

Celtic FC - Aalborg BK

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Match background

Celtic FC will be looking to maintain their remarkable recent home record in the UEFA Champions League when they begin their Group E campaign against Aalborg BK, who are back in the competition proper after a 13-year absence.

- The Scottish champions reached the last 16 in both 2006/07 and 2007/08 on the back of their faultless form at 'Fortress Celtic Park'. In both seasons they collected maximum points from their fixtures in Glasgow – while losing each and every away game – so Gordon Strachan's side will not need telling the importance of making home advantage count against AaB.
- AaB will be eager to make a sure-footed start to their first group-stage campaign and they should have a useful guide in their coach, Bruce Rioch, who, though born in England, played 24 times for Scotland in the 1970s.
- Denmark's reigning champions, AaB advanced from the qualifying rounds to the group stage. The Danish side lost to FC Dynamo Kyiv in the third qualifying round in both 1995/96 – although they advanced to the group stage after the Ukrainian champions were expelled from the competition – and 1999/00. This time, they progressed comfortably after handsome aggregate victories against FK Modriča and FBK Kaunas.
- Rioch's men secured a 5-0 win against Modriča in the first leg of their second qualifying round tie, Andreas Johansson (15), Michael Jakobsen (41), Simon Bræmer (44), Anders Due (53) and Caca (89) all finding the net. Due and Kasper Risgård then struck in a 2-1 second-leg victory in Bosnia-Herzegovina that completed a 7-1 aggregate success.
- AaB then overcame FBK Kaunas, conquerors of Celtic's great rivals Rangers FC in the previous stage, in the third qualifying round. Goals from Caca (71) and Jeppe Curth (86) earned a 2-0 first-leg lead and they struck late again in Lithuania, where a Risgård double (75, 90+1) extended the aggregate margin to 4-0.
- The Danish side will know to expect a more testing assignment in Glasgow, however, where Celtic have recorded 12 victories in 17 home games over the course of their five previous campaigns in the UEFA Champions League.
- For the second year running last season, Gordon Strachan's team recorded three wins at home in the group stage – beating AC Milan, SL Benfica and FC Shakhtar Donetsk – but lost to the same opponents on their travels. They then suffered home-and-away defeats by FC Barcelona as they succumbed 4-2 on aggregate in the first knockout round.



- For AaB's part, they defeated HJK Helsinki and UC Sampdoria to reach the group stage of the UEFA Cup last term, where they finished fourth in their section with a record of W1 D1 L2.
- On their travels in 2007/08, they earned a notable 2-2 draw at Sampdoria and won 3-1 at Hapoel Tel-Aviv FC. They also gave Tottenham Hotspur FC a fright after taking a 2-0 half-time lead in London before eventually succumbing 3-2.
- Celtic's overall record against Danish opposition is good with seven wins and one draw from ten previous meetings. Moreover, they have not conceded a single goal at home to Danish visitors in five previous contests.
- FC København were the last team from Denmark to visit Celtic Park for a UEFA Champions League group-stage match in September 2006, which was settled by Kenny Miller's first-half penalty.
- AaB have never faced a Scottish team before, but their coach Rioch steered another Danish club, Odense BK, past Edinburgh side Hibernian FC in the third round of the 2006 UEFA Intertoto Cup. OB won 1-0 in Denmark and progressed to the UEFA Cup on the away goals rule following a 2-1 second-leg loss.
- Strachan and Rioch have met once before in opposing dugouts, in an English FA Cup third-round tie between the former's Coventry City FC side and Norwich City FC, then managed by Rioch, in December 1999. Strachan went home happy that day after Coventry won 3-1 at Norwich's Carrow Road.
- Rioch never played with Strachan in the Scotland national side as he had been retired from international football for two years when the Celtic manager made his debut for his country in 1980.
- Celtic became the first British champions of Europe when they won the European Champion Clubs' Cup in 1967.
- The other opening Group E games pits Manchester United FC against Villarreal CF.

Match facts

Celtic

UEFA milestones

- None

UEFA Champions League statistics

- None

Disciplinary information

- Celtic have no players suspended or within a booking of a ban.

Latest domestic information

- **Saturday 13 September: Motherwell FC 2-4 Celtic FC (Sutton 55, Clarkson 57; Maloney 5, Samaras 9 42, McDonald 24)**

A devastating first-half display gave Celtic all three points at Fir Park. Goals from Shaun Maloney and Georgios Samaras gave them a two-goal lead inside nine minutes before Scott McDonald struck his first goal of the season against his old club and Samaras finished off a flowing move for his second just before half-time. John Sutton, brother of former Celtic striker Chris Sutton, and David Clarkson brought the home side back into the contest, but the champions held on for a solid win.

- "I thought the football at times was exhilarating against a good Motherwell side," said manager Gordon Strachan. "We've not done that to many teams for a long time and I thought the players' focus was excellent. Samaras' performance was near enough ten out of ten. He was great in the air and on the ball and scored goals. The fourth was one you dream of as a football manager."
- Strachan made four changes to the side that lost to Rangers FC by the same scoreline on 31 August. Marc Crosas made his first start since joining from FC Barcelona, with Shunsuke Nakamura and Aiden McGeady rested following their international endeavors and Andreas Hinkel also absent. Paul Hartley missed out with a neck injury while Jan Vennegoor of Hesselink was suspended after being sent off in the Old Firm derby.
- Samaras' goals against Motherwell took the Greece striker's tally for the season to five.

