

Olympique Lyonnais - VfB Stuttgart

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Match background

Olympique Lyonnais will look to build on their Matchday 3 victory away at VfB Stuttgart when the teams meet for the second time in a fortnight at the Stade de Gerland.

- Not since 2002/03 have Lyon failed to reach the UEFA Champions League knockout rounds and the French league leaders breathed fresh life into their Group E campaign with a 2-0 triumph against Stuttgart on 23 October. Goals from Fábio Santos (56 minutes) and Karim Benzema (79) gave renewed hope to Alain Perrin's team following 3-0 defeats in their opening two games, at FC Barcelona and at home to Rangers FC.
- Lyon's win in Germany left them four points behind the top two in the section, Barcelona and Rangers, and with that pair playing in Spain, Lyon will know that three more points against Stuttgart could potentially lift them within a point of second place.
- For their part, Stuttgart have a mountain to climb after three straight defeats. Armin Veh's men actually took the lead in their Matchday 1 visit to Rangers through Mario Gómez but lost that advantage as they succumbed 2-1. They then lost 2-0 at home to Barcelona before an identical defeat by Lyon last time out.
- The Bundesliga outfit will be eliminated if they lose to Lyon. Their faint hopes of surviving will also vanish if they draw and the game between Barcelona and Rangers also ends all square.
- The outlook may appear bleak but Stuttgart could draw inspiration from the example of Newcastle United FC who lost their opening three games in the 2002/03 group stage but then secured three straight wins to progress. In the same season another German club, Bayer 04 Leverkusen, lost three games but qualified for the next round by taking maximum points from their other three.
- There have been other examples since of sides advancing despite three defeats: in 2005/06, Werder Bremen progressed (two wins, one draw, three defeats) while last season Celtic did the same (three wins, three defeats).
- Stuttgart have a reasonable record against French opponents, with four wins, one draw and two defeats in their seven previous matches before the meeting with Lyon on 23 October.



- They have overcome RC Lens, AJ Auxerre and LOSC Lille Métropole in two-legged UEFA Intertoto Cup ties since the turn of the century. In addition they recorded a 2-0 victory at Stade Rennais FC in the 2005/06 UEFA Cup group stage, courtesy of goals from Jon Dahl Tomasson and Danijel Ljuboja.
- Stuttgart's Ludovic Magnin could be forgiven a sense of foreboding ahead of the visit to the Gerland – after all, the last time he was there, he was part of a Werder Bremen team humbled 7-2 in a first knockout round tie on 8 March 2005.
- The scorers for Lyon that night were Sylvain Wiltord (3), Michael Essien (2), Florent Malouda and Jérémy Berthod (penalty) and the rout secured a 10-2 aggregate triumph, as well as a biggest triumph in European competition for 31 years for the French club.
- Overall Lyon have won five, drawn one and lost two of their past eight home meetings with sides from Germany's Bundesliga.
- Stuttgart's Magnin and Lyon's Patrick Müller were defensive colleagues in the Switzerland national squads at the 2006 FIFA World Cup and UEFA EURO 2004™.

Match facts

Lyon

- **Fred** is available again after completing a three-game ban.
- **Anthony Réveillère** celebrates his 28th birthday on 10 November.
- Lyon maintained their four-point advantage over AS Nancy-Lorraine at the top of Ligue 1 with a 2-0 home win against Valenciennes FC on Saturday night. **Juninho Pernambucano** broke the deadlock at the Stade de Gerland seven minutes before half-time after **Kader Keita** and **Karim Benzema** combined to good effect. **Rémy Vercoutre** was called upon to make several fine stops in the second period to preserve Lyon's advantage, before substitute **Sidney Govou** wrapped up the points in the 87th minute, collecting Juninho's long pass and chipping over Nicolas Penneteau.
- "We played with the Stuttgart game in mind," said **Alain Perrin**. "After we scored the first goal we thought we could just keep it tight but we gave space away against tough opponents. Vercoutre's saves were crucial when we were only 1-0 up. On Wednesday, in the Champions League, it will be a higher level and hopefully we will not be too tired."
- The Lyon coach chose to rest **Govou**, **Fábio Santos** and **Réveillère**, although all three came on as second-half substitutes.
- **Hatem Ben Arfa** sat out the game due to a minor sprain to his left ankle, with **Perrin** admitting on 2 November that "it will take him three to six days to recover". **Milan Baroš** was missing with an adductor problem while **Sandy Paillet** had a thigh injury.
- **Fabio Grosso** returned having bruised his left foot against Stuttgart while **Patrick Müller** has recovered from a knee injury but is still short of match fitness.
- Lyon have won their last six matches in all competitions and their last five Ligue 1 fixtures. The French champions are unbeaten in ten league matches since their 2-1 reverse at FC Lorient on 18 August.
- **Juninho's** goal against Valenciennes was his 80th for Lyon, 44 of which have come from either free-kicks or penalties. That total makes him the club's eighth highest scorer. **Fleury Di Nallo** is No1 with 182 goals.

- On 31 October, Lyon started their French League Cup campaign with a 3-1 win at SM Caen in the last 16. It was their first away success in the competition since a 2-0 victory at Amiens SC in 2000/01 – a campaign in which they went on to win the trophy. Since then the French champions have won at least one trophy every year, collecting the next six Ligue 1 titles and five French Super Cups.

- **Keita** opened the scoring at Caen on 14 minutes but Elliot Grandin levelled on the half-hour. The introduction of **Benzema** for **Fred** up front with 17 minutes remaining helped decide the game with **Mathieu Bodmer**'s header restoring Lyon's lead before Benzema scored his 15th goal for club and country this term with a cool finish on 89 minutes.

- **Perrin** said: "At the moment, **Benzema** is trying different things and having a lot of success and it's good for the team. We saw other players who were back in action like **Fred** and **Keita** but we lacked a bit of consistency and were up against tough opponents."

