

# Manchester United FC - AS Roma

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Old Trafford, Manchester  
Wednesday 9 April 2008 - 20.45 CET  
Matchday 10 - Quarter-finals, second leg



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### Match background

AS Roma have a mountain to climb when they return to Old Trafford, scene of their heaviest European defeat, needing to overturn a 2-0 deficit in the second leg of their UEFA Champions League quarter-final against Manchester United FC.

- United are strong favourites to advance to a second successive semi-final given not just the advantage they hold and an unbeaten home record in the competition stretching back over three years, but also the fact they have already beaten their opponents twice on home turf during the past 12 months. After dismantling Roma 7-1 in last term's quarter-final, they then defeated them 1-0 in the group stage of this season's competition.

- It does not help Roma that they have won just once in ten previous visits to England – a 1-0 victory at Liverpool FC in the fourth round of the 2000/01 UEFA Cup.

- That was one of four occasions when Roma have travelled abroad needing to make amends for a home reverse and their 1-0 success at Anfield was not enough to prevent a 2-1 aggregate defeat. Only once have they come back to win, when they lost 2-1 at home to 1. FC Nürnberg in the 1988/89 UEFA Cup first round but then triumphed 3-1 in Germany through goals from Rudi Völler, Roberto Policano and Renato Portaluppi.

- United, for their part have been in this position 13 times before in UEFA competitions, qualifying rounds included, and have never lost a tie after winning away in the first leg.

- Sir Alex Ferguson's men took control of this quarter-final when goals from Cristiano Ronaldo (39 minutes) and Wayne Rooney (66) earned them a 2-0 win at the Stadio Olimpico on 1 April.

- The teams for the first leg were:

**Roma:** Doni, Marco Cassetti, Philippe Mexes, Christian Panucci, Max Tonetto (Cicinho 68), Daniele De Rossi, Alberto Aquilani (Mauro Esposito 77), Taddei (Ludovic Giuly 59), David Pizarro, Mancini, Mirko Vučinić.

**Manchester United:** Edwin van der Sar, Wes Brown, Rio Ferdinand, Nemanja Vidić (John O'Shea 33), Patrice Evra, Michael Carrick, Paul Scholes, Anderson (Owen Hargreaves 55), Ji-Sung Park, Cristiano Ronaldo, Wayne Rooney (Carlos Tévez 84).



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- This will be the clubs' sixth meeting since April last year and so far United have recorded three wins to Roma's one with another match drawn.
- In last season's quarter-final Roma at least had the advantage of a 2-1 first-leg lead – goals from Taddei (44) and Mirko Vučinić (66) sandwiching a Rooney strike – when they visited Manchester for the second leg on 10 April.
- Nobody in either camp will need reminding what happened next, United overwhelming their opponents on a night where five home players – Michael Carrick (2), Ronaldo (2), Alan Smith, Rooney and Patrice Evra – featured on the scoresheet. Daniele De Rossi struck Roma's goal.
- The lineups that evening were:  
**Manchester United:** Edwin van der Sar, Wes Brown, Rio Ferdinand, Gabriel Heinze, John O'Shea (Patrice Evra 52), Cristiano Ronaldo, Michael Carrick (Kieran Richardson 73), Darren Fletcher, Ryan Giggs (Ole Gunnar Solskjær 61), Wayne Rooney, Alan Smith.  
**Roma:** Doni, Marco Cassetti, Cristian Chivu, Philippe Mexes, Christian Panucci, Daniele De Rossi (Ricardo Faty 86), David Pizarro, Christian Wilhelmsson (Aleandro Rosi 88), Mirko Vučinić, Mancini (Stefano Okaka Chuka 90), Francesco Totti.
- Luciano Spalletti's men lost again at Old Trafford in a Group F fixture on 2 October. Rooney's 70th-minute strike secured a 1-0 victory for the Premier League champions.
- The lineups that evening were:  
**Manchester United:** Tomasz Kuszczak, John O'Shea, Rio Ferdinand, Nemanja Vidić, Patrice Evra, Cristiano Ronaldo, Michael Carrick, Paul Scholes, Nani (Ryan Giggs 80), Wayne Rooney (Anderson 85), Louis Saha (Carlos Tévez 66).  
**Roma:** Gianluca Curci, Cichinho, Philippe Mexes, Juan, Max Tonetto, Daniele De Rossi, Alberto Aquilani (David Pizarro 62), Ludovic Giuly (Mauro Esposito 80), Simone Perrotta, Mancini (Mirko Vučinić 74), Francesco Totti.
- The teams subsequently drew 1-1 in their final group game on 12 December, Mancini cancelling out Gerard Piqué's 34th-minute opener with the Roma equaliser 19 minutes from time.
- This is Roma's third quarter-final following previous appearances in the last eight in 1984 and last season. In contrast, United are appearing in their 14th quarter-final. They won nine and lost four of the previous 13.
- Roma reached this stage by finishing second in Group F with a record of W3 D2 L1 and then overcoming Real Madrid CF in the first knockout round. David Pizarro (24) and Mancini (58) scored the goals that earned a 2-1 comeback win in the first leg against Madrid at the Stadio Olimpico and Spalletti's side secured an identical victory in the return where Taddei (73) and Vučinić (90+2) struck either side of Madrid's Raúl González.
- For their part, United topped Group F with five wins and one draw and then defeated Olympique Lyonnais in the last 16. Carlos Tévez's 87th-minute goal earned them a 1-1 first-leg draw at Stade de Gerland before Ronaldo scored the only goal of the return after 41 minutes.
- United are one of two teams, alongside FC Barcelona, who remain unbeaten in this season's competition. They have won their last ten home games against continental opposition and have not lost at Old Trafford in their last 13 UEFA Champions League matches.
- AC Milan were the last visiting team to get the better of United in the UEFA Champions League, winning 1-0 in a last-16 tie in February 2005.
- Roma have won their last two away matches in the competition, beating FC Dynamo Kyiv 4-1 in the group stage then triumphing in Madrid last month.
- United's previous 14 matches at home to Italian teams have yielded ten wins and just two losses.

