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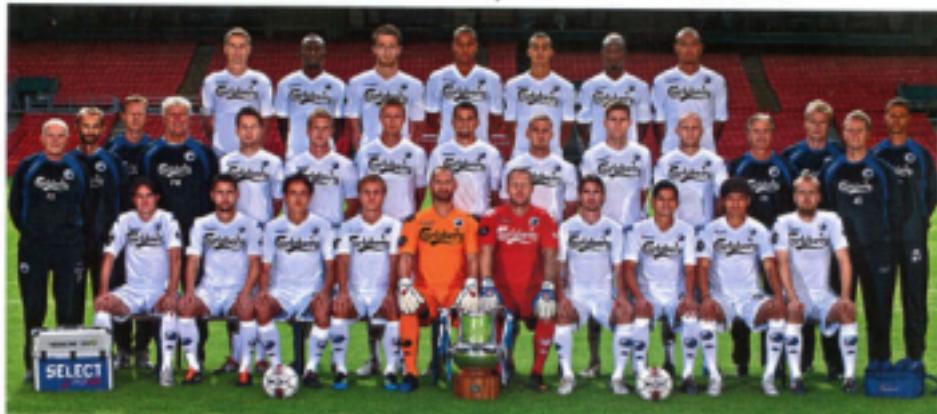


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# FC COPENHAGEN 2011



F.C. Copenhagen (Danish: F.C. København, or FCK in short) is a professional Danish football club in Copenhagen, Denmark. It is part of the Parken Sport & Entertainment.

FCK plays in the Danish Superliga and is one of the most successful clubs in Danish football; it is also the highest-ranking Scandinavian club in the UEFA team rankings list, currently the 38th best club in Europe.

The club is also currently ranked as the 43rd best club in the world by the IFFHS. F.C. Copenhagen has won nine Danish Superliga championships, four Danish Cup trophies, and the Scandinavian tournament Royal League twice. They qualified for the 2006–07 edition of the UEFA Champions League, the first time in the club's history. Three years later they became the first Danish club to ever reach the knockout stage of the Champions League.

F.C. Copenhagen was founded in 1993, as a superstructure between 15-time Danish football champions Kjøbenhavns Boldklub (KB) and seven-time Danish football champions Boldklubben 1903. FCK plays its matches at the Parken Stadium, which also serves as the venue for Denmark national football team matches. Since its founding, F.C. Copenhagen has had a fierce rivalry with Copenhagen suburban club Brøndby IF, and the so-called "New Firm" games between the two sides have attracted some of the biggest crowds in Danish football history.

The history of F.C. Copenhagen details the development of Danish professional football (soccer) club F.C. Copenhagen. Even though F.C. Copenhagen was founded in 1992, the club traces its roots back to 1876. Kjøbenhavns Boldklub (KB) was founded in 1876, making it one of the oldest football clubs in Continental Europe, and Boldklubben 1903 was founded in 1903. The two Copenhagen clubs merged first teams to found F.C. Copenhagen on 1 July 1992. KB were the very first Danish football champions and won the Danish championship 15 times. B1903 have been champions seven times and won the Danish Cup twice. Both clubs put their mark on Danish football through the 20th century.

## The superstructure

Professional football was introduced in Denmark by the Danish Football Association in 1978. KB twice tried to run a professional football business in the 1980s, but on both occasions the club failed to gain enough financial support. Following the club's last Danish championship win in 1980, KB ran dry with football success at the highest level. On their hand, B1903 had success in the Danish Superliga up until 1992. The club had disappointing attendances with less than 2,000 spectators at home games on average, but in local entrepreneur Alex Friedmann, the club had an important financial supporter. KB was therefore happy to have a team playing professional football, while B1903 had a good squad but a doubtful future, when it was clear that Friedmann was unable to guarantee his support for much longer.

With the rebuilding of the Parken Stadium, Denmark's national team stadium, the new club had a ready-made, top-modern stadium to play at. They moved away from the outdated facilities at Gensofte Stadion and Frederiksberg Idrætspark, where B1903 and KB played, respectively. KB and B1903 maintained a role in F.C. Copenhagen, and became bases for talent development for the professional team of FCK.

## Scope

1992 was a golden year in Denmark's sports history, as the Denmark national football team surprised Europe and won the Euro 92 championship, after replacing the barred Yugoslavia team shortly before tournament kick off. F.C. Copenhagen therefore set off on a wave of football interest and national football pride.

The first ambition of the club was attaining a high enough placing in the Danish Superliga, as to qualify for one of the European competitions every season. This goal was to be reached through a solid economy build upon a big fan base, and through an "attractive and positive style of football".

