

# Chelsea FC v PFC Levski Sofia

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Group A - Matchday 6



Chelsea FC booked their qualifying berth two weeks ago despite losing this season's unbeaten record in the UEFA Champions League at Werder Bremen. Now they will be striving to secure their initial goal and win Group A to match their achievement in the 2004/05 group stage (when they also totalled 13 points). To do so they have to beat eliminated PFC Levski Sofia at Stamford Bridge and keep the challenge of second-placed Bremen, who visit FC Barcelona in the section's other game, at bay.

- The Bulgarian champions have lost all five of their games so far in their debut campaign though there were positives for them in the 2-0 home defeat by FC Barcelona on Matchday 5. This is another difficult task because the London team have only dropped four points in the eight home group stage games since José Mourinho took over. The other six games all ended in victory.

### Past encounters

- In two previous home European games against teams from Sofia, Chelsea secured two victories, scoring four goals without reply.

- In the 1970/71 UEFA Cup Winners Cup second round they beat PFC CSKA Sofia 1-0 while against Levski in the first round of the 2001/02 UEFA Cup they scored a 3-0 victory with Frank Lampard on the scoresheet. Over the two legs Chelsea won 5-0 on aggregate with Eidur Gudjohnsen, scoring three and John Terry also on target in the away leg. Georgi Petkov, Stanislav Angelov and current coach Stanimir Stoilov played in both games for Levski.

### First meeting

- On Matchday 2, Didier Drogba's hat-trick, scored in the space of 29 minutes, eased Chelsea through with something to spare in the Vasil Levski National Stadium. Maryan Ognyanov's late consolation was the first goal the London side have conceded in five games against Bulgarian opponents.

- Levski believe their first-half performance against Barcelona on 22 November was their best in the competition to date. They have a double incentive to do well in this fixture because they want to avoid joining 1. FC Košice as the only team to have played in the UEFA Champions League and never picked up a single point.

- Another statistic Stoilov's side will be wary of is Ferencvárosi TC's concession of 19 goals in the 1995/96 campaign - Levski have leaked 15 in their first five outings.

### No wins

- Their first visit to England ended in a 1-1 draw at Watford FC in the 1983/84 UEFA Cup second round, with Rusi Gotchev's 73rd minute effort their only strike in three trips to the country. Their 3-0 defeat at Stamford Bridge five seasons ago was followed by a trip to Anfield two years later in the third round of the UEFA Cup where they lost 2-0.



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### Team facts

#### Chelsea FC

##### UEFA club competition milestones

- Although having emerged as a major force in recent years, success in the European Champion Clubs' Cup has eluded Chelsea. Their best campaigns to date in the UEFA Champions League came when they reached the 2003/04 and 2004/05 semi-finals, although the club have won the UEFA Cup Winners' Cup on two occasions.
- Their first victory came at the end of the 1970/71 season where they defeated Real Madrid CF 2-1 in a final replay in Athens after the sides had shared a 1-1 draw. Chelsea will hope for similar success in the Greek capital in May 2007. Chelsea won the UEFA Cup Winners' Cup again 27 years later when overcoming VfB Stuttgart 1-0, thanks to Gianfranco Zola's 70th-minute goal in Stockholm.

##### UEFA club competition honours

- UEFA Cup Winners' Cup: 1970/71, 1997/98
- UEFA Super Cup: 1998

##### Ten-year record (including current season)

- Chelsea are competing in their fourth successive UEFA Champions League campaign having reached the semi-final stage in the first two seasons of that run. Overall, this is Chelsea's fifth time in the competition, and to date, every appearance has resulted in qualification for the knockout stages.

**1997/98:** UEFA Cup Winners' Cup - winners

**1998/99:** UEFA Cup Winners' Cup - semi-finals

**1999/00:** UEFA Champions League - quarter-finals

**2000/01:** UEFA Cup - first round

**2001/02:** UEFA Cup - second round

**2002/03:** UEFA Cup - first round

**2003/04:** UEFA Champions League - semi-finals

**2004/05:** UEFA Champions League - semi-finals

**2005/06:** UEFA Champions League - first knockout round

**2006/07:** UEFA Champions League - group stage

##### 2005/06 season

**Domestic record:** Chelsea followed up their first league title for 50 years by defending their English Premiership crown in style. They finished eight points ahead of Manchester United FC to again earn direct entry into the UEFA Champions League group stage.

**European record:** Chelsea finished behind Liverpool FC in their group after a 1-0 defeat by Real Betis Balompíe. It meant they played a group winner in the first knockout round, namely eventual winners FC Barcelona. After a 2-1 home defeat, they went out after a 1-1 away draw - their 50th European Champion Clubs' Cup match.

##### Key facts

- To date, Chelsea have played 51 matches in the UEFA Champions League proper, winning 25 with 13 draws and 13 defeats. In that time, 76 goals have been scored with 45 conceded.

- Their overall European Champion Clubs' Cup record (including all qualifying round matches) reads, played 55, won 28, drawn 14 and lost 13 with 84 goals scored and 45 conceded.

- Overall in UEFA club competition, Chelsea have played 103 matches with 56 wins, 25 draws, 22 defeats, scoring 177 goals while conceding 83.

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### Records

#### UEFA club competition

- Biggest win

**13-0:** Chelsea FC v FC Jeunesse Hautcharage

29.09.1971, 1971/72 UEFA Cup Winners' Cup, first round, second leg

- Biggest home win

**13-0:** Chelsea FC v FC Jeunesse Hautcharage (see above for details)

- Biggest away win

**0-8:** FC Jeunesse Hautcharage v Chelsea FC

15.09.1971, 1971/72 UEFA Cup Winners' Cup, first round, first leg

- Heaviest defeat

**5-1:** FC Barcelona v Chelsea FC

18.04.2000, 1999/2000 UEFA Champions League, quarter-finals, second leg

- Heaviest home defeat

**0-2:** Chelsea FC v Beşiktaş JK

01.10.2003, 2003/04 UEFA Champions League, group stage

- Heaviest away defeat

**5-1:** FC Barcelona v Chelsea FC (see above for details)

#### UEFA Champions League (group stage to final only)

- Biggest win

**0-5:** Galatasaray SK v Chelsea FC

20.10.1999, 1999/00 UEFA Champions League, group stage

- Biggest home win

**4-0:** Chelsea FC v Real Betis Balompíe

19.10.2005, 2005/06 UEFA Champions League, group stage

- Biggest away win

**0-5:** Galatasaray SK v Chelsea FC (see above for details)

- Heaviest defeat

**5-1:** FC Barcelona v Chelsea FC (see above for details)

- Heaviest home defeat

**0-2:** Chelsea FC v Beşiktaş JK (see above for details)

- Heaviest away defeat

**5-1:** FC Barcelona v Chelsea FC (see above for details)

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### PFC Levski Sofia

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### UEFA club competition milestones

- Levski's third qualifying round defeat of AC Chievo Verona meant they became the first Bulgarian club to reach the group stage of the UEFA Champions League. Their previous best showings in the European Champion Clubs' Cup saw them reach the second round on three occasions, most recently in 1993/94 when they were beaten 3-2 on aggregate by Werder Bremen.

- Levski have competed in the quarter-finals of a UEFA club competition five times, including last season's 4-2 aggregate UEFA Cup loss to FC Schalke 04. That run ended a 19-year wait to reach the latter stages, having been beaten 4-0 (under their previous guise as FK Vitosha) over two legs by Real Zaragoza in the 1986/87 Cup Winners' Cup.

### UEFA club competition honours

- No participations recorded in a UEFA club competition final.

### Ten-year record (including current season)

- Levski made three previous unsuccessful attempts to make the group stage of the UEFA Champions League prior to this campaign, their two most recent attempts coming in the 2001/02 and 2002/03 seasons as they exited at the third qualifying round stage.

**1997/98:** UEFA Cup Winners' Cup - qualifying round

**1998/99:** UEFA Cup Winners' Cup - first round

**1999/00:** UEFA Cup - second round

**2000/01:** European Champion Clubs' Cup - second qualifying round

**2001/02:** UEFA Cup - first round (having transferred from the European Champion Clubs' Cup third qualifying round)

**2002/03:** UEFA Cup - second round (having transferred from the European Champion Clubs' Cup, third qualifying round)

**2003/04:** UEFA Cup - third round

**2004/05:** UEFA Cup - first round

**2005/06:** UEFA Cup - quarter-finals

**2006/07:** UEFA Champions League - group stage

### 2005/06 season

**Domestic record:** After trailing PFC CSKA Sofia by seven points during the winter break, Levski recovered to win nine league games on the trot and claim their 24th Bulgarian Premier League title with two games to spare after a 2-1 victory at PFC Botev Plovdiv. Stanimir Stoilov's team only reached the third round of the Bulgarian Cup, where they were beaten 3-2 after extra time by PFC Chernomorec Varna and suffered further disappointment in the Super Cup on 30 July as they fell to CSKA 3-0 on penalties after a goalless 120 minutes.

**European record:** A tremendous away-goals victory against AJ Auxerre of France in the first round proved a sign of things to come as Levski enjoyed a fine UEFA Cup campaign to become the first Bulgarian team to play 14 European games in one season. The Sofia club then beat FC Dinamo 1948 Bucuresti and Olympique de Marseille in the group stage to advance in second place behind the French team in Group F. FC Artmedia and Udinese Calcio, both previous UEFA Champions League challengers, were subsequently dispatched before Schalke triumphed 4-2 in the last eight.

