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AFC Ajax

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Previous meetings

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UEFA Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
05/10/1988	R1	AFC Ajax - Sporting Clube de Portugal	1-2 agg: 3-6	Amsterdam	Verkuyll 80; Pereira 21, Ribeiro 87
07/09/1988	R1	Sporting Clube de Portugal - AFC Ajax	4-2	Lisbon	Oceano 5, Bacinello 20 (P), Barbosa 24, Litos 76 (P); Pettersson 16, 79

	Home				Away				Final				Total					
	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
Sporting Clube de Portugal	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	6	3
AFC Ajax	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	3	6

Sporting Clube de Portugal - Record versus clubs from opponents' country

UEFA Europa League

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
28/11/2019	GS	Sporting Clube de Portugal - PSV Eindhoven	4-0	Lisbon	Luiz Phellype 9, Bruno Fernandes 16, 64 (P), Mathieu 43
19/09/2019	GS	PSV Eindhoven - Sporting Clube de Portugal	3-2	Eindhoven	Malen 19, Coates 25 (og), Baumgartl 48; Bruno Fernandes 38 (P), Pedro Mendes 82

UEFA Europa League

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
03/12/2009	GS	Sporting Clube de Portugal - sc Heerenveen	1-1	Lisbon	Grimi 90+1; Assaidi 47
17/09/2009	GS	sc Heerenveen - Sporting Clube de Portugal	2-3	Heerenveen	Sibon 12, Dingsdag 77; Liedson 17, 40, 88

UEFA Champions League

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
04/08/2009	QR3	FC Twente - Sporting Clube de Portugal	1-1 agg: 1-1 ag	Enschede	Douglas 2; Wisgerhof 90+5 (og)
29/07/2009	QR3	Sporting Clube de Portugal - FC Twente	0-0	Lisbon	

UEFA Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
05/05/2005	SF	AZ Alkmaar - Sporting Clube de Portugal	3-2 agg: 4-4 ag (aet)	Alkmaar	Perez 6, Huysegems 79, Jaliens 108 ET; Liedson 45+4, Miguel Garcia 120+2 ET
28/04/2005	SF	Sporting Clube de Portugal - AZ Alkmaar	2-1	Lisbon	Douala 36, Pinilla 80; Landzaat 36

UEFA Cup

24/02/2005	R3	Feyenoord - Sporting Clube de Portugal	1-2 agg: 2-4	Rotterdam	Hofs 89; Liedson 62, Rochemback 83
16/02/2005	R3	Sporting Clube de Portugal - Feyenoord	2-1	Lisbon	Custódio 22, Liedson 36; Goor 11

UEFA Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
12/12/1990	R3	Sporting Clube de Portugal - Vitesse	2-1 agg: 4-1	Lisbon	Menezes 26, 69; Van Arum 79
28/11/1990	R3	Vitesse - Sporting Clube de Portugal	0-2	Arnhem	Carlos Xavier 24, Fernando Gomes 34

UEFA Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
02/10/1985	R1	Feyenoord - Sporting Clube de Portugal	2-1 agg: 3-4	Rotterdam	Eriksen 44, Been 66; Litos 59
18/09/1985	R1	Sporting Clube de Portugal - Feyenoord	3-1	Lisbon	Fernandes 29, 63, Rui Jordão 34; Duut 77

European Champions Clubs' Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
08/10/1958	PR	Sporting Clube de Portugal - VV DOS	2-1 agg: 6-4	Lisbon	De Freitas 48, 76; Krommert 82
01/10/1958	PR	VV DOS - Sporting Clube de Portugal	3-4	Utrecht	Temming 48 (P), Van der Linden 52, Luiten 88; De Freitas 31, 83, Sarmento 41, Manuel Vasques 55

AFC Ajax - Record versus clubs from opponents' country

UEFA Champions League

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
07/11/2018	GS	SL Benfica - AFC Ajax	1-1	Lisbon	Jonas 29; Tadić 61
23/10/2018	GS	AFC Ajax - SL Benfica	1-0	Amsterdam	Mazraoui 90+2

UEFA Champions League

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
09/12/1998	GS	FC Porto - AFC Ajax	3-0	Porto	Zahovič 54, 73, Drulović 79
30/09/1998	GS	AFC Ajax - FC Porto	2-1	Amsterdam	Rudy 57, Litmanen 86 (P); Zahovič 69

UEFA Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
04/11/1992	R2	AFC Ajax - Vitória SC	2-1 agg: 5-1	Amsterdam	Bergkamp 21, Alflen 62; Mbote 59
21/10/1992	R2	Vitória SC - AFC Ajax	0-3	Guimaraes	Dauids 1, Pettersson 38, Bergkamp 49

UEFA Super Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
13/01/1988	F	FC Porto - AFC Ajax	1-0 agg: 2-0	Porto	Sousa 70
24/11/1987	F	AFC Ajax - FC Porto	0-1	Amsterdam	Barros 5

