

FC Barcelona v Liverpool FC

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Match background

The last two winners of the UEFA Champions League come together at Camp Nou in arguably the pick of the first knockout round ties as holders FC Barcelona take on Liverpool FC, the 2005 champions. This heavyweight contest carries added appeal because of Liverpool's Spanish contingent, spearheaded by a manager in Rafael Benítez who will aim to maintain his team's unbeaten record at Barcelona. Frank Rijkaard has happy memories of English opposition after masterminding the 2-1 defeat of Arsenal FC in last season's showpiece.

- Barcelona arrived at this stage after taking second place in Group A behind Chelsea FC. They needed a 2-0 home victory over Werder Bremen in their final fixture on Matchday 6 to make sure of progressing, Ronaldinho and Eidur Gudjohnsen the scorers. Frank Rijkaard's men had earlier recorded wins over PFC Levski Sofia (5-0 and 2-0) and a 1-1 draw in Bremen. However, they stumbled against Chelsea, losing 1-0 away and drawing 2-2 at Camp Nou.

- Liverpool secured their last-16 place on Matchday 4 and were already confirmed as Group C winners by the time Robbie Fowler's two goals failed to prevent a 3-2 loss at Galatasaray SK on 5 December. After opening their campaign with a 0-0 draw at PSV Eindhoven, Liverpool collected four straight wins against Galatasaray (3-2), FC Girondins de Bordeaux (1-0 and 3-0) and PSV (2-0).

- Barcelona have an impressive home record against English opposition, winning 13, drawing eight and losing just one of 22 previous meetings. That sole defeat came against Liverpool in the 1975/76 UEFA Cup semi-finals. A 1-0 first-leg win at Camp Nou set up a 2-1 aggregate success for the Reds, who went on to win the trophy. History repeated itself when Liverpool beat Barcelona en route to lifting the UEFA Cup for a third time in 2000/01, a 0-0 draw in Spain laying the foundations for a 1-0 aggregate win.

- That UEFA Cup success saw Deportivo Alavés beaten 5-4 in Dortmund, but it was not Liverpool's only European trophy gained at a Spanish side's expense. They won the 1980/81 European Champion Clubs' Cup with a 1-0 defeat of Real Madrid CF in Paris.

- Having lost the sides' two previous two-legged encounters, Barcelona will hope to make it third time lucky and they did at least get the better of Liverpool in the 2001/02 UEFA Champions League second group stage. Barcelona finished top of the section - with Liverpool second - after winning 3-1 at Anfield and drawing 0-0 at Camp Nou.



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- Seven players remain from the two starting XIs from that last encounter on 13 March 2002. Carles Puyol and Thiago Motta started for Barcelona, and Jerzy Dudek, Jamie Carragher, Sami Hyypiä, Steven Gerrard and John Arne Riise for Liverpool. The present Liverpool goalkeeper Pepe Reina was on Barcelona's bench that night and the Reds' squad includes two other Azulgrana old boys in Boudewijn Zenden and the injured Luis García.
- In ten previous visits to Spain, Liverpool have won five times and lost just twice. Benítez, meanwhile, was unbeaten in trips to Barcelona with former club Valencia CF, recording two wins (4-2 in 2002/03 and 1-0 in 2003/04) and a draw (2-2 in 2001/02). His overall record against Barcelona with Real Valladolid CF, CF Extremadura and Valencia is three wins, one draw and six defeats.
- After Liverpool aim to end Barcelona's 13-match unbeaten run at home in the UEFA Champions League, the return fixture will be played at Anfield on 6 March.

Match facts

Barcelona

- Seven Barcelona players have featured in all six UEFA Champions League matches to date: **Victor Valdés**, **Carles Puyol**, **Deco**, **Andrés Iniesta**, **Eidur Gudjohnsen**, **Ludovic Giuly** and **Ronaldinho**. Of those, Valdés, Deco and Ronaldinho have played all 540 minutes so far.
- **Gianluca Zambrotta** made his 50th UEFA Champions League appearance against Werder Bremen in Barcelona's final Group A game. The Italian international became the sixth Barcelona player to achieve that feat following **Puyol** (63 appearances), **Xavi Hernández** (62), **Lilian Thuram** (60), **Deco** (59) and **Giovanni van Bronckhorst** (52) - the latter brought up his half-century against Chelsea FC on Matchday 3.
- In terms of UEFA club competition **Thuram** leads the way on 106 appearances, 16 more than **Van Bronckhorst** and 20 more than **Deco**. **Puyol** made his 75th UEFA appearance on Matchday 5 while **Edmílson** is two appearances away from 50 in Europe.
- Although he has spent the last two seasons on loan at AS Monaco FC and Sevilla FC respectively, **Javier Saviola** is still the top UEFA Champions League scorer in the Barcelona squad with 15 goals to his name, two more than **Ronaldinho** and three above **Samuel Eto'o** and **Deco**.
- The Argentinian is also top scorer in UEFA club competition among Barcelona players with 24 goals. **Ronaldinho** has four fewer and **Giuly** five while **Eto'o** is on 18 goals and **Deco** has 17.
- **Andrés Iniesta**, **Gudjohnsen**, **Giuly** and **Ronaldinho** are four of the 33 players who have scored twice in the UEFA Champions League this season. Didier Drogba, Fernando Morientes and Kaká lead the way after the group stage with five goals apiece.
- Despite only playing two games in the group stage **Eto'o** has set up three goals in this season's competition, two fewer than Juninho Pernambucano, the leading assist provider. **Deco** has created two goals.
- **Giuly** and **Gudjohnsen** have had seven shots on goal in the first six games, five fewer than Kaká who has had the most.
- **Ronaldinho** and **Deco** have been fouled on 19 occasions, five fewer than Artem Milevskiy, who has been impeded the most.
- On average Barça have had the ball 54 per cent of the time in their first six games, behind Real Madrid CF and Arsenal FC, who have both had 56 per cent of possession, and AC Milan, who have had 55 per cent.

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- Barcelona have been caught offside only ten times, four more than FC Bayern München and LOSC Lille Métropole, who have been penalised the least.
- Only Madrid, with 14 goals, have scored more than Barcelona's total of 12 in the group stage.
- The holders also have one of the best defensive records of the teams in the last 16 having conceded four goals to date. Bayern, Olympique Lyonnais and Arsenal FC have all been breached three times.
- Four Barcelona defenders have celebrated birthdays this month; **Oleguer** turned 27 on 2 February while **Van Bronckhorst** celebrated his 32nd birthday three days later. **Zambrotta** was 30 on 10 February, three days before **Rafael Márquez** turned 28.
- **Thiago Motta** will miss the second leg if he is booked at Camp Nou.
- Barcelona were beaten 2-1 at Valencia CF on Sunday evening, allowing Sevilla FC to join them on 46 points at the top of the Primera División. After a goalless first half, Miguel Ángel Angulo broke the deadlock for the home side in the 51st minute before David Silva doubled the advantage three minutes later. Both sides finished the game with ten men as David Albelda and **Deco** were shown red cards just past the hour, and **Ronaldinho's** added-time strike had no bearing on the outcome.
- The defeat was Barcelona's second since the turn of the year following a 3-1 reverse at RCD Espanyol on 13 January. Overall they have been beaten three times this season in the league, all away from home, the other being against Madrid on 22 October.
- **Ronaldinho's** goal took his tally for the season to 16 in the league, keeping him in second place in the scoring charts behind Sevilla's Frédéric Kanouté. Six of the Brazilian's goals have come from the penalty spot.
- **Deco** became the third Barça player to be sent off this season. **Sylvinho** was dismissed on 9 December against Real Sociedad de Fútbol and **Motta** was shown a red card in the 12 November win against Real Zaragoza.
- Icelandic international **Gudjohnsen** started his first game for the club since the defeat against local rivals Espanyol on 13 January when he was named in the lineup at the Mestalla Stadium, replacing **Saviola**. **Eto'o** remained in Barcelona to work on his fitness while **Lionel Messi** appeared as a substitute.
- Barcelona coach **Frank Rijkaard** said: "We could have scored in the first half, but we were playing against a team that leaves very little space and are playing at a great level. Our problem is not that we did not react. We wanted to play our game, but just failed to score. Both teams wanted to win using their own style and it was Valencia who achieved that."
- After defeating Werder Bremen on Matchday 6, Barça lost only one of their next nine Primera División games. Real Sociedad were defeated 1-0 on 9 December thanks to **Ronaldinho's** goal and the Brazilian then scored again in the club's final game of 2006, a 1-1 draw with Club Atlético de Madrid. Barça began 2007 with an identical result at Getafe CF and then slipped to a 3-1 derby defeat at city rivals Espanyol, but got their league campaign back on course with a 3-0 defeat of another Catalan club, CG Tarragona, on 21 January. A 1-1 draw with Real Betis Balompié followed before RC Celta de Vigo were overcome 3-0. February began with a goalless draw at CA Osasuna and Ronaldinho then scored both goals in a 2-0 home win against Real Racing Club Santander.
- **Rafael Márquez's** goal against Betis was his first of the season.

