

Sevilla FC - SK Slavia Praha

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Ramón Sánchez-Pizjuán, Sevilla

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Group H - Matchday 2



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Match background

Two teams who are making their debut appearance in the UEFA Champions League meet on Matchday 2 with Sevilla FC hosting SK Slavia Praha hoping to repeat the home form which served them so well in the past two seasons as they clinched back-to-back UEFA Cup triumphs.

- However, while Sevilla were used to domination in the UEFA Cup, their first game in the UEFA Champions League was a different story as they lost 3-0 away to Arsenal FC. Slavia's debut was far more fruitful as they managed a 2-1 home win over FC Steaua București.
- The two sides have never met in European club competition.
- Sevilla's home form was a big part of their recent success in European competition; in 14 fixtures at the Estadio Ramón Sánchez-Pizjuán in the UEFA Cup over the past two seasons, Juande Ramos' team have lost just once. That came against AZ Alkmaar in last season's group stage when Shota Arveladze scored in time added on to give the Dutch side a 2-1 victory. Apart from two draws, Sevilla had won every other home fixture – 11 in total.
- Last season's group matches also brought them face to face with Czech Republic outfit FC Slovan Liberec. The away game for Sevilla, the only time they have met opponents from that country in club competition, ended 0-0.
- To reach this stage the Andalusian club won their third qualifying round tie with AEK Athens FC 6-1 on aggregate. They won the home leg 2-0 and then came through an emotionally-testing return leg – which had been delayed because of the untimely death of midfielder Antonio Puerta – 4-1 thus ensuring they would be making only their second appearance in the European Champion Clubs' Cup – 50 years after their debut.
- Slavia have met teams from Spain on four occasions and have recorded only one victory. In fact they've only scored in one of the four games, the most recent meeting with RC Celta de Vigo in the third qualifying round of the 2003/04 UEFA Champions League. They won 2-0 but the Spanish side progressed into the group stage because they had won the first leg 3-0.
- They also met Valencia CF in the 1996/97 UEFA Cup second round when they bowed out of the competition, losing 1-0 at home followed by a 0-0 result in Spain.



- In the other game in Group H, Steaua are at home to Arsenal.

Match facts

Sevilla

- Eight Sevilla players have appeared in all three UEFA Champions League games so far this season, including qualifying: **Andrés Palop**, **Ivica Dragutinović**, **Federico Fazio**, **Christian Poulsen**, **Seydou Keita**, **Jesús Navas**, **Luis Fabiano** and **Diego Capel**.
- Sevilla FC's losing run continued on Saturday night as they went down 2-0 at Real Zaragoza in the Primera División. Andrés D'Alessandro and Sergio García each struck in the second half.
- Sevilla coach **Juande Ramos** said: "We lost but we were infinitively superior. The way things worked out and the final result was very surprising for me. There isn't a logical explanation for what happened there are few reasons I can give you, only that we weren't assertive enough up front."
- **Luis Fabiano** returned after missing out in midweek with a damaged tarsus bone in his right foot and **Fazio** also returned to the starting lineup after a thigh strain picked up on duty with the youth team. **Aleksandr Kerzhakov** did not travel due to ankle ligament damage while **Tom De Mul** has a virus.
- **Frédéric Kanouté**'s appearance as a second-half substitute was his first since returning to fitness after a calf strain.
- **Javi Navarro** is continuing to recover from a damaged kneecap picked up in training at the end of July.
- **Enzo Maresca** has a strained leg muscle and is expected to be sidelined for a further week.
- Having lost at Arsenal, Sevilla returned to Primera División action on 22 September and slipped to a 2-1 defeat at Camp Nou against FC Barcelona, with Lionel Messi scoring in the 73rd and 79th minutes – the second a penalty – to render **Kanouté**'s 90th-minute strike little consolation for the visitors.
- "We put Sevilla into a position where it seemed the team was invincible and this is the problem," said **Ramos**. "Until this season people took Sevilla as a lesser team and so we had the ability to surprise. Now teams come to play us knowing we can win and so they prepare their teams for matches against us as best as they can so this won't occur. Collectively we worked well and we had the game under control but the quality of Messi won it for Barcelona. If you switch off for even a second these things can happen."
- **Adriano** returned to face Barcelona after more than a month out with a torn calf muscle.
- **Kanouté**'s goal at the Camp Nou was his 52nd in 101 games for Sevilla. That total divides into 31 goals in 67 league matches, six in seven Copa del Rey games, ten in 21 UEFA Cup matches, one in two UEFA Super Cup games and three goals in two Spanish Super Cup matches. He did not score on his UEFA Champions League debut at Arsenal, although he did find the net against AEK Athens FC in the third qualifying round.
- Three days after the Barcelona defeat Sevilla lost their second consecutive Primera División game for the first time since January with a 3-2 home defeat at the hands on the side they overcame in last season's UEFA Cup final, RCD Espanyol. Ángel Martínez and Luis García gave the visitors a two-goal lead by the 53rd minute and, although a Daniel Jarque own goal and **Arouna Koné** header brought Sevilla level, Raúl Tamudo struck three minutes from time to give Espanyol a measure of revenge for their defeat in Glasgow in May.
- "We had no other option but to take huge risks in this game and perhaps that excess of ambition cost us," said **Ramos**. "When you lose because you want to take risks it's not necessarily such a bad thing."

