

AC Milan v AEK Athens FC

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Group H - Matchday 1



There have been few more difficult summers in the history of AC Milan than the one just past but the UEFA Champions League traditionally brings out the best in the Italian giants, and they will be looking to get off to a good start when they take on AEK Athens FC at the San Siro on Matchday 1.

- Finishing runners-up in Serie A would normally guarantee an automatic ticket to the UEFA Champions League group stage but a 30-point reduction for Milan's part in a sports tribunal case saw them relegated to third position. That put Carlo Ancelotti's men in the third qualifying round for Europe's premier club competition where they edged past FK Crvena Zvezda 3-1 on aggregate, with Filippo Inzaghi on target in each game.

Home comforts

- Six-time winners of the European Champion Clubs' Cup, Milan will be hoping to recapture their impressive home form in the competition. Ludovic Giuly's smart finish for FC Barcelona in last season's semi-final first leg, the only goal of the tie, spoiled a run of 12 wins in 13 home games.

- They have also been robust starters in each of the last four UEFA Champions League seasons - winning their opening fixture in each case and going on to top the group.

Past meetings

- Milan faced AEK in the group stage of the 1994/95 UEFA Champions League - the teams have not met in the intervening 12 years and neither have Milan faced any opposition from Greece in that time - when they followed a 0-0 away draw with a 2-1 win in a game that took place in Trieste.

- It continued Milan's sequence of never having lost to Greek sides in UEFA competition. In the each of their previous three ties with Greek opposition to date, over the two games the Rossoneri have won at home and drawn away.

AEK task

- This is AEK's third UEFA Champions League campaign in five seasons and Lorenzo Serra Ferrer's team will be hoping to record their first ever victory in the competition in Milan. In a total of 18 games so far their record reads ten draws and eight defeats.

- On their last visit to Italy the Greek league runners-up managed to hold AS Roma to a 1-1 draw in the 2002/03 UEFA Champions League – the only time they have ever come away from the country with a result after six previous defeats.



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Team facts

UEFA club competition milestones

- Milan have been crowned champions of Europe six times, making them the second most successful club in the history of the competition behind Real Madrid CF. They won the UEFA European Champion Clubs' Cup in 1962/63, 1968/69, 1988/89 and 1989/90 before lifting the UEFA Champions League with a 4-0 victory against FC Barcelona in 1993/94 and most recently in 2002/03 when they triumphed on penalties after a goalless draw with Juventus FC.

- Alongside their success in the European Cup, Milan also lifted the UEFA Cup Winners' Cup twice - defeating Hamburger SV 2-0 in the 1967/68 final and Leeds United AFC 1-0 in 1972/73 thanks to a Luciano Chiarugi goal after just four minutes in Saloniki. The following season they were runners-up against German side 1. FC Magdeburg.

UEFA club competition honours

- European Champion Clubs' Cup: 1962/63, 1968/69, 1988/89, 1989/90, 1993/94, 2002/03
- UEFA Cup Winners' Cup: 1967/68, 1972/73
- European/South American Cup: 1969, 1989, 1990
- UEFA Super Cup: 1989, 1990, 1994, 2003

Ten-year record (including current season)

- Milan are making their fifth successive appearance in the UEFA Champions League and their seventh in the last eight seasons. They needed to come through the third qualifying round to reach this stage where they overcame FK Crvena Zvezda.

1997/98: Did not compete in UEFA club competition

1998/99: Did not compete in UEFA club competition

1999/00: UEFA Champions League - first group stage

2000/01: UEFA Champions League - second group stage

2001/02: UEFA Cup - semi-finals

2002/03: UEFA Champions League - winners

2003/04: UEFA Champions League - quarter-finals

2004/05: UEFA Champions League - runners-up

2005/06: UEFA Champions League - semi-finals

2006/07: UEFA Champions League - group stage

2005/06 season

Domestic record: Milan ended the Serie A season in second place but a 30-point deduction for their part in a match-fixing scandal meant they were relegated to third and did not get an automatic place into the UEFA Champions League group stage. They were the highest goalscorers in the league, scoring 85 times in 38 games.

European record: Milan coasted through the group stage of the UEFA Champions League, losing only once away against PSV Eindhoven, before a 5-2 aggregate victory against FC Bayern München in the first knockout round secured their place in the last-eight. After drawing 0-0 in France against Olympique Lyonnais, Milan won the second leg 3-1 at home but their path to a second successive final was blocked by FC Barcelona at the semi-final stage - the eventual winners triumphing 1-0 over two legs.

Key facts

- Milan have played a total of 296 matches in UEFA club competition. They had won 159, drawn 68 and lost 69, scoring 496 goals and conceding 260.

- In the European Champion Clubs' Cup/UEFA Champions League, Milan have played 185 games, winning 101, drawing 43 and losing 41. They had scored 329 goals and conceded 158.

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• While in the UEFA Champions League (group stage to final), Milan's record reads: played 102, won 51, drawn 29, lost 22 with 148 goals scored and 83 conceded.

Records

UEFA club competition

• Biggest win

8-0: AC Milan v US Luxembourg

12.09.1962, 1962/63 European Champion Clubs' Cup, preliminary round, first leg

• Biggest home win

8-0: AC Milan v US Luxembourg (see above for details)

• Biggest away win

0-6: FC København v AC Milan

20.10.1993, 1993/94 European Champion Clubs' Cup, second round, first leg

0-6: US Luxembourg v AC Milan

19.09.1962, 1962/63 European Champion Clubs' Cup, preliminary round, second leg

• Heaviest defeat

6-0: AFC Ajax v AC Milan

09.01.1974, 1973 UEFA Super Cup, final, second leg

• Heaviest home defeat

0-2: AC Milan v AFC Ajax

23.11.1994, 1994/95 UEFA Champions League, group stage

0-2: AC Milan v Parma AC

02.02.1994, 1993 UEFA Super Cup, final, second leg

0-2: AC Milan v RCD Español

21.10.1987, 1987/88 UEFA Cup, second round, first leg

0-2: AC Milan v CF Barcelona

04.11.1959, 1959/60 European Champion Clubs' Cup, first round, first leg

• Heaviest away defeat

6-0: AFC Ajax v AC Milan (see above for details)

UEFA Champions League (group stage to final only)

