

Tottenham Hotspur vs PAOK

TEAM NEWS - Sebastien Bassong captains a side featuring three from the team that beat West Brom at the weekend, with Luka Modric, Aaron Lennon and Jermain Defoe retaining their places. Danny Rose makes his comeback from an ankle injury, Heurelho Gomes returns in goal and Harry Kane will partner Jermain up front. STARTING XI: Heurelho Gomes; Danny Rose; William Gallas; Sebastien Bassong; Vernan Corluca; Aaron Lennon; Jake Livermore; Luka Modric; Steven Pienaar; Harry Kane; Jermain Defoe. SUBS: Carlo Cudicini; Ryan Fredericks; Kyle Walker; Gareth Bale; Andros Townsend; Tom Carroll; Yago Falque

2203: So all in all, a very frustrating night.... but we're still just about in the competition. See you soon.

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95.12: FULL-TIME: SPURS 1-2 PAOK

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94.09: After a load of time wasting by PAOK, Gareth gets the ball up and over but it's straight at Chalkias, who claims it well. Time almost up.

92.37: Yellow card for Athanasiadis for kicking the ball away after conceding a free-kick 25-yards out. Gareth will shoot...

91.21: Jermain forces a corner with a looping header that the keeper tips over... and it's a good chance from the set play, Gareth heading over at the near post.

90.00: Five minutes of added time. Come on!

89.09: We've held the ball for two minutes but haven't managed to crack the PAOK defence. Rapidly running out of time.

87.00: With a few minutes to go PAOK are holding firm. Clarity on earlier: it did look like a foul but it was only given about five seconds after the incident (i.e. when the goal was scored). Very strange.

82.52: SUB - PAOK - Diego Arias comes on for Costin Lazar.

82.16: CHANCE - SPURS - Falque lets fly from 20-yards out but it's a couple of yards wide.

81.49: Corner to Spurs. Huge pressure on PAOK now. SUB - PAOK - Pablo Contreras is replaced by Bruno Cirillo.

76.17: DISALLOWED GOAL - SPURS - Very strange decision here. After Jake has a shot cleared off the line, the ball eventually breaks to Jermain about 10-yards out. He slotted the ball home and mass confusion took over, with nobody really knowing if the goal stood or not. It doesn't but I'm not sure why. Costin Lazar, the player who cleared the ball off the line, stayed down injured and it's possible the goal was disallowed for a foul on him but no free-kick was awarded when the incident took place. Bizarre to say the least.

74.50: PAOK ease the pressure by winning a free-kick out wide but only have two attackers in our box. The ball is cleared.

70.50: SUB - SPURS - Yago Falque comes on for Harry Kane.



69.45: CHANCE - SPURS - Great work by Kyle down the right, his cross just evading Harry Kane in the centre. The ball came to Gareth but he shot high over the bar. Just over 20 minutes to go.



66.32: SUB - SPURS - Steven goes off to be replaced by Kyle Walker.



65.25: Gareth gets his first meaningful touch of the game, winning a corner which Luka takes. The ball is cleared before finally finding Jake about 25-yards out, his low drive going a yard or two wide.

61.35: SUBS - For PAOK, Miroslaw Sznaucner comes on for Georgiadis, but of more interest to us, Gareth comes on for Danny Rose.



60.53: Gareth is preparing to come on.

59.41: A little bit of head tennis leads to another corner but the ball is eventually cleared.

59.00: The crowd can sense a goal and are roaring the lads forward. We've got a corner.

56.31: CHANCE - SPURS - Corluka gets played in behind the right wing and passed a lovely cross towards Pienaar in the middle of the box, but the midfielder sliced his shot wide from ten-yards or so. Good opportunity.



54.30: The Greek fans are still going absolutely bananas, oh how a goal would silence them (or not). We're still on the front foot but the game has settled slightly in the past five minutes.

50.16: CHANCE - SPURS - Danny Rose twines his marker on the wing before looping a cross to the far post. It's an inch too high for Harry Kane who can only head it over from a yard or two out.



48.03: Good early signs here as we go in search of the equaliser, the match being played almost exclusively in the PAOK half in the opening stages of the half.

46.01: GOAL DISALLOWED - SPURS - Luka whips in the free-kick and William is caught *just* offside as he slides in to tap the ball home from close-range.



45.31: Early chance to swing in a cross from the left wing after Pienaar is brought down.

