

Manchester United FC - AS Roma

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Group F - Matchday 2



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Match background

Both Manchester United and AS Roma go into this Group F fixture on the back of winning starts to their 2007/08 UEFA Champions League campaigns. United won away at Sporting Clube de Portugal through a solitary Cristiano Ronaldo header while Roma beat FC Dynamo Kyiv 2-0 at Stadio Olimpico.

- AS Roma players can be forgiven a few nerves as they prepare to revisit Old Trafford just five months after their humiliating 7-1 defeat by the English champions in the quarter-final of last season's UEFA Champions League. That result signalled United's biggest victory in Europe since 1968 - as well as Roma's heaviest defeat - and shattered entirely the Italian side's slender 2-1 advantage from the first leg. Yet it seems inconceivable that lightning could strike twice with Luciano Spalletti's men no doubt doubly determined to give a better account of themselves on their return to Manchester.

- United's scorers on that remarkable night of 10 April were Michael Carrick (2), Cristiano Ronaldo (2), Alan Smith, Wayne Rooney and Patrice Evra, while Daniele De Rossi struck Roma's goal.

- Rooney was also on target in the first leg, his strike sandwiched by efforts from Taddei and Mirko Vučinić in a match where United's Paul Scholes was dismissed.

- For United, the rout of Roma was the high point of their best UEFA Champions League campaign since 2001/02. After finishing top of their group - ahead of Celtic FC, SL Benfica and FC København - they overcame LOSC Lille Métropole and Roma before falling 5-3 on aggregate to AC Milan in the semi-finals.

- United's success last season was built on a formidable home record: they won all six matches at Old Trafford, scoring 20 goals at an average of 3.33 per game. Indeed they go into this season's competition having lost just one of their last 33 home outings in the UEFA Champions League.

- If those statistics were not sobering enough for Roma, United's previous 13 matches at home to Italian teams have yielded nine wins and just two losses. The Giallorossi by contrast, have just one victory to their name from nine previous visits to England.



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- The manner of their elimination at Old Trafford notwithstanding, Roma – who also finished second in Serie A last term - enjoyed a strong European campaign in 2006/07. They finished second in their group-stage section behind Valencia CF then overcame Olympique Lyonnais in the first knockout round.
- For the Giallorossi it was the first time they had reached the last eight since 1983/84 – the season they went all the way to the final before losing on penalties to Liverpool FC.
- Roma midfielder Simone Perrotta was born to Italian parents in the Lancashire town of Ashton-under-Lyme, a half-hour drive from Old Trafford and also the birthplace of England's 1966 FIFA World Cup hero Sir Geoff Hurst.
- Roma defenders Christian Panucci and Matteo Ferrari had short spells in the Premier League with Chelsea FC and Everton FC respectively. Panucci spent part of 2000/01 on loan at Chelsea while Ferrari was at Everton for the entire 2005/06 campaign.
- United goalkeeper Edwin van der Sar played in Serie A between 1999 and 2001 with Juventus, while Mikaël Silvestre spent the 1998/99 campaign at FC Internazionale Milano. His compatriot Evra also played in Italy in the late 1990s for Marsala Calcio and Monza Calcio but never appeared in the top flight.