### Key facts

- To date, Levski have played 47 matches in the European Champion Clubs' Cup, winning 12, drawing 12 and losing 23. In that time, they have scored 61 goals and conceded 72.

- Overall, Levski have played 157 matches in UEFA club competition with 54 wins, 34 draws and 69 losses. In those matches, they scored 234 times while conceding 228 goals.

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### Records

#### UEFA club competition

- Biggest win

**12-2:** FK Levski-Spartak Sofia v Lahden Reipas

16.09.1976, 1976/77 UEFA Cup Winners' Cup, first round, first leg

- Biggest home win

**12-2:** FK Levski-Spartak Sofia v Lahden Reipas (see above for details)

- Biggest away win

**1-7:** Lahden Reipas v FK Levski-Spartak Sofia

29.09.1976, 1976/77 UEFA Cup Winners' Cup, first round, second leg

- Heaviest defeat

**5-0:** FC Barcelona v PFC Levski Sofia

12/09.2006, 2006/07 UEFA Champions League, group stage

**5-0:** AZ 67 Alkmaar v FK Levski-Spartak Sofia

04.11.1980, 1980/81 UEFA Cup, second round, second leg

- Heaviest home defeat

**0-3:** PFC Levski Sofia v Werder Bremen

31.10.2006, 2006/07 UEFA Champions League, group stage

**0-3:** FK Levski-Spartak Sofia v Sevilla FC

28.09.1982, 1982/83 UEFA Cup, first round, second leg

**0-3:** FK Levski-Spartak Sofia v Újpesti Dózsa SC

18.09.1974, 1974/75 European Champion Clubs' Cup, first round, first leg

- Heaviest away defeat

**5-0:** FC Barcelona v PFC Levski Sofia (see above for details)

**5-0:** AZ 67 Alkmaar v FK Levski-Spartak Sofia (see above for details)

#### UEFA Champions League (group stage to final only)

- Biggest win (home or away)

No wins to date in the competition

- Heaviest defeat

**5-0:** FC Barcelona v PFC Levski Sofia (see above for details)

- Heaviest home defeat

**0-3:** PFC Levski Sofia v Werder Bremen (see above for details)

- Heaviest away defeat

**5-0:** FC Barcelona v PFC Levski Sofia (see above for details)

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### Match facts

#### Chelsea

- Four Chelsea players have featured in all five UEFA Champions League matches to date: **John Terry**, **Michael Essien**, **Michael Ballack** and **Didier Drogba**. Of those, Terry and Essien have played all 450 minutes so far, although Terry is suspended for Matchday 6.
- **Andriy Shevchenko** made his 102nd UEFA club competition appearance in Bremen on Matchday 5; he currently has 56 goals to his name but is yet to score in Europe for Chelsea.
- The Ukrainian's next goal will move him above Eusébio in the all-time scorers' list in UEFA club competition. He is currently tied with the Portuguese legend, six behind leader Gerd Müller on 62.
- **Shevchenko** is also the most experienced Chelsea player in terms of the UEFA Champions League having played 83 times in the competition. **Claude Makelele** has the next highest total with 78 but has made the most appearances in UEFA club competition having appeared 108 times.
- Should **Ashley Cole** feature against Levski it would be his 50th appearance in the UEFA Champions League; the left-back has never played in another UEFA club competition.
- **Ricardo Carvalho** made his 50th UEFA Champions League appearance in the Matchday 1 defeat of Bremen and has since taken his total to 53 games.
- **Shevchenko** is the top scorer in the UEFA Champions League in the current Chelsea squad with 43 goals to his name. Only **Didier Drogba** (16 goals), **Ballack** (12) and **Frank Lampard** (eleven) have also got into double figures.
- Three Chelsea players made their UEFA Champions League debuts against Bremen on Matchday 1; **Khalid Boulahrouz**, **John Obi Mikel** and **Salomon Kalou**.
- The match against Barcelona at Stamford Bridge was **Hilário's** first in the UEFA Champions League since his appearance for FC Porto against FC Bayern München on 19 April 2000. **Carlo Cudicini** appeared in the competition against Bremen two weeks ago for the first time since the home match with Real Betis Balompié on 19 October 2005.
- After five matches **Drogba** is the joint leading scorer in this season's UEFA Champions League thanks to his hat-trick in Sofia on Matchday 2 and his goal in each game against Barça. Kaká and Fernando Morientes have also scored five times.
- **Drogba** has had seven shots on goal, five fewer than Kaká, who has had the most.
- The Ivorian striker has been caught offside on seven occasions, with Francesco Totti and Mohamed Tchite leading that list on 13.
- **Ballack** has committed 18 fouls, two fewer than Brandão, who is the competition's most penalised player. **Essien** has committed 14 fouls.
- Only FC Steaua Bucuresti, with an average of 22 minutes of possession per game, have had the ball less than Chelsea's five-match average of 26 minutes per game.
- Only FC Shakhtar Donetsk, with 16, and Steaua (15) have collected more yellow cards than Chelsea's total of 13.

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- **Essien** was 24 on 3 December, four days before **Terry** turns 26. **Geremi** and **Ashley Cole** both celebrate birthdays on 20 December, with the former 28 and the latter 26.

- Chelsea were without a game at the weekend as their scheduled fixture against Newcastle United FC was postponed. The match at Stamford Bridge will now take place on 13 December. As a result, Manchester United FC's 2-1 win against Middlesbrough FC on Saturday meant Chelsea trail first place by six points, something that has not happened before with José Mourinho at the helm.

- On 26 November Chelsea faced United in the Premiership, sharing the points in a 1-1 draw at Old Trafford. Louis Saha gave the home side the lead with a shot from the edge of the penalty area just before the half-hour before **Carvalho** headed a second-half equaliser.

- **Carvalho's** goal was only his second this season, the other coming against Charlton Athletic FC on 9 September. The Portuguese international defender also found the net against United last season in a 3-0 win at Stamford Bridge.

- The match was the first in the Premiership this season in which Chelsea have not opened the scoring.

- **Drogba**, **Ballack** and **Carvalho** all recovered from injuries to start against United, while Lampard returned from suspension.

- "The result was fair," said **Mourinho**. "In the first half, United were the best team and they scored because of that. In the second, Chelsea were by far the best team and scored because of that."

- It was a result that meant Chelsea remained three points behind leaders United in the Premiership.

- "It was positive for us because we played away and kept the distance the same and we know in the second half of the season United have to go to Arsenal [FC], Chelsea and Liverpool [FC] away," added Mourinho.

- **Lampard** made his 200th Premiership appearance in the match at Old Trafford while **Claude Makelele** was making his 100th start in England's top flight.

- Last Wednesday Chelsea won their first game in three, securing a 1-0 victory at Bolton Wanderers FC. **Ballack** scored the only goal of the game with a header in first-half added time.

- **Ballack's** goal kept up Chelsea's record of having scored in every game in all competitions. They are the only Premiership club to have found the net each time they have played this season.

- **Terry** made his 100th league appearance for Chelsea at Bolton.

- Chelsea were unchanged from the side that drew at United four days earlier. **Joe Cole** (foot) and **Arjen Robben** (thigh) were ruled out but **Kalou** was fit to take his place on the bench.

- **Mourinho** said: "It was always going to be a tough game at Bolton. We were magnificent in the first half and a 1-0 scoreline was the minimum reward we deserved for our efforts. Every one of our players was a fighter. We played a complete game."

- **Lampard**, **Drogba** and **Essien** are the only players to have appeared in all 15 Premiership games this season. Essien is the only one of the three to have played all 1,350 minutes however with Lampard being substituted in the final minute of Chelsea's visit to Fulham FC on 23 September.

- Chelsea are unbeaten in their last 51 league games at Stamford Bridge. They are still 12 matches away from equalling the top-flight record however, which is currently held by Liverpool with 63 home games undefeated, set between February 1978 and January 1981.

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- The last team to win a league match at Chelsea were Arsenal, who recorded a 2-1 victory on 21 February 2004 under previous manager Claudio Ranieri.
- **Lampard** needs one goal to become Chelsea's top scorer from midfield. The English international has 76 goals from his 286 appearances and is level with former captain Dennis Wise.
- **Drogba** finished eighth in voting for the Ballon D'Or for 2006. Last year's runner-up, **Lampard**, was 17th whilst **Terry** was joint 20th. The award is voted for by a panel of European journalists.
- Left-back **Wayne Bridge** has committed his future to the Stamford Bridge club by signing a new four-year contract. The English international may have lost his place in Chelsea's starting lineup to Ashley Cole but he declared he was confident he would "continue to get opportunities" after putting pen to paper.
- **Ballack** was nominated as a special representative for the joint United Nations programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) for World AIDS Day on Friday. The Chelsea midfielder accepted the role to raise awareness of HIV/AIDS through sport, saying: "I have made a promise to help UNAIDS save lives by educating young people on the facts about AIDS and how to protect themselves. AIDS is everybody's business and we all need to care."
- **Shevchenko** has dismissed reports that he wants to return to AC Milan after failing to reproduce the form that made him one of the top strikers in Serie A since moving to London in the summer. "I give 100 per cent all the time and I am committed and hungry for success with Chelsea, who I have total respect for," said the Ukrainian.
- After being impressed with the cheap ticket prices for Chelsea supporters on their trip to Sofia on Matchday 2, as a goodwill gesture all Levski supporters will only be charged around €5 instead of the normal price of €67 for the match at Stamford Bridge.
- Because of a less demanding fixture list than usual for Chelsea's reserve side, a selection of away matches in Europe have been scheduled this season. The first of these, on 29 November, brought a visit to Valencia CF B and a 2-1 victory.
- It has been announced that Chelsea are to launch a Mandarin language website.
- Chelsea will play Macclesfield Town FC at home in the third round of the FA Cup. The tie will be played on the weekend of 6 and 7 January.

