

S.S. Lazio - Olympiacos CFP

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Match background

Second meets third in UEFA Champions League Group C at the Stadio Olimpico in a fixture which will go a long way to deciding the fate of both hosts S.S. Lazio and their visitors Olympiacos CFP.

- With two matches to play, Lazio and Olympiacos sit level on five points having each recorded one win, two draws and one defeat – not to mention identical goal differences of six scored and six conceded. There was nothing to separate them in Greece on Matchday 1 – where Luciano Zauri equalised Luciano Galletti's opener with 13 minutes remaining – and both sides know that a victory here will take them into the last 16 so long as Werder Bremen do not defeat Real Madrid CF in the section's other game.

- Lazio have not progressed to the knockout stages since 1999/00, when they made it to the quarter-finals. Since then they have suffered first-stage eliminations in 2001/02 and 2003/04.

- Olympiacos have had to wait even longer for a semblance of success in the UEFA Champions League. Since reaching the quarter-finals in 1998/99, they have failed to get past the initial group stage for eight seasons running. However, Panagiotis Lemonis's team appear to be playing with renewed belief on the continental stage after putting a 31-match winless run on their travels behind them when they triumphed at Bremen on Matchday 2.

- Olympiacos came from a goal down to win 3-1 at the Weserstadion courtesy of goals in the closing 17 minutes from Ieroklis Stoltidis, Christos Patsatzoglou and Darko Kovačević.

- They then overcame the early dismissal of Vassilis Torosidis to give Real Madrid a scare at the Santiago Bernabéu on Matchday 3 before eventually succumbing 4-2. After falling behind, goals from Galletti (seven minutes) and Júlio César (47) put Olympiacos in front before Madrid regained the advantage with three goals in the final quarter. After those encouraging away displays, Olympiacos duly earned a goalless home draw with Madrid last time out.

- Lazio revived their hopes on Matchday 4 by beating Bremen 2-1 thanks to a Tommaso Rocchi double. In doing so, Delio Rossi's charges provided the perfect response to their 2-1 loss against the Bundesliga team a fortnight earlier when Christian Manfredini's 82nd-minute effort came too late to rescue a point.

- Prior to the Bremen double-header, Lazio had drawn at Olympiacos and then held Madrid 2-2 in Rome, Goran Pandev twice finding an equaliser to Ruud van Nistelrooy goals.



- Lazio are unbeaten in six previous matches against Greek sides having recorded three wins and three draws. Their only two home games against visitors from Greece both produced victories: 3-0 against Panionios GSS in the 1998/99 UEFA Cup Winners' Cup quarter-finals and 4-0 against Skoda Xanthi FC in the 2002/03 UEFA Cup.
- Olympiacos earned a 1-1 draw against AS Roma at the Stadio Olimpico in last season's group stage, Júlio César putting the visitors in front after 19 minutes before Francesco Totti levelled for the Giallorossi after the restart. Their overall record in Italy is two wins, one draw and six defeats from nine matches.
- Olympiacos's much-travelled forward Kovačević spent the 2001/02 season on loan at Lazio from Juventus and made three UEFA Champions League appearances for the club.
- Lionel Scaloni and Luciano Galletti are not only fellow Argentinian internationals but also featured in the same Club Estudiantes de la Plata team for a short period in the late 1990s.

Match facts

Lazio

- Four Lazio players have appeared in all six UEFA Champions League games so far this season, including qualifying: **Marco Ballotta**, **Guglielmo Stendardo**, **Luciano Zauri** and **Tommaso Rocchi**.
- **Ballotta** became the oldest player to compete in the UEFA Champions League group stage when he featured against Olympiacos on Matchday 1 at the age of 43 years and 168 days. Ballotta broke the record held by former AC Milan defender Alessandro Costacurta, who played against AEK Athens FC last season at the age of 40 years and 211 days. He was aged 43 years 217 days when he featured against Bremen on Matchday 4.
- **Emilson Sánchez Cribari** will serve a one-match suspension against Olympiacos following his red card on Matchday 4 while **Massimo Mutarelli**, **Stendardo** and **Zauri** will all incur a suspension with their next booking.
- **Rocchi** has been caught offside on eleven occasions, more than any other player.
- Lazio have had eleven shots wide to date, the lowest total of the 32 sides in the group stage.
- The Italian club have also collected 12 yellow cards, more than any other club.
- A last-gasp goal from **Fabio Firmani** earned Lazio an important home win against Parma FC on Sunday. Having lost their last three Serie A fixtures, the Rome outfit looked to be heading for more disappointment as **Lionel Scaloni** and **Firmani** both rattled the woodwork in the first half. Time was running out at the end of the second when **Firmani** squeezed in a deflected effort following a **Stephen Makinwa** cross.
- Lazio coach Delio Rossi brought **Aleksandar Kolarov** in for the injured **Zauri** at left-back, though **Sebastiano Siviglia** was back after recovering from a knee problem. **Mutarelli** and **Gaby Mudingayi** were both suspended.
- After the match **Stendardo** said: "It was great to win with a last-gasp goal. It bodes well for the rest of the campaign. We have to climb the table and get back to where we belong, and this victory is very important in that sense. It is a timely boost for our confidence and morale ahead of the game against Olympiacos: we can prepare with a smile on our faces."
- The victory was only the third for Lazio in Serie A this season. Rossi's side had lost four of their previous five league outings.

