

**Matchday Five La Coruña 25 November 2003**

RC DEPORTIVO LA CORUÑA – AEK ATHENS

**ESTADIO MUNICIPAL DE RIAZOR, LA CORUÑA  
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**UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE  
GROUP C, MATCHDAY 5**

## **DEPORTIVO LA CORUÑA v AEK ATHENS**

Deportivo's main challenge as they go into their final home fixture of the group phase is to forget all about the match in Monaco three weeks ago, where they comprehensively lost their unbeaten record and ruined the defensive record of one goal conceded in 270 minutes by conceding eight in 90. Javier Irureta's team now has to focus on beating AEK Athens. If the other Group C match in Monaco also ends as a home win, Deportivo would be mathematically qualified for the last sixteen, though not guaranteed first place. AEK, having been defeated twice by PSV Eindhoven, travel to Galicia in a situation where they are mathematically eliminated from the UEFA Champions League but still have mathematical options of continuing their European campaign in the UEFA Cup, provided PSV Eindhoven lose their remaining two fixtures.

- ❖ This match allows Deportivo to complete their 'hat-trick' of Athens clubs. The Galician club have never met Greek opposition until the 1999/00 season but this is now their fourth game against Greek visitors. They have previously beaten Panathinaikos FC twice and drawn 2-2 with Olympiacos CFP. In other words, Deportivo are unbeaten at home against Greek visitors – in fact they are unbeaten in all matches against Greek clubs, having drawn all four of their games in Athens 1-1.
- ❖ AEK Athens are making their fifth visit to Spain and, until their surprise 2-2 draw with Real Madrid at the Estadio Santiago Bernabéu last season, they had possessed a miserable record of having lost all three games, conceding 12 goals and not managing to hit the net once.
- ❖ The eight games in this group have produced 26 goals at 3.25 per game – 21 of which have been scored by RC Deportivo La Coruña (7) and AS Monaco (14).
- ❖ Deportivo's UEFA Champions League record is: P 44 W 19 D 12 L 13 F 62 A 62.
- ❖ Depor will be aiming to record their fifth successive home win in this competition. They have beaten FC Basel (1-0), Manchester United FC (2-0), PSV Eindhoven (2-0) and AS Monaco (1-0) all on home soil since drawing 2-2 with Juventus at the start of the second group stage this time last year.
- ❖ They have now gone 393 minutes without conceding a goal at Riazor since Pavel Nedved scored his 57<sup>th</sup>-minute equaliser for Juve in the above game.
- ❖ Deportivo need one more victory for 20 in the UEFA Champions League proper.
- ❖ AEK's UEFA Champions League record: P 16 W 0 D 9 L 7 F 11 A 24.
- ❖ AEK, in their third UEFA Champions League campaign, are still looking for their first victory in the competition proper at the 17<sup>th</sup> attempt.
- ❖ They have beaten both APOEL Nicosia FC and Grasshopper-Club in qualifying games in recent seasons but that first win in the group stage still remains elusive.
- ❖ Their first fixture in this competition ended in a 0-0 draw against Austrian side SV Casio Salzburg on 14.09.1994.
- ❖ Nine of their previous 16 games have now ended in draws including all six in last season's first group phase. AEK are the only side to draw all six matches in a single UEFA Champions League group phase.