- **Daniel Alves** believes he is yet to rediscover his best form for Sevilla after helping Brazil win the Copa América this summer, explaining: "I'm not in my best shape but you all know the pre-season I've had. It wasn't possible for me to work as normal. Right now I'm trying to get into my best physical shape."
- Sevilla are confident of bouncing back after their defeat at Arsenal, **Julien Escudé** saying: "It's been the first experience of football at this level for many players in the team and so we have to learn for the next games which will be vital in order to qualify. I know from my experience with AFC Ajax in the Champions League that you must learn to keep your concentration for 90 minutes."
- **Ramos** added: "We're competing in a competition that is much more demanding than what we have encountered in the past."
- **Andrés Palop** and **Kanouté** agree the Spanish side cannot afford to repeat their errors from Matchday 1, the former saying: "We made too many mistakes in a game of this magnitude. Arsenal didn't have great chances. The three goals came from our mistakes, from lapses in concentration. We have to learn from this."
- **Kanouté** added: "They were the better team; they didn't allow us to play as we usually do. You can't afford to make mistakes in the Champions League. We must get used to playing at this level. The most important thing is to win the next game."
- **Alves** has been included in the 55-man shortlist for the FIFPro World XI Player Awards. The winners will be announced on 5 October.

Slavia

- Eight Slavia players have appeared in all five UEFA Champions League games so far this season, including qualifying: **Martin Vaniak**, **Erich Brabec**, **František Dřížďal**, **Mickaël Tavares**, **Petr Janda**, **Marek Suchý**, **Matej Krajičík** and **Stanislav Viček**.
- **Martin Latka** celebrated his 23rd birthday on 28 September when **Rogério Botelho** was 28, while **Vaniak** turns 37 two days after the Arsenal game, on 4 October.
- Slavia were in impressive form last Friday as they brushed aside FC Zlín 7-1 in the Czech 1. Liga. **Tijani Belaid** scored twice in the first half, with captain **Viček**, **Milan Ivana** and **Daniel Pudil** also on target as the home side took a comfortable lead into the break. **Ladislav Volešák** and **Ondřej Šourek** completed the overwhelming triumph in the second period.
- Coach **Karel Jarolím** said: "I don't want to dwell on this result. The margin is not important as it only brought us three points, just like a 1-0 victory. But I am satisfied with the style of our play. We scored two early goals and from then on it was a one-sided affair. My only regret is that we conceded."
- **Belaid's** goals were his first in the league for Slavia. He scored his first for the club in the victory against Steaua.
- **Ivana**, **Pudil** and **Šourek** registered their first goals for Slavia following summer transfers.
- Slavia hold the Czech league record score - a 9-1 victory against Uherské Hradiště in 1995/96.
- Slavia beat Zlín despite a number of players ruled out with injury. **Vladimír Šmicer** (thigh), **František Dřížďal** (sprained ankle), **Martin Latka** (thigh) and **Brabec** (knee) were all sidelined.
- Better news came with **Michal Švec** returning from a broken toe.

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- **Šmicer** injured his thigh during Slavia's 2-1 victory over AFC Ajax in the UEFA Champions League third qualifying round second leg on 29 August while **Dušan Švento** underwent knee surgery on 27 September and is ruled out for the remainder of the campaign.
- Slavia's ten-match unbeaten league run came to an end with a 2-0 defeat at newly-promoted FC Bohemians 1905 on 23 September. The sequence stretched back to their 1-0 defeat by FK Jablonec 97 on 7 May and of those games, they won eight and drew two. Bohemians' victory was their first since rejoining the top flight after a four-year absence.
- **Latka** limped off with thigh injury against FC Steaua București on Matchday 1, while **Brabec** damaged knee ligaments during the same game and is expected to be sidelined for at least two weeks.
- Slavia have signed 20-year-old midfielder **Theodor Gebreselassie** from second-division outfit FC Vysočina Jihlava. With an Ethiopian father, he is the first black player to represent the Czech Republic after playing two games for the Under-21 side. Gebreselassie signed five days before the transfer deadline, but too late to be included on the UEFA Champions League squad list.
- Brazilian midfielder **Michel Fernando Costa** has joined second-division FK Baník Sokolov on loan after failing to make a single competitive appearance for Slavia.