- Celtic made a solid start to their Premier League campaign, home wins against Saint Mirren FC (1-0) and Falkirk FC (3-0) sandwiching a 1-1 draw at Dundee United FC. The champions then went down to a defeat against city rivals Rangers FC at Celtic Park in the first Old Firm derby of the season, former striker Kenny Miller scoring twice for the visitors.
- Prior to scoring three times at Motherwell, Celtic were yet to score in the first 30 minutes of a league game this season. They have still not conceded in the opening half-hour.
- Celtic may not be unduly concerned about their defeat to Rangers; in the previous two seasons Strachan's side have lost the first derby of the season but gone on to win the title.
- Maloney celebrated his return to Celtic from Aston Villa FC by setting up two of the goals against Falkirk. New signing Glenn Loovens made his debut in place of the injured Gary Caldwell, with Marc Crosas coming on as a second-half substitute.
- Before the St Mirren match the Scottish Premier League title flag was unfurled at Celtic Park by Rosemary Burns, widow of former Celtic first-team coach Tommy Burns who passed away in May.
- Celtic will face first division Livingston FC in the third round of the Scottish League Cup.

Injury news

- Scott McDonald – out 19 August to 13 September (groin)

Summer transfers

•In

Georgios Samaras (Manchester City FC)
Marc Crosas (FC Barcelona)
Glenn Loovens (Cardiff City FC)
Shaun Maloney (Aston Villa FC)
Paddy McCourt (Derry City FC)

•Out

Derek Riordan (Hibernian FC)
John Kennedy (Norwich City FC, loan)
Scott Cuthbert (Saint Mirren FC, loan)
Evander Sno (AFC Ajax)
Steven Pressley (Randers FC)
Thomas Gravesen (released)

International news

- On 6 September Stephen McManus, Caldwell, Hartley and Barry Robson all started as Scotland opened their FIFA World Cup qualifying Group 9 campaign with a 1-0 loss in F.Y.R. Macedonia, Maloney replacing Robson late on.
- Celtic and Scotland captain McManus was sent off for handball late in the second game in Iceland four days later – his 26th birthday – but his side held on for an invaluable 2-1 victory. Club-mates Caldwell, Scott Brown, Robson and Maloney all started with Hartley a second-half replacement.
- Also in World Cup qualifying on 10 September, Samaras helped Greece to a 3-0 Group 2 win in Latvia, McGeady played 90 minutes as the Republic of Ireland drew 0-0 in Montenegro in Group 8 and Hinkel made his first international appearance in three years as a late substitute in Germany's 3-3 Group 4 draw in Finland.
- Four days earlier, McGeady set up Ireland's first goal in a 2-1 win against Georgia, while Nakamura set Japan on their way with a trademark free-kick in their 3-2 win away to Bahrain.
- Vennegoor of Hesselink appeared as a late substitute in the Netherlands' 2-1 friendly defeat against Australia in Eindhoven on 6 September with Celtic strike partner McDonald missing the game through injury. Artur Boruc missed Poland's Group 3 games against Slovenia (1-1) and San Marino (2-0) after being left out for disciplinary reasons.
- Boruc did feature in all of Poland's Group B matches at UEFA EURO 2008™ while Vennegoor of Hesselink and Samaras made one appearance each for their respective nations in the finals.

Miscellaneous

- Loovens celebrates his 25th birthday on 22 September, five days after the AaB game.

- Last season's Scottish Player of the Year McGeady signed a new five-year contract during the summer while McDonald also put pen to paper on a five-year deal after scoring 31 goals in all competitions last season.
- Samaras agreed a three-year permanent deal at Celtic Park after spending the second half of last season on loan from Manchester City FC.
- Strachan became the first Celtic manager since Jock Stein to lead the club to three consecutive Scottish league championships when his side clinched the Premier League title on the final day of the 2007/08 campaign.
- On 23 August Celtic marked the 50th anniversary of Billy McNeill's debut for the club by making a half-time presentation to the former captain during the win against Falkirk. McNeill was the first British player to lift the European Champion Clubs' Cup when Stein's side defeated FC Internazionale Milano in 1967.

AaB

UEFA milestones

- None

UEFA Champions League statistics

- Eleven AaB players appeared in all four qualifying games: Karim Zaza, Michael Jakobsen, Martin Pedersen, Kasper Bøgelund, Steve Olfers, Anders Due, Andreas Johansson, Thomas Augustinussen, Thomas Enevoldsen, Jeppe Curth and Caca.

Disciplinary information

- AaB have no players suspended or within a booking of a ban.

Latest domestic information

• Saturday 13 September: Aalborg BK 0-2 AGF Århus (Poulsen 7, White 86)

The Danish champions slipped to their fourth defeat of the Superligaen season in only their seventh game, going down at home to an AGF side who started the weekend a place below them in the table. The visitors took an early lead thanks to a fine free-kick from Jakob Poulsen before substitute Jeremiah White clinched the points with a second goal late on. Curth, Johansson and Marek Saganowski all squandered golden opportunities for AaB.

- "I think we put enough pressure on AGF, and we should have scored at least twice," said striker Curth. "However, they got their goals too easily and in general we need to be more consistent if we want to have a chance in the Champions League."
- The defeat means AaB have failed to win at home in the league this season, losing three and drawing the other.
- After seven games AaB have collected just seven points, although that total is only one fewer than they managed at the same stage in 2007/08, when they went on to lift the title.
- AaB have made a slow start to the defence of their Superligaen title, losing their first two games against FC Midtjylland and Brøndby IF, both 2-1. After four points from their next two fixtures, Odense BK were 3-0 winners in Aalborg on 17 August, although the champions recovered to win 2-1 at SønderjyskE in their next outing.
- Eight players have featured in all seven of AaB's league games to date: Augustinussen, Caca, Due, Curth, Jakobsen, Johansson, Olfers and Zaza. Augustinussen, Jakobsen, Olfers and Zaza have played all 630 minutes.

