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Match background

Adversaries during an absorbing conclusion to the Premier League season, Manchester United FC and Chelsea FC will take their rivalry on to the biggest stage of all when they step out in Moscow's Luzhniki Stadium for the first all-English UEFA Champions League final on 21 May.

- United are aiming to inflict further heartache on Chelsea by claiming their third European Champion Clubs' Cup, having already pipped them to the Premier League title on the season's final day. By winning 2-0 at Wigan Athletic FC on 11 May United ensured they finished two points clear of Avram Grant's team, who began the day level on points but were held 1-1 at home by Bolton Wanderers FC.

- A UEFA Champions League triumph this year, 50 years after the loss of eight of manager Sir Matt Busby's 'Babes' in the 1958 Munich air crash, would carry a particular emotional resonance for United, who were previously continental champions in 1968 and 1999.

- Chelsea, by contrast, will hope the size of the prize at stake will inspire them to rise above their domestic disappointment and claim their first European Cup in what is their first final. If Moscow appears perhaps the perfect venue for the club's Russian owner Roman Abramovich, Chelsea supporters may find another positive omen in the date of the final: it was on 21 May 1971 that the London side won their first European trophy, beating Real Madrid CF to claim the UEFA Cup Winners' Cup.

- Although second best in the Premier League, Chelsea may also take heart from the fact in the two previous same-country finals – Real Madrid v Valencia CF in 2000 and AC Milan v Juventus in 2003 – it was the side finishing lower in their domestic league who triumphed. The Blues will hope history repeats itself as they look to avoid a first campaign without winning a trophy since 2003/04.

- Whoever wins, what is guaranteed is that an English name will be etched on to the European Cup for the eleventh time, taking England level with Italy and Spain as the countries with most successes in the competition.

- The previous ten English triumphs were: Manchester United (1968), Liverpool FC (1977), Liverpool (1978), Nottingham Forest FC (1979), Nottingham Forest (1980), Liverpool (1981), Aston Villa FC (1982), Liverpool (1984), Man United (1999), Liverpool (2005).



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- On what could prove a night of milestones, United winger Ryan Giggs will surpass Sir Bobby Charlton's record of 758 appearances for the club if he takes the field in Moscow. Giggs equalled the record with a goalscoring appearance as a substitute against Wigan.
- His manager, Sir Alex Ferguson, meanwhile, will establish a record for continental achievement over the longest span of years if United prevail. It is 25 years since he first held aloft a trophy in Europe, winning the 1983 UEFA Cup Winners' Cup with Aberdeen FC. This would outdo – by some distance – the 17 years that separate Sven-Göran Eriksson's 1982 UEFA Cup victory with IFK Göteborg and his 1999 UEFA Cup Winners' Cup success with S.S. Lazio.
- Nine years after overseeing the 1999 final victory against FC Bayern München, Sir Alex would also become the 16th member of an exclusive club of coaches to have won the European Cup more than once.
- Fourteen coaches have claimed the trophy twice: José Villalonga (1956, 1957), Luis Antonio Carniglia (1958, 1959), Béla Guttmann (1961, 1962), Helenio Herrera (1964, 1965), Miguel Muñoz (1960, 1966), Nereo Rocco (1963, 1969), Stefan Kovács (1972, 1973), Dettmar Cramer (1975, 1976), Brian Clough (1979, 1980), Ernst Happel (1970, 1983), Arrigo Sacchi (1989, 1990), Ottmar Hitzfeld (1997, 2001), Vicente Del Bosque (2000, 2002), Carlo Ancelotti (2003, 2007).
- Englishman Bob Paisley is the only man to have won it more than twice, guiding Liverpool to three European Cups (1977, 1978, 1981).
- The longest gap between European Cup wins for a coach is the 13 years that separate Happel's triumphs with Feyenoord in 1970 and Hamburger SV in 1983.
- Sir Alex, at 66, will become the second-oldest man to lead a team to the European Cup if United triumph. The oldest winning coach is the Belgian Raymond Goethals who was 71 years 232 days old when his Olympique de Marseille side defeated AC Milan in 1993.
- Ten players have won the European Cup with two different clubs and there will be six players in the two final squads hoping to achieve that feat themselves.
- United goalkeeper Edwin van der Sar was part of AFC Ajax's victorious team in 1995 before finishing a runner-up with the Dutch club the following year while his colleague Owen Hargreaves won the trophy with Bayern in 2001.
- Chelsea defenders Ricardo Carvalho and Paulo Ferreira were on the winning team with FC Porto in the 2004 final against an AS Monaco FC side that included United defender Patrice Evra.
- Andriy Shevchenko struck the deciding penalty for Milan in their shoot-out victory against Juventus in the 2003 final at Old Trafford – although two years later his saved kick consigned Milan to defeat in another final shoot-out, on that occasion against Liverpool.
- Claude Makelele was a winner with Real Madrid in 2002 against a Bayer 04 Leverkusen team featuring his Chelsea colleague Michael Ballack.
- Giggs and Gary Neville are United's only survivors from the team that beat Bayern in Barcelona. Defender Wes Brown was a non-playing substitute but midfielder Paul Scholes missed the final because of suspension.
- It was a Scholes goal that carried United into the final, earning a 1-0 aggregate victory against semi-final opponents FC Barcelona. His strike came after 14 minutes of the second leg in Manchester.

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- The Old Trafford outfit had previously defeated Olympique Lyonnais (2-1 on aggregate) in the first knockout round and AS Roma (3-0 overall) in the quarter-finals. They topped their section in the group stage with a record of W5 D1 L0. All together, their 2007/08 competition results show nine wins and three draws with 19 goals scored and five conceded.
- Chelsea secured their passage to Moscow by beating Liverpool 4-3 on aggregate. After John Arne Riise's injury-time own goal earned them a 1-1 first-leg draw at Anfield, they ran out 3-2 winners after extra time in the home return, Didier Drogba (33, 105) and Frank Lampard (98pen) the scorers.
- The Stamford Bridge club had reached the semi-finals with victories against Olympiacos CFP (3-0 agg) and Fenerbahçe SK (3-2 agg). They finished first in their group with a record of W3 D3 L0. In total they have won six of their 12 games en route to Moscow, drawing five and losing one, with a goals record of 19 for and seven against.
- United captured their first European Cup by defeating SL Benfica 4-1 at Wembley Stadium on 29 May 1968. Bobby Charlton gave Busby's side the lead early in the second half but Benfica responded through Jaime Graça to force extra time. United made no mistake in the additional period, striking three times in quick succession through George Best, Brian Kidd and Charlton again.
- United's team that night was:
Alex Stepney, Shay Brennan, Tony Dunne, Pat Crerand, Bill Foulkes, Nobby Stiles, George Best, Brian Kidd, Bobby Charlton, David Sadler, John Aston.
- The night of 26 May 1999 brought United's second European crown, when substitutes Teddy Sheringham and Ole Gunnar Solskjær both struck in injury time to secure a miraculous comeback against a Bayern side who had led from the sixth minute through Mario Basler's goal.
- The team at the Camp Nou was:
Peter Schmeichel, Gary Neville, Ronny Johnsen, Jaap Stam, Denis Irwin, David Beckham, Nicky Butt, Ryan Giggs, Jesper Blomqvist (Teddy Sheringham 67), Andrew Cole (Ole Gunnar Solskjær 81), Dwight Yorke.
- United's European CV also includes victory in the 1990/91 UEFA Cup Winners' Cup final. Mark Hughes struck both goals (67 and 74) in a 2-1 success against a Barcelona side for whom Ronald Koeman struck a late reply.
- The United team in Rotterdam was:
Les Sealey, Denis Irwin, Steve Bruce, Gary Pallister, Clayton Blackmore, Mike Phelan, Bryan Robson, Paul Ince, Lee Sharpe, Mark Hughes, Brian McClair.
- United also have one UEFA Super Cup to their name, beating FK Crvena Zvezda 1-0 in 1991.
- Chelsea collected their first piece of European silverware in 1971 when they defeated Real Madrid in a replayed UEFA Cup Winners' Cup final in Piraeus.
- After Dave Sexton's outfit were held 1-1 on 19 May – Peter Osgood's 56th-minute opener cancelled out by Ignacio Zoco on 90 minutes – they replayed the final 48 hours later and this time the London team came out on top. John Dempsey (31) and Osgood (39) struck before the break and although Sebastián Fleitas narrowed the deficit for Madrid, Chelsea held on.
- Chelsea's team on 21 May 1971 was:
Peter Bonetti, John Dempsey, John Boyle, Dave Webb, Ron Harris, Charlie Cooke, Alan Hudson, Keith Weller, Tommy Baldwin, Peter Osgood (Derek Smethurst 75), Peter Houseman.
- Chelsea won the same competition for the second time on 13 May 1998 after beating VfB Stuttgart 1-0 in Stockholm's Rasunda Stadium through Gianfranco Zola's 70th-minute goal.

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- Gianluca Vialli was then Chelsea's player-manager and his lineup included Steve Clarke, now the club's assistant first-team coach.
- The team that night was:
Ed de Goey, Dan Petrescu, Frank Leboeuf, Steve Clarke, Gus Poyet (Eddie Newton 80), Michael Duberry, Dennis Wise, Danny Granville, Roberto Di Matteo, Gianluca Vialli, Tore André Flo (Gianfranco Zola 69).
- Chelsea subsequently beat Real Madrid 1-0 to win the UEFA Super Cup.
- Grant would become the first Israeli, either player or coach, to win the European Cup. The only Israeli to have tasted victory in any UEFA club competition is Eli Ohana, who won the UEFA Cup Winners' Cup with Belgian side KV Mechelen in 1988.
- While Chelsea manager Grant is chasing a place in history as the first Israeli to lead a team to a European trophy, Sir Alex has five to his name already. Besides his three triumphs with United, he also led Aberdeen to the UEFA Cup Winners' Cup and UEFA Super Cup in 1983. Overall the Scot has guided United to 28 trophies while Grant awaits his first with the London club.
- There is a considerable gulf between the pair when it comes to experience of Europe's élite club competition: Sir Alex has overseen 151 matches, qualifiers included, with United and another 12 with Aberdeen; Grant has overseen eleven with Chelsea this season and prior to that two qualifying games with Maccabi Tel-Aviv FC in 1996 and the same number with Maccabi Haifa FC in 2001.
- The head-to-head record between United and Chelsea in all competitions is: 65 wins for United, 41 for Chelsea and 44 draws.
- Although United have the superior head-to-head record, Chelsea have had the better of the sides' encounters during the last five seasons. Counting this term's FA Community Shield – won on penalties by United – as a draw, their record during this time is seven wins, five draws and two defeats.
- This is the third major final that the sides have contested. United came out on top in the first, the 1994 FA Cup final, winning 4-0 through second-half goals from Eric Cantona (two penalties), Hughes and Brian McClair. Giggs was in the United team while Chelsea coach Clarke featured for the London club.
- Chelsea reversed the tables in the 2007 FA Cup final on 19 May last year, Drogba's solitary 116th-minute strike averting penalties and denying United the league and cup double.
- The teams have met three times already this season. In the season-opening Community Shield on 5 August, Giggs (35) and Florent Malouda (45) traded goals in a 1-1 draw before United prevailed 3-0 on penalties.
- United were 2-0 winners at Old Trafford in Grant's first game as Chelsea manager on 23 September. Carlos Tévez (45) opened the scoring with his first goal for the club and Louis Saha's 90th-minute penalty secured the victory against visitors reduced to ten men for the last 58 minutes after Jon Obi Mikel's dismissal.
- Chelsea avenged that defeat with a 2-1 home win on 26 April. Ballack struck both their goals – the first on 45 minutes, the second an 86th-minute penalty – either side of Wayne Rooney's 57th-minute equaliser for United.
- United won their one previous all-English European tie against then holders Tottenham Hotspur FC in the first round of the 1963/64 UEFA Cup Winners' Cup. They overturned a 2-0 first-leg loss with a 4-1 victory at Old Trafford.
- Chelsea's record against English teams in Europe is P12 W5 D5 L2.

