

FC Barcelona - Olympique Lyonnais

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Group E - Matchday 1



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Match background

By their own high standards FC Barcelona and Olympique Lyonnais had UEFA Champions League campaigns to forget last season with each falling in the first knockout round after starting brightly in the group stage. They will look to put that right this time around but will be well aware of the difficulties facing them on Matchday 1.

- In 2006/07, Barcelona, who began as holders and with a 5-0 home defeat of PFC Levski Sofia on Matchday 1, lost just once in a group featuring Werder Bremen and Chelsea FC. Lyon won four and drew two as they topped their section ahead of Real Madrid CF, who they beat 2-0 at home on opening night. Both clubs, as domestic champions, would have then expected to progress from the last 16 but were not to have things their own way.
- In the first leg against Liverpool FC, Barcelona lost 2-1 at Camp Nou to the eventual finalists. Deco put them in front after 14 minutes but Craig Bellamy (43) and John Arne Riise (74) struck to give Liverpool victory. The defeat meant Barça lost a 13-match unbeaten record at home in the UEFA Champions League and although a 1-0 success was secured at Anfield in the return via Eidur Gudjohnsen, it was not enough to stop an overall defeat on away goals.
- Lyon's last awayday in the UEFA Champions League was an impressive 0-0 draw at the Stadio Olimpico against AS Roma. It was no surprise considering they had won eight of the previous 13 away matches in the competition but it was the first time in four seasons Lyon had failed to secure victory in the opening match of a first knockout round tie. As a result, they failed to do what they had in each of those previous three campaigns and reach the quarter-finals - Roma winning 2-0 at the Stade de Gerland to progress.
- The French club can at least take confidence from their sixth straight Ligue 1 title last season while Barcelona will be hungry to reclaim the Primera División crown they ceded to Madrid. The Spanish giants can also look to a historical edge on their Matchday 1 opponents, having triumphed in their only previous UEFA club competition pairing.
- In the 2001/02 UEFA Champions League first group stage Barcelona, featuring Carles Puyol and Xavi Hernández, won 2-0 at home against a Lyon side boasting Grégory Coupet, Patrick Muller and Sidney Govou along with current Barcelona player Edmílson, on 10 October thanks to late goals from Patrick Kluivert and a Rivaldo penalty.



- The return fixture 13 days later was a closer affair with Lyon going down 3-2 at home. Early goals from Kluivert and Rivaldo again put the Spanish side in command before Péguy Luyindula and Eric Carrière appeared to have earned a point for the hosts. However Gerard López struck an added-time winner to confirm Lyon's exit from the competition. Barcelona, as group winners, went on to reach the semi-finals before losing to eventual winners Real Madrid CF.
- That encounter with Lyon was the last time Barcelona took on French opposition in Europe, although Paris was the setting for their 2-1 triumph against Arsenal FC in the 2005/06 final.
- As well as Edmílson, Eric Abidal will also know all about Lyon having left the club in June for Camp Nou. At Barcelona, he has teamed up with fellow French internationals Lilian Thuram and Thierry Henry. The latter was on the losing side when Barcelona lifted the trophy in the French capital in May 2006. Ronaldinho played in the same city between 2001 and 2003 with Paris Saint-Germain FC.
- Barcelona and Lyon have been paired with opposition from France and Spain respectively on five home-and-away occasions in UEFA competition. Barcelona have won six and drawn one of their ten matches and only lost once at home. Lyon lost their first four games but have won four and drawn two of the last six. They only have one away win.
- The Camp Nou club also have one trophy success against French foes. In the 1996/97 UEFA Cup Winners' Cup final against PSG in Rotterdam, a Ronaldo penalty gave them a 1-0 win.

Match facts

Barcelona

- **Eidur Gudjohnsen** celebrated his 29th birthday on 15 September, four days before the Lyon game. **Eric Abidal** was 28 on 11 September and **Gabriel Milito** turned 27 four days earlier.
- Barcelona were frustrated by CD Osasuna on Sunday as they recorded a 0-0 Primera División draw in Pamplona. The visitors' best chances came in the first half but **Giovani Dos Santos** and **Deco** both failed to find the net.
- **Frank Rijkaard** offered a starting spot to 18-year-old Mexican **Giovani** while 17-year-old **Bojan Krkič** was a late substitute. Bojan scored five goals in the recent FIFA Under-17 World Cup where Spain were runners-up.
- Aged just 17 years and 19 days, **Bojan** became the third youngest player to play for Barcelona in the league.
- **Paulino Alcántara** was the youngest to play and score for the club when he featured aged just 15 years, four months and 18 days in a game in February 1912. He scored the first three goals in a 9-0 victory against Catalá SC.
- **Bojan** could become the youngest Barcelona scorer since the Primera División formation this season. That record is held by **Lionel Messi**, who scored against Albacete Balompié on 1 May 2005 aged 17 years 12 days.
- **Messi** was rested against Osasuna after his exertions midweek for Argentina. Also missing because of injury were **Carles Puyol** (knee) and **Samuel Eto'o** (thigh), while **Rafael Márquez** was suspended following his red card against Athletic Club Bilbao on 2 September.
- **Rijkaard** said: "We lacked freshness but we couldn't work with the team in the run-up to this match and that affected us. We have to play better, we have to present ourselves in a better light. The league has just begun; we have to build up our points and learn how to win physically again because that wasn't the Barcelona we have been used to."
- The Osasuna draw was Barcelona's second goalless game from their opening three league encounters.

