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PFC Levski Sofia

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Group G - Matchday 3

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Match background

Previous meetings

None

FC Salzburg - record versus clubs from opponents' country

None

PFC Levski Sofia - record versus clubs from opponents' country

UEFA Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
14/11/02	R2	PFC Levski Sofia - SK Sturm Graz	1-0 agg: 1-1 (7-8aetps)	Sofia	Simonović 6
31/10/02	R2	SK Sturm Graz - PFC Levski Sofia	1-0	Graz	Szabics 21

European Champion Clubs' Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
02/09/70	PR	FK Austria Wien - PFC Levski Sofia	3-0 agg: 4-3	Vienna	Riedl 28, Hickersberger 38, 48
18/08/70	PR	PFC Levski Sofia - FK Austria Wien	3-1	Sofia	Mitkov 16, Asparuhov 53, 63; Riedl 74

Record versus clubs from opponents' country

	Home				Away				Final				Total					
	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
FC Salzburg	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PFC Levski Sofia	2	2	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	4	2	0	2	4	5

Top meets bottom in UEFA Europa League Group G, as FC Salzburg – winners in their opening two games – host Bulgarian champions PFC Levski Sofia, who have yet to get off the mark in the section.

Previous meetings

• This is the clubs' first meeting. Salzburg have never come up against a Bulgarian side before, but Levski have been to Austria twice, losing at both FK Austria Wien and SK Sturm Graz without scoring a goal.

Match background

• Salzburg are one of five sides who have won both of their opening UEFA Europa League group-stage games along with Sporting Clube de Portugal, FC Shakhtar Donetsk, Everton FC and Werder Bremen.

• Levski – like SK Slavia Praha, FC BATE Borisov and FK Partizan – have yet to register a point after two group-stage outings.

• Prior to their 2-0 Matchday 2 victory against Villarreal CF, Salzburg had gone five games without a European home win.

• Levski have not scored in three European away games since sweeping aside UE Sant Julià 5-0 in this season's UEFA Champions League second qualifying round.

Team facts

• Salzburg are coached by former Netherlands defender Huub Stevens, who won the UEFA Cup as FC Schalke 04 coach in 1997. Salzburg are the third club in as many seasons for Stevens, who spent the last two campaigns in charge of Hamburger SV and then PSV Eindhoven.

• Stevens' Hamburg side eliminated Bulgarian opposition in the 2007/08 UEFA Cup first round, beating PFC Litex Lovech 1-0 away and 3-1 at home. He also won his 18th and final cap as a second-half substitute in the Netherlands' 1-0 friendly win against Bulgaria on 4 September 1985.

• This is Levski's first game since the resignation of Serbian coach Ratko Dostanić in the wake of a 1-0 defeat at home against PFC Beroe Stara Zagora at the weekend that left the Bulgarian champions lying ninth in the 16-team Bulgarian

top division. Sporting director Georgi Ivanov is now overseeing first-team affairs with Antoni Zdravkov working as coach.

- Known as 'Gonzo' by the club's fans, the 33-year-old Ivanov won five league titles in three spells as a player at Levski, and is yet to abandon hope of a comeback on the pitch, though he took over as sporting director in the summer. Schooled at his hometown club PFC Lokomotiv Plovdiv, the 33-times capped international also played for Stade Rennais FC, Samsunspor, Gaziantepspor and HNK Rijeka.
- Salzburg need two more goals to reach 250 in UEFA club competition, with this their 173rd continental fixture.
- Salzburg's Franz Schiemer committed more fouls in the opening two UEFA Europa League group-stage games than any other player, being pulled up by the referee on 13 occasions.
- Levski take their name from Bulgarian national hero Vasil Levski.
- The two sides meet again in Sofia on 5 November for Matchday 4.