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- Prior to this season's semi-final win against Liverpool, the London club had lost to the Anfield outfit in the 2005 and 2007 UEFA Champions League semi-finals, going down 1-0 on aggregate in the former, then 4-1 on penalties in the latter after a 1-1 aggregate draw. However, they also beat Arsenal in the 2003/04 UEFA Champions League quarter-finals – drawing 1-1 at home, then winning 2-1 away – and claimed 1-0 home and away successes against Manchester City FC in the 1970/71 UEFA Cup Winners' Cup semi-final.
- United have never scored a goal on Russian soil, firing blanks on their two previous visits there – with costly consequences on both occasions.
- They lost a UEFA Cup first-round tie against FC Torpedo Moskva in 1992/93. After successive stalemates at home and away, they succumbed 4-3 in a penalty shoot-out at Moscow's Eduard Streltsov Stadium.
- Three years later they exited the same competition at the same stage, beaten on away goals by SC Rotor Volgograd who, after holding United 0-0 at home, drew 2-2 in Manchester.
- The Luzhniki Stadium was home to United defender Nemanja Vidić for two years during his spell with Russian club FC Spartak Moskva. Vidić made 39 league appearances, scoring four goals, in the 2004 and 2005 campaigns.
- United forward Wayne Rooney found the net at the Moscow venue last October, giving England a 29th-minute lead in a UEFA EURO 2008™ qualifier. However, he then conceded the penalty which allowed Russia back into the match as England went down 2-1 to a Roman Pavlyuchenko double.
- Also on the losing side that day were United defender Rio Ferdinand and Chelsea trio Joe Cole, Lampard and Shaun Wright-Phillips.
- United winger Nani got the equalising goal for former club Sporting Clube de Portugal in a 1-1 draw with Spartak at the Luzhniki Stadium in the 2006/07 UEFA Champions League group stage.
- Chelsea won their one previous match in Moscow, Arjen Robben scoring the only goal of a UEFA Champions League group stage fixture at PFC CSKA Moskva in November 2004.
- Chelsea forward Nicolas Anelka struck France's opening goal in a 3-2 victory against Russia at the Luzhniki Stadium in a UEFA EURO 2000™ qualifier in October 1998.
- United duo Evra and Hargreaves are the only players in Sir Alex's squad to have faced Chelsea in Europe before. Evra played in both legs of Monaco's 5-3 aggregate victory against Chelsea in the semi-finals of the 2003/04 UEFA Champions League. Hargreaves was in the Bayern team defeated in the quarter-finals of the 2004/05 competition.
- Four Chelsea players have enjoyed previous success against United in the UEFA Champions League. Defenders Carvalho and Ferreira helped Porto eliminate United in the first knockout round in 2003/04, while 12 months earlier Makelele featured for Real Madrid in a quarter-final defeat of Sir Alex's men.
- Ballack made a goalscoring contribution to Bayer Leverkusen's semi-final win against United in 2001/02. He scored the first of two equalising goals in Leverkusen's 2-2 draw at Old Trafford before a 1-1 result in the return squeezed the German club through on the away goals rule.
- Should they prevail in Moscow, United will become the fourth club to have won the European Cup twice without losing a match. Ajax (1971/72 and 1994/95), Liverpool (1980/81 and 1983/84), and Milan (1988/89 and 1993/94) are the three clubs who can lay claim to that achievement already, while United managed the feat once previously in 1998/99.
- Chelsea's Drogba and Salomon Kalou are hoping to become the first winners of the European Cup from the Ivory Coast while United's Park Ji-Sung can make history in the same way for Korea Republic.

- United have lost both of their two previous penalty shoot-outs in Europe:
4-5 v Fehérvár, 1984/85 UEFA Cup quarter-finals.
3-4 v Torpedo Moskva, 1992/93 UEFA Cup first round.
- Chelsea's only previous shoot-out in UEFA club competition came in the aforementioned semi-final loss to Liverpool last term.
- Moscow may seem a 'home' venue to Chelsea owner Abramovich but he was actually born more than 800 kilometres from the Russian capital in Saratov, a port city on the Volga.

Match facts

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UEFA milestones

- Gary Neville's next UEFA Champions League appearance will be his 100th match in the competition. Only nine players have previously reached that landmark, including his United team-mates Ryan Giggs (104 matches) and Paul Scholes (101) and former colleague David Beckham (103), plus Raúl González (116), Roberto Carlos (114), Paolo Maldini (109), Oliver Kahn (103), Clarence Seedorf (101) and Luís Figo (100).
- The FC Barcelona semi-final tie was Sir Alex Ferguson's fifth UEFA Champions League semi-final, equalling the record set by AC Milan coach Carlo Ancelotti last season. The United manager previously led his club to the last four in 1996/97, 1998/99, 2001/02 and 2006/07.

2007/08 UEFA Champions League statistics

- No player has featured in all 12 of United's UEFA Champions League games this season, although Michael Carrick and Carlos Tévez have made eleven appearances.
- Cristiano Ronaldo's goal in Rome in the quarter-final first leg was his seventh in the UEFA Champions League this season, making him the competition's outright top scorer. Wayne Rooney and Tévez have both found the net four times apiece.
- Ronaldo has had 18 shots wide, more than any other player in the competition. The Portuguese international has also had 17 shots on goal, four fewer than Didier Drogba who with 21 has had the most in the competition.
- Ronaldo has been fouled on 36 occasions, five fewer than the competition's most impeded player, Ricardo Quaresma.
- United have had 61 shots on goal to date, 20 fewer than Chelsea.
- The Premier League champions have, however, won 85 corners in comparison to Chelsea's total of 53.
- United and Chelsea both scored 19 goals en route to the final, although United conceded only five – fewer than any other side in the competition – to Chelsea's seven goals against.

Latest domestic information

- **Sunday 11 May: Wigan Athletic FC 0-2 Manchester United FC (Cristiano Ronaldo 33pen; Ryan Giggs 80)**
United claimed their 17th league championship, and tenth title in the Premier League era, with victory at Wigan to hold off Chelsea by two points at the top of the table. Ronaldo opened the scoring from the penalty spot after Rooney had been fouled, before substitute Giggs wrapped up the win from Rooney's pass.

• "It was a tough one; for most of the game we played well but there were some nervous moments," said Sir Alex Ferguson after a win that left his team one title triumph behind Liverpool's record of 18 titles. "I was pleased with that second goal. It makes it ten [championship winners' medals] today for Ryan Giggs which is fantastic. [The record] will come – this side is young. There is plenty left in them. I'm not bothered about records. This is what it is about, championships and trophies. I am at a great club which makes it easier for me than the rest."

• The United manager also looked ahead to the UEFA Champions League final, adding: "We are bouncing into that now. If we'd lost the title it would have been different. If this team goes on and wins the Champions League, it will be my best ever, you would have to put this group of players right at the very top of those I have worked with. It is an emerging team. Normally the average age of teams who win the Champions League is about 29. We have a lot of young players, but you also need experienced players like Ryan Giggs, Paul Scholes and Edwin van der Sar. That kind of experience allows young players to develop. The future is bright and we are all looking forward to Moscow."

• United scored 80 goals in their 38 Premier League matches, more than any other side. Third-placed Arsenal FC had the next highest total with 74.

• United also conceded just 22 league goals, beating the club record low of 23 goals, set in 42 second division matches in 1924/25.

• Between them Ronaldo, Tévez and Rooney have scored 78 of United's 109 goals this season in all competitions, and 57 out of 80 in the Premier League.

• United kept 21 clean sheets, the joint highest total in the English top flight along with Chelsea.

• Ronaldo scored both goals in the 2-0 win against Bolton Wanderers FC on 19 March. The second was his 33rd of the season, taking him past the club record total for a winger set by George Best in 1968 with 32 goals.

• Ronaldo also finished as the Premier League's leading scorer this season with 31 goals. His strike against Wigan was his 41st of the campaign in all competitions although barring a remarkable night in Moscow he will not break Denis Law's club record of 46 goals, set in 1963/64. Ruud van Nistelrooy managed 44 goals for United in 2002/03.

• Wes Brown made the most league appearances for United in 2007/08 having missed just two matches.

• Twenty-three of United's 80 league goals came in the final 15 minutes, while they conceded only four times between the 46th and 75th minutes in the league.

• The semi-final first leg against Barcelona was Ji-Sung Park's 23rd start for United in all competitions over the last two seasons, and only the second the Manchester club have failed to win – although United triumphed in his three subsequent starts. The Korea Republic international has made 14 starts in 2008, with United winning 13.

Injury news

- Nemanja Vidić – out 26 April to 11 May (concussion)
- Wayne Rooney – out 26 April to 11 May (hip)
- Louis Saha – out since 19 March (hamstring)
- Gary Neville – out 17 March 2007 to 9 April and since 9 April (ankle/foot)

International news

- Ronaldo and Nani have been included in the Portugal squad for UEFA EURO 2008™.

Miscellaneous

- Giggs equalled Bobby Charlton's all-time appearance record for United at Wigan, his 758th game for the club, and will set a new mark should he feature in the UEFA Champions League final. "If I could choose someone to break it, it would be Ryan," said Sir Bobby. "The day he came to Manchester United, I knew he was special. He is a great athlete, a great person and a great footballer. Nobody deserves to break records like he does. His record with United is unbelievable and I'm really proud of him. I have forgotten about my record already."

- United's victorious 1968 European Champion Clubs' Cup side will mark the 40th anniversary of that triumph with a dinner at Old Trafford on 29 May with Sir Alex as guest of honour. "It would be marvellous if Sir Alex's boys could [enjoy] success in Moscow," said David Sadler, who scored three times en route to United's first European success. "For the '68 boys it would be the icing on the cake."

- Rio Ferdinand has signed a new five-year contract at United, committing to the club until the summer of 2013, having moved to Old Trafford from Leeds United AFC in 2002. "I am delighted Rio has signed a new contract," said Sir Alex. "Rio's contribution this season has been a major factor in our outstanding defensive performance." Ferdinand added: "It is a great honour to be part of this trophy-winning team and to share in the success, which I am sure will continue for many seasons to come."

- Carrick has also put pen to paper on a new deal that will keep him at Old Trafford until June 2012. "This is a fantastic club and it is a pleasure to be part of this great squad," said the England international, who joined United for €27m from Tottenham Hotspur FC in 2006. "I believe this team will be together for many years to come and to win back-to-back titles in my first two seasons at the club is a dream come true." Sir Alex also sang the praises of the midfielder, explaining: "Michael has been outstanding since joining us and it is great he will be a part of this squad for years to come."

- Ronaldo was named as the PFA Players' Player of the Year for the second successive season. "I feel very happy; it is a great moment, an honour," said the United winger. "When you work all season to play well and do something for the team, and then at the end of the season the PFA give you this award, it is a great motivation." The 23-year-old becomes only the second player to win the award two years in succession after Thierry Henry in 2002/03 and 2003/04 and was also named in the PFA Premier League Team of the Year, alongside United team-mates Ferdinand and Vidić.

- The Portuguese international was also the star of United's end of season awards on 11 May, collecting the Sir Matt Busby Player of the Year award, Players' Player of the Year and Goal of the Season for his free-kick against Portsmouth FC on 30 January.

- Sir Alex has been named Manager of the Year for the second time by the League Managers' Association having previously claimed the award in 1999.

- Ronaldo and Sir Alex both collected more individual awards on 14 May, with the former being named as the Premier League's Player of the Season and Golden boot prize while Sir Alex was Manager of the Season.

- Former United striker Ole Gunnar Solskjær, who scored the winning goal in the 1999 UEFA Champions League final, has been awarded a testimonial by the club having been forced to retire last August. "I am delighted to be given this game by the club," said Solskjær, who has since joined the club's coaching staff, after it was announced United would play RCD Espanyol on 2 August. "It will be a very emotional day for me, to play one last time at Old Trafford in front of our amazing fans. I'm going to savour every moment."

- Ronaldo has been named ambassador for the UEFA EURO 2008™ Score for the Red Cross online fundraising campaign which kicked off on 26 March and was presented with a cheque for CHF 100,000 before the quarter-final second leg with AS Roma. The United winger said: "Land mine victims need determination and a lot of encouragement on the road to recovery. I have a lot of respect for them and I want to support them. The great thing about this campaign is that everyone is a winner when it comes to giving and receiving. The website offers football fans a chance to have fun while making a difference. What could be better than that?"

CHELSEA

UEFA milestones

- John Terry's next UEFA Champions League match will be his 50th outing in the competition.
- Petr Čech made his 50th appearance in UEFA club competition in the semi-final second leg against Liverpool FC.
- In the same match Claude Makelele made his 125th UEFA club competition appearance while Michael Ballack featured in a 75th European game.
- The Liverpool tie was Makelele's eighth UEFA Champions League semi-final, extending his own record. The Chelsea midfielder previously featured in the last four with FC Nantes Atlantique in 1995/96, Real Madrid CF in 2000/01, 2001/02 and 2002/03 and his current club in 2003/04, 2004/05 and 2006/07, although he has won the trophy only once when Madrid overcame Bayer 04 Leverkusen in the 2002 showpiece.

2007/08 UEFA Champions League statistics

- Two Chelsea players have featured in all 12 UEFA Champions League games: Makelele and Joe Cole, while Michael Essien had been ever-present before being suspended for the first leg with Liverpool and was back for the return. Nobody has played all 1,080 minutes.
- Didier Drogba is one of four players to have scored six goals to date, one fewer than Cristiano Ronaldo who is the outright top scorer.
- The Ivorian striker has managed 21 shots on goal, more than any other player. Drogba has also had 16 shots wide, two less than Cristiano Ronaldo who has had the most in the competition.
- Drogba has been caught offside on 16 occasions, fewer only than Emmanuel Adebayor of Arsenal FC.
- Drogba has committed 32 fouls to date, the highest total in the competition along with Javier Mascherano of Liverpool. Makelele has been penalised on 28 occasions.
- Chelsea have had 81 shots on goal and the same number of shots wide. Both totals are more than any other team in the competition this season.
- The London club have been caught offside 48 times in total, again more than any other club.
- Having been breached twice in the semi-final second leg, Chelsea conceded a total of seven goals en route to the final, two more than United. Both clubs scored 19 times.

Latest domestic information

• Sunday 11 May: Chelsea 1-1 Bolton Wanderers FC (Andriy Shevchenko 62; Matt Taylor 90)

Chelsea hopes of a third Premier League title in four seasons finally came to an end on the last day of the campaign. The west London club kicked off level with Manchester United on 84 points but knew that their rivals' superior goal difference gave them a significant advantage. In the event, Matt Taylor's last-gasp equaliser to cancel out the opener from half-time substitute Andriy Shevchenko was rendered irrelevant by United's 2-0 win at Wigan Athletic FC. Chelsea finished the season in second place, two points behind United and two above third-placed Arsenal FC.