### Levski

- Six players have featured in all nine of Levski's matches in the competition this season, including four qualifiers: **Elin Topuzakov**, **Stanislav Angelov**, **Richard Eromogbe**, **Daniel Borimirov**, **Dimitar Telkiyski** and **Cédric Bardon**.
- Only **Igor Tomašić** had played in the UEFA Champions League proper before this season; the defender has now appeared eleven times in the competition. The other 20 players who have featured for Levski in the group stage were all making their debuts.
- **Bozhidar Mitrev** and **Nikolay Mihaylov** made their first appearances in the competition at home to Bremen on Matchday 4, the former replacing the latter - who, unlike Mitrev, had already played in UEFA club competition - at half-time. **Georgi Petkov** had previously been an ever-present in the Levski goal in the competition and returned against Barcelona two weeks ago.
- **Topuzakov** has featured 57 times in UEFA club competition, the only Levski player to pass the 50-match mark. **Telkiyski** made his 50th appearance in Europe against Barcelona a fortnight ago and **Borimirov** can bring up that landmark at Stamford Bridge.

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- **Georgi Ivanov** has scored the most goals in UEFA club competition in the Levski squad having struck 16 times in 32 games. No other player has reached double figures with **Emil Angelov** the next highest scorer on eight goals and **Borimirov** on seven.
- **Maryan Ognyanov's** appearance against Chelsea on Matchday 2 was his debut in UEFA club competition and he marked the occasion by scoring a late consolation. **Veselin Minev** had made his first European appearance against Barcelona in the Camp Nou.
- **Hristo Yovov** has had seven shots wide so far, five fewer than Boubacar Sanogo and Robin van Persie, who have had the most.
- **Borimirov** has committed 13 fouls so far, with Brandão the most penalised player overall with 20 fouls against his name.
- **Bardon** has been fouled 12 times to date, with Ronaldinho and Florent Malouda having been impeded the most on 17.
- Levski have conceded 15 goals in their first five games, the most in the group stage.
- Only FC Spartak Moskva, with 13, have had fewer shots on goal than Levski's total of 14.
- The Bulgarian champions have also scored just once, the lowest total in the competition.
- **Igor Tomašić** celebrates his 30th birthday on 14 December.
- On 30 November Levski needed an extra-time winner to overcome second division PFC Chernomorets 919 Bourgas and reach the quarter-finals of the Bulgarian Cup. Substitute **Valeri Domovchiyski**, who replaced **Georgi Ivanov** during the second half, struck the only goal of the game midway through the second additional period.
- "It was very difficult for us," said coach **Stanimir Stoilov**. "Chernomorets are leaders of the Eastern second division and are a very good side. We controlled the game, but missed several good chances to win in normal time. Now we want to finish the year in the best possible way and to give our best at Chelsea."
- **Mitrev** is yet to concede a goal for Levski. He appeared as a second-half substitute against Bremen on 31 October, after the Bundesliga side had already scored their three goals, and played the whole 90 minutes of the 3-0 league win against PFC Beroe Stara Zagora on 4 November and the victory against Chernomorets.
- Levski ended the first half of the domestic league season in Bulgaria on the top of the table after a 0-0 away draw against PFC Litex Lovech on 26 November.
- The draw meant that Levski stretched their run without a win against Litex to four league meetings.
- Levski finished the first part of the league season unbeaten with 39 points, recording 12 wins and three draws in their 15 games. They conceded just two goals in this period, scoring 39, and are two points clear of PFC CSKA Sofia at the top of the table.
- Levski actually played 14 league games having been awarded a 3-0 win against PFC Conegliano Sofia, who failed to appear for the sides' scheduled meeting on the opening day of the season.
- No Levski player featured in all 14 games with only **Stanislav Angelov** and Nigerian midfielder **Eromoiobe** playing in 13 matches.

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- **Georgi Ivanov** finished the first half of the league season as Levski's top goalscorer with nine.
- **Stoilov** used 25 players in the 14 league games, with 19-year-old goalkeeper **Mitrev** the only one to make his debut this season.
- Stoilov is yet to lose a league game against a fellow Bulgarian coach at Levski. Since he took over in summer 2004 he has lost just four league games and each time the opposition were playing under foreign coaches.
- "Our aim was to finish the first part of the season top of the table and we have done that," said **Stoilov**. "Both Levski and Litex tried to win the game and I think both sides dropped two points today. We could have won more points, but now we must look forward to the second part of the season next year. There is a lot of work ahead of us during the winter break."
- Levski will be without first-choice goalkeeper **Petkov** for the trip to Stamford Bridge after he underwent minor cartilage surgery on his left knee. Midfielder **Georgi Sarmov** broke a cheekbone during training last week and may also miss the game.

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### Competition facts

- **UEFA Champions League:** Group stage milestones

Holders FC Barcelona are not having an easy ride this time around. Failure to beat Werder Bremen would make them 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 seasons between 1999/00 and 2002/03 that featured a second group stage)

In 1992/93, Barcelona were the reigning European Champion Clubs' Cup holders and were beaten 4-3 on aggregate in the second round by PFC CSKA Moskva.

Manchester United FC could become the first team to win their first three games in a group stage and still not progress if they fail to pick up at least a point against SL Benfica.

Alessandro Costacurta will extend the UEFA Champions League oldest player record he set on Matchday 5 to 40 years and 226 days if he features against LOSC Lille Métropole. Against AEK Athens FC on Matchday 5, the veteran defender was 40 years and 211 days, 94 days older than previous record holder, Club Brugge KV goalkeeper Dany Verlinden when he played the full 90 minutes against AFC Ajax on 9 December 2003. 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.

For those already-qualified clubs considering giving a chance to young players, Celestine Babayaro is the youngest player to have appeared in the UEFA Champions League. He was 16 years and 87 days when he started for RSC Anderlecht against FC Steaua Bucuresti on 23 November 1994. He was then sent off in the 37th minute.

PFC Levski Sofia have double incentive for wanting to do well at Chelsea FC. They are aiming to avoid joining 1. FC Košice in being the only team to have played in the UEFA Champions League and never picked up a point. The Slovakian side did just that in their maiden campaign in 1997/98, and have not returned to the competition since. Only five other teams have ever gone through a single group stage campaign without picking up a point namely SK Rapid Wien (05/06), RSC Anderlecht (04/05), FC Spartak Moskva and Bayer 04 Leverkusen (02/03, first and second group stage respectively) and Fenerbahçe SK (01/02, first group stage).

Levski have also shipped 15 goals in their first five outings this term, just four short of the record number let in during a group stage set by Ferencvárosi TC (19) in the 1995/96 campaign.

Spartak have not won in their last 22 games in the competition, surpassing the unwanted record set by AEK Athens FC on Matchday 3 this season. AEK ended their run of 21 games without a win with a 1-0 home victory against LOSC Lille Métropole on Matchday 4.

Spartak extended their sequence without a win to 22 games with the 2-2 home draw against FC Bayern München on Matchday 5. Those 22 games are made up of 17 defeats and five draws. The last time Spartak won was 22 November 2000 with a 4-1 second group stage victory at home against Arsenal FC. Interestingly, Spartak's last away win was at Sporting Clube de Portugal, their Matchday 6 opponents, when they won 3-0 in Lisbon on 17 October 2000. They have not won in their last 12 away games in Europe's premier club competition.

For all their defensive solidity, CSKA have only scored two goals in the first five games. 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.

