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FC Unirea Urziceni



Rangers FC

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Group G - Matchday 4

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Match background

Previous meetings

UEFA Champions League

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
20/10/09	GS	Rangers FC - FC Unirea Urziceni	1-4	Glasgow	Ricardo Vilana 2(og); Bilasco 32, Lafferty 49(og), Brandán 65, McCulloch 59(og)

	Home				Away				Final				Total					
	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
FC Unirea Urziceni	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	4	1
Rangers FC	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	4

FC Unirea Urziceni - record versus clubs from opponents' country

None

Rangers FC - record versus clubs from opponents' country

UEFA Champions League

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
22/11/95	GS	Rangers FC - FC Steaua Bucureşti	1-1	Glasgow	Gascoigne 33; Ilie 55
13/09/95	GS	FC Steaua Bucureşti - Rangers FC	1-0	Bucharest	Prodan 85

European Champion Clubs' Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
16/03/88	QF	Rangers FC - FC Steaua Bucureşti	2-1 agg: 2-3	Glasgow	Gough 16, McCoist 32(p); Lăcătuş 3
02/03/88	QF	FC Steaua Bucureşti - Rangers FC	2-0	Bucharest	Piturca 2, Iovan 67

UEFA Cup Winners' Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
01/10/69	R1	FC Steaua Bucureşti - Rangers FC	0-0 agg: 0-2	Bucharest	
17/09/69	R1	Rangers FC - FC Steaua Bucureşti	2-0	Glasgow	Johnston 40, 43

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
FC Unirea Urziceni	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	4	1
Rangers FC	4	2	1	1	3	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	7	2	2	3	6	9

Rangers FC have made three visits to Romania for competitive games and are yet to score a goal. Consecutive 4-1 home defeats have left the Scottish champions with it all to do to stay in Group G contention, while the Romanian titleholders have climbed up to second position thanks to their first win in UEFA club competition on Matchday 3 and will be aiming to consolidate that at the Steaua Stadium.

- Unirea had drawn two and lost two of their first four European matches prior to their visit to Glasgow and made the worst possible start when Ricardo Vilana's own goal gave Rangers a second-minute lead. Marius Bilasco equalised, however, and after Daniel Tudor had saved Steven Davis's penalty the second period began with both Rangers substitute Kyle Lafferty and team-mate Lee McCulloch scoring for Unirea. Pablo Brandán added a fourth to leave Walter Smith's team bottom of the standings with one point from three outings.

Match background

- Before the Ibrox meeting, Rangers had played six competitive fixtures with Romanian opponents, all against FC Steaua Bucureşti. There is much scope for improvement in their away record because they failed to score in any of the three games.

- Rangers lost twice to Steaua, 2-0 in the 1987/88 European Champion Clubs' Cup quarter-finals – with Ally McCoist and Ian Durrant, now on their coaching staff, both playing – and 1-0 in the 1995/96 UEFA Champions League group stage. Their first visit to the Romanian capital, in the 1969/70 UEFA Cup Winners' Cup first round, ended 0-0.
- Unirea had never faced a Scottish team in a UEFA club fixture prior to Matchday 3.
- The Romanian club are in only their second season in UEFA competition and are still to win at home, losing 2-0 against Hamburger SV in last season's UEFA Cup first round and drawing 1-1 with VfB Stuttgart on Matchday 2.
- Rangers' last away win in the UEFA Champions League group stage came with a 3-0 triumph at Olympique Lyonnais on 2 October 2007. They have since lost two away games and drawn the other, at Stuttgart on Matchday 1, in the competition proper.

Team ties

- Unirea coach Dan Petrescu played for Romania against Scotland in the Steaua Stadium in October 1991, a UEFA European Championship qualifier that ended 1-0 to the home team. He also played in Glasgow 13 months previously with Scotland winning 2-1, current Rangers assistant manager McCoist scoring the winner.
- Petrescu scored for Chelsea FC in a 3-1 victory against Everton FC at Stamford Bridge in May 1999, during Rangers manager Smith's first season in charge of the Merseyside club.
- Smith got a measure of revenge in 2000/01 as Everton beat a Bradford City AFC side featuring Petrescu 1-0 at Valley Parade in November 2000.
- For the past two summers Unirea have had a pre-season tour of Scotland. This year they played Celtic FC behind closed doors, drawing 1-1, and defeated Greenock Morton FC 3-1. Elsewhere on that tour Unirea lost 2-1 to English side Plymouth Argyle FC at Balgray Playing Fields in Glasgow and beat Ayr United FC 2-1.
- In 2008 Unirea drew 2-2 with Celtic and 1-1 with Livingston FC, as well as beating Saint Johnstone FC 4-0 and Motherwell FC 2-1.