• "United had a great season, played very well and are champions," said manager Avram Grant. "I especially want to congratulate Sir Alex Ferguson. He is a great manager and a great person. We did a good job. We came from fifth [to] level on points with United going into the last game. I wish we had two weeks more. We had a good season; how we handled many situations made me proud. We have created history in becoming the first Chelsea team to get to a Champions League final but we want to win it and will do everything to win against a great team."

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- The United win extended Chelsea's unbeaten home run to 82 Premier League matches since Arsenal triumphed 2-1 at Stamford Bridge on 21 February 2004. Of those matches, 60 have ended in victories with 22 draws. Chelsea are also unbeaten in 68 home matches since FC Barcelona won 2-1 in west London on 22 February 2006 in the UEFA Champions League first knockout round first leg. Chelsea have won 50 of those games with 18 draws.
- Chelsea are the only Premier League club unbeaten in 2008 having last lost at Arsenal FC on 16 December. They are now unbeaten in 21 league games, a run of 15 wins and six draws, the longest undefeated sequence any English top-flight side has managed this season. That Arsenal loss is their only reverse in 31 league matches.
- Chelsea kept 21 clean sheets in the league this season, the joint highest total in the English top flight with leaders United. They also remained undefeated in the Premier League when scoring first having won 21 and drawn five of the 26 matches in which they broke the deadlock.
- The London club conceded 26 goals in their 38 league matches, more only than United's total of 22 goals against. Chelsea scored in their last 12 league matches and have failed to find the net only once in their last 19 games in all competitions, while only six of their 65 Premier League goals came in the first 15 minutes.
- Joe Cole made the most league appearances for Chelsea in 2007/08 having featured in 33 matches.
- Chelsea are unbeaten in nine matches in all competitions since a 2-1 loss at Fenerbahçe SK in their UEFA Champions League quarter-final first leg on 2 April. They have since recorded six wins and three draws.

Injury news

- John Terry – out since 11 May (elbow)
 - Ricardo Carvalho – out since 5 May (back)
 - Salomon Kalou – out 30 April to 11 May (ankle)
- Terry and Drogba both picked up injuries in Chelsea's last league game of the season against Bolton, with the former being carried off after only 14 minutes having dislocated his left elbow in a collision with Petr Čech. Drogba, meanwhile, jarred his left knee although he was able to finish the game.

Transfer news

- Chelsea have already begun planning for next season, signing FC Porto right-back Bosingwa on a three-year contract after agreeing a reported €20.5m fee with the Portuguese champions. The 25-year-old defender will move to England after representing Portugal at UEFA EURO 2008™.

International news

- Bosingwa, together with Paulo Ferreira and Carvalho, have been included in the Portugal squad for UEFA EURO 2008™.
- Čech has been included in the Czech Republic's provisional 23-man squad for this summer's tournament in Austria and Switzerland.
- Makelele, Florent Malouda and Nicolas Anelka are all in France's provisional 30-man squad for this summer's finals.
- Ballack, meanwhile, is in Germany's provisional 26-man party for UEFA EURO 2008™.

Miscellaneous

- Čech celebrated his 26th birthday on 20 May, the day before the final against United. Carvalho turned 30 on 18 May.

- Joe Cole was voted Chelsea's player of the year by the club's supporters on 8 May, finishing ahead of Carvalho and Michael Ballack, who were also nominated. "I've had a good season; I played a lot, which I didn't last year because I was injured, and I've enjoyed it," said the England international. "But it will only be the best year if we put some silverware on the table." Carvalho collected the players' player of the year award.
- Grant, meanwhile, was named as the Premier League's manager of the month for April having led Chelsea to four wins from four league games during the month.
- Chelsea youngster Gaël Kakuta was an ever-present as France finished runners-up to Spain in the UEFA European Under-17 Championship, making five appearances in the final tournament in Turkey.
- Chelsea will take part in the Russian Railway Cup this summer, along with hosts FC Lokomotiv Moskva, AC Milan and Sevilla FC. The tournament will be played from 1 to 3 August in Moscow.

LUBOŠ MICHEL'

- Referee L'uboš Michel', who turned 40 on 16 May, becomes the first Slovakian to take charge of a European Champion Clubs' Cup final. Germany has had that honour on eight occasions, with Italy (six), France and Switzerland (both five) the closest challengers.
- Michel' is only the second man to take charge of both the UEFA Champions League and UEFA Cup finals since the latter became a one-off match in 1997/98. Only Pierluigi Collina of Italy – UEFA Cup (2004) and UEFA Champions League (1999) – has previously had the honour. Michel' was in charge of the 2003 UEFA Cup final, when FC Porto overcame Celtic FC 3-2 after extra time.

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Squad list

Man. United

| No | Player | Nat. | DoB | Age | BL | Current season | | | | | | All-time | | | |
|--------------------|-------------------|------|------------|-----|----|----------------|-----|-----|-----|--------|-----|----------|-----|------|-----|
| | | | | | | UCLQ | | UCL | | League | | UCL | | UEFA | |
| | | | | | | Pld | Gls | Pld | Gls | Pld | Gls | Pld | Gls | Pld | Gls |
| Goalkeepers | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | Edwin van der Sar | NED | 29.10.1970 | 37 | - | - | - | 9 | - | 29 | - | 71 | - | 115 | - |
| 29 | Tomasz Kuszczak | POL | 20.03.1982 | 26 | - | - | - | 5 | - | 9 | - | 5 | - | 5 | - |
| 38 | Thomas Heaton | ENG | 15.04.1986 | 22 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 41 | Ron-Robert Zieler | GER | 12.02.1989 | 19 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Defenders | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 | Gary Neville | ENG | 18.02.1975 | 33 | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | 99 | 2 | 109 | 2 |
| 3 | Patrice Evra | FRA | 15.05.1981 | 27 | - | - | - | 9 | - | 33 | - | 37 | 1 | 45 | 1 |
| 5 | Rio Ferdinand | ENG | 07.11.1978 | 29 | - | - | - | 10 | 1 | 35 | 2 | 53 | 2 | 72 | 2 |
| 6 | Wes Brown | ENG | 13.10.1979 | 28 | - | - | - | 9 | - | 36 | 1 | 54 | 1 | 56 | 1 |
| 15 | Nemanja Vidić | SRB | 21.10.1981 | 26 | - | - | - | 8 | - | 32 | 1 | 16 | 1 | 30 | 4 |
| 19 | Gerard Piqué | ESP | 02.02.1987 | 21 | - | - | - | 3 | 2 | 9 | - | 4 | 2 | 4 | 2 |
| 22 | John O'Shea | IRL | 30.04.1981 | 27 | - | - | - | 6 | - | 28 | - | 50 | 1 | 55 | 1 |
| 25 | Daniel Simpson | ENG | 04.01.1987 | 21 | - | - | - | 3 | - | - | - | 3 | - | 3 | - |
| 27 | Mikaël Silvestre | FRA | 09.08.1977 | 30 | - | - | - | 2 | - | 3 | - | 70 | 2 | 76 | 2 |
| 37 | Craig Cathcart | NIR | 06.02.1989 | 19 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 44 | James Chester | ENG | 23.01.1989 | 19 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 46 | Richard Eckersley | ENG | 12.03.1989 | 19 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Midfielders | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | Owen Hargreaves | ENG | 20.01.1981 | 27 | - | - | - | 7 | - | 23 | 2 | 48 | - | 51 | - |
| 8 | Anderson | BRA | 13.04.1988 | 20 | - | - | - | 8 | - | 24 | - | 11 | - | 11 | - |
| 11 | Ryan Giggs | WAL | 29.11.1973 | 34 | - | - | - | 8 | - | 31 | 3 | 103 | 23 | 119 | 25 |
| 13 | Ji-Sung Park | KOR | 25.02.1981 | 27 | - | - | - | 4 | - | 12 | 1 | 26 | 1 | 34 | 2 |
| 16 | Michael Carrick | ENG | 28.07.1981 | 26 | - | - | - | 11 | - | 31 | 2 | 23 | 2 | 24 | 2 |
| 17 | Nani | POR | 17.11.1986 | 21 | - | - | - | 10 | - | 26 | 3 | 16 | 1 | 18 | 1 |
| 18 | Paul Scholes | ENG | 16.11.1974 | 33 | - | - | - | 6 | 1 | 24 | 1 | 101 | 21 | 111 | 23 |
| 24 | Darren Fletcher | SCO | 01.02.1984 | 24 | - | - | - | 6 | - | 16 | - | 31 | - | 35 | - |
| 33 | Chris Eagles | ENG | 19.11.1985 | 22 | - | - | - | 1 | - | 4 | - | 2 | - | 3 | - |
| 34 | Rodrigo Possebon | BRA | 13.02.1989 | 19 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 42 | Sean Evans | ENG | 25.09.1987 | 20 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 43 | Sam Hewson | ENG | 28.11.1988 | 19 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 47 | Daniel Welbeck | ENG | 26.11.1990 | 17 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Forwards | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 7 | Cristiano Ronaldo | POR | 05.02.1985 | 23 | - | - | - | 10 | 7 | 34 | 31 | 39 | 10 | 45 | 11 |
| 9 | Louis Saha | FRA | 08.08.1978 | 29 | - | - | - | 5 | - | 17 | 5 | 19 | 4 | 41 | 13 |
| 10 | Wayne Rooney | ENG | 24.10.1985 | 22 | - | - | - | 10 | 4 | 27 | 12 | 32 | 11 | 33 | 12 |
| 21 | Dong Fangzhuo | CHN | 23.01.1985 | 23 | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | 1 | - | 1 | - |
| 32 | Carlos Tévez | ARG | 05.02.1984 | 24 | - | - | - | 11 | 4 | 34 | 14 | 11 | 4 | 14 | 4 |
| 45 | Fabian Brandy | ENG | 04.02.1989 | 19 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Coach | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| - | Sir Alex Ferguson | SCO | 31.12.1941 | 66 | - | - | - | 12 | - | - | - | 139 | - | 214 | - |

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| | | | | | | Pld | Gls | Pld | Gls | Pld | Gls | Pld | Gls | Pld | Gls |
| Goalkeepers | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | Petr Čech | CZE | 20.05.1982 | 25 | - | - | - | 8 | - | 26 | - | 46 | - | 50 | - |
| 23 | Carlo Cudicini | ITA | 06.09.1973 | 34 | - | - | - | 5 | - | 10 | - | 19 | - | 26 | - |
| 40 | Hilário | POR | 21.10.1975 | 32 | - | - | - | 1 | - | 3 | - | 15 | - | 17 | - |
| Defenders | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 | Ashley Cole | ENG | 20.12.1980 | 27 | - | - | - | 9 | - | 27 | 1 | 63 | 1 | 63 | 1 |
| 6 | Ricardo Carvalho | POR | 18.05.1978 | 30 | - | - | - | 9 | - | 21 | 1 | 58 | 3 | 68 | 3 |
| 18 | Wayne Bridge | ENG | 05.08.1980 | 27 | - | - | - | 3 | - | 11 | - | 22 | 2 | 23 | 2 |
| 20 | Paulo Ferreira | POR | 18.01.1979 | 29 | - | - | - | 5 | - | 18 | - | 37 | - | 50 | - |
| 22 | Tal Ben Haim | ISR | 31.03.1982 | 26 | - | - | - | 2 | - | 13 | - | 2 | - | 19 | - |
| 26 | John Terry | ENG | 07.12.1980 | 27 | - | - | - | 9 | - | 23 | 1 | 49 | 4 | 57 | 6 |
| 33 | Alex | BRA | 17.06.1982 | 25 | - | - | - | 6 | 1 | 28 | 2 | 32 | 5 | 34 | 5 |
| 35 | Juliano Belletti | BRA | 20.06.1976 | 31 | - | - | - | 6 | - | 23 | 2 | 26 | 1 | 48 | 1 |
| 41 | Sam Hutchinson | ENG | 03.08.1989 | 18 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Midfielders | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | Claude Makelele | FRA | 18.02.1973 | 35 | - | - | - | 12 | - | 18 | - | 95 | 1 | 125 | 4 |
| 5 | Michael Essien | GHA | 03.12.1982 | 25 | - | - | - | 11 | - | 27 | 6 | 45 | 7 | 45 | 7 |
| 8 | Frank Lampard | ENG | 20.06.1978 | 29 | - | - | - | 10 | 3 | 24 | 10 | 53 | 14 | 71 | 20 |
| 10 | Joe Cole | ENG | 08.11.1981 | 26 | - | - | - | 12 | 2 | 33 | 7 | 41 | 5 | 48 | 5 |
| 12 | John Obi Mikel | NGA | 22.04.1987 | 21 | - | - | - | 4 | - | 29 | - | 13 | - | 13 | - |
| 13 | Michael Ballack | GER | 26.09.1976 | 31 | - | - | - | 6 | 2 | 18 | 7 | 70 | 15 | 75 | 18 |
| 15 | Florent Malouda | FRA | 13.06.1980 | 27 | - | - | - | 10 | 1 | 21 | 2 | 46 | 6 | 46 | 6 |
| 24 | Shaun Wright-Phillips | ENG | 25.10.1981 | 26 | - | - | - | 5 | - | 27 | 2 | 17 | 1 | 23 | 2 |
| 42 | Lee Sawyer | ENG | 10.09.1989 | 18 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Forwards | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 7 | Andriy Shevchenko | UKR | 29.09.1976 | 31 | - | - | - | 5 | 1 | 17 | 5 | 94 | 47 | 113 | 60 |
| 11 | Didier Drogba | CIV | 11.03.1978 | 30 | - | - | - | 10 | 6 | 19 | 8 | 44 | 23 | 54 | 29 |
| 21 | Salomon Kalou | CIV | 05.08.1985 | 22 | - | - | - | 10 | 1 | 30 | 7 | 21 | 1 | 30 | 5 |
| 39 | Nicolas Anelka | FRA | 14.03.1979 | 29 | - | - | - | 4 | - | 14 | 1 | 34 | 8 | 58 | 16 |
| Coach | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| - | Avram Grant | ISR | 06.02.1955 | 53 | - | - | - | 11 | - | - | - | 11 | - | 25 | - |

Head coach

Manchester United FC: Sir Alex Ferguson

Date of birth: 31 December 1941

Nationality: Scottish

Playing career: Queen's Park FC, Saint Johnstone FC, Dunfermline Athletic FC, Rangers FC, Falkirk FC, Ayr United FC

Coaching career: Falkirk FC, East Stirlingshire FC, Saint Mirren FC, Aberdeen FC, Manchester United FC

Sir Alex Ferguson has enjoyed almost three decades at the top, restoring Manchester United FC to their position as one of Europe's foremost clubs. He helped nurture a group of young players including David Beckham, Paul Scholes and Gary Neville who formed the backbone of United's treble-winning side in 1999. The esteem in which his peers hold him is reflected by his position as head of the UEFA Coaches Panel.

