

AFC Ajax v FC Internazionale Milano

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AFC Ajax and FC Internazionale Milano have a shared history that dates back to the 1971/72 European Champion Clubs' Cup final in Rotterdam which the Dutch team won 2-0 with a pair of Johan Cruyff goals. The stakes will not be so high when they face each other again in the first knockout round of the UEFA Champions League but both teams will be fiercely determined to reach the quarter-finals.

Recent slump

- Recent matches involving Italian opposition do not suggest that the first-leg hosts will be expecting an easy ride. Ajax have lost four successive games to teams from that country and all by the same 1-0 scoreline, coming off worse against Juventus in last season's UEFA Champions League group stage and again when they were paired in the same group as AC Milan the previous year.

Ajax improving

- The four-time European Cup winners failed to make it past the group stage on those two occasions but the current campaign, which got off to an inauspicious start before steadily gaining in momentum, offers them the chance to claim a berth among the last eight of the UEFA Champions League for the fifth time.

- A draw away to AC Sparta Praha, achieved through Wesley Sneijder's equaliser in added time, and a 2-1 home defeat by Arsenal FC in the opening two fixtures in Group B did not point to a prolonged stay among Europe's élite in their eighth UEFA Champions League campaign.

- But three successive wins followed by a commendable draw away to Arsenal, which prevented the hosts claiming a 100 per cent record, helped Danny Blind's team take second place with a seven-point advantage over FC Thun. Two players scored three times – Yannis Anastasiou and Nigel de Jong.

Inter riding high

- Inter also suffered just a single defeat as they finished on top of Group H with a six-point lead over Rangers FC. FC Porto got the better of them on Matchday 3 but otherwise Robert Mancini's team, who will stage the second leg on 14 March, showed consistent form with Adriano making a real impact in the final two matches. He scored a hat-trick against FC Artmedia and then opened the scoring on Matchday 6 away to Rangers.

Last year's run

- It was Porto who provided the opposition for Inter in the first knockout round a year ago. A 1-1 draw at the Estádio do Dragão was followed by a 3-1 win in Milan, a game which also featured an Adriano hat-trick. The quarter-finals then brought Inter up against their city rivals in an ill-fated tie in which AC Milan won through having been awarded the abandoned second leg 3-0.



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History kind to Ajax

- A year after beating Inter in the 1972 European Cup final, Ajax handed out the same punishment to Juventus to make it a hat-trick of triumphs in the competition in successive seasons. However, they also lost 4-1 to Milan in the 1968/69 final.
- In 1994/95, they finally got revenge on Milan in Vienna to lift their one and only UEFA Champions League crown but the following season missed out on a repeat performance when Juventus won the penalty shoot-out that followed a 1-1 draw in the final in Rome. Ajax also won the 1991/92 UEFA Cup on away goals at the expense of Torino Calcio, after a 2-2 aggregate draw.

Inter record

- The Nerazzurri, competing in their fifth UEFA Champions League season, have generally had the upper hand against Dutch opposition in two-legged affairs and they will fondly recall their last meeting with the Amsterdam club.

Last trip to Amsterdam

- In the 2002/03 UEFA Champions League first group stage, they punctured Ajax's hopes, winning 1-0 at home and then 2-1 away with Hernán Crespo scoring all three goals. That was the only occasion in which they have tasted success in the Netherlands – the six previous games ending with three draws and three defeats.

Match facts

- No Ajax player has played every minute of their eight UEFA Champions League games to date, including the third qualifying round.
- **Zdeněk Grygera** and **Steven Pienaar** are the only players to have featured in all eight of the matches, with the former only being denied ever-present status by an injury early in the 0-0 draw at Arsenal FC on Matchday 6.
- **Mauro Rosales** will celebrate his 25th birthday on Friday, while **Hedwiges Maduro** turned 21 on 13 February.
- **Urby Emanuelson** and **Markus Rosenberg** are the most used Ajax players this season, each appearing in 22 of the club's 25 Eredivisie matches.
- With five assists apiece, **Emanuelson**, **Steven Pienaar** and **Wesley Sneijder** have each been the most creative of the Ajax players in domestic league action.
- **Maarten Stekelenburg** has only kept seven Eredivisie clean sheets this season, with 21 goals allowed in 18 appearances.
- **Grygera** is out for up to six weeks because of torn calf muscle suffered in training last Friday.

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- **Emanuelson, Stekelenburg, Sneijder, Hedwiges Maduro** and **Klaas Jan Huntelaar** are all part of Marco van Basten's Netherlands squad for the friendly against Ecuador on 1 March. Huntelaar has yet to be capped at senior level.
- **Huntelaar** became the most expensive Dutch player signed by a Dutch club when Ajax paid SC Heerenveen €9m for his services during the transfer window, after he scored 17 goals in the first half of the season.
- **Huntelaar** has already struck six for Ajax, including the winner in the 2-1 victory at ADO Den Haag on 12 February before hitting four in Sunday's 6-0 victory against RBC Roosendaal.
- With the signings of defender **Jaap Stam** (AC Milan), attacker **Kenneth Perez** (AZ Alkmaar) and goalkeeper **Dennis Gentenaar** (BV Borussia Dortmund), Ajax have already re-enforced their squad for next season.
- Meanwhile, **Maxwell** (released), **Julien Escudé** (Sevilla FC), **Bogdan Lobont** (ACF Fiorentina) and **Nigel de Jong** (Hamburger SV) all left the club during the winter break. **Steven Pienaar**, **Tomáš Galásek**, **Hans Vonk** and **Hatem Trabelsi** will also leave at the end of the season on free transfers.
- **Danny Blind's** 15-year-old son Daley was voted best player at the Aegean Cup tournament for Under-16 national teams played in Turkey earlier this month.
- **Markus Rosenberg** scored in five Eredivisie matches in a row between 15 January and 8 February, the first Ajax player to do this since Rafael van der Vaart, who scored in seven matches in a row in 2001.
- With 12 league goals scored, Rosenberg is the club's top scorer this season.
- The 19-year-old defender **Michael Timisela** made his debut for Ajax on 19 February against RBC Roosendaal.
- Right-back **Hatem Trabelsi** was part of the Tunisia squad that got knocked out in the recent African Cup of Nations at the quarter-final stages.
- Before sitting out Matchday 6, **Júlio César** had been the only Inter player to have played every minute of their UEFA Champions League matches, including both legs of the third qualifying round, this season.
- No other Inter player has featured in all eight games, nor just the six group-stage games, to date.
- In deputising for **Júlio César** in the 1-1 draw at Rangers FC on Matchday 6, Francesco Toldo made his 75th appearance in UEFA club competition. **Dejan Stankovi** is two games off the same milestone.

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- **Julio Cruz** needs one more game to make it 50 in UEFA club competition, with **Alvaro Recoba** having reached that milestone on Matchday 5.
- **Siniša Mihajlovi** is four games away from his 50th in the UEFA Champions League. He celebrated his 37th birthday on Monday.
- **Adriano** turned 24 last Friday.
- Inter had not lost a game in all competitions between 26 October (a 3-2 home defeat by AS Roma) and 8 February (a 2-1 loss at ACF Fiorentina), before losing another game by the same margin four days later against Juventus. It was the first time Inter had lost two consecutive games since the 2003/04 season.
- Until the defeat at Fiorentina, Inter had earned 34 of the previous 36 points available winning every game with the exception of a 0-0 draw at AC Siena.
- Despite the two defeats, Inter have 55 points after 26 games like last season's joint-leaders Juventus and AC Milan at this stage of the campaign.
- **Obafemi Martins** helped Nigeria to finish third in the recent African Cup of Nations, scoring two goals along the way.
- In the 1-0 win against AC Chievo Verona on 5 February, **Julio Cruz** has scored the 4,100th goal in Serie A in the history of Inter.
- It was **Cruz's** eight goal in Serie A this season despite the Argentinian striker playing only nine times from the start (plus eleven appearances as substitute). On the eve of the Ajax match, Cruz extended his Inter contract until summer 2008.
- Against Chievo, captain **Javier Zanetti** moved to sixth on the all-time Nerazzurri appearance list. It was his 474th Inter game, one more than Walter Zenga. Zanetti now has 477 and is only behind Mario Corso (502), Giuseppe Baresi (559), Sandro Mazzola (565), Giacinto Facchetti (634) and Giuseppe Bergomi (758).
- **Zanetti's** last goal for Inter came on 2 November 2002, in a 4-3 win at Empoli FC.
- **Adriano** scored his last goal in Serie A on 15 January in a 3-2 win over Cagliari Calcio. The Brazilian striker has gone 662 minutes without a goal.
- In January, Inter signed Brazilian winger **César** from S.S. Lazio. He became the fifth player from the current Inter squad to have joined from Lazio after Sinisa Mihajlovi , Dejan Stankovi , Juan Sebastián Verón and Giuseppe Favalli.
- **Martins** appeared in more Inter games than any other player in 2005, 61 including ten friendly matches.
- **Adriano** was seventh in the voting for the 2005 European Footballer of the Year award.

