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**RSC Anderlecht**



**FC Timișoara**

**Constant Vanden Stock Stadium, Brussels**

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**Group A - Matchday 4**

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## Match background

### Previous meetings

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
22/10/09	GS	FC Timișoara - RSC Anderlecht	0-0	Timisoara	

	Home				Away				Final				Total					
	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
RSC Anderlecht	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
FC Timișoara	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0

### RSC Anderlecht - record versus clubs from opponents' country

#### UEFA Champions League

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
06/08/03	QR2	RSC Anderlecht - FC Rapid București	3-2 agg: 3-2	Brussels	Ještrović 50, Zetterberg 52, Seol Ki Hyeon 75; Ilyes 42, Bratu 45
30/07/03	QR2	FC Rapid București - RSC Anderlecht	0-0	Bucharest	

#### UEFA Champions League

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
23/11/94	GS	FC Steaua București - RSC Anderlecht	1-1	Bucharest	Doboș 55; Bosman 44
14/09/94	GS	RSC Anderlecht - FC Steaua București	0-0	Brussels	

#### UEFA Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
03/10/90	R1	FC Petrolul Ploiesti - RSC Anderlecht	0-2 agg: 0-4	Ploiesti	Nilis 20, 88
19/09/90	R1	RSC Anderlecht - FC Petrolul Ploiesti	2-0	Brussels	Verheyen 64, Nilis 85(p)

#### UEFA Cup Winners' Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
18/04/90	SF	FC Dinamo 1948 București - RSC Anderlecht	0-1 agg: 0-2	Bucharest	Van Der Linden 58
04/04/90	SF	RSC Anderlecht - FC Dinamo 1948 București	1-0	Brussels	Nilis 64

#### European Champion Clubs' Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
05/11/86	R2	FC Steaua București - RSC Anderlecht	1-0 agg: 1-3	Bucharest	Böläni 58
22/10/86	R2	RSC Anderlecht - FC Steaua București	3-0	Brussels	Krnčević 75, 87, Janssens 77

#### European Champion Clubs' Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
16/04/86	SF	FC Steaua București - RSC Anderlecht	3-0 agg: 3-1	Bucharest	Piturca 4, 70, Balint 22
02/04/86	SF	RSC Anderlecht - FC Steaua București	1-0	Brussels	Scifo 75

#### UEFA Cup Winners' Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
01/10/75	R1	RSC Anderlecht - FC Rapid București	2-0 agg: 2-1	Brussels	Van Binst 38, Rensenbrink 46
17/09/75	R1	FC Rapid București - RSC Anderlecht	1-0	Bucharest	Thissen 20(og)

### FC Timișoara - 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
RSC Anderlecht	7	6	1	0	8	2	3	3	0	0	0	0	15	8	4	3	16	8

A first Group A goal could launch FC Timișoara into contention for a UEFA Europa League Round of 32 place, while RSC Anderlecht are bidding to improve on a 0-0 draw in the sides' meeting in Romania on Matchday 3.

#### Previous meetings

- The sides had not met prior to Matchday 3, nor had Timișoara – or indeed FC Politehnica Timișoara – met Belgian opponents before. Anderlecht's previous seven home games against Romanian clubs have netted them six wins and a draw, with 12 goals scored and just two conceded.

#### Match background

- Anderlecht have won only one of their last five European home games, a 5-0 success against Sivasspor in this season's UEFA Champions League third qualifying round. That five-game run also included three defeats and a draw.
- Timișoara are yet to win an away game in Europe, with their most recent three attempts ending in draws following their maiden UEFA club competition away fixture, a 1-0 loss at FK Partizan on 2 October 2008.
- Timișoara go into the game as one of three sides who have yet to score since the start of the group stage, along with PFC Levski Sofia and FC Steaua București.
- The Romanian side start the match third in Group A following the decision of UEFA's Control and Disciplinary Body to deduct NK Dinamo Zagreb three points after serious crowd disturbances at the Croatian side's game at FC Timișoara on 1 October.

