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**HNK Rijeka**

**Stadion HNK Rijeka - Rijeka**

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Group F - Matchday 6



**AZ Alkmaar**

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## Previous meetings

### Head to Head

#### UEFA Europa League

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
29/10/2020	GS	<b>AZ Alkmaar</b> - HNK Rijeka	4-1	Alkmaar	Koopmeiners 6 (P), Guðmundsson 20, 60, Karlsson 51; Kulenović 72

	Home				Away				Final				Total					
	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
HNK Rijeka	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	4
AZ Alkmaar	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	4	1

### HNK Rijeka - Record versus clubs from opponents' country

#### UEFA Europa League

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
06/11/2014	GS	<b>Feyenoord</b> - HNK Rijeka	2-0	Rotterdam	El Ahmadi 8, Immers 20
23/10/2014	GS	<b>HNK Rijeka</b> - Feyenoord	3-1	Rijeka	Kramarić 63, 71, 76 (P); Toornstra 66

### AZ Alkmaar - Record versus clubs from opponents' country

AZ Alkmaar have not played against a club from their opponents' country

	Home				Away				Final				Total					
	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
HNK Rijeka	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	2	4	7
AZ Alkmaar	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	4	1

## Match background

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Fresh from claiming their first point in UEFA Europa League Group F, eliminated Rijeka will be out to thwart the qualifying ambitions of AZ Alkmaar, who need a win in Croatia to be sure of reaching the round of 32 for the second successive season.

- While Rijeka, with just the one point gained from their 2-2 draw away to Real Sociedad on Matchday 5, are out of contention, AZ are embroiled in an intriguing three-way battle for two qualifying slots with the Spanish side and Napoli. They shared a 1-1 draw with the Italian club in Alkmaar last time out, Bruno Martins Indi scoring a valuable equaliser but Teun Koopmeiners then missing a penalty.
- Level with Real Sociedad on eight points, two behind Napoli, AZ will go through if they beat Rijeka and would even top the group with a win if their two rivals draw in Naples. A draw would also be enough for the Dutch side to take second place if Napoli defeat Real.

### Previous meetings

- AZ's first UEFA meeting with a Croatian club proved successful, Icelandic international Albert Gudmundsson scoring twice in a 4-1 defeat of Rijeka in Alkmaar on Matchday 2.
- Rijeka's experience of Dutch opposition prior to Matchday 2 was limited to two meetings with Feyenoord in the 2014/15 UEFA Europa League group stage, a 3-1 home win preceding a 2-0 defeat in the Netherlands.

### Form guide

#### Rijeka

- Third in the Croatian league last season, Rijeka retained the domestic cup thanks to a 1-0 win against league runners-up Lokomotiva Zagreb in the final, which earned the club a third successive UEFA Europa League third qualifying round berth.
- Eliminated on entry by Sarpsborg in 2018/19 and in the play-offs by Gent in 2019/20, Rijeka battled their way through to the group stage this season, a 2-0 extra-time home win for Simon Rožman's side against Kolos of Ukraine in their opening qualifier preceding a 1-0 victory at Copenhagen in the play-offs. The Croatian side have participated in three previous UEFA Europa League group stage campaigns, in 2013/14, 2014/15 and 2017/18, but have never progressed further.
- Rijeka's home record in the UEFA Europa League group stage is W3 D4 L4, the four defeats having come in the last five matches, including this season against Real Sociedad (0-1) and Napoli (1-2).

#### AZ

- AZ were second in the standings behind Ajax on goal difference when the 2019/20 Eredivisie was prematurely concluded in March, which earned them a place in this season's UEFA Champions League second qualifying round. Arne Slot's side won that tie, 3-1 after extra time at home to Viktoria Plzeň, but lost the next, 2-0 away to Dynamo Kyiv, and therefore moved into the UEFA Europa League group stage, where they are competing for the seventh time.
- The Alkmaar club have finished in the top two of their UEFA Europa League group on four occasions, most recently last season when they recorded nine points and 15 goals – the joint highest tally in 2019/20 – in finishing runners-up to Manchester United. Hopes of matching or bettering their run to the quarter-finals in 2011/12 and 2013/14 were ended, however, in the round of 32 by LASK (1-1 h, 0-2 a).
- The 1980/81 UEFA Cup runners-up have lost four of their last five European away games, all without scoring, the exception a shock 1-0 win at Napoli on Matchday 1. Following the latest defeat, 1-0 at Real Sociedad, the Dutch side's all-time record away from home in the UEFA Europa League group stage is now W4 D9 L7.

