

# Beşiktaş JK - Liverpool FC

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#### Group A - Matchday 3



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#### Match background

Two teams with just a point and a goal between them after the first two UEFA Champions League matches meet at the İnönü Stadium knowing that defeat would leave their qualifying prospects in jeopardy. For Liverpool FC, they hope a return to İstanbul will help them rediscover the form that took them to their triumph in the 2004/05 final.

- Beşiktaş JK's fourth participation on Europe's grandest stage has started poorly with a 2-0 defeat at Olympique de Marseille preceding a 1-0 home defeat against FC Porto on Matchday 2. At the onset of the campaign, the Süper Lig runners-up had hopes of improving on their previous group finishing positions – two thirds and a fourth – but to do that they have to find a higher gear.

- However, their history against English teams does not suggest a match with Liverpool can be the catalyst for Ertuğrul Sağlam's side to improve upon their UEFA Champions League record. In five previous home games against opponents from that country they have not registered a victory and have only scored once.

- The sequence began in the 1982/83 European Champion Clubs' Cup first round when they drew 0-0 with holders Aston Villa FC, a scoreline repeated in the 2000/01 UEFA Champions League group stage against Leeds United AFC. In the away game against Leeds, they were defeated 6-0: their heaviest loss in UEFA competition.

- In the UEFA Champions League group stage three years later they succumbed 2-0 at home to Chelsea FC; a fixture played in Gelsenkirchen after İstanbul was deemed an unsuitable venue following terrorist attacks on the city. In the UEFA Cup group stage in the past two seasons, Beşiktaş have faced Bolton Wanderers FC and Tottenham Hotspur FC in İstanbul, drawing 1-1 and losing 2-0 respectively. In three away games against English opponents just one result lifts an otherwise gloomy picture – the 2-0 win against Chelsea at Stamford Bridge in 2003.

- It was in İstanbul, at the Atatürk Olimpiyat Stadium, that Rafael Benítez's men produced a stunning comeback against AC Milan in the 2005 UEFA Champions League final. Trailing 3-0 at half-time, they fought back to 3-3 through goals from Steven Gerrard, Vladimír Šmicer and Xabi Alonso before prevailing 3-2 on penalties.

- Similar inspiration has been in short supply for Liverpool this season. They gained a point from their trip to Porto on Matchday 1 thanks to Dirk Kuyt's close-range header, though ended the night with ten men, and then lost 1-0 at home to Olympique de Marseille.



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- Confronting Turkish opponents away from home has not been such a happy experience for Liverpool with a 1-1 draw against Galatasaray SK in the 2001/02 UEFA Champions League improving a record which would otherwise show three defeats from three. They were second best in a 1-0 away defeat by Trabzonspor in the 1976/77 European Champions Clubs' Cup second round. A 3-0 win in the Anfield return helped them progress on their way to their first continental crown.
- Last season Liverpool lost 3-2 to Galatasaray in the group stage, the same score by which they won the home game. That was one of only three defeats the club have suffered in 15 UEFA Champions League away games, a run which does not include the finals in 2005 and 2007.
- During his time as Valencia CF coach, Benítez guided his team past Beşiktaş en route to their 2004 UEFA Cup triumph. They won 3-2 at home and 2-0 away in the third round, then followed that by defeating another Turkish opponent, Gençlerbirliği SK, in the fourth round, overturning a 1-0 away loss with a 2-0 home win.

### Match facts

#### Beşiktaş

- Seven Beşiktaş players have appeared in all six UEFA Champions League games so far this season, including qualifying: **Serdar Kurtuluş**, **İbrahim Toraman**, **Matías Delgado**, **Edouard Cissé**, **İbrahim Üzülmez**, **Serdar Özkan** and **Bobo**.
- **Federico Higuaín** celebrates his 23rd birthday the day after the Liverpool game.
- Beşiktaş have no players suspended or within a yellow card of a ban.
- Beşiktaş completed a remarkable comeback from 2-0 down to win 3-2 at Trabzonspor on Saturday. **Ertuğrul Sağlam**'s side fell behind after 45 seconds courtesy of Gökdeniz Karadeniz's strike and five minutes later Beşiktaş's troubles worsened when İbrahim Yattara got the better of **Üzülmez** to fire in. **Burak Yılmaz** reduced the deficit with a header in the 22nd minute and **Delgado** levelled four minutes later, picking himself up after a Celaledin Koçak foul and converting the penalty. **Bobo** rounded off the comeback in the 74th minute.
- **Bobo** played the final ten minutes in goal after **Rüştü Reçber** was sent off for handling outside the penalty area as Beşiktaş had used all of their substitutes. "I took on the role for the first time in my life," said Bobo. "At free-kicks I felt very nervous. Being a goalkeeper is harder than a striker as your team can concede a goal even with a small mistake."
- **Sağlam** said: "We started badly and all of a sudden we were 2-0 down. But we never gave up hope and never lost our discipline. It is not an easy thing to come from 2-0 down to win 3-2 against a team like Trabzonspor. Except for the first few minutes of the game my players did their jobs properly."
- **Bobo** returned from a stomach injury he picked up against Porto on 3 October despite initial fears he would be out for a month.
- **Sağlam** will watch the Liverpool game from the stands after he was given a one-game touchline ban by the UEFA Control and Disciplinary Body following his dismissal in the 1-0 defeat by Porto.
- Beşiktaş returned to domestic action with a 1-0 victory at home to Gençlerbirliği on 7 October as **Márcio Nobre** scored with a clever back-heel just before half-time.
- It was Beşiktaş's first afternoon game in the Süper Lig in 342 days, since they played out a goalless draw with Sakaryaspor AŞ on 29 October 2006.

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- **Nobre's** goal was his first of the season. He also had to wait for the eighth round of league matches before registering last term and went on to score eight times.
- **Sağlam** was happy with his side's display but rued their inability to kill the game, saying: "We had many chances but were able to convert only one. The opposition had no serious opportunities though my players tired a bit in the second half."
- **Ali Tandoğan** made his first start of the season against Gençlerbirliği, replacing **Kurtuluş** who was out with a calf strain.
- Beşiktaş have conceded just one goal after half-time in the league this season. Six have come before the interval.
- Four Beşiktaş players linked up with the Turkey squad for the UEFA EURO 2008™ Group C double-header against Moldova and Greece, though injury reduced their number to three as **Toraman** suffered an achilles problem. **Hakan Arıkan** joined him on the sidelines with a stomach injury picked up during the Moldova game on 13 October, a match Turkey drew 1-1.
- **İbrahim Üzülmez** and **Gökhan Zan** played all 90 minutes, and started again four days later as Turkey lost 1-0 to holders Greece in a significant blow to their qualification hopes.
- Turkey's younger charges are making better progress in 2009 UEFA European Under-21 Championship qualification after Beşiktaş playmaker **Serdar Özkan** helped inspire a 2-0 win against Ukraine on 14 October. **Atilla Özmen** was an unused substitute.

