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**BSC Young Boys**

**Stadion Wankdorf - Berne**

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Group F - Matchday 3



**Villarreal CF**

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## Match background

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Young Boys will look to claim another high-profile scalp in Berne when UEFA Europa League holders Villarreal visit in their third Group F game.

- The Swiss club kicked off only their second UEFA Champions League group campaign with a famous 2-1 win at home to Manchester United, although that early momentum was checked by a 1-0 loss at Atalanta last time out. Villarreal had drawn 2-2 at home to the Italian club on Matchday 1 before succumbing to an added-time goal to lose 2-1 at United, who they had beaten on penalties in last season's UEFA Europa League final.
- This is the sides' first meeting.

### Form guide

#### Young Boys

- Champions of Switzerland in each of the last four seasons, YB successfully negotiated UEFA Champions League qualifying for only the second time this season.
- Young Boys have already played eight games in the 2021/22 UEFA Champions League, winning all four at home. They eliminated Slovan Bratislava in the second qualifying round (0-0 a, 3-2 h) and CFR Cluj in the third (1-1 a, 3-1 h) before triumphing 3-2 home and away against Ferencváros in the play-offs.
- This season is their ninth UEFA Champions League campaign. They have come through qualifying only once before, in 2018/19 when a side coached by Gerardo Seoane beat Dinamo Zagreb in the play-offs, winning 2-1 in the second leg in Croatia to complete a 3-2 aggregate triumph.
- In that 2018/19 group stage, the Berne club finished bottom of a section involving Juventus, United and Valencia – although they did claim their first win in the UEFA Champions League proper against the Italian side on Matchday 6, winning 2-1 at home.
- YB's 2020/21 UEFA Champions League campaign lasted only two matches; they beat KÍ of the Faroe Islands 3-1 at home in the second qualifying round but then lost 3-0 at Danish side Midtjylland.
- The Swiss club therefore moved into the UEFA Europa League, beating Tirana in the play-offs (3-0 h) before finishing second behind Roma in Group A. They got the better of Bayer Leverkusen in the round of 32 (4-3 h, 2-0 a) but bowed out against Ajax in the last 16 (0-3 a, 0-2 h).
- The loss to Ajax last season is the only one of Young Boys' last eight European home matches they have failed to win.
- With Seoane having departed for Leverkusen in the summer after three years in charge, David Wagner took over as Young Boys coach on 1 July.
- Young Boys also faced Spanish opponents in their only previous UEFA Champions League group stage appearance in 2018/19, when they drew 1-1 at home to Valencia before a 3-1 away defeat.
- That made their record in Berne against Spanish visitors W2 D1 L1; overall it is W3 D1 L4.

#### Villarreal

- Seventh in the Spanish Liga in 2020/21, Villarreal's UEFA Europa League triumph means they are playing in the UEFA Champions League group stage for the fourth time, and the first since 2011/12.
- That most recent campaign was also their least successful, Villarreal losing all six games to finish bottom of a section that also included Bayern München, Napoli and Manchester City.
- The Yellow Submarine have twice reached the UEFA Champions League knockout rounds. Semi-finalists on debut in 2005/06, they made it to the quarter-finals three years later – both campaigns ended by Arsenal.
- Having lost none of their first 11 UEFA Champions League group games (W4 D7), Villarreal had been beaten in seven in a row before drawing with Atalanta on Matchday 1. The Matchday 2 loss at United made it 11 group games without a victory (D3 L8), since a 6-3 home win against Aalborg on Matchday 3 in 2008/09.
- Villarreal's only win in ten away fixtures in the UEFA Champions League group stage (D4 L5) was 1-0 at Benfica on Matchday 4 of the 2005/06 campaign.
- In 2020/21, Unai Emery's team cruised to first place in UEFA Europa League Group I ahead of Maccabi Tel-Aviv, Sivasspor and Qarabağ to reach the round of 32 for the eighth time before comfortably disposing of UEFA Champions League group stage participants Salzburg (2-0 a, 2-1 h) and Dynamo Kyiv (2-0 a, 2-0 h). They also won both quarter-final matches against Dinamo Zagreb (1-0 a, 2-1 h) and then knocked out Emery's former employers Arsenal in the semi-final (2-1 h, 0-0 a) before beating United 11-10 on penalties after a 1-1 draw at Poland's Stadion Gdańsk.

Villarreal were undefeated in Europe in 2020/21 with 11 wins and three draws.

