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AC Sparta Praha

PSV Eindhoven

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Group K - Matchday 1

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Match background

Previous meetings

None

AC Sparta Praha - record versus clubs from opponents’ country

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AC Sparta Praha and PSV Eindhoven will meet for the first time in their opening UEFA Europa League Group K game, but home coach Jozef Chovanec will need no introduction to the opposition having spent three years with PSV during his playing days.

Previous meetings

- Sparta have not lost at home against a Dutch side in four UEFA club competition games, beating Willem II and Feyenoord 4-0 before earning two draws against AFC Ajax in more recent years. PSV, meanwhile, lost 2-1 at FC Zlín in the 1970/71 UEFA Cup Winners’ Cup first round in their only previous game in the Czech Republic.

Match background

- Sparta competed in two UEFA Cup group stage campaigns, missing out on qualification in both 2006/07 and 2007/08. Having appeared in the five most recent UEFA Champions League group stage campaigns, PSV never played in the equivalent phase of the UEFA Cup.
- Sparta never won a UEFA Cup group stage home game, their four attempts producing two defeats and two goalless draws, one of them against PSV’s Dutch rivals Ajax.

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• PSV have won all four of their European games this season by the same 1-0 margin, with all but one of their goals coming between the 23 and 30-minute mark.

Team facts
• Chovanec has plenty of fond memories of PSV, having represented the club as a midfielder from 1988-91, winning two Dutch titles, the first under Guus Hiddink and the second under the late Sir Bobby Robson.

• Chovanec represented Sparta for most of his playing career, and was appointed coach for the fourth time in 2009, having also been serving as the club's chairman. He has also coached the Czech national team, leading them to UEFA EURO 2000™ without dropping a point in qualifying.

• PSV boss Fred Rutten and midfielder Orlando Engelaar were involved in last season’s UEFA Cup group stage during their time at FC Schalke 04, though their side failed to reach the round of 32.

• Back in the Netherlands after a one-season absence, Rutten spent his entire playing career and much of his time as a coach at FC Twente. He previously worked at PSV with the youth team and as assistant to Hiddink in his second spell at the club, from 2002-06.

• Rutten and Chovanec played against each other on two occasions when the latter was at PSV: a 1-1 draw in Eindhoven in March 1990, followed by a 3-1 win for Chovanec and his team-mates at the same venue in May 1991.

• Sparta have worn red (or maroon) shirts ever since 1906, when one of the club committee members returned from a trip to London with a set of Arsenal FC tops.

• Sparta visit FC København on Matchday 2, while PSV are at home against CFR 1907 Cluj on the same night, 1 October.
## 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)
- Czech/Czechoslovakian Cup: 17 (2008)

### Ten-year European record (UEFA Cup unless indicated otherwise)
- 2008/09: first round (having transferred from UEFA Champions League third qualifying round)
- 2007/08: group stage (having transferred from UEFA Champions League third qualifying round)
- 2006/07: group stage
- 2005/06: UEFA Champions League group stage
- 2004/05: UEFA Champions League group stage
- 2003/04: UEFA Champions League first knockout round
- 2002/03: second round (having transferred from UEFA Champions League third qualifying round)
- 2001/02: UEFA Champions League second group stage
- 2000/01: UEFA Champions League first group stage
- 1999/00: UEFA Champions League second group stage

### Records

#### UEFA club competition
- Biggest home win
  - **10-0**: Sparta v Anorthosis Famagusta FC  
    16/09/64, UEFA Cup Winners’ Cup preliminary round first leg
- Biggest away win
  - **0-6**: Anorthosis Famagusta FC v Sparta  
    20/09/64, UEFA Cup Winners’ Cup preliminary round second leg
- Heaviest home defeat
  - **0-2**: Sparta v BV Borussia Dortmund  
    10/12/97, UEFA Champions League group stage
- Heaviest away defeat
  - **4-0**: Neuchâtel Xamax FC v Sparta  
    15/09/81, first round first leg

