

Liverpool FC - Chelsea FC

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Anfield, Liverpool

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Match background

- Twice in the last four years the Londoners' dreams of reaching their first European Champion Clubs' Cup final have died at Anfield, following 1-0 defeats in the second leg of their semi-finals in 2005 and 2007.
- This time they travel north for the opening match, however, with the return in London to come on 30 April and Chelsea will be determined to ensure that the reversal of venues will bring a change of fortune.
- Liverpool will have other ideas as they close in on a third final in four years and they certainly have history on their side. The Merseyside club have never lost a semi-final to Chelsea, prevailing in the FA Cup in 1964/65 (2-0) and 2005/06 (2-1) in addition to those two European triumphs.
- Moreover, the five-time European champions have won their last seven semi-finals in the continent's elite competition – a record that contrasts starkly with that of a Chelsea side beaten in their three previous attempts.
- The rivalry between Liverpool and Chelsea has intensified in recent years, on the back of six UEFA Champions League encounters since 2005. Rafael Benítez's men hold the upper hand in these European contests, with three wins to Chelsea's one.
- The teams first met in Europe in the 2004/05 semi-final when Luis García's fourth-minute goal in the second leg in Liverpool proved enough to earn the hosts a 1-0 aggregate victory en route to their final triumph against AC Milan in Istanbul.
- The lineups for the game at Anfield on 3 May 2005 were:
Liverpool: Jerzy Dudek, Steve Finnan, Jamie Carragher, Sami Hyypiä, Djimi Traoré, Luis García (Antonio Núñez 84), Didi Hamann (Harry Kewell 73), Igor Bišćan, Steven Gerrard, John Arne Riise, Milan Baroš (Djibril Cissé 60).
Chelsea: Petr Čech, Geremi (Robert Huth 76), Ricardo Carvalho, John Terry, William Gallas, Claude Makelele, Tiago (Mateja Kežman 68), Frank Lampard, Joe Cole (Arjen Robben 68), Eidur Gudjohnsen, Didier Drogba.
- Liverpool inflicted further heartache on Chelsea in last season's semi-final. They lost the first leg at Stamford Bridge 1-0 to a 29th-minute Joe Cole goal, but won the return by the same score thanks to Daniel Agger's 22nd-minute strike before triumphing 4-1 on penalties.



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- Dirk Kuyt converted the winning spot-kick after Liverpool goalkeeper Pepe Reina had saved efforts from Arjen Robben and Geremi. This time Benítez's side went on to lose the final in Athens to Milan.
- The teams at Anfield on 1 May 2007 were:
Liverpool: Pepe Reina, Steve Finnan, Jamie Carragher, Daniel Agger, John Arne Riise, Jermaine Pennant (Xabi Alonso 78), Javier Mascherano (Robbie Fowler 118), Steven Gerrard, Boudewijn Zenden, Dirk Kuyt, Peter Crouch (Craig Bellamy 106).
Chelsea: Petr Čech, Paulo Ferreira, John Terry, Michael Essien, Ashley Cole, Claude Makelele (Geremi 118), John Obi Mikel, Frank Lampard, Joe Cole (Arjen Robben 98), Didier Drogba, Salomon Kalou (Shaun Wright-Phillips 107).
- In between those semi-final meetings, Liverpool and Chelsea also squared off in the 2005/06 group stage, playing out two goalless draws as both advanced to the knockout rounds, Liverpool as group winners.
- The six previous European matches between the clubs – which all came during José Mourinho's reign as Chelsea manager – produced only three goals.
- Liverpool reached the last four after winning another all-English affair against Arsenal FC. They drew the first leg 1-1 in London – Kuyt's 26th-minute strike cancelling out Emmanuel Adebayor's opener three minutes earlier – before running out 4-2 victors in a dramatic second leg at Anfield. Sami Hyypiä (30), Fernando Torres (69), Steven Gerrard (85, pen) and Ryan Babel (90+2) struck to secure a hard-earned success against opponents who, thanks to goals from Abou Diaby (13) and Adebayor (84), were six minutes away from eliminating Liverpool.
- Liverpool had earlier made the last 16 by finishing second in Group A and then overcame FC Internazionale Milano 3-0 on aggregate in the first knockout round.
- Since losing their first home game of the present European campaign 1-0 to Olympique de Marseille, Liverpool's form at Anfield has been impressive with four straight wins recorded and a goal difference of 18-3.
- Chelsea ran out 3-2 aggregate winners against Fenerbahçe SK in the last eight. They lost the first leg 2-1 in Istanbul – Kazım Kazım (65) and Deivid (81) striking to overturn the latter's 13th-minute own goal – but recovered to win the return 2-0 through Michael Ballack (4) and Lampard (87).
- Avram Grant's men had previously finished top of Group B and then beaten Olympiacos CFP 3-0 on aggregate in the last 16.
- Prior to losing at Fenerbahçe, Chelsea had been undefeated away from home in this campaign, having registered wins against Valencia CF and Rosenborg BK, and draws with FC Schalke 04 and Olympiacos.
- Liverpool and Chelsea have met three times in domestic competition this term. The first encounter brought a 1-1 draw at Anfield on 19 August when Lampard's 62nd-minute penalty rescued the London club from defeat after Torres had struck his first Liverpool goal in the 16th minute.
- The teams that day were:
Liverpool: Pepe Reina, Steve Finnan, Jamie Carragher, Daniel Agger, Álvaro Arbeloa, Jermaine Pennant (Ryan Babel 68), Steven Gerrard, Xabi Alonso, John Arne Riise (Peter Crouch 83), Fernando Torres, Dirk Kuyt.
Chelsea: Petr Čech, Michael Essien, Tal Ben-Haim, John Terry, Ashley Cole, Salomon Kalou (Claudio Pizarro 46), Shaun Wright-Phillips (Joe Cole 77), John Obi Mikel, Frank Lampard, Florent Malouda, Didier Drogba.
- Grant had replaced Mourinho as manager by the time of the sides' English League Cup quarter-final tie at Stamford Bridge on 19 December, when Lampard (59) and Andriy Shevchenko (90) scored to earn Chelsea a 2-0 success.
- This season's third meeting was a goalless draw at Stamford Bridge in the Premier League on 10 February.