Injury news

- Kasper Bøgelund – out since 1 September (calf)
- Siyabonge Nomvethé – out since 18 May (knee)

Summer transfers

•In

Michael Beauchamp (1. FC Nürnberg)
Kasper Bøgelund (VfL Borussia Mönchengladbach)
Marek Saganowski (Southampton FC, loan)

•Out

Allan Olesen (Vejle BK)
Danny Califf (FC Midtjylland)
Jón Rói Jacobsen (BK Frem)
Benedict Vilakazi (Mamelodi Sundowns FC)

International news

- Jakobsen and Enevoldsen were the AaB representatives in the Denmark side that sealed a place in the UEFA European Under-21 Championship play-offs with a 2-1 defeat in Finland and a 1-0 home win against Scotland. Patrick Kristensen came on as a second-half substitute in the latter game, which was played at the AaB Stadium, as the Danes finished second in Group 6, scraping through as one of the four best runners-up.
- No AaB players were in the senior Denmark squad for their first two fixtures in FIFA World Cup qualifying Group 1 away to Hungary and Portugal. Bøgelund was originally selected but had to withdraw due to his calf injury.
- Saganowski came on as a late substitute in Poland's 1-1 draw at home to Slovenia in Group 3 on 6 September and started the 2-0 win in San Marino four days later. Beauchamp played the last 20 minutes of Australia's friendly against the Netherlands in Eindhoven.

Miscellaneous

- Beauchamp made an eventful yet short-lived first appearance against OB on 17 August, being sent off after only 17 minutes – the quickest red card ever on debut for AaB.
- Coach Erik Hamrén stepped down in May after leading AaB to their first Superligaen title since 1997/98 – and only their third overall – to take charge of Norway's Rosenborg BK. Rioch took over a month later.

Squad list

Celtic

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	Artur Boruc	POL	20.02.1980	28	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	16	-	23	-
21	Mark Brown	SCO	28.02.1981	27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
82	Scott Fox	SCO	28.06.1987	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders															
2	Andreas Hinkel	GER	26.03.1982	26	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	10	1	44	2
3	Lee Naylor	ENG	19.03.1980	28	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	15	-	17	-
4	Stephen McManus	SCO	10.09.1982	26	-	-	-	-	-	5	1	17	1	20	2
5	Gary Caldwell	SCO	12.04.1982	26	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	12	-	18	-
12	Mark Wilson	SCO	05.06.1984	24	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	6	-	10	-
22	Glenn Loovens	NED	22.09.1983	24	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	7	-
24	Jean-Joël Perrier Doumbé	CMR	27.09.1978	29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	10	-
48	Darren O'Dea	IRL	04.02.1987	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	5	-
52	Paul Caddis	SCO	19.04.1988	20	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-
Midfielders															
8	Scott Brown	SCO	25.06.1985	23	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	7	-	14	1
11	Paul Hartley	SCO	19.10.1976	31	-	-	-	-	-	4	1	8	-	21	2
17	Marc Crosas	ESP	09.01.1988	20	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	1	-
18	Massimo Donati	ITA	26.03.1981	27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	1	20	2
19	Barry Robson	SCO	07.11.1978	29	-	-	-	-	-	4	1	1	1	3	1
20	Pat McCourt	NIR	16.12.1983	24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-
25	Shunsuke Nakamura	JPN	24.06.1978	30	-	-	-	-	-	4	1	12	2	14	2
29	Koki Mizuno	JPN	06.09.1985	23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
42	Michael McGlinchey	SCO	07.01.1987	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
46	Aiden McGeady	IRL	04.04.1986	22	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	17	1	20	1
53	Simon Ferry	SCO	11.01.1988	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
54	Ryan Conroy	SCO	28.04.1987	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
56	Millar Mark	SCO	23.02.1988	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Forwards															
7	Scott McDonald	AUS	21.08.1983	25	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	8	1	10	2
9	Georgios Samaras	GRE	21.02.1985	23	-	-	-	-	-	5	5	2	-	18	3
10	Jan Vennegoor of Hesselink	NED	07.11.1978	29	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	39	6	61	11
13	Shaun Maloney	SCO	24.01.1983	25	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	7	-	15	2
23	Ben Hutchinson	ENG	27.11.1987	20	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
26	Cilian Sheridan	IRL	23.02.1989	19	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
33	Chris Killen	NZL	08.10.1981	26	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	5	-	8	1
55	Paul McGowan	SCO	07.10.1987	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coach															
-	Gordon Strachan	SCO	09.02.1957	51	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16	-	22	-

