

Chelsea FC - AS Roma

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Match background

Matchday 2 did not bring the result Chelsea FC sought as last season's runners-up had to settle for a 0-0 draw against UEFA Champions League debutants CFR 1907 Cluj in Romania. They also had a scare when Didier Drogba injured his knee and Luiz Felipe Scolari's men will be hoping the outcome is a lot happier when they take on AS Roma at home.

- The CFR Stadium staged a contest three weeks ago where both teams struggled to carve out clear scoring chances, although in the second half Frank Lampard and Drogba (before he was forced off) came close. The stalemate followed a celebratory occasion in west London two weeks previously when Scolari's introduction to Europe's premier club competition resulted in the 4-0 dismissal of FC Girondins de Bordeaux. Lampard headed Chelsea into a 14th-minute lead with Joe Cole doubling the advantage before the break. Chelsea cut through twice more in the last ten minutes with Florent Malouda getting on the scoresheet against his compatriots. Another Frenchman, Nicolas Anelka, made it 4-0 after Juliano Belletti's long-range effort had been touched on to the crossbar.
- The 16 September fixture extended Chelsea's unbeaten home run in the competition to 13 games of which ten have been won and three drawn. They were last beaten at Stamford Bridge in February 2006 when FC Barcelona triumphed 2-1 in a first knockout round meeting.
- Roma's close rivals S.S. Lazio have been the opposition on the last two occasions Chelsea were drawn against an Italian team. In the 2003/04 UEFA Champions League group stage, the Blues won 2-1 at home and 4-0 away. On their debut in the competition, in 1999/00, Chelsea faced Lazio in the second group stage when a 0-0 draw in the Stadio Olimpico was followed by a 2-1 win for the Rome club in London.
- There was an Italian obstacle for Chelsea in the first group stage as well that season with AC Milan drawn in the same section. The games ended 0-0 in London and 1-1 in Milan. Chelsea's first fixture against opponents from Serie A came in the 1997/98 UEFA Cup Winners' Cup semi-final when they were paired with Vicenza Calcio. A 1-0 defeat in the away leg was wiped out in a 3-1 win at home. In the final, Chelsea beat VfB Stuttgart thanks to Gianfranco Zola's goal.
- Scolari's men lead the way in the section alongside CFR with four points while Roma are just one point behind. It has been a campaign of contrasting fortunes so far for the Italians whose ground will stage the 2009 UEFA Champions League final. Roma began with a surprise 2-1 home loss to the Romanian debutants after Christian Panucci had shot them ahead.



- Then Roma won 3-1 against Bordeaux at the Stade Chaban-Delmas despite falling behind to Yoann Gourcuff's fine goal. After Henrique's 36th-minute dismissal, the away side turned the contest around with two strikes in seven minutes from Mirko Vučinić and substitute Júlio Baptista before the latter completed the victory with his second late on.
- Roma could be forgiven if they are not looking forward to their return to England for a fourth game there in the past three campaigns. In a total of eleven visits, they have only managed one victory, a 1-0 success at Liverpool FC in the fourth round of the 2000/01 UEFA Cup – with seven ending in defeat. All three recent games brought them up against Manchester United FC with one, the quarter-final of the 2006/07 UEFA Champions League, ending in an devastating 7-1 defeat, Roma's heaviest-ever in Europe.
- Last season, Luciano Spalletti's team were back at Old Trafford for a group stage fixture and this time a single goal was enough to consign the Giallorossi to defeat. The teams were then drawn together in the quarter-final for the second season running and although it was not the humiliation it had proved 12 months earlier, it still resulted in Roma's exit from the competition. They lost 2-0 at home and 1-0 away.
- Roma faced English opponents in the 1984 European Champion Clubs' Cup final which was held in the Stadio Olimpico. The game with Liverpool ended 1-1 after extra time with the Reds winning 4-2 on penalties.
- Facing Chelsea will reawaken unhappy memories for Roma full-back John Arne Riise who, while appearing as a substitute for Liverpool, headed an own goal deep in added time at the end of last season's UEFA Champions League semi-final first leg with the London side. It made the first-leg score 1-1 and gave Chelsea the impetus they needed to go on and win the home game 3-2 after extra time. Riise has also managed to score at the correct end against the same opposition when he struck just 45 seconds into the 2005 English League Cup final, but Chelsea went on to win that game, again 3-2 following extra time.
- The 2007 League Cup final featured Chelsea and Arsenal FC with Baptista appearing for the Gunners. Like Riise, however, he ended up on the losing side.
- Panucci had a short spell with Chelsea, spending part of 2000/01 on loan at Stamford Bridge.
- Chelsea back-up goalkeeper Carlo Cudicini played one game for Roma's city rivals Lazio in 1996/97.
- Bordeaux take on CFR in the group's other game.

Match facts

Chelsea

UEFA milestones

- Petr Čech and Florent Malouda's next UEFA Champions League appearances will be their 50th games in the competition. In the case of the latter, it will also be his 50th game in UEFA club competition.
- Frank Lampard's next game in UEFA club competition will be his 75th.

UEFA Champions League statistics

- Chelsea are one of three teams yet to concede after two games in this season's group stage; Villarreal CF and Manchester United FC are the others.
- The London club have managed 15 shots on goal to date, the joint-highest total in the competition along with Manchester United, FC Bayern München, Arsenal FC and Real Madrid CF.
- Lampard has provided two assists, one of eight players to have done so in the first two group stage games.

Disciplinary information

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

Latest domestic information

- **Saturday 18 October: Middlesbrough FC 0-5 Chelsea FC (Kalou 14 53, Belletti 51, Lampard 63, Malouda 67)** Chelsea stayed top of the Premier League with an emphatic win at the Riverside Stadium, Salomon Kalou opening the scoring after Juliano Belletti's shot had been blocked. The Brazilian doubled the lead with a thunderous swerving shot from 30 metres, before Kalou's deflected effort and Lampard's diving header put the result beyond doubt. Malouda rounded off a memorable win with his first goal of the season, tapping in after goalkeeper Ross Turnbull has fumbled Nicolas Anelka's shot against his post.

