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Group C - Matchday 5



**Borussia Dortmund**

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## Match background

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Sporting CP and Borussia Dortmund are level on six points apiece as they meet in Lisbon with Group C's second qualification spot on the line.

- Dortmund's Donyell Malen scored the only goal of the sides' Matchday 2 meeting in Germany, giving his team maximum points after two games following their 2-1 opening win at Beşiktaş, but two defeats by Ajax (0-4 a, 1-3 h) have checked the German side's early momentum.
- In contrast Sporting lost their first two matches, a 5-1 home reverse at the hands of Ajax preceding their defeat in Dortmund. Since then, a 4-1 triumph at Beşiktaş on Matchday 3 – their biggest away UEFA Champions League victory – and a 4-0 home defeat of the Turkish champions – their biggest win in the competition – have revived their chances of joining Ajax in the round of 16.
- With Ajax on 12 points and Beşiktaş zero, Dortmund will go through if they beat Sporting. The Portuguese champions will progress if they win by two goals or more and will be confirmed in third place and qualify for the UEFA Europa League if they lose.

### Previous meetings

- The sides had met in only two previous fixtures before Matchday 2, in the 2016/17 UEFA Champions League group stage. Dortmund won both, first-half goals from Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang (9) and Julian Weigl (43) securing a 2-1 win in Lisbon on Matchday 3 despite Bruno César's 67th-minute reply.
- A 12th-minute Adrián Ramos strike proved to be the only goal when the teams reconvened in Dortmund on Matchday 4.
- Roman Bürki played 90 minutes in both games for Dortmund, as did Sebastián Coates for Sporting; Raphaël Guerreiro did likewise in Dortmund's home win with Felix Passlack starting BVB's victory in Lisbon.

### Form guide

#### Sporting

- 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 won six of their last eight home European games, although they had conceded nine goals in the two prior to beating Beşiktaş on Matchday 4. The Matchday 1 loss to Ajax is one of four in their last seven UEFA Champions League group matches in Lisbon (W2 D1).
- 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 defeat in Dortmund on Matchday 2 made it five successive losses against Bundesliga clubs.
- The Lisbon club have won only two of their previous 13 home meetings with German teams (D5 L6). A 4-2 home victory against Schalke in the 2014/15 UEFA Champions League group stage is their only win in ten matches, home and away (D1 L8).

#### Dortmund

- Dortmund boasted the top scorer in the 2020/21 UEFA Champions League, Erling Haaland scoring ten goals in his eight appearances, all in his first six games. The Norwegian was also on target in this season's opening win at Beşiktaş but sat out Matchdays 2 and 4 through injury.
- In 2020/21 BVB finished first in Group F ahead of Lazio, Club Brugge and Zenit with four wins and 13 points. They then edged out Sevilla in the round of 16 (3-2 a, 2-2 h), Haaland scoring four of their five goals, but lost 2-1 away and at home against eventual runners-up Manchester City in the quarter-finals.
- Third in the Bundesliga behind Bayern München and Leipzig in 2020/21, and winners of the German Cup for the fifth time with a 4-1 defeat of Leipzig in the final, this is Dortmund's 16th UEFA Champions League campaign; they were winners in 1997, and runners-up in 2013. BVB have reached the round of 16 or better in seven of their last eight participations.

- Having parted company with Lucien Favre in December 2020, Dortmund's knockout games last season were overseen by Edin Terzić; Marco Rose joined as coach from Borussia Mönchengladbach in July.
- The win at Beşiktaş on Matchday 1 was only Dortmund's seventh victory in their last 23 European away matches (D4 L12), although all of those wins have come in their last 15 (L8).
- Dortmund's last games against a Portuguese club before this season came in the 2016/17 UEFA Champions League round of 16, when they beat Benfica 4-1 on aggregate (0-1 a, 4-0 h). That first-leg loss in Lisbon made their record in Portugal W2 L4, although the two victories had come in the two visits preceding that defeat.

#### Links and trivia

- Axel Witsel played for Sporting's Lisbon rivals Benfica between 2011 and 2012; his only two appearances in the city derby, both in 2011/12, each ended in a 1-0 home win.
- International team-mates:  
Gonçalo Inácio, João Palhinha, Paulinho, Pedro Gonçalves & Raphaël Guerreiro (Portugal)  
Bruno Tabata & Reinier (Brazil Under-23s)
- Have played together:  
Pablo Sarabia & Thomas Meunier (Paris Saint-Germain 2019/20)  
Luís Neto & Axel Witsel (Zenit 2013–16)
- Malen opened the scoring as PSV Eindhoven won 3-2 at home to Sporting in the UEFA Europa League group stage on 19 September 2019. He also played 90 minutes of the 4-0 loss in Lisbon on 28 November.
- Sarabia was a late substitute in Paris's 2-1 loss at Dortmund in the 2019/20 UEFA Champions League round of 16 first leg, and played 63 minutes as the French side won the return 2-0 to progress.
- Neto featured in both legs as Zenit lost to Dortmund in the 2013/14 UEFA Champions League round of 16 (2-4 h, 2-1 a), Marco Reus scoring one goal and setting up another in the German club's first-leg win in Russia.
- Julian Brandt started both legs as Bayer Leverkusen beat Sporting in the 2015/16 UEFA Europa League round of 32 (1-0 a, 3-1 h).
- Meunier set up Thorgan Hazard's goal in Belgium's 1-0 win against holders Portugal in the UEFA EURO 2020 round of 16. Witsel also featured for Belgium, with Palhinha playing for Portugal and Gonçalves an unused substitute.

