

Real Madrid CF v FC Steaua Bucuresti

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Group E - Matchday 4



After winning 4-1 in Romania on Matchday 3, Real Madrid CF have every cause for confidence when FC Steaua Bucuresti come to the Spanish capital.

- After losing their opening Group E fixture 2-0 at Olympique Lyonnais, the Merengues have responded in style, following up a 5-1 victory against FC Dynamo Kyiv by scoring another four goals away to Steaua. Now they can scent a place in the UEFA Champions League knockout rounds – and another three points here coupled with a Lyon win or draw against Dynamo in the section's other match would be enough to get them there.

- Steaua's fortunes have turned in the opposite direction. They started with a 4-1 success in Kiev but subsequently went down 3-0 at home to Lyon before that heavy loss to Madrid. A win on their first visit to the Santiago Bernabéu would take them level on six points with their opponents, but another defeat would put Madrid out of reach – six points in front and with a superior head-to-head record.

Second to Lyon

- Lyon are top of Group E with a maximum nine points and on course for a repeat of last season's group stage, where they finished first in their section with Madrid second. Having beaten both Madrid and Steaua, they defeated Dynamo Kyiv 3-0 last time out.

- Madrid's home record against Romanian opposition does not augur well for Cosmin Olaroiu's men. The Spanish club have won all five previous meetings, scoring 21 goals along the way. In eleven games overall against sides from Romania, they have registered seven wins and just two reverses.

- Steaua won on their most recent visit to Spain, beating Real Betis Balompié 3-0 in Seville in last season's UEFA Cup Round of 16. Banel Nicolita (2) and Victoras Iacob got the goals that secured a 3-0 aggregate success on Steaua's path to the semi-finals.

Finest hour

- Seville was also the scene of Steaua's finest hour, their triumph against FC Barcelona in the 1985/86 European Champion Clubs' Cup final. Emerich Jenei's team prevailed 2-0 on penalties after a goalless draw at the Ramón Sánchez-Pizjuán stadium. That remains the only time a Romanian club has captured the European crown.

- The last time Madrid played host to Romanian opponents was in September 1992 when they defeated FCU Politehnica Timisoara 4-0 in a UEFA Cup first-round tie.

- Games against Romanian opposition are like London buses for Madrid coach Fabio Capello. After waiting well over 100 UEFA club competition matches for one, this is his second in a fortnight.



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Team facts

Real Madrid CF

UEFA club competition milestones

- The most successful club in UEFA competition history, Madrid won the first five editions of the European Champion Clubs' Cup.

- Overall, Madrid have played in 12 European Cup finals, winning nine of them. Their three most recent victories in the UEFA Champions League era have come at the expense of Juventus (1-0, 1997/98), Valencia CF (3-0, 1999/00) and Bayer 04 Leverkusen (2-1, 2001/02).

UEFA club competition honours

- European Champion Clubs' Cup: 1955/56, 1956/57, 1957/58, 1958/59, 1959/60, 1965/66, 1997/98, 1999/00, 2001/02
- UEFA Cup: 1984/85, 1985/86
- UEFA Super Cup: 2002
- European/South American Cup: 1960, 1998, 2002

Ten-year record (including current season)

- This season marks Madrid's tenth successive qualification for the UEFA Champions League group stage, a period in which they have won the competition on three occasions (1997/98, 1999/00 and 2001/02). They have advanced to the knockout stages in the previous nine campaigns.

1997/98: UEFA Champions League - winners

1998/99: UEFA Champions League - quarter-finals

1999/00: UEFA Champions League - winners

2000/01: UEFA Champions League - semi-finals

2001/02: UEFA Champions League - winners

2002/03: UEFA Champions League - semi-finals

2003/04: UEFA Champions League - quarter-finals

2004/05: UEFA Champions League - first knockout round

2005/06: UEFA Champions League - first knockout round

2006/07: UEFA Champions League - group stage

2005/06 season

Domestic record: Madrid again were runners-up to FC Barcelona, this time by 12 points. They finished one and two points respectively in front of Valencia CF and CA Osasuna, enough to take them through to the group stage automatically.

European record: Madrid advanced to the group stage as one of the 16 automatic qualifiers. They finished second in their group behind Olympique Lyonnais, winning three and drawing one of their games. For the second straight season, they lost in the first knockout round, this time 1-0 on aggregate to Arsenal FC.

Key facts

- To date, Madrid have scored 827 goals in 399 games in UEFA club competition of which 224 have ended in victory with 70 draws and 105 defeats. Only 437 goals have been conceded.

- The vast majority of these games - 294 - have been played in the European Champion Clubs' Cup and/or the UEFA Champions League. Put into context with the record of the 31 rivals that started this season's competition, FC Bayern München are the closest challengers with 209 games in Europe's premier club competition. Madrid's record reads: played 294, won 171, drawn 50, lost 73, scored 645 and conceded 326.

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• In the UEFA Champions League alone, Madrid have played 122 games, winning 68, drawing 25 and losing 29. They have scored 239 goals and conceded 139.

Records

UEFA club competition

• Biggest win

9-0: Real Madrid CF v Odense BK

25.10.1961, 1961/62 European Champion Clubs' Cup, first round, second leg

• Biggest home win

9-0: Real Madrid CF v Odense BK (see above for details)

• Biggest away win

0-8: Olympiakos Nicosia FC v Real Madrid CF

24.09.1969, 1969/70 European Champion Clubs' Cup, first round, first leg

• Heaviest defeat

5-0: AC Milan v Real Madrid CF

19.04.1989, 1988/89 European Champion Clubs' Cup, semi-finals, second leg

5-0: 1. FC Kaiserslautern v Real Madrid CF

17.03.1982, 1981/82 UEFA Cup, quarter-finals, second leg

• Heaviest home defeat

2-4: Real Madrid CF v FC Bayern München

29.02.2000, 1999/2000 UEFA Champions League, second group stage

0-2: Real Madrid CF v AFC Ajax

22.11.1995, 1995/96 UEFA Champions League, group stage

0-2: Real Madrid CF v Odense BK

06.12.1994, 1994/95 UEFA Cup, third round, second leg

1-3: Real Madrid CF v SK Spartak Moskva

20.03.1991, 1990/91 European Champion Clubs' Cup, semi-finals, second leg

0-2: Real Madrid CF v FC Internazionale

01.03.1967, 1966/67 European Champion Clubs' Cup, quarter-finals, second leg

• Heaviest away defeat

5-0: AC Milan v Real Madrid CF (see above for details)

5-0: 1. FC Kaiserslautern v Real Madrid CF (see above for details)

UEFA Champions League (group stage to final only)

• Biggest win

6-0: Real Madrid CF v KRC Genk

25.09.2002, 2002/03 UEFA Champions League, first group stage

• Biggest home win

6-0: Real Madrid CF v KRC Genk (see above for details)

• Biggest away win

1-5: SK Sturm Graz v Real Madrid CF

05.11.1998, 1998/99 UEFA Champions League, group stage

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- Heaviest defeat

3-0: Olympique Lyonnais v Real Madrid CF

13.09.2005, 2005/06 UEFA Champions League, group stage

3-0: Bayer 04 Leverkusen v Real Madrid CF

15.09.2004, 2004/05 UEFA Champions League, group stage

4-1: FC Bayern München v Real Madrid CF

08.03.2000, 1999/2000 UEFA Champions League, second group stage

- Heaviest home defeat

2-4: Real Madrid CF v FC Bayern München (see above for details)

0-2: Real Madrid CF v AFC Ajax (see above for details)

- Heaviest away defeat

3-0: Olympique Lyonnais v Real Madrid CF (see above for details)

3-0: Bayer 04 Leverkusen v Real Madrid CF (see above for details)

4-1: FC Bayern München v Real Madrid CF (see above for details)

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UEFA club competition milestones

- Steaua are the only Romanian club to have triumphed in Europe, winning the UEFA European Champion Clubs' Cup in 1986 by defeating FC Barcelona on penalties. They then followed up that success with the UEFA Super Cup, winning 1-0 against FC Dynamo Kyiv.

- Steaua reached the final of European club football's premier competition again in 1989, but could not repeat the glory of three years earlier as they succumbed to a 4-0 defeat at the hands of AC Milan. Meanwhile, a period of success also saw them reach the semi-finals in 1988, losing 2-0 over two legs against SL Benfica.