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- ❖ The 0-4 loss in Monaco in September is the worst of their seven defeats in this competition. Just to compound matters, they, along with FK Partizan, have the worst attack in this season's competition with one goal each from four games.
- ❖ When the sides met on Matchday 1, Deportivo had only 46% of ball possession in Athens but came within a few minutes of taking all three points from AEK. Walter Pandiani opened the scoring after 12 minutes (his fourth goal in as many games) but Vassilios Tsiartas equalised after 86 minutes.
- ❖ Deportivo had 13 goal attempts (4 on target) and 7 corners compared with 15 attempts and 5 corners by the home team.
- ❖ Javier Irureta fielded: Molina; Héctor, Naybet, Jorge Andrade, Romero; Víctor, Mauro Silva, Sergio (Duscher 66); Valerón; Luque (Diego Tristán 71) and Pandiani (Scaloni 78). The unused substitutes were Munúa, Pablo Amo, Fran and Munitis.
- ❖ The AEK team was (5-2-2-1) Hiotis; Borbokis, Kostenoglou, Kreek (Nalitzis 81), Kapsis (Moras 21), Georgeas; Katsouranis, Zagorakis; Tsiartas, Lyberopoulos (Ivic 64); Okkas. The unused substitutes were Mihailidis, Maladenis, Rusev and Konstantinidis.
- ❖ On the Saturday after the defeat in Monaco, Deportivo entertained UEFA Champions League stable-mates Real Sociedad at Riazor and obtained a 2-1 win that took them back to the top of the Spanish league.
- ❖ Curiously, Real Sociedad scored all three goals. Nihat put them ahead after 28 minutes and then Igor Jauregi had the ill fortune to put the ball into his own net in the 72nd and 88th minutes, firstly deflecting a cross from the left past Sander Westerveld and then helping an attempted header by Walter Pandiani from a corner on the right to end up in the net.
- ❖ Javier Irureta fielded: Molina; Héctor, Andrade, Naybet, Capdevila; Mauro Silva, Sergio; Víctor (Scaloni 77), Valerón (Djalminha 54), Luque; and Diego Tristán (Pandiani 54). The unused subs were Munúa, Duscher, Amavisca and César.
- ❖ Djalminha thus made his league debut this season, one year, five months and 28 days since his previous appearance in the Spanish championship (a 3-0 home win against Real Madrid in the closing match of the 2001/02 season).
- ❖ He completed the game but suffered a torn muscle that was reckoned to keep him out for three to four weeks.
- ❖ Deportivo had César, Valerón and Luque in the Spanish squad for the UEFA EURO 2004™ play-off against Norway. They had no representatives in the Under-21 squad that took on Sweden. Juan Carlos Valerón came on as 68th-minute substitute in the 2-1 home win in Valencia and played the first 73 minutes of the 3-0 win in Oslo, setting up the opening goal for Raúl. César played the full 90 minutes.
- ❖ Jorge Andrade played in Portugal's two friendlies against Greece and Kuwait.
- ❖ Gustavo Munúa kept goal for Uruguay in the two World Cup qualifiers.
- ❖ Diego Tristán has been absent due to a foot injury, while Albert Luque missed last Saturday's match due to a throat infection – though he is confident of being available for this match.
- ❖ Playing in Seville last Saturday probably wouldn't have done him much good. The match against Betis was played in torrential rain that turned the pitch into a quagmire with lots of surface water that made it difficult to play the ball. The result was, not surprisingly, a 0-0 draw which at least allowed Deportivo to retain top spot in the league after 12 games.
- ❖ But it could have ended differently had José Francisco Molina not saved a 27th-minute penalty by Fernando, who had never previously failed to convert one.
- ❖ "Either team could have won," said Javier Irureta afterwards, "and Betis were closer to winning than we were, what with the penalty and the goal they had disallowed. But the result is fair bearing in mind that it was practically impossible to play football on that pitch. I thought the referee might even have postponed it, but he didn't. The conditions converted

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the match into a physical battle and the worst thing is that Mauro Silva, Valerón and Víctor came out of it with muscle strains. I hope the heavy conditions in Seville won't mean that we pay a price against AEK."

- ❖ His line-up was: Molina; Héctor, César, Andrade, Capdevila; mauro Silva, Sergio; Víctor (Scaloni 56), Fran (Valerón 62), Munitis (Romero 81); and Pandiani. The unused subs were Munúa, Manuel Pablo, Duscher and Amavisca.
- ❖ Apart from conceding eight goals, Deportivo had four players cautioned during the match in Monaco three weeks ago. It means that Víctor, Héctor, José Emilio Amavisca and Diego Tristán are now within one yellow card of a one-match suspension.
- ❖ AEK Athens have Vassilios Tsiartas in the same situation.
- ❖ However, Kofi Amponsah is now available after serving his one-game suspension.
- ❖ During the defeat in Monaco, Javier Irureta fielded: Molina (Munúa 46); Manuel Pablo (Munitis 46), Andrade, Naybet, Romero; Sergio (Pandiani 60), Mauro Silva, Scaloni, Amavisca; Valerón and Diego Tristán. The unused subs were César, Capdevila, Duscher and Djalminha. The scorers were Tristán (39, 52) and Scaloni (45).
- ❖ TVE's coverage of the match in Spain attracted an audience of 4.4 million viewers – 27.4% of the viewing public.
- ❖ In Eindhoven three weeks ago, Dusan Bajevic fielded: Mihailidis; Georgeas, Moras, Kostenoglou, Kasapis, Zagorakis, Katsouranis, Lakis (Konstantinidis 69), Rusev (Tsiartas 32), Okkas (Ivic 78) and Lyberopoulos. The unused subs were Hiotis, Petkov, Toskas and Nalitzis.
- ❖ After the disappointment in Eindhoven, AEK returned to Greek league action with an away game against Akratitos and registered a comprehensive 2-7 victory.
- ❖ The line-up was: Michailidis, Kostenoglou, Moras, Georgeas, Kasapis (Kapsis 70), Katsouranis, Zagorakis (Petkov 83), Tsiartas, Lakis, Lympelopoulos (Nalitzis 73), Konstantinidis.
- ❖ Nikos Lympelopoulos hit a hat-trick in the 26<sup>th</sup>, 51<sup>st</sup> and 63<sup>rd</sup> minutes while the other goals were an own goal by Mpletsas (34), Lakis (57), Konstantinidis (77) and Nalitzis in added-time at the end of the match.
- ❖ The funny thing was that after 25 minutes looked absolutely stunned, having conceded two goals and come within a whisker of conceding two more. But the first goal by Lympelopoulos sparked their comeback and, once they had drawn level, they cast aside all their inhibitions and raced on to record a handsome victory.
- ❖ Last Saturday, AEK made up ground in the Greek championship with a 3-0 home win against Proodeftiki. The scorers: Nalitzis (38), Okkas (59) and Katsouranis (71).
- ❖ The line-up was: Mihailidis, Borbokis, (Georgeas 75), Amponsah, Kapsis, Zagorakis, Tsiartas, Kasapis (Petkov 85), Katsouranis, Lakis, Okkas, Nalitzis (Konstantinidis 75).
- ❖ Even though the game was played behind closed doors, they had no difficulties in attaining an easy 3-0 win. AEK had full control and could have scored more goals.
- ❖ "Every game is important for us," Dusan Bajevic commented afterwards. "We knew that our opponents were a very skilful side that defends well and were very dangerous on the break. I therefore asked my players to stay calm, not to feel frustrated and to play a patient game. It worked and we had a comfortable win. In fact we could have scored more goals in the closing minutes of the match."
- ❖ The win means that AEK are now only five points behind Olympiacos and three behind Panathinaikos at the head of the Greek league.
- ❖ Dusan Bajevic announced fears that Nikos Lympelopoulos will not be fit for this game.
- ❖ The AEK expedition arranged to travel to Galicia on Monday, arriving at Santiago airport at 11.55 and going by bus from there to La Coruña.

