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AEK Athens FC were delighted to celebrate a first UEFA Champions League group stage victory at the 22nd time of asking with a 1-0 win over LOSC Lille Métropole on 1 November. With AC Milan all but assured of a qualifying place, AEK will now be looking for another good result to increase their own chances of making it through to the knockout rounds when the sides meet in the Greek capital. The other game in Group H pits Lille against RSC Anderlecht.

Close contest

- AEK are in third place in the section on four points, one behind Lille and two ahead of Anderlecht. Milan, on ten points, would already be assured of their ticket to the next phase were it not for the Greek Super League runners-up claiming their first-ever win in the competition.

- That result followed Nikolaos Liberopoulos' powerful shot from distance with 16 minutes left which finally broke the resistance of a determined Lille side who lost defender Efstathios Tavlaridis midway through the first half to a red card. It also guarantees a thrilling finale to the section with AEK finishing their group campaign away to Anderlecht.

- The game at San Siro on Matchday 1 between these sides comfortably went the way of the home team with first-half headers from Filippo Inzaghi and Yoann Gourcuff putting Milan well in charge. A late Kaká penalty then ensured the six-time winners of the European Champion Clubs' Cup a 3-0 win and convincing start to the campaign.

Milan masterful

- The result on 13 September continued Milan's sequence of never having lost to Greek sides in UEFA competition. In three visits to Greece they have always returned with honours shared.

- These sides had previously met on one occasion before this season. In the 1994/95 UEFA Champions League group stage it finished 0-0 in Athens with AEK going down 2-1 in the return, a fixture that took place in Trieste.

- The last four occasions in which AEK have hosted opposition from Italy all ended in draws. Before that the visiting sides twice celebrated victory and only FC Internazionale Milano experienced defeat. That fixture, AEK's first at home against Italian visitors in UEFA competition, in the first round of the 1971/72 European Champion Clubs' Cup ended 3-2 to the Greek side.

- All AEK's points in this section have come from their home games - on Matchday 2 they drew 1-1 with Anderlecht, hitting back after Nicolas Frutos had shot the visitors ahead to equalise through Júlio César. Milan's previous two away games in the group saw them draw 0-0 in Lille before securing a 1-0 win at the home of Anderlecht following Kaká's memorable second-half strike.

- On 1 November, the Rossoneri achieved their second three-goal victory in the section when they saw off Anderlecht's challenge at San Siro 4-1 thanks to Kaká's 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. After Anderlecht pulled one back, Alberto Gilardino completed the scoring for Carlo Ancelotti's men.



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Team facts

UEFA club competition milestones

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

UEFA club competition honours

• No participations recorded in a UEFA club competition final.

Ten-year record (including current season)

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

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

1998/99: UEFA Cup - second round

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

2000/01: UEFA Cup - fourth round

2001/02: UEFA Cup - fourth round

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

2003/04: UEFA Champions League - group stage

2004/05: UEFA Cup - group stage

2005/06: UEFA Cup - first round

2006/07: UEFA Champions League - group stage

2005/06 season

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

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

Key facts

• AEK have played 58 games in the European Cup/UEFA Champions League, including qualifying. They have won 15 times, drawn 19 and lost 24, scoring 67 goals and conceding 90. In the UEFA Champions League (group stage to final only), AEK's record reads: one win, eleven draws, ten defeats, 14 goals scored and 34 conceded.

• The Greek side have played a total of 156 games in UEFA club competition, winning 55, drawing 36 and losing 65. They have scored 215 goals and conceded 231.

Records

UEFA club competition

• Biggest win

6-0: AEK Athens FC v CS Grevenmacher

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

• Biggest home win

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

• Biggest away win

1-4: Maccabi Haifa FC v AEK Athens FC

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

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- Heaviest defeat

5-0: FC Barcelona v AEK Athens FC

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

5-0: Real Madrid CF v AEK Athens FC

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

5-0: 1. FC Köln v AEK Athens FC

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

7-2: AS Monaco v AEK Athens FC

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

- Heaviest home defeat

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

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

- Heaviest away defeat

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

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

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

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

UEFA Champions League (group stage to final only)

- Biggest win

1-0: AEK Athens FC v LOSC Lille Métropole

01.11.2006, 2006/07 UEFA Champions League, group stage

- Biggest home win

1-0: AEK Athens FC v LOSC Lille Métropole (see above for details)

- Biggest away win

No victories recorded to date in the competition

- Heaviest defeat

4-0: AS Monaco FC v AEK Athens FC

30.09.2003, 2003/04 UEFA Champions League, group stage

- Heaviest home defeat

1-3: AEK Athens FC v SV Austria Salzburg

23.11.1994, 1994/95 UEFA Champions League, group stage

- Heaviest away defeat

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

UEFA club competition milestones

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

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

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UEFA club competition honours

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

Ten-year record (including current season)

- Milan are making their fifth successive appearance in the UEFA Champions League and their seventh in eight seasons. They got past FK Crvena Zvezda in the third qualifying round to reach this stage.

1997/98: Did not compete in UEFA club competition

1998/99: Did not compete in UEFA club competition

1999/00: UEFA Champions League - first group stage

2000/01: UEFA Champions League - second group stage

2001/02: UEFA Cup - semi-finals

2002/03: UEFA Champions League - winners

2003/04: UEFA Champions League - quarter-finals

2004/05: UEFA Champions League - runners-up

2005/06: UEFA Champions League - semi-finals

2006/07: UEFA Champions League - group stage

2005/06 season

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

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

Key facts

- Milan have played a total of 300 matches in UEFA club competition, in which they have won 162, drawn 69 and lost 69, with 504 goals scored and 261 conceded.

