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**Beşiktaş JK**

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Group C - Matchday 3



**Sporting Clube de  
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## Match background

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Beşiktaş and Sporting CP meet in Istanbul on Matchday 3 needing to put points on the board quickly after losing their first two Group C games. The Turkish club have never won at home to Portuguese opponents in eight previous attempts.

- The Turkish side went down 2-1 at home to Borussia Dortmund on Matchday 1 and 2-0 at Ajax in their second fixture, while Sporting were beaten 5-1 at home by the Dutch side in their opening game before a 1-0 loss in Germany.

### Previous meetings

- The sides have been paired together only once before, in the 2015/16 UEFA Europa League group stage. Bryan Ruiz's 16th-minute opener for the visitors in Istanbul was cancelled out by Gökhan Töre a minute past the hour on Matchday 2, before Sporting won 3-1 back in Lisbon in the final round of fixtures, a result that took them through as Group H runners-up at the expense of Beşiktaş.

- The Turkish team had struck first at the Estádio José Alvalade, through Mario Gomez in the 58th minute, but Islam Slimani levelled for Sporting nine minutes later before Ruiz (72) and Teófilo Gutiérrez (78) secured a decisive win.

### Form guide

#### Beşiktaş

- This is the eighth time Beşiktaş have appeared in the group stage; among Turkish clubs, only Galatasaray (16) have featured more frequently.

- Beşiktaş last appeared in 2017/18, when they won their section unbeaten ahead of Porto, Leipzig and Monaco to reach the round of 16 for the first time only for Bayern München to prove too strong in the first knockout round (0-5 a, 1-3 h).

- The Black Eagles were champions of Turkey for the 16th time in 2020/21, their third triumph in six years. They also lifted the Turkish Cup for the tenth time, completing the domestic double for the third time and the first since 2008/09.

- The Turkish side's 2020/21 UEFA Champions League campaign lasted a single match, a 3-1 loss at PAOK in the one-off second qualifying round tie.

- Beşiktaş therefore moved into the UEFA Europa League but again fell at the first hurdle, Rio Ave winning 4-2 on penalties in Istanbul after a 1-1 draw in the third qualifying round in what was their last game against a Portuguese club.

- Beşiktaş's best European Cup campaign came in 1986/87 when they got to the quarter-finals before losing 7-0 on aggregate to Dynamo Kyiv.

- Beşiktaş have won only one of their last seven home European matches (D1 L5).

- Elimination by Rio Ave last season meant the Turkish team are still looking for their first victory at home to Portuguese visitors, with their record D4 L4. Home and away, Beşiktaş have won three of their 16 games against Portuguese sides (D6 L7), most recently a 3-1 success at Porto on Matchday 1 of the 2017/18 UEFA Champions League. Their record since is D2 L2.

#### Sporting CP

- This is Sporting's ninth UEFA Champions League group campaign, and a first since 2017/18.

- Sporting's most recent campaign ended with a third-placed finish in their section behind Barcelona and Juventus; they went on to reach the UEFA Europa League quarter-finals.

- The Lisbon club's last three European campaigns have all been in the UEFA Europa League. In 2020/21, they beat Aberdeen 1-0 at home in the one-off third qualifying round before a 4-1 play-off defeat against LASK, also in Lisbon.

- The Lions have progressed from the group stage only once before, in 2008/09; then they lost 12-1 on aggregate to Bayern (0-5 h, 1-7 a) – the heaviest aggregate defeat in the UEFA Champions League knockout phase.

- Sporting have lost eight of their last nine away matches in the UEFA Champions League group stage; a 3-2 victory at Olympiacos on Matchday 1 in 2017/18 is their only win in their last 11 away games in the competition, group stage to final (D1 L9).

- Sporting claimed their 19th Portuguese Liga title in 2020/21, and a first since 2001/02. The Lisbon side also won the Portuguese League Cup, their third victory in the competition – all in the last four seasons.

- Sporting's last visit to Turkey brought a 4-1 extra-time defeat at İstanbul Başakşehir in the 2019/20 UEFA Europa League round of 32 second leg, a 119th-minute penalty confirming a 5-4 aggregate loss. That was the Portuguese

side's first defeat in Turkey, where their first three games all ended in draws.

- The Lions' record against Turkish teams, home and away, is W3 D3 L2.

#### **Links and trivia**

- French right-back Valentin Rosier joined Beşiktaş from Sporting on loan last season and on a permanent basis in the summer. He made 16 appearances for the Lisbon club in all competitions in 2019/20, his sole season.
- Rosier's Sporting team-mates included Sebastián Coates, Luís Neto, Jovane Cabral, Tiago Tomás and Matheus Nunes.
- Matheus Reis scored Rio Ave's winning penalty against Beşiktaş in last season's UEFA Europa League third qualifying round at Beşiktaş Park. Welinton, Rıdvan Yılmaz, Necip Uysal, Francisco Montero and Oğuzhan Özyakup all started for the home team, with Cyle Larin and Gökhan Töre coming off the bench.
- Paulinho scored twice in Braga's 3-1 home win against a Beşiktaş side featuring Necip Uysal, Domagoj Vida and Oğuzhan Özyakup in the 2019/20 UEFA Europa League group stage.
- Has played in Turkey:  
Luís Neto (Fenerbahçe 2017/18 loan)
- Neto was sent off in Fenerbahçe's 2-1 home win against Beşiktaş on 23 September 2017. He also played 90 minutes in a 3-1 Beşiktaş win in the reverse encounter on 25 February 2018.
- Have played in Portugal:  
Souza (Porto 2010–12)
- Have also played together:  
Francisco Montero & Pedro Porro (Spain Under-21)  
Francisco Montero & Antonio Adán (Atlético de Madrid, 2018/19)  
Mehmet Topal, Souza & Luís Neto (Fenerbahçe, 2017/18)