Match facts

Unirea

UEFA milestones

- Unirea's win on Matchday 3 was their first in UEFA competition following two draws and two defeats.

UEFA Champions League statistics

- Unirea have won six corners to date, the joint lowest total in the competition along with PFC CSKA Moskva.
- Pablo Brandán has committed ten fouls in the first three matches, the joint highest total in the competition.
- Vasile Maffei's next booking will incur a one-match suspension.

Latest domestic information

- **Saturday 31 October: FC Unirea Urziceni 3-2 FC Universitatea Craiova (Frunza 27 62, Bilasco 90+2; Costea 54, Wobay 71)**
Arlauskis; Maffei, Galamaz, Fernandes (Nicu 49), Brandán; Vilana, Apostol, Bălan; Frunză (Onofraş 83), Dănălache (Bilasco 76), Varga.
- Unirea had never beaten Craiova at home before Saturday while Sorin Frunză's goals were his first in 33 Liga 1 games, since scoring against AS Gaz Metan Medias in August 2008.
- Dan Petrescu's side ended a run of three Liga 1 games without a win, their most barren spell since the middle of last season when they drew three and lost one either side of the winter break, a sequence that began in November and ended in March. Unirea then won ten of their subsequent 15 games en route to the title.
- It was only the third time in 12 Liga 1 outings this season the Romanian champions have scored more than once.
- A very different Unirea team were knocked out of the Romanian Cup on 27 October as Ersin Mehmedović's 12th-minute own goal earned visitors FC Braşov a 1-0 win in the last 16.
- Only two of the side that beat Rangers on Matchday 3 were in the starting XI: Marius Ioan Bilasco and stand-in goalkeeper Daniel Tudor.
- Unirea were held at CS Pandurii Lignitul Târgu Jiu on 24 October, leaving them without a victory in three Liga 1 outings away from home though they did win 4-1 in Glasgow during that run.

- Although they have twice been breached in the first five minutes in the UEFA Champions League, Unirea are yet to concede in the opening half-hour of a Liga 1 game this term.
- Unirea are below par for this stage of the season. They have accrued 21 points, compared to 27 (2008/09) and 26 (2007/08) after 12 games in the past two campaigns.
- The 2-1 defeat by SC Vaslui on 16 October was Unirea's first home defeat in all competitions this season, their first at home in the league in 17 matches since losing 1-0 to FC Politehnica Iași on 6 October 2008.

Injury news

- Dinu Todoran – out 16-24 October (head)
- Giedrius Arlauskis – out 18-31 October (back)
- Raul Rusescu – out since 1 October (knee)
- Bruno Fernandes limped off early in the second half against Craiova having damaged his right thigh.

Miscellaneous

- Daniel Munteanu (from Vaslui) and Laurentiu Marinescu (FC Petrolul Ploiești) joined Unirea during the summer but neither were included in their UEFA Champions League squad.

Rangers

UEFA milestones

- Matchday 3 marked Rangers' 150th game in the European Champion Clubs' Cup.

UEFA Champions League statistics

- The Scottish champions have conceded nine goals, the joint highest total in the competition with Debreceni VSC.
- Steven Naismith's next yellow card will incur a one-match suspension.

Latest domestic information

• Sunday 1 November: Dundee United FC v Rangers FC (match abandoned)

McGregor; Whittaker, Weir, Wilson, Papac; Naismith, Davis, Thomson, Lafferty; Miller, Boyd.