Squad list

Sevilla

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	Andrés Palop	ESP	22.10.1973	33	-	2	-	1	-	5	-	12	-	46	1
13	Morgan De Sanctis	ITA	26.03.1977	30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	18	-
Defenders															
2	Javi Navarro	ESP	06.02.1974	33	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	29	-
3	Ivica Dragutinović	SRB	13.11.1975	31	-	2	-	1	-	4	-	1	-	38	-
4	Daniel Alves	BRA	06.05.1983	24	-	1	-	1	-	4	-	1	-	39	2
14	Julien Escudé	FRA	17.08.1979	28	-	1	-	1	-	2	-	10	-	41	-
15	Aquivaldo Mosquera	COL	22.06.1981	26	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
16	Lolo	ESP	22.08.1984	23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
23	Khalid Boulahrouz	NED	28.12.1981	25	-	1	-	-	-	3	-	5	-	18	-
24	Andreas Hinkel	GER	26.03.1982	25	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	8	1	42	2
26	José Ángel Crespo	ESP	09.02.1987	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
28	Federico Fazio	ARG	17.03.1987	20	-	2	-	1	-	3	-	1	-	3	-
30	David Prieto	ESP	02.01.1983	24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Midfielders															
5	Duda	POR	27.06.1980	27	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	9	1
6	Adriano	BRA	26.10.1984	22	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	29	5
8	Christian Poulsen	DEN	28.02.1980	27	-	2	-	1	-	2	-	7	1	61	2
11	Renato	BRA	15.05.1979	28	-	1	-	1	-	5	-	1	-	26	3
18	José Luis Martí	ESP	28.04.1975	32	-	1	-	1	-	3	-	1	-	36	2
20	Tom De Mul	BEL	04.03.1986	21	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	9	-
21	Seydou Keita	MLI	16.01.1980	27	-	2	1	1	-	5	-	9	-	43	2
25	Enzo Maresca	ITA	10.02.1980	27	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	10	1	32	7
Forwards															
7	Jesús Navas	ESP	21.11.1985	21	-	2	-	1	-	5	1	1	-	28	-
9	Aleksandr Kerzhakov	RUS	27.11.1982	24	-	1	1	1	-	4	3	1	-	34	17
10	Luis Fabiano	BRA	08.11.1980	26	-	2	3	1	-	2	1	5	-	31	9
12	Frédéric Kanouté	MLI	02.09.1977	30	-	1	1	1	-	5	4	1	-	44	15
17	Diego Capel	ESP	16.02.1988	19	-	2	-	1	-	3	-	1	-	5	-
22	Arouna Koné	CIV	11.11.1983	23	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	11	2	20	3
27	Alfaro	ESP	23.11.1986	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-
Coach															
-	Juande Ramos	ESP	25.09.1954	53	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	47	-

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Goalkeepers															
1	Michal Vorel	CZE	27.06.1975	32	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-
22	Jakub Diviš	CZE	27.07.1986	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
28	Martin Vaniak	CZE	04.10.1970	36	-	4	-	1	-	8	-	1	-	19	-
Defenders															
3	Erich Brabec	CZE	24.02.1977	30	-	4	-	1	-	6	-	1	-	7	-
4	David Hubáček	CZE	23.02.1977	30	-	-	-	1	-	6	-	1	-	17	-
6	Martin Latka	CZE	28.09.1984	23	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	19	-
12	František Dříždál	CZE	08.08.1978	29	-	4	-	1	-	6	-	1	-	5	-
13	Ondřej Šourek	CZE	26.04.1983	24	-	1	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	1	-
Midfielders															
2	Mickaël Tavares	FRA	25.10.1982	24	-	4	-	1	-	4	-	1	-	5	-
5	Michal Švec	CZE	19.03.1987	20	-	4	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	17	-
8	Petr Janda	CZE	05.01.1987	20	-	4	-	1	-	5	-	1	-	10	-
11	Vladimír Šmicer	CZE	24.05.1973	34	-	3	-	-	-	4	1	25	4	64	7
15	Michel Fernando Costa	BRA	11.03.1981	26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16	Daniel Pudil	CZE	27.09.1985	22	-	-	-	1	-	3	1	1	-	15	-
17	Marek Suchý	CZE	29.03.1988	19	-	4	-	1	-	8	-	1	-	18	-
18	Dušan Švento	SVK	01.08.1985	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	-
19	Matej Kraččík	SVK	19.03.1978	29	-	4	-	1	-	6	-	1	-	15	-
20	Milan Ivana	SVK	26.11.1983	23	-	1	-	-	-	5	1	-	-	3	-
21	Tijani Belaid	TUN	05.09.1987	20	-	1	-	1	1	7	2	1	1	2	1
23	Ladislav Volešák	CZE	07.04.1984	23	-	3	-	1	-	8	2	1	-	4	-
25	David Kalivoda	CZE	25.08.1982	25	-	4	1	-	-	8	1	-	-	10	2
26	Tomáš Jablonský	CZE	21.06.1987	20	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-
Forwards															
7	Stanislav Viček	CZE	26.02.1976	31	-	4	2	1	-	8	5	1	-	39	13
9	Milan Černý	CZE	16.03.1988	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10	Rogério Botelho	BRA	28.09.1979	28	-	1	-	-	-	3	1	-	-	14	2
14	Zdeněk Šenkeřík	CZE	19.12.1980	26	-	3	-	1	1	8	1	1	1	4	1
24	Tomáš Necid	CZE	13.08.1989	18	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	3	-
Coach															
-	Karel Jarolím	CZE	23.08.1958	49	-	4	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	25	-

Head coach

Sevilla FC: Juande Ramos

Date of birth: 25/09/1954

Nationality: Spanish

Coaching career: Elche CF, CD Alcoyano, UD Levante, Logroñés CF, FC Barcelona B, UD Lleida, Rayo Vallecano, Real Betis Balompié, RCD Espanyol, Málaga CF, Sevilla FC

Juande Ramos shot to European attention in 2006 when he led Sevilla FC to victory in the UEFA Cup. Sevilla had not reached a final since the 1962 Copa del Rey, but in Eindhoven they were in awesome form, winning 4-0 against Middlesbrough FC. Few were surprised when Ramos surpassed that feat in 2006/07 - FC Barcelona being dispatched 3-0 in the UEFA Super Cup in August before Sevilla retained the UEFA Cup by ultimately triumphing 3-1 on penalties in Glasgow against RCD Espanyol after a 2-2 draw. A historic treble was completed by the Copa del Rey.

