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Match background

Chelsea FC will look to give Liverpool FC a taste of their own medicine when they welcome the Merseyside club to Stamford Bridge aiming to take the last step towards their first UEFA Champions League final.

- Twice in the last four years the London side's dreams of a debut final appearance died at Liverpool's hands after semi-final second-leg losses at Anfield in 2005 and 2007. This time Chelsea enter the decider with both home advantage and an away goal to their name following last Tuesday's 1-1 first-leg draw in the north-west.
- Liverpool substitute John Arne Riise's own goal four minutes into added time at Anfield cancelled out Dirk Kuyt's 43rd-minute strike and turned the balance of the tie Chelsea's way.
- That result means Liverpool must do something they have failed to manage in eight previous attempts under Rafael Benítez: score a goal at Stamford Bridge. To progress to an eighth European Champion Clubs' Cup final without recourse to penalties, Liverpool must either win or earn a high-scoring draw of 2-2 or more.
- It will not be easy for the visitors given Chelsea are unbeaten in eleven UEFA Champions League home ties, a run comprising eight victories and three draws, and dating back 26 months to a 2-1 defeat by FC Barcelona in the 2005/06 first knockout round.
- The rivalry between Liverpool and Chelsea has intensified in recent years, on the back of six UEFA Champions League encounters since 2005. Benítez's men hold the upper hand in these European contests, with two wins to Chelsea's one.
- The teams first met in Europe in the 2004/05 semi-final when Luis García's fourth-minute goal in the second leg at Anfield proved enough to earn the hosts a 1-0 aggregate victory en route to their final triumph against AC Milan in Istanbul.
- Liverpool inflicted further heartache on Chelsea in last season's semi-final. They lost the first leg at Stamford Bridge 1-0 – Joe Cole scoring the 29th-minute goal – but won the return on 1 May by the same score thanks to Daniel Agger's 22nd-minute strike before triumphing 4-1 on penalties.



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- The sequence of takers in the shoot-out, with Liverpool going first, was: Boudewijn Zenden, scored (1-0); Arjen Robben, saved (1-0); Xabi Alonso, scored (2-0); Frank Lampard, scored (2-1); Steven Gerrard, scored (3-1); Geremi, saved (3-1); Dirk Kuyt, scored (4-1)
- In between those semi-final meetings, Liverpool and Chelsea also squared off in the 2005/06 group stage, playing out two goalless draws as both advanced to the knockout rounds, Liverpool as group winners.
- Liverpool reached the last four after winning another all-English affair against Arsenal FC. They drew the first leg 1-1 in London before running out 4-2 victors at Anfield. Benítez's men had earlier finished second in Group A and then overcame FC Internazionale Milano 3-0 on aggregate in the first knockout round.
- Chelsea were 3-2 aggregate winners against Fenerbahçe SK in the last eight, recovering from a 2-1 first-leg loss in Istanbul by winning the return 2-0. Avram Grant's team had previously finished top of Group B and then beaten Olympiacos CFP 3-0 on aggregate in the last 16.
- Liverpool and Chelsea have met three times in domestic competition this term. The first encounter brought a 1-1 draw at Anfield on 19 August when Lampard's 62nd-minute penalty rescued the London club from defeat after Torres had struck his first Liverpool goal in the 16th minute.
- Grant had replaced José Mourinho as manager by the time of the sides' English League Cup quarter-final tie at Stamford Bridge on 19 December, when Lampard (59) and Andriy Shevchenko (90) scored to earn Chelsea a 2-0 success.
- This season's third meeting was a goalless draw at Stamford Bridge in the Premier League on 10 February.
- Overall the clubs have now met 151 times. There have been 67 wins for Liverpool, 52 for Chelsea, and 32 draws.
- Chelsea's home record against Liverpool in all competitions is P73 W41 D16 L16.
- Liverpool have recorded three draws and five defeats in eight visits to Chelsea under Benítez – and not scored in their last 777 minutes of football played there. The last Liverpool player to find the Stamford Bridge net was Bruno Cheyrou, scorer of the only goal 33 minutes into a 1-0 Premier League victory on 7 January 2004.
- Sami Hyypiä, Harry Kewell and Riise are the only survivors from the Liverpool team that evening. Their lineup was: Jerzy Dudek (Patrice Luzi 77), Stéphane Henchoz, Sami Hyypiä, Djimi Traoré, Igor Bišćan, El-Hadji Diouf, Danny Murphy, Dietmar Hamann, Bruno Cheyrou (John Arne Riise 77), Emile Heskey, Harry Kewell.
- This is the seventh time that Liverpool have travelled for the return leg of a UEFA club competition tie after drawing the first leg at Anfield.
- On three of the six previous occasions they recovered to win the tie, including victories against Athletic Club Bilbao (second round: 0-0, 1-0) in 1983/84 and FC Bayern München (semi-final: 0-0, 1-1) in 1980/81 en route to winning the European Cup in both seasons.
- Liverpool lost on the two instances where the first-leg score at Anfield was 1-1 – against Ferencvárosi TC in the 1974/75 UEFA Cup Winners' Cup second round (0-0 second leg) and against Olympique de Marseille in the UEFA Cup fourth round in 2003/04 (1-2 second leg). Chelsea striker Didier Drogba struck Marseille's equaliser at Anfield and their opening goal in the return fixture in France.
- Liverpool have not lost a semi-final in this competition since going down 4-3 on aggregate to FC Internazionale Milano in 1964/65. Since then they have ousted FC Zürich (1976/77), VfL Borussia Mönchengladbach (1977/78), Bayern (1980/81), FC Dinamo 1948 Bucureşti (1983/84), Panathinaikos FC (1984/85) and Chelsea (2004/05 and 2006/07).

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- Besides their two semi-final reverses against Liverpool, Chelsea also lost at this stage in 2003/04, succumbing 5-3 on aggregate against AS Monaco FC.
- Chelsea have appeared in two European finals previously – the 1970/71 and 1997/98 UEFA Cup Winners' Cup finals.
- Liverpool have featured in seven past European Cup finals as well as three UEFA Cup finals (1972/73, 1975/76, 2000/01) and one UEFA Cup Winners' Cup final (1965/66) – a total of eleven.
- Liverpool have fared well in past all-English ties in UEFA club competition. Besides two semi-final victories against Chelsea and the recent conquest of Arsenal, they also beat Tottenham Hotspur FC on away goals in the 1972/73 UEFA Cup semi-finals after a 2-2 aggregate draw.
- Their only setback in five all-English knockout ties came in the 1978/79 European Champion Clubs' Cup first round when, as holders, they went down 2-0 on aggregate against Nottingham Forest FC.
- Chelsea's record against English rivals in Europe includes two victories in addition to their losses against Liverpool. They beat Arsenal in the 2003/04 UEFA Champions League quarter-finals – drawing 1-1 at home, then winning 2-1 away – and claimed 1-0 home and away successes against Manchester City FC in the 1970/71 UEFA Cup Winners' Cup semi-final en route to lifting the trophy.
- Liverpool have never lost a penalty shoot-out in European competition. Their record reads:
4-2 v AS Roma, 1983/84 European Champion Clubs' Cup final
3-2 v AC Milan, 2004/05 UEFA Champions League final
4-1 v Chelsea FC, 2006/07 UEFA Champions League semi-final
- That loss on penalties to Liverpool in last season's semi-final was Chelsea's only penalty shoot-out in UEFA club competition.
- Liverpool attacker Kuyt and Chelsea forward Salomon Kalou achieved great things as a strike partnership with Dutch club Feyenoord between 2004 and 2006. Kuyt scored 51 league goals and Kalou 35 over the course of two seasons together.
- Liverpool midfielder Yossi Benayoun played under Chelsea manager Grant during the 2000/01 and 2001/02 campaigns at Israeli outfit Maccabi Haifa FC – winning two league titles together – and later with the Israel national team.
- Chelsea striker Nicolas Anelka spent the second half of the 2001/02 season on loan at Liverpool, scoring four goals in 20 league appearances.
- Chelsea forward Shevchenko's saved spot-kick in the 2005 UEFA Champions League final shoot-out sealed Liverpool's triumph against Milan.