- Rangers were leading through Steven Davis's 29th-minute goal at Tannadice when the match was abandoned at half-time because of a waterlogged pitch, cutting short Danny Wilson's league debut at centre-back.
- On 27 October Rangers progressed to the Scottish League Cup semi-finals as efforts from Steven Whittaker and John Fleck – either side of Gary MacKenzie's own goal – earned a 3-1 victory at First Division side Dundee FC.
- Walter Smith had made seven changes to the side that drew 1-1 with Hibernian FC on 24 October, with Wilson and Jordan McMillan both handed club debuts. There were also rare starts for Neil Alexander, Nacho Novo, Fleck and DaMarcus Beasley, the latter lasting 74 minutes on his first appearance of the season.
- The victory maintains Smith's record of only losing one domestic cup tie – against Celtic FC in last season's League Cup final – since replacing Paul Le Guen in January 2007.
- The Dundee victory prolonged Rangers' unbeaten away record in 2009, winning 12 out of 18 on their travels.
- The 4-1 home defeats by Sevilla FC and Unirea are Rangers' only reverses since Celtic's extra-time victory in last season's League Cup final on 15 March. Smith's side have not lost a domestic match over 90 minutes in 25 outings.

Injury news

- Kevin Thomson – out 23-27 October (shoulder)
- Kirk Broadfoot – out since 15 March (foot)
- Maurice Edu – out since 24 May (knee)
- Andrew Little – out since 4 October (hamstring)
- Madjid Bougherra – out since 19 October (knee)
- Pedro Mendes – out since 20 October (thigh)
- Lee McCulloch – out since 24 October (thigh)
- McCulloch is nearing full fitness while Broadfoot and Edu have returned to training with the rest of the squad.
- Little made his first start for Rangers in the 2-1 win against Celtic FC on 4 October but lasted just 14 minutes before injury forced him off.

Miscellaneous

- Pedro Mendes will hope to feature on 14 and 18 November when Portugal take on Bosnia-Herzegovina in the 2010 FIFA World Cup play-offs.

Squad list

FC Unirea Urziceni

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	Giedrius Arlauskis	LTU	01/12/87	21	-	-	-	2	-	8	-	2	-	4	-
74	Daniel Tudor	ROU	01/06/74	35	-	-	-	1	-	3	-	1	-	3	-
Defenders															
6	George Galamaz	ROU	05/04/81	28	-	-	-	3	-	9	1	3	-	18	-
16	Epaminonda Nicu	ROU	17/12/79	29	-	-	-	2	-	10	-	2	-	4	-
19	Pablo Brandán	ARG	05/03/83	26	-	-	-	3	1	10	-	3	1	4	1
22	Bruno Fernandes	POR	06/11/78	30	-	-	-	2	-	9	-	2	-	2	-
23	Valeriu Bordeanu	ROU	02/02/77	32	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	12	1
24	Vasile Maftel	ROU	01/01/81	28	*	-	-	3	-	9	1	3	-	36	1
Midfielders															
4	Ersin Mehmedović	SRB	10/05/81	28	-	-	-	1	-	4	-	1	-	5	-
5	Dinu Todoran	ROU	08/09/78	31	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	6	1
8	Sorin Paraschiv	ROU	17/06/81	28	-	-	-	1	-	10	-	7	-	46	4
9	Serban Dacian Varga	ROU	15/10/84	25	-	-	-	3	1	5	1	3	1	3	1
10	Răzvan Pădurețu	ROU	19/06/81	28	-	-	-	2	-	8	1	2	-	6	-
18	Ricardo Vilana	BRA	18/07/81	28	-	-	-	3	-	6	-	3	-	3	-
21	Tiberiu Bălan	ROU	17/02/81	28	-	-	-	3	-	6	-	3	-	5	-
30	Sorin Frunză	ROU	28/08/78	31	-	-	-	3	-	12	2	3	-	4	-
32	Iulian Apostol	ROU	03/12/80	28	-	-	-	3	-	7	2	3	-	10	1
Forwards															
7	Marius Ioan Bilasco	ROU	13/07/81	28	-	-	-	3	1	9	3	3	1	5	1
11	Marius Onofraș	ROU	17/08/80	29	-	-	-	2	-	6	2	2	-	5	-
14	Raul Rusescu	ROU	09/07/88	21	-	-	-	1	-	8	1	1	-	1	-
17	António Semedo	POR	01/06/79	30	-	-	-	1	-	5	-	7	-	9	-
Coach															
-	Dan Petrescu	ROU	22/12/67	41	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	3	-	8	-

