

Preview UEFA Champions League - Matchround 2

Blue skies on horizon for teams that win first two

- Of the 112 CL campaigns that started with two victories, only 10 failed to survive the group phase. The 102 that punched their ticket represent a 91% success rate.
- Spartak Moskva and Rangers were the victims twice, crashing out in the group phase after starting with two victories in 1998/99 and 2010/11 and 2000/01 and 2007/08 respectively.
- The most recent casualties were BATE Borisov in 2012/13.
- Twelve of the 25 CL winners started off their campaign with two victories. Following the 2008/09 season, only Real Madrid have managed this, in both 2013/14 and 2015/16.

Teams that lose their first two find themselves in peril

- No CL winners have ever started their campaign with a defeat.
- The best finish by a team that started out with a defeat is runners-up. This was achieved by AC Milan in 1994/95 and Bayern München in 1998/99.
- Losing the first two matches of a CL campaign is something a team can barely afford. Of the 107 campaigns that failed to register a point in their first two matches 97 went out in the group phase. This comes down to 91%.
- Of the 10 teams that turned the tide after losing their first two, two managed the feat after the 2010/11 season. Galatasaray achieved that in 2012/13 and pushed on to the quarterfinals, the best ever finish in the competition by a side that dropped their first two. In 2015/16, Arsenal reached the Last 16 after losing their first two.
- Newcastle United's 2002/03 campaign is still the only one in which a team survived the (first) group phase after losing their first three matches.

Messi approaching 100th goal in Europe

- By scoring twice against Juventus on Matchday 1, Lionel Messi raised his total number of goals in the CL main competition to 96 and his total in all European competitions to 99.
- Apart from the Champions League main competition, Messi has also netted in the European Super Cup, scoring three goals in this competition.
- Messi has scored all of his 99 European goals for FC Barcelona, starting with the one he bagged in the CL in a 5-0 victory against Panathinaikos on 2 November 2005.
- Messi can become the second player in history with a century of European goals. Cristiano Ronaldo has scored 110 European goals (107 CL main competition, 1 in CL Qualification, 2 in European Super Cup).

CSKA Moskva could become the first to concede in 30 straight CL matches

- On Matchday 1, CSKA Moskva won 2-1 at Benfica despite conceding an opening goal to the hosts.
- It marked the 29th consecutive CL match in which the Muscovites conceded at least once, extending the record for most successive CL matches without a clean sheet.
- Second in line are Dinamo Zagreb on 27. That streak is alive but will not be extended this season, as the Croatians have not qualified for the main competition.
- CSKA have not kept a CL clean sheet since a goalless draw at Trabzonspor on 2 November 2011.
- The third longest active streak and the joint-fifth longest all-time is 20 by Celtic. The Glaswegians have not kept CL opposition at bay since a goalless draw hosting Benfica on 19 September 2012.

Holders Real Madrid travel to venue where they last lost a CL group stage match

- Real Madrid visit Borussia Dortmund on Matchday 2. At Dortmund, they most recently lost a CL group stage match. On 24 October 2012, they were edged 2-1 by BVB.
- Since then, Real are undefeated in 28 consecutive CL matches in the knockout stages (W21-D7-L0). This is an all-time record by a long margin.
- The defeat at Dortmund is Real's only loss in their last 46 Champions League group stage matches.
- Real have also scored in 45 of these 46 matches, only failing to score at Paris Saint-Germain (0-0) on 21 October 2015.

Spartak Moskva - Liverpool (26 Sep 2017)

Head-to-Head

- This is the third time Spartak Moskva and Liverpool have been drawn together in European competition.
- They first met in the 1992/93 Cup Winners' Cup second round. Spartak went through 6-2 on aggregate after winning 4-2 at Luzhniki and 2-0 at Anfield. The Russians went on to reach the semifinal, where they were beaten by Antwerp.
- These clubs were also drawn together in the first group stage of the 2002/03 Champions League. Neither club progressed to the second group phase as Liverpool finished third and Spartak fourth, although the Reds dropped into the UEFA Cup.
- In their first meeting of that group, Liverpool won 5-0 at Anfield on 2 October 2002 with goals by Emile Heskey (7', 89'), Bruno Cheyrou (15'), Sami Hyypiä (28') and Salif Diao (81').
- Liverpool also won the reverse fixture, 3-1 at Dinamo on 22 October 2002 with Michael Owen (29', 70', 90+1') netting what remains the only Reds CL (since 1992/93) hat-trick by a British player. Aleksander Danishevsky (23') had given Spartak the lead.
- Spartak were unbeaten in their first six European home matches versus English opposition (W5-D1-L0), but have lost both since - 3-1 against Liverpool in 2002 and 2-0 versus Chelsea in the 2010/11 CL group stage.
- Liverpool have won three and lost three of their six European away fixtures against Russian opposition (does not include Soviet Union). The most recent of those was a 1-0 victory at Rubin Kazan in the 2015/16 Europa League group stage (goal by Jordan Ibe).

Spartak Moskva

- Spartak have lost five of their last seven CL matches, with the only exceptions in that run a 2-1 home victory against Benfica on 23 October 2012 and a 1-1 draw at Maribor in the opening matchround of this season's competition.
- Spartak could draw consecutive CL fixtures within the same season for the first time since November 1998, when they had home draws versus Internazionale (1-1) and Sturm Graz (0-0).
- This will be Spartak's second European fixture at Otkrytie Arena, after a 1-0 defeat against AEK Larnaca in the 2016/17 Europa League third qualifying round second leg.
- Spartak's last CL home match was a 3-0 defeat against Barcelona at Luzhniki on 20 November 2012.
- Spartak have won their opening home match in only one of their last five CL campaigns (W1-D2-L2), a 3-0 victory against Zilina in 2010/11.
- That match was also the last time Spartak kept a CL clean sheet. They have conceded at least one goal in all 11 CL fixtures since.
- Only Anderlecht (29 v Bayern München) conceded more shot attempts in the opening CL matchround than Spartak (26 v Maribor).
- Luiz Adriano (20), Serdar Tasci (1) and Aleksandr Samedov (1) are the only players in the Spartak squad to have scored a CL goal.
- Luiz Adriano scored nine goals in the group stage the last time he played in the CL (prior to this season), for Shakhtar Donetsk in 2014/15.
- Luiz Adriano has failed to score in all six CL appearances against English opposition.

Liverpool

- Liverpool (W0-D3-L3) are currently on their longest CL winless run, stretching back to the 2-1 home victory against Ludogorets on 16 September 2014.
- Liverpool have remained winless in their opening two matches of only one of their last seven CL campaigns - 2007/08 (W0-D1-L1). They still went on to qualify for the knockout stage that season.
- Liverpool have won only one of their last seven CL away fixtures (W1-D3-L3), the 1-0 victory at Debrecen on 24 November 2009.

- That win was also the last time Liverpool kept a CL clean sheet. They have conceded a goal in all eight CL fixtures since, equalling the club CL record for longest run without a clean sheet (also eight from April to November 2008).
- Liverpool won their opening away match in only two of their previous nine CL campaigns - 2-1 at Real Betis in 2005/06 and 2-1 at Olympique de Marseille in 2008/09.
- Liverpool's last CL away goal was scored by Jordan Henderson in a 2-2 draw at Ludogorets on 26 November 2014.
- Mohamed Salah and Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain (both 4) are the joint-leading CL goalscorers in the Liverpool squad. Of the eight CL goals they have scored between them, only one was netted in an away match - Salah's goal for FC Basel in a 2-1 victory at Chelsea on 18 September 2013.
- Philippe Coutinho has failed to score in all 15 CL appearances for Internazionale and Liverpool.
- Sadio Mané (6) was the most fouled player in the opening CL matchround. Spartak's Luiz Adriano (6) committed the most fouls.
- Jürgen Klopp's only previous CL away match as a manager against Russian opposition was Borussia Dortmund's 4-2 win at FC Zenit in the 2013/14 round of 16 first leg.
- Joe Gomez is suspended.