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AEK and AS Roma can still go through with seven points. The first to do it since three points for a win was introduced in 1995/96 were Legia Warszawa that season before Bayer 04 Leverkusen managed it in 1999/00 and Liverpool FC in 2001/02. FC Lokomotiv Moskva and eventual finalists Juventus both progressed with seven points in 2002/03, a feat achieved by Rangers FC and Bremen last term.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Biggest wins

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

**7-0:** Juventus v Olympiacos CFP (10.12.2003)

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Most goals in a season

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

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

**10:** Mário Jardel (FC Porto, 1999/00)

**10:** Rivaldo (FC Barcelona, 1999/00)

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

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

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

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

### Four goals in a match

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Fastest goal in a match

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

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

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

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

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

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

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### Fastest hat-tricks

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Youngest players to score

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Appearances: UEFA club competition

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

120+

162 **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)

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

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

121 **Alessandro Costacurta** (AC Milan)

110-119

117 Giuseppe Bergomi (FC Internazionale Milano)

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

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

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

114 **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)

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100-109

109 **Amedeo Carboni** (UC Sampdoria, AS Roma, Valencia CF)  
108 **Thierry Henry** (AS Monaco FC, Juventus, Arsenal FC)  
108 **Claude Makelele** (FC Nantes Atlantique, RC Celta de Vigo, Real Madrid CF, Chelsea FC)  
108 **Vitor Baía** (FC Porto, FC Barcelona)  
107 **Stefan Klos** (BV Borussia Dortmund, Rangers FC)  
107 Roar Strand (Rosenborg BK)  
106 Filip De Wilde (KSK Beveren, RSC Anderlecht, Sporting Clube de Portugal)  
106 Alessandro Del Piero (Juventus)  
106 Fernando Hierro (Real Madrid CF)  
105 Michel Preud'homme (R. Standard de Liège, KV Mechelen, SL Benfica)  
105 Alessio Tacchinardi (Juventus, Villarreal CF)  
105 **Ryan Giggs** (Manchester United FC)  
105 **Gary Neville** (Manchester United FC)  
105 **Lilian Thuram** (AS Monaco FC, Parma FC, Juventus, FC Barcelona)  
104 Gert Verheyen (RSC Anderlecht, Club Brugge KV)  
103 **Ciro Ferrara** (SSC Napoli, Juventus)  
102 **Andriy Shevchenko** (FC Dynamo Kyiv, AC Milan, Chelsea FC)  
101 **Edgar Davids** (AFC Ajax, AC Milan, Juventus, FC Internazionale Milano, Tottenham Hotspur FC)  
101 **Bülent Korkmaz** (Galatasaray SK)  
101 Manuel Sanchís (Real Madrid CF)  
100 Lothar Matthäus (VfL Borussia Mönchengladbach, FC Bayern München, FC Internazionale Milano)  
100 **Javier Zanetti** (FC Internazionale Milano)

95-99

99 Bixente Lizarazu (Athletic Club Bilbao, FC Girondins de Bordeaux, FC Bayern München)  
99 **Paul Scholes** (Manchester United FC)  
99 **Edwin van der Sar** (AFC Ajax, Juventus, Fulham FC, Manchester United FC)  
99 **Fernando Morientes** (Real Madrid CF, AS Monaco FC, Liverpool FC, Valencia CF)  
98 Angelo Peruzzi (AS Roma, Juventus, S.S. Lazio)  
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+

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

90-99

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

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80-89

89 **Ryan Giggs** (Manchester United FC)  
89 **Paul Scholes** (Manchester United FC)  
87 **Clarence Seedorf** (AFC Ajax, Real Madrid CF, AC Milan)  
83 **Thierry Henry** (AS Monaco FC, Arsenal FC)  
83 **Andriy Shevchenko** (FC Dynamo Kyiv, AC Milan, Chelsea FC)  
81 Frank de Boer (AFC Ajax, FC Barcelona, Galatasaray SK)  
80 **Fernando Morientes** (Real Madrid CF, AS Monaco FC, Liverpool FC, Valencia CF)  
80 **Hasan Salihamidžić** (FC Bayern München)  
80 Zinédine Zidane (Juventus, Real Madrid CF)

70-79

79 Alessandro Del Piero (Juventus)  
79 **Guti** (Real Madrid CF)  
79 **Iván Helguera** (Real Madrid CF)  
78 **Claude Makelele** (FC Nantes Atlantique, Real Madrid CF, Chelsea FC)  
78 Alessio Tacchinardi (Juventus, Villarreal CF)  
77 **Michel Salgado** (Real Madrid CF)  
76 **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)  
72 **Rivaldo** (FC Barcelona, AC Milan, Olympiacos CFP)  
71 Roy Keane (Manchester United FC)

Others (involved in this season's competition only)

69 **Mehmet Scholl** (FC Bayern München)  
68 **Patrick Kluivert** (AFC Ajax, FC Barcelona)  
67 **Mikaël Silvestre** (FC Internazionale Milano, Manchester United FC)  
67 **Patrick Vieira** (Arsenal FC, Juventus, FC Internazionale Milano)  
66 **Alessandro Nesta** (S.S. Lazio, AC Milan)  
65 **Alessandro Costacurta** (AC Milan)  
62 **Fredrik Ljungberg** (Arsenal FC)  
62 **Carles Puyol** (FC Barcelona)  
61 **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)  
51 **Ruud van Nistelrooy** (PSV Eindhoven, Manchester United FC, Real Madrid CF)  
50 Alfredo Di Stéfano (Real Madrid CF)  
50 **Thierry Henry** (AS Monaco FC, Juventus, Arsenal FC)

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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

40+

- 54 **Raúl González** (Real Madrid CF)
- 47 **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)
- 32 **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 **Hernán Crespo** (Parma FC, S.S. Lazio, FC Internazionale Milano, Chelsea FC, AC Milan)
- 24 **Luís Figo** (FC Barcelona, Real Madrid CF, FC Internazionale Milano)
- 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)
- 51 **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)

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### UEFA information

#### **First knockout round draw**

The 2006/07 UEFA Champions League first knockout round draw will take place from 12.00CET on Friday 15 December at UEFA headquarters in Nyon, Switzerland. The eight group winners will be drawn against the eight runners-up into two-legged ties to be played on 20/21 February and 6/7 March. Clubs from the same country cannot be drawn against each other while teams who met in the group stage will also be kept apart. Group runners-up must play the first leg at home. The quarter-finals will follow on 3/4 and 10/11 April, with the semi-finals on 24/25 April and 1/2 May. The final will be played in Athens on 23 May. The full visual identity for the showpiece event will be unveiled during the draw. Media representatives wishing to attend have to apply via email to [accreditations@uefa.ch](mailto:accreditations@uefa.ch) before midday on 14 December.

#### **Player registration**

The 2006/07 UEFA Champions League regulations state that for all matches from the start of the first knockout round, a club may register a maximum of three new eligible players for the remaining matches in the current competition. Such registration must be completed by 1 February. One player from the above quota of three who has played in UEFA club competition matches for another competing club in the current season may be exceptionally registered, provided that the player has not been fielded in the same competition for another club and/or for another club that is currently in the same competition.

#### **UEFA Executive Committee**

The UEFA Executive Committee holds its final meeting of a hectic year at the House of European Football in Nyon, Switzerland on Thursday and Friday. The UEFA club competition access list for the 2007/08 season will be examined, together with requests by the associations of San Marino and Andorra for one place in the UEFA Champions League. Terms of reference for the new European Professional Football Strategy Forum promoting and developing dialogue on the European club game will also be discussed.

#### **European Union affairs**

Concerted co-operation between UEFA and the European political authorities, and the protection of sport's specific nature in future EU legislation, are crucial for football's wellbeing. This was the message from the fourth UEFA Seminar on European Union Affairs held last Thursday and Friday at the Belgian FA headquarters in Brussels, attended by senior EU officials, members of the European parliament and representatives of UEFA's 52 member associations. The seminar put particular focus on the Independent European Sport Review, which has UEFA's full endorsement, and which contains key recommendations for football's wellbeing. The Brussels gathering also gave an update on the current state of UEFA's essential dialogue with the European authorities, and on developments in EU policies and what these mean for European football.

#### **Medical symposium**

Also last week, UEFA vice-president Senes Erzik welcomed medical experts from across the sporting world to the fourth UEFA Medical Symposium in Istanbul. In his opening address, he said: "Sports medicine plays an increasingly essential role in modern football. Players now play more matches than ever before and in doing so they place their bodies under excessive physical strain. As the demands on top level players intensify, greater importance is placed appropriate and specific medical support. It is this increase in importance and the constantly changing nature of sports medicine that makes a football specific medical symposium necessary."

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### Head coach profiles

#### **José Mourinho**

**Date of birth:** 26 January 1963

**Nationality:** Portuguese

**Coaching career:** SL Benfica, UD Leiria, FC Porto, Chelsea FC

Tactically astute and a superb motivator, José Mourinho has carved a reputation as the best and most scientific young coach in Europe. In 2005 he was declared a high officer of the Order of Infante Dom Henrique by Portuguese president Jorge Sampaio. The Order is the highest honour that can be bestowed upon a Portuguese citizen, recognising his achievements as manager of FC Porto and Chelsea FC.

Mourinho started working life as a teacher before being lured into football by Sir Bobby Robson as part of his staff at Sporting Clube de Portugal, Porto and FC Barcelona. After a brief nine-game spell at SL Benfica and a highly successful tenure at UD Leiria he became Porto coach in January 2002. In his first full season, 2002/03, he won the UEFA Cup and a domestic double. The next year Porto retained their league title and claimed the UEFA Champions League with a 3-0 defeat of AS Monaco FC in Gelsenkirchen.

Replacing Claudio Ranieri, Mourinho moved to Stamford Bridge on 2 June 2004 and went on to mastermind the club's first domestic title in 50 years with a record points total and just one loss, adding the League Cup. The Portuguese agreed a new five-year contract in May 2005. Twelve months later, he was celebrating a second successive Premiership title although, after seeing Chelsea again fall short in the UEFA Champions League, it is Europe which will take much of his focus in 2006/07.

