

AC Milan - Arsenal FC

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Match background

AC Milan's display of resilience in north London puts them in good heart to finish the job at home while Arsenal FC are under pressure to avoid a departure from the UEFA Champions League at the first knockout round stage for the second successive season.

- The English side ended the first leg – the first meeting between these great sides in the European Champion Clubs' Cup – in frustration after Milan goalkeeper Zeljko Kalac had shown his best form to earn the visitors a 0-0 draw at the Arsenal Stadium. The crossbar kept out Emmanuel Adebayor's header from point-blank range in the closing seconds.
- The reigning champions will not be unhappy if the tie provides an exact replica of their encounter at this stage 12 months ago when Milan earned a 0-0 draw on British soil in the first game, away to Celtic FC, before edging through in the return courtesy of Kaká's extra-time goal.
- That secured Carlo Ancelotti's team a fifth successive quarter-final berth in the competition and they will be reasonably confident of making it six in a stadium where they have never been beaten by visitors from England. In eleven competitive contests Milan have won seven and drawn four with that sequence including a 2-0 win against Arsenal in the 1994 UEFA Super Cup, lifting the trophy by the same aggregate score.
- Milan's last two home games with English opponents – Manchester United FC in each case – have resulted in victories. The Italian side won 3-0 in last season's UEFA Champions League semi-final to complete a 5-3 aggregate win and 1-0 in the 2004/05 first knockout round which gave them a 2-0 overall victory.
- Milan, who won all three home games to finish as winners of Group D with a four-point advantage over Celtic, have established a dominance over English opponents in European knockout ties, winning six of the eight fixtures overall. They have also had the better of things when facing English teams in finals. Apart from their victory against the Gunners in the 1994 UEFA Super Cup, they beat Leeds United AFC 1-0 in the 1972/73 UEFA Cup Winners' Cup, and Liverpool 2-1 in last season's UEFA Champions League showpiece in Athens. In the 2005 final in Istanbul they drew 3-3 with Liverpool after extra time only to lose on penalties.



- Arsenal, competing in their tenth successive UEFA Champions League campaign, have also done well against Italian teams in knockout ties, winning all four of their previous contests. As well as defeating Juventus twice and Torino FC outright, they also tied 5-5 on aggregate with UC Sampdoria in the 1994/95 UEFA Cup Winners' Cup semi-final before going through on penalties. The London clubs were holders of the trophy that season having defeated Parma FC 1-0 in the 1994 final staged at the Parken Stadium, Copenhagen.

- Arsenal's last visit to Italy ended in a 0-0 draw, against Juventus in the 2005/06 quarter-final second leg, with two victories preceding it. They won 5-1 at San Siro against FC Internazionale Milano in the 2003/04 group stage while the previous season brought a 3-1 success at AS Roma. In the last five home-and-away encounters with Italian sides Arsenal have come out on top each time.

- It is the fourth successive year that Arsène Wenger's side have faced a former European Cup winner at this stage. They bowed out to PSV Eindhoven 12 months ago; the previous year they took on Real Madrid CF, winning 1-0 away and drawing 0-0 at home, while in the 2004/05 season they found FC Bayern München too strong.

Match facts

MILAN

UEFA milestones

- None

2007/08 UEFA Champions League statistics

- Four Milan players have featured in all seven UEFA Champions League games this season: Gennaro Gattuso, Clarence Seedorf, Andrea Pirlo and Kaká. Gattuso and Kaká have played all 630 minutes to date.

Disciplinary information

- Gattuso is within one yellow card of a suspension.

Latest domestic information

• Saturday 1 March: AC Milan 1–1 S.S. Lazio (Massimo Oddo 71penalty; Rolando Bianchi 54)

Pirlo was rested and Alessandro Nesta and Kaká not risked following recent injuries, but coach Carlo Ancelotti's aspirations of helping his side to full strength for Tuesday's game were dashed at San Siro. Seedorf picked up a thigh injury and was replaced by Alberto Paloschi five minutes before the interval while Emerson and Marek Jankulovski failed to emerge after half-time due to knocks. Yoann Gourcuff and Pato both played 90 minutes.

- Ancelotti said: "We did not perform well in the first half but I liked our reaction to Lazio's goal. Pato played well even if he was forced out wide. We are a bit tired because we have been playing a lot of games. Last season we had a similar spell but we emerged from it brilliantly: I hope it will happen again this season. I think personality and courage will be the key against Arsenal because in these games you are always able to tap in to all the energy you have."

- Oddo's penalty against his former employers was his first of the current Serie A campaign. He is the 13th different Milan player to find the net in the league this season.

- Digao, Kaká's younger brother, made his Serie A debut for the Rossoneri when he replaced Jankulovski. The 22-year-old centre-back had already featured twice in the Coppa Italia this season.

- After drawing 0-0 at Arsenal, Milan came from behind to beat US Città di Palermo 2-1 in San Siro with Massimo Ambrosini scoring the equaliser and Filippo Inzaghi the winner in added time.

- That goal was Inzaghi's 90th for Milan, who are now the club for whom he has scored most goals. His previous highest total was 89 with Juventus, where he played between 1997 and 2001.

- It was also Inzaghi's first goal of 2008 in all competitions and got him off the mark for the current Serie A campaign. He had last struck in the league on 28 January 2007 against Parma FC.
- The goal against Palermo made Inzaghi the 12th different Milan player to find the net in Serie A this season.
- The match marked the fourth time in eight league games that a Milan substitute had scored the winning goal. Prior to Inzaghi's strike, Alberto Gilardino (Reggina Calcio), Pato (ACF Fiorentina) and Paloschi (AC Siena) had all scored the decisive goal having come off the bench.
- Milan, who failed to win in their first seven home games in Serie A this season, triumphed for the first time at San Siro with a 5-2 defeat of SSC Napoli on 13 January. In their previous seven home games, they had only scored three goals. After the victory against Napoli, the Rossoneri defeated Genoa CFC, Siena and Palermo at home, also drawing against AS Livorno Calcio and most recently, Lazio.
- Milan failed to score in their last four home league games of 2007 but have managed 12 goals in their first six matches at San Siro this year, finding the net in every game.
- On 27 February Milan were held to a 1-1 draw against Calcio Catania, Gionatha Spinesi cancelling out Pato's long-range effort early in the second half.
- That goal was Pato's fifth in his first eight Serie A matches for Milan. Only Kaká (eight) and Gilardino (seven) have managed more.
- Inzaghi made his 300th Serie A appearance against Catania, scoring 128 goals in that time.
- Ten of Milan's 38 league goals to date have come between the 76th and 90th minutes. In contrast, they have found the net only twice in the first 15 minutes.

Injury news

- Pato – out 3 February (twisted ankle) – returned on 20 February
- Clarence Seedorf – out 20 February (ankle) – returned on 27 February – out since 1 March (thigh)
- Alessandro Nesta – out since 20 February (thigh)
- Kaká – out since 24 February (knee)
- Dida – out since 16 February (back)
- Ronaldo – out since 13 February (knee)
- Marek Jankulovski – out since 1 March (right knee)
- Emerson – out since 1 March (fibula)
- Emerson has suffered the recurrence of a fibula injury, while Czech left-back Jankulovski received a knock to his right knee and Milan medical officer Jean-Pierre Meersseman confirmed the pair will not feature against Arsenal at San Siro.
- Kaká and Alessandro Nesta have, however, resumed full training.
- According to Ancelotti, Seedorf is a major doubt for the Arsenal game after his thigh knock against Lazio. The coach said: "Seedorf suffered a muscle injury and it's difficult to recover in just three days."
- Ronaldo is expected to be out of action for eight to ten months having ruptured a tendon in his left knee against Livorno on 13 February.

Miscellaneous

- On 28 February Kaká extended his contract with Milan, committing the Brazilian international to the European champions until 2013. The 25-year-old added 12 months to his previous deal which was due to expire in 2012.

- Kaká was voted 2007 Player of the Year by his fellow professionals at Italy's Oscar del Calcio. The 25-year-old, who scored ten goals to help Milan claim the UEFA Champions League last May, was also named best foreign player, adding the awards to the Ballon d'Or and FIFA World Player of the Year gongs he collected in December.

- Kaká was named in uefa.com's Team of the Year 2007 alongside club-mates Nesta and Seedorf.

- On 2 March Gilardino became a father for the first time as his girlfriend Alice gave birth to the couple's daughter Ginevra.

ARSENAL

UEFA milestones

- Kolo Touré made his 50th appearance in the UEFA Champions League in the first leg with Milan.

2007/08 UEFA Champions League statistics

- No Arsenal player has featured in all nine UEFA Champions League games this season, including qualifying. Indeed, none has played in all seven matches in the competition proper.