Team facts

FC Salzburg

Formed: 1933

Nickname: Die Bullen (The Bulls)

UEFA club competition honours (runners-up in brackets)

- UEFA Cup: (1994)

Domestic honours (most recent triumph in brackets)

League title: 5 (2009)

Ten-year record (UEFA Cup unless indicated otherwise)

2008/09: first round

2007/08: first round (having transferred from UEFA Champions League third qualifying round)

2006/07: first round

2005/06: did not compete in UEFA club competition

2004/05: did not compete in UEFA club competition

2003/04: second round

2002/03: did not compete in UEFA club competition

2001/02: did not compete in UEFA club competition

2000/01: UEFA Intertoto Cup third round

1999/00: did not compete in UEFA club competition

Records

UEFA club competition

- Biggest home win

7-0: Salzburg v FC Banants

17/07/08, UEFA Cup first qualifying round first leg

- Biggest away win

2-6: FC Nistru Otaci v Salzburg

01/07/00, UEFA Intertoto Cup second round first leg

- Heaviest home defeat

0-4: Salzburg v Parma FC

06/11/03, UEFA Cup second round first leg

- Heaviest away defeat

5-0: Parma FC v Salzburg

27/11/03, UEFA Cup second round second leg

5-0: Fortuna Düsseldorf v Salzburg

17/09/80, UEFA Cup Winners' Cup first round first leg

UEFA Cup/Europa League

- Biggest home win

7-0: Salzburg v FC Banants (see above)

- Biggest away win

1-4: FK Sūduva v Salzburg

14/08/08, second qualifying round first leg

0-3: FC Banants v Salzburg

31/07/08, first qualifying round second leg

- Heaviest home defeat

0-4: Salzburg v Parma FC (see above)

- Heaviest away defeat

5-0: Parma FC v Salzburg (see above)

PFC Levski Sofia

Formed: 1914

Nickname: Sinite (The Blues)

UEFA club competition honours (runners-up in brackets)

• None

Domestic honours (most recent triumph in brackets)

League title: 26 (2009)

Bulgarian Cup: 26 (2007)

Ten-year European record (UEFA Cup unless indicated otherwise)

2008/09: first round (having transferred from UEFA Champions League third qualifying round)

2007/08: first round (having transferred from UEFA Champions League third qualifying round)

2006/07: group stage

2005/06: quarter-finals

2004/05: first round

2003/04: third round

2002/03: second round (having transferred from UEFA Champions League third qualifying round)

2001/02: first round (having transferred from UEFA Champions League third qualifying round)

2000/01: UEFA Champions League second qualifying round

1999/00: second round

Records

UEFA club competition

• Biggest home win

12-2: Levski v Lahden Reipas

16/09/76, UEFA Cup Winners' Cup first round first leg

• Biggest away win

1-7: Lahden Reipas v Levski

29/09/76, UEFA Cup Winners' Cup first round second leg

• Heaviest home defeat

0-4: Levski v S.S. Lazio

01/10/09, UEFA Europa League group stage

• Heaviest away defeat

5-0: FC Barcelona v Levski

12/09/06, UEFA Champions League, group stage

5-0: AZ Alkmaar v Levski

04/11/80, UEFA Cup second round second leg

UEFA Cup/Europa League

• Biggest home win

5-0: Levski v FK Modriča

12/08/04, second qualifying round first leg

• Biggest away win

1-4: FK Atyrau v Levski

14/08/03, qualifying round first leg

1-4: Eskisehirspor v Levski

01/10/75, first round second leg

0-3: FK Modriča v Levski

26/08/04, second qualifying round second leg

• Heaviest home defeat

0-4: Levski v S.S. Lazio (see above)

• Heaviest away defeat

5-0: AZ Alkmaar v Levski (see above)

