

UEFA EUROPA LEAGUE - 2020/21 SEASON MATCH PRESS KITS



AZ Alkmaar

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Group F - Matchday 2



HNK Rijeka

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Previous meetings

Head to Head

No UEFA competition matches have been played between these two teams

AZ Alkmaar - Record versus clubs from opponents' country

AZ Alkmaar have not played against a club from their opponents' country

HNK Rijeka - Record versus clubs from opponents' country

UEFA Europa League

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
06/11/2014	GS	Feyenoord - HNK Rijeka	2-0	Rotterdam	El Ahmadi 8, Immers 20
23/10/2014	GS	HNK Rijeka - Feyenoord	3-1	Rijeka	Kramarić 63, 71, 76 (P); Toornstra 66

	Home				Away				Final				Total					
	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
AZ Alkmaar	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
HNK Rijeka	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	1	3	3

Match background

Buoyed by an unlikely away win on Matchday 1, AZ Alkmaar pursue their ambitions in UEFA Europa League Group F with a home fixture against Croatian Cup winners Rijeka.

- There were contrasting fortunes for the clubs on Matchday 1 as AZ claimed a momentous 1-0 win at Napoli through Dani de Wit's 57th-minute strike while Rijeka conceded an added-time winner at home to Real Sociedad to lose by the same score.

Previous meetings

- AZ have never previously met Croatian opponents, whereas Rijeka's experience of Dutch opposition is limited to two meetings with Feyenoord in the 2014/15 UEFA Europa League group stage, a 3-1 home win preceding a 2-0 defeat in the Netherlands.

Form guide

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- AZ were second in the standings behind Ajax on goal difference when the 2019/20 Eredivisie was prematurely concluded in March, which earned them a place in this season's UEFA Champions League second qualifying round. Arne Slot's side won that tie, 3-1 after extra time at home to Viktoria Plzeň, but lost the next, 2-0 away to Dynamo Kyiv, and therefore moved into the UEFA Europa League group stage, where they are competing for the seventh time.
- The Alkmaar club have finished in the top two of their UEFA Europa League group on four occasions, most recently last season when they recorded nine points and 15 goals – the joint highest tally in 2019/20 – in finishing runners-up to Manchester United. Hopes of matching or bettering their run to the quarter-finals in 2011/12 and 2013/14 were ended, however, in the round of 32 by LASK (1-1 h, 0-2 a).
- The 1980/81 UEFA Cup runners-up are undefeated in nine European home fixtures (W4 D5). Their all-time record at home in the UEFA Europa League group stage is W8 D6 L4.

Rijeka

- Third in the Croatian league last season, Rijeka retained the domestic cup thanks to a 1-0 win against league runners-up Lokomotiva Zagreb in the final, which earned the club a third successive UEFA Europa League third qualifying round berth.
- Eliminated on entry by Sarpsborg in 2018/19 and in the play-offs by Gent in 2019/20, Rijeka battled their way through to the group stage this season, a 2-0 extra-time home win for Simon Rožman's side against Kolos of Ukraine in their opening qualifier preceding a 1-0 victory at Copenhagen in the play-offs. The Croatian side have participated in three previous UEFA Europa League group stages, in 2013/14, 2014/15 and 2017/18, but have yet to make further progress.
- Rijeka's away record in the UEFA Europa League group stage is W1 D2 L6. They failed to score in their first six away matches but were on target seven times in their three 2017/18 fixtures.

Links and trivia

- De Wit and Rijeka's Robert Murić were team-mates with Ajax and Jong Ajax from 2016 to 2018.
- AZ midfielder Jordy Clasie and Rijeka's Ivan Tomečak played together in Belgium for Club Brugge during the second half of 2017/18.