Disciplinary information

- Denilson and Emmanuel Adebayor are within one yellow card of a suspension.

Latest domestic information

- **Saturday 1 March: Arsenal 1-1 Aston Villa FC (Nicklas Bendtner 90; Philippe Senderos own goal 27)**

Arsenal stayed top of the Premier League as substitute Nicklas Bendtner scored three minutes into added time to give the north London club a second successive draw and leave them a point above Manchester United FC at the head of the standings. Emmanuel Eboué served the second of a three-match ban following his red card against United on 16 February.

- "We had a lot of domination in the second half but they defended very well and were always dangerous on the break," said manager Arsène Wenger. "In the first half we were a bit jaded and it took us time to get into the game but in the end this point will have real significance in our season. It took us some time to get into the game but I'm convinced this point will have a lot of importance for us. It almost feels like [a win] because once again we've shown the strength that's in this squad, we battle until the last second and we've scored a lot of late goals this season. I'm happy because we didn't feel sorry for ourselves when we weren't having a great day and in the end we got a point when it looked desperate so that's always very positive."

- Arsenal are unbeaten in their last 13 league matches and have lost just once in the competition this season. Bendtner's equaliser also ensured Villa did not become the second visiting team to win a league match at the Arsenal stadium; so far, only West Ham United FC, on 7 April 2007, have triumphed at the ground in its 34 league games. That is Arsenal's only home defeat at the stadium in 50 matches in all competitions.

- Aleksandr Hleb made his 100th start for Arsenal against Villa, Arsenal's fourth successive game without a win.

- Coupled with Arsenal's 4-0 defeat at Manchester United FC in the FA Cup fifth round and the goalless draw with Milan, the 2-2 draw at Birmingham City FC on 23 February had extended Arsenal's winless run to three matches in all competitions.

- Theo Walcott scored twice against Birmingham, his first Premier League goals on his 31st appearance. The goals made him the first Englishman to score in the league for Arsenal since Justin Hoyte's goal in a 4-0 defeat of Charlton Athletic FC on 2 January 2007.

- Gaël Clichy is the only Arsenal player to have appeared in all 28 Premier League matches this season.

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- Twenty-two of Arsenal's 57 league goals have come in the final 15 minutes of games. In the same period, they have conceded only three times.

Injury news

- Eduardo da Silva – out since 23 February (broken leg)
- Kolo Touré – out since 20 February (calf)
- Manuel Almunia – out 11 February (virus) – returned on 23 February
- Theo Walcott – out 5 February (thigh) – returned on 20 February
- Denilson – out 23 January (hamstring) – returned on 23 February
- Abou Diaby – out since 8 February (calf) – returned on 1 March
- Tomáš Rosický – out since 1 February (hamstring)
- Robin van Persie – out since 11 January (thigh)
- Johan Djourou – out since 11 January (groin)
- Alexandre Song – out since 10 February (knee)

- Eduardo is expected to be out of action for at least nine months after breaking his leg against Birmingham. The injury also rules the Croatian international striker out of UEFA EURO 2008™.

Miscellaneous

- Mathieu Flamini celebrates his 24th birthday three days after the trip to Milan, on 7 March.
- The Arsenal Stadium will host a friendly international between Brazil and Sweden on 26 March.

Squad list

Milan

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	Dida	BRA	07.10.1973	34	-	-	-	4	-	13	-	67	-	75	-
16	Zeljko Kalac	AUS	16.12.1972	35	-	-	-	4	-	13	-	8	-	32	-
29	Valerio Fiori	ITA	27.04.1969	38	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-
30	Daniel Offredi	ITA	26.03.1988	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders															
2	Cafu	BRA	07.06.1970	37	-	-	-	1	-	11	-	55	2	80	2
3	Paolo Maldini	ITA	26.06.1968	39	-	-	-	3	-	11	-	108	2	171	3
4	Kakha Kaladze	GEO	27.02.1978	30	-	-	-	6	-	21	-	67	3	102	3
13	Alessandro Nesta	ITA	19.03.1976	31	-	-	-	6	-	22	1	77	-	103	1
17	Dario Šimić	CRO	12.11.1975	32	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	27	-	60	3
18	Marek Jankulovski	CZE	09.05.1977	30	-	-	-	3	-	10	-	18	-	23	1
19	Giuseppe Favalli	ITA	08.01.1972	36	-	-	-	2	-	15	-	36	1	75	2
25	Daniele Bonera	ITA	31.05.1981	26	-	-	-	6	-	14	-	12	-	35	-
36	Matteo Darmian	ITA	02.12.1989	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
44	Massimo Oddo	ITA	14.06.1976	31	-	-	-	5	-	18	1	16	-	31	-
Midfielders															
5	Emerson	BRA	04.04.1976	31	-	-	-	3	-	13	-	62	8	81	11
8	Gennaro Gattuso	ITA	09.01.1978	30	*	-	-	7	-	21	1	72	1	98	3
10	Clarence Seedorf	NED	01.04.1976	31	-	-	-	7	2	21	4	101	10	132	14
20	Yoann Gourcuff	FRA	11.07.1986	21	-	-	-	3	-	12	1	11	1	17	1
21	Andrea Pirlo	ITA	19.05.1979	28	-	-	-	7	2	22	3	69	6	89	6
23	Massimo Ambrosini	ITA	29.05.1977	30	-	-	-	6	-	22	3	59	2	80	2
32	Cristian Brocchi	ITA	30.01.1976	32	-	-	-	3	-	13	-	22	-	34	-
Forwards															
7	Pato	BRA	02.09.1989	18	-	-	-	1	-	9	5	1	-	1	-
9	Filippo Inzaghi	ITA	09.08.1973	34	-	-	-	4	4	14	1	70	42	98	63
11	Alberto Gilardino	ITA	05.07.1982	25	-	-	-	6	2	24	7	25	4	42	8
22	Kaká	BRA	22.04.1982	25	-	-	-	7	2	20	8	55	23	59	24
43	Alberto Paloschi	ITA	04.11.1990	17	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	-	-	-	-
84	Willy Aubameyang	FRA	16.02.1987	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
99	Ronaldo	BRA	22.09.1976	31	-	-	-	-	-	6	2	40	14	73	37
Coach															
-	Carlo Ancelotti	ITA	10.06.1959	48	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	88	-	121	-

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Goalkeepers															
1	Jens Lehmann	GER	10.11.1969	38	-	1	-	2	-	4	-	59	-	96	-
21	Łukasz Fabiański	POL	18.04.1985	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	-
24	Manuel Almunia	ESP	19.05.1977	30	-	1	-	5	-	24	-	12	-	15	-
40	Vito Mannone	ITA	02.03.1988	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders															
3	Bacary Sagna	FRA	14.02.1983	25	-	1	-	6	-	26	-	6	-	28	-
5	Kolo Touré	CIV	19.03.1981	26	-	2	-	5	-	21	1	50	2	54	2
6	Philippe Senderos	SUI	14.02.1985	23	-	1	-	5	-	12	2	15	-	18	-
10	William Gallas	FRA	17.08.1977	30	-	1	-	4	-	22	3	47	2	62	2
20	Johan Djourou	SUI	18.01.1987	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	5	-
22	Gaël Clichy	FRA	26.07.1985	22	-	2	-	5	-	28	-	18	-	20	-
27	Emmanuel Eboué	CIV	04.06.1983	24	-	1	-	6	-	15	-	21	1	31	1
30	Armand Traoré	FRA	08.10.1989	18	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	2	-
31	Justin Hoyte	ENG	20.11.1984	23	-	1	-	1	-	2	-	7	-	10	-
35	Håvard Nordtveit	NOR	21.06.1990	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
37	Paul Rodgers	ENG	06.10.1989	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
41	Gavin Hoyte	ENG	06.06.1990	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
44	Abu Ogogo	ENG	03.11.1989	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
46	Kerrea Gilbert	ENG	28.02.1987	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
47	Rene Steer	ENG	31.01.1990	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Midfielders															
2	Abou Diaby	FRA	11.05.1986	21	-	1	-	3	1	13	1	6	1	11	1
4	Cesc Fabregas	ESP	04.05.1987	20	-	2	2	5	3	24	7	31	5	35	9
7	Tomáš Rosický	CZE	04.10.1980	27	-	2	1	3	-	18	6	39	9	59	10
13	Aleksandr Hleb	BLR	01.05.1981	26	-	1	1	4	1	24	2	30	2	58	7
15	Denilson	BRA	16.02.1988	20	*	1	-	3	-	9	-	4	-	5	-
16	Mathieu Flamini	FRA	07.03.1984	23	-	1	-	4	-	25	3	24	-	36	1
17	Alexandre Song	CMR	09.09.1987	20	-	1	-	2	-	4	-	5	-	6	-
19	Gilberto	BRA	07.10.1976	31	-	1	-	4	-	16	-	42	4	45	4
39	Henri Lansbury	ENG	12.10.1990	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45	James Dunne	ENG	18.09.1989	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Forwards															
9	Eduardo	CRO	25.02.1983	25	-	1	1	5	2	17	4	5	2	25	10
11	Robin van Persie	NED	06.08.1983	24	-	2	-	3	2	8	5	24	6	38	7
25	Emmanuel Adebayor	TGO	26.02.1984	24	*	1	-	5	-	26	19	28	1	40	5
26	Nicklas Bendtner	DEN	16.01.1988	20	-	-	-	5	2	17	2	5	2	5	2
32	Theo Walcott	ENG	16.03.1989	18	-	1	-	5	2	16	2	10	2	12	2
Coach															
-	Arsène Wenger	FRA	22.10.1949	58	-	2	-	6	-	-	-	102	-	151	-

