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Olympiacos FC

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FC Dynamo Kyiv

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Olympiacos and Dynamo Kyiv meet for the first time in 44 years as the record champions of Greece entertain their Ukrainian counterparts in the first leg of the round of 32.

- Both clubs came through the group stage, Olympiacos booking their place as Group F runners-up in memorable fashion on matchday six with a 3-1 home win over AC Milan that enabled them to leapfrog their illustrious Italian opponents into second place, behind Real Betis, on goal difference.
- Dynamo's progress through Group K was more serene, their qualification as section winners ahead of Rennes, Astana and Jablonec secured with a game to spare.

Previous meetings

- The clubs' one previous European engagement was in the first round of the 1975/76 European Champion Clubs' Cup, Dynamo winning the tie 3-2 when they added a 1-0 home win to a 2-2 first-leg away draw.
- Olympiacos have faced five different Ukrainian clubs at home without recording a victory (D3 L2) and have lost both of their UEFA Europa League knockout ties against Ukrainian opposition, going out in the round of 16 to Metalist Kharkiv in 2011/12 (1-0 away, 1-2 home) and the round of 32 to eventual runners-up Dnipro in 2014/15 (0-2 away, 2-2 home).
- Dynamo's record away to Greek sides is W1 D2 L1, but the 1-1 draw they registered at AEK Athens in the first leg of last season's UEFA Europa League round of 32 proved sufficient to take them through on away goals when they drew the second leg 0-0 in Kyiv, making it three two-legged wins out of three against Greek opposition.

Form guide

Olympiacos

- Last season Olympiacos surrendered the Greek Superleague title they had won in each of the previous seven campaigns, finishing third behind AEK Athens and PAOK to end up in the UEFA Europa League third qualifying round. There they handsomely defeated Luzern (4-0 home, 3-1 away) before seeing off Burnley in the play-offs (3-1 home, 1-1 away).
- Olympiacos's maiden UEFA Europa League group stage participation, in 2016/17, ended in qualification for the knockout phase on the head-to-head rule. This season it was goal difference that proved decisive as they matched Milan for both points (ten) and 3-1 home wins. The Piraeus club drew two blanks against Betis (0-0 home, 0-1 away) but put seven goals past bottom side Dudelange (2-0 away, 5-1 home) to secure their advantage.
- Although Olympiacos have been involved in only two UEFA Europa League group stage campaigns, this is the sixth time they have participated in the knockout phase. They have won just two of their five round of 32 ties – against Rubin Kazan in 2011/12 (1-0 away, 1-0 home) and Osmanlıspor in 2016/17 (0-0 home, 3-0 away). Their home record at this stage of the competition is W1 D2 L2.
- Olympiacos have won just three of their last 12 home fixtures in the UEFA Europa League proper (D5 L4), but have been victorious in the last two and are unbeaten at home, qualifiers included, in nine matches (W5 D4).

Dynamo

- Ukrainian league runners-up to Shakhtar Donetsk last term, Dynamo entered the UEFA Champions League third qualifying round, where they defeated Slavia Praha (1-1 away, 2-0 home) before going out by the same aggregate score in the play-offs to Ajax (1-3 away, 0-0 home).
- Dynamo's sixth UEFA Europa League group stage campaign proved, like four of the previous five, to be successful, three wins and two draws securing a safe passage with a game to spare.
- The club's best UEFA Europa League performance was in 2014/15, when they reached the quarter-finals, having also been semi-finalists in the last UEFA Cup of 2008/09. Like Olympiacos this is their sixth round of 32 tie, three of their previous five having ended in victory; last season's success against AEK was preceded by an 8-1 win against Beşiktaş in 2010/11 (4-1 away, 4-0 home) and a 4-3 defeat of Guingamp in 2014/15 (1-2 away, 3-1 home). Their away record in the round of 32 is the same as Olympiacos's at home – W1 D2 L2.
- Dynamo ended a run of six winless European away matches (D4 L2) with their 2-1 victory at Rennes on matchday three, which they followed up with another success, 1-0 at Astana, on matchday five. The Ukrainian club have lost just one of their last nine UEFA Europa League away fixtures (W4 D4).