### Liverpool

- Three Liverpool players have appeared in all four UEFA Champions League games so far this season, including qualifying: **Pepe Reina**, **Steve Finnan** and **Sami Hyypiä**.
- **Jermaine Pennant** is available again having served a one-game ban on Matchday 2.
- Two second-half penalties from **Dirk Kuyt** helped Liverpool come from behind to win the 206th Merseyside derby away to nine-man Everton early on Saturday. **Hyypiä's** own goal gave the home side a 37th-minute lead. However, eight minutes into the second period Tony Hibbert was sent off for bringing down **Steven Gerrard** and Kuyt kept his nerve to level from the spot. Liverpool were unable to press home their numerical advantage, but just as it looked as if the contest would end all square, Phil Neville handled substitute **Lucas Leiva's** goal-bound shot in the final seconds to collect the home team's second red card of the afternoon and Kuyt duly beat Tim Howard from the spot for the second time.
- "That was for all our fans," said **Benítez**. "Our supporters are always fantastic and I dedicate this win to them. We thought we deserved to win. Our penalties were both very clear. We had a lot of chances but didn't take them. We kept going and got the win. We weren't keeping the ball very well and were in too much of a hurry sometimes with our final pass. I put Lucas on [for Gerrard] because he is a very good player who can pass the ball well. In the end, Lucas helped us win by having the shot that led to our winning penalty."
- **Fernando Torres** failed to recover from a thigh injury while **Xabi Alonso** was also left out despite hopes he might return from a broken metatarsal. **Andriy Voronin** partnered **Kuyt** up front with the latter shaking off a hamstring problem, although **Fábio Aurélio** (shin), **Daniel Agger** (metatarsal) and **Harry Kewell** (groin) were all ruled out.
- **Benítez** believes both **Torres** and **Alonso** will be available for the trip to Turkey, saying: "They were both very, very close to playing. It would have been a risk I was not prepared to take. I would now expect them to be in serious contention against Beşiktaş when we go to Istanbul. I will watch them in training and make my decision after that."

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- **Hyypiä's** own goal was the first time Liverpool have conceded first in a league match this season.
- Liverpool's total of 19 points from their first nine matches is their best start to a Premier League season since 2002/03, when they collected 21 points from their opening nine fixtures but ultimately finished fifth.
- Together with Arsenal FC, Liverpool are one of only two Premier League teams who are still unbeaten.
- **Reina** is the only Liverpool player who has played all 810 minutes in the Premier League so far this season.
- Liverpool are now unbeaten in ten league games, having won five and drawn five since losing 1-0 at Fulham FC on 5 May.
- Four days after losing at home to Marseille on Matchday 2, Liverpool needed a 90th-minute equaliser from **Torres** to salvage a 2-2 draw at home to Tottenham Hotspur FC. **Voronin** gave the home side a 12th-minute lead but two Robbie Keane goals either side of half-time turned the match in the visitors' favour, only for Torres' last-gasp header to deny them victory.
- **Pennant** returned to the side having missed the Marseille match through suspension, while **John Arne Riise**, **Álvaro Arbeloa**, **Javier Mascherano** and **Voronin** were also recalled.
- "In the first half, we could have scored two or three goals and maybe the game would have been over," said **Benítez**. "Now we need to explain why we conceded two goals like that and why we could not score the second or third in the first half. If you analyse both goals, it is difficult to explain. They were both so easy to defend against and we'll watch the two goals for a long time to try and explain why."
- A number of Liverpool players were in UEFA EURO 2008™ qualifying action last week. On 13 October, **Gerrard** captained England in a competitive fixture for the first time, leading his side to a 3-0 Group E win against Estonia, while **Finnan** played 90 minutes as the Republic of Ireland were held at home by Germany in Group D. In Group A, **Hyypiä** helped Finland to a goalless draw in Belgium while **Yossi Benayoun's** Israel and **Voronin's** Ukraine suffered away defeats against Croatia and Scotland respectively. **Ryan Babel** featured as a late substitute as the Netherlands lost 1-0 away to Romania in Group G.
- **Mascherano**, meanwhile, helped Argentina open their 2010 FIFA World Cup qualifying campaign with a 2-0 home win against Chile.
- On 17 October, **Gerrard** was again England captain, although his side slipped to a 2-1 defeat in Russia with **Peter Crouch** appearing as a late substitute. There was also disappointment for **Finnan** despite his last-minute equaliser for Ireland against Cyprus as the Czech Republic's victory in Germany ended their qualification hopes. **Riise** helped Norway to a 2-0 win away to Bosnia-Herzegovina, while **Voronin** played 90 minutes as Ukraine overcame the Faroe Islands 5-0.
- **Mascherano** helped Argentina to another 2-0 win in World Cup qualifying, this time against Venezuela.
- **Hyypiä** and **Reina** were on opposing sides in Helsinki as Finland and Spain played out a goalless friendly draw.
- **Kuyt** missed the Netherlands' defeat in Romania and the match with Slovenia due to a hamstring strain. **Torres**, meanwhile, sat out Spain's Group F game against Denmark and friendly with Finland having damaged a muscle in his right thigh.

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- **Kewell** is close to returning after picking up a groin injury with Australia at the AFC Asia Cup in the summer having made just two league appearances for Liverpool in 2006/07. "Harry has been working really hard with the physios and is very important for us," said **Benítez**. "A player with pace and ability who can score goals is always going to be important. He's someone with great quality and experience and we need these kind of players for the rest of the season."
- **Pako Ayestaran** has stepped down as Liverpool's assistant manager. "It has been agreed it would be in the best interests of all parties if Pako leaves his post," said chief executive **Rick Parry**. "The club want to thank him for his hard work and contribution to our success over the past three years."
- **Jamie Carragher** opened a new restaurant, Café Sports England, on 7 October with **Gerrard, Alonso** and **Agger** all lending support on the venue's opening night and former Liverpool players **Kenny Dalglish, Alan Hansen** and **Phil Thompson** also in attendance. "The whole idea of Café Sports England is a place where families can come and enjoy themselves," said Carragher. "The sporting theme was an obvious one when you think of all the sporting stars who have come from this area."
- **Gerrard** was named in the FIFPro World XI for 2006/07, which was voted for by 57,500 players worldwide.
- **Gerrard** and **Torres** have been nominated for the FIFA World Player of the Year award. The winner will be announced in Zurich on 17 December.