Head coach

AC Milan: Carlo Ancelotti

Date of birth: 10 June 1959

Nationality: Italian

Playing career: Parma FC, AS Roma, AC Milan

Coaching career: AC Reggiana, Parma FC, Juventus, AC Milan

One of only five people – the others being Miguel Muñoz, Giovanni Trapattoni, Johan Cruyff and Frank Rijkaard – to have lifted the European Champion Clubs' Cup as both a player and coach, Carlo Ancelotti is one of the most highly-regarded coaches in European football. He claimed the UEFA Champions League in 2003 in only his second season at the AC Milan helm – he would have added a second but for Liverpool FC's stunning fightback two years later although he eventually claimed revenge in 2007 – and has added Serie A and Coppa Italia medals to an individual trophy cabinet teeming with honours.

His coaching career is proving every bit as illustrious as his days as a no-nonsense midfielder. Ancelotti started out at AS Roma, winning the Scudetto in 1983, before moving to Milan three years later after his hometown club deemed him too injury-prone. He quickly went about proving them wrong, thriving at San Siro in five years of unyielding success which brought two more Serie A crowns and back-to-back European Cup wins in 1989 and 1990.

He started his coaching career by leading AC Reggiana to promotion in his debut season in 1996 and went on to Parma FC who he guided to a second-placed finish. By 1998 he was at Juventus and although he never managed to better runners-up spot, Ancelotti did earn a return to San Siro in summer 2001. There he thrived, winning the UEFA Champions League, Coppa Italia and UEFA Super Cup in his second season and adding the Serie A title in 2003/04. He guided the Rossoneri to second in the next two campaigns, although they were subsequently demoted to third in 2005/06 following the Italian sporting fraud tribunal. In May 2007 he extended his contract until summer 2010 after winning the UEFA Champions League again and guiding Milan to fourth in Serie A.

Arsenal FC: Arsène Wenger

Date of birth: 22 October 1949

Nationality: French

Playing career: AS Mutzig, FC Mulhouse, AS Vauban, RC Strasbourg

Coaching career: RC Strasbourg (assistant coach), AS Cannes (assistant coach), AS Nancy-Lorraine, AS Monaco FC, Nagoya Grampus Eight, Arsenal FC

Arsène Wenger was never covered in glory as a player, but has more than made up for that lack of success in his time as a coach, turning Arsenal FC into one of Europe's top teams thanks to his incredible eye for a bargain and an astute footballing mind.

Born in Strasbourg, Wenger worked at RC Strasbourg and AS Cannes before AS Nancy-Lorraine offered him his big break. He impressed sufficiently to be offered the job as coach of AS Monaco FC in 1987. Within a year Monaco scooped the French championship and Wenger the Manager of the Year award. He reportedly turned down France and FC Bayern München to continue at Monaco, although he did subsequently move on to Japan and enjoy tremendous success with Nagoya Grampus Eight.

Appointed by Arsenal in September 1996, Wenger became the first foreigner to win the Premiership in 1998, adding the first of four FA Cup triumphs to boot. The Gunners lost the 2000 UEFA Cup final to Galatasaray SK but claimed another double in 2002, and in 2004 played some thrilling attacking football en route to becoming the first team since 1889 to negotiate a top-flight season unbeaten. Wenger, given the freedom of Islington for his domestic success in north London, nearly topped all of his achievements by taking Arsenal to the 2006 UEFA Champions League final, only for FC Barcelona to come from behind to win 2-1.

Match officials

Referee	Konrad Plautz (AUT)
Assistant referees	Egon Bereuter (AUT), Markus Mayr (AUT)
Fourth official	Gerald Lehner (AUT)
UEFA Delegate	Trygve Bornø (NOR)
UEFA Referee observer	Bo Karlsson (SWE)

Referee

Name	Nat.	DoB	UCL	UEFA
Konrad Plautz	AUT	16.10.1964	28	54

Austrian referee Konrad Plautz, a regular on the UEFA Champions League scene and the man in charge of the 2007 UEFA Super Cup as AC Milan won 3-1 against Sevilla FC, is an enthusiastic director and actor with a local theatre group, the perfect antidote to his hectic schedule. A toolmaker from the Alpine town of Navis, Plautz began taking charge of matches as a teenager in 1984.

Starting with the youth sector, he began his rise through the ranks at regional level before heading into the Austrian national leagues, fulfilling an objective he had set himself at the outset of his career. Plautz reached Austrian Bundesliga standard after six years, before getting his FIFA international badge in 1996. That same year he was chosen to referee the UEFA European Under-16 Championship final in Vienna in which Portugal beat France. In 2005/06, he took charge of Arsenal FC's 1-0 first-leg victory against Villarreal CF in the UEFA Champions League semi-finals. A veteran of two FIFA World Cup qualifying campaigns, Plautz has experience of UEFA European Championship qualifiers back to March 1999. He is naturally established as one of his country's most respected officials, refereeing one of the top fixtures in the Austrian Bundesliga almost every weekend.

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

Date	Comp.	Stage		Res.	Venue
14.03.2001	UCL	GS2	Leeds United AFC - S.S. Lazio	3-3	Leeds
19.03.2002	UCL	GS2	Boavista FC - Manchester United FC	0-3	Porto
14.08.2002	UCL	QR3	AC Milan - FC Slovan Liberec	1-0	Milan
22.10.2002	UCL	GS1	FC Spartak Moskva - Liverpool FC	1-3	Moscow
21.10.2003	UCL	GS1	FC Dynamo Kyiv - Arsenal FC	2-1	Kiev
10.12.2003	UCL	GS1	Juventus - Olympiacos CFP	7-0	Turin
23.11.2004	UCL	GS	Juventus - AFC Ajax	1-0	Turin
13.09.2005	UCL	GS	Real Betis Balompié - Liverpool FC	1-2	Sevilla
19.10.2005	UCL	GS	AC Milan - PSV Eindhoven	0-0	Milan
06.12.2005	UCL	GS	Rangers FC - FC Internazionale Milano	1-1	Glasgow
21.02.2006	UCL	1/8	SL Benfica - Liverpool FC	1-0	Lisbon
29.03.2006	UCL	QF	Olympique Lyonnais - AC Milan	0-0	Lyon
19.04.2006	UCL	SF	Arsenal FC - Villarreal CF	1-0	London
05.12.2006	UCL	GS	AS Roma - Valencia CF	1-0	Rome
07.03.2007	UCL	1/8	AC Milan - Celtic FC	1-0	Milan
03.10.2007	UCL	GS	Liverpool FC - Olympique de Marseille	0-1	Liverpool
27.11.2007	UCL	GS	FC Internazionale Milano - Fenerbahçe SK	3-0	Milan
19.02.2008	UCL	1/8	Olympiacos CFP - Chelsea FC	0-0	Athens

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

Date	Comp.	Stage		Res.	Venue
30.09.1999	UCUP	R1	FC Kryvbas Kryvyi Rih - Parma FC	0-3	Krivoy Rog
26.07.2000	UIC	SF	RC Celta de Vigo - Aston Villa FC	1-0	Vigo
22.11.2001	UCUP	R3	Parma FC - Brøndby IF	1-1	Parma
20.02.2003	UCUP	R4	S.S. Lazio - Wisla Kraków	3-3	Rome

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Date	Comp.	Stage		Res.	Venue
25.03.2004	UCUP	R4	RCD Mallorca - Newcastle United FC	0-3	Palma de Mallorca
16.03.2005	UCUP	1/8	Newcastle United FC - Olympiacos CFP	4-0	Newcastle
12.04.2007	UCUP	QF	Tottenham Hotspur FC - Sevilla FC	2-2	London
31.08.2007	SCUP	F	AC Milan - Sevilla FC	3-1	Monaco