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- Having finished runners-up in last season's Primera División, Barcelona stated their intention to regain their title by signing **Thierry Henry** from Arsenal FC for €24m.
- Following Henry, Barcelona brought in **Yaya Touré** from AS Monaco FC for around €9m, while a further €15m was exchanged with Olympique Lyonnais for **Abidal** before **Milito** was bought for a reported €20m from Real Zaragoza.
- Leaving Barcelona were **Thiago Motta** (Club Atlético de Madrid), **Ludovic Giuly** (AS Roma), **Giovanni van Bronckhorst** (Feyenoord), **Maxi López** (FC Moskva), **Juliano Belletti** (Chelsea FC) and **Javier Saviola**, who signed for Real Madrid CF on a free transfer.
- In late August **Ronaldinho** was granted Spanish citizenship meaning he will no longer be considered a non-European player. Barcelona's three non-EU players are **Touré**, Cameroon's **Eto'o** and Mexican **Dos Santos**.
- **Márquez** formed part of Mexico's squad that finished third at the 2007 Copa América. There were also two players in the Argentina squad that finished as runners-up - **Messi**, who scored twice in the tournament, and **Milito**.
- **Bojan** helped Spain reach the final of the U-17 World Cup in Korea Republic with an extra-time goal in the semi-final against Ghana. The striker missed the final through suspension, however, as Spain lost to Nigeria on penalties. Barcelona also had **Alex Bolaños**, **David Gonzalez** and **Iago Falqué** representing Spain.
- **Marc Valiente** and **Toni Calvo** played for Spain at the FIFA U-20 World Cup in Canada.
- Barcelona enjoyed a fine pre-season, winning all six of their games. A victory against FC Bayern München in Germany was the highlight, while Henry opened his account in a 1-0 win against Dundee United FC.
- Despite that they failed to start the 2007/08 Primera División season with victory as they went to Real Racing Club Santander and drew 0-0 against ten men.
- Rijkaard was happier with his side's next league match, against Athletic Club Bilbao at Camp Nou after a 3-1 win. **Ronaldinho** steered Barcelona into a 2-0 half-time lead thanks to a free-kick and a penalty before **Touré** added their third in the second period. Both sides ended with ten men – **Márquez** the Barcelona man dismissed.
- A number of Barcelona players have also been on international duty in UEFA EURO 2008™ qualifying. **Puyol**, **Xavi Hernández** and **Andrés Iniesta** helped Spain in a 2-0 win in Latvia on 2 June while Xabi and Iniesta also played in the 2-0 away win in Liechtenstein four days later.
- **Xavi** then scored the opening goal as Spain repeated their success against Latvia in Oviedo on 12 September, winning 2-0 again, while **Iniesta** scored the equaliser in a 1-1 draw in Iceland four days earlier.
- Italy included **Gianluca Zambrotta** in their ranks as they won 2-1 in Ukraine, while also appearing in the 0-0 draw against France on 8 September. **Henry** played in that match for France, as did **Lilian Thuram** and **Eric Abidal**. Of that trio only Henry (suspended) missed the 1-0 defeat against Scotland that followed in Paris. Thuram and Abidal also enjoyed qualifying victories in June when France beat Ukraine 2-0 and Georgia 1-0.
- **Deco** took part in Portugal's draws with Poland (2-2) and Serbia (1-1) on 8 and 12 September and also played in a 2-1 win in Belgium on 2 June.
- **Gudjohnsen** was a 53rd-minute substitute as Iceland beat Northern Ireland 2-1 in Reykjavik on 8 September.
- **Ronaldinho** was on target for Brazil as they completed a 4-2 victory against the United States in a friendly in Chicago on 9 September. He also played in a 3-1 win in Boston three days later against a Mexico side captained by **Marquez**.

- **Messi** set up a goal for Martin Demichelis as Argentina won 1-0 in a friendly against Australia at Melbourne Cricket Ground on 11 September, a game in which **Milito** also featured.

Lyon

- **Jérémy Toulalan** celebrated his 24th birthday on 10 September.

- Lyon warmed up for their game in Barcelona by delivering their most impressive performance so far this season, winning 5-1 at FC Metz on Saturday. **Karim Benzema** scored his first hat-trick in Ligue 1 (4, 36 and 38 minutes) as he was partnered in attack by **Hatem Ben Arfa** for the first time. Babacar Gueye narrowed the deficit early in the second half but Ben Arfa restored the three-goal cushion and captain **Juninho Pernambucano's** trademark free-kick gave him his first goal of the season with three minutes to play.

- The result moved Lyon on to 15 points from seven games and leaves them one point off the Ligue 1 summit. They have now won their last four league games, scoring eleven goals in the process.

- Coach **Alain Perrin** said: "To be comfortably ahead early on gave us the chance to manage the game thinking of Barcelona. We knew we would have some space in their defence. **Benzema's** skills made the difference with his first three opportunities and he was satisfyingly supported by **Ben Arfa**, who is better as second striker than as a winger."

- At 19 years eight months and 26 days, **Benzema** is the youngest ever Ligue 1 top scorer after eight matchdays with eight goals, surpassing Djibril Cissé who was 20 years one month and ten days old in 2001 when he set the record.

- **Benzema's** treble at Metz was his first for Lyon. Metz were also the first team he played against in Ligue 1 when he made his Lyon debut against them on 15 January 2005.

- Lyon's spine has been affected by injuries. **Grégory Coupet** and **Cris** have ruptured cruciate ligaments while **Fred** (foot) will not be back before next month. **Patrick Müller** is also ruled out from a knee sprained five weeks ago.

- It has been a summer of upheaval at Lyon with **Gérard Houllier** leaving the Stade de Gerland in May despite having won the league title and the French Super Cup in each of his two seasons in charge and still having a year to go on his contract. His replacement is **Perrin**, who left FC Sochaux-Montbéliard for a two-year contract.

- Lyon made six summer signings, paying a club record €16m to LOSC Lille Métropole for **Kader Keita** and also bringing **Mathieu Bodmer** in for €6.5m. **Nadir Belhadj** finally links up with the club he joined in January after spending the second half of 2006/07 on loan at CS Sedan-Ardennes while a year after scoring the decisive penalty in the FIFA World Cup final against France, **Fabio Grosso** signed for €7m from FC Internazionale Milano.

- Injuries to **Coupet** and **Cris** then prompted the club to sign **Frédéric Roux** on a free transfer following his departure from AC Ajaccio while SL Benfica were paid €4m for **Anderson Cléber**.

- Five internationals left Lyon in the summer: **Florent Malouda** signed for Chelsea FC for a reported €20m, **Eric Abidal** joined Barcelona for a €15m fee and Juventus paid €13m for **Tiago**. **Alou Diarra** left for FC Girondins de Bordeaux in exchange for €8m while Stade Rennais FC paid €1.5m for **Sylvain Wiltord** and **Claudio Caçapa** signed for Newcastle United FC after ending his contract. **Jérémy Berthod** (AS Monaco FC), **Grégory Bettiol** (ES Troyes Aube Champagne), **Damien Plessis** (Liverpool FC) and **Rémy Riou** (AJ Auxerre) also departed.

- Despite opening their title defence with a 2-0 home win against AJ Auxerre, defeats at Toulouse FC (1-0) and FC Lorient (2-1) followed to leave Lyon in eleventh after three games. However, a run of four successive victories, against AS Saint-Etienne (1-0), Sochaux (2-1), Le Mans UC 72 (3-2) and Metz (5-1) soon had them climbing the table.

