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Group I - Matchday 4

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Match background

Previous meetings

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
22/10/09	GS	FC BATE Borisov - AEK Athens FC	2-1	Minsk	Pavlov 51, Alumona 85; Blanco 31(p)

	Home				Away				Final				Total					
	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
AEK Athens FC	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	2
FC BATE Borisov	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	1

AEK Athens FC - record versus clubs from opponents' country

None

FC BATE Borisov - record versus clubs from opponents' country

None

AEK Athens FC became the first foreign team to lose a game against FC BATE Borisov in Minsk on Matchday 3, but will look to send the Belarussian side back to the foot of UEFA Europa League Group I when the teams meet again in the Greek capital.

Previous meetings

- The teams met for the first time on Matchday 3 in what was BATE's first game against Greek opponents as well as AEK's maiden experience of Belarussian football.

Match background

- AEK have won their last two UEFA Europa League home games without conceding a goal.
- BATE have alternated between defeats and wins in their last four European away games, and since they lost 2-0 at SL Benfica on Matchday 1, they are due a win against AEK if the pattern holds.

Team facts

- Dušan Bajević is in his third spell as AEK coach. The former Yugoslavia striker spent four years at the club as a player, winning Greek titles in 1978 and 1979, in between spells with FK Velež from his native Mostar.
- He won four Greek championships in his first stint as AEK coach (1988-96) before incensing many fans by moving to Olympiacos FC and winning titles there in three successive seasons. He rejoined AEK in 2002 but quit midway through a match against Iraklis FC in 2004. His current reign began in 2008.
- BATE, famously a team founded at a Borisov tractor factory, are led by Viktor Goncharenko, who last season became the youngest coach to hold the reins at a side in the UEFA Champions League, aged 31. A year older, he is now the youngest coach to lead a side into the UEFA Europa League group stage.
- Once a BATE defender, Goncharenko was forced to retire young through injury but stayed at the club as a coach, working his way up through the ranks before taking sole command in 2007.
- BATE claimed their fourth successive Belarussian title – and their sixth in total – with a 4-0 win over FC Naftan Novopolotsk on 5 October, which gave them an unassailable lead with five games to spare.
- Coach Goncharenko remained optimistic about his side's UEFA Europa League prospects afterwards, saying: "We are not in a good position now, but anything can happen in football. We will do our best in the next matches."
- AEK have the worst disciplinary record in the group stage so far, with eleven yellow cards and four red ones from their three games to date.
- BATE host Benfica on Matchday 5, with AEK at home to Everton on the same day, 2 December.

Team facts

AEK Athens FC

Formed: 1924

Nickname: Kitrinomavri (Yellow and Blacks)

UEFA club competition honours (runners-up in brackets)

- None

Domestic honours (most recent triumph in brackets)

League title: 11 (1994)

Greek Cup: 13 (2002)

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

2008/09: second qualifying round

2007/08: round of 32 (having transferred from UEFA Champions League third qualifying round)

2006/07: round of 32 (having transferred from UEFA Champions League group stage)

2005/06: first round

2004/05: group stage

2003/04: UEFA Champions League group stage

2002/03: fourth round (having transferred from UEFA Champions League group stage)

2001/02: fourth round

2000/01: fourth round

1999/00: third round (having transferred from UEFA Champions League third qualifying round)

Records

UEFA club competition

- Biggest home win

6-0: AEK v CS Grevenmacher

09/08/01, UEFA Cup qualifying round first leg

- Biggest away win

1-4: Maccabi Haifa FC v AEK

12/12/02, UEFA Cup third round second leg

- Heaviest home defeat

1-4: AEK v Sevilla FC

03/09/07, UEFA Champions League third qualifying round second leg

0-3: AEK v Paris Saint-Germain FC

20/03/97, UEFA Cup Winners' Cup quarter-final second leg

- Heaviest away defeat

7-2: AS Monaco FC v AEK

18/09/63, European Champion Clubs' Cup preliminary round first leg

5-0 on three occasions, most recently v FC Barcelona (22/02/01 UEFA Cup fourth round second leg)