European Champions Clubs' Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
02/10/1985	R1	AFC Ajax - FC Porto	0-0 agg: 0-2	Amsterdam	
18/09/1985	R1	FC Porto - AFC Ajax	2-0	Porto	Futre 5, Santos 59

European Champions Clubs' Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
19/04/1972	SF	SL Benfica - AFC Ajax	0-0 agg: 0-1	Lisbon	
05/04/1972	SF	AFC Ajax - SL Benfica	1-0	Amsterdam	Swart 64

European Champions Clubs' Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
05/03/1969	QF (Rep)	AFC Ajax - SL Benfica	3-0 (Rep)	Paris	Cruyff 92 ET, Danielsson 104 ET, 109 ET
19/02/1969	QF	SL Benfica - AFC Ajax	1-3 agg: 4-4 ag	Lisbon	Torres 70; Danielsson 9, Cruyff 11, 31
12/02/1969	QF	AFC Ajax - SL Benfica	1-3	Amsterdam	Danielsson 47; Jacinto 32 (P), Torres 38, José Augusto 60

	Home				Away				Final				Neutral				Total					
	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
Sporting Clube de Portugal	9	7	2	0	9	5	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	12	3	3	39	24
AFC Ajax	7	4	1	2	7	2	2	3	2	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	17	7	3	7	20	20

Match background

Sporting CP's first UEFA Champions League group game since 2017 pits them against an Ajax side who are making their fourth successive appearance.

- With Group C also including Borussia Dortmund and Beşiktaş, both Sporting and Ajax will be eager to pick up three points at the Estádio José Alvalade in Lisbon, with the Portuguese side able to draw on their unbeaten home record against Dutch clubs.

Previous meetings

- The sole past contests between the teams came in the 1988/89 UEFA Cup first round, Sporting winning 4-2 in Lisbon and 2-1 in Amsterdam.
- Sporting lost 2-1 on aggregate to Real Sociedad in the next round.

Form guide

Sporting

- This is Sporting's ninth UEFA Champions League group campaign, and a first since 2017/18.
- Sporting's most recent campaign ended with a third-placed finish in their section behind Barcelona and Juventus; they went on to reach the UEFA Europa League quarter-finals.
- The Lisbon club's last three European campaigns have all been in the UEFA Europa League. In 2020/21, they beat Aberdeen 1-0 at home in the one-off third qualifying round before a 4-1 play-off defeat against LASK, also in Lisbon.
- The Lions have progressed from the group stage only once before, in 2008/09; then they lost 12-1 on aggregate to Bayern München (0-5 h, 1-7 a) – the heaviest aggregate defeat in the UEFA Champions League knockout phase.
- Sporting claimed their 19th Portuguese Liga title in 2020/21, and a first since 2001/02; they finished five points ahead of Porto. The Lisbon side also won the Portuguese League Cup, their third victory in the competition – all in the last four seasons.
- Sporting were paired with Ajax's Eredivisie rivals PSV Eindhoven in the 2019/20 UEFA Europa League group stage, going down 3-2 in the Netherlands before a 4-0 home victory. That latter result in Lisbon further boosted Sporting's impressive overall record against Dutch clubs (W12 D3 L3) and stretched their unbeaten home run against visitors from the Netherlands to nine matches at home, although that was their first win in three fixtures.

Ajax

- Ajax are making their 17th appearance in the group stage, setting a new Dutch record – they were previously level with PSV Eindhoven on 16. It is their fourth straight appearance in the UEFA Champions League proper, and the second time running they have gained automatic qualification having not previously achieved it since 2014/15.
- Ajax were Dutch champions for the 35th time in 2020/21 – their second league championship in a row having also triumphed in 2018/19 with no title awarded in 2019/20 – and also lifted the Dutch Cup to claim their ninth domestic double.
- Ajax have qualified from their UEFA Champions League group only once in their last eight appearances in the competition, reaching the semi-finals in 2018/19.
- The Amsterdam club were third in their section for the second year running in 2020/21, finishing behind Liverpool and Atalanta in Group D with six of their seven points coming from their two games against Danish side Midtjylland (2-1 a, 3-1 h). The other one came from a 2-2 draw at Atalanta on Matchday 2, a game in which they had led 2-0.
- Ajax subsequently moved into the UEFA Europa League, beating LOSC Lille 2-1 away and at home in the round of 32 before easing past Young Boys in the last 16 (3-0 h, 2-0 a) only to be eliminated in the quarter-finals by Roma (1-2 h, 1-1 a).
- Ajax's last contests against a Portuguese club came in the 2018/19 UEFA Champions League group stage, when they took four points off Sporting's Lisbon rivals Benfica (1-0 h, 1-1 a). Ajax have lost four of their last six away games in Portugal, where they have won only twice in eight trips (D2 L4).

