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AC Sparta Praha

**Generali Česká pojišťovna Arena -
Prague**

Thursday 9 December 2021
18.45CET (18.45 local time)
Group A - Matchday 6



Brøndby IF

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Previous meetings

Head to Head

UEFA Europa League

| Date | Stage | Match | Result | Venue | Goalscorers |
|------------|-------|------------------------------|--------|---------|-------------|
| 16/09/2021 | GS | Brøndby IF - AC Sparta Praha | 0-0 | Brøndby | |

| | Home | | | | Away | | | | Final | | | | Total | | | | | |
|-----------------|------|---|---|---|------|---|---|---|-------|---|---|---|-------|---|---|---|----|----|
| | Pld | W | D | L | Pld | W | D | L | Pld | W | D | L | Pld | W | D | L | GF | GA |
| AC Sparta Praha | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Brøndby IF | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

AC Sparta Praha - Record versus clubs from opponents' country

UEFA Europa League

| Date | Stage | Match | Result | Venue | Goalscorers |
|------------|-------|-------------------------------|-----------------|-----------|---|
| 25/08/2016 | PO | AC Sparta Praha - SønderjyskE | 3-2 agg: 3-2 | Prague | Lafata 44, Šural 69, Brabec 85; Uhre 35, Kløve 40 |
| 18/08/2016 | PO | SønderjyskE - AC Sparta Praha | 0-0 | Haderslev | |

UEFA Europa League

| Date | Stage | Match | Result | Venue | Goalscorers |
|------------|-------|-----------------------------------|--------|------------|--------------------------------|
| 16/12/2009 | GS | AC Sparta Praha - F.C. Copenhagen | 0-3 | Prague | N'Doye 22, 30, Grønkjær 54 (P) |
| 01/10/2009 | GS | F.C. Copenhagen - AC Sparta Praha | 1-0 | Copenhagen | N'Doye 25 |

UEFA Cup

| Date | Stage | Match | Result | Venue | Goalscorers |
|------------|-------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|--------|-------------|
| 04/10/2007 | R1 | Odense BK - AC Sparta Praha | 0-0 agg: 0-0 (aet, 3-4 pens) | Odense | |
| 20/09/2007 | R1 | AC Sparta Praha - Odense BK | 0-0 | Prague | |

UEFA Cup

| Date | Stage | Match | Result | Venue | Goalscorers |
|------------|-------|--------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|-------------------------------|
| 26/09/1995 | R1 | Silkeborg IF - AC Sparta Praha | 1-2 agg: 2-2 ag | Silkeborg | Duus 52; Lokvenc 21, Nemeč 51 |
| 12/09/1995 | R1 | AC Sparta Praha - Silkeborg IF | 0-1 | Prague | Fernandez 6 |

European Champions Clubs' Cup

| Date | Stage | Match | Result | Venue | Goalscorers |
|------------|-------|-----------------------------|-----------------|------------|-----------------------------------|
| 07/11/1984 | R2 | Lyngby BK - AC Sparta Praha | 1-2 agg: 1-2 | Copenhagen | Vilmar 27; Procházka 81, Griga 88 |
| 24/10/1984 | R2 | AC Sparta Praha - Lyngby BK | 0-0 | Prague | |

Brøndby IF - Record versus clubs from opponents' country

UEFA Cup

| Date | Stage | Match | Result | Venue | Goalscorers |
|------------|-------|--|-----------------|---------|-------------|
| 16/10/2003 | R1 | FK Viktoria Žižkov - Brøndby IF | 0-1 agg: 0-2 | Prague | Daugaard 88 |
| 24/09/2003 | R1 | Brøndby IF - FK Viktoria Žižkov | 1-0 | Brøndby | Jonson 64 |

| | Home | | | | Away | | | | Final | | | | Total | | | | | |
|-----------------|------|---|---|---|------|---|---|---|-------|---|---|---|-------|---|---|---|----|----|
| | Pld | W | D | L | Pld | W | D | L | Pld | W | D | L | Pld | W | D | L | GF | GA |
| AC Sparta Praha | 5 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 7 | 9 |
| Brøndby IF | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 |

Match background

Third place in Group A – and qualification for the UEFA Europa Conference League knockout play-offs – is up for grabs as Sparta Praha host Brøndby.

