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Group E - Matchday 3



FC Bayern München

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Match background

Second takes on first in the third set of Group E fixtures as Benfica welcome to Lisbon a Bayern München side that lifted the UEFA Champions League trophy in their stadium in August 2020 and are on a record run of 19 away games in the competition without defeat.

- The German visitors are looking for their third victory having triumphed 3-0 at Barcelona before a 5-0 victory against Dynamo Kyiv in Munich. Benfica were held 0-0 in Ukraine on Matchday 1 but impressed last time out with a 3-0 dismantling of Barcelona on home soil.

Previous meetings

- Benfica and Bayern have met in ten previous UEFA matches; the Portuguese side have yet to record a victory.
- The clubs' paths last crossed in 2018/19, their first contests in the UEFA Champions League group stage. Bayern won 2-0 in Lisbon on Matchday 1 thanks to goals from Robert Lewandowski (10) and former Benfica midfielder Renato Sanches (54). Lewandowski (36, 51) added two more goals in a 5-1 Matchday 5 victory in Munich, Arjen Robben (13, 30) also scoring twice with Franck Ribéry (76) the other Bayern scorer, Gedson Fernandes getting the sole Benfica response in the 46th minute.
- The teams have met in four previous two-legged ties and Bayern have won all of them, including the quarter-final of their victorious 1975/76 European Champion Clubs' Cup campaign and the second round of the 1981/82 competition. In both instances a goalless first leg in Lisbon was followed by a big Bayern win in Munich; 5-1 in the first campaign and 4-1 in the latter.
- Jürgen Klinsmann was the standout performer in the clubs' 1995/96 UEFA Cup third round tie. The striker scored all four goals in Bayern's 4-1 home first-leg victory, then added two more in a 3-1 Lisbon success. Bayern went on to beat Bordeaux in the final, Klinsmann finishing with a competition-record 15 goals for the season.
- Bayern were also 3-2 aggregate victors in the 2015/16 UEFA Champions League quarter-final, a 1-0 win in Munich preceding a 2-2 draw in Portugal in which Thomas Müller scored the decisive second goal.

Form guide

Benfica

- Third in the Portuguese Liga in 2020/21, nine points adrift of champions Sporting CP, the most recent of Benfica's 15 UEFA Champions League group stage campaigns came in 2019/20 – their tenth in succession.
- Two seasons ago Benfica bowed out after the group stage for the third year running, finishing third in their section behind Leipzig and Lyon with seven points, ahead of Zenit on head-to-head record. They went on to lose 5-4 on aggregate to Shakhtar Donetsk in the UEFA Europa League round of 32.
- That was the tenth time Benfica had failed to reach the UEFA Champions League knockout phase in their 15 attempts.
- Benfica began their 2021/22 European campaign in the third qualifying round, where they won 2-0 both away and at home against Spartak Moskva. They then edged out PSV Eindhoven in the play-offs (2-1 h, 0-0 a) in a repeat of the 1988 European Cup final.
- Benfica's 2020/21 UEFA Champions League campaign lasted a single match, a 2-1 defeat at PAOK in the third qualifying round. They went on to finish second in their UEFA Europa League section behind Rangers before losing 4-3 on aggregate to Arsenal in the round of 32, a 1-1 draw in Rome preceding a 3-2 loss in Piraeus with both games played at neutral venues.
- The Portuguese side are unbeaten in nine European games in Lisbon (W7 D2), winning the last four; a 2-1 loss against Leipzig on Matchday 1 of the 2019/20 UEFA Champions League is their sole defeat in 15 European matches at their own stadium (W10 D4).
- The Lisbon giants have reached seven European Cup finals, winning the trophy in 1961 and 1962 but losing on their five subsequent appearances, most recently against AC Milan in 1990.
- Benfica's last games against Bundesliga opponents came in the 2019/20 UEFA Champions League group stage, when they went down 2-1 at home to Leipzig on Matchday 1 before a 2-2 Matchday 5 draw in Germany.
- That made it 50 games against German opposition for Benfica, whose record is now W14 D15 L21. That defeat by Leipzig was only their fourth in the 24 home games (W12 D8), although they have been beaten in two of the last three.

Bayern

- This is Bayern's 25th UEFA Champions League group campaign, fewer only than Barcelona and Real Madrid (both

26). They have won their section 17 times, including in each of the last three seasons. Only Barcelona (21) have done so more often.

