

Liverpool FC - Chelsea FC

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Match background

It is déjà vu all over again for Liverpool FC and Chelsea FC as they prepare to meet in a UEFA Champions League knockout tie for the fourth time in five seasons.

- The main novelty about this contest is that it comes at the quarter-final stage, following semi-final ties in 2005, 2006 and 2008. On each previous occasion the team playing the second leg at home prevailed so Chelsea will be hoping history repeats itself as they seek to replicate their 4-3 aggregate success against Liverpool last season.
- For their part, five-times European champions Liverpool can take heart from home-and-away wins against their opponents in the Premier League this season – not to mention an unbeaten home run in the UEFA Champions League that stretches to ten matches, including qualifiers.
- Both teams have formidable recent records when it comes to surmounting this particular hurdle: Liverpool won quarter-finals in 2005, 2007 and 2008, while Chelsea advanced in 2004, 2005, 2007 and 2008.
- This time round Liverpool advanced to their 13th quarter-final in Europe's élite competition thanks to an emphatic 5-0 aggregate triumph against Spanish champions Real Madrid CF (1-0 away, 4-0 home). Rafael Benítez's charges had previously won Group D with a record of W4 D2 L0 and are one of three sides still unbeaten in the competition alongside FC Bayern München and Manchester United FC.
- The Merseyside club's overall record in European Champion Clubs' Cup quarter-finals is: P12 W9 L3. Their most recent last-eight contest came against another London side, Arsenal FC, last season, and Liverpool prevailed 5-3 on aggregate.
- As for their first quarter-final, against Germany's 1. FC Köln in 1964/65, that was decided by the toss of a coin – in Liverpool's favour – after two goalless draws and a 2-2 replay in Rotterdam failed to produce a winner.
- Guus Hiddink steered Chelsea through to the last eight as 3-2 aggregate victors against Juventus (1-0 home, 2-2 away). Under former manager Luiz Felipe Scolari, the London outfit had earlier finished second in Group A with a record of P6 W3 D2 L1.
- Chelsea's overall quarter-final record is: P5 W4 L1. At this stage of last season's competition, Chelsea suffered a 2-1 first-leg loss at Fenerbahçe SK but recovered to win the tie with a 2-0 home victory.
- That defeat in Istanbul forms part of a sequence of seven away matches without victory for Chelsea in the UEFA Champions League, excluding last season's final.



- The rivalry between Liverpool and Chelsea has intensified over the course of eight UEFA Champions League encounters since 2005. Each side has won two games – but never by more than a single goal.

- The full breakdown of results is:

2007/08 semi-final

Liverpool 1-1 Chelsea (Kuyt 43; Riise own goal 90+4)

Chelsea 3-2 Liverpool (Drogba 33 115, Lampard 98 pen; Torres 64, Babel 117)

Chelsea won 4-3 on aggregate

2006/07 semi-final

Chelsea 1-0 Liverpool (J Cole 29)

Liverpool 1-0 Chelsea (Agger 22)

Aggregate 1-1; Liverpool won 4-1 on penalties

2005/06 group stage

Liverpool 0-0 Chelsea

Chelsea 0-0 Liverpool

2004/05 semi-final

Chelsea 0-0 Liverpool

Liverpool 1-0 Chelsea (García 4)

Liverpool won 1-0 on aggregate

- Liverpool are unbeaten in five home meetings with Chelsea and won the last Anfield encounter 2-0 in February thanks to Fernando Torres goals after 89 and 90 minutes.
- That victory completed a Premier League double for Liverpool against Chelsea after Xabi Alonso's tenth-minute strike earned a 1-0 win at Stamford Bridge in October – a result that ended Chelsea's 86-match unbeaten run at home in the domestic championship.
- Overall the clubs have now met 154 times. There have been 69 wins for Liverpool, 53 for Chelsea, and 32 draws. The previous 75 meetings at Anfield have produced 49 wins for Liverpool, ten for Chelsea and 16 draws.
- Chelsea ran out 2-0 winners in each of the clubs' two previous quarter-final meetings – at Stamford Bridge in the English League Cup in 2007/08 and at Anfield in the FA Cup in 1931/32.
- Liverpool have won four of six previous two-legged contests against English sides in UEFA club competition. In addition to their UEFA Champions League successes against Arsenal and Chelsea in recent seasons, they beat Tottenham Hotspur FC on away goals in the 1972/73 UEFA Cup semi-finals following a 2-2 aggregate draw.
- Liverpool's two defeats by domestic rivals were last season's semi-final loss to Chelsea and a 2-0 aggregate reverse against Nottingham Forest FC in the 1978/79 European Cup first round.
- Chelsea's record in two-legged ties against compatriot clubs is three wins and two defeats. Aside from their duels with Liverpool, they beat Arsenal 3-2 on aggregate in the 2003/04 UEFA Champions League quarter-finals and Manchester City FC 2-0 on aggregate in the 1970/71 UEFA Cup Winners' Cup semi-final en route to lifting the trophy.
- Yet they lost the biggest game in their history, last season's UEFA Champions League final, against Premier League rivals Manchester United, going down 6-5 on penalties after a 1-1 draw.
- Chelsea manager Hiddink has mixed memories of Anfield. He led the Netherlands to a 2-0 victory against the Republic of Ireland in a play-off for EURO '96™ – but six months later, on the same ground, saw his Dutch side lose their quarter-final against France on penalties.
- Liverpool's Dirk Kuyt and Chelsea forward Salomon Kalou led the attack for Dutch club Feyenoord between 2004 and 2006. Kuyt scored 51 league goals and Kalou 35 over the course of their two seasons together.
- Chelsea's Nicolas Anelka spent the second half of 2001/02 on loan at Liverpool, scoring four goals in 20 league games.
- The second leg will take place in London on Tuesday 14 April.
- The winning team will meet the winners of the tie between FC Barcelona and Bayern in the semi-finals.

Match facts

Liverpool

UEFA milestones

- Steven Gerrard made his 100th appearance in UEFA club competition on Matchday 8, while Pepe Reina will bring up the same landmark when he next features.
- Liverpool have scored 496 goals in UEFA club competition.

UEFA Champions League statistics

- Álvaro Arbeloa and Jamie Carragher have appeared in all ten games in this season's competition, including qualifying. Lucas has played each of the eight matches in the competition proper.
- Gerrard's two goals in the second leg against Real Madrid CF took his total for the season to seven, making him the competition's joint-leading scorer along with Miroslav Klose.
- Javier Mascherano has committed 25 fouls to date, more than any other player. Conversely, the Liverpool side as a whole have suffered only 96 fouls, fewer than any other team in the last eight.
- Liverpool have had 45 shots on target and 40 shots wide so far, both the lowest totals of the teams left in the competition.

Disciplinary information

- Albert Riera is available again after a one-game ban on Matchday 8, although Mascherano serves a one-match suspension. Arbeloa and Andrea Dossena are both within a booking of a ban.

Latest domestic information

Saturday 4 April: Fulham FC 0-1 Liverpool FC (Benayoun 90)

Liverpool left it late before snatching a crucial win at Craven Cottage, substitute Yossi Benayoun scoring the only goal two minutes into added time. The visitors dominated the opening period, Martin Škrtel's shot flicking off Dossena and striking the crossbar and Xabi Alonso, Fernando Torres and Dossena himself all hitting the woodwork. The second period was more even, although Torres twice and Ryan Babel had chances for Liverpool before Benayoun thumped in with seconds remaining after Babel's pass towards Gerrard was deflected into his path.

