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Manchester United FC



Beşiktaş JK

Old Trafford, Manchester

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Group B - Matchday 5

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Match background

Previous meetings

UEFA Champions League

| Date | Stage | Match | Result | Venue | Goalscorers |
|----------|-------|------------------------------------|--------|----------|-------------|
| 15/09/09 | GS | Beşiktaş JK - Manchester United FC | 0-1 | Istanbul | Scholes 77 |

| | Home | | | | Away | | | | Final | | | | Total | | | | | |
|----------------------|------|---|---|---|------|---|---|---|-------|---|---|---|-------|---|---|---|----|----|
| | Pld | W | D | L | Pld | W | D | L | Pld | W | D | L | Pld | W | D | L | GF | GA |
| Manchester United FC | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Beşiktaş JK | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |

Manchester United FC - record versus clubs from opponents' country

UEFA Champions League

| Date | Stage | Match | Result | Venue | Goalscorers |
|----------|-------|--------------------------------------|--------|------------|---|
| 08/12/04 | GS | Fenerbahçe SK - Manchester United FC | 3-0 | Istanbul | Tuncay Şanlı 47, 62, 90+1 |
| 28/09/04 | GS | Manchester United FC - Fenerbahçe SK | 6-2 | Manchester | Giggs 7, Rooney 17, 28, 54, Van Nistelrooy 78, Bellion 81; Mert Nobre 46, Tuncay Şanlı 59 |

UEFA Champions League

| Date | Stage | Match | Result | Venue | Goalscorers |
|----------|-------|--------------------------------------|--------|------------|------------------------|
| 30/10/96 | GS | Manchester United FC - Fenerbahçe SK | 0-1 | Manchester | Bolić 79 |
| 16/10/96 | GS | Fenerbahçe SK - Manchester United FC | 0-2 | Istanbul | Beckham 55, Cantona 60 |

UEFA Champions League

| Date | Stage | Match | Result | Venue | Goalscorers |
|----------|-------|---------------------------------------|--------|------------|--|
| 07/12/94 | GS | Manchester United FC - Galatasaray AŞ | 4-0 | Manchester | Simon Davies 2, Korkmaz 87(og), Beckham 37, Roy Keane 48 |
| 28/09/94 | GS | Galatasaray AŞ - Manchester United FC | 0-0 | Istanbul | |

UEFA Champions League

| Date | Stage | Match | Result | Venue | Goalscorers |
|----------|-------|---------------------------------------|--------------------|------------|--|
| 03/11/93 | R2 | Galatasaray AŞ - Manchester United FC | 0-0 agg: 3-3 ag | Istanbul | |
| 20/10/93 | R2 | Manchester United FC - Galatasaray AŞ | 3-3 | Manchester | Robson 3, Stumpf 14(og), Cantona 80; Erdem 16, Bruce 32(og), Türkyilmaz 64 |

Beşiktaş JK - record versus clubs from opponents' country

UEFA Champions League

| Date | Stage | Match | Result | Venue | Goalscorers |
|----------|-------|----------------------------|--------|-----------|--|
| 06/11/07 | GS | Liverpool FC - Beşiktaş JK | 8-0 | Liverpool | Crouch 19, Benayoun 32, 89, 53, 56, Gerrard 69, Babel 78, 81 |
| 24/10/07 | GS | Beşiktaş JK - Liverpool FC | 2-1 | Istanbul | Hyypiä 13(og), Bobô 82; Gerrard 85 |

UEFA Cup

| Date | Stage | Match | Result | Venue | Goalscorers |
|----------|-------|------------------------------------|--------|----------|-----------------------|
| 19/10/06 | GS | Beşiktaş JK - Tottenham Hotspur FC | 0-2 | Istanbul | Ghaly 31, Berbatov 63 |

UEFA Cup

| Date | Stage | Match | Result | Venue | Goalscorers |
|----------|-------|-----------------------------------|--------|----------|-----------------------|
| 20/10/05 | GS | Beşiktaş JK - Bolton Wanderers FC | 1-1 | Istanbul | Ailton 7; Borgetti 29 |

UEFA Champions League

| Date | Stage | Match | Result | Venue | Goalscorers |
|----------|-------|--------------------------|--------|---------------|---------------------------|
| 09/12/03 | GS | Beşiktaş JK - Chelsea FC | 0-2 | Gelsenkirchen | Hasselbaink 77, Bridge 85 |
| 01/10/03 | GS | Chelsea FC - Beşiktaş JK | 0-2 | London | Yalçın 24, 29 |

UEFA Champions League

| Date | Stage | Match | Result | Venue | Goalscorers |
|----------|-------|--------------------------------|--------|----------|---|
| 18/10/00 | GS | Beşiktaş JK - Leeds United AFC | 0-0 | Istanbul | |
| 26/09/00 | GS | Leeds United AFC - Beşiktaş JK | 6-0 | Leeds | Bowyer 7, 90, Viduka 12, Matteo 22, Bakke 65, Huckerby 90 |

European Champion Clubs' Cup

| Date | Stage | Match | Result | Venue | Goalscorers |
|----------|-------|------------------------------|-----------------|------------|---|
| 29/09/82 | R1 | Beşiktaş JK - Aston Villa FC | 0-0 agg: 1-3 | Istanbul | |
| 15/09/82 | R1 | Aston Villa FC - Beşiktaş JK | 3-1 | Birmingham | Withe 4, Morley 9, Mortimer 29; Eksi 74 |

Record versus clubs from opponents' country

| | Home | | | | Away | | | | Final | | | | Total | | | | | |
|----------------------|------|---|---|---|------|---|---|---|-------|---|---|---|-------|---|---|---|----|----|
| | Pld | W | D | L | Pld | W | D | L | Pld | W | D | L | Pld | W | D | L | GF | GA |
| Manchester United FC | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 16 | 9 |
| Beşiktaş JK | 7 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 6 | 24 |

Manchester United FC will look to cement their position at the top of Group B when they welcome Beşiktaş JK to Old Trafford on Matchday 5.

- The English champions booked their place in the last 16 when they fought back to draw 3-3 with PFC CSKA Moskva last time out and, with a three-point lead over VfL Wolfsburg, they can take another step towards top spot by beating Beşiktaş.
- The visitors' UEFA Champions League hopes ended with their Matchday 4 home defeat by Wolfsburg but they could yet overturn the three-point deficit on third-placed CSKA and claim a UEFA Europa League berth.
- Another motivating factor for Beşiktaş is the memory of their last visit to England's north-west when they suffered a 8-0 defeat at Liverpool FC – their biggest European loss and a UEFA Champions League record.

Previous meeting

- Paul Scholes scored the only goal 13 minutes from time when the clubs met for the first time in Istanbul on 15 September.