#### Team facts

- Timișoara coach Ioan Ovidiu Sabău played in both legs for FC Dinamo 1948 București against Anderlecht in the semi-final of the 1989/90 UEFA Cup Winners' Cup. The Belgian side won 1-0 home and away, but lost 2-0 to UC Sampdoria in the Gothenburg final.
- Capped 52 times by Romanian, former midfielder Sabău is in his first season as Timișoara coach. As a player, he won Romanian titles with Dinamo and FC Rapid București and played abroad with Feyenoord (winning two Dutch Cups), Brescia Calcio and AC Reggiana.
- Anderlecht coach Ariël Jacobs knows Timișoara's Daré Nibombé well, having coached the Togolese defender at RAA Louviéroise in the 2002/03 season, when the club won the Belgian Cup, their only major domestic honour. Nibombé would go on to spend five more years in Belgium with RAEC Mons.
- Jacobs extended his contract by two years until summer 2012 on Friday 30 October. The 56-year-old, who stepped up from an assistant role to replace Franky Vercauteren in November 2007, said: "I'm very honoured that the club appreciates my work. I hope to continue meeting the high expectations."
- SL Benfica are the only side playing in the UEFA Europa League group stage who have contested more games in Europe than Anderlecht. This will be Anderlecht's 312th UEFA club competition contest, while Benfica are preparing for their 313th.
- Anderlecht are two goals short of their 500th in UEFA club competition, but are also two shy of conceding their 400th.
- Anderlecht host Dinamo Zagreb on Matchday 5, with Timișoara at home to AFC Ajax on the same day, 2 December.

## Team facts

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### RSC Anderlecht

**Formed:** 1908

**Nicknames:** Paars-wit (Purple and Whites, Dutch), Les Mauves et Blancs (Purple and Whites, French)

### UEFA club competition honours (runners-up in brackets)

- UEFA Cup Winners' Cup (2): 1976, (1977), 1978, (1990)
- UEFA Cup (1): 1983, (1984)
- UEFA Super Cup (2): 1976, 1978

### Domestic honours (most recent triumph in brackets)

League title: 29 (2007)

Belgian Cup: 9 (2008)