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- **Saviola** was in a rich vein of form as Barcelona eased through to the quarter-finals of the Copa del Rey in January with a 5-2 aggregate win against Deportivo Alavés. The Argentinian striker scored all five of his team's goals over the two legs as the Blaugrana won 2-0 in Vitoria before triumphing 3-2 at Camp Nou. The draw for the last eight paired Rijkaard's side with Real Zaragoza and the Aragón outfit gained the upper hand in the first leg as they won 1-0 in Barcelona. The return fixture is on 28 February.
- **Saviola** began the year in blistering form, scoring seven goals in his first four games including that hat-trick against Alavés.
- Despite the usual speculation surrounding the club during a transfer window, Barça were inactive in January as no players left or arrived at Camp Nou. The UEFA Champions League squad remains the same as that which finished Group A in second place behind Chelsea FC.
- **Eto'o** returned from four months out with a knee injury as a substitute against Osasuna on 4 February, a week before **Messi** came off the bench against Racing to mark his comeback from a broken foot that was sustained in November. **Zambrotta** missed four games after he pulled a muscle in his left calf during the FIFA Club World Cup final in December. The Italian returned to action in the second leg of the Copa Del Rey tie against Alavés.
- **Thuram** tore a muscle in his left calf against Atlético on 21 December and was ruled out for a month, only to be sidelined again after aggravating the injury in his comeback match against Gimnàstic in January. **Juliano Belletti** overcame a blow to his left knee last month, while **Sylvinho** was expected to be out for a month after pulling his right calf in late January but returned to full training last week. **Ronaldinho** missed the trip to Osasuna with a calf strain, an injury that also prevented him from appearing for his country in this month's friendly international with Portugal.
- Barcelona reached the final of the FIFA Club World Cup in Japan last December only to lose to Brazilian side SC Internacional of Porto Alegre, Adriano scoring the only goal in Yokohama. The UEFA Champions League holders entered at the semi-finals and defeated Mexican side Club América with goals from **Gudjohnsen**, **Márquez**, **Ronaldinho** and **Deco**. Despite the final disappointment, Deco was named as the player of the tournament with Ronaldinho in third place.
- **Rijkaard** has spoken about the unity in his squad as they bid to become the first team to win consecutive UEFA Champions League titles. With Ronaldinho, Eto'o and Messi all back after injury problems, the Dutch coach said: "This will have a positive effect on the team."
- Four Barça players were named in the uefa.com users' Team of 2006. **Zambrotta**, **Puyol**, **Ronaldinho** and **Eto'o** were all included, while **Rijkaard** was named as the coach.
- The 1-1 draw with Betis on 25 January meant Barça earned the title of Spain's winter champions for the third consecutive season.
- **Thuram** was the subject of a head scan earlier this month as the French defender agreed to have a reproduction of his cranium displayed alongside a skull dating back 30,000 years and that of 17th-century philosopher René Descartes at an exhibition in the Musée de l'Homme in Paris. The heads will depict the changes in skull shapes through time.
- Substitute **Andrés Iniesta** scored the winning goal as Spain defeated England in a friendly international at Old Trafford on 7 February. **Puyol** played the opening half of the match and **Xavi Hernández** featured for 90 minutes.
- On the same night, **Saviola** got the only goal of Argentina's 1-0 win against France in Paris. **Van Bronckhorst** appeared for the Netherlands in their 4-1 home victory against Russia, while **Márquez** was unable to prevent Mexico from going down 2-0 to the United States the following evening.

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- On 6 February Barça team-mates **Deco** and **Edmílson** were on opposite sides at the Arsenal Stadium in London and the Portuguese midfielder gained the upper hand as he helped his country to a 2-0 triumph against Brazil.
- **Gudjohnsen** spent eight years in England and played against Liverpool in Chelsea's 3-2 success in the 2005 English League Cup, two months before the Merseyside club gained revenge in the UEFA Champions League semi-finals.
- **Gudjohnsen** was voted Iceland's Player of the Year for the third time in a poll of 200 former board members of the Football Association of Iceland, international players and others close to the governing body.
- **Eto'o** faces competition from Chelsea pair Didier Drogba and Michael Essien for the 2006 African Player of the Year award. The Cameroonian striker has won the prize in the last three years, and the 2006 winner will be announced in Accra, Ghana, on 1 March.
- **Zambrotta** and **Thuram** played in both legs for Juventus as the Italian side bowed out 2-1 on aggregate at the hands of Liverpool in the 2004/05 UEFA Champions League quarter-finals.
- Winterthur FC Barcelona won Spanish basketball's Copa del Rey earlier this month as they defeated Real Madrid CF in the final of the competition in Málaga.

Liverpool

- **Xabi Alonso** is the only Liverpool player to have featured in all eight UEFA Champions League matches to date, including qualifying.
- **Jamie Carragher** featured in all six Group C games for the Merseyside club, playing the full 90 minutes on each occasion.
- Although no current Liverpool player has yet reached 50 appearances in the UEFA Champions League, three are closing in on the mark; **Carragher** leads the way having each played 47 games, two more than **Jerzy Dudek** and **John Arne Riise**. **Sami Hyypiä** has featured on 41 occasions.
- **Hyypiä** is within seven games of a century of UEFA club competition appearances; the centre-back has featured in 93 games. Eight players have played in 50 or more UEFA club matches, with **Robbie Fowler** next in line on 47 appearances.
- Four Liverpool players made their UEFA Champions League debuts on Matchday 1; **Daniel Agger**, **Fábio Aurélio**, **Mark González** and **Kuyt**.
- Three more took their bows in the competition in the 3-2 defeat at Galatasaray SK on Matchday 6: **Gabriel Paletta**, **Daniel Guthrie** and **Lee Peltier**.
- **Peter Crouch** is one of five players on four goals in this season's competition having scored twice against Galatasaray on Matchday 2 and once each against FC Girondins de Bordeaux and PSV Eindhoven. Didier Drogba, Fernando Morientes and Kaká lead the way with five goals. **Luis García** - who will miss the rest of the season with a knee injury - has three goals to his name, one more than **Steven Gerrard** and **Fowler**.
- **Kuyt**, **Craig Bellamy** and **Jermaine Pennant** are three of the 25 players who have set up two goals so far, three fewer than the competition's leading assist provider Juninho Pernambucano.
- **Gerrard** has managed seven shots on goal so far, five fewer than Kaká who has had the most. The Liverpool captain has also had seven shots with, with Robin van Persie and Boubacar Sanogo leading the way in that respect on 12 each.

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- The English side have also had an average of 48 per cent possession in each game, higher only than FC Internazionale Milano of the sides left in the competition.
- With five yellow cards, only PSV Eindhoven have a better disciplinary record than Liverpool, who collected six bookings in the group stage.
- **Crouch** turned 26 on 30 January while **Paletta** was 21 six days before the first leg with Barcelona, on 15 February.
- Since bringing down the curtain on their Group C campaign with a 3-2 defeat at Galatasaray SK on 5 December, Liverpool have climbed to third place in the Premiership, been knocked out of two cup competitions by Arsenal FC and have been the subject of a €333m takeover by American businessmen George Gillett and Tom Hicks.
- Their rise to third spot came on the back of eight wins and two draws in their last eleven league matches. Fulham FC (4-0), Charlton Athletic FC (3-0), Watford FC (2-0 and 3-0), Tottenham Hotspur FC (1-0), Bolton Wanderers FC (3-0), Chelsea FC (2-0) and West Ham United FC (2-1) were all defeated while the Merseyside derby with Everton FC on 3 February finished goalless. **Rafael Benítez's** side suffered away losses at Blackburn Rovers FC (1-0) and, in their most recent fixture, Newcastle United FC (2-1).
- **Kuyt** is the club's top scorer in the league this season with nine goals, two more than **Bellamy** and three more than **Crouch**. England striker Crouch is the leading goalscorer overall with 13 strikes in all competitions. **Pennant** got his first goal for the club in the win against Chelsea, while **Carragher** scored for Liverpool for the first time in since January 1999 when he found the net against Fulham.
- Two home games in the space of four days ended Liverpool's interest in the both England's domestic cup competitions, Arsenal inflicting a 3-1 defeat in the FA Cup third round and running out 6-3 victors in the League Cup quarter-final. **Kuyt's** goal in the first game was not enough to keep the holders in the FA Cup, while **Fowler**, **Gerrard** and **Hyypiä** scored in the latter game.
- Having bowed out of the FA Cup, Liverpool were at least afforded the luxury of a free weekend in advance of the trip to Barcelona and **Benítez** used the opportunity to take the squad on a five-day warm-weather training camp in Portugal.
- Despite the cup disappointments, Liverpool's unbeaten run in the league was enough to earn **Benítez** the Premiership manager of the month award for January.
- Liverpool suffered mixed fortunes on the injury front as they lost **García** for the rest of the season after he ruptured the anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee in the League Cup game against Arsenal. Chilean winger **González** was carried off in the same match with a shin problem but soon returned to fitness. The club welcomed back two players from long-term injuries when **Mohamed Sissoko** and **Boudewijn Zenden** returned to the first team after being sidelined since November with shoulder and knee problems respectively. **Harry Kewell** resumed full training after being out since the 2006 FIFA World Cup last summer, where he picked up a foot injury.
- The January transfer window gave Liverpool the opportunity to bolster their ranks, with teenaged Argentinian full-back **Emiliano Insua** joining from CA Boca Juniors on an 18-month loan. Benítez returned to Spain in search of new faces, with defender **Álvaro Arbeloa** arriving from RC Deportivo La Coruña for a €4.5m fee and midfielder **Francisco Durán** swapping Málaga CF for Anfield.
- Italian Under-21 international goalkeeper **Daniele Padelli** left UC Sampdoria in a loan deal which could become permanent in the summer and 18-year-old striker **Jordy Brouwer** signed from AFC Ajax. Another teenager, 17-year-old Paraguayan defender **Ronald Huth**, signed from Tacuary FC.
- The English side have registered **Arbeloa**, **Durán** and **Brouwer** for the second half of the UEFA Champions League season.