### Links and trivia

- Rijeka's Robert Murić was a team-mate of AZ forward Dani de Wit with Ajax and Jong Ajax from 2016 to 2018.
- Rijeka's Ivan Tomečak and AZ midfielder Jordy Clasie played together in Belgium for Club Brugge during the second half of 2017/18.
- AZ coach Slot was dismissed on 5 December and replaced by Pascal Jansen.

## Team facts

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### HNK Rijeka

**Formed:** 1946

**Nickname:** Riječki bijeli (Rijeka Whites)

### UEFA club competition honours

- None

### Domestic honours (most recent triumph in brackets)

League title: 1 (2017)

Yugoslav/Croatian Cup: 8 (2020)

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

**2019/20:** play-offs

**2018/19:** third qualifying round

**2017/18:** group stage (having transferred from UEFA Champions League play-offs)

**2016/17:** third qualifying round

**2015/16:** second qualifying round

**2014/15:** group stage

**2013/14:** group stage

**2012/13:** did not take part in UEFA competition

**2011/12:** did not take part in UEFA competition

**2010/11:** did not take part in UEFA competition

### Records

#### UEFA club competition

- Biggest home win

**5-0:** Rijeka v Prestatyn Town

18/07/13, UEFA Europa League second qualifying round first leg

- Biggest away win

**1-5** twice, most recently v The New Saints

18/07/17, UEFA Champions League second qualifying round second leg

- Heaviest home defeat

**1-4:** Rijeka v Austria Wien

02/11/17, UEFA Europa League group stage

**0-3** twice, most recently v Aberdeen

16/07/15, UEFA Europa League second qualifying round first leg

- Heaviest away defeat

**4-0:** Vitória Guimarães v Rijeka

19/09/13, UEFA Europa League group stage

#### UEFA Cup/UEFA Europa League

- Biggest home win

**5-0:** Rijeka v Prestatyn Town (see above)

- Biggest away win

**1-5:** Víkingur v Rijeka

31/07/14, second qualifying round first leg

- Heaviest home defeat

**1-4:** Rijeka v Austria Wien (see above)

**0-3:** Rijeka v Aberdeen (see above)

- Heaviest away defeat

**4-0:** Vitória Guimarães v Rijeka (see above)

### AZ Alkmaar

**Formed:** 1967

**Nickname:** Kaaskoppen (Cheeseheads)

### UEFA club competition honours (runners-up in brackets)

- UEFA Cup: (1981)

### Domestic honours (most recent triumph in brackets)

League title: 2 (2009)  
Dutch Cup: 4 (2013)

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

**2019/20:** round of 32  
**2018/19:** second qualifying round  
**2017/18:** did not take part in UEFA competition  
**2016/17:** round of 32  
**2015/16:** group stage  
**2014/15:** did not take part in UEFA competition  
**2013/14:** quarter-finals  
**2012/13:** play-offs  
**2011/12:** quarter-finals  
**2010/11:** group stage

**Records**

**UEFA club competition**

- Biggest home win  
**11-1:** AZ v Differdange  
14/09/77, UEFA Cup first round first leg
- Biggest away win  
**0-5** twice, most recently v Astana  
07/11/19, UEFA Europa League group stage
- Heaviest home defeat  
**0-5:** AZ v Anji  
30/08/12, UEFA Europa League play-off second leg
- Heaviest away defeat  
**7-1:** Lyon v AZ  
24/02/17, UEFA Europa League round of 32 second leg

**UEFA Cup/UEFA Europa League**

- Biggest home win  
**11-1:** AZ v Differdange (see above)
- Biggest away win  
**0-5** twice, most recently v Astana (see above)
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- Heaviest away defeat  
**7-1:** Lyon v AZ (see above)