## 1992-1994:

### A good start

In the first two seasons of the club, they got good results in the Superliga. In the 1992-93 season, they won the Danish championship only one point ahead of Odense BK in second place, and two points ahead of third placed Brondby IF.

FCK also competed in the UEFA Intertoto Cup and they won their group after 4 wins, 1 draw and a single defeat. With the Intertoto Cup win, FCK qualified for the UEFA Cup, where they were eliminated in 2nd round by AJ Auxerre. In the Cup, FCK was knocked out in the semi-finals by COB with 1-4 agg., after in the 5th round eliminating defending league champions Brondby and Hvidovre in the quarter finals.

In the 1993-94 season the expectations were high for FCK, but they could not stand up to the pressure, and went on winter break with a second place, after a quite good season start, who was overshadowed by a 6-0 collapse to A.C. Milan in the Champions League qualification.

The cup result had in the autumn also been disappointing after a 3-0 B 1999 defeat. In the spring, Silkeborg IF looked to win the league, but after a hard fight from F.C.

Copenhagen, it was very exciting when the two teams met in the second last round, at Parken. In front of a record high attendance (26,679) FCK won the match 4-1, but lost the championship after a 3-2 defeat in the last round.



## 1995-1997: Three sad years

The next three seasons, were bad on results, and only two cup triumphs saved the honour. After the new manager Keld Kristensen came to the club, FCK won only a single of eight league matches in the 1994-95 season, and got a very disappointing 0-1 FC Juza UEFA Cup-defeat, and this led to the re-hiring of successful manager Benny Johansen. After a very disappointing autumn, with elimination in the UEFA Cup by Slovan Bratislava, they went to the winter break in 7th place.

The spring season wasn't much better, and they ended 6th. After the weak season the team won the Cup-final against AIK with a superior 3-0 win, qualifying for the European football once again, despite the otherwise mediocre results in the league.

With new manager Michael Schafer, FCK was near relegation in the 1995-96 season. In the Cup-Winners' Cup they lost totally 2-7 to SK Hradec Králové, and in the Superliga they ended 7th. In the cup they lost to ACB. After the season Schafer was fired as manager.

Instead of Schafer, Kim Brink took over the poor performing FCK-team. This season should be as the last, FCK competed in the Intertoto Cup, but 3 wins and a draw, was not enough to continue to the UEFA Cup.

The only thing to be happy about for the team was the cup sensation, in which they won the final against Iblast FS with 2-0. In the league, they once again ended up as number 7th way below the club's ambitions of grandeur.



## 1997-1998:

### The Don O take-over

In the new season, FCK got a new CEO and Chairman, Flemming Østergaard, lovingly referred to as Don O by the club's fans for his mafioso-like antics, and a new manager, Kent Karlsson. With Don O in front, the economy of the club came under control, and as the season drew to an end, F.C. Copenhagen bought their stadium, Parken. In November 1997, FCK was introduced on the Copenhagen Stock Exchange through a successful IPO.

On the pitch the team had a very fine autumn, in which they only lost three games. In the Cup Winners' Cup, they lost to Real Betis, and in the Danish Cup, FCK went to the final, where they lost to the arch rivals Brondby. The spring season was not as good as the autumn, and FCK ended third.

## 1998-2000:

### There is something about Jutland

In the 1998-99 season, FCK was close on European success in the Cup Winners' Cup. After a 10-0 (over two legs) victory against Azerbaigiani FK Karabakh and 6-1 against Bulgarian PFC Levski Sofia, FCK was going to face Chelsea F.C.. After a dynamically 0-1 on Stamford Bridge, Chelsea won the second game at Parken - a goal scored by the Dane Brian Laudrup. On the post-match press conference, it was announced that Brian Laudrup was signing FCK from New Year, and FCK's Bjarne Goldbekk was signing Chelsea. After half a year in the club Laudrup switched to Ajax Amsterdam, where he stopped his career after a year.

Manager Kent Karlsson stepped in the middle of the autumn, and Kim Brink took over until New Year. At this point Christian Andersen took the manager-seat, but after just 30 controversial days he was fired and Brink was manager for the third time.

In the Superliga FCK could not win in Jutland, and began to draw their home matches. They ended 7th.

The next season was a fiasco in Europe. FCK lost the first round of the Intertoto Cup against a Polish team Polonia Warszawa. The Jutland disaster continued, and they ended 8th in the table. FCK won a lot of home matches, amongst those a 7-2 victory against Vejle BK. The attendance at Parken rose, and for most games there was more than 10,000 visitors.

In the winter break Sibusiso Zuma was bought by the club.