- Since the creation of the UEFA Champions League Steaua are the only Romanian club to have qualified for the group stage in three successive seasons. However, each time (1994/95, 1995/96 and 1996/97) they failed to qualify for the next round.

UEFA club competition honours

- UEFA European Champion Clubs' Cup: 1985/86
- UEFA Super Cup: 1986

Ten-year record (including current season)

- Steaua overcame NK Gorica (agg: 5-0) and R. Standard de Liège (agg: 4-3) in the second and third qualifying rounds respectively to take their place in the group stage for the first time since the 1996/97 season.

1997/98: UEFA Cup - third round (having transferred from the UEFA Champions League, second qualifying round)

1998/99: UEFA Cup - first round (having transferred from the UEFA Champions League, second qualifying round)

1999/2000: UEFA Cup - third round

2000/01: Did not compete in UEFA club competition

2001/02: UEFA Cup - first round (having transferred from the UEFA Champions League, third qualifying round)

2002/03: Did not compete in UEFA club competition

2003/04: UEFA Cup - second round

2004/05: UEFA Cup - round of 16

2005/06: UEFA Cup - semi-finals (having transferred from the UEFA Champions League, third qualifying round)

2006/07: UEFA Champions League - group stage

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2005/06 season

Domestic record: Steaua's domination in Romania over the years was reflected as they won their 23rd title and their second in a row. The championship was only decided on the last day of fixtures however with Steaua edging out AFC Rapid Bucuresti by five points. In the Romanian Cup they were less successful though, being eliminated in the first round.

European record: After narrowly missing qualification for the UEFA Champions League group stage – losing 4-3 on aggregate against Rosenborg BK - Steaua became the first Romanian side to qualify for a European semi-final in 16 years. Moving over to the UEFA Cup they defeated another Norwegian team, Vålerenga IF, to make it into the group stage where they progressed without conceding at the top of Group C. Victories against SC Heerenveen and Real Betis Balompié in the next two knockout rounds set up a local derby between Steaua and Rapid in the quarter-finals, which Steaua edged on away goals. Their path to the final was finally blocked by Middlesbrough FC though, with a last-minute goal from Massimo Maccarone putting the English side through 4-3 over two legs.

Key facts

- Steaua have played 196 matches in UEFA club competition with 76 victories, 54 draws and 66 defeats. In that time, the Romanian side had scored 279 goals with 256 conceded.

- In the European Champion Clubs' Cup, Steaua have played 94 matches, recording 38 wins, 24 draws and 32 defeats with 146 goals scored and 132 conceded.

- In their 21 matches to date in the UEFA Champions League (group stage to final), Steaua have won four, drawn seven, lost ten, scored 19 goals and conceded 34.

Records

UEFA club competition

- Biggest win

6-0: CSA Steaua Bucuresti v BSC Young Boys

03.10.1979, 1979/80 UEFA Cup Winners' Cup, first round, second leg

- Biggest home win

6-0: CSA Steaua Bucuresti v BSC Young Boys (see above for details)

- Biggest away win

1-5: TJ Sparta CKD Praha v CSA Steaua Bucuresti

07.09.1988, 1988/89 European Champion Clubs' Cup, first round, first leg

- Heaviest defeat

5-0: Paris Saint-Germain FC v CSA Steaua Bucuresti

27.08.1997, 1997/98 European Champion Clubs' Cup, second qualifying round, second leg

5-0: Montpellier Hérault SC v CSA Steaua Bucuresti

24.10.1990, 1990/91 UEFA Cup Winners' Cup, second round, first leg

- Heaviest home defeat

1-4: FC Steaua Bucuresti v Real Madrid CF

17.10.2006, 2006/07 UEFA Champions League, group stage

0-3: FC Steaua Bucuresti v Olympique Lyonnais

26.09.2006, 2006/07 UEFA Champions League, group stage

0-3: CSA Steaua Bucuresti v BV Borussia Dortmund

25.09.1996, 1996/97 UEFA Champions League, group stage

0-3: CSA Steaua Bucuresti v Montpellier Hérault SC

07.11.1990, 1990/91 UEFA Cup Winners' Cup, second round, second leg

0-3: CSA Steaua Bucuresti v PSV Eindhoven

04.11.1970, 1970/71 UEFA Cup Winners' Cup, second round, second leg

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- Heaviest away defeat

5-0: Paris Saint-Germain FC v CSA Steaua Bucuresti (see above for details)

5-0: Montpellier Hérault SC v CSA Steaua Bucuresti (see above for details)

UEFA Champions League (group stage to final only)

- Biggest win

1-4: FC Dynamo Kyiv v FC Steaua Bucuresti

13.09.2006, 2006/07 UEFA Champions League, group stage

1-4: HNK Hajduk Split v CSA Steaua Bucuresti

07.12.1994, 1994/95 UEFA Champions League, group stage

- Biggest home win

1-0: CSA Steaua Bucuresti v RTS Widzew Łódz

16.10.1996, 1996/97 UEFA Champions League, group stage

1-0: CSA Steaua Bucuresti v Rangers FC

13.09.1995, 1995/96 UEFA Champions League, group stage

- Biggest away win

1-4: FC Dynamo Kyiv v FC Steaua Bucuresti (see above for details)

1-4: HNK Hajduk Split v CSA Steaua Bucuresti (see above for details)

- Heaviest defeat

4-0: Club Atlético de Madrid v CSA Steaua Bucuresti

11.09.1996, 1996/97 UEFA Champions League, group stage

- Heaviest home defeat

1-4: FC Steaua Bucuresti v Real Madrid CF (see above for details)

0-3: FC Steaua Bucuresti v Olympique Lyonnais (see above for details)

0-3: CSA Steaua Bucuresti v BV Borussia Dortmund (see above for details)

- Heaviest away defeat

4-0: Club Atlético de Madrid v CSA Steaua Bucuresti (see above for details)

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Match facts

Madrid

- **David Beckham** made his 100th appearance in the UEFA Champions League in Bucharest. The Madrid midfielder became the third player to reach that landmark after club-mates **Raúl González** (104 appearances) and **Roberto Carlos** (102).
- The game marked **Beckham's** 110th appearance in UEFA club competition, two fewer than both **Raúl** and **Roberto Carlos**. **Michel Salgado's** next game will be his 90th in European football while **Iker Casillas** made his 80th appearance in UEFA club competition against the Romanian team.
- **Casillas** is in line to make his 75th appearance in the UEFA Champions League against Steaua on Matchday 4 while, should **Emerson** feature, it would be the Brazilian's 75th game in UEFA club competition.
- **Raúl's** goal against Steaua on Matchday 3 took his UEFA Champions League tally to 54 goals, eight more than **Ruud van Nistelrooy**. The Spaniard has scored two more goals in UEFA club competition overall, while Van Nistelrooy brought up his half-century in European matches with his goal in Bucharest.
- **Raúl** and **Van Nistelrooy** are two of seven players who have scored three times in this season's competition. Didier Drogba is the leading scorer after three rounds of matches with four goals.
- **Mahamadou Diarra** and **Guti** have both provided two assists so far, two fewer than Juninho Pernambucano who has set up the most goals in the competition after three matches.
- **Van Nistelrooy** has had six shots on goal so far, two fewer than Juninho, Kaká and David Villa after Matchday 3.
- **Diarra** has committed ten fouls in the first three games, two less than Mark Van Bommel.
- Madrid had the most shots on goal of the 32 teams in the group stage in the first three games with 27.
- The Spanish club also scored most goals in the first three matchdays with nine.
- **Michel Salgado** turned 31 on 22 October - the same day Madrid defeated FC Barcelona in the Primera División - while **Guti** is 30 on 31 October and **Diego López** is 25 on 3 November.
- Madrid secured their second consecutive league victory as they won 3-1 at CG Tarragona 3-1 on Saturday. Abel Buades put the home side in front from the penalty spot on the half-hour, but **Roberto Carlos** levelled just before the break and **Iván Helguera** and **Robinho** scored in the second period.
- **Helguera's** goal was his first for Madrid since 3 April 2005 when he scored in a 2-1 win at Albacete Balompié. **Roberto Carlos** also opened his account for the season: the Brazilian last found the net on 4 May in a 3-2 victory at Real Racing Club Santander.
- The victory was Madrid's fourth away win in the league this term and their fifth in all competitions. It was the first time that **Fabio Capello's** team have won this season after falling behind.
- **Ronaldo** was named on the bench but did not appear while **David Beckham** was not included after pulling a thigh muscle earlier in the week. **Casillas** regained the goalkeeping gloves after missing the cup game at Écija Balompié, while **Fabio Cannavaro**, **Roberto Carlos**, **Sergio Ramos**, **Helguera**, **Emerson**, **Guti**, **Raúl** and **Van Nistelrooy** also returned having been rested in midweek.