#### **Stanimir Stoilov**

**Date of birth:** 13 February 1967

**Nationality:** Bulgarian

**Playing career:** FC Haskovo, PFC Levski Sofia (three times), Fenerbahçe SK, PFC CSKA Sofia, SC Campomaiorense, PFC Slavia Sofia

**Coaching career:** PFC Levski Sofia

A relative novice in the world of football coaching, former Bulgarian international Stanimir Stoilov has an in-depth knowledge of the game having excelled in midfield, defence and attack during his playing days. Since replacing Georgi Vassilev as coach of PFC Levski Sofia, he has swept the board in domestic competition and is now looking for success on the European stage having guided the side to the UEFA Cup quarter-finals in 2005/06.

Stoilov's playing career was similarly gilded. After starting out at hometown club FC Haskovo, he rose to prominence after a switch to Levski in 1990, winning the Bulgarian cup in 1991 and 1992 before joining Turkish side Fenerbahçe SK. A serious knee injury put the brakes on the young forward's progress and following a short spell at PFC CSKA Sofia he returned to Levski in summer 1994. Twelve months later, with a Bulgarian league winners' medal added to his collection, he moved on to Portuguese outfit SC Campomaiorense. Again it proved a fleeting association and he returned for a third spell with Levski in July 1998 after a stint with city rivals PFC Slavia Sofia.

By now a composed central defender, Stoilov was handed the captain's armband and led the team through a halcyon period in which the Sofia side dominated Bulgarian football, winning three league titles to add to their trio of cup triumphs. In 2003 he hung up his boots and, having acted as assistant coach since 2000, he took over from Vassilev in 2004. He won the cup and Super Cup in his first year and the league in his second before helping Levski become the first Bulgarian club to reach the UEFA Champions League group stages at the start of 2006/07.

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### Squad list

#### Chelsea

No	Player	Nat.	DoB	Current Season				All-time					
				UCLQ		UCL		League		UCL		UEFA	
				Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
<b>Goalkeepers</b>													
1	Petr Čech	CZE	20.05.82	-	-	2	-	6	-	32	-	36	-
23	Carlo Cudicini	ITA	06.09.73	-	-	1	-	7	-	14	-	21	-
40	Hilário	POR	21.10.75	-	-	2	-	-	-	13	-	15	-
41	Yves Ma-Kalambay	BEL	31.01.86	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Defenders</b>													
3	Ashley Cole	ENG	20.12.80	-	-	4	-	10	-	49	1	49	1
6	Ricardo Carvalho	POR	18.05.78	-	-	4	-	14	2	43	3	53	3
9	Khalid Boulahrouz	NED	28.12.81	-	-	4	-	7	-	4	-	16	-
18	Wayne Bridge	ENG	05.08.80	-	-	1	-	7	-	17	2	18	2
20	Paulo Ferreira	POR	18.01.79	-	-	2	-	9	-	28	-	41	-
26	John Terry	ENG	07.12.80	-	-	5	-	14	1	35	4	43	6
33	Nuno Morais	POR	29.01.84	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
<b>Midfielders</b>													
4	Claude Makelele	FRA	18.02.73	-	-	4	-	12	1	78	1	108	4
5	Michael Essien	GHA	03.12.82	-	-	5	1	15	-	29	6	29	6
8	Frank Lampard	ENG	20.06.78	-	-	4	1	15	5	36	11	54	17
10	Joe Cole	ENG	08.11.81	-	-	3	-	6	-	25	2	32	2
12	John Obi Mikel	NGA	22.04.87	-	-	3	-	7	-	3	-	3	-
13	Michael Ballack	GER	26.09.76	-	-	5	1	9	3	59	12	64	15
14	Geremi	CMR	20.12.78	-	-	1	-	6	1	36	1	40	1
16	Arjen Robben	NED	23.01.84	-	-	4	-	11	-	25	4	27	4
19	Lassana Diarra	FRA	10.03.85	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	2	-
24	Shaun Wright-Phillips	ENG	25.10.81	-	-	2	-	8	-	8	-	14	1
44	Michael Mancienne	ENG	08.01.88	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
46	James Smith	ENG	07.01.87	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Forwards</b>													
7	Andriy Shevchenko	UKR	29.09.76	-	-	4	-	13	3	83	43	102	56
11	Didier Drogba	CIV	11.03.78	-	-	5	5	15	8	27	16	37	22
21	Salomon Kalou	CIV	05.08.85	-	-	4	-	11	-	4	-	13	4
<b>Coach</b>													
	José Mourinho	POR	26.01.63	-	-	5	-	-	-	41	-	55	-

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### Squad list

#### Levski

No	Player	Nat.	DoB	Current Season				All-time					
				UCLQ		UCL		League		UCL		UEFA	
				Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
<b>Goalkeepers</b>													
1	Georgi Petkov	BUL	14.03.76	4	-	4	-	9	-	4	-	31	-
12	Bozhidar Mitrev	BUL	31.03.87	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	1	-
47	Lazar Ivanov	BUL	11.05.89	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
88	Nikolay Mihaylov	BUL	28.06.88	-	-	1	-	4	-	1	-	2	-
<b>Defenders</b>													
3	Zhivko Milanov	BUL	15.07.84	3	-	4	-	11	-	4	-	21	-
4	Igor Tomašić	BUL	14.12.76	3	-	5	-	9	-	11	-	32	1
5	Borislav Hristov	BUL	26.11.86	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
11	Elin Topuzakov	BUL	05.02.77	4	-	5	-	12	-	5	-	57	-
14	Veselin Minev	BUL	14.10.80	-	-	1	-	6	-	1	-	1	-
20	Stanislav Angelov	BUL	12.04.78	4	-	5	-	13	-	5	-	46	-
25	Lucio Wagner	BUL	15.06.76	4	-	4	-	8	-	4	-	28	2
36	Borislav Iliev	BUL	18.02.88	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
44	Todor Stoev	BUL	11.08.88	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Midfielders</b>													
6	Richard Eromoiqbe	NGA	20.06.84	4	-	5	-	13	1	5	-	27	-
7	Daniel Borimirov	BUL	15.01.70	4	1	5	-	10	1	5	-	49	7
15	Georgi Sarmov	BUL	07.09.85	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-
18	Miroslav Ivanov	BUL	09.11.81	3	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	9	1
19	Atanas Bornosuzov	BUL	05.10.79	1	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	14	1
21	Dimitar Telkiyski	BUL	05.05.77	4	1	5	-	12	3	5	-	50	6
27	Cédric Bardon	FRA	15.10.76	4	2	5	-	11	3	5	-	36	4
39	Dimitar Dimitrov	BUL	03.03.88	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
43	Spas Bayraktarov	BUL	07.05.88	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45	Hristo Lemperov	BUL	22.04.88	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
46	Shenol Galip	BUL	03.07.88	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
77	Milan Koprivarov	BUL	20.07.83	2	-	2	-	7	2	2	-	16	1
<b>Forwards</b>													
9	Georgi Ivanov	BUL	02.07.76	1	-	3	-	12	9	3	-	32	16
10	Hristo Yovov	BUL	04.11.77	3	-	5	-	10	6	5	-	41	5
16	Maryan Ognyanov	BUL	30.07.88	-	-	2	1	4	-	2	1	2	1
17	Valeri Domovchiyski	BUL	05.10.86	4	2	2	-	8	4	2	-	19	4
24	Nikolay Dimitrov	BUL	15.10.87	-	-	2	-	1	-	2	-	3	-
28	Emil Angelov	BUL	17.07.80	4	2	2	-	8	3	2	-	21	8
30	Lachezar Baltanov	BUL	11.07.88	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
35	Atanas Kurdov	BUL	28.09.88	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
37	Georgi Vrabski	BUL	22.03.88	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Coach</b>													
	Stanimir Stoilov	BUL	13.02.67	4	-	5	-	-	-	5	-	27	-

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## MATCH PRESS KIT

### Match-by-match lineups - Group A

Clubs	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Chelsea FC	5	3	1	1	8	4	10
Werder Bremen	5	3	1	1	7	3	10
FC Barcelona	5	2	2	1	10	4	8
PFC Levski Sofia	5	0	0	5	1	15	0

Date	Match	Results	Venue
12.09.2006	Chelsea v Bremen	2-0	London

**Goals:** 1-0 Essien 24, 2-0 Ballack 68

**Chelsea:** P. Čech, A. Cole, Makelele, Essien, Carvalho, Shevchenko (J. Cole 81), Lampard, Boulahrouz, Drogba (Kalou 86), Ballack (Obi Mikel 91), Terry

**Bremen:** Reinke, Pasanen, Naldo, Wome, Baumann (Zidan 86' ), Fritz, Diego, Klose, Klasnić (Almeida 66' ), Frings, Borowski

**Referee:** Kyros Vassaras (GRE)

Date	Match	Results	Venue
12.09.2006	Barcelona v Levski	5-0	Barcelona

**Goals:** 1-0 Iniesta 7, 2-0 Giuly 39, 3-0 Puyol 49, 4-0 Eto'o 58, 5-0 Ronaldinho 93

**Barcelona:** Valdés, Belletti, Motta, Puyol, Giuly (Gudjohnsen 63), Eto'o, Ronaldinho, Van Bronckhorst, Deco, Thuram (Oleguer 80), Iniesta (Xavi 72)

**Levski:** G. Petkov, Milanov, Tomašić, Eromoigbe, Borimirov (Minev 63' ), Yovov (M. Ivanov 70' ), Topuzakov, S. Angelov, Telkiyski, Bardon, E. Angelov (G. Ivanov 46' )