Domestic information

AC Milan (Serie A)

Comp.	Date	Opponent	Res.	Goalscorers
League	26/08/07	Genoa Cricket and Football Club (A)	3-0	Ambrosini 21, Kaká 44, 45(pen)
League	03/09/07	ACF Fiorentina (H)	1-1	Kaká 27(pen)
League	15/09/07	AC Siena (A)	1-1	Nesta 90
League	22/09/07	Parma FC (H)	1-1	Seedorf 44
League	26/09/07	US Città di Palermo (A)	1-2	Seedorf 10
League	30/09/07	Calcio Catania (H)	1-1	Kaká 48(pen)
League	07/10/07	S.S. Lazio (A)	5-1	Ambrosini 15, Kaká 32(pen), 51, Gilardino 70, 78
League	21/10/07	Empoli FC (H)	0-1	
League	28/10/07	AS Roma (H)	0-1	
League	31/10/07	UC Sampdoria (A)	5-0	Kaká 47, Gilardino 53, 61, Gourcuff 76, Seedorf 80
League	03/11/07	Torino FC (H)	0-0	
League	25/11/07	Cagliari Calcio (A)	2-1	Gilardino 61, Pirlo 85
League	01/12/07	Juventus (H)	0-0	
Cup	20/12/07	Calcio Catania (H)	1-2	Paloschi 59
League	23/12/07	FC Internazionale Milano (A)	1-2	Pirlo 18
League	13/01/08	SSC Napoli (H)	5-2	Ronaldo 15, 47, Seedorf 31, Kaká 68, Pato 74
Cup	16/01/08	Calcio Catania (A)	1-1	Paloschi 67
League	20/01/08	Udinese Calcio (A)	1-0	Gilardino 87
League	23/01/08	Atalanta BC (A)	1-2	Gattuso 17
League	27/01/08	Genoa Cricket and Football Club (H)	2-0	Pato 69, 82
League	30/01/08	Reggina Calcio (A)	1-0	Gilardino 17
League	03/02/08	ACF Fiorentina (A)	1-0	Pato 75
League	10/02/08	AC Siena (H)	1-0	Paloschi 64
League	13/02/08	AS Livorno Calcio (H)	1-1	Pirlo 60
League	16/02/08	Parma FC (A)	0-0	
League	24/02/08	US Città di Palermo (H)	2-1	Ambrosini 25, Inzaghi 90
Lineups: Kalac, Oddo, Bonera, Kaladze, Jankulovski (Favalli 86), Gattuso, Pirlo, Ambrosini, Kaká (Gourcuff 46), Pato, Gilardino (Inzaghi 72)				
League	27/02/08	Calcio Catania (A)	1-1	Pato 56
Lineups: Kalac, Cafu (Oddo 67), Bonera, Maldini, Favalli, Brocchi (Gattuso 79), Emerson, Ambrosini, Seedorf, Inzaghi (Gilardino 77), Pato				
League	01/03/08	S.S. Lazio (H)	1-1	Oddo 71(pen)
Lineups: Kalac, Oddo, Bonera, Kaladze, Jankulovski (Digao 45), Gattuso, Emerson (Ambrosini 45), Gourcuff, Seedorf (Paloschi 40), Pato, Gilardino				
League	09/03/08	Empoli FC (A)		
League	15/03/08	AS Roma (A)		
League	19/03/08	UC Sampdoria (H)		
League	22/03/08	Torino FC (A)		
League	30/03/08	Atalanta BC (H)		
League	06/04/08	Cagliari Calcio (H)		
League	13/04/08	Juventus (A)		
League	20/04/08	Reggina Calcio (H)		
League	27/04/08	AS Livorno Calcio (A)		
League	04/05/08	FC Internazionale Milano (H)		
League	11/05/08	SSC Napoli (A)		
League	18/05/08	Udinese Calcio (H)		

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Pos.	Clubs	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1	FC Internazionale Milano	26	18	7	1	50	16	61
2	AS Roma	26	16	7	3	46	24	55
3	Juventus	26	13	9	4	46	24	48
4	ACF Fiorentina	26	13	8	5	40	25	47
5	AC Milan	26	11	10	5	38	20	43
6	Udinese Calcio	26	11	6	9	33	35	39
7	UC Sampdoria	26	10	6	10	34	33	36
8	Genoa Cricket and Football Club	26	9	8	9	31	35	35
9	US Città di Palermo	26	9	8	9	34	40	35
10	Atalanta BC	26	8	10	8	40	40	34
11	SSC Napoli	26	9	6	11	37	40	33
12	S.S. Lazio	26	7	9	10	29	33	30
13	AC Siena	26	6	10	10	30	34	28
14	Torino FC	26	4	16	6	29	32	28
15	AS Livorno Calcio	26	6	8	12	27	39	26
16	Parma FC	26	5	10	11	31	41	25
17	Empoli FC	26	6	7	13	21	34	25
18	Calcio Catania	26	5	9	12	21	32	24
19	Reggina Calcio	26	4	10	12	21	39	22
20	Cagliari Calcio	26	5	6	15	21	43	18

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Arsenal FC (Premier League)

Comp.	Date	Opponent	Res.	Goalscorers
League	12/08/07	Fulham FC (H)	2-1	Van Persie 84(pen), Hleb 90
League	19/08/07	Blackburn Rovers FC (A)	1-1	Van Persie 18
League	25/08/07	Manchester City FC (H)	1-0	Fabregas 80
League	02/09/07	Portsmouth FC (H)	3-1	Adebayor 8(pen), Fabregas 35, Rosický 59
League	15/09/07	Tottenham Hotspur FC (A)	3-1	Adebayor 65, 90, Fabregas 80
League	22/09/07	Derby County FC (H)	5-0	Diaby 10, Adebayor 25, 50(pen), 79, Fabregas 70
Cup	25/09/07	Newcastle United FC (H)	2-0	Bendtner 83, Denilson 89
League	29/09/07	West Ham United FC (A)	1-0	Van Persie 13
League	07/10/07	Sunderland AFC (H)	3-2	Van Persie 7, 80, Senderos 14
League	20/10/07	Bolton Wanderers FC (H)	2-0	Touré 68, Rosický 80
League	28/10/07	Liverpool FC (A)	1-1	Fabregas 80
Cup	31/10/07	Sheffield United FC (A)	3-0	Eduardo 8, 50, Denilson 69
League	03/11/07	Manchester United FC (H)	2-2	Fabregas 48, Gallas 90
League	12/11/07	Reading FC (A)	3-1	Flamini 44, Adebayor 52, Hleb 78
League	24/11/07	Wigan Athletic FC (H)	2-0	Gallas 83, Rosický 85
League	01/12/07	Aston Villa FC (A)	2-1	Flamini 23, Adebayor 36
League	05/12/07	Newcastle United FC (A)	1-1	Adebayor 4
League	09/12/07	Middlesbrough FC (A)	1-2	Rosický 90
League	16/12/07	Chelsea FC (H)	1-0	Gallas 45
Cup	18/12/07	Blackburn Rovers FC (A)	3-2	Diaby 6, Eduardo 29, 104
League	22/12/07	Tottenham Hotspur FC (H)	2-1	Adebayor 48, Bendtner 76
League	26/12/07	Portsmouth FC (A)	0-0	
League	29/12/07	Everton FC (A)	4-1	Eduardo 47, 58, Adebayor 78, Rosický 90
League	01/01/08	West Ham United FC (H)	2-0	Eduardo 2, Adebayor 18
Cup	06/01/08	Burnley (A)	2-0	Eduardo 9, Bendtner 75
Cup	09/01/08	Tottenham Hotspur FC (H)	1-1	Walcott 79
League	12/01/08	Birmingham City FC (H)	1-1	Adebayor 21(pen)
League	19/01/08	Fulham FC (A)	3-0	Adebayor 19, 38, Rosický 81
Cup	22/01/08	Tottenham Hotspur FC (A)	1-5	Adebayor 70
Cup	26/01/08	Newcastle United FC (H)	3-0	Adebayor 51, 83, Own goal
League	29/01/08	Newcastle United FC (H)	3-0	Adebayor 40, Flamini 72, Fabregas 80
League	02/02/08	Manchester City FC (A)	3-1	Adebayor 9, 88, Eduardo 26
League	11/02/08	Blackburn Rovers FC (H)	2-0	Senderos 4, Adebayor 90
Cup	16/02/08	Manchester United FC (A)	0-4	
Lineups: Lehmann, Hoyte, Gallas, Touré, Traoré, Eboué, Fabregas (Flamini 70), Gilberto, Hleb (Adebayor 70), Eduardo (Senderos 71), Bendtner				
League	23/02/08	Birmingham City FC (A)	2-2	Walcott 50, 55
Lineups: Almunia, Sagna, Gallas, Senderos, Clichy, Walcott (Denilson 89), Fabregas, Flamini, Hleb (Gilberto 89), Eduardo (Bendtner 8.), Adebayor				
League	01/03/08	Aston Villa FC (H)	1-1	Bendtner 90
Lineups: Almunia, Sagna, Gallas, Senderos (Denilson 78), Clichy, Hleb, Fabregas, Flamini (Gilberto 78), Diaby (Bendtner 59), Adebayor, Walcott				
League	09/03/08	Wigan Athletic FC (A)		
League	15/03/08	Middlesbrough FC (H)		
League	23/03/08	Chelsea FC (A)		
League	29/03/08	Bolton Wanderers FC (A)		
League	05/04/08	Liverpool FC (H)		
League	13/04/08	Manchester United FC (A)		
League	19/04/08	Reading FC (H)		
League	28/04/08	Derby County FC (A)		
League	03/05/08	Everton FC (H)		

