

LOSC Lille Métropole v RSC Anderlecht

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Group H - Matchday 5



LOSC Lille Métropole's defeat at the hands of AEK Athens FC three weeks ago has opened up the race for the second qualifying place in Group H and they have to be concerned about the renewed threat from the Greek team as well as from RSC Anderlecht, their opponents on Matchday 5. With five points, Lille have one more than AEK and three more than Anderlecht and they will not want to slip up against the bottom side. The other game in the group brings together AEK and leaders AC Milan.

Lens visit

- This season is the first time the teams have been drawn together in UEFA competition and the first time Lille have faced Belgian opposition. However, Anderlecht have played in this venue before as their first UEFA game in France was a 1-1 draw in the UEFA Cup third round against RC Lens at the Stade Félix-Bollaert on 23 November 1983. Anderlecht coach Frank Vercauteren was part of the visiting team.

- On Matchday 4, AEK had not won a UEFA Champions League game in their previous 21 attempts but in the Athens Olympic Stadium, venue for this season's final, they received a helping hand when Lille had Efstathios Tavlaridis dismissed. The numerical advantage was made to count with 16 minutes left when Nikolaos Liberopoulos scored.

- It leaves Lille - who in their previous home games have drawn 0-0 with Milan before beating AEK 3-1 with second-half goals from Mathieu Robail, Daniel Gyax and Jean II Makoun - looking to get back on track against their visitors. They then have a difficult-looking trip to face Milan on 6 December although the chances are that Carlo Ancelotti's men, who need just one more point to book their qualifying place, could be safely through.

First meeting

- At the Constant Vanden Stock stadium on Matchday 1, it took a late equaliser from Nicolas Fauvergue to earn Claude Puel's side a point after Argentinian defender Nicolas Pareja had put the home team in front before the break.

- Anderlecht have previously performed well on their visits to France. They lost on their last visit, 1-0 to Olympique Lyonnais in the 2002/03 UEFA Champions League, but it is the only time they have encountered defeat in five outings.

- Of the other four away games, two ended in an Anderlecht victory, at FC Metz in the 1988/89 UEFA European Cup Winners Cup first round, and against FC Girondins de Bordeaux in the 2002/03 UEFA Cup third round. The other two matches finished all square, including that draw against Lens.

Awayday form

- In Anderlecht's previous two away games this season they gained a point from a 1-1 draw in Athens (Nicolas Frutos shot them ahead before Júlio César equalised) and lost 4-1 at Milan on Matchday 4. Kaká, who two weeks before had scored the only goal in Belgium, proved to be Anderlecht's nemesis again, scoring a hat-trick.

- A sixth-minute penalty and a fine run and shot midway through the first half preceded a fantastic long-range effort by the Brazilian after the break. Anderlecht rallied and pulled one back through Roland Juhász, but it was Carlo Ancelotti's men who had the last word, Alberto Gilardino completing the scoring late on. After this game Anderlecht finish their group fixtures with a visit from AEK.



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Team facts

UEFA club competition milestones

- Although crowned French champions in 1946 and 1954, and have five French Cups to their name, Lille had to wait until 2001/02 to play their first European game, knocking Parma FC out of UEFA Champions League in the third qualifying round before going out in the group stage after being drawn alongside RC Deportivo La Coruña, Olympiacos CFP and Manchester United FC.

- Winners of the UEFA Intertoto Cup in 2004, Lille have twice reached the last 16 of UEFA Cup but arguably their greatest night came during the 2005/06 season when Les Dogues overcame Manchester United 1-0 at the Stade de France to finish ahead of the English giants in third spot in their UEFA Champions League group.

UEFA club competition honours

- UEFA Intertoto Cup: 2004

Ten-year record (including current season)

- Their appearance in the UEFA Champions League this season is their second in a row and third in six seasons. This season, Lille booked their place in the group stage with a 4-0 aggregate success at FK Rabotnicki's expense.

1997/98: Did not compete in UEFA club competition

1998/99: Did not compete in UEFA club competition

1999/00: Did not compete in UEFA club competition

2000/01: Did not compete in UEFA club competition

2001/02: UEFA Champions League - group stage

2002/03: Did not compete in UEFA club competition

2003/04: UEFA Intertoto Cup - runners-up

2004/05: UEFA Cup - round of 16 (having qualified for the competition as UEFA Intertoto Cup winners)

2005/06: UEFA Cup - round of 16 (having transferred from UEFA Champions League, group stage)

2006/07: UEFA Champions League - group stage

2005/06 season

Domestic record: Lille snatched third place in Ligue 1 in the last moments of the season, coming back from 2-0 down to draw 2-2 against Stade Rennais FC thanks to goals from Nicolas Fauvergue and Mathieu Bodmer. It was enough to earn a place in the third qualifying of the UEFA Champions League, as they finished nine points behind FC Girondins de Bordeaux and 22 off champions Olympique Lyonnais.

European record: Playing their home games at the Stade de France in Paris, Lille only scored one goal in the group stage of the UEFA Champions League although, against Manchester United, it was enough to finish ahead of the former winners and claim third spot and a place in the UEFA Cup. There they defeated FC Shakhtar Donetsk in the Round of 32 before losing 2-1 on aggregate to eventual winners Sevilla FC.

Key facts

- Lille have played 20 games in the European Champion Clubs' Cup/UEFA Champions League. In that time, they have won six, drawn eight and lost six, scoring 18 goals and conceding 13. In the UEFA Champions League (group stage to final) proper, Lille have played 16 matches in which they have won three, drawn eight, lost five with twelve goals scored and twelve conceded.

- In all UEFA club competitions, Lille have played a total of 50 games with 22 wins, 18 draws and ten defeats. In that time, they have scored 54 goals and conceded 31.

Records

UEFA club competition

- Biggest win

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3-0: LOSC Lille Métropole v FK Rabotnicki

09.08.2006, 2006/07 European Champion Clubs' Cup, third qualifying round, first leg

3-0: LOSC Lille Métropole v NK Slaven Koprivnica

28.07.2004, 2004 UEFA Intertoto Cup, semi-finals, first leg

• Biggest home win

3-0: LOSC Lille Métropole v FK Rabotnicki (see above for details)

3-0: LOSC Lille Métropole v NK Slaven Koprivnica (see above for details)

• Biggest away win

0-2: UD Leiria v LOSC Lille Métropole

24.08.2004, 2004 UEFA Intertoto Cup, final matches, second leg

0-2: Aston Villa FC v LOSC Lille Métropole

07.08.2002, 2002 UEFA Intertoto Cup, semi-final matches, second leg

0-2: FC Gloria 1922 Bistrita v LOSC Lille Métropole

20.07.2002, 2002 UEFA Intertoto Cup, third round, first leg

0-2: Parma AC v LOSC Lille Métropole

08.08.2001, 2001/02 European Champion Clubs' Cup, third qualifying round, first leg

• Heaviest defeat

2-0: Sevilla FC v LOSC Lille Métropole

15.03.2006, 2005/06 UEFA Cup, round of 16, second leg

2-0: VfB Stuttgart v LOSC Lille Métropole

27.08.2002, 2002 UEFA Intertoto Cup, final matches, second leg

• Heaviest home defeat

0-1: LOSC Lille Métropole v AJ Auxerre

10.03.2005, 2004/05 UEFA Cup, round of 16, first leg

0-1: LOSC Lille Métropole v Parma FC

22.08.2001, 2001/02 European Champion Clubs' Cup, third qualifying round, second leg

• Heaviest away defeat

2-0: Sevilla FC v LOSC Lille Métropole (see above for details)

2-0: VfB Stuttgart v LOSC Lille Métropole (see above for details)

UEFA Champions League (group stage to final only)

• Biggest win

3-1: LOSC Lille Métropole v AEK Athens FC

17.10.2006, 2006/07 UEFA Champions League, group stage

3-1: LOSC Lille Métropole v Olympiacos CFP

25.09.2001, 2001/02 UEFA Champions League, first group stage

• Biggest home win

3-1: LOSC Lille Métropole v AEK Athens FC (see above for details)

3-1: LOSC Lille Métropole v Olympiacos CFP (see above for details)

• Biggest away win

No away victories recorded to date in the competition

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- Heaviest defeat

1-0: AEK Athens FC v LOSC Lille Métropole
01.11.2006, 2006/07 UEFA Champions League, group stage
1-0: Villarreal CF v LOSC Lille Métropole
07.12.2005, 2005/06 UEFA Champions League, group stage
1-0: SL Benfica v LOSC Lille Métropole
14.09.2005, 2005/06 UEFA Champions League, group stage
2-1: Olympiacos CFP v LOSC Lille Métropole
17.10.2001, 2001/02 UEFA Champions League, first group stage
1-0: Manchester United FC v LOSC Lille Métropole
18.09.2001, 2001/02 UEFA Champions League, first group stage

- Heaviest home defeat

No home defeats recorded to date in the competition

- Heaviest away defeat

1-0: AEK Athens FC v LOSC Lille Métropole (see above for details)
1-0: Villarreal CF v LOSC Lille Métropole (see above for details)
1-0: SL Benfica v LOSC Lille Métropole (see above for details)
2-1: Olympiacos CFP v LOSC Lille Métropole (see above for details)
1-0: Manchester United FC v LOSC Lille Métropole (see above for details)

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RSC Anderlecht

UEFA club competition milestones

- Anderlecht have regularly participated in the European Champion Clubs' Cup since its inception in the 1955/56 season.
- Although they have never reached a European Cup final, they have won major honours on four occasions. Their best year to date in UEFA club competition came in 1976 when they beat West Ham United FC 4-2 to win the UEFA Cup Winners' Cup before beating FC Bayern München 5-3 on aggregate in the UEFA Super Cup.
- They also reached the finals of the 1976/77 UEFA Cup Winners' Cup and 1983/84 UEFA Cup but lost to Hamburger SV and Tottenham Hotspur FC respectively.