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- ❖ AEK's pre-match Press Conference has been scheduled for 18.30 at Riazor with the Greek club's training session on the pitch starting at 19.00.
- ❖ Deportivo have stuck to their usual pre-match routine of training at Abegondo at 10.30 on Monday morning and holding their media activities there as from around 13.00. Playing behind closed doors AEK won easily Proodeftiki 3-0. Nalitzis opened the score on the 38 minute, Okkas made it 2-0 on the 59th minute and Katsouranis scored again on the 71st minute and Playing behind closed doors AEK won easily Proodeftiki 3-0. Nalitzis opened the score on the 38 minute, Okkas made it 2-0 on the 59th minute and Katsouranis scored again on the 71st minute and
- ❖ The format for the 2003/04 UEFA Champions League comprises a total of 125 matches (compared with 157 in previous campaigns) and four matchdays fewer. The fixture list includes only one group stage, from which the eight group-winners and the eight runners-up will progress to the first knock-out round. The third-placed club in each group will continue its European campaign in the UEFA Cup. The fourth team will be eliminated from UEFA club competitions.
- ❖ If two or more teams finish the group stage level on points, the following criteria will be used in order to determine group standings:
  - (a) Higher number of points from games involving the teams in question
  - (b) Superior goal difference from games involving the teams in question
  - (c) Higher number of goals scored away from home in games involving the teams in question
  - (d) Superior goal difference in *all* group matches played
  - (e) Higher number of goals scored in the six matches played
  - (f) Club/national association coefficient based on the five previous seasons
- ❖ The draw for the first round of the knock-out phase of the competition will take place at UEFA's headquarters in Nyon, starting at 12.00 on Friday 12 December. Media representatives wishing to attend the draw must apply for accreditation using the usual on-line system. The opening matches of 2004 will be played on Tuesday 24 and Wednesday 25 February, with the return legs on Tuesday 9 and Wednesday 10 March.
- ❖ In the draw for the first knock-out round, clubs from the same national association will not be drawn against each other. In addition, the winner and runner-up from the same group will not be drawn against each other; each group-winner will be drawn against a group runner-up; and the runner-up will play the first leg at home.
- ❖ From the quarter-finals onwards, there will be no such stipulations. In other words, clubs from the same national association may be drawn against each other.
- ❖ The financial conditions for the 2003/04 UEFA Champions League will inevitably undergo changes derived from the new format, but the parameters for the first phase remain essentially unchanged. Each of the 32 clubs receives a starting fee of 2.5 million Swiss francs, plus an appearance fee of 500,000 francs per game during the group phase (i.e. 3 million for six matches).
- ❖ For the knock-out rounds, the bonus for reaching the last 16 is 2.5 million; each of the eight quarter-finalists will receive 3 million; the semi-finalists will add a further 4 million; the runner-up will receive 6 million; and the winner of the final will pocket 10 million.
- ❖ In addition, clubs retain all gate receipts from home games and will receive additional payments from the so-called Market Pool. This is based on the proportional values of different TV markets and the number of clubs competing from any specific country. This is a complex calculation and precise figures are not usually available until the latter stages of the campaign.
- ❖ Last season, Juventus were the top earners, netting almost 53.5 million Swiss francs; BV Borussia Dortmund received almost 52 million; and the title-holders, AC Milan, earned 48.6 million Swiss francs. As a rough guide, three francs are two euros.

