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SL Benfica

(first leg: 2-3)



FC Zenit St Petersburg

Matchday 8 - round of 16, second leg

Estádio do Sport Lisboa e Benfica, Lisbon

Tuesday 6 March 2012

20.45CET (19.45 local time)

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Previous meetings

Head to Head

UEFA Champions League

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
15/02/12	R16	FC Zenit St Petersburg - SL Benfica	3-2	St Petersburg	Shirokov 27, 88, Semak 71; Maxi Pereira 20, Óscar Cardozo 87

	Home				Away				Final				Total					
	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
SL Benfica	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	3
FC Zenit St Petersburg	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	3	2

SL Benfica - Record versus clubs from opponents' country

UEFA Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
24/02/05	R32	SL Benfica - PFC CSKA Moskva	1-1 agg: 1-3	Lisbon	Karadas 63; Ignashevich 49
17/02/05	R32	PFC CSKA Moskva - SL Benfica	2-0	Krasnodar	V. Berezutski 12, Vágner Love 60

UEFA Cup Winners' Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
31/10/96	R2	FC Lokomotiv Moskva - SL Benfica	2-3 agg: 2-4	Moscow	Solomatin 9, Haras 58; Panduru 47, Donizete 62, João Pinto 87
17/10/96	R2	SL Benfica - FC Lokomotiv Moskva	1-0	Lisbon	João Pinto 9

UEFA Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
08/12/92	R3	SL Benfica - FC Dinamo Moskva	2-0 agg: 4-2	Lisbon	Isaias 53, Rui Costa 59
25/11/92	R3	FC Dinamo Moskva - SL Benfica	2-2	Moscow	Kalitivintsev 73, Derkach 84; Isaias 36, 54

European Champion Clubs' Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
28/09/77	R1	FC Torpedo Moskva - SL Benfica	0-0 agg: 0-0 aet(1-4pens)	Moscow	
14/09/77	R1	SL Benfica - FC Torpedo Moskva	0-0	Lisbon	

FC Zenit St Petersburg - Record versus clubs from opponents' country

UEFA Champions League

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
06/12/11	GS	FC Porto - FC Zenit St Petersburg	0-0	Porto	
28/09/11	GS	FC Zenit St Petersburg - FC Porto	3-1	St Petersburg	Shirokov 20, 63, Danny 72; James Rodríguez 10

UEFA Europa League

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
27/08/09	PO	FC Zenit St Petersburg - CD Nacional	1-1 agg: 4-5	St Petersburg	Fatih Tekke 34; Rúben Micael 89
20/08/09	PO	CD Nacional - FC Zenit St Petersburg	4-3	Funchal	Luís Alberto 30, João Aurélio 37, Rodrigo Silva 53, Rúben Micael 73; Semshov 43, 55, Fatih Tekke 90+3

UEFA Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
20/10/05	GS	FC Zenit St Petersburg - Vitória SC	2-1	St Petersburg	Spivak 39(p), Arshavin 54; Neca 59

Record versus clubs from opponents' country

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	Home				Away				Final				Total					
	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
SL Benfica	4	2	2	0	5	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	9	3	4	2	11	10
FC Zenit St Petersburg	4	3	1	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	6	3	2	1	12	9

Match background

SL Benfica will be looking to extend a fine recent home record in the return leg of their UEFA Champions League round of 16 tie against FC Zenit St Petersburg.

- The Portuguese side went down 3-2 in Russia on 15 February, Roman Shirokov scoring twice for Zenit.
- For the Russian champions the match is a third successive meeting with Portuguese opponents. On matchday six a 0-0 draw away against FC Porto ensured Zenit finished runners-up behind APOEL FC in Group G.

Previous meetings

- This is the first European meeting between the teams on Portuguese soil; in four home fixtures against Russian opponents Benfica have won two and drawn two, conceding only one goal.
- In four previous knockout ties against Russian opponents they have only once been on the losing side – going down 3-1 on aggregate in the last such encounter, against PFC CSKA Moskva in the 2004/05 UEFA Cup round of 32. The home second leg finished 1-1.
- This season's draw at Porto aside, Zenit's only other away game in Portugal ended in a 4-3 defeat by CD Nacional in the 2009/10 UEFA Cup play-offs, setting up a 5-4 aggregate reverse.

Match background

- Benfica have lost just one of their last 19 European home games, a sequence that includes 15 wins. That sole setback came in last season's UEFA Champions League when FC Schalke 04 were 2-1 winners on matchday six.
- A 1-0 home defeat of FC Oțelul Galați meant Benfica won Group C, the first time they had finished top of their UEFA Champions League section since 1995. It followed 1-1 home draws with both Manchester United FC and FC Basel 1893.
- Winners in 1961 and 1962, Benfica were last at this stage in 2005/06 when they beat holders Liverpool FC 1-0 at home and 2-0 away, Luisão scoring in the first leg. Benfica's run came to an end in the quarter-finals when eventual champions FC Barcelona beat them 2-0 in Spain and on aggregate.
- Zenit's 2-1 defeat at APOEL FC on matchday one was their third successive away reverse in Europe. Their two subsequent matches ended in draws at FC Shakhtar Donetsk (2-2) and Porto, meaning they have not won any of their last five away European fixtures since a 3-0 victory at AEK Athens FC on UEFA Europa League matchday six last season.
- Of the 12 occasions where Zenit have won the first leg at home in European competition, they have earned nine aggregate victories. Most recently, however, a 1-0 home win against AJ Auxerre in the 2010/11 play-off round preceded a 2-0 loss in France.
- Benfica have lost the first leg away from home 31 times and have recovered to win on aggregate on nine occasions. Of the four instances where they have gone down 3-2 they have won two ties, most recently against SSC Napoli in the 2008/09 UEFA Cup first round when they triumphed 2-0 in Lisbon.

Team ties

- Artur played for AS Roma in 2008/09 under Zenit coach Luciano Spalletti.
- Bruno Alves and Danny and Benfica's Eduardo are team-mates with Portugal.
- Bruno Alves scored against Benfica to help Porto to a 3-1 win in 2009/10, one of four wins in 13 matches. In five games against Benfica with CS Marítimo, Danny was on the winning side just once.
- Russia's Vyacheslav Malafeev has played against Portugal twice, losing 7-1 in Lisbon in a FIFA World Cup qualifier on 13 October 2004. He also came on as a second-half substitute against the host nation at UEFA EURO 2004 with Russia losing 1-0 in Lisbon, conceding a second goal as Portugal won 2-0.
- Joan Capdevila played both legs as Villarreal CF were knocked out by Zenit on away goals in the 2007/08 UEFA Cup in the round of 32. Malafeev, Shirokov, Viktor Fayzulin, Konstantin Zyryanov and Aleksandr Anyukov played both legs for Zenit, Nicolas Lombaerts featuring in the second game.
- Aleksandar Luković plays for Serbia alongside Nemanja Matić; Danko Lazović retired from the squad last March. Lombaerts is a team-mate of Axel Witsel for Belgium.
- Eduardo and Domenico Criscito were team-mates at Genoa CFC in 2009/10.