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- Left-back **Stephen Warnock** went in the opposite direction as he joined Blackburn, while **Darren Potter** agreed a move to Wolverhampton Wanderers FC. Senegalese international **Salif Diao** signed for Stoke City FC after a successful loan spell. Reserve team players who made loan moves out included **James Smith** (Ross County FC), **Adam Hammill** (Dunfermline FC) and **Danny O'Donnell** (Crewe Alexandra FC).
- Liverpool's takeover was confirmed on 6 February after a two-year search for new owners to help finance a move to a new 60,000-seater stadium and strengthen the squad. Billionaire Hicks is the owner of the Texas Rangers baseball team and the Dallas Stars ice hockey team, while Gillett owns the ice hockey team Montreal Canadiens. Liverpool chief executive Rick Parry said: "This is great for Liverpool, our supporters and the shareholders – it is the beginning of a new era for the club."
- Liverpool's strong Spanish contingent got one over their English colleagues when Spain defeated England 1-0 in a friendly international at Old Trafford on 7 February. **Gerrard** was England's captain in a lineup which also featured **Crouch** and **Carragher**. Spain included **Alonso** and **Pepe Reina** in their squad but neither made it on to the pitch. Defender **Agger** played the full 90 minutes for Denmark in their 3-1 win against Australia in London, as did Wales striker **Bellamy** in the 0-0 draw away to Northern Ireland.
- Liverpool captain **Gerrard** was awarded the Member of the Order of the British Empire by Queen Elizabeth II in the New Year's Honours List.
- **Gerrard** was named in the uefa.com users' Team of the Year for 2006, beating Cristiano Ronaldo and Barcelona's Lionel Messi to the right-midfield slot.
- **Gerrard** and **Carragher** have been chosen to play for an all-star Europe XI side in a European celebration match against Manchester United FC at Old Trafford on 13 March.
- **Gerrard**, together with England team-mate Frank Lampard, has made a special guest appearance in the children's comic The Beano. The Liverpool captain features in the Ball Boy strip in this week's Comic Relief special of the first edition of the BeanoMax comic.
- In a Premiership fans' survey, Gerrard was voted the player that supporters would most like to play for their club.
- Liverpool have finally completed the signing of Argentina midfielder **Javier Mascherano** after the transfer was ratified by the English Premier League on Tuesday. The 22-year-old Mascherano was granted special FIFA dispensation to move to Anfield on 31 January in spite of a rule that players cannot play competitively for more than two different clubs between 1 July and 30 June the following year. He had been at West Ham United FC since September after joining in a surprise double transfer with forward Carlos Tévez from SC Corinthians.

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Squad list

Barcelona

No	Player	Nat.	DoB	Age	BL	Current season						All-time			
						UCLQ		UCL		League		UCL		UEFA	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers															
1	Víctor Valdés	ESP	14.01.82	25	-	-	-	6	-	23	-	30	-	38	-
25	Albert Jorquera	ESP	03.03.79	27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
28	Ruben Martínez	ESP	22.06.84	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders															
2	Juliano Belletti	BRA	20.06.76	30	-	-	-	1	-	9	-	19	1	41	1
4	Rafael Márquez	MEX	13.02.79	28	-	-	-	4	-	17	1	22	-	32	-
5	Carles Puyol	ESP	13.04.78	28	-	-	-	6	1	20	-	63	1	76	1
11	Gianluca Zambrotta	ITA	10.02.77	30	-	-	-	5	-	17	-	50	-	64	2
12	Giovanni van Bronckhorst	NED	05.02.75	32	-	-	-	4	-	10	-	52	4	90	7
15	Edmílson	BRA	10.07.76	30	-	-	-	2	-	18	-	43	1	48	1
16	Sylvinho	BRA	12.04.74	32	-	-	-	2	-	9	-	21	2	37	2
21	Lilian Thuram	FRA	01.01.72	35	-	-	-	3	-	9	-	60	1	106	1
23	Oleguer	ESP	02.02.80	27	-	-	-	4	-	15	-	24	-	28	-
26	Jesus Olmo Lozano	ESP	24.01.85	22	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
29	Marc Valiente	ESP	29.03.87	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Midfielders															
3	Thiago Motta	BRA	28.08.82	24	*	-	-	5	-	9	-	31	2	38	3
6	Xavi Hernández	ESP	25.01.80	27	-	-	-	5	-	20	2	62	2	80	3
20	Deco	POR	27.08.77	29	-	-	-	6	1	20	1	59	12	86	17
24	Andrés Iniesta	ESP	11.05.84	22	-	-	-	6	2	22	4	28	3	32	3
27	Jordi Gómez	ESP	24.05.85	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
30	Lluis Sastre	ESP	26.03.86	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
32	Marc Crosas	ESP	09.01.88	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Forwards															
7	Eidur Gudjohnsen	ISL	15.09.78	28	-	-	-	6	2	18	5	31	6	43	10
8	Ludovic Giuly	FRA	10.07.76	30	-	-	-	6	2	22	3	36	8	67	19
9	Samuel Eto'o	CMR	10.03.81	25	-	-	-	2	1	5	4	28	12	40	18
10	Ronaldinho	BRA	21.03.80	26	-	-	-	6	2	19	16	25	13	43	20
18	Santiago Ezquerro	ESP	14.12.76	30	-	-	-	2	-	8	1	12	1	22	6
19	Lionel Messi	ARG	24.06.87	19	-	-	-	3	1	11	3	10	2	11	2
22	Javier Saviola	ARG	11.12.81	25	-	-	-	-	-	14	5	30	15	52	24
31	Giovani	MEX	11.05.89	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coach															
	Frank Rijkaard	NED	30.09.62	44	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	26	-	35	-

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Goalkeepers															
1	Jerzy Dudek	POL	23.03.73	33	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	45	-	68	-
25	Pepe Reina	ESP	31.08.82	24	-	2	-	5	-	27	-	17	-	69	-
30	Daniele Padelli	ITA	25.10.85	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
40	David Martin	ENG	22.01.86	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders															
2	Álvaro Arbeloa	ESP	17.01.83	24	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
3	Steve Finnan	IRL	20.04.76	30	-	2	-	5	-	26	-	24	-	44	-
4	Sami Hyypiä	FIN	07.10.73	33	-	2	-	2	-	18	-	41	3	93	6
5	Daniel Agger	DEN	12.12.84	22	-	1	-	4	-	19	1	4	-	11	-
6	John Arne Riise	NOR	24.09.80	26	-	1	-	4	-	24	1	45	1	71	2
12	Fábio Aurélio	BRA	24.09.79	27	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	2	-
23	Jamie Carragher	ENG	28.01.78	29	-	1	-	6	-	26	1	47	-	85	1
29	Gabriel Paletta	ARG	15.02.86	21	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	1	-
39	Stephen Darby	ENG	06.10.88	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Midfielders															
7	Harry Kewell	AUS	22.09.78	28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25	-	63	11
8	Steven Gerrard	ENG	30.05.80	26	-	2	-	4	2	27	4	36	5	72	18
11	Mark González	CHI	10.07.84	22	-	2	1	4	-	16	2	4	-	6	1
14	Xabi Alonso	ESP	25.11.81	25	-	2	-	6	-	23	3	28	2	35	2
16	Jermaine Pennant	ENG	15.01.83	24	-	2	-	5	-	24	1	8	-	10	-
20	Javier Mascherano	ARG	08.06.84	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
22	Mohamed Sissoko	FRA	22.01.85	22	-	2	-	4	-	10	-	14	-	31	1
26	Paul Anderson	ENG	23.07.88	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
32	Boudewijn Zenden	NED	15.08.76	30	-	2	-	4	-	10	-	26	1	59	6
35	Daniel Guthrie	ENG	18.04.87	19	-	-	-	1	-	3	-	1	-	1	-
37	Lee Peltier	ENG	11.12.86	20	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
Forwards															
9	Robbie Fowler	ENG	09.04.75	31	-	-	-	2	2	11	1	8	2	47	15
15	Peter Crouch	ENG	30.01.81	26	-	2	1	5	4	24	6	11	4	19	5
17	Craig Bellamy	WAL	13.07.79	27	-	1	1	5	-	21	7	11	2	31	12
18	Dirk Kuyt	NED	22.07.80	26	-	-	-	5	-	25	9	5	-	24	7
38	Craig Lindfield	ENG	07.09.88	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coach															
	Rafael Benítez	ESP	16.04.60	46	-	2	-	6	-	-	-	41	-	75	-

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Head coach profiles

FC Barcelona: Frank Rijkaard

Date of birth: 30 September 1962

Nationality: Dutch

Playing career: AFC Ajax (twice), Sporting Clube de Portugal, Real Zaragoza, AC Milan

Coaching career: Netherlands, Sparta Rotterdam, FC Barcelona

At the end of his third season at FC Barcelona, Frank Rijkaard became only the fifth man – the others being Miguel Muñoz, Giovanni Trapattoni, Johan Cruyff and Carlo Ancelotti – to have lifted the European Champion Clubs' Cup as both a player and coach.

Cruyff was his mentor as a youngster. The Dutch legend groomed Rijkaard at AFC Ajax in 1979 where the defender progressed so quickly that he was pulling on the Netherlands shirt aged just 19. In 1987, Rijkaard left Amsterdam and had brief spells in Portugal and Spain before committing the key years of his career to AC Milan with whom he twice won the European Cup. Rijkaard played in midfield for Milan but in central defence for his country as they lifted the 1988 UEFA European Championship.

He returned to Ajax in 1993 and helped them defeat Milan in the 1995 UEFA Champions League final in Vienna. When he retired, heads turned as Rijkaard was appointed Netherlands coach before UEFA EURO 2000™. A semi-final place followed but Rijkaard left to pursue a club management career. His first stint ended poorly, as he resigned from Sparta Rotterdam in May 2002 when they were relegated from the Dutch Eredivisie for the first time, although Barça were not put off and have since seen their faith repaid handsomely with league titles in 2004/05 and 2005/06 before UEFA Champions League glory was achieved with a 2-1 win against Arsenal FC in Paris last May.