- Overall the clubs have met 150 times. There have been 67 wins for Liverpool, 52 for Chelsea, and 31 draws.
- Liverpool's home record against Chelsea in all competitions is P73 W48 D15 L10.
- Chelsea have won on three of their last five Premier League visits to Anfield, their most recent success a 4-1 triumph in October 2005.
- Liverpool have not lost a semi-final in this competition since going down 4-3 on aggregate to FC Internazionale Milano in 1964/65. Since then they have ousted FC Zürich (1976/77), VfL Borussia Mönchengladbach (1977/78), FC Bayern München (1980/81), FC Dinamo 1948 Bucureşti (1983/84), Panathinaikos FC (1984/85) and Chelsea (2004/05 and 2006/07).
- Besides their two semi-final reverses against Liverpool, Chelsea also lost at this stage in 2003/04, succumbing 5-3 on aggregate against AS Monaco FC.
- Liverpool have fared well in previous all-English ties in UEFA club competition. As well as their two semi-final victories against Chelsea and the recent conquest of Arsenal, they also got past Tottenham Hotspur FC on away goals in the 1972/73 UEFA Cup semi-finals following a 2-2 aggregate draw. Their only setback in five all-English knockout ties came in the 1978/79 European Champion Clubs' Cup first round when, as holders, they went down 2-0 on aggregate against Nottingham Forest FC.
- Chelsea's record against English rivals in Europe includes two victories in addition to their losses against Liverpool. They beat Arsenal in the 2003/04 UEFA Champions League quarter-finals – drawing 1-1 at home, then winning 2-1 away – and claimed 1-0 home and away successes against Manchester City FC in the 1970/71 UEFA Cup Winners' Cup semi-final en route to lifting the trophy.
- Liverpool attacker Kuyt and Chelsea forward Salomon Kalou achieved great things as a strike partnership with Dutch club Feyenoord between 2004 and 2006. Kuyt scored 51 league goals and Kalou 35 over the course of two seasons together.
- Liverpool midfielder Yossi Benayoun played under Chelsea manager Grant during the 2000/01 and 2001/02 campaigns at Israeli outfit Maccabi Haifa FC – winning two league titles together – and later with the Israel national team.
- Chelsea striker Nicolas Anelka spent the second half of the 2001/02 season on loan at Liverpool, scoring four goals in 20 league appearances.
- Chelsea forward Shevchenko's saved spot-kick in the 2005 UEFA Champions League final shoot-out sealed Liverpool's triumph against Milan.

Match facts

LIVERPOOL

UEFA milestones

- None

2007/08 UEFA Champions League statistics

- Pepe Reina and Sami Hyypiä have featured in all 12 UEFA Champions League games this season, including qualifying, while Jamie Carragher and Steven Gerrard have played in all ten games in the competition proper. Reina and Carragher have been in action for the full 900 minutes since the start of the group stage.
- Gerrard's penalty against Arsenal FC in the quarter-final second leg 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.

- Liverpool scored 26 goals in their first ten games, the highest total in the competition.
- They have also conceded eight goals, more than any of the other three teams in the semi-finals.

Disciplinary information

- Carragher, Gerrard and Fábio Aurélio will incur a suspension with their next yellow cards.

Latest domestic information

• Saturday 19 April: Fulham FC 0-2 Liverpool FC (Jermaine Pennant 17, Peter Crouch 70)

Liverpool strengthened their grip on fourth place in the Premier League with victory at Fulham, Pennant opening the scoring with his second league goal of the season and then setting up Crouch for the second. The visitors made eight changes from their previous league fixture, with only Reina, Martin Škrtel and Lucas Leiva retaining their places. Hyypiä captained the side on his 300th league appearance for the club.

• "It's clear we have nearly [secured fourth place]," said manager Rafael Benítez. "We need one point and Everton need to win every game. But this is football, we still must be careful. We needed to do a good job today and now we can focus on Tuesday. Today it was important to do the job. We scored two goals without Torres and Gerrard, so we have confidence. But Chelsea are a difficult team."

- Pennant made his 50th start for Liverpool at Craven Cottage.
- The 3-1 win against Blackburn Rovers FC at Anfield on 13 April was Gerrard's 300th league match for Liverpool, and he marked the occasion with his 55th Premier League goal for the club.
- Liverpool have lost just once in their last 14 matches in all competitions, and have the third best defensive record in the Premier League having conceded only 26 goals. Only Manchester United FC (19) and Chelsea (24) have shipped fewer.
- Reina has kept 16 clean sheets this season, the joint highest total in the Premier League along with David James of Portsmouth FC. The Liverpool No1 also kept the most clean sheets in 2006/07 (19) and 2005/06 (20).
- Only Reina has played in every one of of Liverpool's 35 Premier League games this season. He has appeared in all 3,150 minutes of league action.
- Torres' winner against Reading FC on 15 March made him the first Liverpool player to score 20 league goals in a season since Robbie Fowler in 1995/96. The striker has now registered 30 this season in all competitions, including 12 goals in his last 12 club appearances.
- Torres has scored 22 league goals, and needs one more to equal the record set by former Manchester United FC striker Ruud van Nistelrooy for a foreign player in his first Premier League season.
- Only six of Liverpool's 62 league goals have been headers – that ratio is the lowest in the English top flight.
- Nine of the 26 Premier League goals Liverpool have conceded this season have come in the final 15 minutes. By contrast, they have been breached just four times in the first half-hour.
- Seventeen of Liverpool's 62 league goals to date have come in the final 15 minutes.

Injury news

- Álvaro Arbeloa – out since 19 April (thigh)
- Steven Gerrard – out since 17 April (neck)
- Jermaine Pennant – out 5-19 April (hamstring)
- Harry Kewell – out since 22 March (groin)
- Daniel Agger – out since 15 September (metatarsal)

• Hyypiä was withdrawn at half-time against Fulham on Saturday after a clash of heads, with Benítez explaining: "We have a problem with Sami, who got a knock to his head. He was dizzy so I asked him if he'd seen the third goal! He just looked at me. [Javier] Mascherano has one or two knocks as well but I think they will both be OK for Tuesday."

• Gerrard sat out the game after damaging his neck in training and Benítez is waiting to see if he will be fit to face Chelsea, saying: "Steven's working with the physios and is improving, but you have to be careful with the neck."

Miscellaneous

• Benítez celebrated his 48th birthday on 16 April while Steve Finnan turned 32 two days before the first leg against Chelsea, on 20 April.

• Torres and Gerrard have both been nominated for the PFA Players' Player of the Year award, along with former Liverpool goalkeeper David James, Cristiano Ronaldo, Cesc Fabregas and Emmanuel Adebayor.

• Alexander West has stepped in to play Bill Shankly in a play based on his final days as Liverpool manager. He replaces Jonathan Watson, who was forced to pull out due to diary commitments. The play, entitled The Shankly Show, has been commissioned as part of Liverpool's European Capital of Culture celebrations and opens on 24 April.

