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VfB Stuttgart

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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	VfB Stuttgart - Sevilla FC	1-3	Stuttgart	Élson 74; Squillaci 23, 72, Jesús Navas 55

UEFA Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
23/10/08	GS	Sevilla FC - VfB Stuttgart	2-0	Seville	Romaric 15, Renato 16

	Home				Away				Final				Total					
	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
Sevilla FC	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	5	1
VfB Stuttgart	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	1	5

Sevilla FC - record versus clubs from opponents' country

UEFA Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
27/04/06	SF	Sevilla FC - FC Schalke 04	1-0 agg: 1-0 aet	Seville	Puerta 10 Ex
20/04/06	SF	FC Schalke 04 - Sevilla FC	0-0	Gelsenkirchen	
29/09/05	R1	1. FSV Mainz 05 - Sevilla FC	0-2 agg: 0-2	Frankfurt am Main	Kanouté 9, 40
15/09/05	R1	Sevilla FC - 1. FSV Mainz 05	0-0	Seville	

UEFA Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
04/11/04	GS	Sevilla FC - TSV Alemannia Aachen	2-0	Seville	Aranda 8, Baptista 77(p)

UEFA Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
08/12/82	R3	1. FC Kaiserslautern - Sevilla FC	4-0 agg: 4-1	Kaiserslautern	Nilsson 10, Geye 18, Brehme 43, Eilenfeldt 64
24/11/82	R3	Sevilla FC - 1. FC Kaiserslautern	1-0	Seville	Francisco López 55

VfB Stuttgart - record versus clubs from opponents' country

UEFA Champions League

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
12/12/07	GS	FC Barcelona - VfB Stuttgart	3-1	Barcelona	Dos Santos 36, Eto'o 57, Ronaldinho 67; Da Silva 3
02/10/07	GS	VfB Stuttgart - FC Barcelona	0-2	Stuttgart	Puyol 53, Messi 67

UEFA Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
22/02/01	R4	RC Celta de Vigo - VfB Stuttgart	2-1 agg: 2-1	Vigo	Karpin 6, Mostovoi 85; Blank 45
15/02/01	R4	VfB Stuttgart - RC Celta de Vigo	0-0	Stuttgart	

UEFA Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
05/11/91	R2	VfB Stuttgart - CA Osasuna	2-3 agg: 2-3	Stuttgart	Buchwald 82, Sverrisson 89; Urban 8, 46, Merino 12
22/10/91	R2	CA Osasuna - VfB Stuttgart	0-0	Pamplona	

UEFA Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
16/03/89	QF	Real Sociedad de Fútbol - VfB Stuttgart	1-0 agg: 1-1 (2-4aetps)	San Sebastian	Zamora 17
28/02/89	QF	VfB Stuttgart - Real Sociedad de Fútbol	1-0	Stuttgart	Walter 35

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
Sevilla FC	5	4	1	0	4	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	9	6	2	1	11	5
VfB Stuttgart	5	1	1	3	5	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	10	1	2	7	6	16

Already five points clear in Group G, Sevilla FC have won all their six previous home games in the UEFA Champions League and will be looking to extend that record on Matchday 4 when they welcome VfB Stuttgart to the Ramón Sánchez-Pizjuán.

- The Spanish side were 3-1 winners in Germany in the third round of fixtures, maintaining their perfect record after defeats of FC Unirea Urziceni (2-0) and Rangers FC (4-1). Despite that setback, Stuttgart are still third in the section after 1-1 draws against Rangers and Unirea in their first two games.

Previous meetings

- The teams played 12 months ago in Spain during the UEFA Cup group stage, Sevilla winning 2-0. In their first ever competitive meeting, Ndri Romaric opened the scoring for the 2006 and 2007 UEFA Cup winners and Renato quickly doubled the lead.

- The teams for the game on 23 October 2008 were:

Sevilla: Palop, Konko, Squillaci, Escudé, Navarro, Navas (Rodríguez 75), Adriano, Fazio, Acosta (De Mul 21), Renato (Maresca 62), Romaric.

Stuttgart: Lehmann, Träsch (Marica 46), Boulahrouz, Delpierre, Magnin, Hilbert, Pardo, Hitzlsperger, Boka (Rudy 74), Gómez, Lanig (Élson 57).

Match background

- In five home games against German visitors, Sevilla have won four and are still to concede a goal. Their only blip came in the 2005/06 UEFA Cup when they drew 0-0 with 1. FSV Mainz 05.

- Stuttgart have made five visits to Spain and are yet to win. They have lost on four occasions, including their first visit to face Real Sociedad de Fútbol in the 1988/89 UEFA Cup quarter-finals. However, with the aggregate scores 1-1, the Bundesliga side then won the shoot-out 4-2.