- On 28 October, Lyon extended their margin at the top of the French league to four points from AS Nancy-Lorraine and Stade Rennais FC after winning 3-2 at Paris Saint-Germain FC. The first top-flight double for **Ben Arfa** put the champions in control before the break, with his second goal coming after a fine run from **Benzema**. After Pauleta narrowed the margin in the second half, **Govou** restored the two-goal lead with five minutes to play rendering Pauleta's late reply academic.

- **Perrin** said: "The win was deserved. We took on a motivated, winning team who forced us on the back foot in the first half. But we knew we'd have chances to score."

- No team have come from two goals behind against Lyon in the French top flight in the last ten years. The last were LB Châteauroux in 1997, although they eventually lost 3-2.

- **Cris**, who sustained a cruciate injury on 11 August, is recovering in his home country of Brazil but he will be back in Lyon for a few days this week to meet club medical staff to assess his condition.

- **Jérémy Toulalan** is rated doubtful for the Stuttgart game after missing the first meeting between the sides. The France international has an ankle injury while **Grégory Coupet** (cruciate ligaments) and **Müller** (knee) are not included in Lyon's squad.

- Six Lyon players were called up by the France team for their UEFA WOMEN'S EURO 2009™ qualifiers away to Serbia on 27 October and Slovenia on 31 October. **Camille Abily**, **Louisa Nécib**, **Sandrine Brétigny** and **Elodie Thomis** scored in the first game, an 8-0 win in Belgrade. Substitute **Thomis** also struck in Dravograd in the 2-0 success in the second match that took France to the top of Group 3 with the aim a place in the finals in Finland.

- Lyon's women's team continue their maiden UEFA Women's Cup campaign in the quarter-finals against holders Arsenal LFC this month. As in the last round, Lyon will move to the main Stade de Gerland as they stage the first leg on Wednesday 14 November before visiting Borehamwood a week later.

- **Juninho** has been nominated for the FIFA World Player of the Year award. The winner will be announced in Zurich on 17 December.

Stuttgart

- Stuttgart have no players suspended or within a yellow card of a ban.

- Stuttgart continued their recent revival on Saturday with a 1-0 away victory against 1. FC Nürnberg. **Mario Gómez** scored the only goal after 25 minutes with a fine individual effort in a close contest.

- The win was Stuttgart's third in succession, following victories in the Bundesliga against Bayer 04 Leverkusen (1-0) and in the German Cup against SC Paderborn (3-2).
- Those two victories had followed a run of five successive defeats.
- Coach **Armin Veh** said: "This was a very close match, decided by a supreme individual effort. We were lucky in the first half. In the second we played deep inside our own half and had some good counterattacks, but we failed to score the second goal. It's surely a positive thing that the good luck is back for us, we have worked hard to get it back. We have talked less and worked more in the past matches."
- **Fernando Meira** and **Cacau** both returned from suspension to face Nürnberg, while **Ludovic Magnin** was also a starter. **Ewerthon**, **Ricardo Osorio** and **Pável Pardo** all made way.
- **Veh** spoke about his decision to only name Mexican duo **Osorio** and **Pardo** on the bench, saying: "Both have played two years without a long break. We have talked and I have given them three days off. While it is possible to sustain such pressure physically, mentally it is not."
- **Raphael Schäfer** and **Verdar Tasci** are both ever-presents in the league for Stuttgart.
- **Roberto Hilbert** missed the weekend game with an ankle ligament injury and is not expected to return for another week after the match against Lyon.
- **Artur Boka** is still sidelined with torn knee ligaments but is expected to return within two weeks.
- **Gómez**, with five Bundesliga goals, is the only Stuttgart player to score more than once this season. Eight other players have registered once.
- Veh remains confident that €7m summer signing **Ciprian Marica**, will come good despite not yet opening his account for Stuttgart. "He has played very well in the past for [FC Shakhtar] Donetsk and his national team. He is only 22 though obviously he has to capitalise on his chances, but it's positive that he is working to get those. We have to be patient though, there have been players in the past like Kevin Keegan who took their time, sometimes even an entire season, to adapt."
- The win at Nürnberg was Stuttgart's first away victory in the Bundesliga this term.
- Only DSC Arminia Bielefeld (19) have conceded more goals away from home than Stuttgart (14).
- On 31 October, Stuttgart were in action in the second round of the German Cup and they toiled to a 3-2 win against Paderborn after extra time. The German champions needed a very late **Gómez** goal to overcome their second division opponents. Two first-half goals by **Thomas Hitzlsperger** seemed to have put them on their way in front of just 7,500 spectators in Stuttgart, but Paderborn scored twice in three minutes in the middle of the second half to force extra time. Gómez saved the day just two minutes before penalties would have been required to separate the teams.
- **Cacau** and **Meira** were both suspended, while **Hilbert's** ligament damage meant he was replaced by **Ewerthon**. Also in the side were **Pardo** and **Matthieu Delpierre**, the latter playing in his first competitive game this season after recovering from knee surgery.
- **Delpierre** said: "We made life hard for ourselves, but what matters is that we went through. I am glad to be back, my knee is OK now."
- On 27 October, one goal was enough for Stuttgart to defeat Leverkusen 1-0 in the Bundesliga, **Andreas Beck** scoring from close range following a goalmouth scramble. The win came after five successive defeats in all competitions, although Leverkusen dominated much of the second half.