- In the European Champion Clubs' Cup/UEFA Champions League, Milan have played 189 games, winning 104, drawing 44 and losing 41. They have scored 337 goals and conceded 159. While in the UEFA Champions League (group stage to final), Milan's record reads: played 106, won 54, drawn 30, lost 22 with 156 goals scored and 84 conceded.

Records

UEFA club competition

- Biggest win

8-0: AC Milan v US Luxembourg

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

- Biggest home win

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

- Biggest away win

0-6: FC København v AC Milan

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

0-6: US Luxembourg v AC Milan

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

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- Heaviest defeat

6-0: AFC Ajax v AC Milan

09.01.1974, 1973 UEFA Super Cup, final, second leg

- Heaviest home defeat

0-2: AC Milan v AFC Ajax

23.11.1994, 1994/95 UEFA Champions League, group stage

0-2 AC Milan v Parma AC

02.02.1994, 1993 UEFA Super Cup, final, second leg

0-2: AC Milan v RCD Español

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

0-2: AC Milan v FC Barcelona

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

- Heaviest away defeat

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

UEFA Champions League (group stage to final only)

- Biggest win

0-4: Fenerbahçe SK v AC Milan

23.11.2005, 2005/06 UEFA Champions League, group stage

4-0: AC Milan v FC Shakhtar Donetsk

24.11.2004, 2004/05 UEFA Champions League, group stage

0-4: RC Deportivo La Coruña v AC Milan

24.09.2002, 2002/03 UEFA Champions League, group stage

4-0: AC Milan v FC Barcelona

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

4-0: AC Milan v IFK Göteborg

25.11.1992, 1992/93 UEFA Champions League, group stage

- Biggest home win

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

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

- Biggest away win

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

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

- Heaviest defeat

4-0: RC Deportivo La Coruña v AC Milan

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

- Heaviest home defeat

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

- Heaviest away defeat

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

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Match facts

AEK

• **Nikolaos Liberopoulos** is the AEK player with the most experience in the UEFA Champions League, having featured 35 times in the competition proper, seven more than team-mate **Emerson**. Only **Akis Zikos** (19), **Júlio César** (13) and **Vassilios Lakis** (12) have also made ten or more appearances.

• Although AEK are appearing in the group stage for the first time in three years, a number of players have widespread experience in UEFA club competition. **Liberopoulos** leads the way on 68 appearances with **Zikos** (57) second in the list. **Lakis**, meanwhile, could make his 50th European appearance this season as he has 48 to his name to date; the landmark could be achieved away to Anderlecht on Matchday 6.

• Unsurprisingly **Liberopoulos** is AEK's top scorer in UEFA club competition with 15 goals to his name, including the winner against Lille three weeks ago that gave the Greek side a first ever UEFA Champions League victory. That was only his third goal in the competition, however, the same as both **Emerson** and **Andrija Delibašić**.

• Three AEK players have scored in this season's UEFA Champions League: **Vladimir Ivić**, **Júlio César** and **Liberopoulos**.

• Twelve AEK players have had their first taste of action in the UEFA Champions League proper this season: **Stefano Sorrentino**, **Bruno Cirillo**, **Martin Pautasso**, **Stavros Tziortziopoulos**, **Socratis Papastathopoulos**, **Ifeanyi Udeze**, **Ilias Kiriakidis**, **Panagiotis Lagos**, **Perparim Hetemaj**, **Daniel Tözsér** and **Pantelis Kapetanios**. **Gustavo Manduca**, meanwhile, came on as a second-half substitute against Lille three weeks ago for his competition debut.

• **Papastathopoulos** made his debut at Lille before he had played for AEK in the Super League.

• Goalkeeper **Sorrentino** and his fellow Italian, central defender **Cirillo**, are the only members of the AEK squad who have played all 360 minutes of this season's Group H campaign.

• **Liberopoulos** has been caught offside five times so far, seven fewer than Francesco Totti.

• **Liberopoulos** has committed eleven fouls in his first four games, six fewer than the most penalised player after Matchday 4, Florent Malouda. The AEK striker has also been impeded 12 times, with Ronaldinho and Shunsuke Nakamura leading the way in that regard with 12.

• Only FC Girondins de Bordeaux, with ten, have had fewer shots on goal than AEK's total of eleven.

• AEK recorded a 4-1 victory against Kerkira FC on Saturday in the Olympic Stadium. AEK were forced to come from behind after Gustavo Veronesi scored an early free-kick, replying in kind with a set-piece of their own by **Júlio César**. Midway through the half Kerkira's Grigorios Toskas was dismissed for bringing down Leonidas Kabantais and **Liberopoulos** converted the resulting spot-kick. Another penalty before the break was scored by **Manduca** before Liberopoulos rounded off a sixth successive league win with a fine volley early in the second period.

• AEK were missing three full-backs due to injuries - **Nikolaos Georgeas**, **Pautasso** and **Udeze** - forcing coach Lorenzo Serra Ferrer to deploy midfielder **Vassilios Pliatsikas** at right-back.