Match facts

Manchester United

- **John O'Shea's** next appearance in UEFA club competition will be his 50th.
- **Wes Brown** celebrates his 28th birthday on 13 October.
- A solitary **Cristiano Ronaldo** goal was enough for United to take all three points against Birmingham City FC on Saturday. Ronaldo rounded goalkeeper Maik Taylor in the 51st minute after Franck Queudrue misjudged a high ball as the visitors claimed the points to keep in touch with Premier League leaders Arsenal.
- "I think we're getting towards top gear," said **Sir Alex Ferguson**. "You could see signs of that today. Some of the movement up front was very good. [Wayne] Rooney, Ronaldo and [Carlos] Tévez are big threats for all our opponents, and the forward line is looking much better now."
- **Edwin van der Sar** suffered a toe injury during the game and had to be replaced at half-time by Tomasz Kuszczak.
- It was **Ronaldo's** 100th Premier League appearance for the Red Devils, though he has some way to go to match **Ryan Giggs'** haul of 450, after the former Welsh international reached that milestone.
- United kept their sixth Premier League clean sheet of the season against Birmingham - more than any other club. Along with rivals Liverpool FC, United have conceded just two goals, the best in the league.
- United have not conceded in 509 minutes of Premier League football, since Geovanni scored the winner for Manchester City FC on 19 August.
- The Birmingham win was United's fifth Premier League victory in a row.
- United climbed up to second place in the Premier League with a 2-0 home win against Chelsea FC at Old Trafford on 23 September. The visitors were reduced to ten men in the 31st minute as John Obi Mikel was shown a red card for a tackle on **Patrice Evra** and United took full advantage in added time at the end of the first half, **Tévez** heading in. **Louis Saha** then added a second from the penalty spot in the 89th minute after he had been tripped by Tal Ben Haim.

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- "We were the better team," said **Sir Alex**. "Our football in the early parts of the match was outstanding - in the first half-hour we played as well as we have all season in terms of the penetration of our play, the movement and our passing."
- United have received a double injury boost with Sir Alex confident **Mikaël Silvestre** will play again this season despite damaging cruciate knee ligaments against Everton FC on 15 September. "I'm sure Mikaël will be back in March," said the United manager. "We had him operated on in France last week and it all went well. It was pleasing to see there was no further damage other than the cruciate ligament. That's a big bonus."
- Meanwhile **Gary Neville**, who has not played since 17 March, returned to full training on 24 September after a persistent thigh problem. "Gary's been working hard on his fitness but he's now fully into the football side of things as well," said **Sir Alex**. "It's pleasing news because it's been a long time for the lad. We're very, very pleased. He's been unlucky and just had one injury on top of another. Hopefully he's now on the mend and we're looking forward to having him back."
- **Owen Hargreaves** missed the Chelsea game with a thigh injury, while **Darren Fletcher** (knee) and **Ben Foster** and **Ji-Sung Park**, who are both expected to be sidelined until next year with more serious knee problems, also remain on the sidelines. **O'Shea**, however, was fit enough for a place on the bench having recovered from his own knee problem.
- United surprisingly bowed out of the English League Cup last Wednesday, losing 2-0 at home against second-tier Championship side Coventry City FC at Old Trafford in the third round. Maltese international Michael Mifsud scored in each half to give the visitors a famous win.
- "That was an absolutely flabbergasting performance, I didn't expect that," said **Sir Alex**. "I'm not interested in giving reasons, it was just a bad performance. We've shown great hope in the young players. It's a big shock to us all. Coventry made it a cup tie, that was certainly an issue in the first half. They were first to every ball and maybe some of our players were not used to that kind of cup football. These players have to have games. We hoped to get some of them games recently, but we've not been able to do it because I've had to keep Gerard Piqué, Chris Eagles and Danny Simpson in the first-team squad [as cover for injuries], which means they are not getting any football. That was a problem. But this was a shock for us."
- Sir Alex changed the entire starting lineup from the Chelsea game four days earlier, with eight of the side making their first starts of the season. Only **O'Shea**, **Anderson** and **Nani** had previously appeared, while **Jonny Evans** and **Simpson** both made their first-team debuts. **Brown**, **Michael Carrick** and **Fraizer Campbell** all came on at half-time.
- Seven members of the United squad have been included in the 55-man shortlist for the FIFPro World XI Player Awards: **Van der Sar**, **Rio Ferdinand**, **Nemanja Vidić**, **Ronaldo**, **Paul Scholes**, **Wayne Rooney** and **Tévez**. In addition, former players David Beckham and Ruud van Nistelrooy have also been nominated. The winners will be announced on 5 October.