Squad list

FC Salzburg

No	Player	Nat.	DoB	Age	D	Current season						All-time			
						UELQ		UEL		League		UEL		UEFA	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers															
1	Eddie Gustafsson	SWE	31/01/77	32	-	-	-	2	-	11	-	6	-	18	-
31	David Schartner	AUT	07/09/88	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
33	Heinz Arzberger	AUT	27/08/72	37	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	4	-
Defenders															
3	Milan Dudić	SRB	01/11/79	29	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	20	-	42	4
5	Rabiou Afolabi	NGA	18/04/80	29	-	-	-	2	-	4	1	19	-	22	-
6	Christian Schwegler	SUI	06/06/84	25	-	-	-	2	-	11	-	3	-	11	-
14	Barry Opdam	NED	27/02/76	33	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	36	1	41	1
15	Franz Schiemer	AUT	21/03/86	23	-	-	-	2	1	6	-	14	3	24	3
17	Andreas Ulmer	AUT	30/10/85	23	-	-	-	2	-	11	-	3	-	8	-
23	Ibrahim Sekagya	UGA	19/12/80	28	-	-	-	2	-	9	-	5	-	16	1
34	Stefan Schwab	AUT	27/09/90	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Midfielders															
8	Thomas Augustinussen	DEN	20/03/81	28	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	11	-	30	-
10	Nikola Pokrivač	CRO	26/11/85	23	-	-	-	2	-	6	3	8	-	20	-
11	Patrik Ježek	CZE	28/12/76	32	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	9	-	37	1
13	Somen Tchoyi	CMR	29/03/83	26	-	-	-	2	1	11	6	4	1	12	3
18	Dušan Švento	SVK	01/08/85	24	-	-	-	2	-	11	2	16	-	28	1
19	Simon Cziommer	GER	06/11/80	28	-	-	-	2	-	5	2	13	-	22	1
24	Christoph Leitgeb	AUT	14/04/85	24	-	-	-	2	-	11	1	5	-	17	1
25	Admir Vladavić	BIH	29/06/82	27	-	-	-	1	-	6	1	7	1	17	2
32	Stefan Ilsanker	AUT	18/05/89	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
35	Marcel Holzmann	AUT	03/09/90	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Forwards															
7	Alexander Zickler	GER	28/02/74	35	-	-	-	1	-	10	3	16	1	79	13
9	Robin Nelisse	NED	25/01/78	31	-	-	-	1	-	4	1	15	2	25	5
21	Marc Janko	AUT	25/06/83	26	-	-	-	2	2	11	8	5	3	12	5
27	Djordje Rakić	SRB	31/10/85	23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3	-
Coach															
-	Huub Stevens	NED	29/11/53	55	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	40	-	66	-

Key: Squad list is ordered by position and then numerically

D Disciplinary: * Misses next match if booked, **S** Suspended, **#** Suspended for at least one match

UELQ¹: Current season total UEFA Europa League appearances in qualifying rounds only

UEL²: Current season total UEFA Europa League appearances from the group stage onwards prior to the current matchday

UEL³: Total appearances in the UEFA Europa League, first round to final only

UEFA⁴: All-time total appearances in UEFA club competitions including all qualifying round matches

