

STADIO GIUSEPPE MEAZZA, MILAN
TUESDAY 9 DECEMBER 2003 at 20.45

UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE
GROUP H, MATCHDAY 6

AC MILAN v RC CELTA DE VIGO

The victory in Amsterdam two weeks ago coupled with Club Brugge KV's late equaliser in Vigo mean that AC Milan not only go into their final group-phase fixture at the Stadio Giuseppe Meazza with their ticket for Friday's draw in their pocket but also a guarantee of occupying top spot in Group H. The European champions do so with the curious record of having earned ten points with three goals and having taken part in five matches that have yielded only four goals – a figure over three times below the UEFA Champions League average. RC Celta travel to Milan with the clear objective of winning. No other result will give them hopes of continuity in the competition and, even if they win, they have to hope that AFC Ajax fail to win in Bruges.

- ❖ Whereas AC Milan can only finish Group H in first place, the Galician visitors can still finish in second, third or fourth place. Taking this game as Match A and the other Group H fixture in Bruges as Match B, these are the permutations for the Matchday 6 results, using 1 for a home win; X for a draw; and 2 for an away win:

A	B	First	Second	Third
1	1	AC Milan	Club Brugge	AFC Ajax
1	X	AC Milan	AFC Ajax	RC Celta / Club Brugge*
1	2	AC Milan	AFC Ajax	RC Celta
X	1	AC Milan	Club Brugge	RC Celta
X	X	AC Milan	AFC Ajax	RC Celta
X	2	AC Milan	AFC Ajax	RC Celta
2	1	AC Milan	RC Celta	Club Brugge
2	X	AC Milan	RC Celta	AFC Ajax
2	2	AC Milan	AFC Ajax	RC Celta

- ❖ The * represents a potentially complex situation. Club Brugge would finish third if RC Celta are beaten by more than two goals. If Celta are beaten by two goals and Club Brugge score two goals more than the Spaniards, third place would be decided by club coefficients, with the Spanish team emerging as the winner.
- ❖ Milan have welcomed a host of Spanish clubs to their prestigious arena but it will be the first time that Celta step on to the pitch at the San Siro's stadium.
- ❖ Carlo Ancelotti's team should have no reservation of playing host to a team from Spain. Out of 14 matches on home soil against Spanish sides, AC Milan have won no less than 9, drawn 2 and lost only 3.
- ❖ RC Celta have faced Italian opposition in the UEFA Club competitions on only three occasions and their last trip to Italy produced a 1-0 defeat against Juventus in the 1999/2000 UEFA Cup campaign.
- ❖ It's the sixth time AC Milan have secured pole position in the group stage. Milan also finished top in both of their group sections last season.
- ❖ Real Madrid CF and FC Barcelona hold the UEFA Champions League record for the most group wins with seven each ahead of this season.
- ❖ AC Milan took part in three successive UEFA Champions League finals during the mid-1990s but managed only one win when they thrashed FC Barcelona 4-0, in Athens in 1994.

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The Italians first became European champions 40 years ago in 1963. They recorded a second win six years later with a 4-1 win over AFC Ajax in Madrid.

- ❖ It would be another 20 years until Milan were next champions of Europe when their Dutch trio of Ruud Gullit, Marco van Basten and Frank Rijkaard scored the goals to beat FC Steaua Bucuresti and SL Benfica in back-to-back finals in 1989 and 1990.
- ❖ AC Milan has the best defence in the competition with just one goal conceded in five games. They also have one of the tamest attacks with only three goals.
- ❖ Celta's first European game came at home against Aberdeen FC of Scotland in a UEFA Cup tie on 15.09.1971 and ended in a 0-2 defeat. They also lost the return leg and didn't qualify for Europe again for another 27 years.
- ❖ Celta have recorded just one win in five games this season and have an identical record to that of FC Bayern München (W 1 D 3 L 1 F 5 A 5), who go into Matchday 6 at the bottom of Group A.
- ❖ They have a miserable recent away record in European football since beating Croatian side NK Rijeka in the first round of the UEFA Cup in 2000/01: 12 games without a win (D 4 L 8) in UEFA Cup and UEFA Champions League soccer.
- ❖ The Milan defence once again held firm when the two sides clashed on Matchday 2 in Vigo despite Celta managing 13 shots at Milan's goal - 6 of which were on target. The match ended 0-0 and was even in all departments, with the Milan side having 50% of possession in the first-half and 49% overall.
- ❖ The AC Milan team was: Dida, Cafu, Maldini, Shevchenko (Brocchi 73), Rui Costa, Nesta, Costacurta, Pirlo, Kaká (Rivaldo 64), Ambrosini, Serginho (Inzaghi 62). Unused subs: Abbiati, Simic, Tomasson, Laursen.
- ❖ The RC Celta line-up was: Pinto; Velasco, Cáceres, Contreras (Sergio 45+1), Angel; Giovanella, Vagner, Juanfran, Gustavo López (Milosevic 57), Jesuli (Jandro 84) and Mostovoi. The unused subs were Cavallero, Manolo, Méndez and Oubiña.
- ❖ Carlo Ancelotti was far from impressed with the performance of his team. "I had hoped for more from them," he said. "Celta created plenty of problems for us but we played poorly and lacked sharpness up front."
- ❖ The Italians could only muster one shot on goal when they visited the Amsterdam Arena on Matchday 5. But ironically Andriy Shevchenko's clinical finish was enough to give Ancelotti's men the three points in a match which Milan despite the shortage of chances always looked in solid control of with 52% of ball possession.
- ❖ Milan lined up with the following players: Dida, Cafu, Maldini, Shevchenko, Gattuso, Inzaghi (Ambrosini 71) Costacurta, Seedorf, Pirlo, Kaká (Rui Costa 76), Laursen. The unused subs were: Abbiati, Šimic, Tomasson, Pancaro, Brocchi
- ❖ Celta were made to pay for their inefficiency in front of goal as they kept Club Brugge under a virtual siege during their meeting in Vigo on Matchday 5. The Spaniards controlled no less than 60% of the ball and produced seven shots on target, which only translated into one goal that was cancelled out in injury-time by Brugge's Rune Lange.
- ❖ The Celta line-up was: Cavallero (Pinto 63), Sylvinho (Gustavo López 46), Berizzo, Ángel, Milosevic, Mostovoi, Juanfran, José Ignacio, Jesuli, Luccin, Sergio. Unused subs were: Cáceres, Giovanella, Méndez, Jandro, Catanha
- ❖ Celta midfielder Alexandre Mostovoi apologised to the club's fans after he was jeered for his behaviour in the 1-1 draw with Brugge. "I recognise my errors and mistakes and ask forgiveness from those fans that felt offended by my actions," the Russian midfielder told the club's website on Friday. Mostovoi, 35, was whistled by some sections of the crowd during the game. When he put his side into the lead with a first half goal he responded by ironically whistling at the fans.