Links and trivia

- Zakaria Labyad played for Sporting in 2012/13, scoring two goals in 19 league games. He then spent two seasons on loan at Vitesse before returning to Lisbon to play for the Lions' B team in 2015/16, departing for Fulham on loan in January 2016. He left Sporting in August 2016 having scored three goals in 27 first-team appearances in all competitions.
- Antonio Adán was in the Real Madrid side that won 3-0 at Ajax in the 2011/12 UEFA Champions League group stage and 4-1 at home the following season. Daley Blind played in both matches for Ajax.

- Have played together:
Matheus Reis & Antony (São Paulo 2018)
Matheus Reis & David Neres (São Paulo 2015–16)
Renan Ribeiro & David Neres (São Paulo 2014–17)
João Virgínia & Maarten Stekelenburg (Everton 2018–20)
- International team-mates:
Bruno Tabata & Antony (Brazil U23)
Zouhair Feddal & Noussair Mazraoui (Morocco)
- A Dušan Tadić penalty earned Serbia a 1-1 draw away to Portugal in UEFA EURO 2020 qualifying on 25 March 2019.

Latest news

Sporting

• Summer transfers

In: Ricardo Esgaio (Braga), Rúben Vinagre (Wolverhampton), Ugarte (Famalicão), João Virgínia (Everton), Pablo Sarabia (Paris Saint-Germain, loan)

Out: João Pereira (retired), João Mário (Inter, end of loan), Eduardo Quaresma (Tondela, loan), Antunes (Paços de Ferreira), Luís Maximiano (Granada), Gonzalo Plata (Valladolid, loan), Nuno Mendes (Paris Saint-Germain, loan)

- Portuguese champions Sporting began 2021/22 with another trophy, beating Braga 2-1 in the Portuguese Super Cup on 31 July. Goals from Jovane Cabral and Pedro Gonçalves earned a comeback win after Braga had taken an early lead.
- The Lions then won their first three Liga matches of the new season, beating Vizela 3-0 at home, Braga 2-1 again away, and Belenenses 2-0. The winning streak was ended by a 1-1 draw at Famalicão on 28 August.
- Sporting also drew 1-1 on Saturday, at home to Porto, Nuno Santos scoring his first goal of the season.
- Sporting have lost only one of their last 29 matches in all competitions, a 4-3 defeat at Benfica in the penultimate round of league fixtures last season. Their record otherwise is W21 D7.
- Sporting are unbeaten in their last 22 home matches in all competitions (W17 D5), since a 4-1 loss against LASK on 1 October 2020 in the UEFA Europa League play-offs – their last European match.
- Sporting have scored in their last 24 home matches in all competitions, since a goalless draw against Vitória Setúbal on the last day of the 2019/20 season.
- The Portuguese Liga's top scorer last season with 23 goals, Pedro Gonçalves already has three to his name in the competition this season.
- Gonçalves, Gonçalo Inácio and João Palhinha were all called up by Portugal for September's European Qualifiers, but the first two withdrew from the squad due to injury and also missed Sporting's game with Porto.
- Pablo Sarabia scored in Spain's 4-0 home win against Georgia in a World Cup qualifier on 5 September.
- Manuel Ugarte made his debut for Uruguay as a substitute in a 4-2 win over Bolivia on 5 September. Sebastián Coates was also called up but withdrew due to injury, although he started against Porto.
- Tiago Tomás returned to Sporting with an injury after training with Portugal's Under-21 team and missed his club's game on Saturday.

Ajax

• Summer transfers

In: Jay Gorter (Go Ahead Eagles), Remko Pasveer (Vitesse), Steven Berghuis (Feyenoord), Mohamed Daramy (Copenhagen)

Out: Noa Lang (Club Brugge), Răzvan Marin (Cagliari), Lassina Traoré (Shakhtar Donetsk), Carel Eiting (Genk), Brian Brobbey (Leipzig), Dominik Kotarski (Gorica, loan), Kjell Scherpen (Brighton), Jurgen Ekkelenkamp (Hertha Berlin)

- Ajax have already scored 13 times in four league matches in 2021/22, including 5-0 home victories against Vitesse and NEC Nijmegen. They also drew 1-1 at Twente and won 2-0 at Zwolle on Saturday.
- Seven different players have found the net for them in the competition so far. Sébastien Haller, who got both goals at Zwolle, is the joint top scorer on four goals, two more than Dušan Tadić.
- Erik ten Hag's side lost 4-0 to PSV Eindhoven in the Johan Cruyff Schaal on 8 August, the joint heaviest defeat in the competition's history.
- Davy Klaassen scored for the Netherlands in their 2022 FIFA World Cup qualifying matches against Norway on 1

September (1-1) and Turkey six days later (6-1). He missed Ajax's weekend win with a knock.

- Devyne Rensch made his Netherlands debut as a substitute against Turkey.
- Nicolás Tagliafico featured in five matches in June and July as Argentina won the Copa América in Brazil.
- Antony played in six matches as Brazil won Olympic football gold in Japan.
- Sean Klaiber ruptured the cruciate ligaments in his left knee during Ajax's training camp at the end of July.
- Mohammed Kudus has not played since injuring his ankle during a friendly against Anderlecht in July.

