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SL Benfica

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Previous meetings

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UEFA Champions League

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
09/03/2016	R16	FC Zenit - SL Benfica	1-2 agg: 1-3	St Petersburg	Hulk 69; Gaitán 85, Talisca 90+6
16/02/2016	R16	SL Benfica - FC Zenit	1-0	Lisbon	Jonas 90+1

UEFA Champions League

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
26/11/2014	GS	FC Zenit - SL Benfica	1-0	St Petersburg	Danny 79
16/09/2014	GS	SL Benfica - FC Zenit	0-2	Lisbon	Hulk 5, Witsel 22

UEFA Champions League

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
06/03/2012	R16	SL Benfica - FC Zenit	2-0 agg: 4-3	Lisbon	Maxi Pereira 45+1, Néilson Oliveira 90+3
15/02/2012	R16	FC Zenit - SL Benfica	3-2	St Petersburg	Shirokov 27, 88, Semak 71; Maxi Pereira 20, Cardozo 87

	Home				Away				Final				Total					
	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
FC Zenit	3	2	0	1	3	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	6	3	0	3	7	7
SL Benfica	3	2	0	1	3	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	6	3	0	3	7	7

FC Zenit - Record versus clubs from opponents' country

UEFA Champions League

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
06/11/2013	GS	FC Zenit - FC Porto	1-1	St Petersburg	Hulk 28; Lucho González 23
22/10/2013	GS	FC Porto - FC Zenit	0-1	Porto	A. Kerzhakov 86
28/08/2013	PO	FC Zenit - FC Paços de Ferreira	4-2 agg: 8-3	St Petersburg	Danny 29, 48, Bukharov 66, Arshavin 78 (P); Manuel José 67, Carlão 83
20/08/2013	PO	FC Paços de Ferreira - FC Zenit	1-4	Porto	André Leão 58; Shirokov 27, 60, 90, Degra 85 (og)

UEFA Champions League

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
06/12/2011	GS	FC Porto - FC Zenit	0-0	Porto	
28/09/2011	GS	FC Zenit - FC Porto	3-1	St Petersburg	Shirokov 20, 63, Danny 72; James Rodríguez 10

UEFA Europa League

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
27/08/2009	PO	FC Zenit - CD Nacional	1-1 agg: 4-5	St Petersburg	Fatih Tekke 34; Rúben Micael 89
20/08/2009	PO	CD Nacional - FC Zenit	4-3	Funchal	Luís Alberto 30, João Aurélio 37, Rodrigo Silva 53, Rúben Micael 73; Semshov 43, 55, Fatih Tekke 90+3

UEFA Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
20/10/2005	GS	FC Zenit - Vitória SC	2-1	St Petersburg	Spivak 38 (P), Arshavin 53; Neca 59

SL Benfica - Record versus clubs from opponents' country

UEFA Champions League

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
22/11/2017	GS	PFC CSKA Moskva - SL Benfica	2-0	Moscow	Schennikov 13, Jardel 56 (og)
12/09/2017	GS	SL Benfica - PFC CSKA Moskva	1-2	Lisbon	Seferović 50; Vitorino 63 (P), Zhamaletdinov 71

UEFA Champions League

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
07/11/2012	GS	SL Benfica - FC Spartak Moskva	2-0	Lisbon	Cardozo 55, 69
23/10/2012	GS	FC Spartak Moskva - SL Benfica	2-1	Moscow	Rafael Carioca 3, Jardel 43 (og); Lima 33

UEFA Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
24/02/2005	R3	SL Benfica - PFC CSKA Moskva	1-1 agg: 1-3	Lisbon	Karadas 63; Ignashevich 49
17/02/2005	R3	PFC CSKA Moskva - SL Benfica	2-0	Krasnodar	V. Berezutski 12, Vágner Love 60

UEFA Cup Winners' Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
31/10/1996	R2	FC Lokomotiv Moskva - SL Benfica	2-3 agg: 2-4	Moscow	Solomatín 9, Haras 58; Panduru 47, Donizete 62, João Pinto 87
17/10/1996	R2	SL Benfica - FC Lokomotiv Moskva	1-0	Lisbon	João Pinto 9

UEFA Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
08/12/1992	R3	SL Benfica - FC Dinamo Moskva	2-0 agg: 4-2	Lisbon	Isaías 53, Rui Costa 59
25/11/1992	R3	FC Dinamo Moskva - SL Benfica	2-2	Moscow	Kalitivintsev 73, Derkach 84; Isaías 36, 54

European Champions Clubs' Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
28/09/1977	R1	FC Torpedo Moskva - SL Benfica	0-0 agg: 0-0 (aet, 1-4 pens)	Moscow	
14/09/1977	R1	SL Benfica - FC Torpedo Moskva	0-0	Lisbon	

	Home				Away				Final				Total					
	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
FC Zenit	8	5	2	1	7	3	1	3	0	0	0	0	15	8	3	4	26	18
SL Benfica	9	5	2	2	9	2	2	5	0	0	0	0	18	7	4	7	20	20

Match background

There has always been a winner when Zenit have played Benfica, and three points in St Petersburg on matchday two would be a welcome boost to either side's Group G prospects.