Liverpool FC: Rafael Benítez

Date of birth: 16 April 1960

Nationality: Spanish

Playing career: Real Madrid CF B, CP Parla, CD Linares

Coaching career: Real Madrid CF (youth coach), Real Valladolid (assistant coach), CA Osasuna (assistant coach), CD Tenerife, CF Extremadura, Valencia CF, Liverpool FC

Rafael Benítez has stamped his authority on Liverpool FC since his arrival from Spain on 16 June 2004. Former Primera División stars Xabi Alonso and Luis García blended perfectly with locals like Steven Gerrard and Jamie Carragher as Benítez immediately guided the Reds to UEFA Champions League glory. Liverpool's recovery from 3-0 down against AC Milan and subsequent penalty shoot-out victory was one of the greatest finals ever. Although the holders were eliminated in the 2005/06 first knockout round, Benítez still oversaw an FA Cup triumph.

After spending his playing career in the lower leagues as a midfielder with Real Madrid CF B, Benítez coached youth players at Madrid before taking charge of CD Tenerife and CF Extremadura - impressive spells which earned him his big break at Valencia CF in 2001. He led the club to their first league title for 31 years in 2002, repeating the trick in 2004 when they also won the UEFA Cup in Gothenburg.

That 2-0 victory against Olympique de Marseille was his final game before being lured to Liverpool, a club starved of league honours since 1990. The Reds' continental glory in 2004/05 has yet to be matched in the Premiership with fifth- and then third-placed finishes but there was an FA Cup triumph last May. Benítez again masterminded a dramatic comeback, with Liverpool recovering from a two-goal deficit against West Ham United FC to draw 3-3 and then prevail on penalties.

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Match officials

Referee	Kyros Vassaras (GRE)
Assistant referees	Dimitrios Bozatzidis (GRE), Dimitrios Saraidaris (GRE)
Fourth official	Ioannis Tsachilidis (GRE)
UEFA Delegate	Frantisek Laurinec (SVK)
UEFA Referee observer	Serge Muhmenthaler (SUI)

Referee

Name	Nat.	DoB	UCL	UEFA
Kyros Vassaras	GRE	01.02.1966	31	47

Kyros Vassaras is a regular in the UEFA Champions League. He was also one of the UEFA EURO 2004™ fourth officials, before taking charge, on home soil, of the Olympic final between Argentina and Paraguay.

The travel agent from Thessalonikj started refereeing in 1984, eleven years before his first top-flight match. "My father Antonios was a FIFA referee," he said. "I watched him from a very young age. He told me I should start refereeing as early as possible, as this would give me the chance to take part in major competitions if I was good enough. But he was tough with me – he encouraged me, but he would have told me to stop if he had thought I wasn't going to make a career out of it. After two years, he told me that I was on the right road, and he gave me every help." The water sports enthusiast received his FIFA badge in 1998 and has been involved in the 1998 UEFA European Under-16 Championship, the 1999 FIFA U-17 World Championship, in which he took charge of the final, and the 2002 World Cup finals, in addition to serving as a fourth official at UEFA EURO 2000™. His most high-profile club fixture to date was the 2004/05 UEFA Champions League semi-final between AC Milan and PSV Eindhoven.

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

Date	Comp.	Stage	Match	Res	Venue
11.09.2001	UCL	GS1	Liverpool FC-Boavista FC	1-1	Liverpool
04.12.2001	UCL	GS2	Bayer 04 Leverkusen-RC Deportivo La Coruña	3-0	Leverkusen
20.02.2002	UCL	GS2	FC Nantes Atlantique-Manchester United FC	1-1	Nantes
13.03.2002	UCL	GS2	FC Barcelona-Liverpool FC	0-0	Barcelona
02.04.2002	UCL	QF	RC Deportivo La Coruña-Manchester United FC	0-2	La Coruna
27.11.2002	UCL	GS2	Bayer 04 Leverkusen-FC Barcelona	1-2	Leverkusen
19.03.2003	UCL	GS2	Valencia CF-Arsenal FC	2-1	Valencia
26.08.2003	UCL	QR3	Chelsea FC-MŠK Žilina	3-0	London
09.12.2003	UCL	GS1	AC Milan-RC Celta de Vigo	1-2	Milan
25.02.2004	UCL	1/8	VfB Stuttgart-Chelsea FC	0-1	Stuttgart
03.11.2004	UCL	GS	FC Dynamo Kyiv-Real Madrid CF	2-2	Kiev
22.02.2005	UCL	1/8	Liverpool FC-Bayer 04 Leverkusen	3-1	Liverpool
07.12.2005	UCL	GS	SL Benfica-Manchester United FC	2-1	Lisbon
04.04.2006	UCL	QF	Villarreal CF-FC Internazionale Milano	1-0	Villarreal
08.08.2006	UCL	QR3	NK Dinamo Zagreb-Arsenal FC	0-3	Zagreb
12.09.2006	UCL	GS	Chelsea FC-Werder Bremen	2-0	London

Other matches - Matches involving teams from either of the two countries involved in this match

Date	Comp.	Stage	Match	Res	Venue
26.04.1998	U16	GS - FT	Spain-Finland	1-0	Perth
19.10.1999	UCUP	R2	RC Deportivo La Coruña-Montpellier Hérault SC	3-1	La Coruna
02.03.2000	UCUP	R4	Club Atlético de Madrid-RC Lens	2-2	Madrid
23.11.2000	UCUP	R3	RCD Espanyol-FC Porto	0-2	Barcelona
08.04.2004	UCUP	QF	Celtic FC-Villarreal CF	1-1	Glasgow

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Domestic information

FC Barcelona (Primera División)

Comp.	Date	Opponent	Res	Goalscorers
League	28.08.2006	v RC Celta de Vigo (A)	3-2	Eto 56, Messi 60, Gudjohnsen 88
League	09.09.2006	v CA Osasuna (H)	3-0	Eto 2, 27, Messi 37
League	17.09.2006	v Real Racing Club Santander (A)	3-0	Eto 18, Giuly 84, Ronaldinho 90(pen)
League	24.09.2006	v Valencia CF (H)	1-1	Iniesta 49
League	30.09.2006	v Athletic Club Bilbao (A)	3-1	Own goal, Gudjohnsen 61, Saviola 77
League	15.10.2006	v Sevilla FC (H)	3-1	Ronaldinho 28(pen), 39, Messi 81
League	22.10.2006	v Real Madrid CF (A)	0-2	-
Cup	25.10.2006	v Badalona (A)	2-1	Gudjohnsen 62, 76
League	28.10.2006	v RC Recreativo de Huelva (H)	3-0	Ronaldinho 28(pen), 57, Xavi 60
League	04.11.2006	v RC Deportivo La Coruña (A)	1-1	Ronaldinho 40(pen)
League	12.11.2006	v Real Zaragoza (H)	3-1	Ronaldinho 31, 86, Saviola 90
League	19.11.2006	v RCD Mallorca (A)	4-1	Gudjohnsen 42, 58, Iniesta 86, Ezquerro 90
League	25.11.2006	v Villarreal CF (H)	4-0	Ronaldinho 35(pen), 88, Gudjohnsen 55, Iniesta 70
League	02.12.2006	v Levante UD (A)	1-1	Deco 41
League	09.12.2006	v Real Sociedad de Fútbol (H)	1-0	Ronaldinho 61
League	21.12.2006	v Club Atlético de Madrid (H)	1-1	Ronaldinho 41
League	07.01.2007	v Getafe CF (A)	1-1	Xavi 70
Cup	10.01.2007	v Deportivo Alavés (A)	2-0	Saviola 57, 80
League	13.01.2007	v RCD Espanyol (A)	1-3	Saviola 60
Cup	16.01.2007	v Deportivo Alavés (H)	3-2	Saviola 16, 20, 62
League	21.01.2007	v CG Tarragona (H)	3-0	Saviola 18, Giuly 68, Iniesta 81
League	24.01.2007	v Real Betis Balompié (A)	1-1	Márquez 61
League	28.01.2007	v RC Celta de Vigo (H)	3-1	Saviola 34, Ronaldinho 78(pen), Giuly 86
Cup	31.01.2007	v Real Zaragoza (H)	0-1	-
League	04.02.2007	v CA Osasuna (A)	0-0	-
Lineups: Valdés, Márquez (Motta 82), Puyol, Edmílson, Oleguer, Xavi, Zambrotta, Deco (Eto 85), Giuly, Ezquerro, Saviola (Iniesta 66)				
League	11.02.2007	v Real Racing Club Santander (H)	2-0	Ronaldinho 51, 67
Lineups: Valdés, Belletti (Oleguer 87), Márquez, Puyol, Edmílson, Xavi, Ronaldinho, Zambrotta, Deco, Iniesta (Giuly 61), Saviola (Messi 68)				
League	18.02.2007	v Valencia CF (A)	1-2	Ronaldinho 90
Lineups: Valdés, Márquez, Puyol, Edmílson (Giuly 72), Oleguer, Xavi, Ronaldinho, Zambrotta, Deco, Iniesta, Gudjohnsen (Messi 56)				
League	25.02.2007	v Athletic Club Bilbao (H)		
League	04.03.2007	v Sevilla FC (A)		
League	11.03.2007	v Real Madrid CF (H)		
League	18.03.2007	v RC Recreativo de Huelva (A)		
League	01.04.2007	v RC Deportivo La Coruña (H)		
League	08.04.2007	v Real Zaragoza (A)		
League	15.04.2007	v RCD Mallorca (H)		
League	22.04.2007	v Villarreal CF (A)		
League	29.04.2007	v Levante UD (H)		
League	06.05.2007	v Real Sociedad de Fútbol (A)		
League	13.05.2007	v Real Betis Balompié (H)		
League	20.05.2007	v Club Atlético de Madrid (A)		
League	27.05.2007	v Getafe CF (H)		
League	10.06.2007	v RCD Espanyol (H)		
League	17.06.2007	v CG Tarragona (A)		

