

Arsenal FC v Juventus

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Two Premiership rivals came to the end of their UEFA Champions League road in the first knockout round, leaving Arsenal FC to stand alone as England's standard bearer in the competition. To progress further they must overcome another former title winner in Juventus, having just disposed of nine-times champions Real Madrid CF.

Vieira return

- It is a quarter-final that has particular resonance for Arsenal's former captain Patrick Vieira, who returns to the club he called home for nine years wearing the famous black and white of the Bianconeri.

Away win

- Against Madrid, Arsenal did the damage at the Santiago Bernabéu, winning by a single Thierry Henry goal, his fourth in the competition to date, before holding their visitors to a goalless draw in north London. With two losing appearances in the UEFA Champions League quarter-finals behind them, they start at home with the return in Turin on 5 April.

First time

- It is the first time Arsenal have tackled Serie A opposition in the knockout rounds of the UEFA Champions League while Juventus will be looking to avoid a similar outcome to last term when they went out to another Premiership side, Liverpool FC, at this stage.

Arsenal on top

- The clubs last met in the 2001/02 second group stage when Arsenal recorded a 3-1 home victory, with Fredrik Ljungberg twice on target. The Italian champions won the return 1-0 through Marcelo Zalayeta.

- Their only other encounter in UEFA competition came in the 1979/80 UEFA Cup Winners' Cup semi-final when Arsenal progressed with a 1-0 away success after a 1-1 draw at Highbury.

Superior scores

- In the UEFA Champions League Arsenal, competing for the eighth successive season, have responded well to the Italian challenge.

- Arsenal have played five home games against Italian teams in the UEFA Champions League group stages, with two wins, two defeats and one draw. The losses started and finished the sequence - 1-0 against ACF Fiorentina at Wembley in the 1999/00 first group stage and 3-0 against FC Internazionale Milano in the 2003/04 group stage.

- If assessed on an aggregate basis, Arsenal's combined scores have proved superior on the last four occasions they have been paired in the same group as Serie A opponents.

- Arsenal have twice played Italian sides in UEFA finals. In the 1993/94 UEFA Cup Winners' Cup final they beat Parma FC 1-0 in Copenhagen but then lost the 1994 UEFA Super Cup 2-0 on aggregate to AC Milan.

Last game?

- Arsène Wenger's men go into the match knowing it could be the final European tie to be staged at the Highbury stadium which has been their home for 93 years. From next term they will be playing at a new ground at nearby Ashburton Grove.



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- Speculation about where Henry will be playing his football next year provides comment for English newspapers on a daily basis but he is sure to be wholly focused for this double-header as he is also facing a former club. The Arsenal captain spent seven months with Juve in 1999 after making the switch from AS Monaco FC.

Unbeaten in eight

- Since losing at home to Chelsea FC in the 2003/04 quarter-final second leg, the Gunners have played eight games at Highbury in the competition, winning five and drawing three.
- In the current campaign, Arsenal are easily the least generous side to opponents, conceding a mere two goals in eight fixtures to date and posting six successive clean sheets, one short of AC Milan's feat last season.

Lucky Juve

- Juventus, winners of the trophy in 1984/85 and 1995/96, will consider themselves fortunate to have reached this stage for the third time in four seasons. With two minutes remaining in the first knockout round tie at the Stadio Delle Alpi they were staring at the exit door, being held 1-1 by Werder Bremen to compound a 3-2 first-leg defeat.
- Then goalkeeper Tim Wiese inexplicably spilled the ball under no pressure and handed an aggregate winner on away goals for Emerson after David Trezeguet had cancelled out Johan Micoud's early strike. It was Trezeguet's sixth goal in this year's competition, two behind leading marksman Andriy Shevchenko.

Two defeats

- In their tenth UEFA Champions League campaign, Fabio Capello's team are seeking to improve on their last two appearances against English clubs. Last season's defeat by Liverpool had its origins in a 2-1 reverse at Anfield, with Fabio Cannavaro scoring late after two first-half goals by the hosts. The home leg ended 0-0. In the 2002/03 second group stage they went down 2-1 at Manchester United FC and 3-0 at home.
- In 15 meetings with English sides on a home-and-away basis, the Turin outfit have prevailed on aggregate seven times. Juventus also twice beat Liverpool in one-off games, the 1984/85 European Champion Clubs' Cup final (1-0) and the UEFA Super Cup match (2-0) that same season.
- Juve have won just twice in England against local clubs and not since the 1996/97 UEFA Champions League group stage when they triumphed 1-0 at Manchester United.
- Old Trafford was also the scene for the 2002/03 final, when they succumbed 3-2 on penalties to AC Milan after a 0-0 draw.
- Their home record is much stronger, winning ten of their 15 contests and losing just three.

Semi-final opponents

- The winners can look forward to a semi-final tie against the victors of Internazionale against Villarreal CF.

Match facts

- No Arsenal player has played every minute of their eight UEFA Champions League games this season.
- Spanish duo **Cesc Fabregas** and **José Antonio Reyes** are the only Arsenal players to have played some part in each of the eight matches.
- **Reyes**'s record is under threat as he needs one more yellow card for a suspension. **Kolo Touré** is also one caution from a ban.

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- **Thierry Henry** needs to make just one more appearance for his 75th match in the UEFA Champions League proper. He is also two matches away from his century of UEFA club competition matches and two goals away from 50 in UEFA club competition.
- **Ashley Cole** is six matches away from his 50th game in the UEFA Champions League, having never played any other UEFA club competition games.
- **Lauren** is three matches away from his 75th appearance in UEFA club competition.
- Aside from sitting out on Matchday 1, **Mathieu Flamini** has not missed a minute for Arsenal in Europe this season.
- **Theo Walcott**, yet to make his European debut, turned 17 on 16 March. If he finds the net against Juventus, he will become the youngest scorer in UEFA Champions League history.
- **Henry** is joint third on the UEFA Champions League top scorers' list for this season with four goals. Andriy Shevchenko leads the way with eight.
- **Reyes** is joint second in terms of most assists, having provided three goals for team-mates.
- **Reyes** has been fouled more times (33) than any other player in the UEFA Champions League this season.
- Arsenal's match at Portsmouth FC on Saturday evening was called off little more than an hour before the kick-off after torrential rain along England's south coast.
- The postponement meant no first-team return for **Sol Campbell**, who had been included in the London club's squad for the first time since 1 February. The England defender had been out with an ankle injury.
- **Reyes** (hamstring) and **Fredrik Ljungberg** (calf) were thought to have not been fit enough to have played on Saturday.
- It also meant **Henry** was denied the chance to add to his tally at the top of the Premiership scorers' list, keeping him on 19 goals. He had scored eight goals in his six previous matches against Portsmouth.
- His two goals in the 2-1 victory against Liverpool FC on 12 March took him into third place in the Premiership all-time scorers' list with 156 goals. Alan Shearer has 256 and Andrew Cole is on 185.
- **Henry** was not on target when Arsenal beat Charlton Athletic FC 3-0 on Saturday 18 March.
- Arsenal had been hoping for a win against Portsmouth to make it four successive Premiership victories for the first time since May 2005. Victory would also have taken them into the top four above Tottenham Hotspur FC, at least until Spurs play on Monday night.
- A win would also have taken Arsenal's all-time Premiership points tally to 999.
- This is Arsenal's worst performance by this stage of a Premiership season since the top division was reduced to 20 clubs.
- Arsenal have scored more goals in the closing stages of Premiership games than any other club - 14 in the last quarter-hour, of which 13 were in the last ten minutes, seven of those in the final five minutes.
- Arsenal have won all ten Premiership matches in which they were leading at half-time.

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- Until sitting out both legs of the first knockout round, **Christian Abbiati** had been the only Juventus player to have played every minute of their UEFA Champions League campaign to date.
- Only **Mauro Camoranesi** in the Juve squad has featured in all eight games in this season's competition, although he has yet to complete a full 90 minutes.
- **Lilian Thuram** made his 100th appearance in UEFA club competition in the 3-1 victory at SK Rapid Wien on Matchday 6, having already passed 50 games in the UEFA Champions League alone this season.
- **Robert Kova** , who did not play in the first knockout round, is still one game off his half-century in Europe's premier club competition. **David Trezeguet** is also one away and **Gianluigi Buffon** has two matches to go.
- **Trezeguet** is joint second behind Andriy Shevchenko in this season's UEFA Champions League top scorers' list. He has six goals, which is the same as Ronaldinho but two fewer than Shevchenko.
- **Trezeguet** has had 15 shots on goal compared to Shevchenko's 19, which is the most of any player in the UEFA Champions League.
- **Pavel Nedv d** is joint second in the list of the most creative players in this season's competition, having made three goals for team-mates.
- **Zlatan Ibrahimovi** has been ruled offside more than any other player in this season's competition. He has been caught 23 times. His closest rivals are team-mates **Trezeguet** (14) and **Alessandro Del Piero** (13).
- **Patrick Vieira** has received four yellow cards in this season's competition, the most of any player left in the competition.
- **Kova** turns 32 on 6 April, the day after the return against Arsenal in Turin and two days after **Emerson** celebrates his 30th birthday.
- **Nedv d** is suspended for Matchday 9. **Camoranesi**, **Kova** and **Vieira** are all one yellow card away from a ban.
- The goal scored by AS Roma's Houssine Kharja in Saturday's 1-1 draw at the Delle Alpi was just the sixth conceded by Juve at home in Serie A this season. The best home record for an entire single 20-team league campaign is ten goals, conceded by Torino Calcio in 1949/50.
- The home draw against AS Roma was Juve's second in a row after the 0-0 against AC Milan on 12 March. Juventus have won 13 out of 16 home games and are still unbeaten at Delle Alpi.
- That goalless draw against Milan was the only time that the club had not scored in a game in any competition this season. **Emerson** ensured normal service had resumed against Roma at the weekend.
- **Emerson's** goal was his second of the season in Serie A, equalling his tally for the club in his first campaign in 2004/05. His best for a single Italian league season was the five he notched for his former club Roma in 2001/02.
- **Nedv d** was sent off against Roma. It was the first dismissal of the season for the Czech.
- **Trezeguet** came on as a first-half substitute against Roma to replace **Del Piero**, who is out of the midweek game with a thigh injury, only to be replaced himself by Federico Balzaretti during the interval.
- **Trezeguet** had scored twice in the 3-1 win at AS Livorno Calcio on 18 March, even though he played 65 just minutes of that contest.

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- **Trezeguet** has now scored 20 goals in 26 league games.
- **Trezeguet's** double means he is just two behind Juve's most prolific foreign player of all-time, John Hansen. The Danish forward struck 124 times for the club.
- **Fabio Capello** has declared that he is ready to extend his contract with Juventus: "I would like to stay here for another three years," Capello said on Friday, but he also told how he would one day like to work abroad again. He said: "After Juventus? Well, I'd like to take charge of a national side and it would be a great honour to lead England."
- **Del Piero** scored Juventus' third against Livorno and it was his 132nd goal in Serie A, moving him just two behind Vincenzo Montella in the number of goals scored by current players.