Sevilla FC - NK Maribor (26 Sep 2017)

Head-to-Head

- This is the second time Sevilla and NK Maribor have been drawn together in European competition, after they met in the 2013/14 Europa League round of 32.
- In the first leg of that tie the teams drew 2-2 in Slovenia on 20 February 2014. Marcos Tavares (33') and Dare Vršic (81') scored for Maribor, Kevin Gameiro (47') and Federico Fazio (72') for Sevilla.
- Sevilla went through 4-3 on aggregate after winning the second leg 2-1 in Spain the following week with goals by José Antonio Reyes (42') and Gameiro (59'). Vršic (90+2') scored for Maribor.
- Sevilla went on to win the first of three consecutive Europa League trophies that season.
- Maribor's only other European tie against Spanish opposition came in the 1992/93 Cup Winners' Cup first round. They were beaten 9-1 on aggregate by Atlético Madrid, losing 3-0 at home and 6-1 away.

Sevilla FC

- Sevilla won their opening home match in all four of their previous CL campaigns - 4-2 against Slavia Praha in 2007/08, 2-0 versus Unirea Urziceni in 2009/10, 3-0 against Borussia Mönchengladbach in 2015/16 and 1-0 versus Olympique Lyonnais in 2016/17.
- Sevilla have lost only three of their 15 CL home fixtures (W11-D1-L3), against CSKA Moskva (2-1, 2010), Manchester City (3-1, 2015) and Juventus (3-1, 2016).
- Sevilla's only CL home draw was 1-1 versus VfB Stuttgart on 4 November 2009.
- Sevilla have scored in 31 of their last 32 home matches in European competition (including qualifiers), with the only exception in that run a 2-0 defeat against Real Betis in the 2013/14 Europa League round of 16 first leg.
- The last European home match against non-Spanish opposition that Sevilla failed to score in was a 1-0 defeat against Paris Saint-Germain on 16 September 2010 (Europa League group stage).
- Wissam Ben Yedder has scored in both of his CL home appearances, for Sevilla in wins against Lyon (1-0) and Dinamo Zagreb (4-0) in last season's group stage.
- Eduardo Berizzo took RC Celta to the Europa League semifinal last season. They lost two of their seven home matches in that run (W3-D2-L2), 1-0 against both Shakhtar Donetsk (round of 32) and Manchester United (semifinal). Berizzo is suspended indefinitely by UEFA.

NK Maribor

- Maribor won their first CL match 1-0 at Dynamo Kyiv on 14 September 1999, but are winless in all 12 since (W0-D5-L7).
- Maribor's only other CL away points came in Germany, in draws against Bayer Leverkusen (0-0, 1999) and Schalke 04 (1-1, 2014).
- This is Maribor's first CL away fixture since a 3-1 defeat at Sporting CP on 25 November 2014.
- Maribor have scored seven goals in their 13 CL matches, and have never netted multiple goals in a CL fixture.
- Damjan Bohar (2) is the only player to score multiple CL goals for Maribor. He netted the equaliser in the opening matchround 1-1 home draw against Spartak Moskva.
- Maribor are on a club record run of scoring in 12 consecutive European matches (incl. qualifiers), since a 0-0 home draw against Levski Sofia on 14 July 2016 in the Europa League second qualifying round first leg.
- The last European away fixture Maribor failed to score in was a 6-0 CL group stage defeat at Chelsea on 21 October 2014.
- Only Bayern München (29 v Anderlecht) had more shot attempts in the opening CL matchround than Maribor (26 v Spartak).
- Marcos Tavares scored in the away leg of all three of Maribor's CL qualifiers this season.
- Blaž Vrhovec has received a yellow card in each of Maribor's last five away matches in European competition.

Manchester City - Shakhtar Donetsk (26 Sep 2017)

Head-to-Head

- Manchester City and Shakhtar Donetsk will meet for the first time in any European competition.
- City's only European encounters with Ukrainian sides were against Dynamo Kyiv. In the 2010/11 Europa League Last 16, they were knocked out by them (2-0 away defeat, 1-0 home win) but they progressed in the 2015/16 Champions League Last 16 (3-1 away win, 0-0 at home).
- Shakhtar Donetsk have lost five of their six European away fixtures at English sides, including each of their four in the CL. The only exception was the 1-1 draw at Spurs in the UEFA Cup in February 2009.
- Their last visit to England was also to Manchester as they lost 1-0 at Manchester United in the CL group phase on 10 December 2013.
- Pep Guardiola's first ever home defeat as a manager came on 9 December 2008 as his FC Barcelona were beaten by Shakhtar Donetsk in the CL group phase (3-2). Of the current Shakhtar squad, only Andriy Pyatov and Darijo Srna played in that match as current City player Fernandinho scored their third goal.
- His last two CL home fixtures as a coach against Shakhtar ended 5-1 (with Barcelona in 2010/11 quarterfinals) and 7-0 (with Bayern in 2014/15 Last 16). In that last match Shakhtar suffered their biggest away loss in any European competition ever.

Manchester City

- Manchester City started their Champions League campaign with a 4-0 away victory at Feyenoord, their biggest ever away win in the CL.
- They can win their opening two matches of a CL campaign for the first time.
- Manchester City are unbeaten in their last nine CL home matches (W6-D3-L0), since Juventus won at the Etihad on 15 September 2015 (2-1).
- Defender John Stones scored three goals in his last three CL appearances for Manchester City.
- Stones scored twice against Feyenoord a fortnight ago, making him joint top-scorer this CL season alongside Lionel Messi, Cristiano Ronaldo, Harry Kane, Edinson Cavani and Felipe Pardo (Olympiacos).
- Sergio Agüero has scored a club-high 23 goals and has made a club record 41 appearances for Manchester City in the Champions League.
- Only Lionel Messi (96) has scored more Champions League goals than Agüero (28) among Argentinians.
- Fernandinho played 30 Champions League matches (4 goals) for Shakhtar Donetsk from 2005-2013.
- Pep Guardiola has won only four of his nine Champions League matches with Man City, only 44%. With Barcelona (60% from 50 matches) and Bayern München (63% from 36 matches) his percentage was much higher.

Shakhtar Donetsk

- Shakhtar Donetsk started their CL campaign with a 2-1 home win over Napoli.
- Shakhtar can win their first two matches of a Champions League group stage for the third time, after 2007/08 and 2010/11. In 2007/08 they eventually finished fourth in the group. In 2010/11 they reached the quarterfinals.
- Shakhtar have won their last five European away matches, already a club record.
- It is also the longest running such a streak in all European competitions by any team. The last team to win six away matches in a row in all European competitions was Pep Guardiola's Bayern München when they equalled the record of seven from February 2013 - February 2014.
- In the Champions League, Shakhtar are on a four-match losing streak in away matches, conceding 14 goals and scoring none. This is their longest losing streak since losing their first eight away matches in the CL.
- The last away win for Shakhtar in the Champions League was the 7-0 win against BATE Borisov on 21 October 2014 when Luiz Adriano scored a competition record five goals in a single match.