AaB

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	Karim Zaza	MAR	09.01.1975	33	-	4	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	31	-
30	Kenneth Stenild	DEN	11.09.1987	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Defenders															
2	Michael Jakobsen	DEN	02.01.1986	22	-	4	1	-	-	7	-	-	-	16	2
3	Martin Pedersen	DEN	09.10.1983	24	-	4	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	14	-
4	Michael Beauchamp	AUS	08.03.1981	27	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	4	-
6	Steve Olfers	NED	25.02.1982	26	-	4	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	7	-
16	Kasper Bøgelund	DEN	08.10.1980	27	-	4	-	-	-	5	-	9	-	25	-
25	Casper Nordstrøm	DEN	03.02.1989	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
28	Emil Haucke	DEN	17.01.1989	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
31	Lasse Nielsen	DEN	08.01.1988	20	-	1	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	1	-
Midfielders															
7	Anders Due	DEN	17.03.1982	26	-	4	2	-	-	7	-	-	-	4	2
8	Andreas Johansson	SWE	05.07.1978	30	-	4	1	-	-	7	-	1	-	29	8
9	Thomas Augustinussen	DEN	20.03.1981	27	-	4	-	-	-	7	1	-	-	16	-
15	Siyabonga Nomvetho	RSA	02.12.1977	30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	2
18	Caca	BRA	09.10.1982	25	-	4	2	-	-	7	3	-	-	8	2
21	Kasper Risgård	DEN	04.01.1983	25	-	3	3	-	-	5	-	-	-	15	6
23	Thomas Enevoldsen	DEN	27.07.1987	21	-	4	-	-	-	5	1	-	-	16	3
24	Jens-Kristian Sørensen	DEN	21.03.1987	21	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
36	Daniel Christensen	DEN	19.09.1988	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Forwards															
10	Marek Saganowski	POL	31.10.1978	29	-	2	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	18	5
14	Jeppe Curth	DEN	21.03.1984	24	-	4	1	-	-	7	2	-	-	16	2
20	Simon Bræmer	DEN	19.03.1984	24	-	2	1	-	-	3	-	-	-	2	1
26	Jacob Nordstrøm	DEN	03.02.1989	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
27	Patrick Kristensen	DEN	28.04.1987	21	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-
32	Ronnie Schwartz	DEN	29.08.1989	19	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Coach															
-	Bruce Rioch	SCO	06.09.1947	61	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16	-

Head coach

Celtic FC: Gordon Strachan

Date of birth: 9 February 1957

Nationality: Scottish

Playing career: Dundee FC, Aberdeen FC, Manchester United FC, Leeds United AFC, Coventry City FC

Coaching career: Coventry City FC, Southampton FC, Celtic FC

Gordon Strachan was an energetic and talented midfielder who was capped 50 times by Scotland and helped Aberdeen FC to win the UEFA Cup Winners' Cup under Sir Alex Ferguson. He began in management while still a player at English top-flight club Coventry City FC in November 1996.

He helped Coventry avoid relegation and then ended his on-field career aged 40 to concentrate on coaching, keeping the club in the Premier League until 2001. Strachan was sacked early the following season but was swiftly appointed at Southampton FC – whom he again kept in the highest division against the odds. In 2002/03, he took them to eighth place in the English top flight and the FA Cup final, losing 1-0 to Arsenal FC but earning a UEFA Cup berth. Strachan announced early the next season that he would step down at the end of the campaign for personal reasons and left his role in March 2004 to concentrate on media work.

Always a man in demand due to his tactical astuteness and motivational skills, in summer 2005 Strachan was given the tough task of succeeding Martin O'Neill at Celtic FC. Strachan's reign began with a disastrous 5-0 loss at FC Artmedia in the UEFA Champions League second qualifying round first leg, and a 4-0 win in the return could not salvage their European campaign. But Celtic regrouped and won the Scottish Premier League in record time and also lifted the Scottish League Cup. In 2006/07, Celtic triumphed in both Premier League and Scottish Cup, and got past the UEFA Champions League group stage for the first time, falling only to eventual winners AC Milan in the last 16 in extra time. And not only did they again reach that stage last term, losing to FC Barcelona, they produced a tremendous late surge past Rangers FC to retain the Scottish title.

Aalborg BK: Bruce Rioch

Date of birth: 6 September 1947

Nationality: Scottish

Playing career: Luton Town FC, Aston Villa FC, Derby County FC (twice), Everton FC, Birmingham City FC, Sheffield United FC (both loan), Seattle Sounders, Torquay United FC

Coaching career: Torquay United FC, FC Seattle, Middlesbrough FC, Millwall FC, Bolton Wanderers FC, Arsenal FC, Queen's Park Rangers FC (assistant), Norwich City FC, Wigan Athletic FC, Odense BK, Aalborg BK

Bruce Rioch enjoyed a 20-year playing career and has experienced similar longevity in a managerial role since taking up his first post at Torquay United FC in 1982. Brought up in Aldershot, Rioch became Scotland's first England-born captain and represented them at the 1978 FIFA World Cup finals, winning two of his 24 international caps in Argentina. He was most successful as a player at Derby County FC, where he won an English league championship medal in 1975 after joining from Aston Villa FC the previous year having made more than 150 league appearances while at Villa Park.

Rioch accepted his first managerial post at Torquay in 1982 but did not hang up his boots until leaving the club two years later. A brief spell in the United States with FC Seattle followed before his first significant successes at Middlesbrough FC, whom he guided to the top flight in England with consecutive promotions after taking charge in 1986. Two years at Millwall FC preceded Rioch guiding Bolton Wanderers FC to the English League Cup final and into the Premier League, before he accepted the post of Arsenal FC manager in summer 1995.

He lasted only a season in north London – although he did sign Dennis Bergkamp – and following stints in charge of Norwich City FC and Wigan Athletic FC, in June 2005 Rioch opted to try his luck in Denmark with Odense BK. Three years later he succeeded the Rosenborg BK-bound Erik Hamrén at Aalborg BK and made an immediate impact, guiding his new side past FK Modriča and FBK Kaunas to reach the UEFA Champions League group stage for only the second time.

Match officials

Referee	Matteo Simone Trefoloni (ITA)
Assistant referees	Luca Maggiani (ITA), Giorgio Niccolai (ITA)
Fourth official	Antonio Damato (ITA)
UEFA Delegate	Petr Fousek (CZE)
UEFA Referee observer	Rune Pedersen (NOR)

Referee

Name	Nat.	Date of birth	UCL	UEFA
Matteo Simone Trefoloni	ITA	31.03.1971	3	16

Matteo Trefoloni is an emerging talent in refereeing circles both at home and on the European stage. He has been involved in two Coppa Italia finals and has steadily risen through the ranks of UEFA competition to earn appointments for the UEFA Champions League, where he took charge of two group stage matches in 2007/08 and also refereed the first leg between PSV Eindhoven and Tottenham Hotspur FC in the UEFA Cup Round of 16.

