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PSV Eindhoven

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Group D - Matchday 1



**Sporting Clube de
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Two experienced European campaigners go head to head in Group D as PSV and Sporting CP meet for the first time in their history on matchday one in Eindhoven. While it is the Dutch club's seventh European fixture of the 2019/20 campaign, it is their Portuguese visitors' first.

Previous meetings

- PSV may have never faced Sporting before, but they have had 13 previous UEFA competition matches against other Portuguese clubs with the record W3 D6 L4. At home the figures are W2 D4 L1, the most recent fixture having brought a 1-0 win against Estoril on matchday one of the 2014/15 UEFA Europa League group stage – PSV's last involvement at this phase of the competition. Most famously, PSV beat Benfica on penalties in the 1988 European Champion Clubs' Cup final after a 0-0 draw in Stuttgart.
- Sporting have an impressive overall record against Dutch clubs of W11 D3 L2, with neither defeat proving costly as they won both ties, including a dramatic UEFA Cup semi-final against AZ Alkmaar in 2004/05 (2-1 h, 2-3 aet a). It is exactly a decade since they last visited the Netherlands, a 3-2 win at Heerenveen secured by a Liedson hat-trick kicking off their 2009/10 UEFA Europa League group stage campaign.

Form guide

PSV

- PSV ceded the Dutch title to Ajax last season, finishing runners-up, while also playing second fiddle to their Amsterdam rivals in the UEFA Champions League as they dropped out at the group stage, finishing bottom of a tough section comprising Barcelona, Tottenham and Internazionale.
- This season the Eindhoven club's UEFA Champions League ambitions were extinguished early as they were beaten by Basel on away goals (3-2 h, 1-2 a) in the second qualifying round, but they recovered to knock Haugesund and Apollon Limassol out of the UEFA Europa League and reach the group stage for the seventh time. They have gone through to the knockout phase on four of the previous six occasions, reaching the quarter-finals in 2010/11.
- PSV's home record in the UEFA Europa League group stage is W9 D5 L4 though the four defeats have come in the last seven matches, with that win against Estoril the only one they have managed in the last four.

Sporting

- Sporting qualified automatically for the 2019/20 group stage by winning last season's Portuguese Cup, a penalty shoot-out win in the final against Porto adding to a third-placed finish in the Liga. They also reached the UEFA Europa League round of 32, where they were knocked out by Villarreal.
- This is Sporting's ninth appearance in the UEFA Europa League proper – a competition record – and their seventh in the group stage, five of their previous six having brought further progress into the knockout phase. The Lisbon side's best performance came in 2011/12, when they reached the semi-finals.
- Sporting went a record 20 home games unbeaten in the UEFA Europa League, group stage to final, in their first five seasons of participation but have now lost four of the last 11, including a pair of 0-1 defeats last season to Arsenal and Villarreal. Their overall home record in the group stage alone is W12 D4 L2.

Links and trivia

- PSV winger Bruma started his career with Sporting, graduating from the club's academy to the first team. He is a Portugal national team-mate of Sporting's Luís Neto and Bruno Fernandes.

The coaches

- A feisty, all-purpose midfielder whose playing career was festooned with honours, Mark van Bommel won the national championship of every country in which he played, adding a Liga crown – plus UEFA Champions League glory – with Barcelona, two Bundesliga triumphs with Bayern München and a Serie A title with AC Milan to four Eredivisie successes with PSV. Capped 79 times by the Netherlands, he retired in 2013 and returned to PSV as head coach in 2018 having assisted his father-in-law Bert van Marwijk's Australia side at the FIFA World Cup in Russia.
- Madeira native Leonel Pontes was named as Sporting CP's interim head coach on 5 September following the dismissal of Marcel Keizer. He had been acting as the club's Under-23 coach since June and has a long-standing history with the Lisbon outfit, having served on the coaching staff from 2002 to 2010, notably as assistant to Paulo Bento. When Bento was named Portugal coach in September 2010, he rejoined him as his No2, before branching out alone at hometown club Marítimo in 2014. Pontes then moved abroad, experiencing short spells in Greece, Egypt and Hungary and at Spanish third-tier club Jumilla.

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	GS: Group stage	(aet): After extra time	pens: Penalties
GS1: First group stage	GS2: Second group stage	No.: Number	og: Own goal
3QR: Third qualifying round	R1: First round	ag: Match decided on away goals	P: Penalty
R2: Second round	R3: Third round	PID: Matches played	agg: Aggregate
R4: Fourth round	PR: Preliminary round	Pos.: Position	AP: Appearances
SF: Semi-finals	QF: Quarter-finals	Pts: Points	Comp.: Competition
R16: round of 16	QR: Qualifying round	R: Sent off (straight red card)	D: Drawn
R32: Round of 32	1QR: First qualifying round	Res.: Result	DoB: Date of birth
1st: first leg	2QR: Second qualifying round	sg: Match decided by silver goal	ET: Extra Time
2nd: second leg	FT: Final tournament	GF: Goals for	GA: Goals against
PO: Play-off	ELITE: Elite round	gg: Match decided by golden goal	t: Match decided by toss of a coin
Rep: Replay	3rdPO: Third-place play-off	Y/R: Sent off (two yellow cards)	W: Won
PO - FT: Play-off for Final Tournament	GS-FT: Group stage – final tournament	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

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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