Like Rafael Benítez and other leading Spanish coaches of the modern generation, Ramos emphasises discipline but also skilful football. That approach bore fruit in his debut season at Sevilla when, as well as winning the UEFA Cup, he got to within a point of the UEFA Champions League, narrowly losing out to CA Osasuna in the race for fourth place in the Primera División. Ramos counts local rivals Real Betis Balompié among his former clubs so his appointment was not initially popular with Sevilla supporters, but they were soon won round by results.

It was at Rayo Vallecano that Ramos first came to prominence, taking them to promotion to the Primera División in his first season in 1998/99 and to a ninth-place finish the following year. In 2000/01 the Madrid club qualified for the UEFA Cup through the Fair Play ranking and in their first season in Europe went all the way to the quarter-finals. Ramos had previously spent most of his career in the lower divisions. A far cry from such beginnings, a third-place league finish for Sevilla in 2006/07 followed by the Copa del Rey with a 1-0 defeat of Getafe CF hinted the next step for Ramos could well be to be crowned Spain or Europe's best.

SK Slavia Praha: Karel Jarolím

Date of birth: 23 August 1956

Nationality: Czech

Playing career: AFP Pardubice, SK Slavia Praha (three times), AC Dukla Praha, Dukla Tábor, FC Rouen, Amiens SC, FC Viktoria Žižkov, Benešov, CU Bohemians Praha, Česká Lípa

Coaching career: FK Marila Příbram, SK Slavia Praha, RC Strasbourg, 1. FC Slovácko, Slavia Praha

Karel Jarolím has SK Slavia Praha running through his veins. During his playing days with the club in the 1980s he was a skilful playmaker with great passing range and superb stamina. After a spell in France he returned in the 1990s and is now back to plot Slavia's first campaign in the UEFA Champions League after pulling off the surprise of the third qualifying round by knocking out AFC Ajax.

Slavia signed the 20-year-old Jarolím from AFP Pardubice in 1977, but the midfielder won his only title with crosstown rivals AC Dukla Praha during his military service in 1979. The best years of his playing career, though, were with Slavia. He scored twice in 13 appearances for Czechoslovakia before moving to France where he played for FC Rouen then Amiens SC during a four-year spell abroad. Jarolím returned home in 1991 and continued to play in the top flight until he was 39, finishing with 272 league games and 63 goals at that level.

He began his coaching career at FK Marila Příbram in 1997 before returning to Slavia as František Cipro's assistant in 2000. He replaced him as head coach ten games into the season and took Slavia to second place but his contract was not extended so Jarolím returned to France where he became assistant to Ivan Hašek at RC Strasbourg, helping the club to promotion. After one year back in the Czech Republic at 1. FC Slovácko he returned to Slavia in April 2005. Both Jarolím's sons are professional players. The younger David plays for Hamburger SV and is a Czech international, while Lukáš moved to AC Siena in summer 2007.

Match officials

Referee	Yuri Baskakov (RUS)
Assistant referees	Tihon Kalugin (RUS), Anton Averianov (RUS)
Fourth official	Alexandre Gonchar (RUS)
UEFA Delegate	Dennis Cruise (IRL)
UEFA Referee observer	Bernd Heynemann (GER)

Referee

Name	Nat.	DoB	UCL	UEFA
Yuri Baskakov	RUS	10.05.1964	9	38

Yuri Baskakov is settling into life as a member of the UEFA refereeing élite, emulating his compatriot Valentin Ivanov among the top referees on the continent. A sports teacher who enjoys music, reading and sports, Baskakov lists the 2-2 draw in the 2006/07 UEFA Champions League quarter-final first leg between AC Milan and FC Bayern München as a career highlight.

Baskakov, who is based in Moscow, was awarded his FIFA badge at the start of 1998 after an impressive rise through Russia's domestic ranks. Most of his early appointments for UEFA were in youth matches before regular club competition assignments began coming his way in 1999, when he also was at the UEFA European Under-18 Championship final round.

Since then, the married father-of-two has continued to climb the refereeing ladder. A member of UEFA's highest category of referees since 2005, it is no surprise that Baskakov is a regular in the rarified air of the UEFA Champions League. He was also responsible for two 2006 FIFA World Cup qualifiers and has been involved in UEFA EURO 2008™ qualifying. On the domestic scene, he regularly officiates in Moscow derbies and also had the honour of the 2007 Russian Cup final when FC Lokomotiv Moskva beat FC Moskva 1-0 after extra time.

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

Date	Comp.	Stage		Res.	Venue
08.12.2004	UCL	GS	RC Deportivo La Coruña - AS Monaco FC	0-5	La Coruna
10.08.2005	UCL	QR3	RSC Anderlecht - SK Slavia Praha	2-1	Brussels
22.11.2006	UCL	GS	PFC Levski Sofia - FC Barcelona	0-2	Sofia
29.08.2007	UCL	QR3	IF Elfsborg - Valencia CF	1-2	Boras

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

Date	Comp.	Stage		Res.	Venue
21.07.1999	U18	GS - FT	Spain - Italy	3-3	Linköping
12.09.2000	UCUP	R1	IFK Norrköping - FC Slovan Liberec	2-2	Norrköping
27.09.2001	UCUP	R1	SK Slavia Praha - Servette FC	1-1	Prague
24.08.2004	UIC	F	FC Slovan Liberec - FC Schalke 04	0-1	Liberec
09.03.2006	UCUP	1/8	FC Steaua București - Real Betis Balompié	0-0	Bucharest

Domestic information

Sevilla FC (Primera División)