CHELSEA

UEFA milestones

- Paulo Ferreira's next appearance in UEFA club competition will be his 50th European match.
- The Liverpool tie will be Claude Makelele's eighth UEFA Champions League semi-final, extending his own record. The Chelsea midfielder previously featured in the last four with FC Nantes Atlantique in 1995/96, Real Madrid CF in 2000/01, 2001/02 and 2002/03 and his current club in 2003/04, 2004/05 and 2006/07.

2007/08 UEFA Champions League statistics

- Three Chelsea players have featured in all ten UEFA Champions League games this season: Makelele, Michael Essien and Joe Cole. Nobody has played all 900 minutes to date.
- Chelsea have had 74 shots wide so far, the highest total of the teams left in the competition.
- The London club have been caught offside 34 times, more than any other club in the semi-finals.
- Chelsea have conceded only four goals so far, the best defensive record of the teams in the semi-finals.

Disciplinary information

• Essien will miss the first leg against Liverpool having collected his third yellow card of this season's competition in the quarter-final second leg with Fenerbahçe SK.

Latest domestic information

• Thursday 17 April: Everton FC 0-1 Chelsea FC (Michael Essien 41)

Essien scored for the second successive league game to give Chelsea three points at Goodison Park, producing a composed finish four minutes before half-time. The win keeps Chelsea in contention for the Premier League title with three matches remaining, starting with the visit of champions and leaders Manchester United on 26 April.

- "It was a good win," said manager Avram Grant. "We've been behind United since the beginning of the season so it never was in our hands. It is in our hands to do our job and that's what we did. We controlled the game and had more chances but our last pass was a bit sloppy. We scored a fantastic goal though. We wanted to score again to wrap it up, but in the last few minutes it is important to make sure you win the points."
- Chelsea's title ambitions had suffered a setback three days previously when Emile Heskey scored in added time to give Wigan Athletic FC a 1-1 draw at Stamford Bridge. Essien had put Chelsea in front early in the second half.
- Essien's winner at Everton was his sixth league goal of the season, equalling his best-ever tally which was set in 2002/03 with SC Bastia.
- John Obi Mikel made his 50th start for Chelsea at Everton.
- Chelsea are the only Premier League club unbeaten in 2008 having last lost at Arsenal FC on 16 December. The west London club are now unbeaten in 18 league games, a run of 13 wins and five draws, the longest undefeated sequence any English top-flight club has managed this season. That Arsenal loss is their only reverse in 28 matches.
- The London club are unbeaten in nine Premier League away matches, having won seven and drawn two since that defeat at Arsenal.
- Chelsea have kept 20 clean sheets in the league this season, the joint highest total in the English top flight with leaders Manchester United. They are also yet to lose in the Premier League when scoring first having won 19 and drawn four of the 23 matches in which they have broken the deadlock.
- The Wigan draw on 14 April extended Chelsea's unbeaten home run to 80 Premier League matches since Arsenal triumphed 2-1 at Stamford Bridge on 21 February 2004. Of those matches, 59 have ended in victories with 21 draws. Chelsea are also unbeaten in 64 home matches since FC Barcelona won 2-1 in west London on 22 February 2006 in the UEFA Champions League first knockout round first leg. Chelsea have won 47 of those games with 17 draws.
- Chelsea have scored in their last nine league matches and have failed to find the net only once in their last 14 games in all competitions.
- Only six of Chelsea's 60 Premier League goals to date have come in the first 15 minutes.

Injury news

- Petr Čech – out 3 March to 14 April (ankle)
 - Frank Lampard – out since 14 April (personal)
 - Michael Ballack – out since 15 April (hamstring)
 - Didier Drogba – out since 8 April (knee)
- After the Everton game Grant said Didier Drogba and Michael Ballack are unlikely to be fit for the first leg against Liverpool, adding: "I'm not sure they will play because they did not train. Drogba is doing his best to be well and I hope it will be OK, if not for the first game then for the second. Ballack is the same so we will have to wait and see."

Miscellaneous

- Mikel celebrates his 21st birthday on 22 April, the day of the first leg against Liverpool.
- Chelsea's youth team suffered a 3-1 second-leg loss at Manchester City FC in the FA Youth Cup final on 16 April, going down 4-2 on aggregate.
- Chelsea have announced they will take part in the Russian Railway Cup this summer, along with hosts FC Lokomotiv Moskva, AC Milan and Sevilla FC. The tournament will be played from 1 to 3 August in Moscow.

Squad list

Liverpool

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															
25	Pepe Reina	ESP	31.08.1982	25	-	2	-	10	-	35	-	34	-	88	-
30	Charles Itandje	FRA	02.11.1982	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	28	-
40	David Martin	ENG	22.01.1986	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders															
3	Steve Finnan	IRL	20.04.1976	32	-	2	-	5	-	21	-	34	-	56	-
4	Sami Hyypiä	FIN	07.10.1973	34	-	2	1	10	1	25	1	52	4	106	8
5	Daniel Agger	DEN	12.12.1984	23	-	1	-	-	-	5	-	11	1	19	1
6	John Arne Riise	NOR	24.09.1980	27	-	2	-	6	-	28	-	58	3	86	4
12	Fábio Aurélio	BRA	24.09.1979	28	*	-	-	8	-	16	1	21	2	35	2
17	Álvaro Arbeloa	ESP	17.01.1983	25	-	2	-	5	-	27	-	10	-	12	-
23	Jamie Carragher	ENG	28.01.1978	30	*	1	-	10	-	33	-	63	-	102	1
37	Martin Škrtel	SVK	15.12.1984	23	-	-	-	3	-	12	-	3	-	22	-
39	Stephen Darby	ENG	06.10.1988	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Midfielders															
7	Harry Kewell	AUS	22.09.1978	29	-	-	-	3	-	10	-	29	-	67	11
8	Steven Gerrard	ENG	30.05.1980	27	*	1	-	10	6	32	11	52	12	89	25
11	Yossi Benayoun	ISR	05.05.1980	27	-	2	-	7	3	27	3	7	3	28	7
14	Xabi Alonso	ESP	25.11.1981	26	-	-	-	2	-	18	2	37	2	44	2
16	Jermaine Pennant	ENG	15.01.1983	25	-	-	-	4	-	17	2	19	-	21	-
20	Javier Mascherano	ARG	08.06.1984	23	-	2	-	9	-	23	1	13	-	17	-
21	Lucas Leiva	BRA	19.01.1987	21	-	1	-	6	-	15	-	6	-	7	-
33	Sebastian Leto	ARG	30.08.1986	21	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	2	-
34	Jay Spearing	ENG	25.11.1988	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35	Raymond Putterill	ENG	02.03.1989	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
36	Ryan Flynn	SCO	04.09.1988	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Forwards															
9	Fernando Torres	ESP	20.03.1984	24	-	1	-	8	5	31	22	8	5	14	7
10	Andriy Voronin	UKR	21.07.1979	28	-	1	1	6	-	16	4	11	2	24	5
15	Peter Crouch	ENG	30.01.1981	27	-	2	1	6	3	20	4	24	9	34	11
18	Dirk Kuyt	NED	22.07.1980	27	-	1	2	9	4	30	3	20	5	40	14
19	Ryan Babel	NED	19.12.1986	21	-	2	-	9	4	28	4	18	4	31	9
Coach															
-	Rafael Benítez	ESP	16.04.1960	48	-	2	-	10	-	-	-	58	-	94	-

