= Superfinalen =

Superfinalen (" The Super Final ") is a former Norwegian association football competition contested between the previous season 's champions of the Norwegian Premier League and the Norwegian Football Cup . The super cup was incorporated as part of a charity @-@ themed television show broadcast on TV2 , with the profits from the matches going to UNICEF . The competition was held twice , in 2009 and 2010 . The first competition saw Stabæk , reigning league winners , beat Vålerenga 3 ? 1 . The following year , league winners Rosenborg beat cup winners Aalesund 3 ? 1 . The competition was then deemed commercially unprofitable and abandoned .

= = History = =

There have previously been attempts at pre @-@ season friendlies between the reigning league and cup champions . For instance , the 2002 pre @-@ season match between Rosenborg and Viking was played between the reigning league and cup champions , although it had no official status . Superfinalen was the first attempt to make an official tournament . Such a super cup is common between the domestic league and cup winners in many European countries , such as the English Charity Shield . Superfinalen also introduced philanthropy into such a match : the game was to be baked into a larger television event which would include concerts and entertainment in an attempt to generate revenue for charity . The matchday profits from the inaugural season were , along with the television fundraising , given to UNICEF , who used the revenue to fund part of a school project in Africa , which had been fronted by Ole Gunnar Solskjær .

The first season was organized as a trial project by the Football Association of Norway (NFF), Norsk Toppfotball (NTF), the clubs Stabæk and Vålerenga, and broadcaster TV2. The 2009 edition was regarded as a success by NFF and it was decided to continue with a new edition for 2010, which was held between Rosenborg and Aalesund.

Ahead of the 2011 season, NFF and NTF stated that Superfinalen would be discontinued, stating that the championship was interesting neither from a sports nor from a commercial aspect. However, the two would @-@ be qualified teams, league winner Rosenborg and cup winner Strømsgodset, were free to play a pre @-@ season friendly, although it would not be regarded as an official match. Rosenborg has traditionally played its final pre @-@ season game against Viking and stated that they intended to take up that tradition following the abandoning of Superfinalen.

= = Rules = =

The date and location of the match was decided through an agreement between the two involved teams in cooperation with NFF and NTF . The assignment of referees was done by NFF . The match was not regulated as part of the NFF 's laws , and is played using the regulations regarding a regular Premier League match . If the game was a draw at the end of full @-@ time , the game was determined with a penalty shootout without an intermediate extra time . A caution (yellow card) would not be registered for determining disqualification in later matches , and a player sent off (red card) would not be disqualified if normally given one match quarantine . If a player was disqualified for more than one match because of a direct red card , he had to serve the number of matches minus one . Yellow and red cards still qualified to send off a player for the remaining of the game .

The first edition was contested between Stabæk and Vålerenga at Telenor Arena in Bærum on 8 March 2009. It was the first official match to take place at Stabæk 's new home ground. Stabæk qualified as winners of the 2008 Norwegian Premier League, where they finished six points ahead

of Fredrikstad . Vålerenga qualified as winners of the 2008 Norwegian Football Cup , where they had won the final 4 ? 1 against Stabæk . As such , Superfinalen became a replay of the previous year 's cup final . Stabæk won the match 3 ? 1 after goals by Daniel Nannskog , Daigo Kobayashi and Pálmi Rafn Pálmason . Mohammed Abdellaoue scored for the losing side . Martin Andresen , playing coach for Vålerenga , received two yellow cards . Match details

The 2010 edition was contested between Rosenborg BK and Aalesund FK at Color Line Stadion in Ålesund on 7 March 2010 . Rosenborg qualified as winners of the 2009 Norwegian Premier League , where they finished 13 points ahead of Molde . Aalesund qualified as winners of the 2009 Norwegian Football Cup , where they beat Molde in a penalty shootout in the final . Rosenborg won the match 3 ? 1 after leading 2 ? 0 at halftime . Kris Stadsgaard and Rade Prica scored the goals in the first half , and Trond Olsen increased Rosenborg 's lead to 3 ? 0 before Aalesund pulled one back , courtesy of Peter Orry Larsen .

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