

# UEFA EUROPA LEAGUE - 2020/21 SEASON MATCH PRESS KITS



**Wolfsberger AC**

**Wörthersee Stadion - Klagenfurt**

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Group K - Matchday 1



**PFC CSKA Moskva**

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## Match background

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Eliminated from last season's UEFA Europa League group stage, Wolfsberg and CSKA Moskva will both hope for better in 2020/21 as they get their European campaigns under way in Klagenfurt.

### Previous meetings

- Wolfsberg have never previously faced a Russian club in UEFA competition, while CSKA's only pairing with Austrian opposition ahead of this Group K opener was all of 39 years ago when they lost to Sturm Graz on away goals in the UEFA Cup first round (0-1 a, 2-1 h).

### Form guide

#### Wolfsberg

- Promoted to the Austrian top flight for the first time in 2012, Wolfsberg finished third in the 2019/20 Bundesliga, repeating their highest ever placing of a year earlier, to re-qualify for the UEFA Europa League for the second successive season. Last term they finished bottom of Group J with five points despite winning their Matchday 1 encounter 4-0 at Borussia Mönchengladbach.
- This is only the club's third European campaign. The first, in 2015/16, ended with a 6-0 aggregate defeat by Borussia Dortmund in the UEFA Europa League third qualifying round, though they had won their inaugural tie a round earlier, beating Shakhtyor Soligorsk 3-0 over two legs.
- Wolfsberg's overall European record is W3 D2 L5; at home it is W1 D1 L3 with no victories in the last four games.

#### CSKA

- CSKA are back for a UEFA Europa League group stage encore having finished fourth in the Russian Premier League for the second year in a row under head coach Viktor Goncharenko. UEFA Champions League group stage participants for six straight years from 2013/14 to 2018/19, their 2019/20 UEFA Europa League campaign ended early as they finished bottom of their group, on five points, behind Espanyol, Ludogorets and Ferencváros.
- The 2004/05 UEFA Cup winners collected 16 points in their only other UEFA Europa League group stage adventure, in 2010/11, to top their section and progress to the round of 16, and in 2017/18, having finished third in their UEFA Champions League group, they made it to the UEFA Europa League quarter-finals, where they were knocked out by Arsenal.
- CSKA's away record in the UEFA Europa League group stage is W3 D2 L1, the only defeat coming on Matchday 1 last season when they went down 5-1 at Ludogorets. Their previous European away fixture had brought a consolation 3-0 win at holders Real Madrid on Matchday 6 of the 2018/19 UEFA Champions League.

### Links and trivia

- Appointed by Wolfsberg in December 2019, this is Ferdinand Feldhofer's first European match as a coach.
- Wolfsberg's 36-year-old Serbian defender Nemanja Rnić played for Partizan against CSKA in the 2004/05 UEFA Cup fourth round first leg. The game finished 1-1, with the Moscow side winning the return 2-0 and going on to lift the trophy.
- CSKA are one of six former UEFA Cup winners competing in this season's UEFA Europa League group stage, together with Bayer Leverkusen (Group C), PSV Eindhoven (E), Napoli (F), Tottenham (J) and Group K rivals Feyenoord.

# 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

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