# Squad list

## HNK Rijeka

No.	Player	Nat.	DoB	Age	D	Current season						All-time			
						QUAL		UEL		League		UEL		UEFA	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
<b>Goalkeepers</b>															
1	David Nwolorokor	NGA	10/01/1996	24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
32	Andrej Prskalo	CRO	01/05/1987	33	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3	-	11	-
33	Ivan Nevistić	CRO	31/07/1998	22	-	2	-	5	-	7	-	5	-	7	-
53	Antonio Frigan	CRO	11/02/2003	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Defenders</b>															
2	Filip Braut	CRO	05/06/2002	18	-	-	-	2	-	5	-	2	-	2	-
4	Nino Galović	CRO	06/07/1992	28	-	-	-	2	-	8	-	2	-	21	3
14	Darko Velkoski	MKD	21/06/1995	25	-	2	-	5	1	5	-	7	1	22	3
15	Zoran Arsenić	CRO	02/06/1994	26	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
20	Momcilo Raspopović	MNE	18/03/1994	26	-	2	-	2	-	5	-	2	-	19	1
23	Armando Anastasio	ITA	24/07/1996	24	-	-	-	3	-	1	-	3	-	3	-
24	Daniel Štefulj	CRO	08/11/1999	21	-	2	-	5	-	9	-	5	-	7	-
26	João Escoval	POR	08/05/1997	23	-	2	1	4	-	9	-	4	-	6	1
27	Ivan Tomečak	CRO	07/12/1989	31	-	2	-	5	-	7	-	29	1	54	2
31	Luka Čapan	CRO	06/04/1995	25	-	2	-	2	-	4	-	2	-	20	-
36	Hrvoje Smolčić	CRO	17/08/2000	20	-	2	-	4	-	6	-	4	-	6	-
56	Marko Putnik	CRO	27/02/2001	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Midfielders</b>															
6	Ivan Lepinjica	CRO	09/07/1999	21	*	2	-	2	-	9	-	2	-	8	-
7	Robert Murić	CRO	12/03/1996	24	-	1	-	3	1	7	2	3	1	7	2
8	Tibor Halilović	CRO	18/03/1995	25	-	-	-	2	-	4	-	2	-	6	1
10	Domagoj Pavičić	CRO	09/03/1994	26	-	2	-	3	-	6	-	8	1	22	1
16	Adam Gnezda Čerin	SVN	16/07/1999	21	-	2	-	3	-	6	-	3	-	15	1
19	Franko Andrijašević	CRO	22/06/1991	29	*	2	1	4	-	6	4	6	-	22	2
44	Stjepan Lončar	CRO	10/11/1996	24	-	2	-	5	1	8	1	5	1	15	2
54	Veldin Hodža	CRO	15/10/2002	18	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
57	Mihael Rovis	CRO	18/01/2002	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
58	Dominik Simčić	CRO	07/03/2003	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
59	Karlo Valjan	CRO	30/08/2003	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Forwards</b>															
11	Sterling Yateke	CTA	15/09/1999	21	-	-	-	5	-	6	1	5	-	5	-
17	Luka Menalo	CRO	22/07/1996	24	-	-	-	3	-	4	1	3	-	13	1
50	Noel Bilić	CRO	07/01/2003	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
51	Jakov Brekalo	CRO	19/07/2002	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
52	Jakov Delibegović	CRO	29/06/2002	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
60	Matija Frigan	CRO	11/02/2003	17	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
99	Sandro Kulenović	CRO	04/12/1999	21	-	2	-	3	1	6	2	3	1	14	2
<b>Coach</b>															
-	Simon Rožman	SVN	06/04/1983	37	-	2	-	5	-	-	-	5	-	25	-