Match facts

CHELSEA

UEFA milestones

- Petr Čech's next appearance in UEFA club competition will be his 50th European match. Paulo Ferreira reached the same landmark in the first leg against Liverpool.
- Claude Makelele's next European game will be his 125th UEFA club competition match while Michael Ballack has 74 appearances to his name.

- The Liverpool tie is Makelele's eighth UEFA Champions League semi-final, extending his own record. The Chelsea midfielder previously featured in the last four with FC Nantes Atlantique in 1995/96, Real Madrid CF in 2000/01, 2001/02 and 2002/03 and his current club in 2003/04, 2004/05 and 2006/07.

2007/08 UEFA Champions League statistics

- Two Chelsea players have featured in all eleven UEFA Champions League games this season: Makelele and Joe Cole, while Michael Essien had been ever-present before the first leg with Liverpool. Nobody has played all 990 minutes to date.

- Chelsea have had 76 shots wide so far, the highest total of the teams left in the competition.

- The London club have been caught offside 40 times, more than any other club in the semi-finals.

- Dirk Kuyt's first-leg goal was only the fifth Chelsea have conceded in this season's competition, the best defensive record of the teams in the semi-finals.

Disciplinary information

- Essien is available again having missed the first leg after collecting his third yellow card of this season's competition in the quarter-final second leg with Fenerbahçe SK. John Terry is a booking away from missing the final having collected a yellow card at Anfield last week.

Latest domestic information

- **Saturday 26 April: Chelsea FC 2-1 Manchester United FC (Michael Ballack 45 86pen; Wayne Rooney 57)**

Chelsea kept alive their hopes of a third Premier League title in four seasons with a crucial win against leaders Manchester United FC at Stamford Bridge, Ballack heading in Didier Drogba's cross to open the scoring. Although Wayne Rooney latched on to a loose Ricardo Carvalho pass to equalise, with four minutes left Michael Carrick was adjudged to have handled and Ballack made no mistake from the spot. The win leaves Chelsea level with United on 81 points with two games left, although the London club have a vastly inferior goal difference.

- "I'm optimistic but we need to win our last two games and hope United lose one point," said manager Avram Grant after his 50th match in charge of Chelsea. "If you get to this stage and aren't optimistic you shouldn't be in sport. My players were very competitive. They wanted to win. When you concede a goal like we did it's a little bit disappointing but we were full of energy. We did what we had to do. We deserved to win and more than 2-1. I'm happy with the result and the way we did it. I enjoy winning games and I enjoyed the spirit and courage of the players today."

- Chelsea replaced Frank Lampard and Makelele with Essien and John Obi Mikel respectively, while Salomon Kalou came in for Florent Malouda on the left wing.

- Captain Terry made his 350th Chelsea appearance against United, when Carvalho featured in a Premier League match for the 100th time.

- The United win extended Chelsea's unbeaten home run to 81 Premier League matches since Arsenal triumphed 2-1 at Stamford Bridge on 21 February 2004. Of those matches, 60 have ended in victories with 21 draws. Chelsea are also unbeaten in 66 home matches since FC Barcelona won 2-1 in west London on 22 February 2006 in the UEFA Champions League first knockout round first leg. Chelsea have won 49 of those games with 17 draws.

- That Barcelona match was also the last time Chelsea conceded twice at home in the UEFA Champions League, eleven games ago. Aston Villa FC were the last Premier League visitors to score more than once at Stamford Bridge, claiming a 4-4 draw on 26 December 2007, ten games ago.

- Chelsea are the only Premier League club unbeaten in 2008 having last lost at Arsenal FC on 16 December. They are now unbeaten in 19 league games, a run of 14 wins and five draws, the longest undefeated sequence any English top-flight side has managed this season. That Arsenal loss is their only reverse in 29 league matches.

- Chelsea have kept 20 clean sheets in the league this season, the joint highest total in the English top flight with leaders United. They are also yet to lose in the Premier League when scoring first having won 20 and drawn four of the 24 matches in which they have broken the deadlock.
- Chelsea have scored in their last ten league matches and have failed to find the net only once in their last 16 games in all competitions.
- Only six of Chelsea's 62 Premier League goals to date have come in the first 15 minutes.

Injury news

- Frank Lampard – out since 22 April (personal)
- Petr Čech – out 3 March to 14 April (ankle)
- Michael Ballack – out 15-22 April (hamstring)
- Didier Drogba – out 8-22 April (knee)
- Carlo Cudicini – out 8-26 April (hamstring)

• Lampard missed the United match as he mourns the loss of his mother, who died on 24 April from pneumonia. "The players have a lot of sympathy for Frank," said Grant. "We are a big, big family and what has happened makes all of us very sad. I send my sympathy to the family from everyone here. We will leave the decision about Wednesday to him. I will respect any decision he makes. Football is exciting but there are things that are more important."

Miscellaneous

- Chelsea have announced they will take part in the Russian Railway Cup this summer, along with hosts FC Lokomotiv Moskva, AC Milan and Sevilla FC. The tournament will be played from 1 to 3 August in Moscow.

LIVERPOOL

UEFA milestones

- None

2007/08 UEFA Champions League statistics

- Pepe Reina is the only Liverpool player to have featured in all 13 UEFA Champions League games this season, including qualifying, although Sami Hyypiä had been ever-present before the first leg while Jamie Carragher and Steven Gerrard have played in all eleven games in the competition proper. Reina and Carragher have been in action for the full 990 minutes since the start of the group stage.
- Gerrard's penalty against Arsenal FC in the quarter-final second leg took him on to six UEFA Champions League goals for the campaign and he is the competition's joint second highest scorer behind Cristiano Ronaldo.
- Liverpool scored 27 goals in their first eleven games, the highest total in the competition.
- They have also conceded nine goals, more than any of the other three teams in the semi-finals.

Disciplinary information

- Carragher, Gerrard and Fábio Aurélio will incur a suspension with their next yellow cards.

Latest domestic information

- **Saturday 26 April: Birmingham City FC 2-2 Liverpool FC (Mikael Forssell 34, Sebastian Larsson 55; Peter Crouch 63, Yossi Benayoun 76)**

A much-changed Liverpool side fought back from two goals down to draw at Birmingham, who had seized control of the match thanks to Mikael Forssell's composed finish and a trademark free-kick from Sebastian Larsson. However, former Birmingham winger Jermaine Pennant set up Peter Crouch to halve the deficit, before Yossi Benayoun's deflected header earned a point.

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• "The idea was to win and guarantee fourth place; we didn't achieve that but a draw puts us in a very strong position," said manager Rafael Benítez after his 150th Premier League match in charge of Liverpool. "Now we can think about Chelsea and hopefully we can progress. I'm really pleased with the second half because the team played much better; to score twice and create the chances we did was very, very positive. We controlled things for the first 30 minutes but then conceded the goal, so at half-time we talked about how we could improve and the mentality of the players was positive. You must guarantee the Champions League for next season. I'd like to finish as high as possible but sometimes this cannot happen and you must be happy with fourth position and happy if you do well in the Champions League."

- Liverpool made nine changes from the side which faced Chelsea in the first leg with only Reina and Martin Škrtel keeping their places, while Damien Plessis came into midfield for only his second league appearance.
- Liverpool have lost once in their last 16 matches in all competitions, and have the third best defensive record in the Premier League, conceding 28 goals. Only Manchester United FC (21) and Chelsea (25) have shipped fewer.
- Reina has kept 16 clean sheets this season, the joint highest total in the Premier League along with David James of Portsmouth FC. The Liverpool No1 also kept the most clean sheets in 2006/07 (19) and 2005/06 (20).
- Only Reina has played in every one of Liverpool's 36 Premier League games this season. He has appeared in all 3,240 minutes of league action. The Spanish international is hoping to be the first Liverpool player since Carragher in 2004/05 to play in all 38 league games in a season.
- Torres' winner against Reading FC on 15 March made him the first Liverpool player to score 20 league goals in a season since Robbie Fowler in 1995/96. The striker has now registered 30 this season in all competitions, including 12 goals in his last 13 club appearances.
- Torres has scored 22 league goals, and needs one more to equal the record set by former Manchester United FC striker Ruud van Nistelrooy for a foreign player in his first Premier League season.
- Only seven of Liverpool's 64 league goals have been headers – that ratio is the lowest in the English top flight.
- Nine of the 28 Premier League goals Liverpool have conceded this season have come in the final 15 minutes. By contrast, they have been breached just four times in the first half-hour.
- Eighteen of Liverpool's 64 league goals to date have come in the final 15 minutes.