- Defeats on Matchday 5 – Sparta at Rangers (0-2) and Brøndby at home to Lyon (1-3) – ended both teams' hopes of further progress in the UEFA Europa League. The Czech side, who have lost their last three matches, sit third with four points to their name, two more than the Danish champions, who therefore need to register their first win of the section in Prague to leapfrog their hosts into third spot.

Previous meetings

- The clubs' first UEFA encounter, in Denmark on Matchday 1, finished goalless.
- Sparta failed to score in their first four home games against visitors from Denmark (d2 L2) before finally breaking their duck in the second leg of the 2016/17 UEFA Europa League play-offs when they came from two goals down to beat SønderjyskE 3-2 in Prague – after a goalless first leg – and reach the group stage for the third year in a row.
- Brøndby have only met one other Czech side, beating Viktoria Žižkov 1-0 both at home and away in the 2003/04 UEFA Cup first round.

Form guide

Sparta

- Sparta finished distant runners-up to city rivals Slavia Praha in the 2020/21 Czech Liga, 12 points in arrears, but their European prize was the same – a place in the UEFA Champions League second qualifying round. Unlike Slavia, Pavel Vrba's team won that tie, beating Rapid Wien 3-2 on aggregate (1-2 a, 2-0 h), before falling in the next round to Monaco (0-2 h, 1-3 a) and therefore qualifying for an eighth appearance in the UEFA Europa League group stage – a Czech record.
- This is the club's 39th successive European campaign and their second in a row in the UEFA Europa League group stage. They finished third last season, winning 4-1 twice against Celtic but losing the other four games against LOSC Lille and AC Milan. They had prolonged their involvement in four of their first six participations, reaching the quarter-finals in 2015/16.
- Sparta have lost only four of their 23 UEFA Europa League home group games (W13 D6) but three of those defeats have come in the last five, most recently 3-4 against Lyon on Matchday 3.

Brøndby

- Brøndby won the Danish Superliga in 2020/21, claiming their first league title since 2014/15 and their 11th in all. They did not compete in Europe last season – their first without continental involvement since 2013/14.
- That Danish title win earned Niels Frederiksen's side a place in this season's UEFA Champions League play-offs, but they were defeated 2-1 in both games by Salzburg and are therefore competing in the UEFA Europa League group stage for the first time, becoming the sixth different Danish participants. It is Brøndby's first involvement in any European group stage since the 2005/06 UEFA Cup, in which they picked up four points from their four matches and failed to qualify for the knockout phase.
- Brøndby are on a run of seven successive away defeats in UEFA competition. They have recorded just one win in their last 12 European games on the road, 2-0 at Spartak Subotica in the 2018/19 UEFA Europa League third qualifying round, the other 11 having all been lost, including the Group A games at Lyon (0-3) and Rangers (0-2).

Links and trivia

- Danish international striker Mikael Uhre played for SønderjyskE in both 2016 games against Sparta, giving his team the lead in the second leg in Prague – his last European goal before opening the scoring for Brøndby against Salzburg in the first leg of this season's UEFA Champions League play-off. He also gave Brøndby the lead against Lyon on Matchday 5.
- Sparta have a Danish player in their squad – newly signed left-back Casper Højer Nielsen, who joined from AGF Aarhus in the summer but was seriously injured shortly after his arrival and has not made an appearance in Group A. He has scored twice against Brøndby – once for AGF and once for Lyngby.
- Swedish winger David Moberg Karlsson, a scorer in each of Sparta's two UEFA Champions League qualifying ties this season, had two seasons in the Danish Superliga with Nordsjælland (2014–16).
- Brøndby are one of eight reigning domestic champions competing in the 2021/22 UEFA Europa League group stage – but also one of three who can no longer reach the competition's knockout phase, along with Ludogorets (Group F) and Ferencváros (G).
- The Danish club are one of just two newcomers to the UEFA Europa League proper in 2021/22, the other Group H

winners West Ham United.