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- Inter reached the Coppa Italia semi-finals on 2 February beating S.S. Lazio 2-1 on aggregate. **Stankovic** scored both Inter's goals in the tie.

Team facts

- Previous winners and losing finalists in the competition, AFC Ajax are making their fourth successive appearance in the UEFA Champions League. The Dutch side could have had a sequence of five straight qualifications had they negotiated the third qualifying round in the 2001/02 campaign.
- Ajax became champions of Europe with a 1-0 success against Milan in the 1994/95 final and then came within a penalty shoot-out of becoming the first and only team to win the UEFA Champions League two seasons running. They lost 4-2 against Juventus on penalties after a 1-1 draw after extra time.
- Ajax, together with FC Bayern München, enjoyed much of their success in terms of the European Champion Clubs' Cup during the 1970s as they won the competition three times in a row against Panathinaikos FC (1970/71), FC Internazionale Milano (1971/72) and Juventus (1972/73).
- Prior to that, the Dutch side were on the receiving end of a 4-1 defeat away by Milan in the 1968/69 European Champion Clubs' Cup final. In six appearances in the final, Ajax have won four and lost two.
- Last season, Ajax finished second, ten points adrift of champions PSV Eindhoven in the Dutch Eredivisie, a performance that resulted in their qualification to the UEFA Champions League third qualifying round. They reached the group stage by defeating Danish side Brøndby IF 5-3 on aggregate.
- On Matchday 5, Ajax completed 150 matches played in the European Champion Clubs' Cup. After 151 games, their record now reads: 76 wins, 36 draws and 39 defeats with 245 goals scored and 144 conceded.
- Prior to the 0-0 draw at Arsenal FC on Matchday 6, Ajax had scored in each of their ten previous UEFA club competition engagements with five wins, three draws and two defeats.
- Despite appearing in two finals, Ajax have had limited recent success in the competition as their overall UEFA Champions League record shows. Having played 70 matches, the Dutch side have won 31, drawn 19 and lost 20 matches with 94 goals scored and 62 conceded.
- Ajax have played 262 matches in UEFA club competition action to date. In that time, the Dutch side have won 138, drawn 54 and lost 70 with 461 goals scored and 241 conceded.
- FC Internazionale Milano are competing in their fourth successive UEFA Champions League group stage. Prior to their success this season, Inter had qualified for the knockout stages in two

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of the past three seasons, their best performance coming in the 2002/03 season when they advanced to the semi-final stage only to lose out on away goals to AC Milan. Last season Inter advanced to the quarter-final stage only to see Milan block their route.

- Prior to the 2002/03 season, Inter's only other involvement in the UEFA Champions League came in the 1998/99 season when they reached the quarter-final stage only to lose 3-1 on aggregate to eventual winners, Manchester United FC.
- Since the UEFA Champions League started in the 1992/93 season, Inter have been more closely involved with the destiny of the UEFA Cup, playing in three finals and winning two of them.
- They defeated SV Austria Salzburg 2-0 on aggregate in the 1993/94 season, but they lost 4-1 on penalties to FC Schalke 04 three years later after the two sides ended 1-1 on aggregate. However, Inter bounced back the following season to claim the trophy for the second time in four years by putting three goals past S.S. Lazio without reply with Iván Zamorano (5), Javier Zanetti (60) and Ronaldo (70) doing the damage.
- Inter also won the UEFA Cup in the 1990/91 season when they defeated Lazio's cross-city rivals, AS Roma, 2-1 on aggregate. They overcame a one-goal deficit following the opening leg in Italy's capital to win 2-0 at the Giuseppe Meazza stadium thanks to goals from Lothar Matthäus (58pen) and Nicola Berti (67).
- To date, Inter have won the European Champion Clubs' Cup on two occasions in four final appearances. The first came in the 1963/64 competition when Real Madrid CF were beaten 3-1 in Vienna. Sandro Mazzola scored in each half, either side of a goal from Aurelio Milani. Rafael Bautista scored for Madrid.
- Inter finished in third position in last season's Italian Serie A, 14 points behind winners Juventus, and seven adrift of AC Milan. Udinese Calcio finished a further ten points behind in fourth.
- That earned them a place in the UEFA Champions League third qualifying round, where they overcame FC Shakhtar Donetsk
- Prior to Adriano's recent hat-trick double in last year's first knockout round and Matchday 5 this season, Christian Vieri (19, 34 and 71) scored three times for Inter on 6 December 2001 also at the Giuseppe Meazza stadium in a 4-2 aggregate win at the expense of Ipswich Town FC in the UEFA Cup third round. Vieri's treble ended an eight-year wait for Inter fans to witness a hat-trick in UEFA club competition as the previous three-goal haul by one player came from Dennis Bergkamp (13pen, 67 and 79) against UFC Rapid Bucuresti in the first round of the 1993/94 UEFA Cup - a competition Inter won.
- To date, Inter have played 46 matches in the UEFA Champions League winning 22, drawing 14 and losing ten with 71 goals scored and 52 conceded.
- Their overall European Champion Clubs' Cup record (including all qualifying round matches) reads, played 107, won 54, drawn 32 and lost 21 with 162 goals scored and 95 conceded.

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- In UEFA club competition, their overall record reads: played 273, won 135, drawn 74, lost 64 with 412 goals scored and 234 conceded.

Competition Facts

UEFA Champions League: Did you know?

- In qualifying for the knockout phase, Real Madrid CF have tied Manchester United FC's record of nine consecutive seasons in advancing past the group stage. While United's streak came to an end this season, Madrid have featured in the knockout phase every time since the 1996/97 campaign. Regarding other teams in this season's knockout phase, both AC Milan and Juventus have qualified for the last four knockout stages, one ahead of Arsenal FC, FC Bayern München, Chelsea FC and Olympique Lyonnais.
- Arsenal are the only club in this season's knockout phase never to have played a UEFA Champions League qualifying-round match. To date, all of Arsenal's 74 matches have been restricted to the group stage and beyond.
- Villarreal CF are the only debutants to advance to this season's knockout phase as FC Artmedia, FC Thun, Real Betis Balompíe and Udinese Calcio all failed to advance beyond the group stage. To date, three debutants have won the competition Olympique de Marseille (1992/93, first UEFA Champions League final), AFC Ajax (1994/95) and Juventus (1995/96).

UEFA Champions League: All-time records

• Biggest wins

8-3: AS Monaco FC v RC Deportivo La Coruña (05.11.2004)

7-0: Juventus v Olympiacos CFP (10.12.2003)

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

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

6-0: Olympique de Marseille v PFC CSKA Moskva (17.03.1993) **6-0:** Leeds United AFC v Besiktas JK (26.09.2000)

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

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

• Most goals in a season

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

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

10: Mário Jardel (FC Porto, 1999/00)

10: Rivaldo (FC Barcelona, 1999/00)

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

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

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

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

• Four goals in a match

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

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

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

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

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

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

• Fastest goal in a match

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

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

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

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

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

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

• Fastest hat-tricks

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

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

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

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

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

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

• Youngest players to score

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

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

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

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

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

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

• Appearances

(players remaining in this season's competition)

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156 Paolo Maldini (AC Milan)
126 Luís Figo (FC Internazionale Milano)
123 Oliver Kahn (FC Bayern München)
120 Zinédine Zidane (Real Madrid CF)
115 Alessandro Costacurta (AC Milan)
112 Phillip Cocu (PSV Eindhoven)
107 Stefan Klos (Rangers FC)
107 Pavel Nedvěd (Juventus)
107 Raúl González (Real Madrid CF)
107 Roberto Carlos (Real Madrid CF)
105 David Beckham (Real Madrid CF)
104 Alessandro Del Piero (Juventus)
104 Clarence Seedorf (AC Milan)
102 Claude Makelele (Chelsea FC)
100 Lilian Thuram (Juventus)
99 Alessio Tacchinardi (Villarreal CF)
98 Bixente Lizarazu (FC Bayern München)
96 Thierry Henry (Arsenal FC)