- **Firmani's** effort was the tenth second-half goal Lazio have scored in Serie A this season. They have struck only twice before the interval, against AC Milan and AS Roma, and went on to lose both matches.
- **Valon Behrami** (thigh) and **Cribari** (calf) both sat the game out while **Lorenzo De Silvestri** limped off with a right knee injury after 25 minutes and was replaced by **Scaloni**.
- **Rocchi** is the only Lazio player to have appeared in all 12 Serie A games this season.
- **Firmani's** strike was his first Serie A goal in a Lazio shirt, having made 22 league appearances since joining the side in 2005. Indeed, it was only the second of his entire Serie A career, the other coming during his spell at Vicenza Calcio in 2000/01.
- "I cannot put my joy into words," **Firmani** said. "I still can't believe I scored the winner in the 90th minute. I have been thinking about our fan who died [on 11 November] and I wanted to play for him. This is the most important goal I could score, even more important than scoring in a derby. In football this is surely the best day of my life. I don't think I will ever have a day like this again in my career."
- Lazio's Serie A match at FC Internazionale Milano on 11 November was postponed after a Lazio fan was shot dead by a police officer in an incident at a motorway service station at Badia al Pino in Tuscany on the morning of the game. The match will be played on 5 December.
- All the Lazio players attended the funeral three days later. Left-back **De Silvestri** was a friend of the fan. "It's a tragedy," he said. "He sent me a text message just before leaving with his friends to come to see us play in Milan."
- **Zauri** is among the several Lazio players who used the break for international games to recover from injuries, saying: "Almost all the players in the squad are finally available and the coach will be able to field the best possible lineup. The two weeks of rest were crucial for us especially because we will play nine games in less than a month in the league, Champions League and Coppa Italia."
- Only **Stefano Mauri** is still training separately from the rest of his team-mates as he is still recovering from an injury to his left thigh but he should resume playing soon.
- On 12 November Albania striker **Igli Tare** and Lazio director **Maurizio Manzini** attended an anti-racism day organised by the Rome municipality.
- **Mudingayi** was included in the Belgium squad for the concluding UEFA EURO 2008™ Group A qualifying games against Poland and Azerbaijan on 17 and 21 November but did not appear in either match.
- **Goran Pandev** was called up by F.Y.R. Macedonia for the Group E games against Croatia and Israel but had to withdraw from the squad as he was still recovering from a thigh strain.
- **Makinwa** made two friendly appearances for Nigeria, featuring in a 1-0 defeat by Australia in London on 17 November and then a victory by the same scoreline against UEFA EURO 2008™ co-hosts Switzerland in Zurich three days later.

Olympiacos

- **Antonios Nikopolidis's** next appearance in the UEFA Champions League will be his 50th match in the competition.
- **Vassilis Torosidis** is available again having served a one-match suspension against Madrid while **Christos Patsatzoglou** and **Predrag Djordjević** are both a booking away from a ban.
- **Júlio César** and **Darko Kovačević** both celebrated birthdays on 18 November, turning 29 and 34 respectively, while **Cristián Raúl Ledesma** is 29 the day after the Madrid match, on 29 November.

- Olympiacos warmed up for their trip to Lazio by beating GAS Veria 1-0 in the ninth round of Super League fixtures on Saturday, a result that means the Piraeus club are averaging two points a game this season.
- **Kovačević** scored the only goal of the game in the 36th minute when he latched on to a left-wing cross from **Lomana LuaLua** and clipped the ball in.
- It was **Kovačević**'s seventh league goal in eight games.
- Olympiacos have won all five of their home top-flight fixtures but are yet to win away (three draws and one defeat).
- **Ieroklis Stolidis**, **Luciano Galletti**, **LuaLua** and **Nikopolidis** have appeared in all nine Super League fixtures this term but only Nikopolidis has played all 810 minutes.
- Coach **Panagiotis Lemonis** said: "We lacked rhythm and our attacking play wasn't fluent. My players were obviously thinking about the Lazio match. However, it's a significant victory because it allows us to focus on Lazio. We still have absences which affect our plans. Wednesday's game is extremely important for us."
- **Kovačević** and **Paraskevas Antzas** returned from injuries to feature against Veria, while **Vassilis Torosidis** played after recovering from the bout of flu which prevented him from travelling to Hungary with Greece in midweek. **Lefteris Matsoukas** (shin) is also available again.
- **Raúl Bravo** continues to struggle with an achilles injury. **Lemonis** said: "He's lost some ground preparation-wise and is unlikely to play on Wednesday."
- Another left-back, **Didier Domi**, has been ruled out for three weeks after damaging his thigh on his return from a similar injury. The Frenchman last played against Werder Bremen on 3 October.
- **Ledesma** was rested on Saturday after suffering a pain in his right thigh during training.
- **Marko Né** is following a programme put in place by the club's medical staff as he recovers from a knee injury.
- **Nikopolidis** and AEK Athens FC striker Nikolaos Liberopoulos (75) have played more UEFA club competition matches than any other Greek player. AEK meet ACF Fiorentina in the UEFA Cup on Thursday.
- Olympiacos slipped to their first defeat of the Hellenic Super League season on 10 November, going down 1-0 at Asteras Tripolis FC. The only goal came in the 34th minute, Lucio Filomeno intercepting a misjudged back-pass from **Djordjević** to beat **Nikopolidis**. The margin of defeat might have been even worse for Olympiacos as Nikopolidis brought down Danijel Cesarek in the penalty area in the 64th minute, but Rogerio Gonçalves Martins sent the spot-kick wide.
- Coach **Lemonis** was without **Antzas**, **Kovačević**, **Ledesma**, **Raúl Bravo**, **Domi** and **Né**, as well as **Júlio César** (thigh), **Matsoukas** (fibula) and **Tomislav Butina** (shoulder) for the trip to Tripolis. He therefore took a squad of just 18 players, including youth-team regulars **Giannoulis Fakinos**, **Georgios Katsikoyannis** and **Konstantinos Lambropoulos**.
- "We had many players injured, we were tired and the pitch was in a bad condition, but all that cannot excuse our performance," said **Michał Żewłakow**. "We should have played better. Underestimating our opponents was a huge mistake."
- The defeat was the first for Olympiacos in the league since a 1-0 loss against Panathinaikos FC on 4 March. The result means they are still yet to win away in the league this season, recording three draws and a defeat to date.