A wine trader by profession whose hobbies include music and theatre, Trefoloni was given an unusual honour on 23 September 2006 when asked to take charge of the Russian capital derby between PFC CSKA Moskva and FC Lokomotiv Moskva, which the latter won 2-1. It followed hot on the heels of another high-profile engagement for Trefoloni, as he had fourth-official duties at the 2006 UEFA Super Cup in Monaco which Sevilla FC won on 25 August with a 3-0 win against FC Barcelona.

The Siena-based official made his Serie A debut back in August 2001 with a 2-2 draw between Udinese Calcio and Torino FC. In March 2004, he was the man in the middle for Finland's 2-1 friendly win in Malta and a host of various UEFA appointments followed that first European engagement. He also officiated at England's 1-0 home play-off win against Germany in October 2006 that put them on course for the 2007 UEFA European Under-21 Championship finals, having just enjoyed a first taste of UEFA EURO 2008™ with Greece's 1-0 qualifying win in Moldova, one of four qualifiers he refereed in the competition.

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

No matches found

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

Date	Comp.	Stage	Match	Res.	Venue
22.07.2006	UIC	R3	Hibernian FC - Odense BK	2-1	Edinburgh
22.02.2007	UCUP	1/16	Rangers FC - Hapoel Tel-Aviv FC	4-0	Glasgow
06.06.2007	EURO	QR	Latvia - Denmark	0-2	Riga

Domestic information

Celtic FC (Premier League)

Comp.	Date	Opponent	Res.	Goalscorers
League	10/08/08	Saint Mirren FC (H)	1-0	Robson 62(pen)
League	17/08/08	Dundee United FC (A)	1-1	Hartley 51
League	23/08/08	Falkirk FC (H)	3-0	McManus 32, Samaras 44, 68
Lineups: Boruc, Hinkel, Loovens, McManus, Wilson, Nakamura, S. Brown (Marc Crosas 73), Hartley, McGeady, Vennegoor (Maloney 28), Samaras (Killen 73)				
League	31/08/08	Rangers FC (H)	2-4	Samaras 39, Nakamura 90
Lineups: Boruc, Hinkel, G. Caldwell, McManus, Wilson (Hutchinson 84), Nakamura, Hartley (Robson 72), S. Brown, McGeady, Maloney, Samaras (Vennegoor 72)				
League	13/09/08	Motherwell FC (A)	4-2	Maloney 5, Samaras 9, 42, McDonald 24
Lineups: Boruc, Wilson, G. Caldwell, McManus, Naylor, Robson, Marc Crosas (Nakamura 80), S. Brown, Maloney, Samaras, McDonald (Sheridan 86)				
League	21/09/08	Kilmarnock FC (A)		
League	27/09/08	Aberdeen FC (H)		
League	04/10/08	Hamilton Academical FC (H)		
League	18/10/08	Inverness Caledonian Thistle FC (A)		
League	25/10/08	Hibernian FC (H)		
League	02/11/08	Heart of Midlothian FC (A)		
League	08/11/08	Motherwell FC (H)		
League	12/11/08	Kilmarnock FC (H)		
League	16/11/08	Hamilton Academical FC (A)		
League	22/11/08	Saint Mirren FC (A)		
League	29/11/08	Inverness Caledonian Thistle FC (H)		
League	07/12/08	Hibernian FC (A)		
League	13/12/08	Heart of Midlothian FC (H)		
League	20/12/08	Falkirk FC (A)		
League	27/12/08	Rangers FC (A)		
League	03/01/09	Dundee United FC (H)		
League	17/01/09	Aberdeen FC (A)		
League	24/01/09	Hibernian FC (H)		
League	31/01/09	Inverness Caledonian Thistle FC (A)		
League	14/02/09	Rangers FC (H)		

Pos.	Clubs	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1	Rangers FC	5	4	1	0	10	4	13
2	Celtic FC	5	3	1	1	11	7	10
3	Kilmarnock FC	5	3	1	1	5	2	10
4	Hamilton Academical FC	5	3	0	2	7	5	9
5	Heart of Midlothian FC	5	3	0	2	8	8	9
6	Inverness Caledonian Thistle FC	5	2	1	2	6	5	7
7	Hibernian FC	5	2	1	2	6	6	7
8	Aberdeen FC	5	2	1	2	4	5	7
9	Saint Mirren FC	5	1	1	3	3	5	4
10	Motherwell FC	5	1	1	3	6	9	4
11	Falkirk FC	5	1	0	4	5	10	3
12	Dundee United FC	5	0	2	3	4	9	2

Aalborg BK (Ligaen)

Comp.	Date	Opponent	Res.	Goalscorers
League	20/07/08	FC Midtjylland (H)	1-2	Curth 90
League	26/07/08	Brøndby IF (A)	1-2	Caca 29
League	02/08/08	Vejle BK (A)	3-2	Own goal, Caca 62, 80
League	09/08/08	Esbjerg fB (H)	1-1	Enevoldsen 54
League	17/08/08	Odense BK (H)	0-3	

Lineups: Zaza, Olfers, Jakobsen, Beauchamp, Martin Pedersen (L. Nielsen 37), Enevoldsen (Due 61), Risgård, Johansson (Caca 61), Augustinussen, Saganowski, Curth

