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## ***Match officials appointed for semi-final on Wednesday***

The UEFA Referees Committee today announced the match officials for the first leg of the semi-final match in the 2002/03 UEFA Champions League to be played on Wednesday 7 May 2003 at the Stadio Giuseppe Meazza in Milan, kicking-off at 20.45 local (and Central European) time.

The referee of the match between AC Milan and Internazionale FC will be Valentin Ivanov of Russia. His Assistant Referees will be Vladimir Eniutin and Gennadi Krasnyuk, while the 4<sup>th</sup> Official will be Nikolai Ivanov. Like the referee, the other match officials are from Russia.

Valentin Ivanov, 41, is a physical education teacher from Moscow. He has been an international referee since 1997 and his first international tournament was in Cyprus – the UEFA European Under-18 Championship in 1998. Since then he has also officiated at the UEFA European Under-21 Championship staged in Slovakia in May/June 2000.

Although he has handled over forty international matches, his contacts with this season's UEFA Champions League semi-finalists have been minimal. This will be his first visit to the Stadio Giuseppe Meazza in UEFA club competitions and he has never handled a match involving AC Milan. He has officiated at one UEFA Champions League fixture involving Internazionale FC – their 2-0 victory in Leverkusen during the second group stage.