**Referee:** Konrad Plautz (AUT)

Date	Match	Results	Venue
27.09.2006	Levski v Chelsea	1-3	Sofia

**Goals:** 0-1 Drogba 39, 0-2 Drogba 52, 0-3 Drogba 68, 1-3 Ognyanov 89

**Levski:** G. Petkov, Milanov, Tomašić, Eromoigbe, Borimirov (Koprivarov 79), Yovov, Topuzakov, S. Angelov, Telkiyski (G. Ivanov 67), Lucio, Bardon (Ognyanov 71)

**Chelsea:** P. Čech, Essien, Carvalho, Shevchenko (Wright-Phillips 83' ), Lampard, Drogba (Robben 70' ), Obi Mikel (Kalou 63' ), Ballack, Bridge, Ferreira, Terry

**Referee:** Laurent Duhamel (FRA)

Date	Match	Results	Venue
27.09.2006	Bremen v Barcelona	1-1	Bremen

**Goals:** 1-0 Puyol 56, 1-1 Messi 89

**Bremen:** Wiese, Naldo, Baumann, Fritz, Diego, Klose (Klasnić 90), Hunt (Owomoyela 91), Frings, Borowski, Schulz, Mertesacker

**Barcelona:** Valdés, Motta, Puyol, Giuly (Messi 65' ), Eto'o (Gudjohnsen 65' ), Ronaldinho, Sylvinho (Zambrotta 83' ), Deco, Thuram, Oleguer, Iniesta

**Referee:** Roberto Rosetti (ITA)

Date	Match	Results	Venue
18.10.2006	Bremen v Levski	2-0	Bremen

**Goals:** 1-0 Naldo 46, 2-0 Diego 73

**Bremen:** Wiese, Naldo, Wome (Klasnić 46), Vranješ (Andreasen 73), Fritz, Diego, Klose (Almeida 82), Hunt, Frings, Schulz, Mertesacker

**Levski:** G. Petkov, Tomašić, Eromoigbe, Borimirov, Yovov (N. Dimitrov 79' ), Topuzakov, Domovchiyski (M. Ivanov 64' ), S. Angelov, Telkiyski (Koprivarov 79' ), Lucio, Bardon

**Referee:** Paul Allaerts (BEL)

Date	Match	Results	Venue
18.10.2006	Chelsea v Barcelona	1-0	London

**Goals:** 1-0 Drogba 47

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**Chelsea:** Hilário, A. Cole, Makelele, Essien, Carvalho, Shevchenko (Robben 77), Lampard, Boulahrouz, Drogba (Kalou 92), Ballack, Terry

**Barcelona:** Valdés, Márquez, Puyol (Oleguer 74' ), Xavi, Gudjohnsen (Giuly 60' ), Ronaldinho, Zambrotta, Van Bronckhorst (Iniesta 57' ), Edmílson, Messi, Deco

**Referee:** Frank De Bleckere (BEL)

Date	Match	Results	Venue
31.10.2006	Levski v Bremen	0-3	Sofia

**Goals:** 0-1 Mihaylov 33, 0-2 Baumann 35, 0-3 Frings 37

**Levski:** Mihaylov (Mitrev 46), Milanov, Tomašić (E. Angelov 57), Eromoigbe, Borimirov, Yovov, Topuzakov, S. Angelov, Telkiyski (N. Dimitrov 69), Lucio, Bardon

**Bremen:** Wiese, Naldo, Wome (Pasanen 85' ), Baumann (Andreasen 78' ), Vranješ, Fritz, Diego, Klose, Hunt (Klasnić 74' ), Frings, Mertesacker

**Referee:** Matteo Trefoloni (ITA)

Date	Match	Results	Venue
31.10.2006	Barcelona v Chelsea	2-2	Barcelona

**Goals:** 1-0 Deco 3, 1-1 Lampard 52, 2-1 Gudjohnsen 58, 2-2 Drogba 93

**Barcelona:** Valdés, Motta (Edmílson 57), Márquez, Puyol, Xavi (Iniesta 83), Gudjohnsen (Giuly 77), Ronaldinho, Zambrotta, Van Bronckhorst, Messi, Deco

**Chelsea:** Hilário, A. Cole, Makelele, Essien, Carvalho, Lampard, Boulahrouz (J. Cole 75' ), Drogba, Ballack (Ferreira 94' ), Robben (Kalou 72' ), Terry

**Referee:** Stefano Farina (ITA)

Date	Match	Results	Venue
22.11.2006	Bremen v Chelsea	1-0	Bremen

**Goals:** 1-0 Mertesacker 27

**Bremen:** Wiese, Naldo, Wome, Fritz, Diego, Klose (Klasnić 93), D. Jensen (Hunt 78), Frings, Almeida (Schulz 87), Borowski, Mertesacker

**Chelsea:** Cudicini, A. Cole, Makelele, Essien, Boulahrouz, J. Cole, Drogba (Shevchenko 59' ), Obi Mikel (Robben 59' ), Ballack (Wright-Phillips 77' ), Geremi, Terry

**Referee:** Ľuboš Michel (SVK)

Date	Match	Results	Venue
22.11.2006	Levski v Barcelona	0-2	Sofia

**Goals:** 0-1 Giuly 5, 0-2 Iniesta 65

**Levski:** G. Petkov, Milanov, Tomašić, Eromoigbe, Borimirov, Yovov (Ognyanov 73), Topuzakov, Domovchiyski (G. Ivanov 57), S. Angelov (Telkiyski 58), Lucio, Bardon

**Barcelona:** Valdés, Motta, Márquez (Oleguer 63' ), Puyol, Gudjohnsen, Giuly (Xavi 58' ), Ronaldinho, Zambrotta, Sylvinho, Deco, Iniesta (Ezquerro 81' )

**Referee:** Yuri Baskakov (RUS)

05.12.2006	Chelsea v Levski	-	London
05.12.2006	Barcelona v Bremen	-	Barcelona

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### Bookings list - Group A

#### FC Barcelona

No	Player	Matchday						KO1		QF		SF		F
		1	2	3	4	5	6	1st	2nd	1st	2nd	1st	2nd	
12	Giovanni van Bronckhorst			Y										
7	Eidur Gudjohnsen				Y									
6	Xavi Hernández			Y										
20	Deco			Y										
3	Thiago Motta				Y									
15	Edmílson				Y									
19	Lionel Messi				Y									

#### Chelsea FC

No	Player	Matchday						KO1		QF		SF		F
		1	2	3	4	5	6	1st	2nd	1st	2nd	1st	2nd	
8	Frank Lampard	Y		Y	Y	S								
10	Joe Cole	Y			Y		*							
26	John Terry	Y			Y	Y	S							
5	Michael Essien				Y									
3	Ashley Cole				Y									
16	Arjen Robben				Y									
12	John Obi Mikel		Y											
11	Didier Drogba	Y												

#### PFC Levski Sofia

No	Player	Matchday						KO1		QF		SF		F
		1	2	3	4	5	6	1st	2nd	1st	2nd	1st	2nd	
7	Daniel Borimirov			Y		Y	*							
9	Georgi Ivanov	Y												
4	Igor Tomasic			Y										
20	Stanislav Angelov		Y											
3	Zhivko Milanov	Y				Y	*							
25	Lucio Wagner	S			Y									

#### Werder Bremen

No	Player	Matchday						KO1		QF		SF		F
		1	2	3	4	5	6	1st	2nd	1st	2nd	1st	2nd	
7	Jurica Vranjes				Y									
6	Frank Baumann	Y	Y		Y	S								
8	Clemens Fritz			Y										
22	Torsten Frings		Y											
5	Pierre Wome				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	
24	Tim Borowski					Y								
4	Naldo		Y											

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## MATCH PRESS KIT

### Domestic information

#### Chelsea FC (Premiership)

	Date	Opponent	Res	Lineups
League	18.11.2006	v West Ham United FC (H)	1-0	Cudicini, Geremi, Carvalho (Boulahrouz 46), Terry, A. Cole, Essien, Makelele, Lampard, Robben (Obi Mikel 83), Drogba, Shevchenko (J. Cole 68)
League	26.11.2006	v Manchester United FC (A)	1-1	Cudicini, Geremi (Robben 46), Carvalho, Terry, A. Cole, Essien, Makelele, Ballack (Ferreira 90), Lampard, Shevchenko (J. Cole 75), Drogba
League	29.11.2006	v Bolton Wanderers FC (A)	1-0	Cudicini, Geremi, Carvalho, Terry, A. Cole, Essien, Makelele, Lampard, Ballack, Shevchenko (Kalou 77), Drogba (Obi Mikel 90)

