

FC Barcelona - Manchester United FC

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Camp Nou, Barcelona

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Match background

Manchester United FC return to the Camp Nou for the first time since their 1999 UEFA Champions League triumph hoping this latest visit will serve as a stepping stone to another final appearance.

- United collected their second European Champion Clubs' Cup – to add to the one won by Sir Matt Busby's side in 1968 – when they came from behind to beat FC Bayern München 2-1 on a remarkable night in Catalonia on 26 May 1999.
- Before they can start dreaming of a historic first all-English final against Liverpool FC or Chelsea FC in Moscow, they must first get the better of FC Barcelona. Boasting an unbeaten record to match United's, Barcelona have their sights set on a third European Cup of their own – as well as a considerably better record at this stage of the competition.
- Barcelona have won four of the eight previous semi-finals they have contested – those successes coming in 1960/61, 1985/86, 1993/94 and 2005/06 – in addition to advancing to the 1991/92 final as winners of their last-eight group.
- By contrast, United's nine preceding semi-final appearances have brought just two victories and they will need no reminding of their last-four fate 12 months ago when they surrendered a 3-2 first-leg lead in a 3-0 loss at AC Milan.
- Barcelona overcame FC Schalke 04 to reach the last four. Bojan Krkić's 12th-minute goal secured a 1-0 away victory in the first leg and they won the second leg by the same score thanks to a 43rd-minute Yaya Touré effort.
- Frank Rijkaard's men had previously defeated Celtic FC in the first knockout round – winning 3-2 away, then 1-0 at home – after topping Group E with a record of four victories and two draws.
- Barcelona's home form has been faultless in this campaign, with five successive wins and a goal difference of 10-1.
- United progressed to the semi-finals with a 3-0 aggregate success against AS Roma. Cristiano Ronaldo (39) and Wayne Rooney (66) were on target to deliver a 2-0 first-leg triumph in Rome before Carlos Tévez's 70th-minute header ended any lingering doubts at Old Trafford.
- United began the campaign by winning Group F with a record of W5 D1 L0 and then defeated Olympique Lyonnais 2-1 on aggregate in the last 16.



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- The Premier League leaders are unbeaten on their travels in Europe this season, having earned three victories and two draws.
- Barcelona's home record against English opposition is impressive, with 13 wins, eight draws and just two losses from 23 previous meetings.
- Both those defeats came against Liverpool: a 1-0 reverse in the 1975/76 UEFA Cup semi-final first leg, setting up a 2-1 aggregate loss, and then a 2-1 defeat in the 2006/07 first knockout round, which ultimately served to eliminate the Blaugrana on away goals after a 2-2 aggregate draw.
- Last season's exit at Liverpool's hands means the Spanish club have won seven and lost eight of 15 two-legged contests against English opponents.
- Moreover, Barcelona have won only one of four previous semi-finals against English teams in UEFA club competition:
1974/75 European Cup, Leeds United AFC 2-3 (aggregate)
1975/76 UEFA Cup, Liverpool 1-2
1981/82 UEFA Cup Winners' Cup, Tottenham Hotspur FC 2-1
2000/01 UEFA Cup, Liverpool 0-1
- United have played 16 times in Spain against Spanish sides, with just one win recorded alongside six draws and nine defeats. That solitary success came at RC Deportivo La Coruña in the quarter-finals of the 2001/02 UEFA Champions League thanks to goals from David Beckham and Ruud van Nistelrooy.
- United have registered four wins and five defeats in nine previous two-legged ties against Spanish opposition.
- This is the Old Trafford club's third semi-final against a Spanish team and on the two preceding occasions Real Madrid CF were the opposition. United went down 5-3 on aggregate against Madrid in the 1956/57 European Cup, then gained revenge with a 4-3 triumph en route to winning the 1967/68 competition.
- Barcelona and United have met seven times before, with both sides claiming two victories apiece.
- United have fond memories of the clubs' first encounter, in the 1983/84 UEFA Cup Winners' Cup quarter-finals, where they overturned a 2-0 first-leg deficit with a 3-0 home success courtesy of goals from Bryan Robson (2) and Frank Stapleton.
- The English outfit prevailed again in the 1991 UEFA Cup Winners' Cup final in Rotterdam, winning 2-1 to give Sir Alex Ferguson his first European trophy as United manager. Mark Hughes was the hero with two second-half goals before Ronald Koeman's reply ensured a tense finish on a night where Brian McClair and Mike Phelan – both coaches at Old Trafford today – and Aitor 'Txiki' Beguiristain, Barcelona's technical director, all featured in the action.
- Barcelona handed United a football lesson when the teams first met in the UEFA Champions League in the 1994/95 group stage. After a 2-2 draw in Manchester – where Paul Scholes made his European debut as a 67th-minute substitute – the Spanish side won 4-0 at the Camp Nou through goals from Hristo Stoichkov (2), Romário and Albert Ferrer. Ryan Giggs played for 79 minutes of the match before being replaced by Scholes.
- The teams played out two thrilling 3-3 draws in the 1998/99 group stage, which ended with United pipping Barcelona to second place behind Bayern by two points. There are no survivors from that Barcelona side but Giggs and Scholes scored the opening two goals of the September 1998 game at Old Trafford, while Wes Brown, Gary Neville and Scholes all figured in the return at the Camp Nou two months later.
- Sir Alex took his players back to Barcelona for the final that season where they came back from the dead to beat Bayern 2-1 with injury-time goals from substitutes Teddy Sheringham and Ole Gunnar Solskjær.

- The United lineup that evening was:
Peter Schmeichel, Gary Neville, Denis Irwin, Ronny Johnson, Jaap Stam, Ryan Giggs, David Beckham, Nicky Butt, Jesper Blomqvist (Teddy Sheringham 67), Dwight Yorke, Andrew Cole (Ole Gunnar Solskjær 81).
- Also present at the Camp Nou was United midfielder Owen Hargreaves who, as a youth-team player with Bayern, had flown over from Munich with his team-mates to cheer on the German side.
- United defender Gerard Piqué spent seven years in Barcelona's youth system before leaving to join United in 2004, and counted Lionel Messi among his contemporaries.
- Barcelona forward Thierry Henry enjoyed eight years with United's Premier League rivals Arsenal FC (1999-2007) and scored nine goals in 18 appearances against the Old Trafford outfit – the last of them a 90th-minute winner when the Gunners came from behind to beat United 2-1 in London in January 2007. Sylvinho (Arsenal, 1999-2001) and Eidur Gudjohnsen (Chelsea FC, 2000-2006) also know all about United from their time in England.
- Henry was in the AS Monaco FC team that overcame United on away goals in the UEFA Champions League quarter-finals in 1997/98.

