

FC Barcelona - Chelsea FC

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Matchday 11 - Semi-finals, first leg



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Match background

FC Barcelona will be hoping for a change of fortune when they take on Chelsea FC in the first leg of their UEFA Champions League semi-final.

- The Spanish side have exited the competition against English opponents in the past two seasons – losing to Manchester United FC in 2007/08 and Liverpool FC the year before – and won one of their past six games against Premier League teams. Barça have also failed to win in their past four home games against English opposition.
- Barcelona coach Josep Guardiola would prefer to concentrate on the statistic that shows his side are the leading scorers in this season's UEFA Champions League with 29 goals as he aims to take them to the final in his first season as coach – repeating the step he took as a player with the club in 1992 and 1994.
- Chelsea will have to defend better than the last two visitors to Barcelona – Olympique Lyonnais and FC Bayern München, who conceded five and four goals respectively – to secure a second successive final appearance. Yet the London team will take heart from draws on their last two visits to the Camp Nou and, in Guus Hiddink, have a manager well acquainted with this stage of the competition having both won and lost semi-finals with PSV Eindhoven.
- Barcelona advanced to their third semi-final in four seasons with an impressive 5-1 aggregate quarter-final win against Bayern (4-0 home, 1-1 away). They had previously defeated Lyon 6-3 on aggregate (1-1 away, 5-2 home) having topped Group C with a record of W4 D1 L1.
- Chelsea emerged victorious from a thrilling quarter-final against Liverpool, winning 7-5 on aggregate (3-1 away, 4-4 home). They had earlier beaten Juventus 3-2 on aggregate (1-0 home, 2-2 away) after finishing second in Group A with a record of W3 D2 L1.
- Barcelona have won four of the nine previous semi-finals they have contested.
2007/08 Manchester United 0-1 lost (0-0 home, 0-1 away)
2005/06 AC Milan 1-0 won (1-0 away, 0-0 home)
2001/02 Real Madrid CF 1-3 lost (0-2 home, 1-1 away)
1999/00 Valencia CF 3-5 lost (1-4 away, 2-1 home)
1993/94 FC Porto 3-0 won (home)
1985/86 IFK Göteborg 3-3, won 5-4 on pens (0-3 away, 3-0 home)
1974/75 Leeds United AFC 2-3 lost (1-2 away, 1-1 home)
1960/61 Hamburger SV 1-0 won (replay) (1-0 home, 1-2 away)
1959/60 Real Madrid CF 2-6 lost (1-3 away, 1-3 home)
The Spanish side advanced to the 1991/92 final as group winners.



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- Chelsea have won one of their four previous semi-finals:
2007/08 Liverpool 4-3 won (1-1 away, 3-2 home)
2006/07 Liverpool 1-1, lost 1-4 on pens (1-0 home, 0-1 away)
2004/05 Liverpool 0-1 lost (0-0 home, 0-1 away)
2003/04 AS Monaco FC 3-5 lost (1-3 away, 2-2 home)
- The clubs have met three times previously in knockout ties in the UEFA Champions League, Barcelona coming out on top twice.
- The full breakdown of results is:
2005/06 first knockout round
Chelsea 1-2 Barcelona
Barcelona 1-1 Chelsea
Barcelona win 3-2 on aggregate

2004/05 first knockout round
Barcelona 2-1 Chelsea
Chelsea 4-2 Barcelona
Chelsea win 5-4 on aggregate

1999/00 quarter-finals
Chelsea 3-1 Barcelona
Barcelona 5-1 Chelsea (after extra time)
Barcelona win 6-4 on aggregate
- The only survivors of the sides' first UEFA Champions League meetings in 1999/00 are Barcelona's Carles Puyol and Xavi Hernández and their coach Guardiola. Puyol played in both matches while Xavi featured in the first leg in London and Guardiola in the return – when Chelsea suffered their heaviest defeat in European competition.
- The clubs also met in the 2006/07 group stage. Chelsea won 1-0 at Stamford Bridge through Didier Drogba's 47th-minute goal before the Ivory Coast striker earned his side a 2-2 draw at the Camp Nou with an equaliser three minutes into added time. Prior to Drogba's late intervention, Deco – now a Chelsea player – had given Barcelona the lead after three minutes before Frank Lampard (52) and former Blues' forward Eidur Gudjohnsen (58) traded goals.
- The full lineups for that most recent encounter in Barcelona were:
Barcelona: Víctor Valdés, Gianluca Zambrotta, Rafael Márquez, Carles Puyol, Giovanni van Bronckhorst, Xavi Hernández (Andrés Iniesta), Thiago Motta (Edmílson), Deco, Lionel Messi, Eidur Gudjohnsen (Ludovic Giuly), Ronaldinho.
Chelsea: Henrique Hilário, Khalid Boulahrouz (Joe Cole), Ricardo Carvalho, John Terry, Ashley Cole, Michael Essien, Claude Makelele, Michael Ballack (Paulo Ferreira), Frank Lampard, Didier Drogba, Arjen Robben (Salomon Kalou).
- Barcelona's full record against English clubs is: W20 D15 L15.
- Their home record is: W13 D9 L2.
- Their record in two-legged knockout ties against English clubs is: W7 L7.
- Barcelona have a poor record in semi-finals against opponents from England, having lost four out of five in UEFA club competition:
2007/08 UEFA Champions League, Manchester United 0-1 lost (0-0 home, 0-1 away)
2000/01 UEFA Cup, Liverpool 0-1 lost (0-0 home, 0-1 away)
1981/82 UEFA Cup Winners' Cup, Tottenham Hotspur FC 2-1 won (1-1 away, 1-0 home)
1975/76 UEFA Cup, Liverpool 1-2 lost (0-1 home, 1-1 away)
1974/75 European Champion Clubs' Cup, Leeds United AFC 2-3 lost (1-2 away, 1-1 home)
- Barcelona have had mixed fortunes in finals against English clubs. They lost the 1991 UEFA Cup Winners' Cup final 2-1 to Manchester United but defeated Arsenal by the same score in the UEFA Champions League final in 2006.
- Chelsea's full record against Spanish clubs is: W11 D6 L6.
- Their record in Spain is W3 D2 L5.
- In two-legged ties with Spanish clubs their record is W3 L4.
- The London club have come from behind to win on their last two visits to Spain – both 2-1 victories at Valencia.