Ferguson enjoyed a relatively successful playing career that included a spell at Rangers FC before becoming player-coach at Falkirk FC. He then managed East Stirlingshire FC and Saint Mirren FC before shooting to prominence at Aberdeen FC. In 1980 the club won the Scottish title to break the Old Firm's 14-year stranglehold, a dominance which has returned since Aberdeen's last title in 1985. Ferguson's greatest success with the Dons came in 1983, when they beat Real Madrid CF to win the UEFA Cup Winners' Cup.

United appointed Ferguson in 1986 and after a difficult start the Scot led the club to their longest period of sustained success. Their first trophy was the 1990 FA Cup, followed next season by UEFA Cup Winners' Cup glory. In 1993 came the first of nine Premier League titles, to which five FA Cups were added. Ferguson's finest moment came in 1999, when two added-time goals gave United a 2-1 UEFA Champions League final victory against FC Bayern München. After failing to get beyond the 2005/06 group stage and finishing runners-up behind Premiership champions Chelsea FC, Ferguson hit the heights again with the 2006/07 league title and a place in the UEFA Champions League semi-finals.

Chelsea FC: Avram Grant

Date of birth: 6 May 1955

Nationality: Israeli

Coaching career: Hapoel Petach-Tikva FC, Maccabi Tel-Aviv FC (twice), Hapoel Haifa FC, Maccabi Haifa FC, Israel, Chelsea FC

Despite never playing professionally, Avram Grant has developed a reputation for tactically astute football, enhancing players' careers and bringing trophies to the clubs he has managed. He began his coaching career with the youth team at Hapoel Petach-Tikva FC, going on to become head coach at the club. He led the small Israeli side to second place in the league in 1990/91 before moving to Maccabi Tel-Aviv FC.

The club had been in decline for some time but Grant bucked the trend, bringing the league title back to Tel-Aviv in 1992 and 1995. He returned to the club in 1996, having spent a season with Hapoel Haifa FC, but did not manage to repeat the success of his first spell. However, Grant rediscovered his touch as coach at Maccabi Haifa FC, winning back-to-back championships in 2001 and 2002.

Those achievements earned him a shot as coach of the Israeli national team. The country became one of the most resilient forces in European football. They were unbeaten in the qualifying campaign for the 2006 FIFA World Cup, narrowly missing out on a first trip to the finals since 1970, but despite that showing Grant quit his position. The Russian-speaking coach became friends with Chelsea FC owner Roman Abramovich and, after a spell as technical director at Portsmouth FC, joined the London club as director of football in July 2007. He moved into the manager's chair following the departure of José Mourinho in September and signed a four-year contract that December.

Match officials

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| Referee | Luboš Michel' (SVK) |
| Assistant referees | Roman Slysco (SVK), Martin Balko (SVK) |
| Fourth official | Vladimír Hriňák (SVK) |
| UEFA Delegate | Armen Minasyan (ARM) |
| UEFA Referee observer | Hugh Dallas (SCO) |

Referee

| Name | Nat. | DoB | UCL | UEFA |
|---------------|------|------------|-----|------|
| Luboš Michel' | SVK | 16.05.1968 | 48 | 73 |

Luboš Michel' is without doubt one of Europe's leading referees, with one major club final already under his belt and the honour of four matches at the 2006 FIFA World Cup, including the quarter-final between hosts Germany and Argentina, having already worked at the 2002 finals. As well as being an international match official, Michel' is also a UEFA/International Committee of the Red Cross ambassador, highlighting the campaign to protect children in war.

Born in Stropkov, he began refereeing in 1987, took his opening top-flight game in 1993, and graduated to FIFA level in 1994. By his mid-20s, Michel' had earned UEFA and FIFA recognition. His first assignment was in November 1993 – a UEFA European Under-21 Championship match between San Marino and England. He then officiated at various youth international tournaments before a trip to Australia for two matches at the Sydney Olympics. Michel', who enjoys tennis in his spare time and has a love of history, has been refereeing UEFA Champions League matches since 1998. He was awarded the 2003 UEFA Cup final between FC Porto and Celtic and also worked at the UEFA EURO 2004™ finals in Portugal where he refereed three matches.

Aside from the past two World Cups, Michel' also officiated at the 2005 FIFA Confederations Cup final between Brazil and Argentina. The Slovakian, who is married with two children, has also carved out a fine reputation in his homeland since he made his debut in the middle back in 1987 with the Division 6 confrontation between FK Duplin and FK Strocín. Since kicking-off his Division 1 career six years later in the game between FC Tatran Prešov and ŠK Slovan Bratislava, he has gone from strength to strength and has taken charge of four domestic cup finals. He has also been selected as one of 12 referees who will work at UEFA EURO 2008™ in Austria and Switzerland this summer.

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

| Date | Comp. | Stage | | Res. | Venue |
|------------|-------|-------|--|------|------------|
| 04.11.1998 | UCL | GS | Manchester United FC - Brøndby IF | 5-0 | Manchester |
| 27.10.1999 | UCL | GS1 | Arsenal FC - ACF Fiorentina | 0-1 | London |
| 21.03.2000 | UCL | GS2 | Valencia CF - Manchester United FC | 0-0 | Valencia |
| 21.02.2001 | UCL | GS2 | Arsenal FC - Olympique Lyonnais | 1-1 | London |
| 24.04.2002 | UCL | SF | Manchester United FC - Bayer 04 Leverkusen | 2-2 | Manchester |
| 14.08.2002 | UCL | QR3 | NK Željeznikar - Newcastle United FC | 0-1 | Sarajevo |
| 25.09.2002 | UCL | GS1 | PSV Eindhoven - Arsenal FC | 0-4 | Eindhoven |
| 27.11.2002 | UCL | GS2 | AS Roma - Arsenal FC | 1-3 | Rome |
| 10.12.2003 | UCL | GS1 | Arsenal FC - FC Lokomotiv Moskva | 2-0 | London |
| 20.10.2004 | UCL | GS | Chelsea FC - PFC CSKA Moskva | 2-0 | London |
| 03.05.2005 | UCL | SF | Liverpool FC - Chelsea FC | 1-0 | Liverpool |
| 27.09.2005 | UCL | GS | Manchester United FC - SL Benfica | 2-1 | Manchester |
| 08.03.2006 | UCL | 1/8 | Arsenal FC - Real Madrid CF | 0-0 | London |
| 13.09.2006 | UCL | GS | Manchester United FC - Celtic FC | 3-2 | Manchester |
| 01.11.2006 | UCL | GS | Arsenal FC - PFC CSKA Moskva | 0-0 | London |
| 22.11.2006 | UCL | GS | Werder Bremen - Chelsea FC | 1-0 | Bremen |
| 10.04.2007 | UCL | QF | Manchester United FC - AS Roma | 7-1 | Manchester |
| 18.09.2007 | UCL | GS | FC Porto - Liverpool FC | 1-1 | Porto |

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Other matches - Matches involving teams from either of the two countries involved in this match

| Date | Comp. | Stage | | Res. | Venue |
|------------|-------|-------|---|------|---------------|
| 17.11.1993 | U21 | QR | San Marino - England | 0-4 | Serravalle |
| 25.11.1997 | UCUP | R3 | FC Steaua București - Aston Villa FC | 2-1 | Bucharest |
| 20.04.2000 | UCUP | SF | Leeds United AFC - Galatasaray AS | 2-2 | Leeds |
| 06.05.2004 | UCUP | SF | Olympique de Marseille - Newcastle United FC | 2-0 | Marseille |
| 04.09.2004 | WC | QR | Austria - England | 2-2 | Vienna |
| 27.04.2006 | UCUP | SF | Middlesbrough FC - FC Steaua București | 4-2 | Middlesbrough |

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Domestic information

Manchester United FC (Premier League)

| Comp. | Date | Opponent | Res. | Goalscorers |
|--|----------|--------------------------|------|--|
| League | 12/08/07 | Reading FC (H) | 0-0 | |
| League | 15/08/07 | Portsmouth FC (A) | 1-1 | Scholes 15 |
| League | 19/08/07 | Manchester City FC (A) | 0-1 | |
| League | 26/08/07 | Tottenham Hotspur FC (H) | 1-0 | Nani 68 |
| League | 01/09/07 | Sunderland AFC (H) | 1-0 | Saha 72 |
| League | 15/09/07 | Everton FC (A) | 1-0 | Vidić 83 |
| League | 23/09/07 | Chelsea FC (H) | 2-0 | Tévez 45, Saha 90(pen) |
| Cup | 26/09/07 | Coventry (H) | 0-2 | |
| League | 29/09/07 | Birmingham City FC (A) | 1-0 | Cristiano Ronaldo 51 |
| League | 06/10/07 | Wigan Athletic FC (H) | 4-0 | Tévez 54, Cristiano Ronaldo 59, 76, Rooney 82 |
| League | 20/10/07 | Aston Villa FC (A) | 4-1 | Rooney 36, 44, Ferdinand 45, Giggs 75 |
| League | 27/10/07 | Middlesbrough FC (H) | 4-1 | Nani 3, Rooney 33, Tévez 55, 85 |
| League | 03/11/07 | Arsenal FC (A) | 2-2 | Own goal, Cristiano Ronaldo 82 |
| League | 11/11/07 | Blackburn Rovers FC (H) | 2-0 | Cristiano Ronaldo 34, 35 |
| League | 24/11/07 | Bolton Wanderers FC (A) | 0-1 | |
| League | 03/12/07 | Fulham FC (H) | 2-0 | Cristiano Ronaldo 10, 58 |
| League | 08/12/07 | Derby County FC (H) | 4-1 | Giggs 40, Tévez 45, 60, Cristiano Ronaldo 90(pen) |
| League | 16/12/07 | Liverpool FC (A) | 1-0 | Tévez 43 |
| League | 23/12/07 | Everton FC (H) | 2-1 | Cristiano Ronaldo 22, 88(pen) |
| League | 26/12/07 | Sunderland AFC (A) | 4-0 | Rooney 20, Saha 30, 86(pen), Cristiano Ronaldo 45 |
| League | 29/12/07 | West Ham United FC (A) | 1-2 | Cristiano Ronaldo 14 |
| League | 01/01/08 | Birmingham City FC (H) | 1-0 | Tévez 25 |
| Cup | 05/01/08 | Aston Villa FC (A) | 2-0 | Cristiano Ronaldo 81, Rooney 89 |
| League | 12/01/08 | Newcastle United FC (H) | 6-0 | Cristiano Ronaldo 49, 70, 88, Tévez 55, 90, Ferdinand 85 |
| League | 19/01/08 | Reading FC (A) | 2-0 | Rooney 77, Cristiano Ronaldo 90 |
| Cup | 27/01/08 | Tottenham Hotspur FC (H) | 3-1 | Tévez 38, Cristiano Ronaldo 69(pen), 88 |
| League | 30/01/08 | Portsmouth FC (H) | 2-0 | Cristiano Ronaldo 10, 13 |
| League | 02/02/08 | Tottenham Hotspur FC (A) | 1-1 | Tévez 90 |
| League | 10/02/08 | Manchester City FC (H) | 1-2 | Carrick 90 |
| Cup | 16/02/08 | Arsenal FC (H) | 4-0 | Rooney 16, Fletcher 20, 74, Nani 38 |
| League | 23/02/08 | Newcastle United FC (A) | 5-1 | Rooney 25, 80, Cristiano Ronaldo 45, 56, Saha 90 |
| League | 01/03/08 | Fulham FC (A) | 3-0 | Hargreaves 15, Park 44, Own goal |
| Cup | 08/03/08 | Portsmouth FC (H) | 0-1 | |
| League | 15/03/08 | Derby County FC (A) | 1-0 | Cristiano Ronaldo 76 |
| League | 19/03/08 | Bolton Wanderers FC (H) | 2-0 | Cristiano Ronaldo 9, 19 |
| League | 23/03/08 | Liverpool FC (H) | 3-0 | Brown 34, Cristiano Ronaldo 79, Nani 81 |
| League | 29/03/08 | Aston Villa FC (H) | 4-0 | Cristiano Ronaldo 17, Tévez 33, Rooney 53, 70 |
| League | 06/04/08 | Middlesbrough FC (A) | 2-2 | Cristiano Ronaldo 10, Rooney 74 |
| League | 13/04/08 | Arsenal FC (H) | 2-1 | Cristiano Ronaldo 54(pen), Hargreaves 72 |
| League | 19/04/08 | Blackburn Rovers FC (A) | 1-1 | Tévez 88 |
| League | 26/04/08 | Chelsea FC (A) | 1-2 | Rooney 57 |
| Lineups: Van der Sar, Brown, Ferdinand, Vidić (Hargreaves 14), Silvestre, Fletcher, Carrick, Anderson (O'Shea 65), Nani, Rooney (Cristiano Ronaldo 63), Giggs | | | | |
| League | 03/05/08 | West Ham United FC (H) | 4-1 | Cristiano Ronaldo 3, 24, Tévez 26, Carrick 59 |