- While Zenit earned a 1-1 draw at Lyon on matchday one, Benfica slipped to a 2-1 defeat against Leipzig in Lisbon and will not want to lose further ground on the teams above them at this early stage.

Previous meetings

- Each side has recorded three victories – two at home and one away – in the teams' previous six meetings, with both Zenit and Benfica scoring seven goals.
- The clubs last crossed paths in the 2015/16 UEFA Champions League round of 16, Benfica winning 1-0 at home and 2-1 away.
- The Portuguese side had also come out on top when the teams met at the same stage of the 2011/12 competition, recovering from a 3-2 loss in Russia to go through thanks to a 2-0 victory in Lisbon.
- Zenit, however, held the upper hand in the 2014/15 UEFA Champions League group stage; they were 2-0 winners in Lisbon on matchday one before a 1-0 home success on matchday five. They finished third in the section, with Benfica fourth.

Form guide

Zenit

- The matchday one draw at Lyon means Zenit have won only one of their last six European matches (D1 L4). That success, a 3-1 defeat of Fenerbahçe in last season's UEFA Europa League round of 32 second leg, was their sixth European win in a row in St Petersburg, although they lost their most recent engagement there 3-1 to Villarreal in the last 16 of the 2018/19 UEFA Europa League.
- Zenit have also won 11 of their last 13 home matches in UEFA competition (D1 L1). Their record in St Petersburg in the UEFA Champions League group stage is W7 D8 L3.
- Defeat by Benfica in the 2015/16 UEFA Champions League round of 16 – their last home match in the competition – ended Zenit's four-match winning run in St Petersburg in this competition.
- Zenit claimed their sixth USSR/Russian league title in 2018/19, and the first since 2015; their last five triumphs have all come from 2007 onwards.
- This is the St Petersburg outfit's seventh UEFA Champions League group campaign, and a first since 2015/16, when they reached the round of 16 for the third time.
- In 2018/19, Zenit's 12th successive European campaign, they began in the UEFA Europa League third qualifying round, staging an astonishing second-leg comeback against Dinamo Minsk in St Petersburg to win 8-1 after extra time following a shock 4-0 first-leg defeat in Belarus. They went on to beat Molde in the play-offs and finish first in a group including Slavia Praha, Bordeaux and Copenhagen, beating Fenerbahçe in the round of 32 before losing home (1-3) and away (1-2) against Villarreal in the round of 16.
- That 2016 defeat by Benfica is Zenit's only loss at home to Portuguese visitors (W5 D2).

Benfica

- Defeat by Leipzig on matchday one means Benfica have won only two of their last 14 matches in the UEFA Champions League, group stage to final (D1 L11).
- In 2018/19 Benfica finished third behind Bayern München and Ajax in Group E, advancing into the UEFA Europa League having picked up seven points. They went on to beat Galatasaray (2-1 aggregate) and Dinamo Zagreb (3-1 aggregate) only to succumb to Eintracht Frankfurt on away goals in the quarter-finals (4-2 h, 0-2 a).
- Benfica have been defeated in 13 of their last 24 European fixtures.
- Despite victories at PAOK, AEK and Galatasaray last season, Benfica have won only three of their last 13 fixtures outside Portugal (D2 L8).
- Benfica were unbeaten in their first three European matches in Russia (W1 D2) but the 2016 win at Zenit is the sole occasion they have avoided defeat in their last six visits. Their most recent trip, to CSKA Moskva in the 2017/18 UEFA Champions League group stage, ended in a 2-0 loss.
- Champions of Portugal for a record 37th time last season, Benfica are in the group stage for the 15th time, although only five of those previous 14 campaigns have extended into the last 16; they also reached the quarter-finals direct in 1994/95.
- The Lisbon giants have reached seven European Cup finals, winning the trophy in 1961 and 1962.

Links and trivia

- Branislav Ivanović headed a late winner for Chelsea against Benfica in the 2013 UEFA Europa League final in Amsterdam.
- Ivanović played with Benfica's Ljubomir Fejsa and Andrija Živković for Serbia.
- Benfica's Russian goalkeeper Ivan Zlobin spent three years at CSKA Moskva's youth academy before moving to Portugal in 2015, joining Benfica the following year.
- Yordan Osorio moved to Portugal in 2017, when he signed for Tondela. He joined Porto in summer 2018 and spent last season with Vitória SC, making his Liga debut in a 3-2 defeat against Benfica on 10 August 2018; he is on loan at Zenit from Porto.
- Zenit's Emanuel Mammana and Matías Kranevitter and Franco Cervi of Benfica are all Argentina internationals.