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- ❖ AC Milan leapfrogged Juventus to the top of Serie A on Sunday 30 November with a comfortable win over Modena FC. At San Siro, Milan striker Andriy Shevchenko continued his recent form, scoring both of his side's goals in the 2-0 win to take his tally in Serie A this season to 12 in 11 matches. Having guided Milan into the knock-out rounds of the UEFA Champions League with the winner against Ajax, the Ukraine international struck after 23 minutes, chesting down a loose ball in Modena's area and firing low into the net. The visitors pushed forward after the interval, but in the 67th minute Shevchenko doubled Milan's advantage, latching on to a Rui Costa pass and slipping the ball past keeper Marco Ballotta.
- ❖ The Milan line-up was: Dida; Cafu (Simic 41), Nesta, Maldini, Pancaro; Ambrosini, Pirlo, Seedorf (Gattuso 54); Rui Costa (Kaká 78); Inzaghi, Shevchenko. Subs not used were: Abbiati, Laursen, Redondo, Tomasson.
- ❖ The victory lifted Milan to joint top with AS Roma on 27 points, one ahead of reigning champions Juve, who suffered their first defeat of the season on Saturday 29 November, 3-1 at home to Internazionale FC.
- ❖ Holders Milan got their 2003/04 Coppa Italia campaign off to the best possible start, as they edged past UC Sampdoria at the Marassi stadium with a 1-0 win in the first leg of their two-legged encounter. With their 3-0 defeat in the league match in October firmly in mind, the hosts were mainly content to defend leaving most of the initiative to Ancelotti's men who despite the absence of regular strikers Filippo Inzaghi and Andriy Shevchenko scored the match winner with eleven minutes left when Maurizio Domizzi in his attempt to cut out a low cross by Cristian Brocchi hit fellow team-mate Mirko Conte from whom the ball bounced into an empty net.
- ❖ The AC Milan line-up was: (4-3-1-2): Abbiati; Simic (Abate 69), Laursen, Costacurta, Kaladze (Nesta 69); Brocchi, Ambrosini, Seedorf; Kaká (Rui Costa 72); Tomasson, Borriello.
- ❖ The 17-year-old Ignazio Abate came on after the break as a replacement for Dario Simic to claim his official debut for "Il Rossoneri"
- ❖ Milan then took full advantage of Juventus' slip-up against S.S. Lazio to extend their lead at the top of the Serie A with a 1-0 win away against Empoli FC on Saturday. In a game of few chances, Milan coach Carlo Ancelotti introduced Kaká for Andrea Pirlo in the 75th minute and six minutes later the Brazilian won the game with a spectacular long-range strike which flew past Bucci.
- ❖ The Milan line-up was: (4-3-1-2): Dida; Costacurta, Nesta, Maldini, Pancaro; Gattuso (Brocchi 89), Pirlo (Kaká 75), Seedorf; Rui Costa (Ambrosini 83); Shevchenko, Tomasson. Subs not used: Abbiati, Simic, Kaladze, Borriello
- ❖ " In the first half we had problems with a very strong Empoli side. Indeed it was a difficult game for us against a team who closed us down well and showed they are in good form," said Ancelotti. "We needed a lot of patience and it took an extraordinary goal to decide it".
- ❖ With 30 points from 12 matches, the win against Empoli marked a new record for Milan in Serie A (since the creation of the three points rule).
- ❖ Milan's defensive strength is underlined by the fact that no goal has been scored against Ancelotti's men during the last seven matches (In the Serie A, Coppa Italia and the UEFA Champions League).
- ❖ Milan have rewarded veteran defender Alessandro Costacurta with a new contract, which will keep him at the club until 2005. The 37-year-old former Italian international has collected 20 major honours in his career with the Rossoneri, including six Serie A titles, four Champion Clubs' Cups and two European/South American Cups.
- ❖ On Monday eight to ten players of the Milan squad will travel to Japan with assistant coach Mauro Tassotti for the European/South American Cup in the Yokohama International

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Stadium on Sunday 14 December at 11.15 CET. The rest of the Milan squad will travel on Wednesday.

