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Hapoel Tel-Aviv FC



Celtic FC

Bloomfield, Tel Aviv

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Group C - Matchday 1

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Match background

Previous meetings

UEFA Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
30/09/99	R1	Hapoel Tel-Aviv FC - Celtic FC	0-1 agg: 0-3	Tel Aviv	Larsson 63
16/09/99	R1	Celtic FC - Hapoel Tel-Aviv FC	2-0	Glasgow	Larsson 24,50

	Home				Away				Final				Total					
	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
Hapoel Tel-Aviv FC	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	3
Celtic FC	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	3	0

Hapoel Tel-Aviv FC - record versus clubs from opponents' country

UEFA Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
22/02/07	R32	Rangers FC - Hapoel Tel-Aviv FC	4-0 agg: 5-2	Glasgow	Ferguson 24,73, Boyd 35, Adam 90+5
14/02/07	R32	Hapoel Tel-Aviv FC - Rangers FC	2-1	Tel Aviv	Toama 43, Deگو 76; Novo 53

Celtic FC - record versus clubs from opponents' country

None

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
Hapoel Tel-Aviv FC	2	1	0	1	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	4	1	0	3	2	8
Celtic FC	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	3	0

Hapoel Tel-Aviv FC will meet Celtic FC for the first time in a decade in their opening UEFA Europa League Group C game and fortunately for the home side, this time there will be no Henrik Larsson to bother them.

Previous meetings

- When Dror Kashtan's Tel-Aviv met Celtic in the first round of the 1999/00 UEFA Cup, Sweden forward Larsson hit all three goals in a 3-0 aggregate win for John Barnes's side – two at home and one more away. Israeli international Eyal Berkovic came on for Celtic in the second leg.

- The teams for that second-leg tie in Israel were:

Tel-Aviv: Elimelech, Cohen (Balili 81), Ohaion, Gershon, Računica, Rupnik, Pisont, Toama (Harazi 46), Antebi, Bakhar (Elkayam 73), Cimirotič.

Celtic: Gould, McNamara, Stubbs, Larsson, Burley, Lambert, Tébily, Petrov (Wieghorst 60), Moravčik (Blinker 68), Riseth, Viduka (Berkovic 73).

Match background

- Celtic never played in the UEFA Cup group stage, but Tel-Aviv did so twice. They progressed in the 2006/07 edition before losing 5-2 on aggregate to Celtic's arch-rivals Rangers FC in the round of 32, but then missed the cut the following season.

- Hapoel have not lost in four UEFA Europa League games this season. However, they have drawn two and lost one of their three games at the Bloomfield Stadium since beating FK Vojvodina 3-0 in the 2008/09 UEFA Cup second qualifying round.

- Celtic have won only one of their last 24 European away matches, breaking a long drought with a 2-0 victory at FC Dinamo Moskva in this season's UEFA Champions League third qualifying round. They subsequently lost 3-1 at Arsenal FC in the play-off round.

Team facts

- Scotland and Israel have met just once in senior international competition, with a Paul McStay goal giving Sir Alex Ferguson's side a 1-0 win at the National Stadium in Ramat Gan in a January 1986 friendly.
- Celtic's English manager Tony Mowbray has won two of his six away games in Europe since moving into coaching, losing the other four. The one-time Middlesbrough FC, Celtic and Ipswich Town FC defender formerly coached Ipswich, Hibernian FC and West Bromwich Albion FC.
- Tel-Aviv coach Eli Guttman is nicknamed 'The German' because of his reputation as a disciplinarian. He made his name by winning the 1996/97 State Cup with Hapoel Beer-Sheva FC and then the Israeli title with Hapoel Haifa FC in 1998/99.
- Tel-Aviv visit Hamburger SV on Matchday 2, while Celtic are at home against SK Rapid Wien on the same night, 1 October.