Match background

- It would be unwise for anybody to leave Old Trafford early given United's remarkable habit of scoring late in this season's competition. Scholes's winner at Beşiktaş set the tone, with United hitting five of their seven goals so far in the final 13 minutes.
- United's late comeback against CSKA extended their unbeaten home record in the UEFA Champions League to 23 matches.
- Wayne Rooney will have fond memories of United's last visit from a Turkish club – he hit a debut hat-trick in a 6-2 victory against Fenerbahçe SK in a group-stage fixture on 28 September 2004. Beşiktaş custodian Rüştü Reçber was in the Fenerbahçe goal that night.
- Beşiktaş have lost five and drawn two of the seven away matches they have played since they last won on their travels in the UEFA Champions League, a 2-0 success at United's Premier League rivals Chelsea FC in October 2003.

Team ties

- Dimitar Berbatov scored for former club Tottenham Hotspur FC in a 2-0 win at Beşiktaş in the UEFA Cup group stage in October 2006.
- United's Rio Ferdinand, Gary Neville, Michael Owen, Rooney and Scholes were in the England team that ran out 2-0 winners against a Turkey side featuring Nihat Kahveci and Rüştü in a UEFA EURO 2004™ qualifier in Sunderland in April 2003.
- Ryan Giggs and Neville were part of the United side who missed out on the 1993/94 UEFA Champions League group stage after an away-goals defeat by Istanbul outfit Galatasaray AŞ in the second round – United drew 3-3 at Old Trafford, then 0-0 in Istanbul.
- Bobô, Serdar Özkan, İbrahim Toraman and İbrahim Üzülmez were all in the Beşiktaş starting lineup for the club's 8-0 defeat at Anfield on 6 November 2007.

- It was not the first heavy defeat Üzülmöz had suffered on English soil – he was in the Beşiktaş side that lost 6-0 at Leeds United AFC in the 2000/01 group stage, together with Nihat, then in his first spell at the club. Last season Nihat was in the Villarreal CF team beaten 3-0 at Arsenal FC in the UEFA Champions League quarter-finals.
- Beşiktaş coach Mustafa Denizli has his own unhappy memories of England – he was in charge of the Turkey side beaten 8-0 by the national team at Wembley Stadium in a UEFA European Championship qualifier in October 1987.
- Beşiktaş's Italian defender Matteo Ferrari spent 2005/06 in England with Everton FC but did not play against United.

Match facts

Manchester United

UEFA milestones

- The 2008/09 final defeat by FC Barcelona brought an end to United's 25-match unbeaten run – the longest in the competition's history. They had last tasted defeat at AC Milan on 2 May 2007. AFC Ajax and FC Bayern München shared the previous record of 19 matches unbeaten.
- United have scored 397 goals in the European Champion Clubs' Cup and conceded 199.
- They have also conceded 146 goals in the UEFA Champions League, group stage to final.

UEFA Champions League statistics

- United have had 38 shots on goal, the highest total in the competition.
- The English have been caught offside 27 times, more than any other side.
- Nemanja Vidić's next booking will incur a suspension.

Latest domestic information

- **Saturday 21 November: Manchester United FC 3-0 Everton FC (Fletcher 35, Carrick 67, Valencia 76)**
Van der Sar; Rafael (Scholes 63), Brown, Vidić, Evra; Valencia, Fletcher, Carrick (Gibson 83), Giggs; Rooney (Obertan 74), Owen.
- United climbed up to second place in the Premier League by stretching their unbeaten league record at Old Trafford to 12 games. Sir Alex Ferguson's team have won 27 and lost only one of their last 31 home matches in the English top flight.
- Darren Fletcher's goal was his third in the league this season, equalling his most prolific campaigns of 2004/05, 2006/07 and 2008/09.
- Antonio Valencia has now scored four goals in his last seven United appearances having managed none in his first eleven.
- Of United's 26 league goals this season 19 have come in the second half, nine in the last 15 minutes.
- United suffered a second defeat in three league matches – and a second successive away reverse – at Chelsea FC on 8 November, going down 1-0 thanks to John Terry's late goal.
- Sir Alex Ferguson's side had won 12 of their previous 14 matches before facing PFC CSKA Moskva on Matchday 4, but followed that draw with defeat at Stamford Bridge before getting back to winning ways against Everton.
- After scoring against Tottenham Hotspur FC on 12 September, Ryan Giggs has registered in the top flight in each of his 20 campaigns with United and is the only player to find the net in all 18 seasons of the Premier League era.
- United will host Tottenham in the League Cup quarter-finals on 1 December, a repeat of last year's final which Sir Alex's team won on penalties after a goalless 120 minutes.

Injury news

- Darren Fletcher – out 3 October to 3 November (ankle)
- Ryan Giggs – out 17-25 October (hip) and 25 October to 8 November (knee)
- Ji-Sung Park – out 14 October to 14 November (knee)
- Nemanja Vidić – out 25 October to 14 November (calf)
- Michael Carrick – out 13-21 November (thigh)
- Owen Hargreaves – out since 21 September 2008 (knee)
- Rio Ferdinand – out since 25 October (calf)
- Daniel Welbeck – out since 27 October (knee)

- Jonny Evans – out since 14 November (calf)
- John O'Shea – out since 18 November (ankle)
- Dimitar Berbatov – out since 18 November (knee)

International duty

FIFA World Cup qualifying unless otherwise stated.

- Friday 13 November

France 1-1 Tunisia, U21 friendly – Gabriel Obertan (sub)

- Saturday 14 November

Republic of Ireland 0-1 France – John O'Shea; Patrice Evra

Portugal 1-0 Bosnia-Herzegovina – Nani

Brazil 1-0 England, friendly – Ben Foster, Wes Brown, Wayne Rooney

Denmark 0-0 Korea Republic, friendly – Ji-Sung Park

Northern Ireland 0-1 Serbia, friendly – Jonny Evans; Nemanja Vidić

Poland 0-1 Romania, friendly – Tomasz Kuszczak

Wales 3-0 Scotland, friendly – Darren Fletcher

- Rooney captained England in their friendly loss to Brazil in Doha.

- Tuesday 17 November

Northern Ireland 1-2 Czech Republic, U21 – Corry Evans

France 1-0 Slovenia, U21 – Gabriel Obertan

- Wednesday 18 November

France 1-1 Republic of Ireland (aet) – Patrice Evra; John O'Shea, Darron Gibson (sub)

Bosnia-Herzegovina 0-1 Portugal – Nani

Malta 1-4 Bulgaria, friendly – Dimitar Berbatov (2 goals)

Korea Republic 0-1 Serbia, friendly – Ji-Sung Park; Nemanja Vidić

Poland 1-0 Canada, friendly – Tomasz Kuszczak

- Evra and Nani helped France and Portugal respectively to qualify for next year's World Cup finals with play-off wins, although there was disappointment for O'Shea and Gibson.

