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**Villarreal CF**



**S.S. Lazio**

**El Madrigal, Villarreal**

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**Group G - Matchday 4**

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## Match background

### Previous meetings

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
22/10/09	GS	S.S. Lazio - Villarreal CF	2-1	Rome	Zárate 20, Rocchi 90+2; Eguren 40

### UEFA Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
21/10/04	GS	S.S. Lazio - Villarreal CF	1-1	Rome	Rocchi 85; José Mari 4

	Home				Away				Final				Total					
	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
Villarreal CF	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	2	3
S.S. Lazio	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	3	2

### Villarreal CF - record versus clubs from opponents' country

#### UEFA Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
25/10/07	GS	Villarreal CF - ACF Fiorentina	1-1	Villarreal	Capdevila 88; Vieri 48

#### UEFA Champions League

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
04/04/06	QF	Villarreal CF - FC Internazionale Milano	1-0 agg: 2-2 ag	Villarreal	Arruabarrena 58
29/03/06	QF	FC Internazionale Milano - Villarreal CF	2-1	Milan	Adriano 7, Martins 54; Forlán 1

#### UEFA Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
25/03/04	R4	AS Roma - Villarreal CF	2-1 agg: 2-3	Rome	Emerson 10, Cassano 50; Anderson 66
11/03/04	R4	Villarreal CF - AS Roma	2-0	Villarreal	Anderson 29, José Mari 35

#### UEFA Intertoto Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
26/07/03	R3	Brescia Calcio - Villarreal CF	1-1 agg: 1-3	Brescia	Petruzzi 88; Guayre 52
19/07/03	R3	Villarreal CF - Brescia Calcio	2-0	Villarreal	Calleja 15, Víctor 81

#### UEFA Intertoto Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
27/07/02	R3	Villarreal CF - Torino FC	2-0 agg: 2-2 (4-3aetps)	Villarreal	Guayre 46, Arruabarrena 61
21/07/02	R3	Torino FC - Villarreal CF	2-0	Turin	Comotto 44, Ferrante 48

### S.S. Lazio - record versus clubs from opponents' country

#### UEFA Champions League

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
11/12/07	GS	Real Madrid CF - S.S. Lazio	3-1	Madrid	Baptista 13, Raúl González 15, Robinho 36; Pandev 80
03/10/07	GS	S.S. Lazio - Real Madrid CF	2-2	Rome	Pandev 32, 75; Van Nistelrooy 8, 61

#### UEFA Champions League

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
21/02/01	2ndGS	S.S. Lazio - Real Madrid CF	2-2	Rome	Nedvěd 4, Crespo 53; Solari 32, Raúl González 73
13/02/01	2ndGS	Real Madrid CF - S.S. Lazio	3-2	Madrid	Morientes 32, Iván Helguera 82, Figo 89(p); Crespo 4, Gottardi 84

**UEFA Champions League**

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
18/04/00	QF	S.S. Lazio - Valencia CF	1-0 agg: 3-5	Rome	Verón 62
05/04/00	QF	Valencia CF - S.S. Lazio	5-2	Valencia	Angulo 2, Gerard 4, 40, 80, Claudio López 90; Inzaghi 28, Salas 87

**UEFA Cup Winners' Cup**

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
19/05/99	F	RCD Mallorca - S.S. Lazio	1-2	Birmingham	Dani García 11; Vieri 7, Nedvěd 81

**UEFA Cup**

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
14/04/98	SF	S.S. Lazio - Club Atlético de Madrid	0-0 agg: 1-0	Rome	
31/03/98	SF	Club Atlético de Madrid - S.S. Lazio	0-1	Madrid	Jugović 33

**UEFA Cup**

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
29/10/96	R2	CD Tenerife - S.S. Lazio	5-3 agg: 5-4	Tenerife	Paz 16, Kodro 27, Castaño 39, 62, Jokanović 48; Nedvěd 14, Fuser 31, Casiraghi 47
15/10/96	R2	S.S. Lazio - CD Tenerife	1-0	Roma	Nedvěd 78

