

# Arsenal FC v FC Porto

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### Arsenal Stadium, London

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#### Group G - Matchday 2



Arsenal FC's first group stage tie at their new north London home arrives with last season's runners-up having already banked three points from their opening fixture against Hamburger SV. Starting a UEFA Champions League campaign with an away match for the first time in five seasons proved no impediment to Arsène Wenger's side's ambitions of going one stage further this time around and they will be looking to add a second victory against FC Porto.

#### Hamburg triumph

- The Group G game at the Arena Hamburg two weeks ago proved a wonderful experience for former BV Borussia Dortmund midfielder Tomáš Rosický as he struck the decisive goal in stunning fashion on his return to Germany for a 2-1 victory. Now Wenger's team will be hoping for more of the same on their new stage - where they defeated NK Dinamo Zagreb 2-1 in qualifying - having waved goodbye to their Highbury home after 93 years, and 22 seasons of European football.

#### Formidable record

- After losing at home to Chelsea FC in the 2003/04 quarter-final second leg, Arsenal played ten matches at Highbury in the tournament without losing, winning seven and drawing three.

- The Gunners have encountered Portuguese opposition once before in UEFA club competition and they will not recall it with any affection. They met SL Benfica in the second round of the European Champion Clubs' Cup in 1991/92, losing 3-1 after extra time at home in the second leg after a 1-1 draw in Lisbon.

#### English hoodoo

- Porto will be looking for their first goals in the competition this season after their opening fixture against PFC CSKA Moskva ended goalless. A victory in north London would be a first for the Dragons away to English opposition. In seven previous visits in European competition only a 1-1 draw against Manchester United FC in the 2003/04 UEFA Champions League first knockout round prevents a clean sweep of defeats.

- The Portuguese team tend to concede a lot of goals in these fixtures – 21 in total – but may take some heart from summer friendly victories at Manchester City FC (1-0) and Portsmouth FC (2-1).

#### Mourinho meeting

- Porto's last visit against Chelsea in the 2004/05 UEFA Champions League group stage meant an instant reunion with José Mourinho, the man who had led them to glory in the competition four months before. They lost 3-1 away but won 2-1 at home.

- Porto failed to pick up an away win in last season's edition with late goals proving their downfall. They went down to an 85th-minute strike at Rangers FC, led FC Internazionale Milano until the 75th minute and picked up a goalless draw at FC Artmedia before bowing out.



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### Team facts

#### Arsenal FC

##### UEFA club competition milestones

- The 2005/06 season saw Arsenal advance to the European Champion Clubs' Cup final for the first time although they had previously been involved in both UEFA Cup Winners' Cup and UEFA Cup finals. Their finest UEFA Champions League campaign culminated on 17 May 2006 with a 2-1 defeat by FC Barcelona, after Sol Campbell had given the London club the lead in Paris.

- Arsenal played in three UEFA Cup Winners' Cup finals, triumphing in the 1993/94 season when they overcame Parma FC 1-0 thanks to Alan Smith's 22nd-minute goal. The other finals ended in narrow defeats by Valencia CF and Real Zaragoza in 1979/80 and 1994/95 respectively. Following their elimination from the 1999/00 UEFA Champions League at the end of the group stage, Arsenal advanced to the UEFA Cup final only to lose on penalties to Galatasaray SK at Copenhagen's Parken stadium.

##### UEFA club competition honours

- UEFA Cup Winners' Cup: 1993/94

##### Ten-year record (including current season)

- Arsenal are making their ninth successive attempt at winning the UEFA Champions League with their best performance coming last season. They reached the group stage this season by defeating NK Dinamo Zagreb in the third qualifying round.

**1997/98:** UEFA Cup - first round

**1998/99:** UEFA Champions League - group stage

**1999/00:** UEFA Cup - finalists (having transferred from the UEFA Champions League, group stage)

**2000/01:** UEFA Champions League - quarter-finals

**2001/02:** UEFA Champions League - second group stage

**2002/03:** UEFA Champions League - second group stage

**2003/04:** UEFA Champions League - quarter-finals

**2004/05:** UEFA Champions League - first knockout round

**2005/06:** UEFA Champions League - runners-up

**2006/07:** UEFA Champions League - group stage

##### 2005/06 season

**Domestic record:** Arsenal's impressive late run saw them leapfrog London rivals Tottenham Hotspur FC to finish fourth in the English Premiership. Although they finished 24 points behind champions Chelsea FC, it was enough to earn them a place in the UEFA Champions League third qualifying round, the first time they had not entered the competition directly.

**European record:** As one of the 16 automatic qualifiers, Arsenal breezed through the group stage with five victories from their opening five engagements. The only blemish to their record came on Matchday 6 when they were held to a scoreless draw by AFC Ajax. They then saw off Real Madrid CF in the first knockout round, 1-0 on aggregate, before a 2-0 two-legged result defeated Juventus in the quarter-finals. Villarreal CF were beaten 1-0 on aggregate in the semi-finals to take Arsenal through to the final at the Stade de France, where they lost 2-1 to Barcelona.

##### Key facts

- To date, the Gunners have played 82 matches in the UEFA Champions League, winning 37, drawing 23 and losing 22. In that time, Arsenal have scored 114 goals and conceded 86.

- Their overall European Champion Clubs' Cup record (including all qualifying round matches) reads, played 94, won 44, drawn 24 and lost 26 with 140 goals scored and 97 conceded.

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• Overall, Arsenal have played 148 matches in UEFA club competition with 71 wins, 39 draws and 38 losses. In those matches, they scored 233 times while conceding 151 goals.

### Records

#### UEFA club competition

• Biggest win

**0-7:** R. Standard de Liège v Arsenal FC

03.11.1993, 1993/94 UEFA Cup Winners' Cup, second round, second leg

• Biggest home win

**6-1:** Arsenal FC v FK Austria Wien

18.09.1991, 1991/92 European Champion Clubs' Cup, first round, first leg

• Biggest away win

**0-7:** R. Standard de Liège v Arsenal FC (see above for details)

• Heaviest defeat

**0-3:** Arsenal FC v FC Internazionale Milano

17.09.2003, 2003/04 UEFA Champions League, group stage

**4-1:** FC Spartak Moskva v Arsenal FC

22.11.2000, 2000/01 UEFA Champions League, second group stage

**3-0:** FC Shakhtar Donetsk v Arsenal FC

07.11.2000, 2000/01 UEFA Champions League, first group stage

**2-5:** Arsenal FC v SK Spartak Moskva

29.09.1982, 1982/83 UEFA Cup, first round, second leg

• Heaviest home defeat

**0-3:** Arsenal FC v FC Internazionale Milano (see above for details)

**2-5:** Arsenal FC v SK Spartak Moskva (see above for details)

• Heaviest away defeat

**4-1:** FC Spartak Moskva v Arsenal FC (see above for details)

**3-0:** FC Shakhtar Donetsk v Arsenal FC (see above for details)

#### UEFA Champions League (group stage to final only)

• Biggest win

**5-1:** Arsenal FC v Rosenborg BK

07.12.2004, 2004/05 UEFA Champions League, group stage

**1-5:** FC Internazionale Milano v Arsenal FC

25.11.2003, 2003/04 UEFA Champions League, group stage

**0-4:** PSV Eindhoven v Arsenal FC

25.09.2002, 2002/03 UEFA Champions League, group stage

• Biggest home win

**5-1:** Arsenal FC v Rosenborg BK (see above for details)

• Biggest away win

**1-5:** FC Internazionale Milano v Arsenal FC (see above for details)

**0-4:** PSV Eindhoven v Arsenal FC (see above for details)

• Heaviest defeat

**4-1:** FC Spartak Moskva v Arsenal FC (see above for details)

**3-0:** FC Shakhtar Donetsk v Arsenal FC (see above for details)

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**0-3:** Arsenal FC v FC Internazionale Milano (see above for details)

- Heaviest away defeat

**4-1:** FC Spartak Moskva v Arsenal FC (see above for details)

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### FC Porto

#### UEFA club competition milestones

- Porto have twice been crowned continental champions. The first European Champion Clubs' Cup success came in the 1986/87 final at the expense of FC Bayern München following a 2-1 win in Vienna. Ludwig Kögl opened the scoring for the Bavarian side after 25 minutes only for Porto to hit back through Rabah Madjer (77) and Juary (80).

- The club also lifted the 2002/03 UEFA Cup with a 3-2 victory at Celtic FC's expense in Sevilla before claiming the ultimate prize for a second time 12 months later with a 3-0 defeat of AS Monaco FC with goals from Carlos Alberto (39), Deco (71) and Dmitri Alenichev (75).

- Porto have also appeared in the 1983/84 UEFA Cup Winners' Cup final, losing 2-1 to Juventus in Basle.

#### UEFA club competition honours

- European Champion Clubs' Cup: 1986/87, 2003/04
- UEFA Cup: 2002/03
- UEFA Super Cup: 1997/98
- European/South American Cup: 1987, 2004

#### Ten-year record (including current season)

- Porto are involved in their tenth UEFA Champions League campaign in 12 seasons and their fourth in a row.

**1997/98:** UEFA Champions League - group stage

**1998/99:** UEFA Champions League - group stage

**1999/00:** UEFA Champions League - quarter-finals

**2000/01:** UEFA Cup - quarter-finals (having transferred from the UEFA Champions League, third qualifying round)

**2001/02:** UEFA Champions League - second group stage

**2002/03:** UEFA Cup - winners

**2003/04:** UEFA Champions League - winners

**2004/05:** UEFA Champions League - first knockout round

**2005/06:** UEFA Champions League - group stage

**2006/07:** UEFA Champions League - group stage

#### 2005/06 season

**Domestic record:** Porto reclaimed the title in fine style, finishing seven points ahead of Sporting Clube de Portugal and a further five in front of previous champions SL Benfica. It meant they again would progress directly to the UEFA Champions League group stage. They also secured the double by winning the Portuguese Cup with a 1-0 defeat of Vitória FC.

**European record:** Porto disappointed in the group stage last season, being undermined by successive 3-2 defeats by Rangers FC and FC Artmedia. They then defeated FC Internazionale Milano 2-0 but a defeat in the Inter return and draws against Rangers and Artmedia left the club bottom of the section.

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### Key facts

- Porto have lost five and drawn one of their last seven away matches in the UEFA Champions League.
- They have played 93 games in the UEFA Champions League (group stage to final only), winning 35, drawing 25 and losing 33. They have scored 110 goals and conceded 107. In the European Champion Clubs' Cup/UEFA Champions League, Porto have played 144 matches with 61 wins, 35 draws, 48 defeats, 211 goals scored and 159 conceded.
- The Portuguese club shall reach the 250-match landmark in all UEFA club competitions by the end of the season having played 248 to date with 114 victories, 53 draws and 81 defeats, scoring 369 goals in the process while conceding 269.

