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Match background

Previous meetings

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
22/10/09	GS	AFC Ajax - NK Dinamo Zagreb	2-1	Amsterdam	Suárez 3(p), Rommedahl 81; Tomečak 90+3

UEFA Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
04/10/07	R1	AFC Ajax - NK Dinamo Zagreb	2-3 agg: 3-3 ag, aet	Amsterdam	Huntelaar 11 Ex, 30 Ex; Modrić 34(p), Mandžukić 4 Ex, 6 Ex
20/09/07	R1	NK Dinamo Zagreb - AFC Ajax	0-1	Zagreb	Rommedahl 61

UEFA Champions League

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
25/11/98	GS	AFC Ajax - NK Dinamo Zagreb	0-1	Amsterdam	Šimić 67
16/09/98	GS	NK Dinamo Zagreb - AFC Ajax	0-0	Zagreb	

	Home				Away				Final				Total					
	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
NK Dinamo Zagreb	2	0	1	1	3	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	5	2	1	2	5	5
AFC Ajax	3	1	0	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	5	2	1	2	5	5

NK Dinamo Zagreb - record versus clubs from opponents' country

UEFA Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
23/10/08	GS	NK Dinamo Zagreb - NEC Nijmegen	3-2	Zagreb	Mandžukić 3, Balaban 81, Vrdoljak 84; Carlos 24(og), Janssen 78

UEFA Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
02/12/04	GS	NK Dinamo Zagreb - SC Heerenveen	2-2	Zagreb	Bošnjak 14, Pranjčić 57; Yıldırım 84, Huntelaar 88(p)

AFC Ajax - record versus clubs from opponents' country

UEFA Champions League

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
15/03/95	QF	AFC Ajax - HNK Hajduk Split	3-0 agg: 3-0	Amsterdam	Kanu 38, Frank de Boer 42, 73
01/03/95	QF	HNK Hajduk Split - AFC Ajax	0-0	Split	

UEFA Cup Winners' Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
29/09/93	R1	AFC Ajax - HNK Hajduk Split	6-0 agg: 6-1	Amsterdam	Ronald de Boer 10, Davids 36, 76, Litmanen 56, Frank de Boer 61, Petterson 72
17/09/93	R1	HNK Hajduk Split - AFC Ajax	1-0	Ljubljana	Mornar 44

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
NK Dinamo Zagreb	4	1	2	1	3	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	7	3	2	2	10	9
AFC Ajax	5	3	0	2	4	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	9	4	2	3	14	6

NK Dinamo Zagreb's run of two straight wins at AFC Ajax ended with a 2-1 defeat on Matchday 3, but they will look to get the better of the Amsterdam side once again as they meet in Croatia in Group A.

• On 29 October UEFA's Control and Disciplinary Body ruled that Dinamo will have to play their next two UEFA Europa League home matches, including the fixture against Ajax, behind closed doors following serious crowd disturbances at the Matchday 2 game between FC Timișoara and Dinamo Zagreb. The Croatian club have also been deducted three points from their Group A tally. The decision is subject to appeal.

Previous meetings

- This will be the clubs' sixth meeting in Europe, with Dinamo yet to beat Ajax on home soil.
- Branko Ivanković's Dinamo knocked Henk ten Cate's Ajax out of the 2007/08 UEFA Cup first round, losing 1-0 in Croatia but prevailing 3-2 after extra time at the Amsterdam ArenA.
- The teams for the game in Zagreb on 20 September 2007 were:-
Dinamo: Koch, Balaban, Čale, Sammir*, Etto*, Drpić, Modrić, Pokrivač, Schildenfeld, Vugrinec (Šokota, 46), Vukojević (Guela, 69).
Ajax: Stekelenburg*, Emanuelson*, Gabri*, Heitinga, Huntelaar (Luque, 83), Maduro, Ogăraru*, Rommedahl* (Suárez*, 77), Stam, Vermaelen, Van der Wiel*.

*eligible to play in this game.

