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Group G - Matchday 5

Feyenoord

Rangers FC

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Feyenoord's new head coach Dick Advocaat comes up against his former club as Rangers arrive in Rotterdam hoping to clinch a place in the UEFA Europa League knockout phase with a game to spare.

• Feyenoord have four points in Group G, all from home games – 2-0 against Porto and 1-1 versus Young Boys – while Rangers are three points better off, their two wins at home – against Feyenoord (1-0) and Porto (2-0) – supplemented by a draw in Portugal (1-1).

• The Scottish club will secure their place in the round of 32 if they beat Feyenoord and Porto fail to win in Berne, or if they draw and Porto lose. The Dutch side will be out of contention if they lose or draw and Young Boys win, or if they lose and Young Boys draw.

Previous meetings

• On Matchday 1 Rangers defeated a Feyenoord side led by Jaap Stam 1-0 in Glasgow thanks to a spectacular long-range strike from Sheyi Ojo.

• The clubs were paired together just once before this season and it proved portentous for Feyenoord, who drew 1-1 at Ibrox and won 3-2 in Rotterdam in the fourth round of the 2001/02 UEFA Cup – a competition they went on to win.

• Feyenoord have won all four of their UEFA home games against Scottish visitors, keeping clean sheets in all but that previous match against Rangers. Their most famous victory against Scottish opposition came in the first such encounter, the 1970 European Cup final against Celtic, which they won 2-1 after extra time in Milan.

• Rangers’ record against Dutch clubs is W6 D4 L7. In the Netherlands it is W3 D1 L4, the draw having come on their most recent visit, 0-0 at PSV Eindhoven in the first leg of the 2010/11 UEFA Europa League round of 16; Rangers went out after losing the return 0-1 at Ibrox.

Form guide

Feyenoord

• Dutch champions in 2016/17 and cup winners in 2017/18, Feyenoord won no trophies last season but finished third in the league to return to the UEFA Europa League third qualifying round, where they were surprisingly eliminated in 2018/19 by Slovakian side Trenčín 5-1 on aggregate (0-4 a, 1-1 h).

• This season they reversed those scorelines (4-0 h, 1-1 a) to overcome Dinamo Tbilisi before seeing off Hapoel Beer Sheva in style in the play-offs with a pair of 3-0 victories. This is the club’s third appearance in the UEFA Europa League group stage. They topped their section in 2014/15 but finished third in 2016/17 despite opening with a 1-0 home win against eventual winners Manchester.

• Feyenoord won their first five home UEFA Europa League group games and have six victories in eight matches overall. They won their first three European games in Rotterdam this term, scoring nine goals and conceding none, before drawing 1-1 against Young Boys on Matchday 4.

Rangers

• Rangers qualified for 2019/20 European competition as runners-up to Celtic in last season’s Scottish Premiership. They also won four qualifying ties to reach the UEFA Europa League group stage for the first time, but just one win and six points prevented them from making further progress.

• Once again Rangers were obliged to come through four qualifiers to reach this season’s group stage, defeating St Joseph's, Progrès Niederkorn, Midtjylland and, in the play-offs, Legia Warsaw, a late Alfredo Morelos winner in the second leg at Ibrox providing the only goal of the tie.

• Rangers failed to win an away fixture on their UEFA Europa League group stage debut last season, drawing at Villarreal (2-2) before losing at Spartak Moscow (3-4) and Rapid Vienna (0-1). The Matchday 2 loss at Young Boys prolonged that winless sequence to four matches but it is their only defeat in Europe this term, the other ten games having provided eight wins, two draws and eight clean sheets.

Links and trivia

• Advocaat was in charge at Rangers from 1998 to 2001. The club’s first foreign manager, he won the domestic treble in his first season followed by a league and Scottish Cup double in his second. He came up against his former club in the 2008 UEFA Cup final, his Zenit side beating Rangers 2-0 to lift the trophy in Manchester.

• Rangers’ Filip Helander and Feyenoord’s Sam Larsson are Sweden internationals.

• Morelos was the top scorer in this season’s UEFA Europa League qualifying phase with eight goals. The Colombian striker has also scored in each of Rangers’ last three group games, the only other player to have found the net on Matchdays 2, 3 and 4 being Espanyol’s Víctor Campuzano.
• Rangers are one of only two clubs to have reached this season's group stage after beginning their UEFA Europa League journey in the first qualifying round, Malmö being the other.

• Rangers are through to the final of the Scottish League Cup on 8 December at Hampden, where they will face Celtic. The Light Blues are bidding to lift the trophy for the first time since 2010/11 and for a record 28th time in all.

The coaches
• Advocaat was appointed as the interim head coach of Feyenoord for the remainder of the 2019/20 season on 30 October following Stam's resignation two days earlier. The 72-year-old is considered one of the Netherlands’ all-time great coaches having had three stints in charge of the national side, and has also been the coach of five other countries – the UAE, South Korea, Belgium, Russia and Serbia. At club level he is most closely associated with PSV Eindhoven, Rangers and Zenit, winning national championships with all three plus the UEFA Cup with the Russian club in 2008.

• A Liverpool legend with 186 goals in 710 appearances for the Anfield club, most of them as captain, Gerrard launched his managerial career at Glasgow giants Rangers in May 2018. An England international for 14 years, accumulating 114 caps and 21 goals, the dynamic midfielder won the UEFA Cup and UEFA Champions League with Liverpool as well as both domestic cups. After an 18-month end-of-career spell with LA Galaxy he returned to coach Liverpool's youth team before the job at Ibrox lured him to Scotland, where he led the Gers to second place in the 2018/19 Premiership.
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 Confederaions 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
(aet): After extra time
No.: Number
ag: Match decided on away goals
Plid: 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
N.: 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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