- "We were good today – we played as a group," said manager Luiz Felipe Scolari. "Everyone played very well and tried to do their best. I lost five or six players that have played all the games so far but those that came in played very well and we showed today that we have 23 or 24 players in which we need to believe. We have a long way to go to win the title but we've been working very hard in pre-season and the players all know what we want."
- Carlo Cudicini made his first appearance since April in place of the injured Čech in goal while Wayne Bridge made his first league start of the campaign at left-back. There was more good news for Chelsea as Deco returned from injury as a second-half substitute.
- The Middlesbrough win extended Chelsea's run of clean sheets to five matches in all competitions – they have not conceded a goal since Ji-Sung Park's 18th-minute effort for Manchester United FC at Stamford Bridge on 21 September, 522 minutes ago.
- Chelsea have scored in their last 20 league games, stretching back to a goalless draw at home to Liverpool FC on 10 February.
- All three of the league goals Chelsea have conceded this term have come in the first half.
- Chelsea are the only Premier League club not to have lost in 2008, a run stretching to 26 games; they are now unbeaten in 29 league matches, winning 21 and drawing eight. The 1-0 defeat at Arsenal FC on 16 December 2007 was their only defeat in 39 league matches.
- If the UEFA Champions League final is counted as a draw, Chelsea are unbeaten in 21 matches in all competitions, winning 14 and drawing seven, since a 2-1 defeat in the UEFA Champions League quarter-final first leg at Fenerbahçe SK on 2 April.
- Chelsea had stayed top of the Premier League, and extended their unbeaten start to the season to seven league matches and ten games in all competitions with a 2-0 defeat of Aston Villa FC at Stamford Bridge on 5 October. Joe Cole opened the scoring in the 21st minute with his second league goal of the season and Anelka effectively wrapped up the win by adding the second a minute before half-time.
- The Villa result extended Chelsea's unbeaten home run to 86 Premier League matches since Arsenal triumphed 2-1 at Stamford Bridge on 21 February 2004. Of those matches, 62 have ended in victories with 24 draws. Chelsea are also unbeaten in 73 home matches in all competitions since FC Barcelona won 2-1 in west London on 22 February 2006 in the UEFA Champions League first knockout round first leg. They have won 53 of those games with 20 draws.
- Anelka, José Bosingwa, Lampard, Malouda and John Terry are all ever-present in the league this season.
- Branislav Ivanović made his first league appearance for Chelsea against Villa.
- Chelsea will play second-tier Burnley FC at Stamford Bridge in the League Cup fourth round on 12 November.
- Chelsea have not failed to win a game in which Joe Cole has scored since a 2-1 league defeat at Newcastle United FC on 25 April 2004. The run now encompasses 23 Premier League matches, five UEFA Champions League games and four matches in the English FA and League Cups.

Injury news

- Michael Essien – out since 5 September (knee)
- Ricardo Carvalho – out since 21 September (knee)
- Joe Cole – out 21 September to 5 October (bruised leg)
- Didier Drogba – out since 1 October (knee)
- Ashley Cole – out since 11 October (hamstring)
- Petr Čech – out since 11 October (thigh)
- Michael Ballack – out since 15 October (feet)
- Franco Di Santo – out since 5 October (groin)
- Deco – out 21 September to 18 October (thigh)
- José Bosingwa – out 13-18 October (right knee)
- Alex – out 1-18 October (hip/thigh)
- Nicolas Anelka – out 5-18 October (leg)
- John Terry – out 5-18 October (back)

- Michael Ballack is facing another spell on the sidelines having undergone surgery on both feet to remove thickened nerve tissue. The Chelsea midfielder complained of pain after Germany's international against Wales. "Ballack is out for maybe two or three weeks," said Scolari. "I am not angry. I am happy because what happened is a test for me that I am a good coach."

- Michael Essien is expected to sit out the entire group stage after being sidelined for "several months" with a knee injury. He ruptured an anterior cruciate ligament playing for Ghana against Libya and has undergone surgery.

International news

- It was a busy week for Chelsea's international contingent, Lampard playing both games as England defeated Kazakhstan (5-1) and Belarus (3-1) in FIFA World Cup qualifying Group 6. Ashley Cole appeared in the first game and Bridge the second after his Chelsea team-mate was ruled out by a hamstring injury. Terry missed both matches with a back problem.

- In Group 7 Ivanović scored Serbia's first goal in a 3-0 win against Lithuania on 11 October and also featured in the 3-1 win in Austria that followed, and in Group 1 Portugal's Ferreira made two appearances against Sweden and Albania, both matches ending goalless. Bosingwa appeared in the first match but missed the second through injury. Čech also picked up a knock as the Czech Republic lost 2-1 in Poland in Group 3 on 11 October, sitting out the 1-0 win against Slovenia four days later.

- Ballack got Germany's winner in a 2-1 victory against Russia in Group 4, also appearing in the 1-0 defeat of Wales, while Malouda started France's 2-2 Group 7 draw in Romania and came on as a late substitute in the 3-1 friendly win against Tunisia on 14 October.

- Kalou was also in goalscoring form, rounding off Ivory Coast's 3-0 win against Madagascar in African qualifying Group 7.

- Michael Mancienne played both games as England defeated Wales 5-4 on aggregate to reach the 2009 UEFA European Under-21 Championship final tournament.

Miscellaneous

- Henrique Hilário celebrates his 33rd birthday on 21 October, the day before the Roma game.

- On 24 September Chelsea signed out-of-contract Brazil midfielder Mineiro to fill the void left by the injured Essien. The 33-year-old was released this summer after 18 months with Hertha BSC Berlin and has agreed a deal until the end of the season, although he is ineligible to join the Chelsea squad for the UEFA Champions League group stage.

Roma

UEFA milestones

- Christian Panucci made his 100th appearance in UEFA club competition against Bordeaux.

UEFA Champions League statistics

- Daniele De Rossi has provided two assists to date, one of eight players to have done so in the first two group stage games.

Disciplinary information

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

Latest domestic information

- **Sunday 19 October: AS Roma 0-4 FC Internazionale Milano (Ibrahimović 5 46, Stanković 54, Obinna 56)**

Zlatan Ibrahimović scored twice for Inter to inflict Roma's fourth defeat in seven league games this season. Ibrahimović opened the scoring early on by lobbing Doni, and extended the lead seconds after half-time when he outwitted Juan and finished with a precise shot. Dejan Stanković and Victor Obinna then struck two in three minutes to cap a miserable night for the Giallorossi.