UEFA club competition honours

- UEFA Cup Winners' Cup: 1975/76, 1977/78
- UEFA Cup: 1982/83
- UEFA Super Cup: 1976

Ten-year record (including current season)

- Anderlecht have yet to reach the knockout stage of the UEFA Champions League, but at least ended a run of 12 consecutive defeats in the competition by beating Real Betis Balompié on Matchday 6 last season. This is their fourth successive entry into the group stage.

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1997/98: UEFA Cup - second round
1998/99: UEFA Cup - first round
1999/00: UEFA Cup - second round
2000/01: UEFA Champions League - second group stage
2001/02: UEFA Champions League - first group stage
2002/03: UEFA Cup - fourth round
2003/04: UEFA Champions League - group stage
2004/05: UEFA Champions League - group stage
2005/06: UEFA Champions League - group stage
2006/07: UEFA Champions League - group stage

2005/06 season

Domestic record: Anderlecht lifted the Belgian title by five points from R. Standard de Liège to guarantee their place in the group stage of the UEFA Champions League. Claiming the championship back from Club Brugge KV, it was their fourth in seven seasons and a record 28th overall.

European record: Anderlecht were eliminated at the group stage of the UEFA Champions League for the third season in a row. In a tough pool alongside Liverpool FC, Chelsea FC and Betis they lost each of their opening five fixtures without scoring a goal. The Belgian side did win their final game however, away against Betis 1-0, but it was not enough to prevent them finishing bottom.

Key facts

- Anderlecht have played 52 matches in the UEFA Champions League (group stage to final), winning ten games, drawing 12 and losing 30. They have scored 43 goals and conceded 93.

- Overall, Anderlecht have played 288 times in UEFA club competition. They have won 134 matches, drawn 56 and lost 98. They have scored 468 and conceded 362. In the European Champion Clubs' Cup/UEFA Champions League, their total record reads: played 156, won 61, drawn 32, lost 63 with 223 goals scored and 234 conceded.

Records

UEFA club competition

- Biggest win

1-10: Haka v RSC Anderlechtois

14.09.1966, 1966/67 European Champion Clubs' Cup, first round, first leg

9-0: RSC Anderlechtois v Derry City FC

23.11.1965, 1965/66 European Champion Clubs' Cup, first round, first leg

- Biggest home win

9-0: RSC Anderlechtois v Derry City FC (see above for details)

- Biggest away win

1-10: Haka v RSC Anderlechtois (see above for details)

- Heaviest defeat

5-0: FC Bayern München v RSC Anderlecht

04.03.1987, 1986/87 European Champion Clubs' Cup, quarter-finals, first leg

6-1: Real Madrid CF v RSC Anderlecht

12.12.1984, 1984/85 UEFA Cup, third round, second leg

- Heaviest home defeat

1-5: RSC Anderlecht v FC Lokomotiv Moskva

24.10.2001, 2001/02 UEFA Champions League, first group stage

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- Heaviest away defeat

5-0: FC Bayern München v RSC Anderlecht (see above for details)

6-1: Real Madrid CF v RSC Anderlecht (see above for details)

UEFA Champions League (group stage to final only)

- Biggest win

2-0: RSC Anderlecht v Real Madrid CF

14.03.2001, 2000/01 UEFA Champions League, second group stage

4-2: RSC Anderlecht v FC Dynamo Kyiv

18.10.2000, 2000/01 UEFA Champions League, first group stage

- Biggest home win

2-0: RSC Anderlecht v Real Madrid CF (see above for details)

4-2: RSC Anderlecht v FC Dynamo Kyiv (see above for details)

- Biggest away win

0-1: Real Betis Balompié v RSC Anderlecht

06.12.2005, 2005/06 UEFA Champions League, group stage

2-3: PSV Eindhoven v RSC Anderlecht

08.11.2000, 2000/01 UEFA Champions League, first group stage

- Heaviest defeat

5-1: Werder Bremen v RSC Anderlecht

02.11.2004, 2004/05 UEFA Champions League, group stage

1-5: RSC Anderlecht v FC Lokomotiv Moskva (see above for details)

4-0: FC Dynamo Kyiv v RSC Anderlecht

26.09.2000, 2000/01 UEFA Champions League, first group stage

- Heaviest home defeat

1-5: RSC Anderlecht v FC Lokomotiv Moskva (see above for details)

- Heaviest away defeat

5-1: Werder Bremen v RSC Anderlecht (see above for details)

4-0: FC Dynamo Kyiv v RSC Anderlecht (see above for details)

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Match facts

Lille

- **Grégory Tafforeau** became the first player in the Lille squad to make ten UEFA Champions League appearances against Milan on Matchday 2. **Tony Sylva** reached double figures against AEK in the third round of matches while **Mathieu Bodmer** and **Jean Il Makoun** brought up that landmark in Athens and **Mathieu Chalmé** and **Peter Odemwingie** have both featured nine times in the competition.
- **Tafforeau** also has the most UEFA club competition experience in the Lille squad having featured 38 times. **Sylva** (33 appearances), **Milivoje Vitakić** (31), **Rafael** (30), **Mathieu Bodmer** and **Mathieu Chalmé** (both 29), **Souleymane Youla** (27), **Makoun** (26) and **Efstathios Tavlaridis** have all played in 25 matches or more.
- **Nicolas Fauvergue**'s goal on Matchday 1 was only Lille's second in the UEFA Champions League proper. **Tafforeau** and **Youla** have also found the net once each in the competition.
- On Matchday 3, **Daniel Gygax**, **Makoun** and **Mathieu Robail** all scored their first goals in the UEFA Champions League.
- Only five Lille players have scored more than once in UEFA club competition: **Youla** (seven goals), **Fauvergue** (three) and **Peter Odemwingie**, **Gygax** and **Tafforeau** (all two). Eight players have scored once in Europe.
- **Kader Keita** is one of eleven players to have provided two assists in this season's competition prior to Matchday 5; Juninho Pernambucano has created the most goals, with four.
- **Odemwingie** has had six shots on goal in the first four matches, five fewer than Kaká.
- **Odemwingie** has had six shots wide so far, six less than Boubacar Sanogo.
- **Keita** committed 15 fouls in the first four games, with Florent Malouda the most penalised player having been pulled up on 17 occasions.
- Lille have had a total of 58 shots on goal so far, three fewer than Real Madrid CF, who have had the most in the competition.
- Lille have been caught offside four times so far, two more than FC Bayern München who have been penalised the least.
- Only FC Steaua Bucuresti, with an average of 23 minutes possession per match, have had the ball less than Lille's four-match average of 25 minutes.
- Lille have collected 12 yellow cards so far, four fewer than FC Shakhtar Donetsk who have the most in the competition.
- **Bodmer** turns 24 on 22 November, the day after the Anderlecht match. **Grégory Malicki** is 33 a day later and **Youla** celebrates his 25th birthday on 29 November.
- Lille drew 0-0 on Saturday away against one of their rivals for a UEFA Champions League place next season, FC Sochaux-Montbéliard. Claude Puel's side were on top for much of the game with midfielder **Yohan Cabaye** striking the crossbar midway through the first half.
- The draw meant that Lille extended their unbeaten run in Ligue 1 to seven matches; their last defeat was a 4-1 reverse against leaders Olympique Lyonnais on 23 September.