- The clubs also met in the 1998/99 UEFA Champions League group stage, drawing 0-0 in Zagreb before Velimir Zajec's Dinamo beat Morten Olsen's Ajax 1-0 in Amsterdam.
- The teams for the goalless draw on 16 September 1998 were:-
Dinamo: Ladić, Tokić, Marić, Jurić, Prosinečki, Viduka (Mikić, 68), Mujčin, Rukavina (Šarić, 57), Dario Šimić, Cvitanović, Jeličić (Šokota, 79).
Ajax: Van der Sar, Tobiasen, Blind, Frank de Boer, Babangida (Kinkladze, 77), Witschge, Litmanen, Dani (Ronald de Boer, 63), Oliseh, McCarthy, Hoekstra (Grønkvær, 71).
- Current coach Krunoslav Jurčić came on at half-time for Dinamo in the second leg, while Danny Blind, now assistant coach, started for Ajax in both matches. His son, Daley Blind, is a member of the modern Ajax squad. Igor Bišćan was an unused substitute in the home match but played in the second game.

Match background

- Dinamo's four home games against Dutch opposition – including their two previous ties against Ajax – have ended in a win (against NEC Nijmegen in the 2008/09 UEFA Cup group stage), two draws and a defeat.
- Ajax's four games in Croatia comprise a 1-0 loss, a 1-0 win and two 0-0 draws.
- Dinamo have alternated wins and defeats in their last six UEFA club competition home games, and since they lost 2-0 to RSC Anderlecht in their last home tie are nominally due a victory against Ajax.

Team facts

- Dinamo trainer Jurčić is also a former international midfielder, having won 21 caps for Croatia. He spent much of his career with Dinamo but also played abroad for Belgian side KSK Beveren, and in Italy for Torino FC and UC Sampdoria.
- Jurčić and experienced Dinamo midfielder Igor Bišćan both featured in Dinamo's 1-0 win at Ajax in 1998 (see above).
- Ajax's coach Martin Jol, a three-times capped former Netherlands midfielder, spent much of his playing career at ADO Den Haag but also represented FC Bayern München, FC Twente, West Bromwich Albion FC and Coventry City FC. He has coached Roda JC, RKC Waalwijk, Tottenham Hotspur FC and, last season, reached the UEFA Cup semi-finals with Hamburger SV.
- Ajax striker Marko Pantelić and Dinamo defender Leandro Cufre were team-mates at Hertha BSC Berlin this spring, with the latter on loan from AS Monaco FC.
- Dinamo defender Robert Kovač played in a 2-2 draw against Ajax with Bayern in the 2004/05 UEFA Champions League group stage.
- Ajax had more shots on goal in than any other side in the first three group-stage games – 47. Luis Suárez has had more shots on goal than any other player in the competition – 15.
- Dinamo visit Anderlecht on Matchday 5, with Ajax travelling to meet Timișoara on the same day, 2 December.

Team facts

NK Dinamo Zagreb

Formed: 1945

Nickname: Modri (Blues)

UEFA club competition honours (runners-up in brackets)

- None

Domestic honours (most recent triumph in brackets)

League title: 15 (2009)

Yugoslavian/Croatian Cup: 17 (2009)

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

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

2007/08: group stage (having transferred from UEFA Champions League third qualifying round)

2006/07: first round (having transferred from UEFA Champions League third qualifying round)

2005/06: did not compete in UEFA club competition

2004/05: group stage

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

2002/03: second round

2001/02: first round

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

1999/00: UEFA Champions League first group stage

Records

UEFA club competition

- Biggest home win

6-0: Dinamo Zagreb v Zalaegerszegi TE

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

6-0: Dinamo Zagreb v B68 Tofir

01/09/93, UEFA Champions League preliminary round second leg

- Biggest away win

0-5: Grasshopper-Club v Dinamo Zagreb

30/09/97, UEFA Cup first round second leg

0-5: B68 Tofir v Dinamo Zagreb

18/08/93, UEFA Champions League preliminary round first leg

- Heaviest home defeat

0-3 on three occasions, most recently v Arsenal FC (08/08/06 UEFA Champions League third qualifying round first leg)

- Heaviest away defeat

4-0: Tottenham Hotspur FC v Dinamo Zagreb

06/11/08, UEFA Cup group stage

4-0: Club Atlético de Madrid v Dinamo Zagreb

15/09/65, UEFA Cup Winners' Cup preliminary round first leg

UEFA Cup/Europa League

- Biggest home win

6-0: NK Dinamo Zagreb v Zalaegerszegi TE (see above)

- Biggest away win

0-5: Grasshopper-Club v NK Dinamo Zagreb (see above)

- Heaviest home defeat

0-3: NK Dinamo Zagreb v Fulham FC

31/10/02, UEFA Cup second round first leg

- Heaviest away defeat

4-0: Tottenham Hotspur FC v NK Dinamo Zagreb (see above)