Roma

- **Mirko Vučinić** celebrated his 24th birthday the day before the trip to Old Trafford, on 1 October.
- Roma lost ground in Serie A as they slumped to a 4-1 loss at home to FC Internazionale Milano on Saturday. Their fate was effectively sealed on 28 minutes when **Ludovic Giuly** was sent off for handling a header by Zlatan Ibrahimović. The French midfielder was sent off, while the Sweden striker made no mistake with the penalty and although **Simone Perrotta** equalised (54), goals from Hernán Crespo, Julio Cruz and Iván Córdoba sealed the points for Inter.
- Roma coach **Luciano Spalletti** said: "We are obviously disappointed but we have to forget about the bad taste we have in our mouths and react immediately. We need to be mentally strong. It is a difficult period with several important games in quick succession but we have to forget about tonight's game immediately."

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- **Spalletti** fielded his usual 4-2-3-1 formation, with **Christian Panucci** starting as right-back after recovering from a thigh strain. **Alberto Aquilani** was unavailable due to a minor ankle injury, **David Pizarro** played in midfield alongside **Daniele De Rossi**, while **Francesco Totti** was supported in attack by **Giuly**, **Perrotta** and **Mancini**.
- **Aquilani** received his knock after coming on during the 2-2 midweek draw at ACF Fiorentina, replacing **Rodrigo Taddei** who was ruled out for three weeks with a calf injury.
- Fresh from defeating FC Dynamo Kyiv, Roma dropped their first Serie A points of the season as they were held 2-2 by Juventus. **Totti** scored twice in the first half to cancel out David Trezeguet's opener but Vincenzo Iaquinta equalised three minutes from time for the visitors.
- The goals against Juventus were the first conceded by Roma in all competitions this season.
- With **Panucci** not available due to a thigh strain, **Marco Cassetti** was preferred to **Cicinho** at right-back. **Aquilani** and **Mancini** were chosen in midfield with **Pizarro** and **Giuly** on the bench.
- On 28 minutes **Cassetti** was taken off with a left thigh injury and has been ruled out for a month.
- **Spalletti** said: "I am very happy with our performance and all the chances we were able to create. You cannot always win and a draw is acceptable, but today we did deserve maximum points. We are continuing to do what we did last season, there is nothing new. Perhaps we should learn not to let our enthusiasm get the better of us, as that can lead to mistakes."
- **Totti**, last season's Serie A top scorer and ESM Golden Shoe winner with 26 goals, struck for the fourth consecutive competitive game against Juventus, adding to Serie A goals versus AC Siena and Reggina Calcio plus his UEFA Champions League effort against Dynamo.
- Three days later Roma again drew 2-2, this time at Fiorentina. **Mancini** opened the scoring with a superb lob but the home side responded almost immediately through Alessandro Gamberini. **Giuly** made it 2-1 before the break before Adrian Mutu equalised with a penalty ten minutes from time.
- **Totti** did not travel to Florence to allow him to rest his troublesome thigh ahead of the weekend league meeting with Inter and the trip to Old Trafford. **Simone Perrotta** was not available due to a stomach virus, while **Juan** was rested.
- **Cicinho** and **Matteo Ferrari** played in defence, while **Mirko Vučinić** replaced **Totti** in attack. Meanwhile **Panucci** was a second-half substitute following his recent injury absence. New signing **Mauro Esposito**, who joined from Cagliari Calcio in the summer, made his Roma debut as a substitute six minutes from time.
- **Spalletti** said: "It was a very entertaining match. We could have probably killed off the game with the many opportunities we created. We have conceded four goals in the last two games so we will need to pay more attention in defence. Totti's injury is not serious and for us it will be very important to have him back."
- Two Roma players have been included in the 55-man shortlist for the FIFPro World XI Player Awards: **Cristian Chivu** and **Totti**. The winners will be announced on 5 October.