- By losing two of their first three league games Lyon made their worst start to the season since 2000/01, the last campaign in which they failed to win the title. In 2004/05 Lyon were unbeaten in their first 21 league matches, in 2005/06 they did not lose for their first 18 games and they started last season with an eleven-match unbeaten run.
- The defeat of St. Etienne means Lyon's local rivals have not won at the Stade de Gerland since 26 February 1993, while Lyon's last away defeat in the fixture came in 1994. Lyon have been undefeated in the 17 subsequent games.
- A number of Lyon players signed new contracts over the summer, **Juninho** and **Coupet** both pledging their futures to the Stade de Gerland until 2010 after agreeing two- and three-year deals respectively. **Anthony Réveillère** signed a four-year contract running until 2011, when **Cris**' new deal will expire after the defender signed a one-year extension. **Benzema** has added two more seasons to his contract which now runs until 2012.
- **Perrin** is attempting to become the fourth coach to move into "the wheel of a Formula 1 car" as Lyon president **Jean-Michel Aulas** described the club and win the Ligue 1 title with Lyon. **Houllier** (2006, 2007), **Paul Le Guen** (2002, 2003 and 2004) and **Jacques Santini** (2001) all previously achieved the feat. Perrin has already changed Houllier's preferred 4-3-3 formation to a 4-4-2.
- Due to injuries **Bodmer** – usually a midfielder - has spent the early part of the season at centre-back. "My aim is to play well no matter what the position," he said.
- August was a busy month for **Rémy Vercoutre** after **Coupet** suffered a knee injury in training on 2 August, meaning Vercoutre will fill in until Christmas. Seventeen days later Vercoutre became father to a baby girl, Stella.
- Lyon enjoyed a successful pre-season, winning the friendly Peace Cup in the Korea Republic for the first time in three attempts with a 1-0 win against Bolton Wanderers FC on 21 July. A week later they overcame Coupe de France winners Sochaux 2-1 to win a sixth successive French Super Cup.
- **Benzema** scored five goals in his first six Ligue 1 appearances this season, prompting comparisons with Sonny Anderson and Lyon presidential adviser Bernard Lacombe to describe the 19-year-old as "a phenomenon."
- **Milan Baroš** missed the Czech Republic's 3-0 win against San Marino in UEFA EURO 2008™ qualifying on 8 September due to back pain, but returned for the 1-0 home win against the Republic of Ireland on 12 September.
- **François Clerc** featured for France in their 1-0 friendly win in Slovakia on 22 August when **Jérémy Toulalan** and **Benzema** appeared as second-half substitutes. Toulalan then came on again as a replacement as France drew 0-0 in Italy in Group B on 8 September, when **Grosso** was an unused substitute for the Azzurri, and Benzema appeared as a late substitute again in the 1-0 home defeat by Scotland four days later that left Les Bleus third. Grosso, meanwhile, was again on the bench four days later as Italy won 2-1 in Ukraine to move second behind Scotland.
- **Kim Källström** appeared as a substitute in Sweden's goalless Group F game against Denmark on 8 September and then started the 2-1 friendly win against Montenegro in Podgorica four days later.
- **Keita** helped the Ivory Coast earn a goalless draw in Gabon on 8 September that booked their place in next year's African Cup of Nations finals. **Belhadj**, who had appeared in a friendly in Montpellier on 22 August as Algeria lost 2-0 to Brazil, featured in the 2-1 defeat in Gambia on 8 September that ended his side's qualification hopes.
- The Stade de Gerland was the venue for three IRB Rugby World Cup group stage games; Australia played Japan there on 8 September, Argentina met Georgia three days later and New Zealand took on Portugal on 15 September.
- Lyon's women made a successful start to their first UEFA Women's Cup campaign, scoring 29 goals without conceding in their three first qualifying round Group A6 games in Slovenia from 9 to 14 August. Lyon won the women's title in May, the first time the men's and women's French championships have been held by the same club.

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	14.01.1982	25	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	32	-	40	-
25	Albert Jorquera	ESP	03.03.1979	28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
28	Oier Olazabal	ESP	14.09.1989	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders															
3	Gabriel Milito	ARG	07.09.1980	27	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	10	-
4	Rafael Márquez	MEX	13.02.1979	28	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	24	-	34	-
5	Carles Puyol	ESP	13.04.1978	29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	65	1	78	1
11	Gianluca Zambrotta	ITA	10.02.1977	30	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	51	-	65	2
15	Edmílson	BRA	10.07.1976	31	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	43	1	48	1
16	Sylvinho	BRA	12.04.1974	33	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21	2	37	2
21	Lilian Thuram	FRA	01.01.1972	35	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	61	1	107	1
22	Eric Abidal	FRA	11.09.1979	28	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	21	-	21	-
23	Oleguer	ESP	02.02.1980	27	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	25	-	29	-
Midfielders															
6	Xavi Hernández	ESP	25.01.1980	27	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	64	2	82	3
8	Andrés Iniesta	ESP	11.05.1984	23	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	30	3	34	3
20	Deco	POR	27.08.1977	30	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	61	13	88	18
24	Yaya Touré	CIV	13.05.1983	24	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	6	-	10	1
26	Marc Crosas	ESP	09.01.1988	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Forwards															
7	Eidur Gudjohnsen	ISL	15.09.1978	29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	33	7	45	11
9	Samuel Eto'o	CMR	10.03.1981	26	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	29	12	41	18
10	Ronaldinho	BRA	21.03.1980	27	-	-	-	-	-	3	2	27	13	45	20
14	Thierry Henry	FRA	17.08.1977	30	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	85	42	110	50
17	Giovani	MEX	11.05.1989	18	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
18	Santiago Ezquerro	ESP	14.12.1976	30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	1	22	6
19	Lionel Messi	ARG	24.06.1987	20	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	12	2	13	2
27	Bojan	ESP	28.08.1990	17	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Coach															
-	Frank Rijkaard	NED	30.09.1962	44	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	29	-	38	-

Lyon

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						UCLQ		UCL		League		UCL		UEFA	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers															
1	Grégory Coupet	FRA	31.12.1972	34	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	57	-	92	-
25	Joan Hartock	FRA	17.02.1987	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
30	Rémy Vercoutre	FRA	26.06.1980	27	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	3	-	3	-
35	Jérémy Bouchard	FRA	12.07.1988	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
38	Jérémy Aymes	FRA	12.07.1988	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
40	Frédéric Roux	FRA	27.06.1973	34	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-
43	Mathieu Gorgelin	FRA	05.08.1990	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45	Anthony Lopes	POR	01.10.1990	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders															
2	François Clerc	FRA	18.04.1983	24	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	11	-	11	-
3	Cris	BRA	03.06.1977	30	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	30	3	30	3
4	Patrick Müller	SUI	17.12.1976	30	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	35	-	54	1
11	Fabio Grosso	ITA	28.11.1977	29	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	6	-	25	-
15	Sandy Paillot	FRA	27.02.1987	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20	Anthony Réveillère	FRA	10.11.1979	27	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	35	-	41	-
21	Nadir Belhadj	FRA	18.06.1982	25	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-
22	Anderson	BRA	27.04.1980	27	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	11	-	19	1
29	Sébastien Squillaci	FRA	11.08.1980	27	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	20	1	30	2
34	Loïc Abenzoar	FRA	14.02.1989	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
39	Mickaël Charvet	FRA	31.03.1988	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
47	Francesco Migliore	FRA	17.04.1988	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Midfielders															
5	Mathieu Bodmer	FRA	22.11.1982	24	-	-	-	-	-	6	1	13	-	32	1
6	Kim Källström	SWE	24.08.1982	25	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	6	1	17	3
8	Juninho	BRA	30.01.1975	32	-	-	-	-	-	6	1	44	12	51	13
18	Hatem Ben Arfa	FRA	07.03.1987	20	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	6	-	6	-
26	Fábio Santos	BRA	09.10.1980	26	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	2	-
27	Anthony Mounier	FRA	27.09.1987	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
28	Jérémy Toulalan	FRA	10.09.1983	24	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	8	-	14	-
36	Aurélien Badin	FRA	11.04.1988	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
41	Brice Ducarre	FRA	05.04.1988	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
42	Maxime Gonalons	FRA	10.03.1989	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
44	Jérémy Karaboue	FRA	18.03.1989	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
46	Saïd Mehamha	FRA	04.09.1990	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
48	Pierrick Vladivia	FRA	18.04.1988	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
49	Jérémy Pied	FRA	23.02.1989	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
50	Romain Dedola	FRA	02.01.1989	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Forwards															
7	Milan Baroš	CZE	28.10.1981	25	-	-	-	-	-	5	2	19	3	29	4
9	Fred	BRA	03.10.1983	23	S	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	4	14	4
10	Karim Benzema	FRA	19.12.1987	19	-	-	-	-	-	7	8	4	3	4	3
12	Loïc Remy	FRA	02.01.1987	20	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	1	-
14	Sidney Govou	FRA	27.07.1979	28	-	-	-	-	-	6	1	48	7	52	8
23	Kader Keita	CIV	06.08.1981	26	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	8	1	13	1
24	Romain Beynié	FRA	06.05.1987	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
37	Quentin Barlet	FRA	04.05.1989	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coach															
-	Alain Perrin	FRA	07.10.1956	50	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	15	-

Head coach

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 in May 2006.