Team facts

UEFA club competition milestones

- To date, Arsenal FC have never advanced beyond the quarter-final stage in either the UEFA Champions League or the European Champion Clubs' Cup although they have been more successful in both the UEFA Cup Winners' Cup and UEFA Cup.
- The London club have played in three UEFA Cup Winners' Cup finals, triumphing in the 1993/94 season when they overcame Parma FC 1-0 thanks to Alan Smith's 22nd-minute goal. The other finals ended in narrow defeats by Valencia CF and Real Zaragoza in the 1979/80 and 1994/95 seasons respectively. Following their elimination from the 1999/00 UEFA Champions League at the end of the group stage, Arsenal advanced to the UEFA Cup final only to lose on penalties to Galatasaray SK at Copenhagen's Parken stadium.

UEFA club competition honours

- UEFA Cup Winners' Cup: 1993/94

Ten-year record

- Arsenal are making their eighth successive attempt at winning the UEFA Champions League with their best performance to date being two quarter-final appearances in the competition during the 2000/01 and 2003/04 seasons. On the first occasion, the Gunners lost on away goals to Valencia CF after the two sides shared four goals, while more recently, Chelsea FC denied them a place in the last four with a 3-2 aggregate success that included a 2-1 victory at Highbury.

1996/97: UEFA Cup, first round

1997/98: UEFA Cup, first round

1998/99: UEFA Champions League, group stage

1999/2000: UEFA Cup, finalists having transferred from the UEFA Champions League group stage

2000/01: UEFA Champions League, quarter-finals

2001/02: UEFA Champions League, second group stage

2002/03: UEFA Champions League, second group stage

2003/04: UEFA Champions League, quarter-finals

2004/05: UEFA Champions League, first knockout round

2005/06: UEFA Champions League, quarter-finals

2005/06 season

- In the 2004/05 season, Arsenal trailed Chelsea by 12 points in the English Premiership, finishing second ahead of Manchester United FC by a further six points. The second-placed finish provided Arsenal with an automatic spot in the group stage, extending their sequence of never having played a qualifying round match in the competition.
- Arsenal advanced to the 2005/06 UEFA Champions League group stage as one of the 16 automatic qualifiers.

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- With five victories from their opening five engagements, Arsenal qualified with some ease for the knockout stages. The only blemish to their record came on Matchday 6 when they were held to a scoreless draw by AFC Ajax. Otherwise, the record books show ten goals scored and two conceded from their six matches.

- A daunting trip to the Santiago Bernabéu stadium in Madrid was the Gunners' reward for topping their group, but a Thierry Henry goal separated the sides before they battled out a scoreless draw in the return leg in the English capital thus providing Arsenal with their third trip to the quarter-finals in the last six years.

Key facts

- To date, the Gunners have played 76 matches in the UEFA Champions League, winning 34, drawing 21 and losing 21. In that time, Arsenal have scored 108 goals and conceded 83.

- Their overall European Champion Clubs' Cup record (including all qualifying round matches) reads, played 86, won 39, drawn 22 and lost 25 with 129 goals scored and 93 conceded.

- Overall, Arsenal have played 140 matches in UEFA club competition with 66 wins, 37 draws and 37 losses. In those matches, they have scored 222 times while conceding 147 goals.

Records

UEFA club competitions

- Biggest win

0-7: R. Standard de Liège v Arsenal FC

03.11.1993, 1993/94 UEFA Cup Winners' Cup, second round, second leg

Having won the opening leg 3-0 in London, Arsenal heaped further misery on Standard, running up seven goals without reply in a season in which they went on to win the competition. Kevin Campbell (42 and 80 minutes) scored twice with other goals from Alan Smith (3), Ian Selley (20), Tony Adams (36), Paul Merson (72) and Eddie McGoldrick (81).

- Biggest home win

6-1: Arsenal FC v FK Austria Wien

18.09.1991, 1991/92 European Champion Clubs' Cup, first round, first leg

Four second half goals from Alan Smith (51, 53, 65 and 65 minutes) including two in a minute effectively ended Rapid Wien's interest in the competition. Andy Linighan (37) and Anders Limpar (77) started and finished the scoring with Andy Ogris (56) netting the Austrians' consolation.

- Biggest away win

0-7: R. Standard de Liège v Arsenal FC (see above for details)

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- Heaviest defeat

0-3: Arsenal FC v FC Internazionale Milano

17.09.2003, 2003/04 UEFA Champions League, group stage

The Gunners' group stage campaign got off to the worst possible start against Inter as goals from Julio Cruz (22), Andy van der Meyde (24) and Obafemi Martins (41) condemned them to a 3-0 defeat at Highbury. Arsenal would eventually recover to advance to the knockout stage, gaining revenge for the 3-0 reverse in London by defeating Inter 5-1 at the Giuseppe Meazza stadium.

4-1: FC Spartak Moskva v Arsenal FC

22.11.2000, 2000/01 UEFA Champions League, second group stage

Arsenal opened the second group stage with a comprehensive defeat at the Luzhniki stadium despite taking the lead after two minutes through Silvinho. Marçao (29 and 50 minutes) scored either side of the interval before Egor Titov (77) and Robson (82) rounded off a comfortable win for the Russian side.

3-0: FC Shakhtar Donetsk v Arsenal FC

07.11.2000, 2000/01 UEFA Champions League, first group stage

With their qualification assured for the second group stage, Arsenal failed to trouble Shakhtar in the Ukraine with Serhiy Atelkin (34), Andriy Vorobey (57) and Olexiy Bielik (66) scoring for the home side.

2-5: Arsenal FC v SK Spartak Moskva

29.09.1982, 1982/83 UEFA Cup, first round, second leg

Trailing 3-2 from the opening leg in the Soviet capital, Arsenal found themselves four goals in arrears to Spartak at Highbury following goals from Sergei Schvetsov (22), Sergei Rodionov (56) and Fyodor Cherenkov (65 and 72). Chris Whyte (74) and Lee Chapman (89) scored Arsenal's consolation goals, sandwiching an Edgar Hess (78) strike for the visitors who advanced 8-4 on aggregate.

- Heaviest home defeat

0-3: Arsenal FC v FC Internazionale Milano (see above for details)

2-5: Arsenal FC v SK Spartak Moskva (see above for details)

- Heaviest away defeat

4-1: FC Spartak Moskva v Arsenal FC (see above for details)

3-0: FC Shakhtar Donetsk v Arsenal FC (see above for details)

UEFA Champions League (group stage to final only)

- Biggest win

5-1: Arsenal FC v Rosenborg BK

07.12.2004, 2004/05 UEFA Champions League, group stage

Arsenal concluded their group stage campaign with a 5-1 defeat of Rosenborg BK at Highbury, spreading the goalscoring plaudits among five players - José Antonio Reyes (3), Thierry Henry (24), Cesc Fabregas (29), Robert Pirès (41) and Robin van Persie (84) with Erik Hoftun (38) netting the visitors' consolation.

1-5: FC Internazionale Milano v Arsenal FC

25.11.2003, 2003/04 UEFA Champions League, group stage

Three goals in the last five minutes condemn Inter to a four-goal defeat with Thierry Henry (25 and 85) and Robert Pirès (88 and 89) both scoring twice as the Gunners gained revenge for their 3-0 home defeat on the opening matchday.

0-4: PSV Eindhoven v Arsenal FC

25.09.2002, 2002/03 UEFA Champions League, group stage

Ahead after 20.07 seconds through Gilberto Silva, Arsenal added three second half goals through Fredrik Ljungberg (66) and Thierry Henry (81 and 90+2) to complete a comfortable victory in Eindhoven.

- Biggest home win

5-1: Arsenal FC v Rosenborg BK (see above for details)

- Biggest away win

1-5: FC Internazionale Milano v Arsenal FC (see above for details)

0-4: PSV Eindhoven v Arsenal FC (see above for details)

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- Heaviest defeat
4-1: FC Spartak Moskva v Arsenal FC (see above for details)
3-0: FC Shakhtar Donetsk v Arsenal FC (see above for details)

- Heaviest home defeat
0-3: Arsenal FC v FC Internazionale Milano (see above for details)

- Heaviest away defeat
4-1: FC Spartak Moskva v Arsenal FC (see above for details)

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UEFA club competition milestones

- Winners of the competition in 1995/96, Juventus have been losing finalists on their three subsequent appearances against BV Borussia Dortmund (1996/97), Real Madrid CF (1997/98) and AC Milan (2002/03).

- Both FC Bayern München and Juventus hold the distinct record of being the only teams to compete in the European Champion Clubs' Cup final in each of the last four decades. Juventus's record is as follows:

2002/03: Juventus 0-0 AC Milan (2-3 on penalties after extra time)
1997/98: Juventus 0-1 Real Madrid CF
1996/97: BV Borussia Dortmund 3-1 Juventus
1995/96: AFC Ajax 1-1 Juventus (2-4 on penalties after extra time)
1984/85: Juventus 1-0 Liverpool FC
1982/83: Hamburger SV 1-0 Juventus
1972/73: AFC Ajax 1-0 Juventus

- Juventus are seeking their first appearance in the European Champion Clubs' Cup final - and their eighth overall - since their penalty shoot-out defeat by AC Milan at the end of the 2002/03 season. Along with Milan, Juve have featured in four UEFA Champions League finals since the competition started in the 1992/93 season, but have only recorded one victory - a 4-2 success on penalties following a 1-1 draw with AFC Ajax after extra time.

UEFA club competition honours

- UEFA Champions League: 1984/85, 1995/96
- UEFA Cup Winners' Cup: 1983/84
- European/South American Cup: 1985, 1996
- UEFA Super Cup: 1984, 1996
- UEFA Cup: 1976/77, 1989/90, 1992/93
- UEFA Intertoto Cup: 1999

Ten-year record

- Juventus are involved in the group stage of the UEFA Champions League for the sixth successive time and for the tenth time in the last eleven years. The Turin giants failed to qualify for the 1999/00 competition and entered the 1999 UEFA Intertoto Cup before qualifying for the 1999/00 UEFA Cup, which they exited at the fourth round stage.

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1996/97: UEFA Champions League, final

1997/98: UEFA Champions League, final

1998/99: UEFA Champions League, semi-final

1999/2000: UEFA Cup, fourth round, having qualified via the UEFA Intertoto Cup

2000/01: UEFA Champions League, first group stage

2001/02: UEFA Champions League, second group stage

2002/03: UEFA Champions League, final

2003/04: UEFA Champions League, first knockout round

2004/05: UEFA Champions League, quarter-finals

2005/06: UEFA Champions League, quarter-finals

2005/06 season

- Juventus advanced directly to the group stage as they won the 2004/05 Italian Serie A championship by seven points from Milan, with FC Internazionale Milano and Udinese Calcio a further seven and 17 points behind.
- Juventus won their group with five wins from their six outings, their only defeat coming against FC Bayern München on Matchday 3 when they lost 2-1 in Bavaria. The two sides would share the same result on Matchday 4 in Turin, but Juventus would be on the winning side, while their other victories came both home and away against Club Brugge KV and SK Rapid Wien.
- Werder Bremen provided the opposition in the first knockout round, defeating Juve 3-2 at the Weserstadion before taking the lead at the Stadio Delle Alpi in the return leg. But the Turin club hit back in the last 25 minutes of the tie with goals from David Trezeguet and Emerson, the winning strike coming two minutes from time following an error from Tim Wiese in the Bremen goal.