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Pos.	Clubs	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1	FC Barcelona	23	13	7	3	46	20	46
2	Sevilla FC	23	14	4	5	44	22	46
3	Valencia CF	23	13	3	7	34	22	42
4	Real Madrid CF	23	13	3	7	30	19	42
5	Club Atlético de Madrid	23	11	6	6	29	20	39
6	Real Zaragoza	23	11	5	7	35	24	38
7	RC Recreativo de Huelva	23	11	3	9	33	30	36
8	Getafe CF	23	10	5	8	21	16	35
9	RCD Espanyol	23	8	8	7	24	25	32
10	Real Racing Club Santander	23	8	8	7	24	27	32
11	CA Osasuna	23	9	3	11	30	29	30
12	RC Deportivo La Coruña	23	7	9	7	18	25	30
13	Villarreal CF	23	8	5	10	20	29	29
14	Real Betis Balompíe	23	6	8	9	23	28	26
15	Levante UD	23	6	8	9	21	31	26
16	RCD Mallorca	23	7	5	11	21	33	26
17	Athletic Club Bilbao	23	6	7	10	26	31	25
18	RC Celta de Vigo	23	6	7	10	24	32	25
19	Real Sociedad de Fútbol	23	2	8	13	13	30	14
20	CG Tarragona	23	3	4	16	24	47	13

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Liverpool FC (Premiership)

Comp.	Date	Opponent	Res	Goalscorers
League	19.08.2006	v Sheffield United FC (A)	1-1	Fowler 70(pen)
League	26.08.2006	v West Ham United FC (H)	2-1	Agger 42, Crouch 45
League	09.09.2006	v Everton FC (A)	0-3	-
League	17.09.2006	v Chelsea FC (A)	0-1	-
League	20.09.2006	v Newcastle United FC (H)	2-0	Kuyt 29, Xabi Alonso 79
League	23.09.2006	v Tottenham Hotspur FC (H)	3-0	González 63, Kuyt 73, John Arne Riise 89
League	30.09.2006	v Bolton Wanderers FC (A)	0-2	-
League	14.10.2006	v Blackburn Rovers FC (H)	1-1	Bellamy 64
League	22.10.2006	v Manchester United FC (A)	0-2	-
Cup	25.10.2006	v Reading FC (H)	4-3	Fowler 44, John Arne Riise 45, Paletta 50, Crouch 77
League	28.10.2006	v Aston Villa FC (H)	3-1	Kuyt 31, Crouch 38, Luis García 44
League	04.11.2006	v Reading FC (H)	2-0	Kuyt 14, 73
Cup	08.11.2006	v Birmingham City FC (A)	1-0	Agger 45
League	12.11.2006	v Arsenal FC (A)	0-3	-
League	18.11.2006	v Middlesbrough FC (A)	0-0	-
League	25.11.2006	v Manchester City FC (H)	1-0	Gerrard 67
League	29.11.2006	v Portsmouth FC (H)	0-0	-
League	02.12.2006	v Wigan Athletic FC (A)	4-0	Bellamy 9, 26, Kuyt 40, Own goal
League	09.12.2006	v Fulham FC (H)	4-0	Gerrard 54, Carragher 61, Luis García 66, González 90
League	16.12.2006	v Charlton Athletic FC (A)	3-0	Xabi Alonso 3(pen), Bellamy 82, Gerrard 88
League	23.12.2006	v Watford FC (H)	2-0	Bellamy 47, Xabi Alonso 88
League	26.12.2006	v Blackburn Rovers FC (A)	0-1	-
League	30.12.2006	v Tottenham Hotspur FC (A)	1-0	Luis García 45
League	01.01.2007	v Bolton Wanderers FC (H)	3-0	Crouch 61, Gerrard 63, Kuyt 83
Cup	06.01.2007	v Arsenal FC (H)	1-3	Kuyt 71
Cup	09.01.2007	v Arsenal FC (H)	3-6	Fowler 33, Gerrard 68, Hyypiä 80
League	13.01.2007	v Watford FC (A)	3-0	Bellamy 34, Crouch 40, 48
League	20.01.2007	v Chelsea FC (H)	2-0	Kuyt 4, Pennant 18
League	30.01.2007	v West Ham United FC (A)	2-1	Kuyt 46, Crouch 53
Lineups: Reina, Finnan, Hyypiä, Agger, Carragher, Bellamy (González 85), Gerrard, Xabi Alonso, John Arne Riise, Kuyt (Fowler 90), Crouch (Pennant 71)				
League	03.02.2007	v Everton FC (H)	0-0	-
Lineups: Reina, Finnan, Carragher, Agger, John Arne Riise, Pennant, Xabi Alonso, Gerrard, Bellamy (Fowler 85), Kuyt, Crouch				
League	10.02.2007	v Newcastle United FC (A)	1-2	Bellamy 6
Lineups: Reina, Finnan (Crouch 84), Carragher, Agger, John Arne Riise, Pennant (Arbeloa 76), Sissoko, Gerrard, Zenden (Guthrie 75), Bellamy, Kuyt				
League	24.02.2007	v Sheffield United FC (H)		
League	03.03.2007	v Manchester United FC (H)		
League	18.03.2007	v Aston Villa FC (A)		
League	31.03.2007	v Arsenal FC (H)		
League	07.04.2007	v Reading FC (A)		
League	09.04.2007	v Middlesbrough FC (H)		
League	14.04.2007	v Manchester City FC (A)		
League	21.04.2007	v Wigan Athletic FC (H)		
League	28.04.2007	v Portsmouth FC (A)		
League	05.05.2007	v Fulham FC (A)		

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Comp.	Date	Opponent	Res	Goalscorers
League	13.05.2007	v Charlton Athletic FC (H)		

Pos.	Clubs	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1	Manchester United FC	27	21	3	3	63	18	66
2	Chelsea FC	27	18	6	3	48	19	60
3	Liverpool FC	27	15	5	7	40	19	50
4	Arsenal FC	26	14	7	5	48	22	49
5	Bolton Wanderers FC	27	14	5	8	32	28	47
6	Reading FC	27	13	4	10	41	34	43
7	Portsmouth FC	27	11	8	8	36	26	41
8	Everton FC	26	10	9	7	32	23	39
9	Newcastle United FC	27	10	6	11	34	36	36
10	Blackburn Rovers FC	27	10	4	13	30	38	34
11	Tottenham Hotspur FC	26	9	6	11	30	38	33
12	Middlesbrough FC	27	8	8	11	30	33	32
13	Aston Villa FC	27	7	11	9	28	33	32
14	Fulham FC	27	7	11	9	29	41	32
15	Sheffield United FC	27	8	6	13	24	36	30
16	Manchester City FC	26	8	6	12	20	32	30
17	Wigan Athletic FC	26	7	4	15	27	43	25
18	West Ham United FC	27	5	5	17	18	42	20
19	Charlton Athletic FC	27	5	5	17	20	47	20
20	Watford FC	26	3	9	14	15	37	18

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UEFA information

Athens tickets

Tickets have gone on sale via uefa.com for the 2007 UEFA Champions League final, to be played at the Olympic Stadium in Athens on 23 May. With 9,000 seats available exclusively to the general public, applications for up to two tickets will be accepted until the 12.00CET deadline on 19 February. The allocation of tickets will be decided by lottery and every valid application will enter the ballot, regardless of the time of submission. More than 50 per cent of the seats will be reserved for the supporters of the two finalists.

Draw/match dates

The 2006/07 UEFA Champions League first knockout round draw was held on 15 December at UEFA headquarters in Nyon, Switzerland. The eight group winners were 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 could not be drawn against each other while teams who met in the group stage were also kept apart. Group runners-up 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 draw for these rounds will be held on 9 March in Athens.

Player registration

The 2006/07 UEFA Champions League regulations confirm that for all matches from the start of the first knockout round, a club was allowed to register a maximum of three new eligible players for the remaining matches in the current competition. Such registration had to 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 have been 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.

Stadium workshops

Events and incidents of recent times have given football a stark reminder of its own fragility when it comes to matters of safety and security in and around stadiums. Delegates from UEFA's national associations, attending the fifth and final UEFA workshop on stadium safety and security in Nyon, were told last week there must be no complacency in the wake of problems in countries such as Italy and Germany. Addressing the delegates, UEFA President Michel Platini said: "Football is a beautiful game, a treasure - but we must have safety in the stadiums."

Referee summit

Nearly 100 match officials participated in UEFA's annual courses for referees in Rome this month. The 15th UEFA Advanced Course for Elite and Premier Referees featured 53 European referees and they were told to take firm action against player protests and simulation. The message on confrontations was clear: players who protest too much or ask for a yellow card for an opponent must not be tolerated. "If the referee doesn't gain the respect of the players, he will fail," said Volker Roth, chairman of the Referees' Committee.

EXCO decision

Clubs from Andorra and San Marino will play in the UEFA Champions League qualifying phase from next season, it was decided last month. A meeting of the new Executive Committee in Dusseldorf, the first to be chaired by Mr Platini, decided that one club from each of the two countries would now be able to enter at the first qualifying round. Clubs from UEFA's newest member association, Montenegro, will also take part in the UEFA Champions League and UEFA Cup next season.