### Records

#### UEFA club competition

- Biggest win

**9-0:** FC Porto v Rabat Ajax FC

17.09.1986, 1986/87 European Champion Clubs' Cup, first round, first leg

- Biggest home win

**9-0:** FC Porto v Rabat Ajax FC (see above for details)

- Biggest away win

**1-8:** FC Porto v Portadown FC

03.10.1990, 1990/91 European Champion Clubs' Cup, first round, second leg

- Heaviest defeat

**5-0:** PSV Eindhoven v FC Porto

26.10.1988, 1988/89 European Champion Clubs' Cup, second round, first leg

**6-1:** AEK Athens FC v FC Porto

13.09.1978, 1978/79 European Champion Clubs' Cup, first round, first leg

- Heaviest home defeat

**1-3:** FC Porto v Real Madrid CF

01.10.2003, 2003/04 UEFA Champions League, group stage

**0-2:** FC Porto v FC Barcelona

07.03.2000, 1999/2000 UEFA Champions League, second group stage

**0-2:** FC Porto v Real Madrid CF

01.10.1997, 1997/98 UEFA Champions League, group stage

**0-2:** FC Porto v FC Bayern München

20.03.1991, 1990/91 UEFA Champions League, quarter-finals, second leg

**0-2:** FC Porto v FC Nantes

15.09.1971, 1971/72 UEFA Cup, first round, first leg

**0-2:** FC Porto v TJ Cervená hviezda Bratislava

29.09.1959, 1959/60 European Champion Clubs' Cup, preliminary round, second leg

- Heaviest away defeat

**5-0:** PSV Eindhoven v FC Porto (see above for details)

**6-1:** AEK Athens FC v FC Porto (see above for details)

#### UEFA Champions League (group stage to final only)

- Biggest win

**0-5:** Werder Bremen v FC Porto

30.03.1994, 1993/94 UEFA Champions League, group stage

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- Biggest home win

**3-0:** FC Porto v Celtic FC

17.10.2001, 2001/02 UEFA Champions League, first group stage

**3-0:** FC Porto v AFC Ajax

09.12.1998, 1998/99 UEFA Champions League, group stage

**3-0:** FC Porto v NK Croatia Zagreb

21.10.1998, 1998/99 UEFA Champions League, group stage

**3-0:** FC Porto v Rosenborg BK

30.10.1996, 1996/97 UEFA Champions League, group stage

- Biggest away win

**0-5:** Werder Bremen v FC Porto (see above for details)

- Heaviest defeat

**4-0:** Real Madrid CF v FC Porto

10.12.1997, 1997/98 UEFA Champions League, group stage

**4-0:** Manchester United FC v FC Porto

05.03.1997, 1996/97 UEFA Champions League, quarter-finals, first leg

- Heaviest home defeat

**1-3:** FC Porto v Real Madrid CF (see above for details)

**0-2:** FC Porto v FC Barcelona (see above for details)

**0-2:** FC Porto v Real Madrid CF (see above for details)

**0-2:** FC Porto v FC Bayern München (see above for details)

- Heaviest away defeat

**4-0:** Real Madrid CF v FC Porto (see above for details)

**4-0:** Manchester United FC v FC Porto (see above for details)

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### Match facts

#### Group G

• Arsenal began their campaign with a 2-1 victory against Hamburger SV in Germany as Porto's match with PFC CSKA Moskva ended in stalemate in Portugal, in fixtures that will be reversed on Matchday 5 (21 November). While Arsenal and Porto meet in north London, Hamburg travel to CSKA on Matchday 2 with the sides scheduled to do battle again in Germany on Matchday 6 (6 December), when Porto play host to Arsenal. Porto take on Hamburg on Matchdays 3 (17 October) and 4 (1 November) in Portugal and Germany respectively, the same nights as CSKA meet Arsenal at home and then away.

#### Arsenal

• **Jens Lehmann** made his 50th UEFA Champions League appearance in the 2-1 win at Hamburger SV on Matchday 1. The German international goalkeeper becomes the fourth Arsenal player to reach that landmark after **Thierry Henry** (79 appearances), **Fredrik Ljungberg** (60) and **Lauren** (53).

• **Tomáš Rosický** featured for the 50th time in UEFA club competition in Germany two weeks ago. **William Gallas** (52 appearances), **Lauren** (72), **Ljungberg** (83), **Lehmann** (86) and **Henry** (104) had already passed their half-century. In addition, **Aleksandr Hleb** could reach 50 UEFA appearances in the home game against Hamburg on Matchday 5 having appeared 46 times.

• **Henry's** next goal will be his 50th in UEFA club competition, although the striker has not scored in his last five European appearances.

• **Johan Djourou** made his debut in the UEFA Champions League at Hamburg. It was the Swiss defender's third European match after he featured in both matches against NK Dinamo Zagreb in the third qualifying round.

• Three members of the Arsenal midfield celebrate birthdays in the first week of next month; **Julio Baptista** is 25 on 1 October, **Rosický** turns 26 three days later and **Gilberto** is 30 on 7 October.

• On Thursday, **Wenger** will celebrate his tenth anniversary as Arsenal manager.

• Arsenal won their first game at home in the Premiership this season on Saturday, defeating Sheffield United FC 3-0. It took the London side more than an hour to break down the top-flight newcomers before **Gallas** scored his first goal since moving from Chelsea FC in August. A Phil Jagielka own goal and an **Henry** strike sealed the three points.

• **Gallas's** opener represented the first time that Arsenal had scored the first goal in a match at the Arsenal Stadium in their fourth fixture there.

• **Henry's** goal was the Frenchman's first from open play this season.

• **Wenger** said: "We had to fight and Sheffield United played a very good game. They defended well and didn't hide when they had the chance to come out. We needed to make sure we didn't become too nervous and to continue to do things properly and keep calm and patient."

• Arsenal finally got their first victory of the Premiership season with a 1-0 triumph at Manchester United FC on 17 September. **Emmanuel Adebayor** scored the only goal in the closing stages.

• The victory was Arsenal's first at Old Trafford since a 2-0 FA Cup triumph there on 15 February 2003.

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- **Henry** missed the win following his foot injury in training before Arsenal's visit to Hamburg but returned against Sheffield United. **Robin van Persie** came on as a late substitute on Saturday after a hip injury, but **Theo Walcott** was sidelined again with a shoulder problem.
- Despite only winning twice in the league this season Arsenal have lost just once in all competitions, going down 1-0 at Manchester City FC on 26 August.
- The London club are undefeated at their new Arsenal Stadium in four competitive matches.
- Arsenal were unbeaten at their former home, Highbury, in the 2005/06 UEFA Champions League. The last visiting side in the competition to leave with victory were fellow English side Chelsea FC in the 2003/04 quarter-finals. Chelsea won the second leg 2-1 to complete a 3-2 aggregate success.
- Of their 13 goals scored in all competitions so far this season, nine different players have registered their name on the scoresheet for the London club, as well as one own goal.
- **Cesc Fabregas** and **Djourou** are the only players to have featured in every minute of Arsenal's games in all competitions this season.
- Boubacar Sanogo's late consolation for Hamburg in Arsenal's 2-1 Matchday 1 success was the first time goalkeeper **Lehmann** had conceded a UEFA Champions League goal in 853 minutes. The last time Lehmann was beaten was also in Germany, Hasan Salihamidžić scoring for FC Bayern München in the last-16 first leg in 2004/05.
- If **Walcott** finds the net against Hamburg he will become the youngest ever scorer in the UEFA Champions League at 17 years and 163 days. He has until Matchday 3 to beat the current record, set by Olympiacos CFP's Peter Oforiquaye against Rosenborg BK on 1 October 1997 aged 17 years and 195 days.

### Porto

- **Vítor Baía** is by a distance the most experienced member of the Porto squad having played in 56 UEFA Champions League matches and 108 in total in all UEFA club competition. The goalkeeper did not feature against PFC CSKA Moskva two weeks ago, however, with Brazilian **Helton** taking his bow both in the UEFA Champions League and European competition.
- Vítor Baía aside, only **Bosingwa** of the Porto squad has made more than 20 appearances in Europe's premier cup competition with 27 to his name from a total of 40 matches in UEFA club competition.
- Helton was one of five Porto players to make their debut in the UEFA Champions League proper on Matchday 1; the others were **Ezequias**, **Anderson**, **Tarik Sektioui** and **Adriano**. In addition, coach **Jesualdo Ferreira** was on the touchline for the first time in a UEFA Champions League group stage match and only the fifth time in UEFA competition.
- **Hélder Postiga** is the top scorer in UEFA club matches in the current Porto squad with six goals to his name, two more than **Sektioui** although neither has found the net in the UEFA Champions League proper.
- **Ricardo Quaresma** celebrates his 23rd birthday on the day Porto go to Arsenal, a week after **Alan** turned 27.
- Three players scored their first goals of the season as Porto defeated SC Beira-Mar 3-0 on Friday – the champions' fourth successive Liga victory. **Postiga**, **Lisandro López** and **Sektioui** were all on target.
- The win sent the reigning Portuguese champions to the top of the league with four wins out of four.

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- Portugal U21 midfielder **Diogo Valente** made his first appearance in Porto colours following his summer move from Boavista FC. The youngster actually began his career with Beira-Mar, his hometown club. Brazilian starlet **Anderson** dropped to the bench, with countryman **Jorginho** coming in. **Vítor Baía** was not selected in goal despite being fully fit.

- That decision was further good news for **Helton**, who has been called up by Brazil coach Dunga for the forthcoming friendlies against Kuwait and Ecuador.

- Despite dominating the first-half possession, Porto only found the net in the second period following the introduction of **Anderson** and **Lisandro López** in place of **Jorginho** and **Adriano**. Coach Ferreira said: "I made some changes to the team because we wanted to try out some new tactical ideas. We pushed a lot in the first half and reaped the rewards after the break. The new players added some aggression and I always felt we would win after taking the lead."

- Porto's perfect start to the new league season in Portugal also included a 2-0 victory at A. Naval 1º Maio on 17 September. **Marek Čech** opened the scoring in the tenth minute before Mário Sérgio put through his own goal 16 minutes later.

- **Čech**'s goal was his third of the season and came after the Slovakian defender had missed the match against CSKA Moskva with flu.

- Porto still have a lengthy injury list, however, with **João Paulo** (knee), **Tomislav Sokota** (achilles), **Pedro Emanuel** (achilles), **Bruno Moraes** (knee), **Raul Meireles** (foot) and **Ibson** (foot) all sidelined. Goalkeeper **Vítor Baía** also missed the win against Naval 1º Maio due to a leg injury.

- That win gave striker **Postiga** his first start of the season after previously appearing only as a substitute against CSKA.

