

Below are Champions league 2023/24 season all game information:

Groups information:

Group A: Bayern Munich, Copenhagen, Galatasaray, Manchester United

Group B: Arsenal, PSV, Lens, Sevilla

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Group E: Atletico Madrid, Lazio, Feyenoord, Celtic

Group F: Dortmund, PSG, Milan, Newcastle

Group G: Manchester City, RB Leipzig, Young Boys, Red Star Belgrade

Group H: Barcelona, Porto, Shakhtar Donetsk, Antwerp

Games results:

1. Milan 0 - 0 Newcastle. 19th September 2023, group stage matchday 1 of 6. AC Milan were held to a 0-0 draw at San Siro in a hard-fought contest by a Newcastle United side returning to the Champions League after a two-decade absence as the hosts spurned numerous opportunities in the Group F opener on Tuesday.

Milan's Portugal winger Rafael Leão, who has scored in his last two games, was a constant threat down the left and kept the Newcastle defence busy but was let down by his finishing.

"We're disappointed, because when you play like this, you have to win," Milan manager Stefano Pioli said.

"The performance was all-round good, but we wanted to win. Our aim is to progress from this group and we wanted to start well. We didn't take easy chances."

Last year's Champions League semifinalists enjoyed a dominant opening spell and tested Newcastle goalkeeper Nick Pope with long-range efforts from Tommaso Pobega and Leão before Samuel Chukwueze had a header saved. The best opportunity of the first half fell to Leão in the 34th minute but the 24-year-old miscued an elaborate backheel after skipping past two defenders in the penalty area.

Though Newcastle defended better after the break, Milan continued to press in their search for an opener.

Half-time substitute Alessandro Florenzi found Leão with an inch-perfect cross in the 74th minute, but the Portuguese again failed to find the target as he put his header over the bar.

Milan, who ended the night with a tally of 25 shots, were also dealt a double injury blow with midfielder Ruben Loftus-Cheek and keeper Mike Maignan having to be substituted.

At the other end of the pitch, the visitors' efforts were limited to counter-attacks.

Eddie Howe's team had one attempt on target, which came when Sean Longstaff forced substitute keeper Marco Sportiello into a save with a shot from the edge of the area in the 95th minute.

"It was emotional. We take this draw and point, a point we fought to get and we're happy about," said Newcastle midfielder Sandro Tonali, who left Milan in the close season.

But the draw could hurt both teams in a tough group featuring French champions Paris Saint-Germain and 1997 European Cup winners Borussia Dortmund, who meet later on Tuesday.

Milan next travel to Germany for a clash with Dortmund, while Newcastle host Kylian Mbappé's PSG at St James' Park.

2. Young Boys 1 - 3 RB Leipzig. 19th September 2023, group stage matchday 1 of 6.

RB Leipzig substitute Benjamin Šeško scored late to seal a 3-1 win at Swiss champion Young Boys in their Champions League opener on Tuesday.

Šeško made sure of the win on a counter-attack in the second minute of injury time when Benjamin Henrichs raced clear after a Young Boys corner to set him up.

The home team had made a poor start as Leipzig attacked from the off and forced three good chances in the first two minutes before Mohamed Simakan scored from a corner in the third.

Xavi Simons was causing alarm running at the home team's defenders and almost doubled the lead in the 13th.

But Young Boys gradually improved as the half wore on. Ulisses Garcia crossed for Filip Ugrinic, who laid the ball off for Meschack Elia to fire into the corner in the 33rd.

Simons thought he should have been awarded a penalty early in the second half when it appeared he was caught by Young Boys' goalkeeper Anthony Racioppi's foot as he went past, but referee Enea Jorgji decided otherwise after consulting video replays. He booked Kevin Kampl for his protests.

The visitors remained proactive, however, and Leipzig substitute Šeško had a goal ruled out through VAR for offside before Xaver Schlager finally scored in the 77th.

Šeško's goal came as Young Boys pushed forward for an equalizer.

3. PSG 2 - 0 Dortmund. 19th September 2023, group stage matchday 1 of 6.

Kylian Mbappe was on form again as Paris St Germain kicked off their Champions League campaign with a 2-0 home victory over Borussia Dortmund on Tuesday, showing glimpses of what might be under new coach Luis Enrique.

Mbappe opened the scoring with a second-half penalty and Achraf Hakimi doubled the tally with a fine goal as PSG's patience paid off at the Parc des Princes

It was only the third win in six competitive games for the Ligue 1 champions this season, and it gave them some much-needed relief after their first defeat at the weekend as they dutifully applied Luis Enrique's possession game.

