

# Arsenal FC v FC Thun

Highbury - London  
Wednesday, 14 September 2005 - 20:45 (CET)  
Group stage - Group B - Matchday 1



## Match officials

<b>Referee</b>	Grzegorz Gilewski (POL)
<b>Assistant referees</b>	Slawomir Stempniewski (POL), Maciej Wierzbowski (POL)
<b>Fourth official</b>	Marek Mikolajewski (POL)
<b>UEFA delegate</b>	Alain Courtois (BEL)

## Match preview

### Wenger wary of Thun threat

Arsenal FC manager Arsène Wenger expects his players to react to their recent away defeats in the English Premiership with extra determination when they meet Swiss newcomers FC Thun in their opening UEFA Champions League Group B encounter at Highbury on Wednesday.

#### Reverse boost

Disappointed with successive away losses to Chelsea FC and, last Saturday, Middlesbrough FC, Wenger said he believed these results provided added stimulus for his team. "The fact we lost on Saturday will help a lot," he said. "We are not in a period when we could suffer from over-confidence or from taking our opponents a little bit lightly. We know it is important for us to come back with a positive result after our disappointing result at Middlesbrough."

#### 'Exceptional' achievement

Seeking to improve on a record that shows they have never gone beyond the quarter-finals as they begin their eighth consecutive Champions League campaign, Arsenal know they must treat Thun with respect. "Theirs is a fantastic achievement and it deserves our respect," said Wenger. "To qualify as they have done is exceptional."

#### Rapid rise

Thun finished runners-up to FC Basel 1893 in the Swiss Football League last season and reached the group stage for the first time by disposing of FC Dynamo Kyiv and Malmö FF. Only nine years ago the Swiss club were playing amateur third division football in front of crowds of just 100, but Wenger is aware of their present menace. He added: "They have several Brazilians and some Serbo-Montenegrians as well as two exceptional Swiss players and they are a very good team. Thun must be respected by us for what they have done."

#### Injury worries

Wenger said Arsenal would be without striker Thierry Henry, who is out for six weeks with a groin strain, and suspended goalkeeper Jens Lehmann, who will be replaced by Manuel Almunia. Defender Sol Campbell is poised to return for his first appearance of the campaign, while midfielder Fredrik Ljungberg is also available after being rested at Middlesbrough.

#### Vieira effect

Brazilian midfielder Gilberto said the team missed the authority of departed captain Patrick Vieira. He insisted the remaining senior players now had to "push the youngsters up" and encourage them to join in collective play. "They must not go to the pitch and play individually," he said.

#### Arsenal allegiance

Thun coach Urs Schönenberger, an Arsenal fan since the age of nine, is preparing to put his personal allegiances aside as he plots another unexpected triumph. "We really want to show that we're not here just to be cannon fodder," he said. "We will defend and play as a unit very solidly, but we will also attack and look for a goal. We are not going to sit back to build a defensive wall and create nothing but a block."

#### Third the aim

Having guided his side through the qualifying rounds against the odds, Schönenberger hopes to make his first-ever visit to Highbury - the fulfilment of a lifelong dream - a nightmare for the hosts. "Nobody thought we could win against Dynamo or Malmö - but we did," said the coach, who has captain Andreas Gerber back after injuries to each heel. "It is my goal for us to finish third in the group, and don't forget that a few seasons ago



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Basel lost 6-2 [to Valencia CF] in a group game, but still got through."

### Match background

#### Thun story continues at Arsenal

**Arsenal FC** begin their eighth consecutive UEFA Champions League season still having never gone beyond the quarter-finals of the competition, and kick off this campaign with a match against newcomers **FC Thun**, whose rise from obscurity has been a fairy story.

However, Thun will not be taken lightly in their opening game at Highbury. Runners-up in the Swiss championship, Thun deservedly reached the group stage having disposed of FC Dynamo Kyiv, who have taken part in the group stages on nine occasions, and Swedish club Malmö FF, the 1979 European Champion Clubs' Cup finalists. Smaller clubs have a habit of disrupting the progress of favourites in this competition.