- Porto coach **Ferreira** was delighted with the victory. He said: "In the first half we played with a lot of mobility and that worked fine. Then in the second half we were just playing for time and the result because we knew that victory was ours. After a week with three games it was crucial to win this match. Now we are top of the table and that's just what we want."

- Porto are yet to score a goal from a set-piece this season. They have found the net ten times overall so far.

- Porto celebrated the 50th anniversary of their debut in UEFA Club competition on 20 September. The Portuguese giants made their first appearance on 20 September 1956 against Athletic Club Bilbao, losing both games (2-1 and 3-2) in the preliminary round of the European Champion Clubs' Cup.

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### Competition facts

• **UEFA Champions League:** Did you know?

**Domestic champions:** This season's competition features 16 domestic league winners from last season, but none of the eight groups comprising the 2006/07 UEFA Champions League features four champions. Only Group A features three league winners from the last campaign with England, Spain and Bulgaria represented by their champions, namely Chelsea FC, FC Barcelona and PFC Levski Sofia. The fourth club in the group, Werder Bremen, finished second in last season's Bundesliga, five points behind FC Bayern München. All of the remaining groups feature two domestic league winners with the exception of Group H, where Belgian side RSC Anderlecht are the only champions. Group rivals AEK Athens FC were runners-up in Greece, while LOSC Lille Métropole and AC Milan were classified in third place in Ligue 1 and Serie A respectively. Alongside 16 champions, there are nine runners-up and six third-placed finishers. Arsenal FC are the only club in the group stage to have finished in fourth place in their domestic league championship last season.

**Consecutive participations:** This season, Manchester United FC have extended their consecutive participation in the UEFA Champions League to eleven, a record in the competition. Bayern, PSV Eindhoven, Olympiacos CFP and Real Madrid CF are making their tenth consecutive appearances, one ahead of Arsenal.

**Knockout streak:** In qualifying for the 2005/06 knockout phase, Real Madrid CF equalled Manchester United FC's record of nine consecutive seasons in advancing past the group stage. While United's streak came to an end last season, Madrid have featured in the knockout phase every time since the 1996/97 campaign. In those nine seasons, United won the competition once while they also advanced as far as the semi-finals twice, the quarter-finals four times and the first knockout round twice in the other eight seasons. Madrid, meanwhile, have won the competition three times in the last nine years while they advanced as far as the semi-finals twice and the quarter-finals twice. However, in the last two seasons their interest in the competition has ended at the first knockout round.

**European return:** Of all 32 clubs competing in this season's UEFA Champions League, only FC Spartak Moskva and FC Girondins de Bordeaux did not participate in a UEFA club competition during the 2005/06 season. Indeed, the two clubs are making their first appearance in UEFA club competition since the 2003/04 season.

**Past masters:** Four clubs competing in the 2006/07 UEFA Champions League were involved in the competition when it started during the 1992/93 season. AC Milan were beaten finalists (losing to Olympique de Marseille), while PSV Eindhoven, PFC CSKA Moskva and FC Porto all participated in the group stage. In addition, AEK Athens FC and FC Barcelona were knocked out in the second round, the last hurdle before the group stage.

**Long road for debutants:** Five clubs have advanced to the group stage from the European Champion Clubs' Cup second qualifying round including this season's two debutants, FC København and PFC Levski Sofia. They are joined by FC Spartak Moskva, FC Dynamo Kyiv and FC Steaua Bucuresti as clubs who had to play four matches to claim their place in the group stage of the competition. A debutant has not won the competition since Juventus in 1995/96, the Italian side becoming the third club to achieve this following Olympique de Marseille (1992/93, first UEFA Champions League final) and AFC Ajax (1994/95).

**No qualifiers:** Of the 32 clubs involved in the group stage, only AS Roma and FC Girondins de Bordeaux have yet to play a qualifying round match in order to reach the UEFA Champions League. Roma are making their fourth appearance in the competition, while Bordeaux are involved for the second time.

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**Pedigree:** Four of the former winners of the competition since it included a group stage element from the 1992/93 season are not participating in this season's UEFA Champions League, namely Olympique de Marseille (1992/93), AFC Ajax (1994/95), Juventus (1995/96) and BV Borussia Dortmund (1996/97). The last ten winners of the competition, Real Madrid CF (three), Manchester United FC, FC Bayern München, AC Milan, FC Porto, Liverpool FC and FC Barcelona are involved in this season's group stage. Only three winners from the last ten UEFA Cup finals are not involved in this season's UEFA Champions League group stage, namely Parma FC (1998/99), Feyenoord (2001/02) and Sevilla FC (2005/06). Liverpool and Porto have won both competitions in the past decade, while the remaining UEFA Cup winners in that time are FC Internazionale Milano, Galatasaray SK, Valencia CF and PFC CSKA Moskva.

• **UEFA Champions League:** All-time records

### Biggest wins

**8-3:** AS Monaco FC v RC Deportivo La Coruña (05.11.2003)

**7-0:** Juventus v Olympiacos CFP (10.12.2003)

**7-2:** Paris Saint-Germain FC v Rosenborg BK (24.10.2000)

**7-2:** Olympique Lyonnais v Werder Bremen (08.03.2005)

**6-0:** Olympique de Marseille v PFC CSKA Moskva (17.03.1993)

**6-0:** Leeds United AFC v Besiktas JK (26.09.2000)

**6-0:** Real Madrid CF v KRC Genk (25.09.2002)

Monaco's record victory was achieved in part thanks to the exploits of Dado Pršo, who scored four of his seven 2003/04 UEFA Champions League goals that evening against Deportivo. Only one team has scored more than five goals in an away game, Manchester United FC winning 6-2 at Brøndby IF in 1998/99.

### Most goals in a season

**12:** Ruud van Nistelrooy (Manchester United FC, 2002/03)

**10:** Alessandro Del Piero (Juventus, 1997/98)

**10:** Mário Jardel (FC Porto, 1999/00)

**10:** Rivaldo (FC Barcelona, 1999/00)

**10:** Raúl González (Real Madrid CF, 1999/00)

**10:** Ruud van Nistelrooy (Manchester United FC, 2001/02)

**10:** Filippo Inzaghi (AC Milan, 2002/03)

Andriy Shevchenko finished as top scorer in 2005/06 with nine goals, three behind the record mark set for one season in the competition.

### Four goals in a match

Marco van Basten (**AC Milan** 4-0 IFK Göteborg, 25.11.1992)

Simone Inzaghi (**S.S. Lazio** 5-1 Olympique de Marseille, 14.03.2000)

Dado Pršo (**AS Monaco FC** 8-3 RC Deportivo La Coruña, 05.11.2003)

Ruud van Nistelrooy (**Manchester United FC** 4-1 AC Sparta Praha, 03.11.2004)

Andriy Shevchenko (Fenerbahçe SK 0-4 **AC Milan**, 23.11.2005)

Of these four-goal hauls, Dado Pršo's against Deportivo was the quickest. He scored his first goal 26 minutes into the game and his fourth just 23 minutes later.

### Fastest goal in a match

**20.07 secs:** Gilberto (PSV Eindhoven 0-4 **Arsenal FC**, 25.09.2002)

**20.12 secs:** Alessandro Del Piero (Manchester United FC 3-2 **Juventus**, 01.10.1997)

**21.20 secs:** Clarence Seedorf (FC Schalke 04 2-2 **AC Milan**, 28.09.2005)

**25.40 secs:** Marek Kincl (Club Brugge KV 3-2 **SK Rapid Wien**, 02.11.2005)

**28.21 secs:** Mariano Bombarda (**Willem II** 3-4 AC Sparta Praha, 20.10.1999)

AC Milan's joy at Clarence Seedorf's first-minute goal against FC Schalke 04 in the 2005/06 group stage was short-lived - Søren Larsen equalised for the home side in the third minute.

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### Fastest hat-tricks

**9 mins:** Mike Newell (**Blackburn Rovers FC** 4-1 Rosenborg BK, 06.12.1995)

**19 mins:** Marco Simone (Rosenborg BK 1-4 **AC Milan**, 25.09.1996)

**19 mins:** Dado Pršo (**AS Monaco FC** 8-3 RC Deportivo La Coruña, 05.11.2003)

**21 mins:** Sigurd Rushfeldt (**Rosenborg BK** 3-0 Galatasaray SK, 21.10.1998)

**21 mins:** Simone Inzaghi (**S.S. Lazio** 5-1 Olympique de Marseille, 14.03.2000)

Rosenborg conceded 16 goals the season Mike Newell scored his rapid hat-trick, three fewer than the UEFA Champions League group stage record set by Hungarian side Ferencvárosi TC the same season.

### Youngest players to score

**17 years, 195 days:** Peter Oforiquaye (Rosenborg BK 5-1 **Olympiacos CFP**, 01.10.1997)

**17 years, 218 days:** Cesc Fabregas (**Arsenal FC** 5-1 Rosenborg BK, 07.12.2004)

**17 years, 241 days:** Martin Klein (Panathinaikos FC 2-1 **AC Sparta Praha**, 27.02.2002)

**17 years, 353 days:** Karim Benzema (**Olympique Lyonnais** 2-1 Rosenborg BK, 06.12.2005)

**18 years, 61 days:** Sammy Kuffour (**FC Bayern München** 2-2 FC Spartak Moskva, 02.11.1994)

**18 years, 70 days:** Andriy Shevchenko (**FC Dynamo Kyiv** 1-4 FC Bayern München, 07.12.1994)

Peter Oforiquaye became the youngest player to score, but Celestine Babayaro is still the youngest player to appear, having begun RSC Anderlecht's game against FC Steaua Bucuresti on 23 November 1994 aged 16 years and 87 days.