- Berbatov became Bulgaria's leading goalscorer with his double in Malta taking him to 48 goals – one more than previous record holder Hristo Bonev.

Miscellaneous

- Rooney and former United player Cristiano Ronaldo have been shortlisted for the FIFA World Player of the Year award. The winner will be announced in Zurich on 21 December.

Beşiktaş

UEFA milestones

- Beşiktaş have conceded 99 goals in the European Champion Clubs' Cup.

UEFA Champions League statistics

- Tomáš Sivok is one of only four players to have collected four yellow cards, and serves a one-game ban on Matchday 5.

Latest domestic information

- **Saturday 21 November: Beşiktaş JK 3-0 Fenerbahçe SK (Fink 55, Bobô 57, Uğur İnceman 83)**

Rüştü; İbrahim Toraman, Ferrari, Sivok, İbrahim Üzülmez; Ekrem, Fink, Ernst, Serdar (Tello 46); Yusuf (Uğur İnceman 69); Bobô (Nobre 78).

- Beşiktaş lifted themselves to within four points of the Süper Lig summit with a comprehensive victory against early pacesetters and Istanbul rivals Fenerbahçe, who lost Kazım Kazım to a 75th-minute red card. It was Beşiktaş' first league win against their city rivals since April 2005.

- Michael Fink registered his second league goal for the club, having scored against Istanbul BB SK on the opening day of the season. Uğur İnceman's late effort was his first in the Süper Lig since joining Beşiktaş in 2008, while captain İbrahim Üzülmez set up two goals.

- The win – the biggest of the season for Beşiktaş – represented the Turkish titleholders' seventh consecutive league triumph having managed just one in their first six outings. Indeed, Beşiktaş took just six points from their first six league matches this term – their worst start to a campaign since 2004/05.

- Discounting the automatic 3-0 win awarded against Ankaraspor AŞ on 27 September, Beşiktaş have scored only 13 goals in 13 league games. However, they boast the best defensive record in the division, having conceded merely six times.
- Indeed, Beşiktaş have kept clean sheets in their last four league games and have not conceded since André Moritz's 89th-minute penalty for Kasımpaşa SK on 17 October, 361 minutes ago.
- Nihat Kahveci's opener against Kasımpaşa was his first in 39 games for club and country since scoring twice against the Czech Republic at UEFA EURO 2008™ on 15 June last year. He struck 18 Liga goals for Villarreal CF in 2007/08.
- Mert Nobre is without a goal in 20 games since scoring in the 3-2 win at Hacettepe SK on 7 March.
- Holders Beşiktaş have been drawn with Manisaspor, Kasımpaşa, İstanbul BB and third-tier Konya Şeker SK in Group D of the Turkish Cup.

Injury news

- Rüştü Reçber – out 31 October to 21 November (waist)
- İbrahim Toraman – out 31 October to 7 November (heel, knee) and 7-21 November (heel)
- Uğur İnceman – out 16-21 November (neck)
- Filip Hološko – out since 30 September (broken fibula)
- Rıdvan Şimşek – out since 15 October (groin)
- Nihat Kahveci – out since 31 October (hamstring)
- Hakan Arıkan – out since 13 November (wrist)
- İsmail Köybaşı – out since 18 November (ankle)
- Mustafa Denizli welcomed Rüştü and İbrahim Toraman back into his starting lineup to face Fenerbahçe, with goalscorer İnceman introduced from the bench.
- Hakan Arıkan tore muscles in his left wrist saving a shot in training.
- Sivok picked up a heel injury in training last week but was fit to face Fenerbahçe.
- On 2 October Hološko underwent surgery on the right foot he broke against CSKA on Matchday 2.

International duty

- Saturday 14 November
Turkey 1-3 Switzerland, U21 – İsmail Köybaşı
- Tuesday 17 November
Slovakia 1-2 Chile, friendly – Rodrigo Tello
- Wednesday 18 November
Turkey 0-0 Estonia, U21 – İsmail Köybaşı, Necip Uysal

Miscellaneous

- Matías Delgado, who is not in the UEFA Champions League squad, is back in light training after groin surgery. The midfielder has not played since 9 May.