**UEFA Cup**

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
05/11/75	R2	FC Barcelona - S.S. Lazio	4-0 agg: 7-0	Barcelona	Sotil 6, Cruyff 43, Neeskens 79, Fortes 82
22/10/75	R2	S.S. Lazio - FC Barcelona	0-3 f	Rome	Match forfeited

**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
Villarreal CF	5	4	1	0	6	0	2	4	0	0	0	0	11	4	3	4	13	11
S.S. Lazio	8	3	4	1	6	1	0	5	1	1	0	0	15	5	4	6	20	30

Having lost 2-1 in Rome on Matchday 3, Villarreal CF know they could easily be out of the UEFA Europa League if a home loss to S.S. Lazio coincides with FC Salzburg avoiding defeat at PFC Levski Sofia in the other Group G game.

**Previous meetings**

- The sides met in Rome in the 2004/05 UEFA Cup group stage, with Domenico Caso's Lazio coming from behind to earn a 1-1 draw against Manuel Pellegrini's visitors.

- The teams for that match on 21 October 2004 were:-

**Lazio:** Sereni, Siviglia\*, Dabo\* (Giannichedda, 57), Zauri, Manfredini (Rocchi\*, 46), Pandev, Liverani, Inzaghi, Oddo, Negro, Šerić (Di Canio, 66).

**Villarreal:** Reina, Rodríguez, Cazorla\* (Josico, 77), Riquelme, Roger (Font, 73), Quique Álvarez, Venta\*, Battaglia, José Mari, Arzo (Armando Sá, 87), Alcantara.

\*eligible to play in this game.

**Match background**

- Villarreal have yet to lose in five European home games against Italian sides, with four straight wins – including a 2-0 triumph against Lazio's local rivals AS Roma – followed by a 1-1 draw with ACF Fiorentina in the 2007/08 UEFA Cup group stage.

- Lazio's six games in Spain have ended in five defeats and one victory – a 1-0 success against Club Atlético de Madrid in the 1997/98 UEFA Cup semi-finals. The aggregate score in those six matches is 20-9 to the home side, meaning Lazio have conceded an average of over three goals a match away against Liga teams.

- Villarreal are unbeaten in eleven European home games since a 2-1 loss to NK Maribor in the UEFA Intertoto Cup third round on 15 July 2006.

**Team facts**

- Having won the Greek title with Olympiacos FC last term, Ernesto Valverde took over at Villarreal this summer after his predecessor, Pellegrini, became Real Madrid CF boss. The former RCD Espanyol, FC Barcelona and Athletic Club Bilbao winger was nicknamed 'Txingurri' (The Ant in Basque) for his modest stature and prodigious work-rate.
- In three games against Italian clubs as coach of Athletic and Espanyol, Valverde earned three victories – two at home and one away.
- Valverde also played in the Espanyol side that eliminated AC Milan and FC Internazionale Milano in successive rounds – the second and third – en route to finishing runners-up in the 1987/88 UEFA Cup. The loss in Rome on Matchday 3 was his first in eight games against a Serie A side as a coach or a player.
- Formerly a player at AC Cesena, Davide Ballardini took over as Lazio coach during the summer following the departure of Delio Rossi. He had previously been in charge at Cagliari Calcio before earning a number of fine results as boss of US Città di Palermo last season.
- Lazio's Argentinian defender Lionel Scaloni could meet team-mates from two former clubs: Joan Capdevila (RC Deportivo La Coruña, 2000-06) and Ariel Ibagaza (RCD Mallorca, 2008).
- Lazio's Eliseu (Málaga CF, 2007-09) and Matuzalem (Real Zaragoza, 2007-08) also have experience of Spanish football.
- Villarreal boast Italian talent in the form of United States-born striker Giuseppe Rossi, who started his career with Parma FC. Rossi and Lazio's Tommaso Rocchi were strike partners with Italy at the 2008 Olympic Games in China.
- Ballardini coached Rossi while he was a youth player at Parma, and said: "I met him when he was very young and was playing alongside other talents like Luca Cigarini and Daniele Dessena. He was already a good player with all the qualities you can now see in him."
- Villarreal won more corners in the first three group-stage games than any other side – 27.
- Lazio visit Salzburg on Matchday 5 while Villarreal travel to Bulgaria and an away tie at Levski on the same day, 2 December.

