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**Group D - Matchday 5**

The 1-0 victory at SL Benfica three weeks ago gave Villarreal CF their first UEFA Champions League success and also took them to the head of Group D. Now the Spanish club must defend that status against a Manchester United FC team determined to make up for their defeat on Matchday 4.

## **Lille defeat**

- United's first reverse in the section at the hands of Lille LOSC Metropole, on the back of a solitary win and two draws in their previous three fixtures, has left the qualifying places in the melting pot with only two points separating the four teams. United slipped to third following Milenko Aćimović's goal in the Stade de France and they will be looking to improve on the 0-0 outcome at El Madrigal on Matchday 1. It was a game in which Villarreal made a solid debut in the UEFA Champions League and Wayne Rooney was sent off.

## **Senna strike**

- The group could yet hinge on goals scored and Villarreal will be looking to produce more of the magic which helped Brazilian midfielder Marcos Senna secure victory for his side in Portugal last time out to hoist them above all their rivals in the group. Also on Matchday 5, Lille lock horns with Benfica knowing that the winners will take a significant step towards the knockout phase.

## **Neville record**

- United defender Gary Neville is one match away from his 100th appearance in UEFA club competition. The vast majority of those games (91) have come in the UEFA Champions League, with the right-back having scored two goals in his European career.

## **Rich Spanish experience**

- United are in their 28th European campaign and have been playing Spanish clubs since their first season of competition in 1956/57. In the quarter-finals of the European Champion Clubs' Cup, United met their first Spanish opposition in Athletic Club Bilbao, and overturned a first-leg defeat to progress to a semi-final meeting with Real Madrid CF.
- This is United's 16th home game against Spanish opposition and they have a record of seven wins, six draws and two defeats from previous fixtures. Those two defeats both came in the UEFA Champions League, and by the same 3-2 scoreline.
- Madrid were the first Spanish club to win at Old Trafford in the quarter-finals of the 1999/00 competition, thereby dashing United's hopes of retaining the trophy they had won the previous season in Barcelona.
- Then in the first group stage in 2001/02, RC Deportivo La Coruña also won at Old Trafford. Since those reverses however, United have beaten Deportivo twice and



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Madrid once in three home games against Spanish teams.

- United won the 1990/91 UEFA Cup Winners' Cup with a 2-1 victory against FC Barcelona in a match played in Rotterdam.

### Unbeaten record

- The home draw with United on the opening day of this season's competition meant that Villarreal kept their unbeaten record against English clubs in UEFA club competition.

- The Primera División club had previously played three matches against English clubs and come out on top each time. The sequence began with a 2-0 home win against Middlesbrough FC in a one-off game in last season's UEFA Cup group stage. Antonio Guayre and Javi Venta scored in each half.

- In the third qualifying round for this season's UEFA Champions League, Villarreal then beat Everton FC 2-1 in both legs to enter this stage of the competition. Goals from Luciano Figueroa and Josico gave Villarreal a priceless away win, which they converted into a 4-2 aggregate success, thanks to strikes from Juan Pablo Sorín and finally Diego Forlán, whom Villarreal signed from United.

### Forlán return

- Forlan will be looking to show his former employers exactly what they are missing while the praise heaped upon team-mate Juan Román Riquelme in the recent friendly between Argentina and England adds another intriguing ingredient to the occasion.

### Team facts: Man. United

- Frequent visitors to the knockout stages – a record nine seasons in succession to date – United's finest hour in the competition came in the 1998/99 final when they overturned a one-goal deficit against FC Bayern München with two goals from Teddy Sheringham and Ole Gunnar Solskjær in added time.

- United also won the 1967/68 European Champion Clubs' Cup final against Benfica, running out 4-1 winners after extra time.

- United finished last season's FA Premiership season in third position, 18 points behind winners Chelsea FC and six behind second-placed Arsenal FC.

- Thus entering the competition in the third qualifying round, they defeated Hungarian champions Debreceni VSC 6-0 on aggregate thanks to 3-0 wins at home and away. The firepower in the opening leg at Old Trafford was provided by Wayne Rooney (7), Ruud van Nistelrooij (49) and Cristiano Ronaldo (63) while Gabriel Heinze (20, 61) and Kieran Richardson (65) found the back of the net in the return leg in Budapest.

- United were held to a scoreless draw away to UEFA Champions League novices Villarreal CF on the opening matchday and then required a Van Nistelrooij goal five

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minutes from time to deny SL Benfica a point at Old Trafford on Matchday 2 after Ryan Giggs' goal six minutes before the interval was cancelled out by Simão's strike after 59 minutes.

- LOSC Lille Métropole proved to be a stubborn opponent for United on Matchday 3 as the sides recorded a scoreless draw at Old Trafford. It was a frustrating evening for the home team who, in the absence of the suspended Wayne Rooney, struggled to find the inspiration to unlock a Lille side who lived up to their nickname of Les Dogues with a disciplined, dogged approach that ultimately earned a deserved stalemate.
- A first-half goal from Milenko Ačimovič then helped Lille secure a fine 1-0 victory over United at the Stade de France on Matchday 4. The Slovenian's goal, which was Lille's first in the competition, came six minutes before the break in a tight, keenly-contested game.
- United have been involved in more UEFA Champions League matches than any of the other 31 participants in this season's competition. With 117 matches to date, United are two games ahead of Real Madrid CF with FC Bayern München a further eleven games behind. In their 117 matches, the English side have won 59, drawn 32 and lost 26 matches, scoring 210 goals and conceding 119.

### Team facts: Villarreal

- Villarreal have gradually advanced through various UEFA competitions in the past four seasons, reaching the UEFA Intertoto Cup finals in 2002, a competition they would enter in 2003 and 2004 to help sustain a long campaign in the UEFA Cup as qualification for semi-finals and quarter-finals in back-to-back seasons proves.
- Their best performance in advance of qualifying for this season's UEFA Champions League came during the 2003/04 season when they qualified from the UEFA Intertoto Cup to eventually play in a UEFA Cup semi-finals only to exit 1-0 on aggregate to Valencia CF.
- Villarreal's first match in UEFA club competition came on 6 July 2002 when they defeated Icelandic side FH Hafnarfjörður 2-0 in a 2002 UEFA Intertoto Cup second round tie.
- Villarreal finished third in last season's Spanish Primera División, 19 points behind champions FC Barcelona and 15 points adrift of second-placed Real Madrid CF. Real Betis Balompíe followed three points behind in fourth place.
- Thus entering the UEFA Champions League in the third qualifying round stage, Villarreal dispatched Everton FC in a 4-2 aggregate success, winning both legs 2-1. Villarreal took the lead in the opening leg on Merseyside through Luciano Figueroa after 27 minutes and though Everton equalised after 42 minutes through James Beattie, the visitors scored the winning goal on the stroke of half-time through Josico. The scoring followed a similar pattern in the return – Villarreal going ahead through Juan Pablo Sorín after 20 minutes, Everton equalising via Mikel Arteta after 69 minutes with the

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Spanish side going on to win, bagging the winning goal two minutes into stoppage time through Diego Forlán.

- Making their first appearance in the group stage proper against the side with the most matches under their belt in the competition, namely Manchester United FC with 113 before Matchday 1, did not deter Villarreal as they held their English rivals at bay to record a creditable scoreless draw. The same result followed on Matchday 2 at Stade de France against LOSC Lille Métropole.
- Despite scoring their first UEFA Champions League goal, Villarreal were unable to earn their inaugural victory as Portuguese visitors SL Benfica battled back to snatch a 1-1 draw on Matchday 3. After their first two encounters finished all square, Juan Román Riquelme's 72nd-minute penalty seemed to have earned the Spanish side three valuable points. However, an extraordinary long-range volley from Manuel Fernandes five minutes later restored parity, with Benfica's substitute goalkeeper, 19-year-old Rui Nereu, producing a brilliant debut display to help the away team to a draw.
- On Matchday 4, a late swerving strike from Brazilian midfielder Marcos Senna took Villarreal to the brink of the knockout stages as they defeated Benfica in a tense match at the Estádio Da Luz. The game appeared to be drifting towards a stalemate before Senna's 81st-minute effort from 30 metres deceived Benfica's stand-in goalkeeper Rui Nereu, who misread the flight of the ball and could only palm it into the net.
- Villarreal have played 52 matches overall in UEFA club competition, winning 25, drawing 21, losing six while scoring 71 times and conceding 31 goals.
- Overall in the UEFA Champions League/European Champion Clubs' Cup, they are unbeaten in all of their six matches to date with three wins and three draws. In those games, the Spanish side have never trailed an opponent.

### Match facts: Man. United v Villarreal

- **Edwin van der Sar, Rio Ferdinand, Darren Fletcher, Cristiano Ronaldo, Ruud van Nistelrooij** and **Alan Smith** have appeared in all six of United's UEFA Champions League games this season, including the third qualifying round.
- **Van der Sar** is two games away from his 50th in the UEFA Champions League.
- **Paul Scholes** is nine games away from his 100th in UEFA club competition, which means he could make it a century in next May's final if United were to go all the way to Paris.
- **Scholes** turned 31 last Wednesday.
- **United** ended Premiership champions Chelsea FC's 41-match unbeaten run with a 1-0 win at Old Trafford on 6 November thanks to a looping header from Darren Fletcher. It came a little over 12 months after ending a 49-game streak by then title-holders Arsenal FC.