PSG top Group F with three points, two ahead of AC Milan and Newcastle, who drew 0-0 earlier on Tuesday.

"It was important to start this campaign with a win," man of the match Vitinha said.

Luis Enrique added: "What I liked the most? We were consistent. It was clear we were all full gas during the whole game. We were better during the whole

game. The most important was to attack and create chances. We won the match thanks to our possession."

There was little brilliance from the home side in their first grand outing of the season, but PSG were rarely in danger thanks to their domination of the midfield before everything seemed to click after Mbappe coolly buried his penalty four minutes into the second half.

Dortmund had the first clear chance when Donyell Malen found some space in the PSG area, only for his shot to be easily saved by Gianluigi Donnarumma.

PSG hit back five minutes later when Vitinha, who bossed the midfield in the opening half, hit the woodwork with a fine shot from just outside the area.

The Portuguese had another opportunity after half an hour but his attempt was deflected and went over the bar.

PSG lacked a cutting edge until early in the second half when Ousmane Dembélé, after a combination with fullback Hakimi on the right flank, found Mbappe in the area and the French forward's shot was handled by Niklas Suele.

Mbappe converted the resulting penalty to give PSG a deserved lead and net his 11th goal in his last nine Champions League appearances.

Hakimi doubled the advantage in the 58th minute with a delicate chip from the outside of his boot after being superbly set up by Vitinha.

PSG then controlled the final 30 minutes and ended up with a clean sheet as Borussia failed to threaten.

4. Shakhtar Donetsk 1 - 3 Porto. 19th September 2023, group stage matchday 1 of 6.

Ukrainian champions Shakhtar Donetsk had a losing start at their new, temporary home in Germany as Galeno scored two goals and set up a third to help FC Porto ease to a 3-1 win over Shakhtar in the Champions League on Tuesday.

Shakhtar were welcomed by a near-capacity crowd of more than 46,700 at the Volksparkstadion in its first "home" game in Germany. UEFA has ruled they can't play home European games in Ukraine because of the Russian invasion.

Despite the support for Shakhtar, it took Porto less than eight minutes to open the scoring as Shakhtar goalkeeper Dmytro Riznyk, back from injury, palmed a speculative shot away into the path of Galeno, who pounced to score.

Shakhtar used to specialize in signing talented Brazilian players but since the invasion last year their focus has shifted to younger players and more locally developed talent.

Five of the starting lineup were aged 22 or younger, led by 19-year-old Venezuelan forward Kevin Kelsy, whose header to level the score at 1-1 on his Champions League debut in the 13th minute sparked jubilant celebrations. Ukrainian fans, including people displaced by the war, were among the crowd in Hamburg, and the stadium roared its approval of Kelsy's goal.

Inexperience was on show in Shakhtar's injury-depleted defence soon after, though, as Porto swiftly restored and extended their lead. A wayward pass across the defence from Danylo Sikan completely evaded 20-year-old center-back Stav Lemkin, allowing Galeno to intercept and score past Riznyk.

Galeno didn't score Porto's third goal but he inspired it with a surging run down the left flank before crossing for Mehdi Taremi to score. The Iranian slipped in between midfielder Taras Stepanenko and left-back Novatus Miroshi as Shakhtar's central defenders were nowhere to be seen.

Porto eased off in the second half and Shakhtar had limited success in their attempts to get back into the game, though attacks down the right flank did force saves from Porto goalkeeper Diogo Costa at his near post. Lemkin limped

off clutching his thigh, which meant Shakhtar finished the game with Miroshi out of position as a central defender.

"It's a good feeling to win a game. We're in the process of evolving the team so that we can create a stronger team," Porto coach Sérgio Conceição said.

"We're happy with the three points, but I hope that now we can continue to win and get through to the next round, which is our big goal. We still have a long way to go to achieve our goal of reaching the last 16."

Shakhtar played their home games in Poland last year but are hosting teams in Germany this season.

The Ukrainian league is still going on at home -- without fans -- and Shakhtar had to travel over the border to Poland by bus before it could board a flight to Hamburg in a journey taking nearly 10 hours in total. The games are also a test of Hamburg's Volksparkstadion before it hosts games at next year's European Championship.

Barcelona beat Royal Antwerp 5-0 in the other game in Group H. Porto host Barcelona Oct. 4 in their next game and Shakhtar visit Antwerp.