## AZ Alkmaar

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						UCL		UEL		League		UEL		UEFA	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
<b>Goalkeepers</b>															
1	Marco Bizot	NED	10/03/1991	29	-	2	-	5	-	9	-	18	-	34	-
16	Hobie Verhulst	NED	02/04/1993	27	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
30	Mees Bakker	NED	11/03/2001	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
54	Sem Westerveld	NED	18/07/2002	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55	Beau Reus	NED	31/10/2001	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
56	Elber Evora	NED	02/12/1999	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Defenders</b>															
2	Jonas Svensson	NOR	06/03/1993	27	*	2	-	4	-	8	-	23	1	67	3
3	Pantelis Hatzidiakos	GRE	18/01/1997	23	-	-	-	5	-	9	-	11	1	17	1
4	Ron Vlaar	NED	16/02/1985	35	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	14	1	30	1
5	Owen Wijndal	NED	28/11/1999	21	-	2	-	5	-	10	-	13	-	21	-
15	Bruno Martins Indi	NED	08/02/1992	28	*	-	-	4	1	7	1	5	1	30	1
19	Juan Familia-Castillo	NED	13/01/2000	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
22	Timo Letschert	NED	25/05/1993	27	-	-	-	1	-	5	-	3	-	4	-
26	Yukinari Sugawara	JPN	28/06/2000	20	-	2	-	2	-	5	-	9	1	15	1
27	Ramon Leeuwijn	NED	01/09/1987	33	-	1	-	2	-	4	-	4	-	13	-
35	Joey Jacobs	NED	10/04/2000	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
40	Maxim Gullit	NED	20/05/2001	19	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
43	Richard Sedláček	CZE	21/06/1999	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45	Quinten Dekkers	NED	04/01/2001	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
47	Rik Regeling	NED	03/05/2001	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
49	Fons Gemmel	NED	01/03/2001	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
51	Tijs Velthuis	NED	12/01/2002	18	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
53	Robin Lathouwers	NED	09/03/2000	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
57	Jorn Berkhout	NED	18/03/2002	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
59	Sem Dirks	NED	14/03/2001	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Midfielders</b>															
6	Fredrik Midtsjø	NOR	11/08/1993	27	-	2	-	5	-	10	-	17	1	51	2
7	Calvin Stengs	NED	18/12/1998	21	-	2	-	5	-	8	2	13	2	21	5
8	Teun Koopmeiners	NED	28/02/1998	22	-	2	1	5	1	10	4	13	4	22	7
10	Dani de Wit	NED	28/01/1998	22	-	2	-	5	1	10	3	13	1	21	1
11	Jesper Karlsson	SWE	25/07/1998	22	-	-	-	5	1	8	3	5	1	5	1
17	Zakaria Aboukhmal	NED	18/02/2000	20	-	-	-	4	-	7	2	5	-	5	-
18	Håkon Evjen	NOR	14/02/2000	20	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	4	-	4	-
20	Jordy Clasie	NED	27/06/1991	29	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	17	-	36	-
21	Kenzo Goudmijn	NED	18/12/2001	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
23	Mohamed Taabouni	NED	29/03/2002	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
24	Tijjani Reijnders	NED	29/07/1998	22	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-
25	Thijs Oosting	NED	02/05/2000	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
28	Albert Guðmundsson	ISL	15/06/1997	23	*	2	2	5	2	7	3	5	2	11	5
31	Peer Koopmeiners	NED	04/05/2000	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

## AZ Alkmaar

						Current season						All-time			
						UCL		UEL		League		UEL		UEFA	
32	<b>Des Kunst</b>	NED	12/10/1999	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
36	<b>Emir Biberoğlu</b>	NED	20/05/2001	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
39	<b>Iman Griffith</b>	NED	02/12/2001	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
42	<b>Bram Franken</b>	NED	14/02/2001	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
46	<b>Rens Van der Wacht</b>	NED	01/06/1999	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
50	<b>Soulyman Allouch</b>	NED	26/01/2002	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
52	<b>Zico Buurmeester</b>	NED	07/06/2002	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Forwards</b>															
9	<b>Myron Boadu</b>	NED	14/01/2001	19	-	2	-	3	-	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	10	4	20	6
14	<b>Ferdy Drujf</b>	NED	12/02/1998	22	-	2	-	1	-	<b>4</b>	-	5	2	10	3
37	<b>Richonell Margaret</b>	NED	07/09/2000	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
44	<b>Yusuf Barası</b>	TUR	31/03/2003	17	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
60	<b>Tijmen Wildeboer</b>	NED	13/12/2001	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Coach</b>															
-	<b>Pascal Jansen</b>	NED	27/01/1973	47	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	9	-