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- **Capello** said: "We saw a different Madrid in the second half after suffering in the first period because of the pressure they put on us, giving us no time to play when we had the ball. We created chances and scored goals and did what the opposition allowed us to do."
- **Diarra** became the only player to have appeared in every game for Madrid this term when he played against Tarragona. The only game that the Malian international has not completed was when he was substituted at half-time during the team's 1-0 defeat against Getafe CF on 14 October.
- The match against Tarragona was **Capello's** 50th league game in charge of Madrid. The Italian was coach for 42 games in his first spell in 1996/97 and has now added eight matches this term.
- Madrid recorded a 2-0 victory against Barcelona at the Santiago Bernabéu on 22 October. **Raúl** gave the home side the lead in the first five minutes before **Van Nistelrooy** sealed the win early in the second half.
- "The win is good for the three points, for moral and confidence," **Raúl** said. "We needed to continue what we had started [against Steaua]".
- **Capello** was delighted with Madrid's performance, saying: "We are now playing like a team, with both spirit and quality. We had a serious talk following the Getafe defeat and after that there was a complete change in the team. I am sure the turning point came after that discussion."
- **Raúl's** goal was the tenth of his career against Barcelona, the most of any player on either side that appeared in the game.
- **Van Nistelrooy** took his tally for the season to seven goals when he scored against Barça. The Dutch striker has found the net four times in the league and three times in the UEFA Champions League since moving from Manchester United FC in the summer.
- **José Antonio Reyes** has not completed a match for Madrid this season. The on-loan winger has appeared nine times, but has been taken off on five occasions after starting games and has come on as a substitute in four other matches.
- Madrid were held to a 1-1 draw by Écija Balompié in the first leg of their Copa del Rey fourth-round tie in the Municipal San Pablo on 25 October. **Antonio Cassano** gave the visitors the lead midway through the second half before Nolito equalised late on.
- Goalkeeper **Diego López** was given his first appearance of the season in the cup game, replacing **Casillas** who had been ever-present up to that point.
- **Miguel Torres** was promoted from the B team to start in defence alongside **Álvaro Mejía**, **Paco Pavón** and **Raúl Bravo**, while **Javi García** began the game before being replaced in midfield by **Borja Valero** on the hour.
- Until Saturday **Beckham** had played in every game this season, but the cup match was only the second time that he has completed 90 minutes. The only other time that the English midfielder has played throughout was the 4-1 win at Levante UD on 10 September.
- The goal against Écija was **Cassano's** second of the season and his third since he joined the club. The Italian striker also found the net in the league victory at Levante last month and on his Madrid debut in the Copa del Rey against Real Betis Balompié on 18 January.
- **Ronaldo** completed his first full game this for Madrid this season in the cup encounter. The Brazilian striker had previously appeared four times as a substitute after recovering from a summer knee operation.

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- The game against **Écija** was the first time that **Casillas**, **Roberto Carlos**, **Emerson**, **Raúl** and **Van Nistelrooy** had not played for Madrid this season.
- On Monday, **Cassano** was excluded from training with the first team as a punishment for a breach of club discipline involving coach Capello. The club issued a press release to say that the 24-year-old Italian international forward had been temporarily banned and would be fined after incidents during Saturday's game.
- **Ramos** will be suspended if he picks up one more booking in the UEFA Champions League.
- **Cannavaro** and his opposing captain in this year's FIFA World Cup final, former Madrid star **Zinédine Zidane**, have both been included on the shortlist for the 2006 FIFA World Player of the Year award.

Steaua

- **Nicolae Dica**, **Banel Nicolita**, **Florin Lovin**, **Daniel Oprita** and **Valentin Badea** are the only Steaua players who have featured in all seven matches in the competition this season.
- **Petre Marin** and **Gabriel Bostina** made their debuts in the UEFA Champions League proper against Lyon on Matchday 2.
- **Cornel Cernea**, **Eugen Baciu**, **Iulian Ochiroșii** and **Victoras Iacob** all featured in qualifying but are yet to take their bow in the group stage.
- In contrast **Ovidiu Petre** and **Cyril Thereau** did not appear in qualifying but have featured in all three group games to date.
- **Iacob** and **Dica** are Steaua's top scorers in UEFA club competition with eleven goals each.
- Although only **Petre** had played in the UEFA Champions League before this season, seven members of the Steaua squad have played more than 30 games in UEFA club competition. **Marin** and **Sorin Paraschiv** lead the way on 40 appearances, three more than **Bostina** and **Oprita**. **Mirel Radoi** (35 appearances), **Sorin Ghionea** (34) and **Dica** (32) have also passed the 30-match mark while **Lovin** could bring up that mark against Madrid.
- **Dica** and **Badea** are two of 14 players who have scored twice in this season's competition. Didier Drogba leads the way having managed four goals before Matchday 4.
- **Nicolita** committed eleven fouls in his first three games, one fewer than Mark van Bommel.
- Only FC Dynamo Kyiv (12 goals) and PFC Levski Sofia (ten) have conceded more goals than Steaua's eight.
- FC Shakhtar Donetsk have collected eleven bookings in the first three games; only FC Bayern München and AEK Athens FC with nine each have also exceeded Steaua's total of eight cautions.
- Steaua and Liverpool FC, with a total of 23 minutes each, have had possession for the shortest amount of time in this season's competition.
- **Badea** celebrated his 24th birthday on 23 October.
- On Saturday Steaua picked up a 3-0 home win against AFC Unirea Valahorum Urziceni. They had to wait until the second half to break through when substitute **Badea** scored from close range. **Nicolita** doubled the lead on the hour before **Dica** rounded off the win.

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- Steaua nevertheless remained second in the Romanian First Division, 12 points behind leaders FC Dinamo 1948 Bucuresti.
- **Dica's** goal moved him level with Dinamo's loan Viorel Ganea as the league's top scorer with ten.
- Steaua were without long-term injury victims **Radoi, Iacob** (both knee) and **Vasilica Cristocea** (thigh), while **Klemi Saban** missed out with with thigh strain he sustained in the midweek cup meeting with CS Forex Brasov. **Paraschiv** and **Dorin Goian** were both rested.
- Steaua coach **Cosmin Olaroiu** said: "It was a poor first half but in the second my players were much more committed, they scored the first goal and everything became easier. But this season we have had problems with championship matches played immediately after games in the Champions League, not in league games played a few days before a European match. That's why I'm worried."
- Steaua are yet to win any of their three league games in the weekend after a UEFA Champions League match, drawing two matches and losing the other.
- Following their defeat against Madrid, Steaua lost 2-1 in the Romanian First Division at FC Otelul Galati. Former Steaua captain Marius Baci opened the scoring for Otelul early in the second half before **Thereau** equalised. Steaua were unable to hold out for a point, however, as Emil Jula struck in the closing stages.
- Steaua have not won any of their last three away matches, losing against Dinamo and Otelul and managing only a draw against FC Politehnica Iasi.
- The Romanian champions overall away record in the league this season reads two victories, two draws and two defeats. At home, however, they are unbeaten, winning five and drawing one of their six games.
- Three days later Steaua did get a victory under their belt, progressing into the last 16 of the Romanian Cup with a 3-0 success at home to Second Division Forex. All the goals came in the second half with **Oprita, Lovin** and **Bostina** on the scoresheet.
- Missing the match through injury were **Radoi, Iacob, Mihai Nesu** and **Cristocea**, all of which are ruled out of the trip to Madrid. Meanwhile coach **Olaroiu** decided to rest four other regulars - **Ghionea, Marin, Paraschiv** and **Dica**.
- Adding to Olaroiu's problems Israeli right-back **Saban** had to come off in the first half with a thigh injury.
- "This was a game we were expected to win and I'm glad we did," said **Olaroiu**. "After a bad period my players needed this victory. We are taking every match we play seriously, no matter what the competition is."
- After conceding ten goals in four games, goalkeeper **Carlos Alberto Fernandes** was replaced by **Cornel Cernea** for Steaua's matches against Otelul and Forex.
- Defender **Goian** has become the father to a baby girl, Maia-Maria, since Matchday 3.