Squad list

Manchester United FC

| No | Player | Nat. | DoB | Age | D | Current season | | | | | | All-time | | | |
|--------------------|-------------------|------|----------|-----|---|----------------|-----|-----|-----|--------|-----|----------|-----|------|-----|
| | | | | | | UCLQ | | UCL | | League | | UCL | | UEFA | |
| | | | | | | Pld | Gls | Pld | Gls | Pld | Gls | Pld | Gls | Pld | Gls |
| Goalkeepers | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | Edwin van der Sar | NED | 29/10/70 | 39 | - | - | - | 2 | - | 5 | - | 84 | - | 129 | - |
| 12 | Ben Foster | ENG | 03/04/83 | 26 | - | - | - | 1 | - | 8 | - | 2 | - | 2 | - |
| 29 | Tomasz Kuszczak | POL | 20/03/82 | 27 | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | 8 | - | 8 | - |
| 38 | Ron-Robert Zieler | GER | 12/02/89 | 20 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Defenders | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 | Gary Neville | ENG | 18/02/75 | 34 | - | - | - | 3 | - | 3 | - | 106 | 2 | 117 | 2 |
| 3 | Patrice Evra | FRA | 15/05/81 | 28 | - | - | - | 3 | - | 13 | - | 52 | 1 | 61 | 1 |
| 5 | Rio Ferdinand | ENG | 07/11/78 | 31 | - | - | - | 2 | - | 5 | - | 67 | 2 | 87 | 2 |
| 6 | Wes Brown | ENG | 13/10/79 | 30 | - | - | - | 2 | - | 6 | - | 59 | 1 | 62 | 1 |
| 15 | Nemanja Vidić | SRB | 21/10/81 | 28 | * | - | - | 3 | - | 8 | - | 29 | 2 | 44 | 6 |
| 20 | Fabio | BRA | 09/07/90 | 19 | - | - | - | 2 | - | 1 | - | 2 | - | 2 | - |
| 21 | Rafael | BRA | 09/07/90 | 19 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | 4 | - | 4 | - |
| 22 | John O'Shea | IRL | 30/04/81 | 28 | - | - | - | 2 | - | 12 | 1 | 64 | 2 | 70 | 2 |
| 23 | Jonny Evans | NIR | 03/01/88 | 21 | - | - | - | 2 | - | 7 | - | 11 | - | 11 | - |
| Midfielders | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | Owen Hargreaves | ENG | 20/01/81 | 28 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 50 | - | 53 | - |
| 8 | Anderson | BRA | 13/04/88 | 21 | - | - | - | 3 | - | 7 | 1 | 24 | - | 25 | - |
| 11 | Ryan Giggs | WAL | 29/11/73 | 35 | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | 10 | 1 | 116 | 25 | 132 | 27 |
| 13 | Ji-Sung Park | KOR | 25/02/81 | 28 | - | - | - | 1 | - | 3 | - | 36 | 2 | 45 | 3 |
| 16 | Michael Carrick | ENG | 28/07/81 | 28 | - | - | - | 3 | 1 | 11 | 1 | 36 | 3 | 37 | 3 |
| 17 | Nani | POR | 17/11/86 | 23 | - | - | - | 3 | - | 8 | 1 | 27 | 1 | 30 | 1 |
| 18 | Paul Scholes | ENG | 16/11/74 | 35 | - | - | - | 3 | 2 | 8 | - | 111 | 23 | 122 | 25 |
| 24 | Darren Fletcher | SCO | 01/02/84 | 25 | - | - | - | 2 | - | 9 | 3 | 41 | - | 46 | - |
| 25 | Antonio Valencia | ECU | 04/08/85 | 24 | - | - | - | 4 | 2 | 12 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 2 |
| 28 | Darron Gibson | IRL | 25/10/87 | 22 | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | - | 2 | - | 2 | - |
| 31 | Corry Evans | NIR | 30/07/90 | 19 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 33 | Sam Hewson | ENG | 28/11/88 | 20 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Forwards | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 7 | Michael Owen | ENG | 14/12/79 | 29 | - | - | - | 4 | 1 | 10 | 2 | 24 | 8 | 59 | 24 |
| 9 | Dimitar Berbatov | BUL | 30/01/81 | 28 | - | - | - | 3 | - | 11 | 4 | 38 | 11 | 65 | 32 |
| 10 | Wayne Rooney | ENG | 24/10/85 | 24 | - | - | - | 3 | - | 12 | 7 | 49 | 15 | 51 | 16 |
| 19 | Daniel Welbeck | ENG | 26/11/90 | 18 | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 26 | Gabriel Obertan | FRA | 26/02/89 | 20 | - | - | - | 1 | - | 3 | - | 9 | - | 17 | - |
| 27 | Federico Macheda | ITA | 22/08/91 | 18 | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | 1 | - | 1 | - |
| Coach | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| - | Sir Alex Ferguson | SCO | 31/12/41 | 67 | - | - | - | 4 | - | - | - | 157 | - | 233 | - |

Key: Squad list is ordered by position and then numerically

D Disciplinary: * Misses next match if booked, **S** Suspended, **#** Suspended for at least one match

UCLQ¹: Current season total UEFA Champions League appearances in the qualifying rounds and play-offs only

UCL²: Current season total UEFA Champions League appearances from the group stage onwards prior to the current matchday

UCL³: Total appearances in the UEFA Champions League from 1992/93 season, group stage to final only

UEFA⁴: All-time total appearances in UEFA club competitions including all qualifying round matches

Beşiktaş JK

| No | Player | Nat. | DoB | Age | D | Current season | | | | | | All-time | | | |
|--------------------|-------------------|------|----------|-----|---|----------------|-----|-----|-----|--------|-----|----------|-----|------|-----|
| | | | | | | UCLQ | | UCL | | League | | UCL | | UEFA | |
| | | | | | | Pld | Gls | Pld | Gls | Pld | Gls | Pld | Gls | Pld | Gls |
| Goalkeepers | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | Rüştü Reçber | TUR | 10/05/73 | 36 | - | - | - | 2 | - | 6 | - | 22 | - | 60 | - |
| 84 | Hakan Arıkan | TUR | 17/08/82 | 27 | - | - | - | 2 | - | 6 | - | 6 | - | 10 | - |
| 87 | Korcan Çelikay | TUR | 31/12/87 | 21 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Defenders | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 | İsmail Köybaşı | TUR | 10/07/89 | 20 | - | - | - | 2 | - | 7 | 1 | 2 | - | 2 | - |
| 4 | İbrahim Kaş | TUR | 20/09/86 | 23 | - | - | - | 4 | - | 5 | - | 5 | - | 7 | - |
| 6 | Tomáš Sivok | CZE | 15/09/83 | 26 | S | - | - | 4 | - | 11 | - | 14 | - | 28 | 1 |
| 7 | Rıdvan Şimşek | TUR | 17/01/91 | 18 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 19 | İbrahim Üzülmez | TUR | 10/03/74 | 35 | - | - | - | 3 | - | 6 | - | 21 | - | 53 | 2 |
| 27 | Matteo Ferrari | ITA | 05/12/79 | 29 | - | - | - | 4 | - | 11 | - | 18 | - | 40 | - |
| 44 | Erhan Güven | TUR | 15/05/82 | 27 | - | - | - | - | - | 4 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 58 | İbrahim Toraman | TUR | 20/11/81 | 28 | - | - | - | - | - | 5 | - | 6 | - | 31 | 3 |
| Midfielders | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5 | Michael Fink | GER | 01/02/82 | 27 | - | - | - | 2 | - | 11 | 2 | 2 | - | 8 | - |
| 14 | Rodrigo Tello | CHI | 14/10/79 | 30 | - | - | - | 4 | - | 8 | 1 | 15 | 1 | 39 | 2 |
| 15 | Rodrigo Tabata | BRA | 19/11/80 | 29 | - | - | - | 3 | - | 7 | 1 | 3 | - | 3 | - |
| 17 | Ekrem Dağ | TUR | 05/12/80 | 28 | - | - | - | 4 | 1 | 9 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 13 | 2 |
| 18 | Necip Uysal | TUR | 24/01/91 | 18 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 21 | Serdar Özkan | TUR | 01/01/87 | 22 | - | - | - | 3 | - | 7 | - | 9 | - | 16 | 1 |
| 25 | Uğur İnceman | TUR | 25/05/81 | 28 | - | - | - | 2 | - | 9 | 1 | 2 | - | 5 | 1 |
| 26 | Onur Bayramoğlu | TUR | 04/01/90 | 19 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 28 | Fabian Ernst | GER | 30/05/79 | 30 | - | - | - | 3 | - | 11 | 1 | 25 | - | 54 | 2 |
| 29 | Yusuf Şimşek | TUR | 20/07/75 | 34 | - | - | - | 2 | - | 8 | - | 5 | - | 8 | 1 |
| 77 | Erkan Zengin | SWE | 05/08/85 | 24 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 8 | - |
| Forwards | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8 | Nihat Kahveci | TUR | 23/11/79 | 30 | - | - | - | 3 | - | 10 | 1 | 20 | - | 34 | 6 |
| 9 | Batuhan Karadeniz | TUR | 24/04/91 | 18 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3 | - |
| 11 | Mert Nobre | BRA | 06/11/80 | 29 | - | - | - | 4 | - | 10 | - | 17 | 3 | 27 | 6 |
| 13 | Bobô | BRA | 09/01/85 | 24 | - | - | - | 3 | - | 10 | 3 | 9 | 2 | 22 | 7 |
| 23 | Filip Hološko | SVK | 17/01/84 | 25 | - | - | - | 2 | - | 5 | 1 | 2 | - | 20 | 6 |
| Coach | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| - | Mustafa Denizli | TUR | 10/11/49 | 60 | - | - | - | 4 | - | - | - | 14 | - | 34 | - |