Match facts

BARCELONA

UEFA milestones

- Carles Puyol – who is suspended for the semi-final first leg – and Xavi Hernández will both make their 75th UEFA Champions League appearance when they next feature in the competition.
- The next European match for Víctor Valdés and Edmílson will be their 50th appearance in UEFA club competition.

2007/08 UEFA Champions League statistics

- Xavi is the only Barcelona player to have featured in all ten UEFA Champions League games this season, though not every minute.
- Lionel Messi's double at Celtic Park in the first leg of the first knockout round took him on to six UEFA Champions League goals for the campaign and he is the competition's joint second highest scorer behind Cristiano Ronaldo.
- Barcelona have had 75 shots on goal so far, more than any other side in the competition.
- Barça have also won 79 corners, again the most of the semi-finalists.
- The Spanish side have had an average of 37 minutes of possession per match, more than any other team. On average they have had 58 per cent of the possession per match, again the highest in the competition.

Disciplinary information

- Puyol misses the first leg with United having collected his third yellow card this season in the second leg with Schalke. Rafael Márquez, Gabriel Milito, Yaya Touré and Messi are all within a booking of a suspension.

Latest domestic information

- **Saturday 19 April: FC Barcelona 0-0 RCD Espanyol**
Barça's Primera División title hopes suffered another knock as city rivals Espanyol held on for a goalless draw. There was some good news for the home side, as Bojan Krkić, Andrés Iniesta, Thierry Henry and Deco all returned from injury with Bojan starting and Iniesta and Messi coming on as second-half substitutes.

• "We had plenty of opportunities and didn't score so you have to say we were unlucky," said coach Frank Rijkaard. "We worked hard in order to get a good result but it wasn't to be. We're disappointed because we did everything we could. I'm happy with the players' attitude and mentality. The work that they are continuing to put in is something very positive. We're not giving up because we know there are still games left to win."

• The result means Barcelona have taken seven points from their last eight Primera División games, a run that includes one win, against Real Valladolid CF on 23 March, four draws and three defeats. During that eight-game run, Barça scored 13 goals, but conceded 14. They have lost four of their last ten games in the league and Copa del Rey, winning only one, and have recorded four victories in 13 matches in all competitions.

• Samuel Eto'o scored both Barça's goals in the 2-2 draw against RC Recreativo de Huelva on 12 April, his 13th and 14th league goals on his 14th appearance this season, although he failed to find the net against Espanyol.

• Valdés is the only player in the Barcelona squad who has been ever-present in the Primera División this season having featured in all 33 matches to date.

• Just one of the 31 league goals Barcelona have conceded has come in the first 15 minutes of the second half. In contrast, nine have come in the 15 minutes before half-time.

• Barcelona have claimed 41 points out of a possible 51 in Primera División games at Camp Nou this season. Their record reads 13 wins, two draws and two losses, to Villarreal CF (2-1) and Real Madrid CF (1-0). Rijkaard's team dropped only ten points at home in the entire 2006/07 campaign, and did not lose once.

Injury news

- Bojan Krkić – out 9-19 April (right hamstring strain)
- Thierry Henry – out 9-19 April (bruised achilles tendon)
- Andrés Iniesta – out 9-19 April (left knee)
- Albert Jorquera – out since 29 December (right knee ligaments)
- Lionel Messi – out 4 March to 10 April (left thigh muscle tear)
- Deco – out 9 March to 19 April (right calf strain)
- Ronaldinho – out since 9 March (thigh/hamstring)
- Oleguer Presas – out 9 February to 15 March (broken finger) – out since 19 March (recurrence of injury)
- Rafael Márquez – out 21 February to 1 April (right foot)

• Ronaldinho was ruled out for six weeks on 4 April. The Brazilian suffered a hamstring strain in his right leg during training having last appeared on 9 March, after which he began to complain of muscle pain in his right leg.

• Deco's comeback from a calf strain suffered a setback on 3 April when he experienced pain in the sole of his right foot during his recovery training, although he was fit enough to sit on the bench against Espanyol.

Miscellaneous

• Xavi moved fourth in Barça's all-time appearance list when he featured in the quarter-final first leg at Schalke, which was his 411th first-team appearance – one more than Andoni Zubizarreta. He has since taken his total to 415 games, although Migueli (548 matches), Carles Rexach (452) and Guillermo Amor (421) are still ahead of him.

MANCHESTER UNITED

UEFA milestones

• Paul Scholes and Gary Neville's next UEFA Champions League match will be their 100th game in the competition. Only eight players have previously reached that landmark, including their United team-mate Ryan Giggs (101 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).

- John O'Shea made his 50th UEFA Champions League appearance in the second leg against AS Roma.
- Mikaël Silvestre's appearance in the quarter-final second leg was his 75th appearance in UEFA club competition.
- Owen Hargreaves will make his 50th UEFA club competition appearance when he next plays in Europe.
- The Barcelona tie will be 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, although only one of those ties ended in a United victory.

2007/08 UEFA Champions League statistics

- No player has featured in all ten of United's UEFA Champions League games this season, although Michael Carrick, Wayne Rooney and Carlos Tévez have all made nine 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.
- United have collected only ten yellow cards this season, the lowest of the teams in the semi-finals.

Disciplinary information

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

Latest domestic information

• **Saturday 19 April: Blackburn Rovers FC 1-1 Manchester United FC (Roque Santa Cruz 21; Carlos Tévez 88)**
United moved three points clear in the Premier League despite falling behind to Roque Santa Cruz's goal at Ewood Park. The visitors piled on the pressure in the second period and finally levelled when Paul Scholes flicked on a corner for Tévez to rescue a point that keeps United ahead of Chelsea FC before next weekend's trip to Stamford Bridge. Tomasz Kuszczak replaced Edwin van der Sar in goal while Nemanja Vidić returned after three matches out with a knee injury.

• "We'd rather have had the three points and deserved that but we've rescued the game late on so that's a positive thing," said Sir Alex Ferguson. "Our performance in the second half was brilliant, the tenacity we showed was fantastic and we played like champions. We dominated the second half and were very, very unlucky not to win. We know that if we win at Chelsea we'll win the league. We've given ourselves a chance, there's only three games left and we're approaching the finish line. The attitude the players showed in the second half was fantastic, I'm proud of them today."