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Competition facts

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Biggest wins

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

7-0: Juventus v Olympiacos CFP (10.12.2003)

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

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

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

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

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

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

Most goals in a season

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

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

10: Mário Jardel (FC Porto, 1999/00)

10: Rivaldo (FC Barcelona, 1999/00)

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

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

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

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

Four goals in a match

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

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

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

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

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

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

Fastest goal in a match

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Fastest hat-tricks

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

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

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

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

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

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

Youngest players to score

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Appearances: UEFA club competition

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

120+

160 **Paolo Maldini** (AC Milan)

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

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

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

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

120 **Alessandro Costacurta** (AC Milan)

110-119

117 Giuseppe Bergomi (FC Internazionale Milano)

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

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

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

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

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

110 **David Beckham** (Manchester United FC, Real Madrid CF)

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

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100-109

109 Amedeo Carboni (UC Sampdoria, AS Roma, Valencia CF)
108 **Vitor Baía** (FC Porto, FC Barcelona)
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 **Thierry Henry** (AS Monaco FC, Juventus, Arsenal FC)
106 Fernando Hierro (Real Madrid CF)
106 **Claude Makelele** (FC Nantes Atlantique, RC Celta de Vigo, Real Madrid CF, Chelsea FC)
105 Michel Preud'homme (R. Standard de Liège, KV Mechelen, SL Benfica)
105 Alessio Tacchinardi (Juventus, Villarreal CF)
105 **Lilian Thuram** (AS Monaco FC, Parma FC, Juventus, FC Barcelona)
104 **Ryan Giggs** (Manchester United FC)
104 **Gary Neville** (Manchester United FC)
104 Gert Verheyen (RSC Anderlecht, Club Brugge KV)
103 Ciro Ferrara (SSC Napoli, Juventus)
101 **Edgar Davids** (AFC Ajax, AC Milan, Juventus, FC Internazionale Milano, Tottenham Hotspur FC)
101 Bülent Korkmaz (Galatasaray SK)
101 Manuel Sanchís (Real Madrid CF)
100 Lothar Matthäus (VfL Borussia Mönchengladbach, FC Bayern München, FC Internazionale Milano)

95-99

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

Appearances: UEFA Champions League

Note: This list considers group stage to final only; Players listed in **bold** are still involved in this season's competition

100+

104 **Raúl González** (Real Madrid CF)
102 **Roberto Carlos** (Real Madrid CF)
100 **David Beckham** (Manchester United FC, Real Madrid CF)

90-99

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

80-89

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

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70-79

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

Others (involved in this season's competition only)

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

Goals: UEFA club competition

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

50+

62 Gerd Müller (FC Bayern München)
56 Eusébio (SL Benfica)
56 **Raúl González** (Real Madrid CF)
56 **Andriy Shevchenko** (FC Dynamo Kyiv, AC Milan, Chelsea FC)
55 **Filippo Inzaghi** (Parma FC, Juventus, AC Milan)
50 Alfredo Di Stéfano (Real Madrid CF)
50 **Thierry Henry** (AS Monaco FC, Juventus, Arsenal FC)
50 **Ruud van Nistelrooy** (PSV Eindhoven, Manchester United FC, Real Madrid CF)

45-49

47 Carlos Santillana (Real Madrid CF)
46 Henrik Larsson (Feyenoord, Celtic FC, FC Barcelona)
45 Alessandro Del Piero (Juventus)
45 Jupp Heynckes (Hannover 96, VfL Borussia Mönchengladbach)

Goals: UEFA Champions League

Note: This list considers group stage to final only; Players listed in **bold** are still involved in this season's competition

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40+

54 **Raúl González** (Real Madrid CF)

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

43 **Andriy Shevchenko** (FC Dynamo Kyiv, AC Milan)

42 **Thierry Henry** (AS Monaco FC, Arsenal FC)

30-39

37 Alessandro Del Piero (Juventus)

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

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

20-29

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

28 David Trezeguet (AS Monaco FC, Juventus)

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

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

25 Mário Jardel (FC Porto, Galatasaray SK)

24 Giovane Elber (FC Bayern München, Olympique Lyonnais)

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

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

23 Jari Litmanen (AFC Ajax, Liverpool FC)

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

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

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

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

Others (involved in this season's competition only)

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

Goals: UEFA Champions League/European Champion Clubs' Cup

Note: This list considers the all-time goalscorers list in both competitions including all qualifying round matches; Players listed in **bold** are still involved in this season's competition

50+

54 **Raúl González** (Real Madrid CF)

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

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

40-49

49 Alfredo Di Stéfano (Real Madrid CF)

47 Eusébio (SL Benfica)

42 **Thierry Henry** (AS Monaco FC, Arsenal FC)

36-39

38 Alessandro Del Piero (Juventus)

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

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UEFA information

Athens final

UEFA will unveil the new visual identity created for the 2007 UEFA Champions League final at a special ceremony from 11.00CET on 9 November in the Ceremonies Hall at the City Hall, Kotzia Square, Athens. The UEFA Champions League final has, in recent years, been given an identity of its own with a unique logo, a design concept and an overall theme. The objective is to help promote the final and enhance the prestige of one of the world's biggest sporting events. The 2007 final will be held on 23 May at the city's Olympic Spyros Louis Stadium.

FARE Action Week

The global profile of Europe's premier club competition - the UEFA Champions League - has proved an ideal vehicle to spread the word against the evil of racism in football. Matchday 3 saw a number of anti-racist activities to support the Football Against Racism in Europe (FARE) network Action Week against racism, intolerance and discrimination. Activities included the captains of all the teams wearing Unite Against Racism armbands, while player-escort children sported Unite Against Racism T-shirts.

In addition, announcements were made to fans in stadiums over the loudspeaker systems calling for opposition to all forms of racism, and Unite Against Racism adverts were placed in matchday programmes as well as the official UEFA Champions League magazine Champions. Supporters, players, clubs, associations, minority organisations, anti-discrimination groups, youth centres, schools and the sports media are all involved in campaigning work for the Action Week, which continued until 30 October. Participation by ethnic minorities and migrants, inclusion of women and girls, and action against homophobia in football are all on the agenda.

UEFA staff made their on-field contribution to the Action Week last Monday with UEFA's staff side and the Geneva-based HOPE team comprising players of various nationalities braved the pouring rain at the Colovray Stadium in Nyon, Switzerland to help spread the message that racism has no place in the game. UEFA's team ran out 7-1 winners in the match.

Coach Educators course

Speaking at last week's 16th UEFA Course for Coach Educators at the Italian Football Federation's (FIGC) technical centre in Coverciano, Andy Roxburgh, the UEFA technical director, offered a detailed overview of the proposed A-level Elite Youth Diploma for coaches, which he hopes will raise the standard of youth coaching across the continent. "The whole idea of this new licence is to turn today's talents into tomorrow's heroes," said Roxburgh. "Our job is to educate the coaches because they are the ones involved in the process of turning the talents into heroes."

Marcello Lippi, who led Juventus to the 1996 UEFA Champions League, was a star attraction at the course and in a question-and-answer session, he recalled taking his first steps in coaching with the UC Sampdoria youth team in the 1970s. "Coaching young people is a mission – at least that is how I felt about it and that's what I want to say to educators who coach young people. After three years as a youth coach, I realised it was not what I wanted in the long term. But coaching youngsters should not be viewed as a stop-gap."

UEFA donations

UEFA is to donate CHF2.2m (€1.38m) to its four major Social Responsibility partners for the 2006/07 campaign. The amount was approved by UEFA's Executive Committee at its recent meeting in Ljubljana, Slovenia. The donations - to be paid out of money raised from fines imposed by the UEFA disciplinary authorities on clubs, players and national teams in the 2005/06 season - are being made to the Special Olympics Europe/Eurasia (SOEE) body, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), the Football Against Racism in Europe (FARE) network, and the Danish Cross Cultures Project Association (CCPA).