Team facts

AC Sparta Praha

Formed: 1893

Nickname: Železná Sparta (Iron Sparta)

UEFA club competition honours (runners-up in brackets)

- none

Domestic honours (most recent triumph in brackets)

League title: 36 (2014)

Czechoslovakian/Czech Cups: 21 (2020)

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

2020/21: group stage

2019/20: third qualifying round

2018/19: second qualifying round

2017/18: third qualifying round

2016/17: round of 32 (having transferred from UEFA Champions League third qualifying round)

2015/16: quarter-finals (having transferred from UEFA Champions League third qualifying round)

2014/15: group stage (having transferred from UEFA Champions League third qualifying round)

2013/14: second qualifying round

2012/13: round of 32

2011/12: play-offs

Records

UEFA club competition

- Biggest home win

10-0: Sparta v Anorthosis Famagusta

16/09/64, European Cup Winners' Cup preliminary round first leg

- Biggest away win

0-6: Anorthosis Famagusta v Sparta

20/09/64, European Cup Winners' Cup preliminary round second leg

- Heaviest home defeat

1-5: Sparta v Steaua București

07/09/88, European Champion Clubs' Cup first round first leg

- Heaviest away defeat

5-0 three times, most recently v Lyon

08/12/04, UEFA Champions League group stage

UEFA Cup/UEFA Europa League

- Biggest home win

5-0: Sparta v Sarajevo

28/07/11, third qualifying round first leg

- Biggest away win

1-4: Celtic v Sparta

05/11/20, group stage

0-3 three times, most recently v Lazio

17/03/16, round of 16 second leg

- Heaviest home defeat

1-4: Sparta v LOSC Lille

22/10/20, group stage

0-3: Sparta v Copenhagen

16/12/09, group stage

- Heaviest away defeat

4-0 twice, most recently v Rostov

16/02/17, round of 32 first leg

Brøndby IF

Formed: 1964

Nickname: Drengene fra Vestegnen (The Lads from the Western Outskirts)

UEFA club competition honours (runners-up in brackets)

- None

Domestic honours (most recent triumph in brackets)

League title: 11 (2021)

Danish Cup: 7 (2018)

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

2020/21: did not take part in UEFA competition

2019/20: third qualifying round

2018/19: play-offs

2017/18: third qualifying round

2016/17: play-offs

2015/16: play-offs

2014/15: third qualifying round

2013/14: did not take part in UEFA competition

2012/13: did not take part in UEFA competition

2011/12: third qualifying round

Records

UEFA club competition

- Biggest home win

9-0: Brøndby v Juvenes/Dogana

02/07/15, UEFA Europa League first qualifying round first leg

- Biggest away win

0-5: Karlsruhe v Brøndby

03/12/96, UEFA Cup third round second leg

- Heaviest home defeat

2-6: Brøndby v Manchester United

21/10/98, UEFA Champions League group stage

- Heaviest away defeat

5-0 twice, most recently v PAOK

20/08/15, UEFA Europa League play-off first leg

UEFA Cup/Europa League

- Biggest home win

9-0: Brøndby v Juvenes/Dogana (see above)

- Biggest away win

0-5: Karlsruhe v Brøndby (see above)

- Heaviest home defeat

0-3 twice, most recently v Sporting CP

26/08/10, play-off second leg

- Heaviest away defeat

5-0: PAOK v Brøndby (see above)

Match-by-match lineups

AC Sparta Praha

UEFA Champions League - Second qualifying round

(20/07/2021)