Injury news

- Fábio Aurélio – out since 22 April (groin)
- Álvaro Arbeloa – out 19-22 April (thigh)
- Steven Gerrard – out 17-22 April (neck)
- Jermaine Pennant – out 5-19 April (hamstring)
- Harry Kewell – out since 22 March (groin)
- Daniel Agger – out since 15 September (metatarsal)

• Fábio Aurélio is unlikely to play again until 2008/09 having torn a groin muscle in the first leg with Chelsea. "It usually takes a minimum of three weeks to recover," said Benítez. "It will be very difficult for Fábio to play again this season."

Miscellaneous

- Torres and Gerrard were nominated for the PFA Players' Player of the Year award won by Cristiano Ronaldo on Sunday. The pair were named in the PFA Team of the Year, however, which also included players from Arsenal FC, Manchester United, Portsmouth and Aston Villa FC – but none from Chelsea.
- Bill Shankly is the subject of a play based on his final days as Liverpool manager. The piece, entitled The Shankly Show, was commissioned as part of Liverpool's European Capital of Culture celebrations and opened on 24 April.

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Squad list

Chelsea

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	Petr Čech	CZE	20.05.1982	25	-	-	-	7	-	24	-	45	-	49	-
23	Carlo Cudicini	ITA	06.09.1973	34	-	-	-	5	-	10	-	19	-	26	-
40	Hilário	POR	21.10.1975	32	-	-	-	1	-	3	-	15	-	17	-
Defenders															
3	Ashley Cole	ENG	20.12.1980	27	-	-	-	8	-	26	1	62	1	62	1
6	Ricardo Carvalho	POR	18.05.1978	29	-	-	-	8	-	20	1	57	3	67	3
18	Wayne Bridge	ENG	05.08.1980	27	-	-	-	3	-	10	-	22	2	23	2
20	Paulo Ferreira	POR	18.01.1979	29	-	-	-	5	-	17	-	37	-	50	-
22	Tal Ben Haim	ISR	31.03.1982	26	-	-	-	2	-	13	-	2	-	19	-
26	John Terry	ENG	07.12.1980	27	*	-	-	8	-	21	1	48	4	56	6
33	Alex	BRA	17.06.1982	25	-	-	-	6	1	26	2	32	5	34	5
35	Juliano Belletti	BRA	20.06.1976	31	-	-	-	6	-	22	2	26	1	48	1
41	Sam Hutchinson	ENG	03.08.1989	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Midfielders															
4	Claude Makelele	FRA	18.02.1973	35	-	-	-	11	-	17	-	94	1	124	4
5	Michael Essien	GHA	03.12.1982	25	-	-	-	10	-	25	6	44	7	44	7
8	Frank Lampard	ENG	20.06.1978	29	-	-	-	9	2	22	10	52	13	70	19
10	Joe Cole	ENG	08.11.1981	26	-	-	-	11	2	32	7	40	5	47	5
12	John Obi Mikel	NGA	22.04.1987	21	-	-	-	4	-	27	-	13	-	13	-
13	Michael Ballack	GER	26.09.1976	31	-	-	-	5	2	16	6	69	15	74	18
15	Florent Malouda	FRA	13.06.1980	27	-	-	-	9	1	19	1	45	6	45	6
24	Shaun Wright-Phillips	ENG	25.10.1981	26	-	-	-	5	-	27	2	17	1	23	2
42	Lee Sawyer	ENG	10.09.1989	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Forwards															
7	Andriy Shevchenko	UKR	29.09.1976	31	-	-	-	4	1	15	4	93	47	112	60
11	Didier Drogba	CIV	11.03.1978	30	-	-	-	9	4	17	8	43	21	53	27
21	Salomon Kalou	CIV	05.08.1985	22	-	-	-	9	1	30	7	20	1	29	5
39	Nicolas Anelka	FRA	14.03.1979	29	-	-	-	3	-	13	1	33	8	57	16
Coach															
-	Avram Grant	ISR	06.02.1955	53	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	10	-	24	-

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Liverpool

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						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers															
25	Pepe Reina	ESP	31.08.1982	25	-	2	-	11	-	36	-	35	-	89	-
30	Charles Itandje	FRA	02.11.1982	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	28	-
40	David Martin	ENG	22.01.1986	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders															
3	Steve Finnan	IRL	20.04.1976	32	-	2	-	5	-	22	-	34	-	56	-
4	Sami Hyypiä	FIN	07.10.1973	34	-	2	1	10	1	26	1	52	4	106	8
5	Daniel Agger	DEN	12.12.1984	23	-	1	-	-	-	5	-	11	1	19	1
6	John Arne Riise	NOR	24.09.1980	27	-	2	-	7	-	29	-	59	3	87	4
12	Fábio Aurélio	BRA	24.09.1979	28	*	-	-	9	-	16	1	22	2	36	2
17	Álvaro Arbeloa	ESP	17.01.1983	25	-	2	-	6	-	27	-	11	-	13	-
23	Jamie Carragher	ENG	28.01.1978	30	*	1	-	11	-	33	-	64	-	103	1
37	Martin Škrtel	SVK	15.12.1984	23	-	-	-	4	-	13	-	4	-	23	-
39	Stephen Darby	ENG	06.10.1988	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Midfielders															
7	Harry Kewell	AUS	22.09.1978	29	-	-	-	3	-	10	-	29	-	67	11
8	Steven Gerrard	ENG	30.05.1980	27	*	1	-	11	6	32	11	53	12	90	25
11	Yossi Benayoun	ISR	05.05.1980	27	-	2	-	8	3	28	4	8	3	29	7
14	Xabi Alonso	ESP	25.11.1981	26	-	-	-	3	-	18	2	38	2	45	2
16	Jermaine Pennant	ENG	15.01.1983	25	-	-	-	4	-	18	2	19	-	21	-
20	Javier Mascherano	ARG	08.06.1984	23	-	2	-	10	-	23	1	14	-	18	-
21	Lucas Leiva	BRA	09.01.1987	21	-	1	-	6	-	16	-	6	-	7	-
33	Sebastian Leto	ARG	30.08.1986	21	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	2	-
34	Jay Spearing	ENG	25.11.1988	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35	Raymond Putterill	ENG	02.03.1989	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
36	Ryan Flynn	SCO	04.09.1988	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Forwards															
9	Fernando Torres	ESP	20.03.1984	24	-	1	-	9	5	31	22	9	5	15	7
10	Andriy Voronin	UKR	21.07.1979	28	-	1	1	6	-	17	4	11	2	24	5
15	Peter Crouch	ENG	30.01.1981	27	-	2	1	6	3	21	5	24	9	34	11
18	Dirk Kuyt	NED	22.07.1980	27	-	1	2	10	5	30	3	21	6	41	15
19	Ryan Babel	NED	19.12.1986	21	-	2	-	10	4	28	4	19	4	32	9
Coach															
-	Rafael Benítez	ESP	16.04.1960	48	-	2	-	11	-	-	-	59	-	95	-

Head coach

Chelsea FC: Avram Grant

Date of birth: 6 May 1955

Nationality: Israeli

Coaching career: Hapoel Petach-Tikva FC, Maccabi Tel-Aviv FC (twice), Hapoel Haifa FC, Maccabi Haifa FC, Israel, Chelsea FC

Despite never playing professionally, Avram Grant has developed a reputation for tactically astute football, enhancing players' careers and bringing trophies to the clubs he has managed. He began his coaching career with the youth team at Hapoel Petach-Tikva FC, going on to become head coach at the club. He led the small Israeli side to second place in the league in 1990/91 before moving to Maccabi Tel-Aviv FC.