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Lineups: Van der Sar, Hargreaves, Brown, Ferdinand, Evra, Nani, Carrick, Scholes (O'Shea 72), Park (Giggs 61), Cristiano Ronaldo (Fletcher 64), Tévez

League 11/05/08 Wigan Athletic FC (A) 2-0 Cristiano Ronaldo 33(pen), Giggs 80

Lineups: Van der Sar, Brown, Ferdinand, Vidić, Evra, Cristiano Ronaldo, Carrick, Scholes (Hargreaves 67), Park (Giggs 68), Tévez, Rooney

| Pos. | Clubs | Pld | W | D | L | GF | GA | Pts |
|------|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1 | Manchester United FC | 38 | 27 | 6 | 5 | 80 | 22 | 87 |
| 2 | Chelsea FC | 38 | 25 | 10 | 3 | 65 | 26 | 85 |
| 3 | Arsenal FC | 38 | 24 | 11 | 3 | 74 | 31 | 83 |
| 4 | Liverpool FC | 38 | 21 | 13 | 4 | 67 | 28 | 76 |
| 5 | Everton FC | 38 | 19 | 8 | 11 | 55 | 33 | 65 |
| 6 | Aston Villa FC | 38 | 16 | 12 | 10 | 71 | 51 | 60 |
| 7 | Blackburn Rovers FC | 38 | 15 | 13 | 10 | 50 | 48 | 58 |
| 8 | Portsmouth FC | 38 | 16 | 9 | 13 | 48 | 40 | 57 |
| 9 | Manchester City FC | 38 | 15 | 10 | 13 | 45 | 53 | 55 |
| 10 | West Ham United FC | 38 | 13 | 10 | 15 | 42 | 50 | 49 |
| 11 | Tottenham Hotspur FC | 38 | 11 | 13 | 14 | 66 | 61 | 46 |
| 12 | Newcastle United FC | 38 | 11 | 10 | 17 | 45 | 65 | 43 |
| 13 | Middlesbrough FC | 38 | 10 | 12 | 16 | 43 | 53 | 42 |
| 14 | Wigan Athletic FC | 38 | 10 | 10 | 18 | 34 | 51 | 40 |
| 15 | Sunderland AFC | 38 | 11 | 6 | 21 | 36 | 59 | 39 |
| 16 | Bolton Wanderers FC | 38 | 9 | 10 | 19 | 36 | 54 | 37 |
| 17 | Fulham FC | 38 | 8 | 12 | 18 | 38 | 60 | 36 |
| 18 | Reading FC | 38 | 10 | 6 | 22 | 41 | 66 | 36 |
| 19 | Birmingham City FC | 38 | 8 | 11 | 19 | 46 | 62 | 35 |
| 20 | Derby County FC | 38 | 1 | 8 | 29 | 20 | 89 | 11 |

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Chelsea FC (Premier League)

| Comp. | Date | Opponent | Res. | Goalscorers |
|-----------------|--|--------------------------|------|---|
| League | 12/08/07 | Birmingham City FC (H) | 3-2 | Pizarro 17, Malouda 31, Essien 50 |
| League | 15/08/07 | Reading FC (A) | 2-1 | Lampard 47, Drogba 50 |
| League | 19/08/07 | Liverpool FC (A) | 1-1 | Lampard 62(pen) |
| League | 25/08/07 | Portsmouth FC (H) | 1-0 | Lampard 31 |
| League | 02/09/07 | Aston Villa FC (A) | 0-2 | |
| League | 15/09/07 | Blackburn Rovers FC (H) | 0-0 | |
| League | 23/09/07 | Manchester United FC (A) | 0-2 | |
| Cup | 26/09/07 | Hull (A) | 4-0 | Sinclair 37, Kalou 48, 81, Sidwell 52 |
| League | 29/09/07 | Fulham FC (H) | 0-0 | |
| League | 07/10/07 | Bolton Wanderers FC (A) | 1-0 | Kalou 41 |
| League | 20/10/07 | Middlesbrough FC (A) | 2-0 | Drogba 8, Alex 57 |
| League | 27/10/07 | Manchester City FC (H) | 6-0 | Essien 16, Drogba 31, 56, J. Cole 60, Kalou 75, Shevchenko 90 |
| Cup | 31/10/07 | Leicester City FC (H) | 4-3 | Lampard 20, 29, 90, Shevchenko 87 |
| League | 03/11/07 | Wigan Athletic FC (A) | 2-0 | Lampard 11, Belletti 18 |
| League | 11/11/07 | Everton FC (H) | 1-1 | Drogba 70 |
| League | 24/11/07 | Derby County FC (A) | 2-0 | Kalou 17, Wright-Phillips 73 |
| League | 01/12/07 | West Ham United FC (H) | 1-0 | J. Cole 76 |
| League | 08/12/07 | Sunderland AFC (H) | 2-0 | Shevchenko 23, Lampard 75(pen) |
| League | 16/12/07 | Arsenal FC (A) | 0-1 | |
| Cup | 19/12/07 | Liverpool FC (H) | 2-0 | Lampard 59, Shevchenko 90 |
| League | 23/12/07 | Blackburn Rovers FC (A) | 1-0 | J. Cole 22 |
| League | 26/12/07 | Aston Villa FC (H) | 4-4 | Shevchenko 45(pen), 50, Alex 66, Ballack 88 |
| League | 29/12/07 | Newcastle United FC (H) | 2-1 | Essien 29, Kalou 87 |
| League | 01/01/08 | Fulham FC (A) | 2-1 | Kalou 54, Ballack 62(pen) |
| Cup | 05/01/08 | QPR (H) | 1-0 | Own goal |
| Cup | 08/01/08 | Everton FC (H) | 2-1 | Wright-Phillips 26, Own goal |
| League | 12/01/08 | Tottenham Hotspur FC (H) | 2-0 | Belletti 19, Wright-Phillips 80 |
| League | 19/01/08 | Birmingham City FC (A) | 1-0 | Pizarro 79 |
| Cup | 23/01/08 | Everton FC (A) | 1-0 | J. Cole 69 |
| Cup | 26/01/08 | Wigan Athletic FC (A) | 2-1 | Anelka 53, Wright-Phillips 82 |
| League | 30/01/08 | Reading FC (H) | 1-0 | Ballack 32 |
| League | 02/02/08 | Portsmouth FC (A) | 1-1 | Anelka 55 |
| League | 10/02/08 | Liverpool FC (H) | 0-0 | |
| Cup | 16/02/08 | Huddersfield (H) | 3-1 | Lampard 18, 60, Kalou 70 |
| Cup | 24/02/08 | Tottenham Hotspur FC (A) | 1-2 | Drogba 39 |
| League | 01/03/08 | West Ham United FC (A) | 4-0 | Lampard 17(pen), J. Cole 20, Ballack 22, A. Cole 64 |
| Cup | 08/03/08 | Barnsley (A) | 0-1 | |
| League | 12/03/08 | Derby County FC (H) | 6-1 | Lampard 28(pen), 57, 66, 72, Kalou 42, J. Cole 64 |
| League | 15/03/08 | Sunderland AFC (A) | 1-0 | Terry 10 |
| League | 19/03/08 | Tottenham Hotspur FC (A) | 4-4 | Drogba 3, Essien 20, J. Cole 52, 80 |
| League | 23/03/08 | Arsenal FC (H) | 2-1 | Drogba 73, 82 |
| League | 30/03/08 | Middlesbrough FC (H) | 1-0 | Carvalho 6 |
| League | 05/04/08 | Manchester City FC (A) | 2-0 | Own goal, Kalou 53 |
| League | 14/04/08 | Wigan Athletic FC (H) | 1-1 | Essien 55 |
| League | 17/04/08 | Everton FC (A) | 1-0 | Essien 41 |
| League | 26/04/08 | Manchester United FC (H) | 2-1 | Ballack 45, 86(pen) |
| Lineups: | Čech, Ferreira (Anelka 66), Carvalho, Terry, A. Cole, Ballack, Mikel, Essien, Kalou (Shevchenko 81), Drogba, J. Cole (Makelele 87) | | | |
| League | 05/05/08 | Newcastle United FC (A) | 2-0 | Ballack 61, Malouda 82 |

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| Lineups: Čech, Ferreira, Terry, Carvalho (Alex 79), Bridge, Essien, Mikel, Ballack, Anelka (Lampard 66), Drogba (Shevchenko 86), Malouda | | | | |
| League | 11/05/08 | Bolton Wanderers FC (H) | 1-1 | Shevchenko 62 |
| Lineups: Čech, Essien, Alex, Terry (Belletti 14), A. Cole, Ballack, Makelele (Shevchenko 46), Lampard, J. Cole (Mikel 78), Drogba, Malouda | | | | |

| Pos. | Clubs | Pld | W | D | L | GF | GA | Pts |
|------|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1 | Manchester United FC | 38 | 27 | 6 | 5 | 80 | 22 | 87 |
| 2 | Chelsea FC | 38 | 25 | 10 | 3 | 65 | 26 | 85 |
| 3 | Arsenal FC | 38 | 24 | 11 | 3 | 74 | 31 | 83 |
| 4 | Liverpool FC | 38 | 21 | 13 | 4 | 67 | 28 | 76 |
| 5 | Everton FC | 38 | 19 | 8 | 11 | 55 | 33 | 65 |
| 6 | Aston Villa FC | 38 | 16 | 12 | 10 | 71 | 51 | 60 |
| 7 | Blackburn Rovers FC | 38 | 15 | 13 | 10 | 50 | 48 | 58 |
| 8 | Portsmouth FC | 38 | 16 | 9 | 13 | 48 | 40 | 57 |
| 9 | Manchester City FC | 38 | 15 | 10 | 13 | 45 | 53 | 55 |
| 10 | West Ham United FC | 38 | 13 | 10 | 15 | 42 | 50 | 49 |
| 11 | Tottenham Hotspur FC | 38 | 11 | 13 | 14 | 66 | 61 | 46 |
| 12 | Newcastle United FC | 38 | 11 | 10 | 17 | 45 | 65 | 43 |
| 13 | Middlesbrough FC | 38 | 10 | 12 | 16 | 43 | 53 | 42 |
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| 15 | Sunderland AFC | 38 | 11 | 6 | 21 | 36 | 59 | 39 |
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UEFA information

Visa exemption

All ticket holders attending the UEFA Champions League final in Moscow on 21 May are able to use their match ticket as a visa entry to the Russian Federation for a 72-hour period. UEFA said the decision had been made in order to organise the 2007/08 UEFA Champions League final in Moscow in the most efficient and enjoyable way, and following high-level discussions involving the UEFA President, Michel Platini, the Russian Government and UEFA.

"This is great news for football fans travelling to watch this year's UEFA Champions League final in Moscow," said Mr Platini. "Our job is to make sure that they are able to get to and from Moscow as easily as possible. I am therefore extremely pleased that, at my request, all fans travelling with a valid match ticket can use this to enter Russian territory, and for this I must thank wholeheartedly the President of the Russian Federation, Vladimir Putin, the Russian Government, the City of Moscow and the Football Union of Russia for this exceptional and unprecedented gesture."

Fair Play bonus

Germany and Denmark have earned places in the first qualifying round of next season's UEFA Cup thanks to their associations' placing in UEFA's final Fair Play rankings for the 2007/08 season. The two associations join an additional English club, Manchester City FC, in the first qualifying round of next season's UEFA Cup after a draw at the City of Manchester Stadium in north-west England ahead of FC Zenit St. Petersburg's 2-0 win against Rangers FC in this season's final. The draw was made by Rangers goalkeeper Allan McGregor and Zenit striker Pavel Pogrebnyak, who missed the final through injury and suspension respectively.

England automatically gained an extra UEFA Cup place after finishing top of the 2007/08 UEFA Fair Play ranking. Seven other national associations –Norway, Denmark, Sweden, Finland, Germany, Spain and France – all with a coefficient equal to, or higher than, 8.0 went into the draw for the other two places. The UEFA Fair Play competition for the 2007/08 season began on 1 May 2007 and finished on 30 April 2008. The competition is based on the Fair Play assessments made by official UEFA delegates at all UEFA competition matches (club and national teams). The coefficient is based on criteria such as positive play, respect of the opponent, respect of the referee, behaviour of the crowd and of team officials, as well as cautions and dismissals.

The three associations who have won an extra UEFA Cup slot are entitled to enter the club that has won the domestic top-division Fair Play competition. If this team has already qualified for the UEFA Champions League or UEFA Cup, the domestic Fair Play competition will continue to apply, and the second-placed team may be entered. If the second-placed side has qualified for the UEFA Champions League or UEFA Cup, the third-placed team in the domestic Fair Play tournament may be considered, and so forth.