UEFA Cup/Europa League

- Biggest home win

6-0: AEK v CS Grevenmacher (see above)

- Biggest away win

1-4: Maccabi Haifa FC v AEK (see above)

- Heaviest home defeat

1-3: AEK v Liverpool FC

07/11/72, second round second leg

0-2 on two occasions, most recently v Paris Saint-Germain FC (14/02/07 round of 32 first leg)

- Heaviest away defeat

5-0 on three occasions, most recently v FC Barcelona (see above)

FC BATE Borisov

Formed: 1973

Nickname: Zholto-Sinie (Yellow-Blues)

UEFA club competition honours (runners-up in brackets)

• None

Domestic honours (most recent triumph in brackets)

League title: 6 (2009)

Belarussian Cup: 1 (2006)

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

2008/09: UEFA Champions League group stage

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

2006/07: second qualifying round

2005/06: second qualifying round

2004/05: first qualifying round

2003/04: UEFA Champions League first qualifying round

2002/03: UEFA Intertoto Cup third round

2001/02: first round

2000/01: UEFA Champions League second qualifying round

1999/00: qualifying round

Records

UEFA club competition

• Biggest home win

5-0: BATE v FC Kutaisi Torpedo

28/07/05, UEFA Cup first qualifying round second leg

• Biggest away win

0-4: PFC Litex Lovech v BATE

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

• Heaviest home defeat

1-7: BATE v FC Lokomotiv Moskva

12/08/99, UEFA Cup qualifying round first leg

• Heaviest away defeat

5-0: FC Lokomotiv Moskva v BATE

25/08/99, UEFA Cup qualifying round second leg

UEFA Cup/Europa League

• Biggest home win

5-0: BATE v FC Kutaisi Torpedo (see above)

• Biggest away win

0-4: PFC Litex Lovech v BATE (see above)

• Heaviest home defeat

1-7: BATE v FC Lokomotiv Moskva (see above)

• Heaviest away defeat

5-0: FC Lokomotiv Moskva v BATE (see above)

Squad list

AEK Athens 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															
22	Giannis Arabatzis	GRE	28/05/84	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
23	Sebastián Saja	ARG	05/06/79	30	-	2	-	3	-	9	-	3	-	7	-
27	Milan Lukač	SRB	04/10/85	24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders															
2	Carlos Araujo	ARG	19/11/81	27	#	1	-	1	-	9	-	1	-	2	-
4	Geraldo	POR	08/11/80	28	-	2	-	1	-	2	-	6	1	10	1
5	Daniel Majstorovic	SWE	05/04/77	32	S	2	-	2	1	9	1	23	3	36	4
7	Juanfran	ESP	15/07/76	33	-	1	-	3	-	6	-	3	-	6	-
12	Sanel Jahić	BIH	10/12/81	27	-	-	-	3	-	8	-	5	-	14	2
14	Grigoris Makos	GRE	18/01/87	22	-	2	-	2	-	4	-	11	1	16	1
15	Nikos Karabelas	GRE	20/12/84	24	-	1	-	2	-	4	-	4	-	5	-
31	Nikos Georgeas	GRE	27/12/76	32	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	11	-	28	-
87	Nicolas Arce	ITA	28/01/87	22	S	-	-	3	-	3	-	3	-	3	-
Midfielders															
1	Pantelis Kafes	GRE	24/06/78	31	*	1	-	3	-	8	1	35	1	60	3
3	Youssouf Hersi	NED	20/08/82	27	-	-	-	1	-	5	-	8	-	8	-
8	Tamandani Nsaliwa	CAN	28/01/82	27	-	2	-	2	-	2	-	10	1	14	1
9	Leonardo	BRA	22/09/86	23	-	2	-	3	-	7	-	3	-	5	-
11	Gustavo Manduca	BRA	08/06/80	29	-	2	1	3	-	8	1	14	1	22	2
26	Seidu Yahaya	GHA	31/12/89	19	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	1	-	1	-
34	Panagiotis Tachtsidis	GRE	15/05/91	18	-	1	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	1	-
90	Savas Gentzoglou	GRE	19/09/90	19	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	2	-
Forwards															
18	Ismael Blanco	ARG	19/01/83	26	-	2	1	3	1	9	2	9	2	13	4
21	Michalis Pavlis	GRE	22/09/89	20	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	3	1
29	Krisztián Németh	HUN	05/01/89	20	-	-	-	1	-	6	2	1	-	1	-
30	Ilie Iordache	ROU	23/03/85	24	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	1	-
32	Nacho Scocco	ARG	29/05/85	24	-	1	2	3	-	8	2	3	-	6	2
Coach															
-	Dušan Bajević	SRB	10/12/48	60	-	2	-	3	-	-	-	42	-	120	-