45.00: PAOK start the second half.

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2104: Attendance tonight is 26,229. A lot of support needed in the second half if we're to win this. A draw wouldn't be a disaster - a win in Ireland would see us through in that scenario - but the win would leave us much better placed to progress.

2053: Well, I think we have a very interesting 45 minutes coming up. PAOK are down to ten men and look set to play very deep meaning that the next goal is absolutely vital. If we get it, we've got a great chance of winning the match. See you in 15.

45.56: HALF-TIME: SPURS 1-2 PAOK

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45.00: One minute of injury time to be played.

43.22: For the first time in the game that I've noticed, PAOK have everybody defending in their own half. They might well park the bus in the second half now that they're down to ten men.

39.35: CHANCE - SPURS - Now the stadium is rocking. Danny Rose take a pop from an angle just inside the penalty area but it balloons over.



37.55 - GOAL - MODRIC - And Luka tucks it away, the comeback is on!! That penalty came as a result of Stafylidis blocking Harry Kane's close-range shot on the line with his hand after a scramble in the goalmouth. **Spurs 1-2 PAOK**



37.00: RED CARD - PAOK - Stafylidis is sent off for a hand-ball on the line and we have a penalty!



36.12: SAVE - CHALKIAS - Jake broke forward from midfield before the ball found its way to Jermain 20-yards out, his shot tipped round the post and out for a corner.

31.35: CHANCE - SPURS - Harry Kane almost gets control of a square ball across the box from Jake but it comes off his shin and rolls out for a goal-kick.



29.32: A bit better from Spurs there, Harry very almost playing in Steven but the South African is just offside.

25.43: PAOK look dangerous each and every time they break into the final third and it takes a sliding block by Seb to stop Athanasiadis striking from 20-yards out.

23.07: We're struggling to keep the ball at the moment and keep conceding free-kicks in midfield.

19.41: A little injury time out as a PAOK player takes a knock on the head.



16.26: PAOK continue to press forward, this time only a good Corluka block on the edge of the box preventing Gomes from being called into action.

12.55: GOAL - PAOK - Georgiadis once again does the damage down the wing after being played in from midfield, his cross across the box converted by Athanasiadis. **Spurs 0-2 PAOK**



10.21: Impressive stuff from PAOK, this time playing the ball in behind our defence with only the cutback preventing the Greeks from having a clear shot on goal.

8.26: The lads are pressing away and get a corner which is cleared.

5.09: GOAL - PAOK - The Greek side take the lead. William lost possession in midfield allowing PAOK to break. Georgiadis put a cross into the middle of the box and Salpingidis found himself with time and space to head the ball into the bottom left corner. **Spurs 0-1 PAOK**



3.18: A nice spell of possession around the PAOK box ends with Aaron conceding a free-kick against Stafylidis near the corner flag.

1.55: Luka tries to thread the ball through to Jermain but the PAOK defender reads it well and intercepts.

2005: Jermain and Harry get the game started.



2001: Here come the teams and the err... epic?... Europa League anthem.

1958: There are about 30 PAOK fans towards the front of the away end who are dancing up and down whilst topless. I'm not sure if it's to support their team or to try and keep warm. Perhaps both.

1950: Fifteen minutes until kick-off. My colleague Paul is sitting here in a jumper with the temperature at -36 or something. He's lost it.

1943: The atmosphere is buliding nicely. When we went to Greece, it's safe to say the PAOK fans were relatively loud. Their away fans appear to have very similar intentions!

1934: The goalkeepers are warming up in front of me, and it'll be Heurelho staring between the sticks tonight. We filmed a goalkeeping training session with Tony Parks (as well as a gnome crossbar challenge) recently, both features will be on Spurs TV Online soon.

1929: The loss to Rubin in Russia has made tonight a very important one if we're to progress from group A. We're currently in third place after four games with seven points, with PAOK one point ahead of us in second. Rubin beat Shamrock 4-1 earlier this evening and are on the brink of qualification having gained ten points with one game to play. Essentially, losing tonight is not an option.

1922: It's a strong team tonight with Jermain, Luka and Aaron all starting, whilst William Gallas makes his second appearance of the season.

1921: It's really cold, making the topless escapades of some PAOK fans very impressive.

1920: Hello from White Hart Lane, my name's Tim Love and to my left are some extremely loud Greek fans, some of whom are topless.