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Hertha BSC Berlin



SC Heerenveen

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Group D - Matchday 3

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Match background

Previous meetings

None

Hertha BSC Berlin - record versus clubs from opponents' country

UEFA Cup

| Date | Stage | Match | Result | Venue | Goalscorers |
|----------|-------|------------------------------|-----------------|-----------|---|
| 05/11/75 | R2 | AFC Ajax - Hertha BSC Berlin | 4-1 agg: 4-2 | Amsterdam | Brokamp 24, 76, Geels 28(p), Meijer 85; Kostedde 41 |
| 22/10/75 | R2 | Hertha BSC Berlin - AFC Ajax | 1-0 | Berlin | Kostedde 49 |

SC Heerenveen - record versus clubs from opponents' country

UEFA Cup

| Date | Stage | Match | Result | Venue | Goalscorers |
|----------|-------|-------------------------------|--------|-----------|---|
| 06/11/08 | GS | VfL Wolfsburg - SC Heerenveen | 5-1 | Wolfsburg | Džeko 34, 61, Grafite 39, Misimović 53, Krzynówek 71; Väyrynen 31 |

UEFA Cup

| Date | Stage | Match | Result | Venue | Goalscorers |
|----------|-------|-------------------------------|--------|------------|-------------|
| 25/11/04 | GS | SC Heerenveen - VfB Stuttgart | 1-0 | Heerenveen | Yildirim 65 |

UEFA Intertoto Cup

| Date | Stage | Match | Result | Venue | Goalscorers |
|----------|-------|------------------------------|--------|----------|-----------------------|
| 12/07/97 | GS | MSV Duisburg - SC Heerenveen | 2-0 | Duisburg | Osthoff 48, Hirsch 64 |

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 |
| Hertha BSC Berlin | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| SC Heerenveen | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 7 |

Boasting a third coach in as many UEFA Europa League Group D games, Hertha BSC Berlin are bidding to get their campaign on track against an SC Heerenveen side on a run of poor form in Europe.

Previous meetings

• The clubs have never met. Hertha won their only previous home game against Dutch opponents, while both of Heerenveen's trips to Germany before this match ended in defeat.

Match background

• Hertha have lost only one of their last ten European home games, going down 1-0 against Galatasaray AŞ in last season's UEFA Cup group stage.

• Heerenveen have not won in their last eight European outings since a 5-2 UEFA Cup first round win against Vitória FC on 2 October 2008. They are also without an away win in eight matches on the continent, since beating the same side 3-0 at the identical stage of the 2006/07 edition on 14 September 2006.

Team facts

• Friedhelm Funkel is taking charge of his first UEFA Europa League game with Hertha since being named as the club's new coach. A striker at FC Bayer 05 Uerdingen and 1. FC Kaiserslautern, he has coached Uerdingen, MSV Duisburg, FC Hansa Rostock, 1. FC Köln and – from 2004 until earlier this year – Eintracht Frankfurt.

• Funkel has faced Heerenveen before as coach of Duisburg, with his side beating the Dutch outfit – coached by Foppe de Haan – in the group stage of the 1997 UEFA Intertoto Cup.

• Heerenveen won their maiden Dutch Cup last term but Norwegian coach Trond Sollied became the first Eredivisie dismissal of the season in August following a poor start to their domestic campaign. He has been replaced by erstwhile youth-team trainer Jan de Jonge, formerly a striker with FC Groningen, Heerenveen and FC Emmen.

- De Jonge will remain in charge until the winter break, when his position will be reconsidered.
- Hertha have had a different coach for each of their Group D games. Lucien Favre was in charge for the 1-1 draw against FK Ventspils, while his stand-in replacement Karsten Heine was on the bench for the 1-0 loss at Sporting Clube de Portugal.
- Heerenveen's Igor Djurić and Hertha's Gojko Kačar were team-mates at Serbian side FK Vojvodina from 2004 to 2008. Both players were born in Novi Sad.
- Heerenveen's Michal Papadopoulos (Bayer 04 Leverkusen and FC Energie Cottbus) and Gerald Sibon (1. FC Nürnberg) both boast Bundesliga experience.
- Sibon starts this game having had more shots on goal than any player since the start of the group stage, with nine efforts.
- Should Heerenveen concede four at Hertha, it would bring their total of goals shipped in UEFA club competition to 100 from 74 games.
- The two sides meet again in the Netherlands on 5 November for Matchday 4.