Team facts

Hapoel Tel-Aviv FC

Formed: 1926

Nickname: Ha'adumim (The Reds)

UEFA club competition honours (runners-up in brackets)

- None

Domestic honours (most recent triumph in brackets)

League title: 7 (2000)

State Cup: 7 (2007)

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

2008/09: first round

2007/08: group stage

2006/07: round of 32

2005/06: did not compete in UEFA club competition

2004/05: did not compete in UEFA club competition

2003/04: first round

2002/03: second round

2001/02: quarter-finals

2000/01: UEFA Champions League second qualifying round

1999/00: first round

Records

UEFA club competition

- Biggest home win

3-0 on three occasions, most recently v AC Juvenes-Dogana (17/07/08 UEFA Cup first qualifying round first leg)

- Biggest away win

0-4: FC Kärnten v Hapoel Tel-Aviv

19/09/02, UEFA Cup first round first leg

- Heaviest home defeat

1-4: Hapoel Tel-Aviv v Leeds United AFC*

14/11/02, UEFA Cup second round second leg

- Heaviest away defeat

4-0: Rangers FC v Hapoel Tel-Aviv

22/02/07, UEFA Cup round of 32 second leg

UEFA Cup/Europa League

- Biggest home win

3-0 on three occasions, most recently v AC Juvenes-Dogana (see above)

- Biggest away win

0-4: FC Kärnten v Hapoel Tel-Aviv (see above)

- Heaviest home defeat

1-4: Hapoel Tel-Aviv v Leeds United AFC (see above)*

- Heaviest away defeat

4-0: Rangers FC v Hapoel Tel-Aviv (see above)

*match played at the Artemio Franchi Stadium in Florence.

Celtic FC

Formed: 1888

Nickname: The Hoops, The Bhoys

UEFA club competition honours (runners-up in brackets)

- European Champions Clubs' Cup: 1967
- UEFA Cup: (2003)

Domestic honours (most recent triumph in brackets)

League title: 42 (2008)

Scottish Cup: 34 (2007)

Scottish League Cup: 14 (2009)

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

2008/09: UEFA Champions League group stage

2007/08: UEFA Champions League first knockout round

2006/07: UEFA Champions League first knockout round

2005/06: UEFA Champions League second qualifying round

2004/05: UEFA Champions League group stage

2003/04: quarter-finals (having transferred from the UEFA Champions League group stage)

2002/03: runners-up (having transferred from the UEFA Champions League third qualifying round)

2001/02: third round (having transferred from the UEFA Champions League first group stage)