## Fixtures and results

### HNK Rijeka

Date	Competition	Opponent	Result		Goalscorers
15/08/2020	League	HNK Šibenik (H)	W	2-1	Yateke 84, Murić 90
21/08/2020	League	NK Lokomotiva Zagreb (A)	L	0-1	
29/08/2020	League	NK Istra 1961 (H)	W	2-1	Andrijašević 13, 68 (P)
12/09/2020	League	NK Osijek (A)	L	0-3	
24/09/2020	UEL	Kolos Kovalivka (H)	W	2-0 aet	João Escoval 102 ET, Andrijašević 115 ET
01/10/2020	UEL	F.C. Copenhagen (A)	W	1-0	Ankersen 20 (og)
04/10/2020	League	NK Slaven Koprivnica (H)	W	2-0	Andrijašević 68, Kulenović 90+2 (P)
07/10/2020	Cup	Drenovets (A)	W	6-0	Turčin 30, Menalo 33, 54, Pavičić 37, Hodza 68, Ilinković 75
17/10/2020	League	NK Varaždin (H)	W	2-1	Stolnik 20 (og), Kulenović 36
22/10/2020	UEL	Real Sociedad de Fútbol (H)	L	0-1	
29/10/2020	UEL	AZ Alkmaar (A)	L	1-4	Kulenović 72
01/11/2020	League	HNK Šibenik (A)	L	0-2	
05/11/2020	UEL	SSC Napoli (H)	L	1-2	Murić 13
08/11/2020	League	NK Lokomotiva Zagreb (H)	W	1-0	Murić 17 (P)
26/11/2020	UEL	SSC Napoli (A)	L	0-2	
29/11/2020	League	NK Osijek (H)	D	1-1	Andrijašević 64
03/12/2020	UEL	Real Sociedad de Fútbol (A)	D	2-2	Velkoski 37, Lončar 73
06/12/2020	League	HNK Hajduk Split (A)	W	2-1	Lončar 40, Menalo 69
10/12/2020	UEL	AZ Alkmaar (H)			
13/12/2020	League	GNK Dinamo Zagreb (H)			
16/12/2020	Cup	NK Varaždin (A)			
20/12/2020	League	NK Slaven Koprivnica (A)			
23/01/2021	League	NK Varaždin (A)			
30/01/2021	League	HNK Gorica (H)			
03/02/2021	League	HNK Šibenik (H)			
06/02/2021	League	NK Lokomotiva Zagreb (A)			
13/02/2021	League	NK Istra 1961 (H)			
20/02/2021	League	NK Osijek (A)			
27/02/2021	League	HNK Hajduk Split (H)			
06/03/2021	League	GNK Dinamo Zagreb (A)			
13/03/2021	League	NK Slaven Koprivnica (H)			
20/03/2021	League	NK Varaždin (H)			
03/04/2021	League	HNK Gorica (A)			
07/04/2021	League	HNK Šibenik (A)			
10/04/2021	League	NK Lokomotiva Zagreb (H)			
17/04/2021	League	NK Istra 1961 (A)			
21/04/2021	League	NK Osijek (H)			
24/04/2021	League	HNK Hajduk Split (A)			
01/05/2021	League	GNK Dinamo Zagreb (H)			
08/05/2021	League	NK Slaven Koprivnica (A)			
12/05/2021	League	NK Varaždin (A)			
15/05/2021	League	HNK Gorica (H)			

Pos.	Clubs	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1	NK Osijek	14	9	3	2	22	11	30
2	GNK Dinamo Zagreb	12	9	2	1	34	12	29
3	HNK Gorica	11	6	2	3	19	15	20
<b>4</b>	<b>HNK Rijeka</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>19</b>
5	HNK Hajduk Split	12	5	2	5	16	13	17
6	NK Slaven Kopriwnica	14	4	5	5	18	19	17
7	HNK Šibenik	13	4	1	8	13	20	13
8	NK Varaždin	13	2	3	8	10	18	9
9	NK Lokomotiva Zagreb	13	1	6	6	11	21	9
10	NK Istra 1961	12	2	3	7	8	23	9

## AZ Alkmaar

Date	Competition	Opponent	Result	Goalscorers
26/08/2020	UCL	FC Viktoria Plzeň (H)	W 3-1 aet	Koopmeiners 90+5 (P), Guðmundsson 98 ET, 118 ET
15/09/2020	UCL	FC Dynamo Kyiv (A)	L 0-2	
19/09/2020	League	PEC Zwolle (H)	D 1-1	Boadu 68
26/09/2020	League	SC Fortuna Sittard (A)	D 3-3	D. De Wit 23, Koopmeiners 52, Boadu 69
04/10/2020	League	Sparta Rotterdam (A)	D 4-4	Aboukhalil 9, 19, D. De Wit 14, 33
17/10/2020	League	VVV-Venlo (H)	D 2-2	Karlsson 2, Stengs 24
22/10/2020	UEL	SSC Napoli (A)	W 1-0	D. De Wit 57
25/10/2020	League	ADO Den Haag (A)	D 2-2	Guðmundsson 33, Karlsson 66
29/10/2020	UEL	HNK Rijeka (H)	W 4-1	Koopmeiners 6 (P), Guðmundsson 20, 60, Karlsson 51
01/11/2020	League	RKC Waalwijk (H)	W 3-0	Stengs 5, Guðmundsson 72, 90+1
05/11/2020	UEL	Real Sociedad de Fútbol (A)	L 0-1	
08/11/2020	League	sc Heerenveen (A)	W 3-0	Koopmeiners 29 (P), Woudenberg 41 (og), Karlsson 47
22/11/2020	League	Emmen (H)	W 1-0	Martins Indi 11
26/11/2020	UEL	Real Sociedad de Fútbol (H)	D 0-0	
29/11/2020	League	Heracles Almelo (A)	W 2-1	Koopmeiners 41 (P), Boadu 44
03/12/2020	UEL	SSC Napoli (H)	D 1-1	Martins Indi 54
06/12/2020	League	FC Groningen (H)	L 1-2	Koopmeiners 21
10/12/2020	UEL	HNK Rijeka (A)		
13/12/2020	League	FC Twente (A)		
20/12/2020	League	Willem II (H)		
23/12/2020	League	Vitesse (H)		
27/12/2020	League	FC Utrecht (A)		
09/01/2021	League	PEC Zwolle (A)		
13/01/2021	League	PSV Eindhoven (A)		
16/01/2021	League	ADO Den Haag (H)		
24/01/2021	League	Feyenoord (A)		
27/01/2021	League	FC Utrecht (H)		
31/01/2021	League	AFC Ajax (H)		
06/02/2021	League	Emmen (A)		

