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## ***Referee appointed for UEFA Champions League final at the Stade de France***

The UEFA Referees Committee today announced the referee appointed to officiate at the final of the 2005/06 UEFA Champions League to be played at the Stade de France in Paris Saint-Denis on Wednesday 17 May, kicking-off at 20.45 CET.

The match between FC Barcelona and Arsenal FC will be handled by 40-year-old Norwegian referee Terje Hauge. He will be assisted by Steinar Holvik and Ole Hermann Borgan, with Tom Henning Øvrebø acting as 4<sup>th</sup> Official. All four are from Norway.

Terje Hauge was born in Bergen on 5 October 1965 and started his refereeing career just before he turned 17. He made his first division debut in Norway at 24 and won his FIFA badge in 1993. Since then, he has refereed 95 international matches.

He made his debut at the final tournament of a UEFA competition in Spain in 1994, handling two matches at the European Under-18 Championship finals in Extremadura. He was then selected for the Meridian Cup in Portugal and the FIFA Under-17 World Championship in Egypt during 1997 and went to UEFA EURO 2000™ as a 4<sup>th</sup> Official. After the FIFA World Youth Championship in Argentina in 2001, he went to Japan and Korea for the 2002 FIFA World Cup, where he handled the Cameroon v Saudi Arabia match. At UEFA EURO 2004™ he refereed the Russia v Portugal and Germany v Czech Republic games in Lisbon. Last year, he handled five games at the FIFA World Youth Championship in the Netherlands, including the final between Argentina and Nigeria.

In UEFA club competitions, Terje Hauge's previous 'final' was the UEFA Super Cup fixture between FC Porto and Valencia CF in 2004. His first encounter with an English club had not come until September 2000, when he officiated at Manchester United FC's 5-1 victory over RSC Anderlecht in a UEFA Champions League fixture at Old Trafford. But his direct contacts with Arsenal FC boil down to a 2-0 defeat by RC Deportivo La Coruña in Spain during the 2001/02 UEFA Champions League campaign – on 21 November 2001, to be precise.

His meetings with FC Barcelona have been more frequent (the final will be his seventh) but only one of the previous six has been a game at the Camp Nou – a 3-0 win against FC Shakhtar Donetsk in the UEFA Champions League on 29 September 2004. The first of the five away games was when FC Barcelona beat FC Skonto in Riga in a UEFA Champions League qualifier in August 1997. This was followed by a 1-1 draw in Leeds in October 2000; a 1-0 defeat by Panathinaikos FC in Athens in April 2002; and two games during the current campaign – the 2-0 victory in Bremen on Matchday 1 and the 2-1 win against Chelsea FC at Stamford Bridge in the first leg of the first knock-out round.

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