- Michael Carrick made his 50th league start for United at Blackburn.
- Between them Ronaldo, Tévez and Rooney have scored 73 of United's 101 goals this season in all competitions, and 52 of their 73 in the Premier League.
- Afonso Alves's first goal in the 2-2 draw at Middlesbrough FC on 6 April 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, the joint highest total in the English top flight along with Chelsea.
- United have lost one of their last 15 matches in all competitions and are unbeaten in nine matches. They have not lost away from home since a 2-1 league defeat at West Ham United FC on 29 December, ten games ago.
- 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.

- Before the Blackburn match, Ronaldo had found the net in his last seven United games in all competitions. He is also the Premier League's leading scorer this season with 28 goals. Ronaldo's strike against Arsenal FC on 13 April was his 38th 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.
- With 73 goals scored and 19 conceded, United have both the best attack and defence in the Premier League.
- Twenty-two of those 73 goals scored have come in the final 15 minutes, while United have conceded only four times between the 46th and 75th minutes.
- The win against Arsenal was Ji-Sung Park's 18th start for United in all competitions over the last two seasons, and the Manchester club have won all of those games. The match was the Korean Republic international's tenth start of 2008, with United scoring 20 goals and conceding just one – Emmanuel Adebayor's opener for Arsenal – in that run.

Injury news

- Owen Hargreaves – out since 19 April (leg)
 - Anderson – out since 19 April (leg)
 - Nemanja Vidić – out 1-19 April (knee)
 - Nani – out 1-19 April (thigh)
 - Louis Saha – out since 19 March (hamstring)
 - 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 15 September to 9 April (knee)
 - Gary Neville – out 17 March 2007 to 9 April (ankle/foot)
- Rooney was replaced at Blackburn after a blow to his hip, but Sir Alex is optimistic he and other absentees will be available against Barcelona. "Sometimes you get these knocks right on the bone but I'm sure Wayne will be OK for Wednesday," said the United manager. "Edwin van der Sar, Owen Hargreaves and Anderson should also be fit."

Miscellaneous

- Sir Alex confirmed on Friday that Wes Brown, Rio Ferdinand and Michael Carrick have all agreed new contracts. "There's no other club for Wes; he's a United player and we were always quietly confident he would sign," said the manager of Brown, who was out of contract at the end of the season. "It's good the squad is staying together. It continues our policy of lengthening contracts at the right time and keeps the continuity of the first-team squad going."
- The United manager and Ronaldo were named the Premier League's manager and player of the month for March. Their side won all five league matches that month, with Ronaldo scoring five of their 13 league goals.
- Ronaldo has also been nominated for the PFA Players' Player of the Year award, along with Steven Gerrard, Fernando Torres, David James, Cristiano Ronaldo, Cesc Fabregas and Adebayor. The United winger has also been short-listed for the Young Player of the Year award having collected both prizes in 2006/07.
- Teddy Sheringham, who scored United's equaliser in the 2-1 win against FC Bayern München in the 1999 UEFA Champions League final in the Camp Nou, 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 brain and you can't underestimate how important those goals in 1999 were."
- 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 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?"

Squad list

Barcelona

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	Víctor Valdés	ESP	14.01.1982	26	-	-	-	9	-	33	-	41	-	49	-
13	Pinto	ESP	08.11.1975	32	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	29	-
25	Albert Jorquera	ESP	03.03.1979	29	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	2	-
28	Oier Olazabal	ESP	14.09.1989	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders															
3	Gabriel Milito	ARG	07.09.1980	27	*	-	-	7	-	27	1	7	-	17	-
4	Rafael Márquez	MEX	13.02.1979	29	*	-	-	7	-	20	2	31	-	41	-
5	Carles Puyol	ESP	13.04.1978	30	S	-	-	9	1	25	-	74	2	87	2
11	Gianluca Zambrotta	ITA	10.02.1977	31	-	-	-	5	-	25	-	56	-	70	2
15	Edmílson	BRA	10.07.1976	31	-	-	-	1	-	7	-	44	1	49	1
16	Sylvinho	BRA	12.04.1974	34	-	-	-	4	-	12	-	25	2	41	2
21	Lilian Thuram	FRA	01.01.1972	36	-	-	-	6	-	14	-	67	1	113	1
22	Eric Abidal	FRA	11.09.1979	28	-	-	-	8	-	26	-	29	-	29	-
23	Oleguer	ESP	02.02.1980	28	-	-	-	2	-	10	-	27	-	31	-
Midfielders															
6	Xavi Hernández	ESP	25.01.1980	28	-	-	-	10	1	32	6	74	3	92	4
8	Andrés Iniesta	ESP	11.05.1984	23	-	-	-	9	1	31	3	39	4	43	4
20	Deco	POR	27.08.1977	30	-	-	-	4	-	15	1	65	13	92	18
24	Yaya Touré	CIV	13.05.1983	24	*	-	-	7	1	23	1	13	1	17	2
Forwards															
7	Eidur Gudjohnsen	ISL	15.09.1978	29	-	-	-	7	-	19	2	40	7	52	11
9	Samuel Eto'o	CMR	10.03.1981	27	-	-	-	5	1	15	14	34	13	46	19
10	Ronaldinho	BRA	21.03.1980	28	-	-	-	8	1	17	8	35	14	53	21
14	Thierry Henry	FRA	17.08.1977	30	-	-	-	8	3	25	7	93	45	118	53
17	Giovani	MEX	11.05.1989	18	-	-	-	5	1	24	-	5	1	5	1
18	Santiago Ezquerro	ESP	14.12.1976	31	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	12	1	22	6
19	Lionel Messi	ARG	24.06.1987	20	*	-	-	7	6	24	9	19	8	20	8
27	Bojan Krkić	ESP	28.08.1990	17	-	-	-	7	1	26	8	7	1	7	1
Coach															
-	Frank Rijkaard	NED	30.09.1962	45	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	38	-	47	-