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- **Puel** said: "We struggled in the last quarter, but overall I'm frustrated and we could have clinched the points in the first half. The players I used as substitutes struggled to cope with the high pace of the game in the second half."
- The coach decided to rest a number of players from the starting lineup with one eye on the Anderlecht match. **Bodmer, Keita, Odemwingie** and **Nicolas Plestan** were all named as substitutes with all except Plestan coming on in the second half.
- Captain **Stéphane Dumont** did not travel to Sochaux due to a recurrent knee injury, while **Johan Audel** is ruled out until early next year with a dislocated shoulder. **Tavlaridis** and **Cabaye** are both suspended for the match against the Belgian champions after three bookings apiece.
- On 4 November Lille became the first team to win at Valenciennes FC this season, getting a 3-0 victory at the northern club. **Fauvergue**, a Patrick Paauwe own goal and a solo effort by **Cabaye** earned the visitors three points on their first visit to the Nungesser Stadium since 1992.
- **Puel** said: "To get a result like this after frustration in the [UEFA] Champions League demonstrates how the players recovered physically and mentally. We need to be at our best in both domestic and European competitions."
- On 12 November Lille claimed back to back victories with a 1-0 home success against Olympique de Marseille. **Bodmer** sealed the three points with a clinical strike on the stroke of half-time.
- No Lille players earned full international call-ups for France last week meaning that no player from the club has represented them in over 22 years. Goalkeeper Philippe Bergeroo, coach of the France side that won the UEFA European Under-17 Championship in 2004, was the last to win a cap for the country, playing in a 0-0 draw with Austria on 28 March 1984.
- Right-back **Stefan Lichtsteiner** won his first cap for Switzerland on 15 November in their 2-1 home defeat against Brazil in Basle. Lichtsteiner started the game as a late replacement for Philipp Degen. "I was told I was playing at noon and it was great to start for my first cap," he said. Midfielder **Gygax** was also in the squad but did not play.
- Right-winger **Keita** played the whole game a day earlier for Ivory Coast as they defeated Sweden 1-0 in Le Mans.
- **Kevin Mirallas** scored twice in Belgium's Under-21s 4-4 friendly draw against Morocco on 14 November in Brussels.
- **Tavlaridis** is unique in France as the uncapped Greek is the only player from his country in the French league.
- On 2 November, Lille mourned the death of Paul Hurseau at the age of 85. The former journalist and writer wrote a number of books on the club's history.

Anderlecht

- **Yves Vanderhaeghe** is the member of the Anderlecht squad who has the most experience in the UEFA Champions League with 28 matches to his name. **Bart Goor** featured in the competition for the 22nd time in Milan, a game in which **Olivier Deschacht** made his 21st appearance.
- **Vanderhaeghe** brought up his half-century of UEFA club appearances against Milan at San Siro. **Mbo Mpenza** could appear for the 25th time in Milan while **Goor** has played 67 times in total in UEFA club competition, the most in the Anderlecht squad.
- Seven Anderlecht players have made their group-stage debuts this season: **Nicolas Pareja, Lucas Biglia, Cristian Leiva, Mohamed Tchite, Moubarak Boussoufa, Nicolas Frutos** and **Jonathan Legear**.

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- Only four Anderlecht players have scored in the UEFA Champions League proper; **Pareja**, **Frutos** and **Goor** all have a solitary strike to their names, the first two finding the net on Matchday 1 and 2 respectively. **Roland Juhász**, meanwhile, scored in Milan three weeks ago.
- **Boussoufa** has provided the assists for two of Anderlecht's three goals so far, and is one of eleven players to set up two goals. Ahead of Matchday 5, Juninho Pernambucano (four) has created the most goals in the competition.
- **Ahmed Hassan** has had six shots wide, six less than Boubacar Sanogo who has missed the target most frequently.
- **Tchite** has been caught offside ten times in this season's competition having been penalised ten times, twice less than Francesco Totti.
- **Biglia** has committed eleven fouls so far, six fewer than Florent Mlouda.
- **Hassan**, meanwhile, has been fouled on 12 occasions, twice fewer than the two most fouled players in the competition, Shunsuke Nakamura and Ronaldinho.
- **Dieudonné Mbokani Bezua** celebrates his 21st birthday on 22 November, the day after Anderlecht face Lille.
- Anderlecht lost 2-1 at KAA Gent on Saturday after taking the lead midway through the first half when **Tchite** scored with a delightful lob. The champions conceded a penalty just before the break, which was converted by Adekanmi Olufadé, a former Lille player, before Randall Azofeifa found the net from long range in the second half to seal the points for Gent.
- Anderlecht general manager **Herman Van Holsbeeck** said: "The group are obviously very down, because we gave away the match. The stupid mistake which led to the penalty came at the worst possible moment. We deserved a draw but the facts are that we lost. We will have to play better on Tuesday if we want to get something in Lille."
- The reverse was only Anderlecht's second league defeat this season. The only other time they have been on the wrong end of a scoreline being on 30 September when league leaders KRC Genk won 4-1 in Brussels.
- Goalkeeper **Daniel Zítka** had to be replaced by **Davy Schollen** at half-time in the match after suffering a groin injury. "We have to wait and see," said coach Frank Vercauteren. "Zítka felt something in the groin and we did not want to take any risks with him."
- **Schollen** is on loan at Anderlecht from Dutch side NAC Breda. The 28-year-old goalkeeper, who has been capped once by Belgium, was making his first appearance for the club.
- **Mpenza** also had to be replaced early in second half after picking up an injury. He joins Argentinian striker **Frutos** (thigh) and defender **Juhász** (ankle) in the treatment room.
- Better news concerns defender **Vadis Odjidja Ofoe** and goalkeeper **Silvio Proto** who both returned to training this week after knee surgery.
- **Olivier Deschacht** is the only player in the Anderlecht squad to have completed all 1,170 minutes of the 13 league matches they have played this season.
- Anderlecht signed 18-year-old right-sided midfielder **Oladapo Olufemi** last Thursday, bringing the Nigerian in on a contract until the end of the season. He is ineligible to play until January 2007 but goes straight into training with the first team.

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- Two Anderlecht players were in action for Belgium at they lost their UEFA EURO 2008™ qualifier against Poland 1-0 in Brussels on 15 November. **Goor** won his 71st cap in playing the whole Group A game, while defender **Anthony Vanden Borre** also started in what was his 15th international match. Three other players, **Jelle Van Damme**, **Mark De Man** and **Schollen**, were unused substitutes.
- **Boussoufa** was in the Morocco squad that won 6-0 in a friendly against Gabon the same night.
- On 14 November **Legear** was involved as Belgium's Under-21 side drew 4-4 against Morocco in Brussels. The forward was a half-time substitute.
- Anderlecht faced Cercle Brugge KSV in the league on 11 November with the Belgian champions coming out of the home fixture as 2-0 winners. **Mpenza** opened the scoring with his first goal of the season early on before **Boussoufa** added a second midway through the second half.
- The game was the fourth league clean sheet in succession for Anderlecht since a 4-1 loss to KRC Genk on 30 September.
- **Mpenza** was making only his second league start and his first since 9 September. "It was important for him to play," said Vercauteren. "He was unlucky at the start of the season that the two boys up front [**Tchite** and **Frutos**] scored a lot of goals, but we are having trouble scoring now and will certainly need him."
- In the absence of the suspended **Goor**, **Deschacht** captained the team against Cercle Brugge.
- On 5 November Anderlecht could only draw 0-0 at R. Standard de Liège. **Frutos** missed the game with a thigh muscle injury with **Serhat Akin** starting his first league match as a replacement in attack.
- Anderlecht chairman **Roger Vanden Stock** met with Anderlecht city mayor Jacques Simonet on 8 November with regard to plans for the club's stadium. "It was a positive and constructive meeting regarding the Constant Vanden Stock Stadium," the club said in a statement. "Two options are being examined - to increase the capacity of the current stadium to 40,000 or to build a new stadium in Anderlecht."
- **Vercauteren** was part of the Belgium team that lost 5-0 to hosts France in the 1984 UEFA European Championship as Michel Platini and Co went on to lift the trophy.

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Competition facts

• UEFA Champions League: Group stage milestones

Olympique Lyonnais are on target for a record-breaking conclusion to their group-stage campaign in advance of their Matchday 5 trip to Real Madrid CF. They are two wins away from becoming only the fifth team – and the first since FC Barcelona in 2002/03 – to win all six games in a group stage. The first to manage it were AC Milan in the inaugural 1992/93 edition of the UEFA Champions League. Since then Paris Saint-Germain FC (1994/95) and FC Spartak Moskva (1995/96) have matched the achievement, before that Barça success in the last season before the competition was revamped into its current format.

Unwanted record

Barcelona are not having such an easy ride this time around. A draw or defeat for the title-holders at PFC Levski Sofia and a Werder Bremen victory over Chelsea FC would make the Camp Nou side the first defending champions to fail to get through a group stage since the UEFA Champions League began. (This record, like the others, includes the four seasons that featured a second group stage between 1999/00 and 2002/03.)