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Squad list

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No	Player	Nat.	DoB	Age	BL	Current season						All-time			
						UCLQ		UCL		League		UCL		UEFA	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers															
1	Edwin van der Sar	NED	29.10.1970	36	-	-	-	1	-	8	-	63	-	107	-
29	Tomasz Kuszczak	POL	20.03.1982	25	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
38	Thomas Heaton	ENG	15.04.1986	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
41	Ron-Robert Zieler	GER	12.02.1989	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders															
2	Gary Neville	ENG	18.02.1975	32	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	98	2	108	2
3	Patrice Evra	FRA	15.05.1981	26	-	-	-	1	-	8	-	29	1	37	1
5	Rio Ferdinand	ENG	07.11.1978	28	-	-	-	1	-	8	-	44	1	63	1
6	Wes Brown	ENG	13.10.1979	27	-	-	-	1	-	8	-	46	1	48	1
15	Nemanja Vidić	SRB	21.10.1981	25	-	-	-	1	-	8	1	9	1	23	4
19	Gerard Piqué	ESP	02.02.1987	20	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-
22	John O'Shea	IRL	30.04.1981	26	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	44	1	49	1
23	Johnny Evans	NIR	03.01.1988	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25	Daniel Simpson	ENG	04.01.1987	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
26	Phil Bardsley	ENG	28.06.1985	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	5	-
27	Mikaël Silvestre	FRA	09.08.1977	30	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	68	2	74	2
35	Kieran Lee	ENG	22.06.1988	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
36	David Gray	SCO	04.05.1988	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
40	Adam Eckersley	ENG	07.09.1985	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Midfielders															
4	Owen Hargreaves	ENG	20.01.1981	26	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	41	-	44	-
8	Anderson	BRA	13.04.1988	19	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	4	-	4	-
11	Ryan Giggs	WAL	29.11.1973	33	-	-	-	1	-	7	-	96	23	112	25
16	Michael Carrick	ENG	28.07.1981	26	-	-	-	1	-	7	-	13	2	14	2
17	Nani	POR	17.11.1986	20	-	-	-	1	-	6	1	7	1	9	1
18	Paul Scholes	ENG	16.11.1974	32	-	-	-	1	-	8	1	96	20	106	22
24	Darren Fletcher	SCO	01.02.1984	23	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	25	-	29	-
28	Darron Gibson	IRL	25.10.1987	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
33	Chris Eagles	ENG	19.11.1985	21	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	1	-	2	-
Forwards															
7	Cristiano Ronaldo	POR	05.02.1985	22	-	-	-	1	1	5	1	30	4	36	5
9	Louis Saha	FRA	08.08.1978	29	-	-	-	1	-	4	2	15	4	37	13
10	Wayne Rooney	ENG	24.10.1985	21	-	-	-	1	-	3	-	23	7	24	8
21	Dong Fangzhuo	CHN	23.01.1985	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
30	Lee Martin	ENG	09.02.1987	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
32	Carlos Tévez	ARG	05.02.1984	23	-	-	-	1	-	7	1	1	-	4	-
39	Frazier Campbell	ENG	13.09.1987	20	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Coach															
-	Sir Alex Ferguson	SCO	31.12.1941	65	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	128	-	203	-

