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Havana, September 13 (RHC)- Spain's Futbol Club Barcelona will try today to give a blow of authority against Germany's Bayern Munich, in the group stage of the Champions League.

The team coached by Xavi Hernandez, who are coming off a 5-1 win over Czech side Viktoria Plzen in their debut, will storm the Allianz Arena stadium in search of a victory at the home of a rival that has been a thorn in their side in recent years.

The most recent meetings between the two sides have a bitter history for the culé club, which has gone 180 minutes without scoring against the Germans, after the resounding 2-8 defeat in 2020.

The presence at the Munich stadium of striker Robert Lewandowski, a nine-year member of the Bavarian team, will be one of the special ingredients of the European match, corresponding to the C section.

The German team will take to the field after their worst start in the Bundesliga in the last 12 years, in third place with 12 points, while Union Berlin leads with 14.

The objective of Bayern, six-time winners of Europe's most important club competition, can only be to reach the round of 16, said the club's general manager, the legendary goalkeeper Oliver Kahn.

Barcelona is a real heavyweight in the competition, participating in it for the 27th time (a record along with Real Madrid) and winning the trophy five times. However, the record against the Catalans favors Bayern.

The Germans have won eight of their eleven Champions League meetings with the Azulgranas.

The other match of the group will be completed at the Doosan Arena by Viktoria Plzen at home against Italian Inter Milan, who lost 2-0 against Bayern.

Portugal's Sporting Lisbon will face England's Tottenham, while Liverpool will face Ajax of the Netherlands.

Porto, also from Portugal, will stage a match against the Belgian Club Brugge, the German Bayer Leverkusen will seek to come out on top against the Iberian Atlético de Madrid, while the French Olympique Marseille will play a strong match against the German Eintracht Frankfurt.

The match between Rangers of Glasgow, Scotland, and Italy's Napoli, scheduled for Tuesday 13, was postponed by one day in view of the "strong police and organizational constraints related" to the funeral of Queen Elizabeth II, who died last Thursday.

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