- "It was an exciting game, with lots of chances against the crossbar, the post and other opportunities," said Rafael Benítez. "At the end we had the chance to win and we're really pleased. This team has the belief that we can score, right until the end. The players will be in very good shape, in terms of confidence, for the Chelsea game."
- Benayoun's goal was Liverpool's eighth in stoppage time in the league this season – more than any other side.
- Twenty of Liverpool's 55 league goals have come in the final 15 minutes.
- The Merseyside club have conceded only twice in the first 15 minutes of a league game this season.
- Liverpool have amassed 67 points from 31 games, their best haul at that stage since 1987/88 when they went on to win the title.
- Liverpool are yet to lose at Anfield this season in any competition, winning 14 and drawing eight. Their last home defeat came against Barnsley FC on 16 February 2008 in last season's FA Cup fifth round, 33 games ago.
- Reina, Carragher and Dirk Kuyt are ever-present in the league for Liverpool this season, Carragher starting each match and Reina playing every minute.
- Liverpool built on their Matchday 8 demolition of Real Madrid with an impressive 4-1 win at Manchester United FC on 14 March, despite falling behind to Cristiano Ronaldo's 23rd-minute penalty. Goals from Torres (28) and Gerrard (44pen) turned the game around before half-time and, after United had lost Nemanja Vidić to a red card with 14 minutes left, Fábio Aurélio (77) and Dossena (90) sealed Liverpool's first win at Old Trafford since April 2004. It completes their first league double over United since 2001/02.
- The United victory was Benítez's 100th as Liverpool manager in his 181st match in charge. Only Kenny Dalglish (167 games) and Bob Paisley (179) reached the landmark faster.
- On 22 March Liverpool overwhelmed Aston Villa FC at Anfield, running out 5-0 winners thanks to goals from Kuyt (8), Riera (33) and Gerrard's first Premier League hat-trick (39pen, 50, 65pen).

Injury news

- Daniel Agger – out 3 January to 7 February (calf) and 11 February to 22 March (back)
- Yossi Benayoun – out 3-28 March (hamstring)
- Sami Hyypiä – out since 28 March (knee)

International news

- A number of Liverpool players enjoyed success on international duty, Gerrard playing the first half of England's 4-0 friendly home win against a Slovakia side featuring Škrtel on 28 March, and setting up a late winner for John Terry in a 2-1 FIFA World Cup qualifying Group 6 victory against Ukraine four days later.
- Alonso and Torres helped Spain defeat Turkey 1-0 on 28 March and then win 2-1 in Istanbul four days later, Alonso scoring the first goal from the penalty spot and Riera getting a late winner. Arbeloa and Reina were unused substitutes. Kuyt registered in the Netherlands' 3-0 Group 9 win against Scotland and then struck twice in a 4-0 victory against FYR Macedonia, Babel coming on as a substitute in the latter match. In Group 1, Agger played 180 minutes as Denmark earned 3-0 victories against Malta and Albania.
- Also on 28 March Hyypiä's Finland side won 2-0 in Wales while Benayoun helped Israel draw 1-1 against Greece, although both picked up injuries. On 1 April Benayoun came on early in the second half as Israel went down 2-1 in Greece while Škrtel played 90 minutes as Slovakia won 2-1 in the Czech Republic in Group 3. Dossena appeared as a second-half substitute during Italy's 1-1 Group 8 draw with the Republic of Ireland.
- There were contrasting emotions for Mascherano in South American qualifying as Argentina's 4-0 home win against Venezuela was followed by a 6-1 defeat in Bolivia.
- David N'Gog was on duty with France U21s as they enjoyed victories against Estonia (3-0) and England (2-0).

Miscellaneous

- N'Gog celebrated his 20th birthday on 1 April.
- On 3 April Liverpool announced that Gerrard has agreed terms on a new two-year contract, the club have announced. The 28-year-old has spent his entire career at Anfield and will now remain there until at least 2013. "Steven has once again shown his commitment and it was an easy deal to agree," said Benítez. "He wants to stay for life."
- The same day Kuyt also added two more years to his contract, keeping him at Liverpool until 2012.
- Zinédine Zidane described Gerrard as the best player in the world following the Liverpool captain's inspirational display against his former club Real Madrid, saying: "Is he the best in the world? He might not get the attention of Lionel Messi and Ronaldo but yes, he just might be. If you don't have a player like Steven Gerrard, the engine room, it can affect the whole team. He has great passing ability, can tackle, scores goals, but most importantly he gives the players around him confidence and belief."
- On 19 March Benítez signed a new deal tying him to Liverpool until 2014. "I love the club, the fans and the city," he explained. "I could not say no to staying."
- Liverpool are mourning the death of club secretary Bryce Morrison, who died suddenly on 21 March. He had been at Anfield since 1992.
- On 27 March Škrtel was named Slovakian Player of the Year for the second year in succession.

Chelsea

UEFA milestones

- None

UEFA Champions League statistics

- Petr Čech, José Bosingwa, John Terry, John Mikel Obi and Nicolas Anelka have featured in all eight games in this season's competition, Čech and Terry playing every minute.
- Chelsea have won 36 corners to date, the lowest total of the eight teams left in the competition.
- The London club have been caught offside 34 times, more than any other team.
- Chelsea have committed more fouls (145) and collected more yellow cards (19) than any other side still involved.

Disciplinary information

- Anelka, Ashley Cole and Terry will incur a ban with their next bookings.

Latest domestic information

• Saturday 4 April: Newcastle United FC 0-2 Chelsea FC (Lampard 56, Malouda 65)

Chelsea recorded their fifth win in six Premier League matches with victory at St James' Park, Frank Lampard breaking the deadlock with his eleventh league goal of the season after Anelka's shot had been deflected on to the crossbar. The points were sealed by Florent Malouda's first goal since October, the French international scoring from close range after good work from Anelka and Lampard.

- "We said beforehand that we are still in the title race and we didn't want to drop points here – and we didn't," said Guus Hiddink. "We played a decent game and had chances to get another goal. In the second half we lost composure for ten minutes and played too many long balls, but in the main we played well. We have very big games coming up; it's the end of the season and it will be very challenging for everyone."
- The west London club have the best defensive record in the Premier League having conceded just 17 goals in their 31 games.
- Michael Essien made his 150th appearance for Chelsea at Newcastle.
- The draw at Juventus on Matchday 8 ended Chelsea's six-match winning run in all competitions and a four-game winning streak away from home.
- Chelsea's record sequence of eleven successive away Premier League victories was ended with a goalless draw at Everton FC on 22 December. They failed to win in their next three attempts, drawing at Fulham FC and losing against Manchester United FC and Liverpool but have recorded victories in five of their last seven away matches in all competitions.
- Chelsea's 3-0 loss at United on 11 January halted a sequence of 20 Premier League away matches without defeat, since going down 1-0 at Arsenal FC on 16 December 2007; 16 of those games ended in victory.
- The west London side still have the Premier League's best away record, however, having collected 35 points on their travels.
- Lampard is ever-present in the league this season, starting all 31 matches.
- The west London club have registered 23 shutouts in their last 38 league fixtures.
- Chelsea returned to Premier League action on 15 March, Essien's 18th-minute goal proving enough to defeat Manchester City FC at Stamford Bridge.
- Disappointment followed on 21 March, however, as Chelsea slipped to defeat at London rivals Tottenham Hotspur FC, Luka Modrić scoring the only goal five minutes into the second half.
- The defeat was Hiddink's first as Chelsea manager in his eighth match in charge.
- Chelsea will play Arsenal FC in the FA Cup semi-finals at Wembley on 18 April.