## Team facts

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### Villarreal CF

**Formed:** 1923

**Nickname:** El Submarino Amarillo (The Yellow Submarine)

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

• UEFA Intertoto Cup (2): 2003, 2004

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

None

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

**2008/09:** UEFA Champions League quarter-finals

**2007/08:** round of 32

**2006/07:** UEFA Intertoto Cup third round

**2005/06:** UEFA Champions League semi-finals

**2004/05:** quarter-finals (having qualified as a UEFA Intertoto Cup winner)

**2003/04:** semi-finals (having qualified as a UEFA Intertoto Cup winner)

**2002/03:** UEFA Intertoto Cup finalist

**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

**6-1:** Villarreal v NAC Breda

27/08/09, UEFA Europa League play-off second leg

• Biggest away win

**0-3:** Odense BK v Villarreal

03/07/04, UEFA Intertoto Cup second round first leg

**0-3:** ES Troyes AC v Villarreal

07/08/02, UEFA Intertoto Cup semi-finals second leg

• Heaviest home defeat

**1-2** on two occasions, most recently v NK Maribor (15/07/06, UEFA Intertoto Cup third round first leg)

**0-1:** Villarreal v Málaga CF

13/08/02, UEFA Intertoto Cup finals first leg

• Heaviest away defeat

**3-0:** Arsenal FC v Villarreal

15/04/09, UEFA Champions League quarter-final second leg

#### UEFA Cup/Europa League

• Biggest home win

**6-1:** Villarreal v NAC Breda (see above)

• Biggest away win

**1-3:** NAC Breda v Villarreal

20/08/09, play-off round first leg

**0-2:** FC BATE Borisov v Villarreal

04/10/07, first round second leg

• Heaviest home defeat

**1-2:** Villarreal CF v AZ Alkmaar

07/04/05, UEFA Cup quarter-final first leg

• Heaviest away defeat

**2-0:** FC Salzburg v Villarreal

01/10/09, group stage

## **S.S. Lazio**

**Formed:** 1900

**Nickname:** The Biancocelesti (The White and Sky Blues)

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

- UEFA Cup Winners' Cup (1): 1999
- UEFA Cup: (1998)
- UEFA Super Cup (1): 1999

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

League title: 2 (2000)

Italian Cup: 5 (2009)