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League	11/05/08	Sunderland AFC (A)		

Pos.	Clubs	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1	Arsenal FC	28	19	8	1	57	21	65
2	Manchester United FC	28	20	4	4	58	15	64
3	Chelsea FC	27	17	7	3	42	17	58
4	Everton FC	28	16	5	7	46	24	53
5	Liverpool FC	27	13	11	3	46	20	50
6	Aston Villa FC	28	13	9	6	51	36	48
7	Blackburn Rovers FC	28	12	9	7	37	34	45
8	Manchester City FC	28	12	9	7	34	31	45
9	Portsmouth FC	28	12	8	8	38	29	44
10	West Ham United FC	27	11	7	9	31	27	40
11	Tottenham Hotspur FC	27	8	8	11	49	45	32
12	Middlesbrough FC	28	7	8	13	25	42	29
13	Newcastle United FC	28	7	7	14	30	53	28
14	Wigan Athletic FC	28	7	6	15	26	42	27
15	Sunderland AFC	28	7	6	15	26	46	27
16	Birmingham City FC	28	6	8	14	31	41	26
17	Bolton Wanderers FC	28	6	7	15	28	42	25
18	Reading FC	28	7	4	17	32	55	25
19	Fulham FC	28	3	10	15	25	48	19
20	Derby County FC	28	1	7	20	13	57	10

UEFA information

Moscow ticket sales commence

Ticket sales to the general public for the 2008 UEFA Champions League final in Moscow have kicked off, exclusively via uefa.com. The final of European club football's most prestigious competition takes place at the Luzhniki Stadium in Moscow on Wednesday 21 May at 20.45CET (22.45 local time). The international general public ticket sales process began on 28 February at 12.00CET and will end on 19 March at 12.00CET. Each applicant has to fully complete the online application form. The allocation will be decided by lottery (ballot), and every valid application will enter the ballot, independently of the time of submission within the application period. Each successful candidate will be entitled to a maximum of two tickets.

Di Stéfano tribute

Michel Platini described Real Madrid CF legend Alfredo Di Stéfano as a "great among greats" in bestowing upon him his first UEFA President's Award. At a special ceremony in Madrid, Mr Platini presented Di Stéfano with the award for a lifetime serving football with brilliance and dedication as a player with the all-conquering Madrid team which won five European Champion Clubs' Cups in succession, and then as a coach. "It is impossible to imagine football's history without having a thought for you," Mr Platini told the 81-year-old Argentina-born striker, a scorer for Madrid in all five finals between 1956 and 1960 and now the club's honorary president. "The Madrid team during your time as a player marked history for ever, and there is no doubt that you have left an imprint which can never be erased."

Trophy tour

Noted former players Bebeto, Giovane Elber, Paolo Sergio and Mauro Silva were among the guests as the UEFA Champions League Trophy Tour enjoyed a successful weekend in Rio de Janeiro. In the latest leg of the Trophy Tour, presented by Heineken, thousands of fans flocked to the Jockey Club in Rio to see European club football's most iconic piece of silverware. The trophy is visiting cities in Argentina, Chile and Mexico on its two-month tour of Latin America, and enjoyed a warm welcome in Rio. Local sports minister Gustavo Cintra attended the opening ceremony where Bebeto, Giovane Elber, Mauro Silva and Paolo Sergio carried the trophy on to the main stage. The UEFA Champions League Trophy Tour moves to Buenos Aires, Argentina, on 6 March then takes in Santiago, Chile, on 15/16 March, Mexico City on 5/6 April and Monterrey, Mexico, on 12/13 April.

Help for Greece

UEFA has presented the Hellenic Football Federation (EPO) with a CHF1m cheque to help finance the rebuilding of football facilities damaged by the fires in Greece last summer. UEFA President Michel Platini handed over the cheque on behalf of European football's governing body to EPO president Vassilis Gagatsis at a ceremony in Athens. The proposal for a financial donation to the EPO had been discussed and approved at the inaugural meeting of the UEFA Fair Play and Social Responsibility Committee last year. The UEFA Executive Committee confirmed an ad hoc donation of CHF1m at its meeting in Istanbul last September. "It is logical, of course, for us to want to help the Greek association to rebuild football structures damaged by fires," said Mr Platini. "It is exactly UEFA's role to help football people when such help is needed."

Betting discussed

Betting on football matches was the focal point at a meeting in Nyon between UEFA and key representatives of the European betting industry, with a firm promise being made to fight corruption and betting anomalies that can distort results. The meeting was chaired by UEFA President Michel Platini and involved representatives of Betfair, the European Sports Security Association, the European Lotteries and Verband Europäischer Wettunternehmer. The agenda centred on betting and football matches, and on how existing procedures can be further improved.

Key dates

The 2007/08 UEFA Champions League first knockout round is played over two legs on 19/20 February and 4/5 March, although FC Internazionale Milano's second leg against Liverpool FC will take place on 11 March. 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 UEFA Champions League final will be held in Moscow on 21 May, before UEFA EURO 2008™ kicks off in Austria and Switzerland on 7 June.

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Club	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
AC Milan	6	4	1	1	12	5	13
Celtic FC	6	3	0	3	5	6	9
SL Benfica	6	2	1	3	5	6	7
FC Shakhtar Donetsk	6	2	0	4	6	11	6

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
18.09.2007	Milan - Benfica	2-1	Stadio Giuseppe Meazza, Milan
Goals: 1-0 Pirlo 9, 2-0 Inzaghi 24, 2-1 Nuno Gomes 90+2			
Milan: Dida, Kaladze, Gattuso, Inzaghi (Gilardino 84), Seedorf (Emerson 75), Nesta, Jankulovski, Pirlo, Kaká, Ambrosini, Oddo (Bonera 81)			
18.09.2007	Shakhtar - Celtic	2-0	RSC Olympiyskiy Stadium, Donetsk
Goals: 1-0 Brandão 6, 2-0 Lucarelli 8			
03.10.2007	Celtic - Milan	2-1	Celtic Park, Glasgow
Goals: 1-0 McManus 61, 1-1 Kaká 68(pen), 2-1 McDonald 89			
Milan: Dida (Kalac 94), Gattuso, Inzaghi (Gilardino 77), Seedorf (Gourcuff 55), Nesta, Jankulovski, Pirlo, Kaká, Ambrosini, Bonera, Oddo			
03.10.2007	Benfica - Shakhtar	0-1	Estádio do Sport Lisboa e Benfica, Lisbon
Goals: 0-1 Jadson 42			
24.10.2007	Benfica - Celtic	1-0	Estádio do Sport Lisboa e Benfica, Lisbon
Goals: 1-0 Óscar Cardozo 87			
24.10.2007	Milan - Shakhtar	4-1	Stadio Giuseppe Meazza, Milan
Goals: 1-0 Gilardino 6, 2-0 Gilardino 14, 2-1 Lucarelli 51, 3-1 Seedorf 62, 4-1 Seedorf 69			
Milan: Kalac, Kaladze, Gattuso, Seedorf, Gilardino (Serginho 75), Nesta, Favalli (Bonera 61), Pirlo, Kaká, Ambrosini (Emerson 83), Oddo			
06.11.2007	Celtic - Benfica	1-0	Celtic Park, Glasgow
Goals: 1-0 McGeady 45			
06.11.2007	Shakhtar - Milan	0-3	RSC Olympiyskiy Stadium, Donetsk
Goals: 0-1 Inzaghi 66, 0-2 Kaká 72, 0-3 Inzaghi 90+3			
Milan: Dida, Kaladze, Gattuso, Seedorf (Maldini 79), Gilardino (Inzaghi 63), Nesta, Pirlo, Kaká, Ambrosini, Bonera, Serginho (Brocchi 85)			
28.11.2007	Benfica - Milan	1-1	Estádio do Sport Lisboa e Benfica, Lisbon
Goals: 0-1 Pirlo 15, 1-1 Maxi Pereira 20			
Milan: Dida, Kaladze, Gattuso, Seedorf (Oddo 73), Gilardino, Nesta, Pirlo, Kaká, Bonera, Serginho (Maldini 46), Brocchi (Gourcuff 51)			
28.11.2007	Celtic - Shakhtar	2-1	Celtic Park, Glasgow
Goals: 0-1 Brandão 4, 1-1 Jarošík 45, 2-1 Donati 90+2			
04.12.2007	Milan - Celtic	1-0	Stadio Giuseppe Meazza, Milan
Goals: 1-0 Inzaghi 70			
Milan: Kalac, Cafu, Gattuso, Inzaghi, Seedorf (Gourcuff 69), D. Šimić (Kaladze 30), Favalli, Pirlo (Brocchi 74), Kaká, Ambrosini, Bonera			
04.12.2007	Shakhtar - Benfica	1-2	RSC Olympiyskiy Stadium, Donetsk
Goals: 0-1 Óscar Cardozo 6, 0-2 Óscar Cardozo 22, 1-2 Lucarelli 30(pen)			

