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DFB-Pokal 2018/19

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1. Top Facts

- RB Leipzig and FC Bayern München will contest the 76th DFB-Pokal final. It will be held at the Olympiastadion in Berlin for the 35th year in a row (since 1985).
- Bayern München are in the DFB-Pokal final for the 23rd time and have won a record 18 titles. RB Leipzig are contesting their first-ever final and are the first team from the state of Saxony to feature in the showpiece event since Dresdner SC 78 years ago (1941).
- RB Leipzig are the 39th different team to appear in the DFB-Pokal final and would be the 26th club to win the competition.
- RB Leipzig were knocked out of the DFB-Pokal in the second round last season by Bayern München (1-1 a.e.t., 5-4 on pens). Timo Werner missed the decisive penalty against his former VfB Stuttgart teammate Sven Ulreich.
- Bayern München have never lost two consecutive DFB-Pokal finals. Last season they were beaten 3-1 by Eintracht Frankfurt, who were coached by current FCB boss Niko Kovac.
- A win would make Leipzig the fourth city after Essen, Munich and Vienna to be home to two DFB-Pokal winners. VfB Leipzig lifted the trophy in 1937 with a 2-1 victory over FC Schalke 04.
- RB Leipzig have won all three of their matches at the Olympiastadion in Berlin, scoring 13 goals and conceding just three in their Bundesliga games at Hertha BSC.
- FC Bayern have progressed by a one-goal margin in all five preceding rounds this DFB-Pokal campaign. FCB could become the first team to lift the cup by winning every match by a one-goal margin.
- RB Leipzig's total of five victories this DFB-Pokal campaign is as many as in their previous six participations combined. They have eliminated three Bundesliga clubs en route to the final.
- Bayern München have conceded nine goals this DFB-Pokal campaign. They have only let in more in 1983/84 (ten) when they beat Borussia Mönchengladbach in the final (1-1 a.e.t., 7-6 on pens). RB Leipzig have conceded just three goals in this season's competition.
- Ralf Rangnick has reached the DFB-Pokal final for the third time. He won it 5-0 with FC Schalke 04 against MSV Duisburg in 2011 (the joint-highest victory in final history), but in 2005, his S04 side were beaten 2-1 by Bayern. The winning goal that day was scored by current FCB sporting director Hasan Salihamidzic.



- Manuel Neuer was the goalkeeper and captain of Ralf Rangnick's Schalke team that won the DFB-Pokal in 2011. Neuer made twelve appearances under the current Leipzig coach.
- Niko Kovac is something of a DFB-Pokal expert, winning 16 of his 17 cup games as a coach. The only blip was the 2017 final that he narrowly lost with Eintracht Frankfurt against Borussia Dortmund (2-1).
- Niko Kovac is in his third consecutive DFB-Pokal final. The only other coaches to have achieved this feat are Otto Rehhagel (1989-1991), Udo Lattek (1984-86) and Hans Schmidt (1935-38). Schmidt is the only other coach to do so in his first three cup campaigns.
- Niko Kovac could become the first coach since Felix Magath to defend his DFB-Pokal title. Magath won back-to-back honours with Bayern in 2005 and 2006.
- Timo Werner is RB Leipzig's top scorer in the DFB-Pokal this season with three goals. He has scored in all three of RBL's Bundesliga matches at the Olympiastadion against Hertha BSC, netting five goals in total.
- Thomas Müller is set to make his 50th DFB-Pokal appearance. He has scored 30 goals in his 49 games to date. By comparison, RB Leipzig as a club have scored just 29 cup goals since their founding ten years ago (19th May 2009).
- Robert Lewandowski (five goals) is second in this season's DFB-Pokal goalscoring charts behind the already eliminated Pierre-Michel Lasogga. The Poland international could become the first player in the competition's history to finish as top scorer in three consecutive seasons.
- Robert Lewandowski finished as top scorer of the Bundesliga (22 goals) for the fourth time in his career – only Gerd Müller managed that more often (seven times).
- Since winning the DFB-Pokal with Borussia Dortmund against Bayern in 2012 (5-2), Mats Hummels has lost all four finals in which he has featured. No player in history has suffered more final defeats.
- The day of the final is the sixth anniversary of the 2013 Champions League final between Bayern München and Borussia Dortmund. For Arjen Robben, who scored the winner in that final, and Franck Ribery, it will be their final appearance for Bayern.
- FC Bayern won the Bundesliga for the 29th time and for the seventh time in a row. RB Leipzig finished third and will also participate in the Champions League next season.