- ❖ “Our biggest job now is to get rid of any thoughts about Monaco,” said midfielder Sergio on the eve of the match. “We want to qualify and therefore we have to win this match. And we want to try to be the leader in the group after six matchdays. That’s why we are not allowed to spend any more time on thinking about Monaco. Neither thinking about the past nor about the possible future depending on certain results. We need a calm mind that will allow us to concentrate on ourselves and our own strengths.”
- ❖ “Mauro Silva’s state of health is still a bit of a concern,” Javier Irureta admitted. “But I have included him on the list of 18 players. He is such an important player that we will wait till the last possible moment to see how his healing process is developing – and if he can play or not.”
- ❖ “AEK are one of these Greek teams with very skilled individual players,” he added. “Just think of Okkas, Lyberopoulos or Tsiartas. Especially their playmaker has exceptional skills and touch of the ball. This shows that they will make our life difficult – which is not new to us as we have played several times against Greek teams in recent Champions League history.”
- ❖ “This match is, for several reasons, very important for us. On one hand we can make sure that we qualify for the second round. On the other hand I want to see that all the players have understood my most profound message: come from the present and look to the future. After the AEK match we can be first in this group. And we still have a chance to be first at the end of the group stage. In football there is no such thing as security, tranquillity or certainty. The way something looks now can be completely different a day later if we can handle the challenge of focusing on the present moment.”
- ❖ “There’s also no way for us to know if, in the end, being second could be better than being first. As it looks in other groups now, we could meet a very strong second-placed team as a group winner. Or we could meet a supposedly less strong team who became first in their group. Everything is possible. But being first is always nice for the confidence of the players and the whole team. And it allows you to play the second match at home. Therefore we have to focus on our goal to be first.”
- ❖ “We are getting back to normal at Depor, added defender Héctor. “Most of the injured players are available again and we are finding our strengths in defence again. I am very positive, the team is focused and we are playing at home. A win here will give us the confidence to also win in Eindhoven. The aim is to be number one in the group.”
- ❖ Dusan Bajevic commented “There are many reasons to expect a good match from my team. We want to go into the last match against Monaco with a good result here in Spain. It will be difficult to win at Riazor, but we will try – knowing that the result may not be important regarding a qualification for the second round. We can not qualify any more by our own means.”
- ❖ “We have to try to win because we want to be independent again and evaporate the doubts that came up in between the previous matches. The players have played well in the Greek league and regained their confidence and pride. Now we have to extend this development into international competition. I don’t know if this will be enough to win – but I know that we will play in a noble way with the aim of beating a strong Deportivo.”
- ❖ “I agree with the coach, said former Sevilla player Vassilios Tsiartas. “We are here to win and not to lose another match. We feel ready for a surprise. Even though Deportivo is together with Real Madrid, Valencia and Barcelona one of the great teams in Spain. The depth of our game recently gives me this optimism, all players are at a good moment right now. And we know that in international football the gap between the best and the other teams has narrowed. Therefore there are no matches that are decided before they begin.”

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- ❖ “If I say we are here to win, then I am also saying that we will play an offensive game. If you come here just to defend for 90 or more minutes, then you are lost after a possible first goal, because you cannot change the style of the game so easily. We are a team that likes to play football and not to destroy it.”
- ❖ “What happened to Deportivo in Monaco is one of these rare situations that hit you as a club maybe every ten years. You cannot do a lot against it, because it is not your moment, not your match. We were of course surprised about the result, but we only saw the goals, so I can not say if they played as badly as the result seems to say. But such a night is an exception for history. You take it as that and you forget about it.”
- ❖ Asked about his feelings in playing against his former team-mate Héctor: “I have nice memories. We had a good time together in Sevilla. But that was another time of our life. Now only this match counts.”
- ❖ AEK arrived in Spain without Lyberopoulos, Ivic, Rusev (all injured) and Georgatos (not selected).

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Founded: 02.03.1906  
 President: Augusto César Lendoiro  
 Press Officer: Rafael Carpacho Barredo  
 Club Records: Francisco Javier González Pérez 'Fran' (488 league matches) / Bebeto (86 goals)  
 Stadium: Estadio Municipal De Riazor (34,600 / 2,180 lux / 105m x 68m)  
 Record Att: 34,611 (2-0 v RCD Espanyol on 19.05.2000)