• **UEFA club competition and UEFA Champions League:** All-time record appearances and goalscoring

### Appearances: UEFA club competition

**Note:** Players listed in **bold** are still involved in this season's competitions (UEFA Champions League or UEFA Cup)

160 **Paolo Maldini** (AC Milan)

130 Frank de Boer (AFC Ajax, FC Barcelona, Galatasaray SK)

130 **Luís Figo** (Sporting Clube de Portugal, FC Barcelona, Real Madrid CF, FC Internazionale Milano)

125 **Oliver Kahn** (Karlsruher SC, FC Bayern München)

122 Zinedine Zidane (AS Cannes, FC Girondins de Bordeaux, Juventus, Real Madrid CF)

120 **Alessandro Costacurta** (AC Milan)

119-110

117 Giuseppe Bergomi (FC Internazionale Milano)

114 **Phillip Cocu** (BV Vitesse, PSV Eindhoven, FC Barcelona)

113 **Clarence Seedorf** (AFC Ajax, Real Madrid CF, FC Internazionale Milano, AC Milan)

112 Stefan Reuter (1. FC Nürnberg, FC Bayern München, Juventus, BV Borussia Dortmund)

110 Pavel Nedvěd (AC Sparta Praha, S.S. Lazio, Juventus)

110 **Raúl González** (Real Madrid CF)

110 **Roberto Carlos** (FC Internazionale Milano, Real Madrid CF)

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109 Amedeo Carboni (UC Sampdoria, AS Roma, Valencia CF)  
108 **Vitor Baía** (FC Porto, FC Barcelona)  
108 **David Beckham** (Manchester United FC, Real Madrid CF)  
107 Stefan Klos (BV Borussia Dortmund, Rangers FC)  
107 Roar Strand (Rosenborg BK)  
106 Filip De Wilde (KSK Beveren, RSC Anderlecht, Sporting Clube de Portugal)  
106 Alessandro Del Piero (Juventus)  
106 Fernando Hierro (Real Madrid CF)  
105 **Claude Makelele** (FC Nantes Atlantique, RC Celta de Vigo, Real Madrid CF, Chelsea FC)  
105 Michel Preud'homme (R. Standard de Liège, KV Mechelen, SL Benfica)  
105 Alessio Tacchinardi (Juventus, Villarreal CF)  
104 **Ryan Giggs** (Manchester United FC)  
104 **Thierry Henry** (AS Monaco FC, Juventus, Arsenal FC)  
104 **Lilian Thuram** (AS Monaco FC, Parma FC, Juventus, FC Barcelona)  
104 Gert Verheyen (RSC Anderlecht, Club Brugge KV)  
103 Ciro Ferrara (SSC Napoli, Juventus)  
103 **Gary Neville** (Manchester United FC)  
101 Bülent Korkmaz (Galatasaray SK)  
101 Manuel Sanchís (Real Madrid CF)  
100 Edgar Davids (AFC Ajax, AC Milan, Juventus, FC Internazionale Milano)  
100 Lothar Matthäus (VfL Borussia Mönchengladbach, FC Bayern München, FC Internazionale Milano)

99-95

99 Bixente Lizarazu (Athletic Club Bilbao, FC Girondins de Bordeaux, FC Bayern München)  
98 Angelo Peruzzi (AS Roma, Juventus, S.S. Lazio)  
97 Francisco Gento (Real Madrid CF)  
97 Karl-Heinz Rummenigge (FC Bayern München, FC Internazionale Milano, Servette FC)  
96 Marc Overmars (AFC Ajax, Arsenal FC, FC Barcelona)  
95 Ray Clemence (Liverpool FC, Tottenham Hotspur FC)  
95 Gheorghe Hagi (CF Sportul Studentesc, FC Steaua Bucuresti, Real Madrid CF, FC Barcelona, Galatasaray SK)  
95 Erik Hoftun (Rosenborg BK)

### Appearances: UEFA Champions League

**Note:** This list considers group stage to final only; Players listed in **bold** are still involved in this season's competitions (UEFA Champions League or UEFA Cup)

102 **Raúl González** (Real Madrid CF)  
100 **Roberto Carlos** (Real Madrid CF)

99-90

98 **David Beckham** (Manchester United FC, Real Madrid CF)  
97 **Paolo Maldini** (AC Milan)  
95 **Oliver Kahn** (FC Bayern München)  
93 **Gary Neville** (Manchester United FC)  
91 **Luís Figo** (FC Barcelona, Real Madrid CF, FC Internazionale Milano)

89-80

88 **Ryan Giggs** (Manchester United FC)  
85 **Paul Scholes** (Manchester United FC)  
83 **Clarence Seedorf** (AFC Ajax, Real Madrid CF, AC Milan)  
81 Frank de Boer (AFC Ajax, FC Barcelona, Galatasaray SK)  
80 **Andriy Shevchenko** (FC Dynamo Kyiv, AC Milan, Chelsea FC)  
80 Zinedine Zidane (Juventus, Real Madrid CF)

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79 Alessandro Del Piero (Juventus)  
79 **Thierry Henry** (AS Monaco FC, Arsenal FC)  
78 Alessio Tacchinardi (Juventus, Villarreal CF)  
77 **Michel Salgado** (Real Madrid CF)  
76 **Iván Helguera** (Real Madrid CF)  
76 **Fernando Morientes** (Real Madrid CF, AS Monaco FC, Liverpool FC, Valencia CF)  
76 **Hasan Salihamidžić** (FC Bayern München)  
75 **Guti** (Real Madrid CF)  
75 **Claude Makelele** (FC Nantes Atlantique, Real Madrid CF, Chelsea FC)  
74 Edgar Davids (AFC Ajax, AC Milan, Juventus, FC Internazionale Milano)  
74 Robert Pirès (Olympique de Marseille, Arsenal FC)  
72 **Iker Casillas** (Real Madrid CF)  
72 **Phillip Cocu** (PSV Eindhoven, FC Barcelona)  
72 Samuel Kuffour (FC Bayern München)  
72 **Michael Reiziger** (AFC Ajax, AC Milan, FC Barcelona, PSV Eindhoven)  
72 **Ole Gunnar Solskjær** (Manchester United FC)  
71 Roy Keane (Manchester United FC)  
71 **Sylvain Wiltord** (FC Girondins de Bordeaux, Arsenal FC, Olympique Lyonnais)

Others (involved in this season's competition only)

68 **Patrick Kluivert** (AFC Ajax, FC Barcelona)  
68 **Rivaldo** (FC Barcelona, AC Milan, Olympiacos CFP)  
67 **Mehmet Scholl** (FC Bayern München)  
65 **Mikaël Silvestre** (FC Internazionale Milano, Manchester United FC)  
64 **Patrick Vieira** (Arsenal FC, Juventus, FC Internazionale Milano)  
64 **Alessandro Costacurta** (AC Milan)  
63 **Alessandro Nesta** (S.S. Lazio, AC Milan)  
60 **Fredrik Ljungberg** (Arsenal FC)

### Goals: UEFA club competition

**Note:** Players listed in **bold** are still involved in this season's competitions (UEFA Champions League or UEFA Cup)

62 Gerd Müller (FC Bayern München)  
56 Eusébio (SL Benfica)  
56 **Andriy Shevchenko** (FC Dynamo Kyiv, AC Milan, Chelsea FC)  
55 **Filippo Inzaghi** (Parma FC, Juventus, AC Milan)  
53 **Raúl González** (Real Madrid CF)  
50 Alfredo Di Stéfano (Real Madrid CF)

49-45

49 **Thierry Henry** (AS Monaco FC, Juventus, Arsenal FC)  
47 Carlos Santillana (Real Madrid CF)  
47 **Ruud van Nistelrooy** (PSV Eindhoven, Manchester United FC, Real Madrid CF)  
46 Henrik Larsson (Feyenoord, Celtic FC, FC Barcelona)  
45 Alessandro Del Piero (Juventus)  
45 Jupp Heynckes (Hannover 96, VfL Borussia Mönchengladbach)

### Goals: UEFA Champions League

**Note:** This list considers group stage to final only; Players listed in **bold** are still involved in this season's competitions (UEFA Champions League or UEFA Cup)

51 **Raúl González** (Real Madrid CF)  
43 **Andriy Shevchenko** (FC Dynamo Kyiv, AC Milan)  
43 **Ruud van Nistelrooy** (PSV Eindhoven, Manchester United FC)  
41 **Thierry Henry** (AS Monaco FC, Arsenal FC)

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37 **Alessandro Del Piero** (Juventus)

35 **Filippo Inzaghi** (Juventus, AC Milan)

30 **Fernando Morientes** (Real Madrid CF, AS Monaco FC, Liverpool FC, Valencia CF)

29-20

29 **Patrick Kluivert** (AFC Ajax, FC Barcelona)

28 David Trezeguet (AS Monaco FC, Juventus)

27 **Roy Makaay** (RC Deportivo La Coruña, FC Bayern München)

27 **Rivaldo** (FC Barcelona, AC Milan, Olympiacos CFP)

25 Mário Jardel (FC Porto, Galatasaray SK)

24 Giovane Elber (FC Bayern München, Olympique Lyonnais)

24 **Luís Figo** (FC Barcelona, Real Madrid CF, FC Internazionale Milano)

23 **Hernán Crespo** (Parma FC, S.S. Lazio, FC Internazionale Milano, Chelsea FC, AC Milan)

23 Jari Litmanen (AFC Ajax, Liverpool FC)

21 **Ryan Giggs** (Manchester United FC)

20 **Serhiy Rebrov** (FC Dynamo Kyiv)

20 Marco Simone (AC Milan, Paris Saint-Germain FC, AS Monaco FC)

Others (involved in this season's competition only)

19 **Paul Scholes** (Manchester United FC)

19 **Ole Gunnar Solskjær** (Manchester United FC)

### Goals: UEFA Champions League/European Champion Clubs' Cup

**Note:** This list considers the all-time goalscorers list in both competitions including all qualifying round matches;

Players listed in bold are still involved in this season's competitions (UEFA Champions League or UEFA Cup)

52 **Andriy Shevchenko** (FC Dynamo Kyiv, AC Milan, Chelsea FC)

51 **Raúl González** (Real Madrid CF)

49-40

49 Alfredo Di Stéfano (Real Madrid CF)

47 Eusébio (SL Benfica)

47 **Ruud van Nistelrooy** (PSV Eindhoven, Manchester United FC, Real Madrid CF)

41 **Thierry Henry** (AS Monaco FC, Juventus, Arsenal FC)

39-36

38 Alessandro Del Piero (Juventus)

37 **Filippo Inzaghi** (Parma FC, Juventus, AC Milan)

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### UEFA information

A UEFA technical report says the most successful teams in last season's UEFA Champions League were able to find the right blend of brilliance and pragmatism. "There can be no doubting that defensive blocks were impressively efficient, or that counterattacking has become a crucial weapon in the modern armoury," said the report produced by UEFA's football development division under technical director Andy Roxburgh in conjunction with a distinguished team of coaches including Rafael Benítez, Sir Alex Ferguson and Gérard Houllier. The number of goals (not including the qualifying competition) in 2005/06 totalled 285 - a drop of 46 on the previous season.

UEFA officials met their counterparts from the European federations of basketball (FIBA Europe), handball (EHF), ice hockey (IIHF) and volleyball (CEV) in Brussels on 20 September to discuss the future of sport on the continent. The federations underlined the need to recognise the specificity of sport as an activity with a social, educational and cultural role – and said it was essential to maintain their autonomy as decision-making bodies. They expressed their support of the Independent European Sport Review as a means of implementing the content of the Nice Declaration on the Specific Characteristics of sport. They also welcomed the White Paper project launched by the European Commission and said that the Independent European Sport Review should be incorporated into it.

Italy's FIFA World Cup-winning captain Fabio Cannavaro gave his backing to World Heart Day on Sunday, for which the World Health Federation and UEFA united to promote physical activity and sport as an important element in tackling the rising levels of obesity, particularly among children. "I know my heart is the strongest, most important muscle in my body and a winning performance depends on its vitality," said the Real Madrid CF defender. UEFA's role in backing World Heart Day - with events taking place in more than 100 countries - was the promotion of physical exercise through playing football, not only as a source of enjoyment but also to maintain physical fitness.