- In 2020/21, as holders, Bayern finished first in Group A, extending their UEFA Champions League record of successive victories to 15 before being held 1-1 at Atlético de Madrid on Matchday 5. Those were the only points they dropped in their section.
- A side coached by Hansi Flick then eased past Lazio in the round of 16 (4-1 a, 2-1) but a 3-2 home loss against Paris Saint-Germain – who Bayern had beaten 1-0 in the previous season's final – in the quarter-final first leg proved insurmountable, Bayern bowing out despite a subsequent 1-0 win in France.
- Flick left Bayern to take over as Germany coach in the summer, Julian Nagelsmann moving from Leipzig to succeed him in Munich.
- Bayern's last European away defeat was a 3-0 loss at Paris on Matchday 1 of the 2017/18 UEFA Champions League; their record since is W15 D4. Outside Munich they had won ten in a row before being held at Atleti last season, the only one of their last 14 away European matches they have failed to win; the victory at Lazio in the last 16 first leg surpassed Manchester United's UEFA Champions League record of 16 away games without defeat, a run that is now up to 19 matches.
- Bayern are the joint highest scorers in their season's group stage on eight goals, level with Liverpool.
- Champions of Germany for a record 31st time last season – with a landmark ninth successive Bundesliga title – Bayern have reached the UEFA Champions League quarter-finals or better in nine of the last ten seasons, the exception their defeat by eventual champions Liverpool in the 2018/19 round of 16.
- Flick's Bayern claimed their sixth European Cup in Lisbon in 2019/20, beating Barcelona 8-2 in the quarter-finals, Lyon 3-0 in the semis and Paris 1-0 in the final, Kingsley Coman scoring the only goal. The quarter-final and final were played at the Estádio do Sport Lisboa e Benfica with the semi-final at the Estádio José Alvalade.
- Bayern have suffered only two defeats by Portuguese clubs (W17 D9), both against Porto. In the 2014/15 UEFA Champions League quarter-finals, they went down 3-1 in the first game in Portugal, but turned the tie round spectacularly with a 6-1 second-leg success in Munich. They also lost to Porto in the 1987 European Cup final, 2-1 in Vienna.
- The Munich club's record in away games against Portuguese clubs is W6 D7 L1.

Links and trivia

- Have played in Germany:

Julian Weigl (1860 München 2010–15, Borussia Dortmund 2015–20)

Valentino Lázaro (Hertha Berlin 2017–19, Borussia Mönchengladbach 2020/21 loan)

Haris Seferović (Eintracht Frankfurt 2014–17)

Nemanja Radonjić (Hertha Berlin 2021 loan)

- Benfica's Greek international goalkeeper Odysseas Vlachodimos was born in Stuttgart and came through the ranks at his home-town club, making three first-team appearances before joining Panathinaikos in 2016.
- Fellow Austrian internationals Lázaro and Marcel Sabitzer were both in the Grazer AK youth system between 2002 and 2008.
- Seferović scored twice as Switzerland drew 3-3 with France in the UEFA EURO 2020 round of 16, going on to win 5-4 on penalties; Benjamin Pavard and substitute Kingsley Coman featured for France with Lucas Hernández an unused replacement.

Latest news

Benfica

- Benfica's seven-game winning start to the Portuguese Liga season – and 13-match unbeaten run in all competitions in 2021/22 (W11 D2) – was ended by a 1-0 home defeat against Portimonense on 3 October.
- Benfica's run of seven straight wins in their first seven league matches this season was the club's joint best start, matching Sven-Göran Eriksson's team in 1982/83.
- On Saturday Benfica needed extra time to see off second division Trofense 2-1 in the last 64 of the Portuguese Cup, Everton opening the scoring with his first goal of the season and André Almeida finally settling the contest with his first Benfica goal since July 2020.
- Darwin Núñez is Benfica's top scorer this season with six goals in all competitions, one more than Rafa Silva, with Roman Yaremchuk on four.
- Rafa Silva sat out Portugal's recent internationals with a knee injury and was also absent for Benfica's weekend cup

game.

- Valentino Lázaro returned on Saturday having not played since suffering a muscle injury on Matchday 2, although he had to be replaced early in the second half at Trofense. Haris Seferović sat out Switzerland's October internationals with a similar problem and was absent on Saturday.
- Yaremchuk scored the decisive goal in Ukraine's 2-1 win in Finland in 2022 FIFA World Cup qualifying on 9 October.
- Jan Vertonghen played 90 minutes against both France (2-3) and hosts Italy (1-2) as Belgium finished fourth in the UEFA Nations League.
- On 9 October Rui Costa was voted in as Benfica's 34th club president with more than 40,000 members and associates casting ballots in the club's biggest ever poll.