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

**2008/09:** did not compete in UEFA club competition

**2007/08:** UEFA Champions League group stage

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

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

**2004/05:** group stage

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

**2002/03:** semi-finals

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

**2000/01:** UEFA Champions League semi-finals

**1999/00:** UEFA Champions League quarter-finals

## **Records**

### **UEFA club competition**

- Biggest home win

**5-0:** Lazio v AC Omonia

12/09/95, UEFA Cup first round first leg

**5-0:** Lazio v Boavista FC

28/09/77, UEFA Cup first round second leg

- Biggest away win

**0-4** on four occasions, most recently v PFC Levski Sofia (01/10/09, UEFA Europa League group stage)

- Heaviest home defeat

**0-4:** Lazio v Chelsea FC

04/11/03, UEFA Champions League group stage

- Heaviest away defeat

**6-0:** RC Lens v Lazio

02/11/77, UEFA Cup second round second leg

### **UEFA Cup/Europa League**

- Biggest home win

**5-0:** Lazio v AC Omonia (see above)

**5-0:** Lazio v Boavista FC (see above)

- Biggest away win

**0-4:** on two occasions, most recently v PFC Levski Sofia (see above)

- Heaviest home defeat

**0-3:** Lazio v FC Barcelona

22/10/75, second round first leg

- Heaviest away defeat

**6-0:** RC Lens v Lazio (see above)

# Squad list

## Villarreal CF

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>															
1	Javier Oliva	ESP	29/05/76	33	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
13	Diego López	ESP	03/11/81	28	-	2	-	3	-	9	-	11	-	24	-
26	Juan Carlos	ESP	27/07/87	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Defenders</b>															
2	Gonzalo	ARG	10/04/84	25	-	1	-	3	-	4	-	15	1	42	2
4	Diego Godín	URU	16/02/86	23	-	2	-	-	-	9	-	7	-	16	-
5	Joan Capdevila	ESP	03/02/78	31	-	2	-	3	-	9	1	14	2	65	5
15	Fabrizio Fuentes	ARG	13/10/76	33	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	10	-
17	Javi Venta	ESP	13/12/75	33	-	-	-	1	-	5	-	24	2	48	2
18	Ángel López	ESP	10/03/81	28	-	2	-	2	-	4	-	18	1	37	1
20	Iván Marcano	ESP	23/06/87	22	-	-	-	3	-	5	-	8	-	8	-
27	Edu	ESP	02/10/81	28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
32	Kiko	ESP	21/08/88	21	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	1
33	Mario Pérez	ESP	24/11/90	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Midfielders</b>															
6	Sebastián Eguren	URU	08/01/81	28	-	-	-	3	1	9	-	4	1	20	2
7	Robert Pirès	FRA	29/10/73	36	-	1	-	2	-	8	2	24	3	113	17
8	Santi Cazorla	ESP	13/12/84	24	-	2	1	2	-	7	2	20	5	39	7
10	Cani	ESP	03/08/81	28	-	2	-	3	-	9	2	17	1	28	1
11	Ariel Ibagaza	ARG	27/10/76	33	-	2	1	1	-	3	-	10	-	35	5
14	David Fuster	ESP	03/02/82	27	-	2	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	2	-
19	Marcos Senna	ESP	17/07/76	33	-	2	1	2	-	5	-	13	1	40	5
21	Bruno Soriano	ESP	12/06/84	25	-	-	-	2	-	5	-	8	-	16	-
30	Marcos Gullón	ESP	20/02/89	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Forwards</b>															
9	Joseba Llorente	ESP	24/11/79	29	-	2	1	2	-	7	2	2	-	11	5
12	Nilmar	BRA	14/07/84	25	-	1	-	3	1	7	1	3	1	13	5
22	Giuseppe Rossi	ITA	01/02/87	22	-	2	3	3	-	9	2	9	-	21	6
23	Jonathan Pereira	ESP	12/05/87	22	-	1	1	2	-	4	-	7	2	9	3
24	Damián Escudero	ARG	02/04/87	22	-	-	-	2	-	2	-	2	-	2	-
28	Marco Ruben	ESP	26/10/86	23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
31	Javier Magro	ESP	16/08/88	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Coach</b>															
-	Ernesto Valverde	ESP	09/02/64	45	-	2	-	3	-	-	-	34	-	38	-

**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

**UELQ**<sup>1</sup>: Current season total UEFA Europa League appearances in qualifying rounds only

**UEL**<sup>2</sup>: Current season total UEFA Europa League appearances from the group stage onwards prior to the current matchday

