

# (L I V E >>) Rapid Wien vs Braga L i v e S t r e a m F r E E 29 August 2024

Both looking to secure a spot in the league phase of the competition, Rapid Vienna and Braga will clash for the second leg of their Europa League playoff on Thursday night.



The Arcebispos have a one-goal advantage following last week's meeting, meaning that the Green and Whites need to record a victory in this one to keep their continental dreams alive. Following an unbeaten start to their summer across pre-season friendlies, the Austrian Bundesliga and the qualifying rounds of the Europa League, back-to-back defeats over the past week have threatened to derail Rapid Vienna's excellent start to the 2024-25 schedule.

Travelling to Estadio Municipal de Braga on August 22 for the first leg, the Green and Whites found themselves down to 10 men after just two minutes due to Lukas Grgic's red card, and although they took the lead through Guido Burgstaller, the visitors were unable to hold on for a positive result, losing 2-1.

Sunday afternoon saw a highly-disappointing display from Rapid Vienna in the Austrian Bundesliga, with a brace from Ronivaldo and a first-half strike from winger Simon Pirkl securing a three-goal success for BW Linz at Hofmann Personal Stadion, ending the visitors' unbeaten run domestically.

The Green and Whites now require a stellar home performance against Braga in order to advance into the League Phase, with Thursday's hosts cutting a formidable figure at Allianz Stadion in Europe so far this term, winning consecutive matches by an aggregate scoreline of 8-1.

Braga extended their winning run in all competitions to three matches with the 2-1 success over Rapid Vienna in the first leg last Thursday, when goals either side of the half-time whistle from Carvalho and Rodrigo Zalazar secured a second-leg advantage for the Primeira Liga outfit.

Taking to the top-flight stage for the third time this campaign, the Arcebispos managed a 3-1 victory over Moreirense on the weekend, with attacker Zalazar at the double following a first-half effort from 21-year-old Spaniard Gabri Martinez, who netted his maiden goal for the club.

Making an appearance at the group stage of the Champions League last season, reaching the League Phase of this term's Europa League will be an expectation for Braga on Thursday night, when they travel to Austria knowing that a draw would be enough to knock Rapid Vienna out of the competition.

Looking to improve on a fourth-placed finish in the Primeira Liga last campaign, the Arcebispos are currently occupying the same placement after three games, collecting seven points from their opening three league contests.