- In two-legged ties against Italian teams, United have won three and lost six – the most recent a 5-3 aggregate defeat by AC Milan in last season's UEFA Champions League semi-finals which was sealed by a 3-0 second-leg reverse in Milan.
- Roma won their first three two-legged ties against English opposition but have now lost their last four.
- Prior to last season the Giallorossi had reached the last eight of Europe's élite competition only once before – in 1983/84, the season they went all the way to the final before losing on penalties to Liverpool FC in the Stadio Olimpico.
- Rooney has struck six goals in seven games against Serie A opposition in the last two seasons – four of them against Roma.
- Ronaldo had not found the net in the UEFA Champions League prior to last April's 7-1 win against Roma. Including his two goals against the Giallorossi that night, he has now scored ten in his last eleven appearances in the competition.
- Simone Perrotta was born to Italian parents in the Lancashire town of Ashton-under-Lyme, a half-hour drive from Old Trafford and also the birthplace of England's 1966 FIFA World Cup hero Sir Geoff Hurst.
- Christian Panucci and Matteo Ferrari had short spells in the Premier League with Chelsea FC and Everton FC respectively. Panucci spent part of 2000/01 on loan at Chelsea while Ferrari was at Everton for the entire 2005/06 campaign.
- Edwin van der Sar played in Serie A between 1999 and 2001 with Juventus, while Mikaël Silvestre spent 1998/99 at FC Internazionale Milano. His compatriot Evra also played in Italy in the late 1990s for Marsala Calcio and Monza Calcio but never appeared in the top flight.
- 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 FC Torpedo Moskva, 1992/93 UEFA Cup first round
- Roma, meanwhile, have won one and lost two of their own shoot-outs:  
4-2 v IFK Norrköping, 1982/83 UEFA Cup second round  
2-4 v Liverpool FC, 1983/84 European Champion Clubs' Cup final  
3-4 v Real Zaragoza, 1986/87 UEFA Cup Winners' Cup first round

### Match facts

#### MANCHESTER UNITED

##### UEFA milestones

- Paul Scholes' next UEFA Champions League match will be his 100th game in the competition. Only eight players have previously reached that landmark, including his United team-mate Ryan Giggs (100 matches) 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).
- Rio Ferdinand made his 50th appearance in the UEFA Champions League in the first leg against Roma. John O'Shea will reach that landmark when he next features in the competition.
- Mikaël Silvestre's next European match will be his 75th appearance in UEFA club competition.

##### 2007/08 UEFA Champions League statistics

- No player has featured in all nine of United's UEFA Champions League games this season, although Nani had been an ever present before the first leg with Roma.

- Cristiano Ronaldo's goal in Rome was his seventh in the UEFA Champions League this season, making him the competition's outright top scorer.

### Disciplinary information

- Nani and Patrice Evra are both within a booking of a ban.

### Latest domestic information

#### • Sunday 6 April: Middlesbrough FC 2-2 Manchester United FC (Afonso Alves 35 56; Cristiano Ronaldo 10, Wayne Rooney 74)

United had their five-match winning run in all competitions ended at the Riverside Stadium. Indeed, it looked like the visitors would suffer their first Premier League defeat in seven matches when Afonso Alves struck either side of half-time to cancel out Ronaldo's 27th league goal of the season, but Wayne Rooney's deflected effort salvaged a draw that left United three points clear in the standings with five matches left.

"We could have lost; they had some chances and at times our defending was a bit haphazard," said Sir Alex Ferguson. "But we could have won because some of the quality of our football was terrific. At 1-0 we looked very strong, and were controlling the match. They changed the formation back to 4-4-2, got an equaliser and it was a great game after that. It was end to end and both teams deserve great credit. At times we played some fantastic football but Middlesbrough also produced some great moments and it was just a fantastic game."

• The United manager remains optimistic his side can complete a Premier League and UEFA Champions League double, adding: "The nature of the club is that we never give in and that's a great quality to have at this time of year. It sends out a signal to everyone, and our players and fans in particular, that we will never give in. We will be stretching ourselves in every game as long as we can. Consistency will win us the league."

• John O'Shea replaced the injured Nemanja Vidić in central defence, while Ryan Giggs also returned to the starting lineup. Rio Ferdinand had to be replaced by Gerard Piqué midway through the second half.

• Alves's first goal was the first time United had conceded in the league in 496 minutes, since Abdoulaye Faye's 79th-minute strike for Newcastle United FC in United's 5-1 win at St James' Park on 23 February.

• United have kept 20 clean sheets, more than any other English top-flight club and had not conceded for five Premier League games before Sunday.

• 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 has now found the net in United's last six games in all competitions. He is also the Premier League's leading scorer this season. Ronaldo's goal at Middlesbrough was his 37th of the season in all competitions and keeps him in contention to 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 headed United's opener in the 3-0 win against Liverpool FC on 23 March. It was his first goal since the 2-1 home win against Newcastle on 24 April 2005 and only his second in his 191st league appearance for United.

• Ronaldo has only failed to score nine times in 33 appearances for United since Sir Alex's side beat Roma at Old Trafford on 2 October.

• With 70 goals scored and 17 conceded, United have both the best attack and defence in the Premier League.

• Twenty-one of those 70 goals scored have come in the final 15 minutes, while United have conceded only three times between the 46th and 75th minutes.

### Injury news

- Nemanja Vidić – out since 1 April (knee)
- Nani – out since 1 April (thigh)
- Louis Saha – out since 19 March (hamstring)
- Ben Foster – out June-15 March (knee)
- Rio Ferdinand – out 8-23 March (back)
- Edwin van der Sar – out 8-23 March and 29 March to 1 April (groin)
- Darren Fletcher – out since 26 March (knee)
- Mikaël Silvestre – out since 15 September (knee)
- Gary Neville – out since 17 March 2007 (ankle/foot)

• Darren Fletcher was ruled out for six weeks after damaging knee ligaments in Scotland's friendly international against Croatia on 26 March.

• Nemanja Vidić will be sidelined for two to three weeks after damaging his left knee in the first leg with Roma, while Nani also missed the Middlesbrough match with a thigh problem. Gary Neville and Mikaël Silvestre were both in the squad for Sunday's game, although neither made the final 16.

• Ferdinand was taken off in the 69th minute at Middlesbrough and left the stadium with his left foot in a protective case. "Hopefully it's not serious but he was limping for too long," said Sir Alex. "The danger was to keep carrying on with him as he was not playing at his full performance level."

### Miscellaneous

• Anderson celebrates his 20th birthday four days after the second leg with Roma, on 13 April.

• 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 will be presented with a cheque for 100,000CHF before the second leg with 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?"

• Teddy Sheringham, who scored United's equaliser in the 2-1 win against FC Bayern München in the 1999 UEFA Champions League final, will retire at the end of the season. "He's had a fantastic career and was a wonderful player for us," said Sir Alex of the former England international, who also won three Premier League titles, the FA Cup and the European/South American Cup with United and is now playing for Colchester United FC. "He's an excellent footballer with a superb footballing brain and you can't underestimate how important those goals in 1999 were."

### ROMA

#### UEFA milestones

- None

#### 2007/08 UEFA Champions League statistics

• Two Roma players have featured in all nine UEFA Champions League games this season: David Pizarro and Daniele De Rossi. Neither has played all 810 minutes to date.

#### Disciplinary information

• Simone Perrotta is available again having been suspended for the first leg. De Rossi, Mirko Vučinić, Marco Cassetti, Philippe Mexes, Max Tonetto and Cichinho are all one booking away from a ban.