5. Manchester City 3 - 1 Red Star Belgrade. 19th September 2023, group stage matchday 1 of 6.

Holders Manchester City recovered from falling a goal behind to outclass Red Star Belgrade 3-1 in their Group G opener with Julián Álvarez scoring twice at The Etihad on Tuesday.

Pep Guardiola's side dominated the opening period but were guilty of wayward finishing and trailed to a sucker-punch just before halftime as Osman Bukaribroke clear to finish in style.

City began the game on a 26-match unbeaten run in Champions League home games and normal service was resumed almost immediately after the restart as Álvarez levelled after combining with Erling Haaland.

A misjudgement by Red Star keeper Omri Glazer allowed an Álvarez cross to go into the net on the hour and Rodri made it 3-1 with a clinical finish after 73 minutes as City made it 19 home wins in succession in all competitions.

Just over three months since City finally claimed Europe's biggest club prize with victory over Inter Milan in Istanbul they began their defence in ultimately comfortable fashion.

But for 45 minutes it looked as though it might be one of those nights as chance after chance went begging.

Once Argentina's Alvarez levelled in the 47th minute, however, only one outcome looked likely.

"The last two games I didn't know how many chances we missed," Guardiola said.

"We played really, really good but we were not able to score goals. We were consistent and in the end we won the game."

Norwegian goal-machine Haaland has now gone four Champions League games without hitting the net and he was guilty of some poor misses in a first half in which City's 22 goal attempts were the most in the competition since data began to be compiled.

He headed one effort wide, another even easier chance against the crossbar and then lashed a shot over.

Red Star keeper Glazer was superb in the first half, denying Phil Foden from close range and also keeping out efforts by Nathan Aké and Rodri.

But City switched off in the 45th minute and a ball forward sent Bukari through with only Éderson to beat.

The Ghanaian kept remarkably calm to place his shot beyond the City keeper but his joy was initially curtailed by an offside flag before referee Joao Pinheiro allowed it to stand after an intervention by VAR.

The 3,000 travelling Belgrade fans celebrated and City could hardly believe it as they headed off at half-time.

"I said 'guys, we cannot say we are playing bad. Forget the result, we are able to come back so go for it and be more calm'," the City boss said of his halftime team talk.

City did not take long to make amends though after the break as Alvarez played the ball in to Haaland and then showed great desire to sprint into the area and take a return pass before skipping around Glazer and slotting home in the blink of an eye.

Kyle Walker had a goal ruled out for offside before the otherwise excellent Glazer gifted the hosts their second goal.

Alvarez whipped in a right-footed cross with pace and Glazer flapped at thin air with the ball nestling in the net.

City began to toy with a flagging Red Star and wrapped up the points when Rodri, scorer of the winner against Inter in June, produced a deadly right-foot finish from the left side of the penalty area.

6. Lazio 1 - 1 Atletico Madrid. 19th September 2023, group stage matchday 1 of 6.

Lazio goalkeeper Ivan Provedel secured a crucial point at home for his team in the closing moments of their Champions League Group E match against

Atletico Madrid on Tuesday when he headed in the equaliser, giving them a 1-1 draw.

Five minutes into stoppage time, the goalkeeper ventured up the pitch for a last-ditch corner and headed home a cross from Luis Alberto with one of the final touches of the game.

Provedel became the first goalkeeper to score in a Champions League match since Nigeria's Vincent Enyeama achieved the feat for Hapoel Tel Aviv 13 years ago, and only the fourth overall.

The outcome of the first-ever Champions League clash between the Lazio and Atletico resulted in Feyenoord taking the top position in the group, thanks to their 2-0 victory over Celtic in a simultaneous match on Tuesday.

Midfielder Pablo Barrios had broken the deadlock for Atletico in the 29th minute with a first-time strike from long range that deflected off defender Daichi Kamada, completely wrong-footing Provedel.

Lazio controlled the first part of the match, during which Mattia Zaccagnichallenged Atletico goalkeeper Jan Oblak with a powerful free kick over the wall. However, the Slovenia goalkeeper deflected it to a corner.

Atletico came close to doubling their lead after the break, with Álvaro Moratastriking the post, while Provedel made several close saves to keep Lazio in the match.

Ciro Immobile attempted to get an equaliser for the Roman side in the early minutes of the second half but missed a golden opportunity when he found himself clear on goal and poked the ball directly at Oblak.