#### UEFA Cup/Europa League
- Biggest home win
  - **4-0**: Sparta v Watford FC  
    07/12/83, third round second leg
- Biggest away win
  - **0-2**: Sparta v NK Maribor  
    (20/08/09, play-off first leg)
- Heaviest home defeat
  - **2-4**: Sparta v Real Sociedad de Fútbol  
    15/09/98, first round first leg
- Heaviest away defeat
  - **4-0**: Neuchâtel Xamax FC v Sparta  
    15/09/81, first round first leg
PSV Eindhoven
Formed: 1913
Nickname: Boeren (Farmers)

UEFA club competition honours (runners-up in brackets)
• European Champion Clubs' Cup: 1988
• UEFA Cup: 1978
• UEFA Super Cup: (1989)

Domestic honours (most recent triumph in brackets)
League title: 21 (2008)
Dutch Cup: 8 (2005)

Ten-year European record (UEFA Cup unless indicated otherwise)
2008/09: UEFA Champions League group stage
2007/08: quarter-finals (having transferred from UEFA Champions League group stage)
2006/07: UEFA Champions League quarter-finals
2005/06: UEFA Champions League first knockout round
2004/05: UEFA Champions League semi-finals
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Records
UEFA club competition
• Biggest home win
  10-0: PSV v Ards FC
  18/09/74, UEFA Cup Winners' Cup first round first leg

• Biggest away win
  2-6: Glenavon FC v PSV
  14/09/77, UEFA Cup first round first leg
  1-5: Gwardia Warszawa v PSV
  23/10/74, UEFA Cup Winners' Cup second round first leg

• Heaviest home defeat
  0-4: PSV v Arsenal FC
  25/09/02, UEFA Champions League first group stage

• Heaviest away defeat
  6-0: AS Saint-Etienne v PSV
  07/11/1979, UEFA Cup second round second leg

UEFA Cup/Europa League
• Biggest home win
  7-0: PSV v Næstved BK
  16/09/81, first round first leg

• Biggest away win
  2-6: Glenavon FC v PSV (see above)

• Heaviest home defeat
  0-2: PSV v ACF Fiorentina
  10/04/2008, quarter-final second leg
  0-2: PSV v Dundee United FC
  29/09/82, first round second leg

• Heaviest away defeat
  6-0: AS Saint-Etienne v PSV (see above)
## Squad list

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- 31 Cássio Ramos
- 41 Jeroen Zoet
- 51 Benjamin van Leer
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- 2 Jan Kromkamp
- 3 Carlos Salcido
- 4 Francisco Rodríguez
- 5 Jagol Vuković
- 14 Erik Pieters
- 23 André Ooijer
- 24 Dirk Marcellis
- 25 Stanislav Manolev
- 38 Freek Heerkens
- 43 Eelco Horsten
- 46 Reny Cairo
- 49 Kay Velda
- 55 Stefano Marzo
- 57 Imad Najah
- 62 Maikel Verkoelen
- 63 Dries Wuytens

#### Midfielders
- 6 Timo Simons
- 15 Stijn Wuytens
- 18 Orlando Engelaar
- 19 Halbin Zhou
- 20 Ibrahim Afellay
- 28 Otman Bakkal
- 36 Funso Ojo
- 44 Lars Hutton
- 47 Abel Tamata
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- 50 Jason Bourdouxhe
- 52 Zakaria Labyad
- 56 Youness Mokhtar
- 58 Peter Van Ooijen
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#### Forwards
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- 9 Danko Lazović
- 10 Danny Koevermans
- 11 Nordin Amrabat
- 16 Stefan Nijland
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- 37 Romario Sabajo
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NK Maribor 0-2 AC Sparta Praha
Goals: 0-1 Wilfried 29, 0-2 Wilfried 86
Sparta Praha: Kozáčík, Řepka, Parnič, Hubník, Žofčák, Wilfried, Kušnír, Kadlec (Kalouda 67), Zeman, Vacek (Kovba 77), Hušek (Hoheneder 74)

(27/08/09)
AC Sparta Praha 1-0 NK Maribor (agg: 3-0)
Goals: 1-0 Wilfried 3
Sparta Praha: Blažek, Řepka, Parnič, Hubník, Žofčák, Wilfried (Jirouš 75), Kušnír, Kadlec (Prudnikov 62), Zeman (Střeštík 81), Kovba, Vacek

