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UEFA awards to be presented at Monaco Gala

Europe's top coaches have elected best players in 2000/01 UEFA club competitions

It has become an annual tradition to present awards to top players during the UEFA Gala held in Monaco on the eve of the UEFA Super Cup match which brings together the two gold-medal sides in Europe. This year's fixture pits the winners of the UEFA Champions League, FC Bayern München, against the UEFA Cup champions, Liverpool FC.

Coaches from the top clubs in last season's UEFA club competitions are invited to cast their votes for the best players – in five different categories – and the best coach. The nominees for the awards to be presented during the Gala on Thursday 23 August, with live television coverage by Eurosport as from 21.00 CET, are as follows:

Best Goalkeeper

Fabien Barthez (Manchester United FC)
Santiago Cañizares (Valencia CF)
Oliver Kahn (FC Bayern München)

Best Defender

Fabián Ayala (Valencia CF)
Sammy Kuffour (FC Bayern München)
Jaap Stam (Manchester United FC)

Best Midfielder

Luís Figo (Real Madrid CF)
Gaizka Mendieta (Valencia CF – his club last season)
Patrick Vieira (Arsenal FC)

Best Forward

Giovane Elber (FC Bayern München)
Thierry Henry (Arsenal FC)
Raúl González (Real Madrid CF)

Most Valuable Player

Stefan Effenberg (FC Bayern München)
Gary McAllister (Liverpool FC)
Raúl González (Real Madrid CF)

The nominees for the Best Coach award are Vicente Del Bosque (Real Madrid CF), Ottmar Hitzfeld (FC Bayern München) and Gérard Houllier (Liverpool FC).