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### Squad list

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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
<b>Goalkeepers</b>															
1	Rüştü Reçber	TUR	10.05.1973	34	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	18	-	53	-
35	Atilla Özmen	TUR	11.05.1988	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
84	Hakan Arıkan	TUR	17.08.1982	25	-	3	-	2	-	7	-	2	-	5	-
<b>Defenders</b>															
2	Serdar Kurtuluş	TUR	23.07.1987	20	-	4	-	2	-	8	1	2	-	10	-
3	Mehmet Sedef	TUR	05.08.1987	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
5	Gökhan Zan	TUR	07.09.1981	26	-	2	-	1	-	7	-	1	-	10	-
8	Baki Mercimek	TUR	17.09.1982	25	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	13	-
15	Lamine Diatta	SEN	02.07.1975	32	-	-	-	1	-	4	-	9	-	13	-
58	İbrahim Toraman	TUR	20.11.1981	25	-	4	1	2	-	9	1	2	-	26	3
78	İbrahim Kaş	TUR	20.09.1986	21	-	2	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	3	-
<b>Midfielders</b>															
6	Mehmet Yozgatlı	TUR	09.01.1979	28	-	1	-	-	-	5	-	8	-	20	2
7	Burak Yılmaz	TUR	15.07.1985	22	-	1	-	-	-	3	1	-	-	6	-
10	Matías Delgado	ARG	15.12.1982	24	-	4	3	2	-	6	1	2	-	31	11
14	Rodrigo Tello	CHI	14.10.1979	28	-	3	-	2	-	9	2	8	-	28	-
17	Ricardinho	BRA	23.05.1976	31	-	4	-	1	-	5	1	1	-	10	2
18	Edouard Cissé	FRA	30.03.1978	29	-	4	-	2	-	7	-	32	2	54	3
19	İbrahim Üzülmez	TUR	10.03.1974	33	-	4	-	2	-	6	-	14	-	46	2
21	Serdar Özkan	TUR	01.01.1987	20	-	4	-	2	-	8	-	2	-	6	-
22	Ali Tandoğan	TUR	25.12.1977	29	-	2	-	1	-	3	-	1	-	28	2
41	Koray Avcı	TUR	19.05.1979	28	-	3	1	1	-	9	-	1	-	14	1
55	İbrahim Akın	TUR	04.01.1984	23	-	2	-	1	-	4	-	1	-	16	4
<b>Forwards</b>															
9	Federico Higuain	ARG	25.10.1984	22	-	-	-	2	-	5	-	2	-	2	-
11	Márcio Nobre	BRA	06.11.1980	26	-	1	-	1	-	8	1	12	3	19	4
13	Bobo	BRA	09.01.1985	22	-	4	2	2	-	-	-	2	-	11	4
99	Batuhan Karadeniz	TUR	24.04.1991	16	-	2	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	2	-
<b>Coach</b>															
-	Ertuğrul Sağlam	TUR	19.11.1969	37	-	4	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	12	-

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						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
<b>Goalkeepers</b>															
25	Pepe Reina	ESP	31.08.1982	25	-	2	-	2	-	9	-	26	-	80	-
30	Charles Itandje	FRA	02.11.1982	24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	28	-
40	David Martin	ENG	22.01.1986	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Defenders</b>															
3	Steve Finnan	IRL	20.04.1976	31	-	2	-	2	-	8	-	31	-	53	-
4	Sami Hyypiä	FIN	07.10.1973	34	-	2	1	2	-	6	-	44	3	98	7
5	Daniel Agger	DEN	12.12.1984	22	-	1	-	-	-	5	-	11	1	19	1
6	John Arne Riise	NOR	24.09.1980	27	-	2	-	1	-	7	-	53	3	81	4
12	Fábio Aurélio	BRA	24.09.1979	28	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	6	-	6	-
17	Álvaro Arbeloa	ESP	17.01.1983	24	-	2	-	1	-	8	-	6	-	8	-
23	Jamie Carragher	ENG	28.01.1978	29	-	1	-	2	-	8	-	55	-	94	1
39	Stephen Darby	ENG	06.10.1988	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
44	Robert Threlfall	ENG	28.11.1988	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
46	Jack Hobbs	ENG	18.08.1988	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Midfielders</b>															
7	Harry Kewell	AUS	22.09.1978	29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	26	-	64	11
8	Steven Gerrard	ENG	30.05.1980	27	-	1	-	2	-	7	1	44	6	81	19
11	Yossi Benayoun	ISR	05.05.1980	27	-	2	-	1	-	5	1	1	-	22	4
14	Xabi Alonso	ESP	25.11.1981	25	-	-	-	-	-	5	2	35	2	42	2
16	Jermaine Pennant	ENG	15.01.1983	24	-	-	-	1	-	9	-	16	-	18	-
20	Javier Mascherano	ARG	08.06.1984	23	-	2	-	1	-	5	-	5	-	9	-
21	Lucas Leiva	BRA	19.01.1987	20	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
22	Mohamed Sissoko	FRA	22.01.1985	22	-	2	-	1	-	6	1	18	-	37	1
33	Sebastian Leto	ARG	30.08.1986	21	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	2	-
34	Jay Spearing	ENG	25.11.1988	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35	Raymond Putterill	ENG	02.03.1989	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
36	Ryan Flynn	SCO	04.09.1988	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Forwards</b>															
9	Fernando Torres	ESP	20.03.1984	23	-	1	-	2	-	8	4	2	-	8	2
10	Andriy Voronin	UKR	21.07.1979	28	-	1	1	2	-	8	3	7	2	20	5
15	Peter Crouch	ENG	30.01.1981	26	-	2	1	1	-	3	-	19	6	29	8
18	Dirk Kuyt	NED	22.07.1980	27	-	1	2	2	1	8	2	13	2	33	11
19	Ryan Babel	NED	19.12.1986	20	-	2	-	1	-	8	1	10	-	23	5
38	Craig Lindfield	ENG	07.09.1988	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Coach</b>															
-	Rafael Benítez	ESP	16.04.1960	47	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	50	-	85	-