- Speaking before the game, coach **Veh** had said: "We can talk all we want but we need results. I am full of confidence, because in our match against Lyon I saw an improvement. While we might not be good enough for Europe's big clubs at the moment, we should try to see things in a positive light."
- After victory, a relieved **Veh** said: "First I have to thank the fans for noticing that the team need support and giving it to them. We wanted to fight for the whole 90 minutes, which we did. We are happy about the 1-0 win, but certainly not euphoric. We now have confidence for the challenges ahead." **Beck** added: "It doesn't matter who scored, it was an enormously important win to us."
- For the match against Leverkusen, **Meira** and **Pardo** were suspended. **Silvio Meissner** and **Alexander Farnerud** were on the bench with **Hitzlsperger**, **Beck** and **Khedira** coming in. For Hitzlsperger, it was his first taste of first-team action since breaking his foot in mid-September.
- Lyon are not exactly **Boka's** favourite opponents, having lost all of four matches in the French league against them with former club RC Strasbourg. **Farnerud**, who also played for Strasbourg, fared even worse, losing all five of his encounters with the Ligue 1 giants (six after Matchday 3). **Delpierre's** record with LOSC Lille Métropole against Lyon was noticeably better, with two wins and a draw.

Squad list

Lyon

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	Grégory Coupet	FRA	31.12.1972	34	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	57	-	92	-
25	Joan Hartock	FRA	17.02.1987	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
30	Rémy Vercoutre	FRA	26.06.1980	27	-	-	-	3	-	13	-	6	-	6	-
35	Jérémy Bouchard	FRA	12.07.1988	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
38	Jérémy Aymes	FRA	12.07.1988	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
40	Frédéric Roux	FRA	27.06.1973	34	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-
43	Mathieu Gorgelin	FRA	05.08.1990	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45	Anthony Lopes	POR	01.10.1990	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders															
2	François Clerc	FRA	18.04.1983	24	-	-	-	3	-	10	-	14	-	14	-
3	Cris	BRA	03.06.1977	30	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	30	3	30	3
4	Patrick Müller	SUI	17.12.1976	30	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	35	-	54	1
11	Fabio Grosso	ITA	28.11.1977	29	-	-	-	2	-	12	-	8	-	27	-
15	Sandy Paillot	FRA	27.02.1987	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20	Anthony Réveillère	FRA	10.11.1979	27	-	-	-	3	-	11	1	38	-	44	-
21	Nadir Belhadj	ALG	18.06.1982	25	-	-	-	1	-	7	-	1	-	1	-
22	Anderson	BRA	27.04.1980	27	-	-	-	2	-	6	1	13	-	21	1
29	Sébastien Squillaci	FRA	11.08.1980	27	-	-	-	3	-	12	-	23	1	33	2
34	Loïc Abenzoar	FRA	14.02.1989	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
39	Mickaël Charvet	FRA	31.03.1988	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
47	Francesco Migliore	FRA	17.04.1988	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Midfielders															
5	Mathieu Bodmer	FRA	22.11.1982	24	-	-	-	3	-	12	1	16	-	35	1
6	Kim Källström	SWE	24.08.1982	25	-	-	-	3	-	12	2	9	1	20	3
8	Juninho	BRA	30.01.1975	32	-	-	-	3	-	12	3	47	12	54	13
18	Hatem Ben Arfa	FRA	07.03.1987	20	-	-	-	3	-	7	3	9	-	9	-
26	Fábio Santos	BRA	09.10.1980	27	-	-	-	1	1	7	1	1	1	3	1
27	Anthony Mounier	FRA	27.09.1987	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
28	Jérémy Toulalan	FRA	10.09.1983	24	-	-	-	1	-	9	-	9	-	15	-
36	Aurélien Badin	FRA	11.04.1988	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
41	Brice Ducarre	FRA	05.04.1988	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
42	Maxime Gonalons	FRA	10.03.1989	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
44	Jérémy Karaboue	FRA	18.03.1989	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
46	Saïd Mehamha	FRA	04.09.1990	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
48	Pierrick Vladivia	FRA	18.04.1988	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
49	Jérémy Pied	FRA	23.02.1989	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
50	Romain Dedola	FRA	02.01.1989	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Forwards															
7	Milan Baroš	CZE	28.10.1981	26	-	-	-	2	-	7	2	21	3	31	4
9	Fred	BRA	03.10.1983	24	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	14	4	14	4
10	Karim Benzema	FRA	19.12.1987	19	-	-	-	3	1	13	11	7	4	7	4
12	Loïc Remy	FRA	02.01.1987	20	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	1	-
14	Sidney Govou	FRA	27.07.1979	28	-	-	-	3	-	12	4	51	7	55	8
23	Kader Keita	CIV	06.08.1981	26	-	-	-	3	-	12	-	11	1	16	1
24	Romain Beynié	FRA	06.05.1987	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
37	Quentin Barlet	FRA	04.05.1989	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coach															
-	Alain Perrin	FRA	07.10.1956	51	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	3	-	17	-