#### **Latest news**

##### **Beşiktaş**

- Beşiktaş kept clean sheets in each of their first four Süper Lig games this season, for the first time since 1985/86, but have shipped 11 goals in the five matches since.
- Beşiktaş went down 3-2 at İstanbul Başakşehir on Friday night, making it three defeats in four games in all competitions despite goals from Alex Teixeira and Michy Batshuayi, the latter a penalty that made him the club's leading scorer this season with four league goals.
- Oğuzhan Özyakup made his 300th appearance for Beşiktaş at İstanbul Başakşehir.
- Beşiktaş have won only two of their last seven games in all competitions (D1 L4).
- Güven Yalçın, who is not in the UEFA Champions League squad, had scored Beşiktaş's previous three goals including both in a 2-1 win at home to Sivasspor on 2 October.
- Cyle Larin, who finished as Beşiktaş's top scorer in the 2020/21 Turkish Super League with 19 goals, opened his account for the current campaign with the final goal against Rizespor on 13 August, but has not found the net in six club matches since.
- Francisco Montero failed to find the net in his first 17 Beşiktaş appearances, but now has two goals in his last three matches. He has not played due to illness since the 3-3 draw at home to Adana Demirspor on 21 September during which his side let slip a three-goal lead, but was an unused substitute on Friday.
- Rıdvan Yılmaz has scored two league goals this season, already his best return in his fourth season in the first team.
- Miralem Pjanić had to be replaced with a thigh injury in the first half of the 2-1 defeat at Altay on 24 September and has not played since. He is back in team training, however, as is Kenan Karaman who is recovering from an operation on a broken finger.
- Welinton and Larin returned on Friday, the former as a starter and Larin as a half-time substitute, having been out with thigh strains since the draw against Adana Demirspor.
- Alex Teixeira suffered a thigh strain after scoring in a 1-0 win at home to Fatih Karagümrük on 28 August. He started in the 3-0 defeat of Yeni Malatyaspor on 11 September but was replaced before half-time after a recurrence of the problem, returning as a substitute against Sivasspor.
- Atiba Hutchinson started on Friday after recovering from a thigh injury suffered against Altay, but was withdrawn at half-time due to another thigh problem.

- Georges-Kévin N'Koudou has been out since 11 September with a knee problem, while Mehmet Topal suffered a groin injury in a 3-2 win at Antalyaspor on 18 September and has not played since.
- Rachid Ghezzal played 90 minutes on Friday, his first appearance since suffering a thigh injury against Adana Demirspor.
- Batshuayi was a late substitute as Belgium lost 3-2 to France in the UEFA Nations League semi-finals on 7 October, playing 90 minutes of the subsequent 2-1 defeat by Italy.

## **Sporting**

- Luís Neto's next appearance in UEFA club competition will be his 50th.
- Sporting recorded their biggest win of the season on Friday, Tiago Tomás scoring twice in a 4-0 victory at fourth-tier Belenenses in the Portuguese Cup third round. Jovane Cabral's penalty was his first goal since 14 August with Nuno Santos, also from the spot, finding the net for the second match in succession.
- One of two sides still unbeaten in this season's Portuguese Liga along with Porto, Sporting have won their last three league matches.
- Matheus Nunes scored his first goal of the season in a 2-1 victory at Arouca on 2 October.
- That match marked captain Sebastián Coates' 250th appearance for Sporting. The Uruguayan is third on the list of foreign players with the most matches for the Lions, after Brazilian duo Anderson Polga (342 matches) and Liedson (313).
- The Matchday 2 defeat at Dortmund is the only one of Sporting's 12 matches in all competitions this season in which they have failed to score.
- The two Group C defeats are two of only three Sporting losses in their last 35 matches in all competitions, the other a 4-3 reverse at Benfica in the penultimate round of league fixtures last season. Their record otherwise is W25 D7.
- The Portuguese Liga's top scorer last season with 23 goals, Pedro Gonçalves has three to his name in the competition this season although he has not found the net since 14 August.
- Gonçalves has recovered from a foot injury that has kept him out since 28 August and featured in a friendly 3-0 win against third-tier Torreense on 8 October before starting at Belenenses on Friday.
- Gonçalo Inácio also returned to action at the weekend having been out with an ankle injury since limping off midway through the first half against Ajax on 15 September.
- Pedro Porro was carried off on a stretcher in the second half of Friday's cup win after being injured by a tackle.
- Porro was named September's defender of the month by the Portuguese Liga, an official monthly vote involving all the coaches of the Portuguese first division clubs. Porro was involved in all three of Sporting's league goals that month, scoring two and setting up the other.
- Pablo Sarabia started Spain's 2-1 semi-final win against Italy in the UEFA Nations League and the 3-2 final defeat by France; Porro was an unused substitute in both games.
- Brazilian-born Matheus Nunes made his debut for Portugal in the friendly 3-0 win at home against Qatar on 9 October, winning his second cap three days later as a substitute in a 5-0 2022 FIFA World Cup qualifying win against Luxembourg.
- João Palhinha scored his second goal for Portugal in the win against Luxembourg, his tenth cap; his first goal had also come against the same opponents.
- Tiago Tomás was on target in Portugal's record 11-0 UEFA European Under-21 Championship qualifying win against Liechtenstein on 7 October, his first goal for the team.
- Portuguese champions Sporting began 2021/22 with another trophy, beating Braga 2-1 in the Portuguese Super Cup on 31 July. Goals from Jovane Cabral and Gonçalves earned a comeback win after Braga had taken an early lead.
- Daniel Bragança signed a one-year contract extension on 12 October, keeping him at Sporting until 2025.

## 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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