**UEL**<sup>3</sup>: Total appearances in the UEFA Europa League, first round to final only

**UEFA**<sup>4</sup>: All-time total appearances in UEFA club competitions including all qualifying round matches

**S.S. Lazio**

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>															
1	Albano Bizzarri	ARG	09/11/77	31	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	3	-	7	-
40	Antony Iannarilli	ITA	18/12/90	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
43	Alessandro Berardi	ITA	16/01/91	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
44	Davide Mangerini	ITA	15/07/92	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
86	Fernando Muslera	URU	16/06/86	23	-	2	-	-	-	11	-	-	-	2	-
<b>Defenders</b>															
2	Stephan Lichtsteiner	SUI	16/01/84	25	*	2	-	3	-	11	-	11	-	22	-
3	Lionel Scaloni	ARG	16/05/78	31	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	5	-	71	2
11	Aleksandar Kolarov	SRB	10/11/85	23	-	2	1	1	-	9	-	1	-	8	1
13	Sebastiano Siviglia	ITA	29/03/73	36	-	2	-	-	-	7	-	4	-	9	-
25	Cribari	BRA	06/03/80	29	-	2	-	3	-	8	-	5	-	17	-
26	Ștefan Radu	ROU	22/10/86	23	-	1	-	3	-	6	-	13	-	20	1
46	Luis Cavanda	ITA	02/01/91	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
47	Alessio Campoli	ITA	17/01/92	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
49	Luca Crescenzi	ITA	02/04/92	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
50	Lorenzo Petroni	ITA	01/04/92	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
52	Alessio Luciani	ITA	18/01/90	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
87	Modibo Diakhite	FRA	02/03/87	22	-	1	-	2	-	7	-	2	-	3	-
91	Marco Faraoni	ITA	25/10/91	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Midfielders</b>															
5	Stefano Mauri	ITA	08/01/80	29	-	1	1	3	-	11	1	5	-	17	1
6	Ousmane Dabo	FRA	08/02/77	32	-	1	-	3	-	8	-	10	-	18	-
7	Eliseu	POR	01/10/83	26	-	2	-	2	-	1	-	2	-	5	-
8	Matuzalem	BRA	10/06/80	29	S	2	-	3	1	10	1	20	4	40	8
17	Pasquale Foggia	ITA	03/06/83	26	-	-	-	3	1	9	-	3	1	3	1
23	Mourad Meghni	FRA	16/04/84	25	-	1	-	2	1	3	-	2	1	10	1
32	Cristian Brocchi	ITA	30/01/76	33	-	2	-	-	-	5	-	9	-	36	-
33	Roberto Baronio	ITA	11/12/77	31	-	2	-	3	-	9	-	13	-	29	1
42	Federico Sevieri	ITA	19/03/91	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45	Giuseppe Capua	ITA	11/01/92	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
48	Marco Lanni	ITA	20/04/92	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
54	Alvaro Cavalieri	ITA	21/03/91	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55	Tommaso Ceccarelli	ITA	02/06/92	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
57	Enrico Zampa	ITA	18/03/92	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
99	Riccardo Perpetuini	ITA	04/08/90	19	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	1	-	1	-
<b>Forwards</b>															
9	Tommaso Rocchi	ITA	19/09/77	32	-	1	-	2	2	8	1	7	4	19	9
10	Mauro Zárate	ITA	18/03/87	22	-	2	1	3	2	10	2	3	2	5	3
18	Stephen Makinwa	NGA	26/07/83	26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	3	12	3
41	Jacopo Sciamamma	ITA	24/05/90	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
51	Manuel Ricci	ITA	25/04/90	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
53	Alessandro Di Mario	ITA	16/07/91	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
56	Lorenzo Cinque	ITA	22/08/91	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
58	Flavio Trombetta	ITA	05/02/92	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
74	Julio Cruz	ARG	10/10/74	35	-	2	-	2	-	10	3	8	-	70	20
<b>Coach</b>															
-	Davide Ballardini	ITA	06/01/64	45	-	2	-	3	-	-	-	3	-	5	-