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Head coach profiles

Fabio Capello

Date of birth: 18 June 1946

Nationality: Italian

Playing career: Spal 1907, AS Roma, Juventus, AC Milan

Coaching career: AC Milan (twice), Real Madrid CF (twice), AS Roma, Juventus

When Real Madrid CF needed a coach to end a run of three barren seasons, it was no surprise they turned to Fabio Capello. Having won the title in a one-year stay at Madrid in 1996/97, and achieved glory at AC Milan, AS Roma and Juventus, he is rightly regarded as one of the world's foremost coaches. The Italian's combination of passion and pragmatism has proved a winning formula, bringing league championships to each of the four teams he has managed. As a player, Capello enjoyed successful spells at Roma, Juventus and Milan, earning 32 caps for Italy.

While his coaching acumen is beyond question, he has always had the services of top players to turn his tactical vision into reality. Milan claimed four Serie A crowns in five seasons between 1991 and 1996, including an unbeaten campaign in 1991/92. Along the way, they had contributions from some of that club's greatest servants, including Dutch trio Marco van Basten, Frank Rijkaard and Ruud Gullit, and defensive legends Franco Baresi and Paolo Maldini. They also lifted the 1994 UEFA Champions League, beating FC Barcelona 4-0 in the final. Capello then had a brief stay at Madrid before returning to Milan.

Two terms later, his next stop was Roma, who had conquered Serie A just twice before. In 2000 he splashed out on Gabriel Batistuta, whose goals helped bring the title back to the capital. With the Giallorossi suffering financial difficulties, Capello left for Juventus in May 2004 and immediately snapped up Emerson and Fabio Cannavaro. They starred as Capello's team landed the Scudetto in 2004/05 and 2005/06, while never being ranked lower than first. Both men accompanied Capello to Madrid as Juventus were subsequently stripped of both championships in the Italian sporting-fraud trial.

Cosmin Olaroiu

Date of birth: 10 June 1969

Nationality: Romanian

Playing career: FC National 2000 Bucuresti, FC Universitatea Craiova, Suwon Bluewings FC, JEF United Ichihara

Coaching career: FC National 2000 Bucuresti, FCU Politehnica Timisoara, FC Steaua Bucuresti

An average player for FC National 2000 Bucuresti, FC Universitatea Craiova and in the Far East, Cosmin Olaroiu cuts a much more distinctive figure in the dugout. He became the youngest coach in Romanian First Division history when he took the helm at National and he has gone from strength to strength since, eventually landing at FC Steaua Bucuresti, whom he guided to the final four of the UEFA Cup last season. Middlesbrough FC blocked their path to the final then but Olaroiu could at least take consolation in having guided the capital club to the title.

A studious and dedicated coach out of the mould of Liverpool FC legend Bob Paisley, much of Olaroiu's determination is a result of the three-year spell he had in Japan and the Korean Republic towards the end of his playing career. He turned out for Suwon Bluewings FC and JEF United Ichihara between 1997 and 2000, bringing the curtain down on a career that began with Steaua when he turned down a promising basketball career to concentrate on football and subsequently spending much of his playing days on the fringes of the teams at National and Universitatea Craiova.

Olaroiu quickly rose to prominence as a coach, however, pushing National to within one win of the title in 2001/02. He had short spells at Steaua, National and FCU Politehnica Timisoara before he was sacked by the latter in November 2005. Within days he was back at Steaua and after a successful UEFA Cup campaign he capped an excellent season with the league title.

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Squad list

Real Madrid

No	Player	Nat.	DoB	Current Season				All-time					
				UCLQ Pld	Gls	UCL Pld	Gls	League Pld	Gls	UCL Pld	Gls	UEFA Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers													
1	Iker Casillas	ESP	20.05.81	-	-	3	-	8	-	74	-	80	-
13	Diego López	ESP	03.11.81	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
28	Adán	ESP	13.05.87	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
29	Francisco Casilla	ESP	02.10.86	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders													
2	Michel Salgado	ESP	22.10.75	-	-	-	-	2	-	77	1	89	1
3	Roberto Carlos	BRA	10.04.73	-	-	3	-	8	1	102	16	112	19
4	Sergio Ramos	ESP	30.03.86	-	-	3	1	6	-	10	2	16	3
5	Fabio Cannavaro	ITA	13.09.73	-	-	3	-	7	-	43	1	92	2
11	Cicinho	BRA	24.06.80	-	-	1	-	3	-	2	-	2	-
15	Raúl Bravo	ESP	14.04.81	-	-	-	-	5	-	22	-	22	-
21	Iván Helguera	ESP	28.03.75	-	-	1	-	3	1	77	15	83	15
22	Paco Pavón	ESP	09.01.80	-	-	-	-	-	-	34	-	38	1
24	Álvaro Mejía	ESP	18.01.82	-	-	1	-	2	-	7	-	7	-
38	Miguel Torres	ESP	28.01.86	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Midfielders													
6	Mahamadou Diarra	MLI	18.05.81	-	-	3	-	8	1	36	4	41	4
8	Emerson	BRA	04.04.76	-	-	3	-	8	-	56	8	74	11
14	Guti	ESP	31.10.76	-	-	3	-	7	-	77	15	83	17
23	David Beckham	ENG	02.05.75	-	-	3	-	7	1	100	16	110	17
27	Rubén de la Red	ESP	05.06.85	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	-
32	Adrián González	ESP	25.05.88	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
33	Esteban	ESP	02.07.87	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35	Pedro Parada	ESP	21.04.88	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
36	Miguel Nieto	ESP	21.01.86	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
37	Marcos Tebar	ESP	07.02.86	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
39	Borja Valero	ESP	12.01.85	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Forwards													
7	Raúl González	ESP	27.06.77	-	-	3	3	8	2	104	54	112	56
9	Ronaldo	BRA	22.09.76	-	-	2	-	2	-	38	12	71	35
10	Robinho	BRA	25.01.84	-	-	3	1	6	1	11	1	11	1
17	Ruud van Nistelrooy	NED	01.07.76	-	-	3	3	8	4	57	46	69	50
18	Antonio Cassano	ITA	12.07.82	-	-	1	-	4	1	21	5	29	10
19	José Antonio Reyes	ESP	01.09.83	-	-	2	1	6	1	26	3	26	3
26	Javi García	ESP	08.02.87	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
30	Alberto Bueno	ESP	20.03.88	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
31	Rayco García	ESP	23.03.87	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
34	Mata	ESP	28.04.88	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coach													
	Fabio Capello	ITA	18.06.46	-	-	3	-	-	-	49	-	97	-

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Steaua

No	Player	Nat.	DoB	Current Season				All-time					
				UCLQ		UCL		League		UCL		UEFA	
				Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers													
12	Cornel Cernea	ROM	22.04.76	1	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	5	-
13	Carlos Fernandes	POR	06.12.79	3	-	3	-	9	-	3	-	13	-
31	Marius Toma	ROM	15.05.86	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders													
3	Dorin Goian	ROM	12.12.80	3	-	3	-	9	-	3	-	21	6
4	Daniel Panait	ROM	12.04.83	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
6	Mirel Radoi	ROM	22.03.81	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	35	3
15	Mihai Nesu	ROM	19.02.83	4	-	2	-	6	-	2	-	25	-
17	Eugen Baciu	ROM	25.05.80	3	-	-	-	9	-	-	-	12	-
18	Petre Marin	ROM	08.09.73	3	1	2	-	10	-	2	-	40	1
23	Rahamin Klemi Saban	ISR	17.02.80	1	-	2	-	5	-	2	-	8	-
24	Sorin Ghionea	ROM	11.05.79	3	-	3	1	11	1	3	1	34	1
27	Stelian Stancu	ROM	22.09.81	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-
Midfielders													
8	Ovidiu Petre	ROM	22.03.82	-	-	3	-	7	-	7	-	15	-
10	Nicolae Dica	ROM	09.05.80	4	1	3	2	13	10	3	2	32	11
11	Gabriel Bostina	ROM	22.05.77	4	1	2	-	12	1	2	-	37	2
14	Vasilica Cristocea	ROM	27.09.80	4	-	1	-	7	1	1	-	8	-
16	Banel Nicolita	ROM	07.01.85	4	-	3	-	12	2	3	-	24	4
20	Florin Lovin	ROM	11.02.82	4	-	3	-	9	-	3	-	29	-
22	Sorin Paraschiv	ROM	17.06.81	3	1	3	-	9	1	3	-	40	4
28	Gigel Coman	ROM	04.10.78	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	12	-
30	Iulian Ochirosii	ROM	13.03.89	2	1	-	-	3	-	-	-	2	1
Forwards													
7	Daniel Oprita	ROM	10.08.81	4	-	3	-	12	5	3	-	37	4
9	Valentin Badea	ROM	23.10.82	4	2	3	2	12	2	3	2	7	4
19	Victoras Iacob	ROM	14.10.80	2	2	-	-	2	-	-	-	26	11
21	Cyril Thereau	FRA	24.04.83	-	-	3	-	6	2	3	-	3	-
Coach													
	Cosmin Olaroiu	ROM	10.06.69	4	-	3	-	-	-	3	-	15	-

