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Matchday 3 Schedule and Key Games

17 SELECTED MATCHES

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FENERBAHÇE VS SLAVIA PRAHA

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2026

KICKOFF: 18:45 • UEFA published time

WHAT TO WATCH

Fenerbahçe need a response after the 6-0 defeat at Aston Villa; Slavia also arrive from a loss at Sabah. Watch the opening duels and the home side's protection against counters. An early goal could release the pressure, but forcing the play would offer Slavia a route back. Home advantage gives Fenerbahçe a narrow editorial edge.

EDITORIAL PICK:

Fenerbahçe

PROJECTED SCORE:

Fenerbahçe 2 : 1 Slavia Praha

Score estimate, not a result.



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ROMA VS SLOVAN BRATISLAVA

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KICKOFF: 21:00 • UEFA published time

WHAT TO WATCH

Roma scored three against Real Madrid but still lost; Slovan conceded three to Stuttgart. Watch whether Roma can turn attacking territory into clear chances while keeping enough cover behind the ball. Slovan's best opening may come when the hosts push both sides forward. The home win is the editorial call, with defensive discipline the main test.

EDITORIAL PICK:

Roma

PROJECTED SCORE:

Roma 3 : 0 Slovan Bratislava

Score estimate, not a result.



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PORTO VS PSV EINDHOVEN

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2026

KICKOFF: 21:00 • UEFA published time

WHAT TO WATCH

Both teams lost by one goal on Matchday 2, leaving little room for another careless evening. Watch the first pass after possession changes and the space behind advancing wide players. Porto's home setting is an advantage, but PSV can make any loose build-up costly. A controlled, closely balanced contest is the basis for the editorial draw.

EDITORIAL PICK:

Draw

PROJECTED SCORE:

Porto 1 : 1 PSV Eindhoven

Score estimate, not a result.



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LIVERPOOL VS VILLARREAL

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KICKOFF: 21:00 • UEFA published time

WHAT TO WATCH

Liverpool scored six at LASK, while Villarreal beat Napoli 3-1. Those results make the defensive side of this meeting particularly interesting. Watch whether Villarreal can play through the first wave of pressure and attack the channels before Liverpool recover. The home side receive the editorial pick, but conceding cheap transitions could make the evening uncomfortable.

EDITORIAL PICK:

Liverpool

PROJECTED SCORE:

Liverpool 3 : 1 Villarreal

Score estimate, not a result.



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MANCHESTER CITY VS AEK ATHENS

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KICKOFF: 21:00 • UEFA published time

WHAT TO WATCH

City's 4-2 loss to Paris makes control without the ball a clear watch point. AEK come from defeat at Shakhtar and will want a foothold before the hosts settle into sustained possession. Watch City's spacing around turnovers and the quality of their cutbacks. The editorial home win depends on patient pressure rather than a rushed response.

EDITORIAL PICK:

Manchester City

PROJECTED SCORE:

Manchester City 3 : 0 AEK Athens

Score estimate, not a result.



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PARIS SAINT-GERMAIN VS BARCELONA

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KICKOFF: 21:00 • UEFA published time

WHAT TO WATCH

Both sides scored four on Matchday 2, setting up one of the round's strongest attractions. Watch which team escapes the first press cleanly and who protects the central spaces when the wide players advance. A good spell of possession may quickly become a dangerous counter at the other end. The editorial draw reflects the balance of attacking threats.

EDITORIAL PICK:

Draw

PROJECTED SCORE:

Paris Saint-Germain 2 : 2 Barcelona

Score estimate, not a result.



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NAPOLI VS BODØ/GLIMT

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KICKOFF: 21:00 • UEFA published time

WHAT TO WATCH

Napoli seek a reaction after losing at Villarreal, while Bodø/Glimt arrive from a win over Dortmund. Watch whether the hosts can move the ball quickly enough to create openings without losing their shape. The visitors' first clean escape could change the mood of the match. Home advantage makes Napoli the editorial choice, with a competitive game expected.

EDITORIAL PICK:

Napoli

PROJECTED SCORE:

Napoli 2 : 1 Bodø/Glimt

Score estimate, not a result.



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STUTTGART VS ATLÉTICO DE MADRID

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KICKOFF: 21:00 • UEFA published time

WHAT TO WATCH

Both teams kept clean sheets in their Matchday 2 wins. Watch the spaces between midfield and defence: this meeting may turn on who draws an opponent out before playing the next pass. Set pieces and second balls could matter as much as long possession spells. The editorial draw anticipates a close contest rather than a comfortable route for either side.

EDITORIAL PICK:

Draw

PROJECTED SCORE:

Stuttgart 1 : 1 Atlético de Madrid

Score estimate, not a result.



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COMO VS MANCHESTER UNITED

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2026

KICKOFF: 18:45 • UEFA published time

WHAT TO WATCH

Como lost a five-goal match at Feyenoord; United were beaten 2-0 by Atlético. Watch how the visitors manage the first home surge and whether Como can keep enough midfield cover when their attacks develop. Neither side can assume that possession alone will bring control. The editorial draw leaves room for both a home reaction and a more measured United performance.

EDITORIAL PICK:

Draw

PROJECTED SCORE:

Como 1 : 1 Manchester United

Score estimate, not a result.