- The 2-0 win against Unirea on Matchday 1 means Sevilla have won all six home games in the UEFA Champions League. In their only previous campaign, 2007/08, they followed up a 2-0 win against AEK Athens FC in the third qualifying round by winning all three home games in the group stage and then beat Fenerbahçe SK 3-2 at home in the first knockout round.

- During their successive UEFA Cup triumphs in 2006 and 2007, Sevilla lost just one of their 14 home games, winning eleven.

- Stuttgart's 1-1 draw against Unirea on 29 September brought to an end their run of successive away defeats in the competition. They lost all three games on foreign soil in the 2007/08 group stage and in last season's UEFA Cup they lost two and drew one of their three games away from home. They have not won any of their last nine fixtures on foreign soil in the UEFA Champions League or UEFA Cup proper.

Team ties

- Khalid Boulahrouz made six league and two UEFA Champions League qualifying appearances on loan at Sevilla in 2007/08.

- In November 2004 Kanouté scored Tottenham Hotspur FC's fourth goal in a 5-4 home defeat by an Arsenal FC side containing Jens Lehmann.

- In May 2005 Kanouté scored twice for Spurs in a 5-1 defeat of an Aston Villa FC side containing Thomas Hitzlsperger.

- Didier Zokora helped Tottenham to a 2-1 home victory against Chelsea FC in the 2006/07 Premier League campaign, with Boulahrouz a half-time substitute for the visitors. The duo also crossed paths in the FA Cup quarter-finals that year, contesting a 3-3 draw before the Blues won the replay.

- During the 2000/01 Premier League campaign, Stuttgart coach Markus Babbel and Kanouté twice faced each other as Babbel's Liverpool FC beat West Ham United FC 3-0 at Anfield and drew 1-1 away.
- Arthur Boka is an international team-mate of Zokora, Arouna Koné and Romaric with the Ivory Coast. Zokora, Romaric and Boka played in a 2006 FIFA World Cup defeat by a Netherlands team containing Boulahrouz.
- Sevilla's Julien Escudé scored an own goal for France in a 1-1 draw with Romania in a World Cup qualifier on 5 September 2009. Stuttgart striker Ciprian Marica was on the opposing side.
- Marica played 120 minutes (including extra time) of the 2006/07 UEFA Cup round of 16 second leg for FC Shakhtar Donetsk against a visiting Sevilla side who won 3-2 to clinch a 5-4 aggregate victory.
- Marica scored Romania's winner in a 1-0 friendly international victory against Spain in Cadiz in November 2006.
- Aleksandr Hleb was an 89th-minute substitute for FC Barcelona during a 3-0 Liga victory at Sevilla on 26 November 2008.
- Sami Khedira was part of the Germany side that drew 0-0 with a Spain team containing Sevilla's Diego Capel and Sergio Sánchez at last summer's UEFA European Under-21 Championship in Sweden.

Match facts

Sevilla

UEFA milestones

- Sevilla have scored 148 goals in UEFA club competition and won 49 games.

UEFA Champions League statistics

- Luis Fabiano has set up three goals to date, the joint highest total in the competition along with Clarence Seedorf.
- Fernando Navarro's next yellow card will incur a one-match suspension.

Latest domestic information

• Saturday 31 October: Xerez CD 0-2 Sevilla FC (Negredo 42, Luis Fabiano 89)

Varas; Konko, Squillaci, Dragutinović, Navarro; Navas, Renato (Koné 90), Zokora, Perotti (Capel 76); Negredo (Duscher 69), Luis Fabiano.

- Sevilla recorded a first win in three Liga games at Xerez thanks to strikes from Álvaro Negredo and Luis Fabiano – the latter's first league goal since 12 September.
- Having missed the goalless draw with RCD Espanyol on 24 October through illness, Luis Fabiano partnered Negredo in attack as Aldo Duscher dropped to the bench. Ivica Dragutinović was preferred to Julien Escudé in central defence.
- The Andalusian club have won ten of their last 12 matches in all competitions, losing once.
- Manuel Jiménez's side came from behind to beat third-tier CF Atlético Ciudad 4-2 in the Copa del Rey round of 32 on 27 October, Luis Fabiano (2), Jesús Navas and Diego Capel scoring. The second leg takes place at the Ramón Sánchez-Pizjuán on 10 November.
- Luis Fabiano has scored ten goals in 13 games this term for club and country, but only three have come in the Liga. It was a familiar story last season as only eight of his 30 goals in all competitions came in the Spanish top flight, compared to 13 for Brazil.
- Navas has scored four goals in his last eight appearances, but his strike rate at Sevilla is still poorer than one every ten games.
- Sevilla drew for the first time in all competitions this season when they were held at home by Espanyol.
- Sevilla are unbeaten at home since losing 4-2 to Real Madrid CF on 26 April, winning six of their subsequent seven matches at the Ramón Sánchez-Pizjuán.
- Sevilla are yet to concede in the first half-hour of a Liga game this season.