2000/01: second round

1999/00: second round

Records

UEFA club competition

- Biggest home win

9-0: Celtic v KPV Kokkola

16/09/70, European Champion Clubs' Cup first round first leg

- Biggest away win

0-7: Waterford AFC v Celtic

21/10/70, European Champion Clubs' Cup second round first leg

- Heaviest home defeat

0-3: Celtic v Paris Saint-Germain FC

02/11/95, UEFA Cup Winners' Cup second round second leg

- Heaviest away defeat

5-0: FC Artmedia Petržalka v Celtic

27/07/05, UEFA Champions League second qualifying round first leg

UEFA Cup/Europa League

- Biggest home win

8-1: Celtic v FK Sūduva

19/09/02, first round first leg

7-0: Celtic v AS Jeunesse Esch

24/08/00, qualifying round second leg

- Biggest away win

0-6: Cwmbran Town FC v Celtic

12/08/99, qualifying round first leg

- Heaviest home defeat

0-2: Celtic v Hamburger SV

10/09/96, first round first leg

- Heaviest away defeat

5-1: Neuchâtel Xamax FC v Celtic

22/10/91, second round first leg

Squad list

Hapoel Tel-Aviv FC

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	Vincent Enyeama	NGA	29/08/82	27	-	4	1	-	-	2	-	8	-	20	1
22	Nhil Abarbanel	ISR	19/06/87	22	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
55	Arie Yanko	ISR	21/12/91	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders															
3	Douglas da Silva	BRA	07/03/84	25	-	4	-	-	-	3	-	2	-	10	1
4	Dani Bondarv	ISR	07/02/87	22	S	4	-	-	-	1	-	7	-	14	-
10	Walid Badir	ISR	12/03/74	35	-	4	-	-	-	3	-	24	5	56	9
19	Dedi Ben Dayan	ISR	27/11/78	30	-	4	1	-	-	3	1	6	1	18	3
23	Omri Kende	ISR	06/07/86	23	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	2	-	6	-
24	Yehuda Huta	ISR	19/02/89	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25	Gal Shish	ISR	28/01/89	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	-
29	Rami Duani	ISR	24/05/87	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	7	-
Midfielders															
5	Michael Zandberg	ISR	16/04/80	29	-	4	1	-	-	3	1	8	-	31	3
6	Bebars Natcho	ISR	18/02/88	21	-	4	1	-	-	3	-	8	-	18	2
7	Nemanja Vučićević	SRB	11/08/79	30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	5	-
14	Gil Vermouth	ISR	05/08/85	24	-	4	1	-	-	3	-	7	-	16	2
15	Zurab Menteshashvili	GEO	30/01/80	29	-	4	-	-	-	2	-	2	-	30	1
18	Shay Abutbul	ISR	16/01/83	26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	-	20	1
21	Roei Gordana	ISR	06/07/90	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
26	Avihay Yadin	ISR	26/10/86	22	-	4	-	-	-	3	1	1	-	5	-
27	Artur Atadjanov	ISR	03/03/91	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
30	Philip Abumaneh	ISR	16/05/91	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Forwards															
9	Etey Shechter	ISR	22/02/87	22	S	4	1	-	-	3	-	-	-	7	1
11	Samuel Yeboah	GHA	25/01/86	23	-	4	1	-	-	3	-	2	1	10	3
12	Victor Mare	ISR	31/05/89	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16	Eran Zehavi	ISR	25/07/87	22	-	4	-	-	-	2	-	2	-	10	1
17	Maaran Lala	ISR	07/03/82	27	-	4	-	-	-	3	-	2	1	8	1
Coach															
-	Eli Guttman	ISR	24/02/58	51	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	16	-

Key: Squad list is ordered by position and then numerically

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

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Celtic FC

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	Artur Boruc	POL	20/02/80	29	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	3	-	33	-
24	Łukasz Żaluska	POL	16/06/82	27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders															
2	Andreas Hinkel	GER	26/03/82	27	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	27	1	52	2
3	Lee Naylor	ENG	19/03/80	29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22	-
4	Stephen McManus	SCO	10/09/82	27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	26	2
5	Gary Caldwell	SCO	12/04/82	27	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	2	-	28	-
11	Daniel Fox	ENG	29/05/86	23	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	4	-
12	Mark Wilson	SCO	05/06/84	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	-
22	Glenn Loovens	NED	22/09/83	25	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	6	-	13	-
34	Daniel Lafferty	NIR	18/05/89	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
52	Paul Caddis	SCO	19/04/88	21	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	1	-
Midfielders															
6	Landry N'Guémo	CMR	28/11/85	23	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	8	-	11	-
8	Scott Brown	SCO	25/06/85	24	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	1	-	23	1
14	Niall McGinn	NIR	20/07/87	22	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	-
16	Willo Flood	IRL	10/04/85	24	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	-
17	Marc Crosas	ESP	09/01/88	21	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	1	-
19	Barry Robson	SCO	07/11/78	30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	2
20	Pat McCourt	NIR	16/12/83	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	6	-
29	Koki Mizuno	JPN	06/09/85	24	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
36	Graham Carey	IRL	20/05/89	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
46	Aiden McGeady	IRL	04/04/86	23	-	-	-	-	-	3	2	-	-	28	2
Forwards															
7	Scott McDonald	AUS	21/08/83	26	-	-	-	-	-	4	3	-	-	20	4
9	Georgios Samaras	GRE	21/02/85	24	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	10	2	25	4
10	Marc-Antoine Fortuné	FRA	02/07/81	28	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	7	2	12	2
13	Shaun Maloney	SCO	24/01/83	26	-	-	-	-	-	4	2	4	1	25	3
33	Chris Killen	NZL	08/10/81	27	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	9	1
49	James Forrest	SCO	07/07/91	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55	Paul McGowan	SCO	07/10/87	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Coach															
-	Tony Mowbray	ENG	22/11/63	45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	12	-