UEFA Europa League squad changes

• Olympiacos

In: Giorgos Masouras, Gil Dias, Yuri Lodygin

Out: Giannis Fetfatzidis, Andreas Gianniotis, Nahuel Leiva, Yaya Touré

• **Dynamo**

In: Fran Sol, Mykyta Kravchenko

Out: Vladyslav Kalitvintsev, Mykola Morozhuk

Links and trivia

- Lazaros Christodoulopoulos featured for AEK Athens in both games against Dynamo at this stage of last season's UEFA Europa League, providing the assist for the Greek club's first-leg equaliser.
- Dynamo goalkeeper Denys Boyko helped Dnipro to their 4-2 aggregate win against Olympiacos in the 2014/15 round of 32, starting both matches.
- Josip Pivarić played twice for Dinamo Zagreb against Olympiacos in the 2015/16 UEFA Champions League group stage, providing an assist but also receiving a red card in a 2-1 defeat in Piraeus.
- Olympiacos head coach Pedro Martins was in charge of Rio Ave as they lost both games against Dynamo in the 2014/15 UEFA Europa League group stage (0-3 home, 0-2 away). Current Olympiacos players Ahmed Hassan and Roderick played for Rio Ave in the second fixture.
- Olympiacos are the only Greek club still active in Europe this season.
- There has been at least one team from Greece and Ukraine involved in the round of 32 in all ten UEFA Europa League campaigns. The only other countries boasting that ever-present record are England, Germany, Italy, Russia and Spain.

The coaches

- Pedro Martins was named Olympiacos coach in April 2018, becoming the club's fifth Portuguese boss in six years after Leonardo Jardim, Vítor Pereira, Marco Silva and Paulo Bento. Martins had not previously worked outside his homeland, his last three spells in the dugout before the move to Greece having brought UEFA Europa League qualification for Marítimo, Rio Ave and Vitória Guimarães. A holding midfielder, he was capped once by Portugal during a three-year spell with Sporting CP from 1995–98.
- Hired as Dynamo coach in July 2017, Aleksandr Khatskevich won seven successive league titles with the club as a player between 1997 and 2004, having also claimed four straight championships with Dinamo Minsk in his native Belarus. He later worked with Dynamo's youth and reserve teams before taking charge of the Belarus national side from 2014 to 2016. He was capped 38 times by his country, scoring four international goals, three of them in qualification for the 2002 FIFA World Cup.

Legend

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
GS1: First group stage
3QR: Third qualifying round
R2: Second round
R4: Fourth round
SF: Semi-finals
R16: round of 16
R32: Round of 32
1st: first leg
2nd: second leg
PO: Play-off
Rep: Replay
PO - FT: Play-off for Final Tournament
GS: Group stage
GS2: Second group stage
R1: First round
R3: Third round
PR: Preliminary round
QF: Quarter-finals
QR: Qualifying round
1QR: First qualifying round
2QR: Second qualifying round
FT: Final tournament
ELITE: Elite round
3rdPO: Third-place play-off
GS-FT: Group stage – final tournament

Other abbreviations

(aet): After extra time
No.: Number
ag: Match decided on away goals
Pld: Matches played
Pos.: Position
Pts: Points
R: Sent off (straight red card)
Res.: Result
sg: Match decided by silver goal
GF: Goals for
gg: Match decided by golden goal
Y/R: Sent off (two yellow cards)
f: Match forfeited
pens: Penalties
og: Own goal
P: Penalty
agg: Aggregate
AP: Appearances
Comp.: Competition
D: Drawn
DoB: Date of birth
ET: Extra Time
GA: Goals against
t: Match decided by toss of a coin
W: Won
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
QUAL: All UEFA qualifiers
UEL: Current season total UEFA Europa League appearances from the group stage onwards prior to the current matchday
UEL: Total appearances in the UEFA Europa League, group stage to final only
UEFA: All-time total appearances in UEFA club competition including qualifying

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