Team facts

Hertha BSC Berlin

Formed: 1892

Nickname: Die Alte Dame (The Old Lady)

UEFA club competition honours (runners-up in brackets)

- None

Domestic honours (most recent triumph in brackets)

League title: 2 (1931)

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

2008/09: group stage

2007/08: did not take part in UEFA club competition

2006/07: first round (transferred from UEFA Intertoto Cup)

2005/06: round of 32

2004/05: did not take part in UEFA club competition

2003/04: first round

2002/03: fourth round

2001/02: third round

2000/01: third round

1999/00: UEFA Champions League second group stage

Records

UEFA club competition

- Biggest home win

8-1: Hertha v FC Nistru Otaci

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

- Biggest away win

1-4: IF Elfsborg v Hertha

29/09/71, UEFA Cup first round second leg

- Heaviest home defeat

1-4: Hertha v Galatasaray SK

26/10/99, UEFA Champions League first group stage

0-3: Hertha v Servette FC

06/12/01, UEFA Cup third round second leg

- Heaviest away defeat

4-0: Olympiacos CFP v Hertha

18/12/08, UEFA Cup group stage

UEFA Cup/Europa League

- Biggest home win

8-1: Hertha v FC Nistru Otaci (see above)

- Biggest away win

1-4: IF Elfsborg v Hertha (see above)

- Heaviest home defeat

0-3: Hertha v Servette FC (see above)

- Heaviest away defeat

4-0: Olympiacos CFP v Hertha (see above)

SC Heerenveen

Formed: 1920

Nickname: Superfriezen (Super Frisians)

UEFA club competition honours (runners-up in brackets)

• UEFA Intertoto Cup: (2004)

Domestic honours (most recent triumph in brackets)

Dutch Cup: 1 (2009)

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

2008/09: group stage

2007/08: first round

2006/07: group stage

2005/06: round of 32

2004/05: round of 32

2003/04: UEFA Intertoto Cup final matches

2002/03: first round

2001/02: UEFA Intertoto Cup third round

2000/01: UEFA Champions League group stage

1999/00: UEFA Intertoto Cup semi-finals

Records

UEFA club competition

• Biggest win

8-2: Heerenveen v Aalborg BK

19/07/97, UEFA Intertoto Cup group matches

• Biggest away win

0-7: Ton Pentre AFC v Heerenveen

01/07/95, UEFA Intertoto Cup group matches

• Heaviest home defeat

1-3 on two occasions, most recently v AC Milan (23/10/08 UEFA Cup group stage)

0-2 on two occasions, most recently v Odense BK (02/11/06 UEFA Cup group stage)

• Heaviest away defeat

5-1: VfL Wolfsburg v Heerenveen

06/11/08, UEFA Cup group stage

5-1: Helsingborgs IF v Heerenveen

04/10/07, UEFA Cup first round second leg

UEFA Cup/Europa League

• Biggest home win

5-0: Heerenveen v FC Baník Ostrava

29/09/05, first round second leg

5-0: Heerenveen v Maccabi Petach-Tikva FC

30/09/04, first round

• Biggest away win

0-3: Vitória FC v Heerenveen

14/09/06, UEFA Cup first round first leg

• Heaviest home defeat

1-3 on two occasions, most recently v AC Milan (see above)

0-2: Heerenveen v Odense BK (see above)

• Heaviest away defeat

5-1: VfL Wolfsburg v Heerenveen (see above)

5-1: Helsingborgs IF v Heerenveen (see above)