- "Our mistakes were decisive, but the result is not an indication of how the game went," said Luciano Spalletti. "We made a couple of mistakes and paid dearly for them but 4-0 is harsh. It's not easy to play under the pressure we are under because of our current situation in the league. Everything becomes easier when you are on a run of good results. I'm very satisfied with the return of [Francesco] Totti; he played well and he is very important for us."

- Because of suspensions to Philippe Mexès and Panucci, Spalletti was forced into a defensive reshuffle. He opted for Cicinho, Juan, Simone Loria and John Arne Riise. Francesco Totti played 69 minutes on his return from a knee injury before being replaced by Jérémy Menez.
- With four defeats Roma have now lost as many games as they did in the whole of last season when they finished runners-up to Inter.
- The loss was Roma's first home league reverse since 29 September 2007, when Inter were also the victors (4-1). However, the Nerazzurri fell some way short of eclipsing Torino FC's 7-1 victory in the capital in 1947/48, Roma's heaviest home loss. Prior to the Inter defeat, Roma had earned 16 victories and three draws at the Stadio Olimpico.
- Roma's indifferent start to the season had continued after Matchday 2 with a 1-0 loss at AC Siena on 5 October. Mario Frick (45) scored the only goal of a game which Roma ended with nine men following the second-half dismissals of Mexès and Panucci.
- Doni and Riise are the only Roma players to have started all seven league games this term, though Cicinho, Alberto Aquilani and Menez have also featured in every match.
- The defeat at Siena ended Roma's record of scoring in 20 successive Serie A matches. Their previous blank came in a 1-0 loss at Juventus on 16 February.

Injury news

- Marco Cassetti – out since 23 September (thigh)
- David Pizarro – out since 17 September (thigh)
- Júlio Baptista – out since 20 September to 1 October, and since 8 October (thigh)
- Francesco Totti – out 23 September to 19 October (knee)
- Juan – out 10 September to 5 October (thigh)
- Totti limped out of training on 23 September, complaining of pain in the right knee he had surgery on in April, but made his return against Inter.
- Baptista suffered a recurrence of his thigh injury while on international duty.

International news

- De Rossi played in Italy's goalless draw away to Bulgaria in 2010 FIFA World Cup qualification Group 8 on 11 October. Simone Perrotta appeared for the final 22 minutes, while Aquilani was an unused substitute in Sofia. However, four days later, Aquilani was restored to the lineup and proved to be the Azzurri's match-winner, scoring both goals as Italy beat Montenegro 2-1 in Lecce. De Rossi also started, while Perrotta replaced Aquilani after 65 minutes.
- All the goals in that game were scored by Roma players as Mirko Vučinić briefly equalised for the visitors. Elsewhere, Riise was in action as Norway drew 0-0 in Scotland before losing 1-0 at home to the Netherlands in Group 9, while Mexès was an unused substitute in France's 2-2 draw in Romania and the 3-1 home friendly victory against Tunisia on 14 October.
- In South American qualifying, Juan, Doni and Baptista were called up by Brazil for the fixtures against Venezuela and Colombia on 12 and 15 October, respectively. Baptista withdrew because of the recurrence of his thigh injury and Doni failed to make it off the substitutes' bench, but Juan started both games as Brazil beat Venezuela 4-0 before drawing 0-0 at home to Colombia.
- In the UEFA European Under-21 Championship play-offs, Menez featured in both games against Germany as France missed out on a place at next summer's finals tournament in Sweden, losing 2-1 on aggregate.

Miscellaneous

- Doni celebrates his 29th birthday on 22 October, the day of the Chelsea match, while Loria turns 30 six days later.
- Roma will begin their defence of the Coppa Italia on 17 December when they host Bologna FC in the last 16.
- On 16 October Stefano Okaka Chuka extended his contract until June 2012.

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	26	-	-	-	2	-	7	-	49	-	53	-
23	Carlo Cudicini	ITA	06.09.1973	35	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	19	-	26	-
30	Rhys Taylor	WAL	07.04.1990	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
40	Henrique Hilário	POR	21.10.1975	32	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	-	17	-
Defenders															
2	Branislav Ivanović	SRB	22.02.1984	24	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	16	3
3	Ashley Cole	ENG	20.12.1980	27	-	-	-	1	-	7	-	65	1	65	1
6	Ricardo Carvalho	POR	18.05.1978	30	-	-	-	1	-	5	1	60	3	70	3
17	José Bosingwa	POR	24.08.1982	26	-	-	-	2	-	8	1	41	-	54	-
18	Wayne Bridge	ENG	05.08.1980	28	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	23	2	24	2
19	Paulo Ferreira	POR	18.01.1979	29	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	37	-	50	-
26	John Terry	ENG	07.12.1980	27	-	-	-	2	-	8	-	52	4	60	6
33	Alex	BRA	17.06.1982	26	-	-	-	1	-	4	-	33	5	35	5
35	Juliano Belletti	BRA	20.06.1976	32	-	-	-	2	-	5	2	29	1	51	1
41	Sam Hutchinson	ENG	03.08.1989	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
42	Michael Mancienne	ENG	08.01.1988	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Midfielders															
5	Michael Essien	GHA	03.12.1982	25	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	46	7	46	7
8	Frank Lampard	ENG	20.06.1978	30	-	-	-	2	1	8	3	56	16	74	22
10	Joe Cole	ENG	08.11.1981	26	-	-	-	1	1	6	2	43	6	50	6
12	John Mikel Obi	NGA	22.04.1987	21	-	-	-	2	-	6	-	15	-	15	-
13	Michael Ballack	GER	26.09.1976	32	-	-	-	2	-	5	-	73	15	78	18
15	Florent Malouda	FRA	13.06.1980	28	-	-	-	2	1	8	1	49	7	49	7
20	Deco	POR	27.08.1977	31	-	-	-	1	-	5	2	68	13	95	18
Forwards															
9	Franco Di Santo	ARG	07.04.1989	19	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	1	-	1	-
11	Didier Drogba	CIV	11.03.1978	30	-	-	-	1	-	3	-	46	23	56	29
21	Salomon Kalou	CIV	05.08.1985	23	-	-	-	2	-	6	3	24	1	33	5
39	Nicolas Anelka	FRA	14.03.1979	29	-	-	-	2	1	8	4	37	9	61	17
43	Miroslav Stoch	SVK	19.10.1989	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coach															
-	Luiz Felipe Scolari	BRA	09.11.1948	59	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	4	-