Latest news

Zenit

• Summer transfers

In: Douglas Santos (Hamburg), Aleksei Sutormin (Rubin), Aleksandr Vasyutin (Sarpsborg), Malcom (Barcelona), Danil Krugovoi (Ufa), Yordan Osorio (Porto, loan), Vyacheslav Karavaev (Vitesse)

Out: Luís Neto (Sporting), Aleksandr Anyukov (Krylya Sovetov), Yuri Lodygin (Gazişehir Gaziantep), Andrey Panyukov (Ural), Claudio Marchisio (released), Dmitri Poloz (Sochi), Hernani (Parma, loan), Egor Baburin (Rostov), Christian Noboa (Sochi), Anton Zabolotny (Sochi), Luka Djordjević (Lokomotiv), Danil Krugovoi (Ufa, loan), Emiliano Rigoni (Zenit to Sampdoria, loan), Miha Mevlja (Sochi), Denis Terentiev (Ufa, loan)

- Zenit went down 1-0 at Lokomotiv Moskva on Saturday to lose the leadership of the Russian Premier League; three wins in a row, including a 5-0 defeat of Rubin Kazan on 21 September, had taken them top.
- The St Petersburg club have scored nine goals in their last four league matches, conceding only two.
- Artem Dzyuba has five goals and five assists in the league this season.
- Zenit beat Yenisey 2-1 in Krasnoyarsk in the Russian Cup round of 32 on 25 September, and will play host to Tom Tomsk in the next round on 29 October.
- Zenit lost 3-2 to Lokomotiv Moskva in the Russian Super Cup on 6 July.
- Malcom has not played since 10 August due to a thigh injury.
- Sardar Azmoun limped off with an ankle problem at Lyon on matchday one, returning to play 60 minutes at Lokomotiv.
- Sebastián Driussi suffered concussion against Rubin but was fit enough to play 82 minutes on Saturday.

Benfica

• Summer transfers

In: Jhonder Cádiz (Vitória FC), Caio Lucas (al-Ain), Chiquinho (Moreirense), Raúl de Tomás (Real Madrid), Carlos Vinícius (Napoli)

Out: Raúl Jiménez (Wolves), Bruno Varela (Ajax, loan), Diogo Gonçalves (Famalicão, loan), João Félix (Atlético Madrid), Filip Krovinić (West Brom, loan), Alfa Semedo (Nottingham Forest, loan), Yuri Ribeiro (Nottingham Forest), Cristian Lema (Newell's Old Boys), Eduardo Salvio (Boca Juniors), Chris Willock (West Brom, loan)

- The Eagles have kicked off their defence of the Liga title with six wins in seven matches, suffering only one defeat – a 2-0 loss at home to Porto on 24 August.
- That defeat ended Benfica's 11-match winning run in the league; they have won 15 of their last 16 matches in the competition, beating Vitória FC 1-0 in Lisbon on Saturday, Carlos Vinícius returning from a thigh injury to score the only goal of the game.
- Benfica have scored 46 goals in their last 14 league matches.
- A 2-1 success at Moreirense on 21 September made it 12 consecutive away wins in the league, and 15 victories in Benfica's last 16 away games in the competition.
- Benfica kicked off their Portuguese League Cup campaign with a goalless group stage draw at home to Vitória SC on 25 September, a match that marked Ivan Zlobin's senior debut in goal.
- Benfica captain André Almeida limped off after 78 minutes on Saturday with a thigh injury and will miss the match at Zenit.
- Gabriel was out between 4 August and that game against Vitória SC due a knee injury.

- Midfielder Gedson Fernandes returned to action against Moreirense having recovered from a foot injury suffered in pre-season.
- Chiquinho has been sidelined since the Porto match on 24 August with a thigh problem. Germán Conti (thigh) and Florentino (knee) are both out of action.
- Benfica won the Portuguese Super Cup on 4 August with a 5-0 win against Lisbon rivals Sporting CP.

Squad list

FC Zenit

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															
41	Mikhail Kerzhakov	RUS	28/01/1987	32	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	12	-
70	Nikita Goylo	RUS	10/08/1998	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
78	Aleksandr Vasyutin	RUS	04/03/1995	24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	-
86	Nikolai Rybikov	RUS	05/01/2000	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
99	Andrei Lunev	RUS	13/11/1991	27	-	-	-	1	-	11	-	1	-	24	-
Defenders															
3	Douglas Santos	BRA	22/03/1994	25	-	-	-	1	-	11	-	1	-	1	-
4	Yordan Osorio	VEN	10/05/1994	25	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
6	Branislav Ivanović	SRB	22/02/1984	35	-	-	-	1	-	11	1	59	7	107	15
15	Vyacheslav Karavaev	RUS	20/05/1995	24	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	2	-	21	1
19	Igor Smolnikov	RUS	08/08/1988	31	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	15	-	44	-
24	Emanuel Mammana	ARG	10/02/1996	23	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	19	-
44	Yaroslav Rakits'kyi	UKR	03/08/1989	30	-	-	-	1	-	11	-	54	1	87	3
87	Danila Prokhin	RUS	24/05/2001	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Midfielders															
5	Wílmar Barrios	COL	16/10/1993	25	-	-	-	1	-	11	-	1	-	5	-
14	Daler Kuzyaev	RUS	15/01/1993	26	-	-	-	1	-	7	-	1	-	21	3
17	Oleg Shatov	RUS	29/07/1990	29	-	-	-	1	-	3	2	21	3	59	7
18	Yuri Zhirkov	RUS	20/08/1983	36	-	-	-	1	-	10	1	32	2	97	7
20	Róbert Mak	SVK	08/03/1991	28	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	41	16
21	Aleksandr Erokhin	RUS	13/10/1989	29	-	-	-	-	-	8	1	6	-	57	6
27	Magomed Ozdoev	RUS	05/11/1992	26	-	-	-	1	-	10	2	1	-	25	1
32	Matías Kranevitter	ARG	21/05/1993	26	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	5	-	25	-
38	Leon Musaev	RUS	25/01/1999	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
55	Kirill Kaplenko	RUS	15/06/1999	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
84	Ilya Vorobyov	RUS	11/07/1999	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
91	Aleksei Sutormin	RUS	10/01/1994	25	-	-	-	-	-	9	2	-	-	-	-
Forwards															
7	Sardar Azmoun	IRN	01/01/1995	24	-	-	-	1	1	10	2	7	3	21	10
8	Malcom	BRA	26/02/1997	22	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	3	1	5	1
11	Sebastian Driussi	ARG	09/02/1996	23	-	-	-	1	-	8	1	1	-	27	2
22	Artem Dzyuba	RUS	22/08/1988	31	-	-	-	1	-	11	5	14	6	58	20
Coach															
-	Sergei Semak	RUS	27/02/1976	43	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	16	-