- ❖ Since the draw with Club Brugge two weeks ago, Celta have played three Spanish league matches. The first was a visit to Sevilla FC at the following weekend and it produced a much-needed 1-0 victory thanks to a 34th-minute volley by Jesuli. The match produced nine yellow cards, two of them for Eduardo Berizzo, who was sent off after 56 minutes.
- ❖ Miguel Angel Lotina fielded: Cavallero; Cáceres, Berizzo, Sylvinho; Angel, José Ignacio (Milosevic 74), Luccin, Juanfran; Jesuli, Gustavo López (Sergio 58); and Catanha (Giovanella 64). The unused subs were Pinto, Jandro, Vagner and Méndez.
- ❖ Last Wednesday, Celta entertained newly-promoted Albacete at Balaídos but failed to capitalise on their success in Seville. José Ignacio put them ahead after 18 minutes, but Albacete hit back through Pacheco (45) and Aranda (51) before Contreras headed home a rebound in the 60th minute to earn a 2-2 draw.
- ❖ Miguel Angel Lotina fielded an unchanged team but his substitutions were Jandro for Gustavo López (77); Nacho Franco for José Ignacio (83); and Milosevic for Catanha (83). On the bench: Pinto, Sergio, Vagner and Giovanella.
- ❖ “We missed a great chance to climb the table,” Miguel Angel Lotina lamented, “and the worst thing is that the wounds were self-inflicted. We have to learn from our errors – and we’re committing a lot of them. And when we play at home our forwards have to score goals.”
- ❖ Playing at home has certainly been a problem for Celta this season. The 3-2 win against AFC Ajax was an exception to the rule, as the Galician club has won only one of its seven home games in the league and the two goals against Albacete brought the total for the season to six.
- ❖ But Miguel Angel Lotina repeated his talk of self-inflicted wounds after last Saturday’s match against CA Osasuna in Pamplona. Celta again performed reasonably well and created more chances at a venue where they have habitually done well in recent years, but ended up losing 3-2 and remaining uncomfortably close to the relegation zone, fully 18 points behind the leaders.
- ❖ “We made life pretty uncomfortable for them during the first half,” Miguel Angel Lotina said afterwards, “and we reached the break feeling quite happy about our game plan. But at the start of the second half we gave away a soft goal after a terrible mistake – and one that we had committed and discussed before. After that we were chasing the game – and never quite caught up with it.”
- ❖ His line-up was: Cavallero; Angel, Sergio, Berizzo, Sylvinho; Luccin, José Ignacio (Vagner 66); Gustavo López (Jesuli 66), Jandro (Catanha 83), Juanfran; and Milosevic. The unused subs were Pinto, Cáceres, Giovanella and Contreras.
- ❖ Aloisi put the home team ahead after 28 minutes only for José Ignacio to equalise eight minutes later. Aloisi (48) and Bakayoko (73) put Osasuna 3-1 up and Catanha made it 3-2 during added-time at the end of the match.
- ❖ It was Catanha’s first league goal for almost a year – and it was the first time in 11 years that Osasuna had managed to score against Celta.
- ❖ The result leaves RC Celta only goal-difference away from the relegation places.
- ❖ The Celta team stayed in Pamplona after the match and trained there on Sunday morning. Curiously, the official expedition left Vigo at 16.15 and the plane stopped off in Pamplona to pick up the players. The second departure was scheduled for 18.10 with arrival in Milan Malpensa at 20.00.
- ❖ Miguel Angel Lotina has taken the entire squad to Milan. But the most notable absentee is Alexandre ‘The Tsar’ Mostovoi, who tore a thigh muscle in training last Thursday and the

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estimated recovery time of three-and-a-half weeks makes it unlikely that he'll play again until 2004.

- ❖ The other absences through injury are Edú (calf muscle) and Velasco (back injury).
- ❖ RC Celta's pre-match Press Conference has been arranged for 18.30 in the stadium and the official training session at 19.30 is open to the media.
- ❖ RC Celta have defender Angel within one yellow card of a one-match suspension.
- ❖ AC Milan have Andrea Pirlo and Massimo Ambrosini in the same situation.
- ❖ 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 gate receipts from home games and 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. It is a complex calculation and precise figures are not available until later in 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 (very) rough guide, three francs are two euros.

