UEFA Europa Semi-finals 2025-26

Premier League rivals *Nottingham Forest* and *Crystal Palace* hold the advantage after victories in the first leg of their Europa semi-final contests – raising the prospect of a sixth English double in European history



European Cup doubles:

1981	**Liverpool / Ipswich Town** *(UEFA Cup)*
1984	**Liverpool / Tottenham** *(UEFA Cup)*
2019	**Liverpool / Chelsea** *(Europa League)*
2023	**Man City / West Ham** *(Conference League)*

UEFA Europa League / Conference League:

2025	**Tottenham / Chelsea**

2ND LEG ***Opta tournament predictions (%)***

MAY 7 — *Head-to-head*				*Final*	*Winner*
Aston Villa *ENG*	56	29	36	34.8	22.0
Nottingham Forest *ENG*				65.2	39.8

1st leg result: 0-1. *2nd leg venue: Villa Park*

Aston Villa	**First leg statistics**	Notts. Forest
331	Passes	353
7	Corners	5
51%	Possession	49%
45	Attacks	38
10 (4)		5 (11)

Total shots / on target

Vítor Pereira
Joined Nottingham Forest in February taking team to verge of Premier League survival and first European final since 1980

Freiburg *GER*	0	0	1	32.0	12.5
Braga *POR*				68.0	25.7

1-2, *Europa-Park Stadion*

Freiburg		Braga
294	Passes	427
1	Corners	3
49%	Possession	51%
18	Attacks	29
10 (2)		6 (13)

Total shots / on target

UEFA EUROPA CONFERENCE LEAGUE

Crystal Palace *ENG*
Shakhtar Donetsk *UKR*
1st leg result: 3-1

Strasbourg *FRA*
Rayo Vallecano *ESP*
1st leg result: 0-1

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