Clean sheets

Lyon are also going for another UEFA Champions League first. No team has negotiated a group stage without conceding a goal but Lyon, along with FC Bayern München and PFC CSKA Moskva, could yet change that having managed four clean sheets to date. In contrast FC Dynamo Kyiv and Levski Sofia have both shipped 13 goals in their first four outings this term, just six short of the record number let in by Ferencvárosi TC in the 1995/96 campaign.

Shot shy

For all their defensive solidity, CSKA have only scored two goals so far. They can take comfort from the achievement of Villarreal CF last season and AS Roma in the 2002/03 first group stage, as both clubs advanced to the next phase with just three goals to their name. Villarreal are a particularly noteworthy example, as they made it all the way to the semi-finals in their debut campaign in the competition.

Seven enough

The good news for those who have made a slow start but are still in contention is that seven sides have successfully negotiated a group with only seven points. The first to do it were Legia Warszawa in 1995/96 before Bayer 04 Leverkusen managed it in 1999/00 and Liverpool FC in 2001/02. FC Lokomotiv Moskva and Juventus both progressed with seven points in 2002/03, a feat most recently achieved by Rangers FC and Bremen last term.

Freescoring United

The record for most goals scored in a group stage was established by Manchester United FC in 1998/99 when they found the net 20 times en route to lifting the trophy. It is a mark that is unlikely to be challenged this year, with the closest contenders being Spanish rivals Real Madrid CF and Valencia CF who have ten goals each to their name.

• 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.

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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.

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.

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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.

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)

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120+

161 **Paolo Maldini** (AC Milan)
133 **Luís Figo** (Sporting Clube de Portugal, FC Barcelona, Real Madrid CF, FC Internazionale Milano)
130 Frank de Boer (AFC Ajax, FC Barcelona, Galatasaray SK)
128 **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)

110-119

117 Giuseppe Bergomi (FC Internazionale Milano)
116 **Phillip Cocu** (BV Vitesse, PSV Eindhoven, FC Barcelona)
116 **Clarence Seedorf** (AFC Ajax, Real Madrid CF, FC Internazionale Milano, AC Milan)
113 **Raúl González** (Real Madrid CF)
113 **Roberto Carlos** (FC Internazionale Milano, Real Madrid CF)
112 Stefan Reuter (1. FC Nürnberg, FC Bayern München, Juventus, BV Borussia Dortmund)
111 **David Beckham** (Manchester United FC, Real Madrid CF)
110 Pavel Nedvěd (AC Sparta Praha, S.S. Lazio, Juventus)

100-109

109 Amedeo Carboni (UC Sampdoria, AS Roma, Valencia CF)
108 **Vítor Baía** (FC Porto, FC Barcelona)
107 **Thierry Henry** (AS Monaco FC, Juventus, Arsenal FC)
107 **Stefan Klos** (BV Borussia Dortmund, Rangers FC)
107 **Claude Makelele** (FC Nantes Atlantique, RC Celta de Vigo, Real Madrid CF, Chelsea 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)
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)
101 **Andriy Shevchenko** (FC Dynamo Kyiv, AC Milan, Chelsea FC)
100 Lothar Matthäus (VfL Borussia Mönchengladbach, FC Bayern München, FC Internazionale Milano)

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MATCH PRESS KIT

95-99

99 Bixente Lizarazu (Athletic Club Bilbao, FC Girondins de Bordeaux, FC Bayern München)

99 **Javier Zanetti** (FC Internazionale Milano)

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

98 Angelo Peruzzi (AS Roma, Juventus, S.S. Lazio)

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

98 **Edwin van der Sar** (AFC Ajax, Juventus, Fulham FC, Manchester United FC)

97 Francisco Gento (Real Madrid CF)

97 **Patrick Kluivert** (AFC Ajax, FC Barcelona, Newcastle United FC, Valencia CF)

97 Karl-Heinz Rummenigge (FC Bayern München, FC Internazionale Milano, Servette FC)

96 Marc Overmars (AFC Ajax, Arsenal FC, FC Barcelona)

96 **Michael Reiziger** (AFC Ajax, AC Milan, FC Barcelona, Middlesbrough FC, PSV Eindhoven)

95 Ray Clemence (Liverpool FC, Tottenham Hotspur FC)

95 **Rui Costa** (SL Benfica, AC Fiorentina, AC Milan)

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+

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

103 **Roberto Carlos** (Real Madrid CF)

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

90-99

98 **Oliver Kahn** (FC Bayern München)

98 **Paolo Maldini** (AC Milan)

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

94 **Gary Neville** (Manchester United FC)

80-89

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

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

86 **Clarence Seedorf** (AFC Ajax, Real Madrid CF, AC Milan)

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

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

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

80 Zinédine Zidane (Juventus, Real Madrid CF)

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70-79

79 Alessandro Del Piero (Juventus)
79 **Fernando Morientes** (Real Madrid CF, AS Monaco FC, Liverpool FC, Valencia CF)
79 **Hasan Salihamidžić** (FC Bayern München)
78 **Guti** (Real Madrid CF)
78 **Iván Helguera** (Real Madrid CF)
78 Alessio Tacchinardi (Juventus, Villarreal CF)
77 **Claude Makelele** (FC Nantes Atlantique, Real Madrid CF, Chelsea FC)
77 **Michel Salgado** (Real Madrid CF)
75 **Iker Casillas** (Real Madrid CF)
74 **Phillip Cocu** (PSV Eindhoven, FC Barcelona)
74 Edgar Davids (AFC Ajax, AC Milan, Juventus, FC Internazionale Milano)
74 Robert Pirès (Olympique de Marseille, Arsenal FC)
74 **Ole Gunnar Solskjær** (Manchester United FC)
74 **Sylvain Wiltord** (FC Girondins de Bordeaux, Arsenal FC, Olympique Lyonnais)
73 **Michael Reiziger** (AFC Ajax, AC Milan, FC Barcelona, PSV Eindhoven)
72 Samuel Kuffour (FC Bayern München)
71 Roy Keane (Manchester United FC)
71 **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)
67 **Mikaël Silvestre** (FC Internazionale Milano, Manchester United FC)
66 **Alessandro Nesta** (S.S. Lazio, AC Milan)
66 **Patrick Vieira** (Arsenal FC, Juventus, FC Internazionale Milano)
64 **Alessandro Costacurta** (AC Milan)
61 **Fredrik Ljungberg** (Arsenal FC)
61 **Carles Puyol** (FC Barcelona)
60 **Xavi Hernández** (FC Barcelona)

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)

31 **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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Puskás remembered

Hungarian and European football mourned the loss of an all-time great on Friday when Ferenc Puskás died in Budapest at the age of 79 after a long illness. Puskás won league titles in his homeland with Kispest Honvéd FC and in Spain with Real Madrid CF, with whom he also lifted the European Champion Clubs' Cup, memorably scoring four goals in the 7-3 defeat of Eintracht Frankfurt in 1960. On the international stage, Puskás and his Hungary team-mates captured gold at the 1952 Olympic Games and followed that up with victories such as the 6-3 defeat of England at Wembley on 25 November 1953.

UEFA President Lennart Johansson said: "I knew about his illness and thought that I was prepared to receive the ultimate bad news. But I wasn't. Realisation that I will never see Ferenc Puskás again gives me a sense of emptiness that, I am sure, a lot of other people are experiencing. The footballer had long since become a legend. With that left foot which could be velvet or pure steel, he broke all sorts of records. He went into the annals of UEFA as the only player to have scored four goals and the only one to record two hat-tricks in European finals.

"Behind the remarkable statistics was a remarkable man. In his humble way, he would deny that he had a profound influence on the development of European football. But he did. What's more, his career and his life held a mirror to the history of our continent... Ferenc Puskás once said that he loved football more than he loved life. Sadly, his life is now over. But football will never stop loving Ferenc Puskás."

Athens design

UEFA has unveiled the new visual identity created for the 2007 UEFA Champions League final in Athens at a special ceremony in the Greek capital. The event design to be used around the UEFA Champions League final at Athens's Olympic Stadium on 23 May was revealed at the Ceremonies Hall within the City Hall in Kotzia Square on 9 November. 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.

Independent European Sports Review

European law has continued to have a major impact on sport in recent years, although the cases are less celebrated than the 1995 Bosman case that drastically altered football. One of these was the Meca-Medina case, in which judgement was handed down by the European Court of Justice in a case involving two swimmers who had failed a doping test.

In a summary article and longer background essay, published on uefa.com, UEFA's director of legal affairs Gianni Infantino looks at this case and related questions, especially in view of the findings of the newly-published Independent European Sports Review. The review supports recognition of sport's specific nature in European Union legislation, and the preservation and protection of the present European sports model, and asks if the Meca-Medina verdict is a step backwards for the European sports model and sports specificity.