Squad list

Sporting Clube de Portugal

No.	Player	Nat.	DoB	Age	D	Current season						All-time			
						UCLQ		UCL		League		UCL		UEFA	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers															
1	Antonio Adán	ESP	13/05/1987	34	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	4	-	10	-
22	André Paulo	POR	18/12/1996	24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
31	João Virginia	POR	10/10/1999	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
41	Diego Callai	ITA	18/07/2004	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
50	Vasco Gaspar	POR	26/05/2003	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
53	Gonçalo Filipe	POR	30/04/2000	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
99	Diogo Almeida	POR	30/01/2002	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders															
2	Matheus Reis	BRA	18/02/1995	26	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	4	-
3	Zouhair Feddal	MAR	23/12/1989	31	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	2	-
4	Sebastián Coates	URU	07/10/1990	30	S	-	-	-	-	5	-	11	-	38	3
13	Luís Neto	POR	26/05/1988	33	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	12	-	47	-
16	Rúben Vinagre	POR	09/04/1999	22	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	2	-	15	2
24	Pedro Porro	ESP	13/09/1999	22	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	2	-
25	Gonçalo Inácio	POR	25/08/2001	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
34	João Goulart	POR	27/01/2000	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35	Heverttton Santos	POR	01/02/2001	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45	Babacar Fati	POR	01/02/2000	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
47	Ricardo Esgaio	POR	16/05/1993	28	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	2	-	38	1
52	Gonçalo Costa	POR	18/02/2000	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
63	José Marsà	ESP	04/03/2002	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
64	Rafael Fernandes	POR	28/06/2002	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
66	Gilberto Batista	POR	29/12/2003	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
71	Flávio Nazinho	POR	20/07/2003	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
73	Chico Lamba	POR	10/03/2003	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
87	Gonçalo Esteves	POR	27/02/2004	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Midfielders															
6	João Palhinha	POR	09/07/1995	26	-	-	-	-	-	5	2	2	-	14	1
7	Bruno Tabata	BRA	30/03/1997	24	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-
8	Matheus Nunes	BRA	27/08/1998	23	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	2	-
15	Manuel Ugarte	URU	11/04/2001	20	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
28	Pedro Gonçalves	POR	28/06/1998	23	-	-	-	-	-	4	3	-	-	1	-
59	Tiago Ferreira	POR	18/03/2002	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
60	João Daniel	POR	28/06/2002	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
61	Diogo Brás	POR	16/03/2000	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
68	Daniel Bragança	POR	27/05/1999	22	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	1	-
70	Bernardo Sousa	POR	27/03/2000	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
77	Duarte Carvalho	POR	30/05/2002	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
84	Dário Essugo	POR	14/03/2005	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Sporting Clube de Portugal

						Current season						All-time			
						UCLQ		UCL		League		UCL		UEFA	
93	Miguel Menino	POR	10/01/2003	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Forwards															
10	Jovane Cabral	CPV	14/06/1998	23	-	-	-	-	-	5	1	-	-	11	2
11	Nuno Santos	POR	13/02/1995	26	-	-	-	-	-	5	1	-	-	1	-
17	Pablo Sarabia	ESP	11/05/1992	29	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	31	4	45	12
19	Tiago Tomás	POR	16/06/2002	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
21	Paulinho	POR	09/11/1992	28	-	-	-	-	-	5	1	-	-	27	12
57	Geny Catamo	MOZ	26/01/2001	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
78	Tiago Rodrigues	POR	21/06/2000	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
79	Youssef Chermiti	POR	24/05/2004	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
85	Paulo Agostinho	POR	25/08/2002	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
89	Lucas Dias	POR	18/01/2003	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coach															
-	Ruben Amorim	POR	27/01/1985	36	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-

