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Genoa CFC



SK Slavia Praha

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Group B - Matchday 1

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Match background

Previous meetings

None

Genoa CFC - record versus clubs from opponents' country

None

SK Slavia Praha - record versus clubs from opponents' country

UEFA Champions League

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
27/08/08	QR3	SK Slavia Praha - ACF Fiorentina	0-0 agg: 0-2	Prague	
12/08/08	QR3	ACF Fiorentina - SK Slavia Praha	2-0	Florence	Mutu 3, Gilardino 57

UEFA Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
23/02/06	R32	US Città di Palermo - SK Slavia Praha	1-0 ag: 2-2	Palermo	Godeas 51
16/02/06	R32	SK Slavia Praha - US Città di Palermo	2-1	Prague	Jarolím 28, Piták 48; Conteh 40

UEFA Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
07/03/00	R4	Udinese Calcio - SK Slavia Praha	2-1 ag: 2-2	Udine	Fiore 23, Sosa 52; Koller 42
29/02/00	R4	SK Slavia Praha - Udinese Calcio	1-0	Prague	Zanchi 76(og)

UEFA Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
03/11/98	R2	SK Slavia Praha - Bologna FC	0-2 agg: 1-4	Prague	Signori 79, Cappioli 85
20/10/98	R2	Bologna FC - SK Slavia Praha	2-1	Bologna	Signori 51, Ingesson 85; Dostálék 68

UEFA Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
19/03/96	QF	AS Roma - SK Slavia Praha	3-1 ag, aet: 3-3		Moriero 61,100, Giannini 81; Vávra 113
05/03/96	QF	SK Slavia Praha - AS Roma	2-0		Poborský 10, Vágner 50

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
Genoa CFC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SK Slavia Praha	5	3	1	1	5	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	10	3	1	6	8	13

Back in Europe 18 years after reaching the 1991/92 UEFA Cup semi-finals on their continental debut, Genoa CFC will look to prolong SK Slavia Praha's grim run on Italian soil in their opening game in UEFA Europa League Group B.

Previous meetings

- This is the first meeting between the two sides and Genoa have never faced a Czech club before. Slavia are playing in Italy for a sixth time, having lost in all five of their previous visits to Serie A opposition.

Match background

- Genoa have lost just twice in their 12 European games to date and only once at home, 3-2 against AFC Ajax in the 1991/92 UEFA Cup semi-finals – the end of a campaign which brought notable wins over former European champions FC Steaua București and Liverpool FC.

- Slavia played in two UEFA Cup group stage campaigns, successfully reaching the round of 32 in 2005/06 but failing to progress from their section last season.
- The Czech champions have found away victories hard to come by in Europe in recent seasons. They have not won in their last ten games on the road since a 1-0 success at Ajax in the 2007/08 UEFA Champions League third qualifying round.

Team facts

- Czech striker Tomáš Skuhravý is remembered with fondness in Genoa as one of the stars of their remarkable 1991/92 UEFA Cup campaign. The former AC Sparta Praha player's haul of 58 Serie A goals remains a post-war record for the club.
- Genoa coach Gian Piero Gasperini is in his first season in European competition. The former Juventus trainee and youth-team coach joined the club in 2006 after earning his managerial spurs at FC Crotona, leading the Rossoblù to Serie A in his first campaign.
- Genoa striker Hernán Crespo has played in four UEFA Champions League games against Slavia's arch-rivals Sparta – two each with Parma FC and Chelsea FC. He did not score in any of them but nor did he finish on the losing side, recording a win and three draws.
- Slavia coach Karel Jarolím made his competitive debut for Czechoslovakia with a brief cameo in a 2-2 UEFA European Championship draw against Italy at San Siro in November 1982.
- Slavia defender Matej Krajičík played in Italy for Reggina Calcio in spring 2009, while Tunisian midfielder Tijani Belaid started his career as a trainee at FC Internazionale Milano.
- Slavia will welcome LOSC Lille Métropole to Prague on Matchday 2, while Genoa visit Valencia CF on the same night, 1 October.