Injury news

- Aldo Duscher – out 14 September to 20 October (back)
- Abdoulay Konko – out 17-24 October (illness)
- Renato – out 18-24 October (calf)
- Álvaro Negredo – out 19-24 October (illness)

- Ivica Dragutinović – out 23-27 October (illness)
 - Luis Fabiano – out 23-27 October (illness)
 - Tom De Mul – out since 7 May (left adductor)
 - Federico Fazio – out since 18 September (left ankle sprain)
 - Lautaro Acosta – out 19-26 September (hamstring) and since 27 September (ankle)
 - Andrés Palop – out since 16 October (calf)
 - Adriano – out since 20 October (thigh tear)
 - Frédéric Kanouté – out since 22 October (calf/hypoglycemia)
- Acosta returned to full training on 14 October but has suffered a relapse and will undergo further tests this week.

Miscellaneous

- Luis Fabiano has been shortlisted for the FIFA World Player of the Year award. The winner will be announced in Zurich on 21 December.
- On 28 October Lolo signed a one-year contract extension, tying him to Sevilla until summer 2011.
- Kanouté's son, Ismail Muhamad, was born on 3 October.
- Escudé and Sébastien Squillaci will hope to feature on 14 and 18 November when France take on the Republic of Ireland for the 2010 FIFA World Cup play-offs.

Stuttgart

UEFA milestones

- The loss to Sevilla on Matchday 3 was Stuttgart's 50th in UEFA club competition.

UEFA Champions League statistics

- None

Latest domestic information

• Saturday 31 October: VfB Stuttgart 0-0 FC Bayern München

Lehmann; Osorio (Hilbert 14), Tasci, Delpierre, Boka; Träsch (Gebhart 66) Hitzlsperger, Kuzmanović, Hleb; Schieber, Marica (Pogrebnyak 80).

- Markus Babbel made two changes to the side beaten 1-0 by second division SpVgg Greuther Fürth in the German Cup, Aleksandr Hleb and Julian Schieber replacing Élson and Pavel Pogrebnyak.
- Stuttgart have seven games without a win in all competitions, losing five in a row prior to the Bayern draw.
- VfB last lost five on the trot in September/October 2007, before bouncing back with six wins in seven outings. It was too late to revive their UEFA Champions League ambitions, however, as they finished bottom of their group.
- The last time Stuttgart lost six successive games, in 1974/75, they were relegated – the only time they have been demoted from the Bundesliga.
- Babbel's side have not scored in 286 minutes, since Élson's consolation against Sevilla.
- Former VfB academy player Bernd Nehrig scored the only goal as Stuttgart's German Cup ambitions were ended by Greuther Fürth in the third round on 27 October.
- Stuttgart were 13 home games unbeaten in the league before a 2-0 loss to 1. FC Köln on 19 September. They have picked up one point in three Bundesliga outings at the VfB Arena since.

Injury news

- Martin Lanig – out since 15 August (cruciate ligament)
 - Georg Niedermeier – out since 12 October (foot)
 - Cacau – out since 20 October (hip)
 - Sami Khedira – out 14-17 October and since 23 October (foot)
 - Ricardo Osorio – out since 31 October (torn thigh muscle)
 - Christian Träsch – out since 31 October (groin strain)
- Osorio will be out for around three weeks while the man who fill in for him at right-back against Bayern, Träsch, will miss the trip to Sevilla after he too failed to finish the game. Ciprian Marica went off with a groin problem.
- Niedermeier was an unused substitute against Bayern.

Miscellaneous

- Pogrebnyak's Russia will take on Slovenia in the 2010 FIFA World Cup play-offs on 14 and 18 November.