### Head coach

#### Beşiktaş JK: Ertuğrul Sağlam

**Date of birth:** 19 November 1969

**Nationality:** Turkish

**Playing career:** Fenerbahçe SK, Gaziantepspor, Samsunspor (twice), Beşiktaş JK

**Coaching career:** Samsunspor, Kayserispor, Beşiktaş JK

The modest, upbeat and youthful Ertuğrul Sağlam is already making his name as a coach but in his day he was also a fine player. It was at Samsunspor from 1988 that he first impressed and he made his Turkey debut in 1993 before joining Beşiktaş JK on what at the time was the league's highest salary. Primarily an attacker, Beşiktaş coach John Toshack also used Sağlam in defence, but it was up front that he excelled. Sağlam scored more than 100 goals for Beşiktaş, winning the title in his first season as well as the Turkish Cup in 1998 before returning to Samsunspor in 2001 to end his playing career. He was capped 26 times, scoring eleven goals, and was part of the Turkey squad at EURO '96™.

In 2003 Sağlam retired from playing to become Samsunspor coach and helped the financially troubled team to 12th place. Kayserispor took him on in 2005/06, and he turned the relegation contenders into challengers for Europe, finishing fifth in both his seasons to qualify for the UEFA Intertoto Cup. His diamond formation proved a big success and transformed Mehmet Topuz and Gökhan Ünal into internationals.

Sağlam's success in Kayseri naturally attracted the attentions of the big clubs and Beşiktaş, who he had left in tears six years earlier, made him their coach in summer 2007. Aiming to win the title for the first time since 2002/03, Beşiktaş gave Sağlam the resources to sign national team goalkeeper Rüştü Reçber, Hakan Arıka, Under-21 custodian Atilla Özmen, Senegal defender Lamine Diatta, wingers Rodrigo Tello and Mehmet Yozgatlı, and French midfielder Edouard Cissé.

#### Liverpool FC: Rafael Benítez

**Date of birth:** 16 April 1960

**Nationality:** Spanish

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

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

Rafael Benítez has stamped his authority on Liverpool FC since his arrival from Spain on 16 June 2004. Former Primera División stars Xabi Alonso and Luis García blended perfectly with locals such as Steven Gerrard and Jamie Carragher as Benítez guided the Reds to UEFA Champions League glory in his first season in charge. Liverpool's recovery from 3-0 down against AC Milan and their subsequent penalty shoot-out victory was one of the greatest finals. Although the holders were eliminated in the 2005/06 first knockout round, Benítez still oversaw an FA Cup triumph and they returned to the UEFA Champions League final in 2006/07, though Milan had their revenge with a 2-1 win in Athens.

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

That 2-0 victory against Olympique de Marseille was his final game before being lured to Liverpool, a club starved of league honours since 1990. The Reds' UEFA Champions League triumph in 2004/05 was followed by winning the FA Cup in 2006 when Liverpool recovered from a two-goal deficit against West Ham United FC in the final to draw 3-3 and then prevail on penalties. The highlight of last term was the UEFA Champions League run, Chelsea FC again overcome in the semi-finals.

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<b>Referee</b>	Claus Bo Larsen (DEN)
<b>Assistant referees</b>	Bill René Hansen (DEN), Anders Norrestrand (DEN)
<b>Fourth official</b>	Nicolai Vollquartz (DEN)
<b>UEFA Delegate</b>	Svein Johannessen (NOR)
<b>UEFA Referee observer</b>	Sándor Puhl (HUN)

### Referee

Name	Nat.	DoB	UCL	UEFA
Claus Bo Larsen	DEN	28.10.1965	18	48

Very little gets past Danish referee Claus Bo Larsen although you would expect little else from a man who works as a customs clearance manager by profession.

Born on 28 October 1965 in Odense, Larsen blew his first whistle at the age of 16, made his domestic debut in 1991 and earned his FIFA badge in 1996. He cut his international teeth working in qualifiers for youth championships and presided over games in all UEFA club competitions including the now defunct UEFA Cup Winners' Cup. Having taken charge of the 1998 Danish Cup final in which Brøndby IF defeated FC København 4-1, the following summer he jetted off to Nigeria for the FIFA World Youth Cup before impressing as the man in the middle when Australia took on New Zealand in Adelaide in a typically heated encounter.

A keen table-tennis player who officiated at the 2004 Athens Olympics, Larsen enjoyed a high-profile assignment during the 2004/05 season – the UEFA Cup semi-final between AZ Alkmaar and Sporting Clube de Portugal. The married father-of-three continued where he left off in 2005/06, flying to Montevideo for the FIFA World Cup play-off match between Uruguay and Australia and establishing himself as a UEFA Champions League regular.

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

Date	Comp.	Stage		Res.	Venue
23.08.2000	UCL	QR3	TSV 1860 München - Leeds United AFC	0-1	Munich
26.02.2003	UCL	GS2	Newcastle United FC - Bayer 04 Leverkusen	3-1	Newcastle
12.03.2003	UCL	GS2	Manchester United FC - FC Basel 1893	1-1	Manchester
26.11.2003	UCL	GS1	Chelsea FC - AC Sparta Praha	0-0	London
23.11.2004	UCL	GS	AS Monaco FC - Liverpool FC	1-0	Monaco
21.11.2006	UCL	GS	Arsenal FC - Hamburger SV	3-1	London

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

Date	Comp.	Stage		Res.	Venue
09.09.1997	U21	QR	England - Moldova	1-0	Wycombe
18.09.1997	UCWC	R1	Kocaelispor - FC National 2000 Bucuresti	2-0	Izmit
30.09.1999	UCUP	R1	MKE Ankaragücü - Club Atlético de Madrid	1-0	Ankara
21.10.1999	UCUP	R2	FC Steaua București - West Ham United FC	2-0	Bucharest
21.08.2001	UIC	F	Aston Villa FC - FC Basel 1893	4-1	Birmingham