Arsenal have previously met one Swiss club in UEFA club competitions and won the tie convincingly against Grasshopper-Club in a Champion Clubs' Cup tie nearly 34 years ago. In their 1971/72 second-round tie, Arsenal won 2-0 in Zurich with goals from Ray Kennedy and George Graham, before winning 3-0 at Highbury, with Kennedy, Charlie George and John Radford on target.

Thun finished ten points behind FC Basel 1893 in the Swiss championship last season, but ten points clear of Grasshoppers in third place. While Basel fell by the wayside in the third qualifying round against Werder Bremen, Thun marched on. Nine years ago, Thun were playing amateur third division football before crowds of 100.

The club was founded in 1898, and, at the time of their centenary in 1998, Thun had reached one losing cup final in 1955 and one single season in the Swiss top flight also in the same year.

Thun returned to the top flight in 2002, and have shaken off the small town image beside a lake and dwarfed by mountains, to obtain two top-three finishes. The club's annual budget is the same as a top player earns with an English Premiership club.

### All-time statistics

#### Head-to-head record

No matches have been played between the two clubs

#### Home teams record versus clubs from the away teams country

Date	Competition	Stage	Match	Res	Venue
20.10.1971	UCL	R2	Grasshoppers - Arsenal	0-2	Zurich
03.11.1971	UCL	R2	Arsenal - Grasshoppers	3-0	London

#### Overall record

Arsenal FC Pld: 2, W: 2, D: 0, L: 0, GS: 5, GA: 0

#### Away teams record versus clubs from the home teams country

Away club has never played against clubs of the country of the home team

### Record in Europe

#### Arsenal FC

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
European Champions Clubs' Cup / UEFA Champions League	78	33	20	25	118	91
UEFA Cup Winners' Cup	27	15	11	1	48	20
UEFA Cup	25	12	4	9	45	32
UEFA Super Cup	2	0	1	1	0	2
UEFA Intertoto Cup	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	132	60	36	36	211	145

#### FC Thun

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
European Champions Clubs' Cup / UEFA Champions League	4	3	1	0	7	2
UEFA Cup Winners' Cup	0	0	0	0	0	0
UEFA Cup	0	0	0	0	0	0
UEFA Super Cup	0	0	0	0	0	0
UEFA Intertoto Cup	8	3	3	2	15	12
Total	12	6	4	2	22	14

## Players List

## Arsenal FC

Num	Player	DoB	Pos	Nat	Current Season				All-time			
					UCL		League		UCL		UEFA	
					Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
<b>Goalkeepers</b>												
1	Jens Lehmann	10.11.69	GK	GER	0	0	4	0	45	0	77	0
21	Mart Poom	03.02.72	GK	EST	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
24	Manuel Almunia	19.05.77	GK	ESP	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
39	Mark Howard	21.09.86	GK	ENG	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
40	Michael Jordan	07.04.86	GK	ENG	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
42	Vito Mannone	02.03.88	GK	ITA	0	0	n/a	n/a	0	0	0	0
<b>Defenders</b>												
3	Ashley Cole	20.12.80	DF	ENG	0	0	4	0	42	1	42	1
12	Lauren	19.01.77	DF	CMR	0	0	4	0	49	1	66	2
18	Pascal Cygan	29.04.74	DF	FRA	0	0	2	2	24	0	27	0
20	Philippe Senderos	14.02.85	DF	SUI	0	0	2	0	1	0	3	0
22	Gaël Clichy	26.07.85	DF	FRA	0	0	1	0	3	0	3	0
23	Sol Campbell	18.09.74	DF	ENG	0	0	0	0	33	0	35	0
27	Emmanuel Eboué	04.06.83	DF	CIV	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0
28	Kolo Abib Touré	19.03.81	DF	CIV	0	0	4	0	25	1	25	1
34	Matthew Connolly	24.09.87	DF	ENG	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
37	Ryan Garry	29.09.83	DF	ENG	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
38	Kerrea Gilbert	28.02.87	DF	ENG	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Midfielders</b>												
7	Robert Pirès	29.10.73	MD	FRA	0	0	3	0	62	11	86	14
8	Fredrik Ljungberg	16.04.77	MD	SWE	0	0	2	0	53	12	71	14
13	Aleksandr Hleb	01.05.81	MD	BLS	0	0	4	0	8	0	33	4
15	Cesc Fabregas	04.05.87	MD	ESP	0	0	4	0	5	1	5	1
16	Matthieu Flamini	07.03.84	MD	FRA	0	0	4	0	4	0	13	0
17	Alexandre Song	09.09.87	MD	CMR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19	Gilberto	07.10.76	MD	BRA	0	0	4	0	21	2	21	2
29	Sebastian Larsson	06.06.85	MD	SWE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
35	Patrick Cregg	21.02.86	MD	IRL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
36	Johan Djourou	18.01.87	MD	SUI	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
43	Ryan Smith	10.11.86	MD	ENG	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Forwards</b>												
9	José Antonio Reyes	01.09.83	FW	ESP	0	0	2	1	12	2	12	2
10	Dennis Bergkamp	10.05.69	FW	NED	0	0	3	0	36	6	90	29
11	Robin van Persie	06.08.83	FW	NED	0	0	3	1	8	1	18	1
14	Thierry Henry	17.08.77	FW	FRA	0	0	3	3	68	36	82	44
26	Quincy Owusu-Abeyie	15.04.86	FW	NED	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
33	Nicklas Bendtner	16.01.88	FW	DEN	0	0	n/a	n/a	0	0	0	0
41	Arturo Lupoli	24.06.87	FW	ITA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Coach: Arsène Wenger (FRA)