The club had been in decline for some time but Grant bucked the trend, bringing the league title back to Tel-Aviv in 1992 and 1995. He returned to the club in 1996, having spent a season with Hapoel Haifa FC, but did not manage to repeat the success of his first spell. However, Grant rediscovered his touch as coach at Maccabi Haifa FC, winning back-to-back championships in 2001 and 2002.

Those achievements earned him a shot as coach of the Israeli national team. The country became one of the most resilient forces in European football. They were unbeaten in the qualifying campaign for the 2006 FIFA World Cup, narrowly missing out on a first trip to the finals since 1970, but despite that showing Grant quit his position. The Russian-speaking coach became friends with Chelsea FC owner Roman Abramovich and, after a spell as technical director at Portsmouth FC, joined the London club as director of football in July 2007. He moved into the manager's chair following the departure of José Mourinho in September and signed a four-year contract that December.

Liverpool FC: Rafael Benítez

Date of birth: 16 April 1960

Nationality: Spanish

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

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

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

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

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

Match officials

Referee	Roberto Rosetti (ITA)
Assistant referees	Alessandro Griselli (ITA), Paolo Calcagno (ITA)
Fourth official	Andrea De Marco (ITA)
UEFA Delegate	Jan Damgaard (DEN)
UEFA Referee observer	Hugh Dallas (SCO)

Referee

Name	Nat.	DoB	UCL	UEFA
Roberto Rosetti	ITA	18.09.1967	13	27

Since first tasting UEFA competition with the UEFA European Under-17 Championship finals back in April 2002, Roberto Rosetti has enjoyed a rapid rise to the very highest levels of football. That was underlined when he was one of the European referees chosen for the 2006 FIFA World Cup. He was given four appointments in Germany, including the second-round meeting between Spain and France, and at 1.90m was the tallest official at the finals.

The Turin-based hospital manager, who enjoys playing tennis in his spare time, has been a highly-regarded match official in Italy for some years and earned his FIFA international badge in 2002. One of his first major continental club appointments came when he took charge of the 2004 UEFA Intertoto Cup final between FC Schalke 04 and FC Slovan Liberec. Rosetti, who speaks English and French as well as his native Italian, worked at the 2003 FIFA U-20 World Cup and then, in summer 2005, had three games at the FIFA Confederations Cup, which served as an ideal warm-up for the World Cup the following year.

He followed that with two UEFA Champions League matches in the 2005/06 campaign, along with three in the UEFA Cup. When relaxing away from sport, Rosetti enjoys reading and watching movies, and took charge of four UEFA Champions League matches in 2006/07, including Liverpool FC's 1-0 defeat of PSV Eindhoven in the quarter-final second leg. He has also been selected as one of 12 referees who will work at UEFA EURO 2008™ in Austria and Switzerland this summer.

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

Date	Comp.	Stage		Res.	Venue
22.08.2006	UCL	QR3	Maccabi Haifa FC - Liverpool FC	1-1	Kiev
06.03.2007	UCL	1/8	Chelsea FC - FC Porto	2-1	London
11.04.2007	UCL	QF	Liverpool FC - PSV Eindhoven	1-0	Liverpool
03.10.2007	UCL	GS	Valencia CF - Chelsea FC	1-2	Valencia
28.11.2007	UCL	GS	Liverpool FC - FC Porto	4-1	Liverpool
04.03.2008	UCL	1/8	Manchester United FC - Olympique Lyonnais	1-0	Manchester

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

Date	Comp.	Stage		Res.	Venue
01.05.2002		GS - FT	England - Denmark	0-0	Hvidovre
27.07.2002	UIC	R3	Aston Villa FC - FC Zürich	3-0	Birmingham
21.10.2004	UCUP	GS	Panionios GSS - Newcastle United FC	0-1	Athens
30.03.2006	UCUP	QF	FC Basel 1893 - Middlesbrough FC	2-0	Basel
11.10.2006	EURO	QR	Croatia - England	2-0	Zagreb

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Chelsea FC (Premier League)

Comp.	Date	Opponent	Res.	Goalscorers
League	12/08/07	Birmingham City FC (H)	3-2	Pizarro 17, Malouda 31, Essien 50
League	15/08/07	Reading FC (A)	2-1	Lampard 47, Drogba 50
League	19/08/07	Liverpool FC (A)	1-1	Lampard 62(pen)
League	25/08/07	Portsmouth FC (H)	1-0	Lampard 31
League	02/09/07	Aston Villa FC (A)	0-2	
League	15/09/07	Blackburn Rovers FC (H)	0-0	
League	23/09/07	Manchester United FC (A)	0-2	
Cup	26/09/07	Hull (A)	4-0	Sinclair 37, Kalou 48, 81, Sidwell 52
League	29/09/07	Fulham FC (H)	0-0	
League	07/10/07	Bolton Wanderers FC (A)	1-0	Kalou 41
League	20/10/07	Middlesbrough FC (A)	2-0	Drogba 8, Alex 57
League	27/10/07	Manchester City FC (H)	6-0	Essien 16, Drogba 31, 56, J. Cole 60, Kalou 75, Shevchenko 90
Cup	31/10/07	Leicester City FC (H)	4-3	Lampard 20, 29, 90, Shevchenko 87
League	03/11/07	Wigan Athletic FC (A)	2-0	Lampard 11, Belletti 18
League	11/11/07	Everton FC (H)	1-1	Drogba 70
League	24/11/07	Derby County FC (A)	2-0	Kalou 17, Wright-Phillips 73
League	01/12/07	West Ham United FC (H)	1-0	J. Cole 76
League	08/12/07	Sunderland AFC (H)	2-0	Shevchenko 23, Lampard 75(pen)
League	16/12/07	Arsenal FC (A)	0-1	
Cup	19/12/07	Liverpool FC (H)	2-0	Lampard 59, Shevchenko 90
League	23/12/07	Blackburn Rovers FC (A)	1-0	J. Cole 22
League	26/12/07	Aston Villa FC (H)	4-4	Shevchenko 45(pen), 50, Alex 66, Ballack 88
League	29/12/07	Newcastle United FC (H)	2-1	Essien 29, Kalou 87
League	01/01/08	Fulham FC (A)	2-1	Kalou 54, Ballack 62(pen)
Cup	05/01/08	QPR (H)	1-0	Own goal
Cup	08/01/08	Everton FC (H)	2-1	Wright-Phillips 26, Own goal
League	12/01/08	Tottenham Hotspur FC (H)	2-0	Belletti 19, Wright-Phillips 80
League	19/01/08	Birmingham City FC (A)	1-0	Pizarro 79
Cup	23/01/08	Everton FC (A)	1-0	J. Cole 69
Cup	26/01/08	Wigan Athletic FC (A)	2-1	Anelka 53, Wright-Phillips 82
League	30/01/08	Reading FC (H)	1-0	Ballack 32
League	02/02/08	Portsmouth FC (A)	1-1	Anelka 55
League	10/02/08	Liverpool FC (H)	0-0	
Cup	16/02/08	Huddersfield (H)	3-1	Lampard 18, 60, Kalou 70
Cup	24/02/08	Tottenham Hotspur FC (A)	1-2	Drogba 39
League	01/03/08	West Ham United FC (A)	4-0	Lampard 17(pen), J. Cole 20, Ballack 22, A. Cole 64
Cup	08/03/08	Barnsley (A)	0-1	
League	12/03/08	Derby County FC (H)	6-1	Lampard 28(pen), 57, 66, 72, Kalou 42, J. Cole 64
League	15/03/08	Sunderland AFC (A)	1-0	Terry 10
League	19/03/08	Tottenham Hotspur FC (A)	4-4	Drogba 3, Essien 20, J. Cole 52, 80
League	23/03/08	Arsenal FC (H)	2-1	Drogba 73, 82
League	30/03/08	Middlesbrough FC (H)	1-0	Carvalho 6
League	05/04/08	Manchester City FC (A)	2-0	Own goal, Kalou 53
League	14/04/08	Wigan Athletic FC (H)	1-1	Essien 55
Lineups:	Čech, Belletti, Alex, Terry, Bridge, Ballack, Essien, Mikel (Shevchenko 90), Kalou, Anelka, Malouda (J. Cole 46)			
League	17/04/08	Everton FC (A)	1-0	Essien 41