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- The first in the 2006/07 quarter-final second leg secured a 3-2 aggregate success and arrived courtesy of a last-minute Michael Essien strike. The second came in October 2007, in the 2007/08 group stage, Drogba earning the three points with a 71st-minute winner.
- Chelsea beat Real Madrid to win their first European honour – the 1970/71 UEFA Cup Winners' Cup. The London club won a replay 2-1 after a 1-1 draw in Athens.
- Chelsea manager Hiddink took his former club, PSV, past Spanish opposition in Real Madrid at this stage of the European Cup in 1988. PSV drew 1-1 in Spain before a goalless draw in the Netherlands secured an away-goals win for the eventual champions.
- During his second spell with PSV, however, Hiddink saw his charges lose narrowly to Milan in the 2004/05 semi-finals – suffering an away-goals defeat after they followed a 2-0 away reverse with a 3-1 home win.
- Hiddink experienced a semi-final defeat by Spanish opponents only last summer when his Russia side lost in the last four of UEFA EURO 2008™ against Spain, going down 3-0 to a team that included the Barcelona trio of Andrés Iniesta, Puyol and Xavi with the latter scoring the first goal.
- Puyol and Xavi were in the Spain team beaten on penalties by Hiddink's Korea Republic in the quarter-finals of the 2002 FIFA World Cup, Xavi scoring in the 5-3 shoot-out defeat following a goalless 120 minutes.
- Hiddink has had spells in charge of Valencia (1991-93), Real Madrid (1998-99) and Real Betis Balompíe (2000). He suffered five Liga defeats in six matches against Barça while with Valencia, that solitary win coming in the shape of a 1-0 victory at the Mestalla in 1991/92. Hiddink fared little better at Madrid, with a 2-2 home draw and a 3-0 reverse in the Camp Nou. The Dutchman enjoyed victory in his first match in charge of Betis, however, with a 2-1 home win against Barcelona on 13 February 2000.
- Hiddink has taken a side to the Camp Nou four times in the league, and on each occasion they have been beaten while conceding three goals. The full list is:
1991/92: Barcelona 3-1 Valencia
1992/93: Barcelona 3-0 Valencia
1993/94: Barcelona 3-1 Valencia
1998/99: Barcelona 3-0 Real Madrid
- The coach also took his Valencia outfit to the stadium in a 1991/92 Copa del Rey Round of 16 decider and despite losing 2-0 on the night, that scoreline levelled the tie following his side's 4-2 first-leg win and they then went on to triumph 5-4 in the penalty shoot-out.
- Chelsea pair Deco and Juliano Belletti were in the Barcelona team that defeated Arsenal in the 2006 UEFA Champions League final – Belletti stepping off the bench to score the winning goal. Chelsea's Ashley Cole plus Thierry Henry and Aleksandr Hleb, both now Barcelona players, were on the losing Arsenal side that day.
- Belletti actually scored an own goal when playing for Barcelona against Chelsea at the Camp Nou in the clubs' first knockout round tie in 2004/05.
- During his eight years with Arsenal (1999-07), Henry scored ten goals in 19 appearances against Chelsea – winning nine of those games and losing only four.
- Hleb, meanwhile, was at Arsenal between 2005 and 2008, playing eight times against Chelsea but tasting victory only once and suffering five defeats.
- Barcelona forward Gudjohnsen spent six seasons with Chelsea between 2000 and 2006, winning two Premier League titles and the League Cup.
- Nicolas Anelka scored against Barcelona in February 2000 during his season-long stint at Real Madrid in a 3-0 Liga win at the Santiago Bernabéu.
- The tie reunites several international colleagues: Barcelona's Eric Abidal and Henry with their France team-mates Florent Malouda and Anelka while Yaya Touré plays alongside Chelsea strikers Drogba and Salomon Kalou for the Ivory Coast.
- The second leg will take place at Stamford Bridge on 6 May with the winners advancing to a final against Manchester United or Arsenal at Rome's Stadio Olimpico on 27 May.

Match facts

Barcelona

UEFA milestones

- Barcelona have conceded 196 goals in the European Champion Clubs' Cup.

UEFA Champions League statistics

- Lionel Messi is the competition's top scorer with eight goals this season.
- Xavi Hernández has provided six assists, the joint-highest total in the competition along with Franck Ribéry.
- Daniel Alves has committed 24 fouls, more than any other player left in the competition.
- Barcelona have scored more goals (29), had more shots on target (76) and suffered more fouls (183) than any other semi-finalist.
- Barça have been caught offside only 18 times and committed 114 fouls, fewer than any other side in the last four.
- The Spanish side have conceded 12 goals, the joint-highest total of the semi-finalists along with Chelsea.

Disciplinary information

- Rafael Márquez is available following his suspension on Matchday 10, when coach Josep Guardiola served a one-match touchline ban after his first-leg dismissal against Bayern. Sergio Busquets, Alves and Carles Puyol will incur a suspension with their next booking.

Latest domestic information

• Saturday 25 April: Valencia CF 2-2 FC Barcelona (Maduro 43, Pablo 45; Messi 24, Henry 86)

Substitute Thierry Henry equalised to ensure Barcelona extended their unbeaten run to 12 matches in all competitions, the French international lofting the ball into the empty net after goalkeeper César had punched Messi's free-kick straight to him. Messi had earlier broken the deadlock after a slick exchange of passes with Andrés Iniesta but by half-time Barça, who had been on a seven-game winning sequence in the Liga at the start of the day, were behind after goals from Hedwiges Maduro and Pablo Hernández.

- "We finished the match like bulls; we're like a machine at the moment," said Guardiola. "We'll arrive home late tonight and we must sleep well, eat well and recover well. We were fully focused on the match with Valencia and now we'll see what happens against Chelsea."
- Guardiola made three changes to the team that had beaten Sevilla FC 4-0 three days earlier, Puyol, Messi and Busquets coming into the starting lineup as Márquez, Henry and Yaya Touré dropped to the bench.
- Maduro's goal was the first Barcelona had conceded in eight Liga games and the Catalan club possess the best defensive record in the Spanish top flight, shipping only 26 goals all season.
- The Catalan side's only ever-present in the league this season, Victor Valdés fell short of Barcelona's club record for going unbeaten in the Liga. Maduro's goal ended his 674-minute run without conceding, stretching back to Sergio Agüero's late winner in a 4-3 defeat by Club Atlético de Madrid on 1 March. Miguel Reina, father of Liverpool FC keeper Pepe, went 824 minutes unbeaten for Barcelona in the 1972/73 season.
- Henry's goal at Valencia took his tally to 43 in 85 games in all competitions for Barcelona.
- Barcelona ended a run of five games without a win in all competitions on 7 March when they beat Athletic Club Bilbao, and have since won nine in eleven outings.
- The second-leg draw with FC Bayern München marked 50 games since Guardiola took over at the Barcelona helm. In that time he oversaw 37 wins, eight draws and five defeats, falling just short of the best start at the club made by Helenio Herrera in 1957/58. Herrera managed 40 wins, five draws and five defeats.
- After a much-changed team had failed to maintain Barcelona's seven-match winning sequence at Bayern, they had claimed back-to-back victories before Saturday's draw. A 19th-minute Messi goal was enough to secure the points at Getafe CF on 18 April as heroics from goalkeeper Vladimir Stojković kept the hosts in contention right until the end. Barça avoided any late nerves against Sevilla four days later, goals from Iniesta (3), Samuel Eto'o (17), Xavi (49) and Henry (54) earning the home side a comfortable victory.
- Eto'o's goal was his 27th in the Liga this season, equalling his best haul in 12 campaigns in Spain. That was set in his second term at the Camp Nou in 2005/06, the last time Barcelona won the title.
- Eto'o has 126 goals for the club in all competitions, and is fourth on Barcelona's all-time top-scorers' list. Rivaldo (130) is next in his sights, then Ladislao Kubala (196) and César Rodríguez (235).

- Guardiola's men are rewriting the records books this season. The victory at Getafe was their 12th away from home in the Liga this term, a club record for wins in one campaign, with four trips still to come.
- The Sevilla victory brought up Barcelona's 26th league triumph home and away, setting a new mark for a 38-game campaign. The highest ever number of wins, set when the Liga was made up of 22 sides, stands at 28 jointly achieved by Bobby Robson's Barcelona team of 1996/97 and Real Madrid CF in 1987/88.
- Barcelona ended the first half of the season with 50 points from 19 games, more than any other team has ever achieved at the midway point.
- The 6-0 victory against Málaga CF on 22 March took Barcelona to 69 points, two more than they mustered in the whole of last season with ten games still to play.
- Barcelona have lost five times in 53 matches in all competitions this season, always by a solitary goal.
- The most successful side in Copa del Rey history with 24 titles, Barcelona will play 23-time winners Athletic in this season's final in Valencia on 13 May.