Squad list

Sevilla 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	Andrés Palop	ESP	22/10/73	36	-	-	-	2	-	6	-	20	-	60	1
13	Javi Varas	ESP	10/09/82	27	-	-	-	1	-	3	-	1	-	1	-
26	Dani Jiménez	ESP	05/03/90	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
29	Juan Martín	ESP	18/02/89	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders															
2	Federico Fazio	ARG	17/03/87	22	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	7	-
3	Ivica Dragutinović	SRB	13/11/75	33	-	-	-	1	-	4	-	9	-	48	-
4	Sébastien Squillaci	FRA	11/08/80	29	-	-	-	3	2	7	1	31	3	44	4
14	Julien Escudé	FRA	17/08/79	30	-	-	-	2	-	5	-	15	2	52	2
17	Sergio Sánchez	ESP	03/04/86	23	-	-	-	2	-	3	-	2	-	6	-
18	Fernando Navarro	ESP	25/06/82	27	*	-	-	3	-	8	-	12	-	19	-
23	Lolo	ESP	22/08/84	25	-	-	-	3	-	4	-	4	-	4	-
28	Juan Torres	ESP	26/11/89	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
32	José Gómez	ESP	31/05/93	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Midfielders															
5	Aldo Duscher	ARG	22/03/79	30	-	-	-	1	-	3	-	33	-	45	-
6	Adriano	BRA	26/10/84	25	-	-	-	2	1	5	-	8	1	43	7
8	Didier Zokora	CIV	14/12/80	28	-	-	-	3	-	8	-	9	-	44	1
11	Renato	BRA	15/05/79	30	-	-	-	1	1	7	2	6	3	38	8
20	Tom De Mul	BEL	04/03/86	23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	14	-
22	Ndri Romaric	CIV	04/06/83	26	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	15	4
24	Abdoulay Konko	FRA	09/03/84	25	-	-	-	1	1	6	1	1	1	6	1
25	Diego Perotti	ARG	26/07/88	21	-	-	-	2	-	8	2	2	-	2	-
30	José Carlos	ESP	17/07/87	22	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Forwards															
7	Jesús Navas	ESP	21/11/85	23	-	-	-	3	1	9	2	11	1	45	1
9	Arouna Koné	CIV	11/11/83	25	-	-	-	1	-	6	-	15	3	24	4
10	Luis Fabiano	BRA	08/11/80	28	-	-	-	3	2	6	3	15	6	46	17
12	Frédéric Kanouté	MLI	02/09/77	32	-	-	-	3	1	5	2	11	6	56	23
15	Ernesto Chevanton	URU	12/08/80	29	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	6	2	18	9
16	Diego Capel	ESP	16/02/88	21	-	-	-	2	-	8	-	8	-	15	1
19	Álvaro Negredo	ESP	20/08/85	24	-	-	-	2	-	9	3	2	-	2	-
21	Lautaro Acosta	ARG	14/03/88	21	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	2	-
31	Rodrigo Ríos	ESP	06/06/90	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coach															
-	Manuel Jiménez	ESP	26/01/64	45	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	8	-	14	-

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VfB Stuttgart

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	Jens Lehmann	GER	10/11/69	39	-	2	-	3	-	11	-	62	-	111	-
12	Alexander Stolz	GER	13/10/83	26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
24	Sven Ulreich	GER	03/08/88	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
37	Timo Hammel	GER	27/08/87	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders															
3	Ricardo Osorio	MEX	30/03/80	29	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	6	-	15	-
4	Khalid Boulahrouz	NED	28/12/81	27	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	7	-	27	-
5	Serdar Tasci	GER	24/04/87	22	-	2	-	3	1	9	-	9	1	21	2
6	Georg Niedermeier	GER	26/02/86	23	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-
15	Arthur Boka	CIV	02/04/83	26	-	-	-	3	-	7	-	6	-	23	1
17	Matthieu Delpierre	FRA	26/04/81	28	-	2	-	2	-	9	-	8	-	39	-
21	Ludovic Magnin	SUI	20/04/79	30	-	2	-	-	-	4	-	11	-	35	-
27	Stefano Celozzi	GER	02/11/88	21	-	2	-	1	-	5	-	1	-	3	-
35	Christian Träsch	GER	01/09/87	22	-	-	-	2	-	8	-	2	-	7	-
42	Marco Pischohn	GER	01/01/86	23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
43	Sebastian Enderle	GER	29/05/89	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Midfielders															
8	Jan Šimák	CZE	13/10/78	31	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	18	-	30	1
11	Thomas Hitzlsperger	GER	05/04/82	27	-	2	-	3	-	8	1	5	-	28	2
13	Timo Gebhart	GER	12/04/89	20	-	2	1	2	-	9	-	2	-	5	2
14	Patrick Funk	GER	11/02/90	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16	Sebastian Rudy	GER	28/02/90	19	-	2	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	4	-
19	Roberto Hilbert	GER	16/10/84	25	-	-	-	2	-	6	-	7	-	18	1
23	Aleksandr Hleb	BLR	01/05/81	28	-	1	1	2	-	8	-	42	2	73	8
25	Élson	BRA	16/11/81	27	-	2	-	1	1	8	2	1	1	7	1
26	Daniel Didavi	GER	21/02/90	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
28	Sami Khedira	GER	04/04/87	22	-	2	-	3	-	9	-	8	-	18	1
32	Zdravko Kuzmanović	SRB	22/09/87	22	-	-	-	1	-	6	-	6	-	34	4
Forwards															
9	Ciprian Marica	ROU	02/10/85	24	-	2	-	1	-	5	-	16	3	52	16
18	Cacau	GER	27/03/81	28	-	-	-	2	-	9	1	11	1	30	8
29	Pavel Pogrebnyak	RUS	08/11/83	25	-	2	-	3	1	9	2	9	2	36	17
30	Manuel Fischer	GER	19/09/89	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	4	-
39	Julian Schieber	GER	13/02/89	20	-	2	-	3	-	9	3	3	-	6	-
Coach															
-	Markus Babel	GER	08/09/72	37	-	2	-	3	-	-	-	3	-	9	-