Squad list

Hertha BSC Berlin

| 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 | Jaroslav Drobný | CZE | 18/10/79 | 30 | - | 2 | - | 1 | - | 5 | - | 15 | - | 21 | - |
| 30 | Christopher Gäng | GER | 10/05/88 | 21 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 37 | Patrick Sobtzik | GER | 11/06/90 | 19 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 40 | Sascha Burchert | GER | 30/10/89 | 19 | - | - | - | 2 | - | 3 | - | 2 | - | 2 | - |
| Defenders | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 | Kaká | BRA | 16/05/81 | 28 | - | - | - | 1 | - | 1 | - | 5 | - | 8 | - |
| 3 | Arne Friedrich | GER | 29/05/79 | 30 | - | 2 | - | 1 | - | 8 | 1 | 26 | - | 32 | - |
| 4 | Steve Von Bergen | SUI | 10/06/83 | 26 | - | 2 | - | 1 | - | 7 | - | 8 | - | 19 | - |
| 5 | Nemanja Pejčinović | SRB | 04/11/87 | 21 | - | 2 | - | 1 | - | 8 | - | 1 | - | 3 | - |
| 6 | Christoph Janker | GER | 14/02/85 | 24 | - | 1 | - | 2 | - | 6 | - | 2 | - | 3 | - |
| 13 | Marc Stein | GER | 07/07/85 | 24 | - | 1 | - | 1 | - | 5 | - | 7 | - | 11 | 1 |
| 22 | Rasmus Bengtsson | SWE | 26/06/86 | 23 | - | 1 | - | 1 | - | 3 | - | 1 | - | 2 | - |
| 35 | Shervin Radjabali Fardi | GER | 17/05/91 | 18 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3 | - |
| Midfielders | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 7 | Cicero | BRA | 26/08/84 | 25 | - | 2 | - | 1 | - | 7 | - | 7 | 1 | 11 | 1 |
| 8 | Pál Dárdai | HUN | 16/03/76 | 33 | - | 2 | 1 | 2 | - | 8 | - | 28 | - | 43 | 1 |
| 11 | Florian Kringe | GER | 18/08/82 | 27 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | 2 | - | 6 | 1 |
| 20 | Patrick Ebert | GER | 17/03/87 | 22 | - | 2 | - | - | - | 8 | 1 | 2 | - | 11 | 1 |
| 25 | Maximilian Nicu | ROU | 25/11/82 | 26 | - | 2 | - | 2 | - | 8 | 1 | 6 | 1 | 11 | 1 |
| 26 | Łukasz Piszczek | POL | 03/06/85 | 24 | - | 2 | - | 2 | 1 | 7 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 4 |
| 27 | Cesar | BRA | 14/07/79 | 30 | - | - | - | 2 | - | 3 | - | 4 | - | 9 | 2 |
| 29 | Sascha Bigalke | GER | 08/01/90 | 19 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - |
| 31 | Fanol Perdedaj | ALB | 16/07/91 | 18 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 36 | Lennart Hartmann | GER | 03/04/91 | 18 | - | - | - | 1 | - | 2 | - | 1 | - | 3 | - |
| 44 | Gojko Kačar | SRB | 26/01/87 | 22 | - | 2 | 2 | 1 | - | 6 | 2 | 5 | - | 13 | 4 |
| Forwards | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9 | Adrián Ramos | COL | 22/01/86 | 23 | - | - | - | 2 | - | 5 | - | 2 | - | 2 | - |
| 10 | Raffael | BRA | 28/03/85 | 24 | - | 1 | - | 1 | - | 7 | 1 | 6 | - | 7 | - |
| 18 | Artur Wichniarek | POL | 28/02/77 | 32 | - | 2 | - | 1 | - | 6 | - | 6 | 2 | 12 | 5 |
| 23 | Valeri Domovchiyski | BUL | 05/10/86 | 23 | - | 2 | 1 | 2 | - | 6 | - | 18 | 1 | 33 | 5 |
| 39 | Florian Riedel | GER | 09/04/90 | 19 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - |
| Coach | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| - | Friedhelm Funkel | GER | 10/12/53 | 55 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 6 | - | 19 | - |