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- The Chelsea win was the perfect way for **Sir Alex Ferguson** to marking his 19th anniversary as manager.
- **Mikaël Silvestre** was also celebrating a landmark against Chelsea, making his 300th appearance for United in the 1-0 win.
- **Ruud van Nistelrooij** was handed the United captaincy for the first time against Lille on Matchday 4 - his 188th appearance for the English club.
- Nine United players were on international duty last week, with **Wayne Rooney**, **Rio Ferdinand** and **Alan Smith** in action for England. **Cristiano Ronaldo**, **Tim Howard**, **Ji-Sung Park**, **Darren Fletcher**, **Ruud van Nistelrooij** and **Edwin van der Sar** were also in action.
- **Ryan Giggs**'s solo winner for United against Arsenal FC in the 1998/99 FA Cup semi-finals was recently named the club's greatest ever goal in a poll for Sky television. **Wayne Rooney** also had two top-ten entries.
- **Roy Keane**'s 12-year association with United came to an unexpectedly early end "by mutual consent" last Friday. He inspired the club to the UEFA Champions League final in 1998/99 - part of their glorious treble-winning season - but missed out on the victory against FC Bayern München through suspension.
- The 34-year-old had not figured in the group stage this season, having played 67 minutes of the third qualifying round first-leg win against Debreceni VSC in August. That was his 74th game in UEFA club competition, during which he scored 14 goals, but injury prevented him from adding to his tally.
- **Cristiano Ronaldo** agreed a two-year contract extension on Friday, tying himself to Old Trafford until June 2010.
- Right-back **Gary Neville** returned to action after almost three months on the sidelines on Thursday. The England defender has been out of action since injuring his groin in August in the UEFA Champions League third qualifying round second-leg tie at Debreceni VSC but played an hour of United's 4-1 reserve-team victory against West Bromwich Albion FC.
- Welsh winger **Ryan Giggs** suffered a slight setback in his recovery from a fractured cheekbone at the end of last week after discovering he would have to wait until the start of December before returning to training. Giggs turns 32 on 29 November.
- If **Paul Scholes** plays against Villarreal the former English international will be making his 481st United appearance, overtaking recently departed Roy Keane. He would still have some way to go to surpass Sir Bobby Charlton's club record of 754 games, however.
- **United** have failed to score just once in the Premiership this season (0-0 at Liverpool on 18 September).

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- RSC Anderlecht players have been ruled offside 23 times so far in this season's UEFA Champions League, three clear of AC Milan, Udinese Calcio and Panathinaikos. At the other end of the scale, **United** and SK Rapid Wien players have only strayed offside on five occasions to date.

- **Gonzalo Rodríguez, Rodolfo Arruabarrena, Josico, Juan Sorín, Diego Forlán** and **Lucho Figueroa** have all appeared in all of Villarreal's six UEFA Champions League games this season, including the third qualifying round.

- **Alessio Tacchinardi** is three games away from 100 in UEFA club competition.

- **Villarreal's** 0-0 draw against Real Zaragoza marked their eleventh successive match in all competitions without defeat. Their last defeat was on 21 September when they lost 2-1 at home to RC Celta de Vigo.

- **Mariano Barbosa** has not conceded a goal in 331 minutes, since he came on in the 29th minute of the 1-1 draw against Club Atlético de Madrid on 30 October.

- Before the Zaragoza match **Villarreal** were the only top-flight club in Spain to have scored in each of their first eleven matches of the season. They had shared this honour with Valencia CF before their 1-0 victory on 5 November.

- Only Barcelona and Real Madrid have scored more league goals than **Villarreal** this season.

- **Manuel Pellegrini** took charge of his 50th match in the Spanish top flight against Zaragoza this weekend. He has had 23 victories, 16 draws and eleven defeats

- Villarreal managing director José Manuel Llaneza has reportedly revealed that Ecuadorian midfielder **Luis Antonio Valencia** will be loaned to another club in the winter transfer window

- Greek sides have been struggling defensively to date in this season's UEFA Champions League. Olympiacos CFP have conceded eleven goals, two clear of local rivals Panathinaikos FC. Also conceding nine goals to date are Udinese Calcio. No team has managed four clean sheets in the opening four matchdays although five teams are close to perfection having conceded only one goal – FC Barcelona, Chelsea FC, LOSC Lille Métropole, Liverpool FC and **Villarreal**.

- To date, 159 goals have been scored in this season's UEFA Champions League. Breaking the statistics down into 15-minute segments, the most goals have been scored between the 61st and 75th minutes with 29. Lagging behind, 20 goals have been recorded between 16th and 30th minutes.

### Competition facts

#### UEFA Champions League: Did you know?

- Only Group A in the 2005/06 UEFA Champions League group stage contains four

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domestic league champions from their respective 2004/05 domestic seasons. SK Rapid Wien won the Austrian Bundesliga by a point from Grazer AK. Club Brugge KV won the Belgian first division by three points from RSC Anderlecht. FC Bayern München won the German Bundesliga by 14 points from FC Schalke 04, while Juventus won the Italian Serie A championship by seven points from AC Milan, with FC Internazionale Milano and Udinese Calcio a further seven and 17 points behind.

- This season Manchester United FC have extended their consecutive participation in the UEFA Champions League to ten, a record in the competition. Bayern, PSV Eindhoven, Olympiacos CFP and Real Madrid CF are making their ninth consecutive appearance, one ahead of Arsenal FC.

- In addition, Manchester United have qualified for the knockout stages of the competition for each of the past nine seasons, winning the European Champion Clubs' Cup at the end of the 1998/99 campaign. The English club have 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.

- Of all 32 clubs competing in this season's UEFA Champions League, only Real Betis Balompie did not participate in a UEFA club competition during the 2004/05 season.

- Six clubs competing in the 2005/06 UEFA Champions League were involved in the competition when it started during the 1992/93 season with two rounds preceding the group stage. AC Milan were beaten finalists (to Olympique de Marseille), while Club Brugge, PSV, Rangers FC and FC Porto all participated in the group stage. FC Barcelona were knocked out in the second round, the last hurdle to enter the group stage.

- Defending champions Liverpool FC entered the competition at the first qualifying round stage having not secured one of the automatic qualification slots available for finishing in the top four places in last season's English Premiership, but they are not the only club to have played six matches to advance to the group stage - a feat shared by FC Artmedia. Three clubs also made it from the second qualifying round: Rapid Wien, Anderlecht and FC Thun.

- Both Arsenal and Schalke remain the only two clubs among this season's participants never to have played a UEFA Champions League qualifying-round match. At the start of the 2005/06 UEFA Champions League all of Arsenal's 68 matches were restricted to the group stage and beyond while Schalke's six matches had come in the first group stage of the 2001/02 season, their sole previous participation before this campaign.

- Only two of the former winners of the competition since it commenced in the 1992/93 season are not participating in this season's UEFA Champions League, namely Marseille (1992/93) and BV Borussia Dortmund (1996/97).

### UEFA Champions League: All-time records

- Biggest wins

Res	Match	Date
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<b>8-3</b>	AS Monaco FC v RC Deportivo La Coruña	05.11.2004
<b>7-0</b>	Juventus v Olympiacos CFP	10.12.2003
<b>7-2</b>	Paris Saint-Germain FC v Rosenborg BK	24.10.2000
	Olympique Lyonnais v Werder Bremen	08.03.2005
<b>6-0</b>	Olympique de Marseille v PFC CSKA Moskva	17.03.1993
	Leeds United AFC v Besiktas JK	26.09.2000
	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

Goals	Player	Club	Season
<b>12</b>	<b>Ruud van Nistelrooij</b>	Manchester United FC	2002/03
<b>10</b>	<b>Alessandro Del Piero</b>	Juventus	1997/98
	<b>Mário Jardel</b>	FC Porto	1999/00
	<b>Rivaldo</b>	FC Barcelona	1999/00
	<b>Raúl González</b>	Real Madrid FC	1999/00
	<b>Ruud van Nistelrooij</b>	Manchester United FC	2001/02
	<b>Filippo Inzaghi</b>	AC Milan	2002/03

Ruud van Nistelrooij has finished UEFA Champions League top goalscorer in three of the past four seasons, AS Monaco FC's Fernando Morientes pipping him to that feat with nine in 2003/04.