• Biggest win

0-4: Fenerbahçe SK v AC Milan

23.11.2005, 2005/06 UEFA Champions League, group stage

4-0: AC Milan v FC Shakhtar Donetsk

24.11.2004, 2004/05 UEFA Champions League, group stage

0-4: RC Deportivo La Coruña v AC Milan

24.09.2002, 2002/03 UEFA Champions League, group stage

4-0: AC Milan v FC Barcelona

18.05.1994, 1993/94 European Champion Clubs' Cup, final

4-0: AC Milan v IFK Göteborg

25.11.1992, 1992/93 UEFA Champions League, group stage

• Biggest home win

4-0: AC Milan v FC Shakhtar Donetsk (see above for details)

4-0: AC Milan v IFK Göteborg (see above for details)

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- Biggest away win

0-4: Fenerbahçe SK v AC Milan (see above for details)

0-4: RC Deportivo La Coruña v AC Milan (see above for details)

- Heaviest defeat

4-0: RC Deportivo La Coruña v AC Milan

07.04.2004, 2003/04 UEFA Champions League, quarter-finals, second leg

- Heaviest home defeat

0-2: AC Milan v AFC Ajax (see above for details)

- Heaviest away defeat

4-0: RC Deportivo La Coruña v AC Milan (see above for details)

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UEFA club competition milestones

- AEK have participated in Europe 35 times - eight in the European Champion Clubs' Cup, four in the UEFA Champions League, six in the UEFA Cup Winners' Cup and 17 times in the UEFA Cup.

UEFA club competition honours

- No participations recorded in a UEFA club competition final.

Ten-year record (including current season)

- AEK are playing in their third UEFA Champions League campaign in five seasons and reached this stage by defeating Heart of Midlothian FC in the third qualifying round.

1997/98: UEFA Cup Winners' Cup - quarter-finals

1998/99: UEFA Cup - second round

1999/00: UEFA Cup - third round (having transferred from UEFA Champions League, group stage)

2000/01: UEFA Cup - fourth round

2001/02: UEFA Cup - fourth round

2002/03: UEFA Cup - fourth round (having transferred from UEFA Champions League, group stage)

2003/04: UEFA Champions League - group stage

2004/05: UEFA Cup - group stage

2005/06: UEFA Cup - first round

2006/07: UEFA Champions League - group stage

2005/06 season

Domestic record: After a strong start AEK's title dreams came to an end after they lost twice to Olympiacos CFP. Despite a late charge by city rivals Panathinaikos FC, AEK held firm to snatch second place and a place in the third qualifying round of the UEFA Champions League however. Level on points with the 'greens', a better head-to-head record gave them the upper hand.

European record: AEK stumbled at the first hurdle in European competition, as they were eliminated by FC Zenit St.Petersburg in the UEFA Cup first round. Despite earning themselves a creditable goalless draw away in Russia they were denied in the 88th minute of the second leg when Andrei Arshavin scored from long range.

Key facts

- AEK have played 54 games in the European Champion Clubs' Cup/UEFA Champions League, including qualifying. They have won 14 times, drawn 18 and lost 22, scoring 64 goals and conceding 83. In the UEFA Champions League (group stage to final only), AEK are still chasing their first victory after 18 attempts as their record reads: no victories, ten draws, eight defeats, eleven goals scored and 27 conceded.

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• The Greek side have played a total of 152 games in UEFA club competition, winning 54, drawing 35 and losing 63. They have scored 212 goals and conceded 224.

Records

UEFA club competition

• Biggest win

6-0: AEK Athens FC v CS Grevenmacher

09.08.2001, 2001/02 UEFA Cup, qualifying round, first leg

• Biggest home win

6-0: AEK Athens FC v CS Grevenmacher (see above for details)

• Biggest away win

1-4: Maccabi Haifa FC v AEK Athens FC

12.12.2002, 2002/03 UEFA Cup, third round, second leg

• Heaviest defeat

5-0: FC Barcelona v AEK Athens FC

22.02.2001, 2000/01 UEFA Cup, fourth round, second leg

5-0: Real Madrid CF v AEK Athens FC

02.10.1985, 1985/86 UEFA Cup, first round, second leg

5-0: 1. FC Köln v AEK Athens FC

06.10.1982, 1982/83 UEFA Cup, first round, second leg

7-2: AS Monaco v AEK Athens FC

18.09.1963, 1963/64 European Champion Clubs' Cup, preliminary round, first leg

• Heaviest home defeat

0-3: AEK Athens FC v Paris Saint-Germain FC

20.03.1997, 1996/97 UEFA Cup Winners' Cup, quarter-finals, second leg

• Heaviest away defeat

5-0: FC Barcelona v AEK Athens FC (see above for details)

5-0: Real Madrid CF v AEK Athens FC (see above for details)

5-0: 1. FC Köln v AEK Athens FC (see above for details)

7-2: AS Monaco v AEK Athens FC (see above for details)

UEFA Champions League (group stage to final only)

• Biggest win

No victories recorded to date in the competition

• Biggest home win

No victories recorded to date in the competition

• Biggest away win

No victories recorded to date in the competition

• Heaviest defeat

4-0: AS Monaco FC v AEK Athens FC

30.09.2003, 2003/04 UEFA Champions League, group stage

• Heaviest home defeat

1-3: AEK Athens FC v SV Austria Salzburg

23.11.1994, 1994/95 UEFA Champions League, group stage

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4-0: AS Monaco FC v AEK Athens FC (see above for details)

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• Aside from Milan and AEK, RSC Anderlecht and LOSC Lille Métropole meet in Brussels on Matchday 1. AEK and Milan are scheduled to do battle again in Athens on Matchday 5 (21 November), when Lille will play host to Anderlecht. On Matchday 2 (26 September), Anderlecht travel to AEK while Lille receive Milan, with those games being reversed on Matchday 6 (6 December). Lille take on AEK on Matchdays 3 (17 October) and 4 (1 November) in France and Greece respectively, the same nights as Anderlecht meet Milan at home and then away.

AEK

• **Vassilios Lakis** celebrated his 30th birthday on Sunday. He needs four more appearances for 50 in UEFA club competition.

• **Emerson** and **Andrija Delibašić** have both scored three goals in the UEFA Champions League, the highest in the squad. But striker Delibašić has only played five games compared to midfielder Emerson's 25.