SL Benfica

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	Mile Svilar	BEL	27/08/1999	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	3	-
51	Celton Biai	POR	13/08/2000	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
72	Ivan Zlobin	RUS	07/03/1997	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
98	Fábio Duarte	POR	11/05/1998	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
99	Odisseas Vlachodimos	GRE	26/04/1994	25	-	-	-	1	-	7	-	7	-	21	-
Defenders															
2	German Conti	ARG	06/06/1994	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	3	-
3	Álex Grimaldo	ESP	20/09/1995	24	-	-	-	1	-	7	-	15	2	24	3
6	Rúben Dias	POR	14/05/1997	22	-	-	-	1	-	7	-	8	-	18	1
23	Tyronne Ebuehi	NED	16/12/1995	23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
33	Jardel	BRA	29/03/1986	33	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	29	-	46	3
34	André Almeida	POR	10/09/1990	29	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	36	-	56	-
71	Nuno Tavares	POR	26/01/2000	19	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	-	-	-	-
75	Branimir Kalaica	CRO	01/06/1998	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
82	João Ferreira	POR	22/03/2001	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
84	Tomás Tavares	POR	07/03/2001	18	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	1	-
89	Pedro Álvaro	POR	02/03/2000	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
97	Ferro	POR	26/03/1997	22	-	-	-	1	-	7	-	1	-	5	1
Midfielders															
5	Ljubomir Fejsa	SRB	14/08/1988	31	-	-	-	1	-	3	-	32	1	60	1
8	Gabriel	POR	18/09/1993	26	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	4	-	8	-
17	Andrija Živković	SRB	11/07/1996	23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	36	5
19	Chiquinho	POR	19/07/1995	24	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-
21	Pizzi	POR	06/10/1989	29	-	-	-	1	-	7	6	32	-	43	2
22	Andreas Samaris	GRE	13/06/1989	30	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	25	-	28	-
27	Rafa Silva	POR	17/05/1993	26	-	-	-	1	-	7	2	11	-	29	3
49	Adel Taarabt	FRA	24/05/1989	30	-	-	-	1	-	6	-	3	-	6	-
61	Florentino	POR	19/08/1999	20	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	3	-
68	Rafael Brito	POR	19/01/2002	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
83	Gedson Fernandes	POR	09/01/1999	20	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	6	1	16	2
86	Tiago Dantas	POR	24/12/2000	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
88	Gonçalo Ramos	POR	20/06/2001	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Forwards															
7	Caio	BRA	19/04/1994	25	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-
9	Raúl De Tomás	ESP	17/10/1994	24	-	-	-	1	-	6	-	1	-	1	-
11	Franco Cervi	ARG	26/05/1994	25	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	17	2	25	3
14	Haris Seferović	SUI	22/02/1992	27	-	-	-	1	1	7	2	17	3	26	5
73	Jota	POR	30/03/1999	20	-	-	-	1	-	4	-	1	-	2	-
77	Nuno Santos	POR	02/03/1999	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
92	David Tavares	POR	18/03/1999	20	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
95	Carlos Vinícius	BRA	25/03/1995	24	-	-	-	-	-	5	2	-	-	-	-

SL Benfica

														Current season			All-time						
														UCLQ	UCL	League	UCL	UEFA					
Coach																							
-	Bruno Lage			POR	12/05/1976	43	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-								

Head coach

Sergei Semak

Date of birth: 27 February 1976

Nationality: Russian

Playing career: Presnya Moskva, Karelia Petrozavodsk, Asmaral Moskva, CSKA Moskva, Paris Saint-Germain, FC Moskva, Rubin, Zenit