SK Rapid Wien 2-1 AC Sparta Praha

Goals: 0-1 Krejčí 3, 1-1 Knasmüllner 63, 2-1 Knasmüllner 71

AC Sparta Praha: Nižň, Pavelka, Krejčí (69 Pešek), Dočkal (83 Karabec), Højer Nielsen, Štetina, Hložek, Wiesner (83 Moberg-Karlsson), Vindheim, Hancko, Krejčí

(28/07/2021)

AC Sparta Praha 2-0 SK Rapid Wien (agg: 3-2)

Goals: 1-0 Moberg-Karlsson 16 (P), 2-0 Pešek 81

AC Sparta Praha: Nižň, Moberg-Karlsson (77 Krejčí), Pavelka (34 Sáček), Dočkal, Højer Nielsen (62 Polidar), Štetina, Hložek, Pešek, Wiesner, Hancko, Krejčí

Third qualifying round

(03/08/2021)

AC Sparta Praha 0-2 AS Monaco FC

Goals: 0-1 Tchouameni 37, 0-2 Volland 59

AC Sparta Praha: Nižň, Moberg-Karlsson (46 Juliš), Pavelka, Dočkal (60 Karabec), Sáček, Hložek, Pešek, Polidar (77 Vindheim), Panák, Wiesner, Hancko

(10/08/2021)

AS Monaco FC 3-1 AC Sparta Praha (agg: 5-1)

Goals: 1-0 Gelson Martins 50, 2-0 Golovin 56, 2-1 Moberg-Karlsson 78, 3-1 Diop 81

AC Sparta Praha: Nižň, Souček, Pavelka, Sáček (59 Pulkrab), Hložek (66 Minchev), Pešek (67 Moberg-Karlsson), Polidar, Panák, Wiesner (84 Gabriel), Hancko, Karabec (83 Patrák)

UEFA Europa League - Group stage

Group A

| Club | Pld | W | D | L | GF | GA | Pts |
|--------------------|-----|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| Olympique Lyonnais | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 4 | 15 |
| Rangers FC | 5 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 4 | 7 |
| AC Sparta Praha | 5 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 9 | 4 |
| Brøndby IF | 5 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 9 | 2 |

Matchday 1 (16/09/2021)

Brøndby IF 0-0 AC Sparta Praha

AC Sparta Praha: Nižň, Čelůstka, Souček, Pavelka, Sáček (90 Drchal), Hložek, Pešek, Haraslín (64 Moberg-Karlsson), Polidar (38 Vindheim), Wiesner, Hancko

Matchday 2 (30/09/2021)

AC Sparta Praha 1-0 Rangers FC

Goals: 1-0 Hancko 29

AC Sparta Praha: Nižň, Čelůstka, Pavelka, Minchev (69 Drchal), Sáček, Hložek (90 Dočkal), Pešek, Haraslín (75 Moberg-Karlsson), Panák, Wiesner, Hancko

Matchday 3 (21/10/2021)

AC Sparta Praha 3-4 Olympique Lyonnais

Goals: 1-0 Haraslín 4, 2-0 Haraslín 19, 2-1 Toko Ekambi 42, 2-2 Aouar 53, 2-3 Lucas Paquetá 67, 2-4 Toko Ekambi 88, 3-4 Krejčí 90+6

AC Sparta Praha: Nižň, Čelůstka, Pavelka (84 Karabec), Minchev (63 Dočkal), Sáček (73 Krejčí), Hložek, Pešek (84 Polidar), Haraslín, Panák, Wiesner, Hancko

Matchday 4 (04/11/2021)

Olympique Lyonnais 3-0 AC Sparta Praha

Goals: 1-0 Slimani 61, 2-0 Slimani 63, 3-0 Toko Ekambi 90+2

AC Sparta Praha: Nižň, Čelůstka (7 Vindheim), Pavelka, Minchev, Sáček (68 Dočkal), Pešek (68 Pulkrab), Haraslín (82 Karabec), Panák, Wiesner, Hancko, Krejčí