Injury news

- Gabriel Milito – out since 29 April 2008 (knee)
- Martín Cáceres – out since 22 April (tonsillitis)
- Messi was an unused substitute against Sevilla after complaining of stomach cramps, but played all 90 minutes in Valencia.

Miscellaneous

- Aleksandr Hleb celebrates his 28th birthday on 1 May, while Alves turns 26 on the day of the second leg.
- Xavi has made 465 appearances for the Catalan club and is second on their all-time list. Migueli leads the way on 548 games.

Chelsea

UEFA milestones

- Michael Essien's next appearance in the UEFA Champions League will be his 50th.

UEFA Champions League statistics

- Petr Čech and Nicolas Anelka have featured in all ten games, Čech playing every minute.
- Chelsea have won 49 corners, the lowest total among the teams remaining.
- Chelsea have conceded 12 goals, the joint-highest total of the semi-finalists along with Barcelona.
- Chelsea have committed more fouls (173) and collected more yellow cards (24) than any other side still involved.

Disciplinary information

- Ashley Cole serves a one-match ban following his yellow card on Matchday 10, although John Terry is available again after a one-game suspension. Anelka will incur a ban with his next booking.

Latest domestic information

• Saturday 25 April: West Ham United FC 0-1 Chelsea FC (Kalou 55)

Chelsea maintained their grip on third position in the Premier League with victory at London rivals West Ham, Salomon Kalou scoring the only goal of the game with a volley from Frank Lampard's cross. Ashley Cole also hit the crossbar for the visitors, who needed Čech's save from Mark Noble's second-half penalty, awarded after Kalou had fouled Hireta Ilunga, to preserve their victory.

• "[The penalty save] is not a confidence boost for [Čech]; he made some good saves against Everton this week too," said Guus Hiddink. "[Looking ahead to Barcelona] it's not chess. With that, you have systems to attack or defend. Football is more complicated. We should not go there and drop back, wait and wait until the storm is coming. We must take what is in our team and do some harm as well. That is always our intention in big games. If we wait, we will have problems."

- The Chelsea manager left Didier Drogba, Michael Ballack and Essien on the bench, while fit-again José Bosingwa started at left-back in place of Ashley Cole. Alex also dropped out, with Kalou, Michael Mancienne, Juliano Belletti and John Mikel Obi all coming into the starting lineup.

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- Chelsea are unbeaten in seven matches in all competitions, recording five wins and two draws since a 1-0 defeat at Tottenham Hotspur FC on 21 March – Hiddink's only reverse in 15 games in charge. The Dutchman has overseen eleven victories.
- Lampard is the only Chelsea player to have featured in all 34 league games to date this season.
- Chelsea have won 18, drawn five and lost four of their 27 games on their travels in all competitions this season. They began the campaign by extending their sequence of away Premier League victories to a record eleven before a goalless draw at Everton FC on 22 December, and have the best away record in the English top flight.
- Chelsea's 3-0 loss at Manchester United FC 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.
- Chelsea have recorded victories in eight of their last ten matches on their travels in all competitions.
- Chelsea have the best defensive record in the Premier League away from home, conceding only nine goals.
- The Blues have the best defensive record in the Premier League having conceded 20 goals in 34 games.
- The west London club have registered 25 shutouts in their last 41 league fixtures.
- Hiddink admitted Chelsea's challenge for the league title had been effectively ended by a goalless draw at home to Everton on 22 April. "We said we could not drop any more points and we have," he explained. "Mathematically we're in the title race but we have to be honest and focus now on the Champions League and FA Cup."
- Chelsea will take on Everton again in the FA Cup final on 30 May having defeated Arsenal 2-1 in the last four at Wembley on 18 April. Hiddink's side fell behind to Theo Walcott's 18th-minute strike but drew level through Florent Malouda (33) and booked a second final appearance in three years when Drogba rolled into an empty net (84).
- "If you play in the FA Cup final at the end of May it's a perfect scenario," said Hiddink, for whom Wembley date will be his last match in charge of Chelsea. "I like always to do first steps and this is a huge step. On 31 May hopefully we will celebrate with a nice bottle of champagne."

Injury news

- José Bosingwa – out 28 March to 25 April (calf)
- Ricardo Carvalho – out 29 October to 28 December and 24 January to 10 March (hamstring), 15-28 March (ankle) and since 20 April (hamstring)
- Joe Cole – out since 14 January (knee)
- Paulo Ferreira – out since 5 March (knee)
- Deco – out since 11 April (hamstring)
- Carvalho is expected to sit out the first leg against Barcelona after aggravating a long-standing hamstring injury in action for Chelsea's reserve side on 20 April.
- Joe Cole and Ferreira will both miss the rest of the campaign after suffering serious knee injuries.

Miscellaneous

- Anelka was the only Chelsea player named in the Professional Footballers' Association's Premier League Team of the Year on Sunday.
- 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.
- Chelsea will play Inter, AC Milan and Mexico's Club América in a friendly tournament in the United States from 19-26 July.

Squad list

Barcelona

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	Victor Valdés	ESP	14.01.1982	27	-	2	-	9	-	33	-	52	-	62	-
13	José Pinto	ESP	08.11.1975	33	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	29	-
25	Albert Jorquera	ESP	03.03.1979	30	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	3	-	3	-
26	Oier Olazábal	ESP	14.09.1989	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
32	Rubén	ESP	18.02.1989	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders															
2	Martín Cáceres	URU	07.04.1987	22	-	-	-	3	-	10	-	3	-	3	-
3	Gerard Piqué	ESP	02.02.1987	22	-	2	-	9	1	22	-	13	3	15	3
4	Rafael Márquez	MEX	13.02.1979	30	-	1	-	8	1	23	1	40	1	51	1
5	Carles Puyol	ESP	13.04.1978	31	*	2	-	7	-	26	-	82	2	97	2
16	Sylvinho	BRA	12.04.1974	35	-	-	-	5	1	11	-	30	3	46	3
18	Gabriel Milito	ARG	07.09.1980	28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	-	19	-
20	Daniel Alves	BRA	06.05.1983	25	*	2	-	8	-	31	4	16	2	56	4
22	Eric Abidal	FRA	11.09.1979	29	-	2	-	1	-	21	-	32	-	34	-
29	Victor Sánchez	ESP	08.09.1987	21	-	-	-	3	-	6	-	3	-	3	-
33	David Córcoles	ESP	08.05.1985	23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
34	Xavi Torres	ESP	21.11.1986	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
36	Alberto Botia	ESP	27.01.1989	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Midfielders															
6	Xavi Hernández	ESP	25.01.1980	29	-	2	1	9	2	32	6	85	5	105	7
8	Andrés Iniesta	ESP	11.05.1984	24	-	2	-	6	-	24	4	47	4	53	4
15	Seydou Keita	MLI	16.01.1980	29	-	2	-	8	2	25	3	23	4	59	6
21	Aleksandr Hleb	BLR	01.05.1981	27	-	2	-	6	-	16	-	39	2	69	7
24	Yaya Touré	CIV	13.05.1983	25	-	2	-	7	-	22	2	22	1	28	2
28	Sergio Busquets	ESP	16.07.1988	20	*	-	-	6	2	22	1	6	2	6	2
30	Victor Vázquez	ESP	20.01.1987	22	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
31	Jeffren	ESP	20.01.1988	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35	Abraham González	ESP	16.07.1985	23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Forwards															
7	Eidur Gudjohnsen	ISL	15.09.1978	30	-	1	-	3	-	20	3	44	7	57	11
9	Samuel Eto'o	CMR	10.03.1981	28	-	2	2	7	3	31	27	43	16	57	24
10	Lionel Messi	ARG	24.06.1987	21	-	-	-	9	8	29	21	30	16	31	16
11	Bojan Krkić	ESP	28.08.1990	18	-	1	-	7	3	19	2	16	4	17	4
14	Thierry Henry	FRA	17.08.1977	31	-	2	1	8	5	28	17	103	50	130	59
27	Pedro Rodríguez	ESP	28.07.1987	21	-	1	-	3	-	4	-	3	-	4	-
Coach															
-	Josep Guardiola	ESP	18.01.1971	38	-	2	-	9	-	-	-	9	-	11	-