#### Latest news

##### Sporting

- Pablo Sarabia has played 49 matches in UEFA club competition.
- Sporting's home win against Beşiktaş was followed by a 2-0 league success at Paços de Ferreira on 7 November, Gonçalo Inácio and Pedro Gonçalves scoring second-half goals.
- Inácio scored his second goal of the season and Gonçalves – the top scorer in the 2020/21 Portuguese Liga with 23 goals – struck in the competition for the first time since 14 August.
- Sporting have kept three successive clean sheets in the league.
- The four goals Sporting have conceded in their 11 Liga matches to date is their best defensive record at this stage in 31 years. They have been breached only once in their last six league outings.
- However, Sporting's tally of 17 goals scored is their lowest at this stage of a Liga campaign since 2012/13.
- One of two sides still unbeaten in this season's Portuguese Liga along with Porto, Sporting have won their last six league matches – and nine in a row in all competitions.
- The Lisbon club were 2-1 victors at home to second division Varzim in the last 32 of the Portuguese Cup last Thursday, substitute Gonçalves scoring twice including an 88th-minute penalty winner.
- That was only the second goal Sporting have conceded in their last six outings in all competitions, and ended a run of three successive clean sheets. They have conceded more than once in just a single game this season – on Matchday 1 against Ajax (1-5).
- Those nine straight wins surpassed coach Rúben Amorim's best at the club, eclipsing the mark of eight he achieved in January/February last season.
- The Matchday 2 defeat at Dortmund is the only one of Sporting's 19 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 42 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 W32 D7.

- Sarabia scored the only goal from the penalty spot in Spain's 1-0 FIFA World Cup qualifying win in Greece on 11 November. He also started the 1-0 home win against Sweden three days later as Spain qualified for the 2022 finals.
- Inácio made his debut in Portugal's 1-0 win against Cyprus in 2023 UEFA European Under-21 Championship qualifying on 12 November and scored his first goal in a 6-0 victory against the same opponents four days later.
- Pedro Porro was a second-half substitute on Thursday, his first appearance since limping off on Matchday 4 with a thigh injury.
- Sebastián Coates played 90 minutes at Paços de Ferreira but missed Uruguay's World Cup qualifiers with a knee injury and was also absent for Sporting on Thursday.
- Luís Neto (leg) missed the game at Paços de Ferreira but came on as a 90th-minute substitute on Thursday.
- Rúben Vinagre injured his ankle in training on 15 November and missed the win against Varzim.

## **Dortmund**

- BVB have won seven of their last ten matches and 11 of the last 15, losing the other four.
- Dortmund had won four consecutive Bundesliga games before losing 2-1 in Leipzig on 6 November.
- On Saturday BVB set a new club record by making it seven home Bundesliga wins from seven games this season, beating Stuttgart 2-1 thanks to goals from Donyell Malen, his first in the league for Dortmund, and Marco Reus, who has scored in his last four games for club and country.
- After winning 2-0 in the German Cup second round against 2. Bundesliga side Ingolstadt on 26 October, holders Dortmund will travel to another second-tier side, St. Pauli, in the last 16 on 18 January.
- Erling Haaland has 49 goals in 49 league appearances for Dortmund, and 70 in 69 games for the club. This season the Norwegian striker has registered nine goals in six league games and 13 in ten matches in all competitions for Dortmund.
- On 11 November Reus, who has scored three of Dortmund's last four goals, was also on target as Germany, who had already booked their place at the 2022 FIFA World Cup, were 9-0 winners against Liechtenstein.
- Two days later Axel Witsel, Thomas Meunier and Thorgan Hazard, who scored the final goal, appeared in a 3-1 win against Estonia as Belgium also qualified for the World Cup.
- On 15 November Switzerland qualified for the World Cup with a 4-0 win against Bulgaria, although the suspended Manuel Akanji and Gregor Kobel, who missed out due to a hip injury, did not feature; both played 90 minutes for Dortmund on Saturday.
- Malen (Netherlands) and Jude Bellingham (England) also helped their teams reach next year's World Cup during the recent international break.
- Haaland has not played since Matchday 3 due to a hip flexor injury.
- Youssoufa Moukoko missed both of Germany's 2023 UEFA European Under-21 Championship qualifiers this month because of an eye inflammation and also missed Dortmund's weekend win.
- Nico Schulz and Marius Wolf have been sidelined by muscular injuries.
- Raphaël Guerreiro (muscular injury, out since 2 October) started on Saturday, later making way for Emre Can, who was himself returning from a muscular injury that had sidelined him since the end of October. Mahmoud Dahoud (knee, 28 September) was an unused substitute against Stuttgart.
- Giovanni Reyna has not played since 2 September due to a thigh injury.
- Dan-Axel Zagadou, who had been sidelined since the end of March after knee surgery, returned as a late substitute at Leipzig having already played for Dortmund's second team a week earlier.
- Mateu Morey, who has been left out of Dortmund's UEFA Champions League squad, is facing a long spell on the sidelines having suffered a knee injury on 1 May.
- Haaland 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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