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**Lincoln Red Imps FC**

**Victoria Stadium - Gibraltar**

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Group F - Matchday 1



**PAOK FC**

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Lincoln Red Imps have broken new ground for football in Gibraltar by becoming the first team from the tiny nation at the foot of the Iberian peninsula to compete in a European group stage. Their first visitors to the Victoria Stadium in UEFA Europa Conference League Group F are Greek Cup winners PAOK.

### Previous meetings

- Lincoln have never previously met Greek opponents in their eight European campaigns, while PAOK are also facing a side from Gibraltar for the first time in their 37 seasons of UEFA competition.

### Form guide

#### Lincoln

- As domestic double winners, for the 16th time, in 2020/21, the Red Imps entered this season in the UEFA Champions League, and won their opening qualifying tie against Luxembourg's Fola Esch (2-2 a, 5-0 h). However, subsequent defeats by CFR Cluj (1-2 h, 0-2 a) and, in the UEFA Europa League third qualifying round, Group F rivals Slovan Bratislava (1-3 h, 1-1 a) sent them into the UEFA Europa Conference League play-offs, where they made history by eliminating Latvian champions Riga after extra time (1-1 a, 3-1 h).

- Prior to this season the record champions of Gibraltar (25 league titles) had never progressed beyond the second qualifying round of either European competition, going out to Rangers (0-5 h) at that stage of last season's UEFA Europa League.

- The Red Imps' overall home record in UEFA competition is W7 D4 L6. This includes two games played as preliminary round hosts at the Victoria Stadium in the 2018/19 UEFA Champions League.

#### PAOK

- Regular performers in the UEFA Europa League group stage, where they have made eight appearances, PAOK are Greece's first representatives in the UEFA Europa Conference League equivalent. They qualified for the competition twice over last season, as runners-up in the league to Olympiacos and winners of the Greek Cup – for the eighth time – thanks to a 2-1 victory over the champions in the final.

- Having exited last season's UEFA Europa League at the group stage, with PSV Eindhoven and Granada both getting the better of them, PAOK entered the UEFA Europa Conference League in the third qualifying round, where, under returning head coach Răzvan Lucescu, they edged out Irish club Bohemians (1-2 a, 2-0 h) before beating Rijeka in the play-offs (1-1 h, 2-0 a).

- That victory at Rijeka in August ended PAOK's nine-match winless run on the road in UEFA competition (D1 L8).

### Links and trivia

- Lincoln's Argentinian winger Brian Gómez featured in Greece's second tier last season, playing for Doxa Dramas.

- Liam Walker scored his first international goal for Gibraltar in a 1-4 defeat by Greece at the Estádio Algarve on 6 September 2016.

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

# Legend

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## Competitions

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