Comp.	Date	Opponent	Res.	Goalscorers
League	25/08/07	Getafe CF (H)	4-1	Jesús Navas 46, Luis Fabiano 67, Kanouté 70, Kerzhakov 82
League	16/09/07	RC Recreativo de Huelva (H)	4-1	Kerzhakov 13, 74, Kanouté 36, 54
League	22/09/07	FC Barcelona (A)	1-2	Kanouté 90
Lineups: Palop, Daniel Alves (Martí 83), Escudé, Boulahrouz, Dragutinović, Keita, Renato, Jesús Navas (Kerzhakov 78), Adriano (Duda 46), Kanouté, Poulsen				
League	25/09/07	RCD Espanyol (H)	2-3	Own goal, Arouna Koné 69
Lineups: Palop, Daniel Alves, Escudé, Mosquera (Diego Capel 46), Duda (Arouna Koné 46), Adriano (Kanouté 65), Renato, Keita, Maresca, Jesús Navas, Kerzhakov				
League	29/09/07	Real Zaragoza (A)	0-2	
Lineups: Palop, Dragutinović, Daniel Alves, Boulahrouz, Fazio, Adriano (Renato 57), Martí, Keita, Jesús Navas (Poulsen 67), Luis Fabiano, Arouna Koné (Kanouté 66)				
League	07/10/07	RC Deportivo La Coruña (H)		
League	21/10/07	Levante UD (A)		
League	28/10/07	Valencia CF (H)		
League	31/10/07	Club Atlético de Madrid (A)		
League	04/11/07	Real Madrid CF (H)		
League	11/11/07	Villarreal CF (A)		
League	25/11/07	RCD Mallorca (H)		
League	02/12/07	UD Almeria (A)		
League	05/12/07	CA Osasuna (A)		
League	09/12/07	Real Murcia CF (H)		
League	16/12/07	Real Valladolid CF (A)		
League	23/12/07	Real Racing Club Santander (H)		
League	06/01/08	Real Betis Balompié (H)		
League	13/01/08	Athletic Club Bilbao (A)		
League	20/01/08	Getafe CF (A)		
League	27/01/08	CA Osasuna (H)		
League	03/02/08	RC Recreativo de Huelva (A)		
League	10/02/08	FC Barcelona (H)		
League	17/02/08	RCD Espanyol (A)		
League	24/02/08	Real Zaragoza (H)		

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

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SK Slavia Praha (Liga)

Comp.	Date	Opponent	Res.	Goalscorers
League	05/08/07	FK Jablonec 97 (A)	1-0	Viček 54
League	12/08/07	SK Kladno (H)	2-0	Volešák 50, Šmicer 58(pen)
League	19/08/07	SK Dynamo České Budějovice (A)	2-1	Kalivoda 5, Šenkeřík 9
League	25/08/07	1. FC Brno (H)	1-0	Viček 77
League	02/09/07	FK SIAD Most (A)	3-2	Viček 22, 39, Botelho 82
Cup	05/09/07	Karlovice (A)	4-0	Šenkeřík 20, Botelho 29, 41, Volešák 70
League	15/09/07	FC Baník Ostrava (H)	0-0	
Lineups: Vaniak, Dřížďal, Suchý, Brabec, Hubáček, Kalivoda, Belaid, Volešák (Ivana 69), Pudil (Jablonský 75), Viček, Botelho (Šenkeřík 46)				
League	23/09/07	FC Bohemians Praha (A)	0-2	
Lineups: Vaniak, Krajčík, Suchý, Šourek, Hubáček, Kalivoda (Volešák 66), Belaid (Ivana 46), Janda, Pudil, Viček, Šenkeřík (Necid 59)				
League	28/09/07	FC Zlín (H)	7-1	Belaid 4, 17, Viček 6, Ivana 16, Pudil 34, Volešák 50, Šourek 89
Lineups: Vaniak, Krajčík, Šourek, Suchý, Hubáček, Kalivoda (Jablonský 68), Švec (Volešák 46), Belaid, Pudil, Viček (Šenkeřík 59), Ivana				
League	08/10/07	AC Sparta Praha (A)		
League	21/10/07	FC Viktoria Plzeň (H)		
League	27/10/07	FC Slovan Liberec (A)		
League	03/11/07	FK Teplice (H)		
League	10/11/07	FK Viktoria Žižkov (A)		
League	24/11/07	SK Sigma Olomouc (H)		
League	01/12/07	FK Mladá Boleslav (H)		
League	08/12/07	SK Kladno (A)		
League	16/02/08	SK Dynamo České Budějovice (H)		
League	23/02/08	1. FC Brno (A)		
League	01/03/08	FK SIAD Most (H)		
League	08/03/08	FC Baník Ostrava (A)		
League	15/03/08	FC Bohemians Praha (H)		
League	19/03/08	AC Sparta Praha (H)		
League	22/03/08	FC Zlín (A)		
League	05/04/08	FC Viktoria Plzeň (A)		
League	12/04/08	FC Slovan Liberec (H)		
League	19/04/08	FK Teplice (A)		
League	26/04/08	FK Viktoria Žižkov (H)		
League	03/05/08	SK Sigma Olomouc (A)		