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Goalkeepers															
1	Petr Čech	CZE	20.05.1982	26	-	-	-	10	-	31	-	57	-	61	-
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	-	-	-	3	2	13	-	3	2	19	5
3	Ashley Cole	ENG	20.12.1980	28	S	-	-	7	-	30	-	71	1	71	1
6	Ricardo Carvalho	POR	18.05.1978	30	-	-	-	4	-	12	1	63	3	73	3
17	José Bosingwa	POR	24.08.1982	26	-	-	-	8	-	30	2	47	-	60	-
19	Paulo Ferreira	POR	18.01.1979	30	-	-	-	2	-	7	-	39	-	52	-
26	John Terry	ENG	07.12.1980	28	-	-	-	9	2	31	1	59	6	67	8
33	Alex	BRA	17.06.1982	26	-	-	-	7	1	21	1	39	6	41	6
35	Juliano Belletti	BRA	20.06.1976	32	-	-	-	6	-	19	3	33	1	55	1
41	Sam Hutchinson	ENG	03.08.1989	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
42	Michael Mancienne	ENG	08.01.1988	21	-	-	-	1	-	3	-	1	-	1	-
Midfielders															
5	Michael Essien	GHA	03.12.1982	26	-	-	-	3	1	7	1	49	8	49	8
8	Frank Lampard	ENG	20.06.1978	30	-	-	-	9	3	34	12	63	18	81	24
10	Joe Cole	ENG	08.11.1981	27	-	-	-	4	1	14	2	46	6	53	6
12	John Mikel Obi	NGA	22.04.1987	22	-	-	-	8	-	30	-	21	-	21	-
13	Michael Ballack	GER	26.09.1976	32	-	-	-	8	-	26	1	79	15	84	18
15	Florent Malouda	FRA	13.06.1980	28	-	-	-	8	1	27	3	55	7	55	7
20	Deco	POR	27.08.1977	31	-	-	-	4	-	24	3	71	13	98	18
27	Mineiro	BRA	02.08.1975	33	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Forwards															
9	Franco Di Santo	ARG	07.04.1989	20	-	-	-	3	-	7	-	3	-	3	-
11	Didier Drogba	CIV	11.03.1978	31	-	-	-	8	5	20	4	53	28	63	34
21	Salomon Kalou	CIV	05.08.1985	23	-	-	-	8	1	26	5	30	2	39	6
39	Nicolas Anelka	FRA	14.03.1979	30	*	-	-	10	2	33	15	45	10	69	18
43	Miroslav Stoch	SVK	19.10.1989	19	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-
Coach															
-	Guus Hiddink	NED	08.11.1946	62	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	42	-	81	-

Head coach

FC Barcelona: Josep Guardiola

Date of birth: 18 January 1971

Nationality: Spanish

Playing career: FC Barcelona, Brescia Calcio (twice), AS Roma, Al-Ahly Club, Dorados de Sinaloa

Coaching career: FC Barcelona B, FC Barcelona

A playing legend at FC Barcelona, Josep Guardiola was given the task of returning the club to the top of the domestic and European scenes when he took over from previous coach Frank Rijkaard in the summer of 2008. After two trophyless terms at the Camp Nou, a gamble was taken by the Barça board who decided to promote the largely untried Guardiola from the club's youth team.

'Pep,' as he was affectionately referred to as a player, won a host of honours with the Azulgrana between the years of 1990 and 2001 including six Spanish Liga titles, one European Champion Clubs' Cup, a UEFA Cup Winners' Cup and two Copa del Rey trophies. Having had an initial period at Brescia Calcio disrupted due to a four-month doping ban, Guardiola went on to play a handful of games for Fabio Capello's AS Roma before returning to Brescia. He subsequently finished his club career in Mexico with Dorados de Sinola in 2006 after a spell at Al-Ahli Club of Doha. A 1992 Olympic gold medallist in Barcelona with Spain, with whom he won 40 senior caps, Guardiola missed out on the 1998 and 2002 FIFA World Cup tournaments through injury.

Given the opportunity to take up the reigns at Barcelona's B team in June 2007 with the objective of returning the team to the Segunda División B, the 37-year-old succeeded in style while relying on a style of play that placed an emphasis on wide attackers and pressing defenders. His youngsters went on to win 28 games while remaining unbeaten and he gained a promotion himself to become the 15th Catalan-born coach to take the helm of the Barcelona first team.

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	Wolfgang Stark (GER)
Assistant referees	Jan-Hendrik Salver (GER), Mike Pickel (GER)
Fourth official	Babak Rafati (GER)
UEFA Delegate	Jean-Marc Puisseuseau (FRA)
UEFA Referee observer	Kaj Østergaard (DEN)

Referee

Name	Nat.	Date of birth	UCL	UEFA
Wolfgang Stark	GER	20.11.1969	29	53

Wolfgang Stark's ambition is to follow in the footsteps of compatriot Markus Merk and reach the top of the European refereeing tree. Hailing from Landshut in Bavaria, bank employee Stark has been a German Football Association referee since 1994. He took charge of 53 matches in the 2. Bundesliga before stepping up to the top flight in 1997. Two years later he became a FIFA official, overseeing his first international in March 2001, a goalless draw between Azerbaijan and Moldova.

Two early career highlights came in 1999 when he was selected to travel to the FIFA U-17 World Cup in New Zealand and the UEFA European Under-18 Championship in Sweden. Stark also spent a valuable month refereeing in Japan's J-League in September 2001. Stark was a regular in qualifying for both the 2006 FIFA World Cup, ending with the France-Cyprus tie, and UEFA EURO 2008™, when he took charge of five matches including the Group C game between Greece and Turkey in 2007.

Stark has been in the middle for top domestic fixtures too, with Bayer 04 Leverkusen's match with FC Schalke 04 in 2004 among his personal favourites to date. Other key games he has overseen include England's FIFA World Cup qualifying win against Northern Ireland in Manchester in March 2005, and Olympique Lyonnais' 2-2 group-stage tussle with Manchester United FC in the 2004/05 UEFA Champions League. He continues to earn a number of high profile appointments, including the 2005/06 first knockout round first-leg duel between AFC Ajax and FC Internazionale Milano, and took charge of three UEFA Champions League matches in 2007/08.