PSV Eindhoven

Third qualifying round
(30/07/09)
PSV Eindhoven 1-0 PFC Cherno More Varna
Goals: 1-0 Marcellis 90+3
PSV: Isaksson, Kromkamp, Salcido, Simons (Bakkal 79), Toivonen (Lazović 62), Amrabat (Koevermans 62), Engelaar, Afellay, Dzsudzsák, Ooijer, Marcellis

(06/08/09)
PFC Cherno More Varna 0-1 PSV Eindhoven (agg: 0-2)
Goals: 0-1 Coulibaly 30 (o.g.)
PSV: Isaksson, Salcido (Pieters 89), Simons, Toivonen, Amrabat (Bakkal 46), Engelaar (Wuytens 46), Afellay, Dzsudzsák, Ooijer, Marcellis, Manolev

Play-Offs
(20/08/09)
Bnei Yehuda Tel-Aviv FC 0-1 PSV Eindhoven
Goals: 0-1 Afellay 23
PSV: Isaksson, Kromkamp (Ojo 78), Salcido, Rodríguez, Simons, Toivonen (Koevermans 69), Lazović (Amrabat 61), Pieters, Afellay, Dzsudzsák, Bakkal

(27/08/09)
PSV Eindhoven 1-0 Bnei Yehuda Tel-Aviv FC (agg: 2-0)
Goals: 1-0 Simons 25 (pen)
PSV: Isaksson, Rodríguez, Simons (Engelaar 46), Lazović, Koevermans (Reis 77), Pieters, Afellay, Dzsudzsák, Ooijer, Manolev, Bakkal
Group K

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**Matchday 1** (17/09/09)
AC Sparta Praha v PSV Eindhoven

**Matchday 2** (01/10/09)
FC København v AC Sparta Praha
PSV Eindhoven v CFR 1907 Cluj

**Matchday 3** (22/10/09)
PSV Eindhoven v FC København
AC Sparta Praha v CFR 1907 Cluj

**Matchday 4** (05/11/09)
FC København v PSV Eindhoven
CFR 1907 Cluj v AC Sparta Praha

**Matchday 5** (03/12/09)
PSV Eindhoven v AC Sparta Praha

**Matchday 6** (16/12/09)
AC Sparta Praha v FC København
CFR 1907 Cluj v PSV Eindhoven
Match officials

Referee
Douglas McDonald (SCO)

Assistant referees
William Conquer (SCO), Graham Chambers (SCO)

Additional assistant referee
Alan Muir (SCO)

Additional assistant referee
Steve Conroy (SCO)

Fourth official
Steven Mclean (SCO)

UEFA Delegate
Kazimierz Oleszek (POL)

UEFA Referee observer
Dieter Pauly (GER)

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* 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.
### 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
- **U19**: UEFA Under-19 Championship
- **U18**: UEFA European Under-18 Championship
- **WWC**: FIFA Women's World Cup
- **WCHAMP**: UEFA European Women's Championship

### Club competitions

- **ECCC**: European Champion Clubs' Cup/UEFA Champions League
- **UCUP**: UEFA Cup
- **UCWC**: UEFA Cup Winners' Cup
- **SCUP**: UEFA Super Cup
- **ICF**: Inter-Cities Fairs Cup

### Competition stages

- **F**: Final
- **GS**: Group stage
- **GS1**: First group stage
- **GS2**: Second group stage
- **K01**: First knockout round
- **PR**: Preliminary round
- **QF**: Quarter-finals
- **QR**: Qualifying round
- **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
- **P-O 3rd**: Third place play-off
- **GS - FT**: Group stage - Final tournament
- **Prom/Rel P-O**: Promotion/Relegation play-off

### Other Abbreviations

- **N/a**: Not Applicable
- **aet**: Match decided after extra time and penalty shoot-out
- **aetps**: Match decided after extra time and penalty shoot-out
- **ag**: Match decided on away goals
- **o.g.**: Own goal
- **agg**: Aggregate
- **AP**: Appearances
- **Comp.**: Competition
- **Pos.**: Position
- **Pts**: Points
- **R**: Sent off (red card)
- **Res.**: Result
- **W**: Won
- **Y**: Booked
- **Y/R**: Sent off (yellow card then direct red)

### Statistics

- (−) : Denotes player substituted
- (+) : Denotes player introduced
- (+/−) : Denotes player introduced and substituted

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