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Goalkeepers															
1	Gianluca Curci	ITA	12.07.1985	22	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	8	-
27	Julio Sergio	BRA	08.11.1978	28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
32	Doni	BRA	22.10.1979	27	-	-	-	1	-	6	-	11	-	13	-
Defenders															
2	Christian Panucci	ITA	12.04.1973	34	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	62	8	92	11
3	Cicinho	BRA	24.06.1980	27	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	2	-	2	-
4	Juan	BRA	01.02.1979	28	-	-	-	1	-	4	1	11	3	23	5
5	Philippe Mexes	FRA	30.03.1982	25	-	-	-	1	-	6	1	15	-	38	-
13	Marco Andreolli	ITA	10.06.1986	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	-
21	Matteo Ferrari	ITA	05.12.1979	27	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	10	-	32	-
22	Max Tonetto	ITA	18.11.1974	32	-	-	-	1	-	6	-	8	-	13	-
26	Adrian Florin Pit	ROU	16.07.1983	24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
77	Marco Cassetti	ITA	28.05.1977	30	-	-	-	1	-	4	-	9	-	9	-
Midfielders															
7	David Pizarro	CHI	11.09.1979	28	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	14	2	21	2
8	Alberto Aquilani	ITA	07.07.1984	23	-	-	-	1	-	5	2	10	-	18	1
11	Taddei	BRA	06.03.1980	27	-	-	-	1	-	5	-	9	2	19	3
15	Antunes	POR	01.04.1987	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16	Daniele De Rossi	ITA	24.07.1983	24	-	-	-	1	-	6	-	14	3	27	4
20	Simone Perrotta	ITA	17.09.1977	30	-	-	-	1	1	4	1	15	2	25	3
29	Ahmed Apimah Barusso	GHA	26.12.1984	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
33	Matteo Brighi	ITA	14.02.1981	26	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	6	-
Forwards															
9	Mirko Vučinić	MNE	01.10.1983	23	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	6	1	6	1
10	Francesco Totti	ITA	27.09.1976	31	-	-	-	1	1	5	4	30	11	60	21
14	Ludovic Giuly	FRA	10.07.1976	31	-	-	-	1	-	6	2	39	8	70	19
18	Mauro Esposito	ITA	13.06.1979	28	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	8	-
30	Mancini	BRA	01.08.1980	27	-	-	-	1	-	3	1	12	1	27	5
36	Claudio Della Penna	ITA	12.05.1989	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coach															
-	Luciano Spalletti	ITA	07.03.1959	48	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	11	-	30	-

Head coach

Manchester United FC: Sir Alex Ferguson

Date of birth: 31 December 1941

Nationality: Scottish

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

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

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

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

AS Roma: Luciano Spalletti

Date of birth: 7 March 1959

Nationality: Italian

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

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

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

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

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

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Referee	Manuel Mejuto González (ESP)
Assistant referees	Juan Carlos Yuste Jiménez (ESP), Jesus Calvo Guadamuro (ESP)
Fourth official	Miguel Angel Perez Lasa (ESP)
UEFA Delegate	Jaroslav Dudl (CZE)
UEFA Referee observer	Jean-Claude Jourquin (BEL)

Referee

Name	Nat.	DoB	UCL	UEFA
Manuel Mejuto González	ESP	16.04.1965	29	48

When Manuel Mejuto González had the honour of refereeing the 2004/05 showpiece between AC Milan and Liverpool FC, he became only the third Spaniard to take charge of a European Champion Clubs' Cup final. He is still based in his place of birth, La Felguera in Asturias. A civil employee who caught the officiating bug in his teens, Mejuto moved into the Spanish first-division bracket in 1995 before being added to the FIFA international list in 1999. UEFA's first major call came in 2000 for the UEFA European Under-18 Championship in Germany, and 12 months later he went to the FIFA World Youth Championship in Argentina and ended up refereeing the final between the hosts and Ghana.

A UEFA Intertoto Cup final between Brescia Calcio and Paris Saint-Germain FC followed in 2001, as did his first UEFA Champions League group stage appointment as PSV Eindhoven beat Galatasaray SK. Mejuto remained in the limelight with a series of high-ranking appointments both domestically – including RC Deportivo La Coruña's 2002 Spanish Cup final victory – and on the continent, the all-London UEFA Champions League quarter-final between Chelsea FC and Arsenal FC for example. The Spaniard then travelled to UEFA EURO 2004™ and oversaw two group games.

Having refereed Liverpool's triumph in Istanbul, Mejuto's dreams of adding a FIFA World Cup final to his impressive CV were dashed when he had to miss out after two of his assistants failed fitness tests. He recovered to take charge of his third Spanish Super Cup and has also been a familiar face in UEFA EURO 2008™ qualifying. Married with one son, his hobbies include reading, diving and music while he also takes time to speak to youngsters about the benefits of sport.