Team facts

AZ Alkmaar

Formed: 1967

Nickname: Kaaskoppen (Cheeseheads)

UEFA club competition honours (runners-up in brackets)

- UEFA Cup: (1981)

Domestic honours (most recent triumph in brackets)

League title: 2 (2009)

Dutch Cup: 4 (2013)

Ten-year European record (UEFA Europa League unless indicated otherwise)

2019/20: round of 32

2018/19: second qualifying round

2017/18: did not take part in UEFA competition

2016/17: round of 32

2015/16: group stage

2014/15: did not take part in UEFA competition

2013/14: quarter-finals

2012/13: play-offs

2011/12: quarter-finals

2010/11: group stage

Records

UEFA club competition

- Biggest home win

11-1: AZ v Differdange

14/09/77, UEFA Cup first round first leg

- Biggest away win

0-5 twice, most recently v Astana

07/11/19, UEFA Europa League group stage

- Heaviest home defeat

0-5: AZ v Anji

30/08/12, UEFA Europa League play-off second leg

- Heaviest away defeat

7-1: Lyon v AZ

24/02/17, UEFA Europa League round of 32 second leg

UEFA Cup/UEFA Europa League

- Biggest home win

11-1: AZ v Differdange (see above)

- Biggest away win

0-5 twice, most recently v Astana (see above)

- Heaviest home defeat

0-5: AZ v Anji (see above)

- Heaviest away defeat

7-1: Lyon v AZ (see above)

HNK Rijeka

Formed: 1946

Nickname: Riječki bijeli (Rijeka Whites)

UEFA club competition honours

- None

Domestic honours (most recent triumph in brackets)

League title: 1 (2017)

Yugoslav/Croatian Cup: 8 (2020)

Ten-year European record (UEFA Europa League unless indicated otherwise)

2019/20: play-offs
2018/19: third qualifying round
2017/18: group stage (having transferred from UEFA Champions League play-offs)
2016/17: third qualifying round
2015/16: second qualifying round
2014/15: group stage
2013/14: group stage
2012/13: did not take part in UEFA competition
2011/12: did not take part in UEFA competition
2010/11: did not take part in UEFA competition

Records

UEFA club competition

- Biggest home win

5-0: Rijeka v Prestatyn Town

18/07/13, UEFA Europa League second qualifying round first leg

- Biggest away win

1-5 twice, most recently v The New Saints

18/07/17, UEFA Champions League second qualifying round second leg

- Heaviest home defeat

1-4: Rijeka v Austria Wien

02/11/17, UEFA Europa League group stage

0-3 twice, most recently v Aberdeen

16/07/15, UEFA Europa League second qualifying round first leg

- Heaviest away defeat

4-0: Vitória Guimarães v Rijeka

19/09/13, UEFA Europa League group stage

UEFA Cup/UEFA Europa League

- Biggest home win

5-0: Rijeka v Prestatyn Town (see above)

- Biggest away win

1-5: Víkingur v Rijeka

31/07/14, second qualifying round first leg

- Heaviest home defeat

1-4: Rijeka v Austria Wien (see above)

0-3: Rijeka v Aberdeen (see above)

- Heaviest away defeat

4-0: Vitória Guimarães v Rijeka (see above)