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

Date	Comp.	Stage	Match	Res.	Venue
14.08.2002	UCL	QR3	Zalaegerszegi TE - Manchester United FC	1-0	Budapest
18.02.2003	UCL	GS2	AS Roma - Valencia CF	0-1	Rome
16.09.2003	UCL	GS1	Real Madrid CF - Olympique de Marseille	4-2	Madrid
25.11.2003	UCL	GS1	FC Internazionale Milano - Arsenal FC	1-5	Milan
15.09.2004	UCL	GS	Olympique Lyonnais - Manchester United FC	2-2	Lyon
03.11.2004	UCL	GS	RC Deportivo La Coruña - Liverpool FC	0-1	La Coruna
23.08.2005	UCL	QR3	Liverpool FC - PFC CSKA Sofia	0-1	Liverpool
13.09.2005	UCL	GS	Chelsea FC - RSC Anderlecht	1-0	London
18.10.2005	UCL	GS	AC Sparta Praha - Arsenal FC	0-2	Prague
01.11.2005	UCL	GS	Rosenborg BK - Real Madrid CF	0-2	Trondheim
09.08.2006	UCL	QR3	Liverpool FC - Maccabi Haifa FC	2-1	Liverpool
13.09.2006	UCL	GS	Olympique Lyonnais - Real Madrid CF	2-0	Lyon
01.11.2006	UCL	GS	FC København - Manchester United FC	1-0	Copenhagen
06.03.2007	UCL	1/8	Valencia CF - FC Internazionale Milano	0-0	Valencia
28.08.2007	UCL	QR3	Liverpool FC - Toulouse FC	4-0	Liverpool
17.09.2008	UCL	GS	Manchester United FC - Villarreal CF	0-0	Manchester
21.10.2008	UCL	GS	Juventus - Real Madrid CF	2-1	Turin
09.12.2008	UCL	GS	Olympique de Marseille - Club Atlético de Madrid	0-0	Marseille
24.02.2009	UCL	1/8	Olympique Lyonnais - FC Barcelona	1-1	Lyon
11.03.2009	UCL	1/8	Manchester United FC - FC Internazionale Milano	2-0	Manchester
15.04.2009	UCL	QF	Arsenal FC - Villarreal CF	3-0	London

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

Date	Comp.	Stage	Match	Res.	Venue
06.03.1999	U16	QR	Scotland - Spain	0-1	Ta' Qali
21.10.1999	UCUP	R2	Leeds United AFC - FC Lokomotiv Moskva	4-1	Leeds
01.08.2001	UIC	SF	Aston Villa FC - Stade Rennais FC	1-0	Birmingham
12.12.2002	UCUP	R3	Liverpool FC - BV Vitesse	1-0	Liverpool
11.06.2003	EURO	QR	England - Slovakia	2-1	Middlesbrough
11.03.2004	UCUP	R4	Celtic FC - FC Barcelona	1-0	Glasgow
20.03.2005	UCUP	1/8	Villarreal CF - FC Steaua București	2-0	Villarreal
26.03.2005	WC	QR	England - Northern Ireland	4-0	Manchester
09.03.2006	UCUP	1/8	LOSC Lille Métropole - Sevilla FC	1-0	Villeneuve d'Ascq
08.09.2007	EURO	QR	Iceland - Spain	1-1	Reykjavik

Domestic information

FC Barcelona (Liga)

Comp.	Date	Opponent	Res.	Goalscorers
League	31/08/08	CD Numancia (A)	0-1	
League	13/09/08	Real Racing Club (H)	1-1	Messi 71(pen)
League	21/09/08	Real Sporting de Gijón (A)	6-1	Xavi Hernández 27, Eto'o 33, Own goal 50, Iniesta 70, Messi 85, 89
League	24/09/08	Real Betis Balompié (H)	3-2	Eto'o 17, 23, Gudjohnsen 79
League	27/09/08	RCD Espanyol (A)	2-1	Henry 84, Messi 90(pen)
League	04/10/08	Club Atlético de Madrid (H)	6-1	Márquez 3, Eto'o 6(pen), 18, Messi 9, Gudjohnsen 28, Henry 73
League	19/10/08	Athletic Club Bilbao (A)	1-0	Eto'o 63
League	25/10/08	UD Almería (H)	5-0	Eto'o 5, 21, 24, Henry 14, Daniel Alves 37
Cup	28/10/08	Benidorm (A)	1-0	Krkić 55
League	01/11/08	Málaga CF (A)	4-1	Xavi Hernández 5, 53, Messi 19, Own goal 82
League	08/11/08	Real Valladolid CF (H)	6-0	Eto'o 12, 30, 43, 44, Gudjohnsen 71, Henry 83
Cup	12/11/08	Benidorm (H)	1-0	Messi 84
League	16/11/08	RC Recreativo de Huelva (A)	2-0	Messi 51, Keita 86
League	23/11/08	Getafe CF (H)	1-1	Keita 72
League	29/11/08	Sevilla FC (A)	3-0	Eto'o 20, Messi 78, 90
League	06/12/08	Valencia CF (H)	4-0	Henry 20, 28, 79, Daniel Alves 46
League	13/12/08	Real Madrid CF (H)	2-0	Eto'o 83, Messi 90
League	21/12/08	Villarreal CF (A)	2-1	Keita 54, Henry 66
League	03/01/09	RCD Mallorca (H)	3-1	Henry 32, Iniesta 76, Touré 90
Cup	06/01/09	Club Atlético de Madrid (A)	3-1	Messi 12, 57(pen), 79
League	11/01/09	CA Osasuna (A)	3-2	Eto'o 45, Xavi Hernández 80, Messi 85
Cup	14/01/09	Club Atlético de Madrid (H)	2-1	Krkić 28, Gudjohnsen 75
League	17/01/09	RC Deportivo La Coruña (H)	5-0	Messi 21, Henry 27, 82, Eto'o 42, 87(pen)
Cup	21/01/09	RCD Espanyol (A)	0-0	
League	24/01/09	CD Numancia (H)	4-1	Messi 49, 76, Eto'o 53, Henry 71
Cup	29/01/09	RCD Espanyol (H)	3-2	Krkić 34, 48, Piqué 56
League	01/02/09	Real Racing Club (A)	2-1	Messi 65, 80
Cup	05/02/09	RCD Mallorca (H)	2-0	Henry 34, Márquez 74
League	08/02/09	Real Sporting de Gijón (H)	3-1	Eto'o 23, 40, Daniel Alves 66
League	14/02/09	Real Betis Balompié (A)	2-2	Eto'o 45, 84
League	21/02/09	RCD Espanyol (H)	1-2	Touré 63
League	01/03/09	Club Atlético de Madrid (A)	3-4	Henry 19, 74, Messi 30
Cup	04/03/09	RCD Mallorca (A)	1-1	Messi 81
League	07/03/09	Athletic Club Bilbao (H)	2-0	Busquets 18, Messi 32(pen)
League	15/03/09	UD Almería (A)	2-0	Krkić 53, 56
League	22/03/09	Málaga CF (H)	6-0	Xavi Hernández 19, Messi 25, Henry 32, Eto'o 43, 57, Daniel Alves 51
League	04/04/09	Real Valladolid CF (A)	1-0	Eto'o 40
League	11/04/09	RC Recreativo de Huelva (H)	2-0	Iniesta 1, Own goal 68
League	18/04/09	Getafe CF (A)	1-0	Messi 19
Lineups: Víctor Valdés, Piqué, Márquez, Puyol, Daniel Alves, Xavi Hernández, Iniesta, Messi, Busquets, Eto'o (Krkić 90), Henry (Keita 75)				
League	22/04/09	Sevilla FC (H)	4-0	Iniesta 3, Eto'o 17, Xavi Hernández 49, Henry 54
Lineups: Víctor Valdés, Daniel Alves, Piqué, Márquez (Sylvinho 82), Abidal, Touré, Keita, Iniesta (Hleb 60), Xavi Hernández (Krkić 75), Eto'o, Henry				
League	25/04/09	Valencia CF (A)	2-2	Messi 24, Henry 86
Lineups: Víctor Valdés, Piqué, Daniel Alves, Abidal, Puyol, Xavi Hernández (Gudjohnsen 76), Iniesta, Messi, Keita (Henry 63), Busquets, Eto'o				
League	02/05/09	Real Madrid CF (A)		
League	10/05/09	Villarreal CF (H)		