AFC Ajax

No.	Player	Nat.	DoB	Age	D	Current season						All-time			
						UCLQ		UCL		League		UCL		UEFA	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers															
1	Maarten Stekelenburg	NED	22/09/1982	38	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	17	-	65	-
16	Jay Gorter	NED	30/05/2000	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
24	André Onana	CMR	02/04/1996	25	S	-	-	-	-	-	-	24	-	53	-
32	Remko Pasveer	NED	08/11/1983	37	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	10	-
51	Charlie Setford	NED	11/05/2004	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
52	Calvin Raatsie	NED	09/02/2002	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders															
3	Perr Schuurs	NED	26/11/1999	21	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	8	-	15	-
5	Sean Klaiber	SUR	31/07/1994	27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	14	1
12	Noussair Mazraoui	MAR	14/11/1997	23	-	-	-	-	-	4	1	20	3	29	3
15	Devyne Rensch	NED	18/01/2003	18	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	5	-
17	Daley Blind	NED	09/03/1990	31	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	48	1	90	1
21	Lisandro Martínez	ARG	28/01/1998	23	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	11	-	23	-
31	Nicolás Tagliafico	ARG	31/08/1992	29	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	22	4	37	5
35	Youri Baas	NED	17/03/2003	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
41	Enric Llansana	NED	12/04/2001	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
43	Nordin Musampa	NED	13/10/2001	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
46	Anass Salah-Eddine	NED	18/01/2002	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
47	Steven van der Sloot	NED	06/07/2002	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
48	Terrence Douglas	NED	14/09/2001	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
53	Liam Van Gelderen	NED	23/03/2001	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
54	Rio Hillen	NED	05/03/2003	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55	Gibson Yah	NED	27/09/2003	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Midfielders															
2	Jurriën Timber	NED	17/06/2001	20	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	1	-	6	-
4	Edson Álvarez	MEX	24/10/1997	23	-	-	-	-	-	4	1	10	1	18	2
6	Davy Klaassen	NED	21/02/1993	28	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	17	2	65	14
8	Ryan Gravenberch	NED	16/05/2002	19	-	-	-	-	-	4	1	6	1	12	1
19	Zakaria Labyad	MAR	09/03/1993	28	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	7	-	34	7
20	Mohammed Kudus	GHA	02/08/2000	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	6	-
25	Kenneth Taylor	NED	16/05/2002	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
26	Victor Jensen	DEN	08/02/2000	21	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
36	Giovanni	BRA	31/01/2002	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
37	Naci Ünüvar	NED	13/06/2003	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
38	Kristian Hlynsson	ISL	23/01/2004	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
44	Youri Regeer	NED	18/08/2003	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45	Donny Warmerdam	NED	02/01/2002	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
50	Kian Fitz-Jim	NED	05/07/2003	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Forwards															
7	David Neres	BRA	03/03/1997	24	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	19	3	40	6
9	Danilo	BRA	07/04/1999	22	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	1

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						Current season						All-time			
						UCLQ		UCL		League		UCL		UEFA	
10	Dušan Tadić	SRB	20/11/1988	32	-	-	-	-	-	4	2	24	8	70	22
11	Antony	BRA	24/02/2000	21	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	4	1	10	1
22	Sébastien Haller	CIV	22/06/1994	27	-	-	-	-	-	4	4	-	-	10	5
23	Steven Berghuis	NED	19/12/1991	29	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	6	1	40	5
30	Mohamed Daramy	DEN	07/01/2002	19	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	14	3
39	Christian Rasmussen	DEN	19/01/2003	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
40	Sontje Hansen	NED	18/05/2002	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
42	Ar'Jany Martha	NED	04/09/2003	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
49	Max De Waal	NED	10/01/2002	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
56	Amourrichio Van Axel Dongen	NED	29/09/2004	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coach															
-	Erik ten Hag	NED	02/02/1970	51	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24	-	48	-

Match officials

Referee	José María Sánchez (ESP)
Assistant referees	Raúl Cabañero (ESP) , Iñigo Prieto (ESP)
Video Assistant Referee	Alejandro Hernández (ESP)
Fourth official	Cesar Soto Grado (ESP)
Assistant Video Assistant Referee	Guillermo Cuadra Fernandez (ESP)
UEFA Delegate	Emil Ubias (CZE)
UEFA Referee observer	Frank De Bleeckere (BEL)

Referee

Name	Date of birth	UEFA Champions League matches	UEFA matches
José María Sánchez	03/10/1983	1	22

UEFA Champions 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
10/11/2017	U21	QR	Romania	Portugal	1-1	Ovidiu
06/12/2017	UYL	GS	FC Porto	AS Monaco FC	2-1	Vila Nova de Gaia (Porto)

