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Group G - Matchday 3



VfL Wolfsburg

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Salzburg hold a slender advantage in a closely-contested Group G and will aim to consolidate their position at the top as German side Wolfsburg cross the border to Austria.

- Salzburg's 2-1 home defeat of LOSC Lille on Matchday 2 is the only one of the four Group G games to have produced a positive result, the Austrian champions having drawn 1-1 at Sevilla in their first outing. That game featured four penalties, a UEFA Champions League record, Salzburg scoring one and missing two; both their goals against LOSC also came from the spot.
- Wolfsburg have two points thanks to draws at LOSC (0-0) and at home against Sevilla (1-1).
- This is the sides' first fixture, and only Wolfsburg's third against an Austrian club.

Form guide

Salzburg

- Salzburg are taking part in a third successive group stage campaign. They were third in their section behind Liverpool and Napoli in 2019/20, having qualified automatically to make their first group appearance since 1994.
- In 2020/21, Salzburg beat Maccabi Tel-Aviv in the play-offs before again finishing third in their group, picking up four points in Group A. They lost both games against Bayern München and Atlético de Madrid, but won 3-1 at Lokomotiv Moskva after a 2-2 home draw to finish ahead of the Russian club.
- A side coached by Jesse Marsch therefore moved into the UEFA Europa League, where they lost 2-0 at home and 2-1 away against eventual winners Villarreal in the round of 32. It was the second successive European campaign in which Salzburg had been eliminated at that stage following their 2019/20 loss against Eintracht Frankfurt (1-4 a, 2-2 h).
- Having suffered 13 successive defeats in UEFA Champions League qualifying before 2019/20, Salzburg won 5-2 on aggregate against Maccabi in last season's play-offs (2-1 a, 3-1 h) and were also victorious at the same stage this season, seeing off Brøndby (2-1 h, 2-1 a).
- The 6-2 defeat of Genk on Matchday 1 in 2019/20 was Salzburg's sixth successive home European win, and made it 19 European games without defeat in their own stadium (W15 D4). However, the win against LOSC on Matchday 2 this season was just their third in the subsequent ten (D2 L5).
- This is Salzburg's fourth group stage appearance, a new Austrian record; they had previously been level with Sturm Graz on three.
- Marsch left Salzburg to join RB Leipzig in the summer after two years in the post; he has been succeeded by German-born Matthias Jaissle, who returned to Salzburg after six months in charge of Liefering having been Salzburg's Under-18 coach between 2019 and January 2021.
- The Austrian club won an eighth successive Bundesliga title in 2020/21 – their 15th overall – adding the Austrian Cup to complete a hat-trick of domestic doubles and an eighth in total, all in the last ten seasons.
- Karim Adeyemi has won four of Salzburg's five penalties in this season's group stage, missing one at Sevilla but scoring both against LOSC. Luka Sučić took two penalties in Seville, scoring the first but missing the second.
- Salzburg are facing German opponents in the group stage for the second season in a row having conceded nine goals against Bayern München in 2020/21 (2-6 h, 1-3 a).
- Salzburg's record against teams from across the border is W5 D4 L7. At home it is W3 D3 L2, last season's Matchday 3 defeat by Bayern ending a six-match unbeaten home run. Before Eintracht Frankfurt drew 2-2 in the 2019/20 UEFA Europa League round of 32 second leg, the only visitors from Germany to score in Salzburg were Fortuna Düsseldorf, who won 3-0 there in the 1980/81 European Cup Winners' Cup first round.

Wolfsburg

- Wolfsburg are making their third group stage appearance, after 2009/10 – when they failed to progress to the round of 16 – and 2015/16, when they reached the quarter-finals.
- The Wolves were first in their section six years ago, collecting 12 points from a group that also included Manchester United, PSV Eindhoven and CSKA Moskva. They beat Gent in the round of 16 (3-2 a, 1-0 h) before being thwarted by eventual winners Real Madrid in the last eight (2-0 h, 0-3 a).
- Wolfsburg have since featured in the UEFA Europa League twice; they were eliminated by Shakhtar Donetsk in the 2019/20 round of 16 (1-2 h, 0-3 a).
- In 2020/21, the German club were 4-0 winners at Albania's Kukës in the one-off second qualifying round before a 2-

0 home victory against Desna Chernihiv; they then lost 2-1 at AEK Athens in their play-off.

- The German club have won two of their seven away games in the UEFA Champions League group stage (D1 L4).
- Wolfsburg were fourth in the 2020/21 Bundesliga, their highest finish since ending as runners-up in 2014/15.
- Wolfsburg's only previous matches against Austrian opponents came in the 2005 UEFA Intertoto Cup second round, when they followed a 2-2 home draw against Sturm Graz with a 3-1 away win.