• AEK's languid start to the new season continued on Saturday as they were held to a third consecutive draw by Atromitos FC. It could have been worse for the visitors, who trailed to Georgios Koutsis's strike until four minutes from time when **Vladan Ivić** worked space for **Martin Pautasso** to drill in the equaliser. Following similar results against OFI Crete FC and PAOK FC the draw leaves AEK six points adrift of league leaders Olympiacos CFP.

• Coach **Lorenzo Serra Ferrer** blooded Nigerian defender **Ifeanyi Udeze** at left-back, giving him a run-out ahead of Wednesday's match when **Nikolaos Georgeas** is suspended. There was no place for **Traianos Dellas**, however, with the centre-back still struggling to regain fitness although AEK are confident he will play against Milan.

• Despite the draw **Serra Ferrer** remained sanguine, saying: "We had plenty of chances to seal the match but the result obviously isn't the one we wanted. Our luck will change so we should continue on this track. We have drawn three league matches but we were unlucky; we could have won two them. We still have a long way to go in the league and can't afford to throw in the towel - it's too early."

• Saturday's result completed a difficult week for Serra Ferrer, who was beset with goalkeeping problems in the run up to the game. With **Stefano Sorrentino** still recovering following a car accident three weeks ago, his usual understudy **Dionisis Chiotis** was then sidelined by acute back pains. It left only the untested **Ioannis Arabatzis** before a bandaged Sorrentino returned to practice, playing against Atromitos despite pain.

• Five AEK players were called up during the latest round of internationals. **Dellas**, **Panagiotis Lagos** and **Nikolaos Lyberopoulos** were in the Greece squad for the game against Moldova, and after coming on as a half-time substitute Lyberopoulos scored the only goal of the game with 13 minutes remaining. Dellas started while Lagos was confined to the bench for the entire match.

• Midfielder **Ilias Kyriakidis** was also an unused substitute as the Greece Under-21 side lost 2-1 to Belgium while **Dániel Tözsér**'s Hungary team fared even worse, losing 3-1 to Russia. Both sides had their UEFA European Under-21 Championship ambitions ended.

• AEK's win against Apollon Kalamarias FC in the penultimate round of last season was their 901st Greek league triumph.

• AEK have welcomed a number of new players since then. **Tözsér**, **Lagos**, **Pautasso** and Finnish midfielder **Perparim Hetemaj** were all snapped up early on in the summer, and the club added another quartet after securing a place in the UEFA Champions League with victory against Heart of Midlothian FC.

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• Montenegrin striker **Delibašić**, Nigerian defender **Ifeanyi Udeze** and Brazilian forward **Gustavo Manduca** all arrived in Athens, as defensive midfielder **Akis Zikos** returned to the club following four seasons with AS Monaco FC.

• AEK start the 2006/07 UEFA Champions League campaign with one main goal: to record their first-ever victory in the competition. In 18 matches to date they have lost eight and drawn ten, including six draws in six group games in 2002/03 campaign – a UEFA Champions League record.

Milan

• **Paolo Maldini** is by far the most experienced player in the squad with 96 appearances in the UEFA Champions League, and two goals. In terms of UEFA club competition overall, he has played more times than anyone else with 159 games and three goals.

• **Cafu** needs two more games to make it 50 in the UEFA Champions League.

• **Filippo Inzaghi** has the best UEFA Champions League scoring record in the squad with 34 goals in 56 appearances.

• New signing **Ricardo Oliveira** scored nine minutes after coming on as a second-half substitute as Milan defeated S.S. Lazio 2-1 at home in their opening Serie A fixture on Sunday. **Inzaghi** had broken the deadlock just before the half-hour before Oliveira doubled the advantage, heading in **Clarence Seedorf's** corner. Another replacement, Lazio's Ayodele Makinwa, made it 2-1 and although Oliveira missed the chance to restore the two-goal cushion it did not matter as the Rossoneri held on.

• **Alessandro Nesta** and **Maldini** started at the heart of defence having recovered from thigh and knee injuries respectively. With **Kahka Kaladze** still struggling to recover from a knee problem **Serginho** was preferred to **Giuseppe Favalli** at left-back while **Alberto Gilardino** was paired with Inzaghi in attack. **Christian Brocchi** made a rare start in place of the suspended **Gennaro Gattuso** and **Massimo Ambrosini** came on as a second-half substitute after recovering from a twinge collected while on international duty.

• It all gave **Ancelotti** much to be happy with, not least his new striker. "**Oliveira's** first match and he scores his first goal straight away – it's a good sign. He has to improve his fitness but he has the qualities of a great forward. Overall, I think we played very well. We had a couple of defenders back from injury and they need chance to return to top form and then Milan's defence will be as solid as ever."

• **Oliveira** was signed from Real Betis Balompié on transfer deadline day. The 26-year-old penned a five-year contract and will try to fill the void left by the departure of Andriy Shevchenko to Chelsea FC. Oliveira even selected the No7 shirt, the one vacated by the Ukrainian. He became the fourth new face at the club following **Favalli**, **Daniele Bonera** and **Yoann Gourcuff**.

• **Kaladze** signed a new contract committing him to the Rossoneri until 2011 on 31 August. The 28-year-old had been linked with a move away from San Siro but was in fine form last season, especially after reverting to his original centre-back role. "I was very close to leaving and my life could have changed completely," he said. "However, I am very happy here now."

• Milan finished second behind Juventus last campaign but were deducted 30 points after a sporting fraud trial, relegating them to third behind FC Internazionale Milano and AS Roma.

• **Andrea Pirlo**, **Gattuso** and **Inzaghi** all started the UEFA EURO 2008™ qualifier against Lithuania on 2 September while **Gilardino** was a second-half substitute. Inzaghi scored as the Azzurri drew 1-1 in Naples. Four days later Italy lost 3-1 to France. Pirlo and Gattuso again started while Gilardino was preferred to Inzaghi and scored with a header. Inzaghi played 17 minutes as a second-half substitute. Ambrosini was also in the squad but ruled out by a slight niggle.