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

UELQ¹: Current season total UEFA Europa League appearances in qualifying rounds only

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UEFA⁴: All-time total appearances in UEFA club competitions including all qualifying round matches

FC BATE Borisov

№	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															
16	Sergei Veremko	BLR	16/10/82	27	-	-	-	3	-	19	-	3	-	18	-
30	Aleksandr Gutor	BLR	18/04/89	20	-	2	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	3	-
33	Dmytro Ivanov	UKR	30/09/89	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders															
3	Sergei Sosnovski	BLR	14/08/81	28	-	2	2	3	-	21	1	3	-	20	4
4	Igor Shitov	BLR	24/10/86	23	-	2	-	2	-	19	1	2	-	8	-
5	Aleksandr Yurevich	BLR	08/08/79	30	-	2	-	3	-	22	-	3	-	33	-
14	Artyom Radkov	BLR	26/08/85	24	-	-	-	-	-	10	2	2	-	19	1
18	Maksim Bordachov	BLR	18/05/86	23	-	2	-	3	-	22	1	3	-	11	-
21	Ilya Tsyvilko	BLR	27/07/92	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
32	Vladimir Rzhhevski	RUS	19/07/87	22	-	-	-	1	-	4	-	1	-	11	1
Midfielders															
2	Dmitri Likhtarovich	BLR	01/03/78	31	-	1	-	3	1	22	-	5	1	54	2
6	Oleg Patotski	BLR	24/06/91	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
8	Aleksandr Volodko	BLR	18/06/86	23	*	1	-	3	-	20	2	3	-	16	-
10	Sergei Krivets	BLR	08/06/86	23	-	2	-	3	-	23	14	5	-	31	5
13	Pavel Nekhaychik	BLR	15/07/88	21	-	2	-	3	-	23	4	4	-	22	2
17	Aleksandr Pavlov	BLR	18/08/84	25	-	2	-	3	1	22	4	3	1	7	1
19	Kirill Aleksiyano	BLR	22/01/91	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
22	Igor Stasevich	BLR	21/10/85	24	-	2	-	1	-	19	1	2	-	32	4
23	Mikhail Kravchuk	BLR	19/09/91	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
24	Maksim Volodko	BLR	10/11/92	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25	Dmitri Baga	BLR	04/01/90	19	-	-	-	-	-	6	1	-	-	-	-
26	Sergei Tikhonovski	BLR	26/06/90	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Forwards															
7	Vitali Bulyga	BLR	12/01/80	29	-	-	-	-	-	9	1	2	-	8	1
11	Aleksandr Alumona	RUS	18/12/83	25	-	2	-	2	1	9	1	2	1	10	1
15	Maksim Skavysh	BLR	13/11/89	19	-	2	1	3	-	22	12	3	-	15	2
20	Vitali Rodionov	BLR	11/12/83	25	-	2	1	3	-	9	5	4	-	27	4
88	Hovannes Goaryan	ARM	18/03/88	21	-	2	-	3	-	17	2	3	-	5	-
Coach															
-	Viktor Goncharenko	BLR	10/06/77	32	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	20	-