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Comp.	Date	Opponent	Res.	Goalscorers
League	17/05/09	RCD Mallorca (A)		
League	24/05/09	CA Osasuna (H)		
League	31/05/09	RC Deportivo La Coruña (A)		

Pos.	Clubs	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1	FC Barcelona	33	26	4	3	94	26	82
2	Real Madrid CF	33	25	3	5	77	35	78
3	Sevilla FC	33	17	6	10	46	38	57
4	Valencia CF	33	16	8	9	62	47	56
5	Villarreal CF	33	15	10	8	49	44	55
6	Club Atlético de Madrid	33	15	7	11	67	54	52
7	Málaga CF	33	14	9	10	52	51	51
8	RC Deportivo La Coruña	33	14	8	11	43	43	50
9	RCD Mallorca	33	11	9	13	43	51	42
10	Real Valladolid CF	33	12	5	16	42	51	41
11	UD Almería	33	11	7	15	40	52	40
12	Athletic Club Bilbao	33	11	7	15	44	54	40
13	Real Racing Club	33	10	9	14	44	42	39
14	Real Betis Balompíe	33	9	10	14	47	53	37
15	CA Osasuna	33	8	12	13	37	41	36
16	RCD Espanyol	33	8	11	14	34	46	35
17	Getafe CF	33	8	10	15	43	52	34
18	Real Sporting de Gijón	33	11	0	22	39	72	33
19	RC Recreativo de Huelva	33	7	9	17	30	50	30
20	CD Numancia	33	8	4	21	35	66	28

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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
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
League	21/03/09	Tottenham Hotspur FC (A)	0-1	
League	04/04/09	Newcastle United FC (A)	2-0	Lampard 56, Malouda 65
League	11/04/09	Bolton Wanderers FC (H)	4-3	Ballack 40, Drogba 48, 63, Lampard 60(pen)
Cup	18/04/09	Arsenal FC (A)	2-1	Malouda 33, Drogba 84
Lineups:	Čech, Ivanović, Alex, Terry, A. Cole, Ballack, Lampard, Essien, Malouda, Anelka (Kalou 82), Drogba			
League	22/04/09	Everton FC (H)	0-0	
Lineups:	Čech, Ivanović, Alex, Terry, A. Cole, Ballack, Essien (Mikel Obi 60), Lampard, Drogba, Anelka (Kalou 60), Malouda (Di Santo 77)			
League	25/04/09	West Ham United FC (A)	1-0	Kalou 55
Lineups:	Čech, Mancienne (Ballack 83), Ivanović, Terry, Bosingwa (A. Cole 58), Mikel Obi, Belletti, Kalou (Essien 73), Lampard, Malouda, Anelka			
League	02/05/09	Fulham FC (H)		
League	10/05/09	Arsenal FC (A)		
League	17/05/09	Blackburn Rovers FC (H)		
League	24/05/09	Sunderland AFC (A)		

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Pos.	Clubs	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1	Manchester United FC	33	24	5	4	61	23	77
2	Liverpool FC	34	21	11	2	66	26	74
3	Chelsea FC	34	21	8	5	56	20	71
4	Arsenal FC	34	18	11	5	60	32	65
5	Aston Villa FC	34	15	10	9	50	44	55
6	Everton FC	34	14	11	9	48	36	53
7	Fulham FC	34	12	11	11	34	28	47
8	West Ham United FC	34	12	9	13	38	38	45
9	Manchester City FC	34	13	5	16	53	45	44
10	Tottenham Hotspur FC	34	12	8	14	41	41	44
11	Wigan Athletic FC	33	11	8	14	31	38	41
12	Stoke City FC	34	10	9	15	33	49	39
13	Bolton Wanderers FC	34	11	5	18	40	51	38
14	Portsmouth FC	34	9	11	14	35	50	38
15	Blackburn Rovers FC	34	9	10	15	37	55	37
16	Sunderland AFC	34	9	8	17	31	46	35
17	Hull City AFC	34	8	10	16	37	59	34
18	Newcastle United FC	34	6	13	15	37	53	31
19	Middlesbrough FC	34	7	10	17	25	49	31
20	West Bromwich Albion FC	34	7	7	20	33	63	28

UEFA information

Trophy handover in Rome

The city of Rome received the UEFA Champions League trophy in the traditional handover ceremony last Tuesday. The ceremony, now an established fixture on the European football calendar, sees the previous season's UEFA Champions League winners formally return the trophy to UEFA, who then hand the silverware to the host city to be put on display until the final at Rome's Stadio Olimpico on Wednesday 27 May. It was a special day for Rome, as according to legend, the city was founded on 21 April 753 BC. The handover ceremony at the Sala Protomoteca at the Campidoglio began with Manchester United FC CEO David Gill and former striking hero Ole Gunnar Solskjær returning the trophy to UEFA President Michel Platini. The UEFA President announced an initiative for the victims of the recent earthquake in L'Aquila, in which children from the stricken Italian area will be invited to take part in the activities for the Rome final. Mr Platini then passed the trophy over to the Mayor of Rome, Gianni Alemanno.

Istanbul warms up for final

Istanbul was the setting for the last-ever UEFA Cup handover ceremony last Thursday as a delegation from 2008 trophy winners FC Zenit St. Petersburg returned the silverware to UEFA – and President Michel Platini – in the host city of this season's final. As has become tradition, the UEFA President received the trophy from the holders and then handed it over to the Mayor of Istanbul, Kadir Topbaş, for safekeeping during a ceremony at the Turkish city's historical Esma Sultan Yalısı mansion, overlooking the Bosphorus. Mr Platini said Istanbul was a fitting venue for what will be the last UEFA Cup final – taking place at the Şükrü Saracoğlu Stadium on Wednesday 20 May – before the famous competition becomes the UEFA Europa League next season. "It is a very nice feeling to stage such an event in a country that has truly passionate fans," he said. "I am sure it will be a fantastic final."

President visits Poland and Ukraine

A delegation of UEFA officials, led by UEFA President Michel Platini, has undertaken a two-day visit to Ukraine and Poland, including a tour of both the Kiev Olympic Stadium and the Warsaw National Stadium. The visit enabled UEFA officials to receive updates from the host associations and host countries about the ongoing preparations for UEFA EURO 2012™. The political and economic situation and outlook in the host countries, the latest developments undertaken by the host city candidates, as well as discussions on open issues concerning the stadia and infrastructure situation in Poland and Ukraine, were some of the topics addressed during the meetings held with the UEFA delegation. The UEFA Executive Committee will proceed with the selection of the host cities for the tournament at its 13 May meeting in Bucharest, Romania.

Pobeda decision applauded

UEFA President Michel Platini welcomed the decision of the governing body's Control and Disciplinary Body earlier this month to ban FYR Macedonia club FK Pobeda from participating in UEFA competitions for eight years, and the life ban imposed on both the club president and one player. "I very much welcome the firm stance taken by the Control and Disciplinary Body to severely punish any club or individual involved in manipulating the outcome of football matches. This punishment sends a clear and strong signal that UEFA will not tolerate any fraudulent activity aimed at influencing the result of matches. No one should be in any doubt that UEFA will do its utmost to ensure the integrity of football matches in Europe and will deploy all necessary measures to do so."