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Goalkeepers															
1	Petr Čech	CZE	20.05.1982	25	-	-	-	6	-	23	-	44	-	48	-
23	Carlo Cudicini	ITA	06.09.1973	34	-	-	-	5	-	10	-	19	-	26	-
40	Hilário	POR	21.10.1975	32	-	-	-	1	-	3	-	15	-	17	-
Defenders															
3	Ashley Cole	ENG	20.12.1980	27	-	-	-	7	-	25	1	61	1	61	1
6	Ricardo Carvalho	POR	18.05.1978	29	-	-	-	7	-	19	1	56	3	66	3
18	Wayne Bridge	ENG	05.08.1980	27	-	-	-	3	-	10	-	22	2	23	2
20	Paulo Ferreira	POR	18.01.1979	29	-	-	-	4	-	16	-	36	-	49	-
22	Tal Ben Haim	ISR	31.03.1982	26	-	-	-	2	-	13	-	2	-	19	-
26	John Terry	ENG	07.12.1980	27	-	-	-	7	-	20	1	47	4	55	6
33	Alex	BRA	17.06.1982	25	-	-	-	6	1	26	2	32	5	34	5
35	Juliano Belletti	BRA	20.06.1976	31	-	-	-	6	-	22	2	26	1	48	1
41	Sam Hutchinson	ENG	03.08.1989	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Midfielders															
4	Claude Makelele	FRA	18.02.1973	35	-	-	-	10	-	16	-	93	1	123	4
5	Michael Essien	GHA	03.12.1982	25	S	-	-	10	-	24	6	44	7	44	7
8	Frank Lampard	ENG	20.06.1978	29	-	-	-	8	2	22	10	51	13	69	19
10	Joe Cole	ENG	08.11.1981	26	-	-	-	10	2	31	7	39	5	46	5
12	John Obi Mikel	NGA	22.04.1987	20	-	-	-	4	-	26	-	13	-	13	-
13	Michael Ballack	GER	26.09.1976	31	-	-	-	4	2	15	4	68	15	73	18
15	Florent Malouda	FRA	13.06.1980	27	-	-	-	8	1	19	1	44	6	44	6
24	Shaun Wright-Phillips	ENG	25.10.1981	26	-	-	-	5	-	27	2	17	1	23	2
42	Lee Sawyer	ENG	10.09.1989	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Forwards															
7	Andriy Shevchenko	UKR	29.09.1976	31	-	-	-	4	1	14	4	93	47	112	60
11	Didier Drogba	CIV	11.03.1978	30	-	-	-	8	4	16	8	42	21	52	27
21	Salomon Kalou	CIV	05.08.1985	22	-	-	-	8	1	29	7	19	1	28	5
39	Nicolas Anelka	FRA	14.03.1979	29	-	-	-	2	-	12	1	32	8	56	16
Coach															
-	Avram Grant	ISR	06.02.1955	53	-	-	-	9	-	-	-	9	-	23	-

Head coach

Liverpool FC: Rafael Benítez

Date of birth: 16 April 1960

Nationality: Spanish

Playing career: Real Madrid CF B, CP Parla, CD Linares

Coaching career: Real Madrid CF (youth coach), Real Valladolid (assistant coach), CA Osasuna (assistant coach), CD Tenerife, CF Extremadura, Valencia CF, Liverpool FC

Rafael Benítez has stamped his authority on Liverpool FC since his arrival from Spain on 16 June 2004. Former Primera División stars Xabi Alonso and Luis García blended perfectly with locals such as Steven Gerrard and Jamie Carragher as Benítez guided the Reds to UEFA Champions League glory in his first season in charge. Liverpool's recovery from 3-0 down against AC Milan and their subsequent penalty shoot-out victory was one of the greatest finals. Although the holders were eliminated in the 2005/06 first knockout round, Benítez still oversaw an FA Cup triumph and they returned to the UEFA Champions League final in 2006/07, though Milan had their revenge with a 2-1 win in Athens.

After spending his playing career in the lower leagues as a midfielder with Real Madrid CF B, Benítez coached youth players at Madrid before taking charge of CD Tenerife and CF Extremadura, impressive spells which earned him his big break at Valencia CF in 2001. He led the club to their first league title for 31 years in 2002, repeating the trick in 2004 when they also won the UEFA Cup in Gothenburg.

That 2-0 victory against Olympique de Marseille was his final game before being lured to Liverpool, a club starved of league honours since 1990. The Reds' UEFA Champions League triumph in 2004/05 was followed by winning the FA Cup in 2006 when Liverpool recovered from a two-goal deficit against West Ham United FC in the final to draw 3-3 and then prevail on penalties. The highlight of last term was the UEFA Champions League run, Chelsea FC again overcome in the semi-finals.

Chelsea FC: Avram Grant

Date of birth: 6 May 1955

Nationality: Israeli

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

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

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

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

Match officials

Referee	Konrad Plautz (AUT)
Assistant referees	Egon Bereuter (AUT), Markus Mayr (AUT)
Fourth official	Thomas Einwaller (AUT)
UEFA Delegate	Jacques Antenen (SUI)
UEFA Referee observer	Hans Reijgwart (NED)

Referee

Name	Nat.	DoB	UCL	UEFA
Konrad Plautz	AUT	16.10.1964	29	56

Austrian referee Konrad Plautz, a regular on the UEFA Champions League scene and the man in charge of the 2007 UEFA Super Cup as AC Milan won 3-1 against Sevilla FC, is an enthusiastic director and actor with a local theatre group, the perfect antidote to his hectic schedule. A toolmaker from the Alpine town of Navis, Plautz began taking charge of matches as a teenager in 1984.