- **Júlio César** will miss Matchday 5 and 6 having strained his right thigh against Madrid on Matchday 4. The injury will keep the central defender on the sidelines until early 2008.
- **Né** has travelled to Belgium to have further tests on a knee injury and is also expected to be out of action for another two months. He has not played since 29 September.
- The 15-year old central defender **Kyriakos Papadopoulos** has returned to action after recovering from his own knee injury, playing with the youth team on 14 November against Panionios GSS.
- **Rodrigo Javier Archubi** believes Olympiacos have all to play for in their last two games, saying: "The two remaining matches are like finals to us. We have to remain calm and do our best."
- **Galletti** added: "We all wanted to defeat Madrid to get closer to qualification, but even one point is valuable – it was a good result for us. The match in Rome against Lazio will determine our situation in the group. We know things won't be easy but we will give it all we've got to go to the last match with our qualification hopes intact."
- **Nikopolidis**, **Torosidis** and **Patsatzoglou** were all in the starting lineup as Greece – who had already confirmed their place at UEFA EURO 2008™ – enjoyed a 5-0 home win against Malta on 17 November. Torosidis had to be replaced early in the second half due to a fever, which kept him out of the trip to Budapest to play Hungary four days later.
- Greece recorded their tenth victory in 12 qualifying games against Hungary, running out 2-1 winners. **Patsatzoglou** again played 90 minutes while **Nikopolidis** came on as a half-time substitute.
- In qualifying Group D, **Michalis Konstantinou** started for Cyprus in their 4-0 defeat by Germany in Hannover, coming off midway through the second half, before playing 90 minutes in the 2-0 home loss to the Czech Republic that followed.
- Poland's **Żewłakow** enjoyed better fortune, helping his country reach the UEFA European Championship for the first time with a 2-0 defeat of Belgium on 17 November. Four days later he came on as a late substitute as Poland drew 2-2 in Serbia to secure first place in Group A.
- In UEFA European Under-21 Championship qualifying, **Konstantinos Mitroglou** came on as a substitute as Greece lost 4-3 at home to Croatia in Athens in Group 1. He enjoyed better fortune on 21 November, scoring the decisive goal in a 2-1 home win against Albania, when **Leonidas Panagopoulos** – an unused substitute against Croatia – played 90 minutes in goal.
- **Anastasios Pantos** and **LuaLua** took part in a charity match involving teams led by Zinedine Zidane and Ronaldo in Malaga on 19 November. The match finished 2-2.

Squad list

Lazio

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	Nestor Fernando Muslera	URU	16.06.1986	21	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-
32	Marco Ballotta	ITA	03.04.1964	43	-	2	-	4	-	7	-	8	-	21	-
42	Umberto Previtì	ITA	20.03.1990	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders															
2	Guglielmo Stendardo	ITA	06.05.1981	26	*	2	-	4	-	9	-	4	-	6	-
3	Aleksandar Kolarov	SRB	10.11.1985	22	-	1	-	1	-	4	1	1	-	4	-
6	Lionel Scaloni	ARG	16.05.1978	29	-	2	-	3	-	7	-	52	2	69	2
8	Luciano Zauri	ITA	20.01.1978	29	*	2	-	4	1	9	-	7	1	16	1
13	Sebastiano Siviglia	ITA	29.03.1973	34	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	5	-
16	Alessandro Tuia	ITA	08.06.1990	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25	Emílson Sánchez Cribari	BRA	06.03.1980	27	S	2	-	3	-	10	-	3	-	11	-
29	Lorenzo De Silvestri	ITA	23.05.1988	19	-	2	-	2	-	7	-	2	-	6	-
43	Alessio Luciani	ITA	18.01.1990	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
44	Emanuele De Rosa	ITA	30.05.1989	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45	Marco Sperati	ITA	05.06.1989	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
46	Valerio Rota	ITA	10.04.1989	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
86	Simone Sannibale	ITA	10.03.1986	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
Midfielders															
4	Fabio Firmani	ITA	26.05.1978	29	-	-	-	-	-	4	1	-	-	10	1
5	Massimo Mutarelli	ITA	13.01.1978	29	*	1	1	4	-	11	1	4	-	13	1
10	Roberto Baronio	ITA	11.12.1977	29	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	7	1	23	1
11	Stefano Mauri	ITA	08.01.1980	27	-	1	-	2	-	6	1	7	-	12	-
23	Mourad Meghni	FRA	16.04.1984	23	-	-	-	2	-	7	-	2	-	5	-
24	Cristián Ledesma	ARG	24.09.1982	25	-	2	-	3	-	9	1	3	-	5	-
26	Gaby Mudingayi	BEL	01.10.1981	26	-	1	-	4	-	10	-	4	-	9	-
40	Fabio Casini	ITA	28.12.1988	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
41	Alessandro Corvesi	ITA	27.08.1988	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
47	Gianluca Capolei	ITA	29.11.1989	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
48	Paolo Troisi	ITA	07.10.1989	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
49	Antonio Cinelli	ITA	08.12.1989	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
50	Luca Valentini	ITA	28.12.1989	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
51	Fabio Kerkeni	ITA	14.04.1989	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
52	Rodolfo Pisa Di Monterosa	ITA	04.04.1989	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
53	Francesco Mancini	ITA	21.06.1990	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
68	Christian Manfredini	ITA	01.05.1975	32	-	1	-	3	1	9	-	3	1	18	2
85	Valon Behrami	SUI	19.04.1985	22	-	1	-	3	-	7	-	3	-	4	-
Forwards															
17	Igli Tare	ALB	25.07.1973	34	-	1	-	1	-	4	-	1	-	13	2
18	Tommaso Rocchi	ITA	19.09.1977	30	-	2	2	4	2	12	4	4	2	14	7
19	Goran Pandev	MKD	27.07.1983	24	-	2	1	3	2	10	3	3	2	12	4
20	Stephen Makinwa	NGA	26.07.1983	24	-	-	-	3	-	10	-	3	-	11	3
54	Ettore Mendicino	ITA	11.02.1990	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55	Luca Camilluzzi	ITA	04.01.1988	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
56	Jacopo Sciamamma	ITA	24.05.1990	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
57	Francesco Costantini	ITA	01.03.1989	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
81	Simone Del Nero	ITA	04.08.1981	26	-	2	-	3	-	2	-	3	-	13	2
Coach															
-	Delio Rossi	ITA	26.01.1960	47	-	2	-	4	-	-	-	4	-	10	-

