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Shakhtar Donetsk begin their home UEFA Champions League campaign buoyed by a stunning Matchday 1 upset at Real Madrid as they welcome Internazionale to Kyiv looking to avenge their heavy defeat in last season's UEFA Europa League semi-final.

- The Ukrainian side were 3-0 up at half-time in their opening Group B fixture in Madrid and, though the home side hit back strongly in the second period, held out for a 3-2 victory – only their second Matchday 1 success in their last six UEFA Champions League campaigns.
- Inter needed a 90th-minute Romelu Lukaku goal to salvage a 2-2 opening draw at home to Borussia Mönchengladbach, the Belgian's second of the night; Lukaku has now scored in nine successive matches in UEFA club competition and his last three UEFA Champions League appearances.

Previous meetings

- Lukaku and Lautaro Martínez both scored twice in Inter's 5-0 win against Shakhtar in last season's UEFA Europa League semi-final, Danilo D'Ambrosio getting the other at the Düsseldorf Arena.
- That was the clubs' third meeting in UEFA competition, Inter beating Shakhtar 3-1 on aggregate in the 2005/06 UEFA Champions League third qualifying round when a 1-1 draw in Milan was followed by a 2-0 win in Donetsk. Shakhtar's coach at the time was Mircea Lucescu, formerly of Inter.

Form guide

Shakhtar

- Shakhtar qualified as winners of the Ukrainian league, claiming the title for the 13th time – and fourth in a row – in 2019/20.
- UEFA Champions League quarter-finalists in 2010/11, Shakhtar are in the group stage for the 15th time and have progressed no further on ten of the previous 14 occasions, including the last two.
- The Pitmen finished third in their section in 2019/20, a 3-0 Matchday 6 defeat at home to Atalanta sending them into the UEFA Europa League. Shakhtar picked up six points in last season's group stage to finish behind Manchester City and the Italian club.
- Luís Castro's side went on to beat Benfica (2-1 h, 3-3 a) and Wolfsburg (2-1 a, 3-0 h) over two legs in the UEFA Europa League round of 32 and 16 respectively before defeating Basel 4-1 in a one-off quarter-final in Gelsenkirchen, but Inter proved too strong in their semi-final.
- Despite that opening victory in Madrid, Shakhtar have won only three of their last 14 UEFA Champions League matches (D6 L5).
- A 2-1 victory against Benfica in last season's UEFA Europa League round of 32 first leg ended Shakhtar's seven-game winless run in home European fixtures (D4 L3), though they won four in a row prior to that sequence – all in the 2017/18 UEFA Champions League.
- The Donetsk club's home record in last season's UEFA Champions League group stage was D1 L2, with those two losses, against Manchester City and Atalanta, both by a 0-3 scoreline.
- The Pitmen's record at home to Italian clubs is W5 L7, last season's loss to Atalanta following two successive 2-1 victories.
- The 2-1 win against Atalanta in Milan on Matchday 2 last season is the only time Shakhtar have avoided defeat in their last four contests with Italian sides, home and away.

Inter

- Second in Serie A in 2019/20, a point behind champions Juventus, Inter are the last Italian team to win the UEFA Champions League, in 2010 – their third European Cup triumph, and first in 45 years.
- This is the 14th time Inter have been in the group stage and the third season in a row having missed out for six consecutive years between 2011/12 and 2018/19.
- Antonio Conte's side finished third in their section last season, behind Barcelona and Borussia Dortmund after losing 2-1 at home to the Spanish side on Matchday 6. They picked up seven points from their six games.
- The Nerazzurri moved into the UEFA Europa League, beating Ludogorets 4-1 on aggregate in the round of 32 before wins in one-off ties on German soil against Getafe (2-0), Bayer Leverkusen (2-1) and Shakhtar took them into the final. Inter came up short at the last, however, going down 3-2 against Sevilla in the Cologne decider.
- Inter have won only two of their last 11 UEFA Champions League matches (D4 L5).

- The Milan club's last two UEFA Champions League campaigns have ended in the group stage, Inter finishing third in their section both last season and in 2018/19 – the first time in nine campaigns they had failed to progress.
- Despite victories in each of the last two European away matches, most recently a 2-0 success at Ludogorets in the 2019/20 UEFA Europa League round of 32, the Nerazzurri have won only four of their last 16 (D4 L8).
- Inter are undefeated in their nine UEFA encounters against Ukrainian sides (W6 D3), winning the last four. They have won three of their four away games against Ukrainian sides, the exception their first, a 1-1 draw at Dynamo Kyiv in the 2003/04 UEFA Champions League group stage.