Key: Squad list is ordered by position and then numerically

D Disciplinary: * Misses next match if booked, **S** Suspended, **#** Suspended for at least one match

UCLQ¹: Current season total UEFA Champions League appearances in the qualifying rounds and play-offs only

UCL²: Current season total UEFA Champions League appearances from the group stage onwards prior to the current matchday

UCL³: Total appearances in the UEFA Champions League from 1992/93 season, group stage to final only

UEFA⁴: All-time total appearances in UEFA club competitions including all qualifying round matches

Head coach

Manchester United FC: Sir Alex Ferguson

Date of birth: 31 December 1941

Nationality: Scottish

Playing career: Queen's Park FC, Saint Johnstone FC, Dunfermline Athletic FC, Rangers FC, Falkirk FC, Ayr United FC

Coaching career: Falkirk FC, East Stirlingshire FC, Saint Mirren FC, Aberdeen FC, Manchester United FC

- Shot to prominence at Aberdeen by breaking the Old Firm's 14-year stranglehold of the Scottish title in 1980.
- Claimed a first European title three years later when the Dons beat Real Madrid CF to lift the UEFA Cup Winners' Cup – earning him freedom of the City of Aberdeen.
- Replaced Ron Atkinson at Old Trafford in November 1986, and ended United's 26-year wait for an English title in 1993. Has since added ten more championships to a domestic collection which includes five FA Cups and three League Cups.
- Guided United to UEFA Cup Winners' Cup glory with victory against FC Barcelona in 1991, though his greatest achievements are the UEFA Champions League triumphs of 1999 and 2008.
- Knighted in June 1999, Sir Alex is head of the UEFA Coaches Panel.

Beşiktaş JK: Mustafa Denizli

Date of birth: 10 November 1949

Nationality: Turkish

Playing career: Altay GK, Galatasaray AŞ

Coaching career: Galatasaray AŞ (twice), TSV Alemannia Aachen, Kocaelispor, Turkey (twice), Fenerbahçe SK, Manisaspor, Pas FC, Persepolis FC, Beşiktaş JK

- A left-sided forward of some renown in 18 years with local side Altay, Izmir-born Denizli moved to Galatasaray for the final season of his career, 1983/84, but stayed in Istanbul on Jupp Derwall's coaching staff.
- The 33-times capped international succeeded Derwall after the German's retirement, winning his maiden Turkish title in his first full season as Galatasaray coach in 1987/88, and reaching the European Champion Clubs' Cup semi-finals in the next campaign.
- Having won the 1991/92 Turkish Cup in a second spell at Galatasaray, Denizli coached Turkey from 1996 to the finals of UEFA EURO 2000™, where they reached the last eight.
- Became the first Turkish coach to win the title with Fenerbahçe in 2000/01.
- Hired in summer 2008, he led Beşiktaş to a domestic double in his debut season, becoming the first coach to win Süper Lig titles with all three big Istanbul clubs – triumphing in his first full campaign with each.

Match officials

| | |
|------------------------------|--|
| Referee | Stéphane Lannoy (FRA) |
| Assistant referees | Eric Dansault (FRA), Laurent Ugo (FRA) |
| Fourth official | Antony Gautier (FRA) |
| UEFA Delegate | Patrick Comninou (GRE) |
| UEFA Referee observer | Jozef Marko (SVK) |

Referee

| Name | Date of birth | UCL matches * | UEFA matches |
|-----------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| Stéphane Lannoy | 18/09/1969 | 4 | 25 |

• Born in Boulogne-sur-Mer, Stéphane Lannoy is particularly regarded for his physical fitness and ability to communicate with players.

• He broke on to the international scene in March 2006 when he took charge of two UEFA European Under-17 Championship Elite round matches as Germany played the Netherlands and Finland. Fourth official for the 2005/06 UEFA Cup semi-final first leg between FC Steaua Bucureşti and Middlesbrough FC, Lannoy became a regular referee in the competition the next season.

• A buyer in a hypermarket and based in Sailly-sur-la-Lys in northern France, Lannoy was a match official at the 2007 UEFA European Under-21 Championship, taking charge of three matches at the finals and acting as fourth official in a further three games – including the hosts' 4-1 final defeat of Serbia.

• He made his UEFA Champions League group-stage bow as a referee when FC Barcelona took on VfB Stuttgart on Matchday 6 of the 2007/08 edition, also officiating three UEFA Cup games during that campaign.

• Married with three children, Lannoy was fourth official at three games at UEFA EURO 2008™ and also featured at that year's Olympic Games.

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

| Date | Comp. | Stage | Match | Res. | Venue |
|----------|-------|-------|----------------------------|------|--------|
| 29/09/09 | UCL | GS | Arsenal FC - Olympiacos FC | 2-0 | London |

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

| Date | Comp. | Stage | Match | Res. | Venue |
|----------|-------|-------|---------------------------------------|------|------------|
| 10/08/06 | UCUP | QR2 | FK Ventspils - Newcastle United FC | 0-1 | Riga |
| 06/09/06 | U21 | QR | Switzerland - England | 2-3 | Lucerne |
| 16/08/07 | UCUP | QR2 | NK Slaven Kopriwnica - Galatasaray AŞ | 1-2 | Kopriwnica |
| 06/03/08 | UCUP | R16 | Tottenham Hotspur FC - PSV Eindhoven | 0-1 | London |
| 10/09/08 | WC | QR | Turkey - Belgium | 1-1 | Istanbul |
| 19/03/09 | UCUP | R16 | Aalborg BK - Manchester City FC | 2-0 | Aalborg |