Injury news

- Michael Essien – out 5 September to 7 March (knee)
- Ricardo Carvalho – out 29 October to 28 December, 24 January to 10 March (hamstring) and 15-28 March (ankle)
- Deco – out 21 February to 15 March (hamstring)
- Nicolas Anelka – out 28 February to 10 March and 21 March to 4 April (toe)
- Joe Cole – out since 14 January (knee)
- Paulo Ferreira – out since 5 March (knee)
- José Bosingwa – out since 28 March (calf)
- Didier Drogba – out since 29 March (ankle)
- Joe Cole and Ferreira will both miss the rest of the campaign after suffering serious knee injuries.

International news

- A host of Chelsea players were on international duty last week, Terry winning his 50th cap in England's 4-0 friendly win against Slovakia on 28 March with Lampard finding the net and Ashley Cole also appearing. The Chelsea trio also featured in the 2-1 victory against Ukraine in 2010 FIFA World Cup qualifying Group 6 on 1 April, Terry scoring a late winner.

- Like his defensive partner, Carvalho made his 50th international appearance in Portugal's 0-0 draw against Sweden in Group 1 on 28 March, Bosingwa and Deco also featuring. Carvalho and Deco appeared in the 2-0 friendly win against World Cup hosts South Africa on 31 March.
- In Group 4, Michael Ballack scored in Germany's wins against Liechtenstein (4-0) and Wales (2-0) while Branislav Ivanović was on target as Serbia won 3-2 in Romania in Group 7, also appearing in the 2-0 friendly defeat of Sweden.
- Čech was part of the Czech Republic side that faced Slovenia (0-0) and Slovakia (1-2) in Group 3, club-mate Miroslav Stoch making his first competitive international appearance for the visitors in the second game having been drafted in from the U21 squad.
- Hiddink, meanwhile, resumed his role as Russia coach on 28 March, guiding the side to a 2-0 home win against Azerbaijan in Group 4 and a 1-0 victory in Liechtenstein four days later.
- In African qualifying Drogba and Salomon Kalou were both on target as Ivory Coast won 5-0 against Malawi on 29 April, although the match was overshadowed by crowd trouble in Abidjan in which spectators were killed. "Football is nothing," said Drogba. "You are talking about the deaths of 19 people. When things like that happen it makes you realise how much people care about their country and their team. Peace to them."
- On 29 March Essien helped Ghana defeat Benin 1-0 while Mikel was part of the Nigeria side held 0-0 in Mozambique.
- Michael Mancienne was in U21 action for England on 27 and 31 March, against Norway (5-0) and France (0-2).

Miscellaneous

- Franco Di Santo celebrated his 20th birthday on 7 April.
- Chelsea have signed Ricardo Quaresma on loan from FC Internazionale Milano for the rest of the season, although the Portuguese international is ineligible for the UEFA Champions League.
- On 24 March Čech became Czech Player of the Year for a second time following his success in 2005.
- Chelsea will play FC Internazionale Milano, AC Milan and Mexico's Club América in a friendly tournament in the United States from 19-26 July.

Squad list

Liverpool

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	Diego Cavalieri	BRA	01.12.1982	26	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
25	Pepe Reina	ESP	31.08.1982	26	-	2	-	7	-	31	-	43	-	99	-
41	Martin Hansen	DEN	15.06.1990	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
43	Hakan Duyan	ENG	08.09.1991	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders															
2	Andrea Dossena	ITA	11.09.1981	27	*	1	-	5	1	14	1	5	1	6	1
4	Sami Hyypiä	FIN	07.10.1973	35	-	-	-	-	-	15	1	53	4	107	8
5	Daniel Agger	DEN	12.12.1984	24	-	1	-	4	-	12	-	15	1	24	1
12	Fábio Aurélio	BRA	24.09.1979	29	-	1	-	5	-	20	2	27	2	42	2
17	Álvaro Arbeloa	ESP	17.01.1983	26	*	2	-	8	-	23	1	20	-	24	-
23	Jamie Carragher	ENG	28.01.1978	31	-	2	-	8	-	31	-	73	-	114	1
32	Stephen Darby	ENG	06.10.1988	20	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
34	Martin Kelly	ENG	27.04.1990	18	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
36	Steven Irwin	ENG	29.09.1990	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
37	Martin Škrtel	SVK	15.12.1984	24	-	1	-	4	-	18	-	9	-	29	-
Midfielders															
8	Steven Gerrard	ENG	30.05.1980	28	-	2	-	7	7	27	13	61	19	100	32
14	Xabi Alonso	ESP	25.11.1981	27	-	2	-	6	-	27	2	45	2	54	2
15	Yossi Benayoun	ISR	05.05.1980	28	-	2	-	5	1	25	4	14	4	37	8
20	Javier Mascherano	ARG	08.06.1984	24	S	-	-	7	-	20	-	22	-	26	-
21	Lucas	BRA	09.01.1987	22	-	-	-	8	-	20	-	14	-	15	-
26	Jay Spearing	ENG	25.11.1988	20	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	2	-
39	Nathan Ecclestone	ENG	30.12.1990	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Forwards															
9	Fernando Torres	ESP	20.03.1984	25	-	2	-	5	1	18	9	15	7	23	9
11	Albert Riera	ESP	15.04.1982	26	-	-	-	7	1	24	3	8	1	36	10
18	Dirk Kuyt	NED	22.07.1980	28	-	2	1	7	1	31	8	29	7	51	17
19	Ryan Babel	NED	19.12.1986	22	-	1	-	7	1	23	2	27	6	41	11
24	David N'Gog	FRA	01.04.1989	20	-	-	-	2	1	10	1	2	1	3	1
Coach															
-	Rafael Benítez	ESP	16.04.1960	48	-	2	-	8	-	-	-	68	-	106	-

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						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers															
1	Petr Čech	CZE	20.05.1982	26	-	-	-	8	-	28	-	55	-	59	-
30	Rhys Taylor	WAL	07.04.1990	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
40	Henrique Hilário	POR	21.10.1975	33	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	15	-	17	-
Defenders															
2	Branislav Ivanović	SRB	22.02.1984	25	-	-	-	1	-	10	-	1	-	17	3
3	Ashley Cole	ENG	20.12.1980	28	*	-	-	5	-	27	-	69	1	69	1
6	Ricardo Carvalho	POR	18.05.1978	30	-	-	-	3	-	11	1	62	3	72	3
17	José Bosingwa	POR	24.08.1982	26	-	-	-	8	-	29	2	47	-	60	-
19	Paulo Ferreira	POR	18.01.1979	30	-	-	-	2	-	7	-	39	-	52	-
26	John Terry	ENG	07.12.1980	28	*	-	-	8	2	28	1	58	6	66	8
33	Alex	BRA	17.06.1982	26	-	-	-	5	-	20	1	37	5	39	5
35	Juliano Belletti	BRA	20.06.1976	32	-	-	-	6	-	18	3	33	1	55	1
41	Sam Hutchinson	ENG	03.08.1989	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
42	Michael Mancienne	ENG	08.01.1988	21	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	1	-	1	-
Midfielders															
5	Michael Essien	GHA	03.12.1982	26	-	-	-	1	1	5	1	47	8	47	8
8	Frank Lampard	ENG	20.06.1978	30	-	-	-	7	1	31	11	61	16	79	22
10	Joe Cole	ENG	08.11.1981	27	-	-	-	4	1	14	2	46	6	53	6
12	John Mikel Obi	NGA	22.04.1987	21	-	-	-	8	-	27	-	21	-	21	-
13	Michael Ballack	GER	26.09.1976	32	-	-	-	6	-	23	-	77	15	82	18
15	Florent Malouda	FRA	13.06.1980	28	-	-	-	6	1	24	3	53	7	53	7
20	Deco	POR	27.08.1977	31	-	-	-	4	-	23	3	71	13	98	18
27	Mineiro	BRA	02.08.1975	33	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Forwards															
9	Franco Di Santo	ARG	07.04.1989	20	-	-	-	2	-	6	-	2	-	2	-
11	Didier Drogba	CIV	11.03.1978	31	-	-	-	6	3	18	2	51	26	61	32
21	Salomon Kalou	CIV	05.08.1985	23	-	-	-	6	1	23	4	28	2	37	6
39	Nicolas Anelka	FRA	14.03.1979	30	*	-	-	8	2	30	15	43	10	67	18
43	Miroslav Stoch	SVK	19.10.1989	19	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-
Coach															
-	Guus Hiddink	NED	08.11.1946	62	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	40	-	79	-