Match facts

Benfica

UEFA milestones

- This is Benfica's 50th UEFA Champions League match, group stage to final.
- Jorge Jesus oversaw his 21st win in 38 games in UEFA competition as Benfica coach on matchday six, surpassing Sven-Göran Eriksson's club record (20 from 39).
- The Portuguese club have scored 348 European Cup goals.
- Luisão has made a record 82 appearances in UEFA club competition for Benfica.

UEFA Champions League statistics

- Benfica have committed 114 fouls; more than any other team in the round of 16.
- Nicolás Gaitán has provided five assists; the highest total in the competition.
- Pablo Aimar serves a one-game ban; Artur and Ezequiel Garay will incur suspensions with their next yellow cards.

Latest domestic information

- **Friday 2 March: SL Benfica 2-3 FC Porto (Cardozo 41 48; Hulk 7, Rodríguez 64, Maicon 87)**
Artur; Emerson, Luisão, Garay (Vítor 71), Pereira; Gaitán, Javi García (Oliveira 90), Witsel, Nolito; Aimar (Rodrigo 52), Cardozo.
- Emerson was sent off (77) as the Eagles suffered their first home defeat of the season in their 18th game; they had won all ten of their previous Liga matches at the Estádio do Sport Lisboa e Benfica this term.
- It was Benfica's third defeat in four games (they drew the other), a run that began at Zenit; before that sequence, Jorge Jesus' side had lost once in 34 outings this season.
- Óscar Cardozo has scored 14 goals in his last 14 appearances.
- Benfica have kept just six clean sheets in 21 Liga games this season.
- Benfica went into the first leg at Zenit on an 11-game winning run. Defeat in Russia ended the sequence and next time out, on 20 February, they suffered their first Liga loss of the season, going down 1-0 at Vitória SC.
- Benfica had scored in all 35 of their competitive matches this season before the Guimarães loss; they failed to register again five days later, drawing 0-0 at A. Académica de Coimbra.
- Winners of the last three editions, Benfica will host Porto in the Portuguese League Cup semi-finals on 21 March.

Injury news

- Garay (left knee) and Aimar (right thigh) picked up knocks against Porto, while Yannick Djaló damaged his right thigh in training on Saturday.
- Javi García started against Porto on his return from a muscular problem picked up in training on 10 February.
- Although he was fit enough to face Guimarães on 20 February, the hip injury that forced Rodrigo off at Zenit kept him out of the Académica draw, before he returned on Friday.

International duty

- Nélon Oliveira made his Portugal debut on 29 February, coming on as a late substitute in a 0-0 draw away to Poland.

UEFA Champions League squad changes

In: Yannick Djaló (free agent), Joan Capdevila, André Almeida

Out: Ruben Amorim (SC Braga, loan), César Peixoto (Gil Vicente FC), Enzo Pérez (Club Estudiantes LP, loan)

Miscellaneous

- Former Portuguese international Jaime Graça, scorer of Benfica's goal in the 4-1 defeat by Manchester United FC in the 1968 European Champion Clubs' Cup final, died on 28 February aged 70.

Zenit

UEFA milestones

- This is Zenit's 100th match in UEFA competition; matchday seven was the Russian club's 50th win.

UEFA Champions League statistics

- Bruno Alves is one of only three players to have collected four yellow cards in this season's competition.
- Aleksandr Anyukov, Alves, Domenico Criscito and Tomáš Hubočan will incur a ban with their next bookings.

Latest domestic information

- **Saturday 3 March: PFC CSKA Moskva 2-2 FC Zenit St Petersburg (Dzagoev 17, Musa 68; Kerzhakov 1 56)** Malafeev; Anyukov, Lombaerts, Hubočan, Criscito; Fayzulin (Zyryanov 74), Semak, Denisov, Shirokov, Arshavin (Lazović 55); Kerzhakov (Kanunnikov 90+3).
- Premier-Liga leaders Zenit resumed after the Russian winter break with a draw away to the side that began the day six points adrift in second.
- The Premier-Liga has split in two for the second stage of this 18-month transitional championship, with the top eight playing each other twice – a process that began on 18 November. While past Russian seasons followed the calendar year, from 2012/13 the competition will run from summer to summer.
- Aleksandr Kerzhakov has scored 11 goals in his past ten league outings, though Saturday's game was his first in domestic football since suffering an ankle injury at FC Spartak Moskva on 2 October.
- Zenit have drawn eight of their last 13 games, though they are 17 matches unbeaten in all competitions, dating back to the matchday one defeat by APOEL FC.
- Zenit had a training camp in Lagos, Portugal from 18 to 27 February. They won friendlies against Portimonense SC and Degerfors IF, second division sides in Portugal and Sweden respectively.
- Winter friendly results:
 - 18/01: Zenit 2-1 FC Bunyodkor, UZB (Husztí 13, Criscito 43)
 - 20/01: Zenit 2-1 Iraq Olympic side (Bukharov 10, Kerzhakov 75)
 - 23/01: Zenit 5-0 Uzbekistan Olympic side (Lazović 10pen, Rosina 69 80, Danny 84 86)
 - 25/01: Zenit 4-0 PFK Lokomotiv Tashkent, UZB (Lazović 3, Kerzhakov 52, Husztí 56, Bukharov 80pen)
 - 26/01: Zenit 1-2 FC Shurtan Guzar, UZB (Luković 69pen)
 - 01/02: Zenit 3-1 Serie D U19 XI, ITA (Lombaerts 40, Danny 50, Denisov 54)
 - 04/02: Zenit 5-2 US Pistoiese 1921, ITA (Luković 19pen 27pen 57pen, Fayzulin 44, Husztí 59)
 - 06/02: Zenit 1-0 AC Cesena, ITA (Kerzhakov 22)
 - 22/02: Zenit 1-0 Portimonense SC, POR (Rosina 42)
 - 26/02: Zenit 2-1 Degerfors IF, SWE (Husztí 39, Semak 46)
- Zenit host FC Dinamo Moskva in the Russian Cup quarter-finals on 21 March.

Injury news

- Vyacheslav Malafeev made his first appearance of 2012 at CSKA – friendly or otherwise – after a calf problem.
- Danny tore knee ligaments on 5 February and has been ruled out for the rest of the season.
- Aleksandr Bukharov is yet to return to full fitness after straining his hamstring at the end of January.
- Criscito, who missed the first leg with severe food poisoning, returned to action in Italy's 1-0 loss to the United States on 29 February.

International duty

- Roman Shirokov and Andrey Arshavin scored as Russia beat Denmark 2-0 in Copenhagen on 29 February. Anyukov, Konstantin Zyryanov, Igor Denisov and Kerzhakov were also in action for the visitors.
- Nicolas Lombaerts received his first red card since December 2007 as Belgium drew 1-1 away to Greece.

UEFA Champions League squad changes

In: None

Out: Aleksei Ionov (FC Kuban Krasnodar), Michael Lumb (SC Freiburg, loan)

- On 24 February, Arshavin returned to Zenit on loan until July; he is ineligible for the UEFA Champions League.
- Full-back Igor Cheminaeva has joined second division FC Sibir Novosibirsk on loan until the end of the season.