Squad list

AZ Alkmaar

No.	Player	Nat.	DoB	Age	D	Current season						All-time			
						UCL		UEL		League		UEL		UEFA	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers															
1	Marco Bizot	NED	10/03/1991	29	-	2	-	1	-	4	-	14	-	30	-
16	Hobie Verhulst	NED	02/04/1993	27	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
30	Mees Bakker	NED	11/03/2001	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
54	Sem Westerveld	NED	18/07/2002	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55	Beau Reus	NED	31/10/2001	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
56	Elber Evora	NED	02/12/1999	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders															
2	Jonas Svensson	NOR	06/03/1993	27	-	2	-	1	-	4	-	20	1	64	3
3	Pantelis Hatzidiakos	GRE	18/01/1997	23	-	-	-	1	-	5	-	7	1	13	1
4	Ron Vlaar	NED	16/02/1985	35	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	14	1	30	1
5	Owen Wijndal	NED	28/11/1999	20	-	2	-	1	-	5	-	9	-	17	-
15	Bruno Martins Indi	NED	08/02/1992	28	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	2	-	27	-
19	Juan Familio-Castillo	NED	13/01/2000	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
22	Timo Letschert	NED	25/05/1993	27	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	2	-	3	-
26	Yukinari Sugawara	JPN	28/06/2000	20	-	2	-	1	-	2	-	8	1	14	1
27	Ramon Leeuwin	NED	01/09/1987	33	-	1	-	1	-	4	-	3	-	12	-
35	Joey Jacobs	NED	10/04/2000	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
40	Maxim Gullit	NED	20/05/2001	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
43	Richard Sedláček	CZE	21/06/1999	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45	Quinten Dekkers	NED	04/01/2001	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
47	Rik Regeling	NED	03/05/2001	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
49	Fons Gemmel	NED	01/03/2001	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
51	Tijs Velthuis	NED	12/01/2002	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
53	Robin Lathouwers	NED	09/03/2000	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
57	Jorn Berkhout	NED	18/03/2002	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
59	Sem Dirks	NED	14/03/2001	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Midfielders															
6	Fredrik Midtsjø	NOR	11/08/1993	27	-	2	-	1	-	5	-	13	1	47	2
7	Calvin Stengs	NED	18/12/1998	21	-	2	-	1	-	3	1	9	2	17	5
8	Teun Koopmeiners	NED	28/02/1998	22	-	2	1	1	-	5	1	9	3	18	6
10	Dani de Wit	NED	28/01/1998	22	-	2	-	1	1	5	3	9	1	17	1
11	Jesper Karlsson	SWE	25/07/1998	22	-	-	-	1	-	3	2	1	-	1	-
17	Zakaria Aboukhmal	NED	18/02/2000	20	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	1	-	1	-
18	Håkon Evjen	NOR	14/02/2000	20	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	2	-
20	Jordy Clasie	NED	27/06/1991	29	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	17	-	36	-
21	Kenzo Goudmijn	NED	18/12/2001	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
23	Mohamed Taabouni	NED	29/03/2002	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
24	Tijjani Reijnders	NED	29/07/1998	22	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
25	Thijs Oosting	NED	02/05/2000	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

AZ Alkmaar

						Current season						All-time			
						UCL		UEL		League		UEL		UEFA	
28	Albert Guðmundsson	ISL	15/06/1997	23	-	2	2	1	-	3	1	1	-	7	3
31	Peer Koopmeiners	NED	04/05/2000	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
32	Des Kunst	NED	12/10/1999	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
36	Emir Biberoğlu	NED	20/05/2001	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
39	Iman Griffith	NED	02/12/2001	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
42	Bram Franken	NED	14/02/2001	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
46	Rens Van Der Wacht	NED	01/06/1999	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
50	Soulyman Allouch	NED	26/01/2002	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
52	Zico Buurmeester	NED	07/06/2002	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Forwards															
9	Myron Boadu	NED	14/01/2001	19	-	2	-	-	-	4	2	7	4	17	6
14	Ferdy Druijf	NED	12/02/1998	22	-	2	-	-	-	3	-	4	2	9	3
37	Richonell Margaret	NED	07/09/2000	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
44	Yusuf Barasi	NED	31/03/2003	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
60	Tijmen Wildeboer	NED	13/12/2001	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coach															
-	Arne Slot	NED	17/09/1978	42	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	9	-	17	-