### • Four goals in a match

Player	Match	Res	Date
<b>Marco van Basten</b>	<b>AC Milan</b> v IFK Göteborg	4-0	25.11.1992
<b>Simone Inzaghi</b>	<b>S.S. Lazio</b> v Olympique de Marseille	5-1	14.03.2000
<b>Dado Pršo</b>	<b>AS Monaco FC</b> v RC Deportivo La Coruña	8-3	05.11.2003
<b>Ruud van Nistelrooij</b>	<b>Manchester United FC</b> v AC Sparta Praha	4-1	03.11.2004

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

Player	Match	Time (sec)	Date
<b>Gilberto</b>	PSV Eindhoven 0-4 <b>Arsenal FC</b>	20.07	25.09.2002
<b>Alessandro Del Piero</b>	Manchester United FC 3-2 <b>Juventus</b>	20.12	01.10.1997
<b>Clarence Seedorf</b>	FC Schalke 04 2-2 <b>AC Milan</b>	21.20	28.09.2005
<b>Marek Kincl</b>	Club Brugge KV 3-2 <b>SK Rapid Wien</b>	25.40	02.11.2005
<b>Mariano Bombardo</b>	<b>Willem II</b> 3-4 AC Sparta Praha	28.21	20.10.1999

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

### • Fastest hat-tricks

Player	Match	Time (min)	Date
<b>Mike Newell</b>	<b>Blackburn Rovers FC</b> 4-1 Rosenborg BK	9	06.12.1995
<b>Marco Simone</b>	Rosenborg BK 1-4 <b>AC Milan</b>	19	25.09.1996

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<b>Dado Pršo</b>	<b>AS Monaco FC</b> 8-3 RC Deportivo La Coruña	19	05.11.2003
<b>Sigurd Rushfeldt</b>	<b>Rosenborg BK</b> 3-0 Galatasaray SK	21	21.10.1998
<b>Simone Inzaghi</b>	<b>S.S. Lazio</b> 5-1 Olympique de Marseille	21	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

<b>Player</b>	<b>Match</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Peter Oforiquaye</b>	Rosenborg BK 5-1 <b>Olympiacos CFP</b>	17 y - 195 d	01.10.1997
<b>Cesc Fabregas</b>	<b>Arsenal FC</b> 5-1 Rosenborg BK	17 y - 218 d	07.12.2004
<b>Martin Klein</b>	Panathinaikos FC 2-1 <b>AC Sparta Praha</b>	17 y - 241 d	27.02.2002
<b>Sammy Kuffour</b>	<b>FC Bayern München</b> 2-2 FC Spartak Moskva	18 y - 61 d	02.11.1994
<b>Andriy Shevchenko</b>	<b>FC Dynamo Kyiv</b> 1-4 FC Bayern München	18 y - 70 d	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.*

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### All-time statistics

#### Head-to-head record

Date	Comp.	Stage	Match	Res	Venue
14.09.2005	UCL	GS	Villarreal CF - Manchester United FC	0-0	Villarreal

#### Overall record

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
<b>Manchester United FC</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Villarreal CF</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

#### Home team's record versus clubs from the away team's country

Date	Comp.	Stage	Match	Res	Venue
16.01.1957	UCL	QF	Athletic Club Bilbao - Manchester United FC	5-3	Bilbao
06.02.1957	UCL	QF	Manchester United FC - Athletic Club Bilbao	3-0	Manchester
11.04.1957	UCL	SF	Real Madrid CF - Manchester United FC	3-1	Madrid
25.04.1957	UCL	SF	Manchester United FC - Real Madrid CF	2-2	Manchester
24.04.1968	UCL	SF	Manchester United FC - Real Madrid CF	1-0	Manchester
15.05.1968	UCL	SF	Real Madrid CF - Manchester United FC	3-3	Madrid
15.09.1982	UCUP	R1	Manchester United FC - Valencia CF	0-0	Manchester
29.09.1982	UCUP	R1	Valencia CF - Manchester United FC	2-1	Valencia
07.03.1984	UCWC	QF	FC Barcelona - Manchester United FC	2-0	Barcelona
21.03.1984	UCWC	QF	Manchester United FC - FC Barcelona	3-0	Manchester
15.05.1991	UCWC	F	Manchester United FC - FC Barcelona	2-1	Rotterdam
23.10.1991	UCWC	R2	Club Atlético de Madrid - Manchester United FC	3-0	Madrid
06.11.1991	UCWC	R2	Manchester United FC - Club Atlético de Madrid	1-1	Manchester
19.10.1994	UCL	GS	Manchester United FC - FC Barcelona	2-2	Manchester
02.11.1994	UCL	GS	FC Barcelona - Manchester United FC	4-0	Barcelona
16.09.1998	UCL	GS	Manchester United FC - FC Barcelona	3-3	Manchester
25.11.1998	UCL	GS	FC Barcelona - Manchester United FC	3-3	Barcelona
08.12.1999	UCL	GS2	Manchester United FC - Valencia CF	3-0	Manchester
21.03.2000	UCL	GS2	Valencia CF - Manchester United FC	0-0	Valencia
04.04.2000	UCL	QF	Real Madrid CF - Manchester United FC	0-0	Madrid
19.04.2000	UCL	QF	Manchester United FC - Real Madrid CF	2-3	Manchester
14.02.2001	UCL	GS2	Valencia CF - Manchester United FC	0-0	Valencia
20.02.2001	UCL	GS2	Manchester United FC - Valencia CF	1-1	Manchester
25.09.2001	UCL	GS1	RC Deportivo La Coruña - Manchester United FC	2-1	La Coruna
17.10.2001	UCL	GS1	Manchester United FC - RC Deportivo La Coruña	2-3	Manchester
02.04.2002	UCL	QF	RC Deportivo La Coruña - Manchester United FC	0-2	La Coruna
10.04.2002	UCL	QF	Manchester United FC - RC Deportivo La Coruña	3-2	Manchester
11.12.2002	UCL	GS2	Manchester United FC - RC Deportivo La Coruña	2-0	Manchester

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18.03.2003	UCL	GS2	RC Deportivo La Coruña - Manchester United FC	2-0	La Coruna
08.04.2003	UCL	QF	Real Madrid CF - Manchester United FC	3-1	Madrid
23.04.2003	UCL	QF	Manchester United FC - Real Madrid CF	4-3	Manchester
14.09.2005	UCL	GS	Villarreal CF - Manchester United FC	0-0	Villarreal

### Overall record

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
<b>Manchester United FC</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>53</b>

### Away team's record versus clubs from the home team's country

Date	Comp.	Stage	Match	Res	Venue
25.11.2004	UCUP	GS	Villarreal CF - Middlesbrough FC	2-0	Villarreal
09.08.2005	UCL	QR3	Everton FC - Villarreal CF	1-2	Liverpool
24.08.2005	UCL	QR3	Villarreal CF - Everton FC	2-1	Villarreal
14.09.2005	UCL	GS	Villarreal CF - Manchester United FC	0-0	Villarreal

### Overall record

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
<b>Villarreal CF</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>

## UEFA club competition record

### Manchester United FC

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
European Champions Clubs' Cup / UEFA Champions League	166	91	40	35	328	166
UEFA Cup Winners' Cup	31	16	9	6	55	35
UEFA Cup	20	6	11	3	19	16
UEFA Super Cup	2	1	0	1	1	1
UEFA Intertoto Cup	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>403</b>	<b>218</b>

### Villarreal CF

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
European Champions Clubs' Cup / UEFA Champions League	6	3	3	0	6	3
UEFA Cup Winners' Cup	0	0	0	0	0	0
UEFA Cup	24	11	9	4	35	15
UEFA Super Cup	0	0	0	0	0	0
UEFA Intertoto Cup	22	11	9	2	30	13
<b>Total</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>31</b>

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

### Manchester United FC

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
UEFA Champions League	117	59	32	26	210	119

### Villarreal CF

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	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
UEFA Champions League	4	1	3	0	2	1

### KEY: All-time statistics

**Comp.** - Competition, **Res** - Result

**Pld** - Matches played, **W** - Won, **D** - Drawn, **L** - Lost, **GF** - Goals for, **GA** - Goals against

(NOTE: 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 and the UEFA Intertoto Cup)

(NOTE: For matches in the UEFA Champions League (group stage to final only) club record, the fixtures played in the 1992/93 and 1993/94 first and second rounds are included in the statistics calculation)

Current club names used for all clubs listed in these tables

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..