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- **Marek Jankulovski** was in action as the Czech Republic defeated Wales and Slovakia in the Group D, while **Kaká** scored a stunning goal in Brazil's 3-0 win against Argentina in a friendly in London. He also played two days later as Brazil defeated Wales.
- **Gourcuff** was in the France side that booked a place in the UEFA European Under-21 Championship play-offs with back-to-back wins against Scotland and Slovenia on 1 and 5 September. He scored the opener in the 2-0 win against Slovenia.
- **Cristian Brocchi**, who returned this summer after a loan spell at ACF Fiorentina, has become a father after son Filippo was born on 5 September.
- **Pirlo** renewed his contract with Milan by three years last week, tying himself to the club until 2011.

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Competition facts

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Biggest wins

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

7-0: Juventus v Olympiacos CFP (10.12.2003)

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

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

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

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

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

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

Most goals in a season

12: Ruud van 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 CF, 1999/00)

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

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

Andriy Shevchenko top scored with nine goals at the end of the 2005/06 campaign, three behind the record mark set for one season in the competition.

Four goals in a match

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

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

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

Ruud van 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 Bombarda (**Willem II** 3-4 AC Sparta Praha, 20.10.1999)

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

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Fastest hat-tricks

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

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

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

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

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

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

Youngest players to score

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Appearances: UEFA club competition

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

159 **Paolo Maldini** (AC Milan)

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

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

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

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

120 **Alessandro Costacurta** (AC Milan)

117 Giuseppe Bergomi (FC Internazionale Milano)

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

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

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

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

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109 Amedeo Carboni (UC Sampdoria, AS Roma, Valencia CF)
109 **Raúl González** (Real Madrid CF)
109 **Roberto Carlos** (FC Internazionale Milano, Real Madrid CF)
108 **Vítor Baía** (FC Porto, FC Barcelona)
107 **David Beckham** (Manchester United FC, Real Madrid CF)
107 Stefan Klos (BV Borussia Dortmund, Rangers FC)
107 Roar Strand (Rosenborg BK)
106 Filip De Wilde (KSK Beveren, RSC Anderlecht, Sporting Clube de Portugal)
106 Alessandro Del Piero (Juventus)
106 Fernando Hierro (Real Madrid CF)
105 Michel Preud'homme (R. Standard de Liège, KV Mechelen, SL Benfica)
105 Alessio Tacchinardi (Juventus, Villarreal CF)
104 **Thierry Henry** (AS Monaco FC, Juventus, Arsenal FC)
104 **Claude Makelele** (FC Nantes Atlantique, RC Celta de Vigo, Real Madrid CF, Chelsea FC)
104 Gert Verheyen (RSC Anderlecht, Club Brugge KV)
103 Ciro Ferrara (SSC Napoli, Juventus)
103 **Lilian Thuram** (AS Monaco FC, Parma FC, Juventus, FC Barcelona)
102 **Ryan Giggs** (Manchester United 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)

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

Appearances: UEFA Champions League

Note: This list considers group stage to final only

101 **Raúl González** (Real Madrid CF)
99 **Roberto Carlos** (Real Madrid CF)
97 **David Beckham** (Real Madrid CF)
96 **Paolo Maldini** (AC Milan)
94 **Oliver Kahn** (FC Bayern München)
92 **Gary Neville** (Manchester United FC)
90 **Luis Figo** (FC Internazionale Milano)

87 **Ryan Giggs** (Manchester United FC)
84 **Paul Scholes** (Manchester United FC)
82 **Clarence Seedorf** (AC Milan)
80 Zinedine Zidane (Real Madrid CF)

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79 Alessandro Del Piero (Juventus)
79 **Thierry Henry** (Arsenal FC)
79 **Andriy Shevchenko** (Chelsea FC)
78 Alessio Tacchinardi (Villarreal CF)
77 **Michel Salgado** (Real Madrid CF)
76 **Iván Helguera** (Real Madrid CF)
75 **Fernando Morientes** (Valencia CF)
75 **Hasan Salihamidžić** (FC Bayern München)
74 **Guti** (Real Madrid CF)
74 **Claude Makelele** (Chelsea FC)
74 Robert Pirès (Arsenal FC)
72 **Phillip Cocu** (PSV Eindhoven)
71 **Iker Casillas** (Real Madrid CF)
71 **Michael Reiziger** (PSV Eindhoven)
71 **Ole Gunnar Solskjær** (Manchester United FC)
70 **Sylvain Wiltord** (Olympique Lyonnais)

68 Gianluca Pessotto (Juventus)
67 **Rivaldo** (Olympiacos CFP)
66 Roar Strand (Rosenborg BK)

Goals: UEFA club competition

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

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

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

Goals: UEFA Champions League

Note: This list considers group stage to final only

51 **Raúl González** (Real Madrid CF)
43 **Andriy Shevchenko** (Chelsea FC)
43 **Ruud van Nistelrooij** (Real Madrid CF)
41 **Thierry Henry** (Arsenal FC)

37 Alessandro Del Piero (Juventus)
34 **Filippo Inzaghi** (AC Milan)

28 David Trezeguet (Juventus)
27 **Fernando Morientes** (Valencia CF)
27 **Roy Makaay** (FC Bayern München)
27 **Rivaldo** (Olympiacos CFP)
24 **Luís Figo** (FC Internazionale Milano)
23 **Hernán Crespo** (FC Internazionale Milano)
21 **Ryan Giggs** (Manchester United FC)

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Goals: UEFA Champions League/European Champion Clubs' Cup

Note: This list considers the all-time goalscorers list in both competitions including all qualifying round matches; Players listed in bold are still involved in this season's competitions (UEFA Champions League or UEFA Cup)

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

51 **Raúl González** (Real Madrid CF)

49 Alfredo Di Stéfano (Real Madrid CF)

47 Eusébio (SL Benfica)

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

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

38 Alessandro Del Piero (Juventus)

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

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UEFA information

UEFA has announced a series of significant milestones with respect to the marketing of the UEFA Champions League. Among the main features of the new three-year cycle for marketing partners in the period 2006-09 are the best-ever television coverage of the event with TV rights sold to more than 230 countries, live internet streaming for the first time, the highest-ever marketing revenue, a new six-sponsor marketing concept and the introduction of a new official adidas match ball to be used in all matches. In terms of television coverage, there are 90 broadcast partners worldwide with the leading broadcasters in Europe on board, including new partners RAI (Italy) and Antena 3 (Spain). Among the many new broadcast coverage initiatives will be a ball tracking system and enhanced graphics. Broadband internet users will also be able to watch live streaming of UEFA Champions League matches for the first time.