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

**2008/09:** UEFA Champions League second qualifying round

**2007/08:** round of 16 (having transferred from UEFA Champions League third qualifying round)

**2006/07:** UEFA Champions League group stage

**2005/06:** UEFA Champions League group stage

**2004/05:** UEFA Champions League group stage

**2003/04:** UEFA Champions League group stage

**2002/03:** fourth round

**2001/02:** UEFA Champions League first group stage

**2000/01:** UEFA Champions League second group stage

**1999/00:** second round

### Records

#### UEFA club competition

- Biggest home win

**9-0:** Anderlecht v Derry City FC

23/11/65, European Champion Clubs' Cup first round first leg

- Biggest away win

**1-10:** FC Haka v Anderlecht

14/09/66, European Champion Clubs' Cup first round first leg

- Heaviest home defeat

**0-5:** Anderlecht v FC Bayern München

06/03/08, UEFA Cup round of 16 first leg

- Heaviest away defeat

**10-0:** Manchester United FC v Anderlecht

26/09/56, European Champion Clubs' Cup preliminary round second leg

#### UEFA Cup/Europa League

- Biggest home win

**6-1:** Leiftur v Anderlecht

12/08/99, qualifying round first leg

**6-1:** Anderlecht v FK Sarajevo

24/11/82, third round first leg

**5-0:** Anderlecht v FC Tiligul Tiraspol

29/07/98, first qualifying round second leg

- Biggest away win

**0-3** on five occasions, most recently v FC Midtjylland (14/11/02 second round second leg)

- Heaviest home defeat

**0-5:** Anderlecht v FC Bayern München (see above)

- Heaviest away defeat

**6-1:** Real Madrid FC v Anderlecht

12/12/84, third round second leg

**FC Timișoara**

**Formed:** 2002

**Nickname:** Bănățenii (The Banat Boys)

**UEFA club competition honours (runners-up in brackets)**

• None

**Domestic honours (most recent triumph in brackets)**

None

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

**2008/09:** first round

**2007/08:** did not compete in UEFA club competition

**2006/07:** did not compete in UEFA club competition

**2005/06:** did not compete in UEFA club competition

**2004/05:** did not compete in UEFA club competition

**2003/04:** did not compete in UEFA club competition

**2002/03:** did not compete in UEFA club competition

**2001/02:** did not compete in UEFA club competition

**2000/01:** did not compete in UEFA club competition

**1999/00:** did not compete in UEFA club competition

**Records**

**UEFA club competition**

• Biggest home win

**None**

• Biggest away win

**None**

• Heaviest home defeat

**0-3:** Timișoara v NK Dinamo Zagreb

01/10/09, UEFA Europa League group stage

• Heaviest away defeat

**1-0:** FK Partizan v Timișoara

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

**UEFA Cup/Europa League**

• Biggest home win

**None**

• Biggest away win

**None**

• Heaviest home defeat

**0-3:** Timișoara v NK Dinamo Zagreb (see above)

• Heaviest away defeat

**1-0:** FK Partizan v Timișoara (see above)

# Squad list

## RSC Anderlecht

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
<b>Goalkeepers</b>															
22	Davy Schollen	BEL	28/02/78	31	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	5	-
24	Silvio Proto	BEL	23/05/83	26	-	-	-	3	-	13	-	5	-	12	-
25	Sébastien Bruzzese	BEL	01/03/89	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
28	Michaël Cordier	BEL	27/03/84	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Defenders</b>															
2	Ondřej Mazuch	CZE	15/03/89	20	-	-	-	2	-	6	1	2	-	3	-
3	Olivier Deschacht	BEL	16/02/81	28	-	-	-	3	-	12	-	10	-	50	-
4	Arnold Kruiswijk	NED	02/11/84	25	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	5	-	6	-
6	Jelle Van Damme	BEL	10/10/83	26	#	-	-	1	-	10	1	10	-	30	1
23	Roland Juhász	HUN	01/07/83	26	-	-	-	3	-	13	1	14	-	34	1
26	Víctor Bernárdez	HON	24/05/82	27	-	-	-	2	1	4	-	2	1	2	1
44	Nemanja Rnić	SRB	30/09/84	25	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	12	-	18	-
<b>Midfielders</b>															
5	Lucas Biglia	ARG	30/01/86	23	-	-	-	2	-	11	1	12	-	24	1
8	Jan Polák	CZE	14/03/81	28	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	14	1	37	2
11	Mbark Boussoufa	MAR	15/08/84	25	-	-	-	3	-	11	5	9	-	29	1
12	Thomas Chatelle	BEL	31/03/81	28	-	-	-	1	-	13	-	5	1	16	2
16	Cheikhou Kouyaté	SEN	21/12/89	19	-	-	-	2	-	2	-	2	-	2	-
30	Guillaume Gillet	BEL	09/03/84	25	-	-	-	3	-	13	1	6	-	18	1
32	Christophe Diandy	SEN	25/11/90	18	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	1	-
35	Quentin Crommen	BEL	05/03/91	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
37	Reynaldo	BRA	24/08/89	20	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	2	-
99	Bakary Sare	CIV	05/04/90	19	-	-	-	3	-	8	-	4	-	6	-
<b>Forwards</b>															
9	Matías Suárez	ARG	09/05/88	21	-	-	-	3	-	12	4	3	-	8	2
10	Kanu	BRA	23/09/87	22	-	-	-	2	-	7	-	2	-	4	-
13	Jonathan Legear	BEL	13/04/87	22	-	-	-	2	2	8	-	8	2	18	2
19	Nicolás Frutos	ARG	10/05/81	28	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	4	2	9	5
21	Tom De Sutter	BEL	03/07/85	24	-	-	-	1	-	11	2	1	-	5	2
34	Olivier Mukendi	BEL	08/06/91	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
36	Romelu Lukaku	BEL	13/05/93	16	-	-	-	3	-	10	6	3	-	4	-
<b>Coach</b>															
-	Ariël Jacobs	BEL	25/07/53	56	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	11	-	17	-