The deployment by a coach of one sole striker in a tactical system does not necessarily imply negative thinking - and football's lawmaking authorities are being asked to examine the offside rule and its interpretation. These were two key elements that emerged from a three-day FIFA/UEFA gathering in Berlin a fortnight ago, in which national-team coaches, technical directors and experts from Europe and beyond examined the technical and tactical trends that were evident in both the FIFA World Cup in Germany and last season's UEFA Champions League.

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### Head coach profiles

#### **Arsène Wenger**

**Date of birth:** 22 October 1949

**Nationality:** French

**Playing career:** AS Mutzig, FC Mulhouse, AS Vauban, RC Strasbourg

**Coaching career:** RC Strasbourg (assistant coach), AS Cannes (assistant coach), AS Nancy-Lorraine, AS Monaco FC, Nagoya Grampus Eight, Arsenal FC

Arsène Wenger was never covered in glory as a player, but has more than made up for his lack of playing success in his time as a coach, turning Arsenal FC into one of Europe's top teams thanks to his incredible eye for a bargain and an astute footballing mind.

Born in Strasbourg, Wenger worked at RC Strasbourg and AS Cannes before AS Nancy-Lorraine offered him his big break. He impressed sufficiently to be offered the job as coach of AS Monaco FC in 1987. Within a year Monaco scooped the French championship and Wenger the Manager of the Year award. He reportedly turned down France and FC Bayern München to continue at Monaco, although he did subsequently move on to Japan and enjoy tremendous success with Nagoya Grampus Eight.

Appointed by Arsenal in September 1996, Wenger became the first foreigner to win the Premiership in 1998, adding the first of four FA Cup triumphs to boot. The Gunners lost the 2000 UEFA Cup final to Galatasaray SK but claimed another double in 2002, and in 2004 played some swashbuckling football en route to becoming the first team since 1889 to negotiate a top-flight season unbeaten. Wenger, given the freedom of Islington for his domestic success in north London, nearly topped all of his achievements by taking Arsenal to the UEFA Champions League final last May, only for FC Barcelona to come from behind for a 2-1 victory.

#### **Jesualdo Ferreira**

**Date of birth:** 6 June 1946

**Nationality:** Portuguese

**Coaching career:** A. Académica de Coimbra, CF Estrela da Amadora, FAR Rabat, Portuguese Football Association (youth coach), FC Alverca, SL Benfica, SC Braga, Boavista FC, FC Porto

Manuel Jesualdo Ferreira has come a long way before arriving at FC Porto prior in summer 2006 at the age of 60. Despite a low-key playing career, it gave him a valuable grounding and he was quick to put those lessons into practice as a coach at A. Académica de Coimbra and CF Estrela da Amadora. His career took a step forward as assistant to António Oliveira at SL Benfica, and he was part of the coaching set-up that brought the Portuguese title to the Lisbon club in 1993/94. He then moved abroad to take charge of Moroccan outfit FAR Rabat.

He returned to his homeland within a year to work with the Portuguese Football Association between 1996 and 2000, including an assistant role in the senior set-up and responsibility for the Under-21 side. He then had a brief spell at FC Alverca before returning to Benfica but failed to make an impact after taking full control of first-team affairs and left in April 2003. Success with SC Braga was just around the corner, however, whom he guided to fifth place in 2003/04 and fourth in each of the following two seasons.

He was naturally a coach in demand and in May 2006 was given the reins at Boavista FC, only to leave without taking charge of a single competitive match. The vacancy at cross-city rivals Porto was too good to resist the following August and he did not hesitate in signing a one-year contract with the 2004 UEFA Champions League winners. Having taken unfashionable Braga into the UEFA Cup three seasons running, including the 2006/07 campaign, Ferreira has a chance for glory in the finest club competition of all.

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### Squad list

#### Arsenal

| No                 | Player            | Nat. | DoB      | Current Season |     |     |     |        |     | All-time |     |      |     |
|--------------------|-------------------|------|----------|----------------|-----|-----|-----|--------|-----|----------|-----|------|-----|
|                    |                   |      |          | UCLQ           |     | UCL |     | League |     | UCL      |     | UEFA |     |
|                    |                   |      |          | Pld            | Gls | Pld | Gls | Pld    | Gls | Pld      | Gls | Pld  | Gls |
| <b>Goalkeepers</b> |                   |      |          |                |     |     |     |        |     |          |     |      |     |
| 1                  | Jens Lehmann      | GER  | 10.11.69 | -              | -   | 1   | -   | 5      | -   | 50       | -   | 86   | -   |
| 21                 | Mart Poom         | EST  | 03.02.72 | -              | -   | -   | -   | -      | -   | -        | -   | 2    | -   |
| 24                 | Manuel Almunia    | ESP  | 19.05.77 | 2              | -   | -   | -   | -      | -   | 7        | -   | 9    | -   |
| 36                 | Vito Mannone      | ITA  | 02.03.88 | -              | -   | -   | -   | -      | -   | -        | -   | -    | -   |
| <b>Defenders</b>   |                   |      |          |                |     |     |     |        |     |          |     |      |     |
| 5                  | Kolo Touré        | CIV  | 19.03.81 | 2              | -   | 1   | -   | 5      | -   | 38       | 2   | 40   | 2   |
| 6                  | Philippe Senderos | SUI  | 14.02.85 | -              | -   | -   | -   | -      | -   | 8        | -   | 10   | -   |
| 10                 | William Gallas    | FRA  | 17.08.77 | -              | -   | 1   | -   | 3      | 1   | 38       | 2   | 52   | 2   |
| 12                 | Lauren            | CMR  | 19.01.77 | -              | -   | -   | -   | -      | -   | 53       | 1   | 72   | 2   |
| 20                 | Johan Djourou     | SUI  | 18.01.87 | 2              | -   | 1   | -   | 5      | -   | 1        | -   | 3    | -   |
| 22                 | Gaël Clichy       | FRA  | 26.07.85 | -              | -   | -   | -   | -      | -   | 7        | -   | 7    | -   |
| 27                 | Emmanuel Eboué    | CIV  | 04.06.83 | 2              | -   | 1   | -   | 5      | -   | 12       | -   | 21   | -   |
| 31                 | Justin Hoyte      | ENG  | 20.11.84 | 2              | -   | 1   | -   | 2      | -   | 3        | -   | 5    | -   |
| 33                 | Matthew Connolly  | ENG  | 24.09.87 | -              | -   | -   | -   | -      | -   | -        | -   | -    | -   |
| 34                 | Ryan Garry        | ENG  | 29.09.83 | -              | -   | -   | -   | -      | -   | -        | -   | -    | -   |
| <b>Midfielders</b> |                   |      |          |                |     |     |     |        |     |          |     |      |     |
| 2                  | Abou Diaby        | FRA  | 11.05.86 | -              | -   | -   | -   | -      | -   | 2        | -   | 6    | -   |
| 4                  | Cesc Fabregas     | ESP  | 04.05.87 | 2              | 2   | 1   | -   | 5      | -   | 19       | 2   | 21   | 4   |
| 7                  | Tomáš Rosický     | CZE  | 04.10.80 | 1              | -   | 1   | 1   | 4      | -   | 32       | 9   | 50   | 9   |
| 8                  | Fredrik Ljungberg | SWE  | 16.04.77 | 1              | 1   | -   | -   | 4      | -   | 60       | 13  | 83   | 16  |
| 9                  | Julio Baptista    | BRA  | 01.10.81 | -              | -   | 1   | -   | 3      | -   | 8        | -   | 16   | 5   |
| 13                 | Aleksandr Hleb    | BLS  | 01.05.81 | 2              | -   | 1   | -   | 5      | -   | 19       | -   | 46   | 4   |
| 15                 | Denilson          | BRA  | 16.02.88 | -              | -   | -   | -   | -      | -   | -        | -   | -    | -   |
| 16                 | Mathieu Flamini   | FRA  | 07.03.84 | 2              | 1   | 1   | -   | 3      | -   | 17       | -   | 28   | 1   |
| 17                 | Alexandre Song    | CMR  | 09.09.87 | -              | -   | -   | -   | -      | -   | 2        | -   | 2    | -   |
| 19                 | Gilberto          | BRA  | 07.10.76 | 2              | -   | 1   | 1   | 5      | 1   | 32       | 4   | 34   | 4   |
| <b>Forwards</b>    |                   |      |          |                |     |     |     |        |     |          |     |      |     |
| 11                 | Robin van Persie  | NED  | 06.08.83 | 2              | 1   | 1   | -   | 4      | -   | 16       | 3   | 28   | 4   |
| 14                 | Thierry Henry     | FRA  | 17.08.77 | 1              | -   | -   | -   | 4      | 2   | 79       | 41  | 104  | 49  |
| 25                 | Emmanuel Adebayor | TGO  | 26.02.84 | 2              | -   | 1   | -   | 5      | 1   | 18       | 1   | 29   | 5   |
| 30                 | Jérémie Aliadière | FRA  | 30.03.83 | 1              | -   | -   | -   | -      | -   | 1        | -   | 4    | -   |
| 32                 | Theo Walcott      | ENG  | 16.03.89 | 1              | -   | -   | -   | 2      | -   | -        | -   | 1    | -   |
| <b>Coach</b>       |                   |      |          |                |     |     |     |        |     |          |     |      |     |
|                    | Arsène Wenger     | FRA  | 22.10.49 | 2              | -   | 1   | -   | -      | -   | 89       | -   | 136  | -   |