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Comp.	Date	Opponent	Res.	Goalscorers
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Lineups: Čech, Ferreira, Carvalho, Terry, A. Cole, Wright-Phillips (Makelele 81), Mikel, Essien, J. Cole (Malouda 76), Anelka, Kalou

League 26/04/08 Manchester United FC (H) 2-1 Ballack 45, 86(pen)

Lineups: Čech, Ferreira (Anelka 66), Carvalho, Terry, A. Cole, Ballack, Mikel, Essien, Kalou (Shevchenko 81), Drogba, J. Cole (Makelele 87)

League 05/05/08 Newcastle United FC (A)

League 11/05/08 Bolton Wanderers FC (H)

Pos.	Clubs	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1	Manchester United FC	36	25	6	5	74	21	81
2	Chelsea FC	36	24	9	3	62	25	81
3	Arsenal FC	36	22	11	3	72	31	77
4	Liverpool FC	36	19	13	4	64	28	70
5	Everton FC	36	18	8	10	52	31	62
6	Aston Villa FC	36	16	11	9	69	47	59
7	Portsmouth FC	36	16	9	11	48	37	57
8	Blackburn Rovers FC	36	14	13	9	46	43	55
9	Manchester City FC	36	15	10	11	44	44	55
10	West Ham United FC	36	13	9	14	39	44	48
11	Tottenham Hotspur FC	36	10	13	13	65	59	43
12	Newcastle United FC	36	11	10	15	44	60	43
13	Sunderland AFC	36	11	6	19	36	56	39
14	Wigan Athletic FC	36	9	10	17	32	49	37
15	Middlesbrough FC	36	8	12	16	33	52	36
16	Bolton Wanderers FC	36	8	9	19	33	53	33
17	Reading FC	36	9	6	21	37	65	33
18	Birmingham City FC	36	7	11	18	42	59	32
19	Fulham FC	36	6	12	18	35	60	30
20	Derby County FC	36	1	8	27	19	82	11

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Liverpool FC (Premier League)

Comp.	Date	Opponent	Res.	Goalscorers
League	11/08/07	Aston Villa FC (A)	2-1	Own goal, Gerrard 87
League	19/08/07	Chelsea FC (H)	1-1	Torres 16
League	25/08/07	Sunderland AFC (A)	2-0	Sissoko 37, Voronin 87
League	01/09/07	Derby County FC (H)	6-0	Alonso 27, 69, Babel 45, Torres 56, 78, Voronin 76
League	15/09/07	Portsmouth FC (A)	0-0	
League	22/09/07	Birmingham City FC (H)	0-0	
Cup	25/09/07	Reading FC (A)	4-2	Benayoun 23, Torres 50, 72, 86
League	29/09/07	Wigan Athletic FC (A)	1-0	Benayoun 75
League	07/10/07	Tottenham Hotspur FC (H)	2-2	Voronin 12, Torres 90
League	20/10/07	Everton FC (A)	2-1	Kuyt 54(pen), 90(pen)
League	28/10/07	Arsenal FC (H)	1-1	Gerrard 7
Cup	31/10/07	Cardiff (H)	2-1	El Zhar 48, Gerrard 66
League	03/11/07	Blackburn Rovers FC (A)	0-0	
League	10/11/07	Fulham FC (H)	2-0	Torres 81, Gerrard 85(pen)
League	24/11/07	Newcastle United FC (A)	3-0	Gerrard 28, Kuyt 46, Babel 66
League	02/12/07	Bolton Wanderers FC (H)	4-0	Hyypiä 17, Torres 45, Gerrard 56(pen), Babel 86
League	08/12/07	Reading FC (A)	1-3	Gerrard 28
League	16/12/07	Manchester United FC (H)	0-1	
Cup	19/12/07	Chelsea FC (A)	0-2	
League	22/12/07	Portsmouth FC (H)	4-1	Benayoun 13, Own goal, Torres 67, 85
League	26/12/07	Derby County FC (A)	2-1	Torres 12, Gerrard 90
League	30/12/07	Manchester City FC (A)	0-0	
League	02/01/08	Wigan Athletic FC (H)	1-1	Torres 49
Cup	06/01/08	Luton (A)	1-1	Crouch 74
League	12/01/08	Middlesbrough FC (A)	1-1	Torres 71
Cup	15/01/08	Luton (H)	5-0	Babel 45, Gerrard 52, 64, 72, Hyypiä 57
League	21/01/08	Aston Villa FC (H)	2-2	Benayoun 19, Crouch 88
Cup	26/01/08	Havant and W (H)	5-2	Lucas Leiva 27, Benayoun 44, 56, 59, Crouch 90
League	30/01/08	West Ham United FC (A)	0-1	
League	02/02/08	Sunderland AFC (H)	3-0	Crouch 57, Torres 69, Gerrard 89(pen)
League	10/02/08	Chelsea FC (A)	0-0	
Cup	16/02/08	Barnsley (H)	1-2	Kuyt 32
League	23/02/08	Middlesbrough FC (H)	3-2	Torres 28, 29, 61
League	02/03/08	Bolton Wanderers FC (A)	3-1	Own goal, Babel 60, Fábio Aurélio 75
League	05/03/08	West Ham United FC (H)	4-0	Torres 8, 61, 81, Gerrard 83
League	08/03/08	Newcastle United FC (H)	3-0	Pennant 43, Torres 45, Gerrard 51
League	15/03/08	Reading FC (H)	2-1	Mascherano 19, Torres 48
League	23/03/08	Manchester United FC (A)	0-3	
League	30/03/08	Everton FC (H)	1-0	Torres 7
League	05/04/08	Arsenal FC (A)	1-1	Crouch 42
League	13/04/08	Blackburn Rovers FC (H)	3-1	Gerrard 60, Torres 82, Voronin 90
Lineups: Reina, Arbeloa, Carragher, Škrtel, Fábio Aurélio, Lucas Leiva, Alonso (Riise 88), Kuyt, Gerrard, Babel (Benayoun 59), Torres (Voronin 85)				
League	19/04/08	Fulham FC (A)	2-0	Pennant 17, Crouch 70
Lineups: Reina, Finnan, Škrtel, Hyypiä (Carragher 46), Riise, Pennant, Lucas Leiva, Mascherano (Alonso 72), Benayoun, Voronin (Fábio Aurélio 82), Crouch				
League	26/04/08	Birmingham City FC (A)	2-2	Crouch 63, Benayoun 76
Lineups: Reina, Finnan, Hyypiä, Škrtel, Riise (Insua 64), Pennant, Plessis, Lucas Leiva, Benayoun, Crouch, Voronin				
League	04/05/08	Manchester City FC (H)		
League	11/05/08	Tottenham Hotspur FC (A)		

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UEFA information

Nyon declaration on sport's specificity

UEFA President Michel Platini met with the French and Dutch Ministers for European Affairs, Jean-Pierre Jouyet and Frans Timmermans, as well as representatives from basketball, rugby, volleyball, handball and ice hockey at the House of European Football in Nyon last week. Agreement was reached on a joint declaration to further protect the specificity of sport. This comes with a view to presenting further concrete proposals before the end of the year, to be jointly examined during the forthcoming French Presidency of the Council of the European Union.

"We had a very positive meeting," said Mr Platini. "Our goal is to help protect the European sports model and the specificity of sport and to provide the legal security to allow sports federations to conduct their statutory tasks." The intention of the declaration overall is to guarantee stability and legal security for the European sporting movement in order to preserve, promote and develop sport in consideration of the benefits that it brings to society in terms of, for example, social cohesion, integration and education.

UEFA and ENPA in EURO deal

UEFA and the European Newspaper Publishers' Association (ENPA) have announced their common understanding on the terms and conditions that will govern press coverage of UEFA EURO 2008™. The agreement was unveiled at a meeting between the UEFA President Michel Platini and ENPA President Valdo Lehari Jr in Nyon. ENPA and UEFA have been in discussion since last year over the accreditation terms and conditions for the media at the final tournament. They can now be found at www.euro2008.com and give the media more freedom to publish digital photos than originally proposed. There will be no restrictions in reporting from non-match venues, such as training grounds or camps.