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| | | | | | | Pld | Gls | Pld | Gls | Pld | Gls | Pld | Gls | Pld | Gls |
| Goalkeepers | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 24 | Martin Lejsal | CZE | 16/09/82 | 27 | - | 2 | - | 1 | - | 6 | - | 1 | - | 3 | - |
| 25 | Brian Vandebussche | BEL | 24/09/81 | 28 | - | - | - | 1 | - | 4 | - | 23 | - | 23 | - |
| 27 | Diederik Bangma | NED | 22/05/90 | 19 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Defenders | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 | Kristian Bak Nielsen | DEN | 20/10/82 | 27 | - | 1 | - | 1 | - | 7 | - | 7 | 1 | 10 | 1 |
| 4 | Michel Breuer | NED | 25/05/80 | 29 | - | 2 | - | 2 | - | 10 | - | 26 | - | 28 | - |
| 5 | Michael Dingsdag | NED | 18/10/82 | 27 | - | 2 | - | 2 | 1 | 9 | - | 17 | 1 | 19 | 1 |
| 6 | Igor Djurić | SRB | 22/02/85 | 24 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 8 | 3 |
| 19 | Daryl Janmaat | NED | 22/07/89 | 20 | - | 1 | - | 1 | - | 6 | - | 2 | - | 3 | - |
| 20 | Goran Popov | MKD | 02/10/84 | 25 | - | 2 | - | 2 | - | 9 | - | 6 | - | 12 | - |
| 30 | Bart de Groot | NED | 16/04/90 | 19 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 33 | Johnny de Vries | NED | 20/02/90 | 19 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 37 | Gerry Koning | NED | 03/01/80 | 29 | - | 2 | - | - | - | 5 | - | - | - | 2 | - |
| 38 | Jeffrey Gouweleeuw | NED | 10/07/91 | 18 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 40 | Rico Wolven | NED | 25/03/90 | 19 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Midfielders | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 7 | Viktor Elm | SWE | 13/11/85 | 23 | - | - | - | 2 | - | 7 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 13 | 2 |
| 9 | Geert Arend Roorda | NED | 02/03/88 | 21 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | - | 2 | - |
| 10 | Mika Väyrynen | FIN | 28/12/81 | 27 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 15 | 2 | 32 | 4 |
| 15 | Michal Švec | CZE | 19/03/87 | 22 | - | 1 | - | 2 | - | 8 | - | 14 | - | 28 | - |
| 17 | Christian Grindheim | NOR | 17/07/83 | 26 | - | 2 | - | 2 | - | 10 | - | 10 | - | 20 | 2 |
| 23 | Hernán Losada | ARG | 09/05/82 | 27 | - | 2 | - | 2 | - | 8 | 1 | 2 | - | 5 | - |
| 29 | Björn Jónsson | ISL | 07/10/90 | 19 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 31 | Arnór Smárason | ISL | 07/09/88 | 21 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 5 | - | 5 | - |
| 45 | Pele van Anholt | NED | 23/04/91 | 18 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Forwards | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8 | Roy Beerens | NED | 22/12/87 | 21 | - | 1 | - | 2 | - | 6 | - | 9 | - | 12 | - |
| 11 | Michal Papadopulos | CZE | 14/04/85 | 24 | - | 2 | - | 2 | - | 9 | 2 | 9 | 1 | 13 | 2 |
| 12 | Paulo Henrique | BRA | 13/03/89 | 20 | - | 2 | 1 | 2 | - | 8 | 1 | 8 | 1 | 10 | 2 |
| 13 | Tarik Elyounoussi | NOR | 23/02/88 | 21 | - | - | - | - | - | 4 | - | 5 | 3 | 7 | 3 |
| 14 | Patrik Ingelsten | SWE | 25/01/82 | 27 | - | 1 | - | - | - | 6 | - | 7 | 1 | 14 | 5 |
| 22 | Oussama Assaidi | NED | 15/08/88 | 21 | - | - | - | 2 | - | 4 | - | 2 | - | 2 | - |
| 32 | Richard Stolte | NED | 08/01/90 | 19 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 35 | Gerald Sibon | NED | 19/04/74 | 35 | - | 2 | - | 2 | 1 | 9 | - | 14 | 8 | 27 | 10 |
| 43 | Luciano Narsingh | NED | 13/09/90 | 19 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Coach | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| - | Jan de Jonge | NED | 08/05/63 | 46 | - | - | - | 2 | - | - | - | 2 | - | 2 | - |