Key: Squad list is ordered by position and then numerically

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Rangers FC

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						UCLQ		UCL		League		UCL		UEFA	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers															
1	Allan McGregor	SCO	31/01/82	27	-	-	-	3	-	9	-	9	-	29	-
25	Neil Alexander	SCO	10/03/78	31	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
41	Scott Gallacher	SCO	15/07/89	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
60	Grant Adam	SCO	16/04/91	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders															
3	David Weir	SCO	10/05/70	39	-	-	-	2	-	9	-	8	-	34	1
5	Saša Papac	BIH	07/02/80	29	-	-	-	3	-	7	1	9	-	48	1
16	Steven Whittaker	SCO	16/06/84	25	-	-	-	3	-	9	2	6	-	22	1
21	Kirk Broadfoot	SCO	08/08/84	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	-
24	Madjid Bougherra	ALG	07/10/82	27	-	-	-	2	1	5	-	2	1	2	1
26	Steven Smith	SCO	30/08/85	24	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	1	-	7	-
42	Alan Lowing	SCO	07/01/88	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
47	Jordan McMillan	SCO	16/10/88	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
66	Danny Wilson	SCO	27/12/91	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Midfielders															
2	Maurice Edu	USA	18/04/86	23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4	Pedro Mendes	POR	26/02/79	30	-	-	-	3	-	4	-	13	-	13	-
6	Lee McCulloch	SCO	14/05/78	31	-	-	-	3	-	8	2	8	1	21	1
7	Steven Davis	NIR	01/01/85	24	-	-	-	3	-	8	-	3	-	12	1
8	Kevin Thomson	SCO	14/10/84	25	-	-	-	3	-	5	-	8	-	26	1
11	Jérôme Rothen	FRA	31/03/78	31	-	-	-	3	-	4	-	17	1	42	4
20	DaMarcus Beasley	USA	24/05/82	27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20	4	25	6
29	John Fleck	SCO	24/08/91	18	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-
43	Steven Lennon	SCO	20/01/88	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
44	Paul Emslie	SCO	13/03/88	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
51	Stephen Stirling	SCO	05/01/90	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
52	Andrew Shinnie	SCO	17/07/89	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
64	Kyle Hutton	SCO	05/02/91	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
67	Jamie Ness	SCO	02/03/91	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
69	Gregg Wylde	SCO	23/03/91	18	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Forwards															
9	Kris Boyd	SCO	18/08/83	26	-	-	-	1	-	9	5	4	-	19	3
10	Nacho Novo	ESP	26/03/79	30	-	-	-	3	1	7	-	10	1	44	15
14	Steven Naismith	SCO	14/09/86	23	*	-	-	3	-	9	1	6	-	7	-
18	Kenny Miller	SCO	23/12/79	29	-	-	-	2	-	9	4	11	4	17	4
27	Kyle Lafferty	NIR	16/09/87	22	-	-	-	1	-	3	-	1	-	2	-
45	Rory Loy	SCO	19/03/88	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
48	Andrew Little	NIR	12/05/89	20	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
63	Archie Campbell	SCO	10/01/91	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coach															
-	Walter Smith	SCO	24/02/48	61	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	27	-	72	-

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Head coach

FC Unirea Urziceni: Dan Petrescu

Date of birth: 22 December 1967

Nationality: Romanian

Playing career: FC Steaua București, FC Olt Scornicești, US Foggia, Genoa CFC, Sheffield Wednesday FC, Chelsea FC, Bradford City AFC, Southampton FC, FC National București

Coaching career: FC Rapid București, FC Sportul Studențesc, Wisła Kraków, AFC Unirea Urziceni

- The left-back won a Romanian title with Steaua in 1985/86 and then domestic doubles in both subsequent campaigns, playing in their 4-0 1988/89 European Champion Clubs' Cup final defeat by AC Milan.
- After a season with Genoa, a good 1994 FIFA World Cup campaign saw him move from Italy to England, where he shone at Sheffield Wednesday prior to a five-season spell at Chelsea, who he joined in 1995.
- Petrescu's Stamford Bridge haul included an FA Cup and a League Cup as well as the 1997/98 UEFA Cup Winners' Cup and the UEFA Super Cup; he named one of his three daughters Chelsea in the club's honour.
- Having played well into his 30s, the 95-times capped Petrescu had a brief spell as Rapid coach, led Bucharest neighbours Sportul Studențesc for a while and finished second in Poland with Wisła in 2005/06.
- Hired by promoted Unirea in 2006, his side – who he nicknamed 'the Chelsea of Ialomita County' – were beaten Romanian Cup finalists in 2007/08 before romping to the 2008/09 title.