Stuttgart

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Goalkeepers															
1	Raphael Schäfer	GER	30.01.1979	28	-	-	-	3	-	12	-	3	-	3	-
12	Michael Langer	AUT	06.01.1985	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
24	Sven Ulreich	GER	03.08.1988	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
31	Alexander Stolz	GER	13.10.1983	24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders															
2	Andreas Beck	GER	13.03.1987	20	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	-	-	1	-
3	Ricardo Osorio	MEX	30.03.1980	27	-	-	-	3	-	9	-	3	-	3	-
4	Gledson	BRA	04.09.1979	28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	Serdar Tasci	GER	24.04.1987	20	-	-	-	3	-	12	1	3	-	3	-
6	Fernando Meira	POR	05.06.1978	29	-	-	-	3	-	10	-	11	-	35	2
15	Arthur Boka	CIV	02.04.1983	24	-	-	-	2	-	4	-	2	-	10	1
17	Matthieu Delpierre	FRA	26.04.1981	26	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3	-	25	-
21	Ludovic Magnin	SUI	20.04.1979	28	-	-	-	1	-	8	-	9	-	23	-
26	Tobias Feisthammel	GER	22.02.1988	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
38	David Pisot	GER	06.07.1987	20	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
42	Marco Pischorn	GER	01.01.1986	21	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Midfielders															
7	Silvio Meissner	GER	19.01.1973	34	-	-	-	2	-	6	-	9	-	46	1
8	Alexander Farnerud	SWE	01.05.1984	23	-	-	-	2	-	10	-	2	-	10	1
10	Yıldıray Baştürk	TUR	24.12.1978	28	-	-	-	2	-	5	-	30	1	44	2
11	Thomas Hitzlsperger	GER	05.04.1982	25	-	-	-	-	-	6	1	-	-	11	-
13	Pável Pardo	MEX	26.07.1976	31	-	-	-	3	-	10	1	3	-	3	-
19	Roberto Hilbert	GER	16.10.1984	23	-	-	-	3	-	11	1	3	-	3	-
25	Antonio da Silva	BRA	13.06.1978	29	-	-	-	1	-	5	-	1	-	7	-
28	Sami Khedira	GER	04.04.1987	20	-	-	-	3	-	11	1	3	-	3	-
29	Georges Mandjeck	CMR	09.12.1988	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35	Christian Träsch	GER	01.09.1987	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
36	Peter Perchtold	GER	02.09.1984	23	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Forwards															
9	Ewerthon	BRA	10.06.1981	26	-	-	-	2	-	8	1	14	-	27	4
18	Cacau	BRA	27.03.1981	26	-	-	-	3	-	8	1	7	-	20	7
20	Ciprian Marica	ROU	02.10.1985	22	-	-	-	1	-	10	-	12	2	35	10
23	Manuel Fischer	GER	19.09.1989	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
27	Johannes Rahn	GER	16.01.1986	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
33	Mario Gómez	GER	10.07.1985	22	-	-	-	3	1	10	5	4	1	10	3
Coach															
-	Armin Veh	GER	01.02.1961	46	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	3	-	5	-

Head coach

Olympique Lyonnais: Alain Perrin

Date of birth: 7 October 1956

Nationality: French

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

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

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

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

VfB Stuttgart: Armin Veh

Date of birth: 1 February 1961

Nationality: German

Playing career: FC Augsburg, VfL Borussia Mönchengladbach, FC St. Gallen, SpVgg Bayreuth

Coaching career: FC Augsburg, SpVgg Greuther Fürth, SSV Reutlingen, FC Hansa Rostock, FC Augsburg, VfB Stuttgart

Armin Veh's success in leading VfB Stuttgart to the 2006/07 German title was one of the biggest coaching stories in recent years. Veh had previously been seen as something of an underachiever as a Bundesliga coach and Stuttgart's achievement has been compared to that of 1. FC Kaiserslautern in 1997/98 when they won the title as a promoted side under Otto Rehhagel.

Having started his playing career with hometown club FC Augsburg, Veh played in 65 Bundesliga games for VfL Borussia Mönchengladbach between 1979 and 1983 and was a member of the side that lost to Eintracht Frankfurt in the 1979/80 UEFA Cup final. In 1983 he moved to Swiss side FC St. Gallen only to return to Mönchengladbach in 1984, where he had to retire after a complicated leg fracture. He later tried his luck at 2. Bundesliga side SpVgg Bayreuth but injury forced him to quit again, this time for good, in November 1990.

Veh started his coaching career at fourth division Augsburg between 1990 and 1995, winning promotion to the third division in 1994. He then led SpVgg Greuther Fürth and SSV Reutlingen into the 2. Bundesliga before moving up to the top flight with FC Hansa Rostock in 2002. In October 2003 he stepped down for family reasons, but following another short spell at Augsburg and a period of unemployment, he got the chance to prove his detractors wrong when Stuttgart hired him as Giovanni Trapattoni's successor in February 2006. Known for developing young talent and playing attacking football, the father of two boys hit peak form in 2006/07 with his side playing the most attractive football in the Bundesliga en route to winning the title.

Match officials

Referee	Yuri Baskakov (RUS)
Assistant referees	Tihon Kalugin (RUS), Anton Averianov (RUS)
Fourth official	Aleksandr Kolobaev (RUS)
UEFA Delegate	George Courtney (ENG)
UEFA Referee observer	Hans Reijgwart (NED)

Referee

Name	Nat.	DoB	UCL	UEFA
Yuri Baskakov	RUS	10.05.1964	10	39

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
19.10.2004	UCL	GS	Fenerbahçe SK - Olympique Lyonnais	1-3	Istanbul
08.12.2004	UCL	GS	RC Deportivo La Coruña - AS Monaco FC	0-5	La Coruna
13.09.2005	UCL	GS	PSV Eindhoven - FC Schalke 04	1-0	Eindhoven
28.09.2005	UCL	GS	Rosenborg BK - Olympique Lyonnais	0-1	Trondheim
02.11.2005	UCL	GS	Werder Bremen - Udinese Calcio	4-3	Bremen
03.04.2007	UCL	QF	AC Milan - FC Bayern München	2-2	Milan

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

Date	Comp.	Stage		Res.	Venue
18.07.1999	U18	GS - FT	Sweden - France	0-0	Linköping
01.08.2001	UIC	SF	Newcastle United FC - TSV 1860 München	3-1	Newcastle
05.10.2001	U21	QR	Germany - Finland	2-0	Ahlen
27.11.2003	UCUP	R2	FC Sochaux-Montbéliard - BV Borussia Dortmund	4-0	Montbéliard
11.03.2004	UCUP	R4	Liverpool FC - Olympique de Marseille	1-1	Liverpool
24.08.2004	UIC	F	FC Slovan Liberec - FC Schalke 04	0-1	Liberec
10.03.2005	UCUP	1/8	LOSC Lille Métropole - AJ Auxerre	0-1	Villeneuve d'Ascq

Domestic information

Olympique Lyonnais (Ligue 1)