Links and trivia

- Salzburg players Nico Mantl, Adeyemi (both Munich), Philipp Köhn (Dinslaken), Kilian Ludewig (Hamburg) and Alexander Walke (Oranienburg) were all born in Germany, as was coach Jaissle (Nürtingen).
- Jaissle was in the youth set-up at Stuttgart between 2001 and 2006 before moving on to Hoffenheim, for whom he made 60 league appearances before his 2014 retirement. He promptly moved into coaching with Leipzig's Under-17 side, where he was in charge until 2017.
- Jaissle was a Hoffenheim team-mate of Koen Casteels between 2011 and 2014.
- Have also played in Germany:
Alexander Walke (Werder Bremen 1999–05, Freiburg 2005–08, Wehen Wiesbaden 2008/09, Hansa Rostock 2009/10, Greuther Fürth 2010/11 loan)
Philipp Köhn (Duisburg youth 2005–07, Schalke youth 2007–13, Stuttgart youth 2013–17, Leipzig 2017/18)
Nico Mantl (Unterhaching 2011–21)
Bernardo (Leipzig 2016–18)
Jérôme Onguéné (Stuttgart 2017)
Zlatko Junuzović (Werder Bremen 2012–18)
Karim Adeyemi (Bayern München youth 2010–12), Unterhaching youth 2012–18)
Kilian Ludewig (St. Pauli youth 2014/15, Leipzig youth 2015–18, Schalke 2020/21 loan)
- Junuzović's record against Wolfsburg with Bremen was W4 D1 L7, those wins all coming in the last four fixtures. His sole goal against the Wolves came in Wolfsburg's 5-3 Bundesliga win in Bremen on 1 March 2015.
- Have also played in Austria:
Pavao Pervan (Gaswerk/Straßenbahn 2004/05, Schwechat 2005–07, Lustenau 2007–10, Pasching 2010, LASK 2010–18)
Paulo Otávio (LASK 2016/17)
- Have played together:
Zlatko Junuzović & Koen Casteels (Werder Bremen 2015)
- Onguéné and Maxence Lacroix were both at Sochaux between 2015 and 2017, the former in the first team and the latter in the academy.
- International team-mates:
Noah Okafor & Kevin Mbabu, Renato Steffen (Switzerland)
Andreas Ulmer & Pavao Pervan (Austria)
Karim Adeyemi & Ridle Baku, Luca Waldschmidt (Germany)
Brenden Aaronson & John Brooks (United States)

Latest news

Salzburg

- Salzburg have won 15 of their 17 games in all competitions this season, the exceptions the Matchday 1 draw at Sevilla and Saturday's league fixture at Altach, both games ending 1-1. They have scored 46 goals and conceded only 11.
- A 3-1 win at home to LASK on 3 October was Salzburg's 14th successive Austrian Bundesliga victory, matching Rapid Wien's league record set in 1987, before Altach ended the run at the weekend.
- The win against LASK was also the 42nd consecutive home league game in which Salzburg had scored, a new Austrian Bundesliga record.
- The Austrian champions have not conceded more than one goal in any game this season, managing six clean sheets.
- Salzburg had won eight successive away Austrian Bundesliga games, eclipsing the club record set in 2011, before being held on Saturday.
- The Austrian champions have scored in their last 35 games in all competitions, since a 2-0 loss at home to Villarreal in the UEFA Europa League round of 32 on 18 February. That is the only one of Salzburg's last 44 games in which

they have failed to find the net.

- Salzburg are unbeaten since a 3-2 league defeat at Tirol on 21 April; their record since is W21 D3.
- Sixteen different players have scored for Salzburg this season, Max Wöber, who got the second goal against LASK, the most recent addition to the list.
- Karim Adeyemi is the Austrian Bundesliga's top scorer on eight goals. He has four in his last five Salzburg matches in all competitions and did not play on Saturday.
- Oumar Solet suffered a knee injury in a 2-0 home win against Rapid on 19 September and has undergone surgery.
- Luka Sučić made his senior debut for Croatia as a late substitute in a 2-2 2022 FIFA World Cup qualifying draw at home to Slovakia on 11 October. Three days earlier he had found the net as Croatia beat Norway 3-2 in a 2023 UEFA European Under-21 Championship qualifier.
- Adeyemi set up Germany's final goal in a 4-0 defeat of North Macedonia on 11 October.
- Benjamin Šeško scored his first international goal as Slovenia beat Malta 4-0 on 8 October.
- On 4 October, Salzburg were named team of the season at Austria's annual Bruno Awards. Jesse Marsch and Patson Daka, who both departed in the summer, took the coach and player prizes respectively.

Wolfsburg

- Wolfsburg are without a win in their last six games in all competitions (D3 L3); they went down 2-0 at Union Berlin in the Bundesliga on Saturday.
- After four victories at the start of the league season, the Wolves have not won for four games, losing the last three. A 3-1 defeat at Hoffenheim on 25 September was followed by a 3-1 home loss against Borussia Mönchengladbach a week later before the weekend reverse at Union.
- Luca Waldschmidt scored his first goal for Wolfsburg against Mönchengladbach.
- Maximilian Arnold made his 259th Bundesliga appearance for Wolfsburg on Saturday, equalling Diego Benaglio's club record.
- Kevin Mbabu had to be substituted in Switzerland's 2-0 2022 FIFA World Cup qualifying win against Northern Ireland on 9 October due to muscular problems, and missed the 4-0 win three days later in Lithuania, Renato Steffen scoring his first international goal in the latter match. Mbabu played 90 minutes for Wolfsburg at the weekend.
- Lukas Nmecha scored a hat-trick in Wolfsburg's 4-1 friendly win against 2. Bundesliga side Hamburg on 6 October, although Yannick Gerhardt suffered a metatarsal injury and missed Wolfsburg's weekend defeat.
- Xaver Schlager has been out since 29 August with a knee injury.
- Paulo Otávio is yet to feature this season because of an ankle injury he suffered on 31 July; he returned to team training on 30 September and was an unused substitute on Saturday.
- William, who suffered a knee injury on loan at Schalke at the beginning of May, returned to team training during the recent international break.
- Bartosz Białek has not played since 28 April because of a knee injury.
- Schlager, William and Białek were all left out of Wolfsburg's UEFA Champions League squad.
- On 30 September Maxence Lacroix extended his contract 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

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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