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Club Brugge

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Club Brugge welcome Manchester City to Belgium holding a one-point advantage over the English side in Group A.

- The Belgian champions have four points after two matches, opening with a 1-1 draw at home to Paris Saint-Germain before a 2-1 win in Leipzig last time out. City put six goals past the German club on Matchday 1, running out 6-3 victors, but then lost 2-0 in Paris in a game between the last two UEFA Champions League runners-up.
- This is the sides' first meeting.

Form guide

Club Brugge

- Club Brugge are making their fourth successive group stage appearance and ninth overall, three behind Anderlecht's Belgian record.
- In 2020/21, the Belgian side finished third behind Borussia Dortmund and Lazio but ahead of Zenit in Group F, picking up eight points (W2 D2 L2) to move into the UEFA Europa League.
- Club Brugge lasted just one tie in the UEFA Europa League, however, going out in the round of 32 to Dynamo Kyiv (1-1 a, 0-1 h).
- Philippe Clement's side claimed Club Brugge's 17th Belgian league title last season, and a third in four years.
- Club Brugge have never progressed to the UEFA Champions League knockout rounds in their eight previous appearances. They have come third in their section in each of the last three campaigns.
- The Matchday 2 win in Leipzig was only Blauw-Zwart's fourth in their last 28 fixtures in the UEFA Champions League proper (D10 L14).
- A 3-0 win against Zenit on Matchday 5 last season is Club Brugge's only victory in nine home European matches (D4 L4), since a 2-1 defeat of LASK in the 2019/20 UEFA Champions League play-offs. The defeat of Zenit is their only win in their last 14 home matches in the UEFA Champions League group stage (D6 L7), since a 3-2 victory against Rapid Wien in November 2005.
- Club Brugge's last games with English opponents pitted them against City's local rivals Manchester United in the 2019/20 UEFA Europa League round of 32 (1-1 h, 0-5 a).
- That made it 12 games without a win against Premier League clubs for Club Brugge, since a 1-0 home victory against Chelsea in the 1994/95 UEFA Cup Winners' Cup quarter-final first leg, a tie they lost 2-1 on aggregate. Their record since that win is D3 L9.
- All six of Club Brugge's wins against English clubs have come at home; that 1995 victory against Chelsea made their record in Bruges W6 D1. Their record since is D2 L3.
- Club Brugge have twice lost European finals to English clubs, both against Liverpool; in the 1976 UEFA Cup (2-3 a, 1-1 h) and the 1978 European Cup at Wembley (0-1).

Manchester City

- In 2020/21 City ended a run of three successive quarter-final eliminations by going all the way to the UEFA Champions League final only to lose 1-0 to Chelsea at Porto's Estádio do Dragão on 29 May.
- City had beaten Borussia Mönchengladbach (2-0 a, 2-0 h), Borussia Dortmund (2-1 h, 2-1 a) and Paris (2-1 a, 2-0 h) en route to the final. They had finished first in Group C with 16 points, keeping five clean sheets and conceding only one goal – equalling the UEFA Champions League group stage record.
- The goal scored by Dortmund's Marco Reus in the 84th minute of last season's quarter-final first leg ended City's run without conceding a UEFA Champions League goal at 790 minutes, second in the all-time ranking behind Arsenal in 2005/06 (995 minutes).
- City have already conceded the same number of goals in the 2021/22 UEFA Champions League as in their 13 games in last season's competition.
- Champions of England for the seventh time in 2020/21, their third title in four seasons, City also claimed the English League Cup for the fourth season in a row and the eighth overall, equalling Liverpool's competition record.
- This is the Cityzens' 11th UEFA Champions League campaign; they have been involved in the group stage every season since 2011/12 and have reached the round of 16 in eight successive campaigns.
- Guardiola's team have won 12 of their last 18 away European matches (D3 L3). The last two defeats before the loss in Paris on Matchday 2 had both come in England; the previous away game they had lost abroad was at Shakhtar

Donetsk (1-2) on Matchday 6 of the 2017/18 UEFA Champions League.

- City have won five of their six games against Belgian clubs, most recently beating Lokeren in the 2003/04 UEFA Cup first round (3-2 h, 1-0 a).
- That second-leg victory was City's second win in Belgium in their third game; their sole defeat by Belgian opponents was a 2-0 loss at Standard Liège in the 1978/79 UEFA Cup second round second leg, a tie they still won on aggregate (4-0 h).
- City's six games against Belgian clubs have yielded 16 goals scored and only four against with four clean sheets.

Links and trivia

- Born in Drongen, near Ghent, Kevin De Bruyne joined the local side in 1997 and went on to have spells in the youth set-ups at Gent and Genk, making his senior breakthrough at the latter in 2009. He scored 17 goals in 113 appearances for the club in all competitions, winning the league title in 2010/11 and the Belgian Super Cup at the start of the following season.
- De Bruyne's record against Club Brugge with Genk was W5 D1 L2. All three of his goals came in Genk's 5-4 league win in Bruges on 29 October 2011 – the first hat-trick of his senior career.
- This is De Bruyne's first game against a Belgian side in UEFA competition.
- International team-mates:
Simon Mignolet, Hans Vanaken, Charles De Ketelaere, Brandon Mechele & Kevin De Bruyne (Belgium)
Eduard Sobol & Oleksandr Zichenko (Ukraine)
Noa Lang & Nathan Aké (Netherlands)
Owen Otasowie & Zack Steffen (United States)
- Wesley's only cap for Brazil came as a late substitute in a 1-0 friendly defeat against Argentina on 15 November 2019, a match Gabriel Jesus started.
- Bas Dost and Nathan Aké were Netherlands team-mates between 2017 and 2018, while one of Ruud Vormer's four Netherlands caps came in a 1-1 friendly draw against Italy on 4 June 2018 in which Aké also played.
- Have played together:
Wesley & Jack Grealish (Aston Villa 2019–21)
Simon Mignolet & Raheem Sterling (Liverpool 2013–15)
Eduard Sobol & Oleksandr Zichenko (Shakhtar Donetsk 2013/14)
- Have played in England:
Simon Mignolet (Sunderland 2010–13, Liverpool 2013–19)
Wesley (Aston Villa 2019–21)
Kamal Sowah (Leicester 2018–21)
Owen Otasowie (West Ham youth 2017, Wolverhampton Wanderers 2017–21)
José Izquierdo (Brighton 2017–21)
Jack Hendry (Wigan 2015–17, Shrewsbury 2016 loan, MK Dons 2016 loan)