## 2000-2006:

### The new era

From 2000-01 things started happening in FCK. English coach Ray Hodgson was hired. His coaching style and international reputation was just right for FCK. Things went well, and they won their 2nd championship. In the season's last New Year match at Parken, FCK won 3-1. The goal that made it 2-0 was a fantastic bicycle kick by Zuma.

From standing position Zuma received the ball, in chest height from Thomas Throninger, lifting the ball with the chest, and in the same motion making the overhead kick, Zuma lobbed the ball into the far corner, out of reach of the bewildered Brondby keeper, Mogens Knøgh. The goal, kicking FC Copenhagen back into the top-flight of Danish football, enjoys legendary status amongst FCK-fans.

In the next season there was finally some European success. In the Champions League qualification, FCK faced Georgian FC Torpedo Kutaisi who they defeated 4-2.

The first leg of the Kutaisi game was the first game with new coach Hans Backe. He took over after Hodgson who broke his contract with FCK, a few weeks after celebrating the championship signing the Italian side Udinese.

Backe was to be the longest serving coach for FCK to this day. In third qualification round, Italian S.S. Lazio waited. FCK won the first game 2-1, but lost the second 1-4. Now FCK entered the UEFA Cup, Serbian FK Obilić whom they defeated 4-2, but in the next round Dutch Ajax Amsterdam was waiting.

After a goalless match at Parken, FCK won at Amsterdam ArenA 1-0, after a goal by left back Niels Jansen. In the third round Borussia Dortmund proved too big a hurdle for FCK, 0-1 defeat in both legs ended the European campaign for Byens Hold.



Kjøbenhavns Boldklub or KB is a Danish sports club based in Copenhagen. The club was founded April 26, 1876 on the grassy fields in outer Copenhagen which later became Ørholmparken. Football and cricket has been played in KB since 1879, making KB the oldest football club on Continental Europe and the oldest general sports club on the continent (with more than just one sport). Tennis has been played since 1883, and today the club also has facilities for badminton, swimming and petanque.

The football team went on to become the most successful club in Denmark, winning a record 15 Danish championship titles from 1913 to 1980. In 1991, KB and B.1903 merged their professional football teams and formed F.C. Copenhagen. Until January 1, 2009, the F.C. Copenhagen reserves played under the KB name.



The national competitions ended in bitter disappointment for FCK. Archrivals Brøndby won the championship on goal difference after FCK had caught up with Brøndby's 10 point lead in a half season. On top of that FCK lost in the cup final to OR, whom had been sent home from Parken with 0-4 defeat a few weeks earlier. FCK qualified for the UEFA Cup.

2002-03 was not the best European season for FCK, in which they lost 3-1 to Swedish Djurgården. In the second last round in the Superliga, FCK faced Brøndby at Brøndby Stadium. In extra time, Ejte Norregaard scored his first goal for FCK. This was the goal which brought the championship back to Parken.

In the Champions League second qualifying round 2004-05 FCK won the first match against ND Gorica 2-1 but later lost, in a sensational defeat, at Parken with 0-8.

Since then, FCK has won two championships (2004 & 2006), and a cup title (2004). F.C. Copenhagen won the inaugural Royal League tournament in 2004-05, after tying IFK Göteborg in the final 1-1 and beating them in a penalty shootout, 12-11. They won also the second season of the tournament, after this time winning against Lilleshavn S.K. in the final 1-0.

In this season, Byens Hold played in the Champions League qualifiers, with reinforcements as Jesper Grønkjær, Oscar Wressz and Fredrik Berglund joining Dutch team Aja Amsterdam. For the first time in the club's history FCK entered the group stage of the Champions League, being grouped with Celtic, Benfica and Manchester United. FCK has also won the Royal League, the Scandinavian championships, both seasons this two year old tournament has been played.



KB's logo is designed by architect and designer Thorvald Bindesbøl (1846-1908). Bindesbøl also designed the Carlsberg logo, and KB's logo is believed to be sponsored by Carlsberg.



## Achievements

Danish championship titles (15):

1913, 1914, 1917, 1918, 1922, 1925, 1932, 1940, 1948, 1949, 1949, 1950, 1953, 1968, 1974, 1980

Danish Cup: 1949

53 seasons in the Highest Danish League

6 seasons in the Second Highest Danish League

1 season in the Third Highest Danish League



## International players

In the first official game of the Denmark national football team on October 19, 1908, at the 1908 Summer Olympics, five players represented KB in that team, including team captain Kestum Middelboe. Since then, a total 75 players have represented KB in the senior Danish national team.

Listed according to the year of debut.

**1900s:** Ludvig Drescher (1908), Kristian Middelboe (1908), Nils Middelboe (1908), Vilhelm Wohlhagen (1908), Oskar Norlund (1908), Bjorn Rasmussen (1908).