UEFA and Europe's major clubs ended two days of European Club Forum discussions last Wednesday, with the pledge to seek common ground and unity. The talks focused among other things, on the future structure of UEFA's club competitions, the relationship between UEFA and the clubs, stadium matters and commercial matters related to the European club competitions. UEFA's professional football director Giorgio Marchetti said: "I would welcome this meeting as the dawning of a new period of positive relations with the clubs."

Crucial advice to help clubs tackle racism on and off the pitch is the focal point of a new publication produced on UEFA's behalf by its partner, the Football Against Racism in Europe (FARE) network. Tackling Racism in Club Football - A Guide For Clubs has been issued initially in English to herald the start of the new UEFA club competition season and is the latest step in the concerted campaign being waged to rid the game of racism and discrimination.

UEFA has asked referees to clamp down on dissent after the UEFA Referees' Committee, together with top officials, discussed various refereeing issues at their fourth annual gathering. Following the outcome of the discussions in Nyon a fortnight ago, UEFA wants to emphasise that it has asked match officials to take immediate action by cautioning players in the case of the following offences: waving of an imaginary card to have an opponent booked; crowding around the referee, when at least one player should be cautioned and not only the initiator; and dissent by gesture or running towards to referee.

UEFA has completed three new media rights agreements covering China guaranteeing what the European body says will be "an unprecedented breadth and quality of coverage" of European football's major club competition. CCTV, China's free to air national broadcaster which is present in 350 million television homes, will show extensive highlights of each match night for the next three seasons. UEFA's long-term partner across Asia, ESPN Star, will show more than 45 matches live in China per season as well as delayed matches, highlights and magazine programmes, while Sina.com, China's leading internet portal with 60 million page views per day, will show delayed match coverage and establish its own UEFA Champions League mobile service.

UEFA has paid tribute to the late Giacinto Facchetti, the FC Internazionale Milano president who died aged 64 last Monday after a battle with cancer. Facchetti, who as a player with Inter twice won the European Champion Clubs' Cup. He was a valued part of the UEFA family, having served the UEFA Fair Play Committee and UEFA's Technical Development Committee. Back in March, UEFA presented Facchetti with a Champions of Europe award amid celebrations to mark 50 years of European Cup finals. Andy Roxburgh, the UEFA technical director. "He was a fantastic person – he was an absolute gentleman." As a mark of respect, Inter have retired Facchetti's No3 shirt, with current player Nicolás Burdisso switching to No16.

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Head coach profiles

Carlo Ancelotti

Date of birth: 10 June 1959

Nationality: Italian

Playing career: Parma FC, AS Roma, AC Milan

Coaching career: AC Reggiana, Parma FC, Juventus, AC Milan

One of only five people – the others being Miguel Muñoz, Giovanni Trapattoni, Johan Cruyff and Frank Rijkaard – to have lifted the European Champion Clubs' Cup as both a player and coach, Carlo Ancelotti is one of the most highly-regarded coaches in European football. He claimed the UEFA Champions League in 2003 in only his second season at the AC Milan helm - he would have added a second but for Liverpool FC's stunning fightback two years later - and has added Serie A and Coppa Italia medals to an individual trophy cabinet teeming with honours.

His coaching career is proving every bit as illustrious as his days as a no-nonsense midfielder. Ancelotti started out at AS Roma, winning the Scudetto in 1983, before moving to Milan three years later after his hometown club deemed him too injury-prone. He quickly went about proving them wrong, thriving at San Siro in five years of unyielding success which brought two more Serie A crowns and back-to-back European Cup wins in 1989 and 1990.

He started his coaching career in similar vein, leading AC Reggiana to promotion in his debut season in 1996 and went on to Parma FC who he guided to an unprecedented second-placed finish. By 1998 he was at Juventus and although he never managed to better runners-up spot, Ancelotti did earn a return to San Siro in summer 2001. There he thrived, winning the UEFA Champions League, Coppa Italia and UEFA Super Cup in his second season and completing the set with the Serie A title in 2003/04. He guided the Rossoneri to second in the next two campaigns, although they were subsequently demoted to third last term as punishment for their involvement in a match-fixing scandal. In March, he extended his contract until summer 2008.

Lorenzo Serra Ferrer

Date of birth: 5 March 1953

Nationality: Spanish

Coaching career: UD Poblense, RCD Mallorca, Real Betis Balompié, FC Barcelona, AEK Athens FC

Like Arrigo Sacchi and Arsène Wenger, Lorenzo Serra Ferrer is one of the rare breed of top coaches never to have played at a high level. The Spaniard spent his playing days on the lower rungs of the footballing ladder in Mallorca before turning his attention to coaching as his career began to wind down. Starting at UD Poblense, he guided them to promotion to the Segunda B División before switching to RCD Mallorca in 1983.

Always on the brink of the Primera División, Mallorca were immersed in a cycle of relegation and promotion during Serra Ferrer's decade in charge as they battled to establish themselves in the Spanish top flight. They finished an impressive sixth in 1986/87, and in 1993 their coach moved to Segunda División team Real Betis Balompié. He guided them to promotion in his debut season and they soon began to make waves, finishing third ahead of FC Barcelona in their first season back and reaching the Copa del Rey final two years later, where they were unlucky to lose 3-2 to Barça.

The Catalan giants were clearly impressed by Serra Ferrer, however, and coaxed him to the Camp Nou in 1997 to take a role as youth coach under Louis van Gaal. When the Dutchman was sacked in 2000, it was the Mallorcan that was handed the reins until April 2001 when he reverted to his youth-team role. He returned to top-flight coaching in 2004 and guided Betis to the best season in their history, winning the Copa del Rey and finishing fourth in the league to earn a UEFA Champions League place. There they defeated much-fancied Chelsea FC but it was a rare high in a poor season. When AEK Athens FC offered Serra Ferrer a fresh challenge during summer 2006 he accepted.

