<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Match background</th>
<th>2</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Legend</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Match background

The Stadio Olimpico in Rome is the venue as two clubs with eventful European histories go head to head for the first time, with Roma holding a three-point advantage over Borussia Mönchengladbach in Group J.

• Roma made a dynamic start to the section, overpowering Istanbul Başakşehir 4-0 at home on the opening night, but they dropped two points in their next fixture, drawing 1-1 at Wolfsberg. Gladbach struck late to salvage a 1-1 draw in Turkey following their shock 0-4 defeat at home to the Austrian debutants on Matchday 1.

Previous meetings

• Although the clubs have never met, both have plenty of UEFA competition experience against clubs from their opponents' country.

• This is Roma's 27th fixture against German opposition. They have won ten of the previous 26 (D2 L14), eight at home, most recently 3-2 against Bayer Leverkusen in the 2015/16 UEFA Champions League group stage. A year earlier in the same competition they suffered their heaviest home European defeat, going down 7-1 to Bayern München.

• Mönchengladbach have won more games than they have lost against Italian sides (W5 D7 L4), their three away wins including a memorable 4-2 comeback success at Fiorentina, featuring a rapid-fire Lars Stindl hat-trick, on their most recent visit – in the second leg of the 2016/17 UEFA Europa League round of 32 (aggregate 4-3). They did, however, go out to Roma's local rivals Lazio at the same stage of the competition four years earlier, a 3-3 home draw preceding a 2-0 defeat at the Stadio Olimpico.

Form guide

Roma

• Roma finished sixth in last season's Serie A, missing out on UEFA Champions League qualification for the first time in six years. They were defeated 4-3 on aggregate after extra time by Porto in the 2018/19 round of 16 having reached the previous season's semi-finals.

• This is the Giallorossi's fifth participation in the UEFA Europa League proper but only their third appearance in the group stage. They have won their group on both previous occasions, in 2009/10 and 2016/17, reaching the round of 16 in the latter campaign.

• Roma are 13 games unbeaten in the UEFA Europa League group stage (W8 D5) and have won six and drawn one of the seven games at home, scoring at least twice in each of them. Furthermore, the Giallorossi have scored four goals in five of their last 12 matches in the competition. A 0-2 defeat against holders Real Madrid in last season's UEFA Champions League is the only one of their last 12 European fixtures that they have lost in the Italian capital, winning ten.

Mönchengladbach

• A fifth-placed finish in the 2018/19 German Bundesliga booked a starting berth for Mönchengladbach in the UEFA Europa League group stage, returning the club to European competition after a two-season absence.

• Gladbach qualified from both of their previous UEFA Europa League groups, in 2012/13 and 2014/15, before going out each time in the round of 32. Having crossed over from the UEFA Champions League midway through the 2016/17 season, they made it third time lucky in that round with that spectacular comeback against Fiorentina before going out on away goals in an all-German round of 16 tie with Schalke (1-1 a, 2-2 h).

• The Foals are unbeaten in seven away matches in the UEFA Europa League group stage (W2 D5). Their last European away win was that 4-2 success at Fiorentina.

Links and trivia

• Roma's Edin Džeko was a prolific Bundesliga marksman with Wolfsburg from 2011 to 2014, scoring 66 goals in 111 games, becoming a German champion in 2008/09 and the league's top scorer, with 22 goals, the following season. In his five Bundesliga matches against Mönchengladbach (W4 D1) he scored three goals and provided one assist.

• Henrikh Mkhitaryan played for Borussia Dortmund between 2013 and 2016, scoring 23 goals in 90 Bundesliga outings. In his five appearances against Gladbach (W3 L2) he registered three goals and one assist.

The coaches

• Paulo Fonseca was appointed as the new Roma head coach on 11 June 2019. He arrived in the Eternal City having won the Ukrainian league and cup double in each of his three seasons with Shakhtar Donetsk, where he had replaced the long-serving Mircea Lucescu in 2016. A central defender of modest repute, he paid his dues as a coach in his native Portugal, first making his mark at Paços de Ferreira then joining Porto in 2013 before winning his first major trophy, the 2015/16 Portuguese Cup, with Braga.
• Marco Rose replaced Dieter Hecking as Mönchengladbach's new head coach for the 2019/20 season. He arrived as an Austrian double winner and two-time champion with Salzburg, having also led the club to victory in the 2016/17 UEFA Youth League. A defender with home-town club VfB Leipzig, Hannover and Mainz, he spent six years on Salzburg's coaching staff and masterminded a run to the 2017/18 UEFA Europa League semi-finals during his debut campaign as head coach. Last season he led Salzburg into the round of 16.

FootballPeople weeks
The FootballPeople weeks take place from 10 to 24 October 2019 and are organised by UEFA's social responsibility partner Fare. The weeks are a global campaign aimed at tackling discrimination and celebrating diversity in football. The UEFA Europa League is offering its full support to the FootballPeople weeks; teams will line up for a mixed photo with the referees, while an #EqualGame hashtag will also be on display. Videos will be played on giant screens at stadiums across Europe, and child mascots will be wearing #FootballPeople t-shirts. UEFA's collaboration with the Fare network's FootballPeople weeks has been running since 2001. The aim of this initiative fits in perfectly with the goals of #EqualGame, which is looking to promote inclusion, diversity and accessibility.
AS Roma - VfL Borussia Mönchengladbach
Match press kit
Thursday 24 October 2019 - 18.55CET (18.55 local time)
Stadio Olimpico, Rome

Legend

Competitions

Club competitions
UCL: UEFA Champions League
ECCC: European Champion Clubs' Cup
UEFA Europa League
UECUP: UEFA Cup
UCWC: UEFA Cup Winners' Cup
SCUP: UEFA Super Cup
IUCF: 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

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

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
FT: Final tournament
ELITE: Elite round
3rdPO: Third-place play-off
GS-FT: Group stage – final tournament

Statistics

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

Disclaimer: Although UEFA has taken all reasonable care that the information contained within this document is accurate at the time of publication, no representation or guarantee (including liability towards third parties), expressed or implied, is made as to its accuracy, reliability or completeness. Therefore, UEFA assumes no liability for the use or interpretation of information contained herein. More information can be found in the competition regulations available on UEFA.com.