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Match-by-match lineups - Group A

Club	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Chelsea FC	6	4	1	1	10	4	13
FC Barcelona	6	3	2	1	12	4	11
Werder Bremen	6	3	1	2	7	5	10
PFC Levski Sofia	6	0	0	6	1	17	0

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
12.09.2006	Chelsea v Bremen	2-0	Stamford Bridge, London

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

Chelsea: Petr Cech, 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	Result	Stadium, Venue
12.09.2006	Barcelona v Levski	5-0	Camp Nou, Barcelona

Goals: 1-0 Iniesta 7, 2-0 Giuly 39, 3-0 Puyol 49, 4-0 Eto'o 58, 5-0 Ronaldinho 90+3

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	Result	Stadium, Venue
27.09.2006	Levski v Chelsea	1-3	Vasil Levski National Stadium, 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: Petr Cech, Essien, Carvalho, Shevchenko (Wright-Phillips 83), Lampard, Drogba (Robben 70), Obi Mikel (Kalou 63), Ballack, Bridge, Ferreira, Terry

Referee: Laurent Duhamel (FRA)

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
27.09.2006	Bremen v Barcelona	1-1	Weserstadion, 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	Result	Stadium, Venue
18.10.2006	Bremen v Levski	2-0	Weserstadion, Bremen

Goals: 1-0 Naldo 45+1, 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)

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Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
18.10.2006	Chelsea v Barcelona	1-0	Stamford Bridge, London

Goals: 1-0 Drogba 47

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	Result	Stadium, Venue
31.10.2006	Levski v Bremen	0-3	Vasil Levski National Stadium, 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 Simone Trefoloni (ITA)

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
31.10.2006	Barcelona v Chelsea	2-2	Camp Nou, Barcelona

Goals: 1-0 Deco 3, 1-1 Lampard 52, 2-1 Gudjohnsen 58, 2-2 Drogba 90+3

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	Result	Stadium, Venue
22.11.2006	Bremen v Chelsea	1-0	Weserstadion, Bremen

Goals: 1-0 Mertesacker 27

Bremen: Wiese, Naldo, Wome, Fritz, Diego, Klose (Klasnić 93), Daniel 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: Lubos Michel (SVK)

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
22.11.2006	Levski v Barcelona	0-2	Vasil Levski National Stadium, 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: Iouri Baskakov (RUS)

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
05.12.2006	Chelsea v Levski	2-0	Stamford Bridge, London

Goals: 1-0 Shevchenko 27, 2-0 Wright-Phillips 83

Chelsea: Hilário, Essien, Carvalho, Shevchenko (Kalou 69), Lampard, Boulahrouz, Drogba, Ballack, Robben (Wright-Phillips 69), Bridge, Ferreira (Diarra 58)

Levski: Mitrev, Milanov, Tomašić, Eromoigbe, Borimirov, Yovov (Koprivarov 70), Topuzakov, Domovchiyski (G. Ivanov 75), S. Angelov, N. Dimitrov (Baltanov 59), Bardon

Referee: Alain Hamer (LUX)

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Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
05.12.2006	Barcelona v Bremen	2-0	Camp Nou, Barcelona

Goals: 1-0 Ronaldinho 13, 2-0 Gudjohnsen 18

Barcelona: Valdés, Motta (Thuram 62), Márquez, Puyol, Gudjohnsen, Giuly (Ezquerro 85), Ronaldinho, Zambrotta, Van Bronckhorst, Deco, Iniesta (Xavi 73)

Bremen: Wiese, Naldo, Wome (Hunt 80), Fritz, Diego, Klose, Daniel Jensen, Frings, Almeida (Klasnić 71), Borowski, Mertesacker

Referee: Massimo Busacca (SUI)

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Match-by-match lineups - Group C

Club	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Liverpool FC	6	4	1	1	11	5	13
PSV Eindhoven	6	3	1	2	6	6	10
FC Girondins de Bordeaux	6	2	1	3	6	7	7
Galatasaray SK	6	1	1	4	7	12	4

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
12.09.2006	Galatasaray v Bordeaux	0-0	Atatürk Olimpiyat Stadium, Istanbul

Goals: -

Galatasaray: Mondragón, Tomas, Song, Necati, Hasan Şaş (Cihan 76), Ilić (Topal 76), Inamoto, Ferhat, Sabri, Arda, Ümit Karan (Hasan Kabze 61)

Bordeaux: Ramé, Jurietti, Darcheville (Laslandes 85), Jemmali, Micoud, Wendel, Faubert, Ducasse, Marange, Planus, Chamakh (Edixon Perea 85)

Referee: Roberto Rosetti (ITA)

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
12.09.2006	PSV v Liverpool	0-0	PSV Stadium, Eindhoven

Goals: -

PSV: Gomes, Kromkamp, Reiziger, Alex, Simons, Arouna Koné, Méndez, Culina (Aissati 63), Farfán, Afellay (Väyrynen 74), Salcido

Liverpool: Reina, Finnan, Agger, Fabio Aurelio (González 82), Pennant, Bellamy (Gerrard 72), Kuyt, Sissoko (Xabi Alonso 62), Carragher, Warnock, Zenden

Referee: Massimo Busacca (SUI)

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
27.09.2006	Liverpool v Galatasaray	3-2	Anfield, Liverpool

Goals: 1-0 Crouch 9, 2-0 Luis García 14, 3-0 Crouch 52, 3-1 Ümit Karan 59, 3-2 Ümit Karan 65

Liverpool: Reina, Finnan, Agger, Gerrard, Luis García, Fabio Aurelio, Xabi Alonso, Crouch (Bellamy 90), Pennant (Sissoko 78), Kuyt (González 66), Carragher

Galatasaray: Mondragón, Tomas, Song, Orhan, Hakan Şükür, Topal (Hasan Şaş 46), Ayhan, Cihan (Ümit Karan 46), Ilić, Sabri, Arda (Carrusca 86)

Referee: Luis Medina Cantalejo (ESP)

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
27.09.2006	Bordeaux v PSV	0-1	Stade Chaban-Delmas, Bordeaux

Goals: 0-1 Väyrynen 65

Bordeaux: Ramé, Henrique, Menegazzo, Jurietti (Dalmat 74), Darcheville, Jemmali (Laslandes 89), Micoud (Chamakh 46), Wendel, Faubert, Enakarhire, Mavuba

PSV: Gomes, Kromkamp, Alex, Simons, Väyrynen (Eric Addo 79), Arouna Koné, Méndez, Lamey, Afellay (Aissati 72), Salcido, Diego (Beerens 85)

Referee: Olegario Manuel Bartolo Faustino Benquerença (POR)

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
18.10.2006	Bordeaux v Liverpool	0-1	Stade Chaban-Delmas, Bordeaux

Goals: 0-1 Crouch 58

Bordeaux: Ramé, Henrique, Menegazzo, Jurietti, Laslandes (Chamakh 63), Alonso (Faubert 63), Darcheville (Edixon Perea 71), Jemmali, Micoud, Wendel, Mavuba

Liverpool: Reina, Finnan, Hyypiä, John Arne Riise, Luis García, González (Sissoko 68), Xabi Alonso, Crouch (Kuyt 65), Bellamy (Warnock 87), Carragher, Zenden

Referee: Tom Henning Ovrebo (NOR)

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Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
18.10.2006	Galatasaray v PSV	1-2	Atatürk Olimpiyat Stadium, Istanbul

Goals: 1-0 Ilić 19, 1-1 Kromkamp 59, 1-2 Arouna Koné 72

Galatasaray: Mondragón, Tomas, Song, Orhan, Ayhan, Ilić (Necati 70), Inamoto, Aydın (Cihan 67), Sabrı, Arda, Ümit Karan (Hakan Şükür 70)

PSV: Gomes, Kromkamp, Reiziger, Alex, Simons, Cocu, Arouna Koné, Méndez (Väyrynen 62), Culina (Aissati 92), Farfán, Salcido

Referee: Iouri Baskakov (RUS)

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
31.10.2006	Liverpool v Bordeaux	3-0	Anfield, Liverpool

Goals: 1-0 Luis García 23, 2-0 Gerrard 72, 3-0 Luis García 76

Liverpool: Reina, Finnan, Hyypiä, John Arne Riise, Gerrard, Luis García (Fowler 78), Xabi Alonso (Zenden 58), Crouch (Pennant 73), Kuyt, Sissoko, Carragher

Bordeaux: Ramé, Menegazzo, Darcheville (Obertan 60), Jemmali, Micoud (Mavuba 75), Wendel, Faubert, Ducasse, Marange, Cid, Chamakh (Edixon Perea 12)

Referee: Markus Merk (GER)

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
31.10.2006	PSV v Galatasaray	2-0	PSV Stadium, Eindhoven

Goals: 1-0 Simons 59, 2-0 Arouna Koné 84

PSV: Gomes, Kromkamp (Culina 46), Alex, Simons, Cocu, Arouna Koné (Aissati 86), Méndez, Da Costa, Farfán, Afellay (Väyrynen 76), Salcido

Galatasaray: Mondragón, Tomas, Song, Orhan, Hasan Şaş, Ayhan, Ilić (Necati 70), Inamoto, Sabrı, Arda (Cihan 66), Ümit Karan (Hakan Şükür 79)

Referee: Martin Hansson (SWE)

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
22.11.2006	Bordeaux v Galatasaray	3-1	Stade Chaban-Delmas, Bordeaux

Goals: 1-0 Alonso 22, 2-0 Laslandes 47, 3-0 Faubert 50, 3-1 Inamoto 73

Bordeaux: Ramé, Jurietti, Laslandes, Alonso, Darcheville (Obertan 46), Micoud (Dalmat 79), Wendel (Ducasse 68), Faubert, Enakarihire, Mavuba, Planus

Galatasaray: Mondragón, Song, Hakan Şükür (Topal 63), Hasan Şaş (Ergün 69), Ayhan, Cihan, Ilić (Ümit Karan 46), Inamoto, Tolga Seyhan, Sabrı, Arda

Referee: Vladimir Hrinak (SVK)

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
22.11.2006	Liverpool v PSV	2-0	Anfield, Liverpool

Goals: 1-0 Gerrard 65, 2-0 Crouch 89

Liverpool: Reina, Finnan, Agger, John Arne Riise, Gerrard, González (Luis García 36), Xabi Alonso (Zenden 21), Crouch, Pennant (Bellamy 79), Kuyt, Carragher

PSV: Gomes, Kromkamp, Alex, Simons, Arouna Koné, Méndez (Beerens 81), Da Costa, Farfán, Afellay, Fehér (Diego 68), Salcido