In stoppage time, Oblak came to Atletico's rescue when he tipped Danilo Cataldi's long-range rocket around the base of the post.

7. Barcelona 5 - 0 Antwerp. 19th September 2023, group stage matchday 1 of 6.

Barcelona's new signing João Félix struck twice in a 5-0 demolition of visiting Royal Antwerp in their Champions League Group H opener at the Estadi Olímpic Lluís Companys on Tuesday.

After successive group stage eliminations, Barca gave debutants Antwerp a football masterclass, dominating possession with quick passing as Felix, Robert Lewandowski and Gavi all scored.

Last-minute signing Felix opened the scoring with the home side's first attempt in the 11th minute, netting with a low strike inside the near post.

The Portuguese then set up Lewandowski inside the box to double their lead eight minutes later as the Poland striker became the third player to score 100 goals in European competition after Cristiano Ronaldo and Lionel Messi.

Raphinha helped make it 3-0 to the five-time European champions after 22 minutes when his strike from a tight angle deflected off defender Jelle Bataille for an own goal.

Winger Arbnor Muja had a chance to give the visitors a glimmer of hope just before half-time, but his low effort from the edge of the box was kept out by goalkeeper Marc Andre ter Stegen.

Xavi Hernandez's Barca returned after the break determined to increase the advantage in their 28th Champions League group stage campaign, a competition record shared with Real Madrid.

They did not have to wait long as Gavi made it 4-0 by smashing the ball into the roof of the net before Felix added another goal with a header to complete the rout at Barca's temporary home while Camp Nou is being redeveloped.

Barca's dominance was reflected in 22 goal attempts compared to only three from Antwerp, who were playing in the Champions League after winning their domestic league title for the first time in more than 60 years last season.

It is the Belgian side's fifth successive campaign in Europe and their second in the continent's leading club competition after they featured in the European Cup in the 1957-58 season.

8. Feyenoord 2-0 Celtic. 20th September 2023, group stage matchday 1 of 6.

Feyenoord marked their return to the group phase of the Champions League after a five-year absence with 2-0 win over nine-man Celtic on Tuesday to get their campaign off to a winning start.

Calvin Stengs broke the deadlock on the stroke of halftime and Alireza Jahanbakhsh added a second in the 76th minute of the Group E encounter against the Scottish champions, who had two players sent off in the space of five minutes midway through the second half.

Gustaf Lagerbielke was sent off in the 63rd minute for a second caution after catching Igor Paixão with an elbow in the face, conceding a penalty at the same time. But goalkeeper Joe Hart made a diving stop to deny Paixao from the spot.

There was a straight red for Odin Thiago Holm in the 68th minute for a challenge on Mats Wieffer, putting Celtic, who had only received two red cards in their previous 72 matches in the Champions League combined, further on the back foot. The Norwegian had only been on the field for 10 minutes.

Stengs had scored the opening goal from a curling free kick and Jahanbakhsh hammered home his goal not long after coming on.

Feyenoord might well have won by a larger margin as besides squandering the penalty chance, they also had two strikes disallowed by VAR in tight offside calls.

The defeat means Celtic kept up their unwanted record of never winning the opening match of a group campaign.

9. Real Madrid 1 - 0 Union Berlin. 20th September 2023, group stage matchday 1 of 6.

Jude Bellingham scored deep in added time as Real Madrid wore down a resilient Union Berlin to claim a 1-0 win at the Santiago Bernabeu in their Group C opener on Wednesday, spoiling the Bundesliga side's Champions League debut.

The match in Madrid looked like it was heading for a draw when substitute Federico Valverde's shot ricocheted off two players in Union's crowded penalty area before falling to Bellingham, who turned it into the net for his sixth goal in six games this season.

The 94th-minute goal also ensured that Madrid kept up their 100% record this campaign, earning them a sixth straight win.

"I'm a confident lad but I really couldn't have hoped for things to start as well as this in terms of goals," said Bellingham, who was signed from Borussia Dortmund in June for €103 million (\$109.94 million).

"We've played five in LaLiga, one in the Champions League and won all six so we can't really complain about that.

"I think we dominated the match and created good chances so we deserved the win. I'm just so grateful to my team mates and the staff here who've done such a good job of integrating me."

Madrid dominated possession in the first half but found it difficult to break down Union, who defended resolutely and were impressively marshalled at the back by veteran Italy defender Leonardo Bonucci - a summer signing from Juventus.

Real forward Joselu was lively from the start but missed two headed opportunities early in the match.