## Fixtures and results

### Villarreal CF

Date	Competition	Opponent	Result	Goalscorers
30/08/09	League	CA Osasuna (A)	D 1-1	Santi Cazorla 32
13/09/09	League	RCD Mallorca (H)	D 1-1	Rossi 54
20/09/09	League	Athletic Club (A)	L 2-3	Cani 49, Santi Cazorla 85
23/09/09	League	Real Madrid CF (H)	L 0-2	
27/09/09	League	RC Deportivo La Coruña (A)	L 0-1	
04/10/09	League	RCD Espanyol (H)	D 0-0	
18/10/09	League	Xerez CD (A)	L 1-2	Pirès 18
25/10/09	League	Málaga CF (H)	W 2-1	Nilmar 27, Capdevila 54
29/10/09	Cup	UD Puertollano (A)	D 1-1	Pirès 66
01/11/09	League	CD Tenerife (H)	W 5-0	Llorente 16, 52, Pirès 47, Rossi 51, Cani 88
08/11/09	League	Sevilla FC (A)		
10/11/09	Cup	UD Puertollano (H)		
22/11/09	League	Real Valladolid CF (H)		
29/11/09	League	Real Sporting de Gijón (A)		
06/12/09	League	Getafe CF (H)		
13/12/09	League	Club Atlético de Madrid (A)		
20/12/09	League	Real Racing Club Santander (H)		
03/01/10	League	FC Barcelona (A)		
10/01/10	League	UD Almería (H)		
17/01/10	League	Valencia CF (A)		
24/01/10	League	Real Zaragoza (H)		
31/01/10	League	CA Osasuna (H)		
07/02/10	League	RCD Mallorca (A)		
14/02/10	League	Athletic Club (H)		
21/02/10	League	Real Madrid CF (A)		
28/02/10	League	RC Deportivo La Coruña (H)		
07/03/10	League	RCD Espanyol (A)		
14/03/10	League	Xerez CD (H)		
21/03/10	League	Málaga CF (A)		
24/03/10	League	CD Tenerife (A)		

Pos.	Clubs	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1	FC Barcelona	9	7	2	0	24	5	23
2	Real Madrid CF	9	7	1	1	23	6	22
3	Sevilla FC	9	6	1	2	16	5	19
4	Valencia CF	9	5	3	1	16	9	18
5	RCD Mallorca	9	5	2	2	16	9	17
6	RC Deportivo La Coruña	9	5	1	3	12	11	16
7	Real Sporting de Gijón	9	3	4	2	11	10	13
8	RCD Espanyol	9	3	4	2	8	9	13
9	Athletic Club	9	4	1	4	9	13	13
10	CA Osasuna	9	3	3	3	11	10	12
11	Getafe CF	9	4	0	5	12	14	12
12	Real Zaragoza	9	3	2	4	13	18	11
<b>13</b>	<b>Villarreal CF</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>9</b>
14	Real Valladolid CF	9	2	3	4	14	17	9
15	UD Almería	9	2	3	4	8	12	9
16	CD Tenerife	9	3	0	6	5	17	9
17	Real Racing Club Santander	9	1	4	4	10	17	7
18	Club Atlético de Madrid	9	1	4	4	10	19	7
19	Xerez CD	9	1	2	6	3	16	5
20	Málaga CF	9	1	1	7	8	13	4

**S.S. Lazio**

Date	Competition	Opponent	Result	Goalscorers
23/08/09	League	Atalanta BC (H)	W 1-0	Rocchi 22
30/08/09	League	AC Chievo Verona (A)	W 2-1	Cruz 41 (p), 53
12/09/09	League	Juventus (H)	L 0-2	
20/09/09	League	Calcio Catania (A)	D 1-1	Cruz 57
23/09/09	League	Parma FC (H)	L 1-2	Zárate 42 (p)
27/09/09	League	US Città di Palermo (H)	D 1-1	Zárate 84
04/10/09	League	ACF Fiorentina (A)	D 0-0	
18/10/09	League	UC Sampdoria (H)	D 1-1	Matuzalem 42
25/10/09	League	AS Bari (A)	L 0-2	
28/10/09	League	Cagliari Calcio (H)	L 0-1	
01/11/09	League	AC Siena (A)	D 1-1	Mauri 8
08/11/09	League	AC Milan (H)		
22/11/09	League	SSC Napoli (A)		
29/11/09	League	Bologna FC (H)		
06/12/09	League	AS Roma (A)		
13/12/09	League	Genoa CFC (H)		
20/12/09	League	FC Internazionale Milano (A)		
06/01/10	League	AS Livorno Calcio (H)		
10/01/10	League	Udinese Calcio (A)		
17/01/10	League	Atalanta BC (A)		
24/01/10	League	AC Chievo Verona (H)		
31/01/10	League	Juventus (A)		
07/02/10	League	Calcio Catania (H)		
14/02/10	League	Parma FC (A)		
21/02/10	League	US Città di Palermo (A)		
28/02/10	League	ACF Fiorentina (H)		
07/03/10	League	UC Sampdoria (A)		
14/03/10	League	AS Bari (H)		
21/03/10	League	Cagliari Calcio (A)		
24/03/10	League	AC Siena (H)		
28/03/10	League	AC Milan (A)		