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					Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
<b>Goalkeepers</b>												
1	Eldin Jakupovic	02.10.84	GK	SUI	4	0	8	0	4	0	4	0
18	Alain Portmann	14.02.81	GK	SUI	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Defenders</b>												
2	Leandro Vieira	02.04.79	DF	BRA	4	0	3	0	4	0	4	0
3	José Gonçalves	17.09.85	DF	SUI	4	0	7	0	4	0	4	0
4	Sehid Sinani	23.10.82	DF	SUI	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	Ljubo Milicevic	13.02.81	DF	AUS	4	0	8	0	4	0	6	0
7	Grégory Duruz	20.04.77	DF	SUI	0	0	1	0	11	0	13	0
10	Adriano Luis Spadoto	19.02.77	DF	BRA	0	0	7	2	0	0	0	0
12	Armand Deumi	12.03.79	DF	CMR	3	0	3	1	3	0	10	0
16	Lukas Schenkel	01.04.84	DF	SUI	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
17	Alen Orman	31.05.78	DF	AUT	0	0	n/a	n/a	0	0	4	0
26	Selver Hodzic	12.10.78	DF	SUI	4	0	8	0	4	0	10	0
<b>Midfielders</b>												
6	Tiago Bernardi	02.12.79	MD	BRA	4	2	8	1	4	2	4	2
9	Adriano Pimenta	14.11.82	MD	BRA	4	1	1	0	4	1	4	1
11	Andreas Gerber	26.04.73	MD	SUI	4	0	5	1	5	0	27	0
14	Nenad Savic	28.01.81	MD	SUI	0	0	0	0	2	0	8	1
19	Silvan Aegerter	05.05.80	MD	SUI	3	1	8	0	3	1	11	2
21	Nelson Ferreira	26.05.82	MD	SUI	4	0	8	1	4	0	12	0
<b>Forwards</b>												
8	Tony Rodrigues	03.01.82	FW	LUX	4	0	7	1	4	0	4	0
13	Omar Pape Faye	01.01.87	FW	SEN	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
15	Eren Sen	28.09.84	FW	GER	2	0	4	0	2	0	2	0
20	Mauro Lustrinelli	26.02.76	FW	SUI	4	3	8	4	4	3	16	8

**Coach:** Urs Schönenberger ()

### Booking List – 2005

#### Group B

	Qualifying	Group Stage					
	phases	Matchdays					
		1	2	3	4	5	6
<b>FC THUN</b>							
<b>AC SPARTA PRAHA</b>							
<b>AFC AJAX</b>							
<b>ARSENAL FC</b>							
LEHMANN Jens							

Y Booked R sent off Y/R Yellow + Direct Red  suspension ### suspension for at least 1 match \* misses next match if booked

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## Referee

### Grzegorz Gilewski

**Nationality:** POL

**Date of birth:** 24.02.1973

Grzegorz Gilewski is one of Europe's talented up-and-coming match officials - even though he has only just entered his 30s. He is still younger than many of the players plying their trade throughout the European elite game.