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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															
12	Pietro Pipolo	ITA	27.02.1986	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25	Artur	BRA	25.01.1981	27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
27	Julio Sergio	BRA	08.11.1978	29	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
32	Doni	BRA	22.10.1979	28	-	-	-	2	-	6	-	21	-	23	-
Defenders															
2	Christian Panucci	ITA	12.04.1973	35	-	-	-	2	1	5	2	70	10	100	13
3	Cicinho	BRA	24.06.1980	28	-	-	-	2	-	7	-	11	-	11	-
4	Juan	BRA	01.02.1979	29	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	18	4	30	6
5	Philippe Mexès	FRA	30.03.1982	26	-	-	-	1	-	3	-	24	-	47	-
15	Simone Loria	ITA	28.10.1978	29	-	-	-	1	-	4	-	1	-	1	-
17	John Arne Riise	NOR	24.09.1980	28	-	-	-	2	-	7	-	62	3	90	4
22	Max Tonetto	ITA	18.11.1974	33	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	16	-	21	-
36	Riccardo Brosco	ITA	03.02.1991	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
37	Alessandro Crescenzi	ITA	25.09.1991	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
77	Marco Cassetti	ITA	29.05.1977	31	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	16	1	16	1
Midfielders															
7	David Pizarro	CHI	11.09.1979	29	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	23	3	30	3
8	Alberto Aquilani	ITA	07.07.1984	24	-	-	-	2	-	7	2	16	-	24	1
11	Rodrigo Taddei	BRA	06.03.1980	28	-	-	-	2	-	6	-	16	3	26	4
14	Filipe	BRA	28.05.1987	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16	Daniele De Rossi	ITA	24.07.1983	25	-	-	-	2	-	6	1	25	3	38	4
19	Júlio Baptista	BRA	01.10.1981	27	-	-	-	2	2	3	1	16	4	24	9
20	Simone Perrotta	ITA	17.09.1977	31	-	-	-	1	-	5	1	21	2	31	3
33	Matteo Brighi	ITA	14.02.1981	27	-	-	-	1	-	6	-	3	-	9	-
35	Andrea Bertolacci	ITA	11.01.1991	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
38	Marco D'Alessandro	ITA	17.02.1991	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Forwards															
9	Mirko Vučinić	MNE	01.10.1983	25	-	-	-	2	1	5	1	16	6	16	6
10	Francesco Totti	ITA	27.09.1976	32	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	36	11	66	21
23	Vincenzo Montella	ITA	18.06.1974	34	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	23	2	57	13
24	Jérémy Menez	FRA	07.05.1987	21	-	-	-	1	-	7	-	1	-	7	-
89	Stefano Okaka Chuka	ITA	09.08.1989	19	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	4	-	7	-
Coach															
-	Luciano Spalletti	ITA	07.03.1959	49	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	22	-	41	-

Head coach

Chelsea FC: Luiz Felipe Scolari

Date of birth: 9 November 1948

Nationality: Brazilian

Playing career: SER Caxias, EC Juventude, EC Novo Hamburgo, SC Corinthians

Coaching career: Centro Sportivo Alagoano, EC Juventude (twice), Brasil de Pelotas (twice), Al-Shabab, Grêmio Foot-ball Porto Alegre (twice), Goiás SC, Qadsia Sports Club (twice), Kuwait, Criciúma EC, Al-Ahli, Júbilo Iwata, SE Palmeiras, Cruzeiro EC, Brazil, Portugal, Chelsea FC

Luiz Felipe Scolari announced his return to club management after a seven-year absence during UEFA EURO 2008™, joining Chelsea FC with his reputation enhanced following successful spells at the helm of his native Brazil and Portugal. Scolari's name will forever be associated with his country's 2002 FIFA World Cup triumph.

His aggressive style, however, was initially not a big hit with the Brazilian public. Indeed, after barely squeezing through qualifying, his promise that Brazil would reach the semi-finals was greeted with derision. However, he was to prove true to his word and more as, despite leaving out Romário, a side featuring Ronaldo, Ronaldinho and Rivaldo overcame Germany in the final in Japan.

Scolari would not reach such heights with Portugal after becoming coach in 2002, but in a six-year spell he established them as one of the pre-eminent forces in world football. He led Portugal to the final of UEFA EURO 2004™ on home soil but, just as they had done in the opening game of the tournament, Greece spoiled the party by winning 1-0. Two years later Portugal again impressed at the 2006 World Cup, seeing off the Netherlands and England before losing 1-0 to France in the semi-finals. It was the country's best showing since 1966 and Scolari agreed a new two-year deal shortly afterwards. Portugal would also reach the quarter-finals at UEFA EURO 2008™, losing to Germany 3-2, by which time Scolari's future at Chelsea was already decided. His reputation as a coach was established when he won the Copa Libertadores with Grêmio Foot-ball Porto Alegre in 1995 before repeating the trick at the helm of SE Palmeiras four years later.

AS Roma: Luciano Spalletti

Date of birth: 7 March 1959

Nationality: Italian

Playing career: AC Entella Chiavari 1914, Spezia Calcio 1906, FC Esperia Viareggio, Empoli FC

Coaching career: Empoli FC, UC Sampdoria, Venezia Calcio, Udinese Calcio (twice), Ancona Calcio, AS Roma

A hard-working midfielder in his playing days, Luciano Spalletti has remained faithful to the same mentality since starting his coaching career in 1993/94 at his former club Empoli FC. Spalletti enjoyed immediate success with successive promotions; in his first full season, he led the Tuscan club to Serie B before taking them to Serie A the following campaign. After a good first term in the top flight, Spalletti left to join UC Sampdoria but was sacked 28 games into the 1998/99 season. It was the beginning of a difficult period for Spalletti, who had brief stays at Venezia Calcio, Udinese Calcio and Ancona Calcio before returning to Udinese in summer 2002.

Spalletti steered Udinese to sixth- and seventh-placed finishes before writing his name into the club's history as the first coach to guide Udinese to UEFA Champions League football with a fourth place in 2004/05. That June, however, Spalletti answered a call from AS Roma, who had avoided relegation on the last day of term and had been struggling to fill the gap left by Fabio Capello. He signed a two-year contract.