• Following his team's fourth goal against Kerkira, Serra Ferrer opted to bring off **Júlio César** and **Manduca** as a precaution ahead of the encounter against Milan, putting on **Tözsér** and **Panagiotis Kone** respectively.

• **Serra Ferrer** said: "I enjoyed the match and the attacking efforts of my players. The fact that we have scored nine goals in our last two encounters will boost my players' confidence ahead of the match against Milan. Milan are a great

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team, but in football anything can happen on the pitch. Our team is constantly improving and I am sure that the match will be of high quality."

- A number of AEK players have been troubled by injury problems with **Lagos** (achilles), **Udeze** (knee), **Georgeas** (thigh) and **Ivić** (hamstring) all currently in the treatment room.
- In 18 matches in all competitions AEK coach Serra Ferrer has used 27 players, with 13 of them getting their name on the scoresheet this season.
- AEK have the best attack in the Greek Super League with 23 goals in eleven games and the second best defence, conceding just seven goals, one more than Olympiacos CFP.
- Central defender **Traianos Dellas** started Greece's 1-0 friendly defeat against France in Paris before being replaced midway through the second period. **Liberopoulos** and **Panagiotis Lagos** played for the last half-hour.
- Midfielder **Kone** came on as a second-half substitute in Greece's Under-21 friendly against Romania in Bucharest. Greece lost 1-0.
- Central defender **Papastathopoulos** played all 90 minutes of the Greek Under-19 side's 5-1 victory against Finland in Athens.
- Left-back **Udeze** will miss the Milan game because of injuries. He underwent surgery for a cartilage problem in his left knee and is expected to be playing again in mid-December. Argentinian **Pautasso** had been sidelined since the end of October with a partial tear of the right knee ligament but is fit again.
- **Georgeas** will not feature against Milan as he was injured in the league encounter against Larissa FC on 12 November.
- AEK were eliminated from the fourth round of the Greek Cup on 9 November after losing to second division Chaidari 5-4 in a penalty shoot-out after a goalless 120 minutes. **Miltiadis Sapanis** and **Vangelis Moras** missed their penalties for an AEK side who were without several key players as Serra Ferrer opted to rotate his squad. AEK reached the final of last season's competition before losing 3-0 to Olympiacos CFP.
- After overcoming Lille, AEK recorded a 3-1 league victory away to Aris Thessaloniki FC on 5 November. The Athens side were trailing 1-0 but goals by **Liberopoulos**, **Júlio César** and **Leonidas Kabantais** ensured they claimed the three points.
- AEK responded to their Greek Cup elimination with an emphatic 5-0 victory against Larissa, extending their run of consecutive league wins to five. **Manduca** scored an early opener and **Liberopoulos** doubled AEK's lead after half-time. In the last few minutes, **Lagos**, **Stavros Tziortziopoulos** and **Kabantais** added further goals for the home side, with both **Lagos** and **Tziortziopoulos** scoring their first goals of the season.
- AEK had not scored five or more goals in a match since 9 November 2003, when they recorded a 7-2 league victory away to Akrotiris FC.
- "We were all suffering from the big disappointment of the Greek Cup elimination, but we managed to get over it with dignity," said **Serra Ferrer**. "That's the way that great teams are built. You can't win forever but you have to get over the obstacles as soon as you can."
- **Dellas** added: "We want to shine in the league in order to play in the UEFA Champions League again next season. We are after one of the top two league positions. Our aim is to finish as champions and that is what we will fight for until the end. In the UEFA Champions League, we can get through to the next stage. We just need to play as a team and remain focused."

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Milan

- **Cafu** made his 50th UEFA Champions League appearance against Lille on Matchday 2, the eleventh Milan player to achieve that feat. **Paolo Maldini**, meanwhile, is two games away from his century in the competition.
- **Maldini** also leads the way in terms of UEFA club competition appearances having played 161 times. **Alessandro Costacurta** (120 appearances) and **Clarence Seedorf** (116) have also passed the century mark while **Alessandro Nesta** could reach the landmark this season provided Milan reach the final and he plays every game; he is currently on 91 appearances.
- **Filippo Inzaghi** is Milan's top scorer both in the UEFA Champions League and UEFA club competition overall with 35 goals in the former and 55 goals in total. **Kaká** is next with 16 goals, all of which have come in the UEFA Champions League.
- **Yoann Gourcuff** made his debut in the UEFA Champions League group stage on Matchday 1 and marked the occasion with the second goal against AEK. It was the former Stade Rennais FC midfielder's seventh European appearance and his first goal, although he had to wait for the Matchday 4 meeting with Anderlecht to make his second appearance.
- **Daniele Bonera** made a less successful first UEFA Champions League appearance on Matchday 3 as he was sent off for a second bookable offence early in the second half and was suspended for the return fixture with Anderlecht.
- **Kaká** is the joint leading scorer in this season's UEFA Champions League after four matches; Didier Drogba also has five goals to his name.
- **Alberto Gilardino**'s goal on Matchday 4 was his first in the competition in his ninth appearance.
- **Kaká** has had eleven shots on goal so far, the most in the competition.
- **Clarence Seedorf** has had seven shots wide after four games, five less than Boubacar Sanogo who has had the most.
- **Inzaghi** has been caught offside five times in the first four games, with Francesco Totti having been penalised on 12 occasions.
- **Gennaro Gattuso** has committed 12 fouls after Matchday 4, five fewer than the most penalised player in the competition, Florent Malouda. The Milan midfielder has also been impeded on nine occasions.
- Milan have had a total of 57 shots so far, four fewer than Real Madrid CF, who have had the most.
- With an average of 34 minutes of possession per game, only Arsenal FC have surpassed Milan's average of 33 minutes in each match.
- Roland Juhász's goal for Anderlecht on Matchday 4 was the first Milan had conceded in this season's competition.
- **Dario Šimić** was 31 on 12 November.
- **Costacurta** will become the oldest player to compete in the UEFA Champions League if he plays against AEK. The veteran defender will be aged 40 years and 211 days, 94 days older than current record holder, Club Brugge KV goalkeeper **Dany Verlinden** when he played the full 90 minutes against AFC Ajax on 9 December 2003.