Starting with the youth sector, he began his rise through the ranks at regional level before heading into the Austrian national leagues, fulfilling an objective he had set himself at the outset of his career. Plautz reached Austrian Bundesliga standard after six years, before getting his FIFA international badge in 1996. That same year he was chosen to referee the UEFA European Under-16 Championship final in Vienna in which Portugal beat France. In 2005/06, he took charge of Arsenal FC's 1-0 first-leg victory against Villarreal CF in the UEFA Champions League semi-finals. A veteran of two FIFA World Cup qualifying campaigns, Plautz has experience of UEFA European Championship qualifiers back to March 1999. He is naturally established as one of his country's most respected officials, refereeing one of the top fixtures in the Austrian Bundesliga almost every weekend. He has also been selected as one of 12 referees who will work at UEFA EURO 2008™ in Austria and Switzerland this summer.

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

Date	Comp.	Stage		Res.	Venue
14.03.2001	UCL	GS2	Leeds United AFC - S.S. Lazio	3-3	Leeds
19.03.2002	UCL	GS2	Boavista FC - Manchester United FC	0-3	Porto
22.10.2002	UCL	GS1	FC Spartak Moskva - Liverpool FC	1-3	Moscow
21.10.2003	UCL	GS1	FC Dynamo Kyiv - Arsenal FC	2-1	Kiev
13.09.2005	UCL	GS	Real Betis Balompié - Liverpool FC	1-2	Sevilla
21.02.2006	UCL	1/8	SL Benfica - Liverpool FC	1-0	Lisbon
19.04.2006	UCL	SF	Arsenal FC - Villarreal CF	1-0	London
03.10.2007	UCL	GS	Liverpool FC - Olympique de Marseille	0-1	Liverpool
19.02.2008	UCL	1/8	Olympiacos CFP - Chelsea FC	0-0	Athens
04.03.2008	UCL	1/8	AC Milan - Arsenal FC	0-2	Milan

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

Date	Comp.	Stage		Res.	Venue
26.07.2000	UIC	SF	RC Celta de Vigo - Aston Villa FC	1-0	Vigo
25.03.2004	UCUP	R4	RCD Mallorca - Newcastle United FC	0-3	Palma de Mallorca
16.03.2005	UCUP	1/8	Newcastle United FC - Olympiacos CFP	4-0	Newcastle
12.04.2007	UCUP	QF	Tottenham Hotspur FC - Sevilla FC	2-2	London

Domestic information

Liverpool FC (Premier League)

Comp.	Date	Opponent	Res.	Goalscorers
League	11/08/07	Aston Villa FC (A)	2-1	Own goal, Gerrard 87
League	19/08/07	Chelsea FC (H)	1-1	Torres 16
League	25/08/07	Sunderland AFC (A)	2-0	Sissoko 37, Voronin 87
League	01/09/07	Derby County FC (H)	6-0	Alonso 27, 69, Babel 45, Torres 56, 78, Voronin 76
League	15/09/07	Portsmouth FC (A)	0-0	
League	22/09/07	Birmingham City FC (H)	0-0	
Cup	25/09/07	Reading FC (A)	4-2	Benayoun 23, Torres 50, 72, 86
League	29/09/07	Wigan Athletic FC (A)	1-0	Benayoun 75
League	07/10/07	Tottenham Hotspur FC (H)	2-2	Voronin 12, Torres 90
League	20/10/07	Everton FC (A)	2-1	Kuyt 54(pen), 90(pen)
League	28/10/07	Arsenal FC (H)	1-1	Gerrard 7
Cup	31/10/07	Cardiff (H)	2-1	El Zhar 48, Gerrard 66
League	03/11/07	Blackburn Rovers FC (A)	0-0	
League	10/11/07	Fulham FC (H)	2-0	Torres 81, Gerrard 85(pen)
League	24/11/07	Newcastle United FC (A)	3-0	Gerrard 28, Kuyt 46, Babel 66
League	02/12/07	Bolton Wanderers FC (H)	4-0	Hyypiä 17, Torres 45, Gerrard 56(pen), Babel 86
League	08/12/07	Reading FC (A)	1-3	Gerrard 28
League	16/12/07	Manchester United FC (H)	0-1	
Cup	19/12/07	Chelsea FC (A)	0-2	
League	22/12/07	Portsmouth FC (H)	4-1	Benayoun 13, Own goal, Torres 67, 85
League	26/12/07	Derby County FC (A)	2-1	Torres 12, Gerrard 90
League	30/12/07	Manchester City FC (A)	0-0	
League	02/01/08	Wigan Athletic FC (H)	1-1	Torres 49
Cup	06/01/08	Luton (A)	1-1	Crouch 74
League	12/01/08	Middlesbrough FC (A)	1-1	Torres 71
Cup	15/01/08	Luton (H)	5-0	Babel 45, Gerrard 52, 64, 72, Hyypiä 57
League	21/01/08	Aston Villa FC (H)	2-2	Benayoun 19, Crouch 88
Cup	26/01/08	Havant and W (H)	5-2	Lucas Leiva 27, Benayoun 44, 56, 59, Crouch 90
League	30/01/08	West Ham United FC (A)	0-1	
League	02/02/08	Sunderland AFC (H)	3-0	Crouch 57, Torres 69, Gerrard 89(pen)
League	10/02/08	Chelsea FC (A)	0-0	
Cup	16/02/08	Barnsley (H)	1-2	Kuyt 32
League	23/02/08	Middlesbrough FC (H)	3-2	Torres 28, 29, 61
League	02/03/08	Bolton Wanderers FC (A)	3-1	Own goal, Babel 60, Fábio Aurélio 75
League	05/03/08	West Ham United FC (H)	4-0	Torres 8, 61, 81, Gerrard 83
League	08/03/08	Newcastle United FC (H)	3-0	Pennant 43, Torres 45, Gerrard 51
League	15/03/08	Reading FC (H)	2-1	Mascherano 19, Torres 48
League	23/03/08	Manchester United FC (A)	0-3	
League	30/03/08	Everton FC (H)	1-0	Torres 7
League	05/04/08	Arsenal FC (A)	1-1	Crouch 42

Lineups: Reina, Finnan, Carragher, Škrtel, Arbeloa, Plessis, Pennant (Gerrard 66), Benayoun (Voronin 75), Lucas Leiva, Riise, Crouch (Torres 80)

League 13/04/08 Blackburn Rovers FC (H) 3-1 Gerrard 60, Torres 82, Voronin 90

Lineups: Reina, Arbeloa, Carragher, Škrtel, Fábio Aurélio, Lucas Leiva, Alonso (Riise 88), Kuyt, Gerrard, Babel (Benayoun 59), Torres (Voronin 85)

League 19/04/08 Fulham FC (A) 2-0 Pennant 17, Crouch 70

Lineups: Reina, Finnan, Škrtel, Hyypiä (Carragher 46), Riise, Pennant, Lucas Leiva, Mascherano (Alonso 72), Benayoun, Voronin (Fábio Aurélio 82), Crouch