PFC Levski Sofia

№	Player	Nat.	DoB	Age	D	Current season						All-time			
						UELQ		UEL		League		UEL		UEFA	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers															
1	Georgi Petkov	BUL	14/03/76	33	-	-	-	1	-	6	-	18	-	43	-
12	Bozhidar Mitrev	BUL	31/03/87	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
31	Tsvetan Dimitrov	BUL	10/02/87	22	-	-	-	1	-	3	-	1	-	1	-
41	Petar Hubchev	BUL	27/09/92	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
51	Aleksandar Dimchev	BUL	26/01/91	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
61	Ivaylo Vasilev	BUL	15/01/91	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders															
2	Viktor Genev	BUL	27/10/88	20	-	-	-	1	-	3	-	1	-	4	-
3	Zhivko Milanov	BUL	15/07/84	25	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	12	-	32	-
5	Youssef Rabeh	MAR	13/04/85	24	-	-	-	2	-	4	-	4	-	11	-
11	Elin Topuzakov	BUL	05/02/77	32	-	-	-	1	-	5	-	32	-	70	-
14	Veselin Minev	BUL	14/10/80	29	-	-	-	2	-	4	-	2	-	10	-
15	Chakib Benzoukane	MAR	07/08/86	23	-	-	-	2	-	8	-	2	-	5	-
25	Lucio Wagner	BUL	15/06/76	33	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	17	-	36	2
37	Zhivko Atanasov	BUL	03/02/91	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
47	Georgi Angelov	BUL	12/11/90	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
50	Simeon Ivanov	BUL	08/02/90	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55	Yordan Miliev	BUL	05/10/87	22	-	-	-	1	-	3	1	1	-	4	-
Midfielders															
8	Georgi Sarmov	BUL	07/09/85	24	-	-	-	1	-	6	-	3	-	8	-
20	Joãozinho	BRA	25/12/88	20	-	-	-	2	-	6	-	4	1	8	1
22	Darko Tasevski	MKD	20/05/84	25	-	-	-	2	-	4	1	6	-	25	3
27	Cédric Bardon	FRA	15/10/76	33	-	-	-	2	-	7	2	19	2	57	6
38	Kostadin Adzhov	BUL	09/05/91	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
44	Borislav Baldzhiski	BUL	12/10/90	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45	Vladimir Gadzhev	BUL	18/07/87	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	6	2
49	Pavel Petkov	BUL	26/06/90	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
70	Saša Simonović	BUL	20/07/75	34	-	-	-	1	-	5	-	12	5	24	8
Forwards															
7	Enyo Krastovchev	BUL	07/02/84	25	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	-	-	3	-
10	Hristo Yovov	BUL	04/11/77	31	-	-	-	2	-	7	3	23	1	52	7
16	Maryan Ognyanov	BUL	30/07/88	21	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	4	3
17	Deniran Ortega	BUL	28/05/86	23	-	-	-	-	-	6	3	-	-	4	-
21	Zé Soares	BRA	27/07/83	26	-	-	-	1	-	6	1	2	-	10	-
24	Nikolay Dimitrov	BUL	15/10/87	22	-	-	-	1	-	5	1	1	-	11	-
28	Alexandar Kirov	BUL	25/10/90	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
30	Lachezar Baltanov	BUL	11/07/88	21	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	2	-	3	-
35	Valentin Milenov	BUL	11/03/91	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
36	Daniel Shmedin	BUL	07/05/91	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
39	Ronald Donev	BUL	13/05/91	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
40	Vladislav Stoikov	BUL	11/08/92	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
42	Denis Nikolov	BUL	19/03/92	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
43	Boyan Tabakov	BUL	02/02/90	19	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	1	-
99	Georgi Hristov	BUL	10/01/85	24	-	-	-	2	-	8	-	3	-	10	3
Coach															
-	Antoni Ivanov Zdravkov	BUL	20/08/64	45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Fixtures and results

FC Salzburg

Date	Competition	Opponent	Result	Goalscorers
19/07/09	League	FK Austria Wien (H)	W 2-1	Zickler 70, Tchoyi 90
25/07/09	League	SV Ried (A)	L 0-1	
01/08/09	League	LASK Linz (H)	W 3-2	Tchoyi 42, Janko 62, Zickler 72
08/08/09	League	SV Mattersburg (A)	W 3-2	Nelisse 39, Švento 50, Cziommer 84
15/08/09	Cup	SK Vorwärts Steyr (A)	W 7-1	Rakić 5, 13, 14, 75, Nelisse 48, 66, Sekagya 53
22/08/09	League	SC Magna Wr. Neustadt (A)	D 1-1	Janko 40
29/08/09	League	SV Kapfenberg (H)	W 4-0	Zickler 11, Tchoyi 14, Cziommer 36, Pokrivač 61
13/09/09	League	SK Rapid Wien (A)	D 2-2	Tchoyi 38, Švento 39
20/09/09	Cup	SV Grödig (A)	W 1-0	Aufhauser 34
23/09/09	League	SK Sturm Graz (H)	W 4-2	Afolabi 26, Tchoyi 32, Janko 44, 46
26/09/09	League	SK Austria Kärnten (A)	W 2-1	Pokrivač 60, Tchoyi 76
04/10/09	League	SK Austria Kärnten (H)	W 7-1	Leitgeb 3, Pokrivač 33, Janko 40, 48, 50, 79, Vladavić 67 (p)
17/10/09	League	FK Austria Wien (A)	L 0-1	
25/10/09	League	SV Ried (H)		
28/10/09	League	LASK Linz (A)		
31/10/09	League	SV Mattersburg (H)		
07/11/09	League	SC Magna Wr. Neustadt (H)		
21/11/09	League	SV Kapfenberg (A)		
28/11/09	League	SK Rapid Wien (H)		
05/12/09	League	SK Sturm Graz (A)		
12/12/09	League	SK Austria Kärnten (H)		
13/02/10	League	SV Ried (A)		
20/02/10	League	LASK Linz (H)		
27/02/10	League	SK Rapid Wien (A)		
06/03/10	League	SC Magna Wr. Neustadt (H)		
10/03/10	Cup	SK Sturm Graz (A)		
13/03/10	League	SV Kapfenberg (H)		
20/03/10	League	FK Austria Wien (A)		
24/03/10	League	SK Sturm Graz (H)		
27/03/10	League	SV Mattersburg (A)		
03/04/10	League	SV Mattersburg (H)		
10/04/10	League	SK Austria Kärnten (A)		
14/04/10	League	SV Ried (H)		