Olympique Lyonnais: Alain Perrin

Date of birth: 7 October 1956

Nationality: French

Coaching career: ES Troyes Aube-Champagne, Olympique de Marseille, Al Ain, Portsmouth FC, FC Sochaux-Montbéliard, Olympique Lyonnais

Never a top-level player, former sports teacher Alain Perrin gained his break as a coach in 1983 in the AS Nancy-Lorraine youth system under a certain Arsène Wenger. Perrin ran the club's academy, before gaining his first senior managerial role in 1993 with his appointment to the helm of ES Troyes Aube-Champagne. Troyes were then a fourth-level amateur club, but within six seasons were in Ligue 1 and in 2001 they won the UEFA Intertoto Cup to enter the UEFA Cup.

Those results attracted Olympique de Marseille's attention in June 2002 and once again Perrin met success, helping his new club to third place and the UEFA Champions League. Although they did well enough in the group stage to move into the UEFA Cup, Perrin was sacked in January 2004, and so missed Marseille's run to the final where they lost to Valencia CF, although his purchase of Didier Drogba from EA Guingamp proved vital to that run. In July 2004 Perrin took over at United Arab Emirates-based Al-Ain, but left three months later. His next stop was Portsmouth FC in April 2005 and he saved the Premier League club from relegation, but the next campaign was disappointing and Perrin was dismissed that November.

Perrin's appointment at FC Sochaux-Montbéliard in summer 2006 proved his redemption. He took them to a seventh-placed finish - compared to 15th the previous season - and won the French Cup with a penalty shoot-out success against Marseille for his first major trophy. So when Gérard Houllier left champions Olympique Lyonnais after leading them to their sixth straight Ligue 1 title, it was to Perrin they turned as successor, with his long-term assistant Christophe Galtier following him to the Stade de Gerland.

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Match officials

Referee	Massimo Busacca (SUI)
Assistant referees	Matthias Arnet (SUI), Stéphane Cuhat (SUI)
Fourth official	Daniel Wermelinger (SUI)
UEFA Delegate	Sergio Di Cesare (ITA)
UEFA Referee observer	David R. Elleray (ENG)

Referee

Name	Nat.	DoB	UCL	UEFA
Massimo Busacca	SUI	06.02.1969	14	37

Massimo Busacca has steadily enhanced his reputation since succeeding Urs Meier on Switzerland's élite list, with the 2007 UEFA Cup final following the 2006 FIFA World Cup. He had three games in Germany, including Argentina's 2-1 last-16 win against Mexico. From Monte Carrasso, in the Italian-speaking southern canton of Ticino, Busacca reached the highest domestic level in 1996, and within three years was cutting his teeth in UEFA youth matches.

Busacca is a UEFA Champions League regular, notably serving as fourth official to Meier for the 2002 final between Real Madrid CF and Bayer 04 Leverkusen. The UEFA Cup final Sevilla FC won 3-1 on penalties after a 2-2 draw against RCD Espanyol was his third visit to Hampden Park as he also refereed Scotland's 1-0 victory over France in a UEFA EURO 2008™ qualifier. Another high-level game for Busacca, who enjoys travel in his spare time, was the 2005 FIFA World Youth Championship semi-final between Brazil and Argentina in Utrecht. At home, the company director, who is also a keen skier, took charge of his first Swiss Cup final in May 2005.

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

Date	Comp.	Stage		Res.	Venue
22.10.2003	UCL	GS1	Real Madrid CF - FK Partizan	1-0	Madrid
11.08.2004	UCL	QR3	Wisla Kraków - Real Madrid CF	0-2	Krakow
29.09.2004	UCL	GS	PFC CSKA Moskva - Paris Saint-Germain FC	2-0	Moscow
22.11.2005	UCL	GS	LOSC Lille Métropole - SL Benfica	0-0	Paris
22.08.2006	UCL	QR3	CA Osasuna - Hamburger SV	1-1	Pamplona
05.12.2006	UCL	GS	FC Barcelona - Werder Bremen	2-0	Barcelona

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

Date	Comp.	Stage		Res.	Venue
24.04.1999	U16	GS - FT	Spain - Croatia	2-0	Moravska Trebova
03.07.1999	UIC	R2	FK Karabakh - Montpellier Hérault SC	0-3	
01.09.2000	U21	QR	Bosnia-Herzegovina - Spain	0-2	Zenica
28.09.2000	UCUP	R1	HNK Rijeka - RC Celta de Vigo	0-1	Rijeka
29.07.2001	U18	P-O 3rd	Serbia - Spain	2-6	Helsinki
18.10.2001	UCUP	R2	FC Girondins de Bordeaux - R. Standard de Liège	2-0	Bordeaux
12.12.2002	UCUP	R3	Leeds United AFC - Málaga CF	1-2	Leeds
03.03.2004	UCUP	R3	FC Barcelona - Brøndby IF	2-1	Barcelona
11.03.2004	UCUP	R4	AJ Auxerre - PSV Eindhoven	1-1	Auxerre
16.03.2005	UCUP	1/8	FC Steaua București - Villarreal CF	0-0	Bucharest
30.03.2005	WC	QR	Serbia - Spain	0-0	Belgrade
23.02.2006	UCUP	1/16	Olympique de Marseille - Bolton Wanderers FC	2-1	Marseille
14.06.2006	WC	GS - FT	Spain - Ukraine	4-0	Leipzig
07.10.2006	EURO	QR	Scotland - France	1-0	Glasgow
24.03.2007	EURO	QR	Spain - Denmark	2-1	Madrid
16.05.2007	UCUP	F	RCD Espanyol - Sevilla FC	2-2*(1-3)	Glasgow

Domestic information

FC Barcelona (Primera División)