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						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	-	-	-	7	-	26	-	69	-	113	-
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	26	*	-	-	7	-	31	-	35	1	43	1
5	Rio Ferdinand	ENG	07.11.1978	29	-	-	-	8	1	32	2	51	2	70	2
6	Wes Brown	ENG	13.10.1979	28	-	-	-	7	-	33	1	52	1	54	1
15	Nemanja Vidić	SRB	21.10.1981	26	-	-	-	8	-	30	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	26	-	-	-	6	-	26	-	50	1	55	1
25	Daniel Simpson	ENG	04.01.1987	21	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	3	-	3	-
27	Mikaël Silvestre	FRA	09.08.1977	30	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	69	2	75	2
37	Craig Cathcart	NIR	06.02.1989	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
44	James Chester	ENG	23.01.1989	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
46	Richard Eckerley	ENG	12.03.1989	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Midfielders															
4	Owen Hargreaves	ENG	20.01.1981	27	-	-	-	5	-	20	2	46	-	49	-
8	Anderson	BRA	13.04.1988	20	-	-	-	8	-	23	-	11	-	11	-
11	Ryan Giggs	WAL	29.11.1973	34	-	-	-	6	-	28	2	101	23	117	25
13	Ji-Sung Park	KOR	25.02.1981	27	-	-	-	2	-	10	1	24	1	32	2
16	Michael Carrick	ENG	28.07.1981	26	-	-	-	9	-	28	1	21	2	22	2
17	Nani	POR	17.11.1986	21	*	-	-	8	-	24	3	14	1	16	1
18	Paul Scholes	ENG	16.11.1974	33	-	-	-	4	-	22	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	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Forwards															
7	Cristiano Ronaldo	POR	05.02.1985	23	-	-	-	8	7	31	28	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	-	-	-	9	4	25	11	31	11	32	12
21	Dong Fangzhuo	CHN	23.01.1985	23	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
32	Carlos Tévez	ARG	05.02.1984	24	-	-	-	9	4	32	13	9	4	12	4
45	Fabian Brandy	ENG	04.02.1989	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coach															
-	Sir Alex Ferguson	SCO	31.12.1941	66	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	137	-	212	-

Head coach

FC Barcelona: Frank Rijkaard

Date of birth: 30 September 1962

Nationality: Dutch

Playing career: AFC Ajax (twice), Sporting Clube de Portugal, Real Zaragoza, AC Milan

Coaching career: Netherlands, Sparta Rotterdam, FC Barcelona

At the end of his third season at FC Barcelona, Frank Rijkaard became only the fifth man – the others being Miguel Muñoz, Giovanni Trapattoni, Johan Cruyff and Carlo Ancelotti – to have lifted the European Champion Clubs' Cup as both a player and coach.

Cruyff was his mentor as a youngster. The Dutch legend groomed Rijkaard at AFC Ajax in 1979 where the defender progressed so quickly that he was pulling on the Netherlands shirt aged just 19. In 1987, Rijkaard left Amsterdam and had brief spells in Portugal and Spain before committing the key years of his career to AC Milan with whom he twice won the European Cup. Rijkaard played in midfield for Milan but in central defence for his country as they lifted the 1988 UEFA European Championship.

He returned to Ajax in 1993 and helped them defeat Milan in the 1995 UEFA Champions League final in Vienna. When he retired, heads turned as Rijkaard was appointed Netherlands coach before UEFA EURO 2000™. A semi-final place followed but Rijkaard left to pursue a club management career. His first stint ended poorly, as he resigned from Sparta Rotterdam in May 2002 when they were relegated from the Dutch Eredivisie for the first time, although Barça were not put off and have since seen their faith repaid handsomely with league titles in 2004/05 and 2005/06 before UEFA Champions League glory was achieved with a 2-1 win against Arsenal FC in Paris in May 2006.

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.

Match officials

Referee	Massimo Busacca (SUI)
Assistant referees	Matthias Arnet (SUI), Stéphane Cuhat (SUI)
Fourth official	Claudio Circhetta (SUI)
UEFA Delegate	Roland Tis (BEL)
UEFA Referee observer	Nikolay Levnikov (RUS)

Referee

Name	Nat.	DoB	UCL	UEFA
Massimo Busacca	SUI	06.02.1969	19	43

Massimo Busacca has steadily enhanced his reputation since succeeding Urs Meier on Switzerland's élite list, with the 2007 UEFA Cup final following the 2006 FIFA World Cup. He had three games in Germany, including Argentina's 2-1 last-16 win against Mexico. From Monte Carrasso, in the Italian-speaking southern canton of Ticino, Busacca reached the highest domestic level in 1996 and within three years was cutting his teeth in UEFA youth matches.

Busacca is a UEFA Champions League regular, notably serving as fourth official to Meier for the 2002 final between Real Madrid CF and Bayer 04 Leverkusen. The UEFA Cup final Sevilla FC won 3-1 on penalties after a 2-2 draw against RCD Espanyol was his third visit to Hampden Park as he also refereed Scotland's 1-0 victory against France in a UEFA EURO 2008™ qualifier. He has also been selected as one of 12 referees who will work at UEFA EURO 2008™ in Austria and Switzerland this summer.

Another high-level game for Busacca, who enjoys travel in his spare time, was the 2005 FIFA U-20 World Cup semi-final between Brazil and Argentina in Utrecht. At home, the company director, who is also a keen skier, took charge of his first Swiss Cup final in May 2005.

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

Date	Comp.	Stage		Res.	Venue
22.10.2003	UCL	GS1	Real Madrid CF - FK Partizan	1-0	Madrid
11.08.2004	UCL	QR3	Wisla Kraków - Real Madrid CF	0-2	Krakow
07.12.2004	UCL	GS	FC Porto - Chelsea FC	2-1	Porto
24.08.2005	UCL	QR3	Debreceni VSC - Manchester United FC	0-3	Budapest
19.10.2005	UCL	GS	RSC Anderlecht - Liverpool FC	0-1	Brussels
22.08.2006	UCL	QR3	CA Osasuna - Hamburger SV	1-1	Pamplona
12.09.2006	UCL	GS	PSV Eindhoven - Liverpool FC	0-0	Eindhoven
05.12.2006	UCL	GS	FC Barcelona - Werder Bremen	2-0	Barcelona
21.02.2007	UCL	1/8	FC Porto - Chelsea FC	1-1	Porto
19.09.2007	UCL	GS	FC Barcelona - Olympique Lyonnais	3-0	Barcelona
06.11.2007	UCL	GS	FC Schalke 04 - Chelsea FC	0-0	Gelsenkirchen
11.12.2007	UCL	GS	Real Madrid CF - S.S. Lazio	3-1	Madrid
04.03.2008	UCL	1/8	Sevilla FC - Fenerbahçe SK	3-2*(2-3)	Sevilla

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

Date	Comp.	Stage		Res.	Venue
24.04.1999	U16	GS - FT	Spain - Croatia	2-0	Moravska Trebova
01.09.2000	U21	QR	Bosnia-Herzegovina - Spain	0-2	Zenica
28.09.2000	UCUP	R1	HNK Rijeka - RC Celta de Vigo	0-1	Rijeka
26.10.2000	UCUP	R2	Liverpool FC - FC Slovan Liberec	1-0	Liverpool
29.07.2001	U18	P-O 3rd	Serbia - Spain	2-6	Helsinki
27.08.2002	UIC	F	Fulham FC - Bologna FC	3-1	London
12.12.2002	UCUP	R3	Leeds United AFC - Málaga CF	1-2	Leeds
03.03.2004	UCUP	R3	FC Barcelona - Brøndby IF	2-1	Barcelona