Rangers FC: Walter Smith

Date of birth: 24 February 1948

Nationality: Scottish

Playing career: Dundee United FC (twice), Dumbarton FC

Coaching career: Rangers FC (twice), Everton FC, Scotland

- Former defender Smith assisted Jim McLean as Dundee United won the 1982/83 Scottish title and was Sir Alex Ferguson's deputy as Scotland reached the 1986 FIFA World Cup finals.
- Came home from Mexico to a new job as Graeme Souness's assistant at Rangers and was given sole command of the club he supported as a boy in April 1991, winning the Scottish title in each of his first seven seasons in charge, including a domestic treble in 1993.
- He managed Everton from summer 1998 until March 2002, then briefly assisted Sir Alex at Manchester United FC before becoming Scotland coach in December 2004.
- Having helped Scotland rise 70 places in the FIFA rankings, he returned to Rangers in January 2007, leading them to defeat by FC Zenit St. Petersburg in the 2007/08 UEFA Cup final before winning a league and Scottish Cup double in 2008/09.
- His haul over two spells at Rangers comprises eight league titles, five Scottish Cups and four Scottish League Cups.

Match officials

Referee	Claus Bo Larsen (DEN)
Assistant referees	Henrik Sønderby (DEN), Torben Jensen (DEN)
Fourth official	Thomas Vejlgaard (DEN)
UEFA Delegate	Danilo Filacchione (ITA)
UEFA Referee observer	Neale Barry (ENG)

Referee

Name	Date of birth	UCL matches *	UEFA matches
Claus Bo Larsen	28/10/1965	31	84

• Very little gets past Danish referee Claus Bo Larsen although you would expect nothing else from a man who works as a customs clearance manager.

• Born on 28 October 1965 in Odense, Larsen started refereeing at 16, made his domestic debut in 1991 and earned his FIFA badge in 1996. He cut his international teeth in qualifiers for youth championships and has since presided over games in all UEFA club competitions, including the now defunct UEFA Cup Winners' Cup.

• Having taken charge of the 1998 Danish Cup final, the following summer he was in Nigeria for the FIFA U-20 World Cup. A keen table-tennis player, Larsen officiated at the 2004 Olympic Games and was chosen for the 2004/05 UEFA Cup semi-final between AZ Alkmaar and Sporting Clube de Portugal.

• The married father-of-three went on to establish himself as a regular in the UEFA Champions League and UEFA Cup, also featuring frequently in UEFA EURO 2008™ qualifying and refereeing FC Zenit St. Petersburg's victory over Manchester United FC in the 2008 UEFA Super Cup.

• Larsen again took charge of the Danish Cup final, between Brøndby IF and Esbjerg fB, in 2008, and refereed six UEFA Champions League games in 2008/09, including Manchester United's win against Arsenal FC in the semi-final first leg.

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

Date	Comp.	Stage	Match	Res.	Venue
17/09/08	UCL	GS	FC Steaua București - FC Bayern München	0-1	Bucharest

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

Date	Comp.	Stage	Match	Res.	Venue
02/06/96	WCHAMP	QR	Scotland - Wales	3-2	Aberdeen
20/08/96	UCUP	QR	Aberdeen FC - FK Žalgiris Vilnius	1-3	Aberdeen
18/09/97	UCWC	R1	Kocaelispor - FC National 2000 Bucuresti	2-0	Izmit
22/10/98	UCUP	R2	Bayer 04 Leverkusen - Rangers FC	1-2	Leverkusen
21/10/99	UCUP	R2	FC Steaua București - West Ham United FC	2-0	Bucharest
12/12/02	UCUP	R3	RC Celta de Vigo - Celtic FC	2-1	Vigo
08/09/04	WC	QR	Scotland - Slovenia	0-0	Glasgow
15/03/06	UCUP	R16	Hamburger SV - FC Rapid București	3-1	Hamburg
14/03/07	UCUP	R16	CA Osasuna - Rangers FC	1-0	Pamplona

