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Maccabi Tel-Aviv FC

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Group A - Matchday 1



Alashkert FC

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Israeli Cup winners Maccabi Tel-Aviv and ground-breaking Armenian champions Alashkert get the group stage of the new UEFA Europa Conference League under way in Group A.

Previous meetings

- While this is Alashkert's first UEFA encounter with a team from Israel, Maccabi have faced Armenian opposition in one previous contest, overcoming Pyunik (0-0 a, 2-1 h) in the 2018/19 UEFA Europa League third qualifying round.

Form guide

Maccabi

- Maccabi were runners-up in the Israeli top flight last season, missing out on a hat-trick of titles as they finished four points adrift of Maccabi Haifa. They had a lengthy 2020/21 European campaign that lasted from the first qualifying round of the UEFA Champions League to the UEFA Europa League round of 32, where they were eliminated by Shakhtar Donetsk (0-2 h, 0-1 a).

- Three qualifying rounds were successfully negotiated by Maccabi this summer en route to the UEFA Europa Conference League group stage as Patrick van Leeuwen's team went unbeaten in knocking out Sutjeka Nikšić (0-0 a, 3-1 h), Spartak Trnava (0-0 a, 1-0 h) and Shakhter Karagandy (2-1 a, 2-0 h).

- Maccabi took seven points from nine at home in last season's UEFA Europa League group stage and have won all three European home fixtures this season.

Alashkert

- Alashkert are making history this season as the first club from Armenia to appear in the group stage of a major European club competition. This is their seventh successive European campaign, none of the previous six having stretched even as far as the play-offs.

- Armenian champions for the fourth time in 2020/21, Alashkert began this European adventure in the UEFA Champions League first qualifying round, where they defeated Connah's Quay of Wales after extra time (2-2 a, 1-0 h). They exited the competition at the hands of Moldovan champions Sheriff (0-1 h, 1-3 a) and crossed over to the UEFA Europa League, where they again required extra time to knock out Kazakhstan's Kairat Almaty (0-0 a, 3-2 h) but narrowly lost their play-off to Scottish champions Rangers (0-1 a, 0-0 h).

- Alashkert have won just three of their 15 European away fixtures (D5 L7) and none of the four this season (D2 L2).

Links and trivia

- Alashkert's Serbian striker Branko Mihajlović played in Israel from 2014 to 2018, including two spells with Hapoel Petach-Tikva, where Maccabi defender Matan Baltaxa was a team-mate.

- Rumyan Hovsepyan and Didier Kadjo were both in the Pyunik side that lost to Maccabi in 2018; Dan Glazer, Enric Saborit, Eyal Golasa and Matan Hozetz all played for the Israeli side.

- Alashkert are one of eight clubs making their debut appearance in a UEFA group stage this season; the others – one in each group – are Flora Tallinn (Group B), Bodø/Glimt (C), Randers (D), Union Berlin (E), Lincoln Red Imps (F), Mura (G) and Kairat (H).

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