbia triumphed 2-1 in Norway in the UEFA EURO 2020 play-off semi-finals on 8 October.

• Six days later, Milinković-Savić again found the net for Serbia, in a 2-2 UEFA Nations League draw against Turkey.

• Joaquín Correa scored the decisive goal as Argentina won 2-1 in Bolivia in 2022 FIFA World Cup qualifying on 13 October.

• On 28 September Luis Alberto renewed his contract with Lazio until 30 June 2025.

• Immobile had also signed a new contract until 2025 on 31 August.

## Legend

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### 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

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### 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

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<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

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<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

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-: 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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