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- **Laurent Blanc** is currently the oldest player to score in the competition, aged 36 years and 339 days having found the net for Manchester United FC in their 3-2 defeat of Olympiacos CFP on 23 October 2002.
- **Costacurta** has only scored twice in 456 league appearances for Milan, his last goal coming in the 1991/92 season. He has also never scored in 64 UEFA Champions League outings, or in 120 UEFA club competition matches. No outfield player has ever played as many UEFA games without finding the net.
- In terms of UEFA Champions League outfield players, only former Milan team-mate **Michael Reiziger** of PSV Eindhoven (73) and current colleague **Nesta** (66) have played more games without scoring. Nesta did find the net, however, in the 2003 final shoot-out as Milan beat Juventus 3-2 on penalties after a goalless draw in Manchester.
- The defender made his first Serie A outing since 17 September on Saturday as Milan were held 0-0 away against Empoli FC. The Rossoneri were the better side for much of the game with **Ricardo Oliveira** twice seeing efforts come back off the frame of the goal in the first half.
- The match earned Milan only their fourth point in six league games. They have not recorded consecutive victories since 20 September.
- Coach **Carlo Ancelotti** said: "Our bad luck is continuing, but we played well and created many opportunities to score whilst conceding only a few to Empoli. I think it is a step forward compared to our recent performances but we are still not achieving as much as we should."
- Ancelotti was without six players on Saturday as **Kakha Kaladze** (thigh), **Gattuso** (knee), **Giuseppe Favalli** (knee), **Massimo Ambrosini** (thigh), **Nesta** (shoulder) and **Serginho** (hernia) were all ruled out with injuries. Three veteran defenders started in defence with **Cafu** (36), **Costacurta** (40) and **Maldini** (38) all in the back four.
- **Seedorf** is the only Milan player to have appeared in all 19 of Milan's games so far this season. **Dida** and **Kaká** have played in every match except the Coppa Italia encounter against Brescia Calcio on 8 November.
- AC Milan lost 2-1 at home against AS Roma on 11 November. Francesco Totti gave the visitors an early lead and, although **Cristian Brocchi** equalised for the Rossoneri in the second half with a powerful right foot shot from long distance, Totti scored again towards the end.
- With **Kaladze** (thigh), **Serginho** (back), **Favalli** (knee) and **Gattuso** (knee) out with injuries, **Carlo Ancelotti** fielded **Šimić**, **Nesta**, **Maldini** and **Marek Jankulovski** in defence. **Brocchi** and **Seedorf** played alongside **Pirlo** in midfield, while **Kaká** supported **Oliveira** and **Gilardino** in attack.
- **Ancelotti** said: "From our results at the moment, you can see we are going through a bad patch. We are not doing enough and have to change something. However, I'm sure we will soon find a solution to all our problems."
- The defeat against Roma was the fourth in the last five Serie A games for the Rossoneri and the third consecutive reverse at home after losses against US Città di Palermo (0-2) and FC Internazionale Milano (3-4).
- Last season Milan were undefeated in the league at San Siro. They won 18 of their 19 Serie A games and drew once against UC Sampdoria.
- Milan had not lost three times in a row since the 1997/98 Serie A season and had not lost three times in a row at home for more than 60 years.
- **Brocchi's** goal against Roma was his first in Serie A this season. He had already scored three days earlier in the Coppa Italia game against Brescia Calcio.

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• Milan came from two goals down to defeat Serie B side Brescia 4-2 in the first leg of their Coppa Italia last-16 tie at San Siro on 8 November. Matteo Serafini and Luis Maria Alfageme scored the visitors' goals in the first half before **Marco Borriello** began the revival with a header on the hour. **Brocchi** soon equalised and **Inzaghi** made it three with a volley from **Cafu's** corner. **Borriello** scored his second of the night in the closing stages.

• **Ancelotti** rested several players and fielded a 4-3-1-2 formation with **Cafu**, **Bonera**, **Costacurta** and **Favalli** in defence in front of goalkeeper **Zeljko Kalac**. **Matteo Lunati**, **Brocchi** and **Gourcuff** played in midfield while **Seedorf** supported **Borriello** and **Oliveira**.

• "I was irritated at half-time," said **Ancelotti**. "I liked our reaction but it is time for us to start playing from the start and not just react when we go a goal down. We have to improve the quality of our game. I liked our performance in the second half and I hope the victory will help to raise our morale."

• The game against Brescia was the first start of the season for Australia goalkeeper **Kalac**. He joined Milan in summer 2005 and played twice in Serie A last season.