UEFA dictionary

The specific terminology of football is difficult to translate into other languages. UEFA's language services unit, in collaboration with various higher education institutions, has addressed the issue with a new dictionary which captures the language of the game. The book is called *Praxiswörterbuch Fußball*, and leading dictionary publisher Langenscheidt is on board to market the product. The dictionary is trilingual (German-English-French) and contains about 1,800 terms in each language. These are official terms used by UEFA and the world football body FIFA, as well as terms favoured by professionals and ordinary fans in everyday football life.

UEFA exhibition in Liverpool

Only a Game? – a cultural, fun and educational UEFA exhibition that draws a parallel between the history of European football and that of the European Union – is heading to the United Kingdom. The exhibition will be based at the World Museum in Liverpool from October until February 2009, having been a success in Brussels. Liverpool was anything but a random choice: not only does the city in north-west England have an passion for football, being the proud home to Everton FC and Liverpool FC, two clubs of mythical proportions; but Liverpool is also a 2008 European Capital of Culture.

Match-by-match lineups - Manchester United FC

Group Stage

| Club | Pld | W | D | L | GF | GA | Pts |
|----------------------------|-----|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| Manchester United FC | 6 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 13 | 4 | 16 |
| AS Roma | 6 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 11 | 6 | 11 |
| Sporting Clube de Portugal | 6 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 9 | 8 | 7 |
| FC Dynamo Kyiv | 6 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 4 | 19 | 0 |

| Date | Match | Result | Stadium, Venue |
|--|---------------------------|--------|-------------------------------|
| 19.09.2007 | Sporting - Man. United | 0-1 | José Alvalade, Lisbon |
| Goals: 0-1 Cristiano Ronaldo 62 | | | |
| Man. United: Van der Sar, Evra, Ferdinand, Brown, Cristiano Ronaldo (Tévez 87), Rooney (Saha 72), Giggs (Anderson 76), Vidić, Carrick, Nani, Scholes | | | |
| 02.10.2007 | Man. United - Roma | 1-0 | Old Trafford, Manchester |
| Goals: 1-0 Rooney 70 | | | |
| Man. United: Kuszczak, Evra, Ferdinand, Cristiano Ronaldo, Saha (Tévez 66), Rooney (Anderson 85), Vidić, Carrick, Nani (Giggs 80), Scholes, O'Shea | | | |
| 23.10.2007 | Dynamo Kyiv - Man. United | 2-4 | NSC Olympiyskiy Stadium, Kiev |
| Goals: 0-1 Ferdinand 10, 0-2 Rooney 18, 1-2 Diogo Rincón 34, 1-3 Cristiano Ronaldo 41, 1-4 Cristiano Ronaldo 68 (pen) , 2-4 Bangoura 78 | | | |
| Man. United: Van der Sar (Kuszczak 80), Ferdinand, Brown, Cristiano Ronaldo, Anderson, Rooney, Giggs (Simpson 80), Vidić, O'Shea, Fletcher, Tévez (Nani 73) | | | |
| 07.11.2007 | Man. United - Dynamo Kyiv | 4-0 | Old Trafford, Manchester |
| Goals: 1-0 Piqué 31, 2-0 Tévez 37, 3-0 Rooney 76, 4-0 Cristiano Ronaldo 88 | | | |
| Man. United: Van der Sar (Kuszczak 46), Evra, Cristiano Ronaldo, Rooney, Vidić, Carrick, Nani, Piqué (Evans 73), Fletcher, Simpson, Tévez (Saha 68) | | | |
| 27.11.2007 | Man. United - Sporting | 2-1 | Old Trafford, Manchester |
| Goals: 0-1 Abel 21, 1-1 Tévez 61, 2-1 Cristiano Ronaldo 90+2 | | | |
| Man. United: Kuszczak, Evra, Ferdinand, Cristiano Ronaldo, Anderson, Saha (Hargreaves 79), Vidić, Carrick, Nani (Giggs 46), O'Shea, Fletcher (Tévez 46) | | | |
| 12.12.2007 | Roma - Man. United | 1-1 | Stadio Olimpico, Rome |
| Goals: 0-1 Piqué 34, 1-1 Mancini 71 | | | |
| Man. United: Kuszczak, Saha, Rooney (Dong 72), Carrick, Nani, Piqué, O'Shea (Brown 54), Evans, Fletcher, Simpson, Eagles | | | |

First knockout round , first leg

| Date | Match | Result | Stadium, Venue |
|---|--------------------|--------|------------------------|
| 20/02/08 | Lyon - Man. United | 1-1 | Stade de Gerland, Lyon |
| Goals: 1-0 Benzema 54, 1-1 Tévez 87 | | | |
| Man. United: Van der Sar, Evra, Hargreaves (Carrick 78), Ferdinand, Brown, Cristiano Ronaldo, Anderson, Rooney, Giggs (Nani 65), Vidić, Scholes (Tévez 65) | | | |

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| Date | Match | Result | Stadium, Venue |
|----------|--------------------|--------|--------------------------|
| 04/03/08 | Man. United - Lyon | 1-0 | Old Trafford, Manchester |

Goals: 1-0 Cristiano Ronaldo 41

Man. United: Van der Sar, Evra, Ferdinand, Brown, Cristiano Ronaldo (Hargreaves 90+2), Anderson (Tévez 70), Rooney, Vidić, Carrick, Nani, Fletcher

Quarter-finals , first leg

| Date | Match | Result | Stadium, Venue |
|----------|--------------------|--------|-----------------------|
| 01/04/08 | Roma - Man. United | 0-2 | Stadio Olimpico, Rome |

Goals: 0-1 Cristiano Ronaldo 39, 0-2 Rooney 66

Man. United: Van der Sar, Evra, Ferdinand, Brown, Cristiano Ronaldo, Anderson (Hargreaves 55), Rooney (Tévez 84), Park, Vidić (O'Shea 33), Carrick, Scholes

Quarter-finals , second leg

| Date | Match | Result | Stadium, Venue |
|----------|--------------------|--------|--------------------------|
| 09/04/08 | Man. United - Roma | 1-0 | Old Trafford, Manchester |

Goals: 1-0 Tévez 70

Man. United: Van der Sar, Hargreaves, Ferdinand, Brown, Anderson (G. Neville 81), Giggs (Rooney 74), Park, Carrick (O'Shea 74), Piqué, Silvestre, Tévez

Semi-finals , first leg

| Date | Match | Result | Stadium, Venue |
|----------|-------------------------|--------|---------------------|
| 23/04/08 | Barcelona - Man. United | 0-0 | Camp Nou, Barcelona |

Goals:

Man. United: Van der Sar, Evra, Hargreaves, Ferdinand, Brown, Cristiano Ronaldo, Rooney (Nani 76), Park, Carrick, Scholes, Tévez (Giggs 85)

Semi-finals , second leg

| Date | Match | Result | Stadium, Venue |
|----------|-------------------------|--------|--------------------------|
| 29/04/08 | Man. United - Barcelona | 1-0 | Old Trafford, Manchester |

Goals: 1-0 Scholes 14

Man. United: Van der Sar, Evra (Silvestre 90+3), Hargreaves, Ferdinand, Brown, Cristiano Ronaldo, Park, Carrick, Nani (Giggs 77), Scholes (Fletcher 77), Tévez

Match-by-match lineups - Chelsea FC

Group Stage

| Club | Pld | W | D | L | GF | GA | Pts |
|---------------|-----|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| Chelsea FC | 6 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 9 | 2 | 12 |
| FC Schalke 04 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 4 | 8 |
| Rosenborg BK | 6 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 10 | 7 |
| Valencia CF | 6 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 5 |

| Date | Match | Result | Stadium, Venue |
|------------|---------------------|--------|-------------------------|
| 18.09.2007 | Chelsea - Rosenborg | 1-1 | Stamford Bridge, London |

Goals: 0-1 Koppinen 24, 1-1 Shevchenko 63

Chelsea: Čech, A. Cole (Ben Haim 74), Makelele, Essien, Shevchenko, J. Cole (Wright-Phillips 74), Malouda, Kalou, Terry, Alex, Belletti

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03.10.2007 Valencia - Chelsea 1-2 Mestalla Stadium, Valencia
Goals: 1-0 Villa 9, 1-1 J. Cole 21, 1-2 Drogba 71
Chelsea: Čech, A. Cole, Makelele, Essien (Sidwell 84), Carvalho, J. Cole, Drogba, Mikel (Alex 89), Malouda (Kalou 86), Ferreira, Terry

24.10.2007 Chelsea - Schalke 2-0 Stamford Bridge, London
Goals: 1-0 Malouda 4, 2-0 Drogba 47
Chelsea: Čech, Makelele, Essien (Mikel 70), Carvalho, Lampard, J. Cole (Shevchenko 89), Drogba, Malouda (Kalou 84), Bridge, Ferreira, Alex

06.11.2007 Schalke - Chelsea 0-0 Arena AufSchalke, Gelsenkirchen
Goals: -
Chelsea: Čech (Cudicini 46), Makelele, Essien, Carvalho, Lampard, J. Cole, Drogba, Malouda (Wright-Phillips 78), Bridge, Alex, Belletti (Mikel 64)

28.11.2007 Rosenborg - Chelsea 0-4 Lerkendal, Trondheim
Goals: 0-1 Drogba 8, 0-2 Drogba 20, 0-3 Alex 40, 0-4 J. Cole 73
Chelsea: Cudicini, A. Cole, Makelele, Essien, Lampard (Pizarro 76), J. Cole, Drogba (Shevchenko 68), Wright-Phillips (Kalou 69), Terry, Alex, Belletti

11.12.2007 Chelsea - Valencia 0-0 Stamford Bridge, London
Goals: -
Chelsea: Čech, Essien, Shevchenko (Makelele 46), Lampard (J. Cole 62), Pizarro, Bridge, Ferreira (Belletti 72), Kalou, Ben Haim, Wright-Phillips, Terry

First knockout round , first leg

| Date | Match | Result | Stadium, Venue |
|----------|----------------------|--------|--------------------------------------|
| 19/02/08 | Olympiacos - Chelsea | 0-0 | Georgios Karaiskakis Stadium, Athens |

Goals:
Chelsea: Čech, A. Cole, Makelele, Essien, Carvalho, J. Cole (Anelka 75), Drogba, Ballack (Lampard 86), Malouda (Kalou 75), Alex, Belletti

First knockout round , second leg

| Date | Match | Result | Stadium, Venue |
|----------|----------------------|--------|-------------------------|
| 05/03/08 | Chelsea - Olympiacos | 3-0 | Stamford Bridge, London |

Goals: 1-0 Ballack 5, 2-0 Lampard 25, 3-0 Kalou 48
Chelsea: Cudicini, A. Cole, Makelele, Carvalho, Lampard (Essien 76), J. Cole (Wright-Phillips 79), Drogba, Ballack, Ferreira, Kalou (Malouda 71), Terry

Quarter-finals , first leg

| Date | Match | Result | Stadium, Venue |
|----------|----------------------|--------|---------------------------|
| 02/04/08 | Fenerbahçe - Chelsea | 2-1 | Sükrü Saraçoğlu, Istanbul |

Goals: 0-1 Deivid 13 (o.g.) , 1-1 Kazım Kazım 65, 2-1 Deivid 81
Chelsea: Cudicini, A. Cole, Makelele, Essien, Carvalho, Lampard (Mikel 76), J. Cole (Anelka 86), Drogba, Ballack, Malouda, Terry

Quarter-finals , second leg

| Date | Match | Result | Stadium, Venue |
|----------|----------------------|--------|-------------------------|
| 08/04/08 | Chelsea - Fenerbahçe | 2-0 | Stamford Bridge, London |

Goals: 1-0 Ballack 4, 2-0 Lampard 87
Chelsea: Cudicini (Hilário 26), A. Cole, Makelele, Essien, Carvalho, Lampard, J. Cole (Malouda 85), Drogba, Ballack, Kalou (Belletti 58), Terry

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Semi-finals , first leg

| Date | Match | Result | Stadium, Venue |
|----------|---------------------|--------|--------------------|
| 22/04/08 | Liverpool - Chelsea | 1-1 | Anfield, Liverpool |

Goals: 1-0 Kuyt 43, 1-1 Riise 90+4 (o.g.)

Chelsea: Čech, A. Cole, Makelele, Carvalho, Lampard, J. Cole (Kalou 63), Drogba, Ballack (Anelka 86), Malouda, Ferreira, Terry

Semi-finals , second leg

| Date | Match | Result | Stadium, Venue |
|----------|---------------------|--------|-------------------------|
| 30/04/08 | Chelsea - Liverpool | 3-2 | Stamford Bridge, London |

Goals: 1-0 Drogba 33, 1-1 Torres 64, 2-1 Lampard 64 (pen) , 3-1 Drogba 64, 3-2 Babel 64

Chelsea: Čech, A. Cole, Makelele, Essien, Carvalho, Lampard (Shevchenko 29 Ex.), J. Cole (Anelka 1 Ex.), Drogba, Ballack, Kalou (Malouda 70), Terry

Competition facts

UEFA Champions League finals: Did you know?