Head coach

Liverpool FC: Rafael Benítez

Date of birth: 16 April 1960

Nationality: Spanish

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

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

Rafael Benítez has stamped his authority on Liverpool FC since his arrival from Spain on 16 June 2004 and in March 2009 signed a new contract running until 2014. Former Primera División stars Xabi Alonso and Luis García blended perfectly with locals such as Steven Gerrard and Jamie Carragher as Benítez guided the Reds to UEFA Champions League glory in his first season in charge. Liverpool's recovery from 3-0 down against AC Milan and their subsequent penalty shoot-out victory was one of the greatest finals. Although the holders were eliminated in the 2005/06 first knockout round, Benítez still oversaw an FA Cup triumph and they returned to the UEFA Champions League final in 2006/07, though Milan had their revenge with a 2-1 win in Athens.

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

That 2-0 victory against Olympique de Marseille was his final game before being lured to Liverpool, a club starved of league honours since 1990. The Reds' UEFA Champions League triumph in 2004/05 was followed by winning the FA Cup in 2006 when Liverpool recovered from a two-goal deficit against West Ham United FC in the final to draw 3-3 and then prevail on penalties. The highlight of 2006/07 was the UEFA Champions League run, Chelsea FC again overcome in the semi-finals although the London club ended Liverpool's hopes at the same stage the next season.

Chelsea FC: Guus Hiddink

Date of birth: 8 November 1946

Nationality: Dutch

Playing career: SC Varsseveld, De Graafschap, PSV Eindhoven, De Graafschap, NEC Nijmegen, Washington Diplomats, San Jose Earthquakes, De Graafschap

Coaching career: De Graafschap, PSV Eindhoven (assistant), PSV, Fenerbahçe SK, Valencia CF, Netherlands, Real Madrid CF, Real Betis Balompié, Korea Republic, PSV, Australia, Russia, Chelsea FC

The Russian press had dubbed Guus Hiddink a coaching wizard long before a magical sequence of results conspired to send his side to UEFA EURO 2008™. He further enhanced his reputation by guiding Russia to the last four in Austria/Switzerland, and oversaw a solid start to qualifying for the 2010 FIFA World Cup before agreeing, in February 2009, to also take charge of Chelsea FC until the end of the season.

Hired by Russia in April 2006 after winning another Dutch title with PSV Eindhoven and before taking unfancied Australia to the knockout stages of the World Cup, the Dutchman had previously steered the Netherlands and Korea Republic to World Cup semi-finals in 1998 and 2002 respectively. He returned to Eindhoven for 2002/03 and proved his Midas touch had not deserted him at club level either, winning the championship in his first term back at the PSV Stadion, adding a Dutch double in 2004/05 and running AC Milan all the way in an enthralling UEFA Champions League semi-final. The domestic crown was successfully defended in 2005/06, by which time Hiddink was also working with Australia, who he guided to the World Cup last 16 before a last-gasp penalty against Italy ended their hopes.

It was all a far cry from his undistinguished playing career, encompassing spells at SC Varsseveld, De Graafschap, PSV, NEC Nijmegen, Washington Diplomats and San Jose Earthquakes. As a coach, Hiddink joined the PSV setup under Jan Reker and Hans Kraay, taking sole charge in March 1987 and piloting the club to three Dutch titles and a defeat of SL Benfica in the 1988 European Champion Clubs' Cup final. Stints with some of Europe's leading teams – Fenerbahçe SK, Valencia CF, Real Madrid CF and Real Betis Balompié, with the Netherlands job in between – further enhanced his reputation before he accepted the Korean challenge in 2001.

Match officials

Referee	Claus Bo Larsen (DEN)
Assistant referees	Henrik Sonderby (DEN), Anders Norrestrand (DEN)
Fourth official	Peter Rasmussen (DEN)
UEFA Delegate	Peter Rees (WAL)
UEFA Referee observer	Sergey Zuev (RUS)

Referee

Name	Nat.	Date of birth	UCL	UEFA
Claus Bo Larsen	DEN	28.10.1965	26	56

Very little gets past Danish referee Claus Bo Larsen although you would expect little else from a man who works as a customs clearance manager by profession.

Born on 28 October 1965 in Odense, Larsen blew his first whistle at the age of 16, made his domestic debut in 1991 and earned his FIFA badge in 1996. He cut his international teeth working in qualifiers for youth championships and presided over games in all UEFA club competitions including the now defunct UEFA Cup Winners' Cup. Having taken charge of the 1998 Danish Cup final in which Brøndby IF defeated FC København 4-1, the following summer he jetted off to Nigeria for the FIFA U-20 World Cup before impressing as the man in the middle when Australia took on New Zealand in Adelaide in a typically heated encounter. A keen table-tennis player who officiated at the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens, Larsen enjoyed a high-profile assignment during the 2004/05 season – the UEFA Cup semi-final between AZ Alkmaar and Sporting Clube de Portugal.

The married father-of-three continued where he left off in 2005/06, flying to Montevideo for the FIFA World Cup play-off match between Uruguay and Australia and has since established himself as a regular in the UEFA Champions League and UEFA Cup, also featuring frequently in UEFA EURO 2008™ qualifying. He again took charge of the Danish Cup final, between Brøndby and Esbjerg fB, in 2008, and refereed five UEFA Champions League games including the quarter-final first leg between Fenerbahçe SK and Chelsea FC. He then refereed FC Zenit St. Petersburg's victory against Manchester United FC in the 2008 UEFA Super Cup.