* Group stage to final only

Fixtures and results

FC Unirea Urziceni

Date	Competition	Opponent	Result	Goalscorers
01/08/09	League	CFR 1907 Cluj (A)	L 0-2	
08/08/09	League	FC Rapid București (H)	W 1-0	Pădurețu 13
16/08/09	League	FC Steaua București (A)	W 1-0	Apostol 72
22/08/09	League	FC Timișoara (H)	D 0-0	
28/08/09	League	FC Otelul Galati (A)	W 4-1	Bilasco 8 (p), 88, Maftai 44, Onofraș 85
12/09/09	League	FC Unirea Alba Iulia (H)	W 1-0	Marinescu 33
20/09/09	League	FC Dinamo 1948 București (A)	L 1-2	Apostol 28
23/09/09	Cup	FC Sportul Studentesc Bucuresti (H)	W 3-0	Dănălache 19 (p), 26, 81
25/09/09	League	FC Astra Ploiesti (H)	W 4-1	Rusescu 13, Varga 59, Galamaz 64, Dănălache 90
03/10/09	League	AS Gaz Metan Medias (A)	D 0-0	
16/10/09	League	SC Vaslui (H)	L 1-2	Onofraș 7
24/10/09	League	CS Pandurii Lignitul Târgu Jiu (A)	D 0-0	
27/10/09	Cup	FC Brasov (H)	L 0-1	
31/10/09	League	FC Universitatea Craiova (H)	W 3-2	Frunză 27, 62, Bilasco 90+2
08/11/09	League	FC Brasov (A)		
21/11/09	League	FC Internațional Curtea de Argeș (A)		
28/11/09	League	CF Gloria 1922 Bistrita (H)		
05/12/09	League	FC Ceahlăul Piatra Neamt (A)		
12/12/09	League	FC Politehnica Iași (H)		

Pos.	Clubs	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1	FC Rapid București	12	7	1	4	27	16	22
2	CFR 1907 Cluj	12	6	4	2	17	8	22
3	FC Steaua București	12	6	4	2	15	8	22
4	SC Vaslui	12	7	1	4	19	15	22
5	FC Timișoara	12	5	6	1	17	6	21
6	FC Dinamo 1948 București	12	6	3	3	14	7	21
7	FC Unirea Urziceni	12	6	3	3	16	10	21
8	FC Brasov	12	5	5	2	14	7	20
9	AS Gaz Metan Medias	12	4	4	4	13	15	16
10	CS Pandurii Lignitul Târgu Jiu	12	4	3	5	10	13	15
11	FC Internațional Curtea de Argeș	12	5	0	7	11	22	15
12	FC Otelul Galati	12	4	2	6	12	15	14
13	FC Politehnica Iași	12	4	2	6	13	19	14
14	FC Astra Ploiesti	12	3	4	5	14	17	13
15	FC Universitatea Craiova	12	3	2	7	19	20	11
16	FC Unirea Alba Iulia	12	2	4	6	14	20	10
17	FC Ceahlăul Piatra Neamt	12	2	3	7	7	24	9
18	CF Gloria 1922 Bistrita	12	1	5	6	9	19	8