- Spain and Italy are the most successful nations with four triumphs each. Spain's wins – 1998, 2000, 2002 and 2006 – came from seven final dates while Italy were victorious in 1994, 1996, 2003 and 2007 from their ten appearances. England emerged victorious in 1999 and 2005, and were losing finalists in 2006 and 2007.
- No team has played in more finals than AC Milan as 2007 marked their sixth appearance. They equalled Real Madrid CF's record of three victories with that triumph against Liverpool FC in Athens.
- Italy with 25 has the most appearances per nation in all-time European Champion Clubs' Cup finals – of those eleven have ended in victory and 14 in defeat. England has recorded ten wins from 14 final appearances. For the record, Spain has 20 final appearances (eleven wins/nine defeats) and Germany 13 (six/seven).
- In the previous 15 finals, there have been eleven outright wins and four matches decided on shoot-outs. A total of 39 goals have been scored with the most common results being 2-1, which has happened on four occasions, while three finals have finished 1-0.
- Thirteen European Champion Clubs' Cup finals have gone to extra time. The finals of 1958, 1968, 1970 and 1992 were decided in the additional period, while the 1974 showpiece between FC Bayern München and Club Atlético de Madrid ended 1-1 after 120 minutes with Bayern subsequently winning a replay. The other eight of those finals have been settled by a penalty shoot-out after extra time: in 1984, 1986, 1988, 1991, 1996, 2001, 2003 and, most recently, 2005, when Liverpool defeated Milan 3-2 in the shoot-out after a 3-3 draw.
- Milan's 4-0 win against FC Barcelona in the 1994 final remains the biggest winning margin and the Rossoneri were also involved in the highest scoring showpiece when they shared six goals with Liverpool in 2005 before penalties. In terms of the all-time European Cup, Madrid's 7-3 defeat of Eintracht Frankfurt in 1960 remains the most impressive while Bayern (1974 v Club Atlético de Madrid) and Milan (1989 v FC Steaua Bucureşti) also recorded 4-0 successes.
- No player has scored a hat-trick in a final. Daniele Massaro (Milan 1994), Karlheinz Riedle (BV Borussia Dortmund 1997), Hernán Crespo (Milan 2005) and Filippo Inzaghi (2007) all struck twice. In European Cup terms, only Ferenc Puskás (Madrid 1962) and Pierino Prati (Milan 1969) have managed a final hat-trick.
- Only Raúl González has scored in two different UEFA Champions League finals (Madrid 2000 and 2002) – adding him to an exclusive club of 12 players to have found the net in more than one European Cup showpiece. Alfredo di Stéfano leads the list having scored seven goals in five separate finals for Madrid.
- Jens Lehmann's red card in the 2006 final made him the first player to be dismissed in a European Cup final.
- The 2008 final is only the third time two teams from the same country have met in the UEFA Champions League showpiece. Real Madrid overcame Valencia CF 3-0 in Paris in 2000, while Milan defeated Juventus 3-2 in a penalty shoot-out after a goalless draw at Old Trafford, Manchester, three years later.
- If Manchester United triumph in Moscow, they will become the sixth team to win the UEFA Champions League without losing a game having also achieved that feat in 1999. Olympique de Marseille (1993), Milan (1994), AFC Ajax (1995) and FC Barcelona (2006) also remained unbeaten in claiming the trophy.

- Moscow was awarded the 2008 UEFA Champions League final after a decision by the UEFA Executive Committee at its meeting in Ljubljana, Slovenia in October 2006. The Luzhniki Stadium, formerly known as the Grand Arena of the Central Lenin Stadium, was inaugurated in 1956. Home of FC Torpedo Moskva, it is the biggest sports arena in Russia with 84,745 covered seats. The capacity reached 103,000 when the Luzhniki sports complex staged the Olympic Games in 1980, but was reduced following renovation work between 1995 and 1997. It is one of few major European stadiums to use an artificial pitch, having installed the UEFA-approved FieldTurf surface in 2002 to withstand the effects of the freezing winters, although the final will be played on a new natural grass pitch.
- The Luzhniki Stadium hosted the 1999 UEFA Cup final between Parma FC and Marseille, and also held the first UEFA Champions League match on artificial turf, between FC Spartak Moskva and Sporting Clube de Portugal, in September 2006.

UEFA Champions League knockout stage: Did you know?

- Eight ties have now gone to penalties. Four of these were finals – 1996, 2001, 2003 and 2005. The first two-legged tie decided on spot-kicks was PSV Eindhoven's 4-2 win against Olympique Lyonnais on 13 April 2005 after a 2-2 aggregate draw. The second was Liverpool's 4-1 semi-final win on penalties on 1 May 2007 against Chelsea after a 1-1 aggregate draw.
- In all, 15 ties have required extra time, including, in 2007/08, Fenerbahçe SK's win against Sevilla FC and FC Schalke 04's triumph against FC Porto in the first knockout round, with both ties eventually being settled on penalties. So far, seven ties have been settled by extra time alone: four quarter-finals, two first knockout round encounters and this season's semi-final between Chelsea and Liverpool.
- Real Madrid have extended their record for knockout stage qualification in successive seasons. The 2007/08 campaign was the eleventh straight season since 1997/98 that they made it beyond the group stage, moving them ahead of Manchester United, who appeared nine times in a row between 1996/97 and 2004/05. Overall, they have now played in the knockout stage 12 times, one more than United and two more than Bayern.
- Had Schalke beaten Barcelona in the 2007/08 last eight, it would have meant the first time the UEFA Champions League semi-finals had no representation from either the Primera División or Serie A.
- The last European Champion Clubs' Cup season that featured not one semi-finalist from either Spain or Italy, or England for that matter, was the 1990/91 campaign.
- England's success of having three semi-finalists in 2007/08 has been matched on three other occasions in European football's premier club competition since 1992/93. In 1999/00, Valencia, Barcelona and Real Madrid all made it through, with Madrid ultimately going all the way. Then, in 2002/03, Madrid gate-crashed the Italian semi-final party, as eventual winners Milan, FC Internazionale Milano and Juventus all contested the penultimate round, while last season eventual winners Milan were the only non-English side in a semi-final lineup that also included Manchester United, Liverpool and Chelsea.
- Clarence Seedorf is the only player to win the European Cup with three clubs (Ajax 1995, Madrid 1998 and Milan 2003 and 2007). Had Milan gone all the way this season, Carlo Ancelotti would have joined Liverpool's Bob Paisley – 1977, 1978 and 1981 – as the only coach to win three times, having won with Milan in 2003 and 2007.
- Ottmar Hitzfeld (Borussia Dortmund 1997, Bayern 2001) and Ernst Happel (Feyenoord 1970, Hamburger SV 1983) are the only coaches to win with two clubs.
- If Chelsea FC go all the way this season, it would be the first European Cup success for London. Only five capital cities have been successful in this way: Madrid (Real Madrid), Belgrade (FK Crvena Zvezda), Bucharest (Steaua București), Amsterdam (Ajax) and Lisbon (SL Benfica).

• UEFA Champions League: Did you know?

• S.S. Lazio goalkeeper Marco Ballotta became the oldest player to compete in the UEFA Champions League when he featured against Olympiacos CFP on Matchday 1 at the age of 43 years and 168 days. The record was previously held by Alessandro Costacurta, the Milan defender who played against AEK Athens FC in 2006/07 at the age of 40 years and 211 days. Ballotta was aged 43 years 252 days when he featured against Real Madrid CF on Matchday 6. Laurent Blanc is the oldest player to score in the competition, aged 36 years and 339 days, having found the net for Manchester United in their 3-2 defeat of Olympiacos on 23 October 2002.

• Celestine Babayaro is the youngest player to have appeared in the UEFA Champions League. He was 16 years and 87 days old when he started for RSC Anderlecht against Steaua Bucureşti on 23 November 1994. He was then sent off in the 37th minute.

• UEFA Champions League: All-time records

Biggest wins

- 8-0:** Liverpool FC v Beşiktaş JK (06.11.2007)
- 7-0:** Arsenal FC v SK Slavia Praha (23.10.2007)
- 7-0:** Juventus v Olympiacos CFP (10.12.2003)
- 7-1:** Manchester United FC v AS Roma (10.04.2007)
- 6-0:** Olympique de Marseille v PFC CSKA Moskva (17.03.1993)
- 6-0:** Leeds United AFC v Beşiktaş JK (26.09.2000)
- 6-0:** Real Madrid CF v KRC Genk (25.09.2002)

Most goals in a game

- 8-3:** AS Monaco FC v RC Deportivo La Coruña (05.11.2003)
 - 7-2:** Paris Saint-Germain FC v Rosenborg BK (24.10.2000)
 - 7-2:** Olympique Lyonnais v Werder Bremen (08.03.2005)
- Only Manchester United FC have scored more than five goals in an away game, winning 6-2 at Brøndby IF in 1998/99.

Leading scorer in a season

- 12:** Ruud van Nistelrooy (Manchester United FC, 2002/03)
- Kaká finished as top scorer in 2006/07 with ten goals for AC Milan.

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 Nistelrooy (**Manchester United FC** 4-1 AC Sparta Praha, 03.11.2004)
 - Andriy Shevchenko (Fenerbahçe SK 0-4 **AC Milan**, 23.11.2005)
- Dado Pršo's four-goal haul was the fastest, his first goal coming in the 26th minute and his fourth 23 minutes later.

Fastest goal in a match

- 10.03 secs:** Roy Makaay (**FC Bayern München** 2-1 Real Madrid CF, 07.03.2006)
- 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)

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)

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Youngest players to score

- 17 years, 195 days:** Peter Oforiquaye (Rosenborg BK 5-1 **Olympiacos CFP**, 01.10.1997)
- 17 years, 217 days:** Bojan Krkić (FC Schalke 04 0-1 **FC Barcelona**, 01.04.2008)
- 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)
- 17 years, 353 days:** Karim Benzema (**Olympique Lyonnais** 2-1 Rosenborg BK, 06.12.2005)

Appearances: UEFA Champions League

Note: This list considers group stage to final only;

- 116 Raúl González (Real Madrid CF)
- 114 Roberto Carlos (Real Madrid CF, Fenerbahçe SK)
- 109 Paolo Maldini (AC Milan)
- 103 David Beckham (Manchester United FC, Real Madrid CF)
- 103 Oliver Kahn (FC Bayern München)
- 103 Ryan Giggs (Manchester United FC)
- 101 Paul Scholes (Manchester United FC)
- 101 Clarence Seedorf (AFC Ajax, Real Madrid CF, AC Milan)
- 100 Luís Figo (FC Barcelona, Real Madrid CF, FC Internazionale Milano)
- 99 Gary Neville (Manchester United FC)
- 95 Thierry Henry (AS Monaco FC, Arsenal FC, FC Barcelona)
- 95 Claude Makelele (FC Nantes Atlantique, Real Madrid CF, Chelsea FC)
- 94 Andriy Shevchenko (FC Dynamo Kyiv, AC Milan, Chelsea FC)

Goals: UEFA Champions League

- 61 Raúl González (Real Madrid CF)
- 53 Ruud van Nistelrooy (PSV Eindhoven, Manchester United FC, Real Madrid CF)
- 47 Andriy Shevchenko (FC Dynamo Kyiv, AC Milan, Chelsea FC)
- 45 Thierry Henry (AS Monaco FC, Arsenal FC, FC Barcelona)
- 42 Filippo Inzaghi (Juventus, AC Milan)
- 37 Alessandro Del Piero (Juventus)

Appearances: UEFA club competition

- 172 Paolo Maldini (AC Milan)
- 142 Oliver Kahn (Karlsruher SC, FC Bayern München)
- 139 Luís Figo (Sporting, FC Barcelona, Real Madrid CF, FC Internazionale Milano)
- 132 Clarence Seedorf (AFC Ajax, UC Sampdoria, Real Madrid CF, FC Internazionale Milano, AC Milan)
- 130 Frank de Boer (AFC Ajax, FC Barcelona, Galatasaray AS)
- 127 Karl-Heinz Rummenigge (FC Bayern München, FC Internazionale Milano, Servette FC)
- 126 Roberto Carlos (FC Internazionale Milano, Real Madrid CF, Fenerbahçe SK)
- 125 Raúl González (Real Madrid CF)
- 122 Zinedine Zidane (AS Cannes, FC Girondins de Bordeaux, Juventus, Real Madrid CF)
- 121 Alessandro Costacurta (AC Milan)
- 121 Phillip Cocu (BV Vitesse, PSV Eindhoven, FC Barcelona)

Goals: UEFA club competition

- 63 Filippo Inzaghi (Parma FC, Juventus, AC Milan)
- 63 Raúl González (Real Madrid CF)
- 62 Gerd Müller (FC Bayern München)
- 60 Andriy Shevchenko (FC Dynamo Kyiv, AC Milan, Chelsea FC)
- 57 Ruud van Nistelrooy (PSV Eindhoven, Manchester United FC, Real Madrid CF)
- 56 Eusébio (SL Benfica)
- 56 Henrik Larsson (Feyenoord, Celtic FC, FC Barcelona, Manchester United FC, Helsingborgs IF)
- 53 Thierry Henry (AS Monaco FC, Juventus, Arsenal FC, FC Barcelona)
- 50 Alfredo Di Stéfano (Real Madrid CF)
- 47 Carlos Santillana (Real Madrid CF)

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Goals: UEFA Champions League/European Champion Clubs' Cup

Note: This list considers the all-time goalscorers list in both competitions including all qualifying round matches.

61 Raúl González (Real Madrid CF)

57 Ruud van Nistelrooy (PSV Eindhoven, Manchester United FC, Real Madrid CF)

56 Andriy Shevchenko (FC Dynamo Kyiv, AC Milan, Chelsea FC)

49 Alfredo Di Stéfano (Real Madrid CF)

47 Eusébio (SL Benfica)

46 Filippo Inzaghi (Juventus, AC Milan)

45 Thierry Henry (AS Monaco FC, Arsenal FC, FC Barcelona)

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Team facts

Manchester United FC

UEFA club competition milestones

• United have twice been crowned champions of Europe. Their last success came in the 1998/99 UEFA Champions League final when they overturned a one-goal deficit against FC Bayern München with goals from Teddy Sheringham and Ole Gunnar Solskjær in added time. United also won the 1967/68 European Champion Clubs' Cup final against SL Benfica, running out 4-1 winners after extra time.