Fixtures and results

Sporting Clube de Portugal

Date	Competition	Opponent	Result		Goalscorers
06/08/2021	League	Vizela (H)	W	3-0	Pedro Gonçalves 48, 64, Dias Fernandes 74
14/08/2021	League	SC Braga (A)	W	2-1	Boges Cabral 40, Pedro Gonçalves 50
21/08/2021	League	Os Belenenses (H)	W	2-0	Inácio 7, João Palhinha 48
28/08/2021	League	FC Famalicao (A)	D	1-1	João Palhinha 82
11/09/2021	League	FC Porto (H)	D	1-1	Nuno Santos 16
15/09/2021	UCL	AFC Ajax (H)			
19/09/2021	League	Estoril Praia (A)			
24/09/2021	League	CS Marítimo (H)			
28/09/2021	UCL	Borussia Dortmund (A)			
02/10/2021	League	FC Arouca (A)			
19/10/2021	UCL	Beşiktaş JK (A)			
23/10/2021	League	Moreirense FC (H)			
30/10/2021	League	Vitória SC (H)			
03/11/2021	UCL	Beşiktaş JK (H)			
07/11/2021	League	FC Paços de Ferreira (A)			
24/11/2021	UCL	Borussia Dortmund (H)			
28/11/2021	League	CD Tondela (H)			
03/12/2021	League	SL Benfica (A)			
07/12/2021	UCL	AFC Ajax (A)			
12/12/2021	League	Boavista FC (H)			
19/12/2021	League	Gil Vicente FC (A)			
29/12/2021	League	Portimonense SC (H)			
08/01/2022	League	CD Santa Clara (A)			
16/01/2022	League	Vizela (A)			
23/01/2022	League	SC Braga (H)			
30/01/2022	League	Os Belenenses (A)			
06/02/2022	League	FC Famalicao (H)			
13/02/2022	League	FC Porto (A)			
20/02/2022	League	Estoril Praia (H)			
27/02/2022	League	CS Marítimo (A)			
06/03/2022	League	FC Arouca (H)			
13/03/2022	League	Moreirense FC (A)			
20/03/2022	League	Vitória SC (A)			
03/04/2022	League	FC Paços de Ferreira (H)			
10/04/2022	League	CD Tondela (A)			
16/04/2022	League	SL Benfica (H)			
24/04/2022	League	Boavista FC (A)			
30/04/2022	League	Gil Vicente FC (H)			
08/05/2022	League	Portimonense SC (A)			
15/05/2022	League	CD Santa Clara (H)			

Pos.	Clubs	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1	SL Benfica	5	5	0	0	13	2	15

Pos.	Clubs	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
2	Estoril Praia	5	4	1	0	9	3	13
3	FC Porto	5	3	2	0	9	3	11
4	Sporting Clube de Portugal	5	3	2	0	9	3	11
5	Boavista FC	5	2	2	1	7	5	8
6	SC Braga	5	2	2	1	6	4	8
7	Portimonense SC	5	2	1	2	5	3	7
8	Gil Vicente FC	5	2	1	2	6	5	7
9	FC Paços de Ferreira	5	2	1	2	4	6	7
10	Vitória SC	5	1	3	1	4	1	6
11	CS Marítimo	5	1	2	2	6	8	5
12	Vizela	5	1	2	2	5	11	5
13	FC Arouca	5	1	1	3	4	10	4
14	CD Santa Clara	5	1	1	3	3	12	4
15	Moreirense FC	5	0	3	2	8	10	3
16	CD Tondela	5	1	0	4	6	9	3
17	FC Famalicao	5	0	2	3	5	9	2
18	Os Belenenses	5	0	2	3	2	7	2

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Date	Competition	Opponent	Result	Goalscorers
14/08/2021	League	NEC Nijmegen (H)	W 5-0	Haller 6, Mazraoui 10, van Rooij 14 (og), Tadić 20, 39
22/08/2021	League	FC Twente (A)	D 1-1	Haller 52
29/08/2021	League	Vitesse (H)	W 5-0	dos Santos 5, Álvarez 31, Gravenberch 43, Hájek 60 (og), Klaassen 67
11/09/2021	League	PEC Zwolle (A)	W 2-0	Haller 29, 67
15/09/2021	UCL	Sporting Clube de Portugal (A)		
18/09/2021	League	SC Cambuur (H)		
21/09/2021	League	SC Fortuna Sittard (A)		
25/09/2021	League	FC Groningen (H)		
28/09/2021	UCL	Beşiktaş JK (H)		
03/10/2021	League	FC Utrecht (H)		
16/10/2021	League	sc Heerenveen (A)		
19/10/2021	UCL	Borussia Dortmund (H)		
24/10/2021	League	PSV Eindhoven (H)		
30/10/2021	League	Heracles Almelo (A)		
03/11/2021	UCL	Borussia Dortmund (A)		
07/11/2021	League	Go Ahead Eagles (H)		
21/11/2021	League	RKC Waalwijk (A)		
24/11/2021	UCL	Beşiktaş JK (A)		
28/11/2021	League	Sparta Rotterdam (A)		
02/12/2021	League	Willem II (H)		
07/12/2021	UCL	Sporting Clube de Portugal (H)		
12/12/2021	League	AZ Alkmaar (H)		

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19/12/2021	League	Feyenoord (A)		
22/12/2021	League	SC Fortuna Sittard (H)		
16/01/2022	League	FC Utrecht (A)		
23/01/2022	League	PSV Eindhoven (A)		
06/02/2022	League	Heracles Almelo (H)		
13/02/2022	League	FC Twente (H)		
20/02/2022	League	Willem II (A)		
27/02/2022	League	Go Ahead Eagles (A)		
06/03/2022	League	RKC Waalwijk (H)		
13/03/2022	League	SC Cambuur (A)		
20/03/2022	League	Feyenoord (H)		
03/04/2022	League	FC Groningen (A)		
10/04/2022	League	Sparta Rotterdam (H)		
24/04/2022	League	NEC Nijmegen (A)		
01/05/2022	League	PEC Zwolle (H)		
08/05/2022	League	AZ Alkmaar (A)		
11/05/2022	League	sc Heerenveen (H)		
15/05/2022	League	Vitesse (A)		