- The defeat of United came in Villarreal's first major European final, though they were twice winners of the UEFA Intertoto Cup (2003, 2004) having finished as runners-up in 2002.
- This is Villarreal's fourth European game of the season; they were defeated 6-5 on penalties by UEFA Champions League holders Chelsea after a 1-1 draw in the UEFA Super Cup on 11 August in Belfast.
- With the UEFA Super Cup against Chelsea counted as a draw, defeat at United on Matchday 2 ended Villarreal's 26-match unbeaten run against non-Spanish opposition in European matches (W16 D10), since a 1-0 loss at home to Lyon in the 2017/18 UEFA Europa League round of 32 second leg.
- Villarreal have played only four previous matches against Swiss clubs, all against Zürich in the UEFA Europa League group stage. They won 4-1 at home in 2014/15 before a 3-2 away defeat in which Gerard Moreno scored Villarreal's second goal; two seasons later they followed a 2-1 home win with a 1-1 away draw.

#### **Links and trivia**

- YB coach Wagner was in charge of the Huddersfield side that lost 1-0 at Emery's Arsenal in the Premier League on 8 December 2018.
- Dani Parejo came on as a substitute in Getafe's 2-0 loss at Young Boys on Matchday 2 of the 2010/11 UEFA Europa League and played 90 minutes for Valencia in a 1-1 UEFA Champions League group draw against the Berne club in October 2018.
- Jordan Siebatcheu and Aïssa Mandi were both in the youth ranks at French club Reims between 2003 and 2009; Siebatcheu joined Mandi in the first team in January 2015, where they played together until the latter's departure for Real Betis in summer 2016.
- Pau Torres and Gerard Moreno were part of the Spain team that eliminated Switzerland on penalties in the UEFA EURO 2020 quarter-finals on 2 July; Christian Fassnacht came on as a Swiss substitute at the end of normal time.

#### **Latest news**

##### **Young Boys**

- Young Boys have won six of their last eight matches in all competitions, scoring 28 goals; the Matchday 2 defeat at Atalanta is their only loss in 13 (W10 D2).
- Having finished 31 points clear at the top of the 2020/21 Swiss Super League, Young Boys have won five of their first nine league games this season (D3 L1) including four in a row before Saturday's 1-1 draw at home to Luzern. They scored 22 goals in those victories and only two in the four games they failed to win.
- YB have scored 19 goals in their last five league games.
- Christian Fassnacht (six), Jordan Siebatcheu (five) and Meschack Elia (four) have scored 15 of Young Boys' 24 league goals to date. It took an added-time equaliser from Nicolas Moumi Ngamaleu, his second goal in as many games, to rescue a point on Saturday.
- Young Boys were 7-1 winners away to lower-league Iliria in the second round of the Swiss Cup on 19 September, Wilfried Kanga scoring a hat-trick, and will visit Lugano in the last 16 on 27 October.
- Substitute Fassnacht scored Switzerland's second goal in a 2-0 home win against Northern Ireland in 2022 FIFA World Cup qualifying on 9 October.
- Cédric Zesiger suffered an injury to the metatarsal in his right foot against Iliria and has not played since.
- YB captain Fabian Lustenberger and Jean-Pierre Nsame, last season's top scorer with 19 league goals, are both yet to play this season due to ruptured Achilles tendons.

##### **Villarreal**

- On Sunday Villarreal lost the last undefeated record in the Liga this season, going down 2-1 at home to Osasuna; their previous record was W2 D5.
- Unai Emery's side drew their first four league fixtures of 2021/22 before winning two of three prior to Sunday's defeat.
- Villarreal's tally of four goals conceded in their first two UEFA Champions League matches this season is one fewer than they have shipped in eight league matches, in which they have kept five clean sheets.
- Yeremi Pino made his Spain debut as a substitute in the 2-1 win against Italy in the UEFA Nations League semi-finals on 6 October. Four days later, he also came on in the 2-1 final defeat by France.
- Arnaut Danjuma, who scored both goals in Villarreal's 2-0 Liga success at home to Real Betis on 3 October, also found the net in the Netherlands' 6-0 home win against Gibraltar in 2022 FIFA World Cup qualifying on 11 October.

Danjuma has six goals in ten games for club and country this season.

- Aïssa Mandi scored as Algeria won 4-0 away to Niger in World Cup qualifying on 12 October.
- Gerard Moreno scored Villarreal's goal on Sunday, his first appearance since Matchday 1 after recovering from a hamstring problem, while Daniel Raba has been sidelined by an ankle injury but was an unused replacement at the weekend.
- Samuel Chukwueze came on as a substitute at the weekend, his first appearance since 6 May due to a hamstring injury.
- On 4 October, former Tottenham defender Serge Aurier joined Villarreal as a free agent, signing a contract until the end of the season with the option for a two-year extension. He is ineligible for the UEFA Champions League group stage.
- Moreno is on the 30-man shortlist for the Ballon d'Or, with the winner to be announced on 29 November.

## 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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