• In the same game 19-year-old midfielder **Lunati** made his first appearance for the Rossoneri. He joined Milan from Serie C2 side Spal 1907 last summer.

• **Luca Antonelli** also made his debut against Brescia, coming on for **Lunati** at half-time. He is a product of Milan's youth system.

• The two goals against Brescia were the first for striker **Borriello** this season. The 24-year-old is yet to score in Serie A for the Rossoneri having made a total of ten appearances in three seasons.

• **Inzaghi's** goal was his first since 13 September. His last had come in the 3-0 win against AEK on Matchday 1.

• On 4 November Milan lost at Atalanta BC. The Bergamo side scored through Nicola Ventola early in the second half. Andrea Soncin added a second in the final seconds when Milan were down to ten men with **Gattuso** damaging his knee after **Ancelotti** had already used his three substitutes. **Gattuso**, along with **Favalli**, is unlikely to figure in the rest of the UEFA Champions League group stage.

• "We have to stop making mistakes and solve our problems," said **Ancelotti**.

• The game at Atalanta was the first away match for French midfielder **Gourcuff** in the Milan shirt. The midfielder had already made home appearances in Serie A and the UEFA Champions League.

• **Šimić** played for the entire 90 minutes as Croatia defeated Israel 4-3 in the UEFA EURO 2008™ qualifier in Tel-Aviv on 15 November. Croatia now lead Group E with ten points from four games.

• **Kaká** played all 90 minutes as captain of Brazil in the 2-1 friendly win away to UEFA EURO 2008™ co-hosts Switzerland in Basle, scoring the decisive goal. **Oliveira** came on as a replacement midway through the second half.

• **Jankulovski** was included in the Czech Republic squad for the friendly game against Denmark in Prague but did not feature in the 1-1 draw.

• **Seedorf** returned to the Netherlands national team for the 1-1 friendly draw against England in Amsterdam. It was the midfielder's first cap since UEFA EURO 2004™ and his first under coach Marco van Basten.

• **Brocchi** made his Italy debut in the friendly game against Turkey, coming off after an hour. **Gilardino** also played from the start in the 1-1 draw in Bergamo and was replaced at half-time.

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• **Kaká, Nesta, Gattuso** and **Pirlo** have all been included in the shortlist for the FIFA World Player of the Year Award on 18 December.

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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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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

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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

Lorenzo Serra Ferrer

Date of birth: 5 March 1953

Nationality: Spanish

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

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

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

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

Carlo Ancelotti

Date of birth: 10 June 1959

Nationality: Italian

Playing career: Parma FC, AS Roma, AC Milan

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

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

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

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

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Squad list

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No	Player	Nat.	DoB	Current Season				All-time					
				UCLQ		UCL		League		UCL		UEFA	
				Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers													
22	Dionisis Chiotis	GRE	04.06.77	1	-	-	-	1	-	8	-	23	-
28	Stefano Sorrentino	ITA	28.03.79	1	-	4	-	10	-	4	-	7	-
84	Ioannis Arabatzis	GRE	28.05.84	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders													
4	Evangelos Moras	GRE	26.08.81	-	-	3	-	8	-	7	-	11	-
5	Bruno Cirillo	ITA	21.03.77	2	-	4	-	11	-	4	-	15	-
13	Martin Pautasso	ARG	17.05.79	2	-	1	-	5	1	1	-	3	-
14	Stavros Tziortziopoulos	GRE	15.08.78	2	-	1	-	3	1	1	-	12	1
15	Socratis Papastathopoulos	GRE	09.06.88	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
24	Ifeanyi Udezue	NGA	21.07.80	-	-	2	-	3	-	2	-	30	1
31	Nikolaos Georgeas	GRE	27.12.76	2	-	3	-	10	-	7	-	24	-
55	Traianos Dellas	GRE	31.01.76	2	-	2	-	5	1	9	-	24	1
Midfielders													
7	Ilias Kiriakidis	GRE	05.08.85	-	-	3	-	3	-	3	-	4	-
10	Panagiotis Kone	GRE	26.07.87	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
16	Akis Zikos	GRE	01.06.74	-	-	2	-	6	-	19	-	57	2
17	Vladimir Ivić	SCG	07.05.77	2	-	2	1	5	-	4	1	37	9
19	Panagiotis Lagos	GRE	18.07.85	2	-	2	-	10	1	2	-	4	-
23	Vassilios Lakis	GRE	10.09.76	2	-	2	-	6	2	12	1	48	7
25	Emerson	BRA	12.04.72	2	-	3	-	9	-	28	3	38	3
56	Perparim Hetemaj	FIN	12.12.86	-	-	2	-	4	-	2	-	2	-
88	Dániel Tózsér	HUN	12.05.85	1	-	4	-	5	1	4	-	14	1
Forwards													
9	Andrija Delibašić	SCG	24.04.81	-	-	3	-	8	1	8	3	18	6
11	Gustavo Manduca	BRA	08.06.80	-	-	1	-	8	3	1	-	4	1
33	Nikos Liberopoulos	GRE	04.08.75	2	1	4	1	11	7	35	3	68	15
35	Pantelis Kapetanios	GRE	08.06.83	2	1	3	-	4	-	3	-	6	1
99	Júlio César	BRA	26.02.80	2	2	4	1	11	3	13	2	19	5
Coach													
	Lorenzo Serra Ferrer	ESP	05.03.53	2	-	4	-	-	-	16	-	32	-