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Olympiacos

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	Leonidas Panagopoulos	GRE	03.01.1987	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
71	Antonios Nikopolidis	GRE	14.01.1971	36	-	-	-	4	-	9	-	49	-	76	-
87	Michalis Sifakis	GRE	09.09.1984	23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders															
2	Christos Patsatzoglou	GRE	19.03.1979	28	*	-	-	4	1	8	-	24	1	26	1
3	Didier Domi	FRA	02.05.1978	29	-	-	-	2	-	3	-	11	-	32	-
5	Júlio César	BRA	18.11.1978	29	-	-	-	3	1	5	2	9	2	9	2
14	Michał Żewłakow	POL	22.04.1976	31	-	-	-	3	-	7	-	22	-	38	-
15	Raúl Bravo	ESP	14.04.1981	26	-	-	-	3	-	5	-	26	-	26	-
18	Paraskevas Antzas	GRE	18.08.1976	31	-	-	-	3	-	6	-	21	1	26	1
30	Anastasios Pantos	GRE	05.05.1976	31	-	-	-	2	-	2	-	19	-	22	-
35	Vassilis Torosidis	GRE	10.06.1985	22	-	-	-	3	-	8	1	3	-	6	-
92	Kyriakos Papadopoulos	GRE	23.02.1992	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Midfielders															
6	Ieroklis Stolidis	GRE	02.02.1975	32	-	-	-	4	1	9	1	27	4	43	6
8	Rodrigo Javier Archubi	ARG	06.06.1985	22	-	-	-	1	-	3	-	1	-	1	-
11	Predrag Djordjević	SRB	04.08.1972	35	*	-	-	4	-	8	2	59	9	73	14
16	Marko Né	CIV	17.07.1983	24	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	8	2
19	Konstantinos Mendrinou	GRE	28.05.1985	22	-	-	-	1	-	3	-	1	-	1	-
22	Konstantinos Mitroglou	GRE	12.03.1988	19	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-
28	Cristián Raúl Ledesma	ARG	29.11.1978	28	-	-	-	3	-	5	-	3	-	3	-
Forwards															
7	Luciano Galletti	ARG	09.04.1980	27	-	-	-	4	2	9	2	4	2	16	4
9	Darko Kovačević	SRB	18.11.1973	34	-	-	-	4	1	8	7	18	4	40	23
10	Leonel Núñez	ARG	13.10.1984	23	-	-	-	1	-	5	-	1	-	1	-
20	Lefteris Matsoukas	GRE	07.03.1990	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
23	Michalis Konstantinou	CYP	19.02.1978	29	-	-	-	1	-	5	-	35	11	53	16
32	Lomana LuaLua	COD	28.12.1980	26	-	-	-	4	-	9	3	11	1	21	4
Coach															
-	Panagiotis Lemonis	GRE	13.01.1960	47	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	13	-	15	-

Head coach

S.S. Lazio: Delio Rossi

Date of birth: 26 November 1960

Nationality: Italian

Playing career: AC Cattolica, US Foggia, Vis Pesaro, Calcio Fidelis Andria.

Coaching career: Salernitana Sport, US Foggia, Pescara Calcio, Genoa CFC, US Lecce, Atalanta BC, S.S. Lazio

Delio Rossi was a midfielder who spent most of his playing days at US Foggia in Serie C1 with two Serie B campaigns between 1981 and 1983 the highlights of his playing career. However, he has gone much higher as a coach. In his first post he led Salernitana Sport from Serie C1 to Serie B in 1993/94 and just missed promotion to Serie A the following term. After brief spells at Foggia and Pescara Calcio, Rossi – a sports science honours graduate – returned to Salernitana in 1997 and immediately led the southern team to Serie A for the first time as champions.

Sacked by Salernitana the following March, he returned to the top flight during 2001/02 with US Lecce after working at Genoa CFC and Pescara in Serie B. Rossi failed to help Lecce avoid relegation but immediately won his second promotion to Serie A. After leading Lecce to tenth place he was replaced by Zdeněk Zeman but it did not take long for Rossi to return to Serie A as he was appointed by struggling Atalanta BC. He inspired a drastic improvement and Atalanta nearly avoided the drop, succumbing only on the last day of the season.

It was enough to catch the eye of Lazio president Claudio Lotito, and he replaced Giuseppe Papadopulo in summer 2005. The coach wasted no time in repaying Lotito's faith and immediately reached the UEFA Intertoto Cup final on his European debut. Last season a top-three position earned a UEFA Champions League qualifying spot, though his side were run close by FC Dinamo Bucureşti before making the group stage.

Olympiacos CFP: Panagiotis Lemonis

Date of birth: 13 January 1960

Nationality: Greek

Playing career: APO Attikos, Olympiacos CFP, Levadiakos FC, Ionikos FC, Panionios NFC, Ethnikos Piraeus FC

Coaching career: Asteras Zografou, Olympiacos CFP, APOEL FC, Kallithea FC, Levadiakos FC, Skoda Xanthi FC, Olympiacos

Panagiotis Lemonis began his playing career as a midfielder at local Athens club APO Attikos before moving to capital giants Olympiacos CFP, where he stayed from 1979 until 1987. He won league titles in his first four seasons with the club and again in his farewell campaign prior to spells at Levadiakos FC, Panionios NFC, Ionikos FC and Ethnikos Piraeus FC. He also won two senior caps for Greece.

He studied coaching in England and took over lowly Asteras Zografou in 1996. In 2000 he was appointed assistant coach at Olympiacos and took sole charge in November of the same year after the dismissal of Ioannis Matzourakis. They won the Greek league that year and again the next season but Lemonis was sacked in October 2002 because of disappointing UEFA Champions League performances, notably the 3-0 defeat by Maccabi Haifa FC in Cyprus.

It was to that island that he returned to coaching in 2003 with APOEL FC, before spells back in Greece with Kallithea FC and in 2005/06 with Levadiakos FC. In September 2006 he was appointed head coach of Skoda Xanthi FC, once again taking over from Matzourakis, but resigned suddenly in December 2006 to return to Olympiacos. Last season Lemonis, who is under contract until summer 2009, helped the club to their tenth league title in eleven seasons.

Match officials

Referee	Howard Webb (ENG)
Assistant referees	Darren Cann (ENG), Michael Mullarkey (ENG)
Fourth official	Martin Atkinson (ENG)
UEFA Delegate	Robert Sterckx (BEL)
UEFA Referee observer	Horst Brummeier (AUT)

Referee

Name	Nat.	DoB	UCL	UEFA
Howard Webb	ENG	14.07.1971	3	13

Howard Webb has made tremendous progress in his native England in recent years and is now establishing himself at the pinnacle of the European game. His appointment on Matchday 2 of the 2006/07 campaign was his first taste of the UEFA Champions League proper, and was just reward for a tremendous summer which saw the Yorkshireman put in some controlled performances at the UEFA European Under-21 Championship in Portugal.

A part-time police officer who enjoys keeping fit, he already has a long career trajectory behind him, having been inspired to pick up the whistle by his father at the age of 18. For all the strides he has made, however, Webb wishes his track to the top had been a little faster. He said: "I started in 1989, was on the Football League list in 2000 and the Premier League in 2003. I reached the FIFA list aged 33 and there were guys there who were 25."