League 31/08/08 SonderjyskE (A) 2-1 Curth 16, Augustinussen 22

Lineups: Zaza, Bøgelund, Olfers, Jakobsen, Martin Pedersen, Risgård, Augustinussen, Johansson (Saganowski 68), Due (Enevoldsen 67), Caca (L. Nielsen 90), Curth

League 13/09/08 AGF Århus (H) 0-2

Lineups: Zaza, L. Nielsen, Olfers, Jakobsen, Martin Pedersen, Risgård (Enevoldsen 62), Augustinussen, Johansson, Due (Schwartz 84), Caca (Saganowski 62), Curth

League	21/09/08	FC København (A)		
League	04/10/08	AC Horsens (H)		
League	18/10/08	FC Nordsjælland (H)		
League	26/10/08	Randers FC (A)		
League	02/11/08	Odense BK (A)		
League	09/11/08	Brøndby IF (H)		
League	16/11/08	Esbjerg fB (H)		
League	23/11/08	Vejle BK (A)		
League	30/11/08	FC København (H)		
League	07/12/08	Randers FC (A)		
League	01/03/09	AC Horsens (A)		
League	08/03/09	FC Nordsjælland (H)		
League	15/03/09	SonderjyskE (A)		
League	22/03/09	FC Midtjylland (H)		
League	05/04/09	AGF Århus (A)		
League	09/04/09	Brøndby IF (A)		
League	13/04/09	Odense BK (H)		
League	19/04/09	Vejle BK (H)		
League	22/04/09	Esbjerg fB (A)		
League	26/04/09	Randers FC (H)		

Pos.	Clubs	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1	Odense BK	7	6	0	1	16	8	18
2	FC Midtjylland	7	4	2	1	14	8	14
3	Brøndby IF	7	4	1	2	7	6	13
4	FC København	6	3	2	1	7	4	11
5	Randers FC	7	2	4	1	11	7	10
6	Vejle BK	7	2	3	2	7	8	9
7	AGF Århus	7	3	0	4	9	12	9
8	AC Horsens	7	2	2	3	6	7	8
9	Aalborg BK	7	2	1	4	8	13	7
10	FC Nordsjælland	6	1	2	3	6	8	5
11	SonderjyskE	7	1	2	4	5	10	5
12	Esbjerg fB	7	0	3	4	4	9	3

UEFA information

Elite Coaches Forum

UEFA has given Europe's top club coaches another unique opportunity to come together and exchange views with the governing body on the state of the European game at a gathering in Nyon, Switzerland. The UEFA Elite Coaches Forum celebrated its tenth anniversary with discussions on tactical and technical trends, the evolution of the European club competitions, the leadership role of the modern coach, how coaches cope with the demands of the high-pressure game today and their relationship with match officials. "It's a short but very intense gathering. Twenty-three top coaches were here, a fantastic turnout from our point of view," said UEFA technical director Andy Roxburgh. "UEFA respects them and listens to what they say, and there are many things that UEFA has taken on board [over the years]."

EURO example

UEFA hopes that the UEFA Champions League season will carry on in the same spirit that marked UEFA EURO 2008™ in Austria and Switzerland in June. At the UEFA Champions League group stage draw in Monaco, UEFA General Secretary David Taylor recalled the attitude of players, supporters and officials at the EURO tournament, which heartened European football's governing body as it strives to promote the idea of respect throughout football. Congratulating the 32 clubs that have qualified for the UEFA Champions League group phase, Mr Taylor said: "The new European club football season comes hot on the heels of a hugely successful European Championship, where the spirit of both respect and fair play were seen both on and off the field. I'd therefore like to take this opportunity to ask all the clubs, players and officials to continue in that spirit for the season."

Only a Game? exhibition

Fans from across the globe will be able to get close to some of football's most coveted trophies at the ground-breaking Only a Game? exhibition which opens in Liverpool next month. The UEFA Champions League trophy, the UEFA Cup and the UEFA Cup Winners' Cup will all be on display at the interactive exhibition in the World Museum Liverpool. While providing a traditional museum experience, the exhibition also aims to provoke visitors into considering the social and cultural impact of the planet's most popular sport. The exhibition, which will run from 11 October to 1 March 2009, has been organised by UEFA in conjunction with the Northwest Development Agency, the National Football Museum and National Museums Liverpool to mark the city's year as 2008 European Capital of Culture.

Charity cheque

As ambassador for the European Leukodystrophy Association (ELA), Zinedine Zidane accepted a cheque from UEFA for CHF1m (€619,000) during the draw for the group stage of the UEFA Champions League in Monaco. At the start of each season UEFA donates CHF1m to a charitable or humanitarian cause. "It is a major contribution by UEFA and an important help for the association I have been sponsoring for the past eight years," Zidane told uefa.com. "I believe we have made good progress and ELA is lucky to receive a cheque from UEFA and its president Michel Platini." Leukodystrophies are rare genetic diseases, and UEFA's donation will help support a four-year project developing a European information and exchange network.

Support for referees

Europe's top referees and assistant referees have been urged by UEFA to carry on the good work this season and build on the positive results from UEFA EURO 2008™. The annual UEFA summer gathering for its leading match officials was an ideal platform for European football's governing body to give a resounding thumbs-up to the referees, assistants and fourth officials who played a crucial role in nurturing the theme of respect UEFA is striving to promote among players, referees, officials and spectators. "I want to congratulate the 12 referees, 24 assistant referees and eight fourth officials who were at the EURO tournament," said Referee Committee member Volker Roth, who added that the officials had stood up to the challenge of replacing recently retired elite referees. "We had no Pierluigi Collina, Anders Frisk or Markus Merk, but you responded, your performances were great, and we are proud. We ask you to keep up this high level of performance."