Referee: Domenico Messina (ITA)

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
05.12.2006	Galatasaray v Liverpool	3-2	Atatürk Olimpiyat Stadium, Istanbul

Goals: 0-1 Fowler 22, 1-1 Necati 24, 2-1 Okan 28, 3-1 Ilić 79, 3-2 Fowler 90

Galatasaray: Mondragón, Tomas, Okan, Necati (Ilić 46), Carrusca (Mehmet 75), Cihan, Emre Aşık (Tolga Seyhan 46), Inamoto, Sabrı, Ergün, Ümit Karan

Liverpool: Dudek, Agger, John Arne Riise, Fowler, Xabi Alonso (Miki Roque 84), Pennant, Bellamy (Crouch 74), Carragher, Paletta, Guthrie (Luis García 66), Peltier

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Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
05.12.2006	PSV v Bordeaux	1-3	PSV Stadium, Eindhoven

Goals: 0-1 Faubert 7, 0-2 Dalmat 25, 0-3 Darcheville 37, 1-3 Alex 87

PSV: Gomes, Kromkamp, Reiziger, Alex, Simons, Cocu, Méndez, Aissati (Culina 62), Farfán, Eric Addo (Kluivert 46), Diego (Arouna Koné 46)

Bordeaux: Ramé, Laslandes, Darcheville (Edixon Perea 70), Jemmali, Faubert, Ducasse, Dalmat (Obertan 80), Enakarhire, Marange, Mavuba, Cid

Referee: Eduardo Iturralde Gonzalez (ESP)

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Competition facts

UEFA Champions League knockout stage: Did you know?

- Teams have come back from a first-leg deficit to go through to the next stage on 16 occasions. The biggest losing margin a side has overturned was achieved by RC Deportivo La Coruña in 2003/04 when the Spanish club fought back from a 4-1 defeat at AC Milan to win 4-0 at home and progress to the semi-finals.
- Twelve ties have been decided on the away goals rule, including five where the triumphant team lost the first leg. Last season, Villarreal CF beat Rangers FC and FC Internazionale Milano by this method in the first knockout round and quarter-finals respectively.
- Manchester United FC hold the record for the biggest first-leg lead with a 4-0 home success against FC Porto in the 1996/97 quarter-finals, eventually going through by that margin after a goalless return.
- Only five ties have gone to penalties. Four of these have come in finals – 1996, 2001, 2003 and 2005. The only two-legged tie to be decided on spot-kicks was PSV Eindhoven's 4-2 victory against Olympique Lyonnais on 13 April 2005 after a 2-2 aggregate draw.
- In all, ten ties have required extra-time. Along with the five ties mentioned above, four quarter-finals and one first knockout round encounter have also needed an additional 30 minutes in an attempt to determine a winner.
- No new countries are represented in the knockout phase of this season's competition but 17 nations have had teams participate at least once since 1992/93. Three clubs - AS Roma, Celtic FC and LOSC Lille Métropole - are all appearing for the first time.
- Real Madrid CF have set a new record for knockout stage qualification in successive seasons. This is the tenth straight season since 1997/98 that they have made it to this stage, moving them ahead of Manchester United, who appeared nine times in a row between 1996/97 and 2004/05. Overall, they have now played in the knockout stage eleven times, one more than United and FC Bayern München.
- The 2004/05 first knockout round encounter between Lyon and Werder Bremen featured more goals over its two legs than any previous tie – a total of 12 as Lyon defeated Bremen 10-2.
- There has never been a tie ending goalless after two legs. Seven have finished 1-0 on aggregate, Arsenal FC featured in two of them in 2005/06 as they overcame Madrid and Villarreal on their way to the final.
- Athens was awarded the 23 May 2007 final after a decision by the UEFA Executive Committee at its meeting in Tallinn, Estonia in April 2005. The Greek capital will play host to its first European final since the venue was rebuilt to stage the 2004 Olympic Games. The stadium previously provided the backdrop to the UEFA Champions League showpiece of 1993/94, when Milan were 4-0 winners against FC Barcelona. Prior to 1994, Athens also saw the European Champion Clubs' Cup lifted in 1982/83, the year after the venue was first inaugurated. On that occasion, Hamburger SV beat Juventus FC 1-0. The ground also staged the 1986/87 UEFA Cup Winners' Cup final when AFC Ajax were 1-0 winners against 1. FC Lokomotiv Leipzig.

• UEFA Champions League: All-time records

Biggest wins

7-0: Juventus v Olympiacos CFP (10.12.2003)

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)

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Most goals in a game

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

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

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

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.

Leading scorer in a season

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

Andriy Shevchenko finished as top scorer in 2005/06 with nine goals for AC Milan.

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)

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)

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.

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Appearances: UEFA Champions League

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

106 **Raúl González** (Real Madrid CF)
105 **Roberto Carlos** (Real Madrid CF)
102 **David Beckham** (Manchester United FC, Real Madrid CF)
100 **Oliver Kahn** (FC Bayern München)
99 **Paolo Maldini** (AC Milan)
96 **Gary Neville** (Manchester United FC)
95 **Luís Figo** (FC Barcelona, Real Madrid CF, FC Internazionale Milano)
90 **Ryan Giggs** (Manchester United FC)
90 **Paul Scholes** (Manchester United FC)
88 **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)
81 **Hasan Salihamidžić** (FC Bayern München)
80 **Fernando Morientes** (Real Madrid CF, AS Monaco FC, Liverpool FC, Valencia CF)
80 Zinédine Zidane (Juventus, Real Madrid CF)
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)
78 **Michel Salgado** (Real Madrid CF)
76 **Iker Casillas** (Real Madrid CF)
75 **Phillip Cocu** (PSV Eindhoven, FC Barcelona)
75 **Ole Gunnar Solskjær** (Manchester United FC)
75 **Sylvain Wiltord** (FC Girondins de Bordeaux, Arsenal FC, Olympique Lyonnais)

Goals: UEFA Champions League

54 **Raúl González** (Real Madrid CF)
47 **Ruud van Nistelrooy** (PSV Eindhoven, Manchester United FC, Real Madrid CF)
44 **Andriy Shevchenko** (FC Dynamo Kyiv, AC Milan, Chelsea FC)
42 **Thierry Henry** (AS Monaco FC, Arsenal FC)

Appearances: UEFA club competition

162 **Paolo Maldini** (AC Milan)
134 **Luís Figo** (Sporting Clube de Portugal, FC Barcelona, Real Madrid CF, FC Internazionale Milano)
130 Frank de Boer (AFC Ajax, FC Barcelona, Galatasaray SK)
130 **Oliver Kahn** (Karlsruher SC, FC Bayern München)
122 Zinédine Zidane (AS Cannes, FC Girondins de Bordeaux, Juventus, Real Madrid CF)
121 **Alessandro Costacurta** (AC Milan)

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62 Gerd Müller (FC Bayern München)

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

56 Eusébio (SL Benfica)

56 **Raúl González** (Real Madrid CF)

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)

47 Carlos Santillana (Real Madrid CF)

46 Henrik Larsson (Feyenoord, Celtic FC, FC Barcelona)

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

54 **Raúl González** (Real Madrid CF)

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

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

49 Alfredo Di Stéfano (Real Madrid CF)

47 Eusébio (SL Benfica)

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

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UEFA club competition milestones

• In total, Barcelona have appeared in five European Champion Clubs' Cup finals, winning the 1991/92 competition against UC Sampdoria thanks to a 112th-minute Ronald Koeman free-kick before their triumph in the 2005/06 campaign, with a 2-1 win against Arsenal FC thanks to Juliano Belletti and Samuel Eto'o. They lost on penalties to FC Steaua Bucuresti in the 1985/86 season, 3-2 to SL Benfica in 1960/61 and 4-0 to AC Milan in 1993/94.

• Since their defeat by Milan in the 1994 final, Barça's best performance prior to last season had been two defeats at the semi-final stage, namely during the 1999/00 and 2001/02 seasons, where they lost on both occasions to Spanish opponents. The first came against Valencia CF who defeated Barça 5-3 on aggregate, while the second was against Real Madrid CF who won 2-0 in Barcelona before drawing 1-1 at home to advance to the final.

UEFA club competition honours

- European Champion Clubs' Cup: 1991/92, 2005/06
- UEFA Cup Winners' Cup: 1978/79, 1981/82, 1988/89, 1996/97
- UEFA Super Cup: 1992, 1997

Ten-year record (including current season)

• Barcelona are competing in their ninth UEFA Champions League campaign in the past ten seasons. This season Barça qualified for the knockout stages of the competition for the fifth successive season by recording three victories and two draws from their six engagements. Their eleven-point tally provided a second-placed finish in their group, two points behind Chelsea FC.

1997/98: UEFA Champions League - group stage

1998/99: UEFA Champions League - group stage

1999/00: UEFA Champions League - semi-finals

2000/01: UEFA Cup -semi-finals (having transferred from the UEFA Champions League, group stage)

2001/02: UEFA Champions League - semi-finals

2002/03: UEFA Champions League - quarter-finals

2003/04: UEFA Cup - fourth round

2004/05: UEFA Champions League - first knockout round

2005/06: UEFA Champions League - winners

2006/07: UEFA Champions League - first knockout round

2005/06 season

Domestic record: Barça retained the Spanish Primera División by 12 points from Real Madrid CF. Valencia CF and CA Osasuna followed in third and fourth place, 13 and 14 points behind the champions respectively. It meant automatic qualification for the UEFA Champions League group stage.

European record: Top scorers in the group stage with 16 goals from six outings, Barça finished nine points clear of Werder Bremen and Udinese Calcio. For the second year in succession, Barça were paired with Chelsea FC in the first knockout round, but this time, the Catalan side were victors. They then beat SL Benfica 2-0 and AC Milan 1-0 on aggregate respectively to reach the Stade de France final on 17 May, where they beat Arsenal 2-1.