### Latest domestic information

#### • Saturday 5 April: AS Roma 3-2 Genoa CFC 3-2

**(Taddei 14, Mirko Vučinić 17, Daniele De Rossi 80 pen; Marco Rossi 58, Julio Cesar Leon 59)**

Roma kept up the pressure on Serie A leaders FC Internazionale Milano despite surrendering a two-goal lead against Genoa, Daniele De Rossi settling the contest from the penalty spot after Taddei had been fouled by Marco Boriello. With Matteo Ferrari and Juan absent, Christian Panucci played alongside Philippe Mexes in central defence while in midfield David Pizarro was suspended and Alberto Aquilani was not risked have taken a knock to his right foot in midweek. Mirko Vučinić continued as the lone striker in the ongoing absence of Francesco Totti.

- Coach Luciano Spalletti said: "We played with heart especially after Genoa scored twice in a minute. We suffered because they played very well and are in good shape but we deserved the victory. We made too many mistakes when we were 2-0 up allowing them to come back. De Rossi proved what a great character he is by scoring a penalty in a delicate moment of the game. It was important to earn three points; now we can start thinking about Old Trafford."
- "Our fans celebrated us despite the defeat after the game against United and we're happy to repay their love," De Rossi added. "We have to continue to win games hoping that Inter will drop points. Now we have the game against United and we are going there to play all our cards. We've scored two goals against teams who are as strong as them so we can still do it, with a bit of luck."
- Both Taddei and Vučinić scored their fifth Serie A goals of the season against Genoa. Only Totti (14) and Mancini (five) have scored more for the Giallorossi.
- Doni has made most Serie A appearances for Roma this season, missing only one of their 32 games. Left-back Max Tonetto has made played in 29 games.
- Fifteen different Roma players have scored in Serie A this season, more than any other team.
- Roma's three goals against Genoa took their Serie A tally for the season to 58, more than any other side expect Inter who have now scored 59. Thirty-three of those have come in the first half, the most in the division.
- The Genoa win was Roma's 12th successive home victory in Serie A, a run which has included 27 goals for and only seven against. However, the match was the first time they had conceded two goals at home in the league since 31 October, when they defeated city rivals S.S. Lazio 3-2.
- United's first-leg win was Roma's first home defeat since 29 September, when Inter claimed a 4-1 victory. In their next 17 matches in all competitions since, they won 15 and drew two.

### Injury news

- Juan – out since 20 March (ankle)
- Francesco Totti – out since 30 March (thigh)
- Matteo Ferrari - out since 2 April (knee)
- Ferrari underwent exploratory surgery after injuring his left knee in training on Wednesday and will be out of action for two or three weeks. Juan, however, is close to recovering from his ankle injury and was in the squad to face Genoa.
- Captain Totti has not yet returned to regular training after suffering a thigh injury on 29 March and Spalletti does not expect him to return to face United. "I would be happy to have him back next weekend," the Roma coach said.

### Miscellaneous

- Panucci will turn 35 on 12 April, three days after the second leg with United.
- Roma's defence of their Coppa Italia title will continue against Calcio Catania in the last four, with matches to be played on 16 April and 7 May. The final will take place at Stadio Olimpico.

### 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
<b>Goalkeepers</b>															
1	Edwin van der Sar	NED	29.10.1970	37	-	-	-	6	-	25	-	68	-	112	-
29	Tomasz Kuszczak	POL	20.03.1982	26	-	-	-	5	-	8	-	5	-	5	-
38	Thomas Heaton	ENG	15.04.1986	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
41	Ron-Robert Zieler	GER	12.02.1989	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Defenders</b>															
2	Gary Neville	ENG	18.02.1975	33	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	98	2	108	2
3	Patrice Evra	FRA	15.05.1981	26	*	-	-	7	-	29	-	35	1	43	1
5	Rio Ferdinand	ENG	07.11.1978	29	-	-	-	7	1	30	2	50	2	69	2
6	Wes Brown	ENG	13.10.1979	28	-	-	-	6	-	31	1	51	1	53	1
15	Nemanja Vidić	SRB	21.10.1981	26	-	-	-	8	-	29	1	16	1	30	4
19	Gerard Piqué	ESP	02.02.1987	21	-	-	-	2	2	8	-	3	2	3	2
22	John O'Shea	IRL	30.04.1981	26	-	-	-	5	-	25	-	49	1	54	1
25	Daniel Simpson	ENG	04.01.1987	21	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	3	-	3	-
27	Mikaël Silvestre	FRA	09.08.1977	30	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	68	2	74	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	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Midfielders</b>															
4	Owen Hargreaves	ENG	20.01.1981	27	-	-	-	4	-	19	1	45	-	48	-
8	Anderson	BRA	13.04.1988	19	-	-	-	7	-	22	-	10	-	10	-
11	Ryan Giggs	WAL	29.11.1973	34	-	-	-	5	-	26	2	100	23	116	25
13	Ji-Sung Park	KOR	25.02.1981	27	-	-	-	1	-	8	1	23	1	31	2
16	Michael Carrick	ENG	28.07.1981	26	-	-	-	8	-	26	1	20	2	21	2
17	Nani	POR	17.11.1986	21	*	-	-	8	-	23	3	14	1	16	1
18	Paul Scholes	ENG	16.11.1974	33	-	-	-	4	-	20	1	99	20	109	22
24	Darren Fletcher	SCO	01.02.1984	24	-	-	-	5	-	14	-	30	-	34	-
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	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Forwards</b>															
7	Cristiano Ronaldo	POR	05.02.1985	23	-	-	-	8	7	29	27	37	10	43	11
9	Louis Saha	FRA	08.08.1978	29	-	-	-	5	-	17	5	19	4	41	13
10	Wayne Rooney	ENG	24.10.1985	22	-	-	-	8	4	23	11	30	11	31	12
21	Dong Fangzhuo	CHN	23.01.1985	23	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
32	Carlos Tévez	ARG	05.02.1984	24	-	-	-	8	3	30	12	8	3	11	3
45	Fabian Brandy	ENG	04.02.1989	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Coach</b>															
-	Sir Alex Ferguson	SCO	31.12.1941	66	-	-	-	9	-	-	-	136	-	211	-

