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Procedures for the 2001/2002 Club Competition Draws

UEFA Champions League, UEFA Cup draws to be held in Monaco on Thursday & Friday

The Grimaldi Forum in Monaco will be the venue for two UEFA club competition draws this week. The draw for the first group stage of the 2001/2002 UEFA Champions League will be made at 16.00 on Thursday 23 August and the draw for the first round of the UEFA Cup will be held at 12.00 on Friday 24 August.

In the draw for the UEFA Champions League, the 32 teams will be drawn into 8 groups of 4 and the first group stage will be completed before the end of October. The six matchdays (each one embracing Tuesdays and Wednesdays) will be played on:

September 11/12 - September 18/19 - September 25/26 - October 16/17 - October 23/24 - October 30/31

In principle, kick-off times will again be standardised at 20.45 Central European Time.

The objective of the draw for the first group stage is to divide the 32 teams into 8 groups of 4. The groups will be lettered A to H. The conditions to be observed are as follows:

- Teams from the same country must not be drawn into the same group.
- If two teams from the same association qualify, they will be paired to split their matches between Tuesday and Wednesday, i.e. one team will always play at home on one day and the other team will play away on the other day, this for the benefit of TV viewers. In the case of associations with three representatives, one pairing will be made and, if one association has four representatives, two pairings will be made.
- Each team will play three matches on Tuesday and three on Wednesday.

Draw Procedures

The 32 teams will be allocated to four pots in accordance with the seeding principles based on the UEFA list of club coefficients. Pot 1 will comprise last year's title holders FC Bayern München and the top seven clubs in the club coefficient rankings. Pot 2 will comprise the following eight clubs in the rankings, and so on.

To ensure that clubs from the same country play on separate days as per the aforementioned pairing principles, the eight groups will be distinguished by colour, either "red" or "blue". Groups A to D will be "red" and groups E to H will be "blue". When a paired club is drawn, for example, into one of the "red" groups (A, B, C or D), the corresponding paired club – once it has been drawn – will automatically be assigned to one of the four "blue" groups (E, F, G or H).

The match sequence for the two groups will be:

“red” groups: *Tuesday / Wednesday / Wednesday / Tuesday / Wednesday / Tuesday*

“blue” groups: *Wednesday / Tuesday / Tuesday / Wednesday / Tuesday / Wednesday*

To ‘kick-off’ the draw, a red ball will be drawn at random from Pot 1. The ball will be opened to display the name of the team drawn. The computer will then show which groups are available (A to D for the “red” groups and E to H for the “blue” groups) for this club.

Then, a bowl will be prepared containing the number of green balls representing the number of groups into which the club could be drawn. A green ball will be drawn from this bowl to determine into which of these available groups the team will go.

Once all the teams have been drawn from Pot 1, the same procedure will be repeated for the teams in Pots 2, 3 and 4, in that order.

Teams from Pot 1 will be provisionally placed in the first position within their groups, teams from Pot 2 will provisionally take the second position in their groups, and so on. Once the draw has been completed, a computer will determine the final position of the teams within their group. These positions within the group will then determine the order of the home and away matches according to paragraph 4.04 of the competition regulations.

The definitive result of the draw and the full fixture list for Matchdays 1 to 6 will be available 15 minutes after the draw ceremony has been completed.

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The draw for the first round of the 2001/2002 UEFA Cup, involving 96 clubs, is scheduled to begin at 12.00 on Friday 24 August and is expected to take approximately half an hour.

Draw Procedures

- Based on geographical criteria and in accordance with the UEFA club coefficient ranking list, the 96 teams will be divided into 6 groups (1 to 6) of 16 teams. Two pots will be prepared for each group, one for the eight seeded teams, and the other for those that are not seeded within the group. Ball colour: yellow.
- The balls containing the seeded teams will be placed in one bowl and the balls containing the unseeded teams in the same group will be put in another bowl. A ball will be taken from each bowl and placed in an empty bowl in the middle, where they will be shuffled. The first team drawn will play its first match at home, against the second team drawn.
- This procedure will be repeated for each group (1 to 6).

The first round ties will be played on 13 September (first-leg matches) and 27 September (second-leg matches).

Reversals and/or changes of date will be announced in the Auditorium of the Grimaldi Forum at 14.00 on Friday. Venues, dates and kick-off times for the first and second legs are to be announced by the end of August.

2001/02 UEFA Champions League

First Group Stage

SEEDING POTS

Pot 1

Club	Coefficient	Pairings
FC Bayern München (GER)	110.316	A
Real Madrid CF (ESP)	114.605	B
Manchester United FC (ENG)	110.644	C
FC Barcelona (ESP)	108.605	B
S.S. Lazio (ITA)	105.119	
Juventus FC (ITA)	98.119	D
Arsenal FC (ENG)	76.644	
Liverpool FC (ENG)	73.644	C

Pot 2

Club	Coefficient	Pairings
BV Borussia Dortmund (GER)	73.316	E
Galatasaray SK (TUR)	71.987	F
FC Porto (POR)	68.137	G
AS Roma (ITA)	68.119	D
Olympique Lyonnais (FRA)	64.176	H
RC Deportivo la Coruña (ESP)	63.605	I
FC Spartak Moscow (RUS)	61.854	J
RCD Mallorca (ESP)	60.605	I

Pot 3

Club	Coefficient	Pairings
FC Schalke 04 (GER)	57.316	A
Bayer 04 Leverkusen (GER)	56.316	E
FC Dynamo Kyiv (UKR)	55.916	
FC Lokomotiv Moscow (RUS)	53.854	J
Rosenborg BK (NOR)	53.800	
Feyenoord (HOL)	53.124	K
PSV Eindhoven (HOL)	51.124	K
Olympiakos Piraeus FC (GRE)	47.183	L

Pot 4

Club	Coefficient	Pairings
FC Nantes Atlantique (FRA)	45.176	H
RSC Anderlecht (BEL)	43.075	
AC Sparta Praha (CZE)	37.395	
Panathinaikos FC (GRE)	37.183	L
Boavista FC (POR)	28.137	G
Celtic FC (SCO)	25.312	
Fenerbahçe SK (TUR)	24.987	F
Lille OSC (FRA)	21.176	

Fixed dates:

11/12.09.2001 - 18/19.09.2001
25/26.09.2001 – 16/17.10.2001
23/24.09.2001 – 30/31.10.2001

Kick-off time: 20.45 CET