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Spain still lead UEFA European ranking

Scotland to have one automatic access to the UEFA Champions League Group Stage

UEFA today published the access list for the club competitions in the 2004/05 season. The UEFA access list (see attached), which is based on performances over the last five seasons, determines the number of places that each national association will have in the 2004/05 UEFA Champions League and UEFA Cup. It also shows which teams will go into the qualifying rounds and at what stage.

There are no changes to the classification of the associations ranked one to three in the list with Spain still in the lead followed by Italy and England, all of which will have four representatives in next year's UEFA Champions League, two of whom must play qualifying matches.

The significant change among the leading positions is that Scotland will be entitled to enter two clubs in the competition, as was this season, but with the winners of the Scottish Premier League gaining automatic access to the Group Stage at the expense of Turkey. The Turks currently have no automatic qualifier but their fate will ultimately be decided once the identity of the title-holder is known. If the winner of this season's final in Gelsenkirchen is already qualified for the Group Stage of the 2004/05 campaign, it will re-open the door for the Turkish champion.

Another important move is that Switzerland has risen to 13th place and will be entitled to two UEFA Champions League participants, one in the second and the other in the third qualifying round. Israel will have the same number of entries as the Swiss, having progressed to 15th position.

The most spectacular rise corresponds to the national association of Bosnia-Herzegovina, who have jumped eight places.

The actual coefficients and the method of calculation are available on <http://www.uefa.com/uefa/News/Kind=16384/NewsId=92221.html>

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Access List for the 2004/05 UEFA Club Competitions
Liste d'accès aux compétitions interclubs 2004/05
Eintrittsliste für die UEFA-Klubwettbewerbe 2004/05

UEFA Champions League					UEFA Cup											
Group	Q 3			Q 2	Q 1	Rank.	Association	First Round				Q2		Q1		
TH								TH	UIC	UIC	UIC			FP	FP	FP
CH	RU	N3	N4			1	Spain	CW		N5	N6					
CH	RU	N3	N4			2	Italy	CW		N5	N6					
CH	RU	N3	N4			3	England	CW		N5	N6					
CH	RU	N3				4	Germany	CW	N4	N5						
CH	RU	N3				5	France	CW	N4	N5						
CH	RU	N3				6	Greece	CW	N4	N5						
CH		RU				7	Portugal	CW	N3	N4	N5					
CH		RU				8	Netherlands	CW	N3	N4	N5					
CH		RU				9	Scotland	CW				N3				
	CH			RU		10	Turkey	CW				N3				
	CH			RU		11	Belgium				CW	N3				
	CH			RU		12	Czech Republic				CW	N3				
	CH			RU		13	Switzerland				CW	N3				
	CH			RU		14	Ukraine				CW	N3				
	CH			RU		15	Israel				CW	N3				
			CH			16	Austria				CW	RU	N3			
			CH			17	Poland				CW	RU	N3			
			CH			18	Russia				CW	RU	N3			
			CH			19	Serbia and Montenegro				CW	RU	N3			
			CH			20	Norway				CW	RU	N3			
			CH			21	Bulgaria				CW	RU	N3			
			CH			22	Croatia				CW	RU				
			CH			23	Sweden				CW	RU				
			CH			24	Denmark				CW	RU				
			CH			25	Slovakia						CW	RU		
				CH		26	Romania							CW	RU	
				CH		27	Hungary							CW	RU	
				CH		28	Cyprus							CW	RU	
				CH		29	Slovenia							CW	RU	
				CH		30	Finland							CW	RU	
				CH		31	Latvia							CW	RU	
				CH		32	Moldova							CW	RU	
				CH		33	Georgia							CW	RU	
				CH		34	Bosnia-Herzegovina							CW	RU	
				CH		35	Lithuania							CW	RU	
				CH		36	Iceland							CW	RU	
				CH		37	F.Y.R. Macedonia							CW	RU	
				CH		38	Belarus							CW	RU	
				CH		39	Republic of Ireland							CW	RU	
				CH		40	Malta							CW	RU	
				CH		41	Armenia							CW	RU	
				CH		42	Wales							CW	RU	
						43	Liechtenstein						CW			
				CH		44	Albania							CW	RU	
				CH		45	Estonia							CW	RU	
				CH		46	Northern Ireland							CW	RU	
				CH		47	Luxembourg							CW	RU	
				CH		48	Faroe Islands							CW	RU	
				CH		49	Azerbaijan							CW	RU	
				CH		50	Kazakhstan							CW	RU	
						51	Andorra							CH		
						52	San Marino							CH		

TH = title-holder / tenant du titre / Titelfalter

CH = domestic champion club / champion national / Landesmeister

RU = domestic league runner-up / vice-champion national / Vizelandesmeister

N3 = domestic league 3rd-placed club / 3e du championnat national / 3. der nationalen Meisterschaft

N4 = domestic league 4th-placed club / 4e du championnat national / 4. der nationalen Meisterschaft

N5 = domestic league 5th-placed club / 5e du championnat national / 5. der nationalen Meisterschaft

N6 = domestic league 6th-placed club / 6e du championnat national / 6. der nationalen Meisterschaft

CW = domestic cup-winner / vainqueur de coupe national / nationaler Pokalsieger

UIC = club qualified via UEFA Intertoto Cup / qualifié via UEFA Intertoto Cup / Vereine aus UEFA Intertoto Cup

FP = club qualified via Fair Play rankings / qualifié via classement du fair-play / Vereine aus Fairplay-Wertung

Q = qualifying rounds / tours de qualification / Qualifikationsrunden