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Pos.	Clubs	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1	SK Slavia Praha	8	6	1	1	16	6	19
2	FK Teplice	8	6	1	1	13	6	19
3	AC Sparta Praha	8	5	1	2	11	5	16
4	FC Baník Ostrava	7	4	2	1	14	6	14
5	FK Mladá Boleslav	8	3	3	2	9	7	12
6	1. FC Brno	8	3	3	2	11	10	12
7	SK Sigma Olomouc	8	3	3	2	6	6	12
8	FC Zlín	8	3	3	2	8	12	12
9	FC Viktoria Plzen	8	2	3	3	5	7	9
10	SK Kladno	8	2	2	4	13	14	8
11	SK Dynamo České Budějovice	8	2	2	4	8	12	8
12	FC Bohemians Praha	8	1	4	3	4	8	7
13	FK Viktoria Žižkov	7	1	3	3	11	15	6
14	FK Jablonec 97	8	1	3	4	4	8	6
15	FC Slovan Liberec	8	1	2	5	4	9	5
16	FK SIAD Most	8	0	4	4	12	18	4

UEFA information

EXCO meeting

UEFA President Michel Platini has outlined his reasons for writing to European government heads to express his concern about the threat posed by "the malign and ever-present influence of money" within European football. "We are asking the political authorities to help us," Mr Platini said after the UEFA Executive Committee meeting in Istanbul last Thursday. "Football is an enormous social resource which has taken on an enormous dimension, but it exists in no treaty. A lot of money has come into football because of its popularity, but since a lot of money has come into the game, not many rules have come alongside this money, and this is what I regret. We are approaching political people to help us to be able to regulate ourselves in the interests of football."

Turning to the issues of violence and racism in stadiums, Mr Platini repeated the policy of zero tolerance towards those who engage in such conduct. "We can take strong decisions – if we have to exclude supporters from stadiums or suspend clubs, we will, until the day that we have people in the stadiums who come to watch football, not to cause problems." Mr Platini also said he would applaud any referee who, in agreement with the match delegate, decided to stop a game because of racist conduct in stadiums. "Some things are fundamental in life," he explained. "A football match is important but there is conduct that we cannot tolerate in the stadiums."

Coach symposium

UEFA Champions League playing trends was a key theme at the seventh UEFA Symposium for Coach Education Directors in London from 24-26 September. UEFA technical director Andy Roxburgh reviewed last season's competition, based on thoughts by the Technical Study Group, which included Arsène Wenger, Marcello Lippi, Gérard Houllier and Valeri Gazzaev as well as the participants at the recent UEFA Elite Club Coaches Forum in Nyon.

Roxburgh said: "The UEFA Champions League is a benchmark for football standards and a yardstick for coaches." The central core was the small margin between winning and losing – in the knockout stage, two thirds of games were decided by a single goal and Wenger was quoted as saying: "In 2006/07 each of the 16 teams could have gone to the final." Among the trends noted were the importance of quick breaks and counterattacks, the high proportion of late goals – in the final 15 minutes – how adaptable teams needed to be, the vital importance of concentration, how well-organised every side was, and the crucial nature of specialist set-piece takers, combination play, pressing, keeping the ball and individual flair.

Healthy hearts

Liverpool FC captain Steven Gerrard and his former manager Gérard Houllier joined UEFA in supporting the World Heart Federation's World Heart Day initiative on Sunday. "More than skill, technique or athleticism, football is about heart," said Gerrard. "That's why I'm encouraging everyone to team up for healthy hearts for this year's World Heart Day - to eat healthily, take regular exercise and avoid smoking." Sports psychologist Jacques Crevoisier added: "Working at the very top level of football, I know the importance teamwork plays. By working together you are much more likely to achieve your goals."

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 29/30 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.

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Match-by-match lineups - Group H

Club	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Arsenal FC	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
SK Slavia Praha	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
FC Steaua București	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Sevilla FC	1	0	0	1	0	3	0

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
19.09.2007	Arsenal - Sevilla	3-0	Arsenal Stadium, London
Goals: 1-0 Fabregas 27 , 2-0 Van Persie 59 , 3-0 Eduardo 90+2			
Sevilla: Palop, Dragutinović, Daniel Alves, Jesús Navas, Poulsen, Luis Fabiano (Kerzhakov 46), Kanouté, Escudé, Diego Capel (Renato 67), Martí (Keita 66), Fazio			
19.09.2007	Slavia - Steaua	2-1	Evzena Rošického, Prague
Goals: 1-0 Šenkeřík 13 , 1-1 Goian 33 , 2-1 Belaid 63			
Slavia: Vaniak, Tavares, Brabec (Janda 43), Latka (Hubáček 46), Vlček, Dřížďal, Šenkeřík, Pudil, Suchý, Krajčík, Belaid (Volešák 81)			
02.10.2007	Steaua - Arsenal	-	Steaua Stadium, Bucharest
02.10.2007	Sevilla - Slavia	-	Ramón Sánchez-Pizjuán, Sevilla
23.10.2007	Sevilla - Steaua	-	Ramón Sánchez-Pizjuán, Sevilla
23.10.2007	Arsenal - Slavia	-	Arsenal Stadium, London
07.11.2007	Steaua - Sevilla	-	Steaua Stadium, Bucharest
07.11.2007	Slavia - Arsenal	-	Evzena Rošického, Prague
27.11.2007	Sevilla - Arsenal	-	Ramón Sánchez-Pizjuán, Sevilla
27.11.2007	Steaua - Slavia	-	Steaua Stadium, Bucharest
12.12.2007	Arsenal - Steaua	-	Arsenal Stadium, London
12.12.2007	Slavia - Sevilla	-	Evzena Rošického, Prague

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.