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Fixtures and results

AEK Athens FC

Date	Competition	Opponent	Result	Goalscorers
30/08/09	League	Atromitos FC (A)	W 1-0	Blanco 58
13/09/09	League	Iraklis FC (H)	W 1-0	Kafes 14
20/09/09	League	PAS Giannina FC (A)	D 1-1	Németh 52
23/09/09	League	Olympiacos FC (H)	L 1-2	Németh 65
27/09/09	League	Panathinaikos FC (H)	L 0-1	
05/10/09	League	Skoda Xanthi FC (A)	L 0-1	
18/10/09	League	Pantrakikos FC (H)	W 3-2	Majstorovic 28, Djokic 39 (og), Scocco 59
25/10/09	League	Aris Thessaloniki FC (A)	D 1-1	Scocco 48
29/10/09	Cup	Thrasylvoulos (A)	L 0-1	
01/11/09	League	Ergotelis FC (A)	D 2-2	Manduca 21, Blanco 84 (p)
09/11/09	League	Larissa FC (H)		
22/11/09	League	FC Kavala (A)		
29/11/09	League	PAOK FC (H)		
06/12/09	League	Panionios GSS (A)		
13/12/09	League	Levadiakos FC (H)		
20/12/09	League	Asteras Tripolis FC (A)		

Pos.	Clubs	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1	Olympiacos FC	9	8	1	0	16	3	25
2	Panathinaikos FC	9	8	1	0	18	5	25
3	PAOK FC	9	4	3	2	10	5	15
4	Aris Thessaloniki FC	9	3	5	1	10	8	14
5	FC Kavala	9	4	2	3	11	8	14
6	Ergotelis FC	9	3	4	2	15	12	13
7	AEK Athens FC	9	3	3	3	10	10	12
8	Asteras Tripolis FC	9	3	2	4	10	13	11
9	Panionios GSS	9	3	2	4	10	10	11
10	Larissa FC	9	2	4	3	10	13	10
11	Iraklis FC	9	3	1	5	7	10	10
12	PAS Giannina FC	9	2	4	3	8	10	10
13	Skoda Xanthi FC	9	3	1	5	5	8	10
14	Atromitos FC	9	2	2	5	9	10	8
15	Levadiakos FC	9	2	2	5	6	15	8
16	Pantrakikos FC	9	0	1	8	5	20	1

FC BATE Borisov

Date	Competition	Opponent	Result	Goalscorers
05/04/09	League	FC Dnepr-Transmash Mogilev (H)	W 1-0	Skavysh 89
13/04/09	League	FC Minsk (A)	W 1-0	Volodko 38
18/04/09	League	FC Smorgon (H)	W 2-0	Krivets 64, Bulyga 84
26/04/09	League	FC Dinamo Minsk (A)	W 3-1	Skavysh 41, Krivets 47, 71 (p)
02/05/09	League	FC Dinamo Brest (H)	W 1-0	Krivets 13
06/05/09	League	FC Neman Grodno (H)	W 6-0	Skavysh 7, 87, Krivets 44, 67 (p), Nekhaychik 56, Stasevich 78
10/05/09	League	FC Vitebsk (A)	W 2-0	Pavlov 47, Krivets 49
16/05/09	League	FC Granit Mikashevichi (H)	D 1-1	Skavysh 1
23/05/09	League	FC Naftan Novopolotsk (A)	W 4-0	Radkov 13, Skavysh 26, Krivets 72, Pavlov 75
27/05/09	League	FC Shakhtyor Soligorsk (H)	L 2-3	Radkov 41, Sosnovski 89
27/06/09	League	FC MTZ-RIPO Minsk (A)	W 2-0	Skavysh 12, 44
04/07/09	League	FC Torpedo Zhodino (H)	W 3-0	Krivets 49, Skavysh 52, 65
10/07/09	League	FC Gomel (A)	W 3-0	Krivets 45, Nekhaychik 63, Bordachov 79
01/08/09	League	FC Dnepr-Transmash Mogilev (A)	L 1-3	Krivets 65
08/08/09	Cup	FC Baranovichi (A)	W 4-0	Alumona 38, 70, Rodionov 45+4, 90+1
16/08/09	League	FC Minsk (H)	W 1-0	Nekhaychik 71
31/08/09	League	FC Dinamo Minsk (H)	D 1-1	Krivets 85
13/09/09	League	FC Dinamo Brest (A)	W 2-1	Pavlov 64, 82
20/09/09	League	FC Neman Grodno (A)	W 2-1	Rodionov 8, Baga 10
24/09/09	League	FC Vitebsk (H)	W 3-1	Rodionov 15, 61, Goaryan 90+3 (p)
27/09/09	League	FC Granit Mikashevichi (A)	W 3-1	Volodko 49, Krivets 72, Skavysh 76
05/10/09	League	FC Naftan Novopolotsk (H)	W 4-0	Rodionov 30, 34, Shitov 35, Krivets 40
18/10/09	League	FC Shakhtyor Soligorsk (A)	W 1-0	Nekhaychik 69
25/10/09	League	FC MTZ-RIPO Minsk (H)	D 2-2	Goaryan 5, Skavysh 71
28/10/09	League	FC Smorgon (A)	D 0-0	
01/11/09	League	FC Torpedo Zhodino (A)	D 1-1	Alumona 84
08/11/09	League	FC Gomel (H)		
11/11/09	Cup	FC Minsk (H)		
15/11/09	Cup	FC Minsk (A)		