Comp.	Date	Opponent	Res.	Goalscorers
League	26/08/07	Real Racing Club Santander (A)	0-0	
Lineups: Valdés, Abidal, Thuram, Oleguer, Zambrotta (Márquez 79), Xavi, Yaya Touré (Deco 67), Iniesta, Messi (Henry 61), Eto'o, Ronaldinho				
League	02/09/07	Athletic Club Bilbao (H)	3-1	Ronaldinho 8, 35(pen), Yaya Touré 73
Lineups: Valdés, Zambrotta, Márquez, Oleguer, Abidal, Xavi, Deco (Iniesta 67), Yaya Touré, Messi, Henry (Giovani 61), Ronaldinho (Milito 76)				
League	16/09/07	CA Osasuna (A)	0-0	
Lineups: Valdés, Zambrotta (Oleguer 65), Thuram, Milito, Abidal, Iniesta, Deco, Yaya Touré, Henry, Giovani (Bojan Krkić 79), Ronaldinho (Xavi 66)				
League	22/09/07	Sevilla FC (H)		
League	26/09/07	Real Zaragoza (H)		
League	30/09/07	Levante UD (A)		
League	07/10/07	Club Atlético de Madrid (H)		
League	21/10/07	Villarreal CF (A)		
League	28/10/07	UD Almeria (H)		
League	31/10/07	Real Valladolid CF (A)		
League	04/11/07	Real Betis Balompié (H)		
League	11/11/07	Getafe CF (A)		
League	25/11/07	RC Recreativo de Huelva (H)		
League	02/12/07	RCD Espanyol (A)		
League	09/12/07	RC Deportivo La Coruña (H)		
League	16/12/07	Valencia CF (A)		
League	23/12/07	Real Madrid CF (H)		
League	06/01/08	RCD Mallorca (A)		
League	13/01/08	Real Murcia CF (H)		
League	20/01/08	Real Racing Club Santander (H)		
League	27/01/08	Athletic Club Bilbao (A)		
League	03/02/08	CA Osasuna (H)		
League	10/02/08	Sevilla FC (A)		

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

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Olympique Lyonnais (Ligue 1)

Comp.	Date	Opponent	Res.	Goalscorers
League	05/08/07	AJ Auxerre (H)	2-0	Baroš 32, Benzema 70
League	11/08/07	Toulouse FC (A)	0-1	
League	18/08/07	FC Lorient (A)	1-2	Benzema 32
League	26/08/07	AS Saint-Etienne (H)	1-0	Benzema 54
League	29/08/07	FC Sochaux-Montbéliard (A)	2-1	Benzema 20, Bodmer 57
Lineups: Vercoutre, Grosso, Réveillère, Squillaci, Bodmer, Källström, Fábio Santos (Keita 61), Toulalan, Baroš (Remy 90), Benzema (Clerc 78), Govou				
League	01/09/07	Le Mans UC 72 (H)	3-2	Govou 71, Benzema 74, Baroš 78
Lineups: Vercoutre, Grosso, Réveillère, Squillaci, Bodmer, Källström, Juninho (Belhadj 90), Toulalan, Benzema, Govou (Clerc 90), Keita (Baroš 67)				
League	15/09/07	FC Metz (A)	5-1	Benzema 4, 36, 38, Ben Arfa 59, Juninho 87
Lineups: Vercoutre, Grosso, Réveillère (Clerc 46), Squillaci (Anderson 80), Bodmer, Källström, Juninho, Toulalan, Benzema (Keita 71), Govou, Ben Arfa				
League	23/09/07	LOSC Lille Métropole (H)		
League	29/09/07	RC Lens (H)		
League	06/10/07	FC Girondins de Bordeaux (A)		
League	20/10/07	AS Monaco FC (H)		
League	27/10/07	Paris Saint-Germain FC (A)		
League	03/11/07	Valenciennes FC (H)		
League	10/11/07	Olympique de Marseille (H)		
League	24/11/07	Stade Rennais FC (A)		
League	01/12/07	RC Strasbourg (H)		
League	08/12/07	SM Caen (A)		
League	15/12/07	OGC Nice (H)		
League	22/12/07	AS Nancy-Lorraine (A)		
League	12/01/08	Toulouse FC (H)		
League	19/01/08	RC Lens (A)		
League	23/01/08	FC Lorient (H)		
League	26/01/08	AS Saint-Etienne (A)		
League	09/02/08	FC Sochaux-Montbéliard (H)		
League	16/02/08	Le Mans UC 72 (A)		
League	23/02/08	FC Metz (H)		
League	01/03/08	LOSC Lille Métropole (A)		

Pos.	Clubs	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1	AS Nancy-Lorraine	7	5	1	1	13	5	16
1	Olympique de Marseille	8	1	4	3	7	10	7
2	Olympique Lyonnais	7	5	0	2	14	7	15
3	FC Girondins de Bordeaux	8	4	3	1	10	6	15
4	Stade Rennais FC	8	4	3	1	9	5	15
5	Valenciennes FC	8	4	2	2	12	9	14
6	AS Monaco FC	8	4	1	3	13	8	13
7	Le Mans UC 72	8	4	1	3	12	11	13
8	RC Strasbourg	8	3	3	2	8	5	12
9	FC Lorient	8	3	3	2	10	9	12
10	AS Saint-Etienne	8	3	2	3	9	6	11
11	Paris Saint-Germain FC	8	2	5	1	7	6	11
12	OGC Nice	8	3	2	3	7	7	11
13	Toulouse FC	6	3	1	2	8	8	10
14	LOSC Lille Métropole	8	1	6	1	8	8	9
16	AJ Auxerre	8	2	0	6	4	15	6
17	RC Lens	6	1	2	3	2	4	5
18	SM Caen	6	1	1	4	4	9	4
19	FC Sochaux-Montbéliard	8	0	4	4	6	14	4
20	FC Metz	8	0	2	6	2	13	2

UEFA information

Solidarity payments

UEFA is distributing €43.2m in solidarity payments from the 2006/07 UEFA Champions League to the top leagues of UEFA's member associations. Leagues with participants in the 2006/07 UEFA Champions League will receive a total of €36m, while leagues without participants in last season's competition will receive €7.2m. The payment is being made by UEFA as part of the solidarity scheme associated with the UEFA Champions League, Europe's most prestigious club competition. It is aimed at supporting youth development activities in professional football, and complements other UEFA initiatives such as club licensing and the introduction of rules on locally-trained players.

Coaching licence

London will be the setting as UEFA celebrates the tenth anniversary of the introduction of the European Coaching Licence. The seventh UEFA Symposium for Coach Education Directors, which will take place on 24-26 September at the Grange City Hotel, will focus on events that have taken place in the decade since six UEFA member associations - France, Germany, Denmark, Netherlands, Spain and Italy - were the first to sign the UEFA Convention on the Mutual Recognition of Coaching Qualifications. High-profile guests and speakers including Gérard Houllier, Fabio Capello and Sir Trevor Brooking, will contribute.

Coaches forum

Many of the top coaches in Europe were at UEFA's headquarters in Nyon, Switzerland, on 6-7 September for the ninth UEFA Elite Club Coaches Forum. Illustrious names such as José Mourinho, Arsène Wenger, Ottmar Hitzfeld and Gérard Houllier joined senior UEFA officials at the forum, an essential component within UEFA's annual calendar. The coaches have an ideal opportunity at the gathering, away from the pressures of competition, to debate matters of mutual interest and to stimulate thoughts on the development of the game. The forum/seminar focused on technical trends, tactical tracking systems to assist coaches, refereeing issues and top-level training methods. In previous years the meetings have produced various recommendations which UEFA has taken on board for the overall benefit of the European club game.