<b>ECCC:</b> European Champions Clubs' Cup / UEFA Champions League	<b>AP:</b> Appearances	<b>QR2:</b> Second qualifying round
<b>UCUP:</b> UEFA Cup	<b>:</b> Final	<b>QR3:</b> Third qualifying round
<b>UCWC:</b> UEFA Cup Winners' Cup	<b>GS:</b> Group stage	<b>R1:</b> First round
<b>SCUP:</b> UEFA Super Cup	<b>GS1:</b> First group stage	<b>R2:</b> Second round
<b>UIC:</b> UEFA Intertoto Cup	<b>GS2:</b> Second group stage	<b>R3:</b> Third round
<b>EURO:</b> UEFA European Football Championship	<b>PR:</b> Preliminary round	<b>R4:</b> Fourth round
<b>WC:</b> FIFA World Cup	<b>QF:</b> Quarter-finals	<b>SF:</b> Semi-finals
	<b>QR:</b> Qualifying round	<b>1/8:</b> Eighth-finals
	<b>QR1:</b> First qualifying round	<b>1/16:</b> Sixteenth-finals

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### Squad list

#### Manchester United FC

No.	Player	Nat.	DoB	Current Season						All-time			
				UCLQ <sup>1</sup>		UCL <sup>2</sup>		League		UCL <sup>3</sup>		UEFA <sup>4</sup>	
				Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
<b>Goalkeepers</b>													
1	Tim Howard	USA	06.03.79	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	12	-
19	Edwin van der Sar	NED	29.10.70	2	-	4	-	12	-	48	-	91	-
30	Luke Steele	ENG	24.09.84	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
48	Thomas Lee	ENG	03.01.86	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Defenders</b>													
2	Gary Neville	ENG	18.02.75	2	-	-	-	2	-	91	2	99	2
4	Gabriel Heinze	ARG	19.04.78	1	2	1	-	4	-	8	-	23	3
5	Rio Ferdinand	ENG	07.11.78	2	-	4	-	12	-	32	1	51	1
6	Wes Brown	ENG	13.10.79	1	-	1	-	3	-	37	1	39	1
22	John O'Shea	IRL	30.04.81	1	-	4	-	12	-	31	-	36	-
26	Phil Bardsley	ENG	28.06.85	1	-	2	-	6	-	2	-	3	-
27	Mikaël Silvestre	FRA	09.08.77	1	-	3	-	12	1	63	2	68	2
28	Gerard Piqué	ESP	02.02.87	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-
44	Adam Eckersley	ENG	07.09.85	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
47	Johnny Evans	NIR	03.01.88	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Midfielders</b>													
13	Ji-Sung Park	KOR	25.02.81	1	-	3	-	12	-	19	1	27	2
16	Roy Keane	IRL	10.08.71	1	-	-	-	-	-	74	14	83	14
17	Liam Miller	IRL	13.02.81	1	-	-	-	-	-	10	2	21	3
18	Paul Scholes	ENG	16.11.74	2	-	3	-	12	-	82	18	91	20
23	Kieran Richardson	ENG	21.10.84	1	1	3	-	7	-	9	-	11	1
24	Darren Fletcher	SCO	01.02.84	2	-	4	-	11	1	15	-	19	-
25	Quinton Fortune	RSA	21.05.77	-	-	-	-	-	-	27	2	28	2
45	David Fox	ENG	13.12.83	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
46	Lee Martin	ENG	09.02.87	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
49	Richard Jones	ENG	26.09.86	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Forwards</b>													
7	Cristiano Ronaldo	POR	05.02.85	2	1	4	-	10	1	16	-	22	1
8	Wayne Rooney	ENG	24.10.85	1	1	2	-	12	4	8	3	9	4
9	Louis Saha	FRA	08.08.78	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	26	9
10	Ruud van Nistelrooij	NED	01.07.76	2	1	4	1	12	10	52	43	64	47
11	Ryan Giggs	WAL	29.11.73	1	-	3	1	4	-	90	21	101	23
14	Alan Smith	ENG	28.10.80	2	-	4	-	12	1	21	5	46	16
20	Ole Gunnar Solskjær	NOR	26.02.73	-	-	-	-	-	-	71	18	80	22
40	Sylvan Ebanks-Blake	ENG	29.03.86	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
42	Giuseppe Rossi	ITA	01.02.87	1	-	1	-	2	1	1	-	2	-
<b>Coach</b>													
	Alex Ferguson	SCO	31.12.41	2	-	4	-	-	-	130	-	191	-

#### KEY: Squad list

Squad list is ordered by position and then numerically

**No** - Number, **Nat.** - Nationality

**DoB** - Date of birth, **Pld** - Matches played, **Gls** - Goals

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- 1 - **UCLQ**: Total UEFA Champions League appearances in the qualifying rounds only
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- 3 - **UCL**: Total appearances in the UEFA Champions League from 1992/93 season, group stage to final only  
(NOTE: These are the official statistics considered valid for communicating official records in the competition)
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(NOTE: 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 and the UEFA Intertoto Cup)

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### Squad list

#### Villarreal CF

No.	Player	Nat.	DoB	Current Season						All-time			
				UCLQ <sup>1</sup>		UCL <sup>2</sup>		League		UCL <sup>3</sup>		UEFA <sup>4</sup>	
				Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
<b>Goalkeepers</b>													
1	Javier López Vallejo	ESP	22.09.75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	-
13	Sebastián Viera	URU	07.03.83	-	-	3	-	9	-	3	-	3	-
25	Mariano Barbosa	ARG	27.07.84	2	-	1	-	4	-	1	-	3	-
27	Juan Carlos	ESP	27.07.87	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
31	Iván Pascual	ESP	04.10.85	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
32	Vicente Flor Bustos	ESP	05.11.87	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Defenders</b>													
2	Gonzalo Rodríguez	ARG	10.04.84	2	-	4	-	9	-	4	-	21	2
3	Rodolfo Arruabarrena	ARG	20.07.75	2	-	4	-	11	-	4	-	44	1
15	Jan Kromkamp	NED	17.08.80	1	-	3	-	4	-	3	-	16	-
16	Quique Álvarez	ESP	20.07.75	2	-	3	-	8	-	3	-	42	-
17	Javi Venta	ESP	13.12.75	2	-	1	-	8	-	1	-	32	2
22	Juan Manuel Peña	BOL	17.01.73	1	-	2	-	6	-	2	-	15	-
28	Edu	ESP	02.10.81	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
29	Samuel Álvarez	ESP	17.10.85	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
30	Carlos Alcántara	ESP	01.02.85	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
<b>Midfielders</b>													
4	César Arzo	ESP	21.01.86	-	-	1	-	4	-	1	-	13	-
6	Josico	ESP	06.01.75	2	1	4	-	10	1	4	-	40	2
8	Juan Román Riquelme	ARG	24.06.78	1	-	3	1	9	4	13	2	38	9
10	Roger García	ESP	15.12.76	-	-	2	-	9	1	6	-	42	8
11	Javier Calleja	ESP	12.05.78	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17	3
12	Juan Sorín	ARG	05.05.76	2	1	4	-	8	1	5	-	17	1
14	Héctor Font	ESP	15.06.84	-	-	1	-	4	-	1	-	23	3
18	Alessio Tacchinardi	ITA	23.07.75	2	-	3	-	9	-	73	3	97	6
19	Marcos Senna	BRA	17.07.76	2	-	3	1	9	2	3	1	16	1
20	Luis Valencia	ECU	04.08.85	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
21	Santi Cazorla	ESP	13.12.84	-	-	1	-	10	-	1	-	19	5
<b>Forwards</b>													
5	Diego Forlán	URU	19.05.79	2	1	4	-	9	3	24	3	29	4
7	Antonio Guayre	ESP	23.04.80	1	-	3	-	3	-	3	-	35	7
9	Lucho Figueroa	ARG	19.05.81	2	1	4	-	9	2	4	-	12	3
23	José Mari	ESP	10.12.78	-	-	2	-	11	4	9	4	65	18
26	Xisco Nadal	ESP	27.06.86	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-
<b>Coach</b>													
	Manuel Pellegrini	CHI	16.09.53	2	-	4	-	-	-	4	-	26	-

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**4 - UEFA:** Total appearances in UEFA club competitions including all qualifying round matches

(NOTE: 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 and the UEFA Intertoto Cup)

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### Match-by-match lineups - Group D

Clubs	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Villarreal CF	4	1	3	0	2	1	6
LOSC Lille Métropole	4	1	2	1	1	1	5
Manchester United FC	4	1	2	1	2	2	5
SL Benfica	4	1	1	2	3	4	4