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

Date	Comp.	Stage	Match	Res.	Venue
23.08.2000	UCL	QR3	TSV 1860 München - Leeds United AFC	0-1	Munich
26.02.2003	UCL	GS2	Newcastle United FC - Bayer 04 Leverkusen	3-1	Newcastle
12.03.2003	UCL	GS2	Manchester United FC - FC Basel 1893	1-1	Manchester
26.11.2003	UCL	GS1	Chelsea FC - AC Sparta Praha	0-0	London
23.11.2004	UCL	GS	AS Monaco FC - Liverpool FC	1-0	Monaco
21.11.2006	UCL	GS	Arsenal FC - Hamburger SV	3-1	London
24.10.2007	UCL	GS	Beşiktaş JK - Liverpool FC	2-1	Istanbul
27.11.2007	UCL	GS	Manchester United FC - Sporting Clube de Portugal	2-1	Manchester
20.02.2008	UCL	1/8	Arsenal FC - AC Milan	0-0	London
02.04.2008	UCL	QF	Fenerbahçe SK - Chelsea FC	2-1	Istanbul
22.10.2008	UCL	GS	Club Atlético de Madrid - Liverpool FC	1-1	Madrid
24.02.2009	UCL	1/8	Arsenal FC - AS Roma	1-0	London

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

Date	Comp.	Stage	Match	Res.	Venue
09.09.1997	U21	QR	England - Moldova	1-0	Wycombe
21.10.1999	UCUP	R2	FC Steaua București - West Ham United FC	2-0	Bucharest
21.08.2001	UIC	F	Aston Villa FC - FC Basel 1893	4-1	Birmingham
29.08.2008	SCUP	F	Manchester United FC - FC Zenit St. Petersburg	1-2	Monaco

Domestic information

Liverpool FC (Premier League)

Comp.	Date	Opponent	Res.	Goalscorers
League	16/08/08	Sunderland AFC (A)	1-0	Torres 83
League	23/08/08	Middlesbrough FC (H)	2-1	Own goal 86, Gerrard 90
League	31/08/08	Aston Villa FC (A)	0-0	
League	13/09/08	Manchester United FC (H)	2-1	Own goal 27, Babel 77
League	20/09/08	Stoke City FC (H)	0-0	
Cup	23/09/08	Crewe (H)	2-1	Agger 15, Lucas 58
League	27/09/08	Everton FC (A)	2-0	Torres 59, 62
League	05/10/08	Manchester City FC (A)	3-2	Torres 55, 73, Kuyt 90
League	18/10/08	Wigan Athletic FC (H)	3-2	Kuyt 37, 85, Riera 80
League	26/10/08	Chelsea FC (A)	1-0	Own goal 10
League	29/10/08	Portsmouth FC (H)	1-0	Gerrard 76(pen)
League	01/11/08	Tottenham Hotspur FC (A)	1-2	Kuyt 3
League	08/11/08	West Bromwich Albion FC (H)	3-0	Keane 34, 43, Arbeloa 90
Cup	12/11/08	Tottenham Hotspur FC (A)	2-4	Plessis 49, Hyypiä 63
League	15/11/08	Bolton Wanderers FC (A)	2-0	Kuyt 28, Gerrard 73
League	22/11/08	Fulham FC (H)	0-0	
League	01/12/08	West Ham United FC (H)	0-0	
League	06/12/08	Blackburn Rovers FC (A)	3-1	Xabi Alonso 69, Benayoun 79, Gerrard 90
League	13/12/08	Hull City AFC (H)	2-2	Gerrard 24, 32
League	21/12/08	Arsenal FC (A)	1-1	Keane 42
League	26/12/08	Bolton Wanderers FC (H)	3-0	Riera 26, Keane 53, 58
League	28/12/08	Newcastle United FC (A)	5-1	Gerrard 31, 66, Hyypiä 36, Babel 50, Xabi Alonso 77(pen)
Cup	03/01/09	Preston (A)	2-0	Riera 25, Torres 90
League	10/01/09	Stoke City FC (A)	0-0	
League	19/01/09	Everton FC (H)	1-1	Gerrard 68
Cup	25/01/09	Everton FC (H)	1-1	Gerrard 54
League	28/01/09	Wigan Athletic FC (A)	1-1	Benayoun 41
League	01/02/09	Chelsea FC (H)	2-0	Torres 89, 90
Cup	04/02/09	Everton FC (A)	0-1	
League	07/02/09	Portsmouth FC (A)	3-2	Fábio Aurélio 69, Kuyt 85, Torres 90
League	22/02/09	Manchester City FC (H)	1-1	Kuyt 78
League	28/02/09	Middlesbrough FC (A)	0-2	
League	03/03/09	Sunderland AFC (H)	2-0	N'Gog 52, Benayoun 65
League	14/03/09	Manchester United FC (A)	4-1	Torres 28, Gerrard 44(pen), Fábio Aurélio 77, Dossena 90

Lineups: Reina, Carragher, Škrtel, Hyypiä, Fábio Aurélio, Mascherano, Lucas, Kuyt, Gerrard (El Zhar 90), Riera (Dossena 67), Torres (Babel 81)

League 22/03/09 Aston Villa FC (H) 5-0 Kuyt 8, Riera 33, Gerrard 39(pen), 50, 65(pen)

Lineups: Reina, Arbeloa (Agger 76), Carragher, Škrtel, Fábio Aurélio, Mascherano, Xabi Alonso (Lucas 66), Gerrard (N'Gog 80), Kuyt, Riera, Torres

League 04/04/09 Fulham FC (A) 1-0 Benayoun 90

Lineups: Reina, Arbeloa, Carragher, Škrtel, Insua Zapata, Xabi Alonso, Lucas, Kuyt (Benayoun 76), Gerrard (Agger 90), Dossena (Babel 65), Torres

League 11/04/09 Blackburn Rovers FC (H)

League 21/04/09 Arsenal FC (H)

League 25/04/09 Hull City AFC (A)

League 02/05/09 Newcastle United FC (H)

League 09/05/09 West Ham United FC (A)

League 16/05/09 West Bromwich Albion FC (A)

League 24/05/09 Tottenham Hotspur FC (H)

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1	Manchester United FC	30	21	5	4	52	20	68
2	Liverpool FC	31	19	10	2	55	21	67
3	Chelsea FC	31	19	7	5	51	17	64
4	Arsenal FC	31	16	10	5	50	27	58
5	Aston Villa FC	31	15	7	9	45	39	52
6	Everton FC	31	14	9	8	44	31	51
7	West Ham United FC	31	12	8	11	37	35	44
8	Wigan Athletic FC	31	11	8	12	30	32	41
9	Fulham FC	31	10	10	11	30	27	40
10	Manchester City FC	31	11	5	15	46	39	38
11	Tottenham Hotspur FC	31	10	8	13	37	36	38
12	Bolton Wanderers FC	31	11	4	16	36	45	37
13	Stoke City FC	31	9	8	14	31	47	35
14	Blackburn Rovers FC	31	8	10	13	35	50	34
15	Hull City AFC	31	8	10	13	35	52	34
16	Portsmouth FC	30	8	9	13	32	46	33
17	Sunderland AFC	31	8	8	15	29	41	32
18	Newcastle United FC	31	6	11	14	36	51	29
19	Middlesbrough FC	31	6	9	16	22	46	27
20	West Bromwich Albion FC	31	6	6	19	26	57	24