Safety summit

UEFA, in co-operation with the Dutch National Football Information Point (CIV), brought together various parties in Amsterdam earlier this month to discuss safety and security aspects related to international football matches. The meeting was attended by representatives of the European police and governmental bodies, security officers of UEFA and the national football associations, and security officials of the clubs taking part in this season's UEFA Champions League. "The event provided an opportunity to initiate the security planning for the UEFA Champions League group stage matches, to exchange information about the participating clubs and to share experiences and highlight good and bad practices," said UEFA.

Referee guidance

Europe's referees have been given clear instructions for action on penalty-area jostling and stopping play for player injuries. The instructions came during a two-day summer gathering of Europe's top referees and assistants at UEFA's headquarters in Nyon, Switzerland. "UEFA continues to work with Europe's top referees and assistants, in particular focusing on certain aspects which are harming the image of the modern game," said the European body in a statement.

Key dates

The 2007/08 UEFA Champions League group stage will be played over six matchdays - 18/19 September, 2/3 October, 23/24 October, 6/7 November, 27/28 November and 11/12 December. The first knockout round will follow over two legs on 19/20 February and 4/5 March after the draw in Nyon on 21 December. The draw for the quarter-finals, semi-finals and final will be staged on 14 March. The last eight will be played on 1/2 and 8/9 April before the semi-finals on 22/23 and 28/29 April. The 2008 UEFA Champions League final will be played in Moscow on 21 May, before UEFA EURO 2008™ kicks off in Austria and Switzerland on 7 June.

Match-by-match lineups - Group E

Club	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Olympique Lyonnais	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FC Barcelona	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
VfB Stuttgart	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rangers FC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
19.09.2007	Rangers - Stuttgart	-	Ibrox, Glasgow
19.09.2007	Barcelona - Lyon	-	Camp Nou, Barcelona
02.10.2007	Lyon - Rangers	-	Stade de Gerland, Lyon
02.10.2007	Stuttgart - Barcelona	-	Gottlieb-Daimler, Stuttgart
23.10.2007	Stuttgart - Lyon	-	Gottlieb-Daimler, Stuttgart
23.10.2007	Rangers - Barcelona	-	Ibrox, Glasgow
07.11.2007	Lyon - Stuttgart	-	Stade de Gerland, Lyon
07.11.2007	Barcelona - Rangers	-	Camp Nou, Barcelona
27.11.2007	Stuttgart - Rangers	-	Gottlieb-Daimler, Stuttgart
27.11.2007	Lyon - Barcelona	-	Stade de Gerland, Lyon
12.12.2007	Rangers - Lyon	-	Ibrox, Glasgow
12.12.2007	Barcelona - Stuttgart	-	Camp Nou, Barcelona

Competition facts

• UEFA Champions League: Group stage milestones

Holders AC Milan will be keen to avoid becoming 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, FC Barcelona were the reigning European Champion Clubs' Cup holders and were beaten 4-3 on aggregate in the second round by PFC CSKA Moskva.

Alessandro Costacurta set the UEFA Champions League oldest player record against AEK Athens FC on Matchday 5 of the 2006/07 season at 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 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.

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.

In 2006/07, PFC Levski Sofia joined 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 have not returned to the competition since losing all six games in their only campaign to date in 1997/98. 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 also conceded 17 goals in their six outings last term, just two short of the record number let in during a group stage set by Ferencvárosi TC (19) in the 1995/96 campaign.

Before their 3-1 win against Sporting Clube de Portugal on Matchday 6 of the 2006/07 campaign, FC Spartak Moskva went 22 games without a win in the competition, surpassing the unwanted record set by AEK Athens FC on Matchday 3 of the same campaign.

The lowest total for a team qualifying from the group stage is seven points. The first to do it, since three points for a win was introduced in 1995/96, were Legia Warszawa that same 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 Werder Bremen in 2005/06.

• UEFA Champions League: Did you know?

Domestic champions: This season's competition features 13 domestic league winners from last season, but only Group G of the eight groups features four domestic title-holders - namely PSV Eindhoven, FC Internazionale Milano, Fenerbahçe SK and PFC CSKA Moskva. Alongside the 13 champions, there are ten runners-up and six third-placed finishers. The holders AC Milan, Arsenal FC, Valencia CF are the only clubs in the group stage to have finished in fourth place in their domestic league championship.

Consecutive participations: This season, Manchester United FC have extended their consecutive participation in the UEFA Champions League to 12, a record in the competition. PSV Eindhoven, Olympiacos CFP and Real Madrid CF are making their eleventh consecutive appearances, one ahead of Arsenal FC.

Knockout streak: In qualifying for the 2006/07 knockout stage, Real Madrid CF surpassed Manchester United FC's record of nine consecutive seasons (which ended in 2005/06) in advancing past the group stage. Madrid have featured in the knockout phase every time since the 1996/97 campaign. Madrid, have won the competition three times in the last ten years while they advanced as far as the semi-finals twice and the quarter-finals twice. However, in the last three seasons their interest in the competition has ended at the first knockout round.

European return: Of all 32 clubs, S.S. Lazio, Rosenborg BK and VfB Stuttgart did not participate in a UEFA club competition during the 2006/07 season.

Past masters: Six clubs competing in the 2007/08 UEFA Champions League were involved in the competition when it started during the 1992/93 season. Olympique de Marseille were champions, beating AC Milan in the final, while PSV Eindhoven, PFC CSKA Moskva, FC Porto and Rangers FC all participated in the group stage. In addition, VfB Stuttgart, AEK Athens FC and FC Barcelona were knocked out in the two rounds preceding the group stage that marked the competition proper.

Long road for debutants: Six clubs have advanced to the group stage from the European Champion Clubs' Cup second qualifying round including one of this season's two debutants, SK Slavia Praha. They are joined by Rangers, FC Shakhtar Donetsk, FC Steaua Bucuresti, Beşiktaş JK and Rosenborg 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).

Sevilla FC join Slavia in competing in the UEFA Champions League for the first time, although both clubs have previous experience of the European Champion Clubs' Cup.

No qualifiers: Of the 32 clubs involved in the group stage, only AS Roma and FC Schalke 04 have yet to play a qualifying round match in order to reach the UEFA Champions League. Roma are making their fifth appearance in the competition, Schalke their third.

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 AFC Ajax (1994/95), Juventus (1995/96), BV Borussia Dortmund (1996/97) and FC Bayern München (2000/01). Of the last ten winners of the competition, Real Madrid CF (three), Manchester United FC, AC Milan (two), FC Porto, Liverpool FC and FC Barcelona, only FC Bayern München are not involved. Only two 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) and Feyenoord (2001/02). 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, PFC CSKA Moskva and Sevilla FC (two).

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

Biggest wins

7-0: Juventus v Olympiacos CFP (10.12.2003)

7-1: Manchester United FC v AS Roma (10.04.2007)

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

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

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

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.