Date	Match	Res	Lineups
14/09/2005	Villarreal CF v Manchester United FC	0-0	<b>Villarreal:</b> Viera, Gonzalo, Arruabarrena, Forlán, Josico (Tacchinardi 46), Guayre (Lucho Figueroa 66), Sorín, Héctor Font (Roger 70), Kromkamp, Quique Álvarez, Senna <b>Man. United:</b> Van der Sar, Heinze (Richardson 33), Ferdinand, Cristiano Ronaldo (Giggs 80), Rooney, Van Nistelrooij (Park 80), Smith, Scholes, O'Shea, Fletcher, Silvestre
14/09/2005	SL Benfica v LOSC Lille Métropole	1-0	<b>Benfica:</b> Moreira, Luisão, Léo, Petit (Karagounis 67), Geovanni (Mantorras 80), Manuel Fernandes, Simão, Nuno Gomes, Nélsón, Miccoli, Ricardo Rocha (Anderson 46) <b>Lille:</b> Sylva, Rafael, Cabaye, Dernis (Lichtsteiner 84), Moussilou (Odemwingie 71), Gygax (Debuchy 46), Bodmer, Makoun, Tafforeau, Chalmé, Plestan
27/09/2005	LOSC Lille Métropole v Villarreal CF	0-0	<b>Lille:</b> Sylva, Debuchy, Rafael, Moussilou (Fauvergue 74), Bodmer (Dumont 46), Odemwingie, Ačimovič (Dernis 85), Makoun, Tafforeau, Plestan, Lichtsteiner <b>Villarreal:</b> Viera, Arruabarrena, Forlán (Guayre 84), Josico, Riquelme, Lucho Figueroa, Sorín (Senna 46), Kromkamp, Quique Álvarez (Gonzalo 57), Tacchinardi, Peña
27/09/2005	Manchester United FC v SL Benfica	2-1	<b>Man. United:</b> Van der Sar, Ferdinand, Cristiano Ronaldo, Van Nistelrooij, Giggs, Smith, Scholes, O'Shea, Richardson, Fletcher, Bardsley <b>Benfica:</b> Moreira, Luisão, Léo, Petit, Manuel Fernandes (Geovanni 87), Beto (Mantorras 87), Simão, Nuno Gomes, Nélsón, Miccoli (João Pereira 80), Ricardo Rocha
18/10/2005	Manchester United FC v LOSC Lille Métropole	0-0	<b>Man. United:</b> Van der Sar, Ferdinand, Cristiano Ronaldo, Van Nistelrooij, Giggs (Park 83), Smith, Scholes, O'Shea, Fletcher, Bardsley, Silvestre <b>Lille:</b> Sylva, Debuchy (Keita 84), Tavlaridis, Rafael, Bodmer, Odemwingie (Moussilou 74), Ačimovič (Dernis 60), Makoun, Tafforeau, Chalmé, Vitakić
18/10/2005	Villarreal CF v SL Benfica	1-1	<b>Villarreal:</b> Viera, Gonzalo, Arruabarrena (Josico 46), Arzo, Forlán, Riquelme, Sorín, Kromkamp, Tacchinardi (Roger 84), Santi Cazorla, José Mari (Lucho Figueroa 80) <b>Benfica:</b> Quim (Rui Nereu 29), Anderson, Luisão, Petit, Karagounis (Kariaka 66), Geovanni (Beto 91), Manuel Fernandes, Simão, Nuno Gomes, Nélsón, Ricardo Rocha
02/11/2005	LOSC Lille Métropole v Manchester United FC	1-0	<b>Lille:</b> Sylva, Debuchy, Tavlaridis, Rafael, Dernis (Gygax 79), Moussilou (Odemwingie 84), Bodmer, Ačimovič (Cabaye 77), Makoun, Tafforeau, Chalmé <b>Man. United:</b> Van der Sar, Ferdinand, Brown, Cristiano Ronaldo (Rossi 89), Rooney, Van Nistelrooij, Smith, O'Shea, Richardson (Park 65), Fletcher, Silvestre
02/11/2005	SL Benfica v Villarreal CF	0-1	<b>Benfica:</b> Rui Nereu, Anderson (Nuno Assis 84), Luisão, Léo, Petit, Karagounis (Mantorras 70), Geovanni (João Pereira 70), Manuel Fernandes, Simão, Nuno Gomes, Nélsón <b>Villarreal:</b> Barbosa, Gonzalo, Arruabarrena, Forlán (Lucho Figueroa 52), Josico, Riquelme, Sorín, Quique Álvarez, Javi Venta, Senna (Peña 92), José Mari (Guayre 71)
22/11/2005	Manchester United FC		

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22/11/2005 LOSC Lille Métropole v  
SL Benfica  
07/12/2005 Villarreal CF v LOSC  
Lille Métropole  
07/12/2005 SL Benfica v  
Manchester United FC

**KEY: Match-by-match lineups**

**Pld** - Matches played, **W** - Won, **D** - Drawn, **L** - Lost, **GF** - Goals for, **GA** - Goals against, **Pts** - Points

(NOTE: In the group stage, the group winners and runners-up advance to the UEFA Champions League knockout stage, the eight third-placed teams move into the UEFA Cup third round, and the eight fourth-placed teams are eliminated.)

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### Booking list - Group D

#### LOSC Lille Métropole

No.	Player	04/05	QF1		QF2		QF3		Group Phase						
			1st	2nd	1st	2nd	1st	2nd	MD1	MD2	MD3	MD4	MD5	MD6	
4	Efstathios <b>Tavlaridis</b>											Y			
5	Rafael <b>Schmitz</b>									Y	Y			*	
7	Yohan <b>Cabaye</b>								Y						
10	Daniel <b>Gygax</b>								Y						
17	Jean <b>Makoun</b>											Y			
20	Grégory <b>Tafforeau</b>								Y			Y		*	
22	Milivoje <b>Vitakić</b>	2									Y				
25	Nicolas <b>Plestan</b>								Y						

#### Manchester United FC

No.	Player	04/05	QF1		QF2		QF3		Group Phase						
			1st	2nd	1st	2nd	1st	2nd	MD1	MD2	MD3	MD4	MD5	MD6	
5	Rio <b>Ferdinand</b>										Y				
8	Wayne <b>Rooney</b>								R			Y			
14	Alan <b>Smith</b>								Y	Y				*	
18	Paul <b>Scholes</b>										R				
22	John <b>O'Shea</b>										Y				
23	Kieran <b>Richardson</b>								Y						
27	Mikaël <b>Silvestre</b>											Y			

#### SL Benfica

No.	Player	04/05	QF1		QF2		QF3		Group Phase						
			1st	2nd	1st	2nd	1st	2nd	MD1	MD2	MD3	MD4	MD5	MD6	
4	<b>Luisão</b>									Y					
21	<b>Nuno Gomes</b>									Y		Y		*	
33	Ricardo <b>Rocha</b>								Y						

#### Villarreal CF

No.	Player	04/05	QF1		QF2		QF3		Group Phase						
			1st	2nd	1st	2nd	1st	2nd	MD1	MD2	MD3	MD4	MD5	MD6	
2	Gonzalo <b>Rodríguez</b>								Y			Y		*	
3	Rodolfo <b>Arruabarrena</b>									Y					
12	Juan Pablo <b>Sorin</b>											Y			
14	Héctor <b>Font</b>								Y						
17	Javi <b>Venta</b>											Y			
18	Alessio <b>Tacchinardi</b>									Y					
23	José María <b>Romero</b>	2													

#### KEY: Booking list

Y - Booked, R - Sent off, Y/R - Yellow + Direct Red

■ - Suspension, ### - Suspension for at least 1 match, \* - Misses next match if booked

**NOTE:** this 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.

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### Player statistics

#### Manchester United FC

No.	Player	QF1		QF2		QF3		MD1	MD2	Group Phase			
		1st	2nd	1st	2nd	1st	2nd			MD3	MD4	MD5	MD6
<b>Goalkeepers</b>													
1	Tim Howard	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
19	Edwin van der Sar	-	-	-	-	90	90	90	90	90	90	-	-
30	Luke Steele	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
48	Thomas Lee	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Defenders</b>													
2	Gary Neville	-	-	-	-	90	16(-)	-	-	-	-	-	-
4	Gabriel Heinze	-	-	-	-	-	90	33(-)	-	-	-	-	-
5	Rio Ferdinand	-	-	-	-	90	90	90	90	90	90	-	-
6	Wes Brown	-	-	-	-	-	90	-	-	-	90	-	-
22	John O'Shea	-	-	-	-	90	-	90	90	90	90	-	-
26	Phil Bardsley	-	-	-	-	-	44(+)	-	90	90	-	-	-
27	Mikaël Silvestre	-	-	-	-	90	-	90	-	90	90	-	-
28	Gerard Piqué	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
44	Adam Eckersley	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
47	Johnny Evans	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Midfielders</b>													
13	Ji-Sung Park	-	-	-	-	23(+)	-	10(+)	-	7(+)	25(+)	-	-
16	Roy Keane	-	-	-	-	67(-)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
17	Liam Miller	-	-	-	-	-	29(+)	-	-	-	-	-	-
18	Paul Scholes	-	-	-	-	90	46(-)	90	90	63	-	-	-
23	Kieran Richardson	-	-	-	-	-	29(+)	57(+)	90	-	65(-)	-	-
24	Darren Fletcher	-	-	-	-	90	61(-)	90	90	90	90	-	-
25	Quinton Fortune	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45	David Fox	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
46	Lee Martin	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
49	Richard Jones	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Forwards</b>													
7	Cristiano Ronaldo	-	-	-	-	67(-)	90	80(-)	90	90	89(-)	-	-
8	Wayne Rooney	-	-	-	-	90	-	64	-	-	90	-	-
9	Louis Saha	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10	Ruud van Nistelrooij	-	-	-	-	81(-)	90	80(-)	90	90	90	-	-
11	Ryan Giggs	-	-	-	-	-	90	10(+)	90	83(-)	-	-	-
14	Alan Smith	-	-	-	-	23(+)	90	90	90	90	90	-	-
20	Ole Gunnar Solskjær	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
40	Sylvan Ebanks-Blake	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
42	Giuseppe Rossi	-	-	-	-	9(+)	-	-	-	-	1(+)	-	-