* Group stage to final only

Fixtures and results

Manchester United FC

| Date | Competition | Opponent | Result | Goalscorers |
|----------|-------------|--------------------------------|--------|--|
| 16/08/09 | League | Birmingham City FC (H) | W 1-0 | Rooney 34 |
| 19/08/09 | League | Burnley FC (A) | L 0-1 | |
| 22/08/09 | League | Wigan Athletic FC (A) | W 5-0 | Rooney 56, 65, Berbatov 58, Owen 85, Nani 90+2 |
| 29/08/09 | League | Arsenal FC (H) | W 2-1 | Rooney 59 (p), Diaby 64 (og) |
| 12/09/09 | League | Tottenham Hotspur FC (A) | W 3-1 | Giggs 25, Anderson 41, Rooney 78 |
| 20/09/09 | League | Manchester City FC (H) | W 4-3 | Rooney 2, Fletcher 49, 80, Owen 90+6 |
| 23/09/09 | Cup | Wolverhampton Wanderers FC (H) | W 1-0 | Welbeck 66 |
| 26/09/09 | League | Stoke City FC (A) | W 2-0 | Berbatov 62, O'Shea 77 |
| 03/10/09 | League | Sunderland AFC (H) | D 2-2 | Berbatov 51, Ferdinand 90+2 (og) |
| 17/10/09 | League | Bolton Wanderers FC (H) | W 2-1 | Knight 5 (og), Valencia 33 |
| 25/10/09 | League | Liverpool FC (A) | L 0-2 | |
| 27/10/09 | Cup | Barnsley FC (A) | W 2-0 | Welbeck 6, Owen 59 |
| 31/10/09 | League | Blackburn Rovers FC (H) | W 2-0 | Berbatov 55, Rooney 87 |
| 08/11/09 | League | Chelsea FC (A) | L 0-1 | |
| 21/11/09 | League | Everton (H) | W 3-0 | Fletcher 35, Carrick 67, Valencia 76 |
| 28/11/09 | League | Portsmouth FC (A) | | |
| 01/12/09 | Cup | Tottenham Hotspur FC (H) | | |
| 05/12/09 | League | West Ham United FC (A) | | |
| 12/12/09 | League | Aston Villa FC (H) | | |
| 15/12/09 | League | Wolverhampton Wanderers FC (H) | | |
| 19/12/09 | League | Fulham FC (A) | | |
| 27/12/09 | League | Hull City AFC (A) | | |
| 30/12/09 | League | Wigan Athletic FC (H) | | |
| 09/01/10 | League | Birmingham City FC (A) | | |
| 16/01/10 | League | Burnley FC (H) | | |
| 26/01/10 | League | Hull City AFC (H) | | |
| 31/01/10 | League | Arsenal FC (A) | | |
| 06/02/10 | League | Portsmouth FC (H) | | |
| 10/02/10 | League | Aston Villa FC (A) | | |
| 20/02/10 | League | Everton (A) | | |
| 27/02/10 | League | West Ham United FC (H) | | |
| 06/03/10 | League | Wolverhampton Wanderers FC (A) | | |
| 13/03/10 | League | Fulham FC (H) | | |
| 20/03/10 | League | Liverpool FC (H) | | |
| 27/03/10 | League | Bolton Wanderers FC (A) | | |

| Pos. | Clubs | Pld | W | D | L | GF | GA | Pts |
|----------|-----------------------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1 | Chelsea FC | 13 | 11 | 0 | 2 | 33 | 8 | 33 |
| 2 | Manchester United FC | 13 | 9 | 1 | 3 | 26 | 12 | 28 |
| 3 | Arsenal FC | 12 | 8 | 1 | 3 | 36 | 15 | 25 |
| 4 | Tottenham Hotspur FC | 13 | 8 | 1 | 4 | 32 | 18 | 25 |
| 5 | Aston Villa FC | 13 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 21 | 13 | 22 |
| 6 | Manchester City FC | 12 | 5 | 6 | 1 | 23 | 16 | 21 |
| 7 | Liverpool FC | 13 | 6 | 2 | 5 | 29 | 20 | 20 |
| 8 | Sunderland AFC | 13 | 6 | 2 | 5 | 21 | 19 | 20 |
| 9 | Stoke City FC | 13 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 13 | 15 | 19 |
| 10 | Burnley FC | 13 | 5 | 2 | 6 | 16 | 26 | 17 |
| 11 | Blackburn Rovers FC | 12 | 5 | 1 | 6 | 16 | 25 | 16 |
| 12 | Fulham FC | 12 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 14 | 15 | 15 |
| 13 | Birmingham City FC | 13 | 4 | 3 | 6 | 11 | 14 | 15 |
| 14 | Everton | 12 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 15 | 20 | 15 |
| 15 | Wigan Athletic FC | 13 | 4 | 2 | 7 | 14 | 31 | 14 |
| 16 | Hull City AFC | 13 | 3 | 3 | 7 | 13 | 28 | 12 |
| 17 | West Ham United FC | 13 | 2 | 5 | 6 | 19 | 23 | 11 |
| 18 | Bolton Wanderers FC | 12 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 15 | 26 | 11 |
| 19 | Wolverhampton Wanderers FC | 13 | 2 | 4 | 7 | 12 | 26 | 10 |
| 20 | Portsmouth FC | 13 | 2 | 1 | 10 | 10 | 19 | 7 |

Beşiktaş JK

| Date | Competition | Opponent | Result | Goalscorers |
|----------|-------------|-----------------------|--------|-----------------------------------|
| 07/08/09 | League | Istanbul BB SK (A) | D 1-1 | Fink 29 |
| 17/08/09 | League | Antalyaspor (H) | W 2-0 | Hološko 73, Tello 79 |
| 22/08/09 | League | Gençlerbirliği SK (A) | D 0-0 | |
| 28/08/09 | League | Gaziantepspor (H) | D 0-0 | |
| 12/09/09 | League | Galatasaray AŞ (A) | L 0-3 | |
| 19/09/09 | League | Kayserispor (H) | L 0-1 | |
| 25/09/09 | League | Ankaraspor AŞ (A) | W 3-0 | Match forfeited |
| 03/10/09 | League | Denizlispor (H) | W 1-0 | Rodrigo Tabata 49 |
| 17/10/09 | League | Kasimpasa SK (H) | W 2-1 | Nihat Kahveci 8, Bobô 37 |
| 24/10/09 | League | Eskisehirspor (A) | W 1-0 | Ekrem Dağ 83 |
| 31/10/09 | League | MKE Ankaragücü (H) | W 1-0 | İsmail Köybaşı 16 |
| 07/11/09 | League | Trabzonspor (A) | W 2-0 | Ernst 48, Bobô 90+3 |
| 21/11/09 | League | Fenerbahçe SK (H) | W 3-0 | Fink 55, Bobô 57, Uğur İnceman 83 |
| 29/11/09 | League | Sivasspor (A) | | |
| 04/12/09 | League | Diyarbakirspor (H) | | |
| 13/12/09 | League | Manisaspor (A) | | |
| 18/12/09 | League | Bursaspor (H) | | |
| 24/01/10 | League | Istanbul BB SK (H) | | |
| 31/01/10 | League | Antalyaspor (A) | | |
| 07/02/10 | League | Gençlerbirliği SK (H) | | |
| 14/02/10 | League | Gaziantepspor (A) | | |
| 21/02/10 | League | Galatasaray AŞ (H) | | |
| 28/02/10 | League | Kayserispor (A) | | |
| 07/03/10 | League | Ankaraspor AŞ (H) | | |
| 14/03/10 | League | Denizlispor (A) | | |
| 21/03/10 | League | Kasimpasa SK (A) | | |
| 28/03/10 | League | Eskisehirspor (H) | | |
| 04/04/10 | League | MKE Ankaragücü (A) | | |
| 11/04/10 | League | Trabzonspor (H) | | |
| 18/04/10 | League | Fenerbahçe SK (A) | | |
| 25/04/10 | League | Sivasspor (H) | | |
| 01/05/10 | League | Diyarbakirspor (A) | | |
| 08/05/10 | League | Manisaspor (H) | | |