# Chelsea FC v PFC Levski Sofia

## MATCH PRESS KIT

	Date	Opponent	Res	Goalscorers
League	20.08.2006	v Manchester City FC (H)	3-0	Terry 11, Lampard 26, Drogba 78
League	23.08.2006	v Middlesbrough FC (A)	1-2	Shevchenko 16
League	27.08.2006	v Blackburn Rovers FC (A)	2-0	Lampard 50(pen), Drogba 81
League	09.09.2006	v Charlton Athletic FC (H)	2-1	Drogba 6, Carvalho 63
League	17.09.2006	v Liverpool FC (H)	1-0	Drogba 42
League	23.09.2006	v Fulham FC (A)	2-0	Lampard 73(pen), 80
League	30.09.2006	v Aston Villa FC (H)	1-1	Drogba 3
League	14.10.2006	v Reading FC (A)	1-0	Own goal
League	21.10.2006	v Portsmouth FC (H)	2-1	Shevchenko 55, Ballack 57
Cup	25.10.2006	v Blackburn Rovers FC (A)	2-0	J. Cole 53, Kalou 81
League	28.10.2006	v Sheffield United FC (A)	2-0	Lampard 43, Ballack 49
League	05.11.2006	v Tottenham Hotspur FC (A)	1-2	Makelele 15
Cup	08.11.2006	v Aston Villa FC (H)	4-0	Lampard 32, Shevchenko 65, Essien 82, Drogba 84
League	11.11.2006	v Watford FC (H)	4-0	Drogba 27, 36, 69, Shevchenko 52
League	18.11.2006	v West Ham United FC (H)	1-0	Geremi 22
League	26.11.2006	v Manchester United FC (A)	1-1	Carvalho 69
League	29.11.2006	v Bolton Wanderers FC (A)	1-0	Ballack 45
League	10.12.2006	v Arsenal FC (H)		
League	13.12.2006	v Newcastle United FC (H)		
League	17.12.2006	v Everton FC (A)		
League	23.12.2006	v Wigan Athletic FC (A)		
League	26.12.2006	v Reading FC (H)		
League	30.12.2006	v Fulham FC (H)		
League	02.01.2007	v Aston Villa FC (A)		
League	13.01.2007	v Wigan Athletic FC (H)		
League	20.01.2007	v Liverpool FC (A)		
League	31.01.2007	v Blackburn Rovers FC (H)		
League	03.02.2007	v Charlton Athletic FC (A)		
League	10.02.2007	v Middlesbrough FC (H)		
League	24.02.2007	v Manchester City FC (A)		
League	03.03.2007	v Portsmouth FC (A)		
League	17.03.2007	v Sheffield United FC (H)		
League	31.03.2007	v Watford FC (A)		
League	07.04.2007	v Tottenham Hotspur FC (H)		
League	09.04.2007	v West Ham United FC (A)		
League	14.04.2007	v Manchester United FC (H)		
League	21.04.2007	v Newcastle United FC (A)		

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## MATCH PRESS KIT

Rank	Clubs	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1	Manchester United FC	16	13	2	1	35	8	41
2	<b>Chelsea FC</b>	15	11	2	2	25	8	35
3	Arsenal FC	15	7	4	4	25	12	25
4	Portsmouth FC	16	7	4	5	21	14	25
5	Liverpool FC	16	7	4	5	19	15	25
6	Reading FC	15	8	1	6	17	18	25
7	Everton FC	16	6	6	4	20	15	24
8	Aston Villa FC	16	5	9	2	19	15	24
9	Bolton Wanderers FC	16	7	3	6	15	15	24
10	Fulham FC	16	5	5	6	16	23	20
11	Manchester City FC	15	5	4	6	13	17	19
12	Tottenham Hotspur FC	15	5	4	6	13	19	19
13	Wigan Athletic FC	14	5	3	6	17	20	18
14	Blackburn Rovers FC	14	4	4	6	13	17	16
15	Middlesbrough FC	15	4	4	7	12	19	16
16	Sheffield United FC	16	4	4	8	11	20	16
17	West Ham United FC	15	4	2	9	10	18	14
18	Newcastle United FC	14	3	4	7	9	15	13
19	Watford FC	14	1	6	7	10	20	9
20	Charlton Athletic FC	15	2	3	10	11	23	9

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## MATCH PRESS KIT

### Domestic information

#### PFC Levski Sofia (Premier League)

	Date	Opponent	Res	Lineups
League	12.11.2006	v PFC Lokomotiv Plovdiv 1936 (A)	3-1	G. Petkov, Milanov, Topuzakov, S. Angelov, Lucio, Borimirov, Eromoigbe (Sarmov 64), Telkiyski, Bardon, Yovov (E. Angelov 75), G. Ivanov (Domovchiyski 58)
League	18.11.2006	v PFC Lokomotiv Sofia (H)	3-0	G. Petkov, Milanov, Topuzakov, S. Angelov, Lucio, Borimirov, Eromoigbe (Ognyanov 74), Telkiyski (M. Ivanov 71), Bardon, Yovov, Domovchiyski (G. Ivanov 60)
League	26.11.2006	v PFC Litex Lovech (A)	0-0	G. Petkov, S. Angelov, Topuzakov, Tomašić, Milanov, Borimirov, Eromoigbe, Telkiyski, Bardon (Koprivarov 73), Yovov (M. Ivanov 83), G. Ivanov (Domovchiyski 62)

	Date	Opponent	Res	Goalscorers
League	05.08.2006	v PFC Chernomorets Burgas Sofia (A)	3-0	
League	12.08.2006	v PFC Spartak Varna (H)	3-0	Yovov 45, G. Ivanov 48, 82
League	19.08.2006	v PFC Vihren Sandanski (A)	0-0	
League	27.08.2006	v PFC Rilski Sportist Samokov (H)	5-0	Bardon 11, Borimirov 23, Telkiyski 53(pen), G. Ivanov 85, Domovchiyski 90
League	09.09.2006	v PFC Marek Dupnitsa (A)	8-0	E. Angelov 2, 45, 79, Koprivarov 14, G. Ivanov 22, 31, 72, Eromoigbe 59(pen)
League	17.09.2006	v PFC CSKA Sofia (H)	1-0	Bardon 49(pen)
League	22.09.2006	v PFC Rodopa Smolian (A)	3-0	Stojchev 45, G. Ivanov 52, 62
League	01.10.2006	v PFC Slavia Sofia (H)	2-0	Yovov 9, Telkiyski 52
League	14.10.2006	v PFC Belasitsa Petrich (A)	1-0	Koprivarov 54
League	23.10.2006	v PFC Botev Plovdiv (H)	3-0	Domovchiyski 8, M. Ivanov 59, 83
League	27.10.2006	v PFC Chernomorets Varna (A)	1-1	Domovchiyski 15
League	04.11.2006	v PFC Beroe Stara Zagora (H)	3-0	Telkiyski 22(pen), M. Ivanov 33, Yovov 49
League	12.11.2006	v PFC Lokomotiv Plovdiv 1936 (A)	3-1	Bardon 19, Yovov 51, 61
League	18.11.2006	v PFC Lokomotiv Sofia (H)	3-0	Domovchiyski 46, Yovov 56, G. Ivanov 70
League	26.11.2006	v PFC Litex Lovech (A)	0-0	

Rank	Clubs	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1	<b>PFC Levski Sofia</b>	15	12	3	0	39	2	39
2	PFC CSKA Sofia	15	12	1	2	36	7	37
3	PFC Lokomotiv Sofia	15	10	3	2	31	13	33
4	PFC Litex Lovech	15	8	5	2	20	12	29
5	PFC Chernomorets Varna	15	7	3	5	24	12	24
6	PFC Slavia Sofia	15	6	5	4	24	19	23
7	PFC Botev Plovdiv	15	7	1	7	24	24	22
8	PFC Beroe Stara Zagora	15	6	2	7	22	18	20
9	PFC Vihren Sandanski	15	6	2	7	15	17	20
10	PFC Spartak Varna	15	6	1	8	15	30	19
11	PFC Lokomotiv Plovdiv 1936	15	5	3	7	18	19	18
12	PFC Marek Dupnitsa	15	4	4	7	20	30	16
13	PFC Belasitsa Petrich	15	4	3	8	19	22	15
14	PFC Rilski Sportist Samokov	15	5	0	10	14	29	15
15	PFC Rodopa Smolian	15	3	1	11	14	26	10
16	PFC Chernomorets Burgas Sofia	15	0	1	14	4	59	-2

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### Match officials

<b>Referee</b>	Alain Hamer (LUX)
<b>Assistant referees</b>	Francis Crelo (LUX), Eric Castellani (FRA)
<b>Fourth official</b>	Philippe Kalt (FRA)
<b>UEFA Delegate</b>	Jim Stjerne Hansen (DEN)

### Referee

Name	Nat.	DoB	UCL	UEFA
Alain Hamer	LUX	10.12.1965	19	54

Having only started refereeing in 1982, Alain Hamer was taking charge of top-flight matches in his native Luxembourg before the turn of the next decade. Since 2002, Hamer has worked at the highest UEFA level, but he is keen to keep on progressing. "Everyone has the right to dream and I hope one day I can be the best," he said.

An account manager from the town of Waldbillig, he was awarded his FIFA badge in 1993 and went on to form part of the refereeing teams at the 1995 FIFA Women's World Cup, 1998 UEFA European Under-21 Championship and 2001 FIFA World Youth Championship. In addition to covering league games in his homeland, Hamer also experienced domestic football in France and Belgium. Back home, the official was established at the top of the refereeing tree at the age of 34, with his first major domestic appointment being the 1999 Luxembourg Cup final.

