

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



**Omonoia FC**

**GSP - Nicosia**

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Group E - Matchday 2



**PSV Eindhoven**

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## Match background

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The GSP Stadium in Nicosia is the venue as Omonoia entertain PSV Eindhoven in the Cypriot club's first home UEFA Europa League group game.

- Omonoia emerged from Matchday 1 with a useful point after holding PAOK to a 1-1 draw in Greece, Frenchman Éric Bauthéac opening the scoring for the visitors with his first European goal, but it was an unhappy opening night in Group E for PSV, defeated 2-1 at home by European debutants Granada after taking the lead through new signing Mario Götze.

### Previous meetings

- Omonoia's two previous home games against Dutch sides produced big wins. The second of them, 3-0 against ADO Den Haag, helped the Nicosia side win their 2011/12 UEFA Europa League third qualifying round tie (0-1 a), but although the first was even more substantial, 4-0 against Ajax, it was of little consequence as Omonoia had lost the first leg of that 1979/80 European Champion Clubs' Cup second-round tie 10-0 in Amsterdam.

- PSV met Cypriot opposition for the first time last season, seeing off Apollon Limassol in the UEFA Europa League play-offs (3-0 h, 4-0 a). The away win, sealed by a Donyell Malen double, was the Eindhoven club's biggest in Europe for seven years.

### Form guide

#### Omonoia

- Omonoia, who led their domestic league when the 2019/20 Cypriot season was halted in March, were awarded a place in this season's UEFA Champions League. Henning Berg's team needed extra time before winning at both Ararat-Armenia (1-0) in the first qualifying round and Legia Warszawa (2-0) in the second, and it took penalties to settle their third qualifying round tie at home to Crvena zvezda (4-2 after a 1-1 draw) before they lost in the play-offs to Olympiacos (0-2 a, 0-0 h).

- This is Omonoia's first European campaign for four years and their first in the group stage of any UEFA competition. In their most recent continental campaign they lost on away goals to Beitar Jerusalem in the 2016/17 UEFA Europa League second qualifying round (0-1 a, 3-2 h).

- Omonoia are unbeaten in seven home European matches (W4 D3) since a 2-1 loss against Dinamo Moskva in the 2014/15 UEFA Europa League play-offs.

#### PSV

- PSV finished fourth in the curtailed 2019/20 Dutch Eredivisie, earning a place in the UEFA Europa League third qualifying round. They won away to both Mura (5-1) and Rosenborg (2-0) to secure an eighth group stage berth.

- Last season, having been defeated by Basel on away goals in the UEFA Champions League second qualifying round (3-2 h, 1-2 a), PSV advanced into the UEFA Europa League group stage but went no further, eliminated after successive heavy away defeats at LASK (1-4) and Sporting CP (0-4). The 2010/11 quarter-finalists have now failed to progress from their group in four of the last five attempts.

- PSV were unbeaten in their first nine away games in the UEFA Europa League group stage (W7 D2), but they have lost six of the 12 since (W4 D2) and have also gone nine games without a victory on the road during the autumn in the UEFA Champions League (D3 L6).

### Links and trivia

- Omonoia boss Berg and PSV's goalkeeping coach Raimond van der Gouw were Manchester United team-mates between 1997 and 2000.

- Omonoia forward Fotis Papoulis was in the Apollon side that lost twice to PSV last season.

- Tomáš Hubočan had better luck against PSV, Omonoia's Slovakian defender helping Dinamo Moskva claim 1-0 wins home and away against the Dutch side in the 2014/15 UEFA Europa League group stage.

- Omonoia's Czech defender Jan Lecjaks and PSV goalkeeper Yvon Mvogo played together in Switzerland for Young Boys between 2011 and 2017.

- Omonoia are one of six UEFA Europa League group stage debutants this season alongside CSKA-Sofia (Group A), Leicester City (G), Sivasspor (I), Royal Antwerp (J) and Granada, who are with them in Group E.

- PSV are one of six former European Cup winners in this season's UEFA Europa League group stage, along with Benfica (Group D), Celtic and AC Milan (H), Feyenoord (K) and Crvena zvezda (L). They are also one of six former UEFA Cup winners – joining Leverkusen (Group C), Napoli (F), Tottenham (J), CSKA Moskva and Feyenoord (both K).

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

## Other abbreviations

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