Miscellaneous

- Malafeev has gone a record 606 minutes without conceding an international goal for Russia.

Squad list

SL Benfica

No	Player	Nat.	DoB	Age	D	Current season						All-time			
						QUAL		UCL		League		UCL		UEFA	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers															
1	Artur	BRA	25/01/81	31	*	4	-	7	-	21	-	8	-	25	-
39	Mika	POR	08/03/91	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
47	Eduardo	POR	19/09/82	29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16	-
51	José Costa	POR	09/04/94	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
52	Bruno Varela	POR	04/11/94	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders															
3	Emerson	BRA	23/02/86	26	-	4	-	6	-	20	-	6	-	30	-
4	Luisão	BRA	13/02/81	31	-	4	1	6	-	16	1	32	3	82	7
14	Maxi Pereira	URU	08/06/84	27	-	4	-	6	1	18	-	18	2	46	5
24	Ezequiel Garay	ARG	10/10/86	25	*	4	-	7	-	19	2	11	-	19	-
27	Miguel Vítor	POR	30/06/89	22	-	-	-	4	-	2	-	5	-	11	-
33	Jardel	BRA	29/03/86	25	-	-	-	1	-	7	-	1	-	6	1
34	André Almeida	POR	10/09/90	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
36	Luís Martins	POR	10/06/92	19	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	1	-	1	-
38	Joan Capdevila	ESP	03/02/78	34	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	36	3	81	7
54	João Cancelo	POR	27/05/94	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Midfielders															
6	Javi García	ESP	08/02/87	25	-	4	-	5	-	14	1	16	1	41	2
8	Bruno César	BRA	03/11/88	23	-	2	-	7	2	18	4	7	2	9	2
9	Nolito	ESP	15/10/86	25	-	4	3	6	-	21	8	6	-	10	3
10	Pablo Aimar	ARG	03/11/79	32	S	4	-	6	1	19	2	33	5	75	10
20	Nicolás Gaitán	ARG	23/02/88	24	-	4	1	7	-	19	1	12	-	24	2
21	Nemanja Matić	SRB	01/08/88	23	-	3	-	4	-	12	1	4	-	7	-
28	Axel Witsel	BEL	12/01/89	23	-	4	2	7	-	21	-	13	-	37	8
37	Rúben Pinto	POR	24/04/92	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Forwards															
7	Óscar Cardozo	PAR	20/05/83	28	-	3	1	6	4	20	16	16	8	48	24
12	Yannick Djalo	POR	05/05/86	25	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	15	1	36	3
16	Nélson Oliveira	POR	08/08/91	20	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-
19	Rodrigo	ESP	06/03/91	20	-	-	-	6	1	14	8	6	1	6	1
30	Javier Saviola	ARG	11/12/81	30	-	4	-	2	-	12	4	45	15	88	31
Coach															
-	Jorge Jesus	POR	24/07/54	57	-	4	-	6	-	-	-	12	-	56	-

FC Zenit St Petersburg

No	Player	Nat.	DoB	Age	D	Current season						All-time			
						QUAL		UCL		League		UCL		UEFA	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers															
16	Vyacheslav Malafeev	RUS	04/03/79	33	-	-	-	6	-	32	-	12	-	60	-
22	Dmitri Borodin	RUS	08/10/77	34	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	6	-
30	Yuri Zhevnov	BLR	17/04/81	30	-	-	-	1	-	3	-	1	-	22	1
91	Andrei Zaytsev	RUS	14/01/91	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders															
2	Aleksandr Anyukov	RUS	28/09/82	29	*	-	-	6	-	29	1	12	-	58	1
3	Bruno Alves	POR	27/11/81	30	*	-	-	4	-	27	-	41	2	55	3
4	Domenico Criscito	ITA	30/12/86	25	*	-	-	6	-	14	-	6	-	12	1
6	Nicolas Lombaerts	BEL	20/03/85	26	-	-	-	7	1	30	1	9	1	36	2
14	Tomáš Hubočan	SVK	17/09/85	26	*	-	-	7	-	20	-	9	-	20	1
24	Aleksandar Luković	SRB	23/10/82	29	-	-	-	-	-	17	1	-	-	30	-
50	Igor Cheminava	RUS	23/03/91	20	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-
63	Denis Terentyev	RUS	13/08/92	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
88	Dmitri Telegin	RUS	02/01/92	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Midfielders															
15	Roman Shirokov	RUS	06/07/81	30	-	-	-	7	5	17	6	9	5	35	7
17	Alessandro Rosina	ITA	31/01/84	28	-	-	-	1	-	7	-	1	-	18	3
18	Konstantin Zyryanov	RUS	05/10/77	34	-	-	-	7	1	32	2	13	1	57	5
20	Viktor Fayzulin	RUS	22/04/86	25	-	-	-	7	1	28	4	9	1	29	3
23	Szabolcs Huszti	HUN	18/04/83	28	-	-	-	1	-	19	1	1	-	22	5
25	Sergei Semak	RUS	27/02/76	36	-	-	-	4	1	11	1	16	5	44	9
27	Igor Denisov	RUS	17/05/84	27	-	-	-	7	-	30	1	13	-	59	5
34	Vladimir Bystrov	RUS	31/01/84	28	-	-	-	3	-	4	-	9	-	38	-
80	Maksim Batov	RUS	05/06/92	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
87	Aleksei Kayukov	RUS	09/02/93	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
96	Evgeni Bashkirov	RUS	06/07/91	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Forwards															
8	Danko Lazović	SRB	17/05/83	28	-	-	-	5	-	30	11	14	2	57	11
9	Aleksandr Bukharov	RUS	12/03/85	26	-	-	-	5	-	27	5	9	-	21	5
10	Danny	POR	07/08/83	28	-	-	-	6	1	27	9	12	3	34	6
11	Aleksandr Kerzhakov	RUS	27/11/82	29	-	-	-	3	-	23	18	5	-	50	23
70	Vyacheslav Sushkin	RUS	11/03/91	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
99	Maksim Kanunnikov	RUS	14/07/91	20	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	8	-
Coach															
-	Luciano Spalletti	ITA	07/03/59	52	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	35	-	72	-

Head coach

SL Benfica: Jorge Jesus

Date of birth: 24 July 1954

Nationality: Portuguese

Playing Career: Sporting Clube de Portugal, GD Peniche, SC Olhanense, CF Os Belenenses, GD Riopele, Juventude SC, UD Leiria, Vitória FC, SC Farense, CF Estrela da Amadora, Benfica e Castelo Branco, SR Almancilense

Coaching career: Amora FC, FC Felgueiras, CF Estrela da Amadora (twice), Vitória FC, Vitória SC, Moreirense FC, UD Leiria, CF Os Belenenses, SC Braga, SL Benfica

- Initially a midfielder at Sporting, Jorge Jesus enjoyed a long if low-key career with a number of smaller Portuguese sides before moving into coaching with fourth division Amora after hanging up his boots in 1989, leading them to a title.
- More success followed at Felgueiras, whom he led from the third division to the Liga in successive seasons, though they were relegated in their third campaign under his command in 1995/96.
- Further Liga experience came at hometown side Estrela da Amadora, Setúbal and Guimarães, though he endured another relegation with Moirense in 2005/06.
- Made a splash with Belenenses in 2006/07, leading them to fifth place in the Liga and the Portuguese Cup final, where a 1-0 defeat by Sporting allowed his side to compete in the UEFA Cup the following season.
- Even better followed at Braga in 2008/09 as he guided them to UEFA Intertoto Cup success and subsequently the UEFA Cup round of 16. A fifth-place Liga finish prompted Benfica to lure him back to Lisbon in 2009 and Jesus rewarded their faith with the league title and League Cup in his debut campaign, retaining the Portuguese League the following season.