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### Squad list

#### Porto

| No                 | Player            | Nat. | DoB      | Current Season |     |     |     |        |     | All-time |     |      |     |
|--------------------|-------------------|------|----------|----------------|-----|-----|-----|--------|-----|----------|-----|------|-----|
|                    |                   |      |          | UCLQ           |     | UCL |     | League |     | UCL      |     | UEFA |     |
|                    |                   |      |          | Pld            | Gls | Pld | Gls | Pld    | Gls | Pld      | Gls | Pld  | Gls |
| <b>Goalkeepers</b> |                   |      |          |                |     |     |     |        |     |          |     |      |     |
| 1                  | Helton            | BRA  | 18.05.78 | -              | -   | 1   | -   | 4      | -   | 1        | -   | 11   | -   |
| 24                 | Paulo Ribeiro     | POR  | 06.03.84 | -              | -   | -   | -   | -      | -   | -        | -   | -    | -   |
| 32                 | Hugo Ventura      | POR  | 14.01.88 | -              | -   | -   | -   | -      | -   | -        | -   | -    | -   |
| 99                 | Vítor Baía        | POR  | 15.10.69 | -              | -   | -   | -   | -      | -   | 56       | -   | 108  | -   |
| <b>Defenders</b>   |                   |      |          |                |     |     |     |        |     |          |     |      |     |
| 2                  | Ricardo Costa     | POR  | 16.05.81 | -              | -   | -   | -   | -      | -   | 11       | 1   | 19   | 2   |
| 3                  | Pepe              | BRA  | 26.02.83 | -              | -   | 1   | -   | 4      | -   | 11       | 2   | 12   | 2   |
| 5                  | Marek Čech        | SVK  | 26.01.83 | -              | -   | -   | -   | 4      | 1   | 5        | -   | 9    | -   |
| 12                 | Bosingwa          | POR  | 24.08.82 | -              | -   | 1   | -   | 4      | -   | 27       | -   | 40   | -   |
| 13                 | Fucile            | URU  | 19.11.84 | -              | -   | -   | -   | -      | -   | -        | -   | -    | -   |
| 14                 | Bruno Alves       | POR  | 27.11.81 | -              | -   | 1   | -   | 3      | -   | 4        | -   | 9    | -   |
| 15                 | Ezequias          | BRA  | 28.01.81 | -              | -   | 1   | -   | -      | -   | 1        | -   | 1    | -   |
| 26                 | João Paulo        | POR  | 06.06.81 | -              | -   | -   | -   | -      | -   | -        | -   | 12   | -   |
| <b>Midfielders</b> |                   |      |          |                |     |     |     |        |     |          |     |      |     |
| 6                  | Ibson             | BRA  | 07.11.83 | -              | -   | -   | -   | 1      | -   | 3        | -   | 3    | -   |
| 7                  | Ricardo Quaresma  | POR  | 26.09.83 | -              | -   | 1   | -   | 3      | 1   | 15       | -   | 27   | 1   |
| 8                  | Lucho González    | ARG  | 19.01.81 | -              | -   | 1   | -   | 4      | 1   | 7        | 1   | 7    | 1   |
| 10                 | Anderson          | BRA  | 13.04.88 | -              | -   | 1   | -   | 4      | -   | 1        | -   | 1    | -   |
| 11                 | Tarik Sektioui    | NED  | 13.05.77 | -              | -   | 1   | -   | 3      | 1   | 1        | -   | 27   | 4   |
| 16                 | Raul Meireles     | POR  | 17.03.83 | -              | -   | -   | -   | 2      | 1   | 2        | -   | 2    | -   |
| 18                 | Paulo Assunção    | BRA  | 25.01.80 | -              | -   | 1   | -   | 4      | -   | 5        | -   | 10   | -   |
| 21                 | Alan              | BRA  | 19.09.79 | -              | -   | 1   | -   | -      | -   | 5        | -   | 9    | -   |
| 30                 | Fabinho           | POR  | 11.01.88 | -              | -   | -   | -   | -      | -   | -        | -   | -    | -   |
| 31                 | Diogo Valente     | POR  | 23.09.84 | -              | -   | -   | -   | -      | -   | -        | -   | -    | -   |
| 35                 | André Castro      | POR  | 02.04.88 | -              | -   | -   | -   | -      | -   | -        | -   | -    | -   |
| <b>Forwards</b>    |                   |      |          |                |     |     |     |        |     |          |     |      |     |
| 9                  | Lisandro López    | ITA  | 02.03.83 | -              | -   | 1   | -   | 4      | 1   | 3        | 1   | 3    | 1   |
| 17                 | Vieirinha         | POR  | 24.01.86 | -              | -   | -   | -   | 2      | -   | -        | -   | -    | -   |
| 20                 | Jorginho          | BRA  | 06.05.77 | -              | -   | -   | -   | -      | -   | 6        | -   | 6    | -   |
| 23                 | Hélder Postiga    | POR  | 02.08.82 | -              | -   | 1   | -   | 3      | 1   | 17       | -   | 32   | 6   |
| 28                 | Adriano           | BRA  | 03.01.79 | -              | -   | 1   | -   | -      | -   | 1        | -   | 3    | 1   |
| 29                 | Bruno Moraes      | BRA  | 07.07.84 | -              | -   | -   | -   | -      | -   | 2        | -   | 2    | -   |
| 33                 | Daniel Candeias   | POR  | 25.02.88 | -              | -   | -   | -   | -      | -   | -        | -   | -    | -   |
| 34                 | André Monteiro    | POR  | 16.03.88 | -              | -   | -   | -   | -      | -   | -        | -   | -    | -   |
| 36                 | Rui Pedro         | POR  | 02.07.88 | -              | -   | -   | -   | -      | -   | -        | -   | -    | -   |
| <b>Coach</b>       |                   |      |          |                |     |     |     |        |     |          |     |      |     |
|                    | Jesualdo Ferreira | POR  | 24.05.46 | -              | -   | 1   | -   | -      | -   | 1        | -   | 5    | -   |

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### Bookings list - Group G

#### PFC CSKA Moskva

| No | Player                   | Matchday |   |   |   |   |   | KO1 |     | QF  |     | SF  |     | F |
|----|--------------------------|----------|---|---|---|---|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---|
|    |                          | 1        | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 1st | 2nd | 1st | 2nd | 1st | 2nd |   |
| 18 | Yuri ZIRKOV              | Y        |   |   |   |   |   |     |     |     |     |     |     |   |
| 20 | Alexandro SILVA DE SOUSA | Y        |   |   |   |   |   |     |     |     |     |     |     |   |
| 25 | Elvir RAHIMIC            | Y        |   |   |   |   |   |     |     |     |     |     |     |   |

#### Hamburger SV

| No | Player            | Matchday |   |   |   |   |   | KO1 |     | QF  |     | SF  |     | F |
|----|-------------------|----------|---|---|---|---|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---|
|    |                   | 1        | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 1st | 2nd | 1st | 2nd | 1st | 2nd |   |
| 12 | Sasha KIRSCHSTEIN | R        | S |   |   |   |   |     |     |     |     |     |     |   |

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### Domestic information

#### Arsenal FC (Premiership)

|        | Date       | Opponent                   | Res | Lineups  |
|--------|------------|----------------------------|-----|--|
| League | 09.09.2006 | v Middlesbrough FC (H)     | 1-1 | Lehmann, Eboué, Kolo Touré, Djourou, Gallas, Hleb, Fabregas, Gilberto (Rosický 69), Ljungberg (Baptista 69), Van Persie (Adebayor 69), Henry |
| League | 17.09.2006 | v Manchester United FC (A) | 1-0 | Lehmann, Eboué, Djourou, Kolo Touré, Gallas, Rosický, Ljungberg, Gilberto, Fabregas, Hleb (Baptista 68), Adebayor (Flamini 88)               |
| League | 23.09.2006 | v Sheffield United FC (H)  | 3-0 | Lehmann, Eboué, Kolo Touré, Djourou, Gallas, Ljungberg (Baptista 78), Fabregas, Gilberto, Rosický (Hleb 71), Adebayor (Van Persie 71), Henry |

|        | Date       | Opponent                   | Res | Goalscorers             |
|--------|------------|----------------------------|-----|-------------------------|
| League | 19.08.2006 | v Aston Villa FC (H)       | 1-1 | Gilberto                |
| League | 26.08.2006 | v Manchester City FC (A)   | 0-1 |                         |
| League | 09.09.2006 | v Middlesbrough FC (H)     | 1-1 | Henry (pen)             |
| League | 17.09.2006 | v Manchester United FC (A) | 1-0 | Adebayor                |
| League | 23.09.2006 | v Sheffield United FC (H)  | 3-0 | Own goal, Gallas, Henry |
| League | 30.09.2006 | v Charlton Athletic FC (A) |     |                         |
| League | 14.10.2006 | v Watford FC (H)           |     |                         |
| League | 22.10.2006 | v Reading FC (A)           |     |                         |
| League | 28.10.2006 | v Everton FC (H)           |     |                         |
| League | 05.11.2006 | v West Ham United FC (A)   |     |                         |
| League | 12.11.2006 | v Liverpool FC (H)         |     |                         |
| League | 18.11.2006 | v Newcastle United FC (H)  |     |                         |
| League | 25.11.2006 | v Bolton Wanderers FC (A)  |     |                         |
| League | 29.11.2006 | v Fulham FC (A)            |     |                         |
| League | 02.12.2006 | v Tottenham Hotspur FC (H) |     |                         |
| League | 10.12.2006 | v Chelsea FC (A)           |     |                         |
| League | 13.12.2006 | v Wigan Athletic FC (A)    |     |                         |
| League | 16.12.2006 | v Portsmouth FC (H)        |     |                         |
| League | 23.12.2006 | v Blackburn Rovers FC (H)  |     |                         |
| League | 26.12.2006 | v Watford FC (A)           |     |                         |
| League | 30.12.2006 | v Sheffield United FC (A)  |     |                         |
| League | 01.01.2007 | v Charlton Athletic FC (H) |     |                         |
| League | 13.01.2007 | v Blackburn Rovers FC (A)  |     |                         |
| League | 20.01.2007 | v Manchester United FC (H) |     |                         |
| League | 30.01.2007 | v Manchester City FC (H)   |     |                         |
| League | 03.02.2007 | v Middlesbrough FC (A)     |     |                         |
| League | 10.02.2007 | v Wigan Athletic FC (H)    |     |                         |
| League | 24.02.2007 | v Aston Villa FC (A)       |     |                         |
| League | 03.03.2007 | v Reading FC (H)           |     |                         |
| League | 17.03.2007 | v Everton FC (A)           |     |                         |

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| Rank | Clubs                | Pld | W | D | L | GF | GA | Pts |
|------|----------------------|-----|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| 1    | Chelsea FC           | 6   | 5 | 0 | 1 | 11 | 3  | 15  |
| 2    | Portsmouth FC        | 5   | 4 | 1 | 0 | 9  | 0  | 13  |
| 3    | Manchester United FC | 6   | 4 | 1 | 1 | 12 | 4  | 13  |
| 4    | Everton FC           | 6   | 3 | 3 | 0 | 11 | 5  | 12  |
| 5    | Aston Villa FC       | 6   | 3 | 3 | 0 | 8  | 3  | 12  |
| 6    | Liverpool FC         | 6   | 3 | 1 | 2 | 8  | 6  | 10  |
| 7    | Reading FC           | 6   | 3 | 1 | 2 | 8  | 7  | 10  |
| 8    | <b>Arsenal FC</b>    | 5   | 2 | 2 | 1 | 6  | 3  | 8   |
| 9    | Bolton Wanderers FC  | 5   | 2 | 2 | 1 | 4  | 3  | 8   |
| 10   | Blackburn Rovers FC  | 6   | 2 | 2 | 2 | 6  | 8  | 8   |
| 11   | Fulham FC            | 6   | 2 | 2 | 2 | 5  | 9  | 8   |
| 12   | Newcastle United FC  | 6   | 2 | 1 | 3 | 6  | 8  | 7   |
| 13   | Manchester City FC   | 6   | 2 | 1 | 3 | 5  | 8  | 7   |
| 14   | Wigan Athletic FC    | 5   | 1 | 2 | 2 | 5  | 6  | 5   |
| 15   | West Ham United FC   | 6   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 6  | 9  | 5   |
| 16   | Middlesbrough FC     | 6   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 5  | 10 | 5   |
| 17   | Tottenham Hotspur FC | 6   | 1 | 1 | 4 | 2  | 8  | 4   |
| 18   | Watford FC           | 6   | 0 | 3 | 3 | 4  | 7  | 3   |
| 19   | Charlton Athletic FC | 6   | 1 | 0 | 5 | 4  | 11 | 3   |
| 20   | Sheffield United FC  | 6   | 0 | 2 | 4 | 2  | 9  | 2   |