AFC Ajax

Formed: 1900

Nickname: Godenzonen (Sons of the Gods)

UEFA club competition honours (runners-up in brackets)

- European Champion Clubs Cup (4): (1969), 1971, 1972, 1973, 1995, (1996)
- UEFA Cup Winners' Cup (1): 1987, (1988)
- UEFA Cup: 1992
- UEFA Super Cup: 1973, (1987), 1995

Domestic honours (most recent triumph in brackets)

League title: 29 (2004)

Dutch Cup: 17 (2007)

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

2008/09: round of 16

2007/08: first round

2006/07: round of 32 (having transferred from UEFA Champions League third qualifying round)

2005/06: UEFA Champions League first knockout round

2004/05: round of 32 (having transferred from UEFA Champions League group stage)

2003/04: UEFA Champions League group stage

2002/03: UEFA Champions League quarter-finals

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

2000/01: second round

1999/00: third round

Records

UEFA club competition

- Biggest home win

14-0: Ajax v FA Red Boys Differdange

03/10/84, UEFA Cup first round second leg

- Biggest away win

1-8: HJK Helsinki v Ajax

19/09/79, European Champion Clubs' Cup first round first leg

- Heaviest home defeat

0-3: Ajax v FK Austria Wien

27/09/89, UEFA Cup first round second leg

- Heaviest away defeat

5-1: FC Bayern München v Ajax

22/10/80, European Champion Clubs' Cup second round, first leg

4-0 on three occasions, most recently v FC Bayern München (28/09/2004 UEFA Champions League group stage)

UEFA Cup/Europa League

- Biggest home win

14-0: Ajax v FA Red Boys Differdange (see above)

- Biggest away win

0-6: KAA Gent v Ajax

12/09/00, first round first leg

- Heaviest home defeat

0-3: Ajax v FK Austria Wien (see above)

- Heaviest away defeat

4-1: Budapesti Honvéd SE v Ajax

22/11/78, third round first leg

3-0: Werder Bremen v Ajax

14/02/07, round of 32 first leg

Squad list

NK Dinamo Zagreb

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	Tomislav Butina	CRO	30/03/74	35	-	2	-	1	-	9	-	20	-	50	-
30	Filip Lončarić	CRO	17/09/86	23	-	-	-	2	-	4	-	2	-	2	-
33	Dominik Picak	CRO	12/02/92	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35	Kristijan Kahlina	CRO	24/07/92	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders															
2	Ivan Tomečak	CRO	07/12/89	19	-	2	-	2	1	7	-	2	1	5	1
3	Luis Ibáñez	ARG	15/07/88	21	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	6	-	7	-
4	Robert Kovač	CRO	06/04/74	35	-	-	-	3	-	5	-	12	1	64	1
6	Dejan Lovren	CRO	05/07/89	20	-	1	-	3	-	11	-	8	1	16	2
11	Denis Glavina	CRO	03/03/86	23	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	5	-
15	Carlos	BRA	25/02/85	24	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	8	-	23	-
19	Tomislav Barbarić	CRO	29/03/89	20	-	2	-	1	-	8	2	1	-	6	-
21	Ivica Vrdoljak	CRO	19/09/83	26	-	2	1	3	-	12	-	10	1	23	3
22	Igor Bišćan	CRO	04/05/78	31	-	2	1	-	-	4	-	24	1	67	3
25	Leandro Cufre	ARG	09/05/78	31	-	-	-	3	-	6	-	11	1	22	1
Midfielders															
5	Adrian Calello	ARG	14/05/87	22	-	2	-	1	-	8	-	1	-	3	-
7	Etto	BRA	08/03/81	28	-	1	-	3	-	11	-	14	-	32	1
8	Ante Tomić	CRO	23/05/83	26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	16	-
10	Samir	BRA	23/04/87	22	-	2	-	3	1	10	3	15	1	32	3
13	Mathias Chago	CMR	06/03/83	26	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	12	-
16	Milan Badelj	CRO	25/02/89	20	S	2	-	3	1	12	4	9	2	21	3
17	Mario Mandžukić	CRO	21/05/86	23	-	2	1	3	-	12	8	13	3	30	9
77	Pedro Morales	CHI	25/05/85	24	-	2	-	3	1	12	10	8	2	17	2
Forwards															
9	Andrej Kramarić	CRO	19/06/91	18	-	1	-	1	-	10	3	1	-	4	-
20	Miroslav Šlepička	CZE	10/11/81	27	-	1	-	1	-	5	2	15	1	42	5
24	Ilija Sivonjić	CRO	13/01/87	22	-	-	-	3	-	9	5	3	-	4	-
99	Dimitris Papadopoulos	GRE	20/10/81	28	-	2	1	3	-	11	2	19	6	40	10
Coach															
-	Krunoslav Jurčić	CRO	26/11/69	39	-	2	-	3	-	-	-	3	-	13	-