FC Zenit St Petersburg: Luciano Spalletti

Date of birth: 7 March 1959

Nationality: Italian

Playing career: AC Entella Chiavari 1914, Spezia Calcio 1906, FC Esperia Viareggio, Empoli FC

Coaching career: Empoli FC, UC Sampdoria, Venezia Calcio, Udinese Calcio (twice), Ancona Calcio, AS Roma, FC Zenit St Petersburg

- An industrious midfielder in his playing days, he started his coaching career in 1993/94 with former club Empoli and enjoyed immediate success with successive promotions.
- After a good first campaign in the top flight, Spalletti left to join Sampdoria but was sacked 28 games into the 1998/99 season.
- Had brief stays at Venezia, Udinese and Ancona but returned to Udinese in summer 2002, steering them to sixth and seventh-placed finishes before guiding them into the UEFA Champions League for the first time in 2004/05. This success persuaded Roma to approach Spalletti, and he signed a two-year contract.
- In 2005/06 Roma set a record of consecutive Serie A wins (11) and finished fifth, with Spalletti subsequently named Serie A coach of the year. Guided the Giallorossi to Coppa Italia success in 2007 and 2008 and two UEFA Champions League quarter-finals.
- After a difficult 2008/09 campaign, Spalletti resigned in September 2009, joining Zenit three months later on a three-year deal. Soon after, he delivered their first Russian Cup triumph in 11 years, and with his side going a record 23 games unbeaten from the start of the season, took the league title too at the end of 2010, before adding the Russian Super Cup in 2011.

Match officials

Referee	Howard Webb (ENG)
Assistant referees	Michael Mullarkey (ENG), Stephen Child (ENG)
Additional assistant referees	Martin Atkinson (ENG), Mark Clattenburg (ENG)
Fourth official	Mike Dean (ENG)
UEFA Delegate	Dusan Tittel (SVK)
UEFA Referee observer	Oguz Sarvan (TUR)

Referee

Name	Date of birth	UEFA Champions League matches	UEFA matches
Howard Webb	14/07/1971	23	65

- Howard Webb has made tremendous progress in recent years, both in his native England – where highlights include the 2006/07 League Cup final and the 2008/09 FA Cup final – but also abroad, particularly in 2009/10.
- His appointment on Matchday 2 of the 2006/07 campaign was his first taste of the UEFA Champions League proper, reward for an impressive performance at the UEFA European Under-21 Championship in Portugal.
- A former police officer who enjoys keeping fit, Webb already has a long career behind him having been inspired to pick up the whistle by his father at the age of 18. Took charge of the 2005 FA Community Shield, and that November was in the middle for his first senior international between Northern Ireland and Portugal.
- Having overseen five qualifiers, Webb was referee for two games at UEFA EURO 2008 and in 2008/09 took charge of the UEFA Cup semi-final first leg between Werder Bremen and Hamburger SV.
- The following season he became the fifth Englishman to oversee the European Cup final when FC Internazionale Milano overcame FC Bayern München in Madrid. Even better was to come at the FIFA World Cup, however, where Webb refereed three matches before becoming the first Englishman since Jack Taylor in 1974 to be awarded the final as Spain beat the Netherlands 1-0.

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

Date	Competition	Stage	Home	Away	Result	Venue
05/03/08	UCL	KO1	FC Porto	FC Schalke 04	1-0	Porto
24/02/09	UCL	KO1	Club Atlético de Madrid	FC Porto	2-2	Madrid
26/08/09	UCL	PO	ACF Fiorentina	Sporting Clube de Portugal	1-1	Florence
31/03/10	UCL	QF	FC Internazionale Milano	PFC CSKA Moskva	1-0	Milan
07/12/10	UCL	GS	SL Benfica	FC Schalke 04	1-2	Lisbon
28/09/11	UCL	GS	FC Zenit St Petersburg	FC Porto	3-1	St Petersburg

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

Date	Competition	Stage	Home	Away	Result	Venue
14/04/05	U19	ELITE	Spain	Portugal	2-0	Plasencia
16/04/05	U19	ELITE	Portugal	Israel	0-2	Plasencia
29/09/05	UCUP	R1	UC Sampdoria	Vitória FC	1-0	Genoa
23/05/06	U21	GS	Portugal	France	0-1	Braga
10/09/08	WC	QR	Portugal	Denmark	2-3	Lisbon
14/10/09	WC	QR	Azerbaijan	Russia	1-1	Baku
23/02/11	UCUP	R32	FC Porto	Sevilla FC	0-1	Porto
11/11/11	EURO	PO	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Portugal	0-0	Zenica