Comp.	Date	Opponent	Res.	Goalscorers
League	05/08/07	AJ Auxerre (H)	2-0	Baroš 32, Benzema 70
League	11/08/07	Toulouse FC (A)	0-1	
League	18/08/07	FC Lorient (A)	1-2	Benzema 32
League	26/08/07	AS Saint-Etienne (H)	1-0	Benzema 54
League	29/08/07	FC Sochaux-Montbéliard (A)	2-1	Benzema 20, Bodmer 57
League	01/09/07	Le Mans UC 72 (H)	3-2	Govou 71, Benzema 74, Baroš 78
League	15/09/07	FC Metz (A)	5-1	Benzema 4, 36, 38, Ben Arfa 59, Juninho 87
League	23/09/07	LOSC Lille Métropole (H)	1-1	Govou 59
League	29/09/07	RC Lens (H)	3-0	Fábio Santos 42, Källström 80, Benzema 90
League	07/10/07	FC Girondins de Bordeaux (A)	3-1	Anderson 5, Benzema 23, Källström 60
League	20/10/07	AS Monaco FC (H)	3-1	Juninho 12(pen), Réveillère 18, Benzema 50
League	28/10/07	Paris Saint-Germain FC (A)	3-2	Ben Arfa 41, 43, Govou 85
Lineups: Vercoutre, Clerc, Belhadj, Anderson, Squillaci, Bodmer, Juninho (Källström 81), Fábio Santos, Benzema (Fred 85), Govou, Ben Arfa (Réveillère 72)				
Cup	31/10/07	SM Caen (A)	3-1	Keita 16, Bodmer 76, Benzema 89
Lineups: Vercoutre, Réveillère, Belhadj, Squillaci, Källström, Bodmer, Fábio Santos, Fred (Benzema 72), Govou, Ben Arfa, Keita (Juninho 77)				
League	03/11/07	Valenciennes FC (H)	2-0	Juninho 38, Govou 87
Lineups: Vercoutre, Clerc, Grosso (Réveillère 83), Anderson, Squillaci (Fábio Santos 57), Bodmer, Källström, Juninho, Fred, Benzema (Govou 75), Keita				
League	11/11/07	Olympique de Marseille (H)		
League	24/11/07	Stade Rennais FC (A)		
League	01/12/07	RC Strasbourg (H)		
League	08/12/07	SM Caen (A)		
League	15/12/07	OGC Nice (H)		
League	22/12/07	AS Nancy-Lorraine (A)		
League	12/01/08	Toulouse FC (H)		
League	19/01/08	RC Lens (A)		
League	23/01/08	FC Lorient (H)		
League	26/01/08	AS Saint-Etienne (A)		
League	09/02/08	FC Sochaux-Montbéliard (H)		
League	16/02/08	Le Mans UC 72 (A)		
League	23/02/08	FC Metz (H)		
League	01/03/08	LOSC Lille Métropole (A)		
League	08/03/08	FC Girondins de Bordeaux (H)		
League	15/03/08	AS Monaco FC (A)		
League	22/03/08	Paris Saint-Germain FC (H)		
League	30/03/08	Valenciennes FC (A)		
League	05/04/08	Olympique de Marseille (A)		
League	12/04/08	Stade Rennais FC (H)		

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Pos.	Clubs	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1	Olympique Lyonnais	13	10	1	2	29	12	31
2	AS Nancy-Lorraine	12	8	3	1	20	7	27
3	Stade Rennais FC	13	7	3	3	17	10	24
4	FC Girondins de Bordeaux	13	6	4	3	16	12	22
5	Le Mans UC 72	13	6	2	5	18	18	20
6	RC Strasbourg	13	5	4	4	15	10	19
7	OGC Nice	13	5	4	4	13	10	19
8	AS Saint-Etienne	13	5	3	5	14	12	18
9	Valenciennes FC	13	5	3	5	14	16	18
10	AS Monaco FC	13	5	2	6	16	15	17
11	LOSC Lille Métropole	13	3	7	3	13	13	16
12	Toulouse FC	12	4	4	4	12	14	16
13	FC Lorient	13	3	6	4	13	16	15
14	Paris Saint-Germain FC	13	3	6	4	12	15	15
15	SM Caen	12	4	3	5	11	14	15
16	AJ Auxerre	13	4	1	8	11	21	13
17	RC Lens	12	3	3	6	9	13	12
18	FC Sochaux-Montbéliard	13	2	6	5	11	17	12
19	Olympique de Marseille	13	2	5	6	9	15	11
20	FC Metz	13	1	4	8	6	19	7

VfB Stuttgart (Bundesliga)