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Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
20/02/08	Arsenal - Milan	0-0	Arsenal Stadium, London

Goals: -

Arsenal: Lehmann, Sagna, Fabregas, Touré (Senderos 7), Eduardo (Bendtner 74), Gallas, Hleb, Flamini, Clichy, Adebayor, Eboué (Walcott 90)

Milan: Kalac, Maldini, Kaladze, Pato (Gilardino 77), Gattuso, Seedorf (Emerson 86), Nesta (Jankulovski 50), Pirlo, Kaká, Ambrosini, Oddo

Match-by-match lineups - Arsenal FC

Club	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Sevilla FC	6	5	0	1	14	7	15
Arsenal FC	6	4	1	1	14	4	13
SK Slavia Praha	6	1	2	3	5	16	5
FC Steaua București	6	0	1	5	4	10	1

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
19.09.2007	Arsenal - Sevilla	3-0	Arsenal Stadium, London
Goals: 1-0 Fabregas 27, 2-0 Van Persie 59, 3-0 Eduardo 90+2			
Arsenal: Almunia, Sagna, Fabregas, Touré, Senderos, Rosický (Diaby 50), Van Persie (L. Diarra 88), Hleb, Flamini, Clichy, Adebayor (Eduardo 83)			
19.09.2007	Slavia - Steaua	2-1	Evžena Rošického, Prague
Goals: 1-0 Šenkeřík 13, 1-1 Goian 33, 2-1 Belaid 63			
02.10.2007	Steaua - Arsenal	0-1	Steaua Stadium, Bucharest
Goals: 0-1 Van Persie 76			
Arsenal: Almunia, Sagna, Fabregas, Touré, Senderos, Van Persie, Hleb, Flamini, Clichy, Adebayor, Eboué (Gilberto 73)			
02.10.2007	Sevilla - Slavia	4-2	Ramón Sánchez-Pizjuán, Sevilla
Goals: 1-0 Kanouté 8, 1-1 Pudil 19, 2-1 Luis Fabiano 27, 3-1 Escudé 58, 4-1 Arouna Koné 68, 4-2 Kalivoda 90+2			
23.10.2007	Sevilla - Steaua	2-1	Ramón Sánchez-Pizjuán, Sevilla
Goals: 1-0 Kanouté 5, 2-0 Luis Fabiano 17, 2-1 Petre 63			
23.10.2007	Arsenal - Slavia	7-0	Arsenal Stadium, London
Goals: 1-0 Fabregas 5, 2-0 Hubáček 24(o.g.), 3-0 Walcott 41, 4-0 Hleb 51, 5-0 Walcott 55, 6-0 Fabregas 58, 7-0 Bendtner 89			
Arsenal: Almunia, Sagna, Fabregas, Touré, Gallas, Hleb (Rosický 63), Flamini (Gilberto 63), Clichy, Adebayor (Bendtner 63), Eboué, Walcott			
07.11.2007	Steaua - Sevilla	0-2	Steaua Stadium, Bucharest
Goals: 0-1 Renato 25, 0-2 Renato 65			
07.11.2007	Slavia - Arsenal	0-0	Evžena Rošického, Prague
Goals: -			
Arsenal: Almunia, Diaby, L. Diarra, Eduardo (Eboué 81), Gallas, Denilson, Song, Gilberto, Clichy, Bendtner (Adebayor 77), Walcott			
27.11.2007	Sevilla - Arsenal	3-1	Ramón Sánchez-Pizjuán, Sevilla
Goals: 0-1 Eduardo 11, 1-1 Keita 24, 2-1 Luis Fabiano 34, 3-1 Kanouté 89(pen)			
Arsenal: Almunia, Fabregas (Rosický 56), Touré, Senderos, Eduardo, Denilson, Gilberto, Bendtner, Eboué (Walcott 78), Traoré, Hoyte (Sagna 66)			

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27.11.2007 Steaua - Slavia 1-1 Steaua Stadium, Bucharest
Goals: 1-0 Badea 12, 1-1 Šenkeřík 78

12.12.2007 Arsenal - Steaua 2-1 Arsenal Stadium, London
Goals: 1-0 Diaby 8, 2-0 Bendtner 42, 2-1 Zaharia 68
Arsenal: Lehmann, Diaby (Eboué 71), Sagna (L. Diarra 71), Senderos, Gallas, Van Persie (Eduardo 65), Denilson, Song, Bendtner, Traoré, Walcott

12.12.2007 Slavia - Sevilla 0-3 Evžena Rošického, Prague
Goals: 0-1 Luis Fabiano 66, 0-2 Kanouté 69, 0-3 Daniel Alves 87

First knockout round, first leg

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
20/02/08	Arsenal - Milan	0-0	Arsenal Stadium, London

Goals: -

Arsenal: Lehmann, Sagna, Fabregas, Touré (Senderos 7), Eduardo (Bendtner 74), Gallas, Hleb, Flamini, Clichy, Adebayor, Eboué (Walcott 90)

Milan: Kalac, Maldini, Kaladze, Pato (Gilardino 77), Gattuso, Seedorf (Emerson 86), Nesta (Jankulovski 50), Pirlo, Kaká, Ambrosini, Oddo

Competition facts

UEFA Champions League knockout stage: Did you know?

- Teams have come back from a first-leg deficit to go through to the next stage on 20 occasions, including both 2006/07 semi-final victors. The biggest losing margin a side has overturned was achieved by RC Deportivo La Coruña in 2003/04 when they fought back from a 4-1 defeat at AC Milan to win 4-0 at home and progress to the semi-finals.
- Fifteen ties, including three in the 2006/07 season's first knockout round, have been decided on the away goals rule, including five where the triumphant team lost the first leg.
- Manchester United FC hold the record for the biggest first-leg lead with a 4-0 home success against FC Porto in the 1996/97 quarter-finals, eventually going through by that margin after a goalless return.
- Only six ties have gone to penalties. Four of these were finals – 1996, 2001, 2003 and 2005. The first two-legged tie decided on spot-kicks was PSV Eindhoven's 4-2 win against Olympique Lyonnais on 13 April 2005 after a 2-2 aggregate draw. The second was Liverpool's 4-1 semi-final win on penalties on 1 May 2007 against Chelsea after a 1-1 aggregate draw.
- In all, 12 ties have required extra time, including, in 2006/07, AC Milan's meeting with Celtic FC in the first knockout round and Liverpool's semi-final triumph against Chelsea. Along with the six ties mentioned above, four quarter-final and two first knockout round encounters have also needed an additional 30 minutes in an attempt to determine a winner.
- Real Madrid CF have extended their record for knockout stage qualification in successive seasons. The 2006/07 campaign was the tenth straight season since 1997/98 that they made it beyond the group stage, moving them ahead of United, who appeared nine times in a row between 1996/97 and 2004/05, and the Spanish side have extended that run to eleven successive campaigns this season. Overall, they have now played in the knockout stage 12 times, one more than United and two more than FC Bayern München.
- Had FC Bayern München beaten AC Milan in the 2006/07 last eight, it would have meant the first time the UEFA Champions League final four had no representation from either the Primera División or Serie A.
- The last European Champion Clubs' Cup season that featured not one semi-finalist from either Spain or Italy, or English for that matter, was the 1990/91 campaign.
- The 2004/05 first knockout round encounter between Lyon and Werder Bremen featured more goals (12) over its two legs than any previous UEFA Champions League knockout tie – as Lyon defeated Bremen 10-2.
- United's 7-1 victory against AS Roma in the 2006/07 campaign is the biggest victory in a UEFA Champions League quarter-final match. The previous best were Barcelona's 5-1 second-leg defeat after extra time of Chelsea (1999/00), RC Deportivo La Coruña's 4-0 return victory against AC Milan (2003/04) and United's 4-0 first-leg success against Porto (1996/97).
- Roma-United featured eleven goals over the two legs, a quarter-final record shared by Chelsea's 6-5 aggregate victory against Bayern in 2004/05 and Madrid's success by the same margin against United in 2002/03.
- There has never been a knockout tie ending goalless after two legs. Eight have finished 1-0 on aggregate, most recently Milan's narrow victory against Celtic after extra time in the 2006/07 first knockout round.