S.S. Lazio goalkeeper Marco Ballotta is the oldest player to compete in the UEFA Champions League, taking to the field at Olympiacos CFP on 18 September 2007 at the age of 43 years and 168 days. The custodian shattered the record held by Alessandro Costacurta, the AC Milan defender who played against AEK Athens FC in the 2006/07 season at the age of 40 years and 211 days. 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.

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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)

108 Roberto Carlos (Real Madrid CF, Fenerbahçe SK)

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)

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

96 Ryan Giggs (Manchester United FC)

96 Paul Scholes (Manchester United FC)

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

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

86 Thierry Henry (AS Monaco FC, Arsenal FC, FC Barcelona)

Goals: UEFA Champions League

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50 Ruud van Nistelrooy (PSV Eindhoven, Manchester United FC, Real Madrid CF)
47 Andriy Shevchenko (FC Dynamo Kyiv, AC Milan, Chelsea FC)
43 Thierry Henry (AS Monaco FC, Arsenal FC, FC Barcelona)
39 Filippo Inzaghi (Juventus, AC Milan)
37 Alessandro Del Piero (Juventus)

Appearances: UEFA club competition

168 Paolo Maldini (AC Milan)
137 Luís Figo (Sporting, FC Barcelona, Real Madrid CF, FC Internazionale Milano)
134 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)
126 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)
120 Roberto Carlos (FC Internazionale Milano, Real Madrid CF, Fenerbahçe SK)

Goals: UEFA club competition

62 Gerd Müller (FC Bayern München)
60 Filippo Inzaghi (Parma FC, Juventus, AC Milan)
60 Andriy Shevchenko (FC Dynamo Kyiv, AC Milan, Chelsea FC)
59 Raúl González (Real Madrid CF)
56 Eusébio (SL Benfica)
54 Ruud van Nistelrooy (PSV Eindhoven, Manchester United FC, Real Madrid CF)
52 Henrik Larsson (Feyenoord, Celtic FC, FC Barcelona, Manchester United FC, Helsingborgs IF)
51 Thierry Henry (AS Monaco FC, Juventus, Arsenal FC, FC Barcelona)
50 Alfredo Di Stéfano (Real Madrid CF)
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.

57 Raúl González (Real Madrid CF)
56 Andriy Shevchenko (FC Dynamo Kyiv, AC Milan, Chelsea FC)
54 Ruud van Nistelrooy (PSV Eindhoven, Manchester United FC, Real Madrid CF)
49 Alfredo Di Stéfano (Real Madrid CF)
47 Eusébio (SL Benfica)
43 Thierry Henry (AS Monaco FC, Arsenal FC, FC Barcelona)
43 Filippo Inzaghi (Juventus, AC Milan)

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Team facts

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UEFA club competition milestones

• Sevilla are experiencing the greatest period in their history after becoming only the second team to successfully defend the UEFA Cup in 2006/07. Previously, Sevilla's best season in UEFA club competition came in 1957/58 as they advanced to the quarter-finals of the European Champion Clubs' Cup.

UEFA club competition honours

- UEFA Cup: 2005/06, 2006/07
- UEFA Super Cup: 2006

Ten-year record

2006/07: UEFA Cup - winners

2005/06: UEFA Cup - winners

2004/05: UEFA Cup - Round of 16

2003/04: Did not compete in UEFA club competition

2002/03: Did not compete in UEFA club competition

2001/02: Did not compete in UEFA club competition

2000/01: Did not compete in UEFA club competition

1999/00: Did not compete in UEFA club competition

1998/99: Did not compete in UEFA club competition

1997/98: Did not compete in UEFA club competition

2006/07 season

Domestic record: Sevilla finished third in the Primera División, five points behind champions Real Madrid CF and FC Barcelona and five ahead of third-placed Valencia CF, enough to enter the UEFA Champions League third qualifying round.

European record: The UEFA Cup holders began by brushing aside Atromitos FC 6-1 over two legs in the first round. In the group stage, a 0-0 draw at FC Slovan Liberec was followed by defeats of SC Braga (2-0) and Grasshopper-Club (4-0) before a 2-1 home defeat by Group C winners AZ Alkmaar. In the Round of 32, FC Steaua București were dispatched 3-0 on aggregate but it was harder work in the Round of 16 with a 5-4 triumph against FC Shakhtar Donetsk, with extra time needed in the second leg. Tottenham Hotspur FC were beaten 4-3 on aggregate in the last eight before Spanish rivals CA Osasuna lost 2-1 over two legs in the semi-finals. More familiar opposition waited in the final with RCD Espanyol pushing Sevilla to a penalty shoot-out after a 2-2 draw in Glasgow. Yet the holders were not to be denied and triumphed 3-1 on spot-kicks.

Key facts

UEFA club competition

• Pld: 71 W: 36 D: 17 L: 18 GF: 111 GA: 73

UEFA Champions League (group stage to final)

• Pld: 1 W: 0 D: 0 L: 1 GF: 0 GA: 3

European Champion Clubs' Cup/UEFA Champions League

• Pld: 9 W: 4 D: 2 L: 3 GF: 15 GA: 17

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Records

UEFA club competition

- Biggest win

0-4: Grasshopper-Club v Sevilla FC

29.11.2006, UEFA Cup group stage

0-4: Middlesbrough FC v Sevilla FC

10.05.2006, UEFA Cup final (neutral venue)