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## FC Timișoara

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
<b>Goalkeepers</b>															
29	Costel Pantilimon	ROU	01/02/87	22	-	-	-	3	-	11	-	5	-	9	-
99	Pedro Taborda	POR	22/06/78	31	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Defenders</b>															
2	Éder Bonfim	BRA	03/04/81	28	-	-	-	3	-	10	-	4	-	13	-
6	Daré Nibombé	TGO	16/06/80	29	-	-	-	3	-	11	-	3	-	7	-
7	Stelian Stancu	ROU	22/09/81	28	-	-	-	1	-	8	-	5	-	12	-
13	Cristian Scutaru	ROU	13/04/87	22	-	-	-	1	-	7	-	1	-	4	-
14	Ioan Mera	ROU	05/01/87	22	-	-	-	3	-	6	1	3	-	3	-
20	Florin Maxim	ROU	02/03/81	28	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
28	Marián Čižovský	SVK	02/11/79	30	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	8	1	38	6
32	Lucian Gavriliuță	ROU	21/11/89	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Midfielders</b>															
5	Dan Alexa	ROU	28/10/79	30	-	-	-	3	-	11	-	9	-	16	1
10	Artavazd Karamyan	ARM	14/11/79	29	-	-	-	3	-	12	-	19	-	33	2
22	Adrian Ganea	ROU	14/12/87	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
27	Lukáš Magera	CZE	17/01/83	26	-	-	-	2	-	8	3	6	1	9	1
31	Adrian Poparadu	ROU	13/10/87	22	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
33	Cristian Mejia	COL	11/10/90	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55	Alexandru Bourceanu	ROU	24/04/85	24	-	-	-	3	-	11	-	3	-	6	-
<b>Forwards</b>															
9	Winston Parks	CRC	12/10/81	28	-	-	-	3	-	9	1	9	-	20	1
11	Arman Karamyan	ARM	14/11/79	29	-	-	-	2	-	10	2	3	-	14	3
18	Gheorghe Bucur	ROU	08/04/80	29	-	-	-	3	-	11	2	5	1	9	3
21	Dorin Goga	ROU	02/07/84	25	-	-	-	3	-	9	5	5	-	5	-
23	Claudiu Ionescu	ROU	20/03/83	26	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	6	-
25	Ionuț Matei	ROU	02/07/84	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
77	Alexandru Curtean	ROU	27/03/87	22	-	-	-	3	-	5	-	3	-	5	-
<b>Coach</b>															
-	Ioan Ovidiu Sabău	ROU	12/02/68	41	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	3	-	13	-

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## Fixtures and results

### RSC Anderlecht

Date	Competition	Opponent	Result	Goalscorers
01/08/09	League	KV Kortrijk (A)	W 2-0	Boussoufa 7, Wasilewski 69
08/08/09	League	Cercle Brugge KSV (H)	W 3-2	Suárez 12, Boi 42 (og), Boussoufa 63
15/08/09	League	KVC Westerlo (H)	W 3-0	Van Damme 28, Suárez 44, Boussoufa 73
22/08/09	League	SV Zulte Waregem (A)	W 2-0	Boussoufa 43, Lukaku 88
30/08/09	League	R. Standard de Liège (H)	D 1-1	Gillet 42
12/09/09	League	K. Sint-Truidense VV (A)	L 1-2	Juhász 83
20/09/09	League	KAAs Gent (H)	D 1-1	Mazuch 31
24/09/09	League	R. Excelsior Mouscron (A)	W 2-1	Suárez 32 (p), Lukaku 74
27/09/09	League	KFC Germinal Beerschot Antwerpen (H)	W 1-0	Lukaku 53
04/10/09	League	Club Brugge KV (A)	L 2-4	De Sutter 22, 90+2
17/10/09	League	R. Charleroi SC (H)	W 2-0	Biglia 23, Lukaku 37
25/10/09	League	KV Mechelen (A)	W 2-0	Lukaku 11, Boussoufa 57
28/10/09	Cup	R.C.S. Verviers (H)	W 2-0	Spinosa 26 (og), Frutos 48
31/10/09	League	KSC Lokeren OV (H)	W 2-0	Lukaku 33, Suárez 65
08/11/09	League	KRC Genk (A)		
21/11/09	League	KSV Roeselare (H)		
28/11/09	League	KV Kortrijk (H)		
05/12/09	League	Cercle Brugge KSV (A)		
12/12/09	League	KVC Westerlo (A)		
19/12/09	League	Club Brugge KV (H)		
26/12/09	League	KAAs Gent (A)		
30/12/09	League	SV Zulte Waregem (H)		
16/01/10	League	R. Standard de Liège (A)		
23/01/10	League	R. Excelsior Mouscron (H)		
30/01/10	League	KFC Germinal Beerschot Antwerpen (A)		
06/02/10	League	K. Sint-Truidense VV (H)		
13/02/10	League	R. Charleroi SC (A)		
20/02/10	League	KV Mechelen (H)		
27/02/10	League	KSV Roeselare (A)		
06/03/10	League	KRC Genk (H)		
13/03/10	League	KSC Lokeren OV (A)		