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<b>Goalkeepers</b>															
1	Gianluca Curci	ITA	12.07.1985	22	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	1	-	9	-
25	Carlo Zotti	ITA	03.09.1982	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	7	-
27	Julio Sergio	BRA	08.11.1978	29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
32	Doni	BRA	22.10.1979	28	-	-	-	8	-	31	-	18	-	20	-
37	Delfino Riccardo	ITA	27.04.1989	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Defenders</b>															
2	Christian Panucci	ITA	12.04.1973	34	-	-	-	5	1	22	3	67	9	97	12
3	Cicinho	BRA	24.06.1980	27	*	-	-	7	-	25	2	9	-	9	-
4	Juan	BRA	01.02.1979	29	-	-	-	7	1	20	2	17	4	29	6
5	Philippe Mexes	FRA	30.03.1982	26	*	-	-	8	-	25	1	22	-	45	-
21	Matteo Ferrari	ITA	05.12.1979	28	-	-	-	5	-	16	-	14	-	36	-
22	Max Tonetto	ITA	18.11.1974	33	*	-	-	7	-	29	1	14	-	19	-
26	Adrian Florin Pit	ROU	16.07.1983	24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
77	Marco Cassetti	ITA	28.05.1977	30	*	-	-	6	1	23	-	14	1	14	1
<b>Midfielders</b>															
7	David Pizarro	CHI	11.09.1979	28	-	-	-	9	1	24	1	22	3	29	3
8	Alberto Aquilani	ITA	07.07.1984	23	-	-	-	5	-	18	3	14	-	22	1
11	Taddei	BRA	06.03.1980	28	-	-	-	5	1	23	5	13	3	23	4
15	Antunes	POR	01.04.1987	21	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
16	Daniele De Rossi	ITA	24.07.1983	24	*	-	-	9	-	28	4	22	3	35	4
20	Simone Perrotta	ITA	17.09.1977	30	-	-	-	5	1	23	5	19	2	29	3
33	Matteo Brighi	ITA	14.02.1981	27	-	-	-	2	-	19	1	2	-	8	-
38	Daniel Unal	SUI	18.01.1990	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Forwards</b>															
9	Mirko Vučinić	MNE	01.10.1983	24	*	-	-	7	4	27	5	13	5	13	5
10	Francesco Totti	ITA	27.09.1976	31	-	-	-	6	1	23	14	35	11	65	21
14	Ludovic Giuly	FRA	10.07.1976	31	-	-	-	8	1	27	5	46	9	77	20
18	Mauro Esposito	ITA	13.06.1979	28	-	-	-	5	-	8	-	5	-	13	-
30	Mancini	BRA	01.08.1980	27	-	-	-	8	2	26	5	19	3	34	7
36	Claudio Della Penna	ITA	12.05.1989	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Coach</b>															
-	Luciano Spalletti	ITA	07.03.1959	49	-	-	-	9	-	-	-	19	-	38	-



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 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.

**AS Roma: Luciano Spalletti**

**Date of birth:** 7 March 1959

**Nationality:** Italian

**Playing career:** AC Entella Chiavari 1914, Spezia Calcio 1906, FC Esperia Viareggio, Empoli FC

**Coaching career:** Empoli FC, UC Sampdoria, Venezia Calcio, Udinese Calcio (twice), Ancona Calcio, AS Roma

A hard-working midfielder in his playing days, Luciano Spalletti has kept the same mentality since starting his coaching career in 1993/94 at his former club Empoli FC. Spalletti enjoyed immediate success with successive promotions; in his first full season, he led the Tuscan club to Serie B before taking them to Serie A the following campaign. After a good first term in the top flight, Spalletti left to join UC Sampdoria but was sacked after 28 games of the 1998/99 season. It was the beginning of a difficult period for Spalletti who had brief stays at Venezia Calcio, Udinese Calcio and Ancona Calcio before returning to Udinese in summer 2002.

Spalletti steered Udinese to sixth and seventh-placed finishes before writing his name into the club's history as the first coach to guide Udinese to UEFA Champions League football with a fourth place in 2004/05. That June, however, Spalletti answered a call from AS Roma, who had avoided relegation on the last day of term and had been struggling to fill the gap left by Fabio Capello. He signed a two-year contract.

After a difficult opening to 2005/06, Spalletti managed to gain the faith of the Roma squad. Without injured captain Francesco Totti, Roma set a record of consecutive Serie A wins (eleven) and came fifth before the Italian match-fixing tribunal punished Juventus, AC Milan and ACF Fiorentina. That resulted in the Giallorossi moving up to second, earning them an automatic UEFA Champions League place. After a knockout stage berth was secured, Roma handed Spalletti a new contract until 2011 and he rewarded them with second place again in Serie A and Coppa Italia glory.

**Match officials**

<b>Referee</b>	Tom Henning Øvrebø (NOR)
<b>Assistant referees</b>	Geir Åge Holen (NOR), Erik Ræstad (NOR)
<b>Fourth official</b>	Svein Oddvar Moen (NOR)
<b>UEFA Delegate</b>	Pierino L.G. Lardi (SUI)
<b>UEFA Referee observer</b>	Manuel López Fernández (ESP)

**Referee**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Nat.</b>	<b>DoB</b>	<b>UCL</b>	<b>UEFA</b>
Tom Henning Øvrebø	NOR	26.06.1966	14	39

Tom Henning Øvrebø is the latest referee from Norway to establish himself among the European élite and is hoping to emulate his compatriot and good friend Terje Hauge in reaching the highest levels of the UEFA referee sector. He has twice acted as fourth official when Hauge has refereed major showpiece events, namely the 2004 UEFA Super Cup and the 2005/06 UEFA Champions League final.

Øvrebø, based in the Norwegian capital Oslo and a fan of motorcycling and boating, decided that the whistle and notebook were for him at the age of 14, and progressed through the leagues in Norway. His first top-flight appearance came on 20 September 1992 in the match between Ham-Kam Fotball and Sogndal IL and he was considered ready to receive his FIFA badge at the start of 1994, making his European bow in the UEFA European Women's Championship later that year and progressing into the European youth and club competitions, where he has been a regular ever since. In 2000, he took part in the UEFA European Under-18 Championship in Germany and, in 2002, he refereed the UEFA European U21 Championship final between France and the Czech Republic. In between, in 2001, he made his first appearance in the UEFA Champions League and has been a regular since in that competition and the UEFA Cup. A psychologist by profession, who is married with three children, he also took charge of three 2006 FIFA World Cup qualifiers and has 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**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Comp.</b>	<b>Stage</b>		<b>Res.</b>	<b>Venue</b>
12.11.2002	UCL	GS1	Arsenal FC - PSV Eindhoven	0-0	London
22.10.2003	UCL	GS1	AC Milan - Club Brugge KV	0-1	Milan
09.08.2005	UCL	QR3	Everton FC - Villarreal CF	1-2	Liverpool
18.10.2006	UCL	GS	FC Girondins de Bordeaux - Liverpool FC	0-1	Bordeaux
20.02.2007	UCL	1/8	PSV Eindhoven - Arsenal FC	1-0	Eindhoven
14.08.2007	UCL	QR3	S.S. Lazio - FC Dinamo 1948 Bucureşti	1-1	Rome
04.12.2007	UCL	GS	AC Milan - Celtic FC	1-0	Milan
11.03.2008	UCL	1/8	FC Internazionale Milano - Liverpool FC	0-1	Milan