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AFC Ajax

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	Maarten Stekelenburg	NED	22/09/82	27	-	2	-	3	-	12	-	16	-	34	-
12	Kenneth Vermeer	NED	10/01/86	23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	-	9	-
31	Sergio Padt	NED	06/06/90	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
41	Jeroen Verhoeven	NED	30/04/80	29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders															
2	Gregory van der Wiel	NED	03/02/88	21	-	2	-	3	-	12	3	14	-	16	-
3	Oleguer	ESP	02/02/80	29	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	13	-	40	-
5	Jan Vertonghen	BEL	24/04/87	22	*	2	-	3	-	12	1	12	1	16	1
7	Thimothée Atouba	CMR	17/02/82	27	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	20	-	45	1
15	Bruno Silva	URU	29/03/80	29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	8	-
17	Robbie Wilaert	NED	29/12/78	30	-	1	-	-	-	3	-	9	4	22	4
19	Toby Alderweireld	BEL	02/03/89	20	-	1	-	3	-	12	1	6	-	7	-
30	George Ogăraru	ROU	03/02/80	29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	34	-	45	-
Midfielders															
4	Zé Eduardo	BRA	16/08/91	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6	Rasmus Lindgren	SWE	29/11/84	24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	-	13	-
8	Urby Emanuelson	NED	16/06/86	23	-	2	-	3	-	11	3	19	-	33	-
11	Ismaïl Aissati	NED	16/08/88	21	-	-	-	2	-	9	1	5	-	19	-
18	Gabri	ESP	10/02/79	30	-	-	-	1	-	3	-	23	-	63	6
21	Eyong Enoh	CMR	23/03/86	23	-	2	-	2	-	11	1	7	1	9	1
22	Siem De Jong	NED	28/01/89	20	-	2	1	1	-	4	1	5	-	7	1
23	Vurmon Anita	NED	04/04/89	20	-	-	-	1	-	6	-	7	-	7	-
26	Jeffrey Sarpong	NED	03/08/88	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	4	1
27	Daley Blind	NED	09/03/90	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
40	Demy de Zeeuw	NED	26/05/83	26	-	2	-	3	-	12	3	23	3	25	3
51	Christian Eriksen	DEN	14/02/92	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
53	Lorenzo Ebecilio	NED	24/09/91	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Forwards															
9	Marko Pantelić	SRB	15/09/78	31	-	-	-	3	-	6	2	14	2	34	12
10	Miralem Sulejmani	SRB	05/12/88	20	-	2	-	3	-	10	2	12	2	14	2
16	Luis Suárez	URU	24/01/87	22	-	2	4	3	1	12	16	17	7	21	12
20	Dario Cvitanich	CRO	16/05/84	25	-	1	-	2	-	6	4	6	-	7	-
28	Dennis Rommedahl	DEN	22/07/78	31	-	1	-	3	2	10	1	20	5	58	8
29	Mitchell Donald	NED	10/12/88	20	-	2	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	3	1
32	Kerlon	BRA	27/01/88	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
33	Javier Martina	NED	01/02/87	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
34	Kennedy Bakircioglu	SWE	02/11/80	29	-	1	1	2	-	5	1	5	1	17	4
43	Marvin Zeeelaar	NED	12/08/90	19	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	1	-
46	Danilo Campos	BRA	13/01/90	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
47	Geoffrey Castillion	NED	25/05/91	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coach															
-	Martin Jol	NED	16/01/56	53	-	2	-	3	-	-	-	30	-	41	-