**Career:** Gilewski, a teacher who lives in the eastern Polish city of Radom, was born on 24 February 1973. He became a referee after playing football in a Polish high school, where he studied physical education. The trade runs in the family, as his father, Kazimierz Gilewski was also a referee in Poland.

**1998-2004:** He came on to Poland's top-flight referee list in 1998 and joined the international list in 2001, since when his progress has been encouraging. He has also taken part in the UEFA 'talents and mentors' programme, where promising referees are given guidance by experienced former match officials. In 2003/04, Gilewski refereed two UEFA Cup matches, and was a member of the referee team at the UEFA European Under-21 Championship final round in Germany in summer 2004.

**2004/05:** Gilewski took charge of three UEFA Cup matches and two FIFA World Cup qualifying games.

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

Date	Stage	Match	Res	Venue
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### Other Matches

Date	Stage	Match	Res	Venue
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## Domestic News

**Mixed fortunes for quartet**

(Sunday, 11 September 2005)

AC Sparta Praha and AFC Ajax enjoyed morale-boosting returns to form over the weekend ahead of their UEFA Champions League Group B meeting in the Czech Republic on Wednesday. But things are less rosy for FC Thun and Arsenal FC, who both dropped points away from home.

**Middlesbrough FC 2-1 Arsenal FC**

Arsenal's indifferent start to the season continued on Saturday when a weakened side suffered a 2-1 defeat at Middlesbrough. Two goals before the hour mark from Yakubu Ayegbeni and Massimo Maccarone set Arsène Wenger's team on course for their second defeat of the season, leaving them eighth in the Premiership standings. José Antonio Reyes, who hit the post in the first half, scored a late consolation for Arsenal.

The Spanish forward's usual strike-partner, Thierry Henry, was ruled out with a groin injury and Wenger was left to rue his absence. "We never should have lost," said the Arsenal manager. "I feel that we had very good patches in the game - we could have won this game in the first 20 minutes with three clear chances but we did not take them. We missed our chances and we gave them presents for their two goals."

The talismanic Henry, who scored for France against the Republic of Ireland last week, will also be sidelined on Wednesday, but the Arsenal lineup could include England centre-back Sol Campbell for the first time since May. Midfield player Fredrik Ljungberg could also return after he was rested for the trip to the Riverside after back-to-back games for Sweden last week.

Several others were also on international duty with Lauren and Kolo Abib Touré finding themselves on opposing sides as Cameroon defeated the Ivory Coast, while Gilberto Silva played in Brazil's 5-0 win against Chile, sealing the world champions' place in Germany. The host nation's goalkeeper Jens Lehmann also hopes to be there, but will play no part against Thun due to suspension.

**BSC Young Boys 0-0 FC Thun**

A weakened Thun side were held to a goalless draw by Young Boys in the Bernese derby at the Stade de Suisse to maintain their steady start to the new season. Without captain Andreas Gerber and Cameroon defender Armand Deumi, Urs Schönenberger's team struggled to find their rhythm in the stadium that will provide their European home, although Gelson did hit the post at the start of the second half.

The result means that since the Swiss side eliminated Malmö FF in the Champions League third qualifying round, they have gained just a point after a shock 2-0 defeat by basement side FC Yverdon-Sports last week. It also means that Thun have not scored in their last two games and Switzerland striker Mauro Lustrinelli, the club's only international representative last week, again looked isolated up front as a lone striker.

**AC Sparta Praha 2-0 FC Vysocina Jihlava**

Sparta defeated Czech top-flight newcomers Vysocina 2-0 on Saturday with two Lukáš Zelenka goals to boost their confidence ahead of the Ajax fixture. The Czech champions needed the victory badly as they struggled in the previous two rounds, when they lost at leaders FC Slovan Liberec 2-0 and drew 1-1 with lowly 1. FC Brno. They now have ten points from five games.

Coach Jaroslav Hřebík kept captain Karel Poborský on the bench after recent disappointing performances for club and country. Poborský said: "The coach said to me that it would be better to give me a rest, but I answered that I am not tired. However I respect his decision."