Coaching career: Zenit (assistant, caretaker), Russia (assistant), Ufa, Zenit

- A midfielder, Semak made his Russian top-flight debut as a teenager for Presnya Moskva – later renamed Asmaral – before switching to CSKA, where he was a club mainstay from 1994–2004, making 289 league appearances and scoring 69 goals. He collected his first major honour in 2002, lifting the Russian Cup with CSKA, with a maiden Premier-Liga championship following in 2003.
- Won the first of his 65 caps for Russia in the 1998 FIFA World Cup qualifying play-off against Italy in Naples (0-1); travelled to Japan for the 2002 World Cup and later captained Guus Hiddink's side to the semi-finals of UEFA EURO 2008.
- Struck four goals in the 2004/05 UEFA Champions League – all against Paris – prompting the French outfit to buy him that winter, which caused him to miss out on CSKA's UEFA Cup triumph.
- A lack of success in Ligue 1 brought him back to Russia 12 months later, to FC Moskva; after two good seasons he joined Rubin for the 2008 campaign and went on to skipper the team from Tatarstan to consecutive Premier-Liga crowns. Left Rubin for Zenit midway through the 2010 campaign and proceeded to win the 2010 and 2011/12 titles, meaning he was a champion for four straight seasons.
- Having hung up his boots in 2013, Semak worked as Luciano Spalletti's assistant at Zenit, stepping in as caretaker coach after the Italian was dismissed that March. Also worked as assistant to Spalletti's successor André Villas-Boas and the Russia national team before taking charge of Ufa in December 2016; returned to Zenit as head coach 18 months later and led the St Petersburg club to the 2018/19 Russian league title.

Bruno Lage

Date of birth: 12 May 1976

Nationality: Portuguese

Coaching career: Vitória FC (youth), GDR 1.º Maio (youth), Fazendense (assistant), Comércio e Indústria, Benfica (youth, B team), Shabab Al-Ahli Dubai (U19, B team), Sheffield Wednesday (assistant), Swansea (assistant), Benfica B, Benfica

- Born in Setubal, hometown of José Mourinho, Bruno Miguel Silva do Nascimento uses Lage as a family name in homage to his father, former local player and coach Fernando Lage. With a low-key playing career in local clubs, Bruno hung up his boots early and graduated with a degree in physical education; started his coaching career aged just 21 as youth-team assistant at Setubal side Vitória FC.
- After spells with several local youth clubs, he got the first-team job at non-professional Comércio e Indústria in 2001/02, moving on to Benfica in 2004. In eight years at the Eagles he coached all youth levels, winning the 2008/09 Under-15 and 2010/11 U17 league championships with teams featuring the likes of Bruno Varela, João Cancelo, Bernardo Silva, Rony Lopes and Hélder Costa.
- Opted for a new challenge in summer 2012 with UAE side Shabab Al-Ahli Dubai, coaching their Under-19 and B teams over two years; then linked up with Carlos Carvalhal in England, working as assistant to his compatriot at both Sheffield Wednesday (2015–17) and Swansea (2018).
- Returned to Portugal after eight years abroad and was unveiled as the new coach of Benfica B in July 2018; only took charge of 15 matches before replacing Rui Vitória as head coach of the first team on 3 January 2019; given the job full time on 14 January and signed a contract until 2023 the following month.
- Lage – who has written two books on training and grassroots football, one of them with Carvalhal – took over with Benfica fourth in the Liga, seven points behind Porto; 18 wins and a draw in 19 matches later, the Eagles claimed their 37th league title having scored 103 goals, equalling the club record, with Lage voted coach of the season by his top-flight coaching colleagues and club captains.

Match officials

Referee	Carlos del Cerro Grande (ESP)
Assistant referees	Juan Carlos Yuste (ESP) , Roberto Alonso (ESP)
Video Assistant Referee	José María Sánchez (ESP)
Assistant Video Assistant Referee	Juan Martínez Munuera (ESP)
Fourth official	Guillermo Cuadra Fernandez (ESP)
UEFA Delegate	Charles Schaack (LUX)
UEFA Referee observer	Jan W. Wegereef (NED)

Referee

Name	Date of birth	UEFA Champions League matches	UEFA matches
Carlos del Cerro Grande	13/03/1976	11	32

Carlos Del Cerro Grande

First division: 2011

FIFA badge: 2013

Tournaments: N/A

Finals

N/A

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

Date	Competition	Stage reached	Home	Away	Result	Venue
21/08/2019	UCL	PO	Olympiacos FC	FC Krasnodar	4-0	Piraeus

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

Date	Competition	Stage reached	Home	Away	Result	Venue
10/12/2013	UYL	GS	SL Benfica	Paris Saint-Germain	1-1	Seixal
24/08/2017	UEL	PO	FC Zenit	FC Utrecht	2-0	St Petersburg
30/08/2018	UEL	PO	Molde FK	FC Zenit	2-1	Molde
11/10/2018	UNL	GS-FT	Poland	Portugal	2-3	Chorzow
21/08/2019	UCL	PO	Olympiacos FC	FC Krasnodar	4-0	Piraeus