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Squad list

Milan

No	Player	Nat.	DoB	Current Season						All-time			
				UCLQ		UCL		League		UCL		UEFA	
				Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers													
1	Dida	BRA	07.10.73	2	-	4	-	12	-	56	-	63	-
16	Zeljko Kalac	AUS	16.12.72	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	25	-
29	Valerio Fiori	ITA	27.04.69	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-
Defenders													
2	Cafu	BRA	07.06.70	2	-	4	-	8	-	52	2	77	2
3	Paolo Maldini	ITA	26.06.68	-	-	2	-	9	-	98	2	161	3
4	Kakha Kaladze	GEO	27.02.78	-	-	2	-	7	1	56	3	90	3
5	Alessandro Costacurta	ITA	24.04.66	2	-	-	-	2	-	64	-	120	-
13	Alessandro Nesta	ITA	19.03.76	-	-	3	-	8	-	66	-	91	1
17	Dario Šimić	CRO	12.11.75	2	-	2	-	5	-	24	-	57	3
18	Marek Jankulovski	CZE	09.05.77	-	-	4	-	11	2	6	-	10	-
19	Giuseppe Favalli	ITA	08.01.72	1	-	1	-	3	-	32	1	71	2
25	Daniele Bonera	ITA	31.05.81	-	-	1	-	5	-	1	-	24	-
27	Serginho	BRA	27.06.71	2	-	-	-	1	-	50	2	64	3
31	Luca Antonelli	ITA	11.02.87	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
32	Cristian Brocchi	ITA	30.01.76	1	-	3	-	8	1	15	-	26	-
36	Matteo Darmiani	ITA	02.12.89	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Midfielders													
8	Gennaro Gattuso	ITA	09.01.78	2	-	4	-	9	-	58	1	83	3
10	Clarence Seedorf	NED	01.04.76	2	1	4	-	12	2	86	6	116	10
20	Yoann Gourcuff	FRA	11.07.86	1	-	2	1	3	-	2	1	8	1
21	Andrea Pirlo	ITA	19.05.79	2	-	3	-	11	-	53	3	72	3
22	Kaká	BRA	22.04.82	2	-	4	5	12	2	39	16	42	16
23	Massimo Ambrosini	ITA	29.05.77	2	-	2	-	6	-	45	2	65	2
28	Alex Guerri	ITA	31.07.89	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Forwards													
7	Ricardo Oliveira	BRA	06.05.80	-	-	3	-	11	1	7	1	14	4
9	Filippo Inzaghi	ITA	09.08.73	2	2	3	1	10	1	59	35	86	55
11	Alberto Gilardino	ITA	05.07.82	2	-	3	1	10	1	13	1	29	5
15	Marco Borriello	ITA	18.06.82	1	-	-	-	4	-	2	-	5	-
Coach													
	Carlo Ancelotti	ITA	10.06.59	2	-	4	-	-	-	55	-	77	-

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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 (Kapetanos 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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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

AEK Athens FC (Ethniki Kategoria)

	Date	Opponent	Res	Lineups
Cup	09.11.2006	v Haidari (A)	0-0	Chiotis, Pliatsikas (Georgeas 46), Papastathopoulos, Moras, Kiriakidis, Lagos, Sapanis, Lakis (Júlio César 68), Hetemaj, Kapetanios (Liberopoulos 46), Delibašić
League	12.11.2006	v Larissa FC (H)	5-0	Sorrentino, Georgeas (Moras 34), Cirillo, Dellas, Tziortziopoulos, Zikos, Emerson, Kampantais, Manduca (Lakis 70), Liberopoulos, Júlio César (Lagos 73)
League	18.11.2006	v Kerkira FC (H)	4-1	Sorrentino, Cirillo, Dellas, Tziortziopoulos, Pliatsikas (Delibašić 68), Zikos, Emerson, Manduca (Kone 56), Kampantais, Liberopoulos, Júlio César (Tózsér 66)

	Date	Opponent	Res	Goalscorers
League	19.08.2006	v PAOK FC (H)	0-0	
League	27.08.2006	v OFI Crete FC (A)	1-1	Delibašić 32
League	09.09.2006	v Atromitos FC (A)	1-1	Pautasso 86
League	18.09.2006	v Iraklis FC (H)	3-0	Liberopoulos 5, 54, Lakis 90
League	23.09.2006	v Olympiacos CFP (A)	0-1	
League	30.09.2006	v Ergotelis FC (H)	3-1	Liberopoulos 21, Tózsér 51, Lakis 84
League	23.10.2006	v Panathinaikos FC (A)	2-1	Manduca 28(pen), Dellas 76
League	28.10.2006	v Apollon Kalamarias FC (H)	1-0	Júlio César 28
League	05.11.2006	v Aris Thessaloniki FC (A)	3-1	Liberopoulos 58, Júlio César 70, Kampantais 78
Cup	09.11.2006	v Haidari (A)	0-0	
League	12.11.2006	v Larissa FC (H)	5-0	Manduca 10, Liberopoulos 57, Lagos 85, Tziortziopoulos 87, Kampantais 90
League	18.11.2006	v Kerkira FC (H)	4-1	Júlio César 23, Liberopoulos 30(pen), 48, Manduca 41(pen)
League	25.11.2006	v Egaleo FC (A)		
League	10.12.2006	v Skoda Xanthi FC (A)		
League	17.12.2006	v Panionios NFC (H)		
League	07.01.2007	v PAOK FC (A)		
League	14.01.2007	v OFI Crete FC (H)		
League	21.01.2007	v Atromitos FC (H)		
League	28.01.2007	v Iraklis FC (A)		
League	11.02.2007	v Olympiacos CFP (H)		
League	18.02.2007	v Ergotelis FC (A)		
League	25.02.2007	v Panathinaikos FC (H)		
League	04.03.2007	v Apollon Kalamarias FC (A)		
League	11.03.2007	v Aris Thessaloniki FC (H)		
League	18.03.2007	v Larissa FC (A)		
League	01.04.2007	v Kerkira FC (A)		
League	15.04.2007	v Egaleo FC (H)		
League	22.04.2007	v Ionikos FC (A)		
League	29.04.2007	v Skoda Xanthi FC (H)		
League	13.05.2007	v Panionios NFC (A)		