Napoli - Feyenoord (26 Sep 2017)

Head-to-Head

- Napoli and Feyenoord meet for the first time in any European competition.
- Napoli have won only one of their six European encounters with Dutch sides (W1-D2-L3), the 1-0 home win over Ajax in the UEFA Cup third round on 10 December 1969.
- Napoli's last meeting with a Dutch side came in the 2012/13 Europa League group phase against PSV, when they suffered a 3-1 home defeat. Tim Matavz scored a hat-trick for the Dutch side as Edinson Cavani had put Napoli ahead.
- Feyenoord are winless in their last five European Cup matches against Italian sides (W0-D3-L2), since the 1-0 away victory at Internazionale in the 2001/02 UEFA Cup semifinals. Feyenoord ended up winning the trophy.
- Their last visit to Italy came in the 2014/2015 Europa League Last 32 round, when they held AS Roma to a 1-1 draw but were knocked out as they lost 2-1 at home in the return.
- Current assistant-manager Jean-Paul van Gastel played 82 minutes in Feyenoord's 2-1 win at Lazio on 29 February 2000 in the Champions League.

Napoli

- Napoli started their Champions League campaign with a 2-1 loss at Shakhtar Donetsk.
- They can lose their first two matches of a CL campaign for the first time.
- Napoli are winless in their last three home matches in the Champions League (W0-D1-L2), after remaining unbeaten in their first eight (W7-D1-L0).
- Dries Mertens played for AGOVV Apeldoorn (second tier), FC Utrecht and PSV (Eredivisie) in the Dutch leagues from 2006-2013 before moving to Napoli.
- In the Eredivisie, Mertens scored one goal against Feyenoord, in PSV's 3-2 home win on 26 February 2012.
- With five goals and two assists, Mertens was involved in seven of Napoli's last 11 Champions League goals.
- Arek Milik played for Feyenoord's arch rivals Ajax from 2014-2016, but failed to score in his three appearances against them (Eredivisie and domestic cup).
- Milik has scored Napoli's only goal so far this CL season (penalty).

Feyenoord

- Feyenoord started this Champions League campaign with their biggest home loss in any European competition as they lost 4-0 to Manchester City.
- Feyenoord have never started a CL campaign with successive defeats.
- The last time Feyenoord failed to win any of their first two CL matches was in 2001/02. They finished third in the group and proceeded to the UEFA Cup, which they eventually won. Feyenoord are still the last Dutch team to win a European Cup.
- The only other time Feyenoord failed to win any of their first two matches in the CL group stage was the only time they qualified for the next round as they drew their first two in 1999/00.
- Feyenoord are winless in their last five CL matches, including losing their last four, since winning 1-0 at Newcastle on 24 September 2002. That was also the last time Feyenoord scored in a CL away match (Sebastián Pardo).
- The last Feyenoord player to score a CL goal was Anthony Lurling on 13 November 2002 in Feyenoord's home match against Newcastle United (3-2 loss).
- Nicolai Jørgensen, the only current Feyenoord player to have scored in the CL, scored his only CL goal against Italian opposition as he netted for FC København against Juventus on 17 September 2013 (1-1 at home).

AS Monaco - FC Porto (26 Sep 2017)

Head-to-Head

- AS Monaco against FC Porto will be a replay of the 2004 Champions League final, held in Gelsenkirchen.
- José Mourinho's Porto beat Didier Deschamps' Monaco 3-0 to lift their first second Champions Cup/Champions League trophy, after 1987. Carlos Alberto (39'), Deco (71') and Dmitry Alenichev (75') scored the goals.
- The final is the only previous meeting in European competitions between these teams.
- Monaco remained unbeaten in their three European Cup home matches against Portuguese sides, winning 3-0 against Belenense (1989 Cup Winners' Cup) and 3-2 versus Sporting (1997 CL) before drawing 0-0 with Benfica in the CL in 2014.
- Porto have won only one of their six CL away matches in France (W1-D3-L2), 3-2 at Olympique de Marseille in the 2003/04 group phase. This is also the only win for a Portuguese side visiting a French side in the Champions League.
- Porto's last visit to France in any European competition came in 2014, when they won 1-0 at Lille in the CL qualification play-offs (goal Héctor Herrera).

AS Monaco

- AS Monaco started their Champions League campaign with a 1-1 draw against RB Leipzig.
- The only time Monaco failed to win any of their first two matches of a CL season was also the only time they failed to qualify for the knockout stages. They lost their first two in 2000/2001.
- Monaco lost their last Champions League home match, last season's semifinal against Juventus (2-0). They can lose consecutive CL home matches for the first time.
- They last lost a CL home group stage match on 20 September 2000, 1-0 against Rangers.
- Monaco are winless in their last three CL matches (home and away) and can remain winless in four for the first time since 1997-1998.
- Youri Tielemans scored for Monaco against Leipzig in his first CL match for the team. In 10 CL matches with Anderlecht he was not involved in any goal.
- João Moutinho played 14 Champions League matches (2 goals) for FC Porto in the 2011/2012 and 2012/2013 seasons.
- Radamel Falcao played eight Champions League matches (4 goals) for FC Porto in 2009/2010.
- Leonardo Jardim lost five of his six matches against FC Porto as a coach in the Portuguese top flight, only winning his most recent match against them with Sporting CP on 16 March 2014 (1-0 home win).

FC Porto

- FC Porto started their CL campaign with a 3-1 home loss to Besiktas.
- Porto have lost their last three CL matches (two against Juventus, one against Besiktas) and can lose four in a row for the first time.
- Porto can start a CL season with two losses for the third time, after 1997/1998 and 2005/2006. On both occasions, Porto finished fourth in the group.
- They have never conceded more than six goals in their first two CL matches of a season. In 2005/2006 they started with a 3-2 loss at Rangers before losing 3-2 at home against MFK Artmedia Bratislava.
- Porto have won only one of their last five away matches in the Champions League, the 2-1 at Club Brugge on 18 October 2016.
- Yacine Brahimi has scored seven CL goals for Porto. He needs one more to join Benni McCarthy and Zlatko Zahovic in joint fifth place all-time.
- Maxi Pereira and Vincent Aboubakar return from suspension.

Besiktas - RB Leipzig (26 Sep 2017)

Head-to-Head

- Besiktas and RB Leipzig meet for the first time in a competitive match.
- Besiktas are winless in seven European matches against German teams: W0-D1-L6. The sole draw came away at VfL Wolfsburg on 21 October 2009, 0-0 in the CL group stages.
- Besiktas have scored only two goals against German teams: Ali Gültiken in the 2-1 away defeat at Borussia Dortmund in the 1989/90 Cup Winners' Cup (first round) and Ricardinho in the 2-1 away loss at Bayer Leverkusen in the 2006/07 UEFA Cup (group stages).
- Turkish sides have won only two of their 16 CL matches against German teams (W2-D4-L10): Galatasaray's away wins over Hertha BSC (4-1, 1999 group stages) and Schalke 04 (3-2, 2013 Last 16 round).