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Fixtures and results

Hapoel Tel-Aviv FC

Date	Competition	Opponent	Result	Goalscorers
24/08/09	League	Beitar Jerusalem FC (A)	D 0-0	
30/08/09	League	Maccabi Petach-Tikva FC (H)	D 1-1	Ben Dayan 12
13/09/09	League	Hapoel Beer-Sheva FC (A)	W 3-1	Vucicevic 18, Zandberg 58, Yadin 90
21/09/09	League	Maccabi Haifa FC (H)		
03/10/09	League	Maccabi Netanya FC (A)		
17/10/09	League	FC Ashdod (H)		
24/10/09	League	Maccabi Ahi Nazareth FC (A)		
31/10/09	League	Maccabi Tel-Aviv FC (H)		
07/11/09	League	Bnei Sakhnin FC (A)		
02/01/10	League	Hapoel Petach-Tikva FC (H)		
09/01/10	League	Bnei Yehuda Tel-Aviv FC (A)		
16/01/10	League	Hapoel Haifa FC (H)		
23/01/10	League	Hapoel Akko FC (A)		
30/01/10	League	Hapoel Ra'anana FC (H)		
06/02/10	League	Hapoel Ramat-Gan FC (A)		
13/02/10	League	Beitar Jerusalem FC (H)		
20/02/10	League	Maccabi Petach-Tikva FC (A)		
27/02/10	League	Hapoel Beer-Sheva FC (H)		
06/03/10	League	Hapoel Petach-Tikva FC (A)		
06/03/10	League	Maccabi Haifa FC (A)		
13/03/10	League	Maccabi Netanya FC (H)		
13/03/10	League	Bnei Yehuda Tel-Aviv FC (H)		
20/03/10	League	FC Ashdod (A)		

Pos.	Clubs	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1	Maccabi Haifa FC	3	3	0	0	8	3	9
2	Bnei Yehuda Tel-Aviv FC	3	2	1	0	5	0	7
3	Maccabi Tel-Aviv FC	3	2	1	0	5	1	7
4	Hapoel Haifa FC	3	2	0	1	5	3	6
5	FC Ashdod	3	2	0	1	2	3	6
6	Hapoel Tel-Aviv FC	3	1	2	0	4	2	5
7	Beitar Jerusalem FC	3	1	2	0	3	1	5
8	Bnei Sakhnin FC	3	1	1	1	3	3	4
9	Hapoel Beer-Sheva FC	3	1	1	1	5	6	4
10	Hapoel Petach-Tikva FC	3	1	0	2	2	5	3
11	Maccabi Netanya FC	3	0	2	1	3	4	2
12	Hapoel Ramat-Gan FC	3	0	2	1	4	6	2
13	Maccabi Petach-Tikva FC	3	0	2	1	3	5	2
14	Hapoel Akko FC	3	0	1	2	2	4	1
15	Hapoel Ra'anana FC	3	0	1	2	3	6	1
16	Maccabi Ahi Nazareth FC	3	0	0	3	2	7	0

Celtic FC

Date	Competition	Opponent	Result	Goalscorers
15/08/09	League	Aberdeen FC (A)	W 3-1	McGeady 29, 42, McDonald 44
22/08/09	League	Saint Johnstone FC (H)	W 5-2	Fortuné 21, 54, Maloney 28, 53, McDonald 74
30/08/09	League	Hibernian FC (A)	W 1-0	Samaras 41
12/09/09	League	Dundee United FC (H)	D 1-1	McDonald 17
20/09/09	League	Heart of Midlothian FC (H)		
26/09/09	League	Saint Mirren FC (A)		
04/10/09	League	Rangers FC (A)		
17/10/09	League	Motherwell FC (H)		
25/10/09	League	Hamilton Academical FC (A)		
31/10/09	League	Kilmarnock FC (H)		
08/11/09	League	Falkirk FC (A)		
22/11/09	League	Dundee United FC (A)		
28/11/09	League	Saint Mirren FC (H)		
05/12/09	League	Aberdeen FC (H)		
12/12/09	League	Motherwell FC (A)		
19/12/09	League	Heart of Midlothian FC (A)		
26/12/09	League	Hamilton Academical FC (H)		
30/12/09	League	Kilmarnock FC (A)		
02/01/10	League	Rangers FC (H)		
16/01/10	League	Falkirk FC (H)		
23/01/10	League	Saint Johnstone FC (A)		
27/01/10	League	Hibernian FC (H)		
30/01/10	League	Hamilton Academical FC (A)		
10/02/10	League	Heart of Midlothian FC (H)		