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Head coach profiles

Claude Puel

Date of birth: 2 September 1961

Nationality: French

Playing career: AS Monaco FC

Coaching career: AS Monaco FC, LOSC Lille Métropole

LOSC Lille Métropole coach Claude Puel may not be the most high-profile figure at the helm of a UEFA Champions League side but he is no stranger to big European nights having spent 22 years as player and coach at AS Monaco FC. Puel amassed 488 league games as Monaco's midfield anchorman, winning two French titles (1982 and 1988) and the 1991 French Cup in addition to reaching the 1992 UEFA Cup Winners' Cup final and the UEFA Champions League semi-finals two years later.

When appointed Lille coach in the summer of 2001, Puel focused on the long-term, laying down the foundations for a five-year plan; his ambitions came to fruition well ahead of schedule as he steered his team into Europe's premier club competition in less than four years thanks to a second-placed finish in Ligue 1 in 2004/05. Although Lille failed to progress from the UEFA Champions League group stage the next season, the club went on to the UEFA Cup Round of 16 - losing to eventual winners Sevilla FC.

Puel's coaching philosophy is simple: assemble a team with high fitness levels, stamina and speed in abundance and a miserly defence and - with a bit of luck - any team is beatable. Such virtues helped Monaco to the French title in 2000 and earned Lille a UEFA Intertoto Cup victory in 2004 before the northern club secured second place in Ligue 1 in 2005 - their best finish for 50 years. They earned another tilt at the UEFA Champions League after finishing third in the French top flight in 2006 and defeating F.Y.R. Macedonia's FK Rabotnicki in the third qualifying round that August with Puel having signed a new contract earlier in the year.

Frank Vercauteren

Date of birth: 28/10/1956

Nationality: Belgian

Coaching career: CS Braine (youth) KV Mechelen (youth then head coach), RSC Anderlecht (assistant then head coach)

Born in Brussels, Frank Vercauteren spent his career as a left-sided midfielder who played 368 matches in 12 seasons for RSC Anderlecht, scoring 92 goals and winning the UEFA Cup Winners' Cup in 1976 and 1978, and the UEFA Cup in 1983. He won Belgium's Player of the Year award in 1983, and also played for FC Nantes Atlantique and RWD Molenbeek, where he ended his career in 1993.

Vercauteren was a dynamic midfielder who made a key contribution to the Anderlecht side that was considered as one of the best teams in Europe at the time. He was also a pillar of the Belgian national team, winning 63 caps and scoring nine goals. He was a member of the squads for the 1982 and 1986 FIFA World Cups, as well as for the 1984 UEFA European Championship.

In 1998, he returned to Anderlecht as assistant coach to Arie Haan. Together with former team-mate Jean Dockx, they took over from Haan that September, and led the club from bottom of the table to a European place. He then became assistant again to Aimé Anthuenis and Hugo Broos as Anderlecht added titles in 2000, 2001, 2004. He took over on a temporary basis from Broos in early February 2005 before signing a two-year contract in April. Although his first UEFA Champions League campaign was a disappointment, he made up for that by securing the Belgian title.

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Squad list

Lille

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	Tony Sylva	SEN	17.05.75	1	-	4	-	13	-	11	-	33	-
16	Grégory Malicki	FRA	23.11.73	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	8	-
30	Laurent Pichon	FRA	08.03.81	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
40	Alexandre Oukidja	FRA	19.07.88	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders													
3	Alexis Zywiecki	FRA	10.04.84	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4	Efstathios Tavlaridis	GRE	25.01.80	1	-	3	-	7	1	7	-	25	-
5	Rafael	BRA	17.12.80	2	-	2	-	11	-	8	-	30	-
19	Peter Franquart	FRA	04.01.85	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
20	Grégory Tafforeau	FRA	29.09.76	2	-	4	-	13	-	12	1	38	2
22	Milivoje Vitakić	SCG	16.05.77	-	-	1	-	3	-	3	-	31	1
25	Nicolas Plestan	FRA	02.06.81	1	-	4	-	10	-	6	-	16	1
26	Stephan Lichtsteiner	SUI	16.01.84	2	-	1	-	12	-	5	-	17	-
28	Dieudonné Owona	FRA	28.02.86	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Midfielders													
2	Mathieu Debuchy	FRA	28.07.85	-	-	1	-	3	-	5	-	17	1
6	Flavien Le Postollec	FRA	19.02.84	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
7	Yohan Cabaye	FRA	14.01.86	2	-	4	-	9	2	6	-	14	-
8	Michel Bastos	BRA	02.08.83	1	1	1	-	8	-	1	-	2	1
9	Johan Audel	FRA	12.12.83	1	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	9	1
10	Daniel Gygax	SUI	28.08.81	-	-	1	1	1	-	3	1	8	2
12	Mathieu Bodmer	FRA	22.11.82	-	-	4	-	13	5	10	-	29	1
15	Faycal Nini	FRA	10.08.86	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
17	Jean Il Makoun	CMR	29.05.83	2	-	4	1	13	-	10	1	26	1
18	Matthieu Robail	FRA	02.06.85	1	-	2	1	6	-	2	1	3	1
21	Matthieu Chalmé	FRA	07.10.80	2	-	4	-	13	-	9	-	29	-
24	Samuel Robail	FRA	02.06.85	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
29	Stéphane Dumont	FRA	06.09.82	1	-	-	-	8	-	2	-	17	-
31	Jerry van Dam	FRA	08.12.88	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
34	Henry Ewane Elong	CMR	19.01.86	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Forwards													
11	Souleymane Youla	GUI	29.11.81	2	-	3	-	4	-	6	1	27	7
13	Nicolas Fauvergue	FRA	13.10.84	1	1	3	1	11	2	5	1	12	3
14	Peter Odemwingie	NGA	15.07.81	1	-	4	-	13	6	9	-	19	2
23	Kader Keita	CIV	06.08.81	1	-	4	-	14	3	5	-	10	-
27	Kevin Mirallas	BEL	05.10.87	2	-	1	-	6	-	3	-	7	-
32	Kamulète Ntuluengani	FRA	14.10.87	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coach													
	Claude Puel	FRA	02.09.61	2	-	4	-	-	-	16	-	52	-

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Squad list

Anderlecht

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	Daniel Zítka	CZE	20.06.75	-	-	4	-	13	-	15	-	36	-
13	Silvio Proto	BEL	23.05.83	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	6	-
22	Davy Schollen	BEL	28.02.78	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	2	-
25	Jan Van Steenberghe	BEL	04.07.72	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	4	-
35	Samir Ujkani	BEL	05.07.88	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders													
3	Olivier Deschacht	BEL	16.02.81	-	-	4	-	13	-	21	-	31	-
6	Jelle Van Damme	BEL	10.10.83	-	-	2	-	11	-	12	-	15	-
23	Roland Juhász	HUN	01.07.83	-	-	3	1	8	-	6	1	12	1
26	Nicolas Pareja	ARG	19.01.84	-	-	2	1	6	-	2	1	2	1
31	Mark De Man	BEL	27.04.83	-	-	2	-	5	-	6	-	8	-
32	Cor Gillis	BEL	31.03.89	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
33	Hervé Kage	BEL	10.04.89	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
34	Sven Kums	BEL	26.02.88	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
37	Anthony Vanden Borre	BEL	24.10.87	-	-	4	-	12	-	12	-	18	-
39	Vadis Odjidja Ofoe	BEL	21.02.89	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
41	Cheik Ismael Tiote	CIV	21.06.86	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
44	Michael Kone	BEL	19.09.88	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Midfielders													
4	Yves Vanderhaeghe	BEL	30.01.70	-	-	3	-	8	-	28	-	50	1
5	Lucas Biglia	ARG	30.01.86	-	-	4	-	13	-	4	-	4	-
8	Cristian Leiva	ARG	26.09.77	-	-	1	-	5	-	1	-	1	-
10	Ahmed Hassan	EGY	02.05.75	-	-	3	-	12	4	8	-	24	2
14	Bart Goor	BEL	09.04.73	-	-	4	-	12	4	22	1	68	9
30	Gérard Lifondja	BEL	02.03.89	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
42	Sébastien Siani	CMR	21.12.86	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
43	Cédric Ciza	BEL	02.02.90	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45	Thomas Weydisch	BEL	04.09.87	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
46	Jean-Baptiste Yakassongo	BEL	20.03.89	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Forwards													
7	Mohamed Tchite	CGO	31.01.84	-	-	4	-	13	8	4	-	10	-
9	Mbo Mpenza	BEL	04.12.76	-	-	1	-	8	1	14	-	25	5
11	Mbark Boussoufa	MOR	15.08.84	-	-	4	-	13	2	4	-	10	-
17	Dieudonné Mbokani Bezua	CGO	22.11.85	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
18	Sami Allagui	GER	28.05.86	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
24	Serhat Akin	TUR	05.06.81	-	-	2	-	7	-	15	-	27	3
29	Nicolas Frutos	ARG	10.05.81	-	-	2	1	6	4	2	1	2	1
36	Jonathan Legear	BEL	13.04.87	-	-	3	-	9	-	4	-	4	-
38	Roland Lamah	BEL	31.12.87	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
40	Regis Lacroix	BEL	18.10.87	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coach													
	Frank Vercauteren	BEL	28.10.56	-	-	4	-	-	-	10	-	14	-