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Comp.	Date	Opponent	Res.	Goalscorers
League	26/04/08	Birmingham City FC (A)		
League	04/05/08	Manchester City FC (H)		
League	11/05/08	Tottenham Hotspur 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

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Chelsea FC (Premier League)

Comp.	Date	Opponent	Res.	Goalscorers
League	12/08/07	Birmingham City FC (H)	3-2	Pizarro 17, Malouda 31, Essien 50
League	15/08/07	Reading FC (A)	2-1	Lampard 47, Drogba 50
League	19/08/07	Liverpool FC (A)	1-1	Lampard 62(pen)
League	25/08/07	Portsmouth FC (H)	1-0	Lampard 31
League	02/09/07	Aston Villa FC (A)	0-2	
League	15/09/07	Blackburn Rovers FC (H)	0-0	
League	23/09/07	Manchester United FC (A)	0-2	
Cup	26/09/07	Hull (A)	4-0	Sinclair 37, Kalou 48, 81, Sidwell 52
League	29/09/07	Fulham FC (H)	0-0	
League	07/10/07	Bolton Wanderers FC (A)	1-0	Kalou 41
League	20/10/07	Middlesbrough FC (A)	2-0	Drogba 8, Alex 57
League	27/10/07	Manchester City FC (H)	6-0	Essien 16, Drogba 31, 56, J. Cole 60, Kalou 75, Shevchenko 90
Cup	31/10/07	Leicester City FC (H)	4-3	Lampard 20, 29, 90, Shevchenko 87
League	03/11/07	Wigan Athletic FC (A)	2-0	Lampard 11, Belletti 18
League	11/11/07	Everton FC (H)	1-1	Drogba 70
League	24/11/07	Derby County FC (A)	2-0	Kalou 17, Wright-Phillips 73
League	01/12/07	West Ham United FC (H)	1-0	J. Cole 76
League	08/12/07	Sunderland AFC (H)	2-0	Shevchenko 23, Lampard 75(pen)
League	16/12/07	Arsenal FC (A)	0-1	
Cup	19/12/07	Liverpool FC (H)	2-0	Lampard 59, Shevchenko 90
League	23/12/07	Blackburn Rovers FC (A)	1-0	J. Cole 22
League	26/12/07	Aston Villa FC (H)	4-4	Shevchenko 45(pen), 50, Alex 66, Ballack 88
League	29/12/07	Newcastle United FC (H)	2-1	Essien 29, Kalou 87
League	01/01/08	Fulham FC (A)	2-1	Kalou 54, Ballack 62(pen)
Cup	05/01/08	QPR (H)	1-0	Own goal
Cup	08/01/08	Everton FC (H)	2-1	Wright-Phillips 26, Own goal
League	12/01/08	Tottenham Hotspur FC (H)	2-0	Belletti 19, Wright-Phillips 80
League	19/01/08	Birmingham City FC (A)	1-0	Pizarro 79
Cup	23/01/08	Everton FC (A)	1-0	J. Cole 69
Cup	26/01/08	Wigan Athletic FC (A)	2-1	Anelka 53, Wright-Phillips 82
League	30/01/08	Reading FC (H)	1-0	Ballack 32
League	02/02/08	Portsmouth FC (A)	1-1	Anelka 55
League	10/02/08	Liverpool FC (H)	0-0	
Cup	16/02/08	Huddersfield (H)	3-1	Lampard 18, 60, Kalou 70
Cup	24/02/08	Tottenham Hotspur FC (A)	1-2	Drogba 39
League	01/03/08	West Ham United FC (A)	4-0	Lampard 17(pen), J. Cole 20, Ballack 22, A. Cole 64
Cup	08/03/08	Barnsley (A)	0-1	
League	12/03/08	Derby County FC (H)	6-1	Lampard 28(pen), 57, 66, 72, Kalou 42, J. Cole 64
League	15/03/08	Sunderland AFC (A)	1-0	Terry 10
League	19/03/08	Tottenham Hotspur FC (A)	4-4	Drogba 3, Essien 20, J. Cole 52, 80
League	23/03/08	Arsenal FC (H)	2-1	Drogba 73, 82
League	30/03/08	Middlesbrough FC (H)	1-0	Carvalho 6
League	05/04/08	Manchester City FC (A)	2-0	Own goal, Kalou 53
Lineups:	Cudicini, Belletti (Ferreira 86), Alex, Terry, A. Cole, Essien, Mikel, Lampard, Wright-Phillips (J. Cole 52), Anelka, Kalou			
League	14/04/08	Wigan Athletic FC (H)	1-1	Essien 55
Lineups:	Čech, Belletti, Alex, Terry, Bridge, Ballack, Essien, Mikel (Shevchenko 90), Kalou, Anelka, Malouda (J. Cole 46)			
League	17/04/08	Everton FC (A)	1-0	Essien 41

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Lineups: Čech, Ferreira, Carvalho, Terry, A. Cole, Wright-Phillips (Makelele 81), Mikel, Essien, J. Cole (Malouda 76), Anelka, Kalou				
League	26/04/08	Manchester United FC (H)		
League	05/05/08	Newcastle United FC (A)		
League	11/05/08	Bolton Wanderers FC (H)		

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
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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.

Match-by-match lineups - Liverpool FC

Club	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
FC Porto	6	3	2	1	8	7	11
Liverpool FC	6	3	1	2	18	5	10
Olympique de Marseille	6	2	1	3	6	9	7
Beşiktaş JK	6	2	0	4	4	15	6