Key facts

- Juventus have now played 104 matches in the UEFA Champions League. In that time, the Bianconeri have won 52, drawn 25 and lost 27 of their engagements in the competition with 176 goals scored and 110 goals conceded.
- The Turin club have played 320 matches in UEFA club competition action to date. In that time, they have won 182, drawn 61 and lost 77 with 587 goals scored and 295 conceded.
- With their 3-1 win at Rapid Wien on Matchday 6, Juventus passed 300 goals in the European Champion Clubs' Cup. So far their 306 goals have come in 183 matches with 94 wins, 41 draws and 48 defeats. In that time, the Bianconeri have conceded 184 goals.

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Records

UEFA club competitions

- Biggest win

7-0: Juventus v Olympiacos CFP

10.12.2003, 2003/04 UEFA Champions League group stage

Juve ended their group stage campaign with a seven-goal defeat of Olympiacos at the Stadio Delle Alpi. Already four goals to the good after 28 minutes following strikes from David Trezeguet (14, 25 minutes), Fabrizio Miccoli (19) and Enzo Maresca (28), the Bianconeri added three more goals without reply in the second half from Marco Di Vaio (62), Alessandro Del Piero (67) and Marcelo Zalayeta (79). But their goalscoring touch eluded them in the subsequent first knockout round as they exited the competition following a 2-0 aggregate defeat by RC Deportivo La Coruña.

7-0: Juventus v Valur Reykjavík

17.09.1986, 1986/87 European Champion Clubs' Cup first round, first leg

Juventus won 11-0 on aggregate, with seven of those goals coming in the opening leg in Turin through Michael Laudrup (11, 22), Aldo Serena (43), Antonio Cabrini (59), Beniamino Vignola (72) and Massimo Briaschi (77).

7-0: Juventus v BKS Lechia Gdansk

14.09.1983, 1983/84 European Champion Clubs' Cup first round, first leg

In a competition they would eventually win, Juve opened their campaign with a 7-0 defeat of Lechia Gdansk with Domenico Penzo (24, 29, 60 and 67) scoring four and Michel Platini (18, 26) adding two before Paolo Rossi (75) concluded the scoring.

- Biggest home win

7-0: Juventus v Olympiacos CFP (see above for details)

7-0: Juventus v Valur Reykjavík (see above for details)

7-0: Juventus v BKS Lechia Gdansk (see above for details)

- Biggest away win

0-6: Marsa FC v Juventus

15.09.1971, 1971/72 UEFA Cup first round, first leg

Eventual 11-0 victors, Juventus won 6-0 in the first leg at Ta'Qali with Helmut Haller (32, 60), Franco Causio (54), Adriano Novellini (63), Fabio Capello (69) and Antonello Cuccureddu (88) on target.

- Heaviest defeat

7-0: Wiener SC v Juventus

01.10.1958, 1958/59 European Champion Clubs' Cup preliminary round, second leg

Juve took a 3-1 lead to Vienna, but by the interval of their match against Wiener SC, their lead had evaporated. Josef Hamerl (34, 38, 64 and 80) was mainly responsible with four goals with Karl Skerlan (24) starting and Erich Hof (82 and 85) ending the seven-goal rout.

- Heaviest home defeat

0-3: Juventus v Manchester United FC

25.02.2003, 2002/03 UEFA Champions League second group stage

Despite losing back-to-back matches to Manchester United in the second group stage, Juventus still qualified for the knockout stages and it was they who ended up playing in the final at Old Trafford (although Juve ended on the losing side to AC Milan, who won following a penalty shootout after the match remained goalless after extra-time). Ryan Giggs (15, 41) scored twice in United's victory at Stadio Delle Alpi before Ruud van Nistelrooij (63) added a third shortly after the hour mark.

- Heaviest away defeat

7-0: Wiener SC v Juventus (see above for details)

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- Biggest win

7-0: Juventus v Olympiacos CFP (see above for details)

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- Biggest home win

7-0: Juventus v Olympiacos CFP (see above for details)

- Biggest away win

0-4: Rangers FC v Juventus

01.11.1995, 1995/96 UEFA Champions League group stage

En route to winning the final on penalties at AFC Ajax's expense, Juve recorded a 4-0 defeat of Rangers at Ibrox on Matchday 4 of the group stage, a fortnight after defeating the Scottish side 4-1 at Stadio Delle Alpi. Alessandro Del Piero (16), Moreno Torricelli (65), Fabrizio Ravanelli (88) and Giancarlo Marocchi (90) provided Juventus' firepower in a one-sided victory in Glasgow.

- Heaviest defeat

0-3: Juventus v Manchester United FC (see above for details)

- Heaviest home defeat

0-3: Juventus v Manchester United FC (see above for details)

- Heaviest away defeat

2-0: Galatasaray SK v Juventus

02.12.2003, 2003/04 UEFA Champions League group stage

Prior to defeating Olympiacos CFP 7-0 on the final matchday of the group stage and advancing to the knockout stage, Juve lost 2-0 in Istanbul to Galatasaray SK with Hakan Sükür (47, 90+4) scoring both goals.

3-1: Bayer 04 Leverkusen v Juventus

12.03.2002, 2001/02 UEFA Champions League second group stage

Juve suffered back-to-back away defeats in the second group stage of the 2001/02 UEFA Champions League, a sequence that would end their interest in the competition. Their second defeat came on Matchday 5 away to Leverkusen, for whom goalkeeper Hans-Jörg Butt opened the scoring from the penalty spot after 24 minutes before Igor Tudor equalised for the visitors after 61 minutes. But Leverkusen regained the lead ten minutes later through Thomas Brdari before Marko Babi made sure one minute into stoppage time.

2-0: RC Deportivo La Coruña v Juventus

27.02.2002, 2001/02 UEFA Champions League second group stage

Previously, Juve lost 2-0 in Spain to Deportivo for whom Diego Tristan (8) and Djalminha (77) were on the scoresheet.

3-1: Panathinaikos FC v Juventus

08.11.2000, 2000/01 UEFA Champions League first group stage

Juventus exited the competition following their Matchday 6 defeat in Athens with Paulo Sousa (7), Angelos Basinas (58) and Krzysztof Warzycha (65) on the scoresheet for Panathinaikos. Filippo Inzaghi netted Juve's goal after 24 minutes.

2-0: Feyenoord v Juventus

26.11.1997, 1997/98 UEFA Champions League group stage

Julio Cruz (66, 87) scored Feyenoord's goals in a 2-0 defeat of Juve at De Kuip stadium, although the Turin club would still qualify for the knockout stages, ultimately advancing to the final where they lost 1-0 to Real Madrid CF.

3-1: BV Borussia Dortmund v Juventus

28.05.1997, 1996/97 UEFA Champions League final

Juventus lost the final at Munich's Olympiastadion with Karlheinz Riedle (29, 34) and Lars Ricken (71) on target for Borussia Dortmund. Alessandro Del Piero (65) had provided Juve with some hope of a revival, only for Ricken to have the final say.

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Knockout streak: In qualifying for the 2005/06 knockout phase, Real Madrid CF tied Manchester United FC's record of nine consecutive seasons in advancing past the group stage. While United's streak came to an end this season, Madrid have featured in the knockout phase every time since the 1996/97 campaign. Regarding other teams in this season's knockout phase, both AC Milan and Juventus have qualified for the last four knockout stages, one ahead of Arsenal FC, FC Bayern München, Chelsea FC and Olympique Lyonnais.

Last eight: Milan have advanced to the last eight of the UEFA Champions League in each of the past four seasons, winning the 2002/03 final against Juventus but losing the 2004/05 endgame to Liverpool FC. Both finals went to penalty shootouts. Milan were eliminated at the quarter-final stage in the 2003/04 season by RC Deportivo La Coruña. Lyon are making their third consecutive trip to the quarter-final stage, but on the previous two occasions the French side have ended on the losing side: in 2003/04 to eventual competition winners FC Porto and then in 2004/05 to PSV Eindhoven.

No qualifiers: Arsenal are the only club in this season's knockout phase never to have played a UEFA Champions League qualifying-round match. To date, all of Arsenal's matches have been restricted to the group stage and beyond.

Debutants: Villarreal CF are the only debutants to advance to this season's knockout phase as FC Artmedia, FC Thun, Real Betis Balompie and Udinese Calcio all failed to advance beyond the group stage. To date, three debutants have won the competition Olympique de Marseille (1992/93, first UEFA Champions League final), AFC Ajax (1994/95) and Juventus (1995/96).

Key dates: This season's showpiece will be played at the city's Stade de France on Wednesday 17 May 2006. The draw for the quarter-finals, semi-finals and final took place in Paris on 10 March 2006.

Quarter-finals

- 1: Arsenal v Juventus
- 2: Lyon v Milan
- 3: Inter v Villarreal
- 4: Benfica v Barcelona

Semi-finals

- 1: Winners quarter-final 1 v Winners quarter-final 3
- 2: Winners quarter-final 2 v Winners quarter-final 4

Final

- 1: Winners semi-final 2 v Winners semi-final 1

• **UEFA Champions League:** All-time records

Biggest wins

8-3: AS Monaco FC v RC Deportivo La Coruña (05.11.2003)

7-0: Juventus v Olympiacos CFP (10.12.2003)

7-2: Paris Saint-Germain FC v Rosenborg BK (24.10.2000)

7-2: Olympique Lyonnais v Werder Bremen (08.03.2005)

6-0: Olympique de Marseille v PFC CSKA Moskva (17.03.1993) **6-0:** Leeds United AFC v Besiktas JK (26.09.2000)

6-0: Real Madrid CF v KRC Genk (25.09.2002)

Monaco's record victory was achieved in part thanks to the exploits of Dado Pršo, who scored four of his seven 2003/04 UEFA Champions League goals that evening against Deportivo. Only one team has scored more than five goals in an away game, Manchester United FC winning 6-2 at Brøndby IF in 1998/99.

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Most goals in a season

12: Ruud van Nistelrooij (Manchester United FC, 2002/03)

10: Alessandro Del Piero (Juventus, 1997/98)

10: Mário Jardel (FC Porto, 1999/00)

10: Rivaldo (FC Barcelona, 1999/00)

10: Raúl González (Real Madrid CF, 1999/00)

10: Ruud van Nistelrooij (Manchester United FC, 2001/02)

10: Filippo Inzaghi (AC Milan, 2002/03)

Ruud van Nistelrooij has finished UEFA Champions League top goalscorer in three of the past four seasons, with Fernando Morientes (then with AS Monaco FC) pipping him to that feat with nine in 2003/04.

Four goals in a match

Marco van Basten (**AC Milan** 4-0 IFK Göteborg, 25.11.1992)

Simone Inzaghi (**S.S. Lazio** 5-1 Olympique de Marseille, 14.03.2000)

Dado Pršo (**AS Monaco FC** 8-3 RC Deportivo La Coruña, 05.11.2003)

Ruud van Nistelrooij (**Manchester United FC** 4-1 AC Sparta Praha, 03.11.2004)

Andriy Shevchenko (Fenerbahçe SK 0-4 **AC Milan**, 23.11.2005)

Of these four-goal hauls, Dado Pršo's against Deportivo was the quickest. He scored his first goal 26 minutes into the game and his fourth just 23 minutes later.