The 14-times champions made a fast start to the second half and Rodrygo twice went close to scoring the opener, having a shot saved by keeper Frederik Ronnow from close range before unleashing a thunderous volley that cannoned off the post.

Carlo Ancelotti's team continued to turn the screw as the second half wore on with Union beginning to flag, with the Italian manager bringing on Valverde and Toni Kroos.

Joselu, Antonio Rüdiger and Rodrygo all missed late opportunities to score, but just as Union appeared set for a surprise result, the German resistance was pierced when midfielder Bellingham scored on his Champions League debut for Madrid.

While the visitors will be bitterly disappointed to have conceded so late, they will take heart from their performance and believe they have a real chance to make it out of the group stage.

Union host Portugal's Braga next on Oct. 3 while Real visit Italian champions Napoli.

10. Galatasaray 2 - 2 Copenhagen. 20th September 2023, group stage matchday 1 of 6.

11. Bayern Munich 4 - 3 Manchester United. 20th September 2023, group stage matchday 1 of 6.

Bayern Munich struck twice in four minutes in the first half to set them on their way to a 4-3 victory over an embattled Manchester United on Wednesday and make a winning start in Champions League Group A.

The hosts looked in control throughout despite some sloppy defending at times and came out on top in a seven-goal bonanza with three of the goals coming in the final few minutes.

Goals from Leroy Sané and Serge Gnabry in the 28th and 32nd minutes put the hosts firmly in the driving seat with injury-hit United, who have now lost their last three matches, pulling a goal back in the 49th through Rasmus Hojlund's deflected effort.

A Harry Kane penalty, awarded for a handball by Christian Eriksen, restored Bayern's two-goal cushion four minutes later before the game ended with a flurry of late goals.

Casemiro slotted in from close range in the 88th minute but Bayern substitute Mathys Tel scored once more in stoppage time before Casemiro headed in another for United with the last move of the game.

United, who lost 3-1 to both Brighton & Hove Albion and Arsenal in their previous two games, have now conceded three goals or more in three consecutive matches for the first time since December 1978.

Yet it had started well for the visitors with Eriksen going agonisingly close in the fourth minute only to see his shot blocked by Bayern keeper Sven Ulreich.

It was a howler by United keeper André Onana that put Bayern in front, with the Cameroon international misjudging Sane's tame shot and letting it slip past him and into the net.

With Bayern coach Thomas Tuchel serving a one-match suspension from last season and assistant Zsolt Loew on the bench, Bayern scored again with Jamal Musiala setting up Gnabry after a fine solo run.

Hojlund's deflected effort four minutes after the restart following a quick United passing move gave them some hope but Bayern quickly extinguished it in the 53rd with Kane's penalty.

"Disappointed because we should stay in the game," said United coach Erik ten Hag. "If you score three goals at Bayern Munich you have to take a point.

"We are in a period, a lot is going against us. We have to make our own luck. We've played great teams in the last three games."

In a frantic finale Casemiro first hooked the ball in from close range after stumbling to the floor in the 88th minute and then headed their third goal in stoppage time, seconds after Bayern substitute Tel had powered the ball into the roof of the net.

The hosts, unbeaten now in their last 28 Champions League group stage home matches also hit the woodwork through Sane and Thomas Müller in the second half.

12. Benfica 0 - 2 RB Salzburg. 20th September 2023, group stage matchday 1 of 6.

13. Braga 1 - 2 Napoli. 20th September 2023, group stage matchday 1 of 6.

A late own goal by Braga defender Sikou Niakate handed Italian champions Napoli a 2-1 away win in an entertaining Champions League Group C clash on Wednesday.

In a game of many missed chances, Napoli took the lead in first-half stoppage time through captain Giovanni Di Lorenzo after striker Victor Osimhen nodded the ball away from goal and the Italy defender seized his chance to bounce it in off the bar.

Braga, who are in the Champions League for the third time and the first in 11 seasons, stepped up their game following the break and forward Bruma equalised in the 84th minute with a header from a perfect cross by substitute Rodrigo Zalazar.

But four minutes later Niakate sealed the win for the visitors with an unfortunate intervention, netting a pass by Piotr Zielinski from close range with his first touch.

In the other Group C game, Real Madrid beat Union Berlin 1-0 at home with a late Jude Bellingham goal earlier on Wednesday.