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Fixtures and results

Hertha BSC Berlin

| Date | Competition | Opponent | Result | Goalscorers |
|----------|-------------|----------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|
| 01/08/09 | Cup | SC Preußen Münster (A) | W 3-1 (aet) | Raffael 23, 120, Domovchiyski 118 |
| 08/08/09 | League | Hannover 96 (H) | W 1-0 | Kačar 82 |
| 16/08/09 | League | VfL Borussia Mönchengladbach (A) | L 1-2 | Kačar 53 |
| 23/08/09 | League | VfL Bochum 1848 (A) | L 0-1 | |
| 30/08/09 | League | Werder Bremen (H) | L 2-3 | Piszczek 77, Ebert 90+1 |
| 12/09/09 | League | 1. FSV Mainz 05 (A) | L 1-2 | Nicu 50 |
| 20/09/09 | League | SC Freiburg (H) | L 0-4 | |
| 23/09/09 | Cup | TSV 1860 München (A) | D 2-2 (1-4p) | Ramos 76, Domovchiyski 79 |
| 27/09/09 | League | TSG 1899 Hoffenheim (A) | L 1-5 | Raffael 45+1 |
| 04/10/09 | League | Hamburger SV (H) | L 1-3 | Friedrich 9 |
| 17/10/09 | League | 1. FC Nürnberg (A) | L 0-3 | |
| 25/10/09 | League | VfL Wolfsburg (H) | | |
| 30/10/09 | League | BV Borussia Dortmund (A) | | |
| 08/11/09 | League | 1. FC Köln (H) | | |
| 21/11/09 | League | VfB Stuttgart (A) | | |
| 28/11/09 | League | Eintracht Frankfurt (H) | | |
| 06/12/09 | League | FC Schalke 04 (A) | | |
| 11/12/09 | League | Bayer 04 Leverkusen (H) | | |
| 19/12/09 | League | FC Bayern München (A) | | |
| 16/01/10 | League | Hannover 96 (A) | | |
| 23/01/10 | League | VfL Borussia Mönchengladbach (H) | | |
| 30/01/10 | League | VfL Bochum 1848 (H) | | |
| 06/02/10 | League | Werder Bremen (A) | | |
| 13/02/10 | League | 1. FSV Mainz 05 (H) | | |
| 20/02/10 | League | SC Freiburg (A) | | |
| 27/02/10 | League | TSG 1899 Hoffenheim (H) | | |
| 06/03/10 | League | Hamburger SV (A) | | |
| 13/03/10 | League | 1. FC Nürnberg (H) | | |
| 20/03/10 | League | VfL Wolfsburg (A) | | |
| 27/03/10 | League | BV Borussia Dortmund (H) | | |
| 03/04/10 | League | 1. FC Köln (A) | | |

