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Celtic FC

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Group G - Matchday 3



Ferencvárosi TC

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Celtic and Ferencváros kick off Matchday 3 of the 2021/22 UEFA Europa League with both clubs seeking their first point in Group G.

- Celtic prop up the group table having conceded eight goals in their opening two fixtures – the most of any club in the competition – as they followed up a 3-4 defeat by Real Betis in Seville with a 0-4 reverse to Bayer Leverkusen in Glasgow. The Hungarian champions also followed an away loss (1-2 at Leverkusen) with a home defeat (1-3 vs Betis).

Previous meetings

- The clubs' one previous meeting came in last season's UEFA Champions League second qualifying round, Ferencváros winning the one-off tie 2-1 at Celtic Park with Tokmac Nguen scoring the decisive goal.
- That was Celtic's first ever home defeat by Hungarian opposition, the previous six having yielded five wins and a draw. It was also Ferencváros's second successive win in Scotland following a 1-0 win at Hearts in the 2004/05 UEFA Cup group stage. Their only other match in the country took place in September 1960 – a 4-2 defeat by Rangers in the European Cup Winners' Cup first round.

Form guide

Celtic

- Celtic missed out on an unprecedented tenth successive Scottish league title last season, finishing 25 points adrift of arch-rivals Rangers as Premiership runners-up. Their European campaign ended in the UEFA Europa League group stage, where they came bottom of a section including AC Milan, LOSC Lille and Sparta Praha.
- This term, under new manager Ange Postecoglou, Celtic were unable to negotiate the UEFA Champions League qualifying phase for the fourth successive summer, losing after extra time to Midtjylland in the second qualifying round (1-1 h, 1-2 a), but subsequent UEFA Europa League qualifying victories over Jablonec (4-2 a, 3-0 h) and AZ Alkmaar (2-0 h, 1-2 a) put them into the competition's group stage for the eighth time. The Glasgow giants have made further progress in just three of their previous seven participations, once as group winners (2019/20).
- Celtic have lost three of their last four UEFA Europa League group stage matches at Celtic Park, the defeat by Leverkusen making their all-time home record in the competition proper W11 D4 L11.

Ferencváros

- Champions of Hungary for the third season in a row under former coach Serhiy Rebrov – and a record 32nd time in all – in 2020/21, Ferencváros also competed in the UEFA Champions League group stage, finishing bottom of a section including Juventus, Barcelona and Dynamo Kyiv with a single point.
- Ferencváros came through three UEFA Champions League qualifying ties under new coach Peter Stöger this summer – against Prishtina (3-0 h, 3-1 a), Žalgiris Vilnius (2-0 h, 3-1 a) and Slavia Praha (2-0 h, 0-1 a) – but lost their play-off to Young Boys (2-3 a, 2-3 h). They are therefore back in the UEFA Europa League group stage, where they have competed once before, in 2019/20, when they finished third in a section including Espanyol, Ludogorets and CSKA Moskva.
- Fradi were unbeaten in their three away fixtures in that 2019/20 group campaign (W1 D2), but the defeat at Leverkusen means they have now lost seven of their 12 UEFA group games on the road (W3 D2), including all three in last season's UEFA Champions League.

Links and trivia

- Ferencváros goalkeeper Ádám Bogdán played for Scottish club Hibernian from 2018 to 2020. He kept goal for the Edinburgh club in a 4-2 defeat away to Celtic on 20 October 2018, Tom Rogic scoring the home side's opening goal.
- Róbert Mak, Ferencváros's Slovakian international, started his career in the Manchester City academy when Celtic's Joe Hart was establishing himself as the club's first-choice goalkeeper (2008–10). They played against each other in two 2018 FIFA World Cup qualifiers, Hart's England winning both matches – 1-0 in Trnava and 2-1 in London.
- Celtic are one of four former European Cup/UEFA Champions League winners competing in this season's UEFA Europa League group stage – together with PSV Eindhoven (Group B), Marseille (E) and Crvena zvezda (F).
- Ferencváros are one of eight reigning domestic champions competing in the 2021/22 UEFA Europa League group stage.

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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