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Match-by-match lineups - Group E

Clubs	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Olympique Lyonnais	3	3	0	0	8	0	9
Real Madrid CF	3	2	0	1	9	4	6
FC Steaua Bucuresti	3	1	0	2	5	8	3
FC Dynamo Kyiv	3	0	0	3	2	12	0

Date	Match	Results	Venue
13.09.2006	Dynamo Kyiv v Steaua	1-4	Kiev

Goals: 0-1 Ghionea 3, 1-1 Rebrov 16, 1-2 Badea 24, 1-3 Dica 43, 1-4 Dica 79

Dynamo Kyiv: Shovkovskiy, Rodolfo, Rebrov (Harrison Otalvaro 73), Corrêa (Belkevich 59), Diogo Rincón, Shatskikh, Gusev, Nesmachniy, Yussuf, Rodrigo, Marković (José Moreno 61)

Steaua: Carlos Fernandes, Goian, Badea (Thereau 70'), Dica (O. Petre 82'), Cristocea (Oprita 74'), Nesu, Nicolita, Lovin, Paraschiv, Saban, Ghionea

Referee: Paul Allaerts (BEL)

Date	Match	Results	Venue
13.09.2006	Lyon v Real Madrid	2-0	Lyon

Goals: 1-0 Fred 11, 2-0 Tiago 31

Lyon: Coupet, Cris, Müller, Juninho (Källström 73), Malouda, Fred (Wiltord 78), Réveillère, Govou (Clerc 82), Abidal, Tiago, Toulalan

Real Madrid: Casillas, Roberto Carlos, Sergio Ramos, Cannavaro, Diarra, Raúl (Robinho 69'), Emerson, Cicinho, Van Nistelrooy, Cassano (Reyes 46'), Beckham (Guti 55')

Referee: Wolfgang Stark (GER)

Date	Match	Results	Venue
26.09.2006	Real Madrid v Dynamo Kyiv	5-1	Madrid

Goals: 1-0 Van Nistelrooy 20, 2-0 Raúl 27, 3-0 Reyes 46, 3-1 Milevskiy 47, 4-1 Raúl 61, 5-1 Van Nistelrooy 70

Real Madrid: Casillas, Roberto Carlos, Sergio Ramos, Cannavaro, Diarra, Raúl (Robinho 84), Emerson, Guti, Van Nistelrooy (Ronaldo 72), Reyes (Beckham 46), Mejía

Dynamo Kyiv: Shovkovskiy, Sabljic, Corrêa (Mikhailik 74'), Belkevich (Rybka 70'), Diogo Rincón (Aliyev 81'), Shatskikh, Gusev, Milevskiy, Nesmachniy, Gavrančić, Yussuf

Referee: Graham Poll (ENG)

Date	Match	Results	Venue
26.09.2006	Steaua v Lyon	0-3	Bucharest

Goals: 0-1 Fred 43, 0-2 Tiago 55, 0-3 Benzema 89

Steaua: Carlos Fernandes, Goian, Badea, Dica, Bostina (Oprita 55), Nesu, Nicolita, Marin, Lovin (Thereau 76), Paraschiv (O. Petre 57), Ghionea

Lyon: Coupet, Clerc, Cris, Müller, Juninho, Malouda, Fred (Benzema 85'), Abidal (Réveillère 76'), Tiago (Källström 82'), Wiltord, Toulalan

Referee: Howard Webb (ENG)

Date	Match	Results	Venue
17.10.2006	Steaua v Real Madrid	1-4	Bucharest

Goals: 0-1 Sergio Ramos 9, 0-2 Raúl 34, 0-3 Robinho 56, 1-3 Badea 64, 1-4 Van Nistelrooy 76

Steaua: Carlos Fernandes, Goian, Badea, Dica, Bostina, Nicolita, Marin, Lovin (O. Petre 62), Paraschiv (Oprita 78), Saban (Thereau 59), Ghionea

Real Madrid: Casillas, Roberto Carlos, Sergio Ramos, Cannavaro, Diarra, Raúl, Emerson, Robinho, Guti (Beckham 71'), Van Nistelrooy (Ronaldo 78'), Helguera

Referee: Roberto Rosetti (ITA)

Date	Match	Results	Venue
17.10.2006	Dynamo Kyiv v Lyon	0-3	Kiev

Goals: 0-1 Juninho 31, 0-2 Källström 38, 0-3 Malouda 50

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Dynamo Kyiv: Lutsenko, Rodolfo, Rebrov (Shatskikh 46), Corrêa (Gusev 46), Diogo Rincón, Mikhalik, Milevskiy (Kleber 85), El Kaddouri, Gavrančić, Yussuf, Marković

Lyon: Vercoffre, Clerc, Cris, Källström, Juninho (Toulalan 58'), Malouda, Fred, Diarra (Tiago 80'), Abidal (Réveillère 69'), Wiltord, Squillaci

Referee: Domenico Messina (ITA)

01.11.2006	Real Madrid v Steaua	-	Madrid
01.11.2006	Lyon v Dynamo Kyiv	-	Lyon
21.11.2006	Steaua v Dynamo Kyiv	-	Bucharest
21.11.2006	Real Madrid v Lyon	-	Madrid
06.12.2006	Dynamo Kyiv v Real Madrid	-	Kiev
06.12.2006	Lyon v Steaua	-	Lyon

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FC Dynamo Kyiv

No	Player	Matchday						KO1		QF		SF		F
		1	2	3	4	5	6	1st	2nd	1st	2nd	1st	2nd	
1	Olexandr Shovkovskiy		R	S										
6	Goran Sabljic	S												
16	Maksim Shatskikh		Y											
25	Artem Milevskiy			Y										
37	Ayila Yussuf			Y										

Olympique Lyonnais

No	Player	Matchday						KO1		QF		SF		F
		1	2	3	4	5	6	1st	2nd	1st	2nd	1st	2nd	
12	Anthony Réveillère	Y												
6	Kim Källström			Y										
10	Florent Malouda			Y										
28	Jérémy Toulalan		Y											

Real Madrid CF

No	Player	Matchday						KO1		QF		SF		F
		1	2	3	4	5	6	1st	2nd	1st	2nd	1st	2nd	
3	Roberto Carlos	Y												
5	Fabio Cannavaro	Y												
6	Mahamadou Diarra	Y												
4	Sergio Ramos	Y	Y		*									

FC Steaua Bucuresti

No	Player	Matchday						KO1		QF		SF		F
		1	2	3	4	5	6	1st	2nd	1st	2nd	1st	2nd	
18	Petre Marin	S												
24	Sorin Ghionea	Y												
10	Nicolae Dica			Y										
8	Ovidiu Petre		Y											
15	Mihai Nesu	Y												
7	Daniel Oprita		Y											
3	Dorin Goian			Y										
16	Banel Nicolita		Y											
13	Carlos Fernandes	Y												

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Domestic information

Real Madrid CF (Primera División)

	Date	Opponent	Res	Lineups
League	22.10.2006	v FC Barcelona (H)	2-0	Casillas, Roberto Carlos, Sergio Ramos, Cannavaro, Diarra, Emerson, Guti (Beckham 83), Helguera, Raúl, Robinho, Van Nistelrooy (Reyes 80)
Cup	25.10.2006	v Ecija (A)	1-1	Diego López, Miguel Torres, Mejía, Pavón, Raúl Bravo, Diarra, Javi García (Borja Valero 60), Beckham, Cassano, Reyes (Robinho 73), Ronaldo
League	28.10.2006	v CG Tarragona (A)	3-1	Casillas, Roberto Carlos, Sergio Ramos, Cannavaro, Diarra, Emerson, Guti (Reyes 73), Helguera, Raúl, Robinho, Van Nistelrooy