| Pos. | Clubs | Pld | W | D | L | GF | GA | Pts |
|------|------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|----------|
| 1 | Bayer 04 Leverkusen | 9 | 6 | 3 | 0 | 18 | 5 | 21 |
| 2 | Hamburger SV | 9 | 6 | 3 | 0 | 20 | 8 | 21 |
| 3 | FC Schalke 04 | 9 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 13 | 6 | 19 |
| 4 | Werder Bremen | 9 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 16 | 6 | 18 |
| 5 | VfL Wolfsburg | 9 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 18 | 16 | 16 |
| 6 | FC Bayern München | 9 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 15 | 8 | 15 |
| 7 | TSG 1899 Hoffenheim | 9 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 15 | 9 | 14 |
| 8 | 1. FSV Mainz 05 | 9 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 12 | 14 | 14 |
| 9 | Eintracht Frankfurt | 9 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 10 | 11 | 13 |
| 10 | BV Borussia Dortmund | 9 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 9 | 13 | 12 |
| 11 | SC Freiburg | 9 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 14 | 19 | 10 |
| 12 | Hannover 96 | 9 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 12 | 12 | 9 |
| 13 | VfB Stuttgart | 9 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 10 | 14 | 8 |
| 14 | 1. FC Köln | 9 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 6 | 10 | 8 |
| 15 | 1. FC Nürnberg | 9 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 7 | 12 | 8 |
| 16 | VfL Bochum 1848 | 9 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 9 | 17 | 8 |
| 17 | VfL Borussia Mönchengladbach | 9 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 10 | 18 | 7 |
| 18 | Hertha BSC Berlin | 9 | 1 | 0 | 8 | 7 | 23 | 3 |

SC Heerenveen

| Date | Competition | Opponent | Result | Goalscorers |
|----------|-------------|----------------------|--------|--|
| 31/07/09 | League | Roda JC (H) | D 0-0 | |
| 07/08/09 | League | NEC Nijmegen (A) | L 1-4 | Papadopoulos 85 |
| 15/08/09 | League | BV Vitesse (H) | W 1-0 | Losada 13 |
| 23/08/09 | League | AZ Alkmaar (H) | L 0-2 | |
| 30/08/09 | League | NAC Breda (A) | L 0-2 | |
| 12/09/09 | League | FC Groningen (H) | L 0-1 | |
| 20/09/09 | League | FC Twente (H) | L 0-2 | |
| 23/09/09 | Cup | SDC Putten (A) | W 7-0 | Losada 6, Papadopoulos 26, 49, 85, Assaidi 55, V. Elm 56, 74 |
| 27/09/09 | League | Sparta Rotterdam (A) | W 2-0 | Paulo Henrique 45, V. Elm 73 (p) |
| 04/10/09 | League | VVV Venlo (H) | D 1-1 | Papadopoulos 90+3 |
| 17/10/09 | League | PSV Eindhoven (A) | L 0-1 | |
| 25/10/09 | League | Willem II (A) | | |
| 31/10/09 | League | ADO Den Haag (H) | | |
| 08/11/09 | League | FC Utrecht (A) | | |
| 22/11/09 | League | AFC Ajax (A) | | |
| 28/11/09 | League | RKC Waalwijk (H) | | |
| 06/12/09 | League | Heracles Almelo (A) | | |
| 12/12/09 | League | Feyenoord (H) | | |
| 20/12/09 | League | FC Groningen (A) | | |
| 23/01/10 | League | Willem II (H) | | |
| 30/01/10 | League | ADO Den Haag (A) | | |
| 02/02/10 | League | VVV Venlo (A) | | |
| 06/02/10 | League | FC Utrecht (H) | | |
| 13/02/10 | League | AFC Ajax (H) | | |
| 21/02/10 | League | RKC Waalwijk (A) | | |
| 27/02/10 | League | Heracles Almelo (H) | | |
| 06/03/10 | League | AZ Alkmaar (A) | | |
| 14/03/10 | League | BV Vitesse (A) | | |
| 20/03/10 | League | NEC Nijmegen (H) | | |
| 27/03/10 | League | Roda JC (A) | | |
| 03/04/10 | League | Sparta Rotterdam (H) | | |