UEFA Champions League appearances

(group stage to final only, players remaining in this season's competition)

99 Raúl González (Real Madrid CF)
97 Roberto Carlos (Real Madrid CF)
95 David Beckham (Real Madrid CF)
93 Oliver Kahn (FC Bayern München)
93 Paolo Maldini (AC Milan)
87 Luís Figo (FC Internazionale Milano)
78 Zinédine Zidane (Real Madrid CF)
77 Alessandro Del Piero (Juventus)
76 Michel Salgado (Real Madrid CF)
76 Iván Helguera (Real Madrid CF)
76 Clarence Seedorf (AC Milan)
74 Hasan Salihamidžić (FC Bayern München)
74 Alessio Tacchinardi (Villarreal CF)
73 Fernando Morientes (Liverpool FC)
73 Andriy Shevchenko (AC Milan)
72 Guti (Real Madrid CF)
72 Thierry Henry (Arsenal FC)
72 Claude Makelele (Chelsea FC)
70 Phillip Cocu (PSV Eindhoven)
69 Iker Casillas (Real Madrid CF)
69 Michael Reiziger (PSV Eindhoven)
68 Gianluca Pessotto (Juventus)
67 Robert Pirès (Arsenal FC)
66 Sylvain Wiltord (Olympique Lyonnais)

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Other players (group stage to final only, players who played in this season's group stage)

92 Gary Neville (Manchester United FC)
87 Ryan Giggs (Manchester United FC)
84 Paul Scholes (Manchester United FC)
71 Ole Gunnar Solskjær (Manchester United FC)
67 Rivaldo (Olympiacos CFP)
66 Roar Strand (Rosenborg BK)

• All-time appearances

UEFA club competition appearances

(**bold** - still involved in this season's competitions, either UEFA Champions League or UEFA Cup)

156 **Paolo Maldini** (AC Milan)
130 Frank de Boer (AFC Ajax, FC Barcelona, Galatasaray SK)
126 **Luís Figo** (Sporting Clube de Portugal, FC Barcelona, Real Madrid CF, FC Internazionale Milano)
123 **Oliver Kahn** (Karlsruher SC, FC Bayern München)
120 **Zinédine Zidane** (AS Cannes, FC Girondins de Bordeaux, Juventus, Real Madrid CF)
117 Giuseppe Bergomi (FC Internazionale Milano)
115 **Alessandro Costacurta** (AS Milan)
112 **Phillip Cocu** (BV Vitesse, PSV Eindhoven, FC Barcelona)
112 Stefan Reuter (1. FC Nürnberg, FC Bayern München, Juventus, BV Borussia Dortmund)
109 Amedeo Carboni (UC Sampdoria, AS Roma, Valencia CF)
108 Vítor Baía (FC Porto, FC Barcelona)
107 **Stefan Klos** (BV Borussia Dortmund, Rangers FC)
107 **Pavel Nedvěd** (AC Sparta Praha, S.S. Lazio, Juventus)
107 **Raúl González** (Real Madrid CF)
107 **Roberto Carlos** (FC Internazionale Milano, Real Madrid CF) 106 Filip De Wilde (KSK Beveren, RSC Anderlecht, Sporting Clube de Portugal)
106 Fernando Hierro (Real Madrid CF)
106 **Roar Strand** (Rosenborg BK)
105 **David Beckham** (Manchester United FC, Real Madrid CF)
105 Michel Preud'homme (R. Standard de Liège, KV Mechelen, SL Benfica)
104 **Alessandro Del Piero** (Juventus)
104 **Clarence Seedorf** (AFC Ajax, Real Madrid CF, FC Internazionale Milano, AC Milan)
103 Ciro Ferrara (SSC Napoli, Juventus)
103 **Gert Verheyen** (RSC Anderlecht, Club Brugge KV)
102 Ryan Giggs (Manchester United FC)
102 **Claude Makelele** (FC Nantes Atlantique, RC Celta de Vigo, Real Madrid CF, Chelsea FC)
102 Gary Neville (Manchester United FC)
101 Bülent Korkmaz (Galatasaray SK)
101 Manuel Sanchís (Real Madrid CF)
100 Edgar Davids (AFC Ajax, AC Milan, Juventus, FC Internazionale Milano)
100 Lothar Matthäus (VfL Borussia Mönchengladbach, FC Bayern München, FC Internazionale Milano)
100 **Lilian Thuram** (AS Monaco FC, Parma FC, Juventus)
99 **Alessio Tacchinardi** (Juventus, Villarreal CF)

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

• Goals

(players remaining in this season's competition)

UEFA club competition goalscoring

53 Raúl González (Real Madrid CF)
53 Andriy Shevchenko (AC Milan)
48 Filippo Inzaghi (AC Milan)
47 Thierry Henry (Arsenal FC)
46 Henrik Larsson (FC Barcelona)
45 Alessandro Del Piero (Juventus)
35 Hernán Crespo (Chelsea FC)
35 Ronaldo (Real Madrid CF)
33 Fernando Morientes (Liverpool FC)
33 David Trezeguet (Juventus)
30 Roy Makaay (FC Bayern München)
30 Dennis Bergkamp (Arsenal FC)
28 Luís Figo (FC Internazionale Milano)
28 Pavel Nedvěd (Juventus)

UEFA Champions League goalscoring

(group stage to final only, players remaining in this season's competition)

51 Raúl González (Real Madrid CF)
40 Andriy Shevchenko (AC Milan)
39 Thierry Henry (Arsenal FC)
37 Alessandro Del Piero (Juventus)
30 Filippo Inzaghi (AC Milan)
27 Fernando Morientes (Liverpool FC)
27 Roy Makaay (FC Bayern München)
26 David Trezeguet (Juventus)
24 Luís Figo (FC Internazionale Milano)
23 Hernán Crespo (Chelsea FC)

Other players (group stage to final only, players who played in this season's group stage)

43 Ruud van Nistelrooij (Manchester United FC)
27 Rivaldo (Olympiacos CFP)
21 Ryan Giggs (Manchester United FC)

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All-time statistics

Head-to-head record

Date	Comp.	Stage	Match	Res	Venue
31.05.1972	UCL	F	AFC Ajax - FC Internazionale Milano	2-0	Rotterdam
25.09.2002	UCL	GS1	FC Internazionale Milano - AFC Ajax	1-0	Milan
12.11.2002	UCL	GS1	AFC Ajax - FC Internazionale Milano	1-2	Amsterdam

Overall record

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
AFC Ajax	3	1	0	2	3	3
FC Internazionale Milano	3	2	0	1	3	3

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

Date	Comp.	Stage	Match	Res	Venue
28.05.1969	UCL	F	AC Milan - AFC Ajax	4-1	Madrid
31.05.1972	UCL	F	AFC Ajax - FC Internazionale Milano	2-0	Rotterdam
30.05.1973	UCL	F	AFC Ajax - Juventus	1-0	Belgrade
09.01.1974	SCUP	F	AC Milan - AFC Ajax	1-0	Milan
16.01.1974	SCUP	F	AFC Ajax - AC Milan	6-0	Amsterdam
27.11.1974	UCUP	R3	Juventus - AFC Ajax	1-0	Turin
11.12.1974	UCUP	R3	AFC Ajax - Juventus	2-1	Amsterdam
01.03.1978	UCL	QF	AFC Ajax - Juventus	1-1	Amsterdam
15.03.1978	UCL	QF	Juventus - AFC Ajax	1-1*(3-0)	Turin
01.04.1992	UCUP	SF	Genoa Cricket and Football Club - AFC Ajax	2-3	Genoa
15.04.1992	UCUP	SF	AFC Ajax - Genoa Cricket and Football Club	1-1	Amsterdam
29.04.1992	UCUP	F	Torino Calcio - AFC Ajax	2-2	Turin
13.05.1992	UCUP	F	AFC Ajax - Torino Calcio	0-0	Amsterdam
03.03.1994	UCWC	QF	AFC Ajax - Parma FC	0-0	Amsterdam
16.03.1994	UCWC	QF	Parma FC - AFC Ajax	2-0	Parma
14.09.1994	UCL	GS	AFC Ajax - AC Milan	2-0	Amsterdam
23.11.1994	UCL	GS	AC Milan - AFC Ajax	0-2	Trieste
24.05.1995	UCL	F	AFC Ajax - AC Milan	1-0	Vienna
22.05.1996	UCL	F	AFC Ajax - Juventus	1-1*(2-4)	Rome
09.04.1997	UCL	SF	AFC Ajax - Juventus	1-2	Amsterdam
23.04.1997	UCL	SF	Juventus - AFC Ajax	4-1	Turin
21.10.1997	UCUP	R2	AFC Ajax - Udinese Calcio	1-0	Amsterdam
04.11.1997	UCUP	R2	Udinese Calcio - AFC Ajax	2-1	Udine
25.09.2002	UCL	GS1	FC Internazionale Milano - AFC Ajax	1-0	Milan
12.11.2002	UCL	GS1	AFC Ajax - FC Internazionale Milano	1-2	Amsterdam
10.12.2002	UCL	GS2	AFC Ajax - AS Roma	2-1	Amsterdam
19.03.2003	UCL	GS2	AS Roma - AFC Ajax	1-1	Rome
08.04.2003	UCL	QF	AFC Ajax - AC Milan	0-0	Amsterdam
23.04.2003	UCL	QF	AC Milan - AFC Ajax	3-2	Milan
16.09.2003	UCL	GS1	AC Milan - AFC Ajax	1-0	Milan
26.11.2003	UCL	GS1	AFC Ajax - AC Milan	0-1	Amsterdam
15.09.2004	UCL	GS	AFC Ajax - Juventus	0-1	Amsterdam
23.11.2004	UCL	GS	Juventus - AFC Ajax	1-0	Turin

