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Beaten in Italy on Matchday 2, UEFA Champions League holders Chelsea will look to get their Group H campaign back on track when Malmö visit Stamford Bridge.

- Thomas Tuchel's side began with a 1-0 home win against Zenit but went down by the same scoreline at Juventus on Matchday 2. Malmö, meanwhile, are already up against it having conceded seven goals in losing at home to Juve (0-3) and away to Zenit (0-4).

Previous meetings

- The sides' only past tie came in the round of 32 of Chelsea's victorious UEFA Europa League campaign in 2018/19, Ross Barkley and Olivier Giroud both scoring in each leg for the Blues.
- Anders Christiansen's 80th-minute effort gave Malmö late hope in the first leg in Sweden after Barkley (30) and Giroud (58) had both found the net, but the Frenchman struck again in the 55th minute at Stamford Bridge before late goals from Barkley (74) and Callum Hudson-Odoi (84) sealed a comfortable aggregate victory.

Form guide

Chelsea

- Chelsea claimed their second UEFA Champions League title in 2020/21 by beating Manchester City 1-0 in the all-English final at Porto's Estádio do Dragão on 29 May, Kai Havertz scoring the only goal in the first half – his first strike in the competition.
- The Blues had made smooth progress through their section (W4 D2) to finish ahead of Sevilla, Krasnodar and Rennes.
- With Tuchel having replaced Frank Lampard as head coach in January, Chelsea then eased past Atlético de Madrid in the round of 16, winning 1-0 in Bucharest before a 2-0 home victory, and held off Porto in the last eight (2-0 a, 0-1 h) with both matches played in Seville. Chelsea then got the better of Real Madrid in the semi-finals (1-1 a, 2-0 h) before claiming their second UEFA Champions League title against City.
- The Matchday 2 defeat at Juventus was only Chelsea's fourth in their last 22 UEFA Champions League matches (W13 D5).
- Chelsea have won only five of their last 11 European matches at Stamford Bridge (D4 L2), but those include the last three.
- Edouard Mendy kept nine clean sheets in 12 UEFA Champions League matches last season, the most in a campaign by a goalkeeper for an English side in the competition's history. He added another on Matchday 1 this term.
- Fourth in the Premier League in 2020/21 for the second campaign in a row, Chelsea are participating in their 18th UEFA Champions League campaign, and a fourth in five years. The exception came in 2018/19, when they won the UEFA Europa League under Maurizio Sarri.
- Tuchel's team have already claimed European silverware this season, beating Villarreal 6-5 on penalties after a 1-1 draw in the UEFA Super Cup in Belfast on 11 August. It was their first victory in the competition since 1998; they had lost in 2012, 2013 and 2019.
- Chelsea have played only four other matches against Swedish opposition aside from their 2019 contests against Malmö. Their defence of the European Cup Winners' Cup in 1971/72 was ended by an away-goals defeat by Åtvidaberg in the second round (0-0 a, 1-1 h) but they had more joy against Helsingborg in the first round of the same competition in 1998/99, when they were again seeking to retain the trophy. A Frank Leboeuf goal 42 minutes into the first leg at Stamford Bridge proved to be the only one of the tie.

Malmö

- Malmö secured their 21st Swedish title in 2020, their fifth triumph in the last eight Allsvenskan campaigns. They were beaten 2-1 by IFK Göteborg in the Swedish Cup final on 30 July 2020, denying them a first domestic double – and first cup win – since 1989.
- Jon Dahl Tomasson's side booked their third appearance in the UEFA Champions League group stage by edging through against Riga (1-0 h, 1-1 a) and HJK Helsinki (2-1 h, 2-2 a) in this season's first and second qualifying rounds respectively before winning 2-1 home and away against Scottish champions Rangers in the third qualifying round. They then saw off Bulgaria's Ludogorets in the play-offs (2-0 h, 1-2 a).
- Malmö's two previous UEFA Champions League group stage campaigns came in 2014/15 and 2015/16 – the latter the last time a Swedish club appeared at this stage.
- Malmö finished fourth in their section on both previous group appearances, winning one game and losing the other

five in each instance. Both victories came at home, against Olympiacos in 2014 (2-0) and Shakhtar Donetsk 12 months later (1-0). Those were two of only three group games in which the Swedish side scored.

- Malmö's 2020/21 European campaign lasted four matches. They eased through the first three UEFA Europa League qualifying games without conceding a goal, beating Cracovia (2-0) and Lokomotiva Zagreb (5-0) at home in the first and third qualifying rounds respectively either side of a 2-0 win at Honvéd in the second qualifying round, but then went down 3-1 at home to Granada in the play-offs.
- Despite losing at Ludogrets in this season's play-off second leg and at Zenit on Matchday 2, Malmö have been beaten in only three of their last nine away European games (W3 D3).
- Malmö have played seven matches against clubs representing England, the most famous meeting their first, a 1-0 loss to Nottingham Forest in the 1978/79 European Cup final in Munich.
- The Swedish side have lost all three games away to English clubs, conceding eight goals while failing to score themselves.