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

Date	Comp.	Stage		Res.	Venue
10.10.2001	UCL	GS1	FC Porto - Juventus	0-0	Porto
26.02.2002	UCL	GS2	Manchester United FC - FC Nantes Atlantique	5-1	Manchester
02.10.2002	UCL	GS1	FC Internazionale Milano - Olympique Lyonnais	1-2	Milan
30.10.2002	UCL	GS1	BV Borussia Dortmund - Arsenal FC	2-1	Dortmund
23.04.2003	UCL	QF	AC Milan - AFC Ajax	3-2	Milan
17.09.2003	UCL	GS1	Arsenal FC - FC Internazionale Milano	0-3	London
24.03.2004	UCL	QF	Chelsea FC - Arsenal FC	1-1	London
14.09.2004	UCL	GS	Paris Saint-Germain FC - Chelsea FC	0-3	Paris
19.10.2004	UCL	GS	Juventus - FC Bayern München	1-0	Turin
08.12.2004	UCL	GS	Liverpool FC - Olympiacos CFP	3-1	Liverpool
23.02.2005	UCL	1/8	Manchester United FC - AC Milan	0-1	Manchester
12.04.2005	UCL	QF	FC Bayern München - Chelsea FC	3-2	Munich
25.05.2005	UCL	F	AC Milan - Liverpool FC	3-3*(2-3)	Istanbul
01.11.2005	UCL	GS	FC Internazionale Milano - FC Porto	2-1	Milan
06.12.2005	UCL	GS	AC Milan - FC Schalke 04	3-2	Milan
22.02.2006	UCL	1/8	Werder Bremen - Juventus	3-2	Bremen
26.09.2006	UCL	GS	LOSC Lille Métropole - AC Milan	0-0	Lens
17.10.2006	UCL	GS	PFC CSKA Moskva - Arsenal FC	1-0	Moscow

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Date	Comp.	Stage		Res.	Venue
21.11.2006	UCL	GS	Celtic FC - Manchester United FC	1-0	Glasgow
06.03.2007	UCL	1/8	Olympique Lyonnais - AS Roma	0-2	Lyon
11.04.2007	UCL	QF	FC Bayern München - AC Milan	0-2	Munich
01.05.2007	UCL	SF	Liverpool FC - Chelsea FC	1-0*(4-1)	Liverpool
28.08.2007	UCL	QR3	FC Dinamo 1948 Bucuresti - S.S. Lazio	1-3	Bucharest

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

Date	Comp.	Stage		Res.	Venue
14.09.2000	UCUP	R1	KSP Polonia Warszawa - Udinese Calcio	0-1	Plock
26.10.2000	UCUP	R2	Parma FC - NK Dinamo Zagreb	2-0	Parma
21.08.2001	UIC	F	Brescia Calcio - Paris Saint-Germain FC	1-1	Brescia
22.11.2001	UCUP	R3	ACF Fiorentina - LOSC Lille Métropole	0-1	Florence
12.10.2002	EURO	QR	Italy - Serbia	1-1	Naples
28.11.2002	UCUP	R3	BV Vitesse - Liverpool FC	0-1	Arnhem
13.03.2003	UCUP	QF	S.S. Lazio - Beşiktaş JK	1-0	Rome
14.04.2004	UCUP	QF	Newcastle United FC - PSV Eindhoven	2-1	Newcastle
14.06.2004	EURO	GS - FT	Denmark - Italy	0-0	Guimaraes
04.06.2005	WC	QR	Norway - Italy	0-0	Oslo
15.02.2006	UCUP	1/16	Udinese Calcio - RC Lens	3-0	Udine

Domestic information

Manchester United FC (Premier League)