**1910s:** Paul "Tint" Nielsen (1910), Ivar Lykke (1911), Svend Aage Camilla (1911), Kristian Gyldensteen (1911), Christian Morelly (1912), Georg Beysting (1912), Alf Olsen (1917), Stern Steensen Blischer (1918), Valdemar Laasen (1918).

**1920s:** Leo Damm (1920), Paul Graue (1920), Axel V. Premo (1922), Svend Aage Renhoff (1923), Aage Jorgenson (1923), Wilhelm Nielsen (1925), Erik Eiksen (1929).

**1930s:** Henning Jensen (1931), Oscar Jorgenson (1932), Georg Taarp (1932), Bør Larsen (1933), Hans Christensen (1934), Eigil Andersen (1936), Hege Jorgenson (1937), Jorgen Iversen (1938), John Nielsen (1938), Erik Glumer (1938).

**1940s:** Harald Lyngaa (1940), Eigil Nielsen (1940), Jorn Jeggen (1943), Niels Bennike (1945), Geral Palsson (1945), Jorgen W. Hansen (1947), Dion Ormrod (1947), Axel Filmark (1947), Erik Koppen (1949).

**1950s:** Arnold Olsen (1950), Erik Hansen (1951), Jorgen Johansen (1952), Martin Kristensen (1952), Per Jensen (1952), Vagn Borkeland (1954), Jens Torstensen (1956), Finn Alfred Hansen (1957), Jorn Soesesen (1958), Per Fosch Jensen (1959), Arne Karlsen (1959).

**1960s:** Bent Krog (1961), Ole Soerensen (1961), Henning Helbrandt (1961), Niels Jensen (1961), Gott Hansen (1961), Eivind Claessen (1962), Niels Moller (1966), Kurt Pebe (1968), Niels Christian Holstrom (1968).

**1970s:** Flemming Pedersen (1970), Niels Hagenau (1971), Eigil Nielsen (1971), Niels Soesesen (1974), Anders Soesesen (1974), Karl Aage Skouborg (1974), Tomsten Andersen (1977), Klaus Norregaard (1977), Henrik Aggerbeck (1978), Ole Hogaard (1979), Finn Laudring (1979), Ole Quist (1979), Palle Hansen (1979).

**1980s:** Henrik Eggerhead (1981).

## B1903

Boldklubben 1903 or B 1903 is a football club founded in 1903, located in Copenhagen, Denmark. Seven times winner of the Danish championship (introduced 1913) in 1920, 1924, 1926, 1938, 1949, 1970 and 1976 and twice winner of the Danish Cup (introduced 1955) in 1979 and 1986.

Best international result: Quarter final in the UEFA Cup (1991/92) after eliminating Aberdeen F.C., Bayern Munich (6-2 and 0-1) and Trabzonspor.

In 1992 the club was merged with Kjøbenhavns Boldklub (KB) to form the current club F.C. Copenhagen to which B 1903 transferred its license to play in the Danish league. As a note, F.C. Copenhagen won the Danish championship in its first season.

## Achievements

Danish championship titles (7):  
1920, 1924, 1926, 1938, 1949, 1970, 1976  
Danish Cup: 1979, 1986  
55 seasons in the Highest Danish League  
3 seasons in the Second Highest Danish League



## Honours

Danish Superliga Champions (9): 1993, 2001, 2003, 2004, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2010, 2011  
 Runner-up (3): 1994, 2002, 2005  
 3rd placed (2): 1998, 2008  
 Danish Cup Winners (4): 1995, 1997, 2004, 2009  
 Runner-up (3): 1998, 2002, 2007  
 Danish League Cup Winners: 1998  
 Runner-up (2): 2005, 2006  
 Danish Super Cup Winners (3): 1995, 2001, 2004  
 Ørestad Cup Winners (2): 2000, 2002  
 Kings Cup Winners: 1994

### European performances

UEFA Champions League 2nd qualifying round:  
 2004–05  
 2nd/3rd qualifying/Play-off round: 1993–94,  
 2001–02, 2003–04, 2007–08, 2009–10, 2011–12  
 Fourth in group: 2006–07  
 Round of 16: 2010–11  
 UEFA Cup First round: 1994–95, 2003–03,  
 2005–06  
 Second round: 1992–93, 2003–04  
 Third round: 2001–02  
 Fourth in group: 2007–08  
 Round of 32: 2008–09, 2009–10  
 UEFA Cup Winners' Cup First round: 1995–96  
 Second round: 1997–98, 1998–99  
 UEFA Intertoto Cup Fifth in group: 1993  
 Second in group: 1996  
 Group winners: 1992  
 Second round: 1999  
 Royal League Winners (2): 2004–05, 2005–06  
 Runner-up: 2006–07