Team facts

Genoa CFC

Formed: 1893

Nickname: Rossoblù (Red and Blues)

UEFA club competition honours (runners-up in brackets)

- None

Domestic honours (most recent triumph in brackets)

League title: 9 (1924)

Italian Cup: 1 (1937)

Ten-year European record (UEFA Cup unless indicated otherwise)

2008/09: did not compete in UEFA club competition

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 competitions

- Biggest home win

3-1 on three occasions, most recently v Odense BK (20/08/09 UEFA Europa League play-offs first leg)

2-0: Genoa v Liverpool FC

04/03/92, UEFA Cup quarter-final first leg

- Biggest away win

1-2: Liverpool FC v Genoa

18/03/92, UEFA Cup quarter-final second leg

0-1: FC Steaua București v Genoa

27/11/91, UEFA Cup third round first leg

- Heaviest home defeat

2-3: Genoa v AFC Ajax

01/04/92, UEFA Cup semi-final first leg

- Heaviest away defeat

1-0: Real Oviedo v Genoa

19/09/91, UEFA Cup first round first leg

UEFA Cup/Europa League

- Biggest home win

3-1 on three occasions, most recently v Odense BK (see above)

2-0: Genoa v Liverpool (see above)

- Biggest away win

1-2: Liverpool FC v Genoa (see above)

0-1: FC Steaua București v Genoa (see above)

- Heaviest home defeat

2-3: Genoa v AFC Ajax (see above)

- Heaviest away defeat

1-0: Real Oviedo v Genoa (see above)

SK Slavia Praha

Formed: 1892

Nickname: Sešivani (The Sewn-Ups)

UEFA club competition honours (runners-up in brackets)

• None

Domestic honours (most recent triumph in brackets)

League title: 17 (2009)

Czech/Czechoslovakian Cup: 19 (2002)

Ten-year European record (UEFA Cup unless indicated otherwise)

2008/09: group stage (having transferred from UEFA Champions League third qualifying round)

2007/08: round of 32 (having transferred from UEFA Champions League group stage)

2006/07: first round

2005/06: round of 32 (having transferred from UEFA Champions League third qualifying round)

2004/05: second qualifying round

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

2002/03: fourth round

2001/02: first round (having transferred from UEFA Champions League third qualifying round)

2000/01: fourth round (having transferred from UEFA Champions League third qualifying round)

1999/00: quarter-finals

Records

UEFA club competition

• Biggest home win

5-1 on three occasions, most recently v FK Partizan (14/11/02 UEFA Cup second round second leg)

4-0 on two occasions, most recently v PAOK FC (12/12/02 UEFA Cup third round second leg)

• Biggest away win

0-4: Cork City FC v Slavia

23/08/94, UEFA Cup preliminary round second leg

• Heaviest home defeat

0-3: Slavia v Sevilla FC

12/12/07, UEFA Champions League group stage

• Heaviest away defeat

7-0: Arsenal FC v Slavia

23/10/07, UEFA Champions League group stage

UEFA Cup/Europa League

• Biggest home win

5-1 on three occasions, most recently v FK Partizan (see above)

4-0 on two occasions, most recently v PAOK FC (see above)

• Biggest away win

0-4: Cork City FC v Slavia (see above)

• Heaviest home defeat

0-2 on three occasions, most recently v Hamburger SV (04/12/08 group stage)

• Heaviest away defeat

3-0 on three occasions, most recently v Leeds United AFC (16/03/00 quarter-finals first leg)