Slovakian player Karol Kisel replaced him on the right wing, while Tomáš Polášek, who signed from SIAD Most just before the transfer deadline, made his debut on the left. Zelenka ended the home fans' frustration 55 minutes in when he collected Kisel's long ball and rounded the goalkeeper. Poborský then came off the bench and made the second goal in the 72nd minute with a super run and cross for Zelenka. Hřebík said: "I hope we have stopped talking about our lack of conditioning."

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Willem II 0-2 **AFC Ajax**

Midfield player Tomáš Galásek made an immediate impact in his first start of the season when his curling shot gave Danny Blind's side the lead on the half-hour mark in Tilburg. His Czech Republic team-mate Zdenek Grygera fared less well, however, and was dismissed midway through the second half. But despite the numerical disadvantage, substitute Angelos Charisteas sealed victory with four minutes remaining as Ajax returned to winning ways following last week's 2-1 defeat by Feyenoord.

Coach Danny Blind said: "We played some good football. [Debutant] Olaf Lindenberg played well, and Galásek was excellent. We dominated and controlled the match, but should have scored more. As for Wednesday; we aren't a team that uses the same lineup for 30 matches out of 34. I will change my team depending on our opponents."

Blind might not have too much choice, with injuries hampering his preparations ahead of Matchday 1. JuanFran is not yet match fit, while captain Julien Escudé (back), Maxwell and Nicolae Mitea (both knee), Maarten Stekelenburg (shoulder) and Edgar Manucharyan (hamstring) are all sidelined. The latter picked up his injury in Armenia's 1-0 defeat at the hands of the Netherlands last Saturday, which saw him line up against club mates Wesley Sneijder, Hedwiges Maduro and Ryan Babel.

## Domestic League Details

## Arsenal FC (Barclaycard Premiership)

Date	Opponent	Res	Goalscorers
14.08.2005	v Newcastle (H)	2-0	81' Henry, 87' Van Persie
21.08.2005	v Chelsea (A)	0-1	
24.08.2005	v Fulham (H)	4-1	32' Cygan, 53' Henry, 82' Henry, 90' Cygan
10.09.2005	v Middlesbrough (A)	1-2	90' Reyes
19.09.2005	v Everton (H)		
24.09.2005	v West Ham (A)		
02.10.2005	v Birmingham (H)		
15.10.2005	v West Brom (A)		
22.10.2005	v Man. City (H)		
29.10.2005	v Tottenham (A)		
05.11.2005	v Sunderland (H)		
19.11.2005	v Wigan (A)		
26.11.2005	v Blackburn (H)		
03.12.2005	v Bolton (A)		

Rank	Clubs	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1	Chelsea FC	5	5	0	0	10	0	15
2	Charlton Athletic FC	4	4	0	0	8	1	12
3	Manchester City FC	5	3	2	0	7	4	11
4	Manchester United FC	4	3	1	0	6	1	10
5	Bolton Wanderers FC	5	2	2	1	6	4	8
6	Tottenham Hotspur FC	5	2	2	1	4	2	8
7	West Ham United FC	4	2	1	1	8	3	7
8	Middlesbrough FC	5	2	1	2	5	6	7
9	Arsenal FC	4	2	0	2	7	4	6
10	Wigan Athletic FC	4	2	0	2	3	3	6
11	Liverpool FC	3	1	2	0	1	0	5
12	Blackburn Rovers FC	5	1	2	2	3	5	5
13	Fulham FC	5	1	2	2	4	7	5
14	Aston Villa FC	5	1	2	2	4	8	5
15	Portsmouth FC	5	1	1	3	4	7	4
16	Birmingham City FC	5	1	1	3	4	8	4
17	West Bromwich Albion FC	5	1	1	3	5	10	4
18	Everton FC	4	1	0	3	1	4	3
19	Newcastle United FC	5	0	2	3	1	7	2
20	Sunderland AFC	5	0	0	5	2	9	0