Besiktas

- Besiktas started their Champions League campaign with a 3-1 win at FC Porto.
- No Turkish team ever started a CL season with successive victories.
- Besiktas remained unbeaten in their first two CL matches of a season only once, last season, when they recorded two draws.
- Besiktas can win back-to-back Champions League matches for the second time, after consecutive victories against Paris Saint-Germain and IFK Göteborg in the 1997/98 group stages.
- Besiktas drew all their three CL home matches last season. In 2009/10, their previous season in the CL, they lost all three.
- Ricardo Quaresma celebrates his 34th birthday on the day of the match.
- No player representing a Turkish club ever scored on his birthday in the CL.
- Quaresma can also become the first Portuguese player to score on his birthday in the Champions League.

RB Leipzig

- RB Leipzig drew their first ever Champions League match 1-1 with AS Monaco.
- Leipzig's players were caught offside a competition-high nine times on the first matchday. Borussia Dortmund and Manchester City follow with six offsides.
- Five of those offsides were by Timo Werner. Cristiano Ronaldo (Real Madrid) and Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang (Borussia Dortmund) follow with four offsides each.
- Leipzig earned a competition-high 22 free kicks on the first matchday.
- Emil Forsberg scored in his first CL match for Leipzig after he failed to score in any of his six CL matches for Malmö FF in 2014/15.

Borussia Dortmund - Real Madrid (26 Sep 2017)

Head-to-Head

- Borussia Dortmund and Real Madrid will meet for the 13th time in all European competitions, with all of their previous 12 encounters coming in the Champions League.
- The only CL fixtures which have been played more often are Bayern München - Real Madrid (18 times), AC Milan - FC Barcelona (15 times) and Juventus - Real Madrid (14 times).
- Dortmund won three of their previous 12 encounters versus four victories for Real (five draws).
- Each of those three victories came at home: 2-1 in 2012 (group stage), 4-1 in 2013 (semifinals) and 2-0 in 2014 (quarterfinals). They drew their other three CL encounters in Dortmund.
- BVB have not played more than four home European Cup fixtures against any other opponents without ever losing.
- Only at AC Milan and Inter (both 7) have Real played more away matches in all European competitions without ever winning than at Dortmund.
- Robert Lewandowski scored all four goals in that 4-1 semifinal home win for Dortmund in 2013 - he remains the only player to-date to have scored more than two goals against Real in a single CL match.
- Last season these sides also met in the CL group stage, with both encounters finishing 2-2. Almost one year ago (27 September 2016), Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang (43'), André Schürrle (87'), Cristiano Ronaldo (17') and Raphaël Varane (68') scored in the draw at Signal Iduna Park.
- BVB are unbeaten in their last three CL matches against Real - they were also the last team to avoid defeat in four consecutive CL matches versus Real (2003-2013).
- Real have won four of their last seven CL away matches at German sides, following a six-match losing streak.

Borussia Dortmund

- Borussia Dortmund started their 2017/18 Champions League campaign with a 3-1 defeat against Tottenham Hotspur at Wembley Stadium.
- Dortmund have lost four of their five Champions League matches in 2017, with the 4-0 home win over Benfica in last season's round of last 16 as the only exception.
- They can lose four consecutive CL matches for the first time ever.
- BVB have lost just one of their last 12 group stage home matches in the Champions League (W9-D2-L1), the 1-0 defeat against Arsenal on 6 November 2013.
- Dortmund are one shy of their 50th victory in the Champions League and need two more goals to reach the 400-goal mark in all European competitions.
- Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang has been involved in 11 goals (8 goals, 3 assists) in his last 13 Champions League group stage matches for Dortmund.
- With two goals and one assist, Aubameyang has had a hand in three goals in his last two Champions League matches for Dortmund against Real Madrid.
- Nuri Sahin won the La Liga title with Real Madrid in 2011/12. Sahin made four Champions League appearances (0 goals) for Real that season.
- Peter Bosz could become the first manager to lose his first two Champions League matches as Dortmund boss.

Real Madrid

- Real Madrid have won their opening two group stage matches in eight of the last nine Champions League seasons (last season). On Matchday 1, Real kicked off with a 3-0 home win over APOEL Nicosia.
- Real have lost just one of their last 46 Champions League group stage matches (W36-D9-L1) and are unbeaten in their last 28 (W21-D7-L0) since the 2-1 away defeat against Dortmund on 24 October 2012.
- Real Madrid have scored in each of their last 16 Champions League matches (41 goals total), since the goalless draw at Manchester City in the semifinals on 26 April 2016.

- Real have scored 33 penalties in the Champions League, joint-most along with FC Barcelona.
- Cristiano Ronaldo has scored a record 12 Champions League goals from the spot, one more than Lionel Messi.
- Ronaldo, all-time top scorer in the Champions League on 107 goals, has scored 12 goals in his last six Champions League appearances.
- Only Lionel Messi (59) has scored more Champions League group stage goals than Ronaldo (53). Raúl scored also 53 group stage goals in the competition.
- Ronaldo can play his 142nd match in the Champions League, to join Raúl in third place on the all-time appearances list. Ronaldo is now in joint-fourth place along with Ryan Giggs (141).
- Gareth Bale has scored just one goal in his last 15 Champions League away appearances for Real, the opening goal in the 3-3 draw at Legia Warszawa on 2 November 2016.
- Bale has failed to score from all of his last 17 shots in the Champions League, since his effort against Legia in 2016.
- On 27 September 2016, Raphaël Varane scored his first ever Champions League goal in Real's 2-2 away draw against Dortmund.
- Manager Zinedine Zidane appeared for Juventus in their 3-1 loss against Borussia Dortmund in the 1996/97 Champions League final.
- Franchu returns from suspension.

APOEL Nicosia - Tottenham Hotspur (26 Sep 2017)

Head-to-Head

- APOEL Nicosia and Tottenham Hotspur will meet for the first time in all European competitions.
- APOEL's only European fixtures against English side came in the 2009/10 CL group phase: they lost 1-0 at home against Chelsea and drew 2-2 at Stamford Bridge.
- Spurs remained unbeaten in their four previous European matches against Cypriot sides, winning (6-1 home) and drawing (1-1 away) against Anorthosis Famagusta in the 2007/08 UEFA Cup and winning twice (2-1 away, 3-0 home) against AEL Limassol in the 2014/15 Europa League.
- Cypriot sides remained winless in each of their 12 matches against English sides in all European competitions (W0-D2-L10).

APOEL Nicosia

- APOEL Nicosia have lost eight of their last nine Champions League matches, with the 1-1 home draw against Ajax on 30 September 2014 as the only exception.
- APOEL's last Champions League win came on 7 March 2012, when they beat Olympique Lyonnais 1-0 at home in the round of last 16.
- APOEL have won just three of their 23 Champions League matches (W3-D7-L13). All three victories have come at the GSP Stadium in Nicosia.
- APOEL Nicosia have lost their last five Champions League matches, without scoring a single goal. Dinamo Zagreb failed to score in a record eight consecutive defeats in 2015-2016.
- APOEL have failed to score from their last 27 attempts in the Champions League, since Gustavo Manduca's effort against Ajax (1-1) on 30 September 2014.
- APOEL have kept a clean sheet in six of their last seven European home matches, only conceding against Anderlecht (1-0 loss) in last season's Europa League round of last 16.
- Igor De Camargo has scored in each of APOEL's last 2 European home matches.