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- ❖ The Milan players who travelled to Japan with assistant coach Mauro Tassotti for the European/South American Cup are: Paolo Maldini, Alessandro Nesta, Cafu, Giuseppe Pancaro, Gennaro Gattuso, Andrea Pirlo and Andriy Shevchenko. The players left on Monday afternoon for Yokohama.
- ❖ Filippo Inzaghi trained separately from the rest of the squad on Monday to complete his recovery from a muscle-injury to his left thigh. The fitness results are positive.
- ❖ Carlo Ancelotti was as usual in the centre of attention at Milanello when he denied allegations that the absence of seven players who have left for Japan ahead of the European/South American Cup meant that Milan aren't taking the game against Celta de Vigo, seriously: "Stay calm. We've got an equally competitive squad. Those who are staying behind here are playing for a place on Sunday, I'm convinced they will give their best effort. The motivation for a side like Milan is always strong even if we don't need the points. "No one will be able to contest our commitment. We will demonstrate this."
- ❖ Regarding the possible Milan line-up, Ancelotti said: "I haven't decided yet who will play but I'll definitely start with Redondo, Serginho and bring Abbiati back. As for Ambrosini and Kaladze, their fitness will be checked tomorrow as they both have annoying little knocks but I doubt that Kaká and Rui Costa will play.
- ❖ Carlo Ancelotti then turned his attention to the opponent: 'It's a different side from last season, they've lost a number of important players. I think they will play like they did in the first match, defending and playing on the counter-attack. We'll have to be watchful."
- ❖ The Celta squad in Milan is: Cavallero, Pinto; Sylvinho, Cáceres, Berizzo, Juanfran, Contreras, Méndez, Sergio, Borja Oubiña; Giovanella, Vagner, Angel, Gustavo López, José Ignacio, Jesuli, Jandro, Luccin; Milosevic and Catanha.
- ❖ "We need the capacity to motivate ourselves for the Champions League and forget all about the Spanish championship," said Miguel Angel Lotina. "We have a good chance to continue and that would not only be nice but would also boost our morale. That's why we are concentrating on winning here and forgetting about everything else.
- ❖ "I've got everybody fit, at least of those who've travelled, apart from Mostovoi, though there are always little knocks and scrapes. The thing is to check once the training session is over and done with."
- ❖ "You can interpret the Milan line-up in two different ways," he added. "On the one hand, they could put out a potentially better team. On the other hand, the players fielded in this match will be trying to claim a first-team place. We have to try to make it clear to Milan that they are short of a few players. But, even if players are missing, they have a good group ethic that we have to respect. They are all international-class players."
- ❖ "I expect Milan to go for a win. But we have to make the game seem very long so that they start to measure their expenditure of energy with a view to Japan. Milan have quality players and we also have to imagine that they won't easily be distracted by thoughts of the following match. They will want to win and we have to convince them that they are not going to do so. We have come here to win and we are confident."
- ❖ "If we play our game, we will have chances to score and, even if we lose, we will be able to say that we did our best against Milan in San Siro. Then nobody will be able to reproach us for anything. In the other match, Ajax are used to playing under pressure and, well, I foresee a draw."
- ❖ "We have come here with an appetite for victory," said Peter Luccin, "and everything will be forgotten if we win here. We're not concerned that they have seven players missing. They have a squad of 25 and they are of the same quality. They all play to win. If we win here, I don't know if it will be enough to get into the next stage but we have to concentrate on winning. Forget all about Ajax and focus on three points."

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Founded: 16.12.1899
 President: Silvio Berlusconi
 Press Officer: Vittorio Mentana
 Club Records: Paolo Maldini 722 appearances / Gunnar Nordahl 210 league goals
 Stadium: Giuseppe Meazza (83,679 / 1,500 lux / 105m x 68m)
 Record Att: 78,650 – in UCL (3-0 v AS Monaco on 27.04.1994)

	Date of Birth	2003/2004 Season		Serie A		European Cups		Internationals			
		M	G	M	G	M	G	M	G		
Goalkeepers											
1	Valerio FIORI	27.04.1969	0	0	229	0	10	0	0	0	
12	Nelson De Jesus Silva 'DIDA'	07.10.1973	12	0	43	0	25	0	61	0	
77	Christian ABBIATI	08.07.1977	0	0	105	0	30	0	1	0	
Defenders											
2	Marcos Evangelista 'CAFU'	07.06.1970	8	0	171	5	47	2	124	5	
3	Paolo MALDINI	26.06.1968	9	0	514	25	130	2	126	7	
4	Kakha KALADZE	27.02.1978	0	0	74	7	70	2	36	0	
13	Alessandro NESTA	19.03.1976	11	0	233	2	30	2	57	0	
14	Dario SIMIC	12.11.1975	7	0	102	4	50	4	61	1	
19	Alessandro COSTACURTA	24.04.1966	7	0	410	2	99	0	59	2	
24	Martin LAURSEN	26.07.1977	6	0	88	4	20	0	31	1	
26	Giuseppe PANCARO	26.08.1971	8	0	259	10	56	1	15	0	
Midfielders											
5	Fernando REDONDO	06.06.1969	2	0	10	0	49	1			
8	Ivan Gennaro GATTUSO	09.01.1978	12	1	148	2	49	2	23	1	
10	Manuel RUI COSTA	29.03.1972	9	0	271	38	75	10	84	23	
11	Vitor Borba Ferreira RIVALDO	19.04.1972	0	0	22	5	69	33	77	37	
20	Clarence SEEDORF	01.04.1976	10	0	135	15	79	9	67	11	
21	Andrea PIRLO	19.05.1979	12	1	147	22	38	0	5	0	
22	KAKÁ Ricardo Izecson	22.04.1982	10	2	10	2	5	1	20	9	
23	Massimo AMBROSINI	29.05.1977	7	0	153	11	43	1	19	0	
27	Claudio Santos 'SERGINHO'	27.06.1971	7	0	100	13	40	4	10	0	
32	Christian BROCCHI	30.01.1976	2	0	68	6	18	0	0	0	
Forwards											
7	Andriy SHEVCHENKO	29.09.1976	12	12	131	79	70	39	49	21	
9	Filippo INZAGHI	09.08.1973	7	2	225	112	63	34	48	21	
15	Jon Dahl TOMASSON	29.08.1976	8	3	27	7	53	15	56	27	
18	Marco BORRIELLO	18.06.1982	1	0	16	1	1	0	0	0	
Head Coach											
	Carlo ANCELOTTI	10.06.1959								M = Matches; G = Goals	

Foreigners:

Nelson De Jesus Silva 'DIDA' (Brazil), Marcos Evangelista "CAFU" (Brazil), Kakha KALADZE (Georgia), Dario SIMIC (Croatia), Martin LAURSEN (Denmark), Fernando REDONDO (Argentina), Manuel RUI COSTA (Portugal), Vitor Borba Ferreira RIVALDO (Brazil), Clarence SEEDORF (Netherlands), KAKÁ Ricardo Izecson (Brazil), Sergio Dos Santos 'SERGINHO' (Brasil), Andriy SHEVCHENKO (Ukraine), Jon Dahl TOMASSON (Denmark).