Links and trivia

- Malmö coach Tomasson spent 1997/98 as a Newcastle player and was Denmark assistant coach between 2016 and 2020, when Chelsea's Andreas Christensen was among the squad.
- International team-mates:
Andreas Christensen & Anders Christiansen (Denmark)
Mateo Kovačić & Antonio Čolak (Croatia)
Christian Puljišić & Romain Gall (United States)
- Gall made his only international appearance to date as a substitute for Puljišić in a 1-0 defeat by Italy on 20 November 2018.
- Have played in England:
Martin Olsson (Blackburn 2006–2013, Norwich 2013–17, Swansea 2017–19)
Erdal Rakip (Crystal Palace 2018 loan)
Jo Inge Berget (Cardiff 2014)
- César Azpilicueta was in the Spain side that lost 2-1 in Sweden in 2022 FIFA World Cup qualifying on 2 September; Olsson was an unused substitute for the home side.

Latest news

Chelsea

- Matchday 2 was Andreas Christensen's 50th appearance in UEFA club competition.
- Defeat at Juventus was only the second time Chelsea have lost successive games under Thomas Tuchel.
- Chelsea kept clean sheets in five of their first seven matches this season, conceding only two goals in total, but had let in one in four successive matches before Saturday's 1-0 victory at Brentford.
- The Blues are yet to concede more than one goal in a game in 2021/22.
- Chelsea's 15 league goals this season have been scored by 11 different players; only Romelu Lukaku with three, Trevoh Chalobah and Ben Chilwell – who got the winner on Saturday – on two have more than one.
- Chilwell has scored on his last three Premier League appearances, as many as in his previous 33 matches.
- Chelsea beat Aston Villa on penalties in the English League Cup third round on 22 September and will be at home to Southampton in the last 16 on 26 October.
- Reece James came on as an 89th-minute substitute on Saturday, his first appearance since being taken off in the first half of the 1-0 home defeat against Manchester City on 25 September with an ankle problem.
- N'Golo Kanté, who was out between 28 August and 19 September with an ankle injury, played 90 minutes at the weekend having also been out since that loss to City due to illness.
- Christian Puljišić has been sidelined since 8 September due to an ankle injury picked up on international duty.
- Marcos Alonso, who was called up for the first time in three years, and César Azpilicueta both played 90 minutes in each match as Spain beat Italy 2-1 in the UEFA Nations League semi-finals and lost to France by the same scoreline in the final.
- Lukaku scored in Belgium's 3-2 loss against France in the UEFA Nations League semi-finals on 7 October but missed the 2-1 defeat against Italy in the third-place play-off due to muscle fatigue. He played 77 minutes for Chelsea on Saturday.

- Kai Havertz opened the scoring and Timo Werner scored twice as Germany won 4-0 in North Macedonia on 11 October to book their place at the 2022 FIFA World Cup.
- Antonio Rüdiger missed that match with a back injury and also sat out Chelsea's weekend win.
- Christensen helped Denmark beat Moldova (4-0) and Austria (1-0) to also qualify for next year's tournament.
- Thiago Silva won his 100th cap for Brazil as a second-half substitute in a goalless World Cup qualifying draw in Colombia on 10 October.
- Chilwell scored his first international goal in England's 5-0 victory in Andorra on 9 October, his 15th cap. Saturday's goal means he has scored in three successive games for club and country.
- On 26 August, Jorginho was named UEFA Men's Player of the Year. Edouard Mendy was named Goalkeeper of the Season while Kanté collected the award for the best midfielder and Tuchel won the coach's prize.
- Jorginho, Kanté, Mason Mount, Azpilicueta and Lukaku have all been named in the 30-player Ballon d'Or shortlist, with the winner to be announced on 29 November.

Malmö

- Malmö have collected 44 points after 23 Allsvenskan games, three points less than at the same stage of last season.
- The Swedish champions were 3-0 winners at Östersund on Saturday, only their third win in their last seven league matches (D2 L2), and fourth in their last ten (D3 L3).
- Sergio Peña made his first start for Malmö in a 1-0 loss at home to Mjällby on 3 October.
- Malmö were 5-1 winners at home to fourth tier Onsala in the last 64 of the Swedish Cup on 13 October, Antonio Čolak scoring a hat-trick; the Croatian was also on target with a penalty on Saturday.
- Peña scored the second goal as Peru beat Chile 2–0 in 2022 FIFA World Cup qualifying on 7 October.
- Erdal Rakip, a former Sweden youth international, made his senior debut for North Macedonia as a substitute in their 4–0 win away to Liechtenstein in World Cup qualifying on 8 October and also came on in the 4-0 home loss against Germany three days later.
- Anel Ahmedhodžić's goal earned Bosnia and Herzegovina a 1-1 qualifying draw in Ukraine on 12 October, his first international strike on his tenth appearance for the team.
- Søren Rieks has recovered from the injury he picked up on Matchday 1 and played 90 minutes at Östersund.
- Niklas Moisander was substituted in the first half of the UEFA Champions League play-off first leg against Ludogorets on 18 August with a calf injury and was out until Saturday, when he returned as a second-half substitute.
- Oscar Lewicki has been sidelined since suffering a knee injury in the return match against Ludogorets on 24 August.

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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