Overall record

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
AFC Ajax	33	10	7	16	36	37

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

Date	Comp.	Stage	Match	Res	Venue
31.05.1972	UCL	F	AFC Ajax - FC Internazionale Milano	2-0	Rotterdam
23.10.1974	UCUP	R2	FC Internazionale Milano - FC Amsterdam	1-2	Milan
06.11.1974	UCUP	R2	FC Amsterdam - FC Internazionale Milano	0-0	Amsterdam
20.10.1982	UCWC	R2	AZ Alkmaar - FC Internazionale Milano	1-0	Alkmaar
03.11.1982	UCWC	R2	FC Internazionale Milano - AZ Alkmaar	2-0	Milan
19.10.1983	UCUP	R2	FC Groningen - FC Internazionale Milano	2-0	Groningen
02.11.1983	UCUP	R2	FC Internazionale Milano - FC Groningen	5-1	Bari
26.10.2000	UCUP	R2	FC Internazionale Milano - BV Vitesse	0-0	Milan
09.11.2000	UCUP	R2	BV Vitesse - FC Internazionale Milano	1-1	Arnhem
04.04.2002	UCUP	SF	FC Internazionale Milano - Feyenoord	0-1	Milan
11.04.2002	UCUP	SF	Feyenoord - FC Internazionale Milano	2-2	Rotterdam
25.09.2002	UCL	GS1	FC Internazionale Milano - AFC Ajax	1-0	Milan
12.11.2002	UCL	GS1	AFC Ajax - FC Internazionale Milano	1-2	Amsterdam

Overall record

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
FC Internazionale Milano	13	4	4	5	14	13
UEFA club competition record						

AFC Ajax

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
European Champions Clubs' Cup / UEFA Champions League	151	76	36	39	245	144
UEFA Cup Winners' Cup	28	18	2	8	53	22
UEFA Cup	72	39	13	20	142	67
UEFA Super Cup	6	2	1	3	11	4
UEFA Intertoto Cup	0	0	0	0	0	0
European/South American Cup	3	1	2	0	4	1
Total	260	136	54	70	455	238

FC Internazionale Milano

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
European Champions Clubs' Cup / UEFA Champions League	107	54	32	21	162	95
UEFA Cup Winners' Cup	12	6	2	4	22	9
UEFA Cup	149	72	39	38	222	129
UEFA Super Cup	0	0	0	0	0	0
UEFA Intertoto Cup	0	0	0	0	0	0
European/South American Cup	5	3	1	1	6	1
Total	273	135	74	64	412	234

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

AFC Ajax

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
UEFA Champions League	70	31	19	20	94	62

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	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
UEFA Champions League	46	22	14	10	71	52

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Squad list

AFC Ajax

No.	Player	Nat.	DoB	Current Season						All-time			
				UCLQ		UCL		League		UCL		UEFA	
				Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers													
1	Maarten Stekelenburg	NED	22.09.82	-	-	4	-	18	-	9	-	12	-
12	Hans Vonk	RSA	30.01.70	2	-	2	-	7	-	10	-	39	-
30	Kenneth Vermeer	NED	10.01.86	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35	Henrik Moisander	FIN	29.09.85	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders													
2	Hatem Trabelsi	TUN	25.01.77	2	-	4	-	15	-	25	-	35	-
3	Zdeněk Grygera	CZE	14.05.80	2	-	6	-	18	1	25	-	38	-
4	Johnny Heitinga	NED	15.11.83	1	-	4	-	16	1	11	-	17	-
15	Thomas Vermaelen	BEL	14.11.85	-	-	3	-	16	-	3	-	3	-
19	Urby Emanuelson	NED	16.06.86	2	-	5	-	22	1	5	-	8	-
31	Emanuel Boakye	GHA	25.03.85	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
33	Robbert Schilder	NED	18.04.86	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45	Michael Timisela	NED	05.05.86	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Midfielders													
6	Tomáš Galásek	CZE	15.01.73	1	-	5	-	21	4	30	1	42	2
8	Hedwiges Maduro	NED	13.02.85	2	-	5	-	19	3	5	-	8	-
10	Steven Pienaar	RSA	17.03.82	2	-	6	-	11	2	24	2	29	2
18	Wesley Sneijder	NED	09.06.84	2	2	5	2	17	5	19	2	24	5
21	Olaf Lindenberg	NED	06.02.74	-	-	3	-	11	-	3	-	13	-
22	Juanfran	ESP	15.07.76	-	-	2	-	12	-	8	1	48	3
38	Jeffrey Sarpong	NED	03.08.88	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-
44	Murat Yildirim	NED	18.05.87	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
46	Jan Vertonghen	BEL	24.04.87	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Forwards													
7	Mauro Rosales	ARG	24.02.81	-	-	2	-	20	-	6	-	8	-
9	Angelos Charisteas	GRE	09.02.80	1	-	2	-	12	7	7	1	16	4
11	Ryan Babel	NED	19.12.86	2	2	5	-	17	1	7	-	11	3
17	Yannis Anastasiou	GRE	05.03.73	-	-	3	3	6	-	5	3	20	9
24	Markus Rosenberg	SWE	27.09.82	2	1	4	1	22	12	4	1	8	2
25	Klaas Jan Huntelaar	NED	12.08.83	-	-	-	-	7	6	-	-	13	5
27	Edgar Manucharyan	ARM	19.01.87	-	-	1	-	4	-	1	-	9	2
28	Nourdin Boukhari	NED	30.06.80	2	-	5	1	16	-	13	1	17	1
29	Nicolae Mitea	ROM	24.03.85	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	1	10	1
32	Vurnon Anita	NED	04.04.89	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
36	Javier Martina	NED	01.02.87	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
42	Derk Boerrigter	NED	16.10.86	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coach													
	Danny Blind	NED	01.08.61	2	-	6	-	-	-	6	-	8	-