	Date of Birth	2003/2004 Season		First Division		European Cups		Internationals		
		M	G	M	G	M	G	M	G	
<b>Goalkeepers</b>										
1	José Francisco MOLINA	08.08.1970	12	0	302	0	64	0	9	0
13	Gustavo Adolfo MUNUA Vera	27.01.1978	0	0			1	0	2	0
25	Jacques Celestin SONGO'O	17.03.1964	0	0	150	0	10	0	69	0
<b>Defenders</b>										
2	MANUEL PABLO García Díaz	25.01.1976	7	0	110	1	26	0	12	0
3	Enrique Fernández ROMERO	23.06.1971	8	1	321	15	53	0	6	0
4	Nourredine NAYBET	10.02.1970	9	1	204	11	54	5		
5	CESAR Martín Villar	03.04.1977	3	0	163	7	17	1	9	2
12	Lionel Sebastián SCALONI	16.05.1978	7	1	142	11	43	2	0	0
14	JORGE Manuel ANDRADE	09.04.1978	12	0	23	0	29	0	16	2
15	Joan CAPDEVILA Méndez	03.02.1978	6	0	127	9	32	3	2	0
20	PABLO AMO Aguado	15.01.1978	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
24	HÉCTOR Berenguel Del Pino	11.10.1974	6	0	80	0	19	0	0	0
<b>Midfielders</b>										
6	MAURO da SILVA Gomes	12.01.1968	10	0	332	1	49	0	60	0
10	Francisco J. González Pérez 'FRAN'	14.07.1969	10	1	385	43	52	2	16	1
8	SERGIO González Soriano	10.11.1976	12	2	197	14	34	4	11	0
16	DJALMINHA Feitisa Dias	09.12.1970	1	0	127	36	28	10	0	0
18	VICTOR Sanchez del Amo	23.02.1976	11	0	239	35	46	6	5	0
21	Juan Carlos VALERÓN Santana	17.06.1978	12	2	203	21	42	3	35	3
22	JAIME Sanchez Fernandez	20.03.1973	0	0	150	4	15	0	0	0
23	Aldo Pedro DUSCHER	22.03.1979	6	0	63	0	24	0	0	0
<b>Forwards</b>										
7	Walter Gerardo PANDIANI Urquiza	15.04.1976	12	6	88	31	28	8	0	0
9	DIEGO TRISTÁN Herrera	05.01.1976	10	2	131	69	39	18	14	3
11	José Emilio AMAVISCA Garate	19.06.1971	0	0	281	41	33	1	15	1
17	Pedro Manuel MUNITIS Alvarez	19.06.1975	4	0	198	36	22	2	21	2
19	Alberto LUQUE Martos	11.03.1979	10	3	138	36	24	2	3	0

**Head Coach**

Javier IRURETA 01.04.1948

**M=Matches; G=Goals**

**Foreigners:**

Gustavo Adolfo MUNUA Vera (Uruguay), Jacques Celestin SONGO'O (Cameroon), Nourredine NAYBET (Morocco), Lionel Sebastián SCALONI (Argentina), JORGE Manuel ANDRADE (Portugal), MAURO da SILVA Gomes (Brazil), Aldo Pedro DUSCHER (Argentina), Walter Gerardo PANDIANI Urquiza (Uruguay).

**AEK ATHENS****Updated to 25 November 2003**

Founded: 13.04.1924  
 President: Ioannis Granitsas  
 Press Officer: Angeliki Arkadi  
 Club Records: Mimis Papaioannou 480 matches and 233 goals in the league (1962-79)  
 Stadium: Apostolos Nikolaidis (16,700 / 1,400 lux / 105m x 68m)  
 Record Att: 26,126 (3-3 v Panathinaikos FC on 23.06.1963)

	Date of Birth	2003/2004 Season		First Division		European Cups		Internationals		
		M	G	M	G	M	G	M	G	
<b>Goalkeepers</b>										
1	Hrisostomos MIHAILIDIS	15.01.1975	6	0			3	0	0	0
12	Sotirios LYBEROPOULOS	26.06.1977	0	0			0	0	0	0
22	Dionisios HIOTIS	04.06.1977	5	0			16	0	0	0
<b>Defenders</b>										
2	Vassilios BORBOKIS	10.02.1969	8	0			28	3	2	0
5	Nikolaos KOSTENOGLOU	03.10.1970	5	0			39	0	1	0
8	Michel KREEK	16.01.1971	3	0			38	3	1	0
16	Nikolaos GEORGEAS	27.12.1976	8	0			15	0	0	0
17	Mihalis KASAPIS	06.06.1971	5	0			9	0	37	0
18	Evangelos MORAS	26.08.1981	9	0			4	0		
19	Kofi AMPONSAH	23.04.1978	7	0			3	0		
31	Grigorios GEORGATOS	31.10.1972	6	5			34	4	36	3
32	Mihalis KAPSIS	18.10.1973	7	0			22	0	1	0
<b>Midfielders</b>										
3	Milen PETKOV	12.01.1974	2	0			29	2	38	0
6	Theodoros ZAGORAKIS	27.10.1971	9	0			35	7	75	0
7	Christos MALADENIS	23.05.1974	4	1			44	5	0	0
10	Vassilios TSIARTAS	12.11.1972	9	0			45	8		
14	Ivan RUSEV	10.05.1979	5	0			5	0	0	0
21	Kostas KATSOURANIS	21.06.1979	11	2			13	2	43	8
23	Vassilios LAKIS	10.09.1976	4	2			36	5	19	2
39	Grigorios TOSKAS	08.01.1983	0	0						
<b>Forwards</b>										
9	Yannis OKKAS	11.02.1977	9	3			6	0	56	10
20	Sotirios KONSTANTINIDIS	19.04.1977	7	2			22	5	3	0
30	Ilija IVIC	17.02.1971	6	3			41	4	1	0
33	Nikolaos LYBEROPOULOS	04.08.1975	8	5			5	1	39	8
88	Dimitrios NALITZIS	25.01.1976	8	2			2	0	6	0
<b>Head Coach</b>										
	Dusan BAJEVIC	10.12.1948								