## Current technical staff

Position	Staff
Manager	Ørland Nilsson
Assistant manager	Johan Lange
Assistant manager	Martin Pringle
Goalkeeping coach	Per Wind
Fitness coach	Audun Stenskov
Assistant fitness coach	Jesper Lovind Andersen
Ar coach	Morten Graae
Reserve team coach	Brian Riemer
Youth team coach	Ian Michaelsen
Sporting director	Carlton V. Jensen
Chief scout	Lars Hojer
Youth manager	Michael Mio Nielsen
Youth director	Søren Smith-Nielsen

## Records

(In brackets debut/year)

### Most matches

Superliga: Michael Mio Nielsen (1993) – 231  
 European Cup: Hjørne Nørregaard (2009) and William Kvist (2005) – 56  
 Overall: Hjørne Nørregaard (2008) – 320

### Most goals

Superliga: Lars Hojer (1992) and Todi Jønsson (1997) – 54  
 European Cup: Dame N'Doye (2009) – 13  
 Overall: Todi Jønsson (1997) – 68

### Biggest victory in the Superliga

6–0 home against Esbjerg fB on 17 March 2002  
 7–1 home against HB Køge on 25 July 2009

### Biggest defeat in the Superliga

0–5 away against Silkeborg IF on 17 April 1994  
 0–5 away against Brøndby IF on May 16, 2005

### Biggest victory in European cups

7–0 home against Cliftonville F.C. on 31 July 2008 (UEFA Cup)

### Biggest defeat in European cups

0–6 home against A.C. Milan on 20 October 1993 (UEFA Champions League)

### Attendance record

41,201 spectators against Brøndby IF on 30 April 2006

### Transfer Records

Most expensive player bought: Aliton Almeida 22 million DKK  
 Most expensive player sold: Christian Poulsen 50 million DKK





# List of FC Copenhagen seasons

Season	Div	Pos.	Danish Cup	Europe	Other	Top scorer	
1992-93	Sep	1st	Semi finals	Intertoto Cup Group winner UEFA Cup Second round		Martin Johansen	19
1993-94	Sep	2nd	Fifth round	Intertoto Cup Fifth in group	Cups Cup Winners	Lars Højer	14
1994-95	Sep	6th	Winners	Champions League Second round		Per Frandsen	17
1995-96	Sep	7th	Fifth round	UEFA Cup First round	Danish Supercup Winners	Michael Johansen, Lars Højer	8
1996-97	Sep	8th	Winners	Intertoto Cup Second in group J	League Cup Winners	Rune Goldbeck	9
1997-98	Sep	3rd	Runner-up	Cup Winners' Cup Second round		David Nielsen	13
1998-99	Sep	8th	Quarter finals	Cup Winners' Cup Second round		David Nielsen	17
1999-00	Sep	8th	Quarter finals	Intertoto Cup Second round	Orrestrand Cup Winners	David Nielsen	9
2000-01	Sep	3rd	Fifth round			Todd Symons	12
2001-02	Sep	2nd	Runner-up	Champions League Third qualifying round	Danish Supercup Winners	Silvestro Zanini	15
2002-03	Sep	3rd	Quarter finals	UEFA Cup Third round		Todd Symons	18
2003-04	Sep	1st	Winners	UEFA Cup First round		Alvaro Santos	17
2004-05	Sep	2nd	Semi finals	Champions League Second qualifying round	Royal League Winners	Alvaro Santos	13
2005-06	Sep	1st	Quarter finals	UEFA Cup First round	Royal League Winners	Alvaro Santos	18
2006-07	Sep	1st	Runner-up		Danish League Cup runner-up	Fredrik Berglund	19
2007-08	Sep	3rd	Semi finals	Champions League Third qualifying round	Danish League Cup runner-up	Marcus Allback, Morten Nordstrand	12
2008-09	Sep	1st	Winners	UEFA Cup Fourth in group B			20
2009-10	Sep	1st	Fourth round	UEFA Cup Round of 32		Dame N'Doye	24
2010-11	Sep	1st	Fourth round	UEFA Champions League Round of 16		Dame N'Doye	24
2011-12[1]	Sep	1st	Third round	UEFA Champions League Play-off round		Dame N'Doye	3
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## Managers