Fastest goal in a match

20.07 secs: Gilberto (PSV Eindhoven 0-4 **Arsenal FC**, 25.09.2002)

20.12 secs: Alessandro Del Piero (Manchester United FC 3-2 **Juventus**, 01.10.1997)

21.20 secs: Clarence Seedorf (FC Schalke 04 2-2 **AC Milan**, 28.09.2005)

25.40 secs: Marek Kincl (Club Brugge KV 3-2 **SK Rapid Wien**, 02.11.2005)

28.21 secs: Mariano Bombardo (**Willem II** 3-4 AC Sparta Praha, 20.10.1999)

AC Milan's joy at Clarence Seedorf's first-minute goal against FC Schalke 04 was short-lived - Søren Larsen equalised for the home side in the third minute.

Fastest hat-tricks

9 mins: Mike Newell (**Blackburn Rovers FC** 4-1 Rosenborg BK, 06.12.1995)

19 mins: Marco Simone (Rosenborg BK 1-4 **AC Milan**, 25.09.1996)

19 mins: Dado Pršo (**AS Monaco FC** 8-3 RC Deportivo La Coruña, 05.11.2003)

21 mins: Sigurd Rushfeldt (**Rosenborg BK** 3-0 Galatasaray SK, 21.10.1998)

21 mins: Simone Inzaghi (**S.S. Lazio** 5-1 Olympique de Marseille, 14.03.2000)

Rosenborg conceded 16 goals the season Mike Newell scored his rapid hat-trick, three fewer than the UEFA Champions League group stage record set by Hungarian side Ferencvárosi TC the same season.

Youngest players to score

17 years, 195 days: Peter Oforiquaye (Rosenborg BK 5-1 **Olympiacos CFP**, 01.10.1997)

17 years, 218 days: Cesc Fabregas (**Arsenal FC** 5-1 Rosenborg BK, 07.12.2004)

17 years, 241 days: Martin Klein (Panathinaikos FC 2-1 **AC Sparta Praha**, 27.02.2002)

18 years, 61 days: Sammy Kuffour (**FC Bayern München** 2-2 FC Spartak Moskva, 02.11.1994)

18 years, 70 days: Andriy Shevchenko (**FC Dynamo Kyiv** 1-4 FC Bayern München, 07.12.1994)

Peter Oforiquaye became the youngest player to score, but Celestine Babayaro is still the youngest player to appear, having begun RSC Anderlecht's game against FC Steaua Bucuresti on 23 November 1994 aged 16 years and 87 days.

- **UEFA club competition and UEFA Champions League:** All-time record appearances and goalscoring

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Appearances: UEFA club competition

Note: Players listed in **bold** are still involved in this season's competitions (UEFA Champions League or UEFA Cup)

156 **Paolo Maldini** (AC Milan)
130 Frank de Boer (AFC Ajax, FC Barcelona, Galatasaray SK)
128 **Luís Figo** (Sporting Clube de Portugal, FC Barcelona, Real Madrid CF, FC Internazionale Milano)
124 Oliver Kahn (Karlsruher SC, FC Bayern München)
122 Zinedine Zidane (AS Cannes, FC Girondins de Bordeaux, Juventus, Real Madrid CF)
117 Giuseppe Bergomi (FC Internazionale Milano)
115 **Alessandro Costacurta** (AC Milan)
114 Phillip Cocu (BV Vitesse, PSV Eindhoven, FC Barcelona)
112 Stefan Reuter (1. FC Nürnberg, FC Bayern München, Juventus, BV Borussia Dortmund)
109 Amedeo Carboni (UC Sampdoria, AS Roma, Valencia CF)
109 **Pavel Nedvěd** (AC Sparta Praha, S.S. Lazio, Juventus)
109 Raúl González (Real Madrid CF)
109 Roberto Carlos (FC Internazionale Milano, Real Madrid CF)
108 Vítor Baía (FC Porto, FC Barcelona)
107 David Beckham (Manchester United FC, Real Madrid CF)
107 Stefan Klos (BV Borussia Dortmund, Rangers FC)
107 Roar Strand (Rosenborg BK)
106 Filip De Wilde (KSK Beveren, RSC Anderlecht, Sporting Clube de Portugal)
106 **Alessandro Del Piero** (Juventus)
106 Fernando Hierro (Real Madrid CF)
106 **Clarence Seedorf** (AFC Ajax, Real Madrid CF, FC Internazionale Milano, AC Milan)
105 Michel Preud'homme (R. Standard de Liège, KV Mechelen, SL Benfica)
104 Claude Makelele (FC Nantes Atlantique, RC Celta de Vigo, Real Madrid CF, Chelsea FC)
104 Gert Verheyen (RSC Anderlecht, Club Brugge KV)
103 Ciro Ferrara (SSC Napoli, Juventus)
102 Ryan Giggs (Manchester United FC)
102 Gary Neville (Manchester United FC)
102 **Lilian Thuram** (AS Monaco FC, Parma FC, Juventus)
101 Bülent Korkmaz (Galatasaray SK)
101 Manuel Sanchís (Real Madrid CF)
101 **Alessio Tacchinardi** (Juventus, Villarreal CF)
100 Edgar Davids (AFC Ajax, AC Milan, Juventus, FC Internazionale Milano)
100 Lothar Matthäus (VfL Borussia Mönchengladbach, FC Bayern München, FC Internazionale Milano)
99 Bixente Lizarazu (Athletic Club Bilbao, FC Girondins de Bordeaux, FC Bayern München)
98 **Thierry Henry** (AS Monaco FC, Arsenal FC)
98 Angelo Peruzzi (AS Roma, Juventus, S.S. Lazio)
97 Francisco Gento (Real Madrid CF)
97 Karl-Heinz Rummenigge (FC Bayern München, FC Internazionale Milano, Servette FC)
96 Marc Overmars (AFC Ajax, Arsenal FC, FC Barcelona)
95 Ray Clemence (Liverpool FC, Tottenham Hotspur FC)
95 Gheorghe Hagi (CF Sportul Studentesc, FC Steaua Bucuresti, Real Madrid CF, FC Barcelona, Galatasaray SK)
95 Erik Hoftun (Rosenborg BK)

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Appearances: UEFA club competition

Note: This list contains players still involved in this season's competition

156 Paolo Maldini (AC Milan)
128 Luís Figo (FC Internazionale Milano)
115 Alessandro Costacurta (AC Milan)
109 Pavel Nedvěd (Juventus)
106 Alessandro Del Piero (Juventus)
106 Clarence Seedorf (AC Milan)
102 Lilian Thuram (Juventus)
101 Alessio Tacchinardi (Villarreal CF)
98 Thierry Henry (Arsenal FC)

Appearances: UEFA Champions League

Note: This list considers group stage to final only and contains players still involved in this season's competition

93 Paolo Maldini (AC Milan)
89 Luís Figo (FC Internazionale Milano)
79 Alessandro Del Piero (Juventus)
78 Clarence Seedorf (AC Milan)
76 Alessio Tacchinardi (Villarreal CF)
75 Andriy Shevchenko (AC Milan)
74 Thierry Henry (Arsenal FC)
69 Robert Pirès (Arsenal FC)
68 Gianluca Pessotto (Juventus)
68 Sylvain Wiltord (Olympique Lyonnais)

Appearances: UEFA Champions League

Note: This list considers group stage to final only and contains other players who played in this season's competition but who are no longer involved

101 Raúl González (Real Madrid CF)
99 Roberto Carlos (Real Madrid CF)
97 David Beckham (Real Madrid CF)
94 Oliver Kahn (FC Bayern München)
92 Gary Neville (Manchester United FC)
87 Ryan Giggs (Manchester United FC)
84 Paul Scholes (Manchester United FC)
80 Zinedine Zidane (Real Madrid CF)
77 Michel Salgado (Real Madrid CF)
76 Iván Helguera (Real Madrid CF)
75 Fernando Morientes (Liverpool FC)
75 Hasan Salihamidžić (FC Bayern München)
74 Guti (Real Madrid CF)
74 Claude Makelele (Chelsea FC)
72 Phillip Cocu (PSV Eindhoven)
71 Iker Casillas (Real Madrid CF)
71 Michael Reiziger (PSV Eindhoven)
71 Ole Gunnar Solskjær (Manchester United FC)
67 Rivaldo (Olympiacos CFP)
66 Roar Strand (Rosenborg BK)

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Goals: UEFA club competition

Note: Players listed in bold are still involved in this season's competitions (UEFA Champions League or UEFA Cup)

62 Gerd Müller (FC Bayern München)
56 Eusébio (SL Benfica)
55 **Andriy Shevchenko** (FC Dynamo Kyiv, AC Milan)
53 Raúl González (Real Madrid CF)
50 Alfredo Di Stéfano (Real Madrid CF)
50 **Filippo Inzaghi** (Parma FC, Juventus, AC Milan)
48 **Thierry Henry** (AS Monaco FC, Arsenal FC)
47 Carlos Santillana (Real Madrid CF)
47 Ruud van Nistelrooij (PSV Eindhoven, Manchester United FC)
46 **Henrik Larsson** (Feyenoord, Celtic FC, FC Barcelona)
45 **Alessandro Del Piero** (Juventus)
45 Jupp Heynckes (Hannover 96, VfL Borussia Mönchengladbach)

Goals: UEFA club competition

Note: This list contains players still involved in this season's competition

55 Andriy Shevchenko (AC Milan)
50 Filippo Inzaghi (AC Milan)
48 Thierry Henry (Arsenal FC)
46 Henrik Larsson (FC Barcelona)
45 Alessandro Del Piero (Juventus)
35 David Trezeguet (Juventus)
30 Dennis Bergkamp (Arsenal FC)
29 Pavel Nedvěd (Juventus)
28 Luís Figo (FC Internazionale Milano)

Goals: UEFA Champions League

Note: This list considers group stage to final only and contains players still involved in this season's competition

42 Andriy Shevchenko (AC Milan)
40 Thierry Henry (Arsenal FC)
37 Alessandro Del Piero (Juventus)
32 Filippo Inzaghi (AC Milan)
28 David Trezeguet (Juventus)
24 Luís Figo (FC Internazionale Milano)

Goals: UEFA Champions League

Note: This list considers group stage to final only and contains other players who played in this season's competition but who are no longer involved

51 Raúl González (Real Madrid CF)
43 Ruud van Nistelrooij (Manchester United FC)
27 Fernando Morientes (Liverpool FC)
27 Roy Makaay (FC Bayern München)
27 Rivaldo (Olympiacos CFP)
23 Hernán Crespo (Chelsea FC)
21 Ryan Giggs (Manchester United FC)

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Head coach profiles

Arsène Wenger

Date of birth: 22 October 1949

Nationality: French

Playing career: AS Mutzig, FC Mulhouse, AS Vauban, RC Strasbourg

Coaching career: RC Strasbourg (assistant coach), AS Cannes (assistant coach), AS Nancy-Lorraine, AS Monaco FC, Nagoya Grampus Eight, Arsenal FC

Arsène Wenger was never covered in glory as a player, but has more than made up for his lack of playing success in his time as a coach, turning Arsenal FC into one of Europe's top teams thanks to his incredible eye for a bargain and his astute footballing mind.

Born in Strasbourg in 1949, Wenger worked at RC Strasbourg and AS Cannes before AS Nancy-Lorraine offered him his big break into management. He impressed sufficiently to be offered the job as coach of AS Monaco FC in 1987. Within a year Monaco scooped the French championship and Wenger the Manager of the Year award. He reportedly turned down France and FC Bayern München to continue at Monaco, although he did move on to Japan and enjoy tremendous success with Nagoya Grampus Eight.