	Date	Opponent	Res	Goalscorers
League	27.08.2006	v Villarreal CF (H)	0-0	
League	10.09.2006	v Levante UD (A)	4-1	Van Nistelrooy 17, 58, 90, Cassano 28
League	17.09.2006	v Real Sociedad de Fútbol (H)	2-0	Reyes 70, Beckham 90
League	23.09.2006	v Real Betis Balompié (A)	1-0	Diarra 5
League	01.10.2006	v Club Atlético de Madrid (H)	1-1	Raúl 37
League	14.10.2006	v Getafe CF (A)	0-1	
League	22.10.2006	v FC Barcelona (H)	2-0	Raúl 3, Van Nistelrooy 51
Cup	25.10.2006	v Ecija (A)	1-1	Cassano 67
League	28.10.2006	v CG Tarragona (A)	3-1	Roberto Carlos 43, Helguera 50, Robinho 85
League	05.11.2006	v RC Celta de Vigo (H)		
League	12.11.2006	v CA Osasuna (A)		
League	19.11.2006	v Real Racing Club Santander (H)		
League	26.11.2006	v Valencia CF (A)		
League	03.12.2006	v Athletic Club Bilbao (H)		
League	10.12.2006	v Sevilla FC (A)		
League	17.12.2006	v RCD Espanyol (A)		
League	20.12.2006	v RC Recreativo de Huelva (H)		
League	07.01.2007	v RC Deportivo La Coruña (A)		
League	14.01.2007	v Real Zaragoza (H)		
League	21.01.2007	v RCD Mallorca (A)		
League	28.01.2007	v Villarreal CF (A)		
League	04.02.2007	v Levante UD (H)		
League	11.02.2007	v Real Sociedad de Fútbol (A)		
League	18.02.2007	v Real Betis Balompié (H)		
League	25.02.2007	v Club Atlético de Madrid (A)		
League	04.03.2007	v Getafe CF (H)		
League	11.03.2007	v FC Barcelona (A)		
League	18.03.2007	v CG Tarragona (H)		
League	01.04.2007	v RC Celta de Vigo (A)		

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Rank	Clubs	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1	FC Barcelona	8	6	1	1	19	7	19
2	Sevilla FC	8	6	0	2	17	10	18
3	Real Madrid CF	8	5	2	1	13	4	17
4	Real Zaragoza	8	5	1	2	17	10	16
5	Valencia CF	8	5	1	2	13	6	16
6	Getafe CF	8	5	1	2	8	4	16
7	RC Deportivo La Coruña	8	4	2	2	9	7	14
8	Club Atlético de Madrid	8	4	1	3	10	7	13
9	Villarreal CF	8	3	3	2	7	7	12
10	RCD Mallorca	8	3	3	2	5	5	12
11	RC Celta de Vigo	8	3	1	4	11	13	10
12	RC Recreativo de Huelva	8	3	1	4	9	11	10
13	Real Racing Club Santander	8	2	3	3	7	10	9
14	Levante UD	8	2	3	3	7	12	9
15	CA Osasuna	8	2	2	4	5	8	8
16	RCD Espanyol	8	1	4	3	4	8	7
17	Athletic Club Bilbao	8	1	3	4	7	15	6
18	Real Betis Balompíe	8	1	1	6	8	12	4
19	CG Tarragona	8	1	1	6	8	18	4
20	Real Sociedad de Fútbol	8	0	2	6	5	15	2

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Domestic information

FC Steaua Bucuresti (Divizia A)

	Date	Opponent	Res	Lineups
League	22.10.2006	v FC Otelul Galati (A)	1-2	Cernea, Nicolita, Goian, Ghionea, Marin, O. Petre, Paraschiv (Oprita 68), Bostina (Stancu 78), Dica, Badea, Thereau
Cup	25.10.2006	v Forex Brasov (A)	3-0	Cernea, Nicolita (Marin 70), Baciu, Goian, Saban (Oprita 32), Stancu, Lovin, Bostina, Coman, Thereau (Panait 80), Badea
League	28.10.2006	v AFC Unirea Valahorum Urziceni (H)	3-0	Cernea, Stancu, Baciu, Ghionea, Marin, Lovin, Bostina (Badea 51), Oprita (Ochirosii 77), Dica, Nicolita, Thereau (O. Petre 68)

	Date	Opponent	Res	Goalscorers
League	29.07.2006	v FCU Politehnica Timisoara (A)	0-0	
League	05.08.2006	v FC Universitatea Craiova (H)	3-0	Paraschiv 33, Oprita 41, Dica 55
League	13.08.2006	v FC UTA Arad (A)	3-0	Cristocea 19, Dica 35, 66
League	19.08.2006	v SC Vaslui (H)	3-1	Badea 45, Dica 48(pen), 67(pen)
League	26.08.2006	v FC Farul Constanta (H)	3-0	Nicolita 25, Oprita 38, 53
League	09.09.2006	v FC 2005 SA Arges (A)	1-0	Dica 85
League	17.09.2006	v AFC Rapid Bucuresti (H)	1-1	Oprita 80
League	20.09.2006	v FC Dinamo 1948 Bucuresti (A)	0-1	
League	23.09.2006	v AFC Gloria 1922 Bistrita (H)	2-1	Bostina 41(pen), Oprita 78
League	01.10.2006	v FC Politehnica Iasi (A)	1-1	Dica 75(pen)
League	13.10.2006	v CFR Ecomax Cluj-Napoca (H)	4-2	Ghionea 6, Dica 43, 73(pen), Thereau 45
League	22.10.2006	v FC Otelul Galati (A)	1-2	Thereau 58
Cup	25.10.2006	v Forex Brasov (A)	3-0	Oprita 48, Lovin 72, Bostina 83
League	28.10.2006	v AFC Unirea Valahorum Urziceni (H)	3-0	Badea 57, Nicolita 60, Dica 70
League	05.11.2006	v FC Ceahlautul Piatra Neamt (A)		
League	12.11.2006	v FC National 2000 Bucuresti (H)		
League	18.11.2006	v CS Pandurii Lignitul Târgu Jiu (A)		
League	25.11.2006	v CS Jiul Petrosani (H)		

Rank	Clubs	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1	FC Dinamo 1948 Bucuresti	13	13	0	0	30	7	39
2	FC Steaua Bucuresti	13	8	3	2	25	9	27
3	FC Otelul Galati	13	8	0	5	21	18	24
4	AFC Rapid Bucuresti	13	6	5	2	19	11	23
5	CFR Ecomax Cluj-Napoca	13	7	2	4	28	18	23
6	FCU Politehnica Timisoara	13	6	4	3	12	8	22
7	FC Politehnica Iasi	13	5	5	3	15	16	20
8	AFC Gloria 1922 Bistrita	13	6	1	6	17	14	19
9	FC UTA Arad	13	5	2	6	13	15	17
10	CS Pandurii Lignitul Târgu Jiu	13	5	2	6	12	15	17
11	FC Universitatea Craiova	13	4	4	5	16	27	16
12	FC Ceahlautul Piatra Neamt	13	5	1	7	12	17	16
13	AFC Unirea Valahorum Urziceni	13	5	0	8	10	16	15
14	FC Farul Constanta	13	4	3	6	16	17	15
15	SC Vaslui	13	3	3	7	15	25	12
16	FC National 2000 Bucuresti	13	2	4	7	11	18	10
17	CS Jiul Petrosani	13	1	5	7	5	13	8
18	FC 2005 SA Arges	13	2	0	11	9	22	6

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Match officials

Referee	Konrad Plautz (AUT)
Assistant referees	Markus Mayr (AUT), Egon Bereuter (AUT)
Fourth official	Bernhard Brugger (AUT)
UEFA Delegate	Carmelo Bartolo (MLT)

Referee

Name	Nat.	DoB	UCL	UEFA
Konrad Plautz	AUT	16.10.1964	21	46

Austrian referee Konrad Plautz, a regular on the UEFA Champions League scene as a member of UEFA's elite group of match officials, is an enthusiastic director and actor with a local theatre group - the perfect antidote to his hectic schedule. A toolmaker from the small Alpine town of Navis, Plautz began taking charge of matches as a teenager in 1984.