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
18.09.2007	Porto - Liverpool	1-1	Estádio do Dragão, Porto
Goals: 1-0 Lucho González 8(pen), 1-1 Kuyt 17			
Liverpool: Reina, Finnan, Hyypiä, Gerrard, Torres (Voronin 76), Pennant, Arbeloa, Kuyt, Babel (Fábio Aurélio 85), Mascherano, Carragher			
03.10.2007	Liverpool - Marseille	0-1	Anfield, Liverpool
Goals: 0-1 Valbuena 77			
Liverpool: Reina, Finnan, Hyypiä, Gerrard, Torres, Benayoun, Fábio Aurélio, Crouch (Kuyt 75), Sissoko, Carragher, Leto (Riise 52)			
24.10.2007	Beşiktaş - Liverpool	2-1	Inönü, Istanbul
Goals: 1-0 Hyypiä 13(o.g.), 2-0 Bobo 82, 2-1 Gerrard 85			
Liverpool: Reina, Finnan, Hyypiä (Crouch 83), Riise, Gerrard, Voronin, Pennant (Benayoun 59), Kuyt, Babel, Mascherano (Lucas Leiva 76), Carragher			
06.11.2007	Liverpool - Beşiktaş	8-0	Anfield, Liverpool
Goals: 1-0 Crouch 19, 2-0 Benayoun 32, 3-0 Benayoun 53, 4-0 Benayoun 56, 5-0 Gerrard 69, 6-0 Babel 78, 7-0 Babel 81, 8-0 Crouch 89			
Liverpool: Reina, Hyypiä, Riise, Gerrard (Lucas Leiva 73), Voronin (Kewell 72), Benayoun, Fábio Aurélio, Crouch, Arbeloa, Mascherano, Carragher			
28.11.2007	Liverpool - Porto	4-1	Anfield, Liverpool
Goals: 1-0 Torres 19, 1-1 Lisandro 33, 2-1 Torres 78, 3-1 Gerrard 84(pen), 4-1 Crouch 87			
Liverpool: Reina, Finnan, Hyypiä, Gerrard, Torres, Voronin (Kewell 63), Benayoun (Crouch 71), Arbeloa, Babel (Kuyt 85), Mascherano, Carragher			
11.12.2007	Marseille - Liverpool	0-4	Vélodrome, Marseille
Goals: 0-1 Gerrard 4, 0-2 Torres 11, 0-3 Kuyt 48, 0-4 Babel 90+1			
Liverpool: Reina, Hyypiä, Riise, Kewell (Fábio Aurélio 67), Gerrard, Torres (Babel 77), Benayoun, Arbeloa, Kuyt (Lucas Leiva 86), Mascherano, Carragher			

First knockout round, first leg

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
19/02/08	Liverpool - Internazionale	2-0	Anfield, Liverpool
Goals: 1-0 Kuyt 85, 2-0 Gerrard 90			
Liverpool: Reina, Finnan, Hyypiä, Gerrard, Torres, Fábio Aurélio, Kuyt, Babel (Pennant 72), Mascherano, Lucas Leiva (Crouch 64), Carragher			

First knockout round, second leg

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
11/03/08	Internazionale - Liverpool	0-1	Stadio Giuseppe Meazza, Milan
Goals: 0-1 Torres 64			
Liverpool: Reina, Hyypiä, Gerrard, Torres, Fábio Aurélio, Kuyt (Riise 81), Babel (Benayoun 61), Mascherano (Pennant 87), Lucas Leiva, Carragher, Škrtel			

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Quarter-finals, first leg

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
02/04/08	Arsenal - Liverpool	1-1	Arsenal Stadium, London

Goals: 1-0 Adebayor 23, 1-1 Kuyt 26
Liverpool: Reina, Hyypiä, Gerrard, Torres (Voronin 86), Fábio Aurélio, Alonso (Lucas Leiva 77), Kuyt, Babel (Benayoun 58), Mascherano, Carragher, Škrtel

Quarter-finals, second leg

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
08/04/08	Liverpool - Arsenal	4-2	Anfield, Liverpool

Goals: 0-1 Diaby 13, 1-1 Hyypiä 30, 2-1 Torres 69, 2-2 Adebayor 84, 3-2 Gerrard 85(pen), 4-2 Babel 90+2
Liverpool: Reina, Hyypiä, Gerrard, Torres (Riise 87), Fábio Aurélio, Alonso, Crouch (Babel 78), Kuyt (Arbeloa 90+3), Mascherano, Carragher, Škrtel

Match-by-match lineups - Chelsea FC

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

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

Goals: 0-1 Koppinen 24, 1-1 Shevchenko 63
Chelsea: Čech, A. Cole (Ben Haim 74), Makelele, Essien, Shevchenko, J. Cole (Wright-Phillips 74), Malouda, Kalou, Terry, Alex, Belletti

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

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

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

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

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

First knockout round, first leg

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

Goals:

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

First knockout round, second leg

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

Goals: 1-0 Ballack 5, 2-0 Lampard 25, 3-0 Kalou 48

Chelsea: Cudicini, A. Cole, Makelele, Carvalho, Lampard (Essien 76), J. Cole (Wright-Phillips 79), Drogba, Ballack, Ferreira, Kalou (Malouda 71), Terry

Quarter-finals, first leg

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

Goals: 0-1 Deivid 13(o.g.), 1-1 Kazım Kazım 65, 2-1 Deivid 81

Chelsea: Cudicini, A. Cole, Makelele, Essien, Carvalho, Lampard (Mikel 76), J. Cole (Anelka 86), Drogba, Ballack, Malouda, Terry

Quarter-finals, second leg

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

Goals: 1-0 Ballack 4, 2-0 Lampard 87

Chelsea: Cudicini (Hilário 26), A. Cole, Makelele, Essien, Carvalho, Lampard, J. Cole (Malouda 85), Drogba, Ballack, Kalou (Belletti 58), Terry

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)

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 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

Liverpool FC

UEFA club competition milestones

- The most successful English club in UEFA competition history, Liverpool have won the European Champion Clubs' Cup/UEFA Champions League five times.

- Liverpool have also won the UEFA Cup on three occasions and the UEFA Super Cup three times, having lost five finals: the European Champion Clubs' Cup in 1984/85 and 2006/07, the 1965/66 UEFA Cup Winners' Cup and the 1978 and 1984 UEFA Super Cup.

UEFA Champions League milestones

- Winners in 2004/05, with a 3-2 shoot-out victory against AC Milan after a 3-3 draw in Istanbul, Liverpool were beaten 2-1 by the Rossoneri in the 2006/07 showpiece in Athens. Only once since their bow in 2001/02 have they failed to get beyond the group stage.

UEFA club competition honours

- European Champion Clubs' Cup: 1976/77, 1977/78, 1980/81, 1983/84, 2004/05
- UEFA Cup: 1972/73, 1975/76, 2000/01
- UEFA Super Cup: 1977, 2001, 2005

Ten-year record

2006/07: UEFA Champions League - runners-up

2005/06: UEFA Champions League - first knockout round

2004/05: UEFA Champions League - winners

2003/04: UEFA Cup - fourth round

2002/03: UEFA Cup - quarter-finals (having transferred from the UEFA Champions League group stage)

2001/02: UEFA Champions League - quarter-finals

2000/01: UEFA Cup - winners

1999/00: Did not compete in UEFA club competition

1998/99: UEFA Cup - third round

1997/98: UEFA Cup - second round

2006/07 season

Domestic record: Liverpool again finished in third place in the Premier League. They were 15 points behind second-placed Chelsea FC and six points further adrift of the champions Manchester United FC. Third spot was enough to secure a place in the third qualifying round of the UEFA Champions League. They relinquished the FA Cup with a 3-1 home third-round defeat by Arsenal FC.