Comp.	Date	Opponent	Res.	Goalscorers
Cup	25/07/07	FC Bayern München (H)	0-2	
Cup	04/08/07	Wehen (A)	2-1	Hilbert 65(pen), 90(pen)
League	10/08/07	FC Schalke 04 (H)	2-2	Khedira 63, Pardo 67(pen)
League	18/08/07	Hertha BSC Berlin (A)	1-3	Hitzlsperger 15
League	25/08/07	MSV Duisburg (H)	1-0	Gómez 34
League	02/09/07	Karlsruher SC (A)	0-1	
League	15/09/07	FC Energie Cottbus (H)	3-0	Cacau 52, Ewerthon 79, Gómez 82
League	22/09/07	Werder Bremen (A)	1-4	Gómez 13
League	26/09/07	VfL Bochum 1848 (H)	1-0	Hilbert 50
League	29/09/07	FC Hansa Rostock (A)	1-2	Gómez 73
League	06/10/07	Hannover 96 (H)	0-2	
League	20/10/07	Hamburger SV (A)	1-4	Tasci 73
League	27/10/07	Bayer 04 Leverkusen (H)	1-0	Beck 72
Lineups: Schäfer, Beck, Pischorn, Tasci, Osorio, Hilbert (Schuster 46), Yıldırım Baştürk (Perchtold 85), Khedira, Hitzlsperger, Gómez (Meissner 81), Cacau				
Cup	31/10/07	Paderborn (H)	3-2	Hitzlsperger 31, 36, Gómez 118
Lineups: Schäfer, Beck, Tasci, Delpierre, Osorio (Pischorn 81), Pardo, Khedira (Schuster 46), Yıldırım Baştürk, Hitzlsperger, Gómez, Ewerthon (Marica 78)				
League	03/11/07	1. FC Nürnberg (A)	1-0	Gómez 25
Lineups: Schäfer, Beck, Tasci, Delpierre, Magnin, Fernando Meira, Yıldırım Baştürk (Fernerud 90), Khedira, Hitzlsperger, Cacau (Marica 75), Gómez (Meissner 87)				
League	10/11/07	FC Bayern München (H)		
League	24/11/07	Eintracht Frankfurt (A)		
League	02/12/07	BV Borussia Dortmund (H)		
League	09/12/07	VfL Wolfsburg (H)		
League	16/12/07	DSC Arminia Bielefeld (A)		
League	03/02/08	FC Schalke 04 (A)		
League	09/02/08	Hertha BSC Berlin (H)		
League	16/02/08	MSV Duisburg (A)		
League	23/02/08	Karlsruher SC (H)		
League	01/03/08	FC Energie Cottbus (A)		
League	08/03/08	Werder Bremen (H)		
League	15/03/08	VfL Bochum 1848 (A)		
League	22/03/08	FC Hansa Rostock (H)		
League	29/03/08	Hannover 96 (A)		
League	05/04/08	Hamburger SV (H)		
League	12/04/08	Bayer 04 Leverkusen (A)		
League	15/04/08	1. FC Nürnberg (H)		
League	26/04/08	FC Bayern München (A)		
League	03/05/08	Eintracht Frankfurt (H)		
League	06/05/08	BV Borussia Dortmund (A)		

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1	FC Bayern München	12	8	4	0	27	4	28
2	Hamburger SV	12	8	2	2	19	9	26
3	Werder Bremen	12	7	3	2	26	17	24
4	Karlsruher SC	12	7	2	3	14	11	23
5	Hannover 96	12	6	3	3	17	16	21
6	Bayer 04 Leverkusen	12	5	3	4	18	9	18
7	FC Schalke 04	12	4	6	2	17	11	18
8	Eintracht Frankfurt	12	4	5	3	12	14	17
9	VfL Wolfsburg	12	4	4	4	21	21	16
10	Hertha BSC Berlin	12	5	1	6	16	17	16
11	VfB Stuttgart	12	5	1	6	13	18	16
12	BV Borussia Dortmund	12	4	2	6	17	21	14
13	VfL Bochum 1848	12	3	3	6	18	22	12
14	DSC Arminia Bielefeld	12	3	3	6	13	27	12
15	FC Hansa Rostock	12	3	2	7	11	16	11
16	1. FC Nürnberg	12	2	3	7	15	21	9
17	MSV Duisburg	12	3	0	9	12	19	9
18	FC Energie Cottbus	12	1	5	6	8	21	8

UEFA information

FARE Action Week

The eighth annual Football Against Racism in Europe (FARE) network Action Week closes with organisers delighted at the pan-European drive to emphasise the message that racism, intolerance and violence have no place in football. The FARE Action Week is co-ordinated by the FARE network in co-operation with UEFA. Activities have been designed to raise awareness of the issues and underline football's determination to tackle them. Initiatives have been led by – among others – campaigning non-governmental organisations, fan groups, clubs, national associations, ethnic minorities, youth groups and schools.

Every high-profile platform has been used by the football community to highlight the fight against racism. From UEFA Champions League and UEFA EURO 2008™ matches to domestic league games across the continent, the signal to the racists has been clear – get out of our game. UEFA's flagship club competition, the UEFA Champions League, showcased the FARE/UEFA activities on Matchday 3, with all 32 teams displaying their opposition to racism as part of UEFA's contribution to the FARE Action Week.

Europe's leading leagues have also been making a stand against racism. All professional clubs in England and Scotland regularly participate and the German Bundesliga expanded its engagement over two weekends so all sides in the top two divisions had the chance to take part in the anti-racist activity at a home match. The leagues were also active in Austria, the Republic of Ireland, F.Y.R. Macedonia, Portugal, Serbia and Slovenia. For the first time, Israel has joined in the Action Week, together with Greece, Sweden and Switzerland as much-valued newcomers. Anti-racist activities have been organised by fan clubs at league fixtures in Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, England, Germany, Greece, Italy, Poland, Portugal, Russia, Scotland, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland and Ukraine.

FARE match

UEFA gave further support to the FARE Action Week by staging a match in Nyon, Switzerland, on 29 October. A team composed of UEFA staff members played against footballers from the Organisation Sportive Africa-Suisse at the Colovray Stadium opposite UEFA's headquarters. Before the game, the visitors were shown around UEFA's House of European Football and viewed the many European trophies on display, before emerging as 3-1 winners on the pitch.

"We want to see the 'beautiful game' played without the cancer of racism," says FARE. "Football is the biggest sport in the world and belongs to us all. It should be the right of every person to play, watch and discuss it freely, without fear. Unfortunately, at all levels of the game, from amateur to international, there are incidents of racism. Be it from fans, players, clubs or other football bodies, FARE believes that such behaviour, on and off the field, is unacceptable and unwanted by the majority of fans and players."

Cerebral Palsy finals

The Cerebral Palsy International Sports and Recreation Association (CPISRA) – which received UEFA's annual CHF1m charity cheque in 2007 – has held the draw for the CPISRA Football Seven-a-Side World Championship to be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in mid-November with 16 teams divided into four groups of four. Founded in 1978, CPISRA is an international governing sports body for athletes with cerebral palsy or traumatic brain injury, stroke and other related conditions. CPISRA has its own version of football, a modified seven-a-side game that has been played by athletes with cerebral palsy for many years.

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.