Pos.	Clubs	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1	FC Salzburg	11	7	2	2	28	14	23
2	FK Austria Wien	11	7	2	2	20	12	23
3	SK Sturm Graz	10	6	2	2	17	10	20
4	SK Rapid Wien	10	5	3	2	22	10	18
5	SV Ried	11	4	4	3	16	13	16
6	SV Mattersburg	11	5	0	6	16	20	15
7	LASK Linz	11	4	2	5	31	28	14
8	SC Magna Wr. Neustadt	11	3	2	6	15	22	11
9	SV Kapfenberg	11	2	1	8	6	22	7
10	SK Austria Kärnten	11	1	2	8	11	31	5

PFC Levski Sofia

Date	Competition	Opponent	Result	Goalscorers
08/08/09	League	PFC Botev Plovdiv (H)	W 5-0	Krastovchev 6, Miliev 15, Tasevski 66, Deniran Ortega 73, 77
15/08/09	League	PFC Minior Pernik (A)	W 2-0	Yovov 79, Deniran Ortega 84
29/08/09	League	PFC Slavia Sofia (A)	W 3-1	Bardon 2, Zé Soares 45, Dimitrov 89
12/09/09	League	PFC Lokomotiv Sofia (H)	L 1-2	Yovov 60
20/09/09	League	PFC CSKA Sofia (A)	L 0-2	
27/09/09	League	PFC Chernomorets Burgas (H)	L 0-1	
04/10/09	League	PFC Lokomotiv Plovdiv 1936 (A)	D 2-2	Bardon 34 (p), Yovov 44
18/10/09	League	PFC Beroe Stara Zagora (H)	L 0-1	
24/10/09	League	FC Sportist Svoge (A)		
31/10/09	League	PFC Lokomotiv Mezdra (H)		
07/11/09	League	PFC Pirin Blagoevgrad (A)		
21/11/09	League	PFC Chernomorets Varna (H)		
28/11/09	League	PFC Montana 1921 (H)		
05/12/09	League	FC Sliven (A)		

Pos.	Clubs	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1	PFC CSKA Sofia	9	8	1	0	20	1	25
2	PFC Chernomorets Burgas	9	7	2	0	18	5	23
3	PFC Lokomotiv Sofia	9	6	2	1	16	10	20
4	PFC Litex Lovech	8	6	1	1	14	3	19
5	PFC Beroe Stara Zagora	9	4	3	2	10	9	15
6	PFC Chernomorets Varna	9	4	2	3	12	6	14
7	PFC Slavia Sofia	9	4	1	4	7	9	13
8	PFC Pirin Blagoevgrad	9	3	3	3	6	5	12
9	PFC Levski Sofia	8	3	1	4	13	9	10
10	PFC Minior Pernik	9	3	1	5	9	9	10
11	PFC Montana 1921	9	2	4	3	9	11	10
12	PFC Lokomotiv Mezdra	9	3	0	6	9	20	9
13	PFC Lokomotiv Plovdiv 1936	9	2	2	5	9	17	8
14	FC Sportist Svoge	9	2	1	6	7	18	7
15	FC Sliven	9	1	1	7	8	17	4
16	PFC Botev Plovdiv	9	0	1	8	5	23	1