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Head coach

Sevilla FC: Manuel Jiménez

Date of birth: 26 January 1964

Nationality: Spanish

Playing career: Sevilla FC, Real Jaén CF

Coaching career: Sevilla Atlético Club, Sevilla FC

- Made his debut as a Sevilla left-back in 1983 and spent the next 14 years, virtually his entire playing career, at the Andalusian club. Earned 15 caps for Spain between 1988 and the 1990 FIFA World Cup.
- Returned to football in 2000 as coach of Sevilla Atlético, his old club's reserve outfit, and won promotion to Segunda División B in his first term.
- Developed a group of talented players including José Antonio Reyes, Kepa Blanco, Sergio Ramos and Antonio Puerta and earned promotion to Segunda División A in 2007 after three play-off near misses.
- Appointed coach of Sevilla's senior team in October 2007 following Juande Ramos's departure for Tottenham Hotspur FC.
- Sevilla made a creditable fifth-place finish in his first season in charge, earning a slot in the UEFA Cup, where they bowed out at the group stage in 2008/09. His men fared better in the Liga, finishing third to book an automatic place in the group stage of the UEFA Champions League.

VfB Stuttgart: Markus Babel

Date of birth: 8 September 1972

Nationality: German

Playing career: FC Bayern München (twice), Hamburger SV, Liverpool FC, Blackburn Rovers FC, VfB Stuttgart

Coaching career: VfB Stuttgart (assistant coach), Stuttgart (head coach)

- A solid presence at right-back or in the centre of defence, Markus Babel started his career with hometown club FC Bayern München but had to leave for Hamburger SV to find regular first-team football, rejoining Bayern in 1994.
- Six trophy-laden campaigns followed in Munich, with three Bundesliga titles, two German Cups and victory in the 1996 UEFA Cup – although perhaps the highlight of his playing career came later that summer when Babel was part of Germany's victorious EURO '96™ squad.
- A move to Liverpool FC followed in 2000 – Babel having won his 51st and final international cap at UEFA EURO 2000™ – and the defender was an instant success at Anfield, winning the UEFA, FA and League Cups in his first season, opening the scoring in the 5-4 UEFA Cup final win against Deportivo Alavés in Dortmund.
- Babel was diagnosed with the nervous disorder Guillain-Barré syndrome, but recovered to play for Blackburn Rovers FC before moving to VfB Stuttgart. There he joined the coaching staff in 2007 having ended his playing days with another league title.
- Took over as Stuttgart's head coach following the sacking of Armin Veh in November 2008, steering the club to third in the Bundesliga and a place in UEFA Champions League qualifying in his first season.

Match officials

Referee	Martin Atkinson (ENG)
Assistant referees	Peter Kirkup (ENG), Jeremy Simpson (ENG)
Fourth official	Stuart Attwell (ENG)
UEFA Delegate	René Eberle (SUI)
UEFA Referee observer	Zdravko Jokic (SRB)

Referee

Name	Date of birth	UCL matches *	UEFA matches
Martin Atkinson	31/03/1971	3	24

- Born in Yorkshire in 1971, Martin Atkinson began his refereeing career at the age of 16, stepping up to become an assistant referee in the English Football League in 1998.
- Two years later he was appointed to the Premier League as an assistant, a role he filled until 2003 when he became a Football League referee, moving up to the top flight in 2005.
- Atkinson has since been the man in the middle for some high-profile domestic fixtures, not least Liverpool FC's 2-1 win against Chelsea FC in the FA Community Shield in August 2006.
- Appointed to the FIFA list in 2006, Atkinson, who counts training and keeping fit among his hobbies, enjoyed his first European experience as a referee in summer 2007, taking charge of one game in both UEFA Champions League and UEFA Cup qualifying.
- Regularly used as a fourth official in UEFA EURO 2008™ qualifying, he took charge of the Moldova-Turkey game in October 2007 and stepped up to the UEFA Champions League proper in 2008/09 when he was appointed referee for the FC BATE Borisov-Juventus draw on Matchday 2.