African Trophy Tour ends

A resoundingly successful UEFA Champions League Trophy Tour 2009, presented by Heineken, came to a close with fans in Johannesburg, South Africa, getting the opportunity to get close to the silverware coveted by the world's top footballers. Over the weekend, around 13,000 football fans made their way to the Montecasino. Almost 5,500 of them took home a picture with the trophy and the memory of an unforgettable day. Mozambique-born Portugal legend Eusébio, an ambassador for the South Africa leg of the tour, proudly unveiled the trophy for the press. Alongside Eusébio was co-ambassador Lucas Radebe, the former Leeds United AFC captain who helped the English club reach the UEFA Champions League semi-finals in 2001, and former South Africa strike ace Shaun Bartlett. The Trophy Tour this spring has taken the silverware to Nigeria, Algeria, Egypt and South Africa.

Accreditation information

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Match-by-match lineups - FC Barcelona

Group stage

Club	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
FC Barcelona	6	4	1	1	18	8	13
Sporting Clube de Portugal	6	4	0	2	8	8	12
FC Shakhtar Donetsk	6	3	0	3	11	7	9
FC Basel 1893	6	0	1	5	2	16	1

Date	Match	Result	Stadium/Venue
16.09.2008	Barcelona - Sporting	3-1	Camp Nou, Barcelona
Goals: 1-0 Márquez 21, 2-0 Eto'o 60 (pen) , 2-1 Tonel 72, 3-1 Xavi Hernández 87			
Barcelona: Víctor Valdés, Piqué, Márquez, Puyol (Sylvinho 89), Xavi Hernández, Iniesta, Eto'o (Touré 66), Messi, Henry (Pedro Rodríguez 75), Keita, Daniel Alves			
01.10.2008	Shakhtar - Barcelona	1-2	RSC Olympiyskiy Stadium, Donetsk
Goals: 1-0 Ilsinho 45, 1-1 Messi 87, 1-2 Messi 90+4			
Barcelona: Víctor Valdés, Piqué, Márquez, Puyol, Xavi Hernández, Iniesta, Eto'o (Krkić 74), Henry (Messi 60), Keita (Gudjohnsen 81), Daniel Alves, Touré			
22.10.2008	Basel - Barcelona	0-5	St. Jakob-Park, Basel
Goals: 0-1 Messi 4, 0-2 Busquets 15, 0-3 Krkić 22, 0-4 Krkić 46, 0-5 Xavi Hernández 48			
Barcelona: Víctor Valdés, Márquez (Martín Cáceres 53), Puyol, Xavi Hernández (Henry 57), Messi, Krkić, Sylvinho, Daniel Alves, Hleb, Touré (Víctor Sánchez 67), Busquets			
04.11.2008	Barcelona - Basel	1-1	Camp Nou, Barcelona
Goals: 1-0 Messi 62, 1-1 Derdiyok 82			
Barcelona: Víctor Valdés, Piqué, Márquez, Puyol, Iniesta (Eto'o 67), Krkić (Messi 60), Henry, Sylvinho, Hleb, Busquets, Víctor Sánchez (Xavi Hernández 60)			
26.11.2008	Sporting - Barcelona	2-5	José Alvalade, Lisbon
Goals: 0-1 Henry 14, 0-2 Piqué 17, 0-3 Messi 49, 1-3 Miguel Veloso 65, 2-3 Liedson 66, 2-4 Marco Caneira 67 (o.g.) , 2-5 Krkić 73 (pen)			
Barcelona: Víctor Valdés, Martín Cáceres, Piqué, Márquez, Xavi Hernández (Keita 74), Gudjohnsen, Messi (Pedro Rodríguez 57), Henry (Krkić 46), Daniel Alves, Hleb, Busquets			
09.12.2008	Barcelona - Shakhtar	2-3	Camp Nou, Barcelona
Goals: 0-1 Gladkiy 31, 0-2 Gladkiy 58, 1-2 Sylvinho 59, 1-3 Fernandinho 76, 2-3 Busquets 83			
Barcelona: Jorquera, Martín Cáceres, Piqué, Krkić, Keita, Sylvinho, Hleb, Pedro Rodríguez (Gudjohnsen 76), Busquets, Víctor Sánchez, Víctor Vázquez			

First knockout round, first leg

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
24/02/09	Lyon - Barcelona	1-1	Stade de Gerland, Lyon
Goals: 1-0 Juninho 7, 1-1 Henry 67			
Barcelona: Víctor Valdés, Piqué, Márquez, Puyol, Xavi Hernández, Eto'o, Messi, Henry, Daniel Alves, Touré, Busquets (Keita 77)			

First knockout round, second leg

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
11/03/09	Barcelona - Lyon	5-2	Camp Nou, Barcelona
Goals: 1-0 Henry 25, 2-0 Henry 27, 3-0 Messi 40, 4-0 Eto'o 43, 4-1 Makoun 44, 4-2 Juninho 48, 5-2 Keita 90+5			
Barcelona: Víctor Valdés, Piqué, Márquez, Xavi Hernández, Iniesta (Hleb 90+2), Eto'o (Krkić 87), Messi, Henry (Keita 75), Sylvinho, Daniel Alves, Touré			

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Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
08/04/09	Barcelona - Bayern	4-0	Camp Nou, Barcelona

Goals: 1-0 Messi 9, 2-0 Eto'o 12, 3-0 Messi 38, 4-0 Henry 43

Barcelona: Víctor Valdés, Piqué, Márquez, Puyol, Xavi Hernández, Iniesta, Eto'o (Krkić 89), Messi, Henry (Keita 74), Daniel Alves, Touré (Busquets 81)

Quarter-finals, second leg

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
14/04/09	Bayern - Barcelona	1-1	Fußball Arena München, Munich

Goals: 1-0 Ribéry 47, 1-1 Keita 73

Barcelona: Víctor Valdés, Piqué, Puyol, Xavi Hernández, Iniesta (Hleb 78), Eto'o, Messi, Keita, Daniel Alves, Abidal, Touré

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			

Quarter-finals, first leg

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
08/04/09	Liverpool - Chelsea	1-3	Anfield, Liverpool
Goals: 1-0 Torres 6, 1-1 Ivanović 39, 1-2 Ivanović 62, 1-3 Drogba 67			
Chelsea: Čech, Ivanović, A. Cole, Essien, Lampard, Drogba (Anelka 80), Ballack, Malouda, Kalou, Terry, Alex			

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Quarter-finals, second leg

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
14/04/09	Chelsea - Liverpool	4-4	Stamford Bridge, London

Goals: 0-1 Fábio Aurélio 19, 0-2 Xabi Alonso 28 (pen) , 1-2 Drogba 51, 2-2 Alex 57, 3-2 Lampard 76, 3-3 Lucas 81, 3-4 Kuyt 83, 4-4 Lampard 89

Chelsea: Čech, Ivanović, A. Cole, Essien, Carvalho, Lampard, Drogba (Di Santo 90+4), Ballack, Malouda, Kalou (Anelka 36), Alex

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.
- 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.
- 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.
- England has three teams in the semi-finals for the third year in a row, the fourth time one country has provided three of the last four in European football's premier club competition since 1992/93.