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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
League	05/10/08	Aston Villa FC (H)	2-0	J. Cole 21, Anelka 44
League	18/10/08	Middlesbrough FC (A)	5-0	Kalou 14, Belletti 51, Own goal 53, Lampard 63, Malouda 67
League	26/10/08	Liverpool FC (H)	0-1	
League	29/10/08	Hull City AFC (A)	3-0	Lampard 3, Anelka 50, Malouda 75
League	01/11/08	Sunderland AFC (H)	5-0	Alex 27, Anelka 30, 45, 53, Lampard 51
League	09/11/08	Blackburn Rovers FC (A)	2-0	Anelka 40, 68
Cup	12/11/08	Burnley (H)	1-1	Drogba 27
League	15/11/08	West Bromwich Albion FC (A)	3-0	Bosingwa 34, Anelka 38, 45
League	22/11/08	Newcastle United FC (H)	0-0	
League	30/11/08	Arsenal FC (H)	1-2	Own goal 31
League	06/12/08	Bolton Wanderers FC (A)	2-0	Anelka 9, Deco 21
League	14/12/08	West Ham United FC (H)	1-1	Anelka 51
League	22/12/08	Everton FC (A)	0-0	
League	26/12/08	West Bromwich Albion FC (H)	2-0	Drogba 3, Lampard 45
League	28/12/08	Fulham FC (A)	2-2	Lampard 50, 72
Cup	03/01/09	Southend (H)	1-1	Kalou 31
League	11/01/09	Manchester United FC (A)	0-3	
Cup	14/01/09	Southend (A)	4-1	Ballack 45, Kalou 60, Anelka 78, Lampard 90
League	17/01/09	Stoke City FC (H)	2-1	Belletti 88, Lampard 90
Cup	24/01/09	Ipswich Town FC (H)	3-1	Ballack 16, 59, Lampard 85
League	28/01/09	Middlesbrough FC (H)	2-0	Kalou 58, 81
League	01/02/09	Liverpool FC (A)	0-2	
League	07/02/09	Hull City AFC (H)	0-0	
Cup	14/02/09	Watford FC (A)	3-1	Anelka 75, 77, 90
League	21/02/09	Aston Villa FC (A)	1-0	Anelka 19
League	28/02/09	Wigan Athletic FC (H)	2-1	Terry 25, Lampard 90
League	03/03/09	Portsmouth FC (A)	1-0	Drogba 79
Cup	07/03/09	Coventry (A)	2-0	Drogba 15, Alex 72
League	15/03/09	Manchester City FC (H)	1-0	Essien 18
Lineups:	Čech, Bosingwa, Carvalho, Terry, A. Cole, Ballack, Essien, Lampard, Deco (Belletti 41), Anelka, Drogba (Malouda 71)			
League	21/03/09	Tottenham Hotspur FC (A)	0-1	
Lineups:	Čech, Bosingwa, Alex, Terry, A. Cole, Essien (Malouda 76), Ballack, Lampard, Belletti (Quaresma 61), Drogba, Anelka			
League	04/04/09	Newcastle United FC (A)	2-0	Lampard 56, Malouda 65
Lineups:	Čech, Ivanović, Alex, Terry, A. Cole, Essien (Ballack 57), Mikel Obi, Lampard, Malouda, Anelka (Di Santo 67), Kalou			
League	11/04/09	Bolton Wanderers FC (H)		
League	22/04/09	Everton FC (H)		
League	25/04/09	West Ham United FC (A)		
League	02/05/09	Fulham FC (H)		
League	09/05/09	Arsenal FC (A)		
League	16/05/09	Blackburn Rovers FC (H)		
League	24/05/09	Sunderland AFC (A)		

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UEFA information

UEFA's key values

UEFA President Michel Platini has presented eleven key values – appropriately, the same number as a football team – that should serve as the basis for UEFA's future activities and dialogue, on behalf of European football, with the political, economic, social and sporting world. Mr Platini highlighted the eleven values in his address to representatives of UEFA's 53 national associations, delegates from the world football family and guests at the XXXIII Ordinary UEFA Congress in Copenhagen, Denmark, on 25 March. The values give priority to football and cover areas such as respect, good governance and autonomy, grassroots football and solidarity, sporting integrity and betting, financial fair play, the European sports model and sport's specificity.

Solidarity increase

UEFA and the European Club Association (ECA) have announced an increase in the solidarity percentage for the next, 2009-2012 UEFA Champions League cycle, starting with the 2009/10 season. The solidarity percentage for clubs not taking part in the UEFA Champions League, which is earmarked for youth training programmes, will increase from the current 5 per cent to 6.5 per cent. Based on present revenue projections, this means that in season 2009/10, approximately €55m would be made available for redistribution to these clubs via the national associations and professional leagues – which is approximately €23m more than in the last season of the previous cycle. Including the additional allocations also made available to clubs from leagues with no participants in the UEFA Champions League, the solidarity pot will amount to approximately €67m. Additionally, the solidarity amounts paid to clubs eliminated in the qualifying stages of the UEFA Champions League and UEFA Europa League will also increase.

Financial control panel

UEFA's Executive Committee has approved the creation of a Club Financial Control Panel in what is a first concrete measure to improve financial fair play in the UEFA club competitions. The decision, taken at the committee's most recent meeting in Copenhagen, follows recommendations by the UEFA Club Licensing Committee and the Professional Football Strategy Council. At UEFA level, the body will comprise financial and legal experts and will ensure that the club licensing system will be applied correctly. It will be composed of a chairman and up to eight members appointed by the UEFA Executive Committee. "The main task of the panel will be to conduct financial audits on clubs in order to ensure licences were correctly awarded and it may further conduct spot checks, and/or investigations, to ensure that the integrity rules are observed by the clubs," said UEFA. "This is the first step to have concrete measures to promote what we call financial fair play," UEFA General Secretary David Taylor told uefa.com. "We already have a club licensing system across Europe – a system based on national licensing by national associations or leagues. We feel that it is important to have something at European level, and [the panel] will look specifically at the finances of clubs and how they are structured. As from next season, this panel will be doing continuous monitoring."

Trophy Tour

The ancient pyramids of Giza formed a magnificent backdrop as European club football's most celebrated prize visited the Egyptian capital of Cairo for the third leg of the hugely popular UEFA Champions League Trophy Tour, presented by Heineken. Thousands of Egyptian football supporters were able to take in both the stunning view and a glimpse of the glory game on the European continent as the Tour's three-day stop in Egypt climaxed with a general event near the pyramids on 28 March. The Cairo leg was the third instalment of this spring's Trophy Tour of Africa after earlier visits to Nigeria and Algeria, and the coveted silverware was presented by the UEFA Champions League Trophy Tour Ambassador for Egypt, former national-team defender Hany Ramzy.

MasterCard agree new deal

Agreement has been reached with MasterCard, one of the world's leading payments system providers, to continue as an official partner of the UEFA Champions League for the new 2009-2012 cycle, and for the UEFA Super Cup in 2009, 2010 and 2011. The three-year deal will run until the end of the 2011/12 football season. "We are very happy to be renewing our relationship with MasterCard, one of the world's premier global brands," said UEFA General Secretary David Taylor.

Rome handover

Since the 1997 UEFA Champions League final in Munich, it has become an established tradition for the previous season's champions to formally return the UEFA Champions League trophy to UEFA at a special ceremony – and for the cup then to be handed to the host city to be displayed until the final. The cup handover for this term's final at the Stadio Olimpico in Rome on 27 May will take place at the Sala Protomoteca, Campidoglio, on 21 April from 12.30CET. This is a particular date for the city of Rome, being Natale di Roma – its traditional birthday.