Pos.	Clubs	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1	PSV Eindhoven	4	4	0	0	14	3	12
2	AFC Ajax	4	3	1	0	13	1	10
3	FC Utrecht	4	2	1	1	7	2	7
4	sc Heerenveen	4	2	1	1	6	6	7
5	Willem II	4	2	1	1	4	4	7
6	NEC Nijmegen	4	2	1	1	3	5	7
7	Feyenoord	3	2	0	1	7	3	6
8	SC Cambuur	4	2	0	2	9	8	6
9	Vitesse	4	2	0	2	3	9	6
10	FC Groningen	4	1	2	1	5	7	5
11	SC Fortuna Sittard	3	1	1	1	5	6	4
12	RKC Waalwijk	4	1	1	2	6	7	4
13	FC Twente	4	1	1	2	3	5	4
14	Sparta Rotterdam	4	1	1	2	4	8	4
15	AZ Alkmaar	3	1	0	2	3	5	3
16	Go Ahead Eagles	4	1	0	3	4	8	3
17	Heracles Almelo	3	0	1	2	1	4	1
18	PEC Zwolle	4	0	0	4	0	6	0

Match-by-match lineups

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UEFA Champions League - Group stage

Group C

Club	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
AFC Ajax	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beşiktaş JK	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Borussia Dortmund	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sporting Clube de Portugal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Matchday 1 (15/09/2021)

Sporting Clube de Portugal-AFC Ajax

Matchday 2 (28/09/2021)

Borussia Dortmund-Sporting Clube de Portugal

Matchday 3 (19/10/2021)

Beşiktaş JK-Sporting Clube de Portugal

Matchday 4 (03/11/2021)

Sporting Clube de Portugal-Beşiktaş JK

Matchday 5 (24/11/2021)

Sporting Clube de Portugal-Borussia Dortmund

Matchday 6 (07/12/2021)

AFC Ajax-Sporting Clube de Portugal

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UEFA Champions League - Group stage

Matchday 1 (15/09/2021)

Sporting Clube de Portugal-AFC Ajax

Matchday 2 (28/09/2021)

AFC Ajax-Beşiktaş JK

Matchday 3 (19/10/2021)

AFC Ajax-Borussia Dortmund

Matchday 4 (03/11/2021)

Borussia Dortmund-AFC Ajax

Matchday 5 (24/11/2021)

Beşiktaş JK-AFC Ajax

Matchday 6 (07/12/2021)

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Competition facts

Team facts

Sporting Clube de Portugal

Formed: 1906

Nickname: Leões (Lions)

UEFA club competition honours (runners-up in brackets)

- UEFA Cup: (2005)
- UEFA Cup Winners' Cup (1): 1964

Domestic honours (most recent triumph in brackets)

League title: 19 (2021)

Portuguese Cup: 17 (2019)

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

2020/21: UEFA Europa League play-offs

2019/20: UEFA Europa League round of 32

2018/19: UEFA Europa League round of 32

2017/18: UEFA Europa League quarter-finals (having transferred from UEFA Champions League group stage)

2016/17: group stage

2015/16: UEFA Europa League round of 32 (having transferred from UEFA Champions League play-offs)

2014/15: UEFA Europa League round of 32 (having transferred from UEFA Champions League group stage)

2013/14: did not take part in UEFA competition

2012/13: UEFA Europa League group stage

2011/12: UEFA Europa League semi-finals

Records

UEFA club competition

- Biggest home win

16-1: Sporting CP v APOEL

13/11/63, European Cup Winners' Cup second round first leg

- Biggest away win

0-9: ÍA Akranes v Sporting CP

17/09/86, UEFA Cup first round first leg

- Heaviest home defeat

0-5: Sporting CP v Bayern München

25/02/09, UEFA Champions League round of 16 first leg

- Heaviest away defeat

7-1: Bayern München v Sporting CP

10/03/09, UEFA Champions League round of 16 second leg

UEFA Champions League (group stage to final)

- Biggest home win

3-0 twice, most recently v FC Dynamo Kyiv

12/12/07, group stage

- Biggest away win

2-3: Olympiacos v Sporting CP

12/09/17, group stage

1-2: Dynamo Kyiv v Sporting CP

02/10/07, group stage

0-1 twice, most recently Basel v Sporting CP

09/12/08, group stage

- Heaviest home defeat

0-5: Sporting CP v Bayern München (see above)

- Heaviest away defeat

7-1: Bayern München v Sporting CP (see above)

AFC Ajax

Formed: 1900

Nickname: Godenzonen (Sons of the Gods)

UEFA club competition honours (runners-up in brackets)