Norway top Fair Play league

Norway have taken up the running in the UEFA Fair Play rankings, with associations competing for three places in the first qualifying round of the 2008/09 UEFA Cup. Norway would therefore automatically receive one of the UEFA Cup berths if they are still there when the final rankings are released at the start of May. England, Sweden, Denmark, Germany, Finland, Spain and Estonia are the other seven countries currently in the frame for one of the two places awarded via the Fair Play draw, which will be held at the City of Manchester Stadium on 13 May at 14.30 local time (15.30CET), between the pre-match press conferences before the UEFA Cup final.

UEFA dictionary

The specific terminology of football is difficult to translate into other languages. UEFA's language services unit, in collaboration with various higher education institutions, has addressed the issue with a new dictionary which captures the language of the game. The book is called *Praxiswörterbuch Fußball*, and leading dictionary publisher Langenscheidt is on board to market the product. The dictionary is trilingual (German-English-French) and contains about 1,800 terms in each language. These are official terms used by UEFA and the world football body FIFA, as well as terms favoured by professionals and ordinary fans in everyday football life.

UEFA exhibition in Liverpool

Only a Game? – a cultural, fun and educational UEFA exhibition that draws a parallel between the history of European football and that of the European Union – is heading to the United Kingdom. The exhibition will be based at the World Museum in Liverpool from October until February 2009, having been a success in Brussels. Liverpool was anything but a random choice: not only does the city in north-west England have an inherent passion for football, being the proud home to Everton FC and Liverpool FC, two clubs of mythical proportions; but Liverpool is also a 2008 European Capital of Culture.

Moscow

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, with FC Barcelona or Manchester United FC being designated as the home team against Liverpool FC or Chelsea FC.

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Match-by-match lineups - Chelsea FC

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Chelsea FC	6	3	3	0	9	2	12
FC Schalke 04	6	2	2	2	5	4	8
Rosenborg BK	6	2	1	3	6	10	7
Valencia CF	6	1	2	3	2	6	5

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
18.09.2007	Chelsea - Rosenborg	1-1	Stamford Bridge, London
Goals: 0-1 Koppinen 24, 1-1 Shevchenko 63			
Chelsea: Čech, A. Cole (Ben Haim 74), Makelele, Essien, Shevchenko, J. Cole (Wright-Phillips 74), Malouda, Kalou, Terry, Alex, Belletti			
03.10.2007	Valencia - Chelsea	1-2	Mestalla Stadium, Valencia
Goals: 1-0 Villa 9, 1-1 J. Cole 21, 1-2 Drogba 71			
Chelsea: Čech, A. Cole, Makelele, Essien (Sidwell 84), Carvalho, J. Cole, Drogba, Mikel (Alex 89), Malouda (Kalou 86), Ferreira, Terry			
24.10.2007	Chelsea - Schalke	2-0	Stamford Bridge, London
Goals: 1-0 Malouda 4, 2-0 Drogba 47			
Chelsea: Čech, Makelele, Essien (Mikel 70), Carvalho, Lampard, J. Cole (Shevchenko 89), Drogba, Malouda (Kalou 84), Bridge, Ferreira, Alex			
06.11.2007	Schalke - Chelsea	0-0	Arena AufSchalke, Gelsenkirchen
Goals: -			
Chelsea: Čech (Cudicini 46), Makelele, Essien, Carvalho, Lampard, J. Cole, Drogba, Malouda (Wright-Phillips 78), Bridge, Alex, Belletti (Mikel 64)			
28.11.2007	Rosenborg - Chelsea	0-4	Lerkendal, Trondheim
Goals: 0-1 Drogba 8, 0-2 Drogba 20, 0-3 Alex 40, 0-4 J. Cole 73			
Chelsea: Cudicini, A. Cole, Makelele, Essien, Lampard (Pizarro 76), J. Cole, Drogba (Shevchenko 68), Wright-Phillips (Kalou 69), Terry, Alex, Belletti			
11.12.2007	Chelsea - Valencia	0-0	Stamford Bridge, London
Goals: -			
Chelsea: Čech, Essien, Shevchenko (Makelele 46), Lampard (J. Cole 62), Pizarro, Bridge, Ferreira (Belletti 72), Kalou, Ben Haim, Wright-Phillips, Terry			

First knockout round, first leg

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
19/02/08	Olympiacos - Chelsea	0-0	Georgios Karaiskakis Stadium, Athens
Goals:			
Chelsea: Čech, A. Cole, Makelele, Essien, Carvalho, J. Cole (Anelka 75), Drogba, Ballack (Lampard 86), Malouda (Kalou 75), Alex, Belletti			

First knockout round, second leg

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
05/03/08	Chelsea - Olympiacos	3-0	Stamford Bridge, London
Goals: 1-0 Ballack 5, 2-0 Lampard 25, 3-0 Kalou 48			
Chelsea: Cudicini, A. Cole, Makelele, Carvalho, Lampard (Essien 76), J. Cole (Wright-Phillips 79), Drogba, Ballack, Ferreira, Kalou (Malouda 71), Terry			

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Quarter-finals, first leg

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
02/04/08	Fenerbahçe - Chelsea	2-1	Sükrü Saraçoğlu, Istanbul

Goals: 0-1 Deivid 13(o.g.), 1-1 Kazım Kazım 65, 2-1 Deivid 81
Chelsea: Cudicini, A. Cole, Makelele, Essien, Carvalho, Lampard (Mikel 76), J. Cole (Anelka 86), Drogba, Ballack, Malouda, Terry

Quarter-finals, second leg

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
08/04/08	Chelsea - Fenerbahçe	2-0	Stamford Bridge, London

Goals: 1-0 Ballack 4, 2-0 Lampard 87
Chelsea: Cudicini (Hilário 26), A. Cole, Makelele, Essien, Carvalho, Lampard, J. Cole (Malouda 85), Drogba, Ballack, Kalou (Belletti 58), Terry

Semi-finals, first leg

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
22/04/08	Liverpool - Chelsea	1-1	Anfield, Liverpool

Goals: 1-0 Kuyt 43, 1-1 Riise 90+4(o.g.)
Liverpool: Reina, Gerrard, Torres, Fábio Aurélio (Riise 62), Alonso, Arbeloa, Kuyt, Babel (Benayoun 76), Mascherano, Carragher, Škrtel
Chelsea: Čech, A. Cole, Makelele, Carvalho, Lampard, J. Cole (Kalou 63), Drogba, Ballack (Anelka 86), Malouda, Ferreira, Terry

Match-by-match lineups - Liverpool FC

Club	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
FC Porto	6	3	2	1	8	7	11
Liverpool FC	6	3	1	2	18	5	10
Olympique de Marseille	6	2	1	3	6	9	7
Beşiktaş JK	6	2	0	4	4	15	6

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
18.09.2007	Porto - Liverpool	1-1	Estádio do Dragão, Porto

Goals: 1-0 Lucho González 8(pen), 1-1 Kuyt 17
Liverpool: Reina, Finnan, Hyypiä, Gerrard, Torres (Voronin 76), Pennant, Arbeloa, Kuyt, Babel (Fábio Aurélio 85), Mascherano, Carragher

03.10.2007	Liverpool - Marseille	0-1	Anfield, Liverpool
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Goals: 0-1 Valbuena 77
Liverpool: Reina, Finnan, Hyypiä, Gerrard, Torres, Benayoun, Fábio Aurélio, Crouch (Kuyt 75), Sissoko, Carragher, Leto (Riise 52)

24.10.2007	Beşiktaş - Liverpool	2-1	İnönü, Istanbul
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Goals: 1-0 Hyypiä 13(o.g.), 2-0 Bobo 82, 2-1 Gerrard 85
Liverpool: Reina, Finnan, Hyypiä (Crouch 83), Riise, Gerrard, Voronin, Pennant (Benayoun 59), Kuyt, Babel, Mascherano (Lucas Leiva 76), Carragher

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06.11.2007 Liverpool - Beşiktaş 8-0 Anfield, Liverpool