Nonetheless, he already has numerous high-profile appointments to look back on. The married father of three took charge of the 2005 FA Community Shield between Chelsea FC and Arsenal FC in Cardiff, and that November was in the middle for his first senior international as Northern Ireland and Portugal drew 1-1. He then built on his U21 experience by overseeing Olympique de Marseille's progress from the UEFA Intertoto Cup at the expense of FC Dnipro Dnipropetrovsk and the Netherlands' 3-0 UEFA EURO 2008™ qualifying victory against Belarus in September. His domestic highlight is the English League Cup final in February 2007, which Chelsea FC won 2-1 against Arsenal FC in Cardiff.

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

No matches found

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

Date	Comp.	Stage		Res.	Venue
29.09.2005	UCUP	R1	UC Sampdoria - Vitória FC	1-0	Genoa
26.05.2006	U21	GS - FT	Italy - Ukraine	1-0	Agueda
12.09.2007	EURO	QR	Ukraine - Italy	1-2	Kiev

Domestic information

S.S. Lazio (Serie A)

Comp.	Date	Opponent	Res.	Goalscorers
League	25/08/07	Torino FC (H)	2-2	Pandev 56, Rocchi 60
League	02/09/07	UC Sampdoria (A)	0-0	
League	15/09/07	Empoli FC (H)	0-0	
League	23/09/07	Atalanta BC (A)	1-2	Mutarelli 69
League	26/09/07	Cagliari Calcio (H)	3-1	Rocchi 48, 84, Pandev 59
League	30/09/07	Reggina Calcio (A)	1-1	Kolarov 62
League	07/10/07	AC Milan (H)	1-5	Mauri 22
League	21/10/07	AS Livorno Calcio (A)	1-0	Pandev 45
League	28/10/07	Udinese Calcio (H)	0-1	
League	31/10/07	AS Roma (A)	2-3	Rocchi 12, Ledesma 69
Lineups: Ballotta, Stendardo (Makinwa 84), Zauri, Cribari, De Silvestri, Mutarelli, Ledesma, Mudingayi (Firmani 68), Manfredini (Meghni 46), Rocchi, Pandev				
League	03/11/07	ACF Fiorentina (H)	0-1	
Lineups: Ballotta, Stendardo, Scaloni, Zauri, Cribari, Firmani (Mudingayi 68), Mutarelli, Ledesma, Manfredini (Meghni 46), Rocchi, Makinwa (Tare 71)				
League	25/11/07	Parma FC (H)	1-0	Firmani 90
Lineups: Ballotta, Stendardo, Siviglia, Kolarov, Firmani, De Silvestri (Scaloni 25), Ledesma, Meghni (Mauri 60), Manfredini, Rocchi, Pandev (Makinwa 70)				
League	02/12/07	AC Siena (A)		
League	05/12/07	FC Internazionale Milano (A)		
League	08/12/07	Calcio Catania (H)		
League	15/12/07	Juventus (H)		
League	23/12/07	US Città di Palermo (A)		
League	13/01/08	Genoa Cricket and Football Club (H)		
League	20/01/08	SSC Napoli (A)		
League	27/01/08	Torino FC (A)		
League	03/02/08	UC Sampdoria (H)		
League	10/02/08	Empoli FC (A)		
League	17/02/08	Atalanta BC (H)		
League	24/02/08	Cagliari Calcio (A)		
League	27/02/08	Reggina Calcio (H)		
League	02/03/08	AC Milan (A)		
League	09/03/08	AS Livorno Calcio (H)		
League	16/03/08	Udinese Calcio (A)		
League	19/03/08	AS Roma (H)		
League	22/03/08	ACF Fiorentina (A)		
League	30/03/08	FC Internazionale Milano (H)		
League	06/04/08	Parma FC (A)		

S.S. Lazio - Olympiacos CFP

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Pos.	Clubs	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1	FC Internazionale Milano	12	8	4	0	24	8	28
2	Juventus	13	7	4	2	29	13	25
3	AS Roma	12	7	4	1	26	16	25
4	Udinese Calcio	13	7	4	2	16	13	25
5	ACF Fiorentina	13	6	6	1	19	9	24
6	SSC Napoli	13	5	3	5	21	15	18
7	Atalanta BC	12	4	6	2	16	15	18
8	US Città di Palermo	13	4	6	3	17	21	18
9	AC Milan	12	4	5	3	20	10	17
10	UC Sampdoria	13	5	2	6	15	17	17
11	Calcio Catania	13	3	6	4	11	13	15
12	Torino FC	13	2	8	3	13	14	14
13	Genoa Cricket and Football Club	13	3	5	5	12	18	14
14	S.S. Lazio	12	3	4	5	12	16	13
15	Parma FC	13	2	6	5	15	22	12
16	AS Livorno Calcio	13	3	3	7	17	25	12
17	Reggina Calcio	13	1	7	5	9	18	10
18	Empoli FC	13	2	4	7	7	19	10
19	AC Siena	13	1	6	6	12	20	9
20	Cagliari Calcio	12	2	3	7	11	20	9

Olympiacos CFP (Ethniki Kategorija)