Match-by-match lineups - Group E

Club	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
FC Barcelona	3	2	1	0	5	0	7
Rangers FC	3	2	1	0	5	1	7
Olympique Lyonnais	3	1	0	2	2	6	3
VfB Stuttgart	3	0	0	3	1	6	0

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
19.09.2007	Rangers - Stuttgart	2-1	Ibrox, Glasgow
Goals: 0-1 Gómez 56 , 1-1 Adam 62 , 2-1 Darcheville 75			
Stuttgart: Schäfer, Osorio, Tasci, Fernando Meira, Pardo, Boka, Cacau, Hilbert, Antonio (Ewerthon 70), Khedira (Yıldıray Baştürk 78), Gómez			
19.09.2007	Barcelona - Lyon	3-0	Camp Nou, Barcelona
Goals: 1-0 Clerc 21 (o.g.), 2-0 Messi 82 , 3-0 Henry 90+1			
Lyon: Vercoutre, Clerc, Bodmer, Källström (Keita 83), Juninho, Benzema (Ben Arfa 76), Govou, Réveillère, Belhadj (Baroš 62), Toulalan, Squillaci			
02.10.2007	Lyon - Rangers	0-3	Stade de Gerland, Lyon
Goals: 0-1 McCulloch 23 , 0-2 Cousin 48 , 0-3 Beasley 53			
Lyon: Vercoutre, Bodmer (Ben Arfa 60), Källström, Baroš (Keita 60), Juninho, Benzema, Grosso, Govou, Réveillère (Clerc 81), Anderson, Squillaci			
02.10.2007	Stuttgart - Barcelona	0-2	Gottlieb-Daimler, Stuttgart
Goals: 0-1 Puyol 53 , 0-2 Messi 67			
Stuttgart: Schäfer, Osorio (Marica 63), Tasci, Fernando Meira, Farnerud (Magnin 76), Pardo, Boka, Cacau, Hilbert, Khedira (Meissner 76), Gómez			
23.10.2007	Stuttgart - Lyon	0-2	Gottlieb-Daimler, Stuttgart
Goals: 0-1 Fábio Santos 56 , 0-2 Benzema 79			
Stuttgart: Schäfer, Osorio, Tasci, Fernando Meira, Meissner (Khedira 62), Farnerud, Yıldıray Baştürk (Ewerthon 71), Pardo, Cacau, Hilbert, Gómez			
Lyon: Vercoutre, Källström, Juninho, Benzema (Bodmer 84), Grosso, Govou (Clerc 85), Ben Arfa (Keita 74), Réveillère, Anderson, Fábio Santos, Squillaci			
23.10.2007	Rangers - Barcelona	0-0	Ibrox, Glasgow
Goals: -			
07.11.2007	Lyon - Stuttgart	-	Stade de Gerland, Lyon
07.11.2007	Barcelona - Rangers	-	Camp Nou, Barcelona
27.11.2007	Stuttgart - Rangers	-	Gottlieb-Daimler, Stuttgart
27.11.2007	Lyon - Barcelona	-	Stade de Gerland, Lyon
12.12.2007	Rangers - Lyon	-	Ibrox, Glasgow
12.12.2007	Barcelona - Stuttgart	-	Camp Nou, Barcelona

Competition facts

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

Holders AC Milan will be keen to avoid becoming the first defending champions to fail to get through a group stage since the UEFA Champions League began. (This record, like the others, includes the seasons between 1999/00 and 2002/03 that featured a second group stage)

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

S.S. Lazio goalkeeper Marco Ballotta is the oldest player to compete in the UEFA Champions League, taking to the field against Werder Bremen on 24 October 2007 at the age of 43 years and 204 days. The record was previously 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.

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: Arsenal FC v SK Slavia Praha (23.10.2007)

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.

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;

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

Goals: UEFA Champions League

58 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)
139 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) 128 Clarence Seedorf (AFC Ajax, UC Sampdoria, Real Madrid CF, FC Internazionale Milano, AC Milan)
127 Karl-Heinz Rummenigge (FC Bayern München, FC Internazionale Milano, Servette FC)
122 Roberto Carlos (FC Internazionale Milano, Real Madrid CF, Fenerbahçe SK)
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)

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)
60 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.

58 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

Olympique Lyonnais

UEFA club competition milestones

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

UEFA Champions League milestones

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

UEFA club competition honours

- UEFA Intertoto Cup: 1997

Ten-year record (including current season)

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

2006/07 season

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

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

Key facts

UEFA club competition

- Pld: 139 W: 74 D: 24 L: 41 GF: 238 GA: 166

UEFA Champions League (group stage to final)

- Pld: 65 W: 33 D: 14 L: 18 GF: 111 GA: 69

European Champion Clubs' Cup/UEFA Champions League

- Pld: 69 W: 35 D: 14 L: 20 GF: 115 GA: 74

Records

UEFA club competition

- Biggest win

7-0: Olympique Lyonnais v FA Red Boys Differdange

17.09.1974, UEFA Cup first round first leg

- Biggest home win

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

- Biggest away win

0-5: MŠK Žilina v Olympique Lyonnais

05.07.1997, UEFA Intertoto Cup group stage

- Heaviest defeat

4-0: PAOK Saloniki v Olympique Lyonnais

07.11.1973, UEFA Cup Winners' Cup second round second leg

4-0: Werder Bremen v Olympique Lyonnais

07.12.1999, UEFA Cup third round second leg

- Heaviest home defeat

0-3: Olympique Lyonnais v Rangers FC

02.10.2007, UEFA Champions League group stage

2-5: Olympique Lyonnais v VfL Borussia Mönchengladbach

05.11.1974, UEFA Cup second round second leg

- Heaviest away defeat

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

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

UEFA Champions League (group stage to final only)

- Biggest win

7-2: Olympique Lyonnais v Werder Bremen

08.03.2005, UEFA Champions League first knockout round second leg

5-0: Olympique Lyonnais v AC Sparta Praha.

