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Rangers FC

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Group D - Matchday 2



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Rangers entertain Lech Poznań in Glasgow fresh from an impressive opening win in UEFA Europa League Group D.

- While the Scottish giants beat Standard Liège 2-0 in Belgium on Matchday 1 courtesy of a James Tavernier penalty and a sensational added-time strike from his own half by Kemar Roofe – his first European goal – there was no joy for Lech as they were defeated 4-2 in Poland by Benfica despite a double from Swedish striker Mikael Ishak.

Previous meetings

- The clubs are meeting in UEFA competition for the first time.
- Rangers' four previous home games against Polish sides have yielded three wins and a defeat. The most recent contest came last season against Legia Warszawa and provided a dramatic climax as an added-time goal from Alfredo Morelos gave Steven Gerrard's side a decisive 1-0 win at Ibrox in the second leg of the UEFA Europa League play-offs following a 0-0 draw in Warsaw.
- Lech lost their two previous matches against Scottish opposition without scoring, 0-2 away and 0-1 at home against eventual winners Aberdeen in the 1982/83 European Cup Winners' Cup second round.

Form guide

Rangers

- Rangers were in second place 13 points behind Celtic when the 2019/20 Scottish Premiership came to a premature end. They also enjoyed a lengthy run in Europe, progressing from the first qualifying round of the UEFA Europa League all the way to the round of 16, where, as Scotland's last team standing, they were eliminated by Bayer Leverkusen (1-3 h, 0-1 a).
- Gerrard's side were obliged to come through three qualifiers to reach this season's group stage, beating Lincoln Red Imps (5-0) and Willem II (4-0) on the road before a 2-1 play-off success against Galatasaray in Glasgow. This is the club's third successive group stage participation. They finished third in their section two seasons ago but came through last term in second place behind Porto, their nine-point total enabling them to finish ahead of Young Boys and Feyenoord.
- Rangers were undefeated in 17 home European matches (W12 D5) until they lost 3-1 to Leverkusen in last season's round of 16 first leg. They have failed to keep a clean sheet, however, in their last four European fixtures at Ibrox, conceding seven times over that stretch.

Lech

- Runners-up to Legia Warszawa in the 2019/20 Polish Ekstraklasa, Lech thus returned to Europe after a year's absence and are now participating in the UEFA Europa League group stage for the third time.
- Dariusz Żuraw's side came through four qualifying ties to reach this stage, beating Valmiera of Latvia 3-0 at home before stringing together successive away wins at Hammarby (3-0), Apollon Limassol (5-0) and, in the play-offs, Charleroi (2-1). On their group stage debut, in 2010/11, they qualified alongside Manchester City at the expense of Juventus and Salzburg before losing in the round of 32 to Braga (1-0 h, 0-2 a), whereas in 2015/16 they managed just five points and finished third in their section behind Basel and Fiorentina.
- Lech's hat-trick of away wins in this season's qualifying phase followed a five-match winless streak on the road in European competition (D2 L3). In the UEFA Europa League group stage their away record is W2 D2 L2.

Links and trivia

- Lech's Thomas Rogne played in Glasgow for Celtic from January 2010 to July 2013, making 59 appearances in all competitions for the club. One of his two Celtic goals came against Rangers in a 3-2 defeat at Ibrox on 15 March 2012.
- Borna Barišić (Rangers) and Marko Malenica (Lech) played together at Croatian top-flight side Osijek in 2013/14.
- Rangers defender Filip Helander and Lech forward Ishak were members of Sweden's triumphant squad at the 2015 UEFA European Under-21 Championship in the Czech Republic.
- The last of Rangers manager Gerrard's 21 international goals for England came against Poland – in a 2014 FIFA World Cup qualifier at Wembley on 15 October 2013 that England won 2-0.

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	PI: 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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