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Rank	Clubs	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1	Olympiacos CFP	11	9	0	2	20	6	27
2	Panathinaikos FC	11	8	1	2	19	9	25
3	AEK Athens FC	11	7	3	1	23	7	24
4	PAOK FC	11	6	3	2	14	7	21
5	Egaleo FC	11	4	4	3	9	11	16
6	Kerkira FC	11	4	3	4	9	10	15
7	OFI Crete FC	11	3	5	3	12	13	14
8	Larissa FC	11	3	4	4	10	15	13
9	Atromitos FC	11	3	4	4	13	15	13
10	Skoda Xanthi FC	11	3	3	5	8	9	12
11	Ergotelis FC	11	3	3	5	9	11	12
12	Panionios NFC	11	2	5	4	8	13	11
13	Aris Thessaloniki FC	11	1	7	3	9	12	10
14	Apollon Kalamarias FC	11	2	4	5	7	13	10
15	Iraklis FC	11	1	3	7	8	17	6
16	Ionikos FC	11	2	2	7	7	17	6

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Domestic information

AC Milan (Serie A)

	Date	Opponent	Res	Lineups
Cup	08.11.2006	v Brescia Calcio (H)	4-2	Kalac, Cafu, Costacurta, Bonera, Favalli (Antonelli 46), Gourcuff, Brocchi, Lunati (D. Šimić 46), Seedorf, Borriello, Oliveira (Inzaghi 59)
League	11.11.2006	v AS Roma (H)	1-2	Dida, Maldini, Jankulovski, Nesta, D. Šimić, Kaká, Pirlo, Brocchi, Seedorf, Gilardino (Inzaghi 63), Oliveira (Borriello 76)
League	18.11.2006	v Empoli FC (A)	0-0	Dida, Cafu, Costacurta, Maldini, Jankulovski, Kaká, Pirlo (Gourcuff 68), Brocchi, Seedorf, Gilardino (Inzaghi 59), Oliveira (Borriello 78)

	Date	Opponent	Res	Goalscorers
League	10.09.2006	v S.S. Lazio (H)	2-1	Inzaghi 26, Oliveira 70
League	17.09.2006	v Parma FC (A)	2-0	Seedorf 25, Kaká 85(pen)
League	20.09.2006	v Ascoli Calcio 1898 (H)	1-0	Jankulovski 68
League	23.09.2006	v AS Livorno Calcio (A)	0-0	
League	01.10.2006	v AC Siena (H)	0-0	
League	14.10.2006	v UC Sampdoria (A)	1-1	Kaladze 84
League	22.10.2006	v US Città di Palermo (H)	0-2	
League	25.10.2006	v AC Chievo Verona (A)	1-0	Jankulovski 30
League	28.10.2006	v FC Internazionale Milano (H)	3-4	Seedorf 51, Gilardino 76, Kaká 90
League	05.11.2006	v Atalanta BC (A)	0-2	
Cup	08.11.2006	v Brescia Calcio (H)	4-2	Borriello 61, 86, Brocchi 65, Inzaghi 78
League	11.11.2006	v AS Roma (H)	1-2	Brocchi 56
League	18.11.2006	v Empoli FC (A)	0-0	
League	25.11.2006	v FC Messina Peloro (H)		
League	03.12.2006	v Cagliari Calcio (A)		
League	10.12.2006	v Torino FC (H)		
League	16.12.2006	v ACF Fiorentina (A)		
League	20.12.2006	v Calcio Catania (H)		
League	23.12.2006	v Udinese Calcio (A)		
League	14.01.2007	v Reggina Calcio (H)		
League	21.01.2007	v S.S. Lazio (A)		
League	28.01.2007	v Parma FC (H)		
League	04.02.2007	v Ascoli Calcio 1898 (A)		
League	11.02.2007	v AS Livorno Calcio (H)		
League	18.02.2007	v AC Siena (A)		
League	25.02.2007	v UC Sampdoria (H)		
League	28.02.2007	v US Città di Palermo (A)		
League	04.03.2007	v AC Chievo Verona (H)		
League	11.03.2007	v FC Internazionale Milano (A)		
League	18.03.2007	v Atalanta BC (H)		
League	01.04.2007	v AS Roma (A)		
League	07.04.2007	v Empoli FC (H)		
League	15.04.2007	v FC Messina Peloro (A)		