HNK Rijeka

No.	Player	Nat.	DoB	Age	D	Current season						All-time			
						QUAL		UEL		League		UEL		UEFA	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers															
1	David Nwolokor	NGA	10/01/1996	24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
32	Andrej Prskalo	CRO	01/05/1987	33	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3	-	11	-
33	Ivan Nevistić	CRO	31/07/1998	22	-	2	-	1	-	3	-	1	-	3	-
53	Antonio Frigan	CRO	11/02/2003	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders															
2	Filip Braut	CRO	05/06/2002	18	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-
4	Nino Galović	CRO	06/07/1992	28	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	19	3
14	Darko Velkoski	MKD	21/06/1995	25	-	2	-	1	-	3	-	3	-	18	2
15	Zoran Arsenić	CRO	02/06/1994	26	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
20	Momcilo Raspopović	MNE	18/03/1994	26	-	2	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	17	1
23	Armando Anastasio	ITA	24/07/1996	24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
24	Daniel Štefulj	CRO	08/11/1999	20	-	2	-	1	-	6	-	1	-	3	-
26	João Escoval	POR	08/05/1997	23	-	2	1	1	-	6	-	1	-	3	1
27	Ivan Tomečak	CRO	07/12/1989	30	-	2	-	1	-	4	-	25	1	50	2
31	Luka Capan	CRO	06/04/1995	25	-	2	-	1	-	3	-	1	-	19	-
36	Hrvoje Smolčić	CRO	17/08/2000	20	-	2	-	1	-	2	-	1	-	3	-
56	Marko Putnik	CRO	27/02/2001	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Midfielders															
6	Ivan Lepinjica	CRO	09/07/1999	21	-	2	-	1	-	6	-	1	-	7	-
7	Robert Murić	CRO	12/03/1996	24	-	1	-	-	-	3	1	-	-	4	1
8	Tibor Halilović	CRO	18/03/1995	25	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	4	1
10	Domagoj Pavičić	CRO	09/03/1994	26	-	2	-	1	-	5	-	6	1	20	1
16	Adam Gnezda Čerin	SVN	16/07/1999	21	-	2	-	1	-	4	-	1	-	13	1
19	Franko Andrijašević	CRO	22/06/1991	29	-	2	1	1	-	4	3	3	-	19	2
44	Stjepan Lončar	CRO	10/11/1996	23	-	2	-	1	-	5	-	1	-	11	1
54	Veldin Hodža	CRO	15/10/2002	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
57	Mihael Rovis	CRO	18/01/2002	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
58	Dominik Simčić	CRO	07/03/2003	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
59	Karlo Valjan	CRO	30/08/2003	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Forwards															
11	Sterling Yateke	CTA	15/09/1999	21	-	-	-	1	-	4	1	1	-	1	-
17	Luka Menalo	CRO	22/07/1996	24	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	10	1
50	Noel Bilić	CRO	07/01/2003	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
51	Jakov Brekalo	CRO	19/07/2002	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
52	Jakov Delibegović	CRO	29/06/2002	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
60	Matija Frigan	CRO	11/02/2003	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
99	Sandro Kulenović	CRO	04/12/1999	20	-	2	-	1	-	2	2	1	-	12	1
Coach															
-	Simon Rožman	SVN	06/04/1983	37	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	21	-