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No.	Player	Nat.	DoB	Current Season				All-time					
				UCLQ		UCL		League		UCL		UEFA	
				Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers													
1	Francesco Toldo	ITA	02.12.71	-	-	1	-	2	-	41	-	75	-
12	Júlio César	BRA	03.09.79	2	-	5	-	24	-	5	-	7	-
22	Paolo Orlandoni	ITA	12.08.72	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35	Paolo Tornaghi	ITA	21.06.88	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45	Matteo Piazza	ITA	22.06.88	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders													
2	Iván Córdoba	COL	11.08.76	2	-	4	-	25	3	31	1	63	1
3	Nicolás Burdisso	ARG	12.04.81	-	-	3	-	10	-	6	-	9	-
4	Javier Zanetti	ARG	10.08.73	2	-	2	-	16	-	40	1	91	4
11	Siniša Mihajlovi	SCG	20.02.69	-	-	2	-	2	-	29	11	64	14
13	Zé Maria	BRA	25.07.73	2	-	2	-	8	-	12	-	30	2
16	Giuseppe Favalli	ITA	08.01.72	1	-	2	-	20	-	31	1	69	2
23	Marco Materazzi	ITA	19.08.73	2	-	5	-	14	1	27	-	44	1
25	Walter Samuel	ARG	23.03.78	-	-	5	-	21	2	33	-	51	3
33	Pierre Womé	CMR	26.03.79	1	-	5	-	5	-	5	-	16	-
36	Simone Fautario	ITA	12.02.87	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
38	Daniel Semenzato	ITA	11.01.87	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
46	Dennis Esposito	ITA	25.01.88	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
47	Mattia Barni	ITA	28.04.88	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
49	Marco Andreolli	ITA	10.06.86	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
Midfielders													
5	Dejan Stankovi	SCG	11.09.78	2	-	2	-	16	2	41	5	73	15
6	Cristiano Zanetti	ITA	10.04.77	-	-	3	-	10	-	21	-	38	1
7	Luís Figo	POR	04.11.72	-	-	5	1	26	4	87	24	126	28
8	David Pizarro	CHI	11.09.79	2	-	5	1	14	1	5	1	12	1
14	Juan Sebastián Verón	ARG	09.03.75	2	-	4	-	21	-	57	7	77	7
18	Kily González	ARG	04.08.74	-	-	1	-	8	-	41	7	53	7
19	Esteban Cambiasso	ARG	18.08.80	2	-	4	-	25	5	27	-	33	-
21	Santiago Solari	ARG	07.10.76	2	-	4	-	6	-	52	7	65	7
31	César	BRA	24.10.74	-	-	-	-	1	-	3	-	21	3
40	Abdoulaye Diarra	CIV	12.10.86	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
41	Jacopo Ravasi	ITA	08.02.87	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Forwards													
9	Julio Cruz	ARG	10.10.74	1	-	4	3	21	8	31	12	49	13
10	Adriano	BRA	17.02.82	2	1	5	4	25	12	12	11	25	18
20	Alvaro Recoba	URU	17.03.76	1	1	3	-	14	3	22	3	50	13
30	Obafemi Martins	NGA	28.10.84	1	1	4	-	18	6	21	8	26	11
42	Domenico Germinale	ITA	03.06.87	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
43	Basty Kyeremateng	GHA	03.02.87	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
44	Matteo Momente	ITA	26.02.87	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
Coach													
	Roberto Mancini	ITA	27.11.64	2	-	6	-	-	-	21	-	45	-

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	Group Phase Matchday						First Knock-out		Quarter Finals		Semi Finals		Final
	1	2	3	4	5	6	1st	2nd	1st	2nd	1st	2nd	
3 Zdeněk Grygera		Y											
4 Johnny Heitinga						Y							
6 Tomáš Galásek	Y	Y		Y	S								
10 Steven Pienaar		Y											
12 Hans Vonk		Y											
17 Yannis Anastasiou				Y									

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	Group Phase Matchday						First Knock-out		Quarter Finals		Semi Finals		Final
	1	2	3	4	5	6	1st	2nd	1st	2nd	1st	2nd	
2 Iván Córdoba		Y	Y				*						
6 Cristiano Zanetti	Y					R	S						
7 Luís Figo		Y											
8 David Pizarro						Y							
9 Julio Cruz				Y									
14 Juan Sebastián Verón	R	S											
16 Giuseppe Favalli				Y									
44 Matteo Momente						Y							

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	Group Phase Matchday						First Knock-out		Quarter Finals		Semi Finals		Final	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	1st	2nd	1st	2nd	1st	2nd		
Goalkeepers														
1	Maarten Stekelenburg	-	-	90	90	90	90	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
12	Hans Vonk	90	90	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
26	Bogdan Lobont	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
30	Kenneth Vermeer	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35	Henrik Moisander	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders														
2	Hatem Trabelsi	90	-	90	-	90	75(+)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3	Zdeněk Grygera	90	90	90	90	90	15(-)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4	Johnny Heitinga	1(+)	-	-(+)	90	-	90	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	Julien Escudé	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15	Thomas Vermaelen	-	90	-	-	90	90	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
19	Urby Emanuelson	90	85(-)	90	90	90	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
31	Emanuel Boakye	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
33	Robbert Schilder	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45	Michael Timisela	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Midfielders														
6	Tomáš Galásek	89(-)	90	90	90	-	90	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
8	Hedwiges Maduro	90	-	90	90	90	29(-)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10	Steven Pienaar	80(-)	90	84(-)	90	90	90	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16	Nigel de Jong	-	90	90	90	37(+)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
18	Wesley Sneijder	90	-	90	89(-)	90	90	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
21	Olaf Lindenberg	90	90	-	-	53(-)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
22	Juanfran	-	5(+)	-	-	-	90	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
34	Stanley Aborah	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
37	Per Weihrauch	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
38	Jeffrey Sarpong	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
44	Murat Yildirim	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
46	Jan Vertonghen	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Forwards														
7	Mauro Rosales	10(+)	-	90	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9	Angelos Charisteas	14(+)	57(-)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11	Ryan Babel	90	90	8(+)	90	-	10(+)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
17	Yannis Anastasiou	-	-	82(-)	90	62(-)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
24	Markus Rosenberg	76(-)	33(+)	-	-	28(+)	90	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25	Klaas Jan Huntelaar	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
27	Edgar Manucharyan	-	21(+)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
28	Nourdin Boukhari	-	69(-)	6(+)	1(+)	90	80(-)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
29	Nicolae Mitea	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
32	Vurnon Anita	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
36	Javier Martina	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
42	Derk Boerrigter	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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	Group Phase						First		Quarter		Semi		Final
	Matchday						Knock-out		Finals		Finals		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	1st	2nd	1st	2nd	1st	2nd	
Goalkeepers													
1	Francesco Toldo	-	-	-	-	90	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
12	Júlio César	90	90	90	90	90	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
22	Paolo Orlandoni	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35	Paolo Tornaghi	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45	Matteo Piazza	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders													
2	Iván Córdoba	90	90	90	-	67(-)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3	Nicolás Burdisso	-	-	-	90	44(+)	90	-	-	-	-	-	-
4	Javier Zanetti	-	-	-	-	90	20(+)	-	-	-	-	-	-
11	Siniša Mihajlovi	-	-	-	24(+)	-	90	-	-	-	-	-	-
13	Zé Maria	-	15(+)	8(+)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16	Giuseppe Favalli	-	-	90	90	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
23	Marco Materazzi	90	90	90	90	-	41(-)	-	-	-	-	-	-
25	Walter Samuel	90	90	90	66(-)	90	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
33	Pierre Womé	90	90	-	54(-)	90	90	-	-	-	-	-	-
36	Simone Fautario	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
38	Daniel Semenzato	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
46	Dennis Esposito	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
47	Mattia Barni	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
49	Marco Andreolli	-	-	-	-	-	70(-)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Midfielders													
5	Dejan Stankovi	90	-	-	-	30(+)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6	Cristiano Zanetti	90	-	-	-	23(+)	87	-	-	-	-	-	-
7	Luís Figo	81(-)	75(-)	82(-)	90	46(-)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
8	David Pizarro	25(+)	90	53(-)	90	-	90	-	-	-	-	-	-
14	Juan Sebastián Verón	56	-	90	90	60(-)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
18	Kily González	-	5(+)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
19	Esteban Cambiasso	-	90	90	36(+)	90	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
21	Santiago Solari	-	85(-)	67(-)	-	90	90	-	-	-	-	-	-
31	César	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
40	Abdoulaye Diarra	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
41	Jacopo Ravasi	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55	Daniel Bounsong	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Forwards													
9	Julio Cruz	65(-)	90	90	29(+)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10	Adriano	90	-	23(+)	61(-)	90	82(-)	-	-	-	-	-	-
20	Alvaro Recoba	-	30(+)	37(+)	-	90	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
30	Obafemi Martins	9(+)	60(-)	-	90	-	90	-	-	-	-	-	-
42	Domenico Germinale	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
43	Basty Kyeremateng	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
44	Matteo Momente	-	-	-	-	-	49(+)	-	-	-	-	-	-

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Head coach profiles

Danny Blind is in his first full season as coach of AFC Ajax, the club with whom he performed with such style and distinction over 13 years. Blind was handed the reins at the ArenA with two months of last season remaining and could do little to close the gap to runaway champions PSV Eindhoven, although Ajax did fend off AZ Alkmaar to seal a return to the UEFA Champions League.