Fixtures and results

SL Benfica

Date	Competition	Opponent	Result	Goalscorers
27/07/11	UCL	Trabzonspor AŞ (H)	W 2-0	Nolito 71, Gaitán 88
03/08/11	UCL	Trabzonspor AŞ (A)	D 1-1	Nolito 19
12/08/11	League	Gil Vicente FC (A)	D 2-2	Nolito 8, Saviola 20
16/08/11	UCL	FC Twente (A)	D 2-2	Óscar Cardozo 21, Nolito 35
20/08/11	League	CD Feirense (H)	W 3-1	Nolito 14, Óscar Cardozo 75, Bruno César 90+1
24/08/11	UCL	FC Twente (H)	W 3-1	Witsel 46, 66, Luisão 59
29/08/11	League	CD Nacional (A)	W 2-0	Óscar Cardozo 25, Bruno César 90+5
10/09/11	League	Vitória SC (H)	W 2-1	Óscar Cardozo 34 (p), 45+1 (p)
14/09/11	UCL	Manchester United FC (H)	D 1-1	Óscar Cardozo 24
18/09/11	League	A. Académica de Coimbra (H)	W 4-1	Bruno César 26, Nolito 41, 90+1, Aimar 82
23/09/11	League	FC Porto (A)	D 2-2	Óscar Cardozo 47, Gaitán 82
27/09/11	UCL	FC Oțelul Galați (A)	W 1-0	Bruno César 40
01/10/11	League	FC Paços de Ferreira (H)	W 4-1	Saviola 21, 43, Luisão 65, Nolito 67
14/10/11	Cup	Portimonense SC (A)	W 2-0	Bruno César 59, Rodrigo 72
18/10/11	UCL	FC Basel 1893 (A)	W 2-0	Bruno César 20, Óscar Cardozo 75
22/10/11	League	SC Beira-Mar (A)	W 1-0	Óscar Cardozo 42
29/10/11	League	SC Olhanense (H)	W 2-1	Rodrigo 1, 13
02/11/11	UCL	FC Basel 1893 (H)	D 1-1	Rodrigo 4
06/11/11	League	SC Braga (A)	D 1-1	Rodrigo 72
18/11/11	Cup	A. Naval 1º Maio (A)	W 1-0	Rodrigo 83
22/11/11	UCL	Manchester United FC (A)	D 2-2	Jones 3 (og), Aimar 61
26/11/11	League	Sporting Clube de Portugal (H)	W 1-0	Javi García 42
02/12/11	Cup	CS Marítimo (A)	L 1-2	Saviola 27 (p)
07/12/11	UCL	FC Oțelul Galați (H)	W 1-0	Óscar Cardozo 7
11/12/11	League	CS Marítimo (A)	W 1-0	Óscar Cardozo 85
16/12/11	League	Rio Ave FC (H)	W 5-1	Óscar Cardozo 34 (p), Nolito 36, 71, Saviola 45, Garay 47
08/01/12	League	UD Leiria (A)	W 4-0	Bruno César 10, Óscar Cardozo 48, Rodrigo 73, 76
14/01/12	League	Vitória FC (H)	W 4-1	Nolito 24, Óscar Cardozo 33, 45, Matić 72
22/01/12	League	Gil Vicente FC (H)	W 3-1	Óscar Cardozo 26, Rodrigo 73, Aimar 74
28/01/12	League	CD Feirense (A)	W 2-1	Varela 54 (og), Óscar Cardozo 73 (p)
11/02/12	League	CD Nacional (H)	W 4-1	Garay 9, Óscar Cardozo 21, Rodrigo 39, 61
15/02/12	UCL	FC Zenit St Petersburg (A)	L 2-3	Maxi Pereira 20, Óscar Cardozo 87
20/02/12	League	Vitória SC (A)	L 0-1	
25/02/12	League	A. Académica de Coimbra (A)	D 0-0	
02/03/12	League	FC Porto (H)	L 2-3	Óscar Cardozo 41, 48
06/03/12	UCL	FC Zenit St Petersburg (H)		
11/03/12	League	FC Paços de Ferreira (A)		
18/03/12	League	SC Beira-Mar (H)		
25/03/12	League	SC Olhanense (A)		
01/04/12	League	SC Braga (H)		
07/04/12	League	Sporting Clube de Portugal (A)		
22/04/12	League	CS Marítimo (H)		
29/04/12	League	Rio Ave FC (A)		
06/05/12	League	UD Leiria (H)		
13/05/12	League	Vitória FC (A)		

Pos.	Clubs	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1	FC Porto	21	16	4	1	50	15	52
2	SL Benfica	21	15	4	2	49	19	49
3	SC Braga	21	15	4	2	45	17	49
4	Sporting Clube de Portugal	21	11	5	5	31	17	38
5	CS Marítimo	21	11	5	5	30	23	38
6	Vitória SC	21	10	2	9	26	23	32
7	SC Olhanense	21	6	8	7	24	26	26
8	CD Nacional	21	7	4	10	24	35	25
9	Gil Vicente FC	21	5	8	8	20	32	23
10	A. Académica de Coimbra	21	5	7	9	20	27	22
11	Rio Ave FC	21	6	3	12	21	27	21
12	FC Paços de Ferreira	21	6	3	12	25	40	21
13	Vitória FC	21	5	5	11	19	37	20
14	SC Beira-Mar	21	4	5	12	16	24	17
15	CD Feirense	21	3	8	10	15	31	17
16	UD Leiria	21	4	3	14	19	41	15

FC Zenit St Petersburg

Date	Competition	Opponent	Result	Goalscorers
13/03/11	League	FC Terek Grozny (A)	W 1-0	Lazović 14
21/03/11	League	FC Anzhi Makhachkala (H)	W 2-0	Shirokov 6, Lazović 45+2
03/04/11	League	PFC Spartak Nalchik (A)	D 2-2	Kerzhakov 7, Lazović 81
10/04/11	League	PFC CSKA Moskva (H)	D 1-1	Zyryanov 45+1
17/04/11	League	FC Amkar Perm (A)	W 3-1	Ionov 20, Danny 24, Bukharov 80
24/04/11	League	PFC Krylya Sovetov Samara (H)	W 3-0	Kerzhakov 11, Lazović 81, 85
01/05/11	League	FC Krasnodar (A)	D 0-0	
08/05/11	League	FC Lokomotiv Moskva (H)	D 1-1	Lazović 65 (p)
15/05/11	League	FC Rubin Kazan (H)	D 2-2	Danny 9, Kerzhakov 71
21/05/11	League	FC Tom Toms (A)	L 1-2	Ionov 42
29/05/11	League	FC Spartak Moskva (H)	W 3-0	Lazović 36 (p), Kerzhakov 66, 85
10/06/11	League	FC Dinamo Moskva (A)	D 1-1	Lazović 82
14/06/11	League	FC Rostov (H)	W 4-0	Ionov 1, Lazović 39, Huszti 72, Bukharov 90+2
18/06/11	League	FC Volga Nizhny Novgorod (A)	W 2-0	Kerzhakov 9, 19
22/06/11	League	FC Kuban Krasnodar (H)	W 1-0	Zyryanov 35
26/06/11	League	FC Terek Grozny (H)	D 0-0	
17/07/11	Cup	FC Khimki (A)	W 3-2	Danny 7, Fayzulin 16, Bukharov 67
24/07/11	League	FC Anzhi Makhachkala (A)	W 1-0	Kerzhakov 80
31/07/11	League	PFC Spartak Nalchik (H)	W 1-0	Fayzulin 23
06/08/11	League	PFC CSKA Moskva (A)	W 2-0	Kerzhakov 54, Anyukov 55
14/08/11	League	FC Amkar Perm (H)	D 1-1	Kerzhakov 52
20/08/11	League	PFC Krylya Sovetov Samara (A)	W 5-2	Danny 22, Shirokov 29, 78 (p), Lombaerts 32, Fayzulin 34
28/08/11	League	FC Krasnodar (H)	W 5-0	Kerzhakov 24, 30, 79 (p), Shirokov 85, Danny 90+2
10/09/11	League	FC Lokomotiv Moskva (A)	L 2-4	Lazović 7, Bukharov 31
13/09/11	UCL	APOEL FC (A)	L 1-2	Zyryanov 63
18/09/11	League	FC Rubin Kazan (A)	W 3-2	Shirokov 28, Danny 50, 68
21/09/11	Cup	FC Dinamo Bryansk (H)	W 2-0	Bukharov 18, Mukhutdinov 44 (og)
24/09/11	League	FC Tom Toms (H)	W 4-0	Fayzulin 4, Shirokov 23, Kerzhakov 43, 54
28/09/11	UCL	FC Porto (H)	W 3-1	Shirokov 20, 63, Danny 72
02/10/11	League	FC Spartak Moskva (A)	D 2-2	Danny 39, Kerzhakov 47
15/10/11	League	FC Dinamo Moskva (H)	D 0-0	
19/10/11	UCL	FC Shakhtar Donetsk (A)	D 2-2	Shirokov 33, Fayzulin 60
23/10/11	League	FC Rostov (A)	W 3-1	Danny 9, Luković 15 (p), Bukharov 32
27/10/11	League	FC Volga Nizhny Novgorod (H)	W 3-0	Fayzulin 2, Bukharov 37, Lazović 69 (p)
01/11/11	UCL	FC Shakhtar Donetsk (H)	W 1-0	Lombaerts 45+1
06/11/11	League	FC Kuban Krasnodar (A)	D 1-1	Denisov 28
18/11/11	League	FC Anzhi Makhachkala (H)	D 0-0	
23/11/11	UCL	APOEL FC (H)	D 0-0	
27/11/11	League	FC Lokomotiv Moskva (H)	W 2-1	Danny 26, Semak 31
06/12/11	UCL	FC Porto (A)	D 0-0	
15/02/12	UCL	SL Benfica (H)	W 3-2	Shirokov 27, 88, Semak 71
03/03/12	League	PFC CSKA Moskva (A)	D 2-2	Kerzhakov 1, 56
06/03/12	UCL	SL Benfica (A)		
11/03/12	League	FC Kuban Krasnodar (H)		
16/03/12	League	FC Dinamo Moskva (A)		
21/03/12	Cup	FC Dinamo Moskva (H)		
25/03/12	League	FC Rubin Kazan (H)		
31/03/12	League	FC Spartak Moskva (A)		
08/04/12	League	FC Lokomotiv Moskva (A)		
14/04/12	League	PFC CSKA Moskva (H)		
21/04/12	League	FC Kuban Krasnodar (A)		
28/04/12	League	FC Dinamo Moskva (H)		
02/05/12	League	FC Rubin Kazan (A)		
06/05/12	League	FC Spartak Moskva (H)		
13/05/12	League	FC Anzhi Makhachkala (A)		

