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UEFA announces Club Football Awards nominees

Twelve players in contention for UEFA Club Footballer of the Year 2006

UEFA today announced the nominees for the UEFA Club Football Awards to be presented during the UEFA Champions League Group Stage Draw to be held in Monaco on Thursday 24 August at 18:00 CET.

The newly-established voting procedure gives a selected number of experts, consisting of the coaches of the 16 teams that reached the knock-out phase of the 2005/06 UEFA Champions League, and the members of the UEFA Technical Study Group the possibility to cast their votes. The shortlist of nominees is below:

UEFA Club Goalkeeper of the Year:

Gianluigi Buffon	Juventus
Gregory Coupet	Olympique Lyonnais
Jens Lehmann	Arsenal FC

UEFA Club Defender of the Year:

Fabio Cannavaro	Juventus
Emmanuel Eboué	Arsenal FC
Carles Puyol	FC Barcelona

UEFA Club Midfielder of the Year:

Deco	FC Barcelona
Juninho Pernambucano	Olympique Lyonnais
Juan Román Riquelme	Villarreal CF

UEFA Club Forward of the Year:

Samuel Eto'o	FC Barcelona
Thierry Henry	Arsenal FC
Ronaldinho	FC Barcelona

The **UEFA Club Footballer of the Year 2006** (formerly known as MVP) is elected, by the sixteen coaches only, from the above pool of twelve nominees.

Finally, the Most Valuable Player of the UEFA Cup 2005/06 will be presented with an award during the UEFA Cup draw to be held in Monaco on 25 August at 13:00 CET. For this award, only the eight coaches of last season's UEFA Cup quarter-finalist teams give their vote. Four nominees are in contention for the award:

UEFA Cup Most Valuable Player

"Daniel" Alves Da Silva	Sevilla FC
Enzo Maresca	Sevilla FC
Javier Saviola	Sevilla FC
Mark Viduka	Middlesbrough FC

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