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## ***uefa.com users' Team of the Year 2007 revealed***

### **AC Milan players rewarded in poll**

The uefa.com users' Team of 2007 has been announced, with UEFA Champions League winners AC Milan having the most players in this year's selection.

Over 3.75 million votes were cast by 277,985 individual uefa.com users in the poll. The dream dozen contains just two survivors from last year's team along with five newcomers. Milan's trio includes central defender Alessandro Nesta, who was also selected in 2002, 2003 and 2004, and left midfielder player Clarence Seedorf, who also appeared in the 2002 team. Colleague Kaká with 220,333 votes received the highest number of votes overall and is selected for a second successive year, this time as attacking midfielder.

Also surviving from last year's team is Steven Gerrard, who is selected for a third time, and is the only player from beaten UEFA Champions League finalists Liverpool FC to feature. English clubs are to the fore, though, with John Terry – selected in 2005 – and newcomer Didier Drogba from Chelsea FC joined by Cristiano Ronaldo, whose previous selection came in 2004. His Manchester United FC coach Sir Alex Ferguson is perhaps belatedly selected for the first time, recognition of his achievement in guiding his team a ninth Premier League title under his stewardship.

Another somewhat belated newcomer is Real Madrid CF goalkeeper Iker Casillas, while Sevilla FC right-back Daniel Alves, FC Barcelona left-back Eric Abidal and FC Internazionale Milano striker Zlatan Ibrahimović are also selected for the first time.

uefa.com site manager Adrian Harte said:

“User participation is a popular buzzword today but our users have contributed to the success of uefa.com from the start and we are delighted that they have again voted in huge numbers to choose their team of the year.

“It is a mix of established figures getting overdue recognition and young players on the way up. Indeed, all the twelve will be back in UEFA Champions League action next month, further proof that the competition showcases the best players in the world.”

**uefa.com users' Team of 2007:** Iker Casillas (Real Madrid CF); Daniel Alves (Sevilla FC), Alessandro Nesta (AC Milan), John Terry (Chelsea FC), Eric Abidal (FC Barcelona); Cristiano Ronaldo (Manchester United FC), Steven Gerrard (Liverpool FC), Kaká (AC Milan), Clarence Seedorf (AC Milan); Zlatan Ibrahimović (FC Internazionale Milano), Didier Drogba (Chelsea FC). Coach: Sir Alex Ferguson (Manchester United FC).

uefa.com Team of the Year results at <http://www.uefa.com/fanzone/teamoftheyear/2007/index.html>.

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