Fixtures and results

AZ Alkmaar

Date	Competition	Opponent	Result		Goalscorers
26/08/2020	UCL	FC Viktoria Plzeň (H)	W	3-1 aet	Koopmeiners 90+5 (P), Guðmundsson 98 ET, 118 ET
15/09/2020	UCL	FC Dynamo Kyiv (A)	L	0-2	
19/09/2020	League	PEC Zwolle (H)	D	1-1	Boadu 68
26/09/2020	League	SC Fortuna Sittard (A)	D	3-3	D. De Wit 23, Koopmeiners 52, Boadu 69
04/10/2020	League	Sparta Rotterdam (A)	D	4-4	Aboukhlal 9, 19, D. De Wit 14, 33
17/10/2020	League	VVV-Venlo (H)	D	2-2	Karlsson 2, Stengs 24
22/10/2020	UEL	SSC Napoli (A)	W	1-0	D. De Wit 57
25/10/2020	League	ADO Den Haag (A)	D	2-2	Guðmundsson 33, Karlsson 66
29/10/2020	UEL	HNK Rijeka (H)			
01/11/2020	League	RKC Waalwijk (H)			
05/11/2020	UEL	Real Sociedad de Fútbol (A)			
08/11/2020	League	sc Heerenveen (A)			
21/11/2020	League	Emmen (H)			
26/11/2020	UEL	Real Sociedad de Fútbol (H)			
29/11/2020	League	Heracles Almelo (A)			
03/12/2020	UEL	SSC Napoli (H)			
06/12/2020	League	FC Groningen (H)			
10/12/2020	UEL	HNK Rijeka (A)			
13/12/2020	League	FC Twente (A)			
20/12/2020	League	Willem II (H)			
23/12/2020	League	Vitesse (H)			
27/12/2020	League	FC Utrecht (A)			
09/01/2021	League	PEC Zwolle (A)			
13/01/2021	League	PSV Eindhoven (A)			
16/01/2021	League	ADO Den Haag (H)			
24/01/2021	League	Feyenoord (A)			
27/01/2021	League	FC Utrecht (H)			
31/01/2021	League	AFC Ajax (H)			
06/02/2021	League	Emmen (A)			
14/02/2021	League	sc Heerenveen (H)			
21/02/2021	League	VVV-Venlo (A)			
28/02/2021	League	Feyenoord (H)			
07/03/2021	League	Vitesse (A)			
14/03/2021	League	FC Twente (H)			
21/03/2021	League	PSV Eindhoven (H)			
04/04/2021	League	Willem II (A)			
11/04/2021	League	Sparta Rotterdam (H)			
25/04/2021	League	AFC Ajax (A)			
02/05/2021	League	RKC Waalwijk (A)			
09/05/2021	League	SC Fortuna Sittard (H)			
13/05/2021	League	FC Groningen (A)			
16/05/2021	League	Heracles Almelo (H)			

Pos.	Clubs	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1	AFC Ajax	6	5	0	1	24	3	15
2	Vitesse	6	5	0	1	11	3	15
3	PSV Eindhoven	6	4	1	1	12	5	13
4	sc Heerenveen	6	4	1	1	12	7	13
5	Feyenoord	6	3	3	0	14	7	12
6	FC Twente	6	3	2	1	11	5	11
7	FC Groningen	6	3	1	2	7	7	10
8	FC Utrecht	5	2	3	0	7	4	9
9	PEC Zwolle	6	1	3	2	6	7	6
10	AZ Alkmaar	5	0	5	0	12	12	5
11	Willem II	6	1	2	3	6	10	5
12	RKC Waalwijk	6	1	2	3	5	10	5
13	Heracles Almelo	6	1	2	3	4	10	5
14	VVV-Venlo	6	1	2	3	9	22	5
15	ADO Den Haag	6	1	1	4	6	12	4
16	Emmen	6	0	3	3	8	15	3
17	Sparta Rotterdam	6	0	3	3	6	13	3
18	SC Fortuna Sittard	6	0	2	4	7	15	2