- European Cup/UEFA Champions League (4): (1969), 1971, 1972, 1973, 1995, (1996)
- UEFA Cup Winners' Cup (1): 1987, (1988)
- UEFA Cup (1): 1992, (2017)
- UEFA Super Cup (2): 1973, (1987), 1995
- European/South American Cup (2): 1972, 1995

Domestic honours (most recent triumph in brackets)

League title: 35 (2021)

Dutch Cup: 20 (2021)

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

2020/21: UEFA Europa League quarter-finals (having transferred from UEFA Champions League group stage)

2019/20: UEFA Europa League round of 32 (having transferred from UEFA Champions League group stage)

2018/19: semi-finals

2017/18: UEFA Europa League play-offs (having transferred from UEFA Champions League third qualifying round)

2016/17: UEFA Europa League runners-up (having transferred from UEFA Champions League play-offs)

2015/16: UEFA Europa League group stage (having transferred from UEFA Champions League third qualifying round)

2014/15: UEFA Europa League round of 16 (having transferred from UEFA Champions League group stage)

2013/14: UEFA Europa League round of 32 (having transferred from UEFA Champions League group stage)

2012/13: UEFA Europa League round of 32 (having transferred from UEFA Champions League group stage)

2011/12: UEFA Europa League round of 32 (having transferred from UEFA Champions League group stage)

Records

UEFA club competition

- Biggest home win

14-0: Ajax v Red Boys Differdange

03/10/84, UEFA Cup first round second leg

- Biggest away win

1-8: HJK Helsinki v Ajax

19/09/79, European Champion Clubs' Cup first round first leg

- Heaviest home defeat

0-4: Ajax v Real Madrid

23/11/10, UEFA Champions League group stage

- Heaviest away defeat

5-1: Bayern München v Ajax

22/10/80, European Champion Clubs' Cup second round first leg

4-0 on four occasions, most recently v Barcelona

18/09/13, UEFA Champions League group stage

UEFA Champions League (group stage to final only)

- Biggest home win

4-0 twice, most recently v Dinamo Zagreb

02/11/11, group stage

- Biggest away win

1-5: Ferencváros v Ajax

27/09/95, group stage

- Heaviest home defeat

0-4: Ajax v Real Madrid (see above)

- Heaviest away defeat

4-0 twice, most recently v Barcelona (see above)

Legend

ALL-TIME STATISTICS

The all-time record of the competing clubs in UEFA club competition.

UEFA club competition: These are the official statistics considered valid for communicating official records in UEFA club competition defined as European Champion Clubs' Cup, UEFA Champions League, UEFA Europa League, UEFA Cup Winner's Cup UEFA Super Cup, UEFA Intertoto Cup and European/South American Cup. Matches in the Inter-Cities Fairs Cup and the 1972 Super Cup are not included as they were not held under UEFA auspices, while the FIFA Club World Cup is excluded.

Match officials

UCL: Total matches officiated in the UEFA Champions League from 1992/93 season, group stage to final only. Matches where the official has acted as the fourth official are not included in these statistics. These are the official statistics considered valid for communicating official records.

UEFA: Total matches officiated in UEFA club competition including all qualifying round matches. Matches where the official has acted as the fourth official are not included in these statistics. These are the official statistics considered valid for communicating official records.

Competitions

Club competitions

UCL: UEFA Champions League
ECCC: European Champion Clubs' Cup
UEL: UEFA Europa League
UECL: UEFA Europa Conference 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
GS1: First group stage
GS2: Second group stage
3QR: Third qualifying round
R2: Second round
R4: Fourth round
SF: Semi-finals
R16: round of 16
R32: Round of 32
1st: first leg

2nd: second leg
PO: Play-off
Rep: Replay
PO - FT: Play-off for Final Tournament

GS: Group stage
R1: First round
R3: Third round
PR: Preliminary round
QF: Quarter-finals
QR: Qualifying round
1QR: First qualifying round
2QR: Second qualifying round
FT: Final tournament
ELITE: Elite round
3rdPO: Third-place play-off
GS-FT: Group stage – final tournament

Other abbreviations

(aet): After extra time
No.: Number
ag: Match decided on away goals
Pld: Matches played
Pos.: Position
Pts: Points
R: Sent off (straight red card)
Res.: Result
sg: Match decided by silver goal
GF: Goals for
gg: Match decided by golden goal
Y/R: Sent off (two yellow cards)
f: Match forfeited

pens: Penalties
og: Own goal
P: Penalty
agg: Aggregate
AP: Appearances
Comp.: Competition
D: Drawn
DoB: Date of birth
ET: Extra Time
GA: Goals against
t: Match decided by toss of a coin
W: Won
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

UCLQ: Current season total UEFA Champions League appearances in the qualifying rounds and play-offs only

UCL: Current season total UEFA Champions League appearances from group stage onwards prior to current matchday

UCL: Total appearances in the UEFA Champions League from 1992/93 season, group stage to final only

UEFA: All-time total appearances in UEFA club competition including qualifying

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