After a difficult opening to 2005/06, Spalletti managed to gain the faith of the Roma squad. Without injured captain Francesco Totti, Roma set a record of consecutive Serie A wins (eleven) and came fifth before the Italian match-fixing tribunal punished Juventus, AC Milan and ACF Fiorentina. That resulted in the Giallorossi moving up to second, earning them an automatic UEFA Champions League place. After a knockout stage berth was secured, Roma handed Spalletti a new contract until 2011 and he rewarded them with another second place in Serie A and Coppa Italia glory. The following year, they were pipped to the Italian title by FC Internazionale Milano yet again but reached another UEFA Champions League quarter-final.

Match officials

Referee	Kyros Vassaras (GRE)
Assistant referees	Dimitris Bozatzidis (GRE), Dimitris Saraidaris (GRE)
Fourth official	Georgios Daloukas (GRE)
UEFA Delegate	René Eberle (SUI)
UEFA Referee observer	Hans Reijgwart (NED)

Referee

Name	Nat.	Date of birth	UCL	UEFA
Kyros Vassaras	GRE	01.02.1966	39	58

Kyros Vassaras is a regular in the UEFA Champions League. He was also one of the UEFA EURO 2004™ fourth officials, before taking charge, on home soil, of the Olympic final between Argentina and Paraguay.

The travel agent, who is married with a son, from Thessaloniki started refereeing in 1984, eleven years before his first top-flight match. "My father Antonios was a FIFA referee," he said. "I watched him from a very young age. He told me I should start refereeing as early as possible, as this would give me the chance to take part in major competitions if I was good enough. But he was tough with me – he encouraged me, but he would have told me to stop if he had thought I wasn't going to make a career out of it. After two years, he told me that I was on the right road and gave me every help."

The water sports enthusiast received his FIFA badge in 1998 and has been involved in the 1998 UEFA European Under-16 Championship, the 1999 FIFA U-17 World Championship, in which he took charge of the final, and the 2002 World Cup finals, in addition to serving as a fourth official at UEFA EURO 2000™. His most high-profile club fixtures to date are first-leg contests in the 2004/05 and 2006/07 UEFA Champions League semi-finals, and the 2007/08 UEFA Cup semi-final first leg between Rangers FC and ACF Fiorentina. A domestic highlight was the 2007 Greek Cup final in which Larissa FC defeated Panathinaikos FC 2-1 while on the international stage he took charge of two matches at UEFA EURO 2008™ and was fourth official at the quarter-final between Portugal and Germany and the Russia-Spain semi-final.

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

Date	Comp.	Stage	Match	Res.	Venue
20.09.2000	UCL	GS1	S.S. Lazio - AC Sparta Praha	3-0	Rome
11.09.2001	UCL	GS1	Liverpool FC - Boavista FC	1-1	Liverpool
20.02.2002	UCL	GS2	FC Nantes - Manchester United FC	1-1	Nantes
13.03.2002	UCL	GS2	FC Barcelona - Liverpool FC	0-0	Barcelona
02.04.2002	UCL	QF	RC Deportivo La Coruña - Manchester United FC	0-2	La Coruna
18.09.2002	UCL	GS1	AC Milan - RC Lens	2-1	Milan
25.02.2003	UCL	GS2	FC Lokomotiv Moskva - AC Milan	0-1	Moscow
19.03.2003	UCL	GS2	Valencia CF - Arsenal FC	2-1	Valencia
26.08.2003	UCL	QR3	Chelsea FC - MŠK Žilina	3-0	London
09.12.2003	UCL	GS1	AC Milan - RC Celta de Vigo	1-2	Milan
25.02.2004	UCL	1/8	VfB Stuttgart - Chelsea FC	0-1	Stuttgart
29.09.2004	UCL	GS	RSC Anderlecht - FC Internazionale Milano	1-3	Brussels
07.12.2004	UCL	GS	Celtic FC - AC Milan	0-0	Glasgow
22.02.2005	UCL	1/8	Liverpool FC - Bayer 04 Leverkusen	3-1	Liverpool
26.04.2005	UCL	SF	AC Milan - PSV Eindhoven	2-0	Milan
10.08.2005	UCL	QR3	Sporting Clube de Portugal - Udinese Calcio	0-1	Lisbon
28.09.2005	UCL	GS	FC Internazionale Milano - Rangers FC	1-0	Milan
18.10.2005	UCL	GS	FC Bayern München - Juventus	2-1	Munich
07.12.2005	UCL	GS	SL Benfica - Manchester United FC	2-1	Lisbon
04.04.2006	UCL	QF	Villarreal CF - FC Internazionale Milano	1-0	Villarreal
08.08.2006	UCL	QR3	NK Dinamo Zagreb - Arsenal FC	0-3	Zagreb
12.09.2006	UCL	GS	Chelsea FC - Werder Bremen	2-0	London

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Date	Comp.	Stage	Match	Res.	Venue
21.02.2007	UCL	1/8	FC Barcelona - Liverpool FC	1-2	Barcelona
10.04.2007	UCL	QF	Valencia CF - Chelsea FC	1-2	Valencia
24.04.2007	UCL	SF	Manchester United FC - AC Milan	3-2	Manchester
15.08.2007	UCL	QR3	Toulouse FC - Liverpool FC	0-1	Toulouse
02.10.2007	UCL	GS	FC Internazionale Milano - PSV Eindhoven	2-0	Milan
05.03.2008	UCL	1/8	Real Madrid CF - AS Roma	1-2	Madrid
13.08.2008	UCL	QR3	Juventus - FC Artmedia Petržalka	4-0	Turin

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

Date	Comp.	Stage	Match	Res.	Venue
01.10.1998	UCWC	R1	FC Lausanne-Sport - S.S. Lazio	2-2	Lausanne
16.09.1999	UCUP	R1	FC Zenit St. Petersburg - Bologna FC	0-3	St Petersburg
15.02.2001	UCUP	R4	PSV Eindhoven - Parma FC	2-1	Eindhoven
07.09.2002	EURO	QR	Azerbaijan - Italy	0-2	Baku
10.04.2003	UCUP	SF	FC Porto - S.S. Lazio	4-1	Porto
26.03.2005	WC	QR	Italy - Scotland	2-0	Milan
07.10.2006	EURO	QR	Italy - Ukraine	2-0	Rome
24.04.2008	UCUP	SF	Rangers FC - ACF Fiorentina	0-0	Glasgow

Domestic information

Chelsea FC (Premier League)