**Foreigners:**

Michel KREEK (Netherlands), Kofi AMPONSAH (Ghana), Ivan RUSEV (Bulgaria), Ivanov Milen PETKOV (Bulgaria), Ilija IVIC (Serbia and Montenegro), Yannis OKKAS (Cyprus), Dusan Bajevic (Bosnia-Herzegovina).

## Clubs' competition results this season

### RC DEPORTIVO LA CORUÑA

	Res	Goalscorers	Att.
13.08.03 v Rosenborg BK (A)	0-0		21,166
26.08.03 v Rosenborg BK (H)	1-0	Luque	22,153
31.08.03 v Real Zaragoza (A)	1-0	Pandiani	27,000
03.09.03 v Athletic Club de Bilbao (H)	2-0	Valerón, Pandiani	30,000
13.09.03 v Sevilla CF (A)	2-1	Pandiani, Diego Tristan	35,000
17.09.03 v AEK Athens (A)	1-1	Pandiani	14,583
21.09.03 v Albacete Balompié (H)	3-0	Naybet, Luque, Pandiani	25,000
27.09.03 v CA Osasuna (A)	2-3	Luque, Pandiani	15,000
30.09.03 v PSV Eindhoven (H)	2-0	Sergio, Pandiani (p)	23,500
05.10.03 v Atlético de Madrid (H)	5-1	Fran, Romero, Sergio, Pandiani, Scaloni	30,000
07.10.03 v Compostela (C) (A)	1-0	Diego Tristan	4,000
18.10.03 v FC Barcelona (A)	2-0	Luque, Sergio	68,232
21.10.03 v AS Monaco (H)	1-0	Diego Tristan	21,507
26.10.03 v Valencia CF (H)	2-1	Valerón, Diego Tristan	30,000
29.10.03 v RCD Mallorca (H)	0-2		20,000
01.11.03 v Real Murcia CF (A)	0-0		10,710
05.11.03 v AS Monaco (A)	3-8	Diego Tristan (2), Scaloni	15,882
08.11.03 v Real Sociedad (H)	2-1	o.g., o.g.	26,000
22.11.03 v Real Betis Balompié (A)	0-0		25,000
25.11.03 v AEK Athens (H)			
30.11.03 v Villarreal CF (H)			
03.12.03 v Real Valladolid CF (A)			
07.12.03 v Málaga CF (H)			
10.12.03 v PSV Eindhoven (A)			
14.12.03 v Real Madrid CF (A)			
21.12.03 v RCD Espanyol (H)			
04.01.04 v RC Celta de Vigo (A)			
11.01.04 v Real Racing Club (H)			
18.01.04 v Real Zaragoza (H)			
25.01.04 v Athletic Club de Bilbao (A)			
01.02.04 v Sevilla CF (H)			
08.02.04 v Albacete Balompié (A)			
15.02.04 v CA Osasuna (H)			
22.02.04 v Atlético de Madrid (A)			
29.02.04 v FC Barcelona (H)			
07.03.04 v Valencia CF (A)			
14.03.04 v RCD Mallorca (A)			
21.03.04 v Real Murcia CF (H)			
28.03.04 v Real Sociedad (A)			
04.04.04 v Real Betis Balompié (H)			
11.04.04 v Villarreal CF (A)			
18.04.04 v Real Valladolid (H)			
25.04.04 v Málaga CF (A)			
02.05.04 v Real Madrid CF (H)			
09.05.04 v RCD Espanyol (A)			
16.05.04 v RC Celta de Vigo (H)			
23.05.04 v Real Racing Club (A)			