## AZ Alkmaar

14/02/2021	League	sc Heerenveen (H)		
21/02/2021	League	VVV-Venlo (A)		
28/02/2021	League	Feyenoord (H)		
07/03/2021	League	Vitesse (A)		
14/03/2021	League	FC Twente (H)		
21/03/2021	League	PSV Eindhoven (H)		
04/04/2021	League	Willem II (A)		
11/04/2021	League	Sparta Rotterdam (H)		
25/04/2021	League	AFC Ajax (A)		
02/05/2021	League	RKC Waalwijk (A)		
09/05/2021	League	SC Fortuna Sittard (H)		
13/05/2021	League	FC Groningen (A)		
16/05/2021	League	Heracles Almelo (H)		

Pos.	Clubs	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1	AFC Ajax	11	9	0	2	43	7	27
2	Vitesse	11	8	1	2	21	8	25
3	PSV Eindhoven	11	7	3	1	23	8	24
4	Feyenoord	11	6	5	0	23	11	23
5	FC Twente	11	6	3	2	23	12	21
6	FC Groningen	11	6	2	3	13	12	20
7	sc Heerenveen	11	5	4	2	20	15	19
<b>8</b>	<b>AZ Alkmaar</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>17</b>
9	FC Utrecht	10	2	6	2	11	14	12
10	Sparta Rotterdam	11	3	3	5	17	19	12
11	PEC Zwolle	11	2	6	3	14	18	12
12	RKC Waalwijk	11	3	3	5	11	18	12
13	Heracles Almelo	11	2	3	6	11	21	9
14	VVV-Venlo	11	2	3	6	18	33	9
15	Willem II	11	2	2	7	11	21	8
16	SC Fortuna Sittard	11	1	3	7	15	29	6
17	ADO Den Haag	11	1	3	7	10	28	6
18	Emmen	11	0	3	8	12	29	3

# Match-by-match lineups

## HNK Rijeka

### UEFA Europa League - Third qualifying round

(24/09/2020)

#### HNK Rijeka 2-0 Kolos Kovalivka

**Goals:** 1-0 João Escoval 102 ET, 2-0 Andrijašević 115 ET

**HNK Rijeka:** Nevistić, Murić, Pavičić (71 Kulenović), Velkoski (1 João Escoval), Gnezda Čerin (9 Lepinjica), Andrijašević, Štefulj, Tomečak (91 Raspopović), Capan, Smolčić, Lončar

### Play-off

(01/10/2020)

#### F.C. Copenhagen 0-1 HNK Rijeka

**Goals:** 0-1 Ankersen 20 (og)

**HNK Rijeka:** Nevistić, Pavičić (76 Lepinjica), Velkoski, Gnezda Čerin, Andrijašević, Štefulj, Tomečak (91 Raspopović), Capan, Smolčić, Lončar, Kulenović (83 João Escoval)

### Group stage

#### Group F

Club	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
SSC Napoli	5	3	1	1	6	3	10
Real Sociedad de Fútbol	5	2	2	1	4	3	8
<b>AZ Alkmaar</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>HNK Rijeka</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>

#### Matchday 1 (22/10/2020)

##### HNK Rijeka 0-1 Real Sociedad de Fútbol

**Goals:** 0-1 Bautista 90+3

**HNK Rijeka:** Nevistić, Pavičić, Velkoski, Gnezda Čerin, Andrijašević (63 Yateke), Štefulj, João Escoval, Tomečak, Smolčić, Lončar (87 Capan), Kulenović (77 Lepinjica)

#### Matchday 2 (29/10/2020)

##### AZ Alkmaar 4-1 HNK Rijeka

**Goals:** 1-0 Koopmeiners 6 (P) , 2-0 Guðmundsson 20, 3-0 Karlsson 51, 4-0 Guðmundsson 60, 4-1 Kulenović 72

**HNK Rijeka:** Nevistić, Pavičić, Velkoski (64 Lepinjica), Menalo (64 Yateke), Andrijašević (64 Halilović), Štefulj (80 Anastasio), João Escoval, Tomečak (80 Raspopović), Smolčić, Lončar, Kulenović