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

Match-by-match lineups

Hapoel Tel-Aviv FC

Third qualifying round

(30/07/09)

IFK Göteborg 1-3 Hapoel Tel-Aviv FC

Goals: 1-0 Hysén 21, 1-1 Shechter 73, 1-2 Yeboah 78, 1-3 Natcho 90+4

H. Tel-Aviv: Enyeama, Da Silva, Bondarv, Zandberg (Menteshashvili 78), Natcho, Badir, Yeboah (Lala 86), Vermouth, Zehavi (Shechter 46), Ben Dayan, Yadin

(06/08/09)

Hapoel Tel-Aviv FC 1-1 IFK Göteborg (agg: 4-2)

Goals: 1-0 Zandberg 14, 1-1 Stiller 52

H. Tel-Aviv: Enyeama, Da Silva, Bondarv, Zandberg (Zehavi 67), Natcho (Menteshashvili 76), Shechter (Lala 82), Badir, Yeboah, Vermouth, Ben Dayan, Yadin

Play-Offs

(20/08/09)

FK Teplice 1-2 Hapoel Tel-Aviv FC

Goals: 0-1 Enyeama 74 (pen) , 1-1 Vondrášek 89, 1-2 Vermouth 90+4

H. Tel-Aviv: Enyeama, Da Silva, Bondarv, Zandberg (Zehavi 62), Natcho, Shechter (Lala 86), Badir, Yeboah (Menteshashvili 80), Vermouth, Ben Dayan, Yadin

(27/08/09)

Hapoel Tel-Aviv FC 1-1 FK Teplice (agg: 3-2)

Goals: 0-1 Klein 89, 1-1 Ben Dayan 90+1

H. Tel-Aviv: Enyeama, Da Silva, Bondarv, Zandberg (Zehavi 62), Natcho, Shechter (Menteshashvili 82), Badir, Yeboah (Lala 68), Vermouth, Ben Dayan, Yadin

Group C

Standings

Club	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Hamburger SV	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hapoel Tel-Aviv FC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Celtic FC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SK Rapid Wien	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Matchday 1 (17/09/09)

Hapoel Tel-Aviv FC v Celtic FC

Matchday 2 (01/10/09)

Hamburger SV v Hapoel Tel-Aviv FC

Celtic FC v SK Rapid Wien

Matchday 3 (22/10/09)

Celtic FC v Hamburger SV

Hapoel Tel-Aviv FC v SK Rapid Wien

Matchday 4 (05/11/09)

Hamburger SV v Celtic FC

SK Rapid Wien v Hapoel Tel-Aviv FC

Matchday 5 (02/12/09)

Celtic FC v Hapoel Tel-Aviv FC

Matchday 6 (17/12/09)

Hapoel Tel-Aviv FC v Hamburger SV

SK Rapid Wien v Celtic FC

Match officials

Referee	Paul Allaerts (BEL)
Assistant referees	Danny Huens (BEL), Michaël Keyen (BEL)
Additional assistant referee	Johan Verbist (BEL)
Additional assistant referee	Peter Vervecken (BEL)
Fourth official	Claude Bourdouxhe (BEL)
UEFA Delegate	Jaroslav Dudl (CZE)
UEFA Referee observer	Giancarlo Dal Forno (ITA)

Referee

Name	Date of birth	UEL matches *	UEFA matches
Paul Allaerts	09/07/1964	19	50

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
18/09/02	UCL	GS	Manchester United FC - Maccabi Haifa FC	5-2	Manchester
09/10/04	WC	QR	Scotland - Norway	0-1	Glasgow

* 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

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

:: 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)

:: Statistics

(-): Denotes player substituted

(*): Denotes player dismissed/sent off

(+): Denotes player introduced

(+/-): Denotes player introduced and substituted

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