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Squad list

Milan

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	Dida	BRA	07.10.73	2	-	-	-	1	-	52	-	59	-
16	Zeljko Kalac	AUS	16.12.72	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	25	-
29	Valerio Fiori	ITA	27.04.69	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-
Defenders													
2	Cafu	BRA	07.06.70	2	-	-	-	1	-	48	2	73	2
3	Paolo Maldini	ITA	26.06.68	-	-	-	-	1	-	96	2	159	3
4	Kakha Kaladze	GEO	27.02.78	-	-	-	-	-	-	54	3	88	3
5	Alessandro Costacurta	ITA	24.04.66	2	-	-	-	-	-	64	-	120	-
13	Alessandro Nesta	ITA	19.03.76	-	-	-	-	1	-	63	-	88	1
17	Dario Šimić	CRO	12.11.75	2	-	-	-	-	-	22	-	55	3
18	Marek Jankulovski	CZE	09.05.77	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	6	-
19	Giuseppe Favalli	ITA	08.01.72	1	-	-	-	1	-	31	1	70	2
25	Daniele Bonera	ITA	31.05.81	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	23	-
27	Serginho	BRA	27.06.71	2	-	-	-	1	-	50	2	64	3
32	Cristian Brocchi	ITA	30.01.76	1	-	-	-	1	-	12	-	23	-
Midfielders													
8	Gennaro Gattuso	ITA	09.01.78	2	-	-	-	-	-	54	1	79	3
10	Clarence Seedorf	NED	01.04.76	2	1	-	-	1	-	82	6	112	10
20	Yohan Gourcuff	FRA	11.07.86	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-
21	Andrea Pirlo	ITA	19.05.79	2	-	-	-	1	-	50	3	69	3
22	Kaká	BRA	22.04.82	2	-	-	-	1	-	35	11	38	11
23	Massimo Ambrosini	ITA	29.05.77	2	-	-	-	1	-	43	2	63	2
Forwards													
7	Ricardo Oliveira	BRA	06.05.80	-	-	-	-	1	1	4	1	11	4
9	Filippo Inzaghi	ITA	09.08.73	2	2	-	-	1	1	56	34	83	54
11	Alberto Gilardino	ITA	05.07.82	2	-	-	-	1	-	10	-	26	4
15	Marco Borriello	ITA	18.06.82	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	5	-
Coach													
	Carlo Ancelotti	ITA	10.06.59	2	-	-	-	-	-	51	-	73	-

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Squad list

AEK

No	Player	Nat.	DoB	Current Season				All-time					
				UCLQ		UCL		League		UCL		UEFA	
				Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers													
22	Dionisis Chiotis	GRE	04.06.77	1	-	-	-	1	-	8	-	23	-
28	Stefano Sorrentino	ITA	28.03.79	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	3	-
84	Ioannis Arabatzis	GRE	28.05.84	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders													
4	Evangelos Moras	GRE	26.08.81	-	-	-	-	2	-	4	-	8	-
5	Bruno Cirillo	ITA	21.03.77	2	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	11	-
13	Martin Pautasso	ARG	17.05.79	2	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	2	-
14	Stavros Giorgiopoulos	GRE	15.08.78	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	11	1
15	Socratis Papastathopoulos	GRE	09.06.88	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
24	Ifeanyi Udezue	NGA	21.07.80	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	28	1
31	Nikolaos Georgeas	GRE	27.12.76	2	-	-	-	3	-	4	-	21	-
55	Traianos Dellas	GRE	31.01.76	2	-	-	-	1	-	7	-	22	1
Midfielders													
7	Ilias Kyriakidis	GRE	05.08.85	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
10	Panagiotis Kone	GRE	26.07.87	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16	Akis Zikos	GRE	01.06.74	-	-	-	-	-	-	17	-	55	2
17	Vladimir Ivić	SCG	07.05.77	2	-	-	-	3	-	2	-	35	8
19	Panagiotis Lagos	GRE	18.07.85	2	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	2	-
23	Vassilios Lakis	GRE	10.09.76	2	-	-	-	2	-	10	1	46	7
25	Emerson	BRA	12.04.72	2	-	-	-	3	-	25	3	35	3
56	Perparim Hetemaj	FIN	12.12.86	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
88	Daniel Tözsér	HUN	12.05.85	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	1
Forwards													
9	Andrija Delibašić	SCG	24.04.81	-	-	-	-	3	1	5	3	15	6
11	Gustavo Manduca	BRA	08.06.80	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	3	1
33	Nikos Lyberopoulos	GRE	04.08.75	2	1	-	-	3	-	31	2	64	14
35	Pantelis Kapetanios	GRE	08.06.83	2	1	-	-	3	-	-	-	3	1
99	Júlio César	BRA	26.02.80	2	2	-	-	3	-	9	1	15	4
Coach													
	Lorenzo Serra Ferrer	ESP	05.03.53	2	-	-	-	-	-	12	-	28	-

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Domestic information

AC Milan (Serie A)

	Date	Opponent	Res	Lineups
League	10.09.2006	v S.S. Lazio (H)	2-1	Dida, Cafu, Nesta, Serginho (Favalli 76), Maldini, Brocchi, Pirlo, Seedorf, Kaká, Gilardino (Oliveira 63), Inzaghi (Ambrosini 78)

	Date	Opponent	Res	Goalscorers
League	10.09.2006	v S.S. Lazio (H)	2-1	Oliveira, Inzaghi
League	17.09.2006	v Parma FC (A)		
League	20.09.2006	v Ascoli Calcio 1898 (H)		
League	23.09.2006	v AS Livorno Calcio (A)		
League	01.10.2006	v AC Siena (H)		
League	15.10.2006	v UC Sampdoria (A)		
League	22.10.2006	v US Città di Palermo (H)		
League	25.10.2006	v AC Chievo Verona (A)		
League	29.10.2006	v FC Internazionale Milano (H)		
League	05.11.2006	v Atalanta BC (A)		
League	12.11.2006	v AS Roma (H)		
League	19.11.2006	v Empoli FC (A)		
League	26.11.2006	v FC Messina Peloro (H)		
League	03.12.2006	v Cagliari Calcio (A)		
League	10.12.2006	v Torino FC (H)		
League	17.12.2006	v ACF Fiorentina (A)		
League	20.12.2006	v Calcio Catania (H)		
League	23.12.2006	v Udinese Calcio (A)		
League	14.01.2007	v Reggina Calcio (H)		
League	21.01.2007	v S.S. Lazio (A)		
League	28.01.2007	v Parma FC (H)		