## Domestic League Details

## FC Thun (Axpo Super League)

Date	Opponent	Res	Goalscorers
16.07.2005	v Aarau (H)	2-0	41' Gerber, 54' Deumi
30.07.2005	v St. Gallen (A)	1-5	42' Adriano
06.08.2005	v Zürich (A)	2-2	75' Ferreira, 88' Adriano
14.08.2005	v Grasshoppers (H)	2-1	51' Lustrinelli, 81' Bernardi
19.08.2005	v Xamax (A)	2-0	12' Gelson, 56' Lustrinelli
28.08.2005	v Yverdon (A)	0-2	
10.09.2005	v Young Boys (A)	0-0	
23.07.2005	v Basel (H)		
21.09.2005	v Schaffhausen (H)		
24.09.2005	v Aarau (A)		
01.10.2005	v Basel (A)		
15.10.2005	v St. Gallen (H)		
29.10.2005	v Zürich (H)		
05.11.2005	v Grasshoppers (A)		
19.11.2005	v Xamax (H)		
26.11.2005	v Yverdon (H)		
03.12.2005	v Young Boys (H)		

Rank	Clubs	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1	FC Basel 1893	8	5	2	1	20	12	17
2	FC Zürich	8	5	1	2	21	12	16
3	Grasshopper-Club	8	4	2	2	16	12	14
4	BSC Young Boys	8	4	2	2	12	8	14
5	FC Thun	8	4	2	2	12	10	14
6	FC St. Gallen	8	3	2	3	16	13	11
7	FC Schaffhausen	8	2	3	3	7	12	9
8	FC Aarau	8	2	2	4	7	15	8
9	Neuchâtel Xamax FC	8	1	1	6	8	15	4
10	FC Yverdon-Sports	8	1	1	6	6	16	4

## Competition overview

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How the UEFA Champions League works...

The UEFA Champions League is UEFA's most prestigious club competition. It was originally created as the European Champion Clubs' Cup for the 1955/56 season, before its format and name were changed in 1992.

Real Madrid CF have been the most successful side in the UEFA Champions League, winning the competition three times. They are also the most successful side overall with nine triumphs, followed by six for AC Milan and five for current champions Liverpool FC.

The Champions League is open to each national association's domestic champions, as well as clubs who finish just behind them in their respective domestic championship. The number of clubs that can be entered by an association and their entry point in the competition depends on the association's position in UEFA's coefficient ranking list.

Since its inception in 1992/93, the Champions League has continued to evolve, maintaining a mixture of round-robin group matches as well as its traditional knockout format. The current format was introduced in 2003/04. After three qualifying rounds, 32 teams contest the group stage, divided into eight groups of four. The group winners and runners-up advance to the knockout stage, the eight third-placed teams move into the UEFA Cup third round, and the eight fourth-placed teams are eliminated.

A draw determines who each of the 16 clubs will play in the first knockout stage, with ties decided over two matches on a home and away basis. The club that scores the greater aggregate of goals advances, or in the event of both teams scoring the same number of goals, the team which scores more away goals.

If the away-goals rule proves inconclusive, extra time of two periods of 15 minutes is played after the second match. If during extra time both teams score the same number of goals, away goals count double (ie the visiting team advances). If no goals are scored during extra time, the winner is decided by penalty kicks. The two teams that advance from the knockout round contest the final, held as a single match in May.

The European Champion Clubs' Cup was a purely knockout competition until the format was changed in 1992/93 with the inception of the Champions League. That year the competition began with three knockout rounds with the winners advancing to a group stage involving two sets of four clubs playing home and away. The two group winners contested the final. A similar format was used the following season, with the addition of a two-legged semi-final stage involving the top two clubs from both groups.

The competition expanded further for the 1994/95 season with one preliminary round required before the clubs divided into four groups of four clubs. The top two clubs in each group advanced to the knockout stage, which this time began at the quarter-final stage. The 1997/98 season saw another phase of expansion. Two qualifying rounds were introduced and the group stage expanded to six groups of four clubs each. The six group winners and the two best runners-up advanced to the knockout stages.

An additional qualifying round was introduced for the 1999/2000 season to generate two group stages, firstly with 32 teams - eight groups of four - who played six matches apiece to reduce the competition to 16 teams for the second group stage, with the eight third-placed teams moving to the UEFA Cup third round. At the end of the second group stage, eight teams remained to contest the knockout stage.