Pos.	Clubs	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1	Club Brugge KV	13	9	3	1	28	15	30
2	<b>RSC Anderlecht</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>29</b>
3	R. Standard de Liège	13	5	7	1	21	11	22
4	KV Mechelen	13	7	0	6	19	19	21
5	KFC Germinal Beerschot Antwerpen	13	6	3	4	16	17	21
6	SV Zulte Waregem	13	5	5	3	23	19	20
7	KAAs Gent	13	5	3	5	21	16	18
8	K. Sint-Truidense VV	13	5	2	6	16	18	17
9	KRC Genk	13	4	5	4	18	15	17
10	KV Kortrijk	13	4	5	4	16	15	17
11	KVC Westerlo	13	4	3	6	15	22	15
12	R. Charleroi SC	13	3	5	5	16	23	14
13	Cercle Brugge KSV	13	3	4	6	19	21	13
14	KSC Lokeren OV	13	3	2	8	16	24	11
15	R. Excelsior Mouscron	13	2	5	6	13	20	11
16	KSV Roeselare	13	1	4	8	16	31	7

## FC Timișoara

Date	Competition	Opponent	Result	Goalscorers
01/08/09	League	CF Gloria 1922 Bistrita (H)	W 1-0	Magera 75
09/08/09	League	FC Politehnica Iași (A)	D 1-1	Parks 56
14/08/09	League	FC Rapid București (H)	W 1-0	Arman Karamyan 33
22/08/09	League	FC Unirea Urziceni (A)	D 0-0	
30/08/09	League	FC Unirea Alba Iulia (A)	D 3-3	Bucur 5, Ionescu 29, Goga 86
13/09/09	League	FC Astra Ploiesti (H)	D 0-0	
20/09/09	League	SC Vaslui (A)	W 1-0	Goga 56
23/09/09	Cup	CS Sănătatea Servicii Publice Cluj (H)	W 7-0	Vršič 8, 71 (p), Magera 38, 52, Parks 65, 85, Rušič 88
26/09/09	League	FC Universitatea Craiova (H)	D 1-1	Mera 61
05/10/09	League	FC Internațional Curtea de Argeș (A)	W 3-0	Goga 50, Bucur 69, Arman Karamyan 78
17/10/09	League	FC Ceahlăul Piatra Neamt (H)	W 6-0	Magera 1, 50, Chiacu 5, 90, Goga 83, 85
25/10/09	League	CFR 1907 Cluj (A)	D 0-0	
28/10/09	Cup	FC Astra Ploiesti (A)	D 2-2 (aet) (5-6p)	Parks 19, Vršič 102
01/11/09	League	FC Steaua București (H)	L 0-1	
08/11/09	League	FC Otelul Galati (A)		
21/11/09	League	FC Dinamo 1948 București (H)		
28/11/09	League	AS Gaz Metan Medias (A)		
05/12/09	League	CS Pandurii Lignitul Târgu Jiu (H)		
12/12/09	League	FC Brasov (A)		

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

## Match-by-match lineups

### Group A

#### Standings

Club	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
AFC Ajax	3	1	2	0	3	2	5
<b>RSC Anderlecht</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>FC Timișoara</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>
NK Dinamo Zagreb	3	1	0	2	4	4	0*

\* NK Dinamo Zagreb deducted three points following serious crowd disturbances away to FC Timișoara (subject to appeal)

#### Matchday 1 (17/09/09)

##### AFC Ajax 0-0 FC Timișoara

**FC Timișoara:** Pantilimon, Éder Bonfim, Alexa, Nibombé, Parks (Stancu 59), Artavazd Karamyan, Mera, Bucur, Goga (Poparadu 84), Bourceanu, Curtean (Ionescu 67)