Comp.	Date	Opponent	Res.	Goalscorers
League	02/09/07	Panathinaikos FC (A)	0-0	
League	23/09/07	OFI Crete FC (H)	6-2	Júlio César 5, LuaLua 20, 39, Kovačević 25, 43, P. Djordjević 74
League	29/09/07	Aris Thessaloniki FC (A)	1-1	Galletti 39
League	06/10/07	Apollon Kalamarias FC (H)	1-0	Kovačević 44
League	20/10/07	Panionios GSS (H)	4-1	LuaLua 6, Kovačević 64, Stoltidis 74, Galletti 81 (pen)
League	28/10/07	Ergotelis FC (A)	3-3	Júlio César 38, Kovačević 43, P. Djordjević 59 (pen)
League	03/11/07	PAOK FC (H)	2-1	Torosidis 52, Kovačević 67
Lineups: Nikopolidis, Żewłakow, Júlio César, Raúl Bravo, Torosidis, Stoltidis, Galletti, P. Djordjević, Ledesma (Patsatzoglou 22), LuaLua (M Konstantinou 57), Kovačević (Mitroglou 78)				
League	10/11/07	Asteras Tripolis FC (A)	0-1	
Lineups: Nikopolidis, Patsatzoglou, Żewłakow (Núñez 83), Torosidis, Pantos, Archubi (Mendrinou 53), Stoltidis, P. Djordjević, Galletti, LuaLua (Mitroglou 46), M Konstantinou				
League	24/11/07	GAS Veria (H)	1-0	Kovačević 36
Lineups: Nikopolidis, Patsatzoglou, Żewłakow, Torosidis, Pantos, Antzas (Mendrinou 62), P. Djordjević, Stoltidis, Galletti (Archubi 70), Kovačević (M Konstantinou 87), LuaLua				
League	02/12/07	Atromitos FC (A)		
League	08/12/07	Levadiakos FC (H)		
League	16/12/07	AEK Athens FC (H)		
League	23/12/07	Larissa FC (A)		
League	29/12/07	Skoda Xanthi FC (H)		
League	06/01/08	Panathinaikos FC (H)		
League	13/01/08	OFI Crete FC (A)		
League	20/01/08	Aris Thessaloniki FC (H)		
League	27/01/08	Apollon Kalamarias FC (A)		
League	03/02/08	Panionios GSS (A)		
League	10/02/08	Ergotelis FC (H)		
League	17/02/08	PAOK FC (A)		
League	24/02/08	Asteras Tripolis FC (H)		
League	02/03/08	GAS Veria (A)		
League	09/03/08	Atromitos FC (H)		
League	16/03/08	Levadiakos FC (A)		
League	23/03/08	AEK Athens FC (A)		
League	30/03/08	Larissa FC (H)		
League	06/04/08	Skoda Xanthi FC (A)		
League	13/04/08	Iraklis FC (H)		

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1	AEK Athens FC	9	7	0	2	18	4	21
2	Panathinaikos FC	9	6	2	1	17	4	20
3	Olympiacos CFP	9	5	3	1	18	9	18
4	Aris Thessaloniki FC	9	4	4	1	8	5	16
5	Atromitos FC	9	5	1	3	10	8	16
6	Asteras Tripolis FC	9	4	3	2	10	5	15
7	Panionios GSS	9	4	2	3	13	14	14
8	PAOK FC	9	4	1	4	15	12	13
9	Iraklis FC	9	3	4	2	9	8	13
10	Levadiakos FC	9	3	1	5	10	18	10
11	Larissa FC	9	1	5	3	9	13	8
12	Skoda Xanthi FC	9	2	2	5	7	11	8
13	Apollon Kalamarias FC	9	2	2	5	9	15	8
14	OFI Crete FC	9	2	1	6	13	23	7
15	GAS Veria	9	1	3	5	5	11	6
16	Ergotelis FC	9	1	2	6	7	18	5

UEFA information

Club licensing

UEFA has produced a report looking back over four years of its European club licensing scheme. The report, entitled *Here to Stay – Club Licensing*, is designed to provide a clear picture of what the club licensing system is, what it is not and how it functions. It is structured into five chapters – including, among other things, the scheme's main characteristics, the roles of the member associations and their leagues as the licence granters, and of the club as the licence applicants, UEFA's role, and the licensing decisions taken over the first four years.

The club licensing system is based on a series of defined quality standards (covering the areas of sporting, infrastructure, personnel, administration, legal and financial matters) which must be fulfilled in order for a club to be admitted to any UEFA competition. The same minimum criteria apply to all clubs and national associations. The system represents a significant step forward in improving transparency and governance of clubs and demonstrates that football can govern itself.

Executive Committee meeting

The Swiss city of Lucerne will host the next meeting of the UEFA Executive Committee on Friday 30 November and Saturday 1 December, as part of an exciting weekend for football enthusiasts. With the UEFA EURO 2008™ draw taking place at the Congress Centre in Lucerne on 2 December from 12.00CET, the Executive Committee, chaired by UEFA President Michel Platini, will gather two days earlier to discuss a wide variety of European football issues.

A decision on the format of the UEFA club competitions for the period between 2009 and 2012 is a key item on the Executive Committee agenda. Other items on the programme are the designation of the host association for the UEFA Congresses in 2009 and 2010; the hosts for the UEFA European Futsal Championship of 2009; the hosts for the UEFA European Under-21 Futsal Championship of 2008; and the hosts for the UEFA Futsal Cup finals in 2008.

Safety conference

UEFA and the European Union are organising an international conference on 28 and 29 November in Brussels, which will look at ways to improve safety and security at sporting events. UEFA General Secretary David Taylor will open the conference together with the European Commissioner for Sport, Ján Figel, while Michel Platini, UEFA President, and Franco Frattini, Vice-President of the European Commission, will hold a joint press conference on the second day to announce their plans. UEFA works closely with the EU's Football Safety and Security Experts Group, which includes experts from interior ministries, National Football Information Points and police representatives. The conference will consider ways of bolstering the partnership between UEFA, governments and police in terms of implementing the EU group's work.

"Developing effective partnerships has enabled some countries in Europe to make huge progress in the last ten years or more," said William Gaillard, UEFA director of communications and public affairs. "They have brought together the key elements of a successful strategy: fence-free, comfortable stadiums where the club itself takes responsibility for safety in the ground, and where trained stewards look after the fans. The police have a low profile. At the same time, tough judicial measures and effective intelligence-sharing ensure the exclusion of troublemakers and prevent the violent minority from travelling to games. The result is that the game of football takes centre stage."

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, although Group D concludes on 4 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 C

Club	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Real Madrid CF	4	2	2	0	8	5	8
S.S. Lazio	4	1	2	1	6	6	5
Olympiacos CFP	4	1	2	1	6	6	5
Werder Bremen	4	1	0	3	5	8	3