Pos.	Clubs	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1	FC Zenit St Petersburg	33	18	12	3	63	28	66
2	PFC CSKA Moskva	33	16	12	5	62	35	60
3	FC Dinamo Moskva	33	17	7	9	53	34	58
4	FC Spartak Moskva	33	16	10	7	52	35	58
5	FC Lokomotiv Moskva	33	16	8	9	52	34	56
6	FC Rubin Kazan	33	15	11	7	45	29	56
7	FC Anzhi Makhachkala	33	15	10	8	41	33	55
8	FC Kuban Krasnodar	33	14	8	11	40	32	50
9	FC Krasnodar	33	12	9	12	42	45	45
10	FC Rostov	33	9	9	15	35	48	36
11	FC Terek Grozny	33	9	8	16	30	48	35
12	FC Volga Nizhny Novgorod	33	9	4	20	26	43	31
13	FC Amkar Perm	32	7	10	15	23	41	31
14	PFC Krylya Sovetov Samara	32	7	10	15	22	43	31
15	PFC Spartak Nalchik	33	6	9	18	28	44	27
16	FC Tom Tomsk	33	4	9	20	20	62	21

Match-by-match lineups

SL Benfica

Third qualifying round

(27/07/11)

Benfica 2-0 Trabzonspor

Goals: 1-0 Nolito 71, 2-0 Gaitán 88

SL Benfica: Artur, Emerson, Luisão, Ruben Amorim (Maxi Pereira 64), Javi García, Óscar Cardozo, Aimar (Witsel 74), Gaitán, Garay, Saviola, Pérez (Nolito 54)

(03/08/11)

Trabzonspor 1-1 Benfica (agg: 1-3)

Goals: 0-1 Nolito 19, 1-1 Paulo Henrique 32

SL Benfica: Artur, Emerson, Luisão, Javi García, Nolito, Aimar (Matić 64), Maxi Pereira, Gaitán (Bruno César 87), Garay, Witsel, Saviola (Jara 75)

Play-offs

(16/08/11)

Twente 2-2 Benfica

Goals: 1-0 De Jong 6, 1-1 Óscar Cardozo 21, 1-2 Nolito 35, 2-2 Ruiz 80

SL Benfica: Artur, Emerson, Luisão, Javi García, Óscar Cardozo (Matić 87), Nolito, Aimar (Saviola 64), Maxi Pereira, Gaitán (Ruben Amorim 56), Garay, Witsel

(24/08/11)

Benfica 3-1 Twente (agg: 5-3)

Goals: 1-0 Witsel 46, 2-0 Luisão 59, 3-0 Witsel 66, 3-1 Ruiz 85

SL Benfica: Artur, Emerson, Luisão, Javi García, Óscar Cardozo (Saviola 84), Nolito (Matić 74), Aimar, Maxi Pereira, Gaitán (Bruno César 74), Garay, Witsel

Group stage

Standings

Club	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
SL Benfica	6	3	3	0	8	4	12
FC Basel 1893	6	3	2	1	11	10	11
Manchester United FC	6	2	3	1	11	8	9
FC Oțelul Galați	6	0	0	6	3	11	0

Matchday 1 (14/09/11)

Benfica 1-1 Man. United

Goals: 1-0 Óscar Cardozo 24, 1-1 Giggs 42

SL Benfica: Artur, Emerson, Luisão, Ruben Amorim (Nolito 56), Javi García, Óscar Cardozo, Aimar (Matić 75), Maxi Pereira, Gaitán (Bruno César 90+1), Garay, Witsel

Matchday 2 (27/09/11)

Oțelul Galați 0-1 Benfica

Goals: 0-1 Bruno César 40

SL Benfica: Artur, Emerson, Luisão, Javi García, Óscar Cardozo, Bruno César (Ruben Amorim 82), Maxi Pereira, Gaitán (Rodrigo 77), Garay, Witsel, Saviola (Nolito 63)

Matchday 3 (18/10/11)

Basel 0-2 Benfica

Goals: 0-1 Bruno César 20, 0-2 Óscar Cardozo 75

SL Benfica: Artur, Emerson, Luisão, Javi García, Bruno César, Aimar (Nolito 67), Maxi Pereira (Miguel Vítor 78), Rodrigo (Óscar Cardozo 70), Gaitán, Garay, Witsel

Matchday 4 (02/11/11)

Benfica 1-1 Basel

Goals: 1-0 Rodrigo 4, 1-1 Huggel 64

SL Benfica: Artur, Luisão, Bruno César, Aimar (Óscar Cardozo 73), Maxi Pereira, Rodrigo, Gaitán (Nolito 82), Matiç, Garay, Witsel, Luís Martins (Miguel Vítor 64)

Matchday 5 (22/11/11)

Man. United 2-2 Benfica

Goals: 0-1 Jones 3(o.g.), 1-1 Berbatov 30, 2-1 D. Fletcher 59, 2-2 Aimar 61

SL Benfica: Artur, Emerson, Luisão (Miguel Vítor 58), Javi García, Bruno César, Aimar (Ruben Amorim 83), Maxi Pereira, Rodrigo, Gaitán (Matiç 68), Garay, Witsel