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Date	Comp.	Stage		Res.	Venue
16.03.2005	UCUP	1/8	FC Steaua București - Villarreal CF	0-0	Bucharest
30.03.2005	WC	QR	Serbia - Spain	0-0	Belgrade
07.09.2005	WC	QR	Northern Ireland - England	1-0	Belfast
23.02.2006	UCUP	1/16	Olympique de Marseille - Bolton Wanderers FC	2-1	Marseille
14.06.2006	WC	GS - FT	Spain - Ukraine	4-0	Leipzig
20.06.2006	WC	GS - FT	Sweden - England	2-2	Cologne
08.03.2007	UCUP	1/8	Newcastle United FC - AZ Alkmaar	4-2	Newcastle
24.03.2007	EURO	QR	Spain - Denmark	2-1	Madrid
16.05.2007	UCUP	F	RCD Espanyol - Sevilla FC	2-2*(1-3)	Glasgow
10.04.2008	UCUP	QF	Getafe CF - FC Bayern München	3-3	Getafe

Domestic information

FC Barcelona (Primera División)

Comp.	Date	Opponent	Res.	Goalscorers
League	26/08/07	Real Racing Club Santander (A)	0-0	
League	02/09/07	Athletic Club Bilbao (H)	3-1	Ronaldinho 8, 35(pen), Yaya Touré 73
League	16/09/07	CA Osasuna (A)	0-0	
League	22/09/07	Sevilla FC (H)	2-1	Messi 73, 80(pen)
League	26/09/07	Real Zaragoza (H)	4-1	Messi 5, 11, Iniesta 22, Márquez 45
League	29/09/07	Levante UD (A)	4-1	Henry 17, 24, 49, Messi 51
League	07/10/07	Club Atlético de Madrid (H)	3-0	Deco 17, Messi 20, Xavi 90
League	20/10/07	Villarreal CF (A)	1-3	Bojan 25
League	28/10/07	UD Almería (H)	2-0	Henry 37, Messi 81(pen)
League	01/11/07	Real Valladolid CF (A)	1-1	Ronaldinho 42
League	04/11/07	Real Betis Balompíe (H)	3-0	Henry 33, Ronaldinho 53, 90
League	10/11/07	Getafe CF (A)	0-2	
Cup	13/11/07	Alcoyano (A)	3-0	Henry 25, Gudjohnsen 89(pen), Bojan 90
League	24/11/07	RC Recreativo de Huelva (H)	3-0	Milito 64, Bojan 66, Messi 82(pen)
League	01/12/07	RCD Espanyol (A)	1-1	Iniesta 6
League	09/12/07	RC Deportivo La Coruña (H)	2-1	Ronaldinho 40(pen), Xavi 71
League	15/12/07	Valencia CF (A)	3-0	Eto'o 13, 27, Gudjohnsen 62
League	23/12/07	Real Madrid CF (H)	0-1	
Cup	02/01/08	Alcoyano (H)	2-2	Ezquerro 2, 10
League	05/01/08	RCD Mallorca (A)	2-0	Márquez 63, Eto'o 90
Cup	09/01/08	Sevilla FC (A)	1-1	Henry 24
League	12/01/08	Real Murcia CF (H)	4-0	Gudjohnsen 27, Bojan 52, Eto'o 77, 87
Cup	15/01/08	Sevilla FC (H)	0-0	
League	20/01/08	Real Racing Club Santander (H)	1-0	Henry 31
Cup	24/01/08	Villarreal CF (A)	0-0	
League	27/01/08	Athletic Club Bilbao (A)	1-1	Bojan 34
Cup	31/01/08	Villarreal CF (H)	1-0	Henry 41
League	03/02/08	CA Osasuna (H)	1-0	Xavi 88
League	09/02/08	Sevilla FC (A)	1-1	Xavi 75
League	16/02/08	Real Zaragoza (A)	2-1	Henry 34, Ronaldinho 83(pen)
League	24/02/08	Levante UD (H)	5-1	Xavi 14, Messi 44, Eto'o 56, 62, 87
Cup	27/02/08	Valencia CF (H)	1-1	Xavi 90
League	01/03/08	Club Atlético de Madrid (A)	2-4	Ronaldinho 30, Eto'o 74
League	09/03/08	Villarreal CF (H)	1-2	Xavi 67
League	16/03/08	UD Almería (A)	2-2	Bojan 17, Eto'o 57
Cup	20/03/08	Valencia CF (A)	2-3	Henry 71, Eto'o 80
League	23/03/08	Real Valladolid CF (H)	4-1	Eto'o 24, Iniesta 47, Bojan 62, 84
League	29/03/08	Real Betis Balompíe (A)	2-3	Bojan 14, Eto'o 15
League	06/04/08	Getafe CF (H)	0-0	

Lineups: Valdés, Milito (Márquez 46), Puyol, Zambrotta, Sylvinho, Iniesta, Xavi, Yaya Touré (Gudjohnsen 68), Eto'o (Giovani 46), Henry, Bojan

League 12/04/08 RC Recreativo de Huelva (A) 2-2 Eto'o 1, 46

Lineups: Valdés, Zambrotta, Puyol, Milito, Abidal, Xavi, Yaya Touré, Gudjohnsen (Edmílson 67), Giovani (Messi 65), Eto'o, Ezquerro (Vazquez 78)

League 19/04/08 RCD Espanyol (H) 0-0

Lineups: Valdés, Milito, Sylvinho, Puyol (Márquez 66), Zambrotta, Yaya Touré, Xavi, Gudjohnsen (Iniesta 45), Eto'o, Giovani (Messi 45), Bojan

League 27/04/08 RC Deportivo La Coruña (A)

League 04/05/08 Valencia CF (H)

League 07/05/08 Real Madrid CF (A)

League 11/05/08 RCD Mallorca (H)