Pos.	Clubs	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1	FC BATE Borisov	25	18	5	2	52	16	59
2	FC Dinamo Minsk	25	13	8	4	33	16	47
3	FC Dnepr-Transmash Mogilev	25	12	4	9	29	21	40
4	FC Naftan Novopolotsk	25	12	2	11	28	37	38
5	FC Shakhtyor Soligorsk	25	10	8	7	32	26	38
6	FC Torpedo Zhodino	25	10	7	8	31	21	37
7	FC Dinamo Brest	25	9	8	8	28	24	35
8	FC Neman Grodno	25	10	4	11	22	31	34
9	FC Minsk	25	10	3	12	30	25	33
10	FC Vitebsk	25	10	1	14	25	36	31
11	FC MTZ-RIPO Minsk	25	8	5	12	33	37	29
12	FC Gomel	25	8	5	12	31	44	29
13	FC Granit Mikashevichi	25	5	7	13	25	38	22
14	FC Smorgon	25	2	9	14	16	43	15

Match-by-match lineups

AEK Athens FC

Play-Offs

(20/08/09)

SC Vaslui 2-1 AEK Athens FC

Goals: 1-0 Wesley 29, 1-1 Blanco 69(pen), 2-1 Wesley 83(pen)

AEK Athens FC: Saja, Geraldo, Majstorovic, Nsaliwa, Leonardo (Gentzoglou 90+3), Djebbour, Manduca, Koutromanos, Makos, Blanco (Iordache 89), Georgeas

(27/08/09)

AEK Athens FC 3-0 SC Vaslui (agg: 4-2)

Goals: 1-0 Manduca 59, 2-0 Scocco 74, 3-0 Scocco 79

AEK Athens FC: Saja, Kafes (Nsaliwa 72), Araujo, Geraldo, Majstorovic, Juanfran, Leonardo (Tachtsidis 67), Manduca, Makos, Blanco, Scocco (Karabelas 85)

FC BATE Borisov

Play-Offs

(20/08/09)

FC BATE Borisov 0-1 PFC Litex Lovech

Goals: 0-1 Sandrinho 81

FC BATE Borisov: Gutor, Sosnovski, Shitov, Yurevich, Volodko, Krivets (Rodionov 64), Nekhaychik, Skavysh (Goaryan 83), Pavlov, Bordachov, Stasevich (Alumona 84)

(27/08/09)

PFC Litex Lovech 0-4 FC BATE Borisov (agg: 1-4 aet)

Goals: 0-1 Sosnovski 86, 0-2 Rodionov 5 Ex., 0-3 Sosnovski 9 Ex., 0-4 Skavysh 28 Ex.