The full breakdown is:

1999/00: Spain (Valencia CF, Barcelona, Real Madrid)

2002/03: Italy (Milan, FC Internazionale Milano, Juventus)

2006/07: England (Manchester United, Liverpool and Chelsea; winners Milan)

2007/08: England (Manchester United, Liverpool and Chelsea)

- Teams from the same country have contested the final on three previous occasions. Madrid overcame Valencia 3-0 in Paris in 2000, three years later Milan defeated Juventus 3-2 on penalties after a goalless draw at Old Trafford, and United beat Chelsea, also on spot-kicks, after a 1-1 draw in Moscow last May.
- The biggest winning margin in a semi-final game is three goals. AFC Ajax beat Bayern 5-2 in the 1994/95 second leg, while there have been three 4-1 victories. Juventus did it twice at home against Ajax (second leg) and AS Monaco FC (first leg) in 1996/97 and 1997/98 respectively, and Valencia at home to Barcelona (first leg) in 1999/00. Five teams have won 3-0, most recently Milan's defeat of Manchester United in the 2006/07 semi-final second leg.
- That 4-1 win for Juventus against Monaco in 1997/98 was part of the biggest aggregate semi-final score. The principality club won 3-2 in their home return to make it ten goals in the tie.
- Madrid's 6-0 second-leg win against FC Zürich in 1963/64 is the biggest win in a European Champion Clubs' Cup semi-final. Eintracht Frankfurt's 12-4 aggregate defeat of Rangers FC in 1959/60 is the biggest two-leg total.
- 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 and was also the venue for the 1990 FIFA World Cup final between West Germany and Argentina.

Team facts

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UEFA club competition milestones

- In total, Barcelona have appeared in five European Champion Clubs' Cup finals, winning the 1991/92 competition against UC Sampdoria thanks to a 112th-minute Ronald Koeman free-kick before their triumph in the 2005/06 campaign.
- They lost on penalties to FC Steaua București in the 1985/86 season, 3-2 to SL Benfica in 1960/61 and 4-0 to AC Milan in 1993/94. Four-time UEFA Cup Winners' Cup winners, they lost in the 1968/69 and 1990/91 finals.

UEFA Champions League milestones

- With Barcelona now in their 13th campaign, the highlight remains the 2-1 win against Arsenal FC in Paris that made them European champions in 2006. Only Manchester United FC and FC Porto (14) have taken part on more occasions.

UEFA club competition honours

- European Champion Clubs' Cup: 1991/92, 2005/06
- UEFA Cup Winners' Cup: 1978/79, 1981/82, 1988/89, 1996/97
- UEFA Super Cup: 1992, 1997

Ten-year record

- 2007/08:** UEFA Champions League – semi-finals
- 2006/07:** UEFA Champions League – first knockout round
- 2005/06:** UEFA Champions League – winners
- 2004/05:** UEFA Champions League – first knockout round
- 2003/04:** UEFA Cup – fourth round
- 2002/03:** UEFA Champions League – quarter-finals
- 2001/02:** UEFA Champions League – semi-finals
- 2000/01:** UEFA Cup – semi-finals (having transferred from UEFA Champions League group stage)
- 1999/00:** UEFA Champions League – semi-finals
- 1998/99:** UEFA Champions League – group stage

2007/08 season

Domestic record: Barça finished third in Spain last term, ten points behind runners-up Villarreal CF with champions Real Madrid CF a further eight ahead. It was a far cry from the season before where the Catalan side had only lost the title by virtue of a poorer head to head against their rivals from the capital. Barcelona reached the semi-finals of the Copa del Rey before being knocked out by eventual winners Valencia CF 4-3 on aggregate.

European record: UEFA Champions League Group E was a happy hunting ground for Barcelona last season and they went through undefeated, recording four victories and two draws to finish top. They faced Celtic FC in the first knockout round, a 3-2 first-leg win in Glasgow setting up an aggregate success and a quarter-final tie with FC Schalke 04. A pair of 1-0 triumphs earned a last-four spot but there they met Manchester United FC who won through 1-0 overall. United went on to become European champions.

Records

UEFA club competition

- Biggest win
 - 8-0:** FC Barcelona v ŠKM Púchov
 - 15.10.2003, UEFA Cup first round second leg
 - 8-0:** FC Barcelona v Apollon Limassol FC
 - 15.09.1982, UEFA Cup Winners' Cup first round first leg
- Biggest home win
 - 8-0:** FC Barcelona v ŠKM Púchov (see above for details)
 - 8-0:** FC Barcelona v Apollon Limassol FC (see above for details)
- Biggest away win
 - 0-7:** Hapoel Beer-Sheva FC v FC Barcelona
 - 12.09.1995, UEFA Cup first round first leg

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- Heaviest defeat

0-4: FC Barcelona v FC Dynamo Kyiv
05.11.1997, UEFA Champions League group stage
4-0: AC Milan v FC Barcelona
18.05.1994, European Champion Clubs' Cup final
0-4: FC Barcelona v 1. FC Köln
05.11.1980, UEFA Cup second round second leg

- Heaviest home defeat

0-4: FC Barcelona v FC Dynamo Kyiv (see above for details)
0-4: FC Barcelona v 1. FC Köln (see above for details)

- Heaviest away defeat

0-3: FC Barcelona v Sevilla FC
25.08.2006, UEFA Super Cup (played at a neutral venue, included here for information purposes)
3-0: AS Roma v FC Barcelona
26.02.2002, UEFA Champions League second group stage
3-0: Beşiktaş JK v FC Barcelona
19.09.2000, UEFA Champions League first group stage
4-1: Valencia CF v FC Barcelona
02.05.2000, UEFA Champions League semi-final first leg
3-0: FC Dynamo Kyiv v FC Barcelona
22.10.1997, UEFA Champions League group stage
3-0: Manchester United FC v FC Barcelona
21.03.1984, UEFA Cup Winners' Cup quarter-final second leg
3-0: Aston Villa FC v FC Barcelona
26.01.1983, UEFA Super Cup final second leg
3-0: RSC Anderlecht v FC Barcelona
18.10.1978, UEFA Cup Winners' Cup second round first leg
3-0: PSV Eindhoven v FC Barcelona
29.03.1978, UEFA Cup semi-finals first leg
3-0: Ipswich Town FC v FC Barcelona
23.11.1977, UEFA Cup third round first leg
3-0: OGC Nice v FC Barcelona
19.09.1973, UEFA Cup first round first leg

UEFA Champions League (group stage to final only)

- Biggest win

0-5: FC Basel 1893 v FC Barcelona
22.10.2008, UEFA Champions League group stage
5-0: FC Barcelona v PFC Levski Sofia
12.09.2006, UEFA Champions League group stage
5-0: FC Barcelona v Panathinaikos FC
02.11.2005, UEFA Champions League group stage
5-0: FC Barcelona v Beşiktaş JK
08.11.2000, UEFA Champions League first group stage
5-0: FC Barcelona v AC Sparta Praha
08.12.1999, UEFA Champions League second group stage
5-0: FC Barcelona v AIK Solna
27.10.1999, UEFA Champions League first group stage

- Biggest home win

5-0: FC Barcelona v PFC Levski Sofia (see above for details)
5-0: FC Barcelona v Panathinaikos FC (see above for details)
5-0: FC Barcelona v Beşiktaş JK (see above for details)
5-0: FC Barcelona v AC Sparta Praha (see above for details)
5-0: FC Barcelona v AIK Solna (see above for details)

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- Biggest away win
0-5: FC Basel 1893 v FC Barcelona (see above for details)
- Heaviest defeat
0-4: FC Barcelona v FC Dynamo Kyiv (see above for details)
4-0: AC Milan v FC Barcelona (see above for details)
- Heaviest home defeat
0-4: FC Barcelona v FC Dynamo Kyiv (see above for details)
- Heaviest away defeat
3-0: AS Roma v FC Barcelona (see above for details)
3-0: Beşiktaş JK v FC Barcelona (see above for details)
4-1: Valencia CF v FC Barcelona (see above for details)
3-0: FC Dynamo Kyiv v FC Barcelona (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

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

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

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

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

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

UEFA Champions League (group stage to final only)

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

- Biggest home win
4-0: Chelsea FC v Real Betis 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

ECCLC: 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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