| Pos. | Clubs | Pld | W | D | L | GF | GA | Pts |
|-----------|----------------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|----------|
| 1 | FC Twente | 10 | 8 | 2 | 0 | 20 | 9 | 26 |
| 2 | PSV Eindhoven | 10 | 7 | 3 | 0 | 23 | 10 | 24 |
| 3 | AFC Ajax | 10 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 31 | 7 | 23 |
| 4 | Feyenoord | 10 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 18 | 8 | 20 |
| 5 | FC Utrecht | 10 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 11 | 6 | 19 |
| 6 | AZ Alkmaar | 10 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 18 | 11 | 15 |
| 7 | Heracles Almelo | 10 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 9 | 11 | 14 |
| 8 | NAC Breda | 10 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 11 | 16 | 13 |
| 9 | ADO Den Haag | 10 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 12 | 13 | 12 |
| 10 | NEC Nijmegen | 10 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 11 | 12 | 11 |
| 11 | BV Vitesse | 10 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 13 | 18 | 11 |
| 12 | Sparta Rotterdam | 10 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 6 | 13 | 11 |
| 13 | VVV Venlo | 10 | 1 | 7 | 2 | 14 | 18 | 10 |
| 14 | FC Groningen | 10 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 8 | 12 | 10 |
| 15 | Roda JC | 10 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 11 | 19 | 10 |
| 16 | SC Heerenveen | 10 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 5 | 13 | 8 |
| 17 | Willem II | 10 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 11 | 19 | 7 |
| 18 | RKC Waalwijk | 10 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 7 | 24 | 3 |

Match-by-match lineups

Hertha BSC Berlin

Play-Offs

(20/08/09)

Brøndby IF 2-1 Hertha BSC Berlin

Goals: 1-0 Bischoff 51, 1-1 Domovchiyski 53, 2-1 Pejčinović 70(o.g.)

Hertha BSC Berlin: Drobny, Friedrich, Von Bergen, Pejčinović, Cícero (Nicu 80), Dárdai, Raffael, Stein, Wichniarek (Domovchiyski 31), Ebert, Kačar (Piszczek 83)

(27/08/09)

Hertha BSC Berlin 3-1 Brøndby IF (agg: 4-3)

Goals: 0-1 Rasmussen 52, 1-1 Kačar 75, 2-1 Dárdai 80, 3-1 Kačar 86

Hertha BSC Berlin: Drobny, Friedrich, Von Bergen, Pejčinović, Janker, Cícero, Dárdai, Wichniarek (Nicu 66), Ebert (Bengtsson 90+4), Domovchiyski (Piszczek 61), Kačar

SC Heerenveen

Play-Offs

(20/08/09)

PAOK FC 1-1 SC Heerenveen

Goals: 0-1 Paulo Henrique 45, 1-1 Ivić 54

SC Heerenveen: Lejsal, Breuer, Dingsdag, Beerens (Paulo Henrique 20), Papadopoulos (Sibon 82), Švec, Grindheim, Popov, Kalou, Losada (Janmaat 90+3), Koning

(27/08/09)

SC Heerenveen 0-0 PAOK FC (agg: 1-1)

SC Heerenveen: Lejsal, Bak Nielsen, Breuer, Dingsdag, Papadopoulos, Paulo Henrique (Ingelsten 90+3), Grindheim, Popov, Losada, Sibon (Kalou 79), Koning

Group D

Standings

| Club | Pld | W | D | L | GF | GA | Pts |
|----------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Sporting Clube de Portugal | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 6 |
| FK Ventspils | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| SC Heerenveen | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 |
| Hertha BSC Berlin | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 |

Matchday 1 (17/09/09)

Hertha BSC Berlin 1-1 FK Ventspils

Goals: 1-0 Piszczek 34, 1-1 Gauračs 48

Hertha BSC Berlin: Drobny (Burchert 21), Friedrich, Janker, Cícero, Ramos, Stein, Bengtsson, Domovchiyski, Nicu, Piszczek (Cesar 67), Hartmann (Dárdai 77)

SC Heerenveen 2-3 Sporting Clube de Portugal

Goals: 1-0 Sibon 12, 1-1 Liedson 17, 1-2 Liedson 40, 2-2 Dingsdag 77, 2-3 Liedson 88