| Pos. | Clubs | Pld | W | D | L | GF | GA | Pts |
|----------|--------------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| 1 | Fenerbahçe SK | 13 | 10 | 1 | 2 | 25 | 10 | 31 |
| 2 | Galatasaray AŞ | 13 | 9 | 2 | 2 | 31 | 17 | 29 |
| 3 | Beşiktaş JK | 13 | 8 | 3 | 2 | 16 | 6 | 27 |
| 4 | Bursaspor | 13 | 8 | 2 | 3 | 27 | 12 | 26 |
| 5 | Kayserispor | 13 | 7 | 4 | 2 | 21 | 10 | 25 |
| 6 | Gençlerbirliği SK | 13 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 20 | 13 | 22 |
| 7 | Eskisehirspor | 13 | 5 | 6 | 2 | 17 | 11 | 21 |
| 8 | Istanbul BB SK | 13 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 15 | 21 | 21 |
| 9 | Trabzonspor | 13 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 24 | 19 | 18 |
| 10 | Gaziantepspor | 13 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 17 | 16 | 18 |
| 11 | Antalyaspor | 13 | 5 | 2 | 6 | 17 | 16 | 17 |
| 12 | MKE Ankaragücü | 13 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 17 | 16 | 14 |
| 13 | Manisaspor | 13 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 11 | 14 | 14 |
| 14 | Kasimpasa SK | 13 | 3 | 3 | 7 | 16 | 22 | 12 |
| 15 | Diyarbakirspor | 13 | 3 | 3 | 7 | 12 | 23 | 12 |
| 16 | Sivasspor | 13 | 3 | 1 | 9 | 14 | 23 | 10 |
| 17 | Denizlispor | 13 | 1 | 4 | 8 | 10 | 22 | 7 |
| 18 | Ankaraspor AŞ | 13 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 0 | 39 | 0 |

Match-by-match lineups

Group B

Standings

| Club | Pld | W | D | L | GF | GA | Pts |
|----------------------|-----|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| Manchester United FC | 4 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 4 | 10 |
| VfL Wolfsburg | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 3 | 7 |
| PFC CSKA Moskva | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 8 | 4 |
| Beşiktaş JK | 4 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 1 |

Matchday 1 (15/09/09)

Beşiktaş JK 0-1 Manchester United FC

Goals: 0-1 Scholes 77

Beşiktaş JK: Hakan Arıkan, İbrahim Kaş, Sivok, Mert Nobre, Rodrigo Tabata (Tello 66), Ekrem Dağ, İbrahim Üzülmez, Serdar Özkan (Yusuf Şimşek 58), Hološko (Nihat Kahveci 83), Ferrari, Ernst

Manchester United FC: Foster, Neville, Evra, Anderson, Rooney (Owen 63), Vidić, Carrick (Berbatov 63), Nani, Scholes, Evans, Valencia (Park 83)

Matchday 2 (30/09/09)

PFC CSKA Moskva 2-1 Beşiktaş JK

Goals: 1-0 Dzagoev 7, 2-0 Krsić 61, 2-1 Ekrem Dağ 90+2

Beşiktaş JK: Rüştü Reçber, İsmail Köybaşı, İbrahim Kaş, Sivok, Nihat Kahveci (Serdar Özkan 73), Mert Nobre, Tello (Bobô 75), Ekrem Dağ, Hološko (Yusuf Şimşek 34), Ferrari, Ernst

Manchester United FC 2-1 VfL Wolfsburg

Goals: 0-1 Džeko 56, 1-1 Giggs 59, 2-1 Carrick 78

Manchester United FC: Kuszczak, Evra, Ferdinand, Owen (Berbatov 20), Anderson, Rooney, Giggs, Vidić, Carrick, O'Shea, Valencia (Fletcher 82)

Matchday 3 (21/10/09)

PFC CSKA Moskva 0-1 Manchester United FC

Goals: 0-1 Valencia 86

Manchester United FC: van der Sar, Neville, Ferdinand (Brown 57), Anderson, Berbatov, Vidić, Nani, Scholes (Owen 71), Fabio (Carrick 88), O'Shea, Valencia

VfL Wolfsburg 0-0 Beşiktaş JK

Beşiktaş JK: Rüştü Reçber, İbrahim Kaş, Fink (Uğur Inceman 87), Sivok, Nihat Kahveci, Bobô (Mert Nobre 88), Tello (Rodrigo Tabata 81), Ekrem Dağ, İbrahim Üzülmez, Ferrari, Ernst

Matchday 4 (03/11/09)

Manchester United FC 3-3 PFC CSKA Moskva

Goals: 0-1 Dzagoev 25, 1-1 Owen 29, 1-2 Krsić 31, 1-3 V. Berezutski 47, 2-3 Scholes 84, 3-3 Valencia 90+2

Manchester United FC: van der Sar, Neville, Brown, Owen, Nani (Rooney 58), Scholes, Fabio (Evra 59), Evans, Fletcher, Valencia, Macheda (Obertan 82)

Beşiktaş JK 0-3 VfL Wolfsburg

Goals: 0-1 Misimović 14, 0-2 Gentner 80, 0-3 Džeko 87

Beşiktaş JK: Hakan Arıkan, İbrahim Kaş, Fink, Sivok, Bobô, Rodrigo Tabata (Mert Nobre 69), Ekrem Dağ, İbrahim Üzülmez (İsmail Köybaşı 78), Serdar Özkan (Tello 46), Uğur Inceman, Ferrari

Matchday 5 (25/11/09)

Manchester United FC v Beşiktaş JK

Matchday 6 (08/12/09)

VfL Wolfsburg v Manchester United FC

Beşiktaş JK v PFC CSKA Moskva

Competition facts

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

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

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

S.S. Lazio goalkeeper Marco Ballotta became the oldest player to compete in the UEFA Champions League in 2007/08 when he featured against Olympiacos CFP on Matchday 1 at the age of 43 years and 168 days. The record was previously held by Alessandro Costacurta, the AC Milan defender who played against AEK Athens FC in the 2006/07 season at the age of 40 years and 211 days. Ballotta was aged 43 years 252 days when he featured against Real Madrid CF on Matchday 6.