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### Domestic information

#### FC Porto (SuperLiga)

|        | Date       | Opponent                    | Res | Lineups   |
|--------|------------|-----------------------------|-----|---|
| League | 10.09.2006 | v CF Estrela da Amadora (A) | 3-0 | Helton, Pepe, Čech, Bosingwa, Bruno Alves, Lucho González, Raul Meireles, Anderson, Lisandro López (Hélder Postiga 46), Sektioui (Ibson 67, Paulo Assunção 81), Adriano |
| League | 17.09.2006 | v A. Naval 1° Maio (A)      | 2-0 | Helton, Pepe, Čech, Quaresma, Lucho González, Anderson (Vieirinha 78), Bosingwa, Bruno Alves, Paulo Assunção (Jorginho 64), Hélder Postiga (Lisandro López 73), Adriano |
| League | 22.09.2006 | v SC Beira-Mar (H)          | 3-0 | Helton, Bosingwa, Pepe, Bruno Alves, Čech, Paulo Assunção, Lucho González, Jorginho (Anderson 46), Quaresma, Hélder Postiga (Sektioui 68), Adriano (Lisandro López 46)  |

|        | Date       | Opponent                         | Res | Goalscorers                              |
|--------|------------|----------------------------------|-----|--|
| League | 25.08.2006 | v UD Leiria (H)                  | 2-1 | Adriano, Quaresma                        |
| League | 10.09.2006 | v CF Estrela da Amadora (A)      | 3-0 | Raul Meireles, Own goal, Lucho González  |
| League | 17.09.2006 | v A. Naval 1° Maio (A)           | 2-0 | Čech, Own goal                           |
| League | 22.09.2006 | v SC Beira-Mar (H)               | 3-0 | Hélder Postiga, Sektioui, Lisandro López |
| League | 01.10.2006 | v SC Braga (A)                   |     |  |
| League | 15.10.2006 | v CS Marítimo (H)                |     |  |
| League | 22.10.2006 | v Sporting Clube de Portugal (A) |     |  |
| League | 29.10.2006 | v SL Benfica (H)                 |     |  |
| League | 05.11.2006 | v Vitória FC (A)                 |     |  |
| League | 19.11.2006 | v A. Académica de Coimbra (H)    |     |  |
| League | 26.11.2006 | v CF Os Belenenses (A)           |     |  |
| League | 03.12.2006 | v Boavista FC (H)                |     |  |
| League | 10.12.2006 | v CD Nacional (A)                |     |  |
| League | 17.12.2006 | v FC Paços de Ferreira (H)       |     |  |
| League | 14.01.2007 | v CD Das Aves (A)                |     |  |
| League | 28.01.2007 | v UD Leiria (A)                  |     |  |
| League | 04.02.2007 | v CF Estrela da Amadora (H)      |     |  |
| League | 18.02.2007 | v A. Naval 1° Maio (H)           |     |  |
| League | 25.02.2007 | v SC Beira-Mar (A)               |     |  |
| League | 04.03.2007 | v SC Braga (H)                   |     |  |
| League | 11.03.2007 | v CS Marítimo (A)                |     |  |
| League | 18.03.2007 | v Sporting Clube de Portugal (H) |     |  |
| League | 01.04.2007 | v SL Benfica (A)                 |     |  |
| League | 07.04.2007 | v Vitória FC (H)                 |     |  |
| League | 15.04.2007 | v A. Académica de Coimbra (A)    |     |  |
| League | 22.04.2007 | v CF Os Belenenses (H)           |     |  |
| League | 29.04.2007 | v Boavista FC (A)                |     |  |
| League | 06.05.2007 | v CD Nacional (H)                |     |  |
| League | 13.05.2007 | v FC Paços de Ferreira (A)       |     |  |

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| Rank | Clubs                      | Pld | W | D | L | GF | GA | Pts |
|------|----------------------------|-----|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| 1    | <b>FC Porto</b>            | 4   | 4 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 1  | 12  |
| 2    | Sporting Clube de Portugal | 4   | 3 | 0 | 1 | 6  | 3  | 9   |
| 3    | SC Braga                   | 4   | 2 | 1 | 1 | 3  | 2  | 7   |
| 4    | FC Paços de Ferreira       | 4   | 2 | 1 | 1 | 5  | 4  | 7   |
| 5    | A. Naval 1º Maio           | 4   | 2 | 1 | 1 | 4  | 3  | 7   |
| 6    | SC Beira-Mar               | 4   | 1 | 2 | 1 | 6  | 7  | 5   |
| 7    | CF Os Belenenses           | 3   | 1 | 2 | 0 | 3  | 1  | 5   |
| 8    | CS Marítimo                | 3   | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2  | 2  | 4   |
| 9    | UD Leiria                  | 3   | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4  | 4  | 4   |
| 10   | Vitória FC                 | 3   | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2  | 3  | 4   |
| 11   | SL Benfica                 | 3   | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2  | 4  | 4   |
| 12   | Boavista FC                | 3   | 1 | 0 | 2 | 5  | 4  | 3   |
| 13   | A. Académica de Coimbra    | 3   | 0 | 2 | 1 | 3  | 4  | 2   |
| 14   | CD Das Aves                | 4   | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2  | 5  | 2   |
| 15   | CF Estrela da Amadora      | 4   | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0  | 7  | 1   |
| 16   | CD Nacional                | 3   | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0  | 3  | 0   |

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### Match officials

|                           |   |
|---------------------------|---|
| <b>Referee</b>            | Stefano Farina (ITA)                              |
| <b>Assistant referees</b> | Alessandro Stagnoli (ITA), Giorgio Niccolai (ITA) |
| <b>Fourth official</b>    | Paolo Tagliavento (ITA)                           |
| <b>UEFA Delegate</b>      | Robert Sterckx (BEL)                              |

### Referee

| Name           | Nat. | DoB        | UCL | UEFA |
|----------------|------|------------|-----|------|
| Stefano Farina | ITA  | 19.09.1962 | 6   | 20   |

Stefano Farina followed in the footsteps of compatriots Sergio Gonella, Luigi Agnolin and Piero Ceccarini when he was appointed to control one of European football's flagship matches - the 2006 UEFA Super Cup.

Born on 19 September 1962, Farina is an insurance agent based in Rome who lists ancient Roman history among his hobbies and also doubles up as tennis instructor. He has been refereeing since 1979, made his top-flight debut in 1995 (a game between US Foggia and AC Reggiana) and earned his FIFA badge in 2001. He took charge of his first UEFA Champions League qualifying fixture that same summer and by September 2003 was refereeing games in the competition proper as well UEFA Cup ties and UEFA European Championship qualifiers.

Farina topped up his air miles in summer 2004 when overseeing two FIFA World Cup qualifiers; Tahiti against Fiji and New Zealand versus Vanuatu. A regular in the UEFA Champions League for the last two seasons, three of his four matches last term involved English clubs. Farina has also proved adept at controlling two of European football's most passionate derbies in Rome and Milan, so it was no surprise to see him appointed for the all-Spanish Super Cup in which Sevilla FC turned on the style to defeat FC Barcelona 3-0 in Monaco.

### UEFA Champions League matches involving teams from the two countries involved in this match

| Date       | Comp. | Stage | Match                     | Res | Venue    |
|------------|-------|-------|---------------------------|-----|----------|
| 24.08.2004 | UCL   | QR3   | RSC Anderlecht-SL Benfica | 3-0 | Brussels |
| 07.12.2004 | UCL   | GS    | Arsenal FC-Rosenborg BK   | 5-1 | London   |
| 21.02.2006 | UCL   | 1/8   | Real Madrid CF-Arsenal FC | 0-1 | Madrid   |

### UEFA Champions League Other matches

| Date       | Comp. | Stage | Match                               | Res | Venue    |
|------------|-------|-------|-------------------------------------|-----|----------|
| 25.07.2001 | UCL   | QR2   | PFC Levski Sofia-SK Brann           | 0-0 | Sofia    |
| 07.08.2002 | UCL   | QR2   | FK Partizan-Hammarby                | 4-0 | Belgrade |
| 30.07.2003 | UCL   | QR2   | PFC CSKA Moskva-FK Vardar           | 1-2 | Moscow   |
| 30.09.2003 | UCL   | GS1   | AS Monaco FC-AEK Athens FC          | 4-0 | Monaco   |
| 28.09.2004 | UCL   | GS    | AS Monaco FC-RC Deportivo La Coruña | 2-0 | Monaco   |
| 03.11.2004 | UCL   | GS    | Olympique Lyonnais-Fenerbahçe SK    | 4-2 | Lyon     |
| 23.08.2005 | UCL   | QR3   | FC Thun-Malmö FF                    | 3-0 | Berne    |
| 13.09.2005 | UCL   | GS    | Olympiacos CFP-Rosenborg BK         | 1-3 | Athens   |

### Other matches

| Date       | Comp. | Stage | Match                           | Res | Venue    |
|------------|-------|-------|---------------------------------|-----|----------|
| 18.04.2001 | U18   | IR    | Spain-Portugal                  | 0-0 | Albacete |
| 06.06.2001 | WC    | QR    | Portugal-Cyprus                 | 6-0 | Lisbon   |
| 27.09.2001 | UCUP  | R1    | Leeds United AFC-CS Marítimo    | 3-0 | Leeds    |
| 27.07.2002 | UIC   | R3    | FK Teplice-1. FC Kaiserslautern | 4-0 | Teplice  |
| 03.10.2002 | UCUP  | R1    | Fulham FC-HNK Hajduk Split      | 2-2 | London   |
| 31.10.2002 | UCUP  | R2    | RC Celta de Vigo-Viking FK      | 3-0 | Vigo     |
| 02.04.2003 | EURO  | QR    | Albania-Republic of Ireland     | 0-0 | Tirana   |