Tottenham Hotspur

- On Matchday 1, Tottenham Hotspur beat Borussia Dortmund 3-1 at Wembley Stadium despite just 32% possession.
- They can win their first two matches of a Champions League campaign for the first time.
- Tottenham have now won their last two Champions League matches and could win three in a row for the first time in the competition.
- Spurs have won just one of their six away matches in the Champions League group stage (W1-D3-L2), the 1-0 win at CSKA Moskva on 27 September 2016.
- With four goals and one assist, Harry Kane has been involved in five of Spurs' last seven goals in the Champions League.
- Kane scored in both of his previous European appearances against sides from Cyprus (Europa League qualifiers against AEL Limassol in August 2014).
- Son Heung-Min has scored five Champions League goals, more than any other player from Korea (Park Ji-Sung, 4).
- Dele Alli and Jan Vertonghen are suspended. Spurs have lost their last four European matches and are winless in their last six away fixtures in Europe (W0-D2-L4) without Vertonghen.

CSKA Moskva - Manchester United (27 Sep 2017)

Head-to-Head

- Manchester United remained unbeaten in each of their four previous European meetings against CSKA Moskva (W2-D2-L0).
- They were first drawn together in the 2009/10 group phase, when United won 1-0 in Moscow (goal Antonio Valencia 86') and drew 3-3 at Old Trafford. CSKA led 3-1 after 47 minutes but Paul Scholes (84') and again Valencia (90+2') equalised for the hosts. Both teams progressed from the group stage.
- The last time they met was in the 2015/16 group phase. This time, they drew 1-1 in Moscow (goals Seydou Doumbia 15', Anthony Martial 65') and Man United won 1-0 at home (Wayne Rooney 79').
- CSKA have won only one of their seven CL home matches against English sides (W1-D2-L4), 1-0 against Arsenal on 17 October 2006.
- They were drawn with an English side in the group phase in each of the previous four seasons, losing two of their home fixtures (2-1 v Man City in 2013, 1-0 against Spurs in 2016) and drawing the other two (2-2 v City in 2014, 1-1 v United in 2015).
- Manchester United have drawn four of their five away fixtures against Russian teams in all European competitions with the exception of the 1-0 win over CSKA in 2009.
- The last time United won the CL (2007/08), they defeated Chelsea after a penalty shoot-out in the final in Moscow (Luzhniki Stadium).

CSKA Moskva

- This is CSKA Moskva's 11th CL campaign and they can now win their first two matches of CL season for the first time. Last season they had one point after two matches.
- Only twice, they remained unbeaten in their opening two CL fixtures: 2004/05 and 2006/07. On both occasions, they finished third in their group.
- The last time they won consecutive CL matches was in November-December 2009.
- Their 2-1 win at Benfica was only the third CL match in which they managed to come back from behind. They have been trailing in 48 matches in total in the CL.
- The past four seasons CSKA failed to make it past the group stage, finishing bottom of their group in all four seasons.
- CSKA have won each of their five matches in Europe this season (CL qualification and main tournament) and they can now equal their second longest winning run in European competitions, six matches in September-December 2008. That run was ended against an English side as they drew 1-1 at Aston Villa in the UEFA Cup.
- CSKA have not kept a clean sheet in their last 29 CL matches (CL record), since the 0-0 at Trabzonspor on 2 November 2011.
- This will be CSKA's 150th match in Europe.
- Igor Akinfeev have failed to keep a clean sheet in his last 40 CL appearances since a 0-0 draw at Arsenal on 1 November 2006.

Manchester United

- Manchester United won 3-0 against FC Basel in their opening CL match this season.
- They can win their first two matches of a CL season for the seventh time (21 campaigns in total) - the last time they achieved this was in 2012/13.
- Four times Man United kept two clean sheets in their first two matches: 1999/2000, 2007/08, 2008/09, 2010/11. They reached the final in three of those four seasons.
- The most goals they scored in their first two CL matches of a season is eight in 2004/05.
- United are unbeaten in their last five away matches in Europe, all in last season's Europa League.
- In the CL, they have lost four of their last five CL away matches with the exception of the 1-1 draw at CSKA on 21 October 2015.

- Manchester United have scored in each of their last 16 European matches, their second longest scoring run after a streak of 20 matches from March 2011 to November 2012.
- Man United have won only four of the last six CL matches in which they scored the opening goal (W2-D1-L3).
- Romelu Lukaku has scored in each of his last seven appearances in Europe for Everton and Man United (10 goals in total). This century, three players have had longer runs of scoring in consecutive appearances: Ruud van Nistelrooy (10 successive appearances 2002-2003), Alan Shearer (8, 2004-2005), Cristiano Ronaldo (8, 2013-2014).
- Marcus Rashford's five goals in Europe are most for an English teenager this century.
- José Mourinho has won 11 matches in Europe with Man United, more than his two predecessors combined - David Moyes 5, Louis van Gaal 5.
- Mourinho's teams have won their last four CL matches (Chelsea 3, Man United 1). He can win five in a row for the first time since his six group stage victories with Real Madrid in 2011/12.
- Phil Jones and Eric Bailly return from suspension.

FC Basel - Benfica (27 Sep 2017)

Head-to-Head

- FC Basel and Benfica will meet for the third time in all European competitions, after they were also drawn together in the 2011/12 CL group stage.
- Benfica won their first encounter 2-0 in Basel on 18 October (goals Bruno César and Oscar Cardozo) before they drew 1-1 in Lisbon two weeks later (goals Rodrigo and Benjamin Huggel). Both teams progressed to the knockout phase by finishing ahead of Manchester United, who they meet again in this season's CL group.
- Basel have lost four of their seven European home fixtures against Portuguese sides (W2-D1-L4).
- Benfica remained unbeaten in all of their six European encounters with Swiss sides, eliminating FC La-Chaux-de-Fonds (1964/65 Champions Cup) and FC Zürich (1982/83 UEFA Cup) besides their meetings with Basel.

FC Basel

- FC Basel lost their first match this CL season 3-0 at Manchester United.
- They have not started a CL season with two defeats in each of their last four CL campaigns. The last time they started with two defeats was in 2010/11, when they ultimately finished third in their group.
- Basel have never failed to score in their first two matches of a CL season.
- The Swiss are on an 11-match winless run in the CL (W0-D4-L7) since their 4-0 home win against Ludogorets in November 2014. Of all current CL participants, only NK Maribor (12) are enduring a longer winless run in the competition.
- Basel have scored either one goal (5 times) or zero goals (6 times) in these 11 matches.
- They could fail to win six CL home matches in a row for the first time.
- Basel's last home win in all European competitions was a 2-1 victory against Saint-Etienne in the Europa League in February 2016.
- Basel have not scored a first-half goal in their last eight CL matches. They conceded goals before half-time in seven of these matches.

Benfica

- Benfica lost their first CL match 2-1 at home against CSKA Moskva.
- They have lost their first two group matches of a CL season in only two of their 12 previous campaigns, in 2007/08 and in 2014/15. Benfica were eliminated in the group phase in both seasons.
- Last season, Benfica had one point after two matches but they still qualified for the knockout stages.
- Benfica could lose three CL matches in a row for the second time, after three defeats in December 2006 - October 2007.
- They are one goal short of becoming the second Portuguese side, after FC Porto (219), to score their 100th CL goal (Basel have conceded exactly 100 CL goals).
- They have conceded at least three goals in three of their last four CL away matches, with the exception of the 2-0 win at Dynamo Kyiv.
- Benfica have had penalties against them in five of their last eight CL matches (3 scored - 2 missed).
- Benfica have scored in each of their last 13 CL group matches since the 0-0 draw against Leverkusen in 2014. Their goal against CSKA Moskva came from Swiss player Haris Seferovic.
- Seferovic can become the first Swiss player to score against a Swiss club in the CL (excluding own goals).

