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Group C - Matchday 2



Hapoel Beer-Sheva FC

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Nice will hope to make a quick recovery from a chastening Matchday 1 defeat as they play host to Israeli Cup winners Hapoel Beer-Sheva in the south of France.

- Nice felt the full force of last season's UEFA Europa League quarter-finalists Bayer Leverkusen as they went down 6-2 to the Bundesliga side at the BayArena, but there was opening-night joy in Group C for Hapoel as two late goals from Dutchman Elton Acolatse earned them a 3-1 home win against Slavia Praha. That made it three Matchday 1 victories out of three in this competition for the Israeli club.

Previous meetings

- This is Nice's maiden UEFA encounter with opponents from Israel and Hapoel's first against a team from France.

Form guide

Nice

- After two years without European football, Nice qualified for a third appearance in the UEFA Europa League group stage after finishing fifth in the truncated 2019/20 Ligue 1 campaign.
- Les Aiglons finished bottom of their group in 2016/17 but progressed as runners-up the following year in a section comprising Lazio, Vitesse and Zulte Waregem before going out to Lokomotiv Moskva (2-3 h, 0-1 a) in the round of 32.
- Nice have won three and lost three of their six home fixtures in the UEFA Europa League group stage.

Hapoel

- Fourth in the Israeli league in 2019/20, Hapoel secured European qualification for the seventh successive season by winning the Israeli State Cup, beating Maccabi Petach-Tikva 2-0 in the final. Last season's European adventure ended in the UEFA Europa League play-offs against Feyenoord (0-3 a, 0-3 h).
- This season Josef Abukasis's side won their play-off tie, against Plzeň, following earlier qualifying phase successes against Dinamo Batumi (3-0 h), Laç (2-1 a) and Motherwell (3-0 h). Hapoel are therefore through to the UEFA Europa League group stage for the third time, having previously participated in 2016/17 – when they beat Internazionale twice and reached the round of 32 – and 2017/18, when they finished bottom of their group.
- The Israeli side's away record in the UEFA Europa League proper is W1 D2 L4. The victory at Laç this term ended a six-match winless run in European away fixtures (D3 L3).

Links and trivia

- Opposition coaches Patrick Vieira and Abukasis played for France and Israel respectively in a UEFA EURO 2004 qualifier in April 2003 that took place in Palermo. Lillian Thuram, father of current Nice player Kephren Thuram, was also in the France side that won 2-1.
- Hapoel's assistant coach Maor Melikson was in the Valenciennes team that lost 4-0 at Nice on 23 September 2013 in the inaugural match played at the Stade de Nice.
- Hapoel's Gaëtan Varenne was born in France and played briefly for Bastia after starting his career with French amateur side Cournon.

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

Other abbreviations

(aet): After extra time	pens: Penalties
No.: Number	og: Own goal
ag: Match decided on away goals	P: Penalty
Pld: Matches played	agg: Aggregate
Pos.: Position	AP: Appearances
Pts: Points	Comp.: Competition
R: Sent off (straight red card)	D: Drawn
Res.: Result	DoB: Date of birth
sg: Match decided by silver goal	ET: Extra Time
GF: Goals for	GA: Goals against
gg: Match decided by golden goal	t: Match decided by toss of a coin
Y/R: Sent off (two yellow cards)	W: Won
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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