Match-by-match lineups

Group G

Standings

Club	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
FC Salzburg	2	2	0	0	4	1	6
S.S. Lazio	2	1	0	1	5	2	3
Villarreal CF	2	1	0	1	1	2	3
PFC Levski Sofia	2	0	0	2	0	5	0

Matchday 1 (17/09/09)

S.S. Lazio 1-2 FC Salzburg

Goals: 1-0 Foggia 59, 1-1 Schiemer 82, 1-2 Janko 90+3

FC Salzburg: Gustafsson, Afolabi, Schwegler, Pokrivač (Cziommer 63), Tchoyi, Schiemer, Ulmer, Švento (Nelisse 80), Janko, Sekagya, Leitgeb (Vladavić 73)

Villarreal CF 1-0 PFC Levski Sofia

Goals: 1-0 Nilmar 72

PFC Levski Sofia: Petkov, Genev, Rabeh, Minev, Benzoukane, Joãozinho, Tasevski (Simonović 66), Dimitrov (Ognyanov 78), Bardon, Baltanov, Hristov (Yovov 62)

Matchday 2 (01/10/09)

PFC Levski Sofia 0-4 S.S. Lazio

Goals: 0-1 Matuzalem 22, 0-2 Zárate 45+1, 0-3 Meghni 67, 0-4 Rocchi 74

PFC Levski Sofia: Dimitrov, Rabeh, Sarmov, Topuzakov (Miliev 46), Minev, Benzoukane, Joãozinho, Zé Soares, Tasevski (Tabakov 46), Bardon, Hristov (Yovov 72)

FC Salzburg 2-0 Villarreal CF

Goals: 1-0 Janko 21, 2-0 Tchoyi 84

FC Salzburg: Gustafsson, Afolabi, Schwegler, Pokrivač, Tchoyi, Schiemer, Ulmer, Švento (Opdam 90), Janko (Zickler 79), Sekagya, Leitgeb (Cziommer 90+2)

Matchday 3 (22/10/09)

FC Salzburg v PFC Levski Sofia

Matchday 4 (05/11/09)

PFC Levski Sofia v FC Salzburg

Matchday 5 (02/12/09)

FC Salzburg v S.S. Lazio

PFC Levski Sofia v Villarreal CF

Matchday 6 (17/12/09)

S.S. Lazio v PFC Levski Sofia

Villarreal CF v FC Salzburg

Match officials

Referee	Hannes Kaasik (EST)
Assistant referees	Jaanus Mutli (EST), Dmitri Vinogradov (EST)
Additional assistant referee	Sten Kaldma (EST)
Additional assistant referee	Kristo Tohver (EST)
Fourth official	Eiko Saar (EST)
UEFA Delegate	Peter Rees (WAL)
UEFA Referee observer	Jens Larsen (DEN)

Referee

Name	Date of birth	UEL matches *	UEFA matches
Hannes Kaasik	11/08/1978	2	24

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

No matches found

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

Date	Comp.	Stage	Match	Res.	Venue
03/10/07	U17	QR	Austria - F.Y.R. Macedonia	2-3	Trzebiatow

* Group stage to final only

Competition information

The UEFA Cup evolved from the Inter-Cities Fairs Cup, and was first contested as the UEFA Cup in 1971/72. This season the UEFA Cup has been reborn as the UEFA Europa League. The new name heralds major changes to the competition, which has a new 48-team group stage with centralised marketing of broadcast rights, a presenting sponsor - Spanish car manufacturer SEAT - and an official matchball in addition to centralised sponsorship from the knockout stage and a new logo and visual identity.

• **Disciplinary information:** As a rule, a player who is sent off is suspended for the next match in a UEFA club competition. The Control and Disciplinary Body is entitled to augment this punishment. In the case of repeated cautions, from the group stage a player is suspended for one match after three cautions in three different matches, as well as following any subsequent odd-numbered caution (fifth, seventh, ninth, etc). Single yellow cards and pending suspensions are always carried forward either to the next stage of the competition or to another club competition in the current season.