Squad list

Genoa CFC

No	Player	Nat.	DoB	Age	D	Current season						All-time			
						UELQ		UEL		League		UEL		UEFA	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers															
1	Daniilo Russo	ITA	08/07/87	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
32	Marco Amelia	ITA	02/04/82	27	-	2	-	-	-	3	-	9	1	11	1
73	Alessio Scarpi	ITA	19/04/73	36	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders															
4	Domenico Criscito	ITA	30/12/86	22	-	2	1	-	-	3	1	-	-	2	1
15	Sokratis Papastathopoulos	GRE	09/08/88	21	-	2	-	-	-	3	-	7	-	13	-
16	Andrea Esposito	ITA	17/05/86	23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
24	Emiliano Moretti	ITA	11/06/81	28	-	2	-	-	-	3	1	8	-	39	1
25	Giuseppe Biava	ITA	08/05/77	32	S	2	-	-	-	3	1	4	-	6	-
26	Salvatore Bocchetti	ITA	30/11/86	22	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
40	Nenad Tomović	SRB	30/08/87	22	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
41	Alessio Grea	ITA	29/05/90	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
44	Alessio De Bode	ITA	16/04/91	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45	Salvatore Cannito	ITA	09/04/90	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Midfielders															
5	Houssine Kharja	MAR	09/11/82	26	-	2	-	-	-	1	1	8	-	10	-
7	Marco Rossi	ITA	01/04/78	31	-	1	-	-	-	3	-	4	-	5	-
11	Stephan El Sharaawy	ITA	27/10/92	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20	Giandomenico Mesto	ITA	25/05/82	27	-	2	-	-	-	3	1	-	-	2	-
21	Alberto Zapater	ESP	13/06/85	24	-	2	-	-	-	3	1	10	-	12	-
23	Francesco Modesto	ITA	16/02/82	27	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
28	Ivan Jurić	CRO	25/08/75	34	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	6	-
42	Mattia Ferraro	ITA	21/05/90	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
43	Dejan Lazarević	SVN	15/02/90	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
47	Arturo Ymeri	ITA	28/02/92	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
77	Omar Milanetto	ITA	30/11/75	33	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	2	-
Forwards															
8	Rodrigo Palacio	ARG	05/02/82	27	-	2	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	2	-
9	Hernán Crespo	ARG	05/07/75	34	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	12	9	82	37
10	Raffaele Palladino	ITA	17/04/84	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
14	Giuseppe Sculli	ITA	23/03/81	28	-	2	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	2	-
30	Luciano Figueroa	ARG	19/05/81	28	-	2	2	-	-	2	-	6	2	15	5
33	Sergio Floccari	ITA	12/11/81	27	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
46	Luca Miracoli	ITA	31/03/92	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coach															
-	Gian Piero Gasperini	ITA	26/01/58	51	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-

Key: Squad list is ordered by position and then numerically

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SK Slavia Praha

No	Player	Nat.	DoB	Age	D	Current season						All-time			
						UELQ		UEL		League		UEL		UEFA	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers															
1	Jan Hanuš	CZE	28/04/88	21	-	1	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	3	-
28	Martin Vaniak	CZE	04/10/70	38	-	1	-	-	-	3	-	12	-	32	-
31	Deniss Romanovs	LVA	02/09/78	31	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	14	-
Defenders															
4	David Hubáček	CZE	23/02/77	32	-	2	-	-	-	3	-	16	-	34	-
5	Ondřej Čelůstka	CZE	18/06/89	20	-	2	-	-	-	6	1	-	-	4	-
19	Matej Kračičik	SVK	19/03/78	31	-	2	-	-	-	6	-	16	1	31	1
22	Benjamin Vomáčka	CZE	27/06/78	31	-	2	-	-	-	7	-	6	-	23	1
24	Vitali Trubila	BLR	07/01/85	24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25	Jan Hošek	CZE	01/04/89	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Midfielders															
2	Petr Trapp	CZE	06/12/85	23	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
6	Hocine Raguéd	TUN	11/02/83	26	-	1	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	3	-
8	Petr Janda	CZE	05/01/87	22	-	2	-	-	-	5	-	6	-	20	-
11	Vladimír Šmicer	CZE	24/05/73	36	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	37	2	70	7
12	Dušan Vasiljević	SRB	07/05/82	27	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	1	-
17	Marek Suchý	CZE	29/03/88	21	-	2	-	-	-	7	-	18	-	37	-
21	Tijani Belaid	TUN	06/09/87	22	-	2	-	-	-	6	1	7	-	18	1
23	Ladislav Volešák	CZE	07/04/84	25	-	2	-	-	-	6	-	5	-	16	-
26	Jaroslav Černý	CZE	26/06/79	30	-	2	-	-	-	6	2	7	1	13	1
27	Peter Grajciar	SVK	17/09/83	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	1
Forwards															
7	Stanislav Viček	CZE	26/02/76	33	-	2	2	-	-	6	-	15	3	46	15
9	Adam Hloušek	CZE	20/12/88	20	-	2	-	-	-	5	1	-	-	4	1
13	Milan Černý	CZE	16/03/88	21	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	2	-
14	Zdeněk Šenkeřík	CZE	19/12/80	28	-	2	2	-	-	6	4	3	-	15	4
16	Tomáš Pekhart	CZE	26/05/89	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
18	Riste Naumov	MKD	14/04/81	28	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	2	-	12	2
Coach															
-	Karel Jarolím	CZE	23/08/58	51	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	23	-	41	-