At the end of the 2003/04 campaign he was selected to travel to the UEFA European Championship in Portugal as one of four fourth officials. He also took charge of seven qualifiers for the 2006 FIFA World Cup. In 2005/06, he worked at three UEFA Champions League games including the first knockout round meeting of Villarreal FC and Rangers FC, as well as the first leg of the UEFA Cup semi-final between FC Steaua Bucuresti and Middlesbrough FC. His 2006/07 UEFA Champions League experience began with Sporting Clube de Portugal's 1-0 home win against FC Internazionale Milano on Matchday 1.

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

Date	Comp.	Stage	Match	Res	Venue
25.10.2000	UCL	GS1	Arsenal FC-AC Sparta Praha	4-2	London
27.02.2002	UCL	GS2	Arsenal FC-Bayer 04 Leverkusen	4-1	London
02.10.2002	UCL	GS1	Liverpool FC-FC Spartak Moskva	5-0	Liverpool
03.11.2004	UCL	GS	Manchester United FC-AC Sparta Praha	4-1	Manchester
01.11.2005	UCL	GS	Real Betis Balompié-Chelsea FC	1-0	Sevilla

### UEFA Champions League Other matches

Date	Comp.	Stage	Match	Res	Venue
30.07.1997	UCL	QR1	FC Slavia Mozyr-FC Tiraspol	3-2	Mozyr
28.07.1999	UCL	QR2	FK Partizan-HNK Rijeka	3-1	Belgrade
15.09.1999	UCL	GS1	Molde FK-FC Porto	0-1	Molde
19.10.1999	UCL	GS1	SK Sturm Graz-NK Dinamo Zagreb	1-0	Graz
08.03.2000	UCL	GS2	Rosenborg BK-FC Dynamo Kyiv	1-2	Trondheim
09.08.2000	UCL	QR3	AC Milan-NK Dinamo Zagreb	3-1	Milan
27.09.2000	UCL	GS1	FC Spartak Moskva-Sporting Clube de Portugal	3-1	Moscow
08.08.2001	UCL	QR3	SK Slavia Praha-Panathinaikos FC	1-2	Prague
10.10.2001	UCL	GS1	Bayer 04 Leverkusen-Fenerbahçe SK	2-1	Leverkusen
31.10.2001	UCL	GS1	AC Sparta Praha-FC Bayern München	0-1	Prague
28.08.2002	UCL	QR3	SK Sturm Graz-Maccabi Haifa FC	3-3	Graz
23.10.2002	UCL	GS1	FC Barcelona-FC Lokomotiv Moskva	1-0	Barcelona
27.08.2003	UCL	QR3	FC Lokomotiv Moskva-FC Shakhtar Donetsk	3-1	Moscow

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Date	Comp.	Stage	Match	Res	Venue
25.11.2003	UCL	GS1	Olympiacos CFP-Real Sociedad de Fútbol	2-2	Athens
24.08.2004	UCL	QR3	RC Deportivo La Coruña-Shelbourne FC	3-0	La Coruna
28.09.2004	UCL	GS	Juventus-Maccabi Tel-Aviv FC	1-0	Turin
23.11.2004	UCL	GS	Real Madrid CF-Bayer 04 Leverkusen	1-1	Madrid
10.08.2005	UCL	QR3	FC Shakhtar Donetsk-FC Internazionale Milano	0-2	Donetsk
19.10.2005	UCL	GS	Fenerbahçe SK-FC Schalke 04	3-3	Istanbul
07.03.2006	UCL	1/8	Villarreal CF-Rangers FC	1-1	Villarreal
09.08.2006	UCL	QR3	FC Slovan Liberec-FC Spartak Moskva	0-0	Liberec
12.09.2006	UCL	GS	Sporting Clube de Portugal-FC Internazionale Milano	1-0	Lisbon
17.10.2006	UCL	GS	FC Porto-Hamburger SV	4-1	Porto

### Other matches

Date	Comp.	Stage	Match	Res	Venue
26.09.1993	WCHAMP	QR	Iceland-Netherlands	2-1	
20.11.1993	WCHAMP	QR	Italy-France	2-0	
13.04.1994	U18	IR	Germany-Belgium	0-0	
24.08.1994	UCUP	PR	ÍA Akranes-Bangor City FC	2-0	Akranes
12.10.1994	EURO	PR	Russia-San Marino	4-0	Moscow
17.12.1994	U21	QR	F.Y.R. Macedonia-Cyprus	1-0	
25.04.1995	U21	QR	Switzerland-Turkey	0-2	Neuchatel
01.07.1995	UIC	GS - FT	FC Luzern-Östers IF	3-2	
16.08.1995	EURO	PR	Azerbaijan-Slovakia	0-1	Trabzon
17.09.1995	WCHAMP	QR	Czech Republic-Estonia	11-0	
27.09.1995	UCUP	R1	Werder Bremen-Glenavon FC	5-0	Bremen
11.10.1995	EURO	PR	Slovenia-Ukraine	3-2	Ljubljana
19.10.1995	UCWC	R2	Sporting Clube de Portugal-SK Rapid Wien	2-0	Lisbon
02.05.1996	WCHAMP	QR	Germany-Norway	1-3	
06.07.1996	UIC	GS	Cliftonville FC-VfB Stuttgart	1-4	
27.07.1996	UIC	SF	HNK Segesta-Örebro SK	4-0	
31.08.1996	WC	QR	Wales-San Marino	6-0	
06.09.1996	U18	PR	Estonia-Norway	0-3	
24.09.1996	UCUP	R1	FC Internazionale Milano-EA Guingamp	1-1	
17.10.1996	UCWC	R2	SK Brann-PSV Eindhoven	2-1	Bergen
08.06.1997	WC	QR	Finland-Azerbaijan	3-0	Helsinki
21.06.1997	UIC	GS	FK Hajduk Kula-Halmstads BK	0-1	
26.08.1997	UCUP	QR2	Lillestrøm SK-FC Dinamo Minsk	1-0	Lillestrom
02.10.1997	UCWC	R1	ŠK Slovan Bratislava-Chelsea FC	0-2	Bratislava
21.10.1997	UCUP	R2	AGF Århus-FC Twente	1-1	Vejle
24.05.1998	U21	QF	Norway-Sweden	1-0	Bucharest
26.05.1998	U21	P-O	Romania-Germany	0-1	Bucharest
29.07.1998	UIC	SF	KS Ruch Chorzów-Debreceni VSC	1-0	Chorzow
25.08.1998	UCUP	QR2	PFC CSKA Sofia-Molde FK	2-0	Sofia
29.09.1998	UCUP	R1	RC Celta de Vigo-FC 2005 SA Arges	7-0	Vigo
03.11.1998	UCUP	R2	Parma FC-Wisla Kraków	2-1	Parma
27.03.1999	EURO	PR	Georgia-Slovenia	1-1	Tbilisi
10.06.1999	U21	QR	Switzerland-Italy	0-0	Geneva
04.09.1999	EURO	PR	Albania-Latvia	3-3	Tirana
13.11.1999	U21	P-O	Czech Republic-Greece	3-0	Teplice
23.11.1999	UCUP	R3	Udinese Calcio-Bayer 04 Leverkusen	0-1	Udine
03.09.2000	WC	QR	Slovakia-F.Y.R. Macedonia	2-0	Bratislava
23.11.2000	UCUP	R3	AS Roma-Hamburger SV	1-0	Rome
15.02.2001	UCUP	R4	Deportivo Alavés-FC Internazionale Milano	3-3	Vitoria

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Date	Comp.	Stage	Match	Res	Venue
28.03.2001	WC	QR	Albania-England	1-3	Tirana
04.12.2001	UCUP	R3	FC Lokomotiv Moskva-Hapoel Tel-Aviv FC	0-1	Ramenskoye
12.10.2002	EURO	QR	Finland-Azerbaijan	3-0	Helsinki
28.11.2002	UCUP	R3	Besiktas JK-FC Dynamo Kyiv	3-1	Istanbul
27.02.2003	UCUP	R4	Boavista FC-Hertha BSC Berlin	1-0	Porto
11.06.2003	EURO	QR	Estonia-Croatia	0-1	Tallinn
10.09.2003	EURO	QR	Serbia-Italy	1-1	Belgrade
03.03.2004	UCUP	R3	AS Roma-Gaziantepspor	2-0	Rome
11.03.2004	UCUP	R4	Newcastle United FC-RCD Mallorca	4-1	Newcastle
04.09.2004	WC	QR	Iceland-Bulgaria	1-3	Reykjavik
13.10.2004	WC	QR	Azerbaijan-England	0-1	Baku
17.03.2005	UCUP	1/8	Real Zaragoza-FK Austria Wien	2-2	Zaragoza
05.05.2005	UCUP	SF	PFC CSKA Moskva-Parma FC	3-0	Moscow
08.06.2005	WC	QR	Finland-Netherlands	0-4	Helsinki
07.09.2005	WC	QR	Norway-Scotland	1-2	Oslo
08.10.2005	WC	QR	Bosnia-Herzegovina-San Marino	3-0	Zenica
16.02.2006	UCUP	1/16	VfB Stuttgart-Middlesbrough FC	1-2	Stuttgart
30.03.2006	UCUP	QF	Sevilla FC-FC Zenit St. Petersburg	4-1	Sevilla
20.04.2006	UCUP	SF	FC Steaua Bucuresti-Middlesbrough FC	1-0	Bucharest
07.10.2006	EURO	QR	Hungary-Turkey	0-1	Budapest

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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