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LILLE VS GALATASARAY

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KICKOFF: 18:45 • UEFA published time

WHAT TO WATCH

Lille and Galatasaray both need a response after heavy Matchday 2 defeats. Watch the balance between attacking ambition and the desire to avoid another early setback. The first goal could open a match that initially feels cautious, especially if either side starts chasing the ball. A low-margin draw is the editorial call, with finishing likely to decide the finer details.

EDITORIAL PICK:

Draw

PROJECTED SCORE:

Lille 1 : 1 Galatasaray

Score estimate, not a result.



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ASTON VILLA VS VIKING

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KICKOFF: 21:00 • UEFA published time

WHAT TO WATCH

Villa's six-goal win over Fenerbahçe commands attention, but Viking's 3-3 draw with Bayern is a reminder of the visitors' threat. Watch whether Villa can keep the game in useful attacking areas without allowing easy breaks. Viking need their first forward pass to carry real purpose. The editorial home win expects Villa's pressure to tell over the full match.

EDITORIAL PICK:

Aston Villa

PROJECTED SCORE:

Aston Villa 3 : 1 Viking

Score estimate, not a result.



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CLUB BRUGGE VS LENS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2026

KICKOFF: 21:00 • UEFA published time

WHAT TO WATCH

Club Brugge arrive from a remarkable 4-3 win at Inter, while Lens lost at home to Sporting. Watch how Brugge balance that attacking confidence with the need to limit space after losing possession. Lens can make the contest awkward if they keep the first phase compact and use their breaks well. The editorial pick gives the hosts a narrow advantage.

EDITORIAL PICK:

Club Brugge

PROJECTED SCORE:

Club Brugge 2 : 1 Lens

Score estimate, not a result.



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BAYERN MÜNCHEN VS ARSENAL

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2026

KICKOFF: 21:00 • UEFA published time

WHAT TO WATCH

Arsenal have opened with two wins and no goals conceded; Bayern's latest match finished 3-3 at Viking. Watch whether Bayern can turn home pressure into chances without giving Arsenal clean counterattacks. The visitors' response to the first sustained spell will be telling. This is a test of attacking volume against control, with an editorial draw the chosen outcome.

EDITORIAL PICK:

Draw

PROJECTED SCORE:

Bayern München 2 : 2 Arsenal

Score estimate, not a result.



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INTER VS SHAKHTAR DONETSK

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KICKOFF: 21:00 • UEFA published time

WHAT TO WATCH

Inter's four goals conceded against Club Brugge make defensive recovery the central question. Shakhtar come from a 3-1 victory over AEK and can approach the match with a positive reference point. Watch Inter's spacing when possession is lost and whether Shakhtar can reach the next pass before pressure arrives. The editorial home win assumes a tighter, more controlled performance.

EDITORIAL PICK:

Inter

PROJECTED SCORE:

Inter 2 : 1 Shakhtar Donetsk

Score estimate, not a result.



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REAL MADRID VS LEIPZIG

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KICKOFF: 21:00 • UEFA published time

WHAT TO WATCH

Madrid won a seven-goal meeting at Roma, while Leipzig edged PSV 1-0. Watch the home side's control of central turnovers: attacking freedom brings rewards only if the next defensive action is ready. Leipzig need their possession exits to create genuine breathing room. The editorial pick favours Madrid, with the visitors' transition threat the main reason to avoid complacency.

EDITORIAL PICK:

Real Madrid

PROJECTED SCORE:

Real Madrid 3 : 1 Leipzig

Score estimate, not a result.



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REAL BETIS VS FEYENOORD

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KICKOFF: 21:00 • UEFA published time

WHAT TO WATCH

Both teams won 3-2 on Matchday 2, making game management an obvious watch point. Betis will want their home possession to create quality chances; Feyenoord need enough cover to survive pressure and still offer an outlet. Watch the first minutes after either side scores, when the balance may shift quickly. The editorial draw anticipates chances at both ends.

EDITORIAL PICK:

Draw

PROJECTED SCORE:

Real Betis 2 : 2 Feyenoord

Score estimate, not a result.



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SPORTING CP VS LASK

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KICKOFF: 21:00 • UEFA published time

WHAT TO WATCH

Sporting kept Lens out in a 2-0 away win, while LASK's meeting with Liverpool produced nine goals. Watch how the hosts move the ball around the first press and whether the visitors can defend the next pass rather than chase the previous one. Sporting receive the editorial pick, although LASK's three goals last time suggest they can still create danger.

EDITORIAL PICK:

Sporting CP

PROJECTED SCORE:

Sporting CP 3 : 1 LASK

Score estimate, not a result.



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SOURCES AND DISCLAIMER

OFFICIAL SOURCES

UEFA fixtures and results - Matchdays 1, 2 and 3

UEFA official 2026/27 league-phase calendar

UEFA 2026/27 competition dates and format

The three reference titles above are clickable in this PDF.

TIMES AND COVERAGE

Kickoffs reproduce UEFA's published schedule, labelled CET by UEFA.

Check the official match page for your local time.

This guide covers 17 of 18 fixtures; Sabah vs Borussia Dortmund is omitted.

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