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Fixtures and results

Genoa CFC

Date	Competition	Opponent	Result	Goalscorers
23/08/09	League	AS Roma (H)	W 3-2	Criscito 49, Zapater 69, Biava 83
30/08/09	League	Atalanta BC (A)	W 1-0	Moretti 45
13/09/09	League	SSC Napoli (H)	W 4-1	Floccari 51 (p), Mesto 55, Crespo 75, Kharja 88 (p)
20/09/09	League	AC Chievo Verona (A)		
24/09/09	League	Juventus (H)		
27/09/09	League	Udinese Calcio (A)		
04/10/09	League	Bologna FC (A)		
17/10/09	League	FC Internazionale Milano (H)		
25/10/09	League	Cagliari Calcio (A)		
28/10/09	League	ACF Fiorentina (H)		
01/11/09	League	US Città di Palermo (A)		
08/11/09	League	AC Siena (H)		
22/11/09	League	AS Livorno Calcio (A)		
28/11/09	League	UC Sampdoria (H)		
06/12/09	League	Parma FC (H)		
13/12/09	League	S.S. Lazio (A)		
20/12/09	League	AS Bari (H)		
06/01/10	League	AC Milan (A)		
10/01/10	League	Calcio Catania (H)		
17/01/10	League	AS Roma (A)		
24/01/10	League	Atalanta BC (H)		
31/01/10	League	SSC Napoli (A)		
07/02/10	League	AC Chievo Verona (H)		

Pos.	Clubs	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1	Genoa CFC	3	3	0	0	8	3	9
2	Juventus	3	3	0	0	6	1	9
3	UC Sampdoria	3	3	0	0	6	2	9
4	FC Internazionale Milano	3	2	1	0	7	1	7
5	ACF Fiorentina	3	2	1	0	3	1	7
6	S.S. Lazio	3	2	0	1	3	3	6
7	Udinese Calcio	3	1	1	1	7	7	4
8	US Città di Palermo	3	1	1	1	3	3	4
9	Parma FC	3	1	1	1	4	5	4
10	AC Milan	3	1	1	1	2	5	4
11	AC Siena	3	1	0	2	5	5	3
12	AC Chievo Verona	3	1	0	2	3	3	3
13	AS Bari	3	0	3	0	2	2	3
14	SSC Napoli	3	1	0	2	5	7	3
15	AS Roma	3	1	0	2	5	7	3
16	Bologna FC	3	0	2	1	1	3	2
17	AS Livorno Calcio	3	0	2	1	1	3	2
18	Cagliari Calcio	3	0	1	2	1	4	1
19	Atalanta BC	3	0	0	3	0	3	0
20	Calcio Catania	3	0	0	3	4	8	0

SK Slavia Praha

Date	Competition	Opponent	Result	Goalscorers
25/07/09	League	FK Mladá Boleslav (H)	D 1-1	Jarolim 79
02/08/09	League	1. FC Brno (A)	L 0-2	
09/08/09	League	FC Bohemians Praha (H)	W 3-1	Šenkeřík 3, 27, 74
15/08/09	League	SK Dynamo České Budějovice (A)	W 1-0	Černý 22
23/08/09	League	FK Teplice (A)	D 1-1	Černý 41
31/08/09	League	1. FC Slovácko (H)	W 3-0	Šenkeřík 45, Čelústka 47, Hloušek 85
12/09/09	League	FC Slovan Liberec (A)	D 1-1	Belaid 10
21/09/09	League	FC Baník Ostrava (H)		
26/09/09	League	FC Bohemians 1905 Praha (A)		
04/10/09	League	AC Sparta Praha (H)		
18/10/09	League	SK Kladno (A)		
25/10/09	League	SK Sigma Olomouc (H)		
31/10/09	League	1. FK Příbram (A)		
08/11/09	League	FC Viktoria Plzeň (H)		
15/11/09	League	FK Jablonec 97 (A)		
22/11/09	League	1. FC Brno (H)		
21/02/10	League	FC Bohemians Praha (A)		
28/02/10	League	SK Dynamo České Budějovice (H)		
07/03/10	League	FK Teplice (H)		
14/03/10	League	1. FC Slovácko (A)		
21/03/10	League	FC Slovan Liberec (H)		
28/03/10	League	FC Baník Ostrava (A)		
04/04/10	League	FC Bohemians 1905 Praha (H)		
11/04/10	League	AC Sparta Praha (A)		
18/04/10	League	SK Kladno (H)		
25/04/10	League	SK Sigma Olomouc (A)		
03/05/10	League	1. FK Příbram (H)		