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Leading scorer in a season

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

Kaká finished as top scorer in 2006/07 with ten 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

10.03 secs: Roy Makaay (**FC Bayern München** 2-1 Real Madrid CF, 07.03.2006)

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)

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.

Appearances: UEFA Champions League

Note: This list considers group stage to final only;

108 Raúl González (Real Madrid CF)

107 Roberto Carlos (Real Madrid CF)

105 Paolo Maldini (AC Milan)

103 David Beckham (Manchester United FC, Real Madrid CF)

103 Oliver Kahn (FC Bayern München)

98 Gary Neville (Manchester United FC)

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

95 Ryan Giggs (Manchester United FC)

95 Paul Scholes (Manchester United FC)

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

89 Andriy Shevchenko (FC Dynamo Kyiv, AC Milan, Chelsea FC)

85 Thierry Henry (AS Monaco FC, Arsenal FC)

Goals: UEFA Champions League

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56 Raúl González (Real Madrid CF)
49 Ruud van Nistelrooy (PSV Eindhoven, Manchester United FC, Real Madrid CF)
46 Andriy Shevchenko (FC Dynamo Kyiv, AC Milan, Chelsea FC)
42 Thierry Henry (AS Monaco FC, Arsenal FC)
38 Filippo Inzaghi (Juventus, AC Milan)
37 Alessandro Del Piero (Juventus)

Appearances: UEFA club competition

168 Paolo Maldini (AC Milan)
136 Luís Figo (Sporting, FC Barcelona, Real Madrid CF, FC Internazionale Milano)
133 Oliver Kahn (Karlsruher SC, FC Bayern München)
130 Frank de Boer (AFC Ajax, FC Barcelona, Galatasaray SK)
127 Karl-Heinz Rummenigge (FC Bayern München, FC Internazionale Milano, Servette FC)
125 Clarence Seedorf (AFC Ajax, UC Sampdoria, Real Madrid CF, FC Internazionale Milano, AC Milan)
122 Zinédine Zidane (AS Cannes, FC Girondins de Bordeaux, Juventus, Real Madrid CF)
121 Alessandro Costacurta (AC Milan)
121 Phillip Cocu (SBV Vitesse, PSV Eindhoven, FC Barcelona)
119 Roberto Carlos (FC Internazionale Milano, Real Madrid CF, Fenerbahçe SK)

Goals: UEFA club competition

62 Gerd Müller (FC Bayern München)
59 Filippo Inzaghi (Parma FC, Juventus, AC Milan)
59 Andriy Shevchenko (FC Dynamo Kyiv, AC Milan, Chelsea FC)
58 Raúl González (Real Madrid CF)
56 Eusébio (SL Benfica)
53 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)
50 Henrik Larsson (Feyenoord, Celtic FC, FC Barcelona, Manchester United FC, Helsingborgs IF)
47 Carlos Santillana (Real Madrid CF)

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.

56 Raúl González (Real Madrid CF)
55 Andriy Shevchenko (FC Dynamo Kyiv, AC Milan, Chelsea FC)
53 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)
42 Filippo Inzaghi (Juventus, AC Milan)

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Team facts

FC Barcelona

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.
- They lost on penalties to FC Steaua Bucureşti in the 1985/86 season, 3-2 to SL Benfica in 1960/61 and 4-0 to AC Milan in 1993/94. Four-time UEFA Cup Winners' Cup winners, they lost in the 1968/69 and 1990/91 finals.

UEFA Champions League milestones

- With Barcelona now in their 12th campaign, the highlight remains the 2-1 win against Arsenal FC in Paris that made them European champions in 2006. Only Manchester United FC and FC Porto (13) have taken part on more occasions.

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

- 2006/07:** UEFA Champions League - first knockout round
- 2005/06:** UEFA Champions League - winners
- 2004/05:** UEFA Champions League - first knockout round
- 2003/04:** UEFA Cup - fourth round
- 2002/03:** UEFA Champions League - quarter-finals
- 2001/02:** UEFA Champions League - semi-finals
- 2000/01:** UEFA Cup -semi-finals (having transferred from UEFA Champions League group stage)
- 1999/00:** UEFA Champions League - semi-finals
- 1998/99:** UEFA Champions League - group stage
- 1997/98:** UEFA Champions League - group stage

2006/07 season

Domestic record: Barça relinquished the title they had won in the two previous seasons by the narrowest of margins. Having finished level on points, Real Madrid CF were crowned champions by virtue of their better head to head record. Barcelona, who reached the semi-finals of the Copa del Rey, were five points ahead of third-placed Sevilla FC.

European record: After the campaign began with a 3-0 humbling by Sevilla in the UEFA Super Cup, Barça were drawn in a tough Group A with the champions of England and Germany, Chelsea FC and Werder Bremen, along with the Bulgarian title-holders PFC Levski Sofia. They recorded three victories and two draws from their six engagements to finish two points behind Chelsea in second. They fell at the next hurdle though, a 1-0 win at Liverpool FC not enough to prevent an away-goals loss after a 2-1 home defeat.

Key facts

UEFA club competition

- Pld: 344 W: 188 D: 77 L: 79 GF: 657 GA: 354

UEFA Champions League (group stage to final)

- Pld: 109 W: 59 D: 27 L: 23 GF: 206 GA: 121

European Champion Clubs' Cup/UEFA Champions League

- Pld: 169 W: 95 D: 38 L: 36 GF: 320 GA: 177

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Records

UEFA club competition

- Biggest win

8-0: FC Barcelona v ŠKM Púchov

15.10.2003, UEFA Cup first round second leg

8-0: FC Barcelona v Apollon Limassol FC

15.09.1982, 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, UEFA Cup first round first leg

- Heaviest defeat

0-4: FC Barcelona v FC Dynamo Kyiv

05.11.1997, UEFA Champions League group stage

4-0: AC Milan v FC Barcelona

18.05.1994, European Champion Clubs' Cup final

0-4: FC Barcelona v 1. FC Köln

05.11.1980, 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, UEFA Super Cup (played at a neutral venue, included here for information purposes)

3-0: AS Roma v FC Barcelona

26.02.2002, UEFA Champions League second group stage

3-0: Beşiktaş JK v FC Barcelona

19.09.2000, UEFA Champions League first group stage

4-1: Valencia CF v FC Barcelona

02.05.2000, UEFA Champions League semi-final first leg

3-0: FC Dynamo Kyiv v FC Barcelona

22.10.1997, UEFA Champions League group stage

3-0: Manchester United FC v FC Barcelona

21.03.1984, UEFA Cup Winners' Cup quarter-final second leg

3-0: Aston Villa FC v FC Barcelona

26.01.1983, UEFA Super Cup final second leg

3-0: RSC Anderlecht v FC Barcelona

18.10.1978, UEFA Cup Winners' Cup second round first leg

3-0: PSV Eindhoven v FC Barcelona

29.03.1978, UEFA Cup semi-finals first leg

3-0: Ipswich Town FC v FC Barcelona

23.11.1977, UEFA Cup third round first leg

3-0: OGC Nice v FC Barcelona

19.09.1973, 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, UEFA Champions League group stage

5-0: FC Barcelona v Panathinaikos FC

02.11.2005, UEFA Champions League group stage

5-0: FC Barcelona v Beşiktaş JK

08.11.2000, UEFA Champions League first group stage

5-0: FC Barcelona v AC Sparta Praha

08.12.1999, UEFA Champions League second group stage

5-0: FC Barcelona v AIK Solna

27.10.1999, 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, 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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Olympique Lyonnais

UEFA club competition milestones

- Aside from winning the 1997 UEFA Intertoto Cup, Lyon's furthest venture came when they reached the 1963/64 UEFA Cup Winners' Cup semi-finals before losing to the eventual winners Sporting Clube de Portugal.