Comp.	Date	Opponent	Res.	Goalscorers
League	12/08/07	Reading FC (H)	0-0	
League	15/08/07	Portsmouth FC (A)	1-1	Scholes 15
League	19/08/07	Manchester City FC (A)	0-1	
League	26/08/07	Tottenham Hotspur FC (H)	1-0	Nani 68
League	01/09/07	Sunderland AFC (H)	1-0	Saha 72
League	15/09/07	Everton FC (A)	1-0	Vidić 83
League	23/09/07	Chelsea FC (H)	2-0	Tévez 45, Saha 90(pen)
Lineups: Van der Sar, Brown, Ferdinand, Vidić, Evra, Cristiano Ronaldo, Scholes, Carrick, Giggs, Tévez (Saha 79), Rooney				
Cup	26/09/07	Coventry (H)	0-2	
Lineups: Kuszczak, Bardsley (Brown 45), Evans (Carrick 56), Piqué, Simpson, Nani, Martin (Campbell 45), O'Shea, Eagles, Dong, Anderson				
League	29/09/07	Birmingham City FC (A)	1-0	Cristiano Ronaldo 51
Lineups: Van der Sar (Kuszczak 46), Brown, Ferdinand, Vidić, Evra, Cristiano Ronaldo, Carrick, Scholes, Giggs (Saha 64), Rooney, Tévez (O'Shea 89)				
League	06/10/07	Wigan Athletic FC (H)		
League	20/10/07	Aston Villa FC (A)		
League	27/10/07	Middlesbrough FC (H)		
League	03/11/07	Arsenal FC (A)		
League	10/11/07	Blackburn Rovers FC (H)		
League	24/11/07	Bolton Wanderers FC (A)		
League	01/12/07	Fulham FC (H)		
League	08/12/07	Derby County FC (H)		
League	15/12/07	Liverpool FC (A)		
League	22/12/07	Everton FC (H)		
League	26/12/07	Sunderland AFC (A)		
League	29/12/07	West Ham United FC (A)		
League	01/01/08	Birmingham City FC (H)		
League	12/01/08	Newcastle United FC (H)		
League	19/01/08	Reading FC (A)		
League	30/01/08	Portsmouth FC (H)		
League	02/02/08	Tottenham Hotspur FC (A)		
League	10/02/08	Manchester City FC (H)		
League	23/02/08	Newcastle United FC (A)		
League	01/03/08	Fulham FC (A)		

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1	Arsenal FC	7	6	1	0	16	4	19
2	Manchester United FC	8	5	2	1	7	2	17
3	Manchester City FC	8	5	1	2	11	6	16
4	Liverpool FC	7	4	3	0	12	2	15
5	Everton FC	8	4	1	3	10	8	13
6	Portsmouth FC	8	3	3	2	15	12	12
7	Blackburn Rovers FC	7	3	3	1	7	5	12
8	Chelsea FC	8	3	3	2	7	8	12
9	Newcastle United FC	7	3	2	2	10	8	11
10	Aston Villa FC	6	3	1	2	7	4	10
11	West Ham United FC	7	3	1	3	9	7	10
12	Wigan Athletic FC	8	2	2	4	8	8	8
13	Birmingham City FC	8	2	2	4	7	10	8
14	Middlesbrough FC	8	2	2	4	9	13	8
15	Sunderland AFC	8	2	2	4	8	13	8
16	Fulham FC	8	1	4	3	12	14	7
17	Reading FC	8	2	1	5	9	18	7
18	Tottenham Hotspur FC	7	1	2	4	10	12	5
19	Bolton Wanderers FC	8	1	2	5	9	13	5
20	Derby County FC	8	1	2	5	5	21	5

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AS Roma (Serie A)