Fixtures and results

FC Zenit

Date	Competition	Opponent	Result	Goalscorers
14/07/2019	League	Tambov (H)	W	2-1 Erokhin 46, Dzyuba 48
21/07/2019	League	PFC Sochi (A)	W	2-0 Azmoun 30 (P), Ozdoev 88
28/07/2019	League	FC Orenburg (A)	W	2-0 Azmoun 1, Dzyuba 55 (P)
03/08/2019	League	FC Krasnodar (H)	D	1-1 Dzyuba 90+1
10/08/2019	League	FC Dinamo Moskva (A)	W	2-0 Dzyuba 10, Ozdoev 88
17/08/2019	League	FC Akhmat Grozny (H)	D	0-0
24/08/2019	League	FC Ufa (A)	L	0-1
01/09/2019	League	FC Spartak Moskva (A)	W	1-0 Zhirkov 41
13/09/2019	League	FC Arsenal Tula (H)	W	3-1 Dzyuba 5, Driussi 66 (P), Shatov 88
17/09/2019	UCL	Olympique Lyonnais (A)	D	1-1 Azmoun 41
21/09/2019	League	FC Rubin (H)	W	5-0 Ivanović 58, Sutormin 65, 75, Mak 82, Shatov 87
25/09/2019	Cup	FC Yenisey Krasnoyarsk (A)	W	2-1 Sutormin 58 (P), Mak 63
28/09/2019	League	FC Lokomotiv Moskva (A)	L	0-1
02/10/2019	UCL	SL Benfica (H)		
06/10/2019	League	FC Ural Sverdlovsk Oblast (A)		
19/10/2019	League	FC Rostov (H)		
23/10/2019	UCL	RB Leipzig (A)		
27/10/2019	League	PFC Krylya Sovetov Samara (A)		
02/11/2019	League	PFC CSKA Moskva (H)		
05/11/2019	UCL	RB Leipzig (H)		
10/11/2019	League	FC Arsenal Tula (A)		
23/11/2019	League	FC Rubin (A)		
27/11/2019	UCL	Olympique Lyonnais (H)		
01/12/2019	League	FC Spartak Moskva (H)		
06/12/2019	League	FC Dinamo Moskva (H)		
10/12/2019	UCL	SL Benfica (A)		
01/03/2020	League	FC Lokomotiv Moskva (H)		
08/03/2020	League	FC Ufa (H)		
15/03/2020	League	FC Ural Sverdlovsk Oblast (H)		
22/03/2020	League	PFC CSKA Moskva (A)		
05/04/2020	League	PFC Krylya Sovetov Samara (H)		
12/04/2020	League	Tambov (A)		
19/04/2020	League	FC Krasnodar (A)		
26/04/2020	League	PFC Sochi (H)		
03/05/2020	League	FC Akhmat Grozny (A)		
10/05/2020	League	FC Orenburg (H)		
17/05/2020	League	FC Rostov (A)		

Pos.	Clubs	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1	PFC CSKA Moskva	11	8	1	2	18	8	25

Pos.	Clubs	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
2	FC Lokomotiv Moskva	11	7	2	2	18	10	23
3	FC Rostov	11	7	2	2	20	14	23
4	FC Krasnodar	11	7	2	2	23	12	23
5	FC Zenit	11	7	2	2	18	5	23
6	FC Ufa	11	4	3	4	11	10	15
7	FC Ural Sverdlovsk Oblast	11	4	2	5	17	23	14
8	FC Arsenal Tula	11	4	2	5	13	16	14
9	FC Spartak Moskva	11	4	2	5	12	13	14
10	PFC Sochi	11	3	3	5	10	13	12
11	FC Orenburg	11	3	2	6	15	19	11
12	PFC Krylya Sovetov Samara	11	3	2	6	15	16	11
13	FC Rubin	11	3	2	6	6	15	11
14	FC Dinamo Moskva	11	2	4	5	8	12	10
15	FC Akhmat Grozny	11	2	3	6	7	17	9
16	Tambov	11	2	2	7	9	17	8

SL Benfica

Date	Competition	Opponent	Result	Goalscorers
10/08/2019	League	FC Paços de Ferreira (H)	W 5-0	Tavares 26, Pizzi 32 (P), 74, Seferović 70, Carlos Vinícius 84
17/08/2019	League	Os Belenenses (A)	W 2-0	Rafa Silva 58, Pizzi 90+2
24/08/2019	League	FC Porto (H)	L 0-2	
01/09/2019	League	SC Braga (A)	W 4-0	Pizzi 25 (P), 47, Bruno Viana 51 (og), Ricardo Esgaio 73 (og)
14/09/2019	League	Gil Vicente FC (H)	W 2-0	Nogueira de Paula 45 (og), Pizzi 53
17/09/2019	UCL	RB Leipzig (H)	L 1-2	Seferović 84
21/09/2019	League	Moreirense FC (A)	W 2-1	Rafa Silva 85, Seferović 90+1
28/09/2019	League	Vitória FC (H)	W 1-0	Carlos Vinícius 63
02/10/2019	UCL	FC Zenit (A)		
23/10/2019	UCL	Olympique Lyonnais (H)		
27/10/2019	League	CD Tondela (A)		
30/10/2019	League	Portimonense SC (H)		
02/11/2019	League	Rio Ave FC (H)		
05/11/2019	UCL	Olympique Lyonnais (A)		
09/11/2019	League	CD Santa Clara (A)		
27/11/2019	UCL	RB Leipzig (A)		
30/11/2019	League	CS Marítimo (H)		
06/12/2019	League	Boavista FC (A)		
10/12/2019	UCL	FC Zenit (H)		
15/12/2019	League	FC Famalicao (H)		
05/01/2020	League	Vitória SC (A)		
11/01/2020	League	CD Aves (H)		
18/01/2020	League	Sporting Clube de Portugal (A)		
26/01/2020	League	FC Paços de Ferreira (A)		
02/02/2020	League	Os Belenenses (H)		