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| Date       | Comp. | Stage | Match                                       | Res | Venue         |
|------------|-------|-------|---|-----|---------------|
| 06.11.2003 | UCUP  | R2    | FC Steaua Bucuresti-Liverpool FC            | 1-1 | Bucharest     |
| 15.11.2003 | FRIE. | R1    | Germany-France                              | 0-3 |               |
| 26.02.2004 | UCUP  | R3    | Galatasaray SK-Villarreal CF                | 2-2 | Istanbul      |
| 08.09.2004 | WC    | QR    | Poland-England                              | 1-2 | Chorzow       |
| 09.10.2004 | WC    | QR    | Slovakia-Latvia                             | 4-1 | Bratislava    |
| 09.02.2005 | FRIE. | R1    | Germany-Argentina                           | 2-2 |               |
| 10.03.2005 | UCUP  | 1/8   | Middlesbrough FC-Sporting Clube de Portugal | 2-3 | Middlesbrough |
| 04.06.2005 | WC    | QR    | Spain-Lithuania                             | 1-0 | Valencia      |
| 07.09.2005 | WC    | QR    | Hungary-Sweden                              | 0-1 | Budapest      |
| 12.10.2005 | WC    | QR    | Netherlands-F.Y.R. Macedonia                | 0-0 | Amsterdam     |
| 01.03.2006 | FRIE. | R1    | England-Uruguay                             | 2-1 | Liverpool     |
| 09.03.2006 | UCUP  | 1/8   | FC Basel 1893-RC Strasbourg                 | 2-0 | Basle         |
| 06.04.2006 | UCUP  | QF    | FC Zenit St. Petersburg-Sevilla FC          | 1-1 | St Petersburg |
| 25.08.2006 | SCUP  | F     | FC Barcelona-Sevilla FC                     | 0-3 | Monaco        |
| 02.09.2006 | EURO  | QR    | Romania-Bulgaria                            | 2-2 | Constanta     |

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### Competition information

UEFA's most prestigious club competition was originally created as the European Champion Clubs' Cup for the 1955/56 season, before its revamping as the UEFA Champions League in 1992.

• **Locally-trained players rule:** In February 2005, UEFA announced that the 'A' list that teams submit for UEFA club competitions will continue to be limited to 25 players, and from season 2006/07, at least four places on this list will be reserved for players trained by the club's own football academy of which half can be players trained by other clubs from within the same association of the said club.

The 'B' list will also continue to exist - involving an unlimited number of Under-21 players who have been at the club for two seasons. In 2007/08, the number of locally-trained players in a squad will increase to six before rising to eight in 2008/09, with up to half of each figure allowed to be association trained.

A club-trained player is defined as a player who has been registered for a minimum of three seasons with the club between the age of 15 and 21, whereas an association-trained player is one who has been registered for at least three seasons by the club or by other clubs affiliated to the same association between the age of 15 and 21.

UEFA is concerned some clubs are not training enough of their own players, but simply taking them from elsewhere. The proposed measures have the objective of creating a better balance in domestic competitions, preventing clubs from simply 'hoarding' players in squads and creating a system whereby locally-trained players would be given a greater opportunity to play regularly in club sides - ensuring a large reservoir of talent for national teams as a consequence.

• **Financial information:** UEFA says the estimated budgeted income for the 2006/07 UEFA Champions League is €750m – higher than the 2005/06 campaign revenue which amounted to CHF943m (approx. €610m).

Under the competition regulations, 75 per cent of the total revenue received from television and commercial contracts concluded by UEFA, up to a maximum of €530m will go to the 32 clubs taking part in the group stage of Europe's premier club competition. The remaining 25 per cent is earmarked for European football and remains with UEFA to cover organisational and administrative costs, as well as for solidarity payments to associations, clubs and leagues.

It is also stipulated that participating clubs will receive 82 per cent of any revenue received from the same stream in excess of € 530m, with the remaining 18 per cent allocated to UEFA for European football. In addition, 50 per cent of the revenue received from new media contracts concluded by UEFA will also be available for distribution to the clubs, and the remaining 50 per cent will be allocated to the above-mentioned European football portion/quota.

The gross income for 2006/07 is estimated at €750m, and according to projections, will be made up of € 743.3m from TV and commercial contracts and €6.7m from new media contracts.

The fixed amount to the clubs is €276.6m. Each of the 32 clubs in the group stage will receive a starting bonus of €2m. In addition, they will receive a match bonus of €400,000 per match. Performance bonuses will amount to €600,000 for a win and €300,000 for a draw in the group stage. The 16 teams playing in the first knockout round will receive €2.2m, the eight quarter-finalists €2.5m each and the four semi-finalists €3m each. The UEFA Champions League winners will receive €7m, and the runners-up €4m.

This means that a total minimum amount of €4.4m per club is guaranteed for the group stage. A club could receive, at best, up to €22.7m, not counting the market pool share and gate receipts.

The remaining €270.4m will be distributed according to the proportional value of each TV market represented by the clubs taking part in the UEFA Champions League, and to be split among the number of teams – four, three, two or one – participating from a given association.

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• **Format:** The UEFA Champions League group stage draw in Monaco on 24 August saw the 32 teams divided into eight groups of four. Clubs from the same association could not be drawn into the same group. Each club plays one home and one away match against each other club in its group. Three points are awarded for a win, one point for a draw and no points for a defeat. If two or more teams are equal on points on completion of the group matches, the following criteria are applied to determine the rankings.

- a) higher number of points obtained in the group matches played among the teams in question;
- b) superior goal difference from the group matches played among the teams in question;
- c) higher number of goals scored away from home in the group matches played among the teams in question;
- d) superior goal difference from all group matches played;
- e) higher number of goals scored;
- f) higher number of coefficient points accumulated by the club in question as well as its association, over the previous five seasons.

The eight group-winners and eight runners-up of the group stage qualify for the first knockout round, to be played over two legs on 20 February and 7 March 2007. The clubs that finish this stage in third position in their group move into the round of 32 of the UEFA Cup. The clubs that finish this stage in fourth position in their group are eliminated from UEFA club competition for the season.

• **Deadlines:** UEFA Champions League matchday stats packs and match-by-match press kits are provided to media by uefa.com. For every matchday, a global stats pack is created and issued once matches from the previous matchday have been completed and the data verified. For every UEFA Champions League match, two press kits are issued in English: Sunday at 22:00CET with a match preview update on Monday at 22:00CET for Tuesday's matches. For Wednesday's matches, the press kit is issued on Monday at 22:00CET with the match preview update version published on Tuesday at 22:00CET. Multilingual versions of press kits, determined on a match-by-match basis, are also issued with similar deadlines.

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### Legend

#### :: All-time statistics

The all-time record of the competing clubs in UEFA club competition.

**UEFA club competitions:** These are the official statistics considered valid for communicating official records in UEFA club competitions defined as the European Champion Clubs' Cup, the UEFA Champions League, the UEFA Cup Winners' Cup, the UEFA Cup, the UEFA Super Cup (from the 1973 competition), the UEFA Intertoto Cup and the European/South American Cup. Matches in the Inter-Cities' Fairs Cup and the 1972 Super Cup are included only for information purposes as these competitions were not held under UEFA auspices.

**Goals for/against:** Goals totals include the outcome of disciplinary decisions (eg. match forfeits when a 3-0 result is determined). Goals totals do not include goals scored from the penalty mark during a penalty shoot-out after a tie ended in a draw.

#### :: Squad list

The eligible list of players ordered first by playing position and then numeric order.

**Current season - UCLQ:** Total UEFA Champions League appearances in qualifying rounds only.

**Current season - UCL:** Total UEFA Champions League appearances from the group stage onwards prior to the current matchday.

**All-time - UCL:** Total appearances in the UEFA Champions League from the 1992/93 season, group stage to final only. These are the official statistics considered valid for communicating official records in the competition.

**All-time - UEFA:** Total appearances in UEFA club competitions (as defined above) including all qualifying round matches. These are the official statistics considered valid for communicating official records in the competition.

#### :: Bookings list

The current disciplinary situation in the competition.

\*: Misses next match if booked

#: Suspended for at least one match

+: Provisionally suspended

R: Sent off (red card)

S: Suspended

Y: Booked (yellow card)

Y/R: Sent off (yellow card then direct red)

R\*: Sent off (red card) in the UEFA Cup

S\*: Suspended following cautions received in the UEFA Cup

Y\*: Booked (yellow card) in the UEFA Cup

Y/R\*: Sent off (yellow card then direct red) in the UEFA Cup

**Note:** The bookings list is destined for the press. It is given to the competing clubs for information purposes only and therefore has no legal value. In the event of any discrepancy, only the correspondence addressed directly to the clubs will be considered as the authoritative version.

#### :: Match officials

The match officials appointed to officiate the fixture.

**UCL:** Total matches officiated in the UEFA Champions League from 1992/93 season, group stage to final only. Matches where the official has acted as the fourth official are not included in these statistics. These are the official statistics considered valid for communicating official records in the competition.

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**UEFA:** Total matches officiated in UEFA club competitions including all qualifying round matches. Matches where the official has acted as the fourth official are not included in these statistics. These are the official statistics considered valid for communicating official records in the competition.

### :: Competitions

**ECCC:** European Champion Clubs' Cup/UEFA Champions League

**UCUP:** UEFA Cup

**UCWC:** UEFA Cup Winners' Cup

**SCUP:** UEFA Super Cup

**UIC:** UEFA Intertoto Cup

**EURO:** UEFA European Football Championship

**U21:** UEFA European Under-21 Championship

**WC:** FIFA World Cup

**CONFCUP:** FIFA Confederations Cup

**FRIE:** A International friendly matches

**U21 FRIE:** Under-21 international friendly matches

### :: Competition stages

**F:** Final

**GS:** Group stage

**GS1:** First group stage

**GS2:** Second group stage

**KO1:** First knockout round

**PR:** Preliminary round

**QF:** Quarter-finals

**QR:** Qualifying round

**QR1:** First qualifying round

**QR2:** Second qualifying round

**QR3:** Third qualifying round

**R1:** First round

**R2:** Second round

**R3:** Third round

**R4:** Fourth round

**SF:** Semi-finals

**1/8:** Eighth-finals

**1/16:** Sixteenth-finals

**1st:** First leg

**2nd:** Second leg

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### :: Other abbreviations

**AP:** Appearances

**Comp:** Competition

**D:** Drawn

**DoB:** Date of birth

**GA:** Goals against

**GF:** Goals for

**L:** Lost

**Nat:** Nationality

**N/a:** Not applicable

**No:** Number

**Pld:** Matches played

**Pos:** Position

**Pts:** Points

**R:** Sent off (red card)

**Res:** Result

**W:** Won

**Y:** Booked (yellow card)

**Y/R:** Sent off (yellow card then direct red)

### :: Statistics

**(-):** Denotes player substituted

**(+):** Denotes player introduced

**(\*):** Denotes player dismissed/sent off

**(+/-):** Denotes player introduced and substituted