HNK Rijeka

Date	Competition	Opponent	Result	Goalscorers
15/08/2020	League	HNK Šibenik (H)	W 2-1	Yateke 84, Murić 90
21/08/2020	League	NK Lokomotiva Zagreb (A)	L 0-1	
29/08/2020	League	NK Istra 1961 (H)	W 2-1	Andrijašević 13, 68 (P)
12/09/2020	League	NK Osijek (A)	L 0-3	
24/09/2020	UEL	Kolos Kovalivka (H)	W 2-0 aet	João Escoval 102 ET, Andrijašević 115 ET
01/10/2020	UEL	F.C. Copenhagen (A)	W 1-0	Ankersen 20 (og)
04/10/2020	League	NK Slaven Kopriwnica (H)	W 2-0	Andrijašević 68, Kulenović 90+2 (P)
07/10/2020	Cup	Drenovets (A)	W 6-0	Turčin 30, Menalo 33, 54, Pavičić 37, Hodza 68, Ilinkovic 75
17/10/2020	League	NK Varaždin (H)	W 2-1	Stolnik 20 (og), Kulenović 36
22/10/2020	UEL	Real Sociedad de Fútbol (H)	L 0-1	
29/10/2020	UEL	AZ Alkmaar (A)		
01/11/2020	League	HNK Šibenik (A)		
05/11/2020	UEL	SSC Napoli (H)		
08/11/2020	League	NK Lokomotiva Zagreb (H)		
21/11/2020	League	NK Istra 1961 (A)		
26/11/2020	UEL	SSC Napoli (A)		
28/11/2020	League	NK Osijek (H)		
03/12/2020	UEL	Real Sociedad de Fútbol (A)		
05/12/2020	League	HNK Hajduk Split (A)		
10/12/2020	UEL	AZ Alkmaar (H)		
12/12/2020	League	GNK Dinamo Zagreb (H)		
16/12/2020	Cup	NK Varaždin (A)		
19/12/2020	League	NK Slaven Kopriwnica (A)		

HNK Rijeka

23/01/2021	League	NK Varaždin (A)		
30/01/2021	League	HNK Gorica (H)		
03/02/2021	League	HNK Šibenik (H)		
06/02/2021	League	NK Lokomotiva Zagreb (A)		
13/02/2021	League	NK Istra 1961 (H)		
20/02/2021	League	NK Osijek (A)		
27/02/2021	League	HNK Hajduk Split (H)		
06/03/2021	League	GNK Dinamo Zagreb (A)		
13/03/2021	League	NK Slaven Koprivnica (H)		
20/03/2021	League	NK Varaždin (H)		
03/04/2021	League	HNK Gorica (A)		
07/04/2021	League	HNK Šibenik (A)		
10/04/2021	League	NK Lokomotiva Zagreb (H)		
17/04/2021	League	NK Istra 1961 (A)		
21/04/2021	League	NK Osijek (H)		
24/04/2021	League	HNK Hajduk Split (A)		
01/05/2021	League	GNK Dinamo Zagreb (H)		
08/05/2021	League	NK Slaven Koprivnica (A)		
12/05/2021	League	NK Varaždin (A)		
15/05/2021	League	HNK Gorica (H)		

Pos.	Clubs	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1	GNK Dinamo Zagreb	8	7	1	0	23	8	22
2	NK Osijek	7	4	1	2	10	7	13
3	HNK Gorica	7	4	1	2	14	12	13
4	HNK Rijeka	6	4	0	2	8	7	12
5	NK Slaven Koprivnica	9	2	5	2	13	11	11
6	HNK Hajduk Split	7	3	1	3	10	8	10
7	NK Varaždin	8	2	1	5	6	10	7
8	HNK Šibenik	9	2	1	6	7	13	7
9	NK Lokomotiva Zagreb	7	1	3	3	5	12	6
10	NK Istra 1961	8	1	2	5	5	13	5

Match-by-match lineups

AZ Alkmaar

UEFA Champions League - Second qualifying round

(26/08/2020)

AZ Alkmaar 3-1 FC Viktoria Plzeň

Goals: 0-1 Limberský 78, 1-1 Koopmeiners 90+5 (P), 2-1 Guðmundsson 98 ET, 3-1 Guðmundsson 118 ET

AZ Alkmaar: Bizot, Svensson, Vlaar (76 Leeuwin), Midtsjø, Stengs (64 Guðmundsson), Koopmeiners, Boadu, D. De Wit, Idrissi (3 Sugawara), Wijndal, Clasie (80 Druijf)

Third qualifying round

(15/09/2020)