UEFA Champions League milestones

- The three consecutive quarter-final appearances in 2003/04, 2004/05 and 2005/06 remains the best achievement, although this is the eighth consecutive participation since their maiden campaign in 2000/01.

UEFA club competition honours

- UEFA Intertoto Cup: 1997

Ten-year record (including current season)

- 2006/07:** UEFA Champions League - first knockout round
- 2005/06:** UEFA Champions League - quarter-finals
- 2004/05:** UEFA Champions League - quarter-finals
- 2003/04:** UEFA Champions League - quarter-finals
- 2002/03:** UEFA Cup - third round (having transferred from UEFA Champions League group stage)
- 2001/02:** UEFA Cup - fourth round (having transferred from UEFA Champions League group stage)
- 2000/01:** UEFA Champions League - second group stage
- 1999/00:** UEFA Cup - third round (having transferred from European Champion Clubs' Cup third qualifying round)
- 1998/99:** UEFA Cup - quarter-finals
- 1997/98:** UEFA Cup - second round (having qualified by winning UEFA Intertoto Cup)

2006/07 season

Domestic record: Lyon won Ligue 1 for the sixth straight season, finishing 17 points ahead of nearest rivals Olympique de Marseille. The French Cup again eluded them, leaving them still looking for a first success in that competition since 1973, while they lost 1-0 to FC Girondins de Bordeaux in the League Cup final.

European record: Lyon recorded the highest points tally of all 32 competing clubs with 14 following four victories and two draws in Group E. The French club finished three points clear of Real Madrid CF with FC Steaua București and FC Dynamo Kyiv trailing. A 2-0 defeat at AS Roma condemned them to a first knockout round exit after a goalless draw at home.

Key facts

UEFA club competition

- Pld: 136 W: 73 D: 24 L: 39 GF: 236 GA: 160

UEFA Champions League (group stage to final)

- Pld: 62 W: 32 D: 14 L: 16 GF: 109 GA: 63

European Champion Clubs' Cup/UEFA Champions League

- Pld: 66 W: 34 D: 14 L: 18 GF: 113 GA: 68

Records

UEFA club competition

- Biggest win

7-0: Olympique Lyonnais v FA Red Boys Differdange
17.09.1974, UEFA Cup first round first leg

- Biggest home win

7-0: Olympique Lyonnais v FA Red Boys Differdange (see above for details)

- Biggest away win

0-5: MŠK Žilina v Olympique Lyonnais
05.07.1997, UEFA Intertoto Cup group stage

- Heaviest defeat

4-0: PAOK Saloniki v Olympique Lyonnais
07.11.1973, UEFA Cup Winners' Cup second round second leg
4-0: Werder Bremen v Olympique Lyonnais
07.12.1999, UEFA Cup third round second leg

- Heaviest home defeat

2-5: Olympique Lyonnais v VfL Borussia Mönchengladbach
05.11.1974, UEFA Cup second round second leg

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- Heaviest away defeat

4-0: PAOK Saloniki v Olympique Lyonnais (see above for details)

4-0: Werder Bremen v Olympique Lyonnais (see above for details)

UEFA Champions League (group stage to final only)

- Biggest win

7-2: Olympique Lyonnais v Werder Bremen

08.03.2005, UEFA Champions League first knockout round second leg

5-0: Olympique Lyonnais v AC Sparta Praha.

08.12.2004, UEFA Champions League group stage

5-0: Olympique Lyonnais v Rosenborg BK

25.09.2002, UEFA Champions League first group stage

- Biggest home win

7-2: Olympique Lyonnais v Werder Bremen (see above for details)

5-0: Olympique Lyonnais v AC Sparta Praha (see above for details)

5-0: Olympique Lyonnais v Rosenborg BK (see above for details)

- Biggest away win

0-3: FC Dynamo Kyiv v Olympique Lyonnais

17.10.2006, UEFA Champions League group stage

0-3: FC Steaua București v Olympique Lyonnais

26.09.2006, UEFA Champions League group stage

1-4: Olympiacos CFP v Olympique Lyonnais

01.11.2005, UEFA Champions League group stage

0-3: Werder Bremen v Olympique Lyonnais

08.03.2005, UEFA Champions League first knockout round first leg

- Heaviest defeat

2-0: FC Porto v Olympique Lyonnais

23.03.2004, UEFA Champions League quarter-final first leg

2-0: Celtic FC v Olympique Lyonnais

30.09.2003, UEFA Champions League group stage

0-2: Olympique Lyonnais v AFC Ajax

30.10.2002, UEFA Champions League first group stage

2-0: FC Barcelona v Olympique Lyonnais

10.10.2001, UEFA Champions League first group stage

3-1: AC Milan v Olympique Lyonnais

04.04.2006, UEFA Champions League quarter-final second leg

0-2: Olympique Lyonnais v AS Roma

06.03.2007, UEFA Champions League first knockout round second leg

- Heaviest home defeat

0-2: Olympique Lyonnais v AFC Ajax (see above for details)

0-2: Olympique Lyonnais v AS Roma (see above for details)

- Heaviest away defeat

2-0: FC Porto v Olympique Lyonnais (see above for details)

2-0: Celtic FC v Olympique Lyonnais (see above for details)

2-0: FC Barcelona v Olympique Lyonnais (see above for details)

3-1: AC Milan v Olympique Lyonnais (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.

• **Format:** The UEFA Champions League group stage draw in Monaco on 31 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 19/20 February and 4/5 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. This year's UEFA Champions League final is in Moscow on 21 May 2008.

• **Locally-trained players rule:** In February 2005, UEFA announced the 'A' list that teams submit for UEFA club competitions will continue to be limited to 25 players, and from season 2007/08, at least six places 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 2006/07, the number of locally-trained players required began at four but the current six will rise 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.

• **Player registration:** UEFA regulations state that for all UEFA Champions League matches from the start of the first knockout round, a club may register a maximum of three new eligible players within their squad of 25 for the remaining matches in the current competition. Such registration must be completed by 1 February at the latest. One player from the above quota of three who has played UEFA club competition matches for another competing club in the current season may exceptionally be registered, provided that the player has not been fielded by another club in the UEFA Champions League this season.

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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)

:: 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.

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.

:: Competitions

Club competitions

ECCL: 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

U21: UEFA European Under-21 Championship

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

:: 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

FT: Final tournament

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

P-O: Play-off

:: 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