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Founded: 23.08.1923
 President: Horacio Gómez Araujo
 Press Officer: Atilano Vecino
 Club Records: Manolo 225 matches (1969-79) / Hermida 104 goals (1945-55)
 Stadium: Estadio de Balaidos (31,800 / 105m x 68m)
 Record Att:

	Date of Birth	2003/2004 Season		First Division		European Cups		Internationals			
		M	G	M	G	M	G	M	G		
Goalkeepers											
1	Pablo CAVALLERO Rodriguez	13.04.1974	12	0	127	0	10	0			
13	Jose Manuel PINTO Colorado	08.11.1975	3	0	52	0	23	0	0	0	
Defenders											
2	Juan VELASCO Damas	15.05.1975	8	0	130	1	26	0	5	0	
3	SYLVINHO Mendes de Campos	12.04.1974	13	0	68	1	27	2	6	0	
4	Fernando CACERES Zaya	07.02.1969	13	0	322	6	46	3	31	0	
6	Eduardo BERIZZO	13.11.1969	6	1	70	4	23	0	17	0	
14	JUANFRAN Garcia	17.07.1976	12	0	158	5	30	2	11	0	
15	Pablo Andres CONTRERAS Fica	11.09.1970	4	1	73	4	16	2	20	1	
17	Sebastian MENDEZ Pardiñas	07.07.1977	1	0	19	0	3	0	0	0	
23	SERGIO Fernandez Gonzalez	23.05.1977	9	0	143	5	17	0	0	0	
28	Borja OUBINA	17.05.1982	2	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	
Midfielders											
5	GIOVANELLA Everton	13.09.1970	4	0	184	4	26	0	0	0	
7	VAGNER Rogerio Nunes	22.02.1972	10	0	80	6	16	1	2	0	
8	ANGEL Lopez Ruano	10.03.1981	12	0	108	1	7	0	0	0	
10	Alexandre MOSTOVOI	22.08.1968	11	3	222	52	58	18	61	12	
11	GUSTAVO Adrian LOPEZ	13.04.1973	11	0	244	27	32	3	31	4	
12	MANOLO Sanchez Murias	27.01.1976	0	0	29	1	2	0	0	0	
16	JOSE IGNACIO Saenz Marin	28.09.1973	13	3	301	16	21	3	2	0	
20	JESULI Antonio Mora Nieto	24.01.1978	15	3	135	24	21	2	0	0	
21	JANDRO Castro Fernandez	27.02.1979	8	1	33	8	6	0	0	0	
22	Peter Bernard LUCCIN	09.04.1979	13	0	81	2	44	2	0	0	
29	JONATHAN Aspas	28.02.1982	1	0	1	0					
Forwards											
9	Savo MILOSEVIC	02.09.1973	14	5	136	61	26	6	82	33	
19	Luis EDÚ Schmidt	10.01.1979	3	0	102	23	15	3	1	0	
24	CATANHA	06.03.1972	9	1	147	62	19	6	3	0	
Head Coach											
	Miguel Angel LOTINA	18.06.1957								M = Matches; G = Goals	

Foreigners:

Pablo CAVALLERO Rodriguez (Argentina), SYLVINHO Mendes de Campos (Brazil), Fernando CACERES (Argentina), Eduardo BERIZZO (Argentina), VAGNER Rogerio Nunes (Brazil), Savo MILOSEVIC (Serbia-Montenegro), Alexandre MOSTOVOI (Russia), Gustavo LOPEZ (Argentina), Pablo CONTRERAS (Chile), Sebastian MENDEZ (Argentina), Luis EDÚ Schmidt (Brazil), Peter LUCCIN (France).