Latest news

Club Brugge

- Club Brugge's league record so far this season is W6 D4 L1. They had drawn two successive games 1-1 before Friday's 2-0 home win against Kortrijk.
- Ruud Vormer scored twice at the weekend to join Charles De Ketelaere as Club Brugge's joint top scorer this season with four league goals, one more than both Noa Lang and Hans Vanaken. It was the first time Vormer had found the net more than once in a league game since February 2017.
- Philippe Clement's side were 4-0 winners at Zulte Waregem on 15 August, their biggest victory so far this season.
- Club Brugge were beaten 6-1 at Gent on 29 August, their heaviest loss in all competitions since a 5-0 defeat at Manchester United in the UEFA Europa League round of 32 second leg on 27 February 2020, and their biggest league reverse since they went down by the same scoreline at Anderlecht on 11 November 2012.
- Champions Club Brugge beat cup winners Genk 3-2 in the Belgian Super Cup on 17 July; it was the club's 19th appearance in the match, one short of Anderlecht's competition best, and a record 16th win.
- De Ketelaere won his second Belgium cap, and his first since November 2020, in the 2-1 defeat by Italy in the UEFA Nations League third-place play-off, marking the occasion with a goal set up by Manchester City's Kevin De Bruyne.
- Lang made his first appearance for the Netherlands as a substitute in the 1-0 2022 FIFA World Cup qualifying win in Latvia on 8 October. Three days later he provided an assist on his first start, a 6-0 home win against Gibraltar.

- José Izquierdo came on as a late substitute against Kortrijk on Friday, his first appearance since rejoining the club in the summer four years after leaving for Brighton. The Colombian had been sidelined by a series of knee injuries.

Manchester City

- City's seven-match unbeaten run in all competitions (W6 D1) was ended by defeat at Paris on Matchday 2.
- Pep Guardiola's side have failed to score in four of their first 12 games in 2021/22, as many as in their previous 43 matches.
- Phil Foden and Kevin De Bruyne both scored their first league goals of the season in a 2-2 draw at Liverpool on 3 October.
- Champions City are unbeaten in the Premier League since a 1-0 loss at Tottenham on the opening weekend; their record since is W5 D2, the draw at Liverpool also ending a run of five successive clean sheets. They were 2-0 winners at home to Burnley on Saturday thanks to goals from De Bruyne again and Bernardo Silva.
- City lost to Leicester City in the FA Community Shield at Wembley on 7 August – the seventh time they had been beaten in the match, on their 13th appearance.
- A 1-0 win at Chelsea on 25 September was Guardiola's 221st victory in all competitions as City manager, setting a new club record ahead of Les McDowall (220 wins).
- City's 28 goals this season have been scored by 16 different players.
- City, who have won the League Cup in each of the last four seasons, will visit West Ham this season's last 16 on 27 October.
- Two Ferran Torres goals helped Spain to a 2-1 win against Italy in the UEFA Nations League semi-finals on 6 October, Aymeric Laporte also starting; the pair also started the 2-1 final defeat by France four days later, along with club-mate Rodri.
- De Bruyne set up all three of Belgium's UEFA Nations League goals in defeats against France in the semi-finals (2-3) and Italy in the third-place play-off (1-2).
- John Stones, who made his first City appearance this season on Saturday, scored England's goal in a 1-1 home draw against Hungary in 2022 FIFA World Cup qualifying on 12 October. It was his third strike for his country, both previous goals coming in the 6-1 group stage defeat of Panama at the 2018 World Cup.
- Stones was one of five City players to start against Hungary, along with Kyle Walker, Foden, Raheem Sterling and Jack Grealish – a new club record.
- Grealish scored his first England goal in a 5-0 win in Andorra on 9 October, Foden providing the assist for the visitors' second goal.
- Bernardo Silva won a penalty and set up another goal in Portugal's 5-0 win at home to Luxembourg on 12 October.
- Riyad Mahrez scored twice as Algeria won 6-1 at home to Niger in World Cup qualifying on 8 October, and was also on target in a 4-0 victory away to the same opponents four days later.
- Cole Palmer was on target as England drew 2-2 in Slovenia in 2023 UEFA European Under-21 Championship qualifying on 7 October.
- Torres is expected to be out for up to six weeks after suffering a fractured foot playing for Spain.
- Oleksandr Zinchenko picked up a calf injury on Matchday 1 and has not played since, although he was on the bench against Burnley.
- İlkay Gündoğan has not played since 18 September due to a thigh injury but was also an unused substitute at the weekend.
- Rúben Dias was named Defender of the Season for the 2020/21 UEFA Champions League on 26 August.
- Dias, Foden, De Bruyne, Mahrez and Sterling are all on the 30-man shortlist for the Ballon d'Or, with the winner to be announced on 29 November.

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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