14. Arsenal 4 - 0 PSV. 20th September 2023, group stage matchday 1 of 6.

Arsenal enjoyed a triumphant return to the Champions League with a 4-0 thrashing of outclassed PSV Eindhoven in Group B as their impressive start to the season continued on Wednesday.

Six years after their last appearance among Europe's elite, goals by Bukayo Saka, Leandro Trossard and Gabriel Jesus before half-time paved the way for an easy victory, with captain Martin Ødegaard also on target in the second half.

Saka, one of several Arsenal players making their debuts in the competition, struck from close range after eight minutes and Trossard's low shot made it 2-0 12 minutes later before Jesus hammered Arsenal's third to effectively wrap up the points.

Arsenal, who have taken 13 points from their opening five Premier League games, travel to Lens next week while PSV must try to repair some of the damage at home to Sevilla.

The last time Arsenal played in the Champions League they suffered a chastening 10-2 aggregate drubbing at the hands of Bayern Munich, since when their perennial place amongst the Premier League's top-four became a fading memory.

Runners-up spot to Manchester City last season sent them back to the top table and Dutch side PSV proved the perfect opponents on a rain-drenched night in north London.

"It was a beautiful night," Arsenal manager Mikel Arteta told reporters. "In both boxes today we were exceptional and that was the difference.

"I was really excited before the game. Our journey started last year and we earned the right to be in this competition."

Arsenal have had to grind out wins this season in the Premier League with teams defending deep to negate their attacking strengths.

But Dutch league leaders PSV were wide open, allowing Arsenal to do more or less what they pleased.

The visitors did test David Raya, again preferred to England keeper Aaron Ramsdale, in the opening minute when Noa Lang forced the Spaniard into a comfortable save.

After that it was one-way traffic.

Arsenal's opener arrived as Saka linked with Ødegaard and when the Norwegian's shot was only parried by Walter Benítez, Saka was alert enough to guide home from close range.

PSV were architects of their own downfall for Arsenal's second, giving the ball away during a foray forward, and a lightning counter-attack ended with Saka squaring for Trossard to fizz a low shot across the wet turf and into the corner.

Trossard then turned provider to set up Jesus who took a silky touch before smashing a shot into the net.

With a north London derby against Tottenham Hotspur on Sunday, Arsenal manager Mikel Arteta had the luxury of making substitutions throughout the second half with Saka, Jesus and Declan Rice all getting an early breather.

But Arsenal were still far too slick for their opponents and captain Ødegaard drilled in a clinical fourth after 70 minutes to complete a thoroughly satisfying night.

Tougher tests will come but Ødegaard believes Arsenal can have a deep run.

"You saw the motivation and energy right from the start. To be back in this competition is huge for this club," he said. "We are in this competition to compete and fight to go all the way."

15. Sevilla 1 - 1 Lens. 20th September 2023, group stage matchday 1 of 6.

16. Real Sociedad 1 - 1 Inter. 20th September 2023, group stage matchday 1 of 6.

Lautaro Martínez's late goal salvaged a 1-1 draw for runners-up Inter Milan at Real Sociedad as they kicked off their Champions League campaign on Wednesday.

The Basque team looked the more dominant side for most of the game, their first Champions group-stage appearance in a decade, while the Serie A leaders will be grateful for their rivals' misses in front of goal after a performance far from their unbeaten league run.

"I have congratulated my boys for the great game they played," La Real coach Imanol Alguacil told Movistar Plus. "The players, the fans and myself should be proud."

The hosts' early high pressing paid off after just four minutes when Brais Méndez stole the ball on the edge of the Inter box to fire into the bottom right corner and make it 1-0.

Real created chances to double the lead, but Robin Le Normand sent his header wide before half-time and new keeper Yann Sommer pulled off a great save to deny Mikel Oyarzabal from close range at the start of the second half.

"We faced a very strong side tonight, we knew it," Inter coach Simone Inzaghi told Amazon Prime. "We did well to remain in the game despite playing badly, thanks to our goalkeeper."

Inter began to threaten their opponents' area until the final stretch of the match, but could not equalise until Martinez finally scored in the 87th minute for his sixth goal in five games this season.

"I'm not satisfied because we did not play as we planned," Martinez said. "We had a lot of troubles in the first half because we were facing a team who pressed us very high and we had difficulties to build from the back with the forwards often going offside.

"We did not play well but it was important to avoid defeat at least because the group would have become more complicated otherwise."

In Group D, Inter and Real are below RB Salzburg, who won 2-0 at Benfica, with the Portuguese champions being hampered by an early red card for António Silva.