Match-by-match lineups - Liverpool FC

Group stage

Club	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Liverpool FC	6	4	2	0	11	5	14
Club Atlético de Madrid	6	3	3	0	9	4	12
Olympique de Marseille	6	1	1	4	5	7	4
PSV Eindhoven	6	1	0	5	5	14	3

Date	Match	Result	Stadium/Venue
16.09.2008	Marseille - Liverpool	1-2	Vélodrome, Marseille
Goals: 1-0 Cana 23, 1-1 Gerrard 26, 1-2 Gerrard 32 (pen)			
Liverpool: Reina, Dossena, Gerrard (Benayoun 69), Torres (Riera 65), Arbeloa, Kuyt (Keane 86), Babel, Mascherano, Lucas, Carragher, Škrtel			
01.10.2008	Liverpool - PSV	3-1	Anfield, Liverpool
Goals: 1-0 Kuyt 4, 2-0 Keane 34, 3-0 Gerrard 76, 3-1 Koevermans 78			
Liverpool: Reina, Keane (Lucas 76), Gerrard (Babel 82), Torres, Riera (Benayoun 68), Fábio Aurélio, Xabi Alonso, Arbeloa, Kuyt, Carragher, Škrtel			
22.10.2008	Atlético - Liverpool	1-1	Vicente Calderón, Madrid
Goals: 0-1 Keane 14, 1-1 Simão 83			
Liverpool: Reina, Dossena, Agger, Keane (Kuyt 53), Gerrard (Babel 61), Riera, Xabi Alonso (Lucas 75), Benayoun, Arbeloa, Mascherano, Carragher			
04.11.2008	Liverpool - Atlético	1-1	Anfield, Liverpool
Goals: 0-1 Maxi Rodríguez 37, 1-1 Gerrard 90+5 (pen)			
Liverpool: Reina, Agger, Keane (N'Gog 71), Gerrard, Riera (Babel 61), Fábio Aurélio, Xabi Alonso, Arbeloa, Kuyt, Mascherano (Lucas 77), Carragher			
26.11.2008	Liverpool - Marseille	1-0	Anfield, Liverpool
Goals: 1-0 Gerrard 23			
Liverpool: Reina, Agger, Gerrard, Torres, Riera (Benayoun 64), Fábio Aurélio (Dossena 46), Xabi Alonso, Arbeloa, Kuyt (Lucas 85), Mascherano, Carragher			
09.12.2008	PSV - Liverpool	1-3	PSV Stadion, Eindhoven
Goals: 1-0 Lazović 36, 1-1 Babel 45+2, 1-2 Riera 68, 1-3 N'Gog 77			
Liverpool: Cavalieri, Dossena, Agger, Keane, Riera (Spearing 76), Arbeloa (Darby 69), Babel, Mascherano, Lucas, Carragher (Kelly 82), N'Gog			

First knockout round, first leg

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
25/02/09	Real Madrid - Liverpool	0-1	Santiago Bernabéu Stadium, Madrid
Goals: 0-1 Benayoun 82			
Liverpool: Reina, Torres (Babel 62), Riera (Gerrard 88), Fábio Aurélio, Xabi Alonso, Benayoun, Arbeloa, Kuyt (Lucas 90+2), Mascherano, Carragher, Škrtel			

First knockout round, second leg

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
10/03/09	Liverpool - Real Madrid	4-0	Anfield, Liverpool
Goals: 1-0 Torres 16, 2-0 Gerrard 28 (pen), 3-0 Gerrard 47, 4-0 Dossena 88			
Liverpool: Reina, Gerrard (Spearing 73), Torres (Dossena 84), Fábio Aurélio, Xabi Alonso (Lucas 60), Arbeloa, Kuyt, Babel, Mascherano, Carragher, Škrtel			

Match-by-match lineups - Chelsea FC

Group stage

Club	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
AS Roma	6	4	0	2	12	6	12
Chelsea FC	6	3	2	1	9	5	11
FC Girondins de Bordeaux	6	2	1	3	5	11	7
CFR 1907 Cluj	6	1	1	4	5	9	4

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			
01.10.2008	CFR Cluj - Chelsea	0-0	CFR, Cluj-Napoca
Goals: -			
Chelsea: Čech, Lampard, Drogba (Belletti 58), Mikel Obi, Ballack, Malouda (Di Santo 74), Bosingwa, Bridge, Kalou (Anelka 46), Terry, Alex			
22.10.2008	Chelsea - Roma	1-0	Stamford Bridge, London
Goals: 1-0 Terry 77			
Chelsea: Čech, Carvalho, Lampard, Mikel Obi, Malouda (Belletti 46), Bosingwa, Bridge, Deco, Kalou (Di Santo 77), Terry, Anelka (Ferreira 90+3)			
04.11.2008	Roma - Chelsea	3-1	Stadio Olimpico, Rome
Goals: 1-0 Panucci 34, 2-0 Vučinić 48, 3-0 Vučinić 58, 3-1 Terry 75			
Chelsea: Čech, Lampard, J. Cole (Belletti 46), Mikel Obi, Malouda (Drogba 46), Bosingwa (Kalou 63), Bridge, Deco, Terry, Alex, Anelka			
26.11.2008	Bordeaux - Chelsea	1-1	Stade Chaban-Delmas, Bordeaux
Goals: 0-1 Anelka 60, 1-1 Diarra 83			
Chelsea: Čech, Ivanović, A. Cole, Lampard, J. Cole (Ferreira 85), Mikel Obi, Ballack, Malouda, Bosingwa, Terry, Anelka (Drogba 63)			
09.12.2008	Chelsea - CFR Cluj	2-1	Stamford Bridge, London
Goals: 1-0 Kalou 40, 1-1 Y. Koné 55, 2-1 Drogba 71			
Chelsea: Čech, A. Cole, J. Cole (Belletti 74), Mikel Obi (Bridge 88), Ballack, Bosingwa, Deco, Kalou (Drogba 65), Terry, Alex, Anelka			

First knockout round, first leg

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
25/02/09	Chelsea - Juventus	1-0	Stamford Bridge, London
Goals: 1-0 Drogba 12			
Chelsea: Čech, A. Cole, Lampard, Drogba, Mikel Obi, Ballack (Mancienne 81), Bosingwa, Kalou (Malouda 72), Terry, Alex, Anelka			

First knockout round, second leg

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
10/03/09	Juventus - Chelsea	2-2	Stadio Olimpico, Turin
Goals: 1-0 Iaquinta 19, 1-1 Essien 45+1, 2-1 Del Piero 74 (pen) , 2-2 Drogba 83			
Chelsea: Čech, A. Cole, Essien (Belletti 66), Lampard, Drogba, Mikel Obi, Ballack, Bosingwa, Terry, Alex (Carvalho 89), Anelka			

Competition facts

UEFA Champions League knockout stage: Did you know?