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Match-by-match lineups - Group H

Clubs	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
AC Milan	4	3	1	0	8	1	10
LOSC Lille Métropole	4	1	2	1	4	3	5
AEK Athens FC	4	1	1	2	3	7	4
RSC Anderlecht	4	0	2	2	3	7	2

Date	Match	Results	Venue
13.09.2006	Anderlecht v Lille	1-1	Brussels

Goals: 1-0 Pareja 41, 1-1 Fauvergue 80

Anderlecht: Zítka, Deschacht, Vanderhaeghe, Biglia (Juhász 68), Van Damme, Tchite, Ahmed Hassan, Boussoufa, Goor, Pareja, Vanden Borre

Lille: Sylva, Rafael, Cabaye (Fauvergue 60'), Bastos (Youla 60'), Bodmer, Odemwingie (Lichtsteiner 88'), Makoun, Tafforeau, Chalmé, Keita, Plestan

Referee: Stuart Dougal (SCO)

Date	Match	Results	Venue
13.09.2006	Milan v AEK	3-0	Milan

Goals: 1-0 Inzaghi 17, 2-0 Gourcuff 41, 3-0 Kaká 76

Milan: Dida, Cafu, Maldini, Oliveira (Seedorf 71), Gattuso, Inzaghi, D. Šimić, Favalli (Jankulovski 79), Gourcuff, Kaká, Brocchi (Ambrosini 75)

AEK: Sorrentino, Moras, Cirillo, Delibašić, Pautasso, Tziortziopoulos, Emerson (Tózsér 70'), Liberopoulos, Kapetanios (Lagos 46'), Dellas (Ivić 55'), Júlio César

Referee: Mike Riley(ENG)

Date	Match	Results	Venue
26.09.2006	AEK v Anderlecht	1-1	Athens

Goals: 0-1 Frutos 25, 1-1 Júlio César 28

AEK: Sorrentino, Moras, Cirillo, Kiriakidis, Lagos, Udeze, Georgeas, Kapetanios (Liberopoulos 46), Hetemaj (Delibašić 70), Tózsér, Júlio César (Lakis 55)

Anderlecht: Zítka, Deschacht, Biglia, Van Damme, Tchite, Leiva, Boussoufa (Legear 81'), Goor, Pareja, Frutos, Vanden Borre

Referee: Claus Bo Larsen (DEN)

Date	Match	Results	Venue
26.09.2006	Lille v Milan	0-0	Lens

Goals: -

Lille: Sylva, Tavlaridis (Rafael 85), Bodmer, Fauvergue (Cabaye 62), Odemwingie, Makoun, Tafforeau, Chalmé, Vitakić, Keita, Plestan

Milan: Dida, Cafu, Kaladze, Gattuso, Seedorf, Gilardino (Inzaghi 76'), Nesta, Jankulovski, Pirlo, Kaká, Ambrosini

Referee: Manuel Mejuto González(ESP)

Date	Match	Results	Venue
17.10.2006	Lille v AEK	3-1	Lens

Goals: 1-0 M. Robail 64, 1-1 Ivić 68, 2-1 Gyax 82, 3-1 Makoun 91

Lille: Sylva, Tavlaridis, Cabaye (Mirallas 64), Bodmer, Odemwingie (Youla 78), Makoun, M. Robail (Gyax 78), Tafforeau, Chalmé, Keita, Plestan

AEK: Sorrentino, Cirillo, Papastathopoulos, Zikos, Lakis (Delibašić 71'), Udeze, Emerson, Georgeas, Liberopoulos, Tózsér (Ivić 56'), Júlio César

Referee: Florian Meyer (GER)

Date	Match	Results	Venue
17.10.2006	Anderlecht v Milan	0-1	Brussels

Goals: 0-1 Kaká 58

Anderlecht: Zítka, Deschacht, Vanderhaeghe (Ahmed Hassan 70), Biglia, Tchite, Boussoufa (Serhat 84), Goor, Juhász, Frutos, De Man, Vanden Borre (Legear 84)

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Milan: Dida, Kaladze, Oliveira (Cafu 50'), Gattuso, Inzaghi (Gilardino 72'), Seedorf (Brocchi 81'), Nesta, Jankulovski, Pirlo, Kaká, Bonera

Referee: Luis Medina Cantalejo(ESP)

Date	Match	Results	Venue
01.11.2006	AEK v Lille	1-0	Athens

Goals: 1-0 Liberopoulos 74

AEK: Sorrentino, Moras, Cirillo, Zikos, Emerson (Kapetanios 47), Georgeas, Liberopoulos, Dellas, Hetemaj (Kiriakidis 88), Tózsér, Júlio César (Manduca 58)

Lille: Sylva, Tavlaridis, Cabaye, Bodmer, Odemwingie (Youla 57'), Makoun (Fauvergue 77'), M. Robail (Debuchy 57'), Tafforeau, Chalmé, Keita, Plestan

Referee: Stephen Bennett(ENG)

Date	Match	Results	Venue
01.11.2006	Milan v Anderlecht	4-1	Milan

Goals: 1-0 Kaká 6, 2-0 Kaká 22, 3-0 Kaká 56, 3-1 Juhász 61, 4-1 Gilardino 88

Milan: Dida, Maldini, Oliveira (Pirlo 73), Seedorf, Gilardino, Nesta (Cafu 19), D. Šimić, Jankulovski, Gourcuff (Gattuso 66), Kaká, Brocchi

Anderlecht: Zítka, Deschacht, Vanderhaeghe (Serhat 39'), Biglia, Tchite, Ahmed Hassan, Boussoufa (Mbo Mpenza 80'), Goor, Juhász, De Man, Vanden Borre (Legear 85')

Referee: Herbert Fandel (GER)

21.11.2006	Lille v Anderlecht	-	Lens
21.11.2006	AEK v Milan	-	Athens
06.12.2006	Anderlecht v AEK	-	Brussels
06.12.2006	Milan v Lille	-	Milan

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Bookings list - Group H

AEK Athens FC

No	Player	Matchday						KO1		QF		SF		F
		1	2	3	4	5	6	1st	2nd	1st	2nd	1st	2nd	
55	Traianos Dellas				Y									
33	Nikos Liberopoulos			Y										
25	Emerson			Y										
24	Ifeanyi Udeze			Y										
5	Bruno Cirillo	Y	Y											*
31	Nikolaos Georgeas	S												
99	Júlio César		Y	Y										*
35	Pantelis Kapetanos				Y									
4	Evangelos Moras	Y												
15	Socratis Papastathopoulos			Y										

RSC Anderlecht

No	Player	Matchday						KO1		QF		SF		F
		1	2	3	4	5	6	1st	2nd	1st	2nd	1st	2nd	
14	Bart Goor	Y	Y											*
10	Ahmed Hassan				Y									
37	Anthony Vanden Borre		Y	Y										*
7	Mohamed Tchite		Y											
11	Mbark Boussoufa	Y												
5	Lucas Biglia				Y									

LOSC Lille Métropole

No	Player	Matchday						KO1		QF		SF		F
		1	2	3	4	5	6	1st	2nd	1st	2nd	1st	2nd	
4	Efstathios Tavlaridis			Y	R	S								
25	Nicolas Plestan			Y										
11	Souleymane Youla	Y												
17	Jean II Makoun				Y									
7	Yohan Cabaye	Y	Y		Y	S								
23	Kader Keita			Y	Y	*								
18	Matthieu Robail			Y										

AC Milan

No	Player	Matchday						KO1		QF		SF		F
		1	2	3	4	5	6	1st	2nd	1st	2nd	1st	2nd	
3	Paolo Maldini	Y												
18	Marek Jankulovski		Y											
4	Kakha Kaladze			Y										

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MATCH PRESS KIT

No	Player	Matchday						KO1		QF		SF		F
		1	2	3	4	5	6	1st	2nd	1st	2nd	1st	2nd	
8	Gennaro Gattuso				Y									
11	Alberto Gilardino				Y									
25	Daniele Bonera			R	S									

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Domestic information

LOSC Lille Métropole (Ligue 1)