Paris Saint-Germain - FC Bayern München (27 Sep 2017)

Head-to-Head

- Paris Saint-Germain and Bayern München will meet for the seventh time in all European competitions, with all of their previous six encounters coming in the CL (first) group phase.
- In five of their six encounters, the home team came out on top with the exception of PSG's 1-0 win in Munich on 23 November 1994 (goal George Weah 80').
- Paris Saint-Germain three home victories over Bayern were 2-0 (14 Sept 1994), 3-1 (5 November 1997) and 1-0 (26 September 2000).
- On each occasion they were drawn together, these sides claimed the top-two positions in the group to progress to the next round.
- Their most recent CL encounter in Paris was decided by a late goal from Laurent Leroy (90'). That was one of only two defeats for Bayern during that CL season (the other also in France at Olympique Lyonnais) in which they ultimately lifted the trophy.
- Against no other opponents have Bayern played more CL away matches (since 1992/93) without claiming a single point than at PSG.
- PSG have won five of their six European Cup home matches against German sides, with the exception of the 0-0 draw versus Borussia Dortmund in the 2010/11 Europa League group phase.
- Bayern have won their last six CL fixtures against French teams, including the last three away matches. Their last away defeat in France the 2-1 group stage defeat at Bordeaux on 21 October 2009.
- Carlo Ancelotti won four and lost one of his five matches against Unai Emery when they were the coaches of Real Madrid and Sevilla FC respectively.

Paris Saint-Germain

- Paris Saint-Germain can start a CL season with two wins for the fourth time in their 10 campaigns. They won their first two matches in 1994/95, 2013/14 and 2015/16.
- They have never scored more than seven goals in their first two matches (2013/14).
- PSG have lost only one of their last 24 home matches in the CL since their return to the competition in 2012, a 3-1 defeat versus Barcelona in the 2014/15 quarterfinals.
- This will be PSG's 100th home match in Europe (W63-D26-10).
- They are three goals short of their 100th home goal in the Champions Cup/CL.
- Edinson Cavani can equal the CL record of scoring in six consecutive matches of his team. Previously Marouane Chamakh, Burak Yilmaz and Cristiano Ronaldo achieved this.
- Neymar has scored in both of his CL appearances against Bayern, netting a total of three goals. Only versus his current team PSG (7) and Celtic (5) he has scored more CL goals.
- Neymar scored 16 goals and provided eight assists in his 20 home appearances in the CL as a Barcelona player.
- Since 2013/14, only Cristiano Ronaldo (38, 30 goals/8 assists) and Lionel Messi (28, 21 goals/7 assists) have been directly involved in more CL home goals than Neymar.
- Kylian Mbappé (7 goals) needs one more goal to become the highest scoring teenager in the CL. He is currently tied on seven goals with Patrick Kluivert.
- Layvin Kurzawa has given an assist in each of PSG's last three matches in the Champions League.

FC Bayern München

- Bayern München have won their first two matches of a CL season 10 times in their previous 20 campaigns.
- Bayern can claim their 250th win in Europe. Only Barcelona (301) and Real Madrid (299) have won more matches.
- They have won only two of their last eight away matches in the CL (W2-D2-L4).
- Bayern have failed to keep a clean sheet in their last eight CL away fixtures since the 2-0 win at Dinamo Zagreb in 2015.

- They have been awarded a penalty in each of their last four CL matches, a record in the CL.
- Robert Lewandowski has scored in each of his last five CL appearances and could become the first to score in six CL appearances for Bayern, surpassing Arjen Robben (5 in April-October 2013).
- Franck Ribéry is unbeaten in his seven CL appearances against French teams (W6-D1).
- Carlo Ancelotti had a W6-D3-L1 record in the CL when he was coach of Paris Saint-Germain (2012/13).
- Bayern is Ancelotti's seventh team in the CL (Parma, Juventus, AC Milan, Chelsea, PSG, Real Madrid). He has faced only two of his former clubs after he had left these teams - Juventus (W1-D3-L1) and Real Madrid (W0-D0-L2).
- Ancelotti has won 85 CL matches, one win behind Arsène Wenger (86) in second place all-time. Alex Ferguson won 102 matches.
- With Carlo Ancelotti at the helm, Bayern have yet to draw their first CL match: W7-D0-L4.
- Arturo Vidal returns from suspension.

Anderlecht - Celtic (27 Sep 2017)

Head-to-Head

- The only previous European encounters between these two came in the 2003/04 group phase.
- Anderlecht won their home fixture 1-0 on 21 October with a goal from Aruna Dindane (72') - they played with 10 men for almost 65 minutes as Glen de Boeck was sent off in the 26th minute.
- Celtic won the return at Celtic Park 3-1 as Henrik Larsson, Liam Miller and Chris Sutton had put them 3-0 ahead after 30 minutes. Dindane scored Anderlecht's only goal tapping in the rebound from a missed penalty by Ivica Mornar.
- Anderlecht are unbeaten in four European Cup home matches against Scottish sides (W2-D2-L0) after they lost the first two at home (versus Rangers and Dundee in Champions Cup, 1959 and 1963).
- Celtic have never won a European away fixture at Belgian teams, losing 1-0 at Anderlecht and AA Gent (1984, Cup Winners Cup) and drawing 1-1 with Germinal Ekeren in 1991 (UEFA Cup). Mike Galloway scored their only goal in Belgium to date.
- The last Scottish side to win an away match at a Belgium team in all European competitions was Dundee FC at FC Liège in the UEFA Cup on 14 November 1967 (4-1). They have failed to win in 19 European away matches since (W0-D10-L9).

Anderlecht

- Anderlecht started their CL season with a 3-0 defeat at Bayern München. They could lose their first two matches of a campaign for the fourth time, after 2004/05, 2005/06 and 2013/14.
- Anderlecht have won only three of their last 38 CL matches, all in the group phase - 1-0 away against Real Betis (2005), 1-0 at home versus FC Zenit (2012), 2-0 at home against Galatasaray (2014).
- Those were three of four CL matches in that run in which they kept a clean sheet, together with the 0-0 away draw at AC Milan in 2012.
- The win against Galatasaray came in their last CL home match and they could now win two home matches in a row in the CL for the first time since October -November 2003, when they beat Celtic and Olympique Lyonnais.
- Anderlecht have been behind in 46 CL matches and managed to come back and win in only one - 4-2 at home versus Dynamo Kyiv on 18 October 2000.
- No team has conceded more goals at home in all European competitions than Anderlecht - 205. Barcelona are next on 203.
- Anderlecht have won 10 of their last 13 matches in Europe in which they scored the opening goal, losing once and drawing twice.
- Anderlecht's last five CL home goals were scored by players younger than 22 years.
- Olivier Deschacht has played 37 CL matches for Anderlecht. Only two Belgians have played more CL matches for a single team - Daniel Van Buyten 46 for Bayern München and Nicolas Lombaerts 38 for FC Zenit.
- Sven Kums is suspended.

Celtic

- Celtic lost 5-0 to Paris Saint-Germain at home and they could lose their first two matches of a CL season for the third time in their 10 campaigns, after 2004/05 and 2013/14.
- Last season, Celtic lost their first match 7-0 at Barcelona before drawing 3-3 at home versus Manchester City. Those 10 goals conceded after two matches is a CL record.
- Celtic have won one of their 30 CL away matches (W1-D3-L26), a 3-2 win at Spartak Moskva on 2 October 2012.
- After surviving the 2012/13 group phase, Celtic have won just one of their next 15 CL matches (W1-D3-L11), a 2-1 home win versus Ajax in October 2013.
- Celtic have not kept a clean sheet in their last 20 CL matches since a 0-0 home draw against Benfica in September 2012.

