



### Lucien Favre Interview UEL

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[in French]

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Mr [Lucien] Favre, you previously had a couple of seasons in the [UEFA] Europa League at [VfL Borussia] Mönchengladbach and Hertha [BSC Berlin] as well: from your experience and success in Germany, in which areas of German football do you think you've improved?

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Lucien Favre (A)

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I think that, as a coach, I expect a lot from players, that they should be improving continuously, and so coaches should be doing the same. You have to be very open and a listener, attentive, by which I mean it's important to listen to everyone.

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From watching other matches, after playing a match, you can always learn something whether you win or lose; that's nothing new. I strive to make progress every day, I've been like that for a long time, so I make steady progress and significant progress from time to time too...

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In terms of player management, your management...?

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...in all areas. In player management because this is increasingly important when there are 25 players to manage, and as a coach you have to lead these players but also manage them. And the best way to do this is by talking to them and doing so kindly, like explaining why they aren't playing and what they can do to improve, etc.

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In Germany, the coach doesn't just have to communicate with the players, but also with sporting director, the president, the board, with the fans, supporters, referees, with the press, and with the German Football Association, etc.

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These are all things that didn't happen 30-40 years ago, at least not in the same way they do today. And that is the logic of making the parallel progress needed to excel in this realm.

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