Rank	Clubs	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1	Atalanta BC	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
2	AS Roma	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
3	FC Internazionale Milano	1	1	0	0	3	2	3
4	AC Siena	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
5	US Città di Palermo	1	1	0	0	4	3	3
6	FC Messina Peloro	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
7	Empoli FC	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
8	Calcio Catania	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
9	Parma FC	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
10	Torino FC	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
11	AC Chievo Verona	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
12	Udinese Calcio	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
13	Cagliari Calcio	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
14	UC Sampdoria	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
15	Ascoli Calcio 1898	1	0	0	1	1	3	0
16	AS Livorno Calcio	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
17	AC Milan	1	1	0	0	2	1	-5
18	S.S. Lazio	1	0	0	1	1	2	-11
19	Reggina Calcio	1	0	0	1	3	4	-15
20	ACF Fiorentina	1	0	0	1	2	3	-19

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Domestic information

AEK Athens FC (Ethniki Kategoria)

	Date	Opponent	Res	Lineups
League	19.08.2006	v PAOK FC (H)	0-0	Sorrentino, Georgeas, Giorgiopoulos, Cirillo, Moras, Emerson, Ivić (Kapetanos 61), Manduca (Júlio César 46), Lakis (Lagos 61), Lyberopoulos, Delibašić
League	27.08.2006	v OFI Crete FC (A)	1-1	Chiotis, Dellas, Cirillo, Georgeas, Pautasso, Ivić, Lakis (Manduca 64), Emerson, Lyberopoulos (Lagos 79), Kapetanos (Delibašić 30), Júlio César
League	09.09.2006	v Atromitos FC (A)	1-1	Sorrentino, Moras, Cirillo, Georgeas, Udeze (Pautasso 61), Emerson, Ivić, Lagos (Hetemaj 81), Lyberopoulos, Júlio César, Kapetanos (Delibašić 61)

	Date	Opponent	Res	Goalscorers
League	19.08.2006	v PAOK FC (H)	0-0	
League	27.08.2006	v OFI Crete FC (A)	1-1	Delibašić
League	09.09.2006	v Atromitos FC (A)	1-1	Pautasso
League	17.09.2006	v Iraklis FC (H)		
League	24.09.2006	v Olympiacos CFP (A)		
League	01.10.2006	v Ergotelis FC (H)		
League	15.10.2006	v Panathinaikos FC (A)		
League	22.10.2006	v Apollon Kalamarias FC (H)		
League	29.10.2006	v Aris Thessaloniki FC (A)		
League	05.11.2006	v Larissa FC (H)		
League	19.11.2006	v Kerkira FC (H)		
League	26.11.2006	v Egaleo FC (A)		
League	03.12.2006	v Ionikos FC (H)		
League	10.12.2006	v Skoda Xanthi FC (A)		
League	17.12.2006	v Panionios NFC (H)		
League	07.01.2007	v PAOK FC (A)		
League	14.01.2007	v OFI Crete FC (H)		
League	21.01.2007	v Atromitos FC (H)		
League	28.01.2007	v Iraklis FC (A)		
League	11.02.2007	v Olympiacos CFP (H)		
League	18.02.2007	v Ergotelis FC (A)		
League	25.02.2007	v Panathinaikos FC (H)		
League	04.03.2007	v Apollon Kalamarias FC (A)		

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Rank	Clubs	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1	Olympiacos CFP	3	3	0	0	7	1	9
2	Ionikos FC	3	2	1	0	4	1	7
3	Panathinaikos FC	3	2	0	1	5	3	6
4	Ergotelis FC	3	1	2	0	3	2	5
5	OFI Crete FC	3	1	2	0	6	5	5
6	Kerkira FC	3	1	2	0	2	1	5
7	Larissa FC	3	1	2	0	3	2	5
8	PAOK FC	3	1	1	1	3	3	4
9	Egaleo FC	3	1	1	1	3	5	4
10	Aris Thessaloniki FC	3	0	3	0	2	2	3
11	AEK Athens FC	3	0	3	0	2	2	3
12	Atromitos FC	3	0	2	1	4	5	2
13	Iraklis FC	3	0	1	2	3	6	1
14	Panionios NFC	3	0	1	2	1	5	1
15	Skoda Xanthi FC	3	0	1	2	1	3	1
16	Apollon Kalamarias FC	3	0	0	3	1	4	0

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Match officials

Referee	Michael Riley (ENG)
Assistant referees	David Bryan (ENG), Glenn Turner (ENG)
Fourth official	Mark Clattenburg (ENG)
UEFA Delegate	Benny Jacobsen (DEN)

Referee

Name	Nat.	DoB	UCL	UEFA
Michael Riley	ENG	17.12.1964	11	28

Mike Riley is a straight-talking Yorkshireman who likes to keep a tight rein on his matches - but what do you expect from a man who works as a finance director by profession? The Englishman has risen to the highest category of UEFA referees, and has continued to land high-profile appointments including the glamour friendly between Brazil and Wales, played in London in September 2006.

Riley took charge of his first Premiership game in 1996 before being awarded his FIFA badge in 1999. In 2000, Riley was a member of the UEFA European Under-18 Championship referees' team but has since enjoyed an elevated role, living out his lifelong dream by taking charge of two group games at UEFA EURO 2004™ as well as continually refereeing matches in the UEFA Cup and UEFA Champions League.

In September 2005 he was awarded the whistle for the UEFA Champions League game between AC Milan and Fenerbahçe SK and had a further three appointments that season in Europe's premier club competition. Back in the international arena, he had three qualifying matches for the 2006 FIFA World Cup. In English domestic football, Riley counts the 2002 FA Cup final between Arsenal FC and Chelsea FC in Cardiff as one of the highlights of his career. The Rotherham-based official, who regards George Courtney as his refereeing icon, also took charge of the 2004 English League Cup final between Bolton Wanderers FC and Middlesbrough FC.