Clubs' competition results this season

**AEK ATHENS**

	<b>Res</b>	<b>Goalscorers</b>	<b>Att.</b>
13.08.03 v Grasshopper Club (A)	0-1		12,400
17.08.03 v Doxa Dramas (C)(A)	4-0		5,684
24.08.03 v Egaleo FC (A)	1-0		
27.08.03 v Grasshopper-Club (H)	3-1	Katsouranis, Lyberopoulos, Own goal	16,045
31.08.03 v Ionikos FC (H)	3-0	Maladenis, Ivic (2 – 1 p)	3,480
14.09.03 v Iraklis FC (A)	2-2	Georgatos, Katsouranis	4,677
17.09.03 v RC Deportivo La Coruña (H)	1-1	Tsiartas	14,583
21.09.03 v Panathinaikos FC (H)	2-2	Georgatos (2)	9,472
27.09.03 v Panionios GS (A)	2-2	Georgatos (2)	
30.09.03 v AS Monaco (A)	0-4		11,790
05.10.03 v Halkidona FC (H)	1-2	Ivic	
18.10.03 v FC Aris Thessaloniki (A)	2-1	Konstantinidis, Lyberopoulos	1,181
21.10.03 v PSV Eindhoven (H)	0-1		10,530
26.10.03 v Olympiakos Piraeus FC (H)	0-1		8,310
01.11.03 v FC PAOK Thessaloniki (H)	3-1	Lyberopoulos, Okkas, Lakis	2,134
05.11.03 v PSV Eindhoven (A)	0-2		28,000
09.11.03 v Akrotiros FC (A)	7-2	Lyberopoulos (3), o.g., Lakis, Konstantinidis, Nalitzis	1,348
22.11.03 v Proodeftiki FC (H)	3-0	Nalitzis, Okkas, Katsouranis	
25.11.03 v RC Deportivo La Coruña (A)			
30.11.03 v Paniliakos FC (A)			
07.12.03 v Skoda Xanthi FC (H)			
10.12.03 v AS Monaco (H)			
14.12.03 v OFI Crete FC (A)			
21.12.03 v Kallithea FC (H)			
04.01.04 v Egaleo FC (H)			
11.01.04 v Ionikos FC (A)			
18.01.04 v Iraklis FC (H)			
25.01.04 v Panathinaikos FC (A)			
01.02.04 v Panionios GS (H)			
08.02.04 v Halkidona FC (A)			
22.02.04 v FC Aris Thessaloniki (H)			
29.02.04 v Olympiakos Piraeus FC (A)			
07.03.04 v FC PAOK Thessaloniki (A)			
14.03.04 v Akrotiros FC (H)			
21.03.04 v Proodeftiki FC (A)			
28.03.04 v Paniliakos FC (H)			
04.04.04 v Skoda Xanthi FC (A)			
18.04.04 v OFI Crete FC (H)			
02.05.04 v Kallithea FC (A)			

## Head to head

### RC DEPORTIVO LA CORUÑA v AEK ATHENS

#### Deportivo La Coruña v Greek clubs

Season	Opponents	Home	Away	Competition
1999-00	Panathinaikos FC	4-2	1-1	UEFA Cup
2000-01	Panathinaikos FC	1-0	1-1	UEFA Champions League
2001-02	Olympiacos CFP	2-2	1-1	UEFA Champions League
2003-04	AEK Athens		1-1	UEFA Champions League

Total balance: Played: 7; Won: 2; Drawn: 5; Lost: 0; Goals For: 11; Goals Against: 8

#### AEK Athens v Spanish clubs

Season	Opponents	Home	Away	Competition
1985-86	Real Madrid CF	1-0	0-5	UEFA Cup
1988-89	Athletic Club de Bilbao	1-0	0-2	UEFA Cup
2000-01	FC Barcelona	0-1	0-5	UEFA Cup
2002-03	Real Madrid CF	3-3	2-2	UEFA Champions League
2003-04	Deportivo La Coruña	1-1		UEFA Champions League

Total balance: Played: 9; Won: 2; Drawn: 3; Lost: 4; Goals For: 8; Goals Against: 19

## Record in Europe

### RC DEPORTIVO LA CORUÑA

	Ap	MP	W	D	L	GF	GA
European Champion Clubs' Cup	4	46	20	13	13	63	62
UEFA Cup Winners' Cup	1	8	4	2	2	14	3
UEFA Cup	4	22	9	3	10	33	24
Fairs Cup	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>89</b>

### AEK ATHENS

	Ap	MP	W	D	L	GF	GA
European Champion Clubs' Cup	12	50	12	17	21	59	79
UEFA Cup Winners' Cup	6	22	10	3	9	33	27
UEFA Cup	14	68	29	12	27	109	100
Fairs Cup	1	2	0	0	2	0	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>210</b>

Ap=Appearances MP=Matches Played W=Won D=Drawn L=Lost GF=Goals For GA=Goals Against