Matchday 6 (07/12/11)

Benfica 1-0 Oțelul Galați

Goals: 1-0 Óscar Cardozo 7

SL Benfica: Artur, Emerson, Ruben Amorim, Javi García, Óscar Cardozo (Saviola 78), Bruno César (Nolito 56), Aimar (Rodrigo 70), Gaitán, Garay, Witsel, Jardel

Round of 16

(15/02/12)

Zenit 3-2 Benfica

Goals: 0-1 Maxi Pereira 20, 1-1 Shirokov 27, 2-1 Semak 71, 2-2 Óscar Cardozo 87, 3-2 Shirokov 88

FC Zenit St Petersburg: Zhevnov, Anyukov, Bruno Alves, Lombaerts, Kerzhakov, Hubočan, Shirokov, Zyryanov (Semak 46), Fayzulin (Rosina 89), Denisov, Kanunnikov (Bystrov 66)

SL Benfica: Artur, Emerson, Luisão, Óscar Cardozo, Bruno César (Nolito 76), Maxi Pereira, Rodrigo (Aimar 30), Gaitán (Miguel Vítor 90), Matic, Garay, Witsel

(06/03/12)

Benfica v Zenit

FC Zenit St Petersburg

Group stage

Standings

Club	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
APOEL FC	6	2	3	1	6	6	9
FC Zenit St Petersburg	6	2	3	1	7	5	9
FC Porto	6	2	2	2	7	7	8
FC Shakhtar Donetsk	6	1	2	3	6	8	5

Matchday 1 (13/09/11)

APOEL 2-1 Zenit

Goals: 0-1 Zyryanov 63, 1-1 Manduca 73, 2-1 Aílton 75

FC Zenit St Petersburg: Malafeev, Anyukov, Bruno Alves, Criscito, Lombaerts, Danny, Kerzhakov, Hubočan (Bukharov 89), Shirokov (Fayzulin 75), Zyryanov (Lazović 80), Denisov

Matchday 2 (28/09/11)

Zenit 3-1 Porto

Goals: 0-1 James Rodríguez 10, 1-1 Shirokov 20, 2-1 Shirokov 63, 3-1 Danny 72

FC Zenit St Petersburg: Malafeev, Anyukov, Criscito, Lombaerts, Danny, Kerzhakov (Bukharov 90), Hubočan, Shirokov, Zyryanov (Husztli 86), Fayzulin, Denisov

Matchday 3 (19/10/11)

Shakhtar Donetsk 2-2 Zenit

Goals: 1-0 Willian 15, 1-1 Shirokov 33, 2-1 Luiz Adriano 45+1, 2-2 Fayzulin 60

FC Zenit St Petersburg: Malafeev, Bruno Alves, Criscito, Lombaerts, Bukharov (Lazović 74), Danny, Hubočan, Shirokov, Zyryanov (Semak 90+1), Fayzulin, Denisov

Matchday 4 (01/11/11)

Zenit 1-0 Shakhtar Donetsk

Goals: 1-0 Lombaerts 45+1

FC Zenit St Petersburg: Malafeev, Anyukov, Criscito, Lombaerts, Bukharov (Semak 81), Danny (Lazović 85), Hubočan, Shirokov, Zyryanov, Fayzulin, Denisov

Matchday 5 (23/11/11)

Zenit 0-0 APOEL

FC Zenit St Petersburg: Malafeev, Anyukov, Criscito, Lombaerts, Bukharov, Danny, Hubočan, Shirokov (Lazović 87), Zyryanov (Bystrov 55), Fayzulin, Denisov

Matchday 6 (06/12/11)

Porto 0-0 Zenit

FC Zenit St Petersburg: Malafeev, Anyukov, Criscito, Lombaerts, Lazović (Bruno Alves 82), Danny, Hubočan, Shirokov (Zyryanov 46), Fayzulin (Bystrov 58), Semak, Denisov

Round of 16

(15/02/12)

Zenit 3-2 Benfica

Goals: 0-1 Maxi Pereira 20, 1-1 Shirokov 27, 2-1 Semak 71, 2-2 Óscar Cardozo 87, 3-2 Shirokov 88

FC Zenit St Petersburg: Zhevnov, Anyukov, Bruno Alves, Lombaerts, Kerzhakov, Hubočan, Shirokov, Zyryanov (Semak 46), Fayzulin (Rosina 89), Denisov, Kanunnikov (Bystrov 66)

SL Benfica: Artur, Emerson, Luísão, Óscar Cardozo, Bruno César (Nolito 76), Maxi Pereira, Rodrigo (Aimar 30), Gaitán (Miguel Vítor 90), Matic, Garay, Witsel

(06/03/12)

Benfica v Zenit

Competition facts

UEFA Champions League knockout stage: Did you know?

- Teams have recovered from a first-leg deficit to go through on 24 occasions although only twice – AFC Ajax's defeat of Panathinaikos FC in the 1995/96 semi-finals and FC Internazionale Milano's win against FC Bayern München in the 2010/11 round of 16 – has a side progressed after a home first-leg loss. The biggest losing margin a side has overturned was achieved by RC Deportivo La Coruña in the 2003/04 quarter-finals when they lost 4-1 at AC Milan but won 4-0 at home.
- Twenty ties have been decided on the away goals rule, including six where the triumphant team lost the first leg.
- FC Bayern München hold the record for the biggest first-leg lead with a 5-0 success at Sporting Clube de Portugal in the 2008/09 first knockout round, eventually going through 12-1 after a 7-1 home victory in the second leg. Those two games also featured more goals (13) over its two legs than any previous UEFA Champions League knockout tie.
- Ten ties have gone to penalties, including the game between Arsenal FC and AS Roma in the 2008/09 round of 16. Five of these were finals – 1996, 2001, 2003, 2005 and 2008. The first two-legged tie decided on spot kicks was PSV Eindhoven's 4-2 win against Olympique Lyonnais on 13 April 2005 after a 2-2 aggregate draw.
- In all, 17 ties have required extra time. Seven have been decided by extra time alone: four quarter-finals, two round of 16 encounters and the 2007/08 semi-final between Chelsea FC and Liverpool FC.
- There has never been a knockout tie ending goalless after two legs. Ten have finished 1-0 on aggregate, most recently Tottenham Hotspur FC's narrow victory against AC Milan in the 2010/11 round of 16.
- Clarence Seedorf is the only player to win the European Cup with three clubs (AFC Ajax 1995, Real Madrid CF 1998, AC Milan 2003, 2007). Liverpool's Bob Paisley (1977, 1978, 1981) is the only coach to win three times.
- Ottmar Hitzfeld (Borussia Dortmund 1997, Bayern 2001), Ernst Happel (Feyenoord 1970, Hamburger SV 1983) and José Mourinho (FC Porto 2004, FC Internazionale Milano 2010) are the only coaches to win the trophy with two clubs.
- No team has successfully defended the UEFA Champions League trophy with AC Milan (1989, 1990) the last club to win consecutive European Champion Clubs' Cups. Milan (1994, 1995), AFC Ajax (1995, 1996), Juventus (1996, 1997) and Manchester United (2008, 2009) have all returned to the final as holders only to lose.
- Only two teams have ever won the UEFA Champions League on home soil: Borussia Dortmund (1997, final in Munich) and Juventus (1996, final in Rome), while Manchester United FC lost the 2011 final in London. Five teams won Champion Clubs' Cup finals on home soil: Real Madrid CF (1957), FC Internazionale Milano (1965), Manchester United FC (1968), AFC Ajax (1972) and Liverpool FC (1978), while Stade de Reims Champagne (1956), AS Roma (1984) and FC Barcelona (1986) all lost finals in their own country.