Goals: 1-0 Crouch 19, 2-0 Benayoun 32, 3-0 Benayoun 53, 4-0 Benayoun 56, 5-0 Gerrard 69, 6-0 Babel 78, 7-0 Babel 81, 8-0 Crouch 89

Liverpool: Reina, Hyypiä, Riise, Gerrard (Lucas Leiva 73), Voronin (Kewell 72), Benayoun, Fábio Aurélio, Crouch, Arbeloa, Mascherano, Carragher

28.11.2007 Liverpool - Porto 4-1 Anfield, Liverpool

Goals: 1-0 Torres 19, 1-1 Lisandro 33, 2-1 Torres 78, 3-1 Gerrard 84(pen), 4-1 Crouch 87

Liverpool: Reina, Finnan, Hyypiä, Gerrard, Torres, Voronin (Kewell 63), Benayoun (Crouch 71), Arbeloa, Babel (Kuyt 85), Mascherano, Carragher

11.12.2007 Marseille - Liverpool 0-4 Vélodrome, Marseille

Goals: 0-1 Gerrard 4, 0-2 Torres 11, 0-3 Kuyt 48, 0-4 Babel 90+1

Liverpool: Reina, Hyypiä, Riise, Kewell (Fábio Aurélio 67), Gerrard, Torres (Babel 77), Benayoun, Arbeloa, Kuyt (Lucas Leiva 86), Mascherano, Carragher

First knockout round, first leg

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
19/02/08	Liverpool - Internazionale	2-0	Anfield, Liverpool

Goals: 1-0 Kuyt 85, 2-0 Gerrard 90

Liverpool: Reina, Finnan, Hyypiä, Gerrard, Torres, Fábio Aurélio, Kuyt, Babel (Pennant 72), Mascherano, Lucas Leiva (Crouch 64), Carragher

First knockout round, second leg

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
11/03/08	Internazionale - Liverpool	0-1	Stadio Giuseppe Meazza, Milan

Goals: 0-1 Torres 64

Liverpool: Reina, Hyypiä, Gerrard, Torres, Fábio Aurélio, Kuyt (Riise 81), Babel (Benayoun 61), Mascherano (Pennant 87), Lucas Leiva, Carragher, Škrtel

Quarter-finals, first leg

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
02/04/08	Arsenal - Liverpool	1-1	Arsenal Stadium, London

Goals: 1-0 Adebayor 23, 1-1 Kuyt 26

Liverpool: Reina, Hyypiä, Gerrard, Torres (Voronin 86), Fábio Aurélio, Alonso (Lucas Leiva 77), Kuyt, Babel (Benayoun 58), Mascherano, Carragher, Škrtel

Quarter-finals, second leg

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
08/04/08	Liverpool - Arsenal	4-2	Anfield, Liverpool

Goals: 0-1 Diaby 13, 1-1 Hyypiä 30, 2-1 Torres 69, 2-2 Adebayor 84, 3-2 Gerrard 85(pen), 4-2 Babel 90+2

Liverpool: Reina, Hyypiä, Gerrard, Torres (Riise 87), Fábio Aurélio, Alonso, Crouch (Babel 78), Kuyt (Arbeloa 90+3), Mascherano, Carragher, Škrtel

Semi-finals, first leg

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Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
22/04/08	Liverpool - Chelsea	1-1	Anfield, Liverpool

Goals: 1-0 Kuyt 43, 1-1 Riise 90+4(o.g.)

Liverpool: Reina, Gerrard, Torres, Fábio Aurélio (Riise 62), Alonso, Arbeloa, Kuyt, Babel (Benayoun 76), Mascherano, Carragher, Škrtel

Chelsea: Čech, A. Cole, Makelele, Carvalho, Lampard, J. Cole (Kalou 63), Drogba, Ballack (Anelka 86), Malouda, Ferreira, Terry

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 21 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.
- Eight ties have now 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, 14 ties have required extra time, including, in 2007/08, Fenerbahçe's win against Sevilla FC and FC Schalke 04's triumph against FC Porto in the first knockout round, with both ties eventually being settled on penalties. So far, only six ties have been settled by extra time alone: four quarter-finals and two first knockout round encounters.
- Real Madrid CF have extended their record for knockout stage qualification in successive seasons. The 2007/08 campaign was the eleventh straight season since 1997/98 that they made it beyond the group stage, moving them ahead of Manchester United, who appeared nine times in a row between 1996/97 and 2004/05. Overall, they have now played in the knockout stage 12 times, one more than United and two more than FC Bayern München.
- Had FC Schalke 04 beaten FC Barcelona in the 2007/08 last eight, it would have meant the first time the UEFA Champions League semi-finals 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 England for that matter, was the 1990/91 campaign.
- England's success of having three semi-finalists in 2007/08 has been matched on three other occasions in European football's premier club competition since 1992/93. In 1999/00, Valencia CF, Barcelona and Real Madrid all made it through, with Madrid ultimately going all the way. Then, in 2002/03, Madrid gate-crashed the Italian semi-final party, as eventual winners AC Milan, FC Internazionale Milano and Juventus all contested the penultimate round, while last season eventual winners Milan were the only non-English side in a semi-final lineup that also included Manchester United, Liverpool and Chelsea.
- Teams from the same country have contested the final on two previous occasions. Madrid overcame Valencia 3-0 in Paris in 2000, and three years later Milan defeated Juventus 3-2 on penalties after a goalless draw at Old Trafford.
- In terms of semi-finals, the biggest winning margin in a single game has been three goals. AFC Ajax recorded a 5-2 home success in the 1994/95 second leg against Bayern, while there have been 4-1 victories on three occasions. Juventus did it twice at home against Ajax (second leg) and AS Monaco FC (first leg) in 1996/97 and 1997/98 respectively, and Valencia at home to Barcelona (first leg) in 1999/00.
- On five other occasions, teams won 3-0, most recently Milan's defeat of Manchester United in the 2006/07 semi-final second leg. In the 1993/94 semi-finals, played as one-off matches, home teams Milan and Barcelona beat Monaco and Porto respectively. The other instances were by Ajax at Panathinaikos in 1995/96, the only time a team has lost at home and gone through, and Valencia at home to Leeds United AFC in 2000/01.

- That 4-1 win for Juventus against Monaco in 1997/98 was part of the biggest aggregate semi-final score. The principality club won 3-2 in their home return to make it ten goals in the tie.
- Looking back to the history of European Cup semi-finals, Madrid's 6-0 second-leg win against FC Zürich in the 1963/64 edition remains the biggest victory. Eintracht Frankfurt's 12-4 aggregate success against Rangers FC in 1959/60 is the biggest two-leg total overall.
- 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.
- 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 Milan gone all the way this season, Carlo Ancelotti would have joined Liverpool FC's Bob Paisley – 1977, 1978 and 1981 – as the only coach to win three times, having won with Milan in 2003 and 2007.
- Ottmar Hitzfeld (BV Borussia Dortmund 1997, Bayern 2001) and Ernst Happel (Feyenoord 1970, Hamburger SV 1983) are the only coaches to win with two clubs.
- If Chelsea FC go all the way this season, it would be the first European Cup success for London. Only five capital cities have been successful in this way: Madrid (Real Madrid CF), Belgrade (FK Crvena Zvezda), Bucharest (FC Steaua Bucureşti), 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, home of FC Torpedo Moskva, is the biggest sports arena in Russia with 84,745 covered seats and uses an artificial pitch, having installed the UEFA-approved FieldTurf surface in 2002, 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 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 2006/07 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 old when he started for RSC Anderlecht against FC Steaua Bucureşti 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)

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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 Manchester United FC have scored more than five goals in an away game, 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)

Dado Pršo's four-goal haul was the fastest, his first goal coming in the 26th minute and his fourth 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, 217 days: Bojan Krkić (FC Schalke 04 0-1 **FC Barcelona**, 01.04.2008)

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)

Appearances: UEFA Champions League

Note: This list considers group stage to final only;

116 Raúl González (Real Madrid CF)

114 Roberto Carlos (Real Madrid CF, Fenerbahçe SK)

109 Paolo Maldini (AC Milan)

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

103 Oliver Kahn (FC Bayern München)

102 Ryan Giggs (Manchester United FC)

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

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

100 Paul Scholes (Manchester United FC)

99 Gary Neville (Manchester United FC)

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

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

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

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61 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

172 Paolo Maldini (AC Milan)
141 Oliver Kahn (Karlsruher SC, FC Bayern München)
139 Luís Figo (Sporting, FC Barcelona, Real Madrid CF, FC Internazionale Milano)
132 Clarence Seedorf (AFC Ajax, UC Sampdoria, Real Madrid CF, FC Internazionale Milano, AC Milan)
130 Frank de Boer (AFC Ajax, FC Barcelona, Galatasaray AS)
127 Karl-Heinz Rummenigge (FC Bayern München, FC Internazionale Milano, Servette FC)
126 Roberto Carlos (FC Internazionale Milano, Real Madrid CF, Fenerbahçe SK)
125 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 (BV Vitesse, PSV Eindhoven, FC Barcelona)

Goals: UEFA club competition

63 Filippo Inzaghi (Parma FC, Juventus, AC Milan)
63 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.

61 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

- Two UEFA Cup Winners' Cup successes remain the stand-out achievements although Chelsea have three times reached the semi-finals of Europe's premier club competition in the past four editions.