Match-by-match lineups

Club	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Aalborg BK	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Manchester United FC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Villarreal CF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Celtic FC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Date	Match	Result	Stadium/Venue
17.09.2008	Man. United - Villarreal	-	Old Trafford, Manchester
17.09.2008	Celtic - AaB	-	Celtic Park, Glasgow
30.09.2008	AaB - Man. United	-	Aalborg, Aalborg
30.09.2008	Villarreal - Celtic	-	El Madrigal, Villarreal
21.10.2008	Villarreal - AaB	-	El Madrigal, Villarreal
21.10.2008	Man. United - Celtic	-	Old Trafford, Manchester
05.11.2008	AaB - Villarreal	-	Aalborg, Aalborg
05.11.2008	Celtic - Man. United	-	Celtic Park, Glasgow
25.11.2008	Villarreal - Man. United	-	El Madrigal, Villarreal
25.11.2008	AaB - Celtic	-	Aalborg, Aalborg
10.12.2008	Man. United - AaB	-	Old Trafford, Manchester
10.12.2008	Celtic - Villarreal	-	Celtic Park, Glasgow

Competition facts

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

Holders Manchester United FC are hoping to avoid becoming the first defending champions to fail to get through a group stage since the UEFA Champions League began. (This record, like the others, includes the seasons between 1999/00 and 2002/03 that featured a second group stage).

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

S.S. Lazio goalkeeper Marco Ballotta became the oldest player to compete in the UEFA Champions League in 2007/08 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 CFP on 23 October 2002.

Celestine Babayaro is the youngest player to have appeared in the UEFA Champions League. He was 16 years and 87 days when he started for RSC Anderlecht against FC Steaua București on 23 November 1994. He was then sent off in the 37th minute.

In 2006/07, PFC Levski Sofia joined 1. FC Košice in being the only team to have played in the UEFA Champions League and never picked up a point. The Slovakian side have not returned to the competition since losing all six games in their only campaign to date in 1997/98. Six other teams have gone through a single group stage campaign without picking up a point: FC Dynamo Kyiv (2007/08), SK Rapid Wien (2005/06) and RSC Anderlecht (2004/05) plus FC Spartak Moskva and Bayer 04 Leverkusen (2002/03, first and second group stage respectively) and Fenerbahçe SK (2001/02, first group stage).

Dynamo also conceded 19 goals in their six outings in 2007/08, equalling the record let in during a group stage set by Ferencvárosi TC in the 1995/96 campaign.

Before their 3-1 win against Sporting Clube de Portugal on Matchday 6 of the 2006/07 campaign, FC Spartak Moskva went 22 games without a win in the competition, surpassing the unwanted record set by AEK Athens FC on Matchday 3 of the same campaign.

The lowest total for a team qualifying from the group stage is seven points. The first to do it, since three points for a win was introduced in 1995/96, were Legia Warszawa that same season before Bayer 04 Leverkusen managed it in 1999/2000 and Liverpool FC in 2001/02. FC Lokomotiv Moskva and eventual finalists Juventus both progressed with seven points in 2002/03, a feat achieved by Rangers FC and Werder Bremen in 2005/06.

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Team facts

Celtic FC

UEFA club competition milestones

- Celtic were the first British champions of Europe when they won the 1966/67 European Champion Clubs' Cup with a 2-1 defeat of FC Internazionale Milano in Lisbon.

- The closest Celtic have come to a European honour since was finishing runners-up to FC Porto in the 2002/03 UEFA Cup, losing 3-2 in Seville after moving across from the UEFA Champions League following the third qualifying round.

UEFA Champions League milestones

- The Scottish side reached the knockout stage of the UEFA Champions League for the first time in 2006/07, losing to eventual winners AC Milan. They then repeated the feat last season going out to FC Barcelona.

UEFA club competition honours

- European Champion Clubs' Cup: 1966/67

Ten-year record

2007/08: UEFA Champions League – first knockout round

2006/07: UEFA Champions League – first knockout round

2005/06: UEFA Champions League – second qualifying round

2004/05: UEFA Champions League – group stage

2003/04: UEFA Cup – quarter-finals (having transferred from the UEFA Champions League group stage)

2002/03: UEFA Cup – runners-up (having transferred from the European Champion Clubs' Cup third qualifying round)

2001/02: UEFA Cup – third round (having transferred from the UEFA Champions League first group stage)

2000/01: UEFA Cup – second round

1999/00: UEFA Cup – second round

1998/99: UEFA Cup – second round (having transferred from the European Champion Clubs' Cup second qualifying round)

2007/08 season

Domestic record: Celtic were crowned Scottish Premier League champions after a dramatic race in which they overhauled Glasgow rivals Rangers FC four games from the end of the campaign. It was the club's 42nd league success since 1891. They missed out in the Scottish Cup, though, going down 1-0 to Aberdeen FC in a quarter-final replay at Celtic Park.

European record: Celtic matched their 2006/07 UEFA Champions League campaign by reaching the first knockout round thanks to three home victories against AC Milan, SL Benfica and FC Shakhtar Donetsk. After successfully progressing from Group D, they met FC Barcelona who won 3-2 in Scotland. The Spanish side were also victorious at home to end Celtic's hopes in the competition.