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

Date	Comp.	Stage	Match	Res.	Venue
15/09/09	UCL	GS	FC Zürich - Real Madrid CF	2-5	Zurich

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

Date	Comp.	Stage	Match	Res.	Venue
06/12/07	UCUP	GS	Bayer 04 Leverkusen - AC Sparta Praha	1-0	Leverkusen
21/02/08	UCUP	1/16	Getafe CF - AEK Athens FC	3-0	Getafe
04/12/08	UCUP	GS	Valencia CF - Club Brugge KV	1-1	Valencia
14/10/09	WC	QR	Germany - Finland	1-1	Hamburg

* Group stage to final only

Fixtures and results

Sevilla FC

Date	Competition	Opponent	Result	Goalscorers
30/08/09	League	Valencia CF (A)	L 0-2	
12/09/09	League	Real Zaragoza (H)	W 4-1	Konko 8, Luis Fabiano 45+1, 86, Perotti 57
19/09/09	League	CA Osasuna (A)	W 2-0	Negredo 37, Kanouté 71
22/09/09	League	RCD Mallorca (H)	W 2-0	Squillaci 17, Perotti 25
26/09/09	League	Athletic Club (A)	W 4-0	Renato 5, Negredo 21, Kanouté 45+2, Jesús Navas 75
04/10/09	League	Real Madrid CF (H)	W 2-1	Jesús Navas 33, Renato 66
17/10/09	League	RC Deportivo La Coruña (A)	L 0-1	
24/10/09	League	RCD Espanyol (H)	D 0-0	
27/10/09	Cup	Atletico Ciudad (A)	W 4-2	Luis Fabiano 19, 20, Jesús Navas 28, Capel 36
31/10/09	League	Xerez CD (A)	W 2-0	Negredo 42, Luis Fabiano 89
08/11/09	League	Villarreal CF (H)		
10/11/09	Cup	Atletico Ciudad (H)		
22/11/09	League	CD Tenerife (A)		
29/11/09	League	Málaga CF (H)		
06/12/09	League	Real Valladolid CF (H)		
13/12/09	League	Real Sporting de Gijón (A)		
20/12/09	League	Getafe CF (H)		
03/01/10	League	Club Atlético de Madrid (A)		
10/01/10	League	Real Racing Club Santander (H)		
17/01/10	League	FC Barcelona (A)		
24/01/10	League	UD Almería (H)		
31/01/10	League	Valencia CF (H)		
07/02/10	League	Real Zaragoza (A)		
14/02/10	League	CA Osasuna (H)		
21/02/10	League	RCD Mallorca (A)		
28/02/10	League	Athletic Club (H)		
07/03/10	League	Real Madrid CF (A)		
14/03/10	League	RC Deportivo La Coruña (H)		
21/03/10	League	RCD Espanyol (A)		
24/03/10	League	Xerez CD (H)		

Pos.	Clubs	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1	FC Barcelona	9	7	2	0	24	5	23
2	Real Madrid CF	9	7	1	1	23	6	22
3	Sevilla FC	9	6	1	2	16	5	19
4	Valencia CF	9	5	3	1	16	9	18
5	RCD Mallorca	9	5	2	2	16	9	17
6	RC Deportivo La Coruña	9	5	1	3	12	11	16
7	Real Sporting de Gijón	9	3	4	2	11	10	13
8	RCD Espanyol	9	3	4	2	8	9	13
9	Athletic Club	9	4	1	4	9	13	13
10	CA Osasuna	9	3	3	3	11	10	12
11	Getafe CF	9	4	0	5	12	14	12
12	Real Zaragoza	9	3	2	4	13	18	11
13	Villarreal CF	9	2	3	4	12	11	9
14	Real Valladolid CF	9	2	3	4	14	17	9
15	UD Almería	9	2	3	4	8	12	9
16	CD Tenerife	9	3	0	6	5	17	9
17	Real Racing Club Santander	9	1	4	4	10	17	7
18	Club Atlético de Madrid	9	1	4	4	10	19	7
19	Xerez CD	9	1	2	6	3	16	5
20	Málaga CF	9	1	1	7	8	13	4

VfB Stuttgart

Date	Competition	Opponent	Result	Goalscorers
01/08/09	Cup	SG Sonnenhof Großaspach (A)	W 4-1	Hitzlsperger 55, Cacau 62, Šimák 66, 88
07/08/09	League	VfL Wolfsburg (A)	L 0-2	
15/08/09	League	SC Freiburg (H)	W 4-2	Pogrebnyak 53, Élson 65 (p), 76, Schieber 88
22/08/09	League	BV Borussia Dortmund (A)	D 1-1	Niedermeier 47
29/08/09	League	1. FC Nürnberg (H)	D 0-0	
12/09/09	League	Hamburger SV (A)	L 1-3	Pogrebnyak 62
19/09/09	League	1. FC Köln (H)	L 0-2	
23/09/09	Cup	VfB Lübeck (A)	W 3-1 (aet)	Schieber 77, Khedira 109, Cacau 117
26/09/09	League	Eintracht Frankfurt (A)	W 3-0	Schieber 17, 31, Hitzlsperger 54
04/10/09	League	Werder Bremen (H)	L 0-2	
17/10/09	League	FC Schalke 04 (H)	L 1-2	Cacau 73
24/10/09	League	Hannover 96 (A)	L 0-1	
27/10/09	Cup	SpVgg Greuther Fürth (A)	L 0-1	
31/10/09	League	FC Bayern München (H)	D 0-0	
07/11/09	League	VfL Borussia Mönchengladbach (A)		
21/11/09	League	Hertha BSC Berlin (H)		
29/11/09	League	Bayer 04 Leverkusen (A)		
05/12/09	League	VfL Bochum 1848 (H)		
13/12/09	League	1. FSV Mainz 05 (A)		
19/12/09	League	TSG 1899 Hoffenheim (H)		
16/01/10	League	VfL Wolfsburg (H)		
23/01/10	League	SC Freiburg (A)		
30/01/10	League	BV Borussia Dortmund (H)		
06/02/10	League	1. FC Nürnberg (A)		
13/02/10	League	Hamburger SV (H)		
20/02/10	League	1. FC Köln (A)		
27/02/10	League	Eintracht Frankfurt (H)		
06/03/10	League	Werder Bremen (A)		
13/03/10	League	FC Schalke 04 (A)		
20/03/10	League	Hannover 96 (H)		
27/03/10	League	FC Bayern München (A)		
03/04/10	League	VfL Borussia Mönchengladbach (H)		
10/04/10	League	Hertha BSC Berlin (A)		
17/04/10	League	Bayer 04 Leverkusen (H)		