#### KEY: Lineups

Lineups are ordered by position and then numerically

**No** - Jersey number

**(-)** - Denotes player substituted

**(+)** - Denotes player introduced

**(\*)** - Denotes player dismissed

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

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### Player statistics

#### Villarreal CF

No.	Player	QF1		QF2		QF3		Group Phase						
		1st	2nd	1st	2nd	1st	2nd	MD1	MD2	MD3	MD4	MD5	MD6	
<b>Goalkeepers</b>														
1	Javier López Vallejo	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
13	Sebastián Viera	-	-	-	-	-	-	90	90	90	-	-	-	-
25	Mariano Barbosa	-	-	-	-	90	90	-	-	-	90	-	-	-
27	Juan Carlos	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
31	Iván Pascual	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
32	Vicente Flor Bustos	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Defenders</b>														
2	Gonzalo Rodríguez	-	-	-	-	90	90	90	33(+)	90	90	-	-	-
3	Rodolfo Arruabarrena	-	-	-	-	90	90	90	90	46(-)	90	-	-	-
15	Jan Kromkamp	-	-	-	-	-	75(+)	90	90	90	-	-	-	-
16	Quique Álvarez	-	-	-	-	90	90	90	57(-)	-	90	-	-	-
17	Javi Venta	-	-	-	-	85(-)	15(-)	-	-	-	90	-	-	-
22	Juan Manuel Peña	-	-	-	-	1(+)	-	-	90	-	1(+)	-	-	-
28	Edu	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
29	Samuel Álvarez	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
30	Carlos Alcántara	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Midfielders</b>														
4	César Arzo	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	90	-	-	-	-
6	Josico	-	-	-	-	65(-)	90	46(-)	90	44(+)	90	-	-	-
8	Juan Román Riquelme	-	-	-	-	-	90	-	90	90	90	-	-	-
10	Roger García	-	-	-	-	-	-	20(+)	-	6(+)	-	-	-	-
11	Javier Calleja	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
12	Juan Sorín	-	-	-	-	90	90	90	46(-)	90	90	-	-	-
14	Héctor Font	-	-	-	-	-	-	70(-)	-	-	-	-	-	-
18	Alessio Tacchinardi	-	-	-	-	25(+)	8(+)	44(+)	90	84(-)	-	-	-	-
19	Marcos Senna	-	-	-	-	89(-)	90	90	44(+)	-	89(-)	-	-	-
20	Luis Valencia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
21	Santi Cazorla	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	90	-	-	-	-
<b>Forwards</b>														
5	Diego Forlán	-	-	-	-	90	90	90	84(-)	90	52(-)	-	-	-
7	Antonio Guayre	-	-	-	-	5(+)	-	66(-)	6(+)	-	19(+)	-	-	-
9	Lucho Figueroa	-	-	-	-	90	82(-)	24(+)	90	10(+)	38(+)	-	-	-
23	José Mari	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	80(-)	71(-)	-	-	-
26	Xisco Nadal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

#### KEY: Lineups

Lineups are ordered by position and then numerically

No - Jersey number

(-) - Denotes player substituted

(+) - Denotes player introduced

(\*) - Denotes player dismissed

(+/-) - Denotes player introduced and substituted

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### Head coach profiles

#### **Sir Alex Ferguson**

Sir Alex Ferguson has enjoyed more than two decades at the top, restoring Manchester United FC to their position as one of Europe's foremost clubs. He is widely credited for nurturing a group of young players including David Beckham, Paul Scholes and Gary Neville who went on to form the backbone of United's treble-winning side in 1999. The esteem in which his peers hold him is reflected by his position as head of the UEFA Coaches Panel.

Ferguson enjoyed a relatively successful playing career that included a spell at Rangers FC before becoming player-coach at Falkirk FC. He then managed East Stirlingshire FC and Saint Mirren FC before shooting to prominence at Aberdeen FC. In 1980 the club won the Scottish title to break the Old Firm's 14-year stranglehold, a dominance which has returned since Aberdeen's last title in 1985. Ferguson's greatest success with the Dons came in 1983, when they beat Real Madrid CF to win the UEFA Cup Winners' Cup.

Manchester United appointed Ferguson manager in 1986 and after a difficult start the Scot led the club to the longest period of sustained success in their history. Their first trophy under him was the 1990 FA Cup, followed up with Cup Winners' Cup glory the following term. In 1993 came the first of eight Premiership titles, to which five FA Cups were added. Ferguson's finest moment came in 1999, when two added-time goals gave United a 2-1 UEFA Champions League final victory against FC Bayern München.

#### **Manuel Pellegrini**

Manuel Pellegrini was chosen to replace Benito Floro after the latter's resignation from Villarreal CF in February 2004, but had to wait three months before assuming control of first-team affairs as Floro's assistant Francisco García took charge for the remainder of that season.

Once installed, the Chilean proved massively successful, guiding the club to a fourth-place finish in the Primera División to earn UEFA Champions League qualification for the first time. Villarreal also reached the quarter-finals of the UEFA Cup having won the UEFA Intertoto Cup for the second successive year in summer 2004. Pellegrini's gift lies in getting the best from players who have failed to hit the heights at their previous clubs. Juan Román Riquelme and Diego Forlán, disappointing at FC Barcelona and Manchester United FC respectively, have flourished at El Madrigal, the latter finishing as Spain's leading scorer in 2004/05 with 25 goals.

Pellegrini is a much-travelled coach enjoying his first stint in Europe. He coached nine clubs in Chile, Ecuador and Argentina, including Buenos Aires giants CA River Plate, before being lured across the Atlantic. At Villarreal he has introduced a large South American presence, including Riquelme, Forlán, captain Juan Pablo Sorín and striker Luciano Figueroa. A total of eleven players in the club's UEFA Champions League squad hail from Argentina, Brazil, Uruguay, Bolivia or Ecuador.

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### Match officials

<b>Referee</b>	Massimo De Santis (ITA)
<b>Assistant referees</b>	Alessandro Griselli (ITA), Marco Ivaldi (ITA)
<b>Fourth official</b>	Tiziano Pieri (ITA)
<b>UEFA Delegate</b>	Gudmundur Petursson (ISL)
<b>UEFA Referee observer</b>	Bo Karlsson (SWE)
<b>UEFA Media Officer</b>	Jon Jamessen (NOR)

### Referee

Name	Nat.	DoB	UCL <sup>1</sup>	UEFA <sup>2</sup>
Massimo De Santis	ITA	08.04.1962	11	23

Massimo De Santis is the latest man to emerge from an impressive batch of Italian referees who officiate at the highest level, following in the highly-regarded footsteps of Pierluigi Collina and Pierluigi Pairetto.

Born in Rome in April 1962, De Santis is a police superintendent who started his refereeing career in 1979. He first took charge of a Serie A match in 1994 and went on to earn his FIFA badge in 2000 before presiding over two fixtures at the UEFA European Under-18 Championships a year later.

He continued his progression when, in 2004, he was appointed to the refereeing team for the Olympic Games football tournament in Greece, where he took charge of the quarter-final between Paraguay and the Korean Republic, and was the fourth official for the semi-final between Iraq and Paraguay. Later that year he refereed four UEFA Champions League matches, including AC Sparta Praha versus Manchester United FC.

Season 2004/05 also saw him take charge of the UEFA Cup semi-final between Sporting Clube de Portugal and AZ Alkmaar as well as four FIFA World Cup qualifiers. More recently, he has overseen a number of high-profile encounters, including the UEFA Champions League match between Liverpool FC and Chelsea FC at Anfield and the FIFA World Cup play-off between Spain and Slovakia on November 12.

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

Date	Comp.	Stage	Match	Res	Venue
25.02.2004	UCL	1/8	Real Sociedad de Fútbol - Olympique Lyonnais	0-1	San Sebastian
19.10.2004	UCL	GS	AC Sparta Praha - Manchester United FC	0-0	Prague
02.11.2004	UCL	GS	PFC CSKA Moskva - Chelsea FC	0-1	Moscow
09.03.2005	UCL	1/8	Arsenal FC - FC Bayern München	1-0	London
13.09.2005	UCL	GS	Olympique Lyonnais - Real Madrid CF	3-0	Lyon
28.09.2005	UCL	GS	Liverpool FC - Chelsea FC	0-0	Liverpool

### UEFA Champions League Other matches

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Date	Comp.	Stage	Match	Res	Venue
14.08.2002	UCL	QR3	PFC Levski Sofia - FC Dynamo Kyiv	0-1	Sofia
24.09.2002	UCL	GS1	Maccabi Haifa FC - Olympiacos CFP	3-0	Nicosia
23.10.2002	UCL	GS1	Club Brugge KV - Galatasaray SK	3-1	Bruges
12.08.2003	UCL	QR3	Grazer AK - AFC Ajax	1-1	Graz
17.09.2003	UCL	GS1	FC Bayern München - Celtic FC	2-1	Munich
04.11.2003	UCL	GS1	Panathinaikos FC - VfB Stuttgart	1-3	Athens
24.11.2004	UCL	GS	Rosenborg BK - Panathinaikos FC	2-2	Trondheim
10.08.2005	UCL	QR3	Brøndby IF - AFC Ajax	2-2	Brøndby