FC BATE Borisov: Gutor, Likhtarovich (Nekhaychik 58), Sosnovski, Shitov, Yurevich, Alumona (Krivets 46), Skavysh, Pavlov (Goaryan 77), Bordachov, Rodionov, Stasevich

Group I

Standings

Club	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
SL Benfica	3	2	0	1	7	1	6
Everton	3	2	0	1	6	6	6
FC BATE Borisov	3	1	0	2	3	5	3
AEK Athens FC	3	1	0	2	2	6	3

Matchday 1 (17/09/09)

SL Benfica 2-0 FC BATE Borisov

Goals: 1-0 Nuno Gomes 36, 2-0 Óscar Cardozo 41

FC BATE Borisov: Veremko, Likhhtarovich (Volodko 64), Sosnovski, Yurevich, Krivets, Nekhaychik, Skavysh (Goaryan 56), Pavlov, Bordachov, Rodionov (Alumona 81), Rzhevski

Everton 4-0 AEK Athens FC

Goals: 1-0 Yobo 10, 2-0 Distin 17, 3-0 Pienaar 37, 4-0 Jô 82

AEK Athens FC: Saja, Kafes, Araujo, Geraldo (Nsaliwa 13), Juanfran, Leonardo (Yahaya 71), Jahić, Makos, Blanco, Scocco, Arce

Matchday 2 (01/10/09)

AEK Athens FC 1-0 SL Benfica

Goals: 1-0 Majstorovic 43

AEK Athens FC: Saja, Kafes (Gentzoglou 69), Hersi (Leonardo 78), Majstorovic, Juanfran, Manduca, Jahić, Blanco, Georgeas, Scocco (Karabelas 89), Arce

FC BATE Borisov 1-2 Everton

Goals: 1-0 Likhhtarovich 16, 1-1 Fellaini 68, 1-2 Cahill 77

FC BATE Borisov: Veremko, Likhhtarovich (Goaryan 81), Sosnovski, Shitov, Yurevich, Krivets, Nekhaychik, Skavysh (Stasevich 28), Pavlov (Volodko 78), Bordachov, Rodionov

Matchday 3 (22/10/09)

FC BATE Borisov 2-1 AEK Athens FC

Goals: 0-1 Blanco 31(pen), 1-1 Pavlov 51, 2-1 Alumona 85

FC BATE Borisov: Veremko, Likhhtarovich (Goaryan 65), Sosnovski, Shitov, Yurevich, Volodko, Krivets, Nekhaychik, Pavlov (Skavysh 55), Bordachov (Alumona 85), Rodionov

AEK Athens FC: Saja, Kafes, Majstorovic, Juanfran (Karabelas 62), Nsaliwa, Manduca, Jahić, Blanco (Makos 58), Németh (Leonardo 83), Scocco, Arce

Matchday 4 (05/11/09)

AEK Athens FC v FC BATE Borisov

Matchday 5 (02/12/09)

FC BATE Borisov v SL Benfica

AEK Athens FC v Everton

Matchday 6 (17/12/09)

SL Benfica v AEK Athens FC

Everton v FC BATE Borisov

Match officials

Referee	Alon Yefet (ISR)
Assistant referees	Shmuel Shteif (ISR), Shabtai Nahmias (ISR)
Additional assistant referee	Menashe Masiah (ISR)
Additional assistant referee	Haim Jakov (ISR)
Fourth official	Liran Wachsberger (ISR)
UEFA Delegate	William Hugh Wilson (SCO)
UEFA Referee observer	Dieter Pauly (GER)

Referee

Name	Date of birth	UEL matches *	UEFA matches
Alon Yefet	01/09/1972	15	55

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

Date	Comp.	Stage	Match	Res.	Venue
15/10/03	UCUP	R1	Aris Thessaloniki FC - FC Zimbru Chişinău	2-1	Thessalonika
27/11/03	UCUP	R2	Debreceni VSC - PAOK FC	0-0	Debrecen
29/09/05	UCUP	R1	Aris Thessaloniki FC - AS Roma	0-0	Thessalonika
19/12/07	UCUP	GS	FC Bayern München - Aris Thessaloniki FC	6-0	Munich

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

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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