### Domestic information

#### Beşiktaş JK (Super League)

Comp.	Date	Opponent	Res.	Goalscorers
League	11/08/07	Konyaspor (H)	1-0	Bobo 37
League	19/08/07	Kasimpasa SK (A)	2-1	İbrahim Toraman 63, Ricardinho 85
League	25/08/07	Gaziantepspor (A)	1-0	Batuhan Karadeniz 90
League	01/09/07	Kayserispor (H)	0-0	
League	15/09/07	Ankaraspor AS (A)	0-0	
League	22/09/07	Denizlispor (H)	3-2	Tello 17, Bobo 34, Serdar Kurtuluş 60
League	29/09/07	Galatasaray SK (A)	1-2	Tello 44
<b>Lineups:</b> Hakan Arıkan, Diatta (Mehmet Yozgatlı 46), Gökhan Zan, İbrahim Toraman, İbrahim Üzülmez, Serdar Özkan (Higuaín 87), Koray Avcı, Serdar Kurtuluş, Tello, Márcio Nobre (Delgado 64), Bobo				
League	07/10/07	Gençlerbirliği SK (H)	1-0	Márcio Nobre 45
<b>Lineups:</b> Hakan Arıkan, Gökhan Zan (Diatta 80), İbrahim Toraman, İbrahim Üzülmez, Ali Tandoğan, Burak Yılmaz (Higuaín 77), Serdar Özkan, Cissé, Tello, Delgado (Koray Avcı 66), Márcio Nobre				
League	20/10/07	Trabzonspor (A)	3-2	Burak Yılmaz 22, Delgado 26(pen), Bobo 74
<b>Lineups:</b> Rüştü Reçber, İbrahim Toraman, Gökhan Zan, İbrahim Üzülmez, Ali Tandoğan, Cissé, Serdar Kurtuluş (Mehmet Yozgatlı 62), Burak Yılmaz (Koray Avcı 75), Tello, Márcio Nobre (Bobo 68), Delgado				
League	28/10/07	Istanbul BB SK (H)		
League	03/11/07	Fenerbahçe SK (A)		
League	11/11/07	Sivasspor (H)		
League	25/11/07	Gençlerbirliği Oftasspor (A)		
League	02/12/07	Rizespor (H)		
League	09/12/07	Bursaspor (A)		
League	16/12/07	MKE Ankaragücü (H)		
League	23/12/07	Vestel Manisaspor (A)		
League	13/01/08	Konyaspor (A)		
League	20/01/08	Kasimpasa SK (H)		
League	27/01/08	Gaziantepspor (H)		
League	10/02/08	Kayserispor (A)		
League	17/02/08	Ankaraspor AS (H)		
League	24/02/08	Denizlispor (A)		
League	02/03/08	Galatasaray SK (H)		
League	09/03/08	Gençlerbirliği SK (A)		
League	16/03/08	Trabzonspor (H)		
League	23/03/08	Istanbul BB SK (A)		
League	30/03/08	Fenerbahçe SK (H)		
League	06/04/08	Sivasspor (A)		

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1	Sivasspor	9	7	1	1	16	6	22
2	Galatasaray SK	9	6	3	0	18	4	21
<b>3</b>	<b>Beşiktaş JK</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>20</b>
4	Fenerbahçe SK	9	4	4	1	13	8	16
5	Istanbul BB SK	9	5	0	4	14	10	15
6	Kayserispor	9	3	4	2	14	11	13
7	Trabzonspor	9	3	4	2	12	9	13
8	MKE Ankaragücü	9	3	3	3	11	12	12
9	Denizlispor	9	3	3	3	13	12	12
10	Gaziantepspor	9	4	0	5	12	13	12
11	Gençlerbirliği Oftaspor	9	3	2	4	9	10	11
12	Rizespor	9	3	1	5	9	18	10
13	Vestel Manisaspor	9	2	3	4	12	16	9
14	Gençlerbirliği SK	9	2	3	4	11	13	9
15	Bursaspor	9	1	4	4	8	11	7
16	Kasimpasa SK	9	2	1	6	6	13	7
17	Konyaspor	9	1	4	4	9	19	7
18	Ankaraspor AS	9	0	4	5	5	12	4

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### Liverpool FC (Premier League)

Comp.	Date	Opponent	Res.	Goalscorers
League	11/08/07	Aston Villa FC (A)	2-1	Own goal, Gerrard 87
League	19/08/07	Chelsea FC (H)	1-1	Torres 16
League	25/08/07	Sunderland AFC (A)	2-0	Sissoko 37, Voronin 87
League	01/09/07	Derby County FC (H)	6-0	Alonso 27, 69, Babel 45, Torres 56, 78, Voronin 76
League	15/09/07	Portsmouth FC (A)	0-0	
League	22/09/07	Birmingham City FC (H)	0-0	
Cup	25/09/07	Reading FC (A)	4-2	Benayoun 23, Torres 50, 72, 86
League	29/09/07	Wigan Athletic FC (A)	1-0	Benayoun 75
<b>Lineups:</b> Reina, Arbeloa, Hyypiä, Carragher, Fábio Aurélio (Benayoun 56), Pennant (Voronin 82), Gerrard, Mascherano, Riise, Torres (Sissoko 89), Kuyt				
League	07/10/07	Tottenham Hotspur FC (H)	2-2	Voronin 12, Torres 90
<b>Lineups:</b> Reina, Finnan, Carragher, Hyypiä, Arbeloa (Babel 63), Pennant (Kuyt 69), Mascherano, Gerrard, Riise, Voronin (Benayoun 77), Torres				
League	20/10/07	Everton FC (A)	2-1	Kuyt 54(pen), 90(pen)
<b>Lineups:</b> Reina, Finnan, Carragher, Hyypiä, Riise, Gerrard (Lucas Leiva 71), Mascherano, Sissoko (Pennant 88), Benayoun (Babel 68), Voronin, Kuyt				
League	28/10/07	Arsenal FC (H)		
League	03/11/07	Blackburn Rovers FC (A)		
League	10/11/07	Fulham FC (H)		
League	24/11/07	Newcastle United FC (A)		
League	02/12/07	Bolton Wanderers FC (H)		
League	08/12/07	Reading FC (A)		
League	16/12/07	Manchester United FC (H)		
League	22/12/07	Portsmouth FC (H)		
League	26/12/07	Derby County FC (A)		
League	30/12/07	Manchester City FC (A)		
League	02/01/08	Wigan Athletic FC (H)		
League	12/01/08	Middlesbrough FC (A)		
League	19/01/08	Aston Villa FC (H)		
League	29/01/08	West Ham United FC (A)		
League	02/02/08	Sunderland AFC (H)		
League	09/02/08	Chelsea FC (A)		
League	23/02/08	Middlesbrough FC (H)		
League	01/03/08	Bolton Wanderers FC (A)		
League	08/03/08	Newcastle United FC (H)		
League	15/03/08	Reading FC (H)		