Pos.	Clubs	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1	FK Teplice	7	4	3	0	14	6	15
2	FC Baník Ostrava	7	4	2	1	8	5	14
3	FK Jablonec 97	7	4	2	1	9	7	14
4	AC Sparta Praha	7	3	4	0	7	2	13
5	SK Slavia Praha	7	3	3	1	10	6	12
6	FK Mladá Boleslav	7	3	2	2	12	7	11
7	1. FC Brno	7	3	2	2	7	5	11
8	1. FK Příbram	7	3	2	2	7	6	11
9	FC Viktoria Plzeň	7	3	1	3	9	9	10
10	FC Bohemians 1905 Praha	7	2	3	2	4	3	9
11	FC Slovan Liberec	7	2	2	3	10	11	8
12	SK Sigma Olomouc	7	1	4	2	7	8	7
13	1. FC Slovácko	7	2	0	5	8	12	6
14	SK Kladno	7	1	1	5	4	11	4
15	SK Dynamo České Budějovice	7	1	1	5	4	12	4
16	FC Bohemians Praha	7	1	0	6	4	14	3

Match-by-match lineups

Genoa CFC

Play-Offs

(20/08/09)

Genoa CFC 3-1 Odense BK

Goals: 1-0 C. Sørensen 9 (o.g.) , 2-0 Figueroa 48, 3-0 Figueroa 56, 3-1 Mesto 59 (o.g.)

Genoa: Amelia, Criscito, Palacio, Sculli, Mesto, Moretti, Biava, Bocchetti (Papastathopoulos 74), Jurić, Figueroa (Kharja 84), Milanetto (Zapater 66)

(27/08/09)

Odense BK 1-1 Genoa CFC (agg: 2-4)

Goals: 1-0 Figueroa 45+2 (o.g.) , 1-1 Criscito 53

Genoa: Amelia, Criscito, Rossi, Sculli, Papastathopoulos, Mesto (Palacio 78), Zapater, Moretti, Biava, Jurić (Milanetto 13), Figueroa (Kharja 83)

SK Slavia Praha

Play-Offs

(20/08/09)

SK Slavia Praha 3-0 FK Crvena Zvezda

Goals: 1-0 Šenkeřík 34, 2-0 Šenkeřík 65, 3-0 Viček 81

Slavia Praha: Hanuš, Hubáček, Čelůstka (Krajčík 62), Rugged, Hloušek (Janda 89), Šenkeřík (Viček 72), Suchý, Belaid, Vomáčka, Volešák, Černý

(27/08/09)

FK Crvena Zvezda 2-1 SK Slavia Praha (agg: 2-4)

Goals: 1-0 Bogdanović 23 (pen) , 2-0 Perović 45, 2-1 Viček 63

Slavia Praha: Vaniak, Hubáček, Čelůstka, Janda (Trapp 46), Hloušek, Šenkeřík (Viček 57), Suchý, Belaid (Krajčík 85), Vomáčka, Volešák, Černý

Group B

Standings

Club	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
SK Slavia Praha	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LOSC Lille Métropole	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Valencia CF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Genoa CFC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Matchday 1 (17/09/09)

Genoa CFC v SK Slavia Praha

Matchday 2 (01/10/09)

SK Slavia Praha v LOSC Lille Métropole

Valencia CF v Genoa CFC

Matchday 3 (22/10/09)

Valencia CF v SK Slavia Praha

LOSC Lille Métropole v Genoa CFC

Matchday 4 (05/11/09)

SK Slavia Praha v Valencia CF

Genoa CFC v LOSC Lille Métropole

Matchday 5 (02/12/09)

SK Slavia Praha v Genoa CFC

Matchday 6 (17/12/09)

LOSC Lille Métropole v SK Slavia Praha

Genoa CFC v Valencia CF

Match officials

Referee	Manuel De Sousa (POR)
Assistant referees	Joao Ferreira Dos Santos (POR), Serafim Baia Nogueira (POR)
Additional assistant referee	Paulo Manuel Gomes Costa (POR)
Additional assistant referee	Vasco António Moreira Santos (POR)
Fourth official	Rui Manuel Gomes Costa (POR)
UEFA Delegate	Adrian Titcombe (ENG)
UEFA Referee observer	Léon Schelings (BEL)