Matchday 5 (25/11/2021)

Rangers FC 2-0 AC Sparta Praha

Goals: 1-0 Morelos 15, 2-0 Morelos 49

AC Sparta Praha: Holec, Pavelka, Krejčí (59 Karabec), Minchev (58 Dočkal), Sáček, Hložek (84 Pulkrab), Haraslín (58 Moberg-Karlsson), Panák, Wiesner, Hancko, Krejčí

Matchday 6 (09/12/2021)

AC Sparta Praha-Brøndby IF

Brøndby IF

UEFA Champions League - Play-off

(17/08/2021)

FC Salzburg 2-1 Brøndby IF

Goals: 0-1 Uhre 4, 1-1 Adeyemi 56, 2-1 Aaronson 90

Brøndby IF: Hermansen, Gammelby (86 Kvistgaarden), Maxsø, Uhre (64 Pyndt), Mensah, Bruus, Tshiembe, Frendrup, Ben Slimane, Hedlund (72 Pavlović), Hendriksen

(25/08/2021)

Brøndby IF 1-2 FC Salzburg (agg: 2-4)

Goals: 0-1 Šeško 4, 0-2 Aaronson 10, 1-2 Maxsø 62

Brøndby IF: Hermansen, Maxsø, Greve (59 Ben Slimane), Uhre, Mensah (59 Gammelby), Bruus, Tshiembe, Frendrup (84 Rosted), Radošević, Hedlund (78 Pavlović), Børkeeiet (59 Hendriksen)

UEFA Europa League - Group stage

Matchday 1 (16/09/2021)

Brøndby IF 0-0 AC Sparta Praha

Brøndby IF: Hermansen, Rosted (75 Børkeeiet), Maxsø, Uhre (69 Divković), Mensah (85 Gammelby), Bruus, Tshiembe, Frendrup, Radošević, Ben Slimane (69 Cappis), Hedlund (75 Pavlović)

Matchday 2 (30/09/2021)

Olympique Lyonnais 3-0 Brøndby IF

Goals: 1-0 Toko Ekambi 64, 2-0 Toko Ekambi 71, 3-0 Aouar 86

Brøndby IF: Hermansen, Gammelby (62 Mensah), Heggheim (62 Tshiembe), Rosted, Maxsø, Greve (62 Ben Slimane), Pavlović, Bruus, Frendrup, Radošević (83 Børkeeiet), Hedlund (73 Cappis)

Matchday 3 (21/10/2021)

Rangers FC 2-0 Brøndby IF

Goals: 1-0 Balogun 18, 2-0 Roofe 30

Brøndby IF: Mikkelsen, Gammelby, Heggheim, Rosted, Maxsø, Pavlović, Uhre (63 Hedlund), Mensah (62 Riveros), Frendrup (73 Børkeeiet), Cappis (81 Greve), Ben Slimane (46 Radošević)

Matchday 4 (04/11/2021)

Brøndby IF 1-1 Rangers FC

Goals: 1-0 Balogun 45 (og), 1-1 Hagi 77

Brøndby IF: Hermansen, Rosted, Maxsø, Uhre (75 Greve), Mensah, Bruus (63 Riveros), Tshiembe, Frendrup, Radošević, Cappis (63 Ben Slimane), Hedlund (85 Pavlović)

Matchday 5 (25/11/2021)

Brøndby IF 1-3 Olympique Lyonnais

Goals: 1-0 Uhre 51, 1-1 Cherki 57, 1-2 Cherki 66, 1-3 Slimani 76

Brøndby IF: Hermansen, Heggheim (81 Rosted), Maxsø, Greve (62 Ben Slimane), Uhre (74 Divković), Riveros (62 Mensah), Bruus, Tshiembe, Frendrup, Radošević (74 Cappis), Hedlund

Matchday 6 (09/12/2021)

AC Sparta Praha-Brøndby IF

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

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|---|--|---|---|
| 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 | PID: 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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