- The Scottish side have conceded first-half goals in eight of their last nine CL matches.
- After keeping five clean sheets in a row in Europe, Celtic have conceded four (Astana) and five goals (PSG) in their last two matches.
- Brendan Rodgers (W1-D5-L7) only won his first CL match as a manager, a 2-1 home win for Liverpool against Ludogorets (September 2014). He is winless in all 12 following matches, including seven with Celtic.
- Rodgers's teams have yet to keep a clean sheet in the CL.

Atlético Madrid - Chelsea (27 Sep 2017)

Head-to-Head

- Chelsea have won only one of five European Cup matches against Atlético Madrid (W1-D2-L2).
- That sole victory came in their first ever European meeting in the CL on 21 October 2009, when Chelsea won 4-0 at home. In the return in Madrid, they drew 2-2 with braces from Sergio Agüero and Didier Drogba.
- Their most recent meetings came in the 2013/14 CL semifinals, when Atleti eliminated Chelsea by winning 3-1 at Stamford Bridge after a 0-0 draw in Madrid in the first leg. Fernando Torres (now at Atleti) opened the score for Chelsea but Adrián, Diego Costa (now at Chelsea and to continue his career at Atleti coming January) and Arda Turan brought Atlético their first CL final ticket.
- Inbetween, they also met in the European Super Cup in Monaco on 31 August 2012 when EL winners Atlético beat CL winners Chelsea 4-1. Radamel Falcao scored a hat-trick with the other goals coming from Miranda and Gary Cahill.
- That Super Cup yielded Atlético's most recent European trophy to date.
- Atlético have never lost a home fixture against an English side in all European competitions (W6-D5-L0), keeping a clean sheet in seven of those matches including in the last three.
- Chelsea have drawn their last five CL away matches at Spanish teams since the 2-1 win at Valencia in 2007 (group stage).
- Their last defeat in Spain in the CL came at Real Betis on 1 November 2005 (1-0) - they are unbeaten in nine CL away matches in Spain since (W2-D7-L0).

Atlético Madrid

- Atlético Madrid started their Champions League campaign with a 0-0 draw against AS Roma.
- Only in 2009/10, Atlético Madrid failed to win any of their first two group stage matches of a CL campaign. That is also the only season they failed to progress to the CL knockout stages, as they finished third and eventually won the Europa League.
- Atlético Madrid have lost only one of their last 23 Champions League home matches (W18-D4-L1), the 2-1 defeat against Benfica on 30 September 2015.
- Atlético are now unbeaten in their last 11 CL home matches, conceding only two goals and keeping nine clean sheets
- No team attempted more shots without scoring a goal in the opening matchround than Atlético Madrid (20).
- Antoine Griezmann has scored in his last two Champions League home appearances for Atlético. He has never scored in three CL home matches in a row.
- Griezmann has scored one goal in four CL matches against English opposition, as he scored the only goal in Atlético's 1-0 home win over Leicester City on 12 April.
- With five goals and two assists, Griezmann has been involved in seven goals in his last four home matches in the CL group stage.
- Fernando Torres made 29 Champions League appearances (10 goals) for Chelsea between 2011 and 2014. He is still ranked fourth on Chelsea's all-time CL top scorers list.
- Filipe Luís played five Champions League matches (0 goals) for Chelsea in 2014/15.

Chelsea

- Chelsea started this Champions League season with a 6-0 home win over debutants Qarabag FK.
- Chelsea need four more goals to equal most goals scored after two CL group stage matches set by Real Madrid in 2013/14. The record for an English side is nine by Arsenal in 2010/11.
- Chelsea themselves never scored more than six after two group stage matches of a CL season. they scored six in 2012/13, 2010/11 and 2004/05.

- Chelsea can win their first two group stage matches of a CL campaign for the fifth time and for the first time since 2010/11. On all four previous occasions they qualified for the knockout stages.
- Chelsea have won their last four CL group stage matches, scoring 14 goals and keeping a clean sheet in the last three.
- Chelsea could keep three consecutive away clean sheets for the first time in the CL group stage since 2007-2008 (0-0 Schalke, 4-0 Rosenborg, 0-0 CFR 1907 Cluj).
- Chelsea has scored three goals from set pieces this Champions League season, joint-most along with Manchester City.
- Both Álvaro Morata (6 appearances) and Cesc Fàbregas (9 appearances) have yet to score against Atlético Madrid in all competitions.

Qarabag FK - AS Roma (27 Sep 2017)

Head-to-Head

- Qarabag FK and AS Roma will meet for the first time in all European competitions.
- Qarabag remained winless in their four previous European Cup matches against Italian sides, losing and drawing against Internazionale in the 2014/15 Europa League group phase (2-0 away, 0-0 at home) and losing twice against Fiorentina in last season's group stage (5-1 away, 2-1 home).
- Roma will meet a team representing Azerbaijan for the first time in all European competitions.
- On 10 October 2015, the Italian national team won 3-1 in a EURO qualifier against Azerbaijan in Baku with Roma player Stephan El Shaarawy scoring their second goal. Alessandro Florenzi, Maksim Medvedev, Rashad Sadygov, Gara Garayev, Rahid Amirquliyev and Arif Dashdemirov also played in that match.

Qarabag FK

- Qarabag FK lost their first ever Champions League match 6-0 against Chelsea, the joint-biggest defeat for a Champions League debutant after Sporting Braga's 6-0 loss against Arsenal on 15 September 2010.
- Only Bayer 04 Leverkusen in 2002/03 (6-2 loss at Olympiacos) and Galatasaray in 2013/14 (6-1 loss against Real Madrid) have ever qualified for the next round after conceding at least six goals in their opening match of a Champions League season.
- No team has ever conceded more than 10 goals in their first two group stage matches of a Champions League campaign, as Celtic conceded 10 in 2016/17.
- The last debutants to lose their first ever two Champions League matches were Borussia Mönchengladbach in 2015/16 as they lost against Sevilla (3-0) and Manchester City (2-1).
- Qarabag FK are unbeaten in their last three European home matches (W2-D1-L0), keeping a clean sheet in all those three fixtures. The last team to score at Qarabag was an Italian side, Fiorentina in the Europa League group stage last season.

AS Roma

- AS Roma started their Champions League campaign with a goalless draw against Atlético Madrid.
- In their previous Champions League appearance (2015/16), AS Roma kicked off with a draw and a loss, but went on to qualify for the knockout stages.
- AS Roma have won only one of their last 14 Champions League matches (W1-D6-L7), the 3-2 home win against Leverkusen on 4 November 2015.
- Roma are winless in their last nine Champions League away matches (W0-D4-L5), since the 3-2 victory at FC Basel on 3 November 2010. Their nine-match winless run is their longest ever in the competition.
- AS Roma have failed to score in their last four Champions League matches, their longest goalless run ever in the competition.
- The last player to score a Champions League for Roma was Edin Džeko, as he tallied Roma's only goal in their 6-1 group stage loss against FC Barcelona on 24 November 2015.
- Džeko (9) is one goal shy of reaching double figures in the Champions League. He scored six of his nine CL goals in away matches.
- Only Hasan Salihamidzic (10) has scored more goals among players representing Bosnia and Herzegovina than Džeko (9).