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League	18/05/08	Real Murcia CF (A)						
Pos.	Clubs	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1	Real Madrid CF	33	23	3	7	68	30	72
2	Villarreal CF	33	19	5	9	54	40	62
3	FC Barcelona	33	17	10	6	62	31	61
4	Club Atlético de Madrid	33	16	6	11	58	43	54
5	Real Racing Club Santander	33	15	8	10	37	33	53
6	Sevilla FC	33	16	3	14	64	48	51
7	UD Almería	33	13	9	11	36	36	48
8	Athletic Club Bilbao	33	12	10	11	36	33	46
9	RC Deportivo La Coruña	33	13	7	13	43	43	46
10	RCD Espanyol	33	13	7	13	40	44	46
11	Real Betis Balompíe	33	12	8	13	42	45	44
12	RCD Mallorca	33	10	14	9	56	47	44
13	Getafe CF	33	11	8	14	38	42	41
14	CA Osasuna	33	11	7	15	33	35	40
15	Valencia CF	33	11	6	16	36	54	39
16	Real Valladolid CF	33	10	9	14	39	53	39
17	Real Zaragoza	33	9	10	14	44	54	37
18	RC Recreativo de Huelva	33	9	10	14	35	54	37
19	Real Murcia CF	33	7	8	18	29	53	29
20	Levante UD	33	7	4	22	29	61	25

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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
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
Lineups:	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)	2-1	Cristiano Ronaldo 54(pen), Hargreaves 72
Lineups:	Van der Sar, Brown, Ferdinand, Piqué, Evra, Cristiano Ronaldo, Carrick, Hargreaves (Giggs 89), Scholes (Anderson 55), Park (Tévez 55), Rooney			
League	19/04/08	Blackburn Rovers FC (A)	1-1	Tévez 88
Lineups:	Kuszczak, Brown (O'Shea 81), Ferdinand, Vidić, Evra, Cristiano Ronaldo, Carrick, Scholes, Giggs (Nani 46), Tévez, Rooney (Park 90)			
League	26/04/08	Chelsea FC (A)		

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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	Manchester United FC	35	25	6	4	73	19	81
2	Chelsea FC	35	23	9	3	60	24	78
3	Arsenal FC	35	21	11	3	66	29	74
4	Liverpool FC	35	19	12	4	62	26	69
5	Everton FC	35	18	7	10	50	29	61
6	Aston Villa FC	35	16	10	9	67	45	58
7	Portsmouth FC	35	16	9	10	48	36	57
8	Manchester City FC	35	15	10	10	42	41	55
9	Blackburn Rovers FC	35	13	13	9	45	43	52
10	West Ham United FC	35	13	8	14	37	42	47
11	Tottenham Hotspur FC	35	10	12	13	64	58	42
12	Newcastle United FC	35	11	9	15	42	58	42
13	Wigan Athletic FC	35	9	9	17	32	49	36
14	Middlesbrough FC	35	8	12	15	31	49	36
15	Sunderland AFC	35	10	6	19	33	54	36
16	Bolton Wanderers FC	35	8	8	19	32	52	32
17	Reading FC	35	9	5	21	37	65	32
18	Birmingham City FC	35	7	10	18	40	57	31
19	Fulham FC	35	5	12	18	32	58	27
20	Derby County FC	35	1	8	26	17	76	11

UEFA information

Tribute to Sprengers

UEFA President Michel Platini has offered the condolences of UEFA and the European football family for the loss of Mathieu Sprengers, who died on 6 April. A ceremony in memory of the president of the Royal Netherlands Football Association (KNVB) and UEFA Executive Committee member was held on 9 April at the De Koel Stadium, home of VVV Venlo, where Sprengers was president for ten years between 1980 and 1990. Alongside KNVB general secretary Harry Been, Mr Platini presented a bouquet of flowers as a mark of respect and paid tribute to Sprengers' work for Dutch and European football.

Sprengers passed away aged 69 after a short illness, leaving his many friends and colleagues in the Netherlands in shock. A football administrator known for his generosity and sense of humour, Sprengers became famous in the Dutch game during his time as president of Venlo. After serving on the national association's finance and licensing committees, he became KNVB president in 1993. During the course of his tenure, the Netherlands co-hosted UEFA EURO 2000™ as well as the 2005 FIFA U-20 World Cup and the 2007 UEFA European Under-21 Championship. Dutch stadiums also staged the 1998 UEFA Champions League final and the 2002 and 2006 UEFA Cup finals. Sprengers first worked with UEFA on the Youth Committee between 1994 and 1996 and subsequently held a variety of posts.

Norway top Fair Play league

Norway have taken up the running in the UEFA Fair Play rankings, with associations competing for three places in the first qualifying round of the 2008/09 UEFA Cup. Norway top the current UEFA Fair Play rankings, and would automatically receive one of the UEFA Cup berths if they are still there when the final rankings are released at the start of May. England, Sweden, Denmark, Germany, Finland, Spain and Estonia are the other seven countries currently in the frame for one of the two places awarded via the Fair Play draw, which will be held at the City of Manchester Stadium on 13 May at 14.30 (15.30GMT), between the pre-match press conferences before the UEFA Cup final.

The overall UEFA Fair Play rankings will cover all matches played in UEFA competitions between 1 May 2007 and 30 April 2008. The current intermediary list includes matches played up to and including 17 March. For the current standings, only national associations that have played a minimum of 31 games are considered. This cut-off point is calculated by dividing the total number of UEFA matches by the number of national associations.

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 that captures the language of the game. The pocket football dictionary 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. Bolstered by its success in Brussels, the Only a Game? exposition will soon be crossing the Channel to spend the winter on Merseyside. Liverpool was anything but a random choice: not only does the city in north-west England have an inherent 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.

Key dates

The draw for the UEFA Champions League quarter and semi-finals and final was staged in Nyon on 14 March. The semi-final ties are being played on 22/23 and 29/30 April. 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, with FC Barcelona or Manchester United FC being designated as the home team against Liverpool FC or Chelsea FC.