Pos.	Clubs	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1	FC Internazionale Milano	11	9	1	1	28	9	28
2	Juventus	11	6	3	2	20	11	21
3	UC Sampdoria	11	6	3	2	18	13	21
4	AC Milan	11	5	4	2	12	11	19
5	ACF Fiorentina	11	5	3	3	12	9	18
6	SSC Napoli	11	5	2	4	17	18	17
7	Genoa CFC	11	5	2	4	18	20	17
8	Parma FC	11	5	2	4	12	14	17
9	Cagliari Calcio	11	5	1	5	14	12	16
10	US Città di Palermo	11	4	4	3	15	14	16
11	AS Bari	11	3	6	2	10	7	15
12	AC Chievo Verona	11	4	3	4	14	12	15
13	Udinese Calcio	11	4	3	4	15	15	15
14	AS Roma	11	4	2	5	18	19	14
<b>15</b>	<b>S.S. Lazio</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>
16	Atalanta BC	11	2	3	6	9	15	9
17	Bologna FC	11	2	3	6	10	17	9
18	AS Livorno Calcio	11	2	3	6	4	12	9
19	Calcio Catania	11	1	4	6	11	18	7
20	AC Siena	11	1	3	7	9	16	6

## Match-by-match lineups

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### Villarreal CF

#### Play-Offs

(20/08/09)

#### NAC Breda 1-3 Villarreal CF

Goals: 0-1 Rossi 14, 1-1 Loran 17, 1-2 Ibagaza 49, 1-3 Llorente 90+2

Villarreal CF: Diego López, Gonzalo, Godín, Capdevila, Santi Cazorla, Cani, Ibagaza (David Fuster 80), Nilmar (Pirès 75), Ángel López, Senna, Rossi (Llorente 66)

(27/08/09)

#### Villarreal CF 6-1 NAC Breda (agg: 9-2 )

Goals: 1-0 Santi Cazorla 16, 2-0 Rossi 23(pen), 3-0 Rossi 37(pen), 4-0 Senna 46, 5-0 Jonathan Pereira 57, 6-0 Kiko 61, 6-1 De Graaf 80

Villarreal CF: Diego López, Godín (Kiko 52), Capdevila, Santi Cazorla, Llorente, Cani, Ibagaza, Fabricio Fuentes, Ángel López, Senna (David Fuster 58), Rossi (Jonathan Pereira 46)

### S.S. Lazio

#### Play-Offs

(20/08/09)

#### S.S. Lazio 3-0 IF Elfsborg

Goals: 1-0 Kolarov 24, 2-0 Zárate 36, 3-0 Mauri 69

S.S. Lazio: Muslera, Lichtsteiner, Mauri (Diakhite 86), Matuzalem (Dabo 58), Zárate (Eliseu 75), Kolarov, Siviglia, Cribari, Brocchi, Baronio, Cruz

(27/08/09)

#### IF Elfsborg 1-0 S.S. Lazio (agg: 1-3 )

Goals: 1-0 Avdic 70

S.S. Lazio: Muslera, Lichtsteiner, Matuzalem, Rocchi, Siviglia (Kolarov 23), Meghni, Cribari, Radu, Brocchi (Eliseu 52), Baronio, Cruz (Zárate 66)