- Clarence Seedorf is the only player to win the European Cup with three clubs (Ajax 1995, Madrid 1998 and Milan 2003 and 2007). Had Bayern gone all the way last season, Ottmar Hitzfeld would have joined Liverpool FC's Bob Paisley – 1977, 1978 and 1981 – as the only coach to win three times, having won with BV Borussia Dortmund in 1997 and Bayern in 2001.

- Hitzfeld and Ernst Happel (Feyenoord 1970, Hamburger SV 1983) are the only coaches to win with two clubs.

- If Arsenal FC, Chelsea FC, Olympiacos CFP, Fenerbahçe SK or AS Roma go all the way this season, it would be the first European Cup success for London, Athens, Istanbul or Rome. Only five capital cities have been successful in this way: Madrid (Real Madrid CF), Belgrade (FK Crvena Zvezda), Bucharest (FC Steaua București), Amsterdam (AFC Ajax) and Lisbon (SL Benfica).

- Moscow was awarded the 2008 UEFA Champions League final after a decision by the UEFA Executive Committee at its meeting in Ljubljana, Slovenia in October 2006. The Luzhniki Stadium, formerly known as the Grand Arena of the Central Lenin Stadium, was inaugurated in 1956. Owned by FC Torpedo Moskva, it is the biggest sports arena in Russia with 84,745 covered seats. The capacity reached 103,000 when the Luzhniki sports complex staged the Olympic Games in 1980, but was reduced following renovation work between 1995 and 1997. It is one of few major European stadiums to use an artificial pitch, having installed the UEFA-approved FieldTurf surface in 2002 to withstand the effects of the freezing winters, although the final will be played on a new natural grass pitch. Luzhniki held the 1999 UEFA Cup final between Parma FC and Olympique de Marseille, and also hosted the first UEFA Champions League match on artificial turf, between FC Spartak Moskva and Sporting Clube de Portugal, in September 2006.

- **UEFA Champions League:** Did you know?

S.S. Lazio goalkeeper Marco Ballotta became the oldest player to compete in the UEFA Champions League when he featured against Olympiacos CFP 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 252 days when he featured against Real Madrid CF on Matchday 6. 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 București on 23 November 1994. He was then sent off in the 37th minute.

- **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.

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Leading scorer in a season

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

Kaká finished as top scorer in 2006/07 with ten goals for AC Milan.

Four goals in a match

Marco van Basten (**AC Milan** 4-0 IFK Göteborg, 25.11.1992)

Simone Inzaghi (**S.S. Lazio** 5-1 Olympique de Marseille, 14.03.2000)

Dado Pršo (**AS Monaco FC** 8-3 RC Deportivo La Coruña, 05.11.2003)

Ruud van Nistelrooy (**Manchester United FC** 4-1 AC Sparta Praha, 03.11.2004)

Andriy Shevchenko (Fenerbahçe SK 0-4 **AC Milan**, 23.11.2005)

Of these four-goal hauls, Dado Pršo's against Deportivo was the quickest. He scored his first goal 26 minutes into the game and his fourth just 23 minutes later.

Fastest goal in a match

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

20.07 secs: Gilberto (PSV Eindhoven 0-4 **Arsenal FC**, 25.09.2002)

20.12 secs: Alessandro Del Piero (Manchester United FC 3-2 **Juventus**, 01.10.1997)

21.20 secs: Clarence Seedorf (FC Schalke 04 2-2 **AC Milan**, 28.09.2005)

25.40 secs: Marek Kincl (Club Brugge KV 3-2 **SK Rapid Wien**, 02.11.2005)

Fastest hat-tricks

9 mins: Mike Newell (**Blackburn Rovers FC** 4-1 Rosenborg BK, 06.12.1995)

19 mins: Marco Simone (Rosenborg BK 1-4 **AC Milan**, 25.09.1996)

19 mins: Dado Pršo (**AS Monaco FC** 8-3 RC Deportivo La Coruña, 05.11.2003)

21 mins: Sigurd Rushfeldt (**Rosenborg BK** 3-0 Galatasaray SK, 21.10.1998)

21 mins: Simone Inzaghi (**S.S. Lazio** 5-1 Olympique de Marseille, 14.03.2000)

Youngest players to score

17 years, 195 days: Peter Oforiquaye (Rosenborg BK 5-1 **Olympiacos CFP**, 01.10.1997)

17 years, 218 days: Cesc Fabregas (**Arsenal FC** 5-1 Rosenborg BK, 07.12.2004)

17 years, 241 days: Martin Klein (Panathinaikos FC 2-1 **AC Sparta Praha**, 27.02.2002)

17 years, 353 days: Karim Benzema (**Olympique Lyonnais** 2-1 Rosenborg BK, 06.12.2005)

18 years, 61 days: Sammy Kuffour (**FC Bayern München** 2-2 FC Spartak Moskva, 02.11.1994)

18 years, 70 days: Andriy Shevchenko (**FC Dynamo Kyiv** 1-4 FC Bayern München, 07.12.1994)

Peter Oforiquaye became the youngest player to score, but Celestine Babayaro is still the youngest to appear, having begun RSC Anderlecht's game against FC Steaua Bucuresti on 23 November 1994, aged 16 years and 87 days.

Appearances: UEFA Champions League

Note: This list considers group stage to final only;

115 Raúl González (Real Madrid CF)

114 Roberto Carlos (Real Madrid CF, Fenerbahçe SK)

108 Paolo Maldini (AC Milan)

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

103 Oliver Kahn (FC Bayern München)

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

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

100 Ryan Giggs (Manchester United FC)

98 Gary Neville (Manchester United FC)

98 Paul Scholes (Manchester United FC)

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

90 Claude Makelele (FC Nantes Atlantique, Real Madrid CF, Chelsea FC)

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

89 Fernando Morientes (Real Madrid CF, AS Monaco FC, Liverpool FC, Valencia CF)

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Goals: UEFA Champions League

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

Appearances: UEFA club competition

171 Paolo Maldini (AC Milan)
139 Luís Figo (Sporting, FC Barcelona, Real Madrid CF, FC Internazionale Milano)
134 Oliver Kahn (Karlsruher SC, FC Bayern München)
132 Clarence Seedorf (AFC Ajax, UC Sampdoria, Real Madrid CF, FC Internazionale Milano, AC Milan)
130 Frank de Boer (AFC Ajax, FC Barcelona, Galatasaray SK)
127 Karl-Heinz Rummenigge (FC Bayern München, FC Internazionale Milano, Servette FC)
126 Roberto Carlos (FC Internazionale Milano, Real Madrid CF, Fenerbahçe SK)
124 Raúl González (Real Madrid CF)
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

63 Filippo Inzaghi (Parma FC, Juventus, AC Milan)
62 Raúl González (Real Madrid CF)
62 Gerd Müller (FC Bayern München)
60 Andriy Shevchenko (FC Dynamo Kyiv, AC Milan, Chelsea FC)
57 Ruud van Nistelrooy (PSV Eindhoven, Manchester United FC, Real Madrid CF)
56 Eusébio (SL Benfica)
56 Henrik Larsson (Feyenoord, Celtic FC, FC Barcelona, Manchester United FC, Helsingborgs IF)
53 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.

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

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Team facts

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UEFA club competition milestones

• Milan have been crowned champions of Europe seven times, making them the second most successful club in the history of the competition behind Real Madrid CF (nine wins). The Rossoneri were runners-up in 1958, 1993, 1995 and 2005. Only Madrid have appeared in more finals (12).

UEFA Champions League milestones

• Milan are taking part in their 12th campaign, the same number as Real Madrid CF, FC Barcelona and PSV Eindhoven. Only Manchester United FC and FC Porto (13) have featured more times. They did not take part in 1995/96, 1997/98, 1998/99 and 2001/02.