Links and trivia

- Although Lukaku scored in both of Everton's games against Dynamo Kyiv in the 2014/15 round of 16, his club lost the tie to their Ukrainian opponents 6-4 on aggregate.
- Shakhtar's Taison scored against Napoli in a 2-1 win in Kharkiv on Matchday 1 of the 2017/18 UEFA Champions League.
- Nicolò Barella made his international debut for Italy in a 1-1 friendly draw against Ukraine in Genoa on 10 October 2018. Andriy Pyatov, Mykola Matviyenko, Marlos, Yevhen Konoplyanka and substitutes Taras Stepanenko and Serhiy Kryvtsov all played for the visitors.
- Inter's Ashley Young was in the England side that knocked Ukraine out of UEFA EURO 2012 with a 1-0 win in Donetsk in the final group game. Pyatov and Konoplyanka were starters for the defeated co-hosts.
- Konoplyanka scored for Ukraine against Milan Škriniar's Slovakia in a UEFA Nations League game on 16 November 2018, although Slovakia still won 4-1.
- Konoplyanka was also on target in Ukraine's 2-1 friendly win against Škriniar and Slovakia in November 2017.

Latest news

Shakhtar

• Summer transfers

In: None

Out: Oleksandr Zubkov (Ferencváros), Olarenwaju Kayode (Sivasspor, loan), Wellington Nem (released), Bogdan Butko (Lech Poznań, loan), Andriy Boryachuk (Mezőkövesd, loan)

- On 25 August Shakhtar lost 3-1 to Dynamo Kyiv in the 2020 Ukrainian Super Cup. They have not lost since in all competitions (W3 D4), drawing 1-1 at home to Vorskla on Saturday.
- The Matchday 1 win at Madrid was a UEFA Champions League debut for Anatolii Trubin, Viktor Korniienko, Vitão, Valeriy Bondar, Heorhii Sudakov and Bogdan V'Yunnik; Sudakov and V'Yunnik were also making their first-team debuts.
- Five of Shakhtar's first-team squad missed the game in Madrid due to illness: Mykola Matviyenko, Taras Stepanenko, Júnior Moraes, Taison and Alan Patrick. All bar Moraes came on as a substitute on Saturday.
- Viktor Kovalenko scored twice in a 5-1 defeat of Lviv on 17 October but was replaced after 25 minutes due to a thigh injury and has not played since.
- Yevhen Konoplyanka (adductor) has been out since 23 September while Serhiy Kryvtsov, whose last appearance came on 27 September, has been sidelined by an unspecified injury.
- In June, Ismaily tore a cruciate ligament; he has been included in Shakhtar's UEFA Champions League squad and is expected to return to action in December.
- Having been sidelined since having surgery on his shoulder on 1 August, Vladyslav Vakula returned in that 5-1 defeat of Lviv.

Inter

• Summer transfers

In: Achraf Hakimi (Real Madrid), Andrea Pinamonti (Genoa), Aleksandar Kolarov (Roma), Arturo Vidal (Barcelona), Matteo Darmian (Parma, loan), Alexis Sánchez (Manchester United)

Out: Mauro Icardi (Paris), Antonio Candreva (Sampdoria, loan), Sebastiano Esposito (SPAL, loan), Dalbert (Rennes, loan), Valentino Lazaro (Mönchengladbach, loan), Borja Valero (Fiorentina), Diego Godín (Cagliari), Eddie Salcedo (Hellas Verona, loan), Lucien Agoumé (Spezia, loan)

- Marcelo Brozović's next appearance in UEFA club competition will be his 50th.
- Matteo Darmian made his Inter debut on Matchday 1.
- Inter won their first two games of the Serie A season, beating Fiorentina 4-3 at home and Benevento 5-2 away,

although they took only one point from the next two, including a 2-1 derby defeat by AC Milan on 17 October.

- On Saturday Antonio Conte's side won for the first time in four games in all competitions, Romelu Lukaku and Danilo D'Ambrosio getting the goals in a 2-0 Serie A success at Genoa.
- Christian Eriksen celebrated his 100th cap for Denmark by scoring the only goal of the UEFA Nations League match against England at Wembley on 14 October. The midfielder had also scored in the 4-0 friendly win against Faroe Islands on 7 October and the 3-0 UEFA Nations League win against Iceland three days later.
- Lukaku scored three goals in two UEFA Nations League games for Belgium in the recent international break: one in the 2-1 defeat away to England on 11 October and two in the 2-1 win in Iceland three days later.
- Lukaku has ten goals in nine games for club and country in 2020/21 and has scored in each of his last five outings, seven goals in all.
- Alexis Sánchez and Arturo Vidal both scored in Chile's 2-2 draw against Colombia in 2020 FIFA World Cup qualifying on 13 October. Sánchez had also scored in the 2-1 defeat against Uruguay five days previously.
- Martínez scored in Argentina's 2-1 win against Bolivia, also in World Cup qualifying, on 13 October.
- Hakimi missed the game against Mönchengladbach because of illness, returning as a substitute at Genoa. Roberto Gagliardini, Ionuț Radu, Milan Škriniar and Ashley Young have all been sidelined for similar reasons.
- Stefano Sensi has missed Inter's last two games with a thigh injury while Sánchez was replaced at half-time against Mönchengladbach after picking up a problem with his right thigh and was absent at the weekend.
- On 2 October Lukaku was named the 2019/20 UEFA Europa League Player of the Season.
- Lukaku was joined by Samir Handanovič, Stefan de Vrij, Nicolò Barella, Brozović and Lautaro Martínez in the UEFA Europa League Squad of the Season.

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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