Name	Nationality	From	To	P	W	D	L	F	A	%W
Benny Johansen	Denmark	1 July 1992	30 June 1994	87	45	16	26	156	121	51.72
Keld Kristensen	Denmark	1 July 1994	6 September 1994	8	1	2	5	12	18	18.59%
Benny Johansen	Denmark	6 September 1994	30 June 1995	33	15	8	10	57	50	45.45
Michael Schafer	Denmark	1 July 1995	30 June 1996	37	14	10	13	52	59	37.84
Kim Brink	Denmark	1 July 1996	30 June 1997	43	17	14	12	53	52	39.53
Kent Karlsson	Sweden	1 July 1997	23 September 1998	55	30	12	13	111	73	54.54
Kim Brink	Denmark	23 September 1998	31 December 1998	13	6	6	1	29	16	46.15
Christian Andersen	Denmark	1 January 1999	16 March 1999	1	0	0	1	2	3	0.00
Kim Brink	Denmark	16 March 1999	30 June 2000	53	18	14	21	71	63	33.96
Roy Hodgson	England	1 July 2000	30 June 2001	35	18	12	5	60	30	51.43
Kent Karlsson	Sweden	1 July 2001	30 August 2001	10	5	2	3	16	13	50.00
Niels Christian Holmstrom	Denmark	30 August 2001	17 September 2001	2	0	1	1	1	3	0.0
Hans Backe	Sweden	17 September 2001	31 December 2005	199	110	56	83	386	179	55.28
Steile Solbakken	Norway	1 January 2006	31 May 2011	270	160	54	56	484	238	59.26
Roland Nilsson	Sweden	1 June 2011		16	13	1	2	28	11	81.25

# FC Copenhagen current squad

1.Kian  
Christensen21.Jøhan  
Wiland5.Søbi  
Ørtesen15.Johnny  
Thomsen17.Ragnar  
Sigurðsson19.Bryn  
Oseido25.Mathias  
Jørgensen26.Cristian  
Gamboa3.S. Pierre  
Bengtsson

6.Clauderic

7.Martin  
Røgård8.Christian  
Grindheim12.Papa  
Diouf16.Thomas  
Kristensen20.Martin  
Vingaard27.Thomas  
Delaney28.Saban  
Erdogan30.Christian  
Bolanos9.Morten  
Nordstrand11.Cesar  
Santin14.Dany  
N'Doye18.Kenneth  
Zohore22.Jøhan  
Abrahamsen24.Youssouf  
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# Parken

Parken Stadium (Engelse the Park) is a football stadium in the Indre Østerbro (Inner Østerbro) district of Copenhagen, Denmark, built from 1990–1992. It currently has a capacity of 38,865 for football games, and is the home ground of F.C. Copenhagen and the Danish national football team. The capacity for concerts exceeds the capacity for matches – the stadium can hold as many as 60,000 people with an end-stage setup and 55,000 with a center-stage setup.

## History

Parken was built on the site of former Denmark national stadium, Idrosparken, from 1990 to 1992. The last national team match in Idrosparken was a 0–2 Euro 1992 qualification loss to Yugoslavia on November 14, 1990, and on September 9, 1992 Parken was opened with a 1–2 defeat in a friendly game against Germany.

The stadium was rebuilt by investors Baltic Finans A/S in return of the guarantee from the Danish Football Association, that all national matches would be played at Parken for 15 years. The re-construction, tore down and rebuilt three of the original four stands, cost 640 million Danish kroner.

In 1998, Baltic Finans sold the stadium to F.C. Copenhagen for 188 million DKK, and the club now owns both the stadium and the adjacent office buildings in the company of Parken Sport & Entertainment.

Parken was included in UEFA's list of 4 star stadiums in the autumn of 1993, making Parken eligible for hosting the finals of the UEFA Cup as well as the now defunct Cup Winners' Cup. Being a 4-star stadium, Parken can not apply for the biggest European club game, the UEFA Champions League final, as that demands 50,000 seats.

On June 2 2007, Parken was the venue for the UEFA Euro 2008 qualifier fan attack.

## Concert venue

Parken is also used as a concert venue, and hosted the Eurovision Song Contest 2001. As a direct consequence of this, and to make Parken a more useful venue in general, a retractable roof was applied to the existing structure.

Once a year, the TV channel TV 2 Zulu organizes a big concert, Zulu Rocks.

Musicians like Take That, Pink, Madonna, Britney Spears, AC/DC, Pink Floyd, Eric Clapton, Red Hot Chilli Peppers, Celine Dion, Tiesto, Depeche Mode, The Rolling Stones, U2, The Black Eyed Peas, Pet Shop Boys, Kishen, Pharrell, Mew, Robbie Williams, George Michael, R.E.M., Metallica, Bruce Springsteen, Muse, Tina Turner, David Bowie, Paul McCartney, and Michael Jackson have performed at Parken.