Blind retired from playing in 1999 after appearing in 537 Dutch top-flight matches for Ajax. He joined the club's technical staff and in February 2003 was appointed head of the highly successful youth department, impressing enough to land the top job when it was vacated by Ronald Koeman in March 2005. Like Koeman, Blind is an esteemed former Dutch international, winning many of his 41 caps as right-back in a defence marshalled by Koeman in the centre.

Born in August 1961, Blind matured into Ajax's defensive cornerstone after joining from Sparta Rotterdam. With Ajax, he won 16 trophies, including five Dutch championships and three Dutch Cups. The club also excelled in Europe, winning the UEFA Cup in 1992 and 1996, a season after Blind's crowning glory when he captained Ajax to a European Champion Clubs' Cup final defeat of AC Milan. Only an injury in 1987, when the club won the UEFA Cup Winners' Cup, denied him a clean sweep of continental titles.

Roberto Mancini became FC Internazionale Milano's eleventh coach since 1995 on 7 July 2004, replacing Alberto Zaccheroni one day after terminating his contract with S.S. Lazio, and is already considered one of the most stylish and promising trainers in Italy despite his age. As a player Mancini made his Serie A debut on 13 September 1981 for Bologna FC, going on to play for Sampdoria UC, S.S. Lazio and Leicester City FC.

He won two Italian first division titles (one each with Sampdoria and Lazio) six Coppa Italias (four with Sampdoria, two with Lazio) and two UEFA Cup Winners' Cups (one with Sampdoria, one with Lazio). For the Italian national team, Mancini won 36 caps and scored four goals. He then started his coaching career as assistant to future England manager Sven-Göran Eriksson at Lazio before replacing Fatih Terim at ACF Fiorentina in spring 2001. After leading Fiorentina to the Coppa Italia, he returned to Lazio and repeated that feat as well as steering the Roman club into the UEFA Champions League and the semi-finals of the UEFA Cup.

Inter saw the then 41-year-old as the man to end a Serie A title drought stretching back 16 years and for the second time, having done so when appointed at Lazio, Mancini replaced Zaccheroni. He immediately led the Nerazzurri to Coppa Italia glory, Inter's first domestic honour since that 1989 Scudetto, and is hoping to build on that platform this term in both Italy and the UEFA Champions League.

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Match officials

Referee	Wolfgang Stark (GER)
Assistant referees	Jan-Hendrik Salver (GER), Peter Henes (GER)
Fourth official	Manuel Graefe (GER)
UEFA Delegate	František Laurinec (SVK)
UEFA Referee observer	Zoran Petrovi (YUG)
UEFA Media Officer	

Referee

Name	Nat.	DoB	UCL	UEFA
Wolfgang Stark	GER	20.11.1969	15	34

Wolfgang Stark's ambition is to follow in the footsteps of his compatriot Markus Merk and reach the top of the European refereeing tree.

Hailing from Landshut in Bavaria, bank employee Stark has been a German Football Association referee since 1994. He took charge of 53 matches in the 2. Bundesliga before stepping up to the top flight in 1997. Two years later he became a FIFA official, overseeing his first international in March 2001 - a goalless draw between Azerbaijan and Moldova.

Two career highlights so far came in 1999 when he was selected to travel to the FIFA U-17 World Championship in New Zealand and the UEFA European Under-18 Championship in Sweden. Stark also spent a valuable month refereeing in Japan's J-League in September 2001.

In 2003/04, the Bavarian officiated at three games in the UEFA Champions League and two in the latter stages of the UEFA Cup, figures he built on last season. Stark was also a regular in FIFA World Cup qualifying - ending the qualification round by overseeing the France-Cyprus tie at the Stade de France, venue for the 2006 UEFA Champions League final.

Stark has been in the middle for top domestic fixtures too, with Bayer 04 Leverkusen's match with FC Schalke 04 in 2004 his personal favourite to date. Other key games he has overseen include England's FIFA World Cup qualifying win against Northern Ireland in Manchester in March 2005, and Olympique Lyonnais' 2-2 group-stage tussle with Manchester United FC in the 2004/05 UEFA Champions League.

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

Date	Comp.	Stage	Match	Res	Venue
24.10.2001	UCL	GS1	PSV Eindhoven-FC Nantes Atlantique	0-0	Eindhoven
24.09.2002	UCL	GS1	Juventus-FC Dynamo Kyiv	5-0	Turin
18.02.2003	UCL	GS2	AS Roma-Valencia CF	0-1	Rome
18.03.2003	UCL	GS2	FC Basel 1893-Juventus	2-1	Basle
25.11.2003	UCL	GS1	FC Internazionale Milano-Arsenal FC	1-5	Milan

UEFA Champions League Other matches

Date	Comp.	Stage	Match	Res	Venue
20.03.2002	UCL	GS2	AC Sparta Praha-FC Porto	2-0	Prague
14.08.2002	UCL	QR3	Zalaegerszegi TE-Manchester United FC	1-0	Budapest

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Date	Comp.	Stage	Match	Res	Venue
29.10.2002	UCL	GS1	Galatasaray SK-FC Lokomotiv Moskva	1-2	Istanbul
27.08.2003	UCL	QR3	Celtic FC-MTK Hungária FC	1-0	Glasgow
16.09.2003	UCL	GS1	Real Madrid CF-Olympique de Marseille	4-2	Madrid
10.12.2003	UCL	GS1	AEK Athens FC-AS Monaco FC	0-0	Athens
25.08.2004	UCL	QR3	Rangers FC-PFC CSKA Moskva	1-1	Glasgow
15.09.2004	UCL	GS	Olympique Lyonnais-Manchester United FC	2-2	Lyon
03.11.2004	UCL	GS	RC Deportivo La Coruña-Liverpool FC	0-1	La Coruna
23.11.2004	UCL	GS	AC Sparta Praha-Fenerbahçe SK	0-1	Prague
23.08.2005	UCL	QR3	Liverpool FC-PFC CSKA Sofia	0-1	Liverpool
13.09.2005	UCL	GS	Chelsea FC-RSC Anderlecht	1-0	London
18.10.2005	UCL	GS	AC Sparta Praha-Arsenal FC	0-2	Prague
01.11.2005	UCL	GS	Rosenborg BK-Real Madrid CF	0-2	Trondheim

Other matches

Date	Comp.	Stage	Match	Res	Venue
06.03.1999	U16	QR	Scotland-Spain	0-1	Ta' Qali
19.06.1999	UIC	R1	PFC Spartak Varna-K. Sint-Truidense VV	1-2	Varna
20.07.1999	U18	GS - FT	France-Greece	1-1	Norrköping
23.07.1999	U18	GS - FT	Rep. of Ireland-Italy	0-2	Norrköping
12.08.1999	UCUP	QR	KR Reykjavík-Kilmarnock FC	1-0	Reykjavik
30.09.1999	UCUP	R1	Panathinaikos FC-NK Gorica	2-0	Athens
21.10.1999	UCUP	R2	Leeds United AFC-FC Lokomotiv Moskva	4-1	Leeds
02.08.2000	UIC	SF	FK Chmel Blšany-SK Sigma Olomouc	0-0	Blsany
28.09.2000	UCUP	R1	AS Roma-NK Gorica	7-0	Rome
10.10.2000	U21	QR	Slovakia-Sweden	1-1	Bratislava
26.10.2000	UCUP	R2	FC Nantes Atlantique-MTK Hungária FC	2-1	Nantes
24.03.2001	WC	QR	Azerbaijan-Moldova	0-0	Baku
01.08.2001	UIC	SF	Aston Villa FC-Stade Rennais FC	1-0	Birmingham
22.11.2001	UCUP	R3	AEK Athens FC-PFC Litex Lovech	3-2	Athens
28.02.2002	UCUP	R4	AC Milan-Roda JC	0-1*(3-2)	Milan
12.10.2002	EURO	QR	Sweden-Hungary	1-1	Solna
12.12.2002	UCUP	R3	Liverpool FC-BV Vitesse	1-0	Liverpool
12.02.2003	FRIE.	R1	France-Czech Republic	0-2	
11.06.2003	EURO	QR	England-Slovakia	2-1	Middlesbrough
06.09.2003	EURO	QR	Ukraine-Northern Ireland	0-0	Donetsk
15.11.2003	FRIE.	R1	Italy-Romania	1-0	Ancona
26.02.2004	UCUP	R3	Parma FC-Gençlerbirliği SK	0-1	Parma
11.03.2004	UCUP	R4	Celtic FC-FC Barcelona	1-0	Glasgow
31.03.2004	FRIE.	R1	Netherlands-France	0-0	Rotterdam
13.10.2004	WC	QR	Ukraine-Georgia	2-0	Lvov
20.03.2005	UCUP	1/8	Villarreal CF-FC Steaua Bucuresti	2-0	Villarreal
26.03.2005	WC	QR	England-Northern Ireland	4-0	Manchester
14.04.2005	UCUP	QF	AJ Auxerre-PFC CSKA Moskva	2-0	Auxerre
03.09.2005	WC	QR	Iceland-Croatia	1-3	Reykjavik
12.10.2005	WC	QR	France-Cyprus	4-0	Paris