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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Comp.</b>	<b>Stage</b>		<b>Res.</b>	<b>Venue</b>
13.11.1994	U18	PR	England - Slovenia	3-0	
23.10.1995	U16	QR	England - Belgium	1-0	
14.09.2000	UCUP	R1	Leicester City FC - FK Crvena Zvezda	1-1	Leicester
07.08.2001	UIC	F	ES Troyes Aube Champagne - Newcastle United FC	0-0	Troyes
10.11.2001	U21	P-O	Poland - Italy	2-5	Warsaw
07.08.2002	UIC	SF	FK Teplice - Bologna FC	1-3	Teplice
06.11.2003	UCUP	R2	FC Basel 1893 - Newcastle United FC	2-3	Basel
15.12.2005	UCUP	GS	RC Lens - UC Sampdoria	2-1	Lens
15.03.2006	UCUP	1/8	AS Roma - Middlesbrough FC	2-1	Rome
24.03.2007	EURO	QR	Israel - England	0-0	Tel Aviv

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**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
<b>Lineups:</b>	Van der Sar, Brown, Ferdinand, Vidić, Evra, Cristiano Ronaldo, Scholes, Carrick, Anderson (Tévez 73), Giggs (Nani 73), Rooney			
League	29/03/08	Aston Villa FC (H)	4-0	Cristiano Ronaldo 17, Tévez 33, Rooney 53, 70
<b>Lineups:</b>	Kuszczak, Brown, Ferdinand (Hargreaves 62), Vidić, Evra (O'Shea 62), Cristiano Ronaldo, Carrick (Anderson 61), Scholes, Giggs, Tévez, Rooney			
League	06/04/08	Middlesbrough FC (A)	2-2	Cristiano Ronaldo 10, Rooney 74
<b>Lineups:</b>	Van der Sar, O'Shea (Hargreaves 67), Ferdinand (Piqué 69), Brown, Evra, Cristiano Ronaldo, Scholes, Carrick, Giggs, Tévez (Park 63), Rooney			
League	13/04/08	Arsenal FC (H)		

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Comp.	Date	Opponent	Res.	Goalscorers
League	19/04/08	Blackburn Rovers FC (A)		
League	26/04/08	Chelsea FC (A)		
League	03/05/08	West Ham United FC (H)		
League	11/05/08	Wigan Athletic FC (A)		

Pos.	Clubs	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1	<b>Manchester United FC</b>	33	24	5	4	70	17	77
2	Chelsea FC	33	22	8	3	58	23	74
3	Arsenal FC	33	20	11	2	63	27	71
4	Liverpool FC	33	17	12	4	57	25	63
5	Everton FC	33	18	6	9	49	27	60
6	Portsmouth FC	32	15	8	9	46	33	53
7	Aston Villa FC	33	14	10	9	56	44	52
8	Blackburn Rovers FC	33	13	12	8	43	39	51
9	Manchester City FC	33	13	10	10	37	39	49
10	West Ham United FC	32	12	8	12	35	39	44
11	Tottenham Hotspur FC	33	10	10	13	62	56	40
12	Newcastle United FC	33	10	8	15	40	58	38
13	Sunderland AFC	33	10	6	17	32	50	36
14	Middlesbrough FC	33	8	11	14	30	47	35
15	Wigan Athletic FC	33	9	7	17	30	47	34
16	Reading FC	33	9	5	19	37	61	32
17	Birmingham City FC	33	7	9	17	38	51	30
18	Bolton Wanderers FC	33	6	8	19	30	52	26
19	Fulham FC	33	4	12	17	30	56	24
20	Derby County FC	33	1	8	24	16	68	11

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### AS Roma (Serie A)

Comp.	Date	Opponent	Res.	Goalscorers
League	26/08/07	US Città di Palermo (A)	2-0	Mexes 4, Aquilani 28
League	02/09/07	AC Siena (H)	3-0	Aquilani 17, Giuly 82, Totti 88
League	16/09/07	Reggina Calcio (A)	2-0	Juan 49, Totti 83
League	23/09/07	Juventus (H)	2-2	Totti 30, 35
League	26/09/07	ACF Fiorentina (A)	2-2	Mancini 19, Giuly 37
League	29/09/07	FC Internazionale Milano (H)	1-4	Perrotta 54
League	07/10/07	Parma FC (A)	3-0	Totti 2, 82, Mancini 20
League	20/10/07	SSC Napoli (H)	4-4	Totti 30(pen), Perrotta 43, De Rossi 52, Pizarro 80
League	28/10/07	AC Milan (A)	1-0	Vučinić 72
League	31/10/07	S.S. Lazio (H)	3-2	Vučinić 19, Mancini 32, Perrotta 66
League	04/11/07	Empoli FC (A)	2-2	Giuly 14, Brighi 33
League	24/11/07	Genoa Cricket and Football Club (A)	1-0	Panucci 90
League	02/12/07	Udinese Calcio (H)	2-1	Juan 10, Taddei 27
League	05/12/07	Cagliari Calcio (H)	2-0	Taddei 28, 36
League	09/12/07	AS Livorno Calcio (A)	1-1	De Rossi 4
League	16/12/07	Torino FC (A)	0-0	
Cup	19/12/07	Torino FC (A)	1-3	Mancini 45
League	22/12/07	UC Sampdoria (H)	2-0	Totti 17, 89
League	13/01/08	Atalanta BC (A)	2-1	Totti 38, Mancini 45
Cup	16/01/08	Torino FC (H)	4-0	Mancini 60, Totti 61, 73(pen), Giuly 89
League	20/01/08	Calcio Catania (H)	2-0	Giuly 8, De Rossi 57(pen)
Cup	23/01/08	UC Sampdoria (A)	1-1	Vučinić 69
League	26/01/08	US Città di Palermo (H)	1-0	Mancini 59
Cup	29/01/08	UC Sampdoria (H)	1-0	Mancini 61
League	03/02/08	AC Siena (A)	0-3	
League	09/02/08	Reggina Calcio (H)	2-0	Panucci 21, Cicinho 75
League	16/02/08	Juventus (A)	0-1	
League	24/02/08	ACF Fiorentina (H)	1-0	Cicinho 54
League	27/02/08	FC Internazionale Milano (A)	1-1	Totti 38
League	01/03/08	Parma FC (H)	4-0	Aquilani 27, Own goal, Totti 81, Vučinić 90
League	09/03/08	SSC Napoli (A)	2-0	Perrotta 2, Totti 49(pen)
League	15/03/08	AC Milan (H)	2-1	Giuly 78, Vučinić 81
League	19/03/08	S.S. Lazio (A)	2-3	Taddei 31, Perrotta 62
League	22/03/08	Empoli FC (H)	2-1	Tonetto 36, Panucci 63
<b>Lineups:</b> Doni, Panucci, Ferrari, Tonetto, Cassetti, Pizarro (Brighi 77), De Rossi, Perrotta, Mancini (Taddei 65), Giuly (Vučinić 54), Totti				
League	29/03/08	Cagliari Calcio (A)	1-1	Totti 45
<b>Lineups:</b> Doni, Cicinho, Mexes, Ferrari, Tonetto (Cassetti 54), Brighi (Aquilani 73), Pizarro, Taddei (Esposito 80), Mancini, Giuly, Totti				
League	05/04/08	Genoa Cricket and Football Club (H)	3-2	Taddei 14, Vučinić 17, De Rossi 80(pen)
<b>Lineups:</b> Doni, Panucci, Tonetto (Brighi 65), Mexes, Cicinho, Cassetti, De Rossi, Perrotta, Taddei (Juan 82), Giuly (Mancini 61), Vučinić				
League	13/04/08	Udinese Calcio (A)		
League	19/04/08	AS Livorno Calcio (H)		
League	27/04/08	Torino FC (H)		
League	04/05/08	UC Sampdoria (A)		
League	11/05/08	Atalanta BC (H)		
League	18/05/08	Calcio Catania (A)		