Appointed by Arsenal in September 1996, Wenger became the first foreigner to win the Premiership title in 1998, adding the first of four FA Cup triumphs to boot. The Gunners lost the 2000 UEFA Cup final to Galatasaray SK but claimed another double in 2002, and in 2004 played some swashbuckling football en route to becoming the first team since Preston North End FC in 1889 to negotiate a top-flight season unbeaten. Already given the freedom of Islington for his success in north London, Wenger's status would rise to God-like levels should he steer Arsenal to UEFA Champions League glory.

Fabio Capello

Date of birth: 18 June 1946

Nationality: Italian

Playing career: Spal, AS Roma, Juventus, AC Milan

Coaching career: AC Milan, Real Madrid CF, AS Roma, Juventus

AC Milan, Real Madrid CF, AS Roma, Juventus. A glance at Fabio Capello's former and present employers tells you who the biggest clubs turn to when they need success. The Italian's combination of passion and pragmatism has proved a winning formula, bringing league titles to each of the four teams of which he has taken charge. As a player, Capello enjoyed successful spells at Roma, Juve and Milan and won 32 caps for Italy.

While Capello's coaching acumen is beyond question, he has always enjoyed the services of top players to turn his tactical visions into reality. Milan won four Serie A titles in five seasons between 1991 and 1996, including an unbeaten campaign in 1991/92. Along the way, they had contributions from some of the club's greatest-ever servants including Dutch trio Marco van Basten, Frank Rijkaard and Ruud Gullit and defensive legends Franco Baresi and Paolo Maldini. They also lifted the 1994 UEFA Champions League, beating FC Barcelona 4-0 in the final. Capello then spent a single season at Madrid before returning to Milan.

Two seasons and another league championship later, Capello's next stop was Roma, who had won Serie A just twice before. In 2000, he splashed out on Gabriel Batistuta, and the Argentinian legend's goals helped bring the title back to the Italian capital. With the club suffering from financial difficulties, Capello left for Juventus in May 2004 and immediately snapped up Emerson, Fabio Cannavaro and Zlatan Ibrahimović, each of whom played key roles in Juve's league triumph last season.

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All-time statistics

Head-to-head record

Date	Comp.	Stage	Match	Res	Venue
09.04.1980	UCWC	SF	Arsenal FC - Juventus	1-1	London
23.04.1980	UCWC	SF	Juventus - Arsenal FC	0-1	Turin
04.12.2001	UCL	GS2	Arsenal FC - Juventus	3-1	London
20.03.2002	UCL	GS2	Juventus - Arsenal FC	1-0	Turin

Overall record

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
Arsenal FC	4	2	1	1	5	3
Juventus	4	1	1	2	3	5

Home team's record versus clubs from the away team's country

Date	Comp.	Stage	Match	Res	Venue
09.04.1980	UCWC	SF	Arsenal FC - Juventus	1-1	London
23.04.1980	UCWC	SF	Juventus - Arsenal FC	0-1	Turin
02.03.1994	UCWC	QF	Torino Calcio - Arsenal FC	0-0	Turin
15.03.1994	UCWC	QF	Arsenal FC - Torino Calcio	1-0	London
04.05.1994	UCWC	F	Arsenal FC - Parma FC	1-0	Copenhagen
01.02.1995	SCUP	F	Arsenal FC - AC Milan	0-0	London
08.02.1995	SCUP	F	AC Milan - Arsenal FC	2-0	Milan
06.04.1995	UCWC	SF	Arsenal FC - UC Sampdoria	3-2	London
20.04.1995	UCWC	SF	UC Sampdoria - Arsenal FC	3-2*(2-3)	Genoa
14.09.1999	UCL	GS1	ACF Fiorentina - Arsenal FC	0-0	Florence
27.10.1999	UCL	GS1	Arsenal FC - ACF Fiorentina	0-1	London
27.09.2000	UCL	GS1	Arsenal FC - S.S. Lazio	2-0	London
17.10.2000	UCL	GS1	S.S. Lazio - Arsenal FC	1-1	Rome
04.12.2001	UCL	GS2	Arsenal FC - Juventus	3-1	London
20.03.2002	UCL	GS2	Juventus - Arsenal FC	1-0	Turin
27.11.2002	UCL	GS2	AS Roma - Arsenal FC	1-3	Rome
11.03.2003	UCL	GS2	Arsenal FC - AS Roma	1-1	London
17.09.2003	UCL	GS1	Arsenal FC - FC Internazionale Milano	0-3	London
25.11.2003	UCL	GS1	FC Internazionale Milano - Arsenal FC	1-5	Milan

Overall record

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
Arsenal FC	19	8	7	4	24	18

Away team's record versus clubs from the home team's country

Date	Comp.	Stage	Match	Res	Venue
29.09.1965	UCWC	PR	Juventus - Liverpool FC	1-0	Turin
13.10.1965	UCWC	PR	Liverpool FC - Juventus	2-0	Liverpool
07.03.1972	UCUP	QF	Juventus - Wolverhampton Wanderers FC	1-1	Turin
22.03.1972	UCUP	QF	Wolverhampton Wanderers FC - Juventus	2-1	Wolverhampton
11.04.1973	UCL	SF	Juventus - Derby County FC	3-1	Turin
25.04.1973	UCL	SF	Derby County FC - Juventus	0-0	Derby
15.09.1976	UCUP	R1	Manchester City FC - Juventus	1-0	Manchester
29.09.1976	UCUP	R1	Juventus - Manchester City FC	2-0	Turin
20.10.1976	UCUP	R2	Manchester United FC - Juventus	1-0	Manchester
03.11.1976	UCUP	R2	Juventus - Manchester United FC	3-0	Turin

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Date	Comp.	Stage	Match	Res	Venue
09.04.1980	UCWC	SF	Arsenal FC - Juventus	1-1	London
23.04.1980	UCWC	SF	Juventus - Arsenal FC	0-1	Turin
02.03.1983	UCL	QF	Aston Villa FC - Juventus	1-2	Birmingham
16.03.1983	UCL	QF	Juventus - Aston Villa FC	3-1	Turin
11.04.1984	UCWC	SF	Manchester United FC - Juventus	1-1	Manchester
25.04.1984	UCWC	SF	Juventus - Manchester United FC	2-1	Turin
16.01.1985	SCUP	F	Juventus - Liverpool FC	2-0	
29.05.1985	UCL	F	Juventus - Liverpool FC	1-0	Brussels
11.09.1996	UCL	GS	Juventus - Manchester United FC	1-0	Turin
20.11.1996	UCL	GS	Manchester United FC - Juventus	0-1	Manchester
01.10.1997	UCL	GS	Manchester United FC - Juventus	3-2	Manchester
10.12.1997	UCL	GS	Juventus - Manchester United FC	1-0	Turin
07.04.1999	UCL	SF	Manchester United FC - Juventus	1-1	Manchester
21.04.1999	UCL	SF	Juventus - Manchester United FC	2-3	Turin
04.12.2001	UCL	GS2	Arsenal FC - Juventus	3-1	London
20.03.2002	UCL	GS2	Juventus - Arsenal FC	1-0	Turin
01.10.2002	UCL	GS1	Juventus - Newcastle United FC	2-0	Turin
23.10.2002	UCL	GS1	Newcastle United FC - Juventus	1-0	Newcastle
19.02.2003	UCL	GS2	Manchester United FC - Juventus	2-1	Manchester
25.02.2003	UCL	GS2	Juventus - Manchester United FC	0-3	Turin
05.04.2005	UCL	QF	Liverpool FC - Juventus	2-1	Liverpool
13.04.2005	UCL	QF	Juventus - Liverpool FC	0-0	Turin

Overall record

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
Juventus	32	14	6	12	37	32

UEFA club competition record

Arsenal FC

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
European Champions Clubs' Cup / UEFA Champions League	86	39	22	25	129	93
UEFA Cup Winners' Cup	27	15	10	2	48	20
UEFA Cup	25	12	4	9	45	32
UEFA Super Cup	2	0	1	1	0	2
UEFA Intertoto Cup	0	0	0	0	0	0
European/South American Cup	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	140	66	37	37	222	147

Juventus

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
European Champions Clubs' Cup / UEFA Champions League	183	94	41	48	306	184
UEFA Cup Winners' Cup	27	17	5	5	53	19
UEFA Cup	98	64	11	23	200	83
UEFA Super Cup	3	3	0	0	11	2
UEFA Intertoto Cup	6	3	3	0	14	4
European/South American Cup	3	1	1	1	3	3
Total	320	182	61	77	587	295

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UEFA Champions League (group stage to final only) record

Arsenal FC

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
UEFA Champions League	76	34	21	21	108	83

Juventus

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
UEFA Champions League	104	52	25	27	176	110

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Squad list

Arsenal FC

No	Player	Nat.	DoB	Current Season				All-time					
				UCLQ		UCL		League		UCL		UEFA	
				Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers													
1	Jens Lehmann	GER	10.11.69	-	-	3	-	30	-	44	-	80	-
21	Mart Poom	EST	03.02.72	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
24	Manuel Almunia	ESP	19.05.77	-	-	5	-	-	-	6	-	6	-
39	Mark Howard	ENG	21.09.86	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
40	Michael Jordan	ENG	07.04.86	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
42	Vito Mannone	ITA	02.03.88	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders													
3	Ashley Cole	ENG	20.12.80	-	-	2	-	8	-	44	1	44	1
12	Lauren	CMR	19.01.77	-	-	6	-	22	-	53	1	72	2
18	Pascal Cygan	FRA	29.04.74	-	-	3	-	12	2	25	-	30	-
20	Philippe Senderos	SUI	14.02.85	-	-	4	-	16	2	5	-	7	-
22	Gaël Clichy	FRA	26.07.85	-	-	3	-	6	-	6	-	6	-
23	Sol Campbell	ENG	18.09.74	-	-	4	-	16	2	37	-	39	-
27	Emmanuel Eboué	CIV	04.06.83	-	-	6	-	10	-	6	-	13	-
28	Kolo Touré	CIV	19.03.81	-	-	7	-	25	-	32	1	32	1
34	Matthew Connolly	ENG	24.09.87	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
36	Johan Djourou	SUI	18.01.87	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-
38	Kerrea Gilbert	ENG	28.02.87	-	-	1	-	2	-	1	-	1	-
Midfielders													
2	Abou Diaby	FRA	11.05.86	-	-	1	-	6	-	1	-	5	-
7	Robert Pirès	FRA	29.10.73	-	-	7	2	26	5	69	13	93	16
8	Fredrik Ljungberg	SWE	16.04.77	-	-	5	1	21	-	56	13	78	15
13	Aleksandr Hleb	BLS	01.05.81	-	-	5	-	20	2	13	-	38	4
15	Cesc Fabregas	ESP	04.05.87	-	-	8	-	29	2	13	1	13	1
16	Mathieu Flamini	FRA	07.03.84	-	-	7	-	26	-	11	-	20	-
17	Alexandre Song	CMR	09.09.87	-	-	2	-	2	-	2	-	2	-
19	Gilberto	BRA	07.10.76	-	-	5	1	27	2	26	3	26	3
29	Sebastian Larsson	SWE	06.06.85	-	-	1	-	3	-	1	-	1	-
43	Ryan Smith	ENG	10.11.86	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
44	Fabrice Muamba	ENG	06.04.88	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Forwards													
9	José Antonio Reyes	ESP	01.09.83	-	-	8	-	20	3	20	2	20	2
10	Dennis Bergkamp	NED	10.05.69	-	-	3	1	21	1	39	7	93	30
11	Robin van Persie	NED	06.08.83	-	-	5	2	16	4	13	3	23	3
14	Thierry Henry	FRA	17.08.77	-	-	6	4	24	19	74	40	98	48
32	Theo Walcott	ENG	16.03.89	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
33	Nicklas Bendtner	DEN	16.01.88	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
41	Arturo Lupoli	ITA	24.06.87	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Coach													
	Arsène Wenger	FRA	22.10.49	-	-	8	-	-	-	83	-	122	-