Clubs' competition results this season

AC MILAN

	Res	Goalscorers	Att.
03.08.03 v Juventus FC (SC) (A)	1-1	Pirlo (lose 4-6 pen. Shoot-out)	54,128
29.08.03 v FC Porto (SC) (H)	1-0	Shevchenko	15,000
01.09.03 v Ancona Calcio (A)	2-0	Shevchenko (2)	22,746
13.09.03 v Bologna FC (H)	2-1	Shevchenko, Inzaghi	57,835
16.09.03 v AFC Ajax (H)	1-0	Inzaghi	45,931
21.09.03 v AC Perugia (A)	1-1	Gattuso	17,551
28.09.03 v US Lecce (H)	3-0	Shevchenko (2), Tomasson	17,553
01.10.03 v RC Celta de Vigo (A)	0-0		28,000
05.10.03 v FC Internazionale (A)	3-1	Inzaghi, Kaká, Shevchenko	75,831
19.10.03 v S.S. Lazio (H)	1-0	Pirlo	62,122
22.10.03 v Club Brugge KV (H)	0-1		43,823
26.10.03 v Sampdoria UC (A)	3-0	Tomasson, Shevchenko (2)	34,424
01.11.03 v Juventus FC (H)	1-1	Tomasson	77,921
04.11.03 v Club Brugge KV (A)	1-0	Kaká	27,834
09.11.03 v Parma AC (A)	0-0		23,663
23.11.03 v AC Chievo Verona (A)	2-0	Shevchenko (2)	30,186
26.11.03 v AFC Ajax (A)	1-0	Shevchenko	50,210
30.11.03 v Modena FC (H)	2-0	Shevchenko (2)	59,577
03.12.03 v Sampdoria UC (C) (A)	1-0	o.g.	9,099
06.12.03 v Empoli FC (A)	1-0	Kaká	11,791
09.12.03 v RC Celta de Vigo (H)			
14.12.03 v Siena AC (H)			
21.12.03 v Udinese Calcio (H)			
06.01.04 v AS Roma (A)			
11.01.04 v Reggina Calcio (H)			
18.01.04 v Brescia Calcio (A)			
25.01.04 v Ancona Calcio (H)			
01.02.04 v Bologna FC (A)			
08.02.04 v AC Perugia (H)			
15.02.04 v US Lecce (A)			
22.02.04 v FC Internazionale (H)			
29.02.04 v S.S. Lazio (A)			
07.03.04 v Sampdoria UC (H)			
14.03.04 v Juventus FC (A)			
21.03.04 v Parma AC (H)			
28.03.04 v AC Chievo Verona (H)			
04.04.04 v Modena FC (A)			
10.04.04 v Empoli FC (A)			
18.04.04 v Siena AC (A)			
25.04.04 v Udinese Calcio (A)			
02.05.04 v AS Roma (H)			
09.05.04 v Reggina Calcio (A)			
16.05.04 v Brescia Calcio (H)			

Clubs' competition results this season

RC CELTA DE VIGO

	Res	Goalscorers	Att.
12.08.03 v SK Slavia Praha (H)	3-0	Mostovoi, Jesuli, Edu	13,500
27.08.03 v SK Slavia Praha (A)	0-2		8,091
31.08.03 v Real Murcia CF (H)	1-1	Milosevic	18,000
02.09.03 v Real Sociedad (A)	1-1	Milosevic	26,000
14.09.03 v Real Betis Balompié (H)	0-2		18,000
16.09.03 v Club Brugge KV (A)	1-1	Juanfran	26,639
21.09.03 v Villarreal CF (A)	1-1	Mostovoi	16,000
27.09.03 v Real Valladolid CF (H)	3-2	Jesuli, Milosevic, Mostovoi	16,000
01.10.03 v AC Milan (H)	0-0		28,000
05.10.03 v Málaga CF (A)	1-2	Milosevic	22,000
08.10.03 v Pontevedra (C) (A)	1-1	Jandro (win 5-4 pen. Shoot-out)	8,000
18.10.03 v Real Madrid CF (H)	0-2		26,000
22.10.03 v AFC Ajax (A)	0-1		48,514
26.10.03 v RCD Espanyol (A)	4-0	Luccin (p), Milosevic, Mostovoi, Jandro	13,600
29.10.03 v Valencia CF (A)	2-2	Berizzo, Jesuli	45,000
01.11.03 v Real Racing Club (H)	0-1		23,000
04.11.03 v AFC Ajax (H)	3-2	Luccin (p), Milosevic, Vagner	18,700
08.11.03 v Real Zaragoza (A)	1-1	José Ignacio	35,000
23.11.03 v Athletic Club de Bilbao (H)	0-2		17,000
26.11.03 v Club Brugge KV (H)	1-1	Mostovoi	18,173
30.11.03 v Sevilla CF (A)	1-0	Jesuli	30,000
03.12.03 v Albacete Balompié (H)	2-2	José Ignacio, Contreras	14,000
06.12.03 v CA Osasuna (A)	2-3	José Ignacio, Catanha	18,000
09.12.03 v AC Milan (A)			
14.12.03 v Atlético de Madrid (H)			
21.12.03 v FC Barcelona (A)			
04.01.04 v RC Deportivo La Coruña (H)			
11.01.04 v RCD Mallorca (A)			
18.01.04 v Real Murcia CF (A)			
25.01.04 v Real Sociedad (H)			
01.02.04 v Real Betis Balompié (A)			
08.02.04 v Villarreal CF (H)			
15.02.04 v Real Valladolid CF (A)			
22.02.04 v Málaga CF (H)			
29.02.04 v Real Madrid CF (A)			
07.03.04 v RCD Espanyol (H)			
14.03.04 v Valencia CF (H)			
21.03.04 v Real Racing Club (A)			
28.03.04 v Real Zaragoza (H)			
04.04.04 v Athletic Club de Bilbao (A)			
11.04.04 v Sevilla CF (H)			
18.04.04 v Albacete Balompié (A)			
25.04.04 v CA Osasuna (H)			
02.05.04 v Atlético de Madrid (A)			
09.05.04 v FC Barcelona (H)			
16.05.04 v RC Deportivo La Coruña (A)			
23.05.04 v RCD Mallorca (H)			