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Match-by-match lineups - FC Barcelona

Club	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
FC Barcelona	6	4	2	0	12	3	14
Olympique Lyonnais	6	3	1	2	11	10	10
Rangers FC	6	2	1	3	7	9	7
VfB Stuttgart	6	1	0	5	7	15	3

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
19.09.2007	Barcelona - Lyon	3-0	Camp Nou, Barcelona
Goals: 1-0 Clerc 21(o.g.), 2-0 Messi 82, 3-0 Henry 90+1			
Barcelona: Valdés, Milito, Márquez, Xavi (Giovani 79), Ronaldinho (Iniesta 66), Zambrotta, Henry, Messi (Bojan 88), Deco, Abidal, Yaya Touré			
02.10.2007	Stuttgart - Barcelona	0-2	Gottlieb-Daimler, Stuttgart
Goals: 0-1 Puyol 53, 0-2 Messi 67			
Barcelona: Valdés, Márquez (Puyol 7), Xavi, Iniesta, Ronaldinho (Bojan 82), Henry, Messi, Deco, Thuram, Abidal, Oleguer			
23.10.2007	Rangers - Barcelona	0-0	Ibrox, Glasgow
Goals: -			
Barcelona: Valdés, Milito, Puyol, Xavi, Gudjohnsen, Iniesta, Ronaldinho, Henry (Giovani 82), Messi, Thuram, Abidal			
07.11.2007	Barcelona - Rangers	2-0	Camp Nou, Barcelona
Goals: 1-0 Henry 6, 2-0 Messi 43			
Barcelona: Valdés, Milito, Puyol (Oleguer 85), Xavi, Iniesta (Gudjohnsen 71), Ronaldinho (Bojan 77), Henry, Messi, Thuram, Abidal, Yaya Touré			
27.11.2007	Lyon - Barcelona	2-2	Stade de Gerland, Lyon
Goals: 0-1 Iniesta 3, 1-1 Juninho 7, 1-2 Messi 58(pen), 2-2 Juninho 80(pen)			
Barcelona: Valdés, Milito, Puyol, Xavi, Gudjohnsen (Ronaldinho 71), Iniesta, Zambrotta (Márquez 82), Messi, Abidal, Yaya Touré, Bojan			
12.12.2007	Barcelona - Stuttgart	3-1	Camp Nou, Barcelona
Goals: 0-1 Antonio 3, 1-1 Giovani 36, 2-1 Eto'o 57, 3-1 Ronaldinho 67			
Barcelona: Jorquera, Milito, Márquez, Puyol, Xavi (Marc Crosas 70), Gudjohnsen (Bojan 52), Eto'o (Iniesta 62), Ronaldinho, Sylvinho, Giovani, Thuram			

First knockout round, first leg

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
20/02/08	Celtic - Barcelona	2-3	Celtic Park, Glasgow
Goals: 1-0 Vennegoor 16, 1-1 Messi 18, 2-1 Robson 38, 2-2 Henry 52, 2-3 Messi 79			
Barcelona: Valdés, Milito, Márquez, Puyol, Iniesta, Ronaldinho (Eto'o 73), Henry (Gudjohnsen 88), Messi, Deco (Xavi 66), Abidal, Yaya Touré			

First knockout round, second leg

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
04/03/08	Barcelona - Celtic	1-0	Camp Nou, Barcelona
Goals: 1-0 Xavi 3			
Barcelona: Valdés, Puyol, Xavi (Gudjohnsen 82), Eto'o, Ronaldinho, Zambrotta, Sylvinho, Messi (Henry 38), Deco, Thuram, Yaya Touré (Edmílson 68)			

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Quarter-finals, first leg

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
01/04/08	Schalke - Barcelona	0-1	Arena AufSchalke, Gelsenkirchen

Goals: 0-1 Bojan 12

Barcelona: Valdés, Milito, Puyol, Xavi, Iniesta, Eto'o (Giovani 82), Zambrotta, Henry, Abidal, Yaya Touré (Márquez 73), Bojan (Sylvinho 86)

Quarter-finals, second leg

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
09/04/08	Barcelona - Schalke	1-0	Camp Nou, Barcelona

Goals: 1-0 Yaya Touré 43

Barcelona: Valdés, Puyol, Xavi, Iniesta, Eto'o, Zambrotta, Henry (Gudjohnsen 90+1), Thuram, Abidal, Yaya Touré (Márquez 81), Bojan (Giovani 73)

Match-by-match lineups - Manchester United FC

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
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19.09.2007	Sporting - Man. United	0-1	José Alvalade, Lisbon
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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
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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
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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
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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
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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)

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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)

First knockout round, second leg

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

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 21 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 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 FC Bayern München.
- Had FC Schalke 04 beaten FC 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 the 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 CF, 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 AC 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.
- Teams from the same country have contested the final on two previous occasions. Madrid overcame Valencia 3-0 in Paris in 2000, and three years later Milan defeated Juventus 3-2 on penalties after a goalless draw at Old Trafford.
- In terms of semi-finals, the biggest winning margin in a single game has been three goals. AFC Ajax recorded a 5-2 home success in the 1994/95 second leg against Bayern, while there have been 4-1 victories on three occasions. Juventus did it twice at home against Ajax (second leg) and AS Monaco FC (first leg) in 1996/97 and 1997/98 respectively, and Valencia at home to Barcelona (first leg) in 1999/00.
- On five other occasions, teams won 3-0, most recently Milan's defeat of Manchester United in the 2006/07 semi-final second leg. In the 1993/94 semi-finals, played as one-off matches, home teams Milan and Barcelona beat Monaco and Porto respectively. The other instances were by Ajax at Panathinaikos in 1995/96, the only time a team has lost at home and gone through, and Valencia at home to Leeds United AFC in 2000/01.

- That 4-1 win for Juventus against Monaco in 1997/98 was part of the biggest aggregate semi-final score. The principality club won 3-2 in their home return to make it ten goals in the tie.
- Looking back to the history of European Cup semi-finals, Madrid's 6-0 second-leg win against FC Zürich in the 1963/64 edition remains the biggest victory. Eintracht Frankfurt's 12-4 aggregate success against Rangers FC in 1959/60 is the biggest two-leg total overall.
- 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.
- 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 Milan gone all the way this season, Carlo Ancelotti would have joined Liverpool FC'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 (BV 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 CF), Belgrade (FK Crvena Zvezda), Bucharest (FC Steaua Bucureşti), 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, home of FC Torpedo Moskva, is the biggest sports arena in Russia with 84,745 covered seats and uses an artificial pitch, having installed the UEFA-approved FieldTurf surface in 2002, 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 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 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)

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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)

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)

101 Ryan Giggs (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 Paul Scholes (Manchester United FC)

99 Gary Neville (Manchester United FC)

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

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

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

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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)
140 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 Rummennigge (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

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UEFA club competition milestones

- In total, Barcelona have appeared in five European Champion Clubs' Cup finals, winning the 1991/92 competition against UC Sampdoria thanks to a 112th-minute Ronald Koeman free-kick before their triumph in the 2005/06 campaign.
- They lost on penalties to FC Steaua Bucureşti in the 1985/86 season, 3-2 to SL Benfica in 1960/61 and 4-0 to AC Milan in 1993/94. Four-time UEFA Cup Winners' Cup winners, they lost in the 1968/69 and 1990/91 finals.