4-0: Sevilla FC v Atromitos FC

28.09.2006, UEFA Cup first round second leg

4-0: Sevilla FC v PAOK Saloniki

03.11.1982, UEFA Cup second round second leg

4-0: Sevilla FC v AGF Århus

27.11.1957, European Champion Clubs' Cup first round first leg

- Biggest home win

4-0: Sevilla FC v Atromitos FC (see above for details)

4-0: Sevilla FC v PAOK Saloniki (see above for details)

4-0: Sevilla FC v AGF Århus (see above for details)

- Biggest away win

0-4: Grasshopper-Club v Sevilla FC (see above for details)

- Heaviest defeat

8-0: Real Madrid CF v Sevilla FC

23.01.1958, European Champion Clubs' Cup quarter-finals first leg

- Heaviest home defeat

1-2: Sevilla FC v AZ Alkmaar

14.12.2006, UEFA Cup group stage

- Heaviest away defeat

8-0: Real Madrid CF v Sevilla FC (see above for details)

UEFA Champions League (group stage to final)

- Heaviest defeat

3-0: Arsenal FC v Sevilla FC

19.09.2007, UEFA Champions League group stage

- Heaviest away defeat

3-0: Arsenal FC v Sevilla FC (see above for details)

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SK Slavia Praha

UEFA club competition milestones

• SK Slavia Praha were infrequent participants in UEFA club competition during the existence of Czechoslovakia, but since the formation of the Czech Republic they have not failed to qualify to participate in UEFA club competition. This season marks their 15th consecutive appearance.

• The Czech side's best performance in Europe came during the 1995/96 UEFA Cup when they advanced to the semi-finals only to lose 2-0 on aggregate to FC Girondins de Bordeaux.

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UEFA Champions League milestones

- N/A

UEFA club competition honours

- N/A

Ten-year record

2006/07: UEFA Cup - first round

2005/06: UEFA Cup - Round of 32 (having transferred from European Champion Clubs' Cup third qualifying round)

2004/05: UEFA Cup - second qualifying round

2003/04: UEFA Cup - second round (having transferred from European Champion Clubs' Cup third qualifying round)

2002/03: UEFA Cup - fourth round

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

2000/01: UEFA Cup - fourth round (having transferred from European Champion Clubs' Cup third qualifying round)

1999/00: UEFA Cup - quarter-finals

1998/99: UEFA Cup - second round

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

2006/07 season

Domestic record: Slavia pushed AC Sparta Praha all the way but had to settle for the runners-up position having finished the season four points adrift. Their 68-point haul was matched by FK Mladá Boleslav and SK Slovan Liberec but Slavia took second place because of their superior record in head-to-head matches. It was enough to earn them a place in the UEFA Champions League second qualifying round.

European record: Slavia began in the UEFA Cup second qualifying round and dispatched FK Karvan Evlakh of Azerbaijan 2-0 on aggregate. However, they were eliminated in the first round by the same margin at the hands of English club Tottenham Hotspur FC.

Key facts

UEFA club competition

- Pld: 109 W: 49 D: 22 L: 38 GF: 145 GA: 119

UEFA Champions League (group stage to final)

- Pld: 1 W: 1 D: 0 L: 0 GF: 2 GA: 1

European Champion Clubs' Cup/UEFA Champions League

- Pld: 19 W: 9 D: 2 L: 8 GF: 19 GA: 22

Records

UEFA club competition

- Biggest win

5-1: SK Slavia Praha v NK Osijek

07.12.2000, UEFA Cup third round second leg

5-1: SK Slavia Praha v R. Excelsior Mouscron

03.10.2002, UEFA Cup first round second leg

5-1: SK Slavia Praha v FK Partizan

14.11.2002, UEFA Cup second round second leg

0-4: Cork City FC v SK Slavia Praha

23.08.1994, UEFA Cup preliminary round second leg

- Biggest home win

5-1: SK Slavia Praha v NK Osijek (see above for details)

5-1: SK Slavia Praha v R. Excelsior Mouscron (see above for details)

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- Biggest away win

0-4: Cork City FC v SK Slavia Praha (see above for details)

- Heaviest defeat

5-0: Grasshopper-Club v SK Slavia Praha

07.08.1996, European Champion Clubs' Cup qualifying round

- Heaviest home defeat

0-2: SK Slavia Praha v Bologna FC

03.11.1998, UEFA Cup second round second leg

0-2: SK Slavia Praha v RSC Anderlecht

24.08.2005, European Champion Clubs' Cup third qualifying round second leg

0-2: SK Slavia Praha v FC Shakhtar Donetsk

22.08.2000, European Champion Clubs' Cup third qualifying round second leg

0-2: SK Slavia Praha v AS Monaco FC

30.11.2005, UEFA Cup group stage

- Heaviest away defeat

5-0: Grasshopper-Club v SK Slavia Praha (see above for details)

UEFA Champions League (group stage to final only)

- Biggest win

2-1: SK Slavia Praha v FC Steaua București

19.09.2007, UEFA Champions League group stage

- Biggest home win

2-1: SK Slavia Praha v FC Steaua București (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 competition: These are the official statistics considered valid for communicating official records in UEFA club competition defined as the European Champion Clubs' Cup, the UEFA Champions League, the UEFA Cup Winners' Cup (1960-1999), the UEFA Cup, the UEFA Super Cup (1973 -), the UEFA Intertoto Cup and the European/South American Cup (1960-2004). Matches in the Inter-Cities' Fairs Cup and the 1972 Super Cup are included only for information as these were not held under UEFA auspices, while the FIFA Club World Cup is excluded.

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 competition (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 competition 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

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

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