• **Locally-trained players rule:** In February 2005, UEFA announced the 'A' list that teams submit for UEFA club competitions will continue to be limited to 25 players, and from the 2008/09 season at least eight places are reserved for players trained by the club's own football academy of which half can be players trained by other clubs from within the same association of the said club. The 'B' list also continues to exist – involving an unlimited number of Under-21 players who have been at the club for any uninterrupted period of two years since their 15th birthday.

A club-trained player is defined as a player who has been registered for a minimum of three seasons with the club between the age of 15 and 21, whereas an association-trained player is one who has been registered for at least three seasons by the club or by other clubs affiliated to the same association between the age of 15 and 21.

• **Away goals rule:** For matches played under the cup (knockout) system, the team which scores the greater aggregate of goals in the two matches qualifies for the next round. If the two teams involved in a tie score the same number of goals over the two legs, the team which scores more away goals qualifies for the next stage. If this procedure does not produce a result, i.e. if the two teams score the same number of goals at home and away, extra time of two periods of 15 minutes shall be played at the end of the second leg. If during extra time, both teams score the same number of goals, away goals count double (i.e. the visiting club qualifies). If no goals are scored during extra time, penalty kicks determine which team qualifies.

• **Player registration:** UEFA regulations state that for all UEFA Europa League matches from the start of the Round of 32, a club may register a maximum of three new eligible players within their squad of 25 for the remaining matches in the current competition. One player from the above quota of three who has played UEFA club competition matches for another competing club in the current season may exceptionally be registered, provided that the player has not been fielded by another club in the UEFA Europa League this season or by a club that has transferred from the UEFA Champions League to the UEFA Europa League following the group stage.

• **Assistant referees experiment:** The 144 UEFA Europa League group-stage games will be overseen by six match officials, in an experiment endorsed by the International Football Association Board (IFAB), with two additional assistant referees taking up positions alongside each goal. The additional assistant referees will provide two extra pairs of eyes to monitor the game, informing the referee of incidents that he may otherwise have missed.

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• **UEFA Europa League Statistics Handbook:** This informative guide to the new competition and the teams involved in the group stage can be downloaded as four pdf files at <http://www.uefa.com/uefa/mediaservices/publications/index.html>.

Legend

:: Competitions

Club competitions

ECCC: European Champion Clubs' Cup/UEFA Champions 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:** Confederation 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 • **WCHAMP:** UEFA European Women's Championship

:: Competition stages

F: Final

GS: Group stage

GS1: First group stage

GS2: Second group stage

KO1: First knockout round

PR: Preliminary round

QF: Quarter-finals

QR: Qualifying round

QR1: First qualifying round

QR2: Second qualifying round

FT: Final tournament

ELITE: Elite round

P-O 3rd: Third place play-off

GS - FT: Group stage - Final tournament

QR3: Third qualifying round

R1: First round

R2: Second round

R3: Third round

R4: Fourth round

SF: Semi-finals

R16: Second knockout round

R32: Round of 32

1st: first leg

2nd: second leg

P-O: Play-off

(R): Replay

PO - FT: Play-off for Final Tournament

Prom/Rel P-O: Promotion/Relegation play-off

:: Other Abbreviations

aet: Match decided after extra time

aetps: Match decided after extra time and penalty shoot-out

ag: Match decided on away goals

agg: Aggregate

AP: Appearances

Comp.: Competition

D: Drawn

DoB: Date of birth

GA: Goals against

GF: Goals for

L: Lost

Nat.: Nationality

N/a: Not Applicable

No.: Number

o.g.: Own goal

(p): Penalty

Pld: Matches played

Pos.: Position

Pts: Points

R: Sent off (red card)

Res.: Result

t: Match decided by toss of coin

W: Won

Y: Booked

Y/R: Sent off (yellow card then direct red)

:: Statistics

(-): Denotes player substituted

(*): Denotes player dismissed/sent off

(+): Denotes player introduced

(+/-): Denotes player introduced and substituted

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