### Other matches

Date	Comp.	Stage	Match	Res	Venue
19.04.2000	U18	IR	Rep. of Ireland - France	0-2	Dublin
28.09.2000	UCUP	R1	Feyenoord - Dunaferre SE	3-1	Rotterdam
10.10.2000	U21	QR	Netherlands - Portugal	1-1	Tilburg
27.03.2001	U21	QR	Greece - Germany	2-0	Athens
14.07.2001	UIC	R3	NK Slaven Kopriwnica - Aston Villa FC	2-1	Kopriwnica
23.07.2001	U18	GS - FT	Finland - Czech Republic	1-4	Helsinki
26.07.2001	U18	GS - FT	Spain - Belgium	3-1	Valkeakoski
27.09.2001	UCUP	R1	SK Sigma Olomouc - RC Celta de Vigo	4-3	Olomouc
01.11.2001	UCUP	R2	ES Troyes Aube Champagne - Leeds United AFC	3-2	Troyes
14.11.2001	FRIE.	R1	Malta - Canada	2-1	
11.10.2002	FRIE.	R1	Bosnia-Herzegovina - Germany	1-1	Sarajevo
26.11.2002	UCUP	R3	Paris Saint-Germain FC - Boavista FC	2-1	Paris
20.02.2003	UCUP	R4	AJ Auxerre - Liverpool FC	0-1	Auxerre
29.03.2003	EURO	QR	Poland - Hungary	0-0	Chorzow
20.08.2003	FRIE.	R1	Argentina - Uruguay	3-2	
11.10.2003	EURO	QR	Sweden - Latvia	0-1	Solna
25.03.2004	UCUP	R4	Club Brugge KV - FC Girondins de Bordeaux	0-1	Bruges
14.04.2004	UCUP	QF	Villarreal CF - Celtic FC	2-0	Villarreal
08.09.2004	WC	QR	Bosnia-Herzegovina - Spain	1-1	Zenica
13.10.2004	WC	QR	Denmark - Turkey	1-1	Copenhagen
26.03.2005	WC	QR	France - Switzerland	0-0	Paris
28.04.2005	UCUP	SF	Sporting Clube de Portugal - AZ Alkmaar	2-1	Lisbon
04.06.2005	WC	QR	Netherlands - Romania	2-0	Rotterdam
03.09.2005	WC	QR	Poland - Austria	3-2	Chorzow
08.10.2005	WC	QR	Croatia - Sweden	1-0	Zagreb
12.11.2005	WC	P-O	Spain - Slovakia	5-1	Madrid

#### KEY: Match officials

**Nat.** - Nationality, **DoB** - Date of birth

**Comp.** - Competition, **Res** - Result

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

**2 - UEFA:** Total matches officiated in UEFA club competitions including all qualifying round matches (NOTE: 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 and the UEFA Intertoto Cup. International matches or matches where the match official has acted as a fourth official are not included in this

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statistic.)

**ECCC:** European Champions 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

**WC:** FIFA World Cup

**CONFCUP:** Confederation Cup

**FRIE.:** Friendly matches

**AP:** Appearances

**:** Final

**GS:** Group stage

**GS1:** First group stage

**GS2:** Second group stage

**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

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### Domestic news

#### Lille edged in five-goal thriller

(Sunday, 20 November 2005)

The UEFA Champions League Group D contenders experienced mixed fortunes at the weekend, with only Manchester United FC coming away with a win. SL Benfica and LOSC Lille Métropole both lost by the odd goal in five, resulting in the end of a seven-match unbeaten run for the Ligue 1 side. But in Spain, Villarreal CF's own undefeated sequence was extended to eleven games after a goalless draw.

#### AJ Auxerre 3-2 **LOSC Lille Métropole**

Lille's seven-game unbeaten run in all competitions ended on Saturday after Luigi Pieroni's two goals helped send the UEFA Champions League hopefuls crashing to defeat, despite having led twice. Mathieu Bodmer scored from the penalty spot to put the visitors ahead after seven minutes, before Yann Lachuer levelled ten minutes later. Pieroni, the 25-year-old Belgian forward, then scored with a 66th-minute spot-kick, to cancel out Yohan Cabaye's effort midway through the first half, before giving Auxerre the win when he converted Kanga Akalé's cross with 19 minutes remaining.

Lille's miserable evening was compounded by the departure of Mathieu Debuchy with an ankle injury after 42 minutes. The French Under-21 midfielder could be ruled out on Tuesday, alongside Nigerian forward Peter Odemwingie (ankle) and Swiss winger Daniel Gyax, who suffered a dislocated shoulder during his country's FIFA World Cup play-off against Turkey last Wednesday. Captain Stéphane Dumont is also on the injury list as he recovers from knee surgery.

Coach Claude Puel, whose side slipped to seventh after the defeat, said: "I'm disappointed by the result. We made some juvenile errors, and consequently lost our unbeaten run. I am not confident of Debuchy being fit enough to take part against Benfica on Tuesday."

#### SC Braga 3-2 **SL Benfica**

Benfica are eight points off the summit after a dramatic last-gasp defeat by Portuguese Liga leaders Braga on Saturday. The visitors took the lead midway through the first half when Anderson headed in Petit's cross - the first league goal Braga have conceded at home this season. However, Cesinha restored parity after 67 minutes, before Julio Bevacqua headed Braga in front with three minutes remaining. A Nuno Gomes penalty looked to have secured Benfica a point in added time, but Bevacqua dashed the Portuguese champions' hopes with a second headed goal.

Quim replaced Rui Nereu in goal following a lengthy spell on the sidelines, while Simão also returned in place of João Pereira. Georgios Karagounis, out for two weeks with a foot injury, saw his place taken by Manuel Fernandes, while Italian forward Fabrizio Miccoli passed a fitness test to return after a month-long absence. Goalkeeper José Moreira, ruled out for six months with a knee problem, is coach Ronald Koeman's only other injury concern.

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"We played well in the first half and scored the first goal," said Koeman. "But we were not as good in the second half and Braga deserved to win. We were lucky to score a late equaliser, but you can't then concede another goal like we did."

### Charlton Athletic FC 1-3 **Manchester United FC**

Manchester United made a confident start to life without Roy Keane on Saturday, picking up three points on the day after their talismanic captain left the club by mutual consent. Two second-half goals from Ruud van Nistelrooij sealed the victory after United had been pegged back to 1-1.

Alan Smith, filling the defensive midfield role that Keane occupied for 12 seasons at Old Trafford, opened the scoring on 37 minutes with a low shot from the edge of the area. Despite the visitors' dominance, Darren Ambrose equalised with a superb 20-metre shot past Edwin van der Sar on 65 minutes. United responded quickly as Wayne Rooney set up Van Nistelrooij, who controlled with his chest and fired high into the net. The Dutchman added his tenth Premiership goal of the season five minutes from time.

Manager Sir Alex Ferguson named an unchanged team from the one that defeated Chelsea FC 1-0 two weeks earlier, with Gary Neville (groin), Ryan Giggs (cheekbone), Gabriel Heinze (knee) and Louis Saha (hamstring) all ruled out with injury. "It's been a difficult week for the club, but it was vital we backed up our victory over Chelsea," said Ferguson. "Van Nistelrooij's finish was unbelievable and his goal came at a vital time, just after they equalised."

### **Villarreal CF** 0-0 Real Zaragoza

An under-strength Villarreal side extended their unbeaten run in all competitions to eleven games following a goalless draw against Zaragoza on Saturday, in coach Manuel Luis Pellegrini's 50th game at the helm. Diego Forlán, Antonio Guayre (both thigh), Quique Álvarez (knee), and Javi Venta (muscular) all missed the game through injury, while Sebastián Viera, Juan Pablo Sorín and Juan Román Riquelme were all rested. The latter was to injure his thigh in training on Sunday, ruling him out of the trip to Manchester.

The visitors dominated the first half, as Villarreal struggled to penetrate their opponents' defence with an 18th-minute shot from Roger García which went over the crossbar all they had to show for their efforts. Pellegrini's side improved after the break as they began to display more ambition with a José María Romero header forcing a last-ditch clearance from Albert Celades, while García came close to winning it late on.

"A draw at home is never good," said Pellegrini. "The match was well balanced, though the best chances were ours but we could not score them. It's the first time [in the league this season] we have ended a game without scoring, but we must continue to work hard and settle for the team having played a good match."