Comp.	Date	Opponent	Res.	Goalscorers
League	17/08/08	Portsmouth FC (H)	4-0	J. Cole 12, Anelka 26, Lampard 45(pen), Deco 89
League	24/08/08	Wigan Athletic FC (A)	1-0	Deco 4
League	31/08/08	Tottenham Hotspur FC (H)	1-1	Belletti 28
League	13/09/08	Manchester City FC (A)	3-1	Carvalho 16, Lampard 53, Anelka 69
League	21/09/08	Manchester United FC (H)	1-1	Kalou 80
Cup	24/09/08	Portsmouth FC (A)	4-0	Lampard 36(pen), 49, Malouda 45, Kalou 64
League	27/09/08	Stoke City FC (A)	2-0	Bosingwa 36, Anelka 76
Lineups: Čech, Bosingwa, Alex, Terry, A. Cole, Mikel Obi, Kalou (Anelka 46), Ballack (Ferreira 89), Lampard, Malouda, Drogba (Belletti 73)				
League	05/10/08	Aston Villa FC (H)	2-0	J. Cole 21, Anelka 44
Lineups: Čech, Bosingwa, Ivanović, Terry, A. Cole, Mikel Obi, J. Cole (Kalou 57), Ballack, Lampard, Malouda (Belletti 83), Anelka (Di Santo 46)				
League	18/10/08	Middlesbrough FC (A)	5-0	Kalou 14, 53, Belletti 51, Lampard 63, Malouda 67
Lineups: Cudicini, Bosingwa, Terry, Alex, Bridge (Ferreira 65), Belletti, Lampard (Deco 73), Mikel Obi, Kalou, Anelka (Sinclair 78), Malouda				
League	26/10/08	Liverpool FC (H)		
League	29/10/08	Hull City AFC (A)		
League	01/11/08	Sunderland AFC (H)		
League	09/11/08	Blackburn Rovers FC (A)		
League	15/11/08	West Bromwich Albion FC (A)		
League	22/11/08	Newcastle United FC (H)		
League	30/11/08	Arsenal FC (H)		
League	06/12/08	Bolton Wanderers FC (A)		
League	14/12/08	West Ham United FC (H)		
League	22/12/08	Everton FC (A)		
League	26/12/08	West Bromwich Albion FC (H)		
League	28/12/08	Fulham FC (A)		
League	10/01/09	Manchester United FC (A)		
League	17/01/09	Stoke City FC (H)		
League	28/01/09	Middlesbrough FC (H)		
League	31/01/09	Liverpool FC (A)		
League	07/02/09	Hull City AFC (H)		
League	21/02/09	Aston Villa FC (A)		
League	28/02/09	Wigan Athletic FC (H)		
League	03/03/09	Portsmouth FC (A)		

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Pos.	Clubs	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1	Chelsea FC	8	6	2	0	19	3	20
2	Liverpool FC	8	6	2	0	13	6	20
3	Hull City AFC	8	5	2	1	11	11	17
4	Arsenal FC	8	5	1	2	16	6	16
5	Manchester United FC	7	4	2	1	12	4	14
6	Aston Villa FC	8	4	2	2	12	10	14
7	Portsmouth FC	8	4	1	3	9	13	13
8	West Ham United FC	8	4	0	4	14	14	12
9	Blackburn Rovers FC	8	3	2	3	8	14	11
10	Manchester City FC	8	3	1	4	20	14	10
11	West Bromwich Albion FC	8	3	1	4	7	11	10
12	Sunderland AFC	8	2	3	3	7	9	9
13	Middlesbrough FC	8	3	0	5	7	14	9
14	Wigan Athletic FC	8	2	2	4	11	9	8
15	Bolton Wanderers FC	8	2	2	4	8	10	8
16	Everton FC	8	2	2	4	12	18	8
17	Fulham FC	7	2	1	4	5	7	7
18	Stoke City FC	8	2	1	5	10	15	7
19	Newcastle United FC	8	1	3	4	9	15	6
20	Tottenham Hotspur FC	8	0	2	6	5	12	2

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AS Roma (Serie A)

Comp.	Date	Opponent	Res.	Goalscorers
League	31/08/08	SSC Napoli (H)	1-1	Aquilani 29
League	13/09/08	US Città di Palermo (A)	1-3	Baptista 8
League	20/09/08	Reggina Calcio (H)	3-0	Panucci 45, Aquilani 51, Perrotta 90
League	24/09/08	Genoa Cricket and Football Club (A)	1-3	De Rossi 28
League	28/09/08	Atalanta BC (H)	2-0	Panucci 17, Vučinić 31
Lineups: Doni, Panucci, Cicinho, Mexès, Riise, Aquilani, Taddei, Brighi, Perrotta, Menez (Virga 67), Vučinić (Okaka Chuka 79)				
League	05/10/08	AC Siena (A)	0-1	
Lineups: Julio Sergio, Panucci, Cicinho, Mexès, Riise, Aquilani, Taddei (Brighi 79), De Rossi, Baptista, Perrotta (Juan 79), Menez (Okaka Chuka 71)				
League	19/10/08	FC Internazionale Milano (H)	0-4	
Lineups: Doni, Cicinho, Loria, Juan, Riise, De Rossi, Aquilani, Taddei (Okaka Chuka 75), Perrotta (Brighi 77), Vučinić, Totti (Menez 69)				
League	26/10/08	Udinese Calcio (A)		
League	29/10/08	UC Sampdoria (H)		
League	01/11/08	Juventus (A)		
League	08/11/08	Bologna FC (A)		
League	16/11/08	S.S. Lazio (H)		
League	23/11/08	US Lecce (A)		
League	30/11/08	ACF Fiorentina (H)		
League	06/12/08	AC Chievo Verona (A)		
League	14/12/08	Cagliari Calcio (H)		
League	21/12/08	Calcio Catania (A)		
League	11/01/09	AC Milan (H)		
League	18/01/09	Torino FC (A)		
League	25/01/09	SSC Napoli (A)		
League	28/01/09	US Città di Palermo (H)		
League	01/02/09	Reggina Calcio (A)		
League	08/02/09	Genoa Cricket and Football Club (H)		
League	15/02/09	Atalanta BC (A)		
League	22/02/09	AC Siena (H)		
League	01/03/09	FC Internazionale Milano (A)		
League	08/03/09	Udinese Calcio (H)		

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

UEFA information

UEFA decision on Club Atlético de Madrid-Liverpool FC match

The UEFA Champions League Group D match between Club Atlético de Madrid and Liverpool FC is taking place as scheduled on Wednesday at the Vicente Calderón Stadium in Madrid. European football's governing body issued the following statement last week: "Following the decision of UEFA's Control and Disciplinary Body to sanction Club Atlético de Madrid for a series of incidents at the UEFA Champions League Group D match against Olympique de Marseille on 1 October, the club has lodged an appeal against the decision and requested suspension of the sanctions to allow their match against Liverpool FC to be played in Madrid as originally scheduled. After immediate consideration of the request for suspension, and having considered in particular the organisational and logistical difficulties related to relocating the Club Atlético de Madrid v Liverpool FC match to another venue at short notice, the chairman of the Appeals Body has decided to grant the request for suspension of the sanctions.