UEFA Champions League milestones

- With Barcelona now in their 12th campaign, the highlight remains the 2-1 win against Arsenal FC in Paris that made them European champions in 2006. Only Manchester United FC and FC Porto (13) have taken part on more occasions.

UEFA club competition honours

- European Champion Clubs' Cup: 1991/92, 2005/06
- UEFA Cup Winners' Cup: 1978/79, 1981/82, 1988/89, 1996/97
- UEFA Super Cup: 1992, 1997

Ten-year record

- 2006/07:** UEFA Champions League - first knockout round
- 2005/06:** UEFA Champions League - winners
- 2004/05:** UEFA Champions League - first knockout round
- 2003/04:** UEFA Cup - fourth round
- 2002/03:** UEFA Champions League - quarter-finals
- 2001/02:** UEFA Champions League - semi-finals
- 2000/01:** UEFA Cup - semi-finals (having transferred from UEFA Champions League group stage)
- 1999/00:** UEFA Champions League - semi-finals
- 1998/99:** UEFA Champions League - group stage
- 1997/98:** UEFA Champions League - group stage

2006/07 season

Domestic record: Barça relinquished the title they had won in the two previous seasons by the narrowest of margins. Having finished level on points, Real Madrid CF were crowned champions by virtue of their better head to head record. Barcelona, who reached the semi-finals of the Copa del Rey, were five points ahead of third-placed Sevilla FC.

European record: After the campaign began with a 3-0 humbling by Sevilla in the UEFA Super Cup, Barça were drawn in a tough Group A with the champions of England and Germany, Chelsea FC and Werder Bremen, along with the Bulgarian title-holders PFC Levski Sofia. They recorded three victories and two draws from their six engagements to finish two points behind Chelsea in second. They fell at the next hurdle though, a 1-0 win at Liverpool FC not enough to prevent an away-goals loss after a 2-1 home defeat.

Key facts

UEFA club competition

- Pld: 354 W: 196 D: 79 L: 79 GF: 675 GA: 359

UEFA Champions League (group stage to final)

- Pld: 119 W: 67 D: 29 L: 23 GF: 224 GA: 126

European Champion Clubs' Cup/UEFA Champions League

- Pld: 179 W: 103 D: 40 L: 36 GF: 338 GA: 182

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Records

UEFA club competition

- Biggest win

8-0: FC Barcelona v ŠKM Púchov

15.10.2003, UEFA Cup first round second leg

8-0: FC Barcelona v Apollon Limassol FC

15.09.1982, UEFA Cup Winners' Cup first round first leg

- Biggest home win

8-0: FC Barcelona v ŠKM Púchov (see above for details)

8-0: FC Barcelona v Apollon Limassol FC (see above for details)

- Biggest away win

0-7: Hapoel Beer-Sheva FC v FC Barcelona

12.09.1995, UEFA Cup first round first leg

- Heaviest defeat

0-4: FC Barcelona v FC Dynamo Kyiv

05.11.1997, UEFA Champions League group stage

4-0: AC Milan v FC Barcelona

18.05.1994, European Champion Clubs' Cup final

0-4: FC Barcelona v 1. FC Köln

05.11.1980, UEFA Cup second round second leg

- Heaviest home defeat

0-4: FC Barcelona v FC Dynamo Kyiv (see above for details)

0-4: FC Barcelona v 1. FC Köln (see above for details)

- Heaviest away defeat

0-3: FC Barcelona v Sevilla FC

25.08.2006, UEFA Super Cup (played at a neutral venue, included here for information purposes)

3-0: AS Roma v FC Barcelona

26.02.2002, UEFA Champions League second group stage

3-0: Beşiktaş JK v FC Barcelona

19.09.2000, UEFA Champions League first group stage

4-1: Valencia CF v FC Barcelona

02.05.2000, UEFA Champions League semi-final first leg

3-0: FC Dynamo Kyiv v FC Barcelona

22.10.1997, UEFA Champions League group stage

3-0: Manchester United FC v FC Barcelona

21.03.1984, UEFA Cup Winners' Cup quarter-final second leg

3-0: Aston Villa FC v FC Barcelona

26.01.1983, UEFA Super Cup final second leg

3-0: RSC Anderlecht v FC Barcelona

18.10.1978, UEFA Cup Winners' Cup second round first leg

3-0: PSV Eindhoven v FC Barcelona

29.03.1978, UEFA Cup semi-finals first leg

3-0: Ipswich Town FC v FC Barcelona

23.11.1977, UEFA Cup third round first leg

3-0: OGC Nice v FC Barcelona

19.09.1973, UEFA Cup first round first leg

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UEFA Champions League (group stage to final only)

- Biggest win

5-0: FC Barcelona v PFC Levski Sofia

12.09.2006, UEFA Champions League group stage

5-0: FC Barcelona v Panathinaikos FC

02.11.2005, UEFA Champions League group stage

5-0: FC Barcelona v Beşiktaş JK

08.11.2000, UEFA Champions League first group stage

5-0: FC Barcelona v AC Sparta Praha

08.12.1999, UEFA Champions League second group stage

5-0: FC Barcelona v AIK Solna

27.10.1999, UEFA Champions League first group stage

- Biggest home win

5-0: FC Barcelona v PFC Levski Sofia (see above for details)

5-0: FC Barcelona v Panathinaikos FC (see above for details)

5-0: FC Barcelona v Beşiktaş JK (see above for details)

5-0: FC Barcelona v AC Sparta Praha (see above for details)

5-0: FC Barcelona v AIK Solna (see above for details)

- Biggest away win

0-3: Fenerbahçe SK v FC Barcelona

18.09.2001, UEFA Champions League first group stage

- Heaviest defeat

0-4: FC Barcelona v FC Dynamo Kyiv (see above for details)

4-0: AC Milan v FC Barcelona (see above for details)

- Heaviest home defeat

0-4: FC Barcelona v FC Dynamo Kyiv (see above for details)

- Heaviest away defeat

3-0: AS Roma v FC Barcelona (see above for details)

3-0: Beşiktaş JK v FC Barcelona (see above for details)

4-1: Valencia CF v FC Barcelona (see above for details)

3-0: FC Dynamo Kyiv v FC Barcelona (see above for details)

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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.

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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: 246 W: 131 D: 63 L: 52 GF: 447 GA: 240

UEFA Champions League (group stage to final)

• Pld: 137 W: 73 D: 33 L: 31 GF: 244 GA: 133

European Champion Clubs' Cup/UEFA Champions League

• Pld: 190 W: 107 D: 43 L: 40 GF: 370 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

FC Barcelona - Manchester United FC

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- 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)

Last updated: 10.04.2008

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