Rangers FC

Date	Competition	Opponent	Result	Goalscorers
15/08/09	League	Falkirk FC (H)	W 4-1	McCulloch 14, Miller 34, 72, Naismith 83
23/08/09	League	Heart of Midlothian FC (A)	W 2-1	McCulloch 63, Boyd 90 (p)
29/08/09	League	Hamilton Academical FC (H)	W 4-1	Whittaker 19, 67, Boyd 27, 65
12/09/09	League	Motherwell FC (A)	D 0-0	
19/09/09	League	Kilmarnock FC (A)	D 0-0	
26/09/09	League	Aberdeen FC (H)	D 0-0	
04/10/09	League	Celtic FC (H)	W 2-1	Miller 8, 16
17/10/09	League	Saint Johnstone FC (A)	W 2-1	Boyd 40, Papac 83
24/10/09	League	Hibernian FC (H)	D 1-1	Boyd 8
07/11/09	League	Saint Mirren FC (H)		
21/11/09	League	Kilmarnock FC (H)		
28/11/09	League	Aberdeen FC (A)		
05/12/09	League	Falkirk FC (A)		
12/12/09	League	Saint Johnstone FC (H)		
19/12/09	League	Motherwell FC (H)		
27/12/09	League	Hibernian FC (A)		
30/12/09	League	Dundee United FC (H)		
02/01/10	League	Celtic FC (A)		
16/01/10	League	Hamilton Academical FC (A)		
23/01/10	League	Heart of Midlothian FC (H)		
27/01/10	League	Saint Mirren FC (A)		
30/01/10	League	Falkirk FC (H)		
10/02/10	League	Motherwell FC (A)		
13/02/10	League	Hibernian FC (H)		
20/02/10	League	Saint Johnstone FC (A)		
27/02/10	League	Celtic FC (H)		
06/03/10	League	Saint Mirren FC (H)		
20/03/10	League	Kilmarnock FC (A)		
24/03/10	League	Aberdeen FC (H)		

Pos.	Clubs	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1	Celtic FC	10	7	2	1	20	8	23
2	Hibernian FC	10	6	2	2	16	8	20
3	Rangers FC	9	5	4	0	15	6	19
4	Motherwell FC	10	4	5	1	12	9	17
5	Dundee United FC	9	4	4	1	12	7	16
6	Saint Mirren FC	10	3	3	4	12	14	12
7	Aberdeen FC	10	2	5	3	7	9	11
8	Heart of Midlothian FC	10	2	3	5	9	13	9
9	Kilmarnock FC	10	2	3	5	8	12	9
10	Saint Johnstone FC	10	2	3	5	16	21	9
11	Hamilton Academical FC	10	2	2	6	8	17	8
12	Falkirk FC	10	0	4	6	5	16	4

Match-by-match lineups

Group G

Standings

Club	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Sevilla FC	3	3	0	0	9	2	9
FC Unirea Urziceni	3	1	1	1	5	4	4
VfB Stuttgart	3	0	2	1	3	5	2
Rangers FC	3	0	1	2	3	9	1

Matchday 1 (16/09/09)

VfB Stuttgart 1-1 Rangers FC

Goals: 1-0 Pogrebnyak 18, 1-1 Bougherra 77

Rangers FC: McGregor, Mendes, Papac, McCulloch, Davis, Thomson, Rothen, Naismith, Whittaker, Miller (Novo 90+3), Bougherra

Sevilla FC 2-0 FC Unirea Urziceni

Goals: 1-0 Luis Fabiano 45+1, 2-0 Renato 70

FC Unirea Urziceni: Arlauskis, Mehmedović, Galamaz, Bilasco, Varga (Semedo 73), Ricardo Vilana (Onofraş 81), Brandán, Bălan (Paraschiv 65), Maftai, Frunză, Apostol

Matchday 2 (29/09/09)

FC Unirea Urziceni 1-1 VfB Stuttgart

Goals: 0-1 Tasci 5, 1-1 Varga 48

FC Unirea Urziceni: Arlauskis, Galamaz, Bilasco (Rusescu 64), Varga (Pădureţu 90), Nicu, Ricardo Vilana, Brandán, Bălan (Frunză 46), Bruno Fernandes, Maftai, Apostol

Rangers FC 1-4 Sevilla FC

Goals: 0-1 Konko 50, 0-2 Adriano 64, 0-3 Luis Fabiano 72, 0-4 Kanouté 74, 1-4 Novo 88

Rangers FC: McGregor, Weir, Mendes, Papac, McCulloch (Boyd 73), Davis, Thomson, Rothen (Novo 73), Naismith, Whittaker, Bougherra

Matchday 3 (20/10/09)

Rangers FC 1-4 FC Unirea Urziceni

Goals: 1-0 Ricardo Vilana 2(o.g.), 1-1 Bilasco 32, 1-2 Lafferty 49(o.g.), 1-3 McCulloch 59(o.g.), 1-4 Brandán 65

Rangers FC: McGregor, Weir, Mendes (Lafferty 46), Papac, McCulloch, Davis, Thomson, Rothen (Novo 66), Naismith, Whittaker, Miller