08.12.2004, UEFA Champions League group stage

5-0: Olympique Lyonnais v Rosenborg BK

25.09.2002, UEFA Champions League first group stage

- Biggest home win

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

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

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

- Biggest away win

0-3: FC Dynamo Kyiv v Olympique Lyonnais

17.10.2006, UEFA Champions League group stage

0-3: FC Steaua București v Olympique Lyonnais

26.09.2006, UEFA Champions League group stage

1-4: Olympiacos CFP v Olympique Lyonnais

01.11.2005, UEFA Champions League group stage

0-3: Werder Bremen v Olympique Lyonnais

08.03.2005, UEFA Champions League first knockout round first leg

- Heaviest defeat
0-3: Olympique Lyonnais v Rangers FC (see above for details)
- 3-0:** FC Barcelona v Olympique Lyonnais
19.09.2007, UEFA Champions League group stage
- Heaviest home defeat
0-3: Olympique Lyonnais v Rangers FC (see above for details)

- Heaviest away defeat
3-0: FC Barcelona v Olympique Lyonnais (see above for details)

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VfB Stuttgart

UEFA club competition milestones

- Although a long interest in UEFA club competition dating back to the 1973/74 UEFA Cup, Stuttgart have never lifted a major trophy aside from the UEFA Intertoto Cup.
- They have played in two UEFA finals – the 1988/89 UEFA Cup and the 1997/98 UEFA Cup Winners' Cup. They lost 5-4 on aggregate to SSC Napoli in the first and nine years later went down 1-0 to Chelsea FC in Stockholm.

UEFA Champions League milestones

- Stuttgart's only previous foray was in the 2003/04 season when they reached the first knockout round before losing 1-0 to Chelsea on aggregate. In the 1992/93 season they missed out on playing for a group-stage place by losing to Leeds United AFC in the first round.

UEFA club competition honours

- UEFA Intertoto Cup: 2000, 2002

Ten-year record

- 2006/07: Did not compete in UEFA club competition.
- 2005/06: UEFA Cup - Round of 32
- 2004/05: UEFA Cup - Round of 32
- 2003/04: UEFA Champions League - first knockout round
- 2002/03: UEFA Cup - fourth round (having qualified as UEFA Intertoto Cup winners)
- 2001/02: Did not compete in UEFA club competition
- 2000/01: UEFA Cup - fourth round (having qualified as UEFA Intertoto Cup winners)
- 1999/00: Did not compete in UEFA club competition
- 1998/99: UEFA Cup - second round
- 1997/98: UEFA Cup Winners' Cup - runners-up

2006/07 season

Domestic record: Stuttgart won their first Bundesliga title since 1992 by finishing two points above FC Schalke 04 and four ahead of Werder Bremen. It was the fifth championship in the club's history but a 3-2 cup final defeat by 1. FC Nürnberg meant they missed out on the double.

European record: After finishing ninth in the 2005/06 Bundesliga, the club had to sit out the next European campaign.

Key facts

UEFA club competition

- Pld: 143 W: 76 D: 24 L: 43 GF: 257 GA: 156

UEFA Champions League (group stage to final)

• Pld: 11 W: 4 D: 1 L: 6 GF: 10 GA: 13

European Champion Clubs' Cup/UEFA Champions League

• Pld: 16 W: 5 D: 3 L: 8 GF: 17 GA: 21

Records

UEFA club competition

• Biggest win

9-0: VfB Stuttgart v Olympiakos Nicosia FC

17.09.73, UEFA Cup first round first leg

• Biggest home win

9-0: VfB Stuttgart v Olympiakos Nicosia FC (see above for details)

• Biggest away win

1-6: Neuchâtel Xamax FC v VfB Stuttgart

01.07.2000, UEFA Intertoto Cup second round first leg

• Heaviest defeat

4-0: ASVS Dukla Praha v VfB Stuttgart

06.12.1978, UEFA Cup third round second leg

• Heaviest home defeat

0-2: VfB Stuttgart v Olympique Lyonnais

23.10.2007, UEFA Champions League group stage

0-2: VfB Stuttgart v FC Barcelona

02.10.2007, UEFA Champions League group stage

3-5: VfB Stuttgart v Torpedo Moskva

05.11.1986, UEFA Cup Winners' Cup second round second leg

2-4: VfB Stuttgart v KFC Germinal Ekeren

06.11.1997, UEFA Cup Winners' Cup second round second leg

1-3: VfB Stuttgart v Feyenoord

15.09.1998, UEFA Cup first round first leg

0-2: VfB Stuttgart v R. Standard de Liège

13.07.1996, UEFA Intertoto Cup group stage

0-2: VfB Stuttgart v Parma FC

24.02.2005, UEFA Cup Round of 32 second leg

0-2: VfB Stuttgart v FC Shakhtar Donetsk

03.11.2005, UEFA Cup group stage

• Heaviest away defeat

4-0: ASVS Dukla Praha v VfB Stuttgart (see above for details)

UEFA Champions League (group stage to final only)

• Biggest win

1-3: Panathinaikos FC v VfB Stuttgart

04.11.2003, UEFA Champions League group stage

2-0: VfB Stuttgart v Panathinaikos FC

22.10.2003, UEFA Champions League group stage

• Biggest home win

2-0: VfB Stuttgart v Panathinaikos FC (see above for details)

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- Biggest away win

1-3: Panathinaikos FC v VfB Stuttgart (see above for details)

- Heaviest defeat

0-2: VfB Stuttgart v Olympique Lyonnais (see above for details)

0-2: VfB Stuttgart v FC Barcelona (see above for details)

2-0: Manchester United FC v VfB Stuttgart

09.12.2003, UEFA Champions League group stage

- Heaviest home defeat

0-2: VfB Stuttgart v Olympique Lyonnais (see above for details)

0-2: VfB Stuttgart v FC Barcelona (see above for details)

- Heaviest away defeat

2-0: Manchester United FC v VfB Stuttgart (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.

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