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AFC Ajax 6-0 RBC Roosendaal

Klaas Jan Huntelaar led Ajax to their third successive Eredivisie victory on Sunday, scoring four of the Amsterdam club's six goals against the bottom club. The former SC Heerenveen forward found the net in the fifth, 72nd, 79th and 84th minutes, with Swedish international Markus Rosenberg adding two of his own with 29 and 87 minutes gone. The win lifts Ajax to fourth, 20 points behind the leaders PSV Eindhoven. Coach Danny Blind said: "Huntelaar is just as effective with his right and left foot. But even in this match, we could have used him better." Tomáš Galásek was forced off with a thigh injury in the first half, joining defender Zdeněk Grygera on the injury list after his Czech compatriot tore his right calf muscle in training on Friday. Grygera is out for up to six weeks.

Huntelaar joined Ajax for a Dutch domestic record €9m fee in January while Jaap Stam and attacker Kenneth Perez will arrive in the summer from AC Milan and AZ Alkmaar respectively. Ajax's form has been varied since the group stage ended - Willem II and ADO Den Haag have both beaten in the past fortnight, but before that came league defeats by FC Utrecht and Feyenoord. On 2 February, Ajax reached the Dutch Cup semi-finals by beating Heerenveen 3-0. Further good news is that Wesley Sneijder (hamstring) should soon return and Steven Pienaar resumed training last week after tearing ankle ligaments. Edgar Manucharyan (thigh), Nicolae Mitea (knee) and goalkeeper Kenneth Vermeer (knee) are still out.

Players registered: Klaas Jan Huntelaar, Nicolae Mitea, Derk Boerrigter, Jeffrey Sarpong, Michael Timisela, Jan Vertonghen, Murat Yildirim

Players out: Julien Escudé, Bogdan Lobont, Nigel de Jong, Per Weihrauch, Daniël de Ridder, Stanley Aborah

AS Livorno Calcio 0-0 FC Internazionale Milano

Inter avoided a third straight defeat but were frustrated at Livorno on Saturday, with only a last-ditch Cristiano Zanetti clearance in the dying seconds preventing yet another reverse. Zanetti was only playing because Esteban Cambiasso was suspended, while Marco Materazzi came in for Walter Samuel. David Pizarro deputised for the injured Juan Sebastián Verón, although Roberto Mancini rested wingers Dejan Stanković and Luís Figo. César - signed from S.S. Lazio during the January transfer window - made his debut in the second half. Inter captain Javier Zanetti said: "Livorno defended very well. Now we just have to focus on the game against Ajax - we cannot make mistakes against them."

Inter defeated city rivals AC Milan 3-2 on 11 December as part of a run which earned them 34 of 36 points available in Serie A (eleven wins and a draw at AC Siena). After the derby triumph, Mancini's side defeated Reggina Calcio, Empoli FC, Cagliari Calcio, Treviso FC, US Città di Palermo, US Lecce and AC Chievo Verona. But two 2-1 consecutive defeats in four days against ACF Fiorentina and Juventus left Inter 12 points off the pace. Alvaro Recoba has recovered from a thigh injury and Obafemi Martins is back after the African Cup of Nations. The Nerazzurri have made it to the Coppa Italia semi-finals after beating Lazio 2-1 on aggregate.

Players registered: César

Players out: Daniel Maa Boumsong

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Domestic league details

AFC Ajax (Eredivisie)

Date	Opponent	Res	Lineups
08.02.2006	v Willem II (H)	1-0	Sarpong (Schilder 83), Stekelenburg, Grygera, Lindenbergh, Vermaelen, Galásek (Heitinga 46), Maduro, Emanuelson (Juanfran 87), Rosales, Rosenberg, Huntelaar
12.02.2006	v ADO Den Haag (A)	2-1	Stekelenburg, Grygera, Heitinga, Lindenbergh, Vermaelen, Maduro, Emanuelson, Sarpong (Boukhari 84), Rosenberg, Huntelaar, Rosales
19.02.2006	v RBC Roosendaal (H)	6-0	Stekelenburg, Sarpong, Trabelsi (Timisela 79), Lindenbergh, Vermaelen (Juanfran 55), Galásek (Heitinga 26), Maduro, Emanuelson, Rosales, Rosenberg, Huntelaar

Date	Opponent	Res	Goalscorers
20.08.2005	v RBC Roosendaal (A)	2-0	Rosenberg, Pienaar
28.08.2005	v Feyenoord (H)	1-2	Charisteas
10.09.2005	v Willem II (A)	2-0	Galásek, Charisteas
18.09.2005	v AZ Alkmaar (A)	2-4	Sneijder (2)
21.09.2005	v ADO Den Haag (H)	2-2	Sneijder, Maduro
24.09.2005	v Roda JC (H)	4-1	Pienaar, Charisteas (2), Galásek (pen)
02.10.2005	v Sparta Rotterdam (A)	2-1	De Jong (2)
15.10.2005	v Heracles Almelo (H)	0-0	
23.10.2005	v PSV Eindhoven (A)	0-1	
28.10.2005	v SC Heerenveen (H)	0-0	
06.11.2005	v NEC Nijmegen (A)	0-1	
19.11.2005	v FC Twente (H)	2-0	Own goal, Rosenberg
27.11.2005	v FC Utrecht (A)	0-1	
04.12.2005	v RKC Waalwijk (H)	4-1	Sneijder, Rosenberg, Maduro, Babel
11.12.2005	v BV Vitesse (A)	2-0	Galásek (pen), Charisteas
18.12.2005	v NAC Breda (A)	2-0	Sneijder, Rosenberg
27.12.2005	v FC Groningen (H)	3-2	Rosenberg, Charisteas (2)
30.12.2005	v SC Heerenveen (A)	2-4	Galásek (pen), Heitinga
15.01.2006	v NEC Nijmegen (H)	1-1	Rosenberg
22.01.2006	v FC Twente (A)	3-2	Maduro, Emanuelson, Rosenberg
29.01.2006	v FC Utrecht (H)	1-4	Rosenberg
05.02.2006	v Feyenoord (A)	2-3	Huntelaar, Rosenberg
08.02.2006	v Willem II (H)	1-0	Rosenberg
12.02.2006	v ADO Den Haag (A)	2-1	Grygera, Huntelaar
19.02.2006	v RBC Roosendaal (H)	6-0	Rosenberg (2), Huntelaar (4)
26.02.2006	v Heracles Almelo (A)		
05.03.2006	v Sparta Rotterdam (H)		
11.03.2006	v PSV Eindhoven (H)		
19.03.2006	v FC Groningen (A)		
26.03.2006	v NAC Breda (H)		

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Rank	Clubs	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1	PSV Eindhoven	25	20	3	2	51	16	63
2	Feyenoord	25	18	4	3	66	25	58
3	AZ Alkmaar	25	17	4	4	63	24	55
4	AFC Ajax	25	13	4	8	46	31	43
5	FC Groningen	25	13	4	8	33	27	43
6	SC Heerenveen	25	11	7	7	49	36	40
7	FC Utrecht	25	11	7	7	37	32	40
8	NEC Nijmegen	25	11	6	8	33	29	39
9	FC Twente	25	10	4	11	34	28	34
10	RKC Waalwijk	25	10	4	11	38	42	34
11	BV Vitesse	25	10	3	12	37	40	33
12	Roda JC	25	10	2	13	37	44	32
13	Heracles Almelo	25	7	6	12	25	46	27
14	NAC Breda	25	6	7	12	31	45	25
15	Sparta Rotterdam	25	6	6	13	19	34	24
16	ADO Den Haag	25	6	3	16	26	51	21
17	Willem II	25	4	5	16	26	49	17
18	RBC Roosendaal	25	0	5	20	14	66	5