FC Unirea Urziceni: Tudor, Galamaz, Bilasco, Varga (Pădureţu 89), Nicu (Onofraş 19), Ricardo Vilana, Brandán, Bălan (Frunză 75), Bruno Fernandes, Maftai, Apostol

Matchday 4 (04/11/09)

FC Unirea Urziceni v Rangers FC

Matchday 5 (24/11/09)

Rangers FC v VfB Stuttgart

FC Unirea Urziceni v Sevilla FC

Matchday 6 (09/12/09)

VfB Stuttgart v FC Unirea Urziceni

Sevilla FC v Rangers FC

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 București 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

FC Unirea Urziceni

Formed: 1954

Nickname: Lupii din Baragan (The Wolves of Baragan)

UEFA club competition honours (runners-up in brackets)

- None

Domestic honours (most recent triumph in brackets)

League title: 1 (2009)

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

2008/09: UEFA Cup first round

2007/08: did not compete in UEFA club competition

2006/07: did not compete in UEFA club competition

2005/06: did not compete in UEFA club competition

2004/05: did not compete in UEFA club competition

2003/04: did not compete in UEFA club competition

2002/03: did not compete in UEFA club competition

2001/02: did not compete in UEFA club competition

2000/01: did not compete in UEFA club competition

1999/00: did not compete in UEFA club competition

Records

UEFA club competition

- Biggest home win

None

- Biggest away win

1-4: Rangers FC v Unirea

20/10/09, UEFA Champions League group stage

- Heaviest home defeat

0-2: Unirea v Hamburger SV

02/10/08, UEFA Cup first round second leg

- Heaviest away defeat

2-0: Sevilla FC v Unirea

16/09/09, UEFA Champions League group stage

UEFA Champions League (group stage to final only)

- Biggest home win

None

- Biggest away win

1-4: Rangers FC v Unirea (see above for details)

- Heaviest home defeat

None

- Heaviest away defeat

2-0: Sevilla FC v Unirea (see above for details)

Rangers FC

Formed: 1873

Nicknames: The Gers, The Teddy Bears, The Light Blues

UEFA club competition honours (runners-up in brackets)

- UEFA Cup: (2008)

- UEFA Cup Winners' Cup: 1972, (1961), (1967)

Domestic honours (most recent triumph in brackets)

League title: 52 (2009)

Scottish Cup: 33 (2009)

League Cup: 25 (2007)

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

2008/09: second qualifying round

2007/08: UEFA Cup final

2006/07: UEFA Cup Round of 16

2005/06: first knockout round

2004/05: UEFA Cup group stage (having transferred from the UEFA Champions League third qualifying round)

2003/04: group stage

2002/03: UEFA Cup first round

2001/02: UEFA Cup fourth round (having transferred from the UEFA Champions League third qualifying round)

2000/01: UEFA Cup third round (having transferred from the UEFA Champions League first group stage)

1999/00: UEFA Cup third round (having transferred from the UEFA Champions League first group stage)

Records

UEFA club competition

• Biggest home win

10-0: Rangers v Valletta FC

28/09/83, UEFA Cup Winners' Cup first round second leg

• Biggest away win

0-8: Valletta FC v Rangers

14/09/83, UEFA Cup Winners' Cup first round first leg

• Heaviest home defeat

0-4: Rangers v Juventus

01/11/95, UEFA Champions League group stage

• Heaviest away defeat

5-0: 1. FC Köln v Rangers

03/11/82, UEFA Cup second round second leg

6-1: Eintracht Frankfurt v Rangers

13/04/60, European Champion Clubs' Cup semi-finals first leg

UEFA Champions League(group stage to final only)

• Biggest home win

5-0: Rangers v SK Sturm Graz

12/09/00, first group stage

• Biggest away win

0-3: Olympique Lyonnais v Rangers

02/10/07, group stage

• Heaviest home defeat

0-4: Rangers v Juventus (see above for details)

• Heaviest away defeat

4-1: AFC Ajax v Rangers

16/10/96, group stage

4-1: Juventus v Rangers

18/10/95, group stage

Rangers have lost 3-0 on two occasions, most recently v Manchester United FC (04/11/03, group stage)

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

aetps: Match decided after extra time and penalty shoot-out

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

No.: Number

o.g.: Own goal

(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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