Pos.	Clubs	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1	Bayer 04 Leverkusen	11	6	5	0	21	8	23
2	Werder Bremen	11	6	4	1	22	9	22
3	Hamburger SV	11	6	4	1	25	14	22
4	FC Schalke 04	11	6	3	2	18	11	21
5	TSG 1899 Hoffenheim	11	6	2	3	19	9	20
6	FC Bayern München	11	5	4	2	17	9	19
7	VfL Wolfsburg	11	5	3	3	21	19	18
8	1. FSV Mainz 05	11	5	3	3	18	17	18
9	Eintracht Frankfurt	11	4	4	3	13	14	16
10	BV Borussia Dortmund	11	4	4	3	12	14	16
11	Hannover 96	11	4	3	4	14	12	15
12	VfL Borussia Mönchengladbach	11	3	2	6	13	20	11
13	SC Freiburg	11	3	1	7	14	23	10
14	VfB Stuttgart	11	2	3	6	10	15	9
15	1. FC Köln	11	2	3	6	6	11	9
16	1. FC Nürnberg	11	2	3	6	9	17	9
17	VfL Bochum 1848	11	2	2	7	11	23	8
18	Hertha BSC Berlin	11	1	1	9	7	25	4

Match-by-match lineups

VfB Stuttgart

Play-Offs

(18/08/09)

FC Timișoara 0-2 VfB Stuttgart

Goals: 0-1 Gebhart 28(pen), 0-2 Hleb 30

VfB Stuttgart: Lehmann, Tasci, Marica, Hitzlsperger, Gebhart (Rudy 86), Delpierre, Magnin, Hleb (Élson 61), Celozzi, Khedira, Pogrebnyak (Schieber 77)

(26/08/09)

VfB Stuttgart 0-0 FC Timișoara (agg: 2-0)

VfB Stuttgart: Lehmann, Tasci, Marica (Schieber 79), Hitzlsperger, Gebhart (Élson 90), Rudy (Šimák 67), Delpierre, Magnin, Celozzi, Khedira, Pogrebnyak

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

VfB Stuttgart: Lehmann, Tasci, Hitzlsperger, Boka, Delpierre, Cacau (Schieber 88), Hilbert, Hleb (Gebhart 67), Khedira, Pogrebnyak, Träsch

Sevilla FC 2-0 FC Unirea Urziceni

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

Sevilla FC: Palop, Squillaci, Jesús Navas, Zokora (Lolo 76), Luis Fabiano, Renato, Kanouté (Negredo 63), Escudé, Capel (Perotti 56), Sergio Sánchez, Fernando Navarro

Matchday 2 (29/09/09)

FC Unirea Urziceni 1-1 VfB Stuttgart

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

VfB Stuttgart: Lehmann, Tasci, Marica (Schieber 64), Hitzlsperger, Gebhart, Boka, Delpierre, Hilbert, Celozzi, Khedira, Pogrebnyak

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

Sevilla FC: Palop, Squillaci, Adriano (Capel 66), Jesús Navas, Zokora, Luis Fabiano (Romaric 79), Kanouté (Negredo 75), Escudé, Fernando Navarro, Lolo, Konko

Matchday 3 (20/10/09)

VfB Stuttgart 1-3 Sevilla FC

Goals: 0-1 Squillaci 23, 0-2 Jesús Navas 55, 0-3 Squillaci 72, 1-3 Élson 74

VfB Stuttgart: Lehmann, Osorio, Boulahrouz, Tasci, Boka, Cacau (Pogrebnyak 69), Hleb (Élson 69), Khedira, Kuzmanović, Träsch (Hitzlsperger 69), Schieber