##### NK Dinamo Zagreb 0-2 RSC Anderlecht

**Goals:** 0-1 Bernárdez 74, 0-2 Legear 88

**RSC Anderlecht:** Proto, Mazuch, Deschacht, Biglia, Suárez (Lukaku 85), Boussoufa (Chatelle 90), Kouyaté (Legear 71), Juhász, Bernárdez, Gillet, Sare

#### Matchday 2 (01/10/09)

##### RSC Anderlecht 1-1 AFC Ajax

**Goals:** 0-1 Rommedahl 72, 1-1 Legear 85

**RSC Anderlecht:** Proto, Deschacht, Van Damme, Suárez (Legear 58), Kanu (De Sutter 79), Boussoufa, Juhász, Bernárdez, Gillet, Lukaku (Kruiswijk 87), Sare

##### FC Timișoara 0-3 NK Dinamo Zagreb

**Goals:** 0-1 Badelj 8, 0-2 Sammir 52, 0-3 Morales 59

**FC Timișoara:** Pantilimon, Éder Bonfim, Alexa, Nibombé, Artavazd Karamyan, Arman Karamyan (Parks 46), Mera, Bucur, Goga, Ionescu (Bourceanu 55), Curtean (Magera 69)

#### Matchday 3 (22/10/09)

##### FC Timișoara 0-0 RSC Anderlecht

**FC Timișoara:** Pantilimon, Éder Bonfim, Alexa (Magera 81), Nibombé, Artavazd Karamyan, Arman Karamyan (Curtean 72), Scutaru, Mera, Bucur (Parks 74), Goga, Bourceanu

**RSC Anderlecht:** Proto, Mazuch, Deschacht, Biglia, Kanu (Rnić 46), Boussoufa, Juhász, Gillet, Diandy (Kouyaté 85), Lukaku (Suárez 64), Sare

#### Matchday 4 (05/11/09)

##### RSC Anderlecht v FC Timișoara

#### Matchday 5 (02/12/09)

##### FC Timișoara v AFC Ajax

##### RSC Anderlecht v NK Dinamo Zagreb

#### Matchday 6 (17/12/09)

##### AFC Ajax v RSC Anderlecht

##### NK Dinamo Zagreb v FC Timișoara

## Match officials

<b>Referee</b>	Tony Chapron (FRA)
<b>Assistant referees</b>	Emmanuel Boisdenghien (FRA), Johann Perruaux (FRA)
<b>Additional assistant referee</b>	Olivier Thual (FRA)
<b>Additional assistant referee</b>	Clément Turpin (FRA)
<b>Fourth official</b>	Alexandre Castro (FRA)
<b>UEFA Delegate</b>	Paul Krähenbühl (SUI)
<b>UEFA Referee observer</b>	Leif Sundell (SWE)

### Referee

Name	Date of birth	UEL matches *	UEFA matches
Tony Chapron	23/04/1972	4	17

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

Date	Comp.	Stage	Match	Res.	Venue
03/12/08	UCUP	GS	R. Standard de Liège - UC Sampdoria	3-0	Liege

**Other matches - Matches involving teams from either of the two countries involved in this match**  
No matches found

\* Group stage to final only

## Competition information

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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

**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

### :: 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  
**aetps:** Match decided after extra time and penalty shoot-out  
**ag:** Match decided on away goals  
**agg:** Aggregate  
**AP:** Appearances  
**Comp.:** Competition  
**D:** Drawn  
**DoB:** Date of birth  
**GA:** Goals against  
**GF:** Goals for  
**L:** Lost  
**Nat.:** Nationality  
**No.:** Number  
**o.g.:** Own goal  
**(p):** Penalty  
**Pld:** Matches played  
**Pos.:** Position  
**Pts:** Points  
**R:** Sent off (red card)  
**Res.:** Result  
**t:** Match decided by toss of coin  
**W:** Won  
**Y:** Booked  
**Y/R:** Sent off (yellow card then direct red)  
**N/a:** Not Applicable  
**(+):** Denotes player introduced  
**(+/-):** Denotes player introduced and substituted

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