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Fixtures and results

NK Dinamo Zagreb

Date	Competition	Opponent	Result	Goalscorers
25/07/09	League	NK Istra (H)	W 7-1	Slepička 9, Morales 16, 76, Mandžukić 30, 77, Sivonjić 35, Badelj 49
01/08/09	League	NK Medimurje (H)	W 4-0	Kramarić 15, 53, Slepička 58, Papadopoulos 80
08/08/09	League	NK Croatia Sesvete (A)	W 5-2	Papadopoulos 3, Mandžukić 14, 66, Morales 40, 74 (p)
16/08/09	League	NK Osijek (H)	W 5-0	Sammir 13 (p), 83, 87 (p), Mandžukić 30, Badelj 52
23/08/09	League	NK Zadar (A)	D 0-0	
30/08/09	League	NK Slaven Koprivnica (H)	W 6-0	Barbarić 4, Morales 10 (p), 79 (p), Mandžukić 25, Sivonjić 39, Badelj 82
12/09/09	League	NK Inter Zprešić (A)	W 1-0	Morales 42
20/09/09	League	HNK Rijeka (H)	W 6-0	Morales 4, 85, Sivonjić 10, 53, Barbarić 76, Kramarić 84
23/09/09	Cup	NK Plitvica Gojanec (A)	W 4-0	Sivonjić 40, Slepička 42, Sammir 61, Kramarić 70
26/09/09	League	NK Lokomotiva Zagreb (A)	W 1-0	Mandžukić 44
04/10/09	League	NK Varteks (H)	W 2-1	Mandžukić 33, Badelj 62
17/10/09	League	NK Zagreb (A)	L 0-1	
25/10/09	League	HNK Cibalia (H)	D 1-1	Morales 44 (p)
28/10/09	Cup	NK Vinogradar (H)	W 4-1	Slepička 11, 23, Kramarić 90, 90+1
31/10/09	League	HNK Hajduk Split (A)	L 1-2	Sivonjić 45
08/11/09	League	HNK Šibenik (H)		
21/11/09	League	NK Karlovac (A)		
28/11/09	League	NK Istra (A)		
05/12/09	League	NK Medimurje (A)		
20/02/10	League	NK Croatia Sesvete (H)		
27/02/10	League	NK Osijek (A)		
06/03/10	League	NK Zadar (H)		
13/03/10	League	NK Slaven Koprivnica (A)		
20/03/10	League	NK Inter Zprešić (H)		
27/03/10	League	HNK Rijeka (A)		
03/04/10	League	NK Lokomotiva Zagreb (H)		
10/04/10	League	NK Varteks (A)		
17/04/10	League	NK Zagreb (H)		
24/04/10	League	HNK Cibalia (A)		
01/05/10	League	HNK Hajduk Split (H)		
08/05/10	League	HNK Šibenik (A)		
16/05/10	League	NK Karlovac (H)		

Pos.	Clubs	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1	NK Dinamo Zagreb	13	9	2	2	39	8	29
2	HNK Šibenik	13	8	3	2	15	9	27
3	HNK Cibalia	13	7	4	2	19	6	25
4	NK Osijek	13	7	3	3	26	20	24
5	NK Karlovac	13	6	5	2	13	7	23
6	NK Slaven Koprivnica	13	7	2	4	25	22	23
7	HNK Rijeka	13	5	4	4	23	17	19
8	NK Lokomotiva Zagreb	13	6	1	6	16	20	19
9	HNK Hajduk Split	13	5	3	5	13	11	18
10	NK Medimurje	13	5	1	7	19	30	16
11	NK Varteks	13	4	3	6	14	19	15
12	NK Zadar	13	4	3	6	11	19	15
13	NK Inter Zprešić	13	4	2	7	18	22	14
14	NK Istra	13	2	3	8	12	27	9
15	NK Croatia Sesvete	13	1	4	8	17	28	7
16	NK Zagreb	13	2	1	10	11	26	7