Key facts

UEFA club competition

• Pld: 342 W: 187 D: 77 L: 78 GF: 655 GA: 352

UEFA Champions League (group stage to final)

• Pld: 107 W: 58 D: 27 L: 22 GF: 204 GA: 119

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European Champion Clubs' Cup/UEFA Champions League

• Pld: 167 W: 94 D: 38 L: 35 GF: 318 GA: 175

Records

UEFA club competition

• Biggest win

8-0: FC Barcelona v ŠKM Púchov

15.10.2003, 2003/04 UEFA Cup first round, second leg

8-0: FC Barcelona v Apollon Limassol FC

15.09.1982, 1982/83 UEFA Cup Winners' Cup first round, first leg

• Biggest home win

8-0: FC Barcelona v ŠKM Púchov (see above for details)

8-0: FC Barcelona v Apollon Limassol FC (see above for details)

• Biggest away win

0-7: Hapoel Beer-Sheva FC v FC Barcelona

12.09.1995, 1995/96 UEFA Cup first round, first leg

• Heaviest defeat

0-4: FC Barcelona v FC Dynamo Kyiv

05.11.1997, 1997/98 UEFA Champions League group stage

4-0: AC Milan v FC Barcelona

18.05.1994, 1993/94 European Champion Clubs' Cup final

0-4: FC Barcelona v 1. FC Köln

05.11.1980, 1980/81 UEFA Cup second round, second leg

• Heaviest home defeat

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

0-4: FC Barcelona v 1. FC Köln (see above for details)

• Heaviest away defeat

0-3: FC Barcelona v Sevilla FC

25.08.2006, 2006 UEFA Super Cup (played at a neutral venue, included here for information purposes)

3-0: AS Roma v FC Barcelona

26.02.2002, 2001/02 UEFA Champions League second group stage

3-0: Beşiktaş JK v FC Barcelona

19.09.2000, 2000/01 UEFA Champions League group stage

4-1: Valencia CF v FC Barcelona

02.05.2000, 1999/00 UEFA Champions League semi-finals, first leg

3-0: FC Dynamo Kyiv v FC Barcelona

22.10.1997, 1997/98 UEFA Champions League group stage

3-0: Manchester United FC v FC Barcelona

21.03.1984, 1983/84 UEFA Cup Winners' Cup, quarter-finals, second leg

3-0: Aston Villa FC v FC Barcelona

26.01.1983, 1982 UEFA Super Cup final, second leg

3-0: RSC Anderlecht v FC Barcelona

18.10.1978, 1978/79 UEFA Cup Winners' Cup second round, first leg

3-0: PSV Eindhoven v FC Barcelona

29.03.1978, 1977/78 UEFA Cup semi-finals, first leg

3-0: Ipswich Town FC v FC Barcelona

23.11.1977, 1977/78 UEFA Cup third round, first leg

3-0: OGC Nice v FC Barcelona

19.09.1973, 1973/74 UEFA Cup first round, first leg

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UEFA Champions League (group stage to final only)

- Biggest win

5-0: FC Barcelona v PFC Levski Sofia
12.09.2006, 2006/07 UEFA Champions League, group stage

5-0: FC Barcelona v Panathinaikos FC
02.11.2005, 2005/06 UEFA Champions League group stage

5-0: FC Barcelona v Beşiktaş JK
08.11.2000, 2000/01 UEFA Champions League first group stage

5-0: FC Barcelona v AC Sparta Praha
08.12.1999, 1999/00 UEFA Champions League second group stage

5-0: FC Barcelona v AIK Solna
27.10.1999, 1999/00 UEFA Champions League first group stage

- Biggest home win

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

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

5-0: FC Barcelona v Beşiktaş JK (see above for details)

5-0: FC Barcelona v AC Sparta Praha (see above for details)

5-0: FC Barcelona v AIK Solna (see above for details)

- Biggest away win

0-3: Fenerbahçe SK v FC Barcelona
18.09.2001, 2001/02 UEFA Champions League first group stage

- Heaviest defeat

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

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

- Heaviest home defeat

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

- Heaviest away defeat

3-0: AS Roma v FC Barcelona (see above for details)

3-0: Beşiktaş JK v FC Barcelona (see above for details)

4-1: Valencia CF v FC Barcelona (see above for details)

3-0: FC Dynamo Kyiv v FC Barcelona (see above for details)

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Liverpool FC

UEFA club competition milestones

- The most successful English club in UEFA competition history, Liverpool have won the European Champion Clubs' Cup/UEFA Champions League five times.

- Liverpool have also won the UEFA Cup on three occasions and the UEFA Super Cup three times, having lost only three finals: the European Champion Clubs' Cup in 1984/85, the 1965/66 UEFA Cup Winners' Cup and the 1978 UEFA Super Cup.

UEFA club competition honours

- European Champion Clubs' Cup: 1976/77, 1977/78, 1980/81, 1983/84, 2004/05
- UEFA Cup: 1972/73, 1975/76, 2000/01
- UEFA Super Cup: 1977, 2001, 2005

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Ten-year record (including current season)

• Liverpool have qualified for the UEFA Champions League for five of the past ten seasons and have only once failed to progress past the first group stage. In this season's group stage, the English side recorded four victories and a draw from their six outings to top their group, three points clear of PSV Eindhoven.

1997/98: UEFA Cup - second round

1998/99: UEFA Cup - third round

1999/00: Did not compete in UEFA club competition

2000/01: UEFA Cup - winners

2001/02: UEFA Champions League - quarter-finals

2002/03: UEFA Cup - quarter-finals (having transferred from the UEFA Champions League, group stage)

2003/04: UEFA Cup - fourth round

2004/05: UEFA Champions League - winners

2005/06: UEFA Champions League - first knockout round

2006/07: UEFA Champions League - first knockout round

2005/06 season

Domestic record: Liverpool finished in third place in the Premiership, one point behind runners-up Manchester United FC and nine adrift of champions Chelsea FC. Third spot was enough to secure a place in the third qualifying round of the 2006/07 UEFA Champions League.

European record: Liverpool topped Group G with an unbeaten record of three wins and three draws against Chelsea FC, Real Betis Balompíe and RSC Anderlecht. They then lost both legs of the first knockout round versus SL Benfica as they went out 3-0 on aggregate.

Key facts

UEFA club competition

• Pld: 247 W: 138 D: 56 L: 53 GF: 437 GA: 206

UEFA Champions League (group stage to final)

• Pld: 47 W: 21 D: 17 L: 9 GF: 61 GA: 37

European Champion Clubs' Cup/UEFA Champions League

• Pld: 136 W: 78 D: 31 L: 27 GF: 248 GA: 108

Records

UEFA club competition

• Biggest win

11-0: Liverpool FC v Strømsgodset IF

17.09.1974, 1974/75 UEFA Cup Winners' Cup, first round, first leg

• Biggest home win

11-0: Liverpool FC v Strømsgodset IF (see above for details)

• Biggest away win

0-5: FC Haka v Liverpool FC

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

0-5: Crusaders FC v Liverpool FC

28.09.1976, 1976/77 European Champion Clubs' Cup, first round, second leg

0-5: KR Reykjavík v Liverpool FC

17.08.1964, 1964/65 European Champion Clubs' Cup, preliminary round, first leg

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- Heaviest defeat

5-1: AFC Ajax v Liverpool FC

07.12.1966, 1966/67 European Champion Clubs' Cup, second round, first leg

- Heaviest home defeat

0-2: Liverpool FC v SL Benfica

08.03.2006, 2005/06 UEFA Champions League, first knockout round, second round

0-2: Liverpool FC v Celtic FC

20.03.2003, 2002/03 UEFA Cup, quarter-finals, second leg

1-3: Liverpool FC v FC Barcelona

20.11.2001, 2001/02 UEFA Champions League, second group stage

0-2: Liverpool FC v FC Spartak Moskva

04.11.1992, 1992/93 UEFA Cup Winners' Cup, second round, second leg

- Heaviest away defeat

5-1: AFC Ajax v Liverpool FC (see above for details)

UEFA Champions League (group stage to final only)

- Biggest win

5-0: Liverpool FC v FC Spartak Moskva

02.10.2002, 2002/03 UEFA Champions League, first group stage

- Biggest home win

5-0: Liverpool FC v FC Spartak Moskva (see above for details)

- Biggest away win

1-3: Bayer 04 Leverkusen v Liverpool FC

09.03.2005, 2004/05 UEFA Champions League, first knockout round, second leg

1-3: FC Spartak Moskva v Liverpool FC

22.10.2002, 2002/03 UEFA Champions League, group stage

- Heaviest defeat

0-2: Liverpool FC v SL Benfica (see above for details)

2-0: Valencia CF v Liverpool FC

17.09.2002, 2002/03 UEFA Champions League, group stage

4-2: Bayer 04 Leverkusen v Liverpool FC

09.04.2002, 2001/02 UEFA Champions League, quarter-finals, second leg

1-3: Liverpool FC v FC Barcelona (see above for details)

- Heaviest home defeat

0-2: Liverpool FC v SL Benfica (see above for details)

1-3: Liverpool FC v FC Barcelona (see above for details)

- Heaviest away defeat

2-0: Valencia CF v Liverpool FC (see above for details)

4-2: Bayer 04 Leverkusen v Liverpool FC (see above for details)

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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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• **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.

Age: based on the date press kit was last updated

BL: Booking list (*: misses next match if booked, S: suspended)

Note: The booking 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.

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:** Confederation Cup

FRIE: Friendly internationals • **U21FRIE:** Under-21 friendly internationals

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 • **MCUP:** 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

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

:: Statistics

(-) : Denotes player substituted

(*) : Denotes player dismissed/sent off

(+) : Denotes player introduced

(+/-) : Denotes player introduced and substituted