The biggest concert ever held in Parken was a performance by Michael Jackson on August 14, 1997, during his HIStory tour, with 60,000 tickets sold.

Eminem was scheduled to perform at Parken in 2005, but he canceled his European tour.



**FC Copenhagen vs FC Vorskla Poltava**  
**current squads**
**Goalkeepers**

No.	Name	Nat.	DoB
1	Kim Christensen	DEN	16.07.1979
21	Johan Wiland	SWE	24.01.1981
41	Iacob Busk Jensen	DEN	12.09.1993

**Defenders**

No.	Name	Nat.	DoB
5	Solvi Ørnesen	ISL	18.02.1984
15	Johnny Thomsen	DEN	26.02.1982
17	Ragnar Sigurdsson	ISL	19.06.1986
19	Bryan Oviedo	CRC	18.02.1990
25	Martian Jorgensen	DEN	23.04.1990
26	Cristian Gamboa	CRC	24.10.1989

**Midfielders**

No.	Name	Nat.	DoB
3	Pierre Bengtsson	SWE	12.04.1988
6	Claudemir	BRA	27.03.1988
7	Martin Bergqvist	DEN	20.02.1984
8	Christian Grindheim	NOR	17.07.1983
13	Pape Pate Diouf	SEN	04.04.1986
16	Thomas Kristensen	DEN	17.04.1983
20	Martin Vingaard	DEN	20.03.1985
27	Thomas Delaney	DEN	03.09.1991
28	Sabri Ordogan	DEN	14.03.1990
30	Christian Bolanos	CRC	17.05.1984

**Forwards**

No.	Name	Nat.	DoB
9	Morten Nordstrand	DEN	08.06.1983
11	Cesar Santin	BRA	24.02.1983
14	Dame N'Dope	SEN	21.02.1985
18	Kerveneth Zohore	DEN	31.01.1994
22	Johan Albaeksson	DEN	16.09.1985
24	Youssef Tousoulh	DEN	06.10.1992

**Coach**

No.	Name	Nat.	DoB
	Roland Nilsson	SWE	27.11.1963

**Goalkeepers**

No.	Name	Nat.	DoB
1	Serhiy Dolganskiy	UKR	15.09.1974
12	Igor Velychko	UKR	09.08.1976
21	Makayim Lavrovskiy	UKR	13.01.1986

**Defenders**

No.	Name	Nat.	DoB
2	Oleksandr Matveyev	UKR	11.02.1989
3	Serhiy Yovkovskiy	UKR	02.07.1988
4	Armen Dalliu	ALB	16.06.1983
12	Yevhen Peskov	UKR	22.09.1981
33	Yevhen Selin	UKR	09.05.1988
34	Yevhen Tkachuk	UKR	27.06.1991
78	Oleksij Karikov	UKR	24.04.1988

**Midfielders**

No.	Name	Nat.	DoB
5	Oleg Krasnopyorow	UKR	25.07.1980
7	Dmitri Yesin	RUS	15.04.1980
10	Iosif Markoski	MNE	23.06.1980
19	Arsen Govorov	UKR	14.01.1990
20	Serhiy Zukalska	UKR	17.08.1976
25	Pavlo Leshko	UKR	08.11.1987
48	Volodymyr Chusnakov	UKR	12.02.1988
77	Andrij Oberemko	UKR	18.03.1984
82	Pavlo Barbenok	UKR	23.07.1983

**Forwards**

No.	Name	Nat.	DoB
9	Roman Iluzas	UKR	26.09.1990
11	Ivan Kryvoshchenko	UKR	11.08.1984
14	Dmitri Osipenko	BLR	12.12.1982
17	Vanyi Sachko	UKR	03.05.1975
18	Oleksiy Chychlykov	UKR	30.09.1987
24	Oleg Baranik	UKR	29.03.1992
27	Ahmed Januzi	ALB	08.07.1988

**Coach**

No.	Name	Nat.	DoB
*	Mykola Pavlov	UKR	20.06.1954

# Match background

FC Vorskla Poltava can take comfort from Ukrainian clubs' exceptional record against Danish counterparts as they prepare to take on FC Kobenhavn in their opening UEFA Europa League Group B game.

## Previous meetings

- The sides are meeting for the first time in Europe and this is also Kobenhavn's first meeting with Ukrainian opponents in their current form.
- In 1903 Kobenhavn, who merged with Kjøbenhavns BK to form FCK in 1992, played FC Dynamo Kyiv in the 1973/74 UEFA Cup second round, losing 1-0 away and 2-1 at home.
- Vorskla's only previous meeting with Danish opponents came in the 1998 UEFA Intertoto Cup second round; they drew 2-2 with Aalborg Boldklub in Soborg, winning the tie on away goals following a 1-1 draw in the return fixture.
- They are thus yet to win or lose over 90 minutes against a Danish side.