Bayern

- Thomas Müller has scored 49 goals in the UEFA Champions League, group stage to final.
- Müller has played 126 matches in the UEFA Champions League, group stage to final; no German has played in the competition more. Manuel Neuer is second on the list with 121 appearances.
- Bayern have won ten of their 12 games this season in all competitions, the only exceptions a 1-1 draw at Borussia Mönchengladbach on 13 August on the first day of the Bundesliga season and a 2-1 defeat at home against Eintracht Frankfurt on 3 October.
- Bayern were 5-1 winners at Bayer Leverkusen on Sunday, Robert Lewandowski and Serge Gnabry both scoring twice and Müller getting the other. All Bayern's goals came in the first 37 minutes, the third fastest a side has hit five goals in Bundesliga history.
- The Munich club have scored 29 goals in their first eight Bundesliga matches this season, equalling their own competition record from 1976/77.
- Müller had scored his 218th goal for Bayern in a 3-1 win at Greuther Fürth on 24 September, moving him to third in his own right in the all-time list, above Karl-Heinz Rummenigge (217). Only Gerd Müller (563 goals) and Lewandowski (309) have more than Müller's current total of 219.
- Julian Nagelsmann's team have already scored 52 goals in 12 games this season and have hit three or more in ten of their last 11, the exception the Frankfurt defeat.
- Lewandowski's goal against Bochum on 18 September made him the first player in Bundesliga history to score in 13 successive home matches; he had been level with Gerd Müller and Jupp Heynckes on 12. His run ended against Frankfurt, the first time he had failed to score in a Bundesliga match at the Fußball Arena München since a 3-3 draw with Leipzig on 5 December 2020.
- Bayern have scored in 83 successive matches in all competitions, a record for the top five European leagues; the previous best was Real Madrid's 73 set in 2017.
- Lewandowski's double on Sunday were his first goals in three Bundesliga games after scoring in the first five league matches, seven goals in all, including a hat-trick against Hertha Berlin on 28 August. All in all he has scored 15 goals in 11 club games this season, and has 18 in 16 including his three international goals in five games for Poland.
- Lewandowski had scored in 19 consecutive games for Bayern, finding the net 30 times over that stretch, before drawing a blank at Greuther Fürth.
- Lewandowski has now scored 286 league goals for Borussia Dortmund and Bayern combined, the second highest Bundesliga total of all time, behind only former Bayern striker Gerd Müller (365 goals).
- In the first round of the German Cup Bayern won 12-0 at fifth tier Bremer SV on 25 August, Eric Maxim Choupo-Moting scoring four of their goals. Nagelsmann's side will visit Mönchengladbach in the second round on 27 October.
- Benjamin Pavard, Lucas Hernández and Dayot Upamecano were part of the victorious France squad at the UEFA Nations League Finals. Pavard played against Belgium (3-2) on 7 October and three days later against Spain (2-1) in the final, Hernández appearing in the semi-final and Upamecano coming on as a first-half substitute in the final.
- On 8 October goals from Serge Gnabry – his 20th in international football – and Müller – his 40th – guided Germany to a 2-1 comeback win at home to Romania in 2022 FIFA World Cup qualifying.
- Marcel Sabitzer was on target for Austria in a 2-0 success away to the Faroe Islands the next day.
- On 11 October Jamal Musiala got his first international goal in Germany's 4-0 win at North Macedonia – the result booking his side's place at next year's World Cup – to become Germany's youngest competitive scorer aged 18 years 227 days.
- Josip Stanišić won his first two caps for Croatia in the recent World Cup qualifiers away to Cyprus (3-0) and at home

to Slovakia (2-2), starting both matches.

- On 7 October Malik Tillman scored on his debut in Germany's 3-2 win against Israel in 2023 UEFA European Under-21 Championship qualifying. He also found the net in a 5-1 win in Hungary five days later.
- On 13 October Alphonso Davies scored for Canada in a 4-1 World Cup qualifying win against Panama.
- Davies was taken off five minutes before half-time on Sunday due to a thigh injury.
- Sven Ulreich has been sidelined since suffering a knee injury in training on 20 September.
- Kingsley Coman returned as a substitute on Sunday for his first appearance since 14 September after minor heart surgery; Corentin Tolisso, whose calf injury has kept him out since 25 August, was an unused replacement.
- Lewandowski is 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

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| 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

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| (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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