UEFA Champions League milestones

• No club has taken part more times than United (13), although FC Porto also share this achievement. United's first entry came in 1994/95 and they last missed out in 1995/96, meaning this is their 12th campaign in a row. No team is on as good a run, with Real Madrid CF, Olympiacos CFP and PSV Eindhoven (eleven) their closest rivals.

UEFA club competition honours

- European Champion Clubs' Cup: 1967/68, 1998/99
- UEFA Cup Winners' Cup: 1990/91
- European/South American Cup: 1999
- UEFA Super Cup: 1991

Ten-year record (including current season)

2006/07: UEFA Champions League - semi-finals

2005/06: UEFA Champions League - group stage

2004/05: UEFA Champions League - first knockout round

2003/04: UEFA Champions League - first knockout round

2002/03: UEFA Champions League - quarter-finals

2001/02: UEFA Champions League - semi-finals

2000/01: UEFA Champions League - quarter-finals

1999/00: UEFA Champions League - quarter-finals

1998/99: UEFA Champions League - winners

1997/98: UEFA Champions League - quarter-finals

2006/07 season

Domestic record: United went one better than the previous Premier League campaign by finishing as champions, six points ahead of Chelsea FC. It was their first title since 2002/03 but the ninth overall since the Premier League began in 1992. In all-time records since 1889, United have 16 titles, two fewer than Liverpool FC. They were beaten 1-0 by Chelsea in the FA Cup final.

European record: United recorded four wins to top Group F although they also suffered two defeats. LOSC Lille Métropole (2-0 on aggregate) were dispatched in the first knockout round before a resounding 7-1 home win against AS Roma sealed an 8-3 aggregate against the Italian side in the quarter-finals. However, eventual winners AC Milan proved too strong in the last four, winning 5-3 including a 3-0 success in the San Siro second leg.

Key facts

UEFA club competition

• Pld: 248 W: 132 D: 64 L: 52 GF: 448 GA: 240

UEFA Champions League (group stage to final)

• Pld: 139 W: 74 D: 34 L: 31 GF: 245 GA: 133

European Champion Clubs' Cup/UEFA Champions League

• Pld: 192 W: 108 D: 44 L: 40 GF: 371 GA: 186

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Records

UEFA club competition

- Biggest win

10-0: Manchester United FC v RSC Anderlecht

26.09.1956, European Champion Clubs' Cup preliminary round second leg

- Biggest home win

10-0: Manchester United FC v RSC Anderlecht (see above for details)

- Biggest away win

0-6: Shamrock Rovers FC v Manchester United FC

25.09.1957, European Champion Clubs' Cup preliminary round first leg

- Heaviest defeat

5-0: Sporting Clube de Portugal v Manchester United FC

18.03.1964, UEFA Cup Winners' Cup quarter-finals second leg

- Heaviest home defeat

0-1: Manchester United FC v AC Milan

23.02.2005, UEFA Champions League first knockout round first leg

2-3: Manchester United FC v RC Deportivo La Coruña

17.10.2001, UEFA Champions League first group stage

0-1: Manchester United FC v FC Bayern München

03.04.2001, UEFA Champions League quarter-finals first leg

2-3: Manchester United FC v Real Madrid CF

19.04.2000, UEFA Champions League quarter-final second leg

0-1: Manchester United FC v BV Borussia Dortmund

23.04.1997, UEFA Champions League semi-final second leg

0-1: Manchester United FC v Juventus

20.11.1996, UEFA Champions League group stage

0-1: Manchester United FC v Fenerbahçe SK

30.10.1996, UEFA Champions League group stage

- Heaviest away defeat

5-0: Sporting Clube de Portugal v Manchester United FC (see above for details)

UEFA Champions League (group stage to final only)

- Biggest win

7-1: Manchester United FC v AS Roma

10.04.2007, UEFA Champions League quarter-final second leg

- Biggest home win

7-1: Manchester United FC v AS Roma (see above for details)

- Biggest away win

2-6: Brøndby IF v Manchester United FC

21.10.1998, UEFA Champions League group stage

- Heaviest defeat

4-0: FC Barcelona v Manchester United FC

02.11.1994, UEFA Champions League group stage

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• Heaviest home defeat

0-1: Manchester United FC v AC Milan (see above for details)

2-3: Manchester United FC v RC Deportivo La Coruña (see above for details)

0-1: Manchester United FC v FC Bayern München (see above for details)

2-3: Manchester United FC v Real Madrid CF (see above for details)

0-1: Manchester United FC v BV Borussia Dortmund (see above for details)

0-1: Manchester United FC v Juventus (see above for details)

0-1: Manchester United FC v Fenerbahçe SK (see above for details)

• Heaviest away defeat

4-0: FC Barcelona v Manchester United FC (see above for details)

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Chelsea FC

UEFA club competition milestones

• Two UEFA Cup Winners' Cup successes remain the stand-out achievements although Chelsea have three times reached the semi-finals of Europe's premier club competition in the past four editions.

UEFA Champions League milestones

• Having had to wait until 1999/00 to make their bow, Chelsea have proved their worth with last-four appearances in 2003/04, 2004/05 and 2006/07. They have never failed to get beyond the group stage in their five other attempts.

UEFA club competition honours

• UEFA Cup Winners' Cup: 1970/71, 1997/98

• UEFA Super Cup: 1998

Ten-year record

2006/07: UEFA Champions League - semi-finals

2005/06: UEFA Champions League - first knockout round

2004/05: UEFA Champions League - semi-finals

2003/04: UEFA Champions League - semi-finals

2002/03: UEFA Cup - first round

2001/02: UEFA Cup - second round

2000/01: UEFA Cup - first round

1999/00: UEFA Champions League - quarter-finals

1998/99: UEFA Cup Winners' Cup - semi-finals

1997/98: UEFA Cup Winners' Cup - winners

2006/07 season

Domestic record: After two successive Premier League titles, Chelsea had to settle for second place behind Manchester United FC. Some revenge came with a 1-0 FA Cup final win against United, their fourth success in the competition, and followed a 2-1 defeat of Arsenal FC in the English League Cup final.

European record: Chelsea were drawn in a tough Group A with the champions of Spain, FC Barcelona, Werder Bremen, and the Bulgarian title-holders PFC Levski Sofia, but four wins and a draw secured first place. FC Porto and Valencia CF were each dispatched 3-2 on aggregate in the first knockout round and quarter-finals respectively before Liverpool knocked Chelsea out in the semi-finals. A 1-1 draw over the two legs was followed by Liverpool's 4-1 win on penalties in the Anfield return.

Key facts

UEFA club competition

• Pld: 122 W: 66 D: 32 L: 24 GF: 205 GA: 95

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UEFA Champions League (group stage to final)

• Pld: 70 W: 35 D: 20 L: 15 GF: 104 GA: 57

European Champion Clubs' Cup/UEFA Champions League

• Pld: 74 W: 38 D: 21 L: 15 GF: 112 GA: 57

Records

UEFA club competition

• Biggest win

13-0: Chelsea FC v FC Jeunesse Hautcharage

29.09.1971, UEFA Cup Winners' Cup first round second leg

• Biggest home win

13-0: Chelsea FC v FC Jeunesse Hautcharage (see above for details)

• Biggest away win

0-8: FC Jeunesse Hautcharage v Chelsea FC

15.09.1971, UEFA Cup Winners' Cup first round first leg

• Heaviest defeat

5-1: FC Barcelona v Chelsea FC (aet)

18.04.2000, UEFA Champions League quarter-final second leg

• Heaviest home defeat

0-2: Chelsea FC v Beşiktaş JK

01.10.2003, UEFA Champions League group stage

• Heaviest away defeat

5-1: FC Barcelona v Chelsea FC (see above for details)

UEFA Champions League (group stage to final only)

• Biggest win

0-5: Galatasaray SK v Chelsea FC

20.10.1999, UEFA Champions League group stage

• Biggest home win

4-0: Chelsea FC v Real Betis Balompié

19.10.2005, UEFA Champions League group stage

• Biggest away win

0-5: Galatasaray SK v Chelsea FC (see above for details)

• Heaviest defeat

5-1: FC Barcelona v Chelsea FC (see above for details)

• Heaviest home defeat

0-2: Chelsea FC v Beşiktaş JK (see above for details)

• Heaviest away defeat

5-1: FC Barcelona v Chelsea FC (see above for details)

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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.

- **Penalty shoot-out:** If the result of the final stands as a draw at the end of normal time, extra time of two periods of 15 minutes shall be played. If one of the teams scores more goals than the other during extra time, that team shall be declared the winners. If the two teams are still equal after extra time, the winners shall be determined by kicks from the penalty spot.

- **Disciplinary information:** As a rule, a player who is sent off is suspended for the next match in a UEFA club competition. The Control and Disciplinary Body is entitled to augment this punishment. In the case of repeated cautions, a player is suspended for one match after three cautions in three different matches, as well as following any subsequent odd-numbered caution (fifth, seventh, ninth, etc). Single yellow cards and pending suspensions are always carried forward either to the next stage of the competition or to another club competition in the current season.

- **Locally-trained players rule:** In February 2005, UEFA announced the 'A' list that teams submit for UEFA club competitions will continue to be limited to 25 players, and from season 2007/08, at least six places will be reserved for players trained by the club's own football academy of which half can be players trained by other clubs from within the same association of the said club. The 'B' list will also continue to exist – involving an unlimited number of Under-21 players who have been at the club for two seasons. In 2006/07, the number of locally-trained players required began at four but the current six will rise to eight in 2008/09, with up to half of each figure allowed to be association trained. A club-trained player is defined as a player who has been registered for a minimum of three seasons with the club between the age of 15 and 21, whereas an association-trained player is one who has been registered for at least three seasons by the club or by other clubs affiliated to the same association between the age of 15 and 21.

- **Player registration:** UEFA regulations state that for all UEFA Champions League matches from the start of the first knockout round, a club may register a maximum of three new eligible players within their squad of 25 for the remaining matches in the current competition. One player from the above quota of three who has played UEFA club competition matches for another competing club in the current season may exceptionally be registered, provided that the player has not been fielded by another club in the UEFA Champions League this season.

- **Financial information:** UEFA estimate the gross income for the 2007/08 UEFA Champions League is €824.5m. Under competition regulations, 75 per cent of the total revenue received from television and commercial contracts concluded by UEFA, up to a maximum of €530m, will go to the 32 teams taking part in the group stage of Europe's premier club competition. The remaining 25 per cent is earmarked for European football and remains with UEFA to cover organisational and administrative costs, as well as for solidarity payments to associations, clubs and leagues. It is also stipulated that participating clubs will receive 82 per cent of any revenue received from the same stream in excess of €530m, with the remaining 18 per cent allocated to UEFA for European football. In addition, 50 per cent of the revenue received from new media contracts concluded by UEFA will also be available for distribution to the clubs, and the remaining 50 per cent will be allocated to the above-mentioned European football portion/quota.

According to projections, the estimated €824.5m will be made up of €819m from TV and commercial contracts and €5.5m from new media contracts. The total amount to be distributed to the clubs is €588.6m. Each of the 32 clubs in the group stage will receive a starting bonus of €3m. In addition, they will receive a match bonus of €400,000 per match. Performance bonuses will amount to €600,000 for a win and €300,000 for a draw in the group stage. The 16 teams playing in the first knockout round will receive €2.2m, the eight quarter-finalists €2.5m each and the four semi-finalists €3m each. The UEFA Champions League winners will receive €7m, and the runners-up €4m.

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Legend

:: All-time statistics

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

UEFA club competition: These are the official statistics considered valid for communicating official records in UEFA club competition defined as the European Champion Clubs' Cup, the UEFA Champions League, the UEFA Cup Winners' Cup (1960-1999), the UEFA Cup, the UEFA Super Cup (1973 -), the UEFA Intertoto Cup and the European/South American Cup (1960-2004). Matches in the Inter-Cities' Fairs Cup and the 1972 Super Cup are included only for information as these were not held under UEFA auspices, while the FIFA Club World Cup is excluded.

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 competition (as defined above) including all qualifying round matches. These are the official statistics considered valid for communicating official records in the competition.

Age: based on the date press kit was last updated

BL: Booking list (*: misses next match if booked, S: suspended)

:: 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.

UEFA: Total matches officiated in UEFA club competition 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.

:: Competitions

Club 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

National team competitions

EURO: UEFA European Football Championship • **U21:** UEFA European Under-21 Championship

WC: FIFA World Cup • **CONFCUP:** Confederation Cup

FRIE: Friendly internationals • **U21FRIE:** Under-21 friendly internationals

U21: UEFA European Under-21 Championship

U19: UEFA Under-19 Championship • **U18:** UEFA European Under-18 Championship

:: 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

FT: Final tournament

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

P-O: Play-off

:: Other Abbreviations

AP: Appearances

Comp.: Competition

D: Drawn

DoB: Date of birth

GA: Goals against

GF: Goals for

L: Lost

Nat.: Nationality

N/a: Not Applicable

No: Number

Pld: Matches played

Pos.: Position

Pts: Points

R: Sent off (red card)

Res.: Result

W: Won

Y: Booked

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

:: Statistics

(-) : Denotes player substituted

(*) : Denotes player dismissed/sent off

(+) : Denotes player introduced

(+/-) : Denotes player introduced and substituted