AFC Ajax

Date	Competition	Opponent	Result	Goalscorers
02/08/09	League	FC Groningen (A)	W 2-0	Sulejmani 41, Rommedahl 72
08/08/09	League	RKC Waalwijk (H)	W 4-1	Van der Wiel 10, Suárez 71 (p), 82, 90+2
16/08/09	League	PSV Eindhoven (A)	L 3-4	Suárez 2, 39, Emanuelson 58
23/08/09	League	Sparta Rotterdam (H)	D 0-0	
30/08/09	League	Heracles Almelo (A)	W 3-0	Alderweireld 68, Cvitanich 87, Aissati 89
13/09/09	League	NAC Breda (H)	W 6-0	Cvitanich 11, 45+1, 63, Vertonghen 18, Suárez 42, Bakircioglu 48
20/09/09	League	VVV Venlo (A)	W 4-0	Suárez 3, 68, 70, 90
24/09/09	Cup	AGOVV Apeldoorn (A)	W 2-1	Anita 51, Suart 61 (og)
27/09/09	League	ADO Den Haag (H)	W 3-0	De Zeeuw 25, Pantelić 71, De Jong 90
04/10/09	League	Roda JC (A)	D 2-2	Suárez 24 (p), 67
17/10/09	League	Willem II (H)	W 4-0	Eyong Enoh 45+1, Sulejmani 64, Pantelić 82, Suárez 90
25/10/09	League	AZ Alkmaar (A)	W 4-2	Emanuelson 57, Suárez 58, 90+1, Van der Wiel 65
29/10/09	Cup	Dordrecht 90 (A)	W 2-1 (aet)	Emanuelson 47, 119
01/11/09	League	Feyenoord (H)	W 5-1	De Zeeuw 42, 82, Emanuelson 47, Van der Wiel 58, Suárez 90+1 (p)
08/11/09	League	FC Twente (A)		
22/11/09	League	SC Heerenveen (H)		
29/11/09	League	BV Vitesse (A)		
06/12/09	League	FC Utrecht (A)		
11/12/09	League	NEC Nijmegen (H)		
20/12/09	League	NAC Breda (A)		
24/01/10	League	AZ Alkmaar (H)		
31/01/10	League	Feyenoord (A)		
03/02/10	League	Roda JC (H)		
07/02/10	League	FC Twente (H)		
13/02/10	League	SC Heerenveen (A)		
21/02/10	League	BV Vitesse (H)		
28/02/10	League	FC Utrecht (H)		
07/03/10	League	Sparta Rotterdam (A)		
14/03/10	League	PSV Eindhoven (H)		
21/03/10	League	RKC Waalwijk (A)		
28/03/10	League	FC Groningen (H)		
04/04/10	League	ADO Den Haag (A)		
11/04/10	League	VVV Venlo (H)		
14/04/10	League	Willem II (A)		

Pos.	Clubs	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1	FC Twente	12	10	2	0	26	10	32
2	PSV Eindhoven	12	9	3	0	28	10	30
3	AFC Ajax	12	9	2	1	40	10	29
4	Feyenoord	12	7	2	3	20	13	23
5	FC Utrecht	12	6	4	2	14	10	22
6	Heracles Almelo	12	6	2	4	14	12	20
7	AZ Alkmaar	12	6	0	6	21	15	18
8	NAC Breda	12	5	2	5	13	17	17
9	Sparta Rotterdam	12	5	2	5	11	15	17
10	Willem II	12	4	1	7	16	20	13
11	ADO Den Haag	12	3	3	6	14	19	12
12	VVV Venlo	12	1	8	3	15	20	11
13	NEC Nijmegen	12	2	5	5	11	18	11
14	BV Vitesse	12	3	2	7	13	21	11
15	SC Heerenveen	12	3	2	7	9	17	11
16	FC Groningen	12	2	4	6	8	17	10
17	Roda JC	12	2	4	6	13	23	10
18	RKC Waalwijk	12	1	0	11	7	26	3

Match-by-match lineups

NK Dinamo Zagreb

Play-Offs

(20/08/09)

NK Dinamo Zagreb 4-0 Heart of Midlothian FC

Goals: 1-0 Mandžukić 6, 2-0 Papadopoulos 36, 3-0 Vrdoljak 56, 4-0 Bišćan 60

NK Dinamo Zagreb: Butina, Etto (Tomečak 20), Sammir (Kramarić 61), Carlos, Badelj, Mandžukić, Barbarić, Vrdoljak, Bišćan, Morales (Calello 76), Papadopoulos

(27/08/09)

Heart of Midlothian FC 2-0 NK Dinamo Zagreb (agg: 2-4)

Goals: 1-0 Stewart 18, 2-0 Zaliukas 55

NK Dinamo Zagreb: Butina, Lovren, Sammir (Tomečak 68), Carlos, Badelj, Mandžukić, Barbarić, Vrdoljak, Bišćan, Morales (Calello 87), Papadopoulos (Slepička 89)

AFC Ajax

Play-Offs

(20/08/09)

AFC Ajax 5-0 ŠK Slovan Bratislava

Goals: 1-0 Suárez 43, 2-0 Suárez 65, 3-0 Suárez 79, 4-0 Suárez 84, 5-0 Donald 90+2