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Squad list

Juventus

No	Player	Nat.	DoB	Current Season				All-time					
				UCLQ		UCL		League		UCL		UEFA	
				Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers													
1	Gianluigi Buffon	ITA	28.01.78	-	-	2	-	13	-	48	-	80	-
22	Landry Bonnefoi	FRA	20.09.83	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
32	Christian Abbiati	ITA	08.07.77	-	-	6	-	16	-	24	-	38	-
43	Claudio Scarzanella	ITA	12.03.86	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders													
2	Alessandro Birindelli	ITA	12.11.74	-	-	-	-	-	-	52	3	66	3
3	Giorgio Chiellini	ITA	14.08.84	-	-	4	-	15	-	4	-	4	-
6	Robert Kova	CRO	06.04.74	-	-	3	-	12	1	49	-	59	1
7	Gianluca Pessotto	ITA	11.08.70	-	-	2	-	10	-	68	-	80	-
14	Federico Balzaretto	ITA	06.12.81	-	-	3	-	14	-	3	-	3	-
15	Domenico Criscito	ITA	30.12.86	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
21	Lilian Thuram	FRA	01.01.72	-	-	7	-	25	-	56	1	102	1
27	Jonathan Zebina	FRA	19.07.78	-	-	1	-	6	-	25	-	36	-
28	Fabio Cannavaro	ITA	13.09.73	-	-	7	-	30	3	38	1	87	2
Midfielders													
4	Patrick Vieira	FRA	23.06.76	-	-	6	-	25	4	63	2	83	3
8	Emerson	BRA	04.04.76	-	-	7	1	29	2	51	8	69	11
11	Pavel Nedved	CZE	30.08.72	-	-	7	2	26	4	66	15	109	29
16	Mauro Camoranesi	ITA	04.10.76	-	-	8	-	29	3	34	2	34	2
19	Gianluca Zambrotta	ITA	19.02.77	-	-	6	-	25	-	43	-	57	2
20	Manuele Blasi	ITA	17.08.80	-	-	5	-	10	-	11	-	18	-
23	Giuliano Giannichedda	ITA	21.09.74	-	-	4	-	11	-	10	-	43	-
24	Ruben Olivera	URU	04.05.83	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	10	-
Forwards													
9	Zlatan Ibrahimovi	SWE	03.10.81	-	-	7	3	28	6	36	9	44	12
10	Alessandro Del Piero	ITA	09.11.74	-	-	7	3	27	10	79	37	106	45
17	David Trezeguet	FRA	15.10.77	-	-	7	6	27	20	49	28	63	35
18	Adrian Mutu	ROM	08.01.79	-	-	6	1	26	6	13	2	27	13
25	Marcelo Zalayeta	URU	05.12.78	-	-	4	-	13	1	27	6	29	6
Coach													
	Fabio Capello	ITA	18.06.46	-	-	8	-	-	-	44	-	92	-

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Bookings list

Arsenal FC

No	Player	Matchday						KO1		QF		SF		F
		1	2	3	4	5	6	1st	2nd	1st	2nd	1st	2nd	
1	Jens Lehmann	S	S											
9	José Antonio Reyes					Y		Y		*				
11	Robin van Persie	R	S	Y										
12	Lauren					Y								
13	Aleksandr Hleb						Y							
14	Thierry Henry								Y					
15	Cesc Fabregas							Y						
16	Mathieu Flamini						Y							
18	Pascal Cygan					Y								
22	Gaël Clichy			Y										
24	Manuel Almunia		Y											
28	Kolo Abib Touré	Y	Y							*				

Juventus

No	Player	Matchday						KO1		QF		SF		F
		1	2	3	4	5	6	1st	2nd	1st	2nd	1st	2nd	
4	Patrick Vieira	R	S		Y			Y		*				
6	Robert Kova	Y			Y					*				
9	Zlatan Ibrahimović				R	S								
10	Alessandro Del Piero								Y					
11	Pavel Nedvěd	Y						Y	Y	S				
14	Federico Balzaretti							Y						
16	Mauro Camoranesi				Y		Y			*				
17	David Trezeguet							Y						
19	Gianluca Zambrotta					Y								
21	Lilian Thuram			Y			Y			*				
23	Giuliano Giannichedda			Y										

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Player statistics

Arsenal FC

No. Player	Matchday						KO1		QF		SF		F	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	1st	2nd	1st	2nd	1st	2nd		
Goalkeepers														
1	Jens Lehmann	-	-	90	-	-	-	90	90	-	-	-	-	-
21	Mart Poom	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
24	Manuel Almunia	90	90	-	90	90	90	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
39	Mark Howard	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
40	Michael Jordan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
42	Vito Mannone	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders														
3	Ashley Cole	90	90	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
12	Lauren	90	90	90	90	23(+)	73(-)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
18	Pascal Cygan	-	1(+)	90	-	67(-)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20	Philippe Senderos	-	-	-	-	90	90	90	90	-	-	-	-	-
22	Gaël Clichy	-	2(+)	90	90	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
23	Sol Campbell	90	90	-	90	90	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
27	Emmanuel Eboué	-	-	17(+)	7(+)	90	90	90	90	-	-	-	-	-
28	Kolo Touré	90	90	90	90	-	90	90	90	-	-	-	-	-
34	Matthew Connolly	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
36	Johan Djourou	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
38	Kerrea Gilbert	-	-	-	-	-	17(+)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Midfielders														
2	Abou Diaby	-	-	-	-	-	-	10(+)	-	-	-	-	-	-
7	Robert Pirès	90	88(-)	90	73(-)	19(+)	-	14(+)	22(+)	-	-	-	-	-
8	Fredrik Ljungberg	81(-)	90	-	-	90	-	90	90	-	-	-	-	-
13	Aleksandr Hleb	9(+)	89(-)	-	-	-	62(-)	76(-)	87(-)	-	-	-	-	-
15	Cesc Fabregas	73(-)	90	89(-)	17(+)	33(+)	28(+)	89(-)	90	-	-	-	-	-
16	Mathieu Flamini	-	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	-	-	-	-	-
17	Alexandre Song	-	-	-	-	57(-)	-	1(+)	-	-	-	-	-	-
19	Gilberto	90	-	90	90	-	-	90	90	-	-	-	-	-
29	Sebastian Larsson	-	-	-	-	-	90	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
43	Ryan Smith	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
44	Fabrice Muamba	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Forwards														
9	José Antonio Reyes	81(-)	81(-)	15(-)	83(-)	90	65(-)	80(-)	68(-)	-	-	-	-	-
10	Dennis Bergkamp	17(+)	-	-	90	-	-	-	3(+)	-	-	-	-	-
11	Robin van Persie	45	-	73(-)	24(+)	90	25(+)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
14	Thierry Henry	-	-	75(+)	66(-)	71(-)	90	90	90	-	-	-	-	-
32	Theo Walcott	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
33	Nicklas Bendtner	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
41	Arturo Lupoli	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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Juventus

No. Player	Matchday						KO1		QF		SF		F
	1	2	3	4	5	6	1st	2nd	1st	2nd	1st	2nd	
Goalkeepers													
1	Gianluigi Buffon						90	90	-	-	-	-	-
22	Landry Bonnefoi						-	-	-	-	-	-	-
32	Christian Abbiati						90	90	90	90	90	90	-
43	Claudio Scarzanella						-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders													
2	Alessandro Birindelli						-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3	Giorgio Chiellini						-	-	44(+)	90	90	90	-
6	Robert Kova						90	-	-	58(-)	-	90	-
7	Gianluca Pessotto						-	90	-	-	-	29(+)	-
14	Federico Balzaretti						-	-	-	-	-	90	20(+)
15	Domenico Criscito						-	-	-	-	-	-	-
21	Lilian Thuram						-	90	90	90	90	90	90
27	Jonathan Zebina						-	-	-	-	-	90	-
28	Fabio Cannavaro						90	90	90	90	90	-	90
Midfielders													
4	Patrick Vieira						89	-	-	90	90	90	90
8	Emerson						90	90	90	90	90	-	90
11	Pavel Nedv d						90	90	90	44(+)	90	-	90
16	Mauro Camoranesi						89(-)	65(-)	46(-)	18(+)	81(-)	78(-)	74(-)
19	Gianluca Zambrotta						90	90	90	90	90	-	70(-)
20	Manuele Blasi						90	6(+)	46(-)	-	-	90	90
23	Giuliano Giannichedda						1(+)	84(-)	90	-	-	12(+)	-
24	Ruben Olivera						-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Forwards													
9	Zlatan Ibrahimovi						90	90	90	90	-	46(-)	59(-)
10	Alessandro Del Piero						-	30(+)	44(+)	46(-)	90	90	31(+)
17	David Trezeguet						89(-)	60(-)	66(-)	90	84(-)	-	90
18	Adrian Mutu						-	25(+)	24(+)	14(+)	9(+)	61(-)	-
25	Marcelo Zalayeta						1(+)	-	-	-	6(+)	44(+)	16(+)

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Match officials

Referee	Peter Fröjdfeldt (SWE)
Assistant referees	Kenneth Petersson (SWE), Stefan Wittberg (SWE)
Fourth official	Martin Ingvarsson (SWE)
UEFA Delegate	Svein Johannessen (NOR)
UEFA Referee observer	Jozef Marko (SVK)
UEFA Media Officer	Kjell Borgersen (NOR)

Referee

Name	Nat.	DoB	UCL	UEFA
Peter Fröjdfeldt	SWE	14.11.1963	6	19

Peter Fröjdfeldt has made a good impression since his elevation to join Europe's list of referees.

Fröjdfeldt, based in Eskilstuna, was born on 14 November 1963. He reached the higher Swedish levels in the mid-1990s, made his top-flight bow in 1997, and has now comfortably passed the 100-match mark in the élite Swedish domestic game. His FIFA international badge followed at the start of 2001.

Early years of picking up experience was followed by his UEFA Champions League debut in September 2003 (FC Dynamo Kyiv versus FC Lokomotiv Moskva), while two UEFA Cup assignments followed during the 2003/04 season.

Fröjdfeldt's promotion to Elite status came in January 2005, and last season he took charge of two UEFA Champions League, three UEFA Cup and three FIFA World Cup matches, and has continued as a regular referee in the premier club competitions, also officiating in the October 2005 World Cup qualifier between Portugal and Latvia.

Back in Sweden, Fröjdfeldt has become the main man in the middle following Anders Frisk's decision to quit the game and - as well as taking charge of the Stockholm derby in 2004 between AIK Solna and Hammarby and the derby which saw Örgryte IS take on IFK Göteborg - he was also awarded the end of season play-off between the top two sides Djurgårdens IF and Malmö FF, further proof that he has established himself as Sweden's top referee.