## Notices

### Out-of-competition tests welcomed

Clubs taking part in the UEFA Champions League this season have reacted positively to UEFA's decision to introduce out-of-competition doping controls.

#### Full details

The 32 sides setting out in the group stage of European club football's most prestigious tournament later this month have been supplied with full details of the out-of-competition programme and have been appraised of how they will be expected to co-operate in its implementation.

#### Weekly whereabouts

All players registered for the Champions League will become part of the 2005/06 UEFA Out-of-Competition Pool. The players will remain in this pool until their team is eliminated. Clubs will also provide UEFA with weekly reports of the whereabouts of their players.

#### UEFA DCOs

Under the out-of-competition procedure, UEFA Doping Control Officers (DCOs) will be responsible for collecting samples, and will come unannounced to a location designated by the club. Up to ten players can be tested. UEFA's anti-doping panel may decide to nominate the players to be tested, or instruct the DCO to conduct a draw.

#### Reporting regulations

Drawn players who are not present will have 60 minutes to report to the doping control location – should a player drawn for testing not report to the doping control location, the DCO will submit a missed test report to UEFA.

#### Information system

"Out-of-competition testing is part of the requirements from the World Anti-Doping Code," said Marc Vouillamoz, head of the UEFA anti-doping unit. "We have put in place a whereabouts information system which can be implemented at team level. The launch of the out-of-competition testing programme will increase the deterrence factor."

#### Club sessions

Clubs are being asked to organise information sessions for all players concerned to advise them of their responsibilities, and each player is being briefed about UEFA's out-of-competition testing directives.

#### Anti-doping activities

The move is part of UEFA's reinforcement of its anti-doping activities, which has seen an increase in the number of drugs tests in its tournaments, greater financial outlay in the sector, the creation of an anti-doping unit within the UEFA administration, as well as an expert anti-doping panel and an education programme aimed at the broad spectrum of the European football community.

#### Anti-doping programme

Associations and clubs taking part in UEFA competitions are being asked to assist UEFA in implementing the anti-doping scheme. Under UEFA's new anti-doping regulations, which came into force on 1 June, these doping controls may include blood and/or urine samples.

## LEGEND

<b>ECCC:</b> European Champions Clubs' Cup / UEFA Champions League	<b>F:</b> Final(s)
<b>UCWC:</b> UEFA Cup Winners' Cup	<b>GS:</b> Group stage
<b>UCUP:</b> UEFA Cup	<b>GS1:</b> First group stage
<b>UIC:</b> UEFA Intertoto Cup	<b>GS2:</b> Second group stage
<b>SCUP:</b> UEFA Super Cup	<b>PR:</b> Preliminary round
	<b>QF:</b> Quarter-finals

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**AP:** Appearances

**DoB:** Date of birth

**D:** Drawn

**GA:** Goals against

**GF:** Goals for

**L:** Lost

**Pld:** Matches played

**Nat.:** Nationality

**No:** Number

**W:** Won

**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

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**Statistics: Competitions**

Statistics pertaining to the UEFA Champions League only commence at the start of the 1992/93 season, whereas statistics pertaining to the European Champion Clubs' Cup commence at the start of the 1955/56 season and include UEFA Champions League statistics. Other statistics included make reference to the UEFA Cup Winners' Cup (1961/62 to 1998/99), the UEFA Cup (1971/72 to date), the UEFA Intertoto Cup (1995 to date), the UEFA Super Cup (1973 to date) and the European/South American Cup (1956 to 2004). No statistics are provided for the Inter-Cities' Fairs Cup as this competition was not held under UEFA auspices.

**Statistics: Appearances**

The player appearance statistic is calculated by adding the amount of times the player has been in the starting line-up plus the amount of times the player has been introduced during the course of a match. For the calculation of appearances, all matches - including all qualifying rounds - are included for both UEFA Champions League (UCL) and UEFA club competition (UEFA) listings. UEFA club competitions are defined as the UEFA Champions League (and European Champion Clubs' Cup), the UEFA Cup, the UEFA Cup Winners' Cup, the UEFA Intertoto Cup and the UEFA Super Cup.