Sporting CP - FC Barcelona (27 Sep 2017)

Head-to-Head

- Sporting CP and FC Barcelona will meet for the fifth time in all European competitions.
- Their first encounters came in the 1986/87 UEFA Cup second round, when Barcelona progressed after a 1-0 home win (goal Julio Alberto) and a 2-1 away defeat (goals Manuel Negrete, Raphael Meade; Roberto).
- They also met in the 2008/09 CL group stage, when Barça won both at home (3-1) and in Lisbon (5-2).
- Thierry Henry (14'), Gerard Piqué (17'), Lionel Messi (49'), Marco Caneira (own goal, 67') and Bojan (73', penalty) scored for Barcelona in the fixture played in Lisbon, as Miguel Veloso (65') and Liedson (66') scored for the hosts. Sporting goal keeper Rui Patrício was shown red (71').
- FC Barcelona remained unbeaten in their four CL away fixtures at Portuguese sides (W3-D1-L0) - their last away defeat in Portugal came in the 1987/88 UEFA Cup First Round at Belenenses (1-0).
- Sporting avoided defeat in only one of their three CL home matches against Spanish sides, the 2-2 draw against Real Madrid in the 2000/01 first group stage.

Sporting CP

- Sporting CP started their Champions League campaign with a 3-2 win at Olympiacos (3-0 lead at half-time).
- Sporting can win their opening two group stage matches for the first time in a Champions League campaign.
- Only in 1997/98 (W1-D1-L0) and 2006/07 (W1-D1-L0), Sporting remained unbeaten in their first two matches of a Champions League season.
- The last team from 'Pot 4' to win the first two matches in the group stage was BATE Borisov in 2012/13. They finished third in the group and were eliminated.
- Sporting have kept just one clean sheet in their last 15 Champions League matches (34 goals conceded), in the 2-0 home win over Legia Warszawa on 27 September 2016.
- Bas Dost finished as the top scorer in the Portuguese league last season (34 goals). Dost has scored two goals in 13 Champions League appearances, one for Wolfsburg (6 matches) and one for Sporting (7).
- Bruno Fernandes scored against Olympiacos on his Champions League debut. He can become the second player from Portugal to score in his first two CL appearances after Sá Pinto for Sporting in 2000.
- Seydou Doumbia has scored in his last two Champions League appearances and can score in three CL matches in a row for the first time in his career.

FC Barcelona

- FC Barcelona started their Champions League campaign with a 3-0 home win over Juventus.
- Barcelona have lost just one of their last 17 matches in the Champions League group stage (W14-D2-L1), the 3-1 defeat at Manchester City on 1 November 2016.
- Barça have kept a clean sheet in four of their last five Champions League group stage matches, and in each of their last three since that 3-1 loss against City last season.
- Barcelona have lost their last two away matches in the Champions League - 4-0 against PSG and 3-0 versus Juventus. The last time they lost three CL away matches in a row was in 2004/05, when they lost in the group stage against AC Milan (1-0) and Shakhtar Donetsk (2-0) and in the round of last 16 against Chelsea (4-2).
- Barça could fail to score in three consecutive away matches in the Champions League for the first time ever. The last time Barcelona remained goalless in three European away matches in a row was in 1989-1990, when they failed to score at Anderlecht (Cup Winners' Cup), AC Milan (European Super Cup) and Trabzonspor (Cup Winners' Cup).

- Lionel Messi is one goal short of his 100th goal in all European competitions. He can become the second player ever to reach this mark after Cristiano Ronaldo.
- Messi has scored 96 goals in the Champions League and is ranked second in the all-time standings behind Ronaldo (107).
- Messi has scored 59 Champions League group stage goals, at least six more than any other player (Ronaldo and Raúl 53). Messi scored his 59 group stage goals in 58 matches.
- Messi has scored just one competitive goal, for club or country, in Portugal, as he netted in Barcelona's 5-2 Champions League group stage win over Sporting on 26 November 2008.
- Andrés Iniesta can play his 124th Champions League match (all for Barcelona), equalling Paul Scholes (all for Manchester United) in joint-seventh place on the all-time appearances list.
- Only Xavi (151, Barcelona), Iker Casillas (150, Real Madrid), Ryan Giggs (141, Manchester United), Raúl (130, Real Madrid) and Scholes (124) have played more matches in the CL for a single club than Iniesta (123).

Juventus - Olympiacos (27 Sep 2017)

Head-to-Head

- Juventus and Olympiacos will meet for the 11th time in all European competitions - Juve have won six times versus two victories for the Greek side (two draws).
- Juventus have won four of their five home matches against Olympiacos, with the exception of the 2-1 defeat in the 1999/2000 UEFA Cup third round.
- That is also the only time that Juventus lost at home against a Greek team in Europe (W10-D1-L1).
- The last time these teams met was in the 2014/15 CL group stage, when both teams won their home match (Olympiacos 1-0 on 22 October 2014, Juve 3-2 on 4 November).
- That 3-2 win for Juve was a the first match of a nine-match unbeaten run in the CL which was ended by the 3-1 defeat against Barcelona in the 2015 final.
- On 10 December 2003, Juventus won 7-0 at home against Olympiacos in the CL group stage. It is the biggest ever CL win for Juventus and the biggest defeat for Olympiacos to date in any European competition.

Juventus

- Juventus lost 3-0 at FC Barcelona in the opening matchround and could start a Champions League season with two consecutive defeats for the first time ever.
- Juve lost last season's Champions League final 4-1 against Real Madrid and could now lose three CL matches in a row for the first time in history.
- Juve could lose three European matches in a row for the third time after three-match losing streaks in 1975 and 1993-1994.
- Juventus have lost only one of their last 36 home matches in the Champions League (first) group stage (W26-D9-L1), the 4-1 loss against Bayern München at Stadio Olimpico on 8 December 2009.
- Juventus are unbeaten in their last 23 European home matches (W14-D9-L0), since the 2-0 loss against Bayern München in the Champions League quarterfinal on 10 April 2013.
- Juve are still unbeaten in Champions League group stage matches at the Allianz Stadium (Juventus Stadium), keeping a clean sheet in six of their last seven home fixtures.
- Only Iker Casillas (54) and Edwin van der Sar (50) have collected more clean sheets in the Champions League than Gianluigi Buffon (47).
- Buffon can make his 110th Champions League appearance, setting a new record for players from Italy. Buffon currently shares the record with Paolo Maldini (109).
- Juan Cuadrado returns from suspension.

Olympiacos

- Olympiacos started their Champions League campaign with a 3-2 home loss against Sporting CP.
- Olympiacos can lose their first two matches in the Champions League group stage for the fifth time and for the first time since 2012/13. On all previous four occasions, Olympiacos failed to qualify for the next round.
- Last season, Olympiacos won two of their three away matches in the Champions League group stage. After wins at Arsenal (3-2) and Dinamo Zagreb (1-0), they lost 4-0 at Bayern München.
- Olympiacos have lost their last three Champions League matches (home and away). They could lose four in a row for the first time since February 2010 - September 2011.
- On 4 November 2014, Alberto Botía scored his first ever Champions League goal in Olympiacos' 3-2 away defeat against Juventus.
- Felipe Pardo scored both goals in the 3-2 defeat against Sporting and has now scored five goals in seven CL appearances for Olympiacos.
- Pardo (5) needs two more goals to equal Stelios Giannakopoulos and Ieroklis Stoltidis in fourth place on Olympiacos' all-time CL top scorers list.