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1	Arsenal FC	9	8	1	0	21	6	25
2	Manchester United FC	10	7	2	1	15	3	23
3	Manchester City FC	10	7	1	2	15	7	22
<b>4</b>	<b>Liverpool FC</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>19</b>
5	Portsmouth FC	10	5	3	2	19	12	18
6	Blackburn Rovers FC	9	5	3	1	13	8	18
7	Chelsea FC	10	5	3	2	10	8	18
8	Newcastle United FC	9	5	2	2	16	11	17
9	Aston Villa FC	9	4	2	3	13	12	14
10	West Ham United FC	9	4	1	4	12	9	13
11	Everton FC	10	4	1	5	13	13	13
12	Reading FC	10	3	1	6	12	22	10
13	Fulham FC	10	1	5	4	12	16	8
14	Birmingham City FC	10	2	2	6	8	13	8
15	Wigan Athletic FC	10	2	2	6	8	14	8
16	Sunderland AFC	10	2	2	6	11	19	8
17	Middlesbrough FC	10	2	2	6	10	18	8
18	Tottenham Hotspur FC	10	1	4	5	17	21	7
19	Derby County FC	10	1	3	6	5	22	6
20	Bolton Wanderers FC	10	1	2	7	9	16	5

### UEFA information

#### **FARE Action Week**

This week's UEFA Champions League matches provide a platform for the Action Week being staged by UEFA's partner, the Football Against Racism in Europe (FARE) network. Announcements will be made over stadium tannoy, captains will wear "Unite against Racism" armbands, "Unite against Racism" logos will appear on stadium screens and children escorting players on to the pitch will wear "Unite against Racism" T-shirts in all 16 games, in just some of the activities planned to put over the message that racism and intolerance have no place in football.

FARE Action Week is the focus of European football's symbolic stand against racism and discrimination. Activities are designed to raise awareness of the issue and underline football's determination to tackle the problem. Initiatives are led by campaigning non-governmental organisations, fan groups, clubs, national associations, ethnic minorities, youth groups and schools. In all, more than 2,000 activities will take place in 37 European countries.

#### **FIFPro memorandum**

UEFA has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the European section of the professional footballers' union FIFPro. The agreement was signed by UEFA President Michel Platini and the president of FIFPro Division Europe, Philippe Piat, at a ceremony at RSC Anderlecht's Stade Constant Vanden Stock in Brussels on 15 October. The memorandum takes into account the two bodies' common interest in football, its development in harmony with those involved in the game and respect for football's core values. It is motivated by a common quest for solutions to the challenges and threats that the sport's various parties – UEFA, associations, leagues, clubs and players – are facing.

The memorandum covers a wide range of areas as the basis for co-operation including key values such as solidarity, equality and fraternity, the equitable redistribution of wealth, collective rather than individual exploitation of wealth, a commitment to democracy, the need to preserve the values of sport in the face of growing corporate control, and the protection and development of a large and healthy professional football sector in Europe. Both parties underline the need for a balance between national and European labour legislation, as well as the specificity of sport – meaning the integrity of football and competitions, the regularity of competitions and competitive balance. There is also accord about the benefits of the national-team game as an essential balance to club football.

#### **Stewarding seminar**

UEFA attended an international seminar on stewarding, hosted in Rome by the Italian interior ministry on 10 October. Representatives from 24 European countries, the European Commission, the Council of Europe, UEFA and Italian football clubs were present at the seminar. Michel Platini recently reiterated his policy of zero tolerance towards violence and racism in stadiums, calling on clubs to help UEFA by implementing a system of qualified stewards and by only recognising supporters' associations which clearly and unambiguously reject violence and racism.

"Our common task is to protect football, to allow the game to take centre stage and to deliver the perfect match experience for everybody involved," said UEFA's head of stadium and security, Marc Timmer. "This can only be achieved by working in partnership, ensuring professional safety management and comfortable, safe stadiums. In this respect, UEFA called upon the authorities present to recognise the role of stewarding and the need for well-equipped, fence-free stadiums."

#### **Key dates**

The 2007/08 UEFA Champions League group stage is 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 held 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 A

Club	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Olympique de Marseille	2	2	0	0	3	0	6
FC Porto	2	1	1	0	2	1	4
Liverpool FC	2	0	1	1	1	2	1
Beşiktaş JK	2	0	0	2	0	3	0

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
18.09.2007	Marseille - Beşiktaş	2-0	Vélodrome, Marseille
<b>Goals:</b> 1-0 Rodriguez 76 , 2-0 Cissé 90+1			
<b>Beşiktaş:</b> Hakan Arıkan, Serdar Kurtuluş (İbrahim Kaş 26), Delgado (Higuaín 75), Bobo, Tello, Diatta, Ricardinho (Koray Avcı 44), Cissé, İbrahim Üzülmez, Serdar Özkan, İbrahim Toraman			
18.09.2007	Porto - Liverpool	1-1	Estádio do Dragão, Porto
<b>Goals:</b> 1-0 Lucho González 8 , 1-1 Kuyt 17			
<b>Liverpool:</b> Reina, Finnan, Hyypiä, Gerrard, Torres (Voronin 76), Pennant, Arbeloa, Kuyt, Babel (Fábio Aurélio 85), Mascherano, Carragher			
03.10.2007	Liverpool - Marseille	0-1	Anfield, Liverpool
<b>Goals:</b> 0-1 Valbuena 77			
<b>Liverpool:</b> Reina, Finnan, Hyypiä, Gerrard, Torres, Benayoun, Fábio Aurélio (Voronin 70), Crouch (Kuyt 75), Sissoko, Carragher, Leto (Riise 52)			
03.10.2007	Beşiktaş - Porto	0-1	Inönü, Istanbul
<b>Goals:</b> 0-1 Quaresma 90+2			
<b>Beşiktaş:</b> Hakan Arıkan, Serdar Kurtuluş (Ali Tandoğan 71), Gökhan Zan, Delgado, Bobo (Márcio Nobre 27), Tello, Cissé, İbrahim Üzülmez, Serdar Özkan, İbrahim Akın (Higuaín 67), İbrahim Toraman			
24.10.2007	Beşiktaş - Liverpool	-	Inönü, Istanbul
24.10.2007	Marseille - Porto	-	Vélodrome, Marseille
06.11.2007	Liverpool - Beşiktaş	-	Anfield, Liverpool
06.11.2007	Porto - Marseille	-	Estádio do Dragão, Porto
28.11.2007	Beşiktaş - Marseille	-	Inönü, Istanbul
28.11.2007	Liverpool - Porto	-	Anfield, Liverpool
11.12.2007	Marseille - Liverpool	-	Vélodrome, Marseille
11.12.2007	Porto - Beşiktaş	-	Estádio do Dragão, Porto