#### Matchday 3 (05/11/2020)

##### HNK Rijeka 1-2 SSC Napoli

**Goals:** 1-0 Murić 13, 1-1 Demme 43, 1-2 Braut 62 (og)

**HNK Rijeka:** Nevistić, Braut (64 Štefulj), Murić (24 Yateke), Velkoski, Gnezda Čerin, Menalo, João Escoval, Tomečak, Smolčić, Lončar, Kulenović

#### Matchday 4 (26/11/2020)

##### SSC Napoli 2-0 HNK Rijeka

**Goals:** 1-0 Anastasio 41 (og) , 2-0 Lozano 75

**HNK Rijeka:** Nevistić, Galović, Murić (78 Yateke), Velkoski, Gnezda Čerin (87 Hodža), Andrijašević (87 Frigan), Anastasio (80 Braut), Štefulj, Tomečak, Smolčić, Lončar

#### Matchday 5 (03/12/2020)

##### Real Sociedad de Fútbol 2-2 HNK Rijeka

**Goals:** 0-1 Velkoski 37, 1-1 Bautista 69, 1-2 Lončar 73, 2-2 Monreal 79

**HNK Rijeka:** Nevistić, Galović, Murić (75 Pavičić), Halilović, Velkoski (86 João Escoval), Menalo (79 Anastasio), Andrijašević (86 Yateke), Štefulj, Tomečak, Capan, Lončar

#### Matchday 6 (10/12/2020)

HNK Rijeka-AZ Alkmaar

## AZ Alkmaar

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### UEFA Champions League - Second qualifying round

(26/08/2020)

#### AZ Alkmaar 3-1 FC Viktoria Plzeň

**Goals:** 0-1 Limberský 78, 1-1 Koopmeiners 90+5 (P), 2-1 Guðmundsson 98 ET, 3-1 Guðmundsson 118 ET

**AZ Alkmaar:** Bizot, Svensson, Vlaar (76 Leeuwin), Midtsjø, Stengs (64 Guðmundsson), Koopmeiners, Boadu, D. De Wit, Idrissi (3 Sugawara), Wijndal, Clasie (80 Druijf)

### Third qualifying round

(15/09/2020)

#### FC Dynamo Kyiv 2-0 AZ Alkmaar

**Goals:** 1-0 Rodrigues 49, 2-0 Shaparenko 86

**AZ Alkmaar:** Bizot, Svensson, Vlaar (79 Sugawara), Midtsjø (66 Druijf), Stengs, Koopmeiners, Boadu, D. De Wit, Wijndal, Clasie, Guðmundsson (58 Idrissi)

### UEFA Europa League - Group stage

#### Matchday 1 (22/10/2020)

##### SSC Napoli 0-1 AZ Alkmaar

**Goals:** 0-1 D. De Wit 57

**AZ Alkmaar:** Bizot, Svensson, Hatzidiakos, Wijndal, Midtsjø (88 Leeuwin), Stengs, Koopmeiners, D. De Wit, Karlsson (88 Guðmundsson), Martins Indi, Sugawara

#### Matchday 2 (29/10/2020)

##### AZ Alkmaar 4-1 HNK Rijeka

**Goals:** 1-0 Koopmeiners 6 (P), 2-0 Guðmundsson 20, 3-0 Karlsson 51, 4-0 Guðmundsson 60, 4-1 Kulenović 72

**AZ Alkmaar:** Bizot, Svensson, Hatzidiakos (61 Leeuwin), Wijndal, Midtsjø, Stengs (66 Evjen), Koopmeiners, D. De Wit, Karlsson (66 Aboukhlal), Martins Indi (89 Gullit), Guðmundsson (89 Yusuf Barasi)

#### Matchday 3 (05/11/2020)

##### Real Sociedad de Fútbol 1-0 AZ Alkmaar

**Goals:** 1-0 Portu 58

**AZ Alkmaar:** Bizot, Svensson, Hatzidiakos (71 Letschert), Wijndal, Midtsjø, Stengs (71 Velthuis), Koopmeiners, Boadu (63 Evjen), D. De Wit, Karlsson (63 Druijf), Guðmundsson (63 Aboukhlal)

#### Matchday 4 (26/11/2020)

##### AZ Alkmaar 0-0 Real Sociedad de Fútbol

**AZ Alkmaar:** Bizot, Svensson, Hatzidiakos, Wijndal, Midtsjø, Stengs, Koopmeiners, D. De Wit, Karlsson (71 Aboukhlal), Martins Indi, Guðmundsson (71 Boadu)