UEFA Champions League: Did you know?

- S.S. Lazio goalkeeper Marco Ballotta is the oldest player to compete in the UEFA Champions League having been aged 43 years 252 days when he featured against Real Madrid CF on matchday six of the 2007/08 edition.
- Ryan Giggs is the oldest player to score in the competition, aged 37 years and 148 days, in Manchester United's 2-0 win at FC Schalke 04 on 26 April 2011.
- Celestine Babayaro is the youngest player to have appeared. He was 16 years and 87 days when he started for RSC Anderlecht against FC Steaua Bucureşti on 23 November 1994. He was sent off in the 37th minute.

Team facts

SL Benfica

Formed: 1904

Nickname: As Águias (The Eagles)

UEFA club competition honours (runners-up in brackets)

- European Champion Clubs' Cup (2): 1961, 1962, (1963), (1965), (1968), (1988), (1990)
- UEFA Cup: (1983)

Domestic honours (most recent triumph in brackets)

League title: 32 (2010)

Portuguese Cup: 24 (2004)

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

2010/11: UEFA Europa League semi-finals (having transferred from UEFA Champions League group stage)

2009/10: UEFA Europa League quarter-finals

2008/09: UEFA Cup group stage

2007/08: UEFA Cup round of 16 (having transferred from UEFA Champions League group stage)

2006/07: UEFA Cup quarter-finals (having transferred from UEFA Champions League group stage)

2005/06: UEFA Champions League quarter-finals

2004/05: UEFA Cup round of 32 (having transferred from UEFA Champions League third qualifying round)

2003/04: UEFA Cup fourth round (having transferred from UEFA Champions League third qualifying round)

2002/03: did not take part in UEFA club competition

2001/02: did not take part in UEFA club competition

Records

UEFA club competition

- Biggest home win

10-0: Benfica v CS Stade Dudelange

05/10/65, European Champion Clubs' Cup preliminary round second leg

- Biggest away win

0-8: CS Stade Dudelange v Benfica

30/09/65, European Champion Clubs' Cup preliminary round first leg

- Heaviest home defeat

1-5: Benfica v Manchester United FC

09/03/66, European Champion Clubs' Cup quarter-finals second leg

- Heaviest away defeat

7-0: RC Celta de Vigo v Benfica

25/11/99, UEFA Cup third round first leg

UEFA Champions League (group stage to final only)

- Biggest home win

3-0: Benfica v Celtic FC

01/11/06, group stage

- Biggest away win

0-2: twice, most recently FC Basel 1893 v Benfica

18/10/11, group stage

- Heaviest home defeat

1-2: Benfica v FC Schalke 04

07/12/10, group stage

0-1: on three occasions, most recently v FC Shakhtar Donetsk

03/10/07, group stage

- Heaviest away defeat

3-0: twice, most recently Hapoel Tel-Aviv FC v Benfica

24/11/10, group stage

FC Zenit St Petersburg

Formed: 1925

Nickname: Sine-belo-golubye (Blue-White-Sky Blues)

UEFA club competition honours (runners-up in brackets)

- UEFA Cup (1): 2008
- UEFA Super Cup (1): 2008

Domestic honours (latest triumph in brackets)

Soviet/Russian league title: 3 (2010)

USSR/Russian Cup: 3 (2010)

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

2010/11: UEFA Europa League round of 16

2009/10: UEFA Europa League play-off round

2008/09: UEFA Cup round of 16 (having transferred from UEFA Champions League group stage)

2007/08: UEFA Cup winners

2006/07: did not compete in UEFA club competition

2005/06: UEFA Cup quarter-finals

2004/05: UEFA Cup group stage

2003/04: did not compete in UEFA club competition

2002/03: UEFA Cup first round

2001/02: did not compete in UEFA club competition

Records

UEFA club competition

- Biggest home win

8-0: Zenit v FC Encamp

29/08/02, UEFA Cup qualifying round second leg

- Biggest away win

0-5: FC Encamp v Zenit

15/08/02, UEFA Cup qualifying round first leg

- Heaviest home defeat

0-3: Zenit v Bologna FC

16/09/99, UEFA Cup first round first leg

- Heaviest away defeat

5-0: VfB Stuttgart v Zenit

01/11/89, UEFA Cup second round second leg

5-0: Club Brugge KV v Zenit

30/09/87, UEFA Cup first round second leg

UEFA Champions League (group stage to final only)

- Biggest home win

3-1: Zenit v FC Porto

28/09/11, group stage

- Biggest away win

0-2: FC BATE Borisov v Zenit

05/11/08, group stage

- Heaviest home defeat

1-2: Zenit v Real Madrid CF

30/09/08, group stage

- Heaviest away defeat

3-0: Real Madrid CF v Zenit

10/12/08, 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

UCL: UEFA Champions League/UEFA Champions League

Tournament: UEFA Europa League/UEFA Champions League

ECCC: European Champion Clubs' Cup/UEFA Champions League

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

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

ICF: Inter-Cities Fairs Cup

National team competitions

EURO: UEFA European Football Championship

WC: FIFA World Cup • **CONFCUP:** FIFA Confederations 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

3rdPO: Third-place play-off

GS-FT: Group stage – final tournament

3QR: Third qualifying round

R1: First round

R2: Second round

R3: Third round

R4: Fourth round

SF: Semi-finals

R16: round of 16

R32: Round of 32

1st: first leg

2nd: second leg

PO: Play-off

(Rep): Replay

PO - FT: Play-off for Final Tournament

Prom/rel PO: Promotion/relegation play-off

:: Other abbreviations

(aet): Match decided after extra time

No.: Number
aetps: Match decided after extra time

o.g.: Own goal 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

gg: Match decided by golden goal

L: Lost

Nat.: Nationality

N/a: Not applicable

(P): Penalty

Pld: Matches played

Pos.: Position

Pts: Points

R: Sent off (straight red card)

Res.: Result

sg: Match decided by silver goal

t: Match decided by toss of a coin

W: Won

Y: Booked

Y/R: Sent off (two yellow cards)

:: Statistics

(-): Denotes player substituted

(*): Denotes player sent off

(+): Denotes player introduced

(+/-): Denotes player introduced and substituted

:: Squad list

D: Disciplinary

S: Suspended

*****: Misses next match if booked

#: Suspended for at least one match

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

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

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

UEFA: All-time total appearances in UEFA club competition including qualifying

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