### 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 home to Real Madrid CF on 3 October 2007 at the age of 43 years and 183 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;

110 Raúl González (Real Madrid CF)  
109 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)  
99 Luís Figo (FC Barcelona, Real Madrid CF, FC Internazionale Milano)  
98 Gary Neville (Manchester United FC)  
97 Ryan Giggs (Manchester United FC)  
97 Paul Scholes (Manchester United FC)  
96 Clarence Seedorf (AFC Ajax, Real Madrid CF, AC Milan)  
90 Andriy Shevchenko (FC Dynamo Kyiv, AC Milan, Chelsea FC)  
87 Thierry Henry (AS Monaco FC, Arsenal FC, FC Barcelona)  
85 Claude Makelele (FC Nantes Atlantique, Real Madrid CF, Chelsea FC)  
85 Fernando Morientes (Real Madrid CF, AS Monaco FC, Liverpool FC, Valencia CF)

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### Goals: UEFA Champions League

57 Raúl González (Real Madrid CF)  
52 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)  
138 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)  
127 Clarence Seedorf (AFC Ajax, UC Sampdoria, Real Madrid CF, FC Internazionale Milano, AC Milan)  
122 Zinedine 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)  
121 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)  
56 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)  
56 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

#### Beşiktaş JK

##### UEFA club competition milestones

- Beşiktaş reached the last eight of the 1986/87 European Champion Clubs' Cup, where they lost 7-0 on aggregate to FC Dynamo Kyiv.

- They also progressed to the UEFA Cup quarter-finals in 2002/03, where S.S. Lazio prevailed 3-1 on aggregate.

##### UEFA Champions League milestones

- They have previously featured in the group stage of the UEFA Champions League on three occasions since their bow in the 1997/98 campaign.

##### UEFA club competition honours

- N/A

##### Ten-year record

**2006/07:** UEFA Cup - group stage

**2005/06:** UEFA Cup - group stage

**2004/05:** UEFA Cup - group stage

**2003/04:** UEFA Champions League - group stage

**2002/03:** UEFA Cup - quarter-finals

**2001/02:** Did not compete in UEFA club competition

**2000/01:** UEFA Champions League - first group stage

**1999/00:** European Champion Clubs' Cup - second qualifying round

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

**1997/98:** UEFA Champions League - group stage

##### 2006/07 season

**Domestic record:** Beşiktaş finished nine points adrift of champions Fenerbahçe SK but were five points ahead of Galatasaray SK to ensure a place in the UEFA Champions League third qualifying round. They also retained the Turkish Cup with a 1-0 victory after extra time against Kayserispor.

**European record:** A 4-2 victory after 210 minutes over two legs was enough to take Beşiktaş into the UEFA Cup group stage at the expense of PFC CSKA Sofia. They failed to get beyond a tough Group B, winning just one match - 2-1 at home against Club Brugge KV - as they finished behind Tottenham Hotspur FC, FC Dinamo 1948 București and Bayer 04 Leverkusen.

##### Key facts

###### UEFA club competition

- Pld: 122 W: 38 D: 27 L: 57 GF: 141 GA: 182

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

- Pld: 20 W: 5 D: 2 L: 13 GF: 15 GA: 36

###### European Champion Clubs' Cup/UEFA Champions League

- Pld: 54 W: 17 D: 11 L: 26 GF: 52 GA: 81

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### Records

#### UEFA club competition

- Biggest win

**0-5:** FK Sarajevo v Beşiktaş JK

03.10.2002, UEFA Cup first round second leg

- Biggest home win

**5-1:** Beşiktaş JK v FK Vaduz

25.08.2005, UEFA Cup second qualifying round second leg

- Biggest away win

**0-5:** FK Sarejevo v Beşiktaş JK (see above for details)

- Heaviest defeat

**6-0:** Leeds United AFC v Beşiktaş JK

26.09.2000, UEFA Champions League first group stage

- Heaviest home defeat

**0-5:** Beşiktaş JK v FC Dynamo Kyiv

14.03.1987, European Champion Clubs' Cup quarter-final first leg

- Heaviest away defeat

**6-0:** Leeds United AFC v Beşiktaş JK (see above for details)

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

- Biggest win

**3-0:** Beşiktaş JK v FC Barcelona

19.09.2000, UEFA Champions League first group stage

- Biggest home win

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

- Biggest away win

**0-2:** Chelsea FC v Beşiktaş JK

01.10.2003, UEFA Champions League group stage

- Heaviest defeat

**6-0:** Leeds United AFC v Beşiktaş JK (see above for details)

- Heaviest home defeat

**0-2:** Beşiktaş JK v FC Bayern Munchen

26.11.1997, UEFA Champions League group stage

**0-2:** Beşiktaş JK v AC Milan

24.10.2000, UEFA Champions League first group stage

**0-2:** Beşiktaş JK v S.S. Lazio

16.09.2003, UEFA Champions League group stage

**0-2:** Beşiktaş JK v Chelsea FC

09.12.2003, UEFA Champions League group stage

- Heaviest away defeat

**6-0:** Leeds United AFC v Beşiktaş JK (see above for details)

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### Liverpool FC

#### UEFA club competition milestones

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

- Liverpool have also won the UEFA Cup on three occasions and the UEFA Super Cup three times, having lost only four finals: the European Champion Clubs' Cup in 1984/85 and 2006/07, the 1965/66 UEFA Cup Winners' Cup and the 1978 UEFA Super Cup.