#### Matchday 5 (03/12/2020)

##### AZ Alkmaar 1-1 SSC Napoli

**Goals:** 0-1 Mertens 6, 1-1 Martins Indi 54

**AZ Alkmaar:** Bizot, Hatzidiakos, Wijndal, Midtsjø, Stengs, Koopmeiners, D. De Wit, Martins Indi, Aboukhlal (82 Karlsson), Sugawara, Guðmundsson (70 Boadu)

#### Matchday 6 (10/12/2020)

HNK Rijeka-AZ Alkmaar

## Match officials

<b>Referee</b>	Sergei Karasev (RUS)
<b>Assistant referees</b>	Igor Demeshko (RUS) , Dmitri Mosyakin (RUS)
<b>Fourth official</b>	Kirill Levnikov (RUS)
<b>UEFA Delegate</b>	Dane Jošt (SVN)
<b>UEFA Referee observer</b>	Gevorg Hovhannisyan (ARM)

## Referee

Name	Date of birth	UEFA Europa League matches	UEFA matches
Sergei Karasev	12/06/1979	27	81

## Sergei Karasev

**Referee since:** 1995  
**First division:** 2008  
**FIFA badge:** 2010

**Tournaments:** 2018 FIFA World Cup, 2017 FIFA U-20 World Cup, 2016 Olympic Games, UEFA EURO 2016, 2015 UEFA European Under-21 Championship, 2002 UEFA Regions' Cup

### Finals

N/A

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

Date	Competition	Stage reached	Home	Away	Result	Venue
28/07/2011	UEL	3QR	RNK Split	Fulham FC	0-0	Dugopolje
13/04/2017	UEL	QF	AFC Ajax	FC Schalke 04	2-0	Amsterdam
24/08/2017	UEL	PO	HNK Hajduk Split	Everton FC	1-1	Split
03/10/2019	UEL	GS	Feyenoord	FC Porto	2-0	Rotterdam

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

Date	Competition	Stage reached	Home	Away	Result	Venue
28/07/2011	UEL	3QR	RNK Split	Fulham FC	0-0	Dugopolje
12/11/2011	U19	QR	Netherlands	Finland	2-0	Gendt
04/09/2014	FRIE.	GS-FT	Italy	Netherlands	2-0	Bari
19/08/2015	UCL	PO	KF Skënderbeu	GNK Dinamo Zagreb	1-2	Elbasan
13/04/2017	UEL	QF	AFC Ajax	FC Schalke 04	2-0	Amsterdam
24/08/2017	UEL	PO	HNK Hajduk Split	Everton FC	1-1	Split
10/10/2017	WC	QR	Netherlands	Sweden	2-0	Amsterdam
03/10/2019	UEL	GS	Feyenoord	FC Porto	2-0	Rotterdam
26/11/2019	UCL	GS	Atalanta BC	GNK Dinamo Zagreb	2-0	Milan
25/11/2020	UCL	GS	AFC Ajax	FC Midtjylland	3-1	Amsterdam

# Legend

## 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

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

## Other abbreviations

<b>(aet):</b> After extra time	<b>pens:</b> Penalties
<b>No.:</b> Number	<b>og:</b> Own goal
<b>ag:</b> Match decided on away goals	<b>P:</b> Penalty
<b>Pld:</b> Matches played	<b>agg:</b> Aggregate
<b>Pos.:</b> Position	<b>AP:</b> Appearances
<b>Pts:</b> Points	<b>Comp.:</b> Competition
<b>R:</b> Sent off (straight red card)	<b>D:</b> Drawn
<b>Res.:</b> Result	<b>DoB:</b> Date of birth
<b>sg:</b> Match decided by silver goal	<b>ET:</b> Extra Time
<b>GF:</b> Goals for	<b>GA:</b> Goals against
<b>gg:</b> Match decided by golden goal	<b>t:</b> Match decided by toss of a coin
<b>Y/R:</b> Sent off (two yellow cards)	<b>W:</b> Won
<b>f:</b> Match forfeited	<b>Y:</b> Booked
	<b>L:</b> Lost
	<b>Nat.:</b> Nationality
	<b>N/A:</b> 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

**QUAL:** All UEFA qualifiers

**UEL:** Current season total UEFA Europa League appearances from the group stage onwards prior to the current matchday

**UEL:** Total appearances in the UEFA Europa League, group stage to final only

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

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