"Consequently, UEFA can confirm that the UEFA Champions League match between Club Atlético de Madrid and Liverpool FC will take place as scheduled on 22 October at the Vicente Calderón Stadium in Madrid. It should be emphasised that suspension of the sanctions does not mean that the decision of the Control and Disciplinary Body has been set aside. The decision remains in force pending a full hearing of the appeal which will take place on Friday 31 October at the UEFA Headquarters in Nyon, Switzerland. UEFA is however keen to stress that safety and security matters, including efficient co-operation with the police, are of the utmost priority and that there is a zero tolerance policy for incidents concerning racism in football. The match will be under particular scrutiny and UEFA is ready to take immediate and further action if there are any reported incidents at this match."

FARE Action Week

This week's UEFA Champions League matches are being used as a platform to promote the Football Against Racism in Europe (FARE) Action Week. UEFA's partner in the fight against racism is calling on all stakeholders across European football to make a joint stand for equality and against racism and discrimination. This year, the FARE Action Week, which continues until 28 October, will feature an unprecedented 40 European countries involved in an united effort to rid the game of racism and exclusion. "We thank the clubs playing in the UEFA Champions League for their participation in the FARE Action Week, and captains for accepting to wear the unite against racism captain's armbands," said UEFA communications director William Gaillard. "The players' testimony of respect for diversity is much appreciated." Activities at UEFA Champions League matches will include children escorting players in unite against racism T-shirts, tannoy announcements, the "No to Racism" giant screen TV spot and editorials in match programmes.

Refereeing experiment

UEFA President Michel Platini and General Secretary David Taylor were 'wired up' to follow the referees' communication as an experiment with five match officials was carried out at a UEFA European Under-19 Championship qualifying round mini-tournament in Slovenia. In addition to the match referee and two assistant referees on the touchline, two extra assistants were situated behind the goalline to focus on incidents that happen in the penalty area, such as fouls or misconduct. The tests followed approval of the test by football's lawmakers, the International Football Association Board, last spring. "It is very important to see this experiment at first hand, and I could not get closer than to stand behind the goal," said Mr Taylor. "What I have seen in this experiment has been very interesting and worthwhile."

Only a Game? exhibition opens

The Only A Game? exhibition opened its doors to the public on 11 October as the UEFA-driven project takes up residence in the World Museum Liverpool until 1 March. With admission free, the interactive exhibition invites visitors to plunge into the emotions of football, inspired by a selection of prestigious artefacts, trophies and memorabilia, covering in particular the last 50 years of European football. Only A Game? also charts the development of the European Community after the Treaty of Rome, in tandem with the growth of the European club competitions. UEFA first vice-president Şenes Erzik said: "The exhibition is a fantastic event to convey the message that football is a family, altogether, without discrimination."

Match-by-match lineups

Club	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Chelsea FC	2	1	1	0	4	0	4
CFR 1907 Cluj	2	1	1	0	2	1	4
AS Roma	2	1	0	1	4	3	3
FC Girondins de Bordeaux	2	0	0	2	1	7	0

Date	Match	Result	Stadium/Venue
16.09.2008	Chelsea - Bordeaux	4-0	Stamford Bridge, London
Goals: 1-0 Lampard 14, 2-0 J. Cole 30, 3-0 Malouda 82, 4-0 Anelka 90+2			
Chelsea: Čech, A. Cole, Carvalho, Lampard, J. Cole (Belletti 74), Mikel Obi, Malouda (Kalou 84), Bosingwa, Deco (Ballack 61), Terry, Anelka			
Bordeaux: Ramé, Diarra, Fernando (Ducasse 75), Jurietti, Gouffran (Obertan 66), Gourcuff, Placente, Diawara, Wendel, Planus, Chamakh (Cavenaghi 66)			
16.09.2008	Roma - CFR Cluj	1-2	Stadio Olimpico, Rome
Goals: 1-0 Panucci 17, 1-1 Juan Culio 27, 1-2 Juan Culio 49			
Roma: Doni, Panucci (Loria 47), Cichinho, Aquilani, Vučinić, Taddei (Montella 77), De Rossi, Riise (Totti 52), Baptista, Tonetto, Cassetti			
CFR Cluj: Stăncioiu, Tony, Mureşan, Dubarbier (Panin 89), Trică (Peralta 67), Koné, Juan Culio, Cadú, De Sousa, Dani, Alvaro Pereira			
01.10.2008	CFR Cluj - Chelsea	0-0	CFR, Cluj-napoca
Goals: -			
CFR Cluj: Stăncioiu, Tony, Mureşan, Dubarbier, Trică (Didi 89), Koné, Juan Culio, Cadú, De Sousa, Dani, Alvaro Pereira			
Chelsea: Čech, Lampard, Drogba (Belletti 58), Mikel Obi, Ballack, Malouda (Di Santo 74), Bosingwa, Bridge, Kalou (Anelka 46), Terry, Alex			
01.10.2008	Bordeaux - Roma	1-3	Stade Chaban-Delmas, Bordeaux
Goals: 1-0 Gourcuff 18, 1-1 Vučinić 64, 1-2 Baptista 71, 1-3 Baptista 83			
Bordeaux: Valverde, Henrique, Diarra, Fernando, Jurietti (Gouffran 78), Gourcuff, Jussiê (Wendel 37), Diawara, Chalmé, Obertan (Planus 40), Chamakh			
Roma: Doni, Panucci, Cichinho, Mexès, Aquilani (Okaka Chuka 63), Vučinić (Brighi 84), Taddei, De Rossi, Riise, Perrotta, Menez (Baptista 51)			
22.10.2008	Bordeaux - CFR Cluj	-	Stade Chaban-Delmas, Bordeaux
22.10.2008	Chelsea - Roma	-	Stamford Bridge, London
04.11.2008	CFR Cluj - Bordeaux	-	CFR, Cluj-napoca
04.11.2008	Roma - Chelsea	-	Stadio Olimpico, Rome
26.11.2008	Bordeaux - Chelsea	-	Stade Chaban-Delmas, Bordeaux
26.11.2008	CFR Cluj - Roma	-	CFR, Cluj-napoca
09.12.2008	Chelsea - CFR Cluj	-	Stamford Bridge, London
09.12.2008	Roma - Bordeaux	-	Stadio Olimpico, Rome