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1	FC Internazionale Milano	32	21	9	2	59	21	72
<b>2</b>	<b>AS Roma</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>68</b>
3	Juventus	31	16	10	5	53	28	58
4	ACF Fiorentina	32	16	8	8	47	32	56
5	AC Milan	32	14	10	8	48	28	52
6	UC Sampdoria	32	15	7	10	46	37	52
7	Udinese Calcio	32	14	9	9	43	40	51
8	Genoa Cricket and Football Club	32	11	9	12	40	46	42
9	Atalanta BC	32	10	11	11	46	46	41
10	SSC Napoli	32	11	7	14	41	47	40
11	S.S. Lazio	32	9	12	11	39	41	39
12	US Città di Palermo	32	10	9	13	42	51	39
13	AC Siena	32	8	13	11	34	39	37
14	Torino FC	32	6	16	10	32	39	34
15	Calcio Catania	32	7	11	14	28	38	32
16	Parma FC	31	6	12	13	37	49	30
17	AS Livorno Calcio	32	6	11	15	29	47	29
18	Empoli FC	32	7	8	17	25	45	29
19	Cagliari Calcio	32	7	8	17	29	50	29
20	Reggina Calcio	32	5	12	15	27	47	27

### UEFA information

#### **Mathieu Sprengers remembered**

All this week's UEFA Champions League and UEFA Cup matches will be preceded by a minute of silence in memory of the president of the Royal Netherlands Football Association and member of the UEFA Executive Committee Mathieu Sprengers, who died on Sunday at the age of 69 after a short illness. Mr Sprengers also served for seven years as UEFA treasurer and enjoyed an outstanding career as a football administrator in his native country, as well as within European football, where he held a number of senior positions with UEFA.

#### **Moscow handover**

The countdown to the UEFA Champions League final at the Luzhniki Stadium in Moscow on 21 May gathered further impetus with the trophy handover ceremony in the Russian capital last Thursday. In an impressive ceremony at the GUM centre in Moscow's Red Square, the 2007 champions, AC Milan, handed the UEFA Champions League trophy back to UEFA President Michel Platini, who then passed the trophy to the Mayor of Moscow, Yuri Luzhkov, for the city to keep and display to the public until the final. Milan were represented by former player and current technical operations director Leonardo, who helped Brazil win the 1994 FIFA World Cup, together with director Umberto Gandini.

Also in attendance were Rinat Dasaev, the former USSR goalkeeper who made his name with FC Spartak Moskva, and the president of the host association – the Football Union of Russia – Vitaly Mutko. "Moscow has been looking forward to this final for a long time," said Luzhkov. "We attach huge importance to this event and rank it as one of the biggest sporting occasions in the history of our city. All the citizens of Moscow share this view. The trophy is due to visit five major Russian football cities: Kazan (19/20 April); Yekaterinburg (21/22 April); Krasnodar (28/29 April); St Petersburg (6/7 May); and Samara (10/11 May).

#### **Final ball**

adidas has revealed the official match ball for the UEFA Champions League final – the adidas Finale Moscow. A 2.5 metre high replica of the adidas Finale Moscow was presented to the citizens of Moscow. A red-and-gold silk cloth measuring 200 square metres veiled the giant-sized match ball, an original-sized football goal and 300 match balls, several of which were distributed to the Moscow public directly after the event with the majority being donated to local schools. The design of the adidas Finale Moscow is based on the widely recognisable UEFA Champions League star ball logo. Tied in with the UEFA campaign for the final in Moscow, the colours of the new match ball are dominated by dark red stars with golden detailing. The adidas designers took their inspiration in particular from the colours of Red Square, the Kremlin and the gold domes of Moscow's numerous cathedrals.

#### **Ronaldo named ICRC ambassador**

Manchester United FC's Cristiano 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 will be presented with the uefa.com 2007 Team of the Year award and a cheque for 100,000CHF, as a first donation for the ICRC/UEFA campaign in aid of landmine victims in Afghanistan, before the UEFA Champions League quarter-final second leg with AS Roma on Wednesday night. Ronaldo will be the ambassador for the campaign during euro 2008, where uefa will donate €4,000 for every goal scored and €5,000 for every goal scored by Ronaldo.

The Portuguese international 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?"

#### **Key dates**

The draw for the UEFA Champions League quarter and semi-finals and final was staged in Nyon on 14 March. The quarter-final ties are being played on 1/2 and 8/9 April before the semi-finals on 22/23 and 29/30 April. The winners of the tie between Arsenal FC and Liverpool FC will meet Fenerbahçe SK or Chelsea FC in the last four, with FC Schalke 04 or FC Barcelona facing AS Roma or Manchester United FC. The UEFA Champions League final will be held in Moscow on 21 May, before UEFA EURO 2008™ kicks off in Austria and Switzerland on 7 June.

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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
<b>Goals:</b> 0-1 Cristiano Ronaldo 62			
<b>Man. United:</b> 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
<b>Goals:</b> 1-0 Rooney 70			
<b>Man. United:</b> 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 Olimpiyskiy Stadium, Kiev
<b>Goals:</b> 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			
<b>Man. United:</b> 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
<b>Goals:</b> 1-0 Piqué 31, 2-0 Tévez 37, 3-0 Rooney 76, 4-0 Cristiano Ronaldo 88			
<b>Man. United:</b> 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
<b>Goals:</b> 0-1 Abel 21, 1-1 Tévez 61, 2-1 Cristiano Ronaldo 90+2			
<b>Man. United:</b> 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
<b>Goals:</b> 0-1 Piqué 34, 1-1 Mancini 71			
<b>Man. United:</b> 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
<b>Goals:</b> 1-0 Benzema 54, 1-1 Tévez 87			
<b>Man. United:</b> Van der Sar, Evra, Hargreaves (Carrick 78), Ferdinand, Brown, Cristiano Ronaldo, Anderson, Rooney, Giggs (Nani 65), Vidić, Scholes (Tévez 65)			

### First knockout round, second leg

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
04/03/08	Man. United - Lyon	1-0	Old Trafford, Manchester
<b>Goals:</b> 1-0 Cristiano Ronaldo 41			
<b>Man. United:</b> Van der Sar, Evra, Ferdinand, Brown, Cristiano Ronaldo (Hargreaves 90+2), Anderson (Tévez 70), Rooney, Vidić, Carrick, Nani, Fletcher			