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### Domestic league details

#### Manchester United FC (Barclaycard Premiership)

Date	Opponent	Res	Lineups
29.10.2005	v Middlesbrough FC (A)	1-4	Van der Sar, Bardsley (Richardson 31), Ferdinand (Brown 87), O'Shea, Silvestre, Fletcher, Smith, Scholes, Park (Cristiano Ronaldo 60), Rooney, Van Nistelrooij
06.11.2005	v Chelsea FC (H)	1-0	Van der Sar, O'Shea, Ferdinand, Brown, Silvestre, Fletcher, Smith, Scholes, Rooney, Van Nistelrooij (Park 82), Cristiano Ronaldo
19.11.2005	v Charlton Athletic FC (A)	3-1	Van der Sar, O'Shea, Ferdinand, Brown, Silvestre, Fletcher (Bardsley 89), Smith, Scholes, Cristiano Ronaldo (Park 75), Rooney, Van Nistelrooij (Richardson 85)

Date	Opponent	Res	Goalscorers
13.08.2005	v Everton FC (A)	2-0	Rooney, Van Nistelrooij
20.08.2005	v Aston Villa FC (H)	1-0	Van Nistelrooij
28.08.2005	v Newcastle United FC (A)	2-0	Van Nistelrooij, Rooney
10.09.2005	v Manchester City FC (H)	1-1	Van Nistelrooij
18.09.2005	v Liverpool FC (A)	0-0	
24.09.2005	v Blackburn Rovers FC (H)	1-2	Van Nistelrooij
01.10.2005	v Fulham FC (A)	3-2	Van Nistelrooij (pen), Van Nistelrooij, Rooney
15.10.2005	v Sunderland AFC (A)	3-1	Rossi, Rooney, Van Nistelrooij
22.10.2005	v Tottenham Hotspur FC (H)	1-1	Silvestre
29.10.2005	v Middlesbrough FC (A)	1-4	Cristiano Ronaldo
06.11.2005	v Chelsea FC (H)	1-0	Fletcher
19.11.2005	v Charlton Athletic FC (A)	3-1	Van Nistelrooij (2), Smith
27.11.2005	v West Ham United FC (A)		
03.12.2005	v Portsmouth FC (H)		
11.12.2005	v Everton FC (H)		
14.12.2005	v Wigan Athletic FC (H)		
17.12.2005	v Aston Villa FC (A)		

Rank	Clubs	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1	Chelsea FC	13	11	1	1	31	7	34
2	Wigan Athletic FC	12	8	1	3	15	8	25
3	Manchester United FC	12	7	3	2	19	12	24
4	Arsenal FC	12	7	2	3	19	10	23
5	Bolton Wanderers FC	12	7	2	3	14	11	23
6	Tottenham Hotspur FC	13	5	6	2	14	9	21
7	Manchester City FC	13	6	3	4	15	11	21
8	West Ham United FC	12	5	4	3	16	11	19
9	Liverpool FC	11	5	4	2	12	8	19
10	Charlton Athletic FC	12	6	1	5	17	17	19
11	Middlesbrough FC	13	5	3	5	18	18	18
12	Blackburn Rovers FC	13	5	3	5	15	15	18
13	Newcastle United FC	13	5	3	5	12	13	18
14	Fulham FC	13	3	3	7	14	19	12
15	Aston Villa FC	13	3	3	7	13	22	12
16	West Bromwich Albion FC	13	3	2	8	13	22	11
17	Portsmouth FC	13	2	4	7	11	18	10
18	Everton FC	12	3	1	8	4	16	10
19	Birmingham City FC	12	1	3	8	7	17	6

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### Domestic league details

#### Villarreal CF (Primera División)

Date	Opponent	Res	Lineups
30.10.2005	v Club Atlético de Madrid (A)	1-1	Viera (Barbosa 29), Gonzalo, Arruabarrena, Sorín, Quique Álvarez, Kromkamp, Josico, Riquelme, Tacchinardi (Peña 20), Forlán, José Mari (Senna 62)
05.11.2005	v Valencia CF (H)	1-0	Barbosa, Arruabarrena, Quique Álvarez, Javi Venta, Riquelme (Arzo 89), Tacchinardi, Senna, Santi Cazorla, Lucho Figueroa (Roger 80), José Mari (Guayre 35), Juan Carlos
19.11.2005	v Real Zaragoza (H)	0-0	Barbosa, Gonzalo, Arruabarrena, Kromkamp, Peña, Josico, Roger, Senna, Santi Cazorla (Héctor Font 74), Lucho Figueroa, José Mari

Date	Opponent	Res	Goalscorers
28.08.2005	v CA Osasuna (A)	1-2	Forlán
11.09.2005	v Sevilla FC (H)	1-1	Lucho Figueroa
18.09.2005	v Cádiz CF (A)	1-1	José Mari
21.09.2005	v RC Celta de Vigo (H)	1-2	Riquelme
24.09.2005	v RCD Espanyol (A)	2-1	Senna, Josico
02.10.2005	v Athletic Club Bilbao (H)	3-1	Riquelme, José Mari, Senna
15.10.2005	v Deportivo Alavés (A)	1-1	Roger
23.10.2005	v RCD Mallorca (H)	3-0	Riquelme, Forlán, José Mari
26.10.2005	v Real Betis Balompié (A)	3-2	José Mari, Riquelme (pen), Sorín
30.10.2005	v Club Atlético de Madrid (A)	1-1	Forlán
05.11.2005	v Valencia CF (H)	1-0	Lucho Figueroa
19.11.2005	v Real Zaragoza (H)	0-0	
27.11.2005	v RC Deportivo La Coruña (A)		
04.12.2005	v FC Barcelona (H)		
11.12.2005	v Real Sociedad de Fútbol (A)		
18.12.2005	v Getafe CF (H)		
21.12.2005	v Málaga CF (A)		

Rank	Clubs	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1	FC Barcelona	12	7	4	1	30	11	25
2	CA Osasuna	12	8	1	3	16	11	25
3	RC Celta de Vigo	12	7	2	3	16	12	23
4	Real Madrid CF	12	7	0	5	22	14	21
5	Villarreal CF	12	5	5	2	18	12	20
6	RC Deportivo La Coruña	12	5	5	2	17	12	20
7	Sevilla FC	12	5	5	2	11	6	20
8	Valencia CF	12	5	4	3	16	15	19
9	Getafe CF	12	5	3	4	17	16	18
10	Real Sociedad de Fútbol	12	5	1	6	17	24	16
11	Málaga CF	12	4	3	5	18	15	15
12	Club Atlético de Madrid	12	4	3	5	12	12	15
13	Cádiz CF	12	3	4	5	8	12	13
14	RCD Espanyol	12	3	3	6	9	14	12
15	RCD Mallorca	12	3	3	6	11	21	12
16	Real Zaragoza	12	1	8	3	12	15	11
17	Deportivo Alavés	12	2	5	5	11	16	11
18	Real Racing Club Santander	12	2	5	5	6	11	11

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19	Real Betis Balompíe	12	2	4	6	8	19	10
20	Athletic Club Bilbao	12	1	4	7	11	18	7

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### UEFA information

#### The week in UEFA

##### • 'Champions of Europe' awards

UEFA is celebrating 50 years of European club football throughout the season, culminating with the UEFA Champions League final in Paris on 17 May.

European football's governing body will pay tribute to players and coaches who have made a significant contribution to the success of this competition by awarding a specially-designed plaque to recognise their status as 'Champions of Europe'.

Some of these figures will be honoured on the pitch before five UEFA Champions League games this week to enable supporters to thank these icons for the many memorable moments they have offered the game of football.

The matches concerned are: FC Bayern München-SK Rapid Wien, Manchester United FC-Villarreal CF, AFC Ajax-AC Sparta Praha and Liverpool FC-Real Betis Balompié.

The list of 'Champions of Europe' and the presenter of each plaque will be distributed in the media working area and at the TV commentators' briefing approximately two hours before kick-off.

##### • Champions No14 - out now

Issue 14 of Champions, the UEFA Champions League official magazine, is on sale. As the group stage nears its conclusion, Champions talks to three outstanding midfielders: AC Milan's Kaká, Juventus's Patrick Vieira and FC Bayern München's Michael Ballack.

Champions also looks at the continent's greatest goalscorers, highlighting 27 Golden Boot winners. In another feature, two Dutch coaches working in Portugal - FC Porto's Co Adriaanse and Ronald Koeman of SL Benfica - reveal their individual methods. Champions magazine appears in English and is on sale in shops and at Europe's major football stadiums.

##### • UEFA Champions League Technical Report

The Technical Report reviews an exciting 2004/05 season in European football's premier club competition.

Compiled by UEFA's football development division under technical director Andy Roxburgh, in conjunction with a team comprising Roy Hodgson, Gérard Houllier, Jürgen Klinsmann, György Mezey, Holger Osieck, Carlos Alberto Parreira and Jozef Venglos, it examines tactical and technical trends from last season.

# Manchester United FC v Villarreal CF

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### General competition information

#### Competition summary

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.

- **Key dates:** The draw for the first knockout round will take place in Nyon on 16 December with matches being played on 21/22 February and 7/8 March. The draws for the quarter-finals (to be played on 28/29 March and 4/5 April), semi-finals (18/19 & 25/26 April) and final are scheduled for 17 March 2006. This season's showpiece will be played at the Stade de France, Paris on Wednesday 17 May 2006.

- **Financial information:** UEFA has estimated that the gross budgeted income for the 2005/06 UEFA Champions League will be €598m - higher than the revenue obtained last season. Based on those amounts, €453m would go to the 32 clubs, including €22.5m for the professional leagues of the participating associations, and €145m to UEFA for European football. Clubs in the group stage will receive a starting fee of €1.6m and a bonus of €321,000 per match.

Performance bonuses will involve €321,000 for a win and €161,000 for a draw in the group stage. The 16 teams playing in the first knockout round will receive €1.6m each, the eight quarter-finalists €1.9m each and the four semi-finalists €2.6m. The Champions League winners will receive €6.4m, and the runners-up €3.9m. This means that a total minimum amount of €3.5m per club is guaranteed for the group stage. A club could receive, at best, up to €18m, not counting the TV market pool share and gate receipts.

- **Deadlines:** UEFA Champions League press kits are provided to media by uefa.com. For every UEFA Champions League match, two press kits are issued: 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.

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