AFC Ajax: Stekelenburg, Van der Wiel, Vertonghen, Atouba (Emanuelson 72), Sulejmani (Zeegelaar 69), Suárez, Alderweireld, Eyong Enoh, De Jong (Donald 80), Rommedahl, De Zeeuw

(27/08/09)

ŠK Slovan Bratislava 1-2 AFC Ajax (agg: 1-7)

Goals: 0-1 De Jong 30, 1-1 Sylvestr 45+2, 1-2 Bakircioglu 84

AFC Ajax: Stekelenburg, Van der Wiel, Vertonghen, Atouba (De Zeeuw 75), Emanuelson, Suárez (Sulejmani 46), Wielaert, Cvitanich, Eyong Enoh (Bakircioglu 59), De Jong, Donald

Group A

Standings

Club	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
AFC Ajax	3	1	2	0	3	2	5
RSC Anderlecht	3	1	2	0	3	1	5
FC Timișoara	3	0	2	1	0	3	2
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

AFC Ajax: Stekelenburg, Van der Wiel, Vertonghen, Emanuelson, Aissati (Rommedahl 83), Suárez, Alderweireld, Cvitanich (Pantelić 58), De Jong, Bakircioglu (Sulejmani 71), De Zeeuw

NK Dinamo Zagreb 0-2 RSC Anderlecht

Goals: 0-1 Bernárdez 74, 0-2 Legeard 88

NK Dinamo Zagreb: Butina, Kovač, Lovren, Etto (Tomečak 85), Sammir (Sivonjić 78), Badelj, Mandžukić, Vrdoljak, Cufre, Morales, Papadopoulos (Slepička 69)

Matchday 2 (01/10/09)

RSC Anderlecht 1-1 AFC Ajax

Goals: 0-1 Rommedahl 72, 1-1 Legeard 85

AFC Ajax: Stekelenburg, Van der Wiel, Vertonghen, Emanuelson, Pantelić, Aissati (Sulejmani 88), Suárez, Alderweireld, Eyong Enoh, Bakircioglu (Rommedahl 58), De Zeeuw

FC Timișoara 0-3 NK Dinamo Zagreb

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

NK Dinamo Zagreb: Lončarić, Kovač, Lovren, Etto, Sammir, Badelj, Mandžukić, Vrdoljak, Sivonjić (Papadopoulos 74), Cufre (Barbarić 60), Morales (Callelo 83)

Matchday 3 (22/10/09)

AFC Ajax 2-1 NK Dinamo Zagreb

Goals: 1-0 Suárez 3(pen), 2-0 Rommedahl 81, 2-1 Tomečak 90+3

AFC Ajax: Stekelenburg, Van der Wiel, Vertonghen, Emanuelson, Pantelić (Rommedahl 74), Sulejmani (Gabri 79), Suárez (Cvitanich 90+1), Alderweireld, Eyong Enoh, Anita, De Zeeuw

NK Dinamo Zagreb: Lončarić, Kovač, Lovren, Etto, Sammir, Badelj, Mandžukić (Kramarić 88), Vrdoljak, Cufre, Morales (Sivonjić 62), Papadopoulos (Tomečak 68)

Matchday 4 (05/11/09)

NK Dinamo Zagreb v AFC Ajax

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

Referee	Mike Dean (ENG)
Assistant referees	Simon Beck (ENG), Richard West (ENG)
Additional assistant referee	Andre Marriner (ENG)
Additional assistant referee	Lee Probert (ENG)
Fourth official	Michael Jones (ENG)
UEFA Delegate	Velid Imamović (BIH)
UEFA Referee observer	Christer Fällström (SWE)

Referee

Name	Date of birth	UEL matches *	UEFA matches
Mike Dean	02/07/1968	9	30

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
08/10/04	U21	QR	Croatia - Bulgaria	1-0	Velika Gorica
29/07/07	UIC	R3	FC Utrecht - Hammarby	1-1	Utrecht
06/06/09	WC	QR	Iceland - Netherlands	1-2	Reykjavik

* 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 **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

L: Lost

Nat.: Nationality

N/a: Not Applicable

(p): Penalty

Pld: Matches played

Pos.: Position

Pts: Points

R: Sent off (red card)

Res.: Result

t: Match decided by toss of coin

W: Won

Y: Booked

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

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