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FC Flora Tallinn

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Anorthosis Famagusta and Flora Tallinn meet for the first time in European competition without a point or a goal between them after the opening two matchdays of UEFA Europa Conference League Group B.

- While the Cypriot side kicked off their group campaign with 0-2 defeats at home to Partizan and away to Gent, the champions of Estonia have also found the going tough, losing at home to the Belgian side (0-1) and also in Serbia (0-2).

Previous meetings

- Anorthosis won both matches against Levadia Tallinn in the 2012/13 UEFA Europa League second qualifying round (3-1 a, 3-0 h) – their only previous experience of Estonian opposition.
- Flora have faced Cypriot clubs six times previously, losing all three away fixtures without scoring, most recently earlier this season when they went down 1-0 at the GSP Stadium against Cypriot champions Omonoia in the UEFA Europa League third qualifying round first leg. Although they recovered to win the home leg 2-1 with two Rauno Sappinen goals, they lost the tie 5-4 on penalties.

Form guide

Anorthosis

- Winners of the 2020/21 Cypriot Cup with a 2-1 extra-time victory over Olympiakos in the final, Anorthosis fell in the third qualifying round of the UEFA Europa League this summer for the second successive season, going down to Rapid Wien (0-3 a, 2-1 h). However, they recovered to win their UEFA Europa Conference League play-off against Hapoel Beer-Sheva (0-0 a, 3-1 h) and secure European group stage football for only the second time.
- Anorthosis's sole previous group stage involvement was in the 2008/09 UEFA Champions League, where, then as now coached by ex-Georgian international Temuri Ketsbaia, they accumulated six points in a section including Werder Bremen, Panathinaikos and Inter, but still finished fourth.
- Anorthosis had won four successive European home fixtures, scoring ten goals in the process, before losing to Partizan on Matchday 1. They were unbeaten in Nicosia in the 2008/09 UEFA Champions League group stage (W1 D2).

Flora

- Estonian champions in 2020 for the 13th time, Flora are enjoying by far the longest of their 27 seasons in Europe having already played ten matches – six more than in any previous campaign.
- The Tallinn club's 2021/22 European tour began in the UEFA Champions League first qualifying round, where they won both matches against Hibernians of Malta (2-0 h, 3-0 a) before losing twice against Legia Warszawa (1-2 a, 0-1 h) to transfer to the UEFA Europa League, where they lost that penalty shoot-out to Omonoia. A first appearance in a UEFA group stage was secured, however, as Jürgen Henn's side beat Shamrock Rovers 5-2 on aggregate in their UEFA Europa Conference League play-off (4-2 h, 1-0 a).
- Flora's 3-0 victory in Malta this summer ended a 13-match winless run on their European travels (D3 L10) that had lasted 12 years. Their away record in this European campaign is W2 L3.

Links and trivia

- During a two-and-a-half-year spell with Lech Poznań (2014–16) Anorthosis's Finnish international defender Paulus Arajuuri faced Flora players Konstantin Vassiljev (Piaśt Gliwice, Jagiellonia Białystok), Ken Kallaste (Górnik Zabrze, Korona Kielce) and Denis Popović (Wisła Kraków) in the Polish Ekstraklasa.
- Kallaste was a team-mate of Anorthosis's Georgian forward Nika Kacharava at Korona Kielce in 2017/18.
- Anorthosis boss Ketsbaia has now coached Cypriot teams in the group stages of all three current UEFA club competitions, having also taken charge of APOEL in their 2015/16 UEFA Europa League campaign.
- Flora 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), Bodø/Glimt (C), Randers (D), Union Berlin (E), Lincoln Red Imps (F), Mura (G) and Kairat (H).

Legend

Competitions

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