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
18.09.2007	Real Madrid - Bremen	2-1	Santiago Bernabéu Stadium, Madrid
Goals: 1-0 Raúl 16 , 1-1 Sanogo 17 , 2-1 Van Nistelrooy 74			
18.09.2007	Olympiacos - Lazio	1-1	Georgios Karaiskakis Stadium, Athens
Goals: 1-0 Galletti 55 , 1-1 Zauri 77			
Olympiacos: Nikopolidis, Patsatzoglou (Kovačević 80), Domi, Stoltidis, Galletti, P. Djordjević, Żewłakow, Antzas, Ledesma, LuaLua, Torosidis			
Lazio: Ballotta, Stendardo, Zauri, Mauri (Mutarelli 61), Rocchi, Pandev, Ledesma, Cribari, Mudingayi, De Silvestri (Scaloni 81), Manfredini (Del Nero 70)			
03.10.2007	Lazio - Real Madrid	2-2	Stadio Olimpico, Rome
Goals: 0-1 Van Nistelrooy 8 , 1-1 Pandev 32 , 1-2 Van Nistelrooy 61 , 2-2 Pandev 75			
Lazio: Ballotta, Stendardo, Mutarelli, Zauri, Mauri (Del Nero 79), Rocchi (Makinwa 66), Pandev, Ledesma, Cribari, Mudingayi, Behrami (Scaloni 67)			
03.10.2007	Bremen - Olympiacos	1-3	Weserstadion, Bremen
Goals: 1-0 Hugo Almeida 32 , 1-1 Stoltidis 73 , 1-2 Patsatzoglou 82 , 1-3 Kovačević 87			
Olympiacos: Nikopolidis, Patsatzoglou, Domi (Júlio César 19), Stoltidis, Galletti (Kovačević 72), P. Djordjević, Raúl Bravo, Antzas, Ledesma, LuaLua, Torosidis (Pantos 86)			
24.10.2007	Bremen - Lazio	2-1	Weserstadion, Bremen
Goals: 1-0 Sanogo 28 , 2-0 Hugo Almeida 54 , 2-1 Manfredini 82			
Lazio: Ballotta, Stendardo, Kolarov, Mutarelli, Zauri, Rocchi (Tare 82), Pandev (Makinwa 69), Meghni (Del Nero 51), Mudingayi, Manfredini, Behrami			
24.10.2007	Real Madrid - Olympiacos	4-2	Santiago Bernabéu Stadium, Madrid
Goals: 1-0 Raúl 2 , 1-1 Galletti 7 , 1-2 Júlio César 47 , 2-2 Robinho 68 , 3-2 Robinho 83 , 4-2 Balboa 90+3			
Olympiacos: Nikopolidis, Patsatzoglou, Júlio César, Stoltidis, Galletti, P. Djordjević, Raúl Bravo (Żewłakow 75), Antzas, Ledesma (Núñez 86), LuaLua (Kovačević 72), Torosidis			
06.11.2007	Lazio - Bremen	2-1	Stadio Olimpico, Rome
Goals: 1-0 Rocchi 57 , 2-0 Rocchi 68 , 2-1 Diego 88			
Lazio: Ballotta, Stendardo, Mutarelli, Zauri (De Silvestri 18), Rocchi, Makinwa (Scaloni 87), Meghni (Manfredini 74), Ledesma, Cribari, Mudingayi, Behrami			
06.11.2007	Olympiacos - Real Madrid	0-0	Georgios Karaiskakis Stadium, Athens
Goals: -			
Olympiacos: Nikopolidis, Patsatzoglou, Júlio César (Mendrinou 74), Stoltidis, Galletti, Kovačević (M Konstantinou 80), P. Djordjević, Żewłakow, Raúl Bravo (Archubi 53), Pantos, LuaLua			
28.11.2007	Bremen - Real Madrid	-	Weserstadion, Bremen
28.11.2007	Lazio - Olympiacos	-	Stadio Olimpico, Rome
11.12.2007	Real Madrid - Lazio	-	Santiago Bernabéu Stadium, Madrid
11.12.2007	Olympiacos - Bremen	-	Georgios Karaiskakis Stadium, Athens

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 became the oldest player to compete in the UEFA Champions League when he featured against Olympiacos on Matchday 1 at the age of 43 years and 168 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. Ballotta was aged 43 years 217 days when he featured against Werder Bremen on Matchday 4. 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 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

- 8-0:** Liverpool FC v Beşiktaş JK (06.11.2007)
- 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;

112 Raúl González (Real Madrid CF)
111 Roberto Carlos (Real Madrid CF, Fenerbahçe SK)
106 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)
98 Clarence Seedorf (AFC Ajax, Real Madrid CF, AC Milan)
97 Paul Scholes (Manchester United FC)
91 Andriy Shevchenko (FC Dynamo Kyiv, AC Milan, Chelsea FC)
89 Thierry Henry (AS Monaco FC, Arsenal FC, FC Barcelona)
87 Claude Makelele (FC Nantes Atlantique, Real Madrid CF, Chelsea FC)
87 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)
44 Thierry Henry (AS Monaco FC, Arsenal FC, FC Barcelona)
41 Filippo Inzaghi (Juventus, AC Milan)
37 Alessandro Del Piero (Juventus)

Appearances: UEFA club competition

169 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)
129 Clarence Seedorf (AFC Ajax, UC Sampdoria, Real Madrid CF, FC Internazionale Milano, AC Milan)
127 Karl-Heinz Rummernigge (FC Bayern München, FC Internazionale Milano, Servette FC)
123 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)
62 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)
52 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)
45 Filippo Inzaghi (Juventus, AC Milan)
44 Thierry Henry (AS Monaco FC, Arsenal FC, FC Barcelona)

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Team facts

S.S. Lazio

UEFA club competition milestones

• Winners of the last UEFA Cup Winners' Cup in 1998/99 with a 2-1 victory against RCD Mallorca in Birmingham, Lazio have yet to taste victory in Europe's premier club competition. They also lost 3-0 to FC Internazionale Milano in the 1997/98 UEFA Cup final.

UEFA Champions League milestones

• Lazio reached the quarter-finals in their first campaign in 1999/00 before going to the semi-finals in the next season.

UEFA club competition honours

- UEFA Cup Winners' Cup: 1998/99
- UEFA Super Cup: 1999

Ten-year record

2006/07: Did not compete in UEFA club competition
2005/06: Did not compete in UEFA club competition
2004/05: UEFA Cup - group stage
2003/04: UEFA Champions League - group stage
2002/03: UEFA Cup - semi-finals
2001/02: UEFA Champions League - first group stage
2000/01: UEFA Champions League - semi-finals
1999/00: UEFA Champions League - quarter-finals
1998/99: UEFA Cup Winners' Cup - winners
1997/98: UEFA Cup - runners-up

2006/07 season

Domestic record: Lazio finished third in Serie A to earn a place in the UEFA Champions League third qualifying round. Although they began the season with a three-point deficit as a result of the Italian sporting fraud tribunal, they finished 13 points behind city rivals AS Roma and another 22 adrift of champions FC Internazionale Milano.

European record: Having finished 16th in Serie A in 2005/06, three points above the relegation zone after a 30-point deduction because of the Italian sporting fraud tribunal, Lazio did not take part in UEFA club competition.