	Date	Opponent	Res	Lineups
League	04.11.2006	v Valenciennes FC (A)	3-0	Sylva, Rafael, Tafforeau, Plestan, Lichtsteiner, Bodmer, Makoun, Chalmé, Fauvergue (Cabaye 46), Keita (M. Robail 74), Mirallas (Odemwingie 58)
League	12.11.2006	v Olympique de Marseille (H)	1-0	Sylva, Rafael, Tafforeau (Lichtsteiner 46), Plestan, Cabaye, Bodmer (Fauvergue 87), Makoun, Chalmé, M. Robail, Odemwingie (Debuchy 74), Keita
League	18.11.2006	v FC Sochaux-Montbéliard (A)	0-0	Sylva, Tavlavidis, Rafael, Tafforeau, Debuchy, Cabaye, Bastos (Keita 65), Makoun, Chalmé, Fauvergue (Bodmer 58), Mirallas (Odemwingie 73)

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	Date	Opponent	Res	Goalscorers
League	05.08.2006	v Stade Rennais FC (A)	2-1	Bodmer 10, Keita 42
League	13.08.2006	v RC Lens (H)	4-0	Bodmer 13, Odemwingie 33, 57, 67
League	19.08.2006	v Paris Saint-Germain FC (A)	0-1	
League	26.08.2006	v FC Girondins de Bordeaux (H)	3-0	Cabaye 28, Bodmer 37, Odemwingie 57
League	09.09.2006	v FC Nantes Atlantique (A)	1-1	Odemwingie 11
League	16.09.2006	v Toulouse FC (H)	1-3	Tavlaridis 35
Cup	19.09.2006	v FC Istres (A)	1-0	Own goal
League	23.09.2006	v Olympique Lyonnais (A)	1-4	Own goal
League	30.09.2006	v OGC Nice (H)	1-0	Fauvergue 68
League	14.10.2006	v ES Troyes Aube Champagne (A)	1-1	Keita 48
League	21.10.2006	v FC Lorient (H)	1-0	Bodmer 36(pen)
Cup	24.10.2006	v Stade Rennais FC (H)	0-2	
League	28.10.2006	v Le Mans UC 72 (A)	1-1	Keita 4
League	04.11.2006	v Valenciennes FC (A)	3-0	Fauvergue 24, Odemwingie 61, Cabaye 90
League	12.11.2006	v Olympique de Marseille (H)	1-0	Bodmer 45
League	18.11.2006	v FC Sochaux-Montbéliard (A)	0-0	
League	25.11.2006	v AS Monaco FC (H)		
League	09.12.2006	v AS Saint-Etienne (H)		
League	16.12.2006	v CS Sedan-Ardenne (A)		
League	23.12.2006	v AJ Auxerre (H)		
League	13.01.2007	v RC Lens (A)		
League	24.01.2007	v Paris Saint-Germain FC (H)		
League	27.01.2007	v FC Girondins de Bordeaux (A)		
League	03.02.2007	v FC Nantes Atlantique (H)		
League	10.02.2007	v Toulouse FC (A)		
League	17.02.2007	v Olympique Lyonnais (H)		
League	24.02.2007	v OGC Nice (A)		
League	03.03.2007	v ES Troyes Aube Champagne (H)		
League	10.03.2007	v FC Lorient (A)		
League	17.03.2007	v Le Mans UC 72 (H)		
League	01.04.2007	v Valenciennes FC (H)		
League	07.04.2007	v Olympique de Marseille (A)		
League	14.04.2007	v FC Sochaux-Montbéliard (H)		
League	21.04.2007	v AS Monaco FC (A)		
League	28.04.2007	v AS Nancy-Lorraine (H)		
League	05.05.2007	v AS Saint-Etienne (A)		

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Rank	Clubs	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1	Olympique Lyonnais	14	12	1	1	30	10	37
2	LOSC Lille Métropole	14	7	4	3	20	12	25
3	RC Lens	14	7	4	3	21	14	25
4	AS Nancy-Lorraine	14	7	4	3	13	9	25
5	AS Saint-Etienne	14	7	3	4	23	18	24
6	Olympique de Marseille	14	7	2	5	20	13	23
7	FC Sochaux-Montbéliard	14	6	5	3	17	15	23
8	FC Girondins de Bordeaux	14	7	1	6	18	17	22
9	Toulouse FC	14	6	3	5	19	18	21
10	FC Lorient	14	5	5	4	15	15	20
11	Le Mans UC 72	14	4	7	3	18	19	19
12	Stade Rennais FC	14	4	5	5	11	13	17
13	AJ Auxerre	14	4	5	5	14	18	17
14	Paris Saint-Germain FC	14	4	4	6	15	19	16
15	Valenciennes FC	14	4	2	8	13	21	14
16	AS Monaco FC	14	3	3	8	15	18	12
17	OGC Nice	14	3	3	8	12	17	12
18	FC Nantes Atlantique	14	2	5	7	11	20	11
19	ES Troyes Aube Champagne	14	2	4	8	12	21	10
20	CS Sedan-Ardenne	14	1	6	7	16	26	9

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Domestic information

RSC Anderlecht (League)

	Date	Opponent	Res	Lineups
League	05.11.2006	v R. Standard de Liège (A)	0-0	Zítka, De Man, Deschacht, Van Damme, Vanden Borre, Biglia, Boussoufa (Mbo Mpenza 75), Goor, Ahmed Hassan, Serhat (Legear 80), Tchite
League	11.11.2006	v Cercle Brugge KSV (H)	2-0	Zítka, De Man, Deschacht, Van Damme, Vanden Borre, Biglia (Leiva 85), Boussoufa, Ahmed Hassan, Serhat (Legear 74), Mbo Mpenza (Mbokani Bezua 89), Tchite
League	18.11.2006	v KAA Gent (A)	1-2	Zítka (Schollen 46), De Man, Deschacht, Van Damme, Vanden Borre, Biglia, Boussoufa, Goor, Ahmed Hassan, Mbo Mpenza (Serhat 51), Tchite

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	Date	Opponent	Res	Goalscorers
League	30.07.2006	v K. Sint-Truidense VV (A)	4-2	Goor 52, Own goal, Tchite 89, 90
League	05.08.2006	v KFC Germinal Beerschot Antwerpen (H)	1-0	Ahmed Hassan 51(pen)
League	20.08.2006	v KVC Westerlo (A)	4-3	Tchite 15, 24, 61, Frutos 72(pen)
League	27.08.2006	v Club Brugge KV (H)	1-0	Tchite 55
League	09.09.2006	v R. Excelsior Mouscron (A)	1-1	Goor 47
League	16.09.2006	v KSC Lokeren OV (H)	2-0	Frutos 45, Ahmed Hassan 51
League	22.09.2006	v R. Charleroi SC (A)	1-1	Goor 90
League	30.09.2006	v KRC Genk (H)	1-4	Boussoufa 66
League	14.10.2006	v SV Zulte Waregem (A)	4-0	Frutos 23, 30, Tchite 59, Goor 63
Cup	21.10.2006	v Dessel Sport (H)	5-1	Frutos 17(pen), Ahmed Hassan 30, Tchite 38, 40, Serhat 41
League	28.10.2006	v K. Lierse SK (H)	2-0	Ahmed Hassan 38, 52
League	05.11.2006	v R. Standard de Liège (A)	0-0	
League	11.11.2006	v Cercle Brugge KSV (H)	2-0	Mbo Mpenza 16, Boussoufa 68
League	18.11.2006	v KAA Gent (A)	1-2	Tchite 19
League	25.11.2006	v KSV Roeselare (H)		
League	02.12.2006	v KSK Beveren (A)		
League	09.12.2006	v FC Molenbeek Brussels Strombeek (A)		
League	16.12.2006	v RAEC Mons (H)		
League	20.01.2007	v K. Sint-Truidense VV (H)		
League	27.01.2007	v KFC Germinal Beerschot Antwerpen (A)		
League	03.02.2007	v KVC Westerlo (H)		
League	10.02.2007	v Club Brugge KV (A)		
League	17.02.2007	v R. Excelsior Mouscron (H)		
League	24.02.2007	v KSC Lokeren OV (A)		
League	03.03.2007	v R. Charleroi SC (H)		
League	10.03.2007	v KRC Genk (A)		
League	17.03.2007	v SV Zulte Waregem (H)		
League	31.03.2007	v K. Lierse SK (A)		
League	07.04.2007	v R. Standard de Liège (H)		
League	14.04.2007	v Cercle Brugge KSV (A)		
League	21.04.2007	v KAA Gent (H)		
League	28.04.2007	v KSV Roeselare (A)		
League	05.05.2007	v KSK Beveren (H)		
League	12.05.2007	v FC Molenbeek Brussels Strombeek (H)		