## Match background

- In 16 UEFA games between Danish and Ukrainian sides, the Danish side has won just once, Brondby IF triumphing 1-0 at Dynamo in the 1997/98 UEFA Champions League second qualifying round. Ukrainian sides' record in those ties reads W10 D5 L1 (M6 D2 L0 in Denmark).
- FCK have won two and lost two at home in Europe since holding UEFA Champions League winners FC Barcelona to a 1-1 draw in last season's group stage. In their last UEFA Europa League home game, they went down 3-1 to Olympique de Marseille in the 2009/10 round of 32.
- Vorskla are on a seven game unbeaten run in Europe (including six games this season) comprising six wins and a draw. They have won all three of their 2011/12 UEFA away games.
- Of Vorskla's 16 European matches to date, 14 have come in qualifying competitions. In their only previous appearance in a UEFA competition proper, they lost 2-3 home and away against Bourgogne FC in the 2000/01 UEFA Cup first round.

## Team facts

- Roland Nilsson replaced Stig Solbakk as FCK boss this year, after winning the 2010 Swedish title with Malmö FF. This is his first European season as a coach, but the 116-times capped former Sweden defender has extensive European experience.
- Nilsson came up against Vorskla's Ukrainian rivals FC Karpaty Lviv in the 1999/2000 UEFA Cup first round tie; both legs ended in 1-1 draws, with Helsingborg winning 4-2 on penalties in Ukraine.
- Vorskla goalkeeper Serhiy Dolganskiy celebrates his 37th birthday on the day of the match.
- Vorskla boss Mykola Pavlov won a Ukrainian title as Dynamo Kyiv coach in 1999/00, and guided both FC Dnipro Dnipropetrovsk and FC Mykolaiv Marinka in European games.
- Pavlov has a decent record on the road in Europe, earning five wins and three draws in his eight continental away fixtures as a coach.
- Vorskla take their name from the river that runs through Poltava.



# FC Vorskla Poltava

Formed: 1955

Nickname: Zeleno-Bili (Greens-and-Whites)

Domestic honours (most recent triumph in brackets)

Ukrainian Cup: 1 (2009)

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

2009/10: play-offs

## Records

### UEFA club competition

- Biggest home win
  - 3-0: Vorskla v Glentoran FC 21/07/11, UEFA Europa League second qualifying round second leg
  - 3-0: Vorskla v Leifur 27/06/98, UEFA Intertoto Cup first round second leg
  - Biggest away win
    - 0-8: Leifur v Vorskla 20/06/98, UEFA Intertoto Cup first round first leg
  - Heaviest home defeat
    - 0-2: Vorskla v RSC Anderlecht 26/08/97, UEFA Cup second qualifying round second leg
    - Heaviest away defeat
      - 0-6: SL Benfica v Vorskla 20/08/09, UEFA Europa League play-offs first leg
  - Biggest home win
    - 8-0: Vorskla v Glentoran FC (see above)
    - Biggest away win
      - 1-3: FK/LU Dnipro Dniedzherzhynsk v Vorskla 23/07/97, UEFA Cup first qualifying round first leg
      - 0-2 on three occasions, most recently v Sligo Rovers FC 04/08/11, UEFA Europa League third qualifying round second leg
    - Heaviest home defeat
      - 0-2: Vorskla v RSC Anderlecht (see above)
    - Heaviest away defeat
      - 4-0: SL Benfica v Vorskla (see above)

## Play-offs matches

(18/08/11)

### Vorskla 2-1 Dinamo Bucuresti

Goals: 1-0 Kryvshchynko 82, 1-1 M.Niculae 58, 2-1 Rebersek 89

FC Vorskla Poltava: Dolganskiy, Dulka, Krasnopyrov, Berzu, Markoski (Obercenko 46), Kryvshchynko (Baranik 87), Janazi (Gromov 77), Selin, Cheshukov, Kerlik, Rebersek.  
(26/08/11)

### Dinamo Bucuresti 2-3 Vorskla (agg: 3-5)

Goals: 0-1 Janazi 37, 1-1 Torje 45, 1-2 Baranik 72, 1-3 Baranik 78, 2-3 Chochadean 90

FC Vorskla Poltava: Dolganskiy, Murtyev, Dulka, Krasnopyrov, Berzu (Obercenko 46), Markoski, Kryvshchynko, Janazi (Baranik 64), Selin, Cheshukov, Baranik (Gromov 82)





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