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Domestic league details

FC Internazionale Milano (Serie A)

Date	Opponent	Res	Lineups
08.02.2006	v ACF Fiorentina (A)	1-2	Júlio César, Javier Zanetti, Córdoba, Samuel, Burdisso (Pizarro 85), Figo, Verón, Cambiasso (González 71), Stankovi , Cruz (Recoba 66), Adriano
12.02.2006	v Juventus (H)	1-2	Júlio César, Javier Zanetti, Córdoba, Samuel, Burdisso, Figo, Verón (González 35), Cambiasso, Stankovi , Adriano (Recoba 83), Martins (Cruz 72)
18.02.2006	v AS Livorno Calcio (A)	0-0	Toldo, Javier Zanetti, Córdoba, Materazzi, Womé, Solari (César 76), Pizarro, Cristiano Zanetti, González (Figo 61), Adriano, Martins (Cruz 82)

Date	Opponent	Res	Goalscorers
28.08.2005	v Treviso FC (H)	3-0	Adriano (3)
10.09.2005	v US Città di Palermo (A)	2-3	Cruz (2)
17.09.2005	v US Lecce (H)	3-0	Martins, Cruz, Stankovi
21.09.2005	v AC Chievo Verona (A)	1-0	Samuel
25.09.2005	v ACF Fiorentina (H)	1-0	Martins
02.10.2005	v Juventus (A)	0-2	
16.10.2005	v AS Livorno Calcio (H)	5-0	Materazzi, Cambiasso, Córdoba, Recoba, Cruz
23.10.2005	v Udinese Calcio (A)	1-0	Cruz
26.10.2005	v AS Roma (H)	2-3	Adriano (2)
29.10.2005	v UC Sampdoria (A)	2-2	Cambiasso, Córdoba
05.11.2005	v S.S. Lazio (A)	0-0	
20.11.2005	v Parma FC (H)	2-0	Cambiasso, Figo
27.11.2005	v FC Messina Peloro (A)	2-1	Recoba, Cambiasso
03.12.2005	v Ascoli Calcio 1898 (H)	1-0	Adriano
11.12.2005	v AC Milan (H)	3-2	Adriano, Martins, Adriano (pen)
18.12.2005	v Reggina Calcio (A)	4-0	Córdoba, Martins, Pizarro, Adriano
21.12.2005	v Empoli FC (H)	4-1	Adriano, Cruz, Figo, Martins
08.01.2006	v AC Siena (A)	0-0	
15.01.2006	v Cagliari Calcio (H)	3-2	Martins, Adriano, Adriano (pen)
18.01.2006	v Treviso FC (A)	1-0	Cruz
21.01.2006	v US Città di Palermo (H)	3-0	Cambiasso, Figo, Own goal
29.01.2006	v US Lecce (A)	2-0	Stankovi , Figo
05.02.2006	v AC Chievo Verona (H)	1-0	Cruz
08.02.2006	v ACF Fiorentina (A)	1-2	Recoba
12.02.2006	v Juventus (H)	1-2	Samuel
18.02.2006	v AS Livorno Calcio (A)	0-0	
26.02.2006	v Udinese Calcio (H)		
05.03.2006	v AS Roma (A)		
11.03.2006	v UC Sampdoria (H)		
19.03.2006	v S.S. Lazio (H)		
26.03.2006	v Parma FC (A)		

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Rank	Clubs	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1	Juventus	26	21	4	1	53	17	67
2	AC Milan	26	18	3	5	58	24	57
3	FC Internazionale Milano	26	17	4	5	48	20	55
4	AS Roma	26	15	6	5	49	25	51
5	ACF Fiorentina	26	15	5	6	42	27	50
6	AS Livorno Calcio	26	11	10	5	28	25	43
7	AC Chievo Verona	26	10	9	7	33	28	39
8	S.S. Lazio	26	9	11	6	33	31	38
9	UC Sampdoria	26	10	7	9	42	35	37
10	US Città di Palermo	26	8	10	8	36	38	34
11	Ascoli Calcio 1898	26	6	11	9	26	31	29
12	AC Siena	26	7	8	11	31	41	29
13	Reggina Calcio	26	7	6	13	26	43	27
14	Udinese Calcio	26	7	6	13	26	38	27
15	Parma FC	26	6	8	12	28	43	26
16	FC Messina Peloro	26	4	12	10	25	37	24
17	Cagliari Calcio	26	5	8	13	27	40	23
18	Empoli FC	26	6	4	16	27	46	22
19	US Lecce	26	3	6	17	16	41	15
20	Treviso FC	26	2	8	16	15	39	14

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General competition information

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

- **Key dates:** 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 Paris on 10 March 2006. This season's showpiece will be played at the city's Stade de France 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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UEFA information

UEFA and the Football Against Racism in Europe network are preparing a guide for clubs on how to combat racism, as they continue to use the UEFA Champions League and other UEFA competitions to transmit the message that racist conduct will not be tolerated on or off the pitch.

Serious problem

The guide is likely to include issues such as racial abuse, institutional exclusion, and clubs' work with minority and migrant communities. At a recent keynote conference in Barcelona, UEFA was urged to take a leading role in the anti-racism campaign and UEFA Chief Executive Lars-Christer Olsson said that racism has to be acknowledged as a serious problem within football and society.

Planning ahead

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As UEFA club competitions resume after the winter break, UEFA and a number of teams have met for talks under the common banner of the European Club Forum, set up in 2002 as a platform for mutual debate. It was agreed that the format of the UEFA Champions League and UEFA Cup will continue to evolve as the organisation attempts to foresee trends. "UEFA's club competitions have an impact in various areas, including domestic football, so we think it is wise to plan and think ahead," said UEFA professional football director Giorgio Marchetti.

Lille record

The distribution of competition revenue and payments for the release of national-team players were also on the agenda, while the UEFA Champions League group-stage attendances were analysed. In total, 3,568,172 spectators watched the 96 games, meaning that on average, stadiums were three-quarters full. The match between LOSC Lille Métropole and SL Benfica at the Stade de France drew the biggest crowd – 76,187.

Communication system

UEFA is testing a referee communication system in the UEFA Champions League this week, having also carried out tests in last week's UEFA Cup Round of 32 first-leg matches. The Matchday 7 games in question are FC Bayern München-AC Milan (refereed by Belgium's Frank de Bleeckere); PSV Eindhoven–Olympique Lyonnais (Greece's Kyros Vassaras); and AFC Ajax–FC Internazionale Milano (Germany's Wolfgang Stark).

'Importance'

"The decision to conduct a full battery of tests comes following the proposal of the UEFA Referees Committee, which also stressed the importance of the tests being carried out at the highest level of the game in order to test the system in a real big-match atmosphere," said UEFA

Legend

:: All-time statistics

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

UEFA club competitions: These are the official statistics considered valid for communicating official records in UEFA club competitions defined as the European Champion Clubs' Cup, the UEFA Champions League, the UEFA Cup Winners' Cup, the UEFA Cup, the UEFA Super Cup (from the 1973 competition), the UEFA Intertoto Cup and the European/South American Cup.

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

:: Squad list

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

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

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

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

:: Bookings list

The current disciplinary situation in the competition.

*: Misses next match if booked

#: Suspended for at least one match

R: Sent off (red card)

S: Suspended

Y: Booked (yellow card)

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

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.

:: Match officials

The match officials appointed to officiate the fixture.

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:: Competitions

ECCC: European Champion Clubs' Cup/UEFA Champions League

UCUP: UEFA Cup

UCWC: UEFA Cup Winners' Cup

SCUP: UEFA Super Cup

UIC: UEFA Intertoto Cup

EURO: UEFA European Football Championship

U21: UEFA European Under-21 Championship

WC: FIFA World Cup

CONFCUP: FIFA Confederations Cup

FRIE: A International friendly matches

U21 FRIE: Under-21 international friendly matches

:: Competition stages

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F: 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

:: Other abbreviations

AP: Appearances

Comp: Competition

D: Drawn

DoB: Date of birth

GA: Goals against

GF: Goals for

L: Lost

Nat: Nationality

No: Number

Pld: Matches played

Pos: Position

Pts: Points

R: Sent off (red card)

Res: Result

W: Won

Y: Booked (yellow card)

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

:: Statistics

(-): Denotes player substituted

(+): Denotes player introduced

(*): Denotes player dismissed/sent off

(+/-): Denotes player introduced and substituted