European record: The English side recorded four victories and a draw from their six outings to top Group C, three points clear of PSV Eindhoven, six ahead of FC Girondins de Bordeaux and nine in front of Galatasaray SK. They eliminated holders FC Barcelona in the first knockout round, going through on away goals after a 2-2 aggregate draw. It was more comfortable in the quarter-finals as PSV were dispatched 4-0 over two legs before a meeting with old foes Chelsea in the last four. A 1-1 draw after 210 minutes of football led to penalties at Anfield, which Liverpool won 4-1. They fell short in the final, however, as Milan gained revenge for the 2005 defeat with a 2-1 success in Athens.

Key facts

UEFA club competition

- Pld: 266 W: 150 D: 58 L: 58 GF: 476 GA: 219

UEFA Champions League (group stage to final)

- Pld: 64 W: 31 D: 19 L: 14 GF: 95 GA: 50

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European Champion Clubs' Cup/UEFA Champions League

• Pld: 155 W: 90 D: 33 L: 32 GF: 287 GA: 121

Records

UEFA club competition

• Biggest win

11-0: Liverpool FC v Strømsgodset IF

17.09.1974, UEFA Cup Winners' Cup first round first leg

• Biggest home win

11-0: Liverpool FC v Strømsgodset IF (see above for details)

• Biggest away win

0-5: FC Haka v Liverpool FC

08.08.2001, European Champion Clubs' Cup third qualifying round first leg

0-5: Crusaders FC v Liverpool FC

28.09.1976, European Champion Clubs' Cup first round second leg

0-5: KR Reykjavík v Liverpool FC

17.08.1964, European Champion Clubs' Cup preliminary round first leg

• Heaviest defeat

5-1: AFC Ajax v Liverpool FC

07.12.1966, European Champion Clubs' Cup second round leg

• Heaviest home defeat

0-2: Liverpool FC v SL Benfica

08.03.2006, UEFA Champions League first knockout round second leg

0-2: Liverpool FC v Celtic FC

20.03.2003, UEFA Cup quarter-finals second leg

1-3: Liverpool FC v FC Barcelona

20.11.2001, UEFA Champions League second group stage

0-2: Liverpool FC v FC Spartak Moskva

04.11.1992, UEFA Cup Winners' Cup second round second leg

• Heaviest away defeat

5-1: AFC Ajax v Liverpool FC (see above for details)

UEFA Champions League (group stage to final only)

• Biggest win

8-0: Liverpool FC v Beşiktaş JK

06.11.2007, UEFA Champions League group stage

• Biggest home win

8-0: Liverpool FC v Beşiktaş JK (see above for details)

• Biggest away win

0-4: Olympique de Marseille v Liverpool FC

11.12.2007, UEFA Champions League group stage

- Heaviest defeat
0-2: Liverpool FC v SL Benfica (see above for details)
2-0: Valencia CF v Liverpool FC
17.09.2002, UEFA Champions League group stage
4-2: Bayer 04 Leverkusen v Liverpool FC
09.04.2002, UEFA Champions League quarter-finals second leg
1-3: Liverpool FC v FC Barcelona (see above for details)

- Heaviest home defeat
0-2: Liverpool FC v SL Benfica (see above for details)
1-3: Liverpool FC v FC Barcelona (see above for details)

- Heaviest away defeat
2-0: Valencia CF v Liverpool FC (see above for details)
4-2: Bayer 04 Leverkusen v Liverpool FC (see above for details)

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Chelsea FC

UEFA club competition milestones

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

UEFA Champions League milestones

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

UEFA club competition honours

- UEFA Cup Winners' Cup: 1970/71, 1997/98
- UEFA Super Cup: 1998

Ten-year record

- 2006/07:** UEFA Champions League - semi-finals
- 2005/06:** UEFA Champions League - first knockout round
- 2004/05:** UEFA Champions League - semi-finals
- 2003/04:** UEFA Champions League - semi-finals
- 2002/03:** UEFA Cup - first round
- 2001/02:** UEFA Cup - second round
- 2000/01:** UEFA Cup - first round
- 1999/00:** UEFA Champions League - quarter-finals
- 1998/99:** UEFA Cup Winners' Cup - semi-finals
- 1997/98:** UEFA Cup Winners' Cup - winners

2006/07 season

Domestic record: After two successive Premier League titles, Chelsea had to settle for second place behind Manchester United FC. They finished six points adrift but 15 ahead of nearest rivals Liverpool FC. Some revenge came with a 1-0 FA Cup final win against United at the new Wembley. It was their fourth success in the competition, and followed a 2-1 defeat of Arsenal FC in the English League Cup final.

European record: Chelsea were drawn in a tough Group A with the champions of Spain, FC Barcelona, and Bundesliga runners-up Werder Bremen, along with the Bulgarian title-holders PFC Levski Sofia. Four victories and a draw from their six outings secured a first-placed finish in their group, two points clear of European champions Barcelona. FC Porto and Valencia CF were each dispatched 3-2 on aggregate in the first knockout round and quarter-finals respectively before Liverpool knocked Chelsea out in the semi-finals. A 1-1 draw over the two legs was followed by Liverpool's 4-1 win on penalties in the Anfield return.

Key facts

UEFA club competition

• Pld: 120 W: 65 D: 31 L: 24 GF: 201 GA: 92

UEFA Champions League (group stage to final)

• Pld: 68 W: 34 D: 19 L: 15 GF: 100 GA: 54

European Champion Clubs' Cup/UEFA Champions League

• Pld: 72 W: 37 D: 20 L: 15 GF: 108 GA: 54

Records

UEFA club competition

• Biggest win

13-0: Chelsea FC v FC Jeunesse Hautcharage

29.09.1971, UEFA Cup Winners' Cup first round second leg

• Biggest home win

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

• Biggest away win

0-8: FC Jeunesse Hautcharage v Chelsea FC

15.09.1971, UEFA Cup Winners' Cup first round first leg

• Heaviest defeat

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

18.04.2000, UEFA Champions League quarter-final second leg

• Heaviest home defeat

0-2: Chelsea FC v Beşiktaş JK

01.10.2003, UEFA Champions League group stage

• Heaviest away defeat

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

UEFA Champions League (group stage to final only)

• Biggest win

0-5: Galatasaray SK v Chelsea FC

20.10.1999, UEFA Champions League group stage

• Biggest home win

4-0: Chelsea FC v Real Betis Balompie

19.10.2005, UEFA Champions League group stage

• Biggest away win

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

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- Heaviest defeat
5-1: FC Barcelona v Chelsea FC (see above for details)
- Heaviest home defeat
0-2: Chelsea FC v Beşiktaş JK (see above for details)
- Heaviest away defeat
5-1: FC Barcelona v Chelsea FC (see above for details)

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Competition information

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

- **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