SC Heerenveen: Lejsal, Bak Nielsen, Breuer, Dingsdag, Beerens, Paulo Henrique, Švec, Grindheim (Assaidi 73), Popov (V. Elm 52), Losada, Sibon (Papadopoulos 86)

Matchday 2 (01/10/09)

Sporting Clube de Portugal 1-0 Hertha BSC Berlin

Goals: 1-0 Adrien Silva 18

Hertha BSC Berlin: Burchert, Kaká, Von Bergen, Pejčinović, Janker, Dárdai, Ramos (Piszczek 46), Raffael, Wichniarek (Domovchiyski 80), Cesar, Kačar (Nicu 67)

FK Ventspils 0-0 SC Heerenveen

SC Heerenveen: Vandenbussche, Breuer, Dingsdag, V. Elm, Paulo Henrique (Assaidi 70), Švec (Beerens 54), Grindheim, Janmaat, Popov, Losada, Sibon (Papadopoulos 83)

Matchday 3 (22/10/09)

Hertha BSC Berlin v SC Heerenveen

Matchday 4 (05/11/09)

SC Heerenveen v Hertha BSC Berlin

Matchday 5 (03/12/09)

FK Ventspils v Hertha BSC Berlin

Sporting Clube de Portugal v SC Heerenveen

Matchday 6 (16/12/09)

Hertha BSC Berlin v Sporting Clube de Portugal

SC Heerenveen v FK Ventspils

Match officials

| | |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| Referee | Costas Kapitanis (CYP) |
| Assistant referees | Andreas Xanthou (CYP), Michael Soteriou (CYP) |
| Additional assistant referee | Leontios Trattou (CYP) |
| Additional assistant referee | Panayiotis Kailis (CYP) |
| Fourth official | Demetris Chrysostomou (CYP) |
| UEFA Delegate | Roland Tis (BEL) |
| UEFA Referee observer | Ladislav Gadosi (SVK) |

Referee

| Name | Date of birth | UEL matches * | UEFA matches |
|------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| Costas Kapitanis | 21/05/1964 | 29 | 69 |

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

| Date | Comp. | Stage | Match | Res. | Venue |
|----------|-------|-------|---------------------------------------|------|---------------|
| 30/09/99 | UCUP | R1 | Kilmarnock FC - 1. FC Kaiserslautern | 0-2 | Kilmarnock |
| 27/09/01 | UCUP | R1 | FC Twente - KSP Polonia Warszawa | 2-0 | Enschede |
| 12/11/02 | UCUP | R2 | VfB Stuttgart - Ferencvárosi TC | 2-0 | Stuttgart |
| 04/11/04 | UCUP | GS | FC Utrecht - FC Dnipro Dnipropetrovsk | 1-2 | Utrecht |
| 14/12/06 | UCUP | GS | SC Heerenveen - RC Lens | 1-0 | Heerenveen |
| 04/10/07 | UCUP | R1 | UD Leiria - Bayer 04 Leverkusen | 3-2 | Leiria |
| 25/10/07 | UCUP | GS | FC Zenit St. Petersburg - AZ Alkmaar | 1-1 | St Petersburg |
| 13/02/08 | UCUP | 1/16 | PSV Eindhoven - Helsingborgs IF | 2-0 | Eindhoven |
| 27/08/09 | UCUP | P-O | ŠK Slovan Bratislava - AFC Ajax | 1-2 | Bratislava |

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

| Date | Comp. | Stage | Match | Res. | Venue |
|----------|-------|-------|-------------------------------------|------|----------|
| 04/10/96 | U21 | QR | Wales - Netherlands | 0-2 | Cardiff |
| 09/08/00 | UCL | QR3 | Leeds United AFC - TSV 1860 München | 2-1 | Leeds |
| 15/10/02 | U21 | QR | Austria - Netherlands | 1-1 | Pasching |
| 03/08/05 | UIC | SF | Hamburger SV - SK Sigma Olomouc | 3-0 | Hamburg |

* 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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