- Teams have recovered from a first-leg deficit to go through to the next stage on 21 occasions, although only once – AFC Ajax's defeat of Panathinaikos FC in the 1995/96 semi-finals – has a side gone through after losing the first leg at home. The biggest losing margin a side has overturned was achieved by RC Deportivo La Coruña in the 2003/04 quarter-finals when they fought back from a 4-1 defeat at AC Milan to win 4-0 at home.
- Sixteen ties have been decided on the away goals rule, including five where the triumphant team lost the first leg.
- FC Bayern München hold the record for the biggest first-leg lead with a 5-0 success at Sporting Clube de Portugal in this season's first knockout round, eventually going through 12-1 after a 7-1 home victory in the second leg.
- Ten ties have now gone to penalties, including the game between Arsenal FC and AS Roma in the 2008/09 first knockout round. Five of these were finals – 1996, 2001, 2003, 2005 and 2008. The first two-legged tie decided on spot-kicks was PSV Eindhoven's 4-2 win against Olympique Lyonnais on 13 April 2005 after a 2-2 aggregate draw.
- In all, 17 ties have required extra time. So far seven ties have been decided by extra time alone: four quarter-finals, two first knockout round encounters and last season's semi-final between Chelsea FC and Liverpool FC.
- Real Madrid CF extended their record for knockout stage qualification in successive seasons. The 2008/09 campaign is the twelfth straight season since 1997/98 that they made it beyond the group stage, keeping them ahead of Manchester United FC, who appeared nine times in a row between 1996/97 and 2004/05. Overall Madrid have now played in the knockout stage 13 times, one more than United and two more than Bayern.
- The 2008/09 first knockout round encounter between Bayern and Sporting featured more goals (13) over its two legs than any previous UEFA Champions League knockout tie, Bayern prevailing 12-1. Lyon's 10-2 win against Werder Bremen at the same stage of the competition in 2004/05 was the previous highest total.
- There has never been a knockout tie ending goalless after two legs. Nine have finished 1-0 on aggregate, most recently Manchester United's narrow victory against FC Barcelona in the 2007/08 semi-finals.
- Clarence Seedorf is the only player to win the European Champion Clubs' Cup with three clubs (AFC Ajax 1995, Madrid 1998, Milan 2003, 2007). Liverpool's Bob Paisley (1977, 1978, 1981) is the only coach to win three times.
- Ottmar Hitzfeld (BV Borussia Dortmund 1997, Bayern 2001) and Ernst Happel (Feyenoord 1970, Hamburger SV 1983) are the only coaches to win the trophy with two clubs.
- Only five capital cities have been home to teams that have won the European Cup: Madrid (Real Madrid), Belgrade (FK Crvena Zvezda), Bucharest (FC Steaua Bucureşti), Amsterdam (Ajax) and Lisbon (SL Benfica).
- Rome was awarded the 2009 UEFA Champions League final after a decision by the UEFA Executive Committee at its meeting in Ljubljana, Slovenia in October 2006. The Stadio Olimpico, home of AS Roma and S.S. Lazio, previously held European Cup finals in 1977, 1984 and 1996 – Liverpool winning the first two games and Juventus the last – and was also the venue for the 1990 FIFA World Cup final between West Germany and Argentina. Other major events at the stadium include the 1987 IAAF World Championships in athletics and the 1960 Olympic Games, for which it was constructed in 1953.

UEFA Champions League: Did you know?

- 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 aged 43 years and 168 days. The record was previously held by Alessandro Costacurta, the AC Milan defender who played against AEK Athens FC in 2006/07 aged 40 years and 211 days. Ballotta was 43 years 252 days when he featured against Real Madrid 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 in their 3-2 defeat of Olympiacos on 23 October 2002.
- Celestine Babayaro is the youngest player to have appeared. 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.

Team facts

Liverpool FC

UEFA club competition milestones

- The most successful English club in UEFA competition history, Liverpool have won the European Champion Clubs' Cup/UEFA Champions League five times.
- Liverpool have also won the UEFA Cup on three occasions and the UEFA Super Cup three times, having lost five finals: the European Champion Clubs' Cup in 1984/85 and 2006/07, the 1965/66 UEFA Cup Winners' Cup and the 1978 and 1984 UEFA Super Cups.

UEFA Champions League milestones

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

UEFA club competition honours

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

Ten-year record

- 2007/08:** UEFA Champions League – semi-finals
- 2006/07:** UEFA Champions League – runners-up
- 2005/06:** UEFA Champions League – first knockout round
- 2004/05:** UEFA Champions League – winners
- 2003/04:** UEFA Cup – fourth round
- 2002/03:** UEFA Cup – quarter-finals (having transferred from the UEFA Champions League group stage)
- 2001/02:** UEFA Champions League – quarter-finals
- 2000/01:** UEFA Cup – winners
- 1999/00:** Did not compete in UEFA club competition
- 1998/99:** UEFA Cup – third round

2007/08 season

Domestic record: Liverpool finished fourth in the Premier League – after coming third the previous two seasons – but were just eleven points adrift of champions Manchester United FC as opposed to 21 the year before. They were knocked out of the FA Cup by second tier Barnsley FC 2-1 at home in the fifth round.

European record: After starting their Group A campaign with two defeats and a draw, Liverpool were staring early elimination in the face but three straight wins, at a combined goals aggregate of 16-1, secured them second place in the section. They went on to dispose of FC Internazionale Milano in the first knockout round, winning 3-0 overall which set up a quarter-final meeting with fellow English side Arsenal FC. Liverpool eventually overcame the Gunners 5-3 on aggregate after a see-saw second leg at Anfield. Their semi-final opponents, Chelsea FC, were also familiar foes, and after another tight tie, the Reds went down 4-3 after extra time in the London decider.

Records

UEFA club competition

- Biggest win
- 11-0:** Liverpool FC v Strømsgodset IF
17.09.1974, UEFA Cup Winners' Cup first round first leg
- Biggest home win
- 11-0:** Liverpool FC v Strømsgodset IF (see above for details)

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- Biggest away win

0-5: FC Haka v Liverpool FC

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

0-5: Crusaders FC v Liverpool FC

28.09.1976, European Champion Clubs' Cup first round second leg

0-5: KR Reykjavík v Liverpool FC

17.08.1964, European Champion Clubs' Cup preliminary round first leg

- Heaviest defeat

5-1: AFC Ajax v Liverpool FC

07.12.1966, European Champion Clubs' Cup second round leg

- Heaviest home defeat

0-2: Liverpool FC v SL Benfica

08.03.2006, UEFA Champions League first knockout round second leg

0-2: Liverpool FC v Celtic FC

20.03.2003, UEFA Cup quarter-finals second leg

1-3: Liverpool FC v FC Barcelona

20.11.2001, UEFA Champions League second group stage

0-2: Liverpool FC v FC Spartak Moskva

04.11.1992, UEFA Cup Winners' Cup second round second leg

- Heaviest away defeat

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

UEFA Champions League (group stage to final only)

- Biggest win

8-0: Liverpool FC v Beşiktaş JK

06.11.2007, UEFA Champions League group stage

- Biggest home win

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

- Biggest away win

0-4: Olympique de Marseille v Liverpool FC

11.12.2007, UEFA Champions League group stage

- Heaviest defeat

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

2-0: Valencia CF v Liverpool FC

17.09.2002, UEFA Champions League group stage

4-2: Bayer 04 Leverkusen v Liverpool FC

09.04.2002, UEFA Champions League quarter-finals second leg

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

- Heaviest home defeat

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

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

- Heaviest away defeat

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

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

Chelsea FC

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
- 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)

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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)

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, #: suspended for at least one match)

:: Match officials

The match officials appointed to officiate the fixture.

UCL: Total matches officiated in the UEFA Champions League from 1992/93 season, group stage to final only. Matches where the official has acted as the fourth official are not included in these statistics. These are the official statistics considered valid for communicating official records.

UEFA: Total matches officiated in UEFA club competition including all qualifying round matches. Matches where the official has acted as the fourth official are not included in these statistics. These are the official statistics considered valid for communicating official records.

:: Competitions

Club competitions

ECCC: European Champion Clubs' Cup/UEFA Champions League

UCUP: UEFA Cup • **UCWC:** UEFA Cup Winners' Cup

SCUP: UEFA Super Cup • **UIC:** UEFA Intertoto Cup

ICF: Inter-Cities Fairs 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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