FC Dynamo Kyiv 2-0 AZ Alkmaar

Goals: 1-0 Rodrigues 49, 2-0 Shaparenko 86

AZ Alkmaar: Bizot, Svensson, Vlaar (79 Sugawara), Midtsjø (66 Druijf), Stengs, Koopmeiners, Boadu, D. De Wit, Wijndal, Clasie, Guðmundsson (58 Idrissi)

UEFA Europa League - Group stage

Group F

Club	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
AZ Alkmaar	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Real Sociedad de Fútbol	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
HNK Rijeka	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
SSC Napoli	1	0	0	1	0	1	0

Matchday 1 (22/10/2020)

SSC Napoli 0-1 AZ Alkmaar

Goals: 0-1 D. De Wit 57

AZ Alkmaar: Bizot, Svensson, Hatzidiakos, Wijndal, Midtsjø (88 Leeuwin), Stengs, Koopmeiners, D. De Wit, Karlsson (88 Guðmundsson), Martins Indi, Sugawara

Matchday 2 (29/10/2020)

AZ Alkmaar-HNK Rijeka

Matchday 3 (05/11/2020)

Real Sociedad de Fútbol-AZ Alkmaar

Matchday 4 (26/11/2020)

AZ Alkmaar-Real Sociedad de Fútbol

Matchday 5 (03/12/2020)

AZ Alkmaar-SSC Napoli

Matchday 6 (10/12/2020)

HNK Rijeka-AZ Alkmaar

HNK Rijeka

UEFA Europa League - Third qualifying round

(24/09/2020)

HNK Rijeka 2-0 Kolos Kovalivka

Goals: 1-0 João Escoval 102 ET, 2-0 Andrijašević 115 ET

HNK Rijeka: Nevistić, Murić, Pavičić (71 Kulenović), Velkoski (1 João Escoval), Gnezda Čerin (9 Lepinjica), Andrijašević, Štefulj, Tomečak (91 Raspopović), Capan, Smolčić, Lončar

Play-off

(01/10/2020)

F.C. Copenhagen 0-1 HNK Rijeka

Goals: 0-1 Ankersen 20 (og)

HNK Rijeka: Nevistić, Pavičić (76 Lepinjica), Velkoski, Gnezda Čerin, Andrijašević, Štefulj, Tomečak (91 Raspopović), Capan, Smolčić, Lončar, Kulenović (83 João Escoval)

Group stage

Matchday 1 (22/10/2020)

HNK Rijeka 0-1 Real Sociedad de Fútbol

Goals: 0-1 Bautista 90+3

HNK Rijeka: Nevistić, Pavičić, Velkoski, Gnezda Čerin, Andrijašević (63 Yateke), Štefulj, João Escoval, Tomečak, Smolčić, Lončar (87 Capan), Kulenović (77 Lepinjica)

Matchday 2 (29/10/2020)

AZ Alkmaar-HNK Rijeka

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HNK Rijeka-AZ Alkmaar

Match officials

Referee	Sergei Ivanov (RUS)
Assistant referees	Roman Usachev (RUS) , Valeri Danchenko (RUS)
Fourth official	Sergei Lapochkin (RUS)
UEFA Delegate	Matthew Paris (MLT)
UEFA Referee observer	Augustus Constantin (ROU)

Referee

Name	Date of birth	UEFA Europa League matches	UEFA matches
Sergei Ivanov	05/06/1984	10	32

UEFA Europa League matches involving teams from the two countries involved in this match

No such matches refereed

Other matches involving teams from either of the two countries involved in this match

Date	Competition	Stage reached	Home	Away	Result	Venue
20/07/2016	UCL	2QR	GNK Dinamo Zagreb	FK Vardar	3-2	Zagreb
10/10/2017	U19	QR	Slovenia	Netherlands	2-2	's-Gravenzande
12/03/2019	UYL	r_1/8.r2	GNK Dinamo Zagreb	Liverpool FC	1-1	Zagreb

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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