UEFA Champions League matches involving teams from the two countries involved in this match

Date	Comp.	Stage	Match	Res	Venue
14.03.2006	UCL	1/8	FC Internazionale Milano-AFC Ajax	1-0	Milan

UEFA Champions League Other matches

Date	Comp.	Stage	Match	Res	Venue
17.09.2003	UCL	GS1	FC Dynamo Kyiv-FC Lokomotiv Moskva	2-0	Kiev
10.08.2004	UCL	QR3	SL Benfica-RSC Anderlecht	1-0	Lisbon
07.12.2004	UCL	GS	Panathinaikos FC-PSV Eindhoven	4-1	Athens
10.08.2005	UCL	QR3	FC Artmedia-FK Partizan	0-0	Bratislava
27.09.2005	UCL	GS	LOSC Lille Métropole-Villarreal CF	0-0	Paris
01.11.2005	UCL	GS	Olympiacos CFP-Olympique Lyonnais	1-4	Athens
07.12.2005	UCL	GS	Werder Bremen-Panathinaikos FC	5-1	Bremen

Other matches

Date	Comp.	Stage	Match	Res	Venue
23.03.2001	U21	QR	Ukraine-Belarus	1-0	Kiev
14.07.2001	UIC	R3	VfL Wolfsburg-FC Dinamo Minsk	4-3	Wolfsburg
23.08.2001	UCUP	QR	FC Belshina Bobruisk-MFK Ružomberok	0-0	Minsk
11.09.2001	UCUP	R1	FK Matador Púchov-SC Freiburg	0-0	Puchov

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Date	Comp.	Stage	Match	Res	Venue
14.10.2001	U19	PR	Northern Ireland-Slovakia	1-1	Eschen
16.10.2001	U19	PR	Liechtenstein-Northern Ireland	0-1	Vaduz
27.03.2002	FRIE.	R1	Estonia-Russia	2-1	Tallinn
15.08.2002	UCUP	QR	FK Ventspils-FC Lugano	3-0	Ventspils
16.10.2002	U21	QR	Czech Republic-Belarus	3-0	Liberec
31.10.2002	UCUP	R2	AC Sparta Praha-Denizlispor	1-0	Prague
30.04.2003	FRIE.	R1	Finland-Iceland	3-0	Vantaa
11.06.2003	EURO	QR	Austria-Belarus	5-0	Innsbruck
12.08.2003	UIC	F	SC Heerenveen-Villarreal CF	1-2	Heerenveen
27.11.2003	UCUP	R2	Groclin Grodzisk Wielkopolski-Manchester City FC	0-0	Grodzisk Wielkopolski
18.02.2004	FRIE.	R1	Croatia-Germany	1-2	Split
03.03.2004	UCUP	R3	PFC Levski Sofia-Liverpool FC	2-4	Sofia
16.09.2004	UCUP	R1	FC Zenit St. Petersburg-FK Crvena Zvezda	4-0	St Petersburg
09.10.2004	WC	QR	FYR Macedonia-Netherlands	2-2	Skopje
17.11.2004	WC	QR	Belgium-Serbia-Montenegro	0-2	Brussels
09.02.2005	FRIE.	R1	England-Netherlands	0-0	Birmingham
10.03.2005	UCUP	1/8	FK Austria Wien-Real Zaragoza	1-1	Vienna
26.03.2005	WC	QR	Estonia-Slovakia	1-2	Tallinn
30.03.2005	WC	QR	Poland-Northern Ireland	1-0	Warsaw
14.04.2005	UCUP	QF	Sporting Clube de Portugal-Newcastle United FC	4-1	Lisbon
08.06.2005	WC	QR	Denmark-Albania	3-1	Copenhagen
12.10.2005	WC	QR	Portugal-Latvia	3-0	Porto

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Domestic news

Arsenal FC's hopes of building on their fine recent run were hindered by the weather in England, but there was frustration of a different kind for Tuesday's UEFA Champions League opponents Juventus, who conceded a late equaliser against AS Roma.

Portsmouth FC - **Arsenal FC** (postponed)

Arsenal go into the quarter-final first leg well rested after Saturday's Premiership fixture was postponed as heavy rain made the Fratton Park pitch unplayable. The decision was nevertheless a disappointment for Arsène Wenger's team, who had hoped to capitalise on a rich vein of form to keep the pressure on north London rivals Tottenham Hotspur FC in the race for fourth place. Impressive home wins against Liverpool FC and Charlton Athletic FC had seen them hit their stride but the side will now go into the game against Juve having not played for ten days.

Sol Campbell has, however, as the England defender came through a reserve-team victory against Charlton on 20 March unscathed following a two-month layoff with an ankle injury. Robin van Persie also played as he continues his recovery from a broken toe but the pair remain doubtful for Tuesday, as do José Antonio Reyes (ankle) and Fredrik Ljungberg (calf). Arsenal also have no fewer than five defenders sidelined, including Ashley Cole (ankle) and Lauren (knee), but manager Wenger is concentrating on the return of former captain Patrick Vieira, who joined Juve last summer. "He is so strong and dominating," Wenger said. "Whatever anyone says, there weren't dozens of players of that calibre playing in Europe - there still aren't."

Juventus 1-1 AS Roma

Ten-man Juve's lead at the Serie A summit was shorn to eight points as their stubborn rearguard were finally breached with five minutes remaining at the Stadio Delle Alpi on Saturday. Emerson gave the home team a 35th-minute lead in Turin, heading in a Mauro Camoranesi corner, but they looked to be up against it when Pavel Nedved was shown a second yellow card just before the interval. It is the latest disciplinary problem for the Czech Republic midfielder, who is suspended on Tuesday, but in the short term coach Fabio Capello had to reshuffle a side that had already lost Alessandro Del Piero, who limped off holding his thigh and was later ruled out of the midweek game.

The club captain had replaced David Trezeguet in the starting lineup, and although the Frenchman came on to partner Zlatan Ibrahimović he was himself replaced at half-time as Juve hung on to their lead. Houssine Kharja eventually denied them victory with five minutes remaining and coach Fabio Capello, who was without right-back Jonathan Zebina due to a toe injury, was left to rue a hard game, saying: "We played much better when we were down to ten men but I'm not happy because we spent so much energy while Arsenal did not even play."

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Domestic league details

Arsenal FC (Premiership)

Date	Opponent	Res	Lineups
04.03.2006	v Fulham FC (A)	4-0	Lehmann, Eboué, Touré, Senderos, Flamini, Ljungberg, Diaby, Gilberto, Hleb (Fabregas 79), Adebayor (Bergkamp 72), Henry (Reyes 84)
12.03.2006	v Liverpool FC (H)	2-1	Lehmann, Eboué, Touré, Senderos, Flamini, Hleb, Fabregas, Gilberto, Ljungberg (Pirès 15), Adebayor (Bergkamp 67), Henry
18.03.2006	v Charlton Athletic FC (H)	3-0	Lehmann, Eboué, Touré, Senderos, Flamini, Hleb (Van Persie 68), Fabregas (Song 78), Gilberto, Pirès, Henry, Adebayor (Bergkamp 68)

Date	Opponent	Res	Goalscorers
14.08.2005	v Newcastle United FC (H)	2-0	Henry (pen), Van Persie
21.08.2005	v Chelsea FC (A)	0-1	
24.08.2005	v Fulham FC (H)	4-1	Henry (2), Cygan (2)
10.09.2005	v Middlesbrough FC (A)	1-2	Reyes
19.09.2005	v Everton FC (H)	2-0	Campbell (2)
24.09.2005	v West Ham United FC (A)	0-0	
02.10.2005	v Birmingham City FC (H)	1-0	Own goal
15.10.2005	v West Bromwich Albion FC (A)	1-2	Senderos
22.10.2005	v Manchester City FC (H)	1-0	Pirès (pen)
29.10.2005	v Tottenham Hotspur FC (A)	1-1	Pirès
05.11.2005	v Sunderland AFC (H)	3-1	Henry (2), Van Persie
19.11.2005	v Wigan Athletic FC (A)	3-2	Henry (2), Van Persie
26.11.2005	v Blackburn Rovers FC (H)	3-0	Fabregas, Van Persie, Henry
03.12.2005	v Bolton Wanderers FC (A)	0-2	
10.12.2005	v Newcastle United FC (A)	0-1	
18.12.2005	v Chelsea FC (H)	0-2	
26.12.2005	v Charlton Athletic FC (A)	1-0	Reyes
28.12.2005	v Portsmouth FC (H)	4-0	Bergkamp, Henry (pen), Reyes, Henry
31.12.2005	v Aston Villa FC (A)	0-0	
03.01.2006	v Manchester United FC (H)	0-0	
14.01.2006	v Middlesbrough FC (H)	7-0	Henry (3), Hleb, Senderos, Pirès, Gilberto
21.01.2006	v Everton FC (A)	0-1	
01.02.2006	v West Ham United FC (H)	2-3	Pirès, Henry
04.02.2006	v Birmingham City FC (A)	2-0	Adebayor, Henry
11.02.2006	v Bolton Wanderers FC (H)	1-1	Gilberto
14.02.2006	v Liverpool FC (A)	0-1	
25.02.2006	v Blackburn Rovers FC (A)	0-1	
04.03.2006	v Fulham FC (A)	4-0	Adebayor, Henry (2), Fabregas
12.03.2006	v Liverpool FC (H)	2-1	Henry (2)
18.03.2006	v Charlton Athletic FC (H)	3-0	Hleb, Adebayor, Pirès
01.04.2006	v Aston Villa FC (H)		
09.04.2006	v Manchester United FC (A)		
15.04.2006	v West Bromwich Albion FC (H)		
17.04.2006	v Manchester City FC (A)		
22.04.2006	v Tottenham Hotspur FC (H)		

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Rank	Clubs	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1	Chelsea FC	31	25	3	3	60	19	78
2	Manchester United FC	30	20	6	4	61	29	66
3	Liverpool FC	32	19	7	6	45	22	64
4	Tottenham Hotspur FC	30	14	10	6	43	28	52
5	Blackburn Rovers FC	31	16	4	11	42	36	52
6	Arsenal FC	30	15	5	10	48	23	50
7	Bolton Wanderers FC	29	13	9	7	42	32	48
8	Wigan Athletic FC	31	14	4	13	36	38	46
9	West Ham United FC	30	13	6	11	46	45	45
10	Everton FC	31	13	4	14	29	41	43
11	Charlton Athletic FC	31	12	6	13	37	42	42
12	Manchester City FC	31	12	4	15	39	37	40
13	Newcastle United FC	31	11	6	14	31	38	39
14	Middlesbrough FC	30	10	7	13	43	52	37
15	Fulham FC	32	10	6	16	40	51	36
16	Aston Villa FC	31	8	11	12	34	41	35
17	West Bromwich Albion FC	30	7	6	17	27	45	27
18	Birmingham City FC	30	6	6	18	23	44	24
19	Portsmouth FC	30	6	6	18	24	51	24
20	Sunderland AFC	31	2	4	25	19	55	10

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Domestic league details

Juventus (Serie A)