## Group G

### Standings

Club	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
FC Salzburg	3	3	0	0	5	1	9
<b>S.S. Lazio</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>
Villarreal CF	3	1	0	2	2	4	3
PFC Levski Sofia	3	0	0	3	0	6	0

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

##### S.S. Lazio 1-2 FC Salzburg

Goals: 1-0 Foggia 59, 1-1 Schiemer 82, 1-2 Janko 90+3

S.S. Lazio: Bizzarri, Lichtsteiner, Dabo (Foggia 46), Matuzalem, Zárate, Meghni (Eliseu 71), Cribari, Radu, Baronio, Cruz (Mauri 62), Diakhite

##### Villarreal CF 1-0 PFC Levski Sofia

Goals: 1-0 Nilmar 72

Villarreal CF: Diego López, Gonzalo, Capdevila, Eguren, Pirès (Escudero 82), Cani, Nilmar, Javi Venta, Marcano, Bruno Soriano (Ibagaza 55), Jonathan Pereira (Rossi 66)

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

##### PFC Levski Sofia 0-4 S.S. Lazio

Goals: 0-1 Matuzalem 22, 0-2 Zárate 45+1, 0-3 Meghni 67, 0-4 Rocchi 74

S.S. Lazio: Bizzarri, Lichtsteiner, Eliseu, Matuzalem (Mauri 74), Rocchi, Zárate (Foggia 62), Meghni, Cribari, Radu, Baronio (Dabo 55), Perpetuini

##### FC Salzburg 2-0 Villarreal CF

Goals: 1-0 Janko 21, 2-0 Tchoyi 84

Villarreal CF: Diego López, Gonzalo (Senna 57), Capdevila, Eguren, Santi Cazorla, Llorente (Nilmar 76), Cani (Escudero 64), Ángel López, Marcano, Bruno Soriano, Rossi

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

##### S.S. Lazio 2-1 Villarreal CF

Goals: 1-0 Zárate 20, 1-1 Eguren 40, 2-1 Rocchi 90+2

S.S. Lazio: Bizzarri, Lichtsteiner, Dabo (Diakhite 46), Matuzalem, Zárate, Kolarov, Foggia (Rocchi 76), Cribari, Radu, Baronio, Cruz (Mauri 72)

Villarreal CF: Diego López, Gonzalo, Capdevila, Eguren, Pirès, Cani (Santi Cazorla 74), Nilmar (Jonathan Pereira 81), Ángel López, Senna, Marcano, Rossi (Llorente 78)

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

##### Villarreal CF v S.S. Lazio

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

##### FC Salzburg v S.S. Lazio

##### PFC Levski Sofia v Villarreal CF

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

##### S.S. Lazio v PFC Levski Sofia

##### Villarreal CF v FC Salzburg

## Match officials

<b>Referee</b>	Knut Kircher (GER)
<b>Assistant referees</b>	Kai Voss (GER), Marco Achmüller (GER)
<b>Additional assistant referee</b>	Peter Sippel (GER)
<b>Additional assistant referee</b>	Markus Schmidt (GER)
<b>Fourth official</b>	Deniz Aytekin (GER)
<b>UEFA Delegate</b>	George Courtney (ENG)
<b>UEFA Referee observer</b>	Rodger Gifford (WAL)

### Referee

Name	Date of birth	UEL matches *	UEFA matches
Knut Kircher	02/02/1969	13	32

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

Date	Comp.	Stage	Match	Res.	Venue
25/10/07	UCUP	GS	Tottenham Hotspur FC - Getafe CF	1-2	London
20/12/07	UCUP	GS	Club Atlético de Madrid - Panathinaikos FC	2-1	Madrid
06/11/08	UCUP	GS	Valencia CF - FC København	1-1	Valencia
26/02/09	UCUP	1/16	FC Metalist Kharkiv - UC Sampdoria	2-0	Kharkiv

**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

### 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 **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)

### :: Statistics

**(-):** Denotes player substituted

**(\*):** Denotes player dismissed/sent off

**(+):** Denotes player introduced

**(+/-):** Denotes player introduced and substituted

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