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### 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

**Roma:** Doni, Panucci, Mexes, Pizarro, Aquilani (Esposito 77), Vučinić, Taddei (Giuly 59), De Rossi, Tonetto (Cicinho 68), Mancini, Cassetti

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

### Match-by-match lineups - AS Roma

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	Roma - Dynamo Kyiv	2-0	Stadio Olimpico, Rome

**Goals:** 1-0 Perrotta 9, 2-0 Totti 70

**Roma:** Doni, Juan (Ferrari 82), Mexes, Aquilani (Pizarro 83), Totti, Taddei, De Rossi, Perrotta, Tonetto, Mancini (Giuly 61), Cassetti

02.10.2007	Man. United - Roma	1-0	Old Trafford, Manchester
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**Goals:** 1-0 Rooney 70

**Roma:** Curci, Cicinho, Juan, Mexes, Aquilani (Pizarro 62), Totti, Giuly (Esposito 80), De Rossi, Perrotta, Tonetto, Mancini (Vučinić 74)

23.10.2007	Roma - Sporting	2-1	Stadio Olimpico, Rome
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**Goals:** 1-0 Juan 15, 1-1 Liedson 18, 2-1 Vučinić 70

**Roma:** Doni, Panucci, Juan, Mexes, Pizarro, Totti (Vučinić 35), Giuly (Brighi 73), De Rossi, Tonetto, Mancini (Cicinho 87), Cassetti

07.11.2007	Sporting - Roma	2-2	José Alvalade, Lisbon
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**Goals:** 0-1 Cassetti 4, 1-1 Liedson 22, 2-1 Liedson 64, 2-2 Polga 90(o.g.)

**Roma:** Doni, Cicinho, Juan, Mexes (Ferrari 46), Pizarro, Vučinić, Giuly (Brighi 91), De Rossi, Perrotta (Esposito 80), Mancini, Cassetti

27.11.2007	Dynamo Kyiv - Roma	1-4	NSC Olympiyskiy Stadium, Kiev
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**Goals:** 0-1 Panucci 4, 0-2 Giuly 32, 0-3 Vučinić 36, 1-3 Bangoura 63, 1-4 Vučinić 78

**Roma:** Doni, Panucci, Juan, Pizarro, Vučinić (Cicinho 84), Taddei (Esposito 46), Giuly, De Rossi (Barusso 61), Ferrari, Tonetto, Cassetti

12.12.2007	Roma - Man. United	1-1	Stadio Olimpico, Rome
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**Goals:** 0-1 Piqué 34, 1-1 Mancini 71

**Roma:** Doni, Cicinho, Mexes, Pizarro, Totti, Taddei (De Rossi 46), Antunes, Esposito (Vučinić 62), Ferrari, Barusso (Giuly 62), Mancini

### First knockout round, first leg

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
19/02/08	Roma - Real Madrid	2-1	Stadio Olimpico, Rome

**Goals:** 0-1 Raúl 8, 1-1 Pizarro 24, 2-1 Mancini 58

**Roma:** Doni, Panucci (Tonetto 67), Juan (Ferrari 77), Mexes, Pizarro (Aquilani 62), Totti, Giuly, De Rossi, Perrotta, Mancini, Cassetti

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### First knockout round, second leg

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
05/03/08	Real Madrid - Roma	1-2	Santiago Bernabéu Stadium, Madrid

**Goals:** 0-1 Taddei 73, 1-1 Raúl 75, 1-2 Vučinić 90+2

**Roma:** Doni, Cicinho (Panucci 87), Juan, Mexes, Aquilani, Totti, Taddei, De Rossi, Perrotta (Pizarro 76), Tonetto, Mancini (Vučinić 65)

### 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

**Roma:** Doni, Panucci, Mexes, Pizarro, Aquilani (Esposito 77), Vučinić, Taddei (Giuly 59), De Rossi, Tonetto (Cicinho 68), Mancini, Cassetti

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

### Competition facts

#### UEFA Champions League knockout stage: Did you know?

- Teams have come back from a first-leg deficit to go through to the next stage on 20 occasions, including both 2006/07 semi-final victors. The biggest losing margin a side has overturned was achieved by RC Deportivo La Coruña in 2003/04 when they fought back from a 4-1 defeat at AC Milan to win 4-0 at home and progress to the semi-finals.
- Fifteen ties, including three in the 2006/07 season's first knockout round, have been decided on the away goals rule, including five where the triumphant team lost the first leg.
- Manchester United FC hold the record for the biggest first-leg lead with a 4-0 home success against FC Porto in the 1996/97 quarter-finals, eventually going through by that margin after a goalless return.
- 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, 14 ties have required extra time, including, in 2007/08, Fenerbahçe'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, only six ties have been settled by extra time alone: four quarter-finals and two first knockout round encounters.
- Real Madrid CF 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 FC Bayern München.
- Had Bayern beaten AC Milan in the 2006/07 last eight, it would have meant the first time the UEFA Champions League final four 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.
- The 2004/05 first knockout round encounter between Lyon and Werder Bremen featured more goals (12) over its two legs than any previous UEFA Champions League knockout tie – as Lyon defeated Bremen 10-2.
- United's 7-1 victory against AS Roma in the 2006/07 campaign is the biggest victory in a UEFA Champions League quarter-final match. The previous best were Barcelona's 5-1 second-leg defeat after extra time of Chelsea (1999/00), RC Deportivo La Coruña's 4-0 return victory against AC Milan (2003/04) and United's 4-0 first-leg success against Porto (1996/97).
- The biggest European Cup quarter-final victory was Madrid's 8-0 first-leg defeat of Sevilla FC in the 1957/58 edition.
- Roma-United featured eleven goals over the two legs, a quarter-final record shared by Chelsea's 6-5 aggregate victory against Bayern in 2004/05 and Madrid's success by the same margin against United in 2002/03.
- There has never been a knockout tie ending goalless after two legs. Eight have finished 1-0 on aggregate, most recently Milan's narrow victory against Celtic after extra time in the 2006/07 first knockout round.

- Clarence Seedorf is the only player to win the European Cup with three clubs (Ajax 1995, Madrid 1998 and Milan 2003 and 2007). Had Bayern gone all the way last season, Ottmar Hitzfeld would have joined Liverpool FC's Bob Paisley – 1977, 1978 and 1981 – as the only coach to win three times, having won with BV Borussia Dortmund in 1997 and Bayern in 2001.
- Hitzfeld and Ernst Happel (Feyenoord 1970, Hamburger SV 1983) are the only coaches to win with two clubs.
- If Arsenal FC, Chelsea FC, Fenerbahçe SK or AS Roma go all the way this season, it would be the first European Cup success for London, Istanbul or Rome. Only five capital cities have been successful in this way: Madrid (Real Madrid CF), Belgrade (FK Crvena Zvezda), Bucharest (FC Steaua București), Amsterdam (AFC Ajax) and Lisbon (SL Benfica).
- 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. Owned by 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. Luzhniki held the 1999 UEFA Cup final between Parma FC and Olympique de Marseille, and also hosted the first UEFA Champions League match on artificial turf, between FC Spartak Moskva and Sporting Clube de Portugal, in September 2006.
- **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 AC 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 FC 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 FC Steaua București 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 one team has scored more than five goals in an away game: Manchester United FC, who won 6-2 at Brøndby IF in 1998/99.