Laurent Blanc is the oldest player to score in the competition, aged 36 years and 339 days, having found the net for Manchester United FC in their 3-2 defeat of Olympiacos CFP on 23 October 2002.

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

Barcelona, Manchester United and Milan have all finished as group winners on ten occasions, one more than Real Madrid and Juventus.

Four teams have recorded six successive victories in a UEFA Champions League group stage: Milan (1992/93), Paris Saint-Germain FC (1994/95), FC Spartak Moskva (1995/96) and Barcelona (2002/03, first group stage).

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

Manchester United scored 20 goals in the 1998/99 group stage, more than any other side has managed. Barcelona scored 19 times in the 1999/2000 first group stage.

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

No team has ever gone through a UEFA Champions League group stage without conceding a goal. Milan (1992/93), AFC Ajax (1995/96), Juventus (1996/97 and 2004/05), Chelsea FC (2005/06), Liverpool FC (2005/06) and Villarreal CF (2005/06) all let in just one.

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

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

Team facts

Manchester United FC

Formed: 1878

Nickname: The Red Devils

UEFA club competition honours (runners-up in brackets)

- European Champion Clubs' Cup (3): 1968, 1999, 2008, (2009)
- UEFA Cup Winners' Cup (1): 1991
- UEFA Super Cup: 1991, (1999), (2008)

Domestic honours (most recent triumph in brackets)

League title: 18 (2009)

FA Cup: 11 (2004)

League Cup: 3 (2009)

Ten-year European record (UEFA Champions League unless indicated otherwise)

2008/09: runners-up

2007/08: winners

2006/07: semi-finals

2005/06: group stage

2004/05: first knockout round

2003/04: first knockout round

2002/03: quarter-finals

2001/02: semi-finals

2000/01: quarter-finals

1999/00: quarter-finals

Records

UEFA club competition

- Biggest home win

10-0: Manchester United v RSC Anderlecht

26/09/56, European Champion Clubs' Cup preliminary round second leg

- Biggest away win

0-6: Shamrock Rovers FC v Manchester United

25/09/57, European Champion Clubs' Cup preliminary round first leg

- Heaviest home defeat

2-3: Manchester United v RC Deportivo La Coruña

17/10/01, UEFA Champions League first group stage

2-3: Manchester United v Real Madrid CF

19/04/00, UEFA Champions League quarter-finals second leg

United have lost 0-1 on five occasions, most recently v AC Milan (23/02/05, UEFA Champions League first knockout round first leg)

- Heaviest away defeat

5-0: Sporting Clube de Portugal v Manchester United

18/03/64, UEFA Cup Winners' Cup quarter-finals second leg

UEFA Champions League (group stage to final only)

- Biggest home win

7-1: Manchester United v AS Roma

10/04/07, quarter-finals second leg

- Biggest away win

2-6: Brøndby IF v Manchester United

21/10/98, group stage

- Heaviest home defeat

2-3: Manchester United v RC Deportivo La Coruña (see above for details)

2-3: Manchester United v Real Madrid CF (see above for details)

United have lost 0-1 on five occasions, most recently v AC Milan (see above for details)

- Heaviest away defeat
4-0: FC Barcelona v Manchester United
02/11/94, group stage

Beşiktaş JK

Formed: 1903

Nickname: Kara Kartal (The Black Eagles)

UEFA club competition honours (runners-up in brackets)

- None

Domestic honours (most recent triumph in brackets)

League title: 13 (2009)

Turkish Cup: 8 (2009)

Ten-year European record (UEFA Champions League unless otherwise indicated)

2008/09: UEFA Cup first round

2007/08: group stage

2006/07: UEFA Cup group stage

2005/06: UEFA Cup group stage

2004/05: UEFA Cup group stage

2003/04: group stage

2002/03: UEFA Cup quarter-finals

2001/02: did not compete in UEFA club competition

2000/01: first group stage

1999/00: second qualifying round

Records

UEFA club competition

- Biggest home win

5-1: Beşiktaş v FC Vaduz

25/08/05, UEFA Cup second qualifying round second leg

4-0: Beşiktaş JK v NK Široki Brijeg

28/08/08, UEFA Cup second qualifying round second leg

- Biggest away win

0-5: FK Sarejevo v Beşiktaş

03/10/02, UEFA Cup first round second leg

- Heaviest home defeat

0-5: Beşiktaş v FC Dynamo Kyiv

14/03/87, European Champion Clubs' Cup quarter-finals first leg

- Heaviest away defeat

8-0: Liverpool FC v Beşiktaş

06/11/2007, UEFA Champions League group stage

UEFA Champions League (group stage to final only)

- Biggest home win

3-0: Beşiktaş v FC Barcelona

19/09/00, first group stage

- Biggest away win

0-2: Chelsea FC v Beşiktaş

01/10/2003, group stage

- Heaviest home defeat

0-3: Beşiktaş v VfL Wolfsburg

03/11/09, group stage

- Heaviest away defeat

8-0: Liverpool FC v Beşiktaş (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 Europa League, the UEFA Cup, the UEFA Super Cup (1973-to date), 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.

:: 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

ECCL: 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

WWC: FIFA Women's World Cup • **WCHAMP:** UEFA European Women's 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

ELITE: Elite round

P-O 3rd: Third place play-off

GS - FT: Group stage - Final tournament

QR3: Third qualifying round

R1: First round

R2: Second round

R3: Third round

R4: Fourth round

SF: Semi-finals

R16: Second knockout round

R32: Round of 32

1st: first leg

2nd: second leg

P-O: Play-off

(R): Replay

PO - FT: Play-off for Final Tournament

Prom/Rel P-O: Promotion/Relegation play-off

N/a: Not Applicable

:: Other Abbreviations

aet: Match decided after extra time

No.: Number

aetps: Match decided after extra time

o.g.: Own goal

ag: Match decided on away goals

agg: Aggregate

AP: Appearances

Comp.: Competition

D: Drawn

DoB: Date of birth

GA: Goals against

GF: Goals for

L: Lost

Nat.: Nationality

N/a: Not Applicable

(p): Penalty

Pld: Matches played

Pos.: Position

Pts: Points

R: Sent off (red card)

Res.: Result

t: Match decided by toss of coin

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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