Date	Opponent	Res	Lineups
12.03.2006	v AC Milan (H)	0-0	Buffon, Zebina, Thuram, Cannavaro, Chiellini, Mutu, Vieira, Emerson, Nedv d, Ibrahimovi (Del Piero 46), Trezeguet
18.03.2006	v AS Livorno Calcio (A)	3-1	Buffon, Zebina (Pessotto 85), Thuram, Cannavaro, Balzaretto, Camoranesi (Mutu 60), Emerson, Giannichedda, Nedv d, Trezeguet (Ibrahimovi 65), Del Piero
25.03.2006	v AS Roma (H)	1-1	Buffon, Thuram, Cannavaro, Chiellini (Mutu 89), Camoranesi, Zambrotta, Emerson, Vieira, Nedv d, Ibrahimovi , Del Piero (Trezeguet 16, Balzaretto 46)

Date	Opponent	Res	Goalscorers
28.08.2005	v AC Chievo Verona (H)	1-0	Trezeguet
11.09.2005	v Empoli FC (A)	4-0	Vieira, Camoranesi, Trezeguet (2)
18.09.2005	v Ascoli Calcio 1898 (H)	2-1	Del Piero, Del Piero (pen)
21.09.2005	v Udinese Calcio (A)	1-0	Vieira
24.09.2005	v Parma FC (A)	2-1	Vieira, Camoranesi
02.10.2005	v FC Internazionale Milano (H)	2-0	Nedv d, Trezeguet
15.10.2005	v FC Messina Peloro (H)	1-0	Del Piero
23.10.2005	v US Lecce (A)	3-0	Zalayeta, Mutu, Ibrahimovi
26.10.2005	v UC Sampdoria (H)	2-0	Trezeguet, Mutu
29.10.2005	v AC Milan (A)	1-3	Trezeguet
06.11.2005	v AS Livorno Calcio (H)	3-0	Del Piero, Trezeguet, Ibrahimovi
19.11.2005	v AS Roma (A)	4-1	Trezeguet (2), Nedv d, Ibrahimovi
27.11.2005	v Treviso FC (H)	3-1	Del Piero, Trezeguet, Mutu
04.12.2005	v ACF Fiorentina (A)	2-1	Trezeguet, Camoranesi
11.12.2005	v Cagliari Calcio (H)	4-0	Nedv d, Own goal, Trezeguet (2)
17.12.2005	v S.S. Lazio (A)	1-1	Trezeguet
21.12.2005	v AC Siena (H)	2-0	Trezeguet, Cannavaro
07.01.2006	v US Città di Palermo (A)	2-1	Mutu (2)
15.01.2006	v Reggina Calcio (H)	1-0	Del Piero
18.01.2006	v AC Chievo Verona (A)	1-1	Vieira
22.01.2006	v Empoli FC (H)	2-1	Cannavaro (2)
29.01.2006	v Ascoli Calcio 1898 (A)	3-1	Trezeguet (3)
05.02.2006	v Udinese Calcio (H)	1-0	Del Piero
08.02.2006	v Parma FC (H)	1-1	Ibrahimovi
12.02.2006	v FC Internazionale Milano (A)	2-1	Del Piero, Ibrahimovi
18.02.2006	v FC Messina Peloro (A)	2-2	Mutu (pen), Ibrahimovi
26.02.2006	v US Lecce (H)	3-1	Robert Kova , Emerson, Del Piero (pen)
04.03.2006	v UC Sampdoria (A)	1-0	Nedv d
12.03.2006	v AC Milan (H)	0-0	
18.03.2006	v AS Livorno Calcio (A)	3-1	Trezeguet (2), Del Piero
25.03.2006	v AS Roma (H)	1-1	Emerson
01.04.2006	v Treviso FC (A)		
09.04.2006	v ACF Fiorentina (H)		
15.04.2006	v Cagliari Calcio (A)		
23.04.2006	v S.S. Lazio (H)		
30.04.2006	v AC Siena (A)		

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1	Juventus	31	24	6	1	61	20	78
2	AC Milan	31	22	4	5	70	25	70
3	FC Internazionale Milano	31	20	5	6	56	24	65
4	ACF Fiorentina	31	18	6	7	52	34	60
5	AS Roma	31	17	8	6	57	31	59
6	AC Chievo Verona	31	11	12	8	44	37	45
7	S.S. Lazio	31	11	12	8	41	39	45
8	AS Livorno Calcio	31	11	11	9	32	34	44
9	US Città di Palermo	31	11	10	10	41	42	43
10	Parma FC	31	10	8	13	36	49	38
11	Ascoli Calcio 1898	31	8	13	10	34	39	37
12	UC Sampdoria	31	10	7	14	42	42	37
13	AC Siena	31	9	8	14	36	49	35
14	Reggina Calcio	31	9	7	15	31	49	34
15	Empoli FC	31	9	5	17	34	52	32
16	Cagliari Calcio	31	7	10	14	32	45	31
17	Udinese Calcio	31	7	8	16	29	49	29
18	FC Messina Peloro	31	5	13	13	29	43	28
19	US Lecce	31	5	6	20	23	49	21
20	Treviso FC	31	2	9	20	17	45	15

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General competition information

UEFA's most prestigious club competition was originally created as the European Champion Clubs' Cup for the 1955/56 season, before its revamping as the UEFA Champions League in 1992.

- **Financial information:** UEFA has estimated that the gross budgeted income for the 2005/06 UEFA Champions League will be €598m - higher than the revenue obtained last season. Based on those amounts, €453m would go to the 32 clubs, including €22.5m for the professional leagues of the participating associations, and €145m to UEFA for European football. Clubs in the group stage will receive a starting fee of €1.6m and a bonus of €321,000 per match. Performance bonuses will involve €321,000 for a win and €161,000 for a draw in the group stage. The 16 teams playing in the first knockout round will receive €1.6m each, the eight quarter-finalists €1.9m each and the four semi-finalists €2.6m. The Champions League winners will receive €6.4m, and the runners-up €3.9m. This means that a total minimum amount of €3.5m per club is guaranteed for the group stage. A club could receive, at best, up to €18m, not counting the TV market pool share and gate receipts.
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UEFA information

UEFA's Executive Committee approved the regulations for next season's UEFA Champions League at its two-day meeting prior to the XXX Ordinary UEFA Congress in Budapest on Thursday. It also approved the competition's financial distribution model for the period 2006-09, which will be based on the same principles currently being applied.

This entails 75 per cent for the clubs and 25 per cent for European football (solidarity payments, organisational cost and UEFA share) up to an amount of €530m, then 82 per cent for the clubs and 18 per cent for UEFA above the said revenue. From the gross club share, five per cent is redistributed to the leagues of the 32 teams involved in the UEFA Champions League, and the net club share is divided 50-50 between fixed amounts and market pool.

It was agreed that any surplus over the projected overall gross revenue of €750m, would first be allocated to fund an increase in the solidarity amount of around €10m for the clubs eliminated in the qualifying phase of the UEFA Champions League. "We are, in principle, keeping the same model as before," UEFA CEO Lars-Christer Olsson said, "but there is one very important new element which has also been agreed with the clubs in the European Club Forum and the [UEFA Club Competitions] Committee. That is to increase the support for those clubs who are playing qualification rounds and not qualifying for the last phase [of the UEFA Champions League and UEFA Cup]."

In a subsequent report to the Congress, UEFA's Executive Committee said that while there is much for European football to be happy about, a number of elements within the game were giving cause for concern. UEFA's supreme executive body said efforts to strike a balance between sporting and economic aspects could only be successful if the stable foundations on which football is based were protected. At the end of Congress, UEFA's 52 member associations adopted a resolution in relation to recent developments concerning European football and its competitions. The resolution concerned issues such as UEFA's core principles and beliefs, the release of players for national teams and challenges to this rule, and solidarity and sporting values within European football.

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Legend

:: All-time statistics

The all-time record of the competing clubs in UEFA club competition.

UEFA club competitions: These are the official statistics considered valid for communicating official records in UEFA club competitions defined as the European Champion Clubs' Cup, the UEFA Champions League, the UEFA Cup Winners' Cup, the UEFA Cup, the UEFA Super Cup (from the 1973 competition), the UEFA Intertoto Cup and the European/South American Cup. The Inter-Cities Fairs Cup is not regarded as a UEFA competition but statistics are separately included for information purposes.

Goals for/against: Goals totals include the outcome of disciplinary decisions (eg. match forfeits when a 3-0 result is determined). Goals totals do not include goals scored from the penalty mark during a penalty shoot-out after a tie ended in a draw.

:: Squad list

The eligible list of players ordered first by playing position and then numeric order.

Current season - UCLQ: Total UEFA Champions League appearances in qualifying rounds only.

Current season - UCL: Total UEFA Champions League appearances from the group stage onwards prior to the current matchday.

All-time - UCL: Total appearances in the UEFA Champions League from the 1992/93 season, group stage to final only. These are the official statistics considered valid for communicating official records in the competition.

All-time - UEFA: Total appearances in UEFA club competitions (as defined above) including all qualifying round matches. These are the official statistics considered valid for communicating official records in the competition.

:: Bookings list

The current disciplinary situation in the competition.

*: Misses next match if booked

#: Suspended for at least one match

+: Provisionally suspended

R: Sent off (red card)

S: Suspended

Y: Booked (yellow card)

Y/R: Sent off (yellow card then direct red)

R*: Sent off (red card) in the UEFA Cup

S*: Suspended following cautions received in the UEFA Cup

Y*: Booked (yellow card) in the UEFA Cup

Y/R*: Sent off (yellow card then direct red) in the UEFA Cup

Note: The bookings list is destined for the press. It is given to the competing clubs for information purposes only and therefore has no legal value. In the event of any discrepancy, only the correspondence addressed directly to the clubs will be considered as the authoritative version.

:: Match officials

The match officials appointed to officiate the fixture.

UCL: Total matches officiated in the UEFA Champions League from 1992/93 season, group stage to final only. Matches where the official has acted as the fourth official are not included in these statistics. These are the official statistics considered valid for communicating official records in the competition.

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UEFA: Total matches officiated in UEFA club competitions including all qualifying round matches. Matches where the official has acted as the fourth official are not included in these statistics. These are the official statistics considered valid for communicating official records in the competition.

:: Competitions

ECCC: European Champion Clubs' Cup/UEFA Champions League

UCUP: UEFA Cup

UCWC: UEFA Cup Winners' Cup

SCUP: UEFA Super Cup

UIC: UEFA Intertoto Cup

EURO: UEFA European Football Championship

U21: UEFA European Under-21 Championship

WC: FIFA World Cup

CONFCUP: FIFA Confederations Cup

FRIE: A International friendly matches

U21 FRIE: Under-21 international friendly matches

:: Competition stages

F: Final

GS: Group stage

GS1: First group stage

GS2: Second group stage

KO1: First knockout round

PR: Preliminary round

QF: Quarter-finals

QR: Qualifying round

QR1: First qualifying round

QR2: Second qualifying round

QR3: Third qualifying round

R1: First round

R2: Second round

R3: Third round

R4: Fourth round

SF: Semi-finals

1/8: Eighth-finals

1/16: Sixteenth-finals

1st: First leg

2nd: Second leg

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:: Other abbreviations

AP: Appearances

Comp: Competition

D: Drawn

DoB: Date of birth

GA: Goals against

GF: Goals for

L: Lost

Nat: Nationality

No: Number

Pld: Matches played

Pos: Position

Pts: Points

R: Sent off (red card)

Res: Result

W: Won

Y: Booked (yellow card)

Y/R: Sent off (yellow card then direct red)

:: Statistics

(-): Denotes player substituted

(+): Denotes player introduced

(*): Denotes player dismissed/sent off

(+/-): Denotes player introduced and substituted