UEFA Champions League milestones

- Having had to wait until 1999/00 to make their bow, Chelsea have proved their worth with last-four appearances in 2003/04, 2004/05 and 2006/07. They have never failed to get beyond the group stage in their five other attempts.

UEFA club competition honours

- UEFA Cup Winners' Cup: 1970/71, 1997/98
- UEFA Super Cup: 1998

Ten-year record

2006/07: UEFA Champions League - semi-finals

2005/06: UEFA Champions League - first knockout round

2004/05: UEFA Champions League - semi-finals

2003/04: UEFA Champions League - semi-finals

2002/03: UEFA Cup - first round

2001/02: UEFA Cup - second round

2000/01: UEFA Cup - first round

1999/00: UEFA Champions League - quarter-finals

1998/99: UEFA Cup Winners' Cup - semi-finals

1997/98: UEFA Cup Winners' Cup - winners

2006/07 season

Domestic record: After two successive Premier League titles, Chelsea had to settle for second place behind Manchester United FC. Some revenge came with a 1-0 FA Cup final win against United, their fourth success in the competition, and followed a 2-1 defeat of Arsenal FC in the English League Cup final.

European record: Chelsea were drawn in a tough Group A with the champions of Spain, FC Barcelona, Werder Bremen, and the Bulgarian title-holders PFC Levski Sofia, but four wins and a draw secured first place. FC Porto and Valencia CF were each dispatched 3-2 on aggregate in the first knockout round and quarter-finals respectively before Liverpool knocked Chelsea out in the semi-finals. A 1-1 draw over the two legs was followed by Liverpool's 4-1 win on penalties in the Anfield return.

Key facts

UEFA club competition

- Pld: 121 W: 65 D: 32 L: 24 GF: 202 GA: 93

UEFA Champions League (group stage to final)

- Pld: 69 W: 34 D: 20 L: 15 GF: 101 GA: 55

European Champion Clubs' Cup/UEFA Champions League

- Pld: 73 W: 37 D: 21 L: 15 GF: 109 GA: 55

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Records

UEFA club competition

- Biggest win

13-0: Chelsea FC v FC Jeunesse Hautcharage
29.09.1971, UEFA Cup Winners' Cup first round second leg

- Biggest home win

13-0: Chelsea FC v FC Jeunesse Hautcharage (see above for details)

- Biggest away win

0-8: FC Jeunesse Hautcharage v Chelsea FC
15.09.1971, UEFA Cup Winners' Cup first round first leg

- Heaviest defeat

5-1: FC Barcelona v Chelsea FC (aet)
18.04.2000, UEFA Champions League quarter-final second leg

- Heaviest home defeat

0-2: Chelsea FC v Beşiktaş JK
01.10.2003, UEFA Champions League group stage

- Heaviest away defeat

5-1: FC Barcelona v Chelsea FC (see above for details)

UEFA Champions League (group stage to final only)

- Biggest win

0-5: Galatasaray SK v Chelsea FC
20.10.1999, UEFA Champions League group stage

- Biggest home win

4-0: Chelsea FC v Real Betis Balompíe
19.10.2005, UEFA Champions League group stage

- Biggest away win

0-5: Galatasaray SK v Chelsea FC (see above for details)

- Heaviest defeat

5-1: FC Barcelona v Chelsea FC (see above for details)

- Heaviest home defeat

0-2: Chelsea FC v Beşiktaş JK (see above for details)

- Heaviest away defeat

5-1: FC Barcelona v Chelsea FC (see above for details)

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Liverpool FC

UEFA club competition milestones

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

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

UEFA Champions League milestones

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

UEFA club competition honours

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

Ten-year record

2006/07: UEFA Champions League - runners-up

2005/06: UEFA Champions League - first knockout round

2004/05: UEFA Champions League - winners

2003/04: UEFA Cup - fourth round

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

2001/02: UEFA Champions League - quarter-finals

2000/01: UEFA Cup - winners

1999/00: Did not compete in UEFA club competition

1998/99: UEFA Cup - third round

1997/98: UEFA Cup - second round

2006/07 season

Domestic record: Liverpool again finished third in the Premier League, 15 points behind second-placed Chelsea FC and six further adrift of champions Manchester United FC. They relinquished the FA Cup with a 3-1 home third-round defeat by Arsenal FC.

European record: Four wins and a draw sealed first place in Group C before Liverpool eliminated holders FC Barcelona in the first knockout round, going through on away goals after a 2-2 aggregate draw. PSV Eindhoven were dispatched 4-0 in the quarter-finals before a meeting with old foes Chelsea. A 1-1 draw overall led to penalties at Anfield, which Liverpool won 4-1, but fell short in the final Milan gaining revenge for the 2005 defeat with a 2-1 success in Athens.

Key facts

UEFA club competition

- Pld: 267 W: 150 D: 59 L: 58 GF: 477 GA: 220

UEFA Champions League (group stage to final)

- Pld: 65 W: 31 D: 20 L: 14 GF: 96 GA: 51

European Champion Clubs' Cup/UEFA Champions League

- Pld: 156 W: 90 D: 34 L: 32 GF: 288 GA: 122

Records

UEFA club competition

- Biggest win

11-0: Liverpool FC v Strømsgodset IF

17.09.1974, UEFA Cup Winners' Cup first round first leg

- Biggest home win

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

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- Biggest away win

0-5: FC Haka v Liverpool FC

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

0-5: Crusaders FC v Liverpool FC

28.09.1976, European Champion Clubs' Cup first round second leg

0-5: KR Reykjavík v Liverpool FC

17.08.1964, European Champion Clubs' Cup preliminary round first leg

- Heaviest defeat

5-1: AFC Ajax v Liverpool FC

07.12.1966, European Champion Clubs' Cup second round leg

- Heaviest home defeat

0-2: Liverpool FC v SL Benfica

08.03.2006, UEFA Champions League first knockout round second leg

0-2: Liverpool FC v Celtic FC

20.03.2003, UEFA Cup quarter-finals second leg

1-3: Liverpool FC v FC Barcelona

20.11.2001, UEFA Champions League second group stage

0-2: Liverpool FC v FC Spartak Moskva

04.11.1992, UEFA Cup Winners' Cup second round second leg

- Heaviest away defeat

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

UEFA Champions League (group stage to final only)

- Biggest win

8-0: Liverpool FC v Beşiktaş JK

06.11.2007, UEFA Champions League group stage

- Biggest home win

8-0: Liverpool FC v Beşiktaş JK (see above for details)

- Biggest away win

0-4: Olympique de Marseille v Liverpool FC

11.12.2007, UEFA Champions League group stage

- Heaviest defeat

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

2-0: Valencia CF v Liverpool FC

17.09.2002, UEFA Champions League group stage

4-2: Bayer 04 Leverkusen v Liverpool FC

09.04.2002, UEFA Champions League quarter-finals second leg

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

- Heaviest home defeat

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

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

- Heaviest away defeat

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

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

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Competition information

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

- **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 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