SL Benfica

09/02/2020	League	FC Porto (A)		
15/02/2020	League	SC Braga (H)		
23/02/2020	League	Gil Vicente FC (A)		
01/03/2020	League	Moreirense FC (H)		
08/03/2020	League	Vitória FC (A)		
15/03/2020	League	CD Tondela (H)		
22/03/2020	League	Portimonense SC (A)		
05/04/2020	League	Rio Ave FC (A)		
11/04/2020	League	CD Santa Clara (H)		
19/04/2020	League	CS Marítimo (A)		
22/04/2020	League	Boavista FC (H)		
26/04/2020	League	FC Famalicao (A)		
03/05/2020	League	Vitória SC (H)		
10/05/2020	League	CD Aves (A)		
17/05/2020	League	Sporting Clube de Portugal (H)		

Pos.	Clubs	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1	FC Famalicao	7	6	1	0	16	7	19
2	SL Benfica	7	6	0	1	16	3	18
3	FC Porto	7	6	0	1	16	4	18
4	Vitória SC	7	3	3	1	12	8	12
5	Sporting Clube de Portugal	7	3	2	2	11	9	11
6	Boavista FC	7	2	5	0	6	4	11
7	CD Santa Clara	7	3	2	2	4	4	11
8	Rio Ave FC	7	3	1	3	13	10	10
9	CD Tondela	7	2	3	2	9	9	9
10	CS Marítimo	7	2	2	3	10	13	8
11	SC Braga	7	2	2	3	8	11	8
12	Moreirense FC	7	2	1	4	7	9	7
13	Vitória FC	7	1	4	2	1	5	7
14	Gil Vicente FC	7	1	3	3	3	8	6
15	Portimonense SC	7	1	2	4	5	9	5
16	Os Belenenses	7	1	2	4	4	9	5
17	FC Paços de Ferreira	7	1	1	5	5	14	4
18	CD Aves	7	1	0	6	9	19	3

Match-by-match lineups

FC Zenit

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Group G

Club	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
RB Leipzig	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
FC Zenit	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Olympique Lyonnais	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
SL Benfica	1	0	0	1	1	2	0

Matchday 1 (17/09/2019)

Olympique Lyonnais 1-1 FC Zenit

Goals: 0-1 Azmoun 41, 1-1 Depay 51 (P)

FC Zenit: Lunev, Douglas Santos, Osorio, Barrios, Ivanović, Azmoun (46 Ozdoev), Driussi, Karavaev (78 Shatov), Zhirkov (64 Kuzyaev), Dzyuba, Rakits'kyy

Matchday 2 (02/10/2019)

FC Zenit-SL Benfica

Matchday 3 (23/10/2019)

RB Leipzig-FC Zenit

Matchday 4 (05/11/2019)

FC Zenit-RB Leipzig

Matchday 5 (27/11/2019)

FC Zenit-Olympique Lyonnais

Matchday 6 (10/12/2019)

SL Benfica-FC Zenit

SL Benfica

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Matchday 1 (17/09/2019)

SL Benfica 1-2 RB Leipzig

Goals: 0-1 Werner 69, 0-2 Werner 78, 1-2 Seferović 84

SL Benfica: Vlachodimos, Grimaldo, Fejsa, Rúben Dias, De Tomás, Cervi (76 Seferović), Pizzi (76 Rafa Silva), Taarabt, Jota (67 David Tavares), Tavares, Ferro

Matchday 2 (02/10/2019)

FC Zenit-SL Benfica

Matchday 3 (23/10/2019)

SL Benfica-Olympique Lyonnais

Matchday 4 (05/11/2019)

Olympique Lyonnais-SL Benfica

Matchday 5 (27/11/2019)

RB Leipzig-SL Benfica

Matchday 6 (10/12/2019)

SL Benfica-FC Zenit

Competition facts

Team facts

FC Zenit

Formed: 1925

Nickname: Sine-belo-golubye (Blue-White-Sky Blues)

UEFA club competition honours (runners-up in brackets)

- UEFA Cup (1): 2008
- UEFA Super Cup (1): 2008

Domestic honours (latest triumph in brackets)

League title: 6 (2019)