Records

UEFA club competition

- Biggest win

9-0: Celtic FC v KPV Kokkola

16.09.1970, European Champion Clubs' Cup first round first leg

- Biggest home win

9-0: Celtic FC v KPV Kokkola (see above for details)

- Biggest away win

0-7: Waterford AFC v Celtic FC

21.10.1970, European Champion Clubs' Cup second round first leg

- Heaviest defeat

5-0: FC Artmedia v Celtic FC

27.07.2005, European Champion Clubs' Cup second qualifying round first leg

- Heaviest home defeat

0-3: Celtic FC v Paris Saint-Germain FC

02.11.1995, UEFA Cup Winners' Cup second round second leg

- Heaviest away defeat

5-0: FC Artmedia v Celtic FC (see above for details)

UEFA Champions League (group stage to final only)

- Biggest win

3-0: Celtic FC v SL Benfica

17.10.2006, UEFA Champions League group stage

- Biggest home win

3-0: Celtic FC v SL Benfica (see above for details)

- Biggest away win

No away victories recorded in the competition

- Heaviest defeat

3-0: SL Benfica v Celtic FC

01.11.2006, UEFA Champions League group stage

3-0: FC Shakhtar Donetsk v Celtic FC

20.10.2004, UEFA Champions League group stage

3-0: FC Porto v Celtic FC

17.10.2001, UEFA Champions League first group stage

- Heaviest home defeat

1-3: Celtic FC v FC Barcelona

14.09.2004, UEFA Champions League group stage

- Heaviest away defeat

3-0: SL Benfica v Celtic FC (see above for details)

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

3-0: FC Porto v Celtic FC (see above for details)

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Aalborg BK

UEFA club competition milestones

- AaB have taken part in one UEFA Champions League group stage campaign prior to this season, the 1995/96 edition. They were also one of eleven winners in last season's UEFA Intertoto Cup before going on to play in the UEFA Cup group stage, the furthest they have been in that competition.

UEFA Champions League milestones

- AaB become the first Danish side to embark on two UEFA Champions League group stage stints after making their bow in the competition – when they finished bottom of their section – in 1995/96.

UEFA club competition honours

- UEFA Intertoto Cup: 2007

Ten-year record

2007/08: UEFA Cup – group stage (having qualified as UEFA Intertoto Cup winners)

2006/07: Did not compete in UEFA club competition

2005/06: Did not compete in UEFA club competition

2004/05: UEFA Cup – first round

2003/04: Did not compete in UEFA club competition

2002/03: Did not compete in UEFA club competition

2001/02: Did not compete in UEFA club competition

2000/01: UEFA Intertoto Cup – third round

1999/00: UEFA Champions League – third qualifying round

1998/99: Did not compete in UEFA club competition

2007/08 season

Domestic record: AaB won the Superligaen title for the first time in nine years after finishing nine points clear of FC Midtjylland to earn a place in the second qualifying round of the UEFA Champions League. However, they could not repeat the success in the Danish Cup, losing 5-4 on penalties to Vejle BK at the last-16 stage.

European record: The Danish club picked up their first continental honour after winning the UEFA Intertoto Cup along with ten other clubs earning a place in UEFA Cup qualifying in the process. They successfully negotiated Finnish side HJK Helsinki before gaining one of their best-ever European results, overcoming Italian side UC Sampdoria on away goals to make the group stage. However, they came fourth to just miss out on a Round of 32 berth.

Records

UEFA club competition

• Biggest win

4-0: Aalborg BK v Cliftonville FC

14.07.1996, UEFA Intertoto Cup group stage

• Biggest home win

4-0: Aalborg BK v Cliftonville FC (see above for details)

• Biggest away win

1-3: FK Žalgiris Vilnius v Aalborg BK

12.08.2004, UEFA Cup second qualifying round first leg

• Heaviest defeat

8-1: Górnik Zabrze v Aalborg BK

20.09.1970, UEFA Cup Winners' Cup first round second leg

• Heaviest home defeat

0-2: Aalborg BK v Udinese Calcio

16.07.2000, UEFA Intertoto Cup third round first leg

0-2: Aalborg BK v FC Nantes Atlantique

01.11.1995, UEFA Champions League group stage

1-3: Aalborg BK v FC Dynamo Kyiv

23.08.1995, UEFA Champions League qualifying round second leg

• Heaviest away defeat

8-1: Górnik Zabrze v Aalborg BK (see above for details)

UEFA Champions League (group stage to final only)

• Biggest win

2-1: Aalborg BK v Panathinaikos FC

25.10.1995, UEFA Champions League group stage

• Biggest home win

2-1: Aalborg BK v Panathinaikos FC (see above for details)

• Biggest away win

N/A

Celtic FC - Aalborg BK

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Celtic Park, Glasgow

- Heaviest defeat

2-0: Panathinaikos FC v Aalborg BK

22.11.1995, UEFA Champions League group stage

0-2: Aalborg BK v FC Nantes Atlantique (see above for details)

3-1: FC Nantes Atlantique v Aalborg BK

18.10.1995, UEFA Champions League group stage

2-0: FC Porto v Aalborg BK

27.09.1995, UEFA Champions League group stage

- Heaviest home defeat

0-2: Aalborg BK v FC Nantes Atlantique (see above for details)

- Heaviest away defeat

2-0: Panathinaikos FC v Aalborg BK (see above for details)

3-1: FC Nantes Atlantique v Aalborg BK (see above for details)

2-0: FC Porto v Aalborg BK (see above for details)

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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.

:: 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.

Current season - League: Total league appearances based on the date press kit was last updated

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

ECCLC: 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

WC: FIFA World Cup • **CONFCUP:** Confederation Cup

FRIE: Friendly internationals • **U21FRIE:** Under-21 friendly internationals

U21: UEFA European Under-21 Championship

U17: UEFA Under-17 Championship • **U16:** UEFA European Under-16 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

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