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

Date	Comp.	Stage	Match	Res	Venue
13.11.2002	UCL	GS1	AC Milan-RC Deportivo La Coruña	1-2	Milan
01.10.2003	UCL	GS1	RC Celta de Vigo-AC Milan	0-0	Vigo
25.11.2003	UCL	GS1	RC Deportivo La Coruña-AEK Athens FC	3-0	La Coruna
23.11.2004	UCL	GS	FC Dynamo Kyiv-AS Roma	2-0	Kiev
07.12.2004	UCL	GS	FC Internazionale Milano-RSC Anderlecht	3-0	Milan
23.08.2005	UCL	QR3	Panathinaikos FC-Wisla Kraków	4-1	Athens
13.09.2005	UCL	GS	AC Milan-Fenerbahçe SK	3-1	Milan

UEFA Champions League Other matches

Date	Comp.	Stage	Match	Res	Venue
09.08.2000	UCL	QR3	FC Wacker Tirol-Valencia CF	0-0	Innsbruck
01.08.2001	UCL	QR2	KS Vllaznia-Galatasaray SK	1-4	Tirana
30.10.2001	UCL	GS1	FC Lokomotiv Moskva-Real Madrid CF	2-0	Moscow
17.09.2002	UCL	GS1	AFC Ajax-Olympique Lyonnais	2-1	Amsterdam
27.08.2003	UCL	QR3	BV Borussia Dortmund-Club Brugge KV	2-1*(2-4)	Dortmund
09.03.2004	UCL	1/8	Olympique Lyonnais-Real Sociedad de Fútbol	1-0	Lyon
24.08.2004	UCL	QR3	AS Monaco FC-NK Gorica	6-0	Monaco
29.09.2004	UCL	GS	Werder Bremen-Valencia CF	2-1	Bremen
08.03.2006	UCL	1/8	Olympique Lyonnais-PSV Eindhoven	4-0	Lyon

Other matches

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Date	Comp.	Stage	Match	Res	Venue
04.03.1999	U16	QR	Italy-Portugal	0-1	
06.03.1999	U16	QR	Portugal-Albania	4-1	
17.07.1999	UIC	R3	NK Varteks-FC Rostov	1-2	Varazdin
26.08.1999	UCUP	QR	FC Tiraspol-Ferencvárosi TC	1-1	Chisinau
30.09.1999	UCUP	R1	PFC Levski Sofia-HNK Hajduk Split	3-0	Sofia
17.10.1999	U18	PR	Netherlands-Israel	3-3	Baku
19.07.2000	U18	GS - FT	Germany-Netherlands	3-0	Heilbronn
21.07.2000	U18	GS - FT	France-Russia	2-0	Gundelfingen
14.09.2000	UCUP	R1	CSF Zimbru Chisinau-Hertha BSC Berlin	1-2	Chisinau
09.11.2000	UCUP	R2	1. FC Kaiserslautern-Iraklis FC	2-3	Kaiserslautern
24.03.2001	WC	QR	Bulgaria-Iceland	2-1	Sofia
15.08.2001	FRIE.	R1	Sweden-South Africa	3-0	Solna
07.10.2001	WC	QR	F.Y.R. Macedonia-Slovakia	0-5	Skopje
14.11.2001	U21	P-O	France-Romania	4-0	Brest
22.11.2001	UCUP	R3	FC København-BV Borussia Dortmund	0-1	Copenhagen
17.04.2002	FRIE.	R1	France-Russia	0-0	Paris
13.08.2002	UIC	F	Villarreal CF-Málaga CF	0-1	Villarreal
01.09.2002	FRIE.	R1	Jamaica-	0-0	Wolverhampton
16.10.2002	EURO	QR	Estonia-Belgium	0-1	Tallinn
28.11.2002	UCUP	R3	FC Slovan Liberec-Panathinaikos FC	2-2	Liberec
29.03.2003	EURO	QR	Ukraine-Spain	2-2	Kiev
10.09.2003	EURO	QR	Poland-Sweden	0-2	Chorzow
08.04.2004	UCUP	QF	FC Girondins de Bordeaux-Valencia CF	1-2	Bordeaux
14.06.2004	EURO	GS - FT	Sweden-Bulgaria	5-0	Lisbon
19.06.2004	EURO	GS - FT	Latvia-Germany	0-0	Porto
04.09.2004	WC	QR	Croatia-Hungary	3-0	Zagreb
17.03.2005	UCUP	1/8	AJ Auxerre-LOSC Lille Métropole	0-0	Auxerre
08.06.2005	WC	QR	Estonia-Portugal	0-1	Tallinn
12.10.2005	WC	QR	Lithuania-Belgium	1-1	Vilnius
15.03.2006	UCUP	1/8	Sevilla FC-LOSC Lille Métropole	2-0	Sevilla
30.03.2006	UCUP	QF	PFC Levski Sofia-FC Schalke 04	1-3	Sofia

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Competition information

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Legend

:: All-time statistics

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

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

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

:: Squad list

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

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

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

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

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

:: Bookings list

The current disciplinary situation in the competition.

*: Misses next match if booked

#: Suspended for at least one match

+: Provisionally suspended

R: Sent off (red card)

S: Suspended

Y: Booked (yellow card)

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

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

S*: Suspended following cautions received in the UEFA Cup

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

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

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

:: Match officials

The match officials appointed to officiate the fixture.

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

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

:: Competitions

ECCC: European Champion Clubs' Cup/UEFA Champions League

UCUP: UEFA Cup

UCWC: UEFA Cup Winners' Cup

SCUP: UEFA Super Cup

UIC: UEFA Intertoto Cup

EURO: UEFA European Football Championship

U21: UEFA European Under-21 Championship

WC: FIFA World Cup

CONFCUP: FIFA Confederations Cup

FRIE: A International friendly matches

U21 FRIE: Under-21 international friendly matches

:: Competition stages

F: Final

GS: Group stage

GS1: First group stage

GS2: Second group stage

KO1: First knockout round

PR: Preliminary round

QF: Quarter-finals

QR: Qualifying round

QR1: First qualifying round

QR2: Second qualifying round

QR3: Third qualifying round

R1: First round

R2: Second round

R3: Third round

R4: Fourth round

SF: Semi-finals

1/8: Eighth-finals

1/16: Sixteenth-finals

1st: First leg

2nd: Second leg

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:: Other abbreviations

AP: Appearances

Comp: Competition

D: Drawn

DoB: Date of birth

GA: Goals against

GF: Goals for

L: Lost

Nat: Nationality

N/a: Not applicable

No: Number

Pld: Matches played

Pos: Position

Pts: Points

R: Sent off (red card)

Res: Result

W: Won

Y: Booked (yellow card)

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

:: Statistics

(-): Denotes player substituted

(+): Denotes player introduced

(*): Denotes player dismissed/sent off

(+/-): Denotes player introduced and substituted