USSR/Russian Cup: 4 (2016)

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

2018/19: UEFA Europa League round of 16

2017/18: UEFA Europa League round of 16

2016/17: UEFA Europa League round of 32

2015/16: round of 16

2014/15: UEFA Europa League quarter-finals (having transferred from UEFA Champions League group stage)

2013/14: round of 16

2012/13: UEFA Europa League round of 16 (having transferred from UEFA Champions League group stage)

2011/12: round of 16

2010/11: UEFA Europa League round of 16 (having transferred from UEFA Champions League play-offs)

2009/10: UEFA Europa League play-offs

Records

UEFA club competition

- Biggest home win

8-0: Zenit v Encamp

29/08/02, UEFA Cup qualifying round second leg

- Biggest away win

0-5 twice, most recently v Vardar

14/09/17, UEFA Europa League group stage

- Heaviest home defeat

0-3: Zenit v Bologna

16/09/99, UEFA Cup first round first leg

- Heaviest away defeat

5-0 twice, most recently v Stuttgart

01/11/89, UEFA Cup second round second leg

UEFA Champions League (group stage to final)

- Biggest home win

3-1 twice, most recently v Lyon

20/10/15, group stage

2-0: Zenit v Valencia

24/11/15, group stage

- Biggest away win

0-2 three times, most recently v Lyon

04/11/15, group stage

- Heaviest home defeat

2-4: Zenit v Borussia Dortmund

25/02/14, round of 16 first leg

- Heaviest away defeat

4-1: Austria Wien v Zenit

11/12/13, group stage

3-0 twice, most recently v Málaga

18/09/12, group stage

SL Benfica

Formed: 1904

Nickname: As Águias (The Eagles)

UEFA club competition honours (runners-up in brackets)

- European Cup (2): 1961, 1962, (1963), (1965), (1968), (1988), (1990)
- UEFA Cup/UEFA Europa League: (1983), (2013), (2014)

Domestic honours (most recent triumph in brackets)

League title: 37 (2019)

Portuguese Cup: 26 (2017)

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

2018/19: UEFA Europa League quarter-finals (having transferred from UEFA Champions League group stage)

2017/18: group stage

2016/17: round of 16

2015/16: quarter-finals

2014/15: group stage

2013/14: UEFA Europa League runners-up (having transferred from UEFA Champions League group stage)

2012/13: UEFA Europa League runners-up (having transferred from UEFA Champions League group stage)

2011/12: quarter-finals

2010/11: UEFA Europa League semi-finals (having transferred from UEFA Champions League group stage)

2009/10: UEFA Europa League quarter-finals

Records

UEFA club competition

- Biggest home win

10-0: Benfica v Stade Dudelange

05/10/65, European Champion Clubs' Cup preliminary round second leg

- Biggest away win

0-8: Stade Dudelange v Benfica

30/09/65, European Champion Clubs' Cup preliminary round first leg

- Heaviest home defeat

1-5: Benfica v Manchester United

09/03/66, European Champion Clubs' Cup quarter-finals second leg

- Heaviest away defeat

7-0: Celta Vigo v Benfica

25/11/99, UEFA Cup third round first leg

UEFA Champions League (group stage to final only)

- Biggest home win

3-0: Benfica v Celtic

01/11/06, group stage

- Biggest away win

0-2 three times, most recently v Dynamo Kyiv

19/10/16, group stage

- Heaviest home defeat

0-2 four times, most recently v Bayern

19/09/18, group stage

- Heaviest away defeat

5-0: Basel v Benfica

27/09/17, group stage

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
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	GS: Group stage
GS1: First group stage	GS2: Second group stage
3QR: Third qualifying round	R1: First round
R2: Second round	R3: Third round
R4: Fourth round	PR: Preliminary round
SF: Semi-finals	QF: Quarter-finals
R16: round of 16	QR: Qualifying round
R32: Round of 32	1QR: First qualifying round
1st: first leg	2QR: Second qualifying round
2nd: second leg	FT: Final tournament
PO: Play-off	ELITE: Elite round
Rep: Replay	3rdPO: Third-place play-off
PO - FT: Play-off for Final Tournament	GS-FT: Group stage – final tournament

Other abbreviations

(aet): After extra time	pens: Penalties
No.: Number	og: Own goal
ag: Match decided on away goals	P: Penalty
Pld: Matches played	agg: Aggregate
Pos.: Position	AP: Appearances
Pts: Points	Comp.: Competition
R: Sent off (straight red card)	D: Drawn
Res.: Result	DoB: Date of birth
sg: Match decided by silver goal	ET: Extra Time
GF: Goals for	GA: Goals against
gg: Match decided by golden goal	t: Match decided by toss of a coin
Y/R: Sent off (two yellow cards)	W: Won
f: Match forfeited	Y: Booked
	L: Lost
	Nat.: Nationality
	N/A: Not applicable

Statistics

-: Denotes player substituted
*: Denotes player sent off

+: Denotes player introduced
+/-: Denotes player introduced and substituted

Squad list

D: Disciplinary

*****: Misses next match if booked

S: Suspended

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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