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Rank	Clubs	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1	FC Internazionale Milano	12	9	3	0	25	13	30
2	US Città di Palermo	12	9	0	3	26	16	27
3	AS Roma	12	8	2	2	26	8	26
4	AS Livorno Calcio	12	5	4	3	13	11	19
5	Atalanta BC	12	4	5	3	19	18	17
6	Empoli FC	12	3	7	2	11	9	16
7	Udinese Calcio	12	4	4	4	13	12	16
8	AC Siena	12	4	5	3	12	13	16
9	Calcio Catania	12	4	4	4	16	24	16
10	S.S. Lazio	12	5	3	4	19	11	15
11	Cagliari Calcio	12	2	8	2	11	11	14
12	FC Messina Peloro	12	3	5	4	16	19	14
13	UC Sampdoria	12	3	4	5	17	17	13
14	Torino FC	12	2	5	5	7	16	11
15	AC Milan	12	4	4	4	11	12	8
16	Parma FC	12	2	2	8	12	25	8
17	Ascoli Calcio 1898	12	0	5	7	6	16	5
18	ACF Fiorentina	12	6	1	5	19	14	4
19	AC Chievo Verona	12	0	4	8	9	19	4
20	Reggina Calcio	12	4	3	5	12	16	0

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Match officials

Referee	Eric Braamhaar (HOL)
Assistant referees	Arie Brink (HOL), Wilco Lobbert (HOL)
Fourth official	Bjorn Kuipers (HOL)
UEFA Delegate	Pekka Härmäläinen (FIN)

Referee

Name	Nat.	DoB	UCL	UEFA
Eric Braamhaar	HOL	13.10.1966	3	14

Eric Braamhaar started this season with confidence high having enjoyed a memorable 2005/06 campaign in which he took charge of some high-profile UEFA Cup ties and his first match in the group stage of the UEFA Champions League – FC Barcelona's 2-0 win at Udinese Calcio. That was followed on Matchday 2 of the 2006/07 edition with the 2-2 draw between FC Shakhtar Donetsk and Olympiacos CFP.

Braamhaar, an account manager based in Enter who lists 'fitness, family and running' as his main hobbies, was born on 13 October 1966. After rising through the ranks in the Netherlands, he was awarded his FIFA badge in 2002, clearing him to take charge of his first international the following February as the Republic of Ireland left Scotland with a 2-0 friendly victory. Appointments in qualifiers for the UEFA European Under-21 Championship and 2006 FIFA World Cup followed as well as UEFA Cup dates in England, Spain and Germany.

His performances in the Eredivisie saw him selected for the 2005 Dutch Cup final, in which PSV Eindhoven defeated Willem II 4-0 to complete the double, and he was also one of the referees at the FIFA U-20 World Cup on home soil – his second competition for the world governing body having gained excellent experience at the FIFA U-17 World Cup in Finland two years earlier.

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

Date	Comp.	Stage	Match	Res	Venue
07.12.2005	UCL	GS	Udinese Calcio-FC Barcelona	0-2	Udine
27.09.2006	UCL	GS	FC Shakhtar Donetsk-Olympiacos CFP	2-2	Donetsk

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Date	Comp.	Stage	Match	Res	Venue
10.08.2005	UCL	QR3	FC Steaua Bucuresti-Rosenborg BK	1-1	Bucharest
17.10.2006	UCL	GS	Celtic FC-SL Benfica	3-0	Glasgow

Other matches

Date	Comp.	Stage	Match	Res	Venue
24.04.2002	U19	IR	F.Y.R. Macedonia-Spain	1-3	Strumica
19.09.2002	UCUP	R1	FC Metalurh Donetsk-Werder Bremen	2-2	Donetsk
21.10.2002	U17	QR1	France-Slovenia	2-1	Fermoy
25.10.2002	U17	QR1	Germany-France	0-0	Cobh
06.06.2003	U21	QR	Spain-Greece	2-0	Huesca
15.10.2003	UCUP	R1	Blackburn Rovers FC-Gençlerbirliği SK	1-1	Blackburn
15.11.2003	U21	P-O	Belarus-Poland	1-1	Minsk
11.12.2003	UCUP	R2	Maccabi Haifa FC-Valencia CF	0-4	Rotterdam
03.03.2004	UCUP	R3	Newcastle United FC-Vålerenga IF	3-1	Newcastle
30.09.2004	UCUP	R1	Ferencvárosi TC-Millwall FC	3-1	Budapest
09.10.2004	WC	QR	Luxembourg-Russia	0-4	Luxembourg
02.12.2004	UCUP	GS	Sevilla FC-AEK Athens FC	3-2	Sevilla
24.02.2005	UCUP	1/16	Real Zaragoza-Fenerbahçe SK	2-1	Zaragoza

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Date	Comp.	Stage	Match	Res	Venue
04.06.2005	WC	QR	Scotland-Moldova	2-0	Glasgow
15.09.2005	UCUP	R1	Hamburger SV-FC København	1-1	Hamburg
23.02.2006	UCUP	1/16	Middlesbrough FC-VfB Stuttgart	0-1	Middlesbrough
09.03.2006	UCUP	1/8	US Città di Palermo-FC Schalke 04	1-0	Palermo
02.09.2006	EURO	QR	Hungary-Norway	1-4	Budapest
11.10.2006	EURO	QR	Russia-Estonia	2-0	St Petersburg

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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