Starting with the youth sector, he began his rise through the ranks at regional level before heading into the Austrian national leagues - fulfilling an objective he had set himself at the outset of his career. Plautz reached Austrian Bundesliga standard after six years, before getting his FIFA international badge in 1996. That same year he was chosen to referee the UEFA European Under-16 Championship final in Vienna in which Portugal beat France.

In 2005/06, he took charge of Real Betis Balompié's first game in the UEFA Champions League, a 2-1 home defeat by Liverpool FC and was given another five appointments. The most important of these was Arsenal FC's 1-0 first-leg victory against Villarreal CF in the semi-finals. A veteran of two FIFA World Cup qualifying campaigns, Plautz has experience of UEFA European Championship qualifiers back to March 1999 and took charge of the September 2006 meeting of Finland and Portugal. He is naturally established as one of his country's most respected officials, refereeing one of the top fixtures in the Austrian Bundesliga almost every weekend.

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

Date	Comp.	Stage	Match	Res	Venue
08.08.2001	UCL	QR3	FC Steaua Bucuresti-FC Dynamo Kyiv	2-4	Bucharest
19.09.2001	UCL	GS1	Panathinaikos FC-RCD Mallorca	2-0	Athens
13.09.2005	UCL	GS	Real Betis Balompié-Liverpool FC	1-2	Sevilla
19.04.2006	UCL	SF	Arsenal FC-Villarreal CF	1-0	London
12.09.2006	UCL	GS	FC Barcelona-PFC Levski Sofia	5-0	Barcelona

UEFA Champions League Other matches

Date	Comp.	Stage	Match	Res	Venue
29.07.1998	UCL	QR1	FK Gança-LKS Łódź	1-3	Ganca
27.09.2000	UCL	GS1	AC Sparta Praha-FC Shakhtar Donetsk	3-2	Prague
24.10.2000	UCL	GS1	FC Dynamo Kyiv-PSV Eindhoven	0-1	Kiev
14.03.2001	UCL	GS2	Leeds United AFC-S.S. Lazio	3-3	Leeds
17.10.2001	UCL	GS1	Olympique Lyonnais-Fenerbahçe SK	3-1	Lyon
19.03.2002	UCL	GS2	Boavista FC-Manchester United FC	0-3	Porto
14.08.2002	UCL	QR3	AC Milan-FC Slovan Liberec	1-0	Milan
17.09.2002	UCL	GS1	KRC Genk-AEK Athens FC	0-0	Genk
22.10.2002	UCL	GS1	FC Spartak Moskva-Liverpool FC	1-3	Moscow
26.08.2003	UCL	QR3	Wisla Kraków-RSC Anderlecht	0-1	Krakow
21.10.2003	UCL	GS1	FC Dynamo Kyiv-Arsenal FC	2-1	Kiev
05.11.2003	UCL	GS1	PSV Eindhoven-AEK Athens FC	2-0	Eindhoven
10.12.2003	UCL	GS1	Juventus-Olympiacos CFP	7-0	Turin
11.08.2004	UCL	QR3	Rosenborg BK-Maccabi Haifa FC	2-1	Trondheim

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Date	Comp.	Stage	Match	Res	Venue
29.09.2004	UCL	GS	PSV Eindhoven-Panathinaikos FC	1-0	Eindhoven
23.11.2004	UCL	GS	Juventus-AFC Ajax	1-0	Turin
08.12.2004	UCL	GS	Olympique Lyonnais-AC Sparta Praha	5-0	Lyon
24.08.2005	UCL	QR3	Club Brugge KV-Vålerenga IF	1-0*(4-3)	Bruges
19.10.2005	UCL	GS	AC Milan-PSV Eindhoven	0-0	Milan
06.12.2005	UCL	GS	Rangers FC-FC Internazionale Milano	1-1	Glasgow
21.02.2006	UCL	1/8	SL Benfica-Liverpool FC	1-0	Lisbon
29.03.2006	UCL	QF	Olympique Lyonnais-AC Milan	0-0	Lyon
09.08.2006	UCL	QR3	Galatasaray SK-FK Mladá Boleslav	5-2	Istanbul

Other matches

Date	Comp.	Stage	Match	Res	Venue
29.04.1996	U16	GS - FT	Romania-Ukraine	0-1	
11.05.1996	U16	F	Portugal-France	1-0	Vienna
19.05.1996	WCHAMP	QR	Ukraine-Bulgaria	2-1	
23.06.1996	UIC	GS	FC Spartak Trnava-FK Cukaricki	3-0	Trnava
06.08.1996	UCUP	QR	MFK Košice-Celtic FC	0-0	Kosice
22.10.1996	U18	PR	Romania-Israel	1-2	
26.10.1996	U18	PR	Ukraine-Romania	1-2	
21.06.1997	UIC	GS	Panahaiki FC-Stabæk IF	1-1	
28.08.1997	UCWC	QR	APOEL FC-HB Tórshavn	6-0	Nicosia
18.09.1997	UCWC	R1	FC København-FC Ararat Yerevan	3-0	Copenhagen
02.10.1997	U18	PR	Spain-Belgium	2-0	
05.11.1997	U18	PR	Greece-Romania	1-0	
25.08.1998	UCUP	QR2	Malmö FF-HNK Hajduk Split	1-2	Malmö
01.10.1998	UCWC	R1	FC Haka-Panionios NFC	1-3	Valkeakoski
13.10.1998	U21	QR	Greece-Georgia	3-2	Athens
22.10.1998	UCWC	R2	KRC Genk-RCD Mallorca	1-1	Brussels
27.03.1999	EURO	PR	Turkey-Moldova	2-0	Istanbul
26.08.1999	UCUP	QR	Újpest FC-FK Vojvodina	1-1	Budapest
30.09.1999	UCUP	R1	FC Kryvbas Kryvyi Rih-Parma FC	0-3	Krivoy Rog
21.10.1999	UCUP	R2	Club Atlético de Madrid-KKS Lech Poznan	1-0	Madrid
13.11.1999	U21	P-O	Russia-Slovakia	0-1	Moscow
26.07.2000	UIC	SF	RC Celta de Vigo-Aston Villa FC	1-0	Vigo
23.11.2000	UCUP	R3	Club Brugge KV-FC Barcelona	0-2	Bruges
15.02.2001	UCUP	R4	FC Porto-FC Nantes Atlantique	3-1	Porto
25.04.2001	WC	QR	Serbia-Russia	0-1	Belgrade
05.09.2001	WC	QR	Belarus-Poland	4-1	Minsk
22.11.2001	UCUP	R3	Parma FC-Brøndby IF	1-1	Parma
19.02.2002	UCUP	R4	Valencia CF-Servette FC	3-0	Valencia
07.09.2002	EURO	QR	Finland-Wales	0-2	Helsinki
28.11.2002	UCUP	R3	FC Girondins de Bordeaux-RSC Anderlecht	0-2	Bordeaux
20.02.2003	UCUP	R4	S.S. Lazio-Wisla Kraków	3-3	Rome
02.04.2003	EURO	QR	Estonia-Bulgaria	0-0	Tallinn
11.10.2003	EURO	QR	Russia-Georgia	3-1	Moscow
26.02.2004	UCUP	R3	Celtic FC-FK Teplice	3-0	Glasgow
25.03.2004	UCUP	R4	RCD Mallorca-Newcastle United FC	0-3	Palma de Mallorca
04.09.2004	WC	QR	Romania-F.Y.R. Macedonia	2-1	Craiova
16.03.2005	UCUP	1/8	Newcastle United FC-Olympiacos CFP	4-0	Newcastle
26.03.2005	WC	QR	Turkey-Albania	2-0	Istanbul
07.04.2005	UCUP	QF	Villarreal CF-AZ Alkmaar	1-2	Villarreal
07.09.2005	WC	QR	Latvia-Slovakia	1-1	Riga
12.10.2005	WC	QR	Belarus-Norway	0-1	Minsk
06.09.2006	EURO	QR	Finland-Portugal	1-1	Helsinki

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Date	Comp.	Stage	Match	Res	Venue
07.10.2006	EURO	QR	Denmark-Northern Ireland	0-0	Copenhagen

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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

Club 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

National team competitions

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

U19: UEFA European Under-19 Championship • **U18:** UEFA European Under-18 Championship

U17: UEFA European Under-17 Championship • **U16:** UEFA European Under-16 Championship

RCUP: UEFA Regions' Cup • **MERI:** UEFA-CAF Meridian Cup

:: 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