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## ***Referee appointed for UEFA Super Cup in Monaco***

### **English referee Graham Barber to handle match between Europe's champions**

UEFA has appointed the match officials for the UEFA Super Cup between the UEFA Champions League winners, AC Milan, and the UEFA Cup champions, FC Porto, to be played on Friday 29 August at the Stade Louis II in Monaco, kicking-off at 20.45.

45-year-old English referee Graham Barber has been selected to officiate at the final and his team will be completed by David Babski and David Bryan, who will operate as Assistant Referees. The three Bs will be accompanied by Uriah Rennie, who will act as Fourth Official.

Graham Barber, a referee since 1974, will become the first English referee to officiate at the UEFA Super Cup since it has been staged as a single match at a neutral venue. Graham Barber made his international debut on 7 March 1998 at an Under-16 match between Italy and the Czech Republic in Andorra. His first senior international involving national teams was the European Championship qualifier between Finland and Moldova in Helsinki on 5 September of that same year. At the end of last season he was selected to officiate at the FA Cup final between Arsenal FC and Southampton FC at the Millennium Stadium in Cardiff.

The match in Monaco will represent his third meeting with each of the finalists. Curiously, he had never crossed paths with AC Milan until last season, when he handled two of the European champions' UEFA Champions League fixtures. Both ended in defeats – 2-1 in Lens on 29 October and 1-0 at home to BV Borussia Dortmund on March 18. By the way, the trip to Lens represents his only previous visit to France and this will be the first time that he has handled a match at the Stade Louis II.

Graham Barber's contacts with FC Porto date back a little further. He handled their 3-1 home victory over FK Molde of Norway in the UEFA Champions League on 26 October 1999 and, by coincidence, officiated at another meeting between the current UEFA Cup champions and Norwegian opposition. He was the referee when FC Porto defeated Rosenborg BK 2-1 in Trondheim on 18 September 2001.

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