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### 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)

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

### Fastest goal in a match

**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)

### 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)

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

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

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

### 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)

101 Clarence Seedorf (AFC Ajax, Real Madrid CF, AC Milan)

100 Luís Figo (FC Barcelona, Real Madrid CF, FC Internazionale Milano)

100 Ryan Giggs (Manchester United FC)

99 Paul Scholes (Manchester United FC)

98 Gary Neville (Manchester United FC)

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

92 Claude Makelele (FC Nantes Atlantique, Real Madrid CF, Chelsea FC)

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

89 Fernando Morientes (Real Madrid CF, AS Monaco FC, Liverpool FC, Valencia CF)

89 Iván Helguera (Real Madrid CF, Valencia CF)

### 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)  
139 Luís Figo (Sporting, FC Barcelona, Real Madrid CF, FC Internazionale Milano)  
139 Oliver Kahn (Karlsruher SC, FC Bayern München)  
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)

### 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. After sitting out the first two campaigns, United's first entry came in the 1994/95 season. 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, including home and away triumphs against SL Benfica, to top Group F although they did lose 1-0 to FC København and Celtic FC on Matchdays 4 and 5. 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: 245 W: 130 D: 63 L: 52 GF: 446 GA: 240

###### UEFA Champions League (group stage to final)

• Pld: 136 W: 72 D: 33 L: 31 GF: 243 GA: 133

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### European Champion Clubs' Cup/UEFA Champions League

• Pld: 189 W: 106 D: 43 L: 40 GF: 369 GA: 186

#### 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



- 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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### AS Roma

#### UEFA club competition milestones

• This is Roma's 24th season in UEFA club competition following their debut in the 1969/70 UEFA Cup Winners' Cup first round. They have twice lost out in UEFA finals – the 1983/84 European Champion Clubs' Cup and the 1990/91 UEFA Cup.

#### UEFA Champions League milestones

• Roma are in their fifth campaign, having had to wait until the 2001/02 edition for their bow. Last season's run to the quarter-finals was their first time in the knockout stage.

#### UEFA club competition honours

• N/A.

#### Ten-year record

**2006/07:** UEFA Champions League - quarter-finals

**2005/06:** UEFA Cup - Round of 16

**2004/05:** UEFA Champions League - group stage

**2003/04:** UEFA Cup - third round

**2002/03:** UEFA Champions League - second group stage

**2001/02:** UEFA Champions League - second group stage

**2000/01:** UEFA Cup - fourth round

**1999/00:** UEFA Cup - fourth round

**1998/99:** UEFA Cup - quarter-finals

**1997/98:** Did not compete in UEFA club competition

#### 2006/07 season

**Domestic record:** Roma finished as runners-up behind champions FC Internazionale Milano for the second season. They were 22 points adrift but 13 ahead of third-placed S.S. Lazio, who began the season with a three-point deduction after the Italian sporting fraud tribunal. Roma did win the Coppa Italia for the first time since 1991 by beating Inter 7-4 on aggregate in the final, their eighth such success.

**European record:** The Italian side recorded three victories and a draw from their six outings to finish second in Group D, three points behind Valencia CF but four and seven ahead of FC Shakhtar Donetsk and Olympiacos CFP respectively. A 2-0 win at Olympique Lyonnais took them through the first knockout round by the same score before Roma came unstuck at Manchester United FC in the last eight. A 7-1 defeat at Old Trafford wiped out their 2-1 home success.

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### Key facts

#### UEFA club competition

• Pld: 181 W: 85 D: 41 L: 55 GF: 252 GA: 173

#### UEFA Champions League (group stage to final)

• Pld: 49 W: 16 D: 17 L: 16 GF: 54 GA: 60

#### European Champion Clubs' Cup/UEFA Champions League

• Pld: 58 W: 21 D: 18 L: 19 GF: 68 GA: 67

### Records

#### UEFA club competition

• Biggest win

**7-0:** AS Roma v NK Gorica

28.09.2000, UEFA Cup first round second leg

**7-0:** AS Roma v Vitória FC

16.09.1999, UEFA Cup first round first leg

• Biggest home win

**7-0:** AS Roma v NK Gorica (see above for details)

**7-0:** AS Roma v Vitória FC (see above for details)

• Biggest away win

**1-4:** FC Dynamo Kyiv v AS Roma

27.11.2008, UEFA Champions League group stage

**0-3:** Valencia CF v AS Roma

26.02.2003, UEFA Champions League second group stage

**0-3:** Hamburger SV v AS Roma

07.12.2000, UEFA Cup third round second leg

**1-4:** NK Gorica v AS Roma

14.09.2000, UEFA Cup first round first leg

**1-4:** FC Wacker Innsbruck v AS Roma

16.09.1992, UEFA Cup first round first leg

• Heaviest defeat

**7-1:** Manchester United v AS Roma

10.04.2007, UEFA Champions League quarter-finals second leg

• Heaviest home defeat

**0-3:** AS Roma v Real Madrid CF

08.12.2004, UEFA Champions League group stage

**0-3:** AS Roma v FC Dynamo Kyiv (match forfeited)

15.09.2004, UEFA Champions League group stage

**0-3:** AS Roma v Real Madrid CF

17.02.2002, UEFA Champions League first group stage

• Heaviest away defeat

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

#### UEFA Champions League (group stage to final only)

• Biggest win

**4-0:** AS Roma v FC Shakhtar Donetsk

12/09/2006, UEFA Champions League group stage

# Manchester United FC - AS Roma

## MATCH PRESS KIT

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- Biggest home win  
**4-0:** AS Roma v FC Shakhtar Donetsk (see above for details)
- Biggest away win  
**1-4:** FC Dynamo Kyiv v AS Roma (see above for details)  
**0-3:** Valencia CF v AS Roma (see above for details)
- Heaviest defeat  
**7-1:** Manchester United FC v AS Roma (see above for details)
- Heaviest home defeat  
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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.

- **Away goals:** If the two teams involved in a tie score the same number of goals over the two legs, the team which scores more away goals qualifies for the next stage. If this procedure does not produce a result, extra time of two periods of 15 minutes shall be played at the end of the second leg. If, during extra time, both teams score the same number of goals, away goals count double. If no goals are scored during extra time, kicks from the penalty mark determine which club qualifies for the next stage.

- **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