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 Bucureşti 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

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UEFA club competition milestones

• Two UEFA Cup Winners' Cup successes remain the stand-out achievements although Chelsea did lose on penalties in the 2007/08 UEFA Champions League final to Manchester United FC.

UEFA Champions League milestones

• Chelsea lost their only final appearance to Manchester United FC on penalties in 2007/08, after a 1-1 draw over 120 minutes. They had previously come close to reaching the final in 2003/04, 2004/05 and 2006/07 only to lose at the semi-final stage.

UEFA club competition honours

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

Ten-year record

2007/08: UEFA Champions League – finalists

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

2007/08 season

Domestic record: Chelsea once again finished as Premier League runners-up two points behind Manchester United FC, having finished six points behind them the previous campaign. They reached the final of the English League Cup for the second successive season but could not defend the trophy, losing 2-1 to Tottenham Hotspur FC after extra time, and were knocked out of the FA Cup 1-0 in the quarter-final by second-tier side Barnsley FC.

European record: Drawn in Group B with FC Schalke 04, Rosenborg BK and Valencia CF, Chelsea won three and drew three of their matches to finish top of the section. Olympiacos CFP were dispatched 3-0 on aggregate in the first knockout round, before Chelsea recovered from losing the quarter-final first leg at Fenerbahçe SK to advance 3-2 overall. Awaiting in the semi-final for the third time in four seasons were Liverpool FC, and having lost the previous two, Chelsea gained their revenge with a 4-3 aggregate triumph after extra time. Frank Lampard cancelled out Cristiano Ronaldo's goal in the final for Manchester United, but with nothing separating the teams after 120 minutes United prevailed 6-5 in the penalty shoot-out.

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

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- 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 Balompié

19.10.2005, UEFA Champions League group stage

4-0: Chelsea FC v FC Girondins de Bordeaux

16.09.2008, 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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AS Roma

UEFA club competition milestones

- This is Roma's 25th season in UEFA club competition following their debut in the 1969/70 UEFA Cup Winners' Cup first round. They have twice lost out in UEFA finals – the 1983/84 European Champion Clubs' Cup and the 1990/91 UEFA Cup.

UEFA Champions League milestones

- Roma are in their sixth campaign, having had to wait until the 2001/02 edition for their bow. Last season's run to the quarter-finals was their second appearance in the knockout stage.

UEFA club competition honours

- N/A

Ten-year record

2007/08: UEFA Champions League – quarter-finals

2006/07: UEFA Champions League – quarter-finals

2005/06: UEFA Cup – Round of 16

2004/05: UEFA Champions League – group stage

2003/04: UEFA Cup – third round

2002/03: UEFA Champions League – second group stage

2001/02: UEFA Champions League – second group stage

2000/01: UEFA Cup – fourth round

1999/00: UEFA Cup – fourth round

1998/99: UEFA Cup – quarter-finals

2007/08 season

Domestic record: Roma ended up three points adrift of champions FC Internazionale Milano and so finished as runners-up behind the Nerazzurri for the third consecutive season. However, Inter could not extend their domestic dominance to the Coppa Italia as Roma overcame their rivals in the final for the second time in as many campaigns to draw level with Juventus as the competition's most successful club with nine wins.

European record: The Giallorossi finished five points behind Group F winners Manchester United FC but four ahead of third-placed Sporting Clube de Portugal with a record of three wins and two draws from their six matches. Real Madrid CF were defeated 2-1 in each leg of the first knockout round to set up another last-eight tie with United. Roma were unable to avenge their 8-3 aggregate defeat of the previous season, however, bowing out of the competition 3-0 overall.

Records

UEFA club competition

- Biggest win

7-0: AS Roma v NK Gorica

28.09.2000, UEFA Cup first round second leg

7-0: AS Roma v Vitória FC

16.09.1999, UEFA Cup first round first leg

- Biggest home win

7-0: AS Roma v NK Gorica (see above for details)

7-0: AS Roma v Vitória FC (see above for details)

- Biggest away win

1-4: FC Dynamo Kyiv v AS Roma

27.11.2008, UEFA Champions League group stage

0-3: Valencia CF v AS Roma

26.02.2003, UEFA Champions League second group stage

0-3: Hamburger SV v AS Roma

07.12.2000, UEFA Cup third round second leg

1-4: NK Gorica v AS Roma

14.09.2000, UEFA Cup first round first leg

1-4: FC Wacker Innsbruck v AS Roma

16.09.1992, UEFA Cup first round first leg

- Heaviest defeat

7-1: Manchester United v AS Roma

10.04.2007, UEFA Champions League quarter-finals second leg

- Heaviest home defeat

0-3: AS Roma v Real Madrid CF

08.12.2004, UEFA Champions League group stage

0-3 (forfeit): AS Roma v FC Dynamo Kyiv

15.09.2004, UEFA Champions League group stage

0-3: AS Roma v Real Madrid CF

17.02.2002, UEFA Champions League first group stage

- Heaviest away defeat

7-1: Manchester United FC v AS Roma (see above for details)

UEFA Champions League (group stage to final only)

- Biggest win

4-0: AS Roma v FC Shakhtar Donetsk

12/09/2006, UEFA Champions League group stage

- Biggest home win

4-0: AS Roma v FC Shakhtar Donetsk (see above for details)

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0-3: AS Roma v FC Dynamo Kyiv (see above for details)

0-3: AS Roma v Real Madrid CF (see above for details)

- Heaviest away defeat

7-1: Manchester United FC v AS Roma (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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