#### UEFA Champions League milestones

- Winners in 2004/05, with a 3-2 shoot-out victory against AC Milan after a 3-3 draw in Istanbul, Liverpool were beaten 2-1 by the Rossoneri in the 2006/07 showpiece in Athens. Only once since their bow in 2001/02 have they failed to get beyond the group stage.

#### UEFA club competition honours

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

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

**2006/07:** UEFA Champions League - runners-up

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

**2004/05:** UEFA Champions League - winners

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

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

**2001/02:** UEFA Champions League - quarter-finals

**2000/01:** UEFA Cup - winners

**1999/00:** Did not compete in UEFA club competition

**1998/99:** UEFA Cup - third round

**1997/98:** UEFA Cup - second round

#### 2006/07 season

**Domestic record:** Liverpool again finished in third place in the Premier League. They were 15 points behind second-placed Chelsea FC and six points further adrift of the champions Manchester United FC. Third spot was enough to secure a place in the third qualifying round of the UEFA Champions League. They relinquished the FA Cup with a 3-1 home third-round defeat by Arsenal FC.

**European record:** The English side recorded four victories and a draw from their six outings to top Group C, three points clear of PSV Eindhoven, six ahead of FC Girondins de Bordeaux and nine in front of Galatasaray SK. They eliminated holders FC Barcelona in the first knockout round, going through on away goals after a 2-2 aggregate draw. It was more comfortable in the quarter-finals as PSV were dispatched 4-0 over two legs before a meeting with old foes Chelsea in the last four. A 1-1 draw after 210 minutes of football led to penalties at Anfield, which Liverpool won 4-1. They fell short in the final, however, as Milan gained revenge for the 2005 defeat with a 2-1 success in Athens.

#### Key facts

##### UEFA club competition

- Pld: 258 W: 144 D: 57 L: 57 GF: 451 GA: 213

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

- Pld: 56 W: 25 D: 18 L: 13 GF: 70 GA: 44

##### European Champion Clubs' Cup/UEFA Champions League

- Pld: 147 W: 84 D: 32 L: 31 GF: 262 GA: 115

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### Records

#### UEFA club competition

- Biggest win

**11-0:** Liverpool FC v Strømsgodset IF

17.09.1974, UEFA Cup Winners' Cup first round first leg

- Biggest home win

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

- Biggest away win

**0-5:** FC Haka v Liverpool FC

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

**0-5:** Crusaders FC v Liverpool FC

28.09.1976, European Champion Clubs' Cup first round second leg

**0-5:** KR Reykjavík v Liverpool FC

17.08.1964, European Champion Clubs' Cup preliminary round first leg

- Heaviest defeat

**5-1:** AFC Ajax v Liverpool FC

07.12.1966, European Champion Clubs' Cup second round leg

- Heaviest home defeat

**0-2:** Liverpool FC v SL Benfica

08.03.2006, UEFA Champions League first knockout round second leg

**0-2:** Liverpool FC v Celtic FC

20.03.2003, UEFA Cup quarter-finals second leg

**1-3:** Liverpool FC v FC Barcelona

20.11.2001, UEFA Champions League second group stage

**0-2:** Liverpool FC v FC Spartak Moskva

04.11.1992, UEFA Cup Winners' Cup second round second leg

- Heaviest away defeat

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

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

- Biggest win

**5-0:** Liverpool FC v FC Spartak Moskva

02.10.2002, UEFA Champions League first group stage

- Biggest home win

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

- Biggest away win

**0-3:** PSV Eindhoven v Liverpool FC

03.04.2007, UEFA Champions League quarter-finals first leg

- Heaviest defeat

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

**2-0:** Valencia CF v Liverpool FC

17.09.2002, UEFA Champions League group stage

**4-2:** Bayer 04 Leverkusen v Liverpool FC

09.04.2002, UEFA Champions League quarter-finals second leg

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

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- Heaviest home defeat

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

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

- Heaviest away defeat

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

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

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### Competition information

UEFA's most prestigious club competition was originally created as the European Champion Clubs' Cup for the 1955/56 season, before its revamping as the UEFA Champions League in 1992.

• **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.

• **Disciplinary information:** As a rule, a player who is sent off the field of play is suspended for the next match in a UEFA club competition. The Control and Disciplinary Body is entitled to augment this punishment. In the case of repeated cautions, a player is suspended for one match after three cautions in three different matches, as well as following any subsequent odd-numbered caution (fifth, seventh, ninth, etc). Single yellow cards and pending suspensions are always carried forward either to the next stage of the competition or to another club competition in the current season.

• **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.

• **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.

• **Financial information:** UEFA says the estimated gross income for the 2007/08 UEFA Champions League is €824.5m – slightly higher than the 2006/07 campaign revenue. Under the competition regulations, 75 per cent of the total revenue received from television and commercial contracts concluded by UEFA, up to a maximum of €530m will go to the 32 teams taking part in the group stage of Europe's premier club competition. The remaining 25 per cent is earmarked for European football and remains with UEFA to cover organisational and administrative costs, as well as for solidarity payments to associations, clubs and leagues.

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It is also stipulated that participating clubs will receive 82 per cent of any revenue received from the same stream in excess of €530m, with the remaining 18 per cent allocated to UEFA for European football. In addition, 50 per cent of the revenue received from new media contracts concluded by UEFA will also be available for distribution to the clubs, and the remaining 50 per cent will be allocated to the above-mentioned European football portion/quota.

The gross income for 2007/08 is estimated at €824.5m, and according to projections, will be made up of €819m from TV and commercial contracts and €5.5m from new media contracts. The total amount to be distributed to the clubs is €588.6m. Each of the 32 clubs in the group stage will receive a starting bonus of €3m. In addition, they will receive a match bonus of €400,000 per match. Performance bonuses will amount to €600,000 for a win and €300,000 for a draw in the group stage. The 16 teams playing in the first knockout round will receive €2.2m, the eight quarter-finalists €2.5m each and the four semi-finalists €3m each. The UEFA Champions League winners will receive €7m, and the runners-up €4m.

This means that a total minimum amount of €5.4m per club is guaranteed for the group stage. A club could receive, at best, up to €23.7m, not counting the market pool share and gate receipts. The remaining €280m will be distributed according to the proportional value of each TV market represented by the clubs taking part in the UEFA Champions League, and to be split among the number of teams – four, three, two or one – participating from a given association.

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### 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