Head to head

AC MILAN v RC CELTA DE VIGO

AC Milan v Spanish clubs

Season	Opponents	Home	Away	Competition
1955-56	Real Madrid CF	2-1	2-4	Champion Clubs' Cup
1957-58	Real Madrid CF		2-3 (1)	Champion Clubs' Cup
1959-60	FC Barcelona	0-2	1-5	Champion Clubs' Cup
1963-64	Real Madrid CF	2-0	1-4	Champion Clubs' Cup
1976-77	Athletic Club de Bilbao	3-1	1-4	UEFA Cup
1977-78	Real Betis Balompié	2-1	0-2	Cup Winners' Cup
1987-88	Sporting Gijón	3-0	0-1	UEFA Cup
1987-88	RCD Espanyol	0-2	0-0	UEFA Cup
1988-89	Real Madrid CF	5-0	1-1	Champion Clubs' Cup
1989	FC Barcelona	1-0	1-1	UEFA Super Cup
1989-90	Real Madrid CF	2-0	0-1	Champion Clubs' Cup
1993-94	FC Barcelona		4-0 (2)	UEFA Champions League
2000-01	FC Barcelona	3-3	2-0	UEFA Champions League
2000-01	Deportivo La Coruña	1-1	1-0	UEFA Champions League
2002-03	Deportivo La Coruña	1-2	4-0	UEFA Champions League
2002-03	Real Madrid CF	1-0	1-3	UEFA Champions League
2003-04	RC Celta de Vigo		0-0	UEFA Champions League

Total balance: Played: 31; Won: 13; Drawn: 6; Lost: 12; Goals For: 47; Goals Against: 42

(1) The final played in Brussels; after extra-time

(2) The final played in Athens

RC Celta v Italian clubs

Season	Opponents	Home	Away	Competition
1999-00	Juventus Football Club	4-0	0-1	UEFA Cup
2003-04	AC Milan	0-0		UEFA Champions League

Total balance: Played: 3; Won: 1; Drawn: 1; Lost: 1; Goals For: 4; Goals Against: 1

Record in Europe

AC MILAN

	Ap	MP	W	D	L	GF	GA
European Champion Clubs' Cup	19	152	83	35	34	274	131
UEFA Cup Winners' Cup	4	30	17	10	3	47	20
UEFA Cup	8	60	31	11	18	90	57
Fairs Cup	3	13	5	3	5	11	13
Total	34	255	136	59	60	422	221

RC CELTA DE VIGO

	Ap	MP	W	D	L	GF	GA
European Champion Clubs' Cup	1	7	2	3	2	8	7
UEFA Cup Winners' Cup	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
UEFA Cup	6	40	19	8	13	70	38
Fairs Cup	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	7	47	21	11	15	78	45

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

Booking List Group H

	Qualification phases/ SCUP		Group Stage 1 - Matchdays					
	Y	R	one	two	three	four	five	six
RC CELTA DE VIGO								
ANGEL Lopez Ruano			Y			Y		*
Eduardo BERIZZO			Y					
Fernando CACERES Zaya					Y			
Pablo CAVALLERO Rodriguez	1							
Pablo Andrés CONTRERAS Fica			Y					
Luis EDÚ Schmidt	1							
Everton GIOVANELLA	2				Y			
JESULI Antonio Mora Nieto					Y			
JOSE IGNACIO Saenz Marín	1							
JUANFRAN Garcia					Y			
Miguel Angel LOTINA (coach)								
Peter Bernard LUCCIN						Y		
Savo MILOSEVIC					Y			
Alexandre MOSTOVOI		1				Y		
Jose Manuel PINTO Colorado							Y	
SERGIO Fernandez Gonzalez			Y					
SYLVINHO Mendes de Campos							Y	
VAGNER Rogerio Nunes				Y				
AC MILAN								
Massimo AMBROSINI	1			Y				*
Marcos Evangelista 'CAFU'				Y				
Ivan Gennaro GATTUSO			R					
Filippo INZAGHI							Y	
Paolo MALDINI				Y				
Alessandro NESTA						R		
Giuseppe PANCARO						Y		
Andrea PIRLO	1			Y				*
Clarence SEEDORF	1							
AFC AJAX								
Nigel DE JONG				Y				
Julien ESCUDÉ			Y					
Tomáš GALÁSEK						Y	Y	*
Zdenek GRYGERA						R		
Zlatan IBRAHIMOVIĆ			Y			Y		*
MAXWELL Scherrer Cabelino	1							
Petri PASANEN				Y				
Tom SOETAERS				Y				
Wesley SNEIJDER	1							
Rafael VAN DER VAART			Y	Y		Y		
Abubakari YAKUBU							Y	

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CLUB BRUGGE KV							
Olivier DE COCK	1				Y		*
Gaetan ENGLEBERT			Y			Y	*
Sandy MARTENS		R					
Andres MENDOZA Acevedo	1	R					
David ROZEHNAL		1			Y		
Bengt SAETERNES						Y	
Peter VAN DER HEYDEN		Y					
Dany VERLINDEN						Y	
Gert VERHEYEN	1	Y					*

Y booked R sent off [grey box] suspension ### suspension for at least 1 match * misses next match if booked

Referee, Assistants and Delegates

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Referee	Kyros Vassaras (Greece)
Asst. Referees	Simeon Tsolakidis Simeon (Greece) and Dimitrios Groutsis (Greece)
4th Referee	Georgios Douros (Greece)
Delegate	John McBeth (Scotland)
Ref. Observer	Willy Goovaerts (Belgium)
Media Officer	Borja Bilbao

Kyros VASSARAS (Greece)

