

Sevilla FC Blog Post Betis Group

The walk to the stadium was through a lovely neighborhood filled with nice apartment buildings and small businesses. However, when we walked onto the grounds of Estadio de Ramon Sanchez-Pizjuan, we could feel the stark change in the atmosphere. The metal stadium walls towering over the rest of the stone buildings let us know that this was a place of football fandom and culture. This felt like Sevilla FC's home, and that they were having all of their friends over to see the game.

This feeling didn't come from the stadium architecture alone, as the graphics and murals that adorned the walls evoked team pride. The large images of the club's heroes would make any fan feel pumped up to watch their club fight for another victory. Also the club's crest and stadium name are enlarged with a street tile design above the entrance. This homage to the city's architecture perfectly puts the 'home' in home team.



Walking into the stadium we were met with red and white coloring all over the stairs, railing, doors, and gates. It was evident Sevilla FC was intentional with its stadium design. The pitch was the real beauty, as despite our upper deck tickets, the stands were so close to the grass that our view of the game was pristine. The stands were packed for this Sunday afternoon match against Rayo FC. The stadium was passionately rooting for Sevilla FC the entire game, but the loudest the fans were was at the start of the game. The entire stadium yelled for the first few minutes in a protest to the corruption in the federation. It was fascinating to see how European football fandom is more than just what happens on the pitch, but about group protest and fans standing up for what they believe in outside of the white lines.



After Sevilla came out and scored early to make it 1-0, Rayo countered in the second half with the equalizer. Staying with the trend of our trip, the home team once again couldn't pull out the win with us in attendance. Rayo completed its Sevilla soccer tour with two draws, as they also ended their match with Betis 2-2 a few weeks ago.

Leaving the stadium was the final display of team pride as we were met with the striking red LEDs that wrapped around Ramon Sanchez-Pizjuan. This was a nice final image as we departed from a European football stadium for the last time as a group. Thank you Sevilla FC and thank you Europe for giving us a one of a kind football experience that will stay with us for a lifetime.