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Rank	Clubs	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1	KRC Genk	13	10	3	0	31	9	33
2	RSC Anderlecht	13	8	3	2	24	13	27
3	Club Brugge KV	13	7	3	3	25	12	24
4	R. Charleroi SC	13	6	4	3	17	15	22
5	R. Standard de Liège	13	6	3	4	20	15	21
6	KVC Westerlo	13	6	3	4	20	17	21
7	CAA Gent	13	6	3	4	20	21	21
8	KFC Germinal Beerschot Antwerpen	13	5	4	4	16	16	19
9	KSV Roeselare	13	4	4	5	21	23	16
10	R. Excelsior Mouscron	13	4	4	5	19	23	16
11	FC Molenbeek Brussels Strombeek	13	3	6	4	13	14	15
12	KSC Lokeren OV	13	3	6	4	12	16	15
13	Cercle Brugge KSV	13	4	2	7	12	14	14
14	KSK Beveren	13	4	2	7	11	19	14
15	SV Zulte Waregem	13	3	5	5	16	19	14
16	K. Sint-Truidense VV	13	4	1	8	17	21	13
17	RAEC Mons	13	3	4	6	11	17	13
18	K. Lierse SK	13	0	2	11	6	27	2

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Match officials

Referee	Tom Henning Øvrebø (NOR)
Assistant referees	Erik Raestad (NOR), Geir Åge Holen (NOR)
Fourth official	Per Ivar Staberg (NOR)
UEFA Delegate	Wolfgang Wassmund (GER)

Referee

Name	Nat.	DoB	UCL	UEFA
Tom Henning Øvrebø	NOR	26.06.1966	8	31

Tom Henning Øvrebø is the latest referee from Norway to establish himself among the European élite, and is hoping to emulate his compatriot and good friend Terje Hauge in reaching the highest levels of the UEFA referee sector. He has twice acted as fourth official as Hauge has refereed major showpiece events, namely the 2004 UEFA Super Cup and the 2005/06 UEFA Champions League final. He was back in the middle for Matchday 1 of the 2006/07 edition, as FC Porto were held 0-0 at home by PFC CSKA Moskva.

Øvrebø, based in the Norwegian capital Oslo, decided that the whistle and notebook were for him at the age of 14, and progressed through the leagues in Norway. His first top-flight appearance came on 20 September 1992 in the match between Ham-Kam Fotball and Sogndal IL and he was considered ready to receive his FIFA badge at the start of 1994, making his European bow in the UEFA European Women's Championship later that year and progressing into the European youth and club competitions, where he has been a regular ever since.

In 2000, he took part in the UEFA European Under-18 Championship in Germany and, in 2002, he refereed the final of the UEFA European U21 Championship final between France and the Czech Republic. In between, in 2001, he made his first appearance in the UEFA Champions League and has been a regular since, not least in the 2005/06 campaign when he was the man in the middle for the group-stage encounter between FC Bayern München and Club Brugge KV as well as four UEFA Cup games. He also took charge of three 2006 FIFA World Cup qualifiers.

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

Date	Comp.	Stage	Match	Res	Venue
09.08.2000	UCL	QR3	RSC Anderlecht-FC Porto	1-0	Brussels
26.09.2001	UCL	GS1	FC Nantes Atlantique-Galatasaray SK	0-1	Nantes
22.10.2003	UCL	GS1	AC Milan-Club Brugge KV	0-1	Milan
11.08.2004	UCL	QR3	FC Shakhtar Donetsk-Club Brugge KV	4-1	Donetsk
24.11.2004	UCL	GS	RSC Anderlecht-Valencia CF	1-2	Brussels
27.09.2005	UCL	GS	FC Bayern München-Club Brugge KV	1-0	Munich
18.10.2006	UCL	GS	FC Girondins de Bordeaux-Liverpool FC	0-1	Bordeaux

UEFA Champions League Other matches

Date	Comp.	Stage	Match	Res	Venue
23.07.1997	UCL	QR1	FC Lantana-FC Jazz	0-2	Tallinn
21.07.1999	UCL	QR1	FC Flora-FK Partizan	1-4	Tallinn
01.10.2002	UCL	GS1	Feyenoord-FC Dynamo Kyiv	0-0	Rotterdam
12.11.2002	UCL	GS1	Arsenal FC-PSV Eindhoven	0-0	London
09.08.2005	UCL	QR3	Everton FC-Villarreal CF	1-2	Liverpool
09.08.2006	UCL	QR3	Hamburger SV-CA Osasuna	0-0	Hamburg
13.09.2006	UCL	GS	FC Porto-PFC CSKA Moskva	0-0	Porto

Other matches

Date	Comp.	Stage	Match	Res	Venue
15.06.1994	WCHAMP	QR	Sweden-Slovakia	6-0	

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Date	Comp.	Stage	Match	Res	Venue
19.10.1994	U18	PR	Finland-Spain	3-5	
13.11.1994	U18	PR	England-Slovenia	3-0	
24.06.1995	UIC	GS - FT	Bohemian FC-Odense BK	0-2	Dublin
06.09.1995	EURO	PR	Latvia-Liechtenstein	1-0	Liepaja
23.10.1995	U16	QR	England-Belgium	1-0	
15.10.1996	U18	PR	Scotland-Lithuania	1-1	
19.10.1996	U18	PR	Lithuania-Wales	4-2	
09.09.1997	U21	QR	Lithuania-Republic of Ireland	2-1	Alytus
02.10.1997	UCWC	R1	FC Dinaburg-AEK Athens FC	2-4	Liepaja
20.10.1997	U18	PR	Moldova-Azerbaijan	1-0	
13.08.1998	UCWC	QR	Glentoran FC-Maccabi Haifa FC	0-1	Belfast
17.09.1998	UCWC	R1	Besiktas JK-FC Spartak Trnava	3-0	Istanbul
04.06.1999	U21	QR	Spain-Netherlands	4-1	Soria
04.09.1999	EURO	PR	Belarus-Wales	1-2	Minsk
16.09.1999	UCUP	R1	Grazer AK-FC Spartak Trnava	3-0	Graz
08.10.1999	U21	QR	F.Y.R. Macedonia-Republic of Ireland	0-1	Ohrid
17.07.2000	U18	GS - FT	Germany-Ukraine	0-1	Mannheim
21.07.2000	U18	GS - FT	Finland-Czech Republic	2-3	Nordlingen
23.07.2000	U18	P-O 3rd	Germany-Czech Republic	3-1	Aichach
14.09.2000	UCUP	R1	Leicester City FC-FK Crvena Zvezda	1-1	Leicester
26.10.2000	UCUP	R2	FC Girondins de Bordeaux-Celtic FC	1-1	Bordeaux
24.03.2001	WC	QR	Bosnia-Herzegovina-Austria	1-1	Sarajevo
07.08.2001	UIC	F	ES Troyes Aube Champagne-Newcastle United FC	0-0	Troyes
01.11.2001	UCUP	R2	Valencia CF-Legia Warszawa	6-1	Valencia
10.11.2001	U21	P-O	Poland-Italy	2-5	Warsaw
20.05.2002	U21	GS - FT	Portugal-Switzerland	0-2	Zurich
28.05.2002	U21	F	France-Czech Republic	0-0*(1-3)	Basle
07.08.2002	UIC	SF	FK Teplice-Bologna FC	1-3	Teplice
10.12.2002	UCUP	R3	FC Schalke 04-Wisla Kraków	1-4	Gelsenkirchen
30.04.2003	EURO	QR	Georgia-Russia	1-0	Tbilisi
07.06.2003	EURO	QR	Belarus-Netherlands	0-2	Minsk
11.10.2003	EURO	QR	Cyprus-Slovenia	2-2	Limassol
06.11.2003	UCUP	R2	FC Basel 1893-Newcastle United FC	2-3	Basle
03.03.2004	UCUP	R3	FK Teplice-Celtic FC	1-0	Teplice
11.03.2004	UCUP	R4	Gençlerbirliği SK-Valencia CF	1-0	Ankara
08.09.2004	WC	QR	Hungary-Iceland	3-2	Budapest
30.09.2004	UCUP	R1	Athletic Club Bilbao-Trabzonspor	2-0	Bilbao
24.02.2005	UCUP	1/16	Sevilla FC-Panathinaikos FC	2-0	Sevilla
30.03.2005	WC	QR	F.Y.R. Macedonia-Romania	1-2	Skopje
03.09.2005	WC	QR	Georgia-Ukraine	1-1	Tbilisi
15.12.2005	UCUP	GS	RC Lens-UC Sampdoria	2-1	Lens
23.02.2006	UCUP	1/16	RCD Espanyol-FC Schalke 04	0-3	Barcelona
15.03.2006	UCUP	1/8	AS Roma-Middlesbrough FC	2-1	Rome
20.04.2006	UCUP	SF	FC Schalke 04-Sevilla FC	0-0	Gelsenkirchen
07.10.2006	EURO	QR	Bulgaria-Netherlands	1-1	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

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