Key facts

UEFA club competition

Pld: 123 W: 59 D: 32 L: 32 GF: 191 GA: 135

UEFA Champions League (group stage to final)

Pld: 42 W: 17 D: 11 L: 14 GF: 64 GA: 50

European Champion Clubs' Cup/UEFA Champions League

Pld: 48 W: 21 D: 12 L: 15 GF: 77 GA: 56

Records

UEFA club competition

- Biggest win

5-0: S.S. Lazio v Boavista FC
28.09.1977, UEFA Cup first round second leg

5-0: S.S. Lazio v AC Omonia
12.09.1995, UEFA Cup first round first leg

S.S. Lazio - Olympiacos CFP

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Stadio Olimpico, Rome

- Biggest home win

5-0: S.S. Lazio v Boavista FC (see above for details)

5-0: S.S. Lazio v AC Omonia (see above for details)

- Biggest away win

0-4: Vitória Guimarães v S.S. Lazio

16.09.1997, UEFA Cup first round first leg

0-4: Panionios GC v S.S. Lazio

04.03.1999, UEFA Cup Winners' Cup quarter-final second leg

0-4: NK Maribor v S.S. Lazio

19.10.1999, UEFA Champions League first group stage

- Heaviest defeat

6-0: RC Lens v S.S. Lazio

02.11.1977, UEFA Cup second round second leg

- Heaviest home defeat

0-4: S.S. Lazio v Chelsea FC

04.11.2003, UEFA Champions League group stage

- Heaviest away defeat

6-0: RC Lens v S.S. Lazio (see above for details)

UEFA Champions League (group stage to final only)

- Biggest win

5-1: S.S. Lazio v Olympique de Marseille

14.03.2000, UEFA Champions League second group stage

5-1: S.S. Lazio v FC Shakhtar Donetsk

25.10.2000, UEFA Champions League first group stage

4-0: S.S. Lazio v NK Maribor

29.09.1999, UEFA Champions League first group stage

0-4: NK Maribor v S.S. Lazio (see above for details)

- Biggest home win

5-1: S.S. Lazio v Olympique de Marseille (see above for details)

5-1: S.S. Lazio v FC Shakhtar Donetsk (see above for details)

4-0: S.S. Lazio v NK Maribor (see above for details)

- Biggest away win

0-4: NK Maribor v S.S. Lazio (see above for details)

- Heaviest defeat

0-4: S.S. Lazio v Chelsea FC (see above for details)

- Heaviest home defeat

0-4: S.S. Lazio v Chelsea FC (see above for details)

- Heaviest away defeat

5-2: Valencia CF v S.S. Lazio

05.04.2000, UEFA Champions League quarter-final first leg

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Olympiacos CFP

UEFA club competition milestones

- No club from Greece has yet won a major European prize with Olympiacos still to reach the last four of either the European Champion Clubs' Cup or UEFA Cup.

- Their joint best individual campaign in any competition came when they reached the quarter-finals of the 1992/93 UEFA Cup Winners' Cup, before losing 4-2 on aggregate to Club Atlético de Madrid.

UEFA Champions League milestones

- Their best showing was in their second season when they reached the 1998/99 quarter-finals before losing to Juventus. Olympiacos have qualified for the group stage for eleven seasons in a row with this year's participation.

UEFA club competition honours

- N/A.

Ten-year record

2006/07: UEFA Champions League - group stage

2005/06: UEFA Champions League - group stage

2004/05: UEFA Cup - Round of 16 (having transferred from the UEFA Champions League group stage)

2003/04: UEFA Champions League - group stage

2002/03: UEFA Champions League - first group stage

2001/02: UEFA Champions League - first group stage

2000/01: UEFA Champions League - first group stage

1999/00: UEFA Champions League - first group stage

1998/99: UEFA Champions League - quarter-finals

1997/98: UEFA Champions League - group stage

2006/07 season

Domestic record: Olympiacos won the Hellenic Super League title for the third straight season and the tenth time in the last eleven campaigns. They finished nine points ahead of AEK Athens FC.

European record: Olympiacos again failed to progress to the UEFA Champions League knockout stage. They failed to pick up a single victory, although did earn home and away draws at FC Shakhtar Donetsk as well at AS Roma. However, it was not enough to lift them off the bottom of Group D, finishing ten points behind winners Valencia CF.

Key facts

UEFA club competition

- Pld: 175 W: 61 D: 36 L: 78 GF: 216 GA: 280

UEFA Champions League (group stage to final)

- Pld: 66 W: 17 D: 17 L: 32 GF: 78 GA: 117

European Champion Clubs' Cup/UEFA Champions League

- Pld: 98 W: 27 D: 24 L: 47 GF: 116 GA: 165

Records

UEFA club competition

- Biggest win

5-0: Olympiacos CFP v MPKC Mozyr

13.08.1997, European Champion Clubs' Cup second qualifying round first leg

S.S. Lazio - Olympiacos CFP

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Wednesday 28 November 2007 - 20.45 CET

Stadio Olimpico, Rome

- Biggest home win

5-0: Olympiacos CFP v MPKC Mozyr (see above for details)

- Biggest away win

0-3: FC Chornomorets Odesa v Olympiacos CFP

30.09.1992, UEFA Cup Winners' Cup first round second leg

0-3: US Luxembourg v Olympiacos CFP

01.10.1986, UEFA Cup Winners' Cup first round second leg

- Heaviest defeat

7-0: Juventus v Olympiacos CFP

10.12.2003, UEFA Champions League group stage

- Heaviest home defeat

0-4: Olympiacos CFP v Hamburger SV

03.11.1982, European Champion Clubs' Cup second round second leg

- Heaviest away defeat

7-0: Juventus v Olympiacos CFP (see above for details)

UEFA Champions League (group stage to final only)

- Biggest win

6-2: Olympiacos CFP v Bayer 04 Leverkusen

18.09.2002, UEFA Champions League first group stage

- Biggest home win

6-2: Olympiacos CFP v Bayer 04 Leverkusen (see above for details)

- Biggest away win

1-3: Werder Bremen v Olympiacos CFP

03.10.2007, UEFA Champions League group stage

- Heaviest defeat

7-0: Juventus v Olympiacos CFP (see above for details)

- Heaviest home defeat

1-4: Olympiacos CFP v Olympique Lyonnais

01.11.2005, UEFA Champions League group stage

- Heaviest away defeat

7-0: Juventus v Olympiacos CFP (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