Sevilla FC: Javi Varas, Dragutinović, Squillaci, Adriano (Perotti 37), Jesús Navas, Zokora, Luis Fabiano (Duscher 46), Kanouté (Arouna Koné 90+4), Sergio Sánchez, Fernando Navarro, Lolo

Matchday 4 (04/11/09)

Sevilla FC v VfB Stuttgart

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 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

Sevilla FC

Formed: 1905

Nickname: Los Hispalenses (from Hispalis, Seville's ancient name)

UEFA club competition honours (runners-up in brackets)

- UEFA Cup (2): 2006, 2007
- UEFA Super Cup (1): 2006

Domestic honours (most recent triumph in brackets)

Spanish title: 1 (1946)

Spanish Cup: 4 (2007)

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

2008/09: UEFA Cup group stage

2007/08: first knockout round

2006/07: UEFA Cup winners

2005/06: UEFA Cup winners

2004/05: UEFA Cup round of 16

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

4-0: Sevilla v Atromitos FC

28/09/06, UEFA Cup first round second leg

4-0: Sevilla v PAOK FC

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

4-0: Sevilla v AGF Århus

27/11/57, European Champion Clubs' Cup first round first leg

- Biggest away win

0-4: Grasshopper-Club v Sevilla

29/11/06, UEFA Cup group stage

0-4: Middlesbrough FC v Sevilla

10/05/06, UEFA Cup final (neutral venue)

- Heaviest home defeat

1-2: Sevilla v AZ Alkmaar

14/12/06, UEFA Cup group stage

- Heaviest away defeat

8-0: Real Madrid CF v Sevilla

23/01/58, European Champion Clubs' Cup quarter-finals first leg

UEFA Champions League (group stage to final)

- Biggest home win

4-2: Sevilla v SK Slavia Praha

02/10/07, group stage

3-1: Sevilla v Arsenal FC

27/11/07, group stage

2-0: Sevilla v FC Unirea Urziceni

16/09/09, group stage

- Biggest away win

0-3: SK Slavia Praha v Sevilla

12/12/07, group stage

- Heaviest home defeat

None

- Heaviest away defeat

3-0: Arsenal FC v Sevilla

19/09/07, group stage

VfB Stuttgart

Formed: 1893

Nickname: Die Roten (The Reds)

UEFA club competition honours (runners-up in brackets)

- UEFA Cup: (1989)
- UEFA Cup Winners' Cup: (1998)
- UEFA Intertoto Cup (3): 2000, 2002, 2008

Domestic honours (most recent triumph in brackets)

League title: 5 (2007)

German Cup: 3 (1997)

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

2008/09: UEFA Cup Round of 32

2007/08: group stage

2006/07: did not compete in UEFA club competition

2005/06: UEFA Cup Round of 32

2004/05: UEFA Cup Round of 32

2003/04: first knockout round

2002/03: UEFA Cup fourth round (having qualified as UEFA Intertoto Cup winners)

2001/02: did not compete in UEFA club competition

2000/01: UEFA Cup fourth round (having qualified as UEFA Intertoto Cup winners)

1999/00: did not compete in UEFA club competition

Records

UEFA club competition

- Biggest home win

9-0: Stuttgart v Olympiakos Nicosia FC

17/09/73, UEFA Cup first round first leg

- Biggest away win

1-6: Neuchâtel Xamax FC v Stuttgart

01/07/00, UEFA Intertoto Cup second round first leg

- Heaviest home defeat

3-5: Stuttgart v Torpedo Moskva

05/11/86, UEFA Cup Winners' Cup second round second leg

2-4: Stuttgart v KFC Germinal Ekeren

06/11/97, UEFA Cup Winners' Cup second round second leg

1-3: Stuttgart v Sevilla FC

20/10/09, UEFA Champions League group stage

1-3: Stuttgart v Feyenoord

15/09/98, UEFA Cup first round first leg

Stuttgart have lost 0-2 on five occasions, most recently v Olympique Lyonnais (23/10/07, UEFA Champions League group stage)

- Heaviest away defeat

4-0: ASVS Dukla Praha v Stuttgart

06/12/78, UEFA Cup third round second leg

UEFA Champions League (group stage to final only)

- Biggest home win

2-0: Stuttgart v Panathinaikos FC

22/10/03, group stage

- Biggest away win

1-3: Panathinaikos FC v Stuttgart

04/11/03, group stage

• Heaviest home defeat

1-3: Stuttgart v Sevilla FC (see above for details)

0-2: Stuttgart v Olympique Lyonnais (see above for details)

0-2: Stuttgart v FC Barcelona

02/10/07, group stage

• Heaviest away defeat

4-2: Olympique Lyonnais v Stuttgart

07/11/07, group stage

3-1: FC Barcelona v Stuttgart

12/12/07, group stage

2-0: Manchester United FC v Stuttgart

09/12/03, 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

No.: Number

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

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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