Date of Birth	01.02.1966 in Thessaloniki
Hometown	Thessaloniki
Profession	Consultant
Languages	English / Greek
Height-Weight	184 cm – 86 kg
Referee since	1984
1st Division	1995
FIFA Badge	1998
Tournaments	European Under-16 Championship (Scotland 1998) World Under-17 Championship (New Zealand 1999) EURO 2000 – as 4 th Official (Belgium / Netherlands) World Cup (Japan / Korea 2002)
Other sports	Basketball / Skiing / Waterpolo
Hobbies	Painting / Swimming

International matches

Date	Res	Venue	Competition
26.04.98 Spain – Finland	1-0	Perth	Under-16
28.04.98 Russia – Croatia	0-0	Inverness	Under-16
30.04.98 Norway – Portugal	1-2	Motherwell	Under-16
18.07.98 SC Fortuna Sittard – FC Vorskla Poltava	3-0	Sittard	Intertoto Cup
13.08.98 PFC Levski Sofia – Lokomotiv-96 Vitebsk	8-1	Sofia	Cup Winners' Cup
04.09.98 Lithuania – Scotland	0-0	Vilnius	Under-21
01.10.98 Lausanne-Sports – S.S. Lazio	2-2	Lausanne	Cup Winners' Cup
05.11.98 NK Varteks – SC Heerenveen	4-2	Varazdin	Cup Winners' Cup
28.04.99 Austria – San Marino	7-0	Graz	EURO 2000
12.08.99 Sliema Wanderers FC – FC Zürich	0-3	Ta'Qali	UEFA Cup
16.09.99 FC Zenit St. Petersburg – Bologna FC	0-3	St. Petersburg	UEFA Cup
09.10.99 Azerbaijan – Slovakia	0-1	Baku	EURO 2000
19.10.99 RC Deportivo La Coruña – Montpellier Hérault SC	3-1	La Coruña	UEFA Cup
12.11.99 Jamaica – Burkina Faso	0-1	Dunedin	Under-17
16.11.99 USA – Uruguay	1-0	Auckland	Under-17
27.11.99 Australia – Brazil	0-0*	Auckland	Under-17**
23.02.00 France – Poland	1-0	Paris	Friendly
02.03.00 Club Atlético de Madrid – RC Lens	2-2	Madrid	UEFA Cup
16.08.00 Bulgaria – Belgium	1-3	Sofia	Friendly
23.08.00 FK Crvena Zvezda – FC Dynamo Kyiv	1-1	Belgrade	Champions Cup
20.09.00 S.S. Lazio – AC Sparta Praha	3-0	Rome	Champions League
07.10.00 Czech Republic – Iceland	4-0	Teplíce	World Cup
24.10.00 FC Bayern München – Helsingborgs IF	0-0	Munich	Champions League

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23.11.00 RCD Espanyol – FC Porto	0-2	Barcelona	UEFA Cup
15.02.01 PSV Eindhoven – Parma AC	2-1	Eindhoven	UEFA Cup
28.02.01 England – Spain	3-0	Birmingham	Friendly
14.03.01 FC Spartak Moskva – Olympique Lyonnais	1-1	Moscow	Champions League
28.03.01 Belarus – Norway	2-1	Minsk	World Cup
22.08.01 RSC Anderlecht – Halmstads BK	1-1	Brussels	Champions Cup
05.09.01 Netherlands – Estonia	5-0	Amsterdam	World Cup
11.09.01 FC Liverpool FC – Boavista FC	1-1	Liverpool	Champions League
24.10.01 BV Borussia Dortmund – FC Dynamo Kyiv	1-0	Dortmund	Champions League
04.12.01 Bayer 04 Leverkusen – RC Deportivo La Coruña	3-0	Leverkusen	Champions League
20.02.02 FC Nantes Atlantique – Manchester United FC	1-1	Nantes	Champions League
13.03.02 FC Barcelona – Liverpool FC	0-0	Barcelona	Champions League
02.04.02 RC Deportivo La Coruña – Manchester United FC	0-2	La Coruña	Champions League
04.06.02 China PR – Costa Rica	0-2	Gwangju	World Cup
27.08.02 AC Sparta Praha – KRC Genk	4-2	Prague	Champions Cup
07.09.02 Azerbaijan – Italy	0-2	Baku	EURO 2004
18.09.02 AC Milan – RC Lens	2-1	Milan	Champions League
16.10.02 Sweden – Portugal	2-3	Gothenburg	Friendly
30.10.02 Olympique Lyonnais – AFC Ajax	0-2	Lyon	Champions League
27.11.02 Bayer 04 Leverkusen – FC Barcelona	1-2	Leverkusen	Champions League
25.02.03 FC Lokomotiv Moskva – AC Milan	0-1	Moscow	Champions League
19.03.03 Valencia CF – Arsenal FC	2-1	Valencia	Champions League
29.03.03 Georgia – Republic of Ireland	1-2	Tbilisi	EURO 2004
10.04.03 FC Porto – S.S. Lazio	4-1	Porto	UEFA Cup
26.08.03 Chelsea FC – MSK Zilina	3-0	London	Champions Cup
06.09.03 Latvia – Poland	0-2	Riga	EURO 2004
22.10.03 Olympique de Marseille – FC Porto	2-3	Marseille	Champions League
05.11.03 Celtic FC – RSC Anderlecht	3-1	Glasgow	Champions League
09.12.03 AC Milan – RC Celta de Vigo		Milan	Champions League

* After extra-time; Brazil won 8-7 on penalties

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