Referee

Name	Date of birth	UEL matches *	UEFA matches
Manuel De Sousa	18/06/1975	1	18

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

No matches found

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

Date	Comp.	Stage	Match	Res.	Venue
22/11/06	U17	QR	Serbia - Italy	0-0	Hamrun
10/11/07	U19	QR	Italy - Montenegro	3-1	Castelfidardo
12/11/07	U19	QR	Malta - Italy	0-2	Iesi
05/09/08	U21	QR	Italy - Greece	1-1	Castel Di Sangro

* Group stage to final only

Competition information

The UEFA Cup evolved from the Inter-Cities Fairs Cup, and was first contested as the UEFA Cup in 1971/72. This season the UEFA Cup has been reborn as the UEFA Europa League. The new name heralds major changes to the competition, which has a new 48-team group stage with centralised marketing of broadcast rights, a presenting sponsor - Spanish car manufacturer SEAT - and an official matchball in addition to centralised sponsorship from the knockout stage and a new logo and visual identity.

• **Disciplinary information:** As a rule, a player who is sent off is suspended for the next match in a UEFA club competition. The Control and Disciplinary Body is entitled to augment this punishment. In the case of repeated cautions, from the group stage a player is suspended for one match after three cautions in three different matches, as well as following any subsequent odd-numbered caution (fifth, seventh, ninth, etc). Single yellow cards and pending suspensions are always carried forward either to the next stage of the competition or to another club competition in the current season.

• **Locally-trained players rule:** In February 2005, UEFA announced the 'A' list that teams submit for UEFA club competitions will continue to be limited to 25 players, and from the 2008/09 season at least eight places are reserved for players trained by the club's own football academy of which half can be players trained by other clubs from within the same association of the said club. The 'B' list also continues to exist – involving an unlimited number of Under-21 players who have been at the club for any uninterrupted period of two years since their 15th birthday.

A club-trained player is defined as a player who has been registered for a minimum of three seasons with the club between the age of 15 and 21, whereas an association-trained player is one who has been registered for at least three seasons by the club or by other clubs affiliated to the same association between the age of 15 and 21.

• **Away goals rule:** For matches played under the cup (knockout) system, the team which scores the greater aggregate of goals in the two matches qualifies for the next round. If the two teams involved in a tie score the same number of goals over the two legs, the team which scores more away goals qualifies for the next stage. If this procedure does not produce a result, i.e. if the two teams score the same number of goals at home and away, extra time of two periods of 15 minutes shall be played at the end of the second leg. If during extra time, both teams score the same number of goals, away goals count double (i.e. the visiting club qualifies). If no goals are scored during extra time, penalty kicks determine which team qualifies.

• **Player registration:** UEFA regulations state that for all UEFA Europa League matches from the start of the Round of 32, a club may register a maximum of three new eligible players within their squad of 25 for the remaining matches in the current competition. One player from the above quota of three who has played UEFA club competition matches for another competing club in the current season may exceptionally be registered, provided that the player has not been fielded by another club in the UEFA Europa League this season or by a club that has transferred from the UEFA Champions League to the UEFA Europa League following the group stage.

• **Assistant referees experiment:** The 144 UEFA Europa League group-stage games will be overseen by six match officials, in an experiment endorsed by the International Football Association Board (IFAB), with two additional assistant referees taking up positions alongside each goal. The additional assistant referees will provide two extra pairs of eyes to monitor the game, informing the referee of incidents that he may otherwise have missed.

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• **UEFA Europa League Statistics Handbook:** This informative guide to the new competition and the teams involved in the group stage can be downloaded as four pdf files at <http://www.uefa.com/uefa/mediaservices/publications/index.html>.

Legend

:: Competitions

Club competitions

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

:: 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

:: Statistics

(-) : Denotes player substituted

(*) : Denotes player dismissed/sent off

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

:: Other Abbreviations

aet: Match decided after extra time **N/a:** Not Applicable

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

ag: Match decided on away goals

agg: Aggregate

AP: Appearances

Comp.: Competition

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DoB: Date of birth

GA: Goals against

GF: Goals for

L: Lost

Nat.: Nationality

o.g.: Own goal

(p) : Penalty

Pld: Matches played

Pos.: Position

Pts: Points

R: Sent off (red card)

Res.: Result

W: Won

Y: Booked

Y/R: Sent off (yellow card then direct red)

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