UEFA club competition honours

- European Champion Clubs' Cup: 1962/63, 1968/69, 1988/89, 1989/90, 1993/94, 2002/03, 2006/07
- UEFA Cup Winners' Cup: 1967/68, 1972/73
- European/South American Cup: 1969, 1989, 1990
- UEFA Super Cup: 1989, 1990, 1994, 2003, 2007

Ten-year record

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

2006/07 season

Domestic record: Milan began the season with an eight-point deduction following the sporting fraud tribunal in Italy. They finished fourth in Serie A on 61 points, 36 behind champions FC Internazionale Milano and three ahead of US Città di Palermo.

European record: After defeating FK Crvena Zvezda 3-1 on aggregate in the UEFA Champions League third qualifying round, Milan then won Group H ahead of LOSC Lille Métropole, AEK Athens FC and RSC Anderlecht to reach a first knockout round tie against Celtic FC, which was won 1-0 on aggregate. FC Bayern München were defeated 4-2 over two legs in the quarter-finals before Milan saw off Manchester United FC 5-3 on aggregate to earn a place in the final in which Liverpool FC were defeated 2-1 at the Athens Olympic Stadium.

Key facts

UEFA club competition

• Pld: 317 W: 171 D: 73 L: 73 GF: 531 GA: 276

UEFA Champions League (group stage to final)

• Pld: 122 W: 62 D: 34 L: 26 GF: 180 GA: 98

European Champion Clubs' Cup/UEFA Champions League

• Pld: 205 W: 112 D: 48 L: 45 GF: 361 GA: 173

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Records

UEFA club competition

- Biggest win

8-0: AC Milan v US Luxembourg

12.09.1962, European Champion Clubs' Cup preliminary round first leg

- Biggest home win

8-0: AC Milan v US Luxembourg (see above for details)

- Biggest away win

0-6: FC København v AC Milan

20.10.1993, European Champion Clubs' Cup second round first leg

0-6: US Luxembourg v AC Milan

19.09.1962, European Champion Clubs' Cup preliminary round second leg

- Heaviest defeat

6-0: AFC Ajax v AC Milan

09.01.1974, 1973 UEFA Super Cup final second leg

- Heaviest home defeat

0-2: AC Milan v LOSC Lille Métropole

06.12.2006, UEFA Champions League group stage

0-2: AC Milan v AFC Ajax

23.11.1994, UEFA Champions League group stage

0-2 AC Milan v Parma AC

02.02.1994, 1993 UEFA Super Cup final second leg

0-2: AC Milan v RCD Español

21.10.1987, UEFA Cup second round first leg

0-2: AC Milan v FC Barcelona

04.11.1959, European Champion Clubs' Cup first round first leg

- Heaviest away defeat

6-0: AFC Ajax v AC Milan (see above for details)

UEFA Champions League (group stage to final only)

- Biggest win

0-4: Fenerbahçe SK v AC Milan

23.11.2005, UEFA Champions League group stage

4-0: AC Milan v FC Shakhtar Donetsk

24.11.2004, UEFA Champions League group stage

0-4: RC Deportivo La Coruña v AC Milan

24.09.2002, UEFA Champions League group stage

4-0: AC Milan v FC Barcelona

18.05.1994, European Champion Clubs' Cup final

4-0: AC Milan v IFK Göteborg

25.11.1992, UEFA Champions League group stage

- Biggest home win

4-0: AC Milan v FC Shakhtar Donetsk (see above for details)

4-0: AC Milan v IFK Göteborg (see above for details)

- Biggest away win

0-4: Fenerbahçe SK v AC Milan (see above for details)

0-4: RC Deportivo La Coruña v AC Milan (see above for details)

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- Heaviest defeat
4-0: RC Deportivo La Coruña v AC Milan
07.04.2004, UEFA Champions League quarter-finals second leg

- Heaviest home defeat
0-2: AC Milan v LOSC Lille Métropole (see above for details)
0-2: AC Milan v AFC Ajax (see above for details)

- Heaviest away defeat
4-0: RC Deportivo La Coruña v AC Milan (see above for details)

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Arsenal FC

UEFA club competition milestones

- In the 2005/06 season Arsenal advanced to the European Champion Clubs' Cup final for the first time although they had previously been involved in both UEFA Cup Winners' Cup and UEFA Cup finals.

- Arsenal played in three UEFA Cup Winners' Cup finals, triumphing in the 1993/94 season when they overcame Parma FC 1-0 thanks to Alan Smith's 22nd-minute goal. The other finals ended in narrow defeats by Valencia CF and Real Zaragoza in 1979/80 and 1994/95 respectively.

- Following their elimination from the 1999/00 UEFA Champions League at the end of the group stage, Arsenal advanced to the UEFA Cup final only to lose on penalties to Galatasaray SK at Copenhagen's Parken stadium.

UEFA Champions League milestones

- Their finest UEFA Champions League campaign culminated on 17 May 2006 with a 2-1 defeat by FC Barcelona, after Sol Campbell had given the London club the lead in Paris.

UEFA club competition honours

- UEFA Cup Winners' Cup: 1993/94

Ten-year record

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

2006/07 season

Domestic record: Arsenal again finished fourth in the English Premier League, level on 68 points with third-placed Liverpool FC. They were eight points ahead of Tottenham Hotspur FC and 15 points behind third-placed Chelsea FC, while champions Manchester United FC were a further six points ahead. They were eliminated in the fifth round of the FA Cup by Blackburn Rovers FC.

European record: Arsenal were making their ninth successive attempt at winning the UEFA Champions League. They reached the group stage by defeating NK Dinamo Zagreb in the third qualifying round. The English side and rivals FC Porto both recorded three victories and two draws from their six outings in Group G – to finish ahead of PFC CSKA Moskva and Hamburger SV – but Arsenal topped the standings due to their better head-to-head record against their Portuguese opponents. Arsenal lost 2-1 over two legs to PSV Eindhoven in the first knockout round.

Key facts

UEFA club competition

• Pld: 164 W: 79 D: 44 L: 41 GF: 258 GA: 159

UEFA Champions League (group stage to final)

• Pld: 96 W: 43 D: 28 L: 25 GF: 134 GA: 94

European Champion Clubs' Cup/UEFA Champions League

• Pld: 110 W: 52 D: 29 L: 29 GF: 165 GA: 105

Records

UEFA club competition

• Biggest win

7-0: Arsenal FC v SK Slavia Praha

23.10.2007, UEFA Champions League group stage

0-7: R. Standard de Liège v Arsenal FC

03.11.1993, UEFA Cup Winners' Cup second round second leg

• Biggest home win

7-0: Arsenal FC v SK Slavia Praha (see above for details)

• Biggest away win

0-7: R. Standard de Liège v Arsenal FC (see above for details)

• Heaviest defeat

0-3: Arsenal FC v FC Internazionale Milano

17.09.2003, UEFA Champions League group stage

4-1: FC Spartak Moskva v Arsenal FC

22.11.2000, UEFA Champions League second group stage

3-0: FC Shakhtar Donetsk v Arsenal FC

07.11.2000, UEFA Champions League first group stage

2-5: Arsenal FC v SK Spartak Moskva

29.09.1982, UEFA Cup first round second leg

• Heaviest home defeat

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

2-5: Arsenal FC v SK Spartak Moskva (see above for details)

• Heaviest away defeat

4-1: FC Spartak Moskva v Arsenal FC (see above for details)

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

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- Biggest win

7-0: Arsenal FC v SK Slavia Praha (see above for details)

- Biggest home win

7-0: Arsenal FC v SK Slavia Praha (see above for details)

- Biggest away win

1-5: FC Internazionale Milano v Arsenal FC (see above for details)

0-4: PSV Eindhoven v Arsenal FC (see above for details)

- Heaviest defeat

4-1: FC Spartak Moskva v Arsenal FC (see above for details)

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

- Heaviest home defeat

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

- Heaviest away defeat

4-1: FC Spartak Moskva v Arsenal FC (see above for details)

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Competition information

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

- **Away goals:** If the two teams involved in a tie score the same number of goals over the two legs, the team which scores more away goals qualifies for the next stage. If this procedure does not produce a result, extra time of two periods of 15 minutes shall be played at the end of the second leg. If, during extra time, both teams score the same number of goals, away goals count double. If no goals are scored during extra time, kicks from the penalty mark determine which club qualifies for the next stage.

- **Disciplinary information:** As a rule, a player who is sent off 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. 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 estimate the gross income for the 2007/08 UEFA Champions League is €824.5m. Under 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.

According to projections, the estimated €824.5m 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.

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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