Booking List Group C

	Qualification phases/ SCUP		Group Stage 1 - Matchdays					
	Y	R	one	two	three	four	five	six
<b>AS MONACO</b>								
Lucas BERNARDI					Y			
Edouard CISSE			Y					
Patrice EVRA						Y		
Gaël GIVET					Y			
Jaroslav PLASIL			Y					
Julien RODRIGUEZ			Y					
Jérôme ROTHEN			Y					
Andreas ZIKOS						Y		
<b>AEK ATHENS</b>								
Kofi AMPONSAH				Y	R			
Vassilios BORBOKIS	1							
Grigorios GEORGATOS	1							
Nikolaos GEORGEAS	1							
Mihalis KAPSIS	1							
Kostas KATSOURANIS				Y				
Nikolaos LYBEROPOULOS			Y					
Yannis OKKAS			Y					
Vassilios TSIARTAS			Y			Y	*	
Theodoros ZAGORAKIS	1							
<b>RC DEPORTIVO LA CORUÑA</b>								
José Emilio AMAVISCA Garate	1					Y	*	
DIEGO TRISTÁN Herrera	1					Y	*	
HÉCTOR Berenguel Del Pino	1		Y				*	
Nourredine NAYBET				Y				
MAURO da SILVA Gomes	1							
Walter Gerardo PANDIANI Urquiza						Y		
Lionel Sebastián SCALONI						Y		
SERGIO González Soriano			Y					
VICTOR Sanchez del Amo	1			Y			*	
<b>PSV EINDHOVEN</b>								
Kevin HOFLAND				Y	Y	Y		
André OOIJER				Y				
Ji-Sung PARK			Y					
Arjen ROBBEN						Y		
Remco VAN DER SCHAAF			Y					

Y Booked R sent off  suspension ### suspension for at least 1 match \* misses next match if booked

## Referee, Assistants and Delegates

### RC DEPORTIVO LA CORUÑA v AEK ATHENS

Referee	Michael Riley (England)
Asst. Referees	Philip Sharp (England) and Glenn Brian Turner (England)
4th Referee	Matthew David Messias (England)
Delegate	Karel Vertongen (Belgium)
Ref. Observer	Günter Benkö (Austria)
Media Officer	Urs Honauer

### Michael RILEY (England)

Date of Birth:	17.12.1964 in Rotherham
Hometown:	Leeds
Profession:	Finance Director
Languages:	English
Height-Weight:	185 cm – 78 kg
Referee since:	1980
1st Division:	1996
FIFA Badge:	1999
Tournaments:	European Under-18 Championship (Germany 2000)
Other sports:	Cricket / Squash
Hobbies:	Fell Walking Mountaineering

#### International matches

Date	Res	Venue	Competition
04.03.99 Italy – Portugal	0-1	Ohrid	Under-16
06.03.99 Portugal – Albania	4-1	Ohrid	Under-16
17.07.99 NK Varteks – FC Rostselmash Rostov-Na-Donu	1-2	Varazdin	Intertoto Cup
26.08.99 FC Tiraspol – Ferencvárosi TC	1-1	Chisinau	UEFA Cup
30.09.99 PFC Levski Sofia – HNK Hajduk Split	3-0	Sofia	UEFA Cup
17.10.99 Netherlands – Israel	3-3	Baku	Under-18
19.07.00 Germany – Netherlands	3-0	Heilbronn	Under-18
21.07.00 France – Russia	2-0	Gundelfingen	Under-18
09.08.00 FC Tirol Innsbruck – Valencia CF	0-0	Innsbruck	Champions Cup
14.09.00 FC Zimbru Chisinau – Hertha BSC Berlin	1-2	Chisinau	UEFA Cup
07.10.00 FYR Macedonia – Slovakia	0-5	Skopje	World Cup
09.11.00 1. FC Kaiserslautern – Iraklis FC	2-3	Kaiserslautern	UEFA Cup
24.03.01 Bulgaria – Iceland	2-1	Sofia	World Cup
01.08.01 KS Vllaznia – Galatasaray SK	1-4	Tirana	Champions Cup
15.08.01 Sweden – South Africa	2-0	Stockholm	Friendly
30.10.01 FC Lokomotiv Moskva – Real Madrid CF	2-0	Moscow	Champions League
14.11.01 France – Romania	4-0	Brest	Under-21
22.11.01 FC København – BV Borussia Dortmund	0-1	Copenhagen	UEFA Cup
17.04.02 France – Russia	0-0	Paris	Friendly
13.08.02 Villarreal CF – Málaga CF	0-1	Villarreal	Intertoto Cup
17.09.02 AFC Ajax – Olympique Lyonnais	2-1	Amsterdam	Champions League
16.10.02 Estonia – Belgium	0-1	Tallinn	EURO 2004
13.11.02 AC Milan – RC Deportivo La Coruña	1-2	Milan	Champions League
28.11.02 FC Slovan Liberec – Panathinaikos FC	2-2	Liberec	UEFA Cup
12.02.03 Spain – Germany	3-1	Palma Mallorca	Friendly
29.03.03 Ukraine – Spain	2-2	Kiev	EURO 2004
27.08.03 BV Borussia Dortmund – Club Brugge KV	2-1	Dortmund	Champions Cup

**Matchday Five La Coruña 25 November 2003**

10.09.03 Poland – Sweden

01.10.03 RC Celta de Vigo – AC Milan

25.11.03 RC Deportivo La Coruña – AEK Athens FC

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0-2 Chorzow

EURO 2004

0-0 Vigo

Champions League

La Coruña

Champions League