Comp.	Date	Opponent	Res.	Goalscorers
League	26/08/07	US Città di Palermo (A)	2-0	Mexes 4, Aquilani 28
League	02/09/07	AC Siena (H)	3-0	Aquilani 17, Giuly 82, Totti 88
League	16/09/07	Reggina Calcio (A)	2-0	Juan 49, Totti 83
League	23/09/07	Juventus (H)	2-2	Totti 30, 35
Lineups: Doni, Cassetti (Cicinho 28), Juan, Mexes, Tonetto, Aquilani, De Rossi, Perrotta, Taddei (Brighi 84), Mancini (Giuly 62), Totti				
League	26/09/07	ACF Fiorentina (A)	2-2	Mancini 19, Giuly 37
Lineups: Doni, Cicinho (Esposito 84), Ferrari, Mexes, Tonetto, De Rossi, Mancini (Panucci 66), Pizarro, Taddei (Aquilani 35), Giuly, Vučinić				
League	29/09/07	FC Internazionale Milano (H)	1-4	Perrotta 54
Lineups: Doni, Juan, Mexes, Panucci (Cicinho 70), Tonetto, De Rossi, Mancini (Vučinić 70), Perrotta, Pizarro, Giuly, Totti (Esposito 76)				
League	07/10/07	Parma FC (A)		
League	21/10/07	SSC Napoli (H)		
League	28/10/07	AC Milan (A)		
League	31/10/07	S.S. Lazio (H)		
League	04/11/07	Empoli FC (A)		
League	11/11/07	Cagliari Calcio (H)		
League	25/11/07	Genoa Cricket and Football Club (A)		
League	02/12/07	Udinese Calcio (H)		
League	09/12/07	AS Livorno Calcio (A)		
League	16/12/07	Torino FC (A)		
League	23/12/07	UC Sampdoria (H)		
League	13/01/08	Atalanta BC (A)		
League	20/01/08	Calcio Catania (H)		
League	27/01/08	US Città di Palermo (H)		
League	03/02/08	AC Siena (A)		
League	10/02/08	Reggina Calcio (H)		
League	17/02/08	Juventus (A)		
League	24/02/08	ACF Fiorentina (H)		
League	27/02/08	FC Internazionale Milano (A)		
League	02/03/08	Parma FC (H)		

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1	FC Internazionale Milano	6	4	2	0	14	4	14
2	Juventus	6	4	1	1	15	6	13
3	ACF Fiorentina	6	3	3	0	12	6	12
4	AS Roma	6	3	2	1	12	8	11
5	SSC Napoli	6	3	1	2	9	4	10
6	US Città di Palermo	6	3	1	2	9	9	10
7	Udinese Calcio	6	3	1	2	8	10	10
8	Atalanta BC	6	2	3	1	8	8	9
9	Genoa Cricket and Football Club	6	2	3	1	6	7	9
10	UC Sampdoria	6	2	2	2	5	6	8
11	AC Milan	6	1	4	1	8	6	7
12	S.S. Lazio	6	1	4	1	7	6	7
13	Cagliari Calcio	6	2	1	3	7	8	7
14	Parma FC	6	1	3	2	7	8	6
15	Calcio Catania	6	1	3	2	4	6	6
16	Empoli FC	6	1	2	3	4	7	5
17	Torino FC	6	0	4	2	6	9	4
18	AC Siena	6	0	3	3	4	9	3
19	Reggina Calcio	6	0	3	3	4	12	3
20	AS Livorno Calcio	6	0	2	4	6	16	2

UEFA information

EXCO meeting

UEFA President Michel Platini has outlined his reasons for writing to European government heads to express his concern about the threat posed by "the malign and ever-present influence of money" within European football. "We are asking the political authorities to help us," Mr Platini said after the UEFA Executive Committee meeting in Istanbul last Thursday. "Football is an enormous social resource which has taken on an enormous dimension, but it exists in no treaty. A lot of money has come into football because of its popularity, but since a lot of money has come into the game, not many rules have come alongside this money, and this is what I regret. We are approaching political people to help us to be able to regulate ourselves in the interests of football."

Turning to the issues of violence and racism in stadiums, Mr Platini repeated the policy of zero tolerance towards those who engage in such conduct. "We can take strong decisions – if we have to exclude supporters from stadiums or suspend clubs, we will, until the day that we have people in the stadiums who come to watch football, not to cause problems." Mr Platini also said he would applaud any referee who, in agreement with the match delegate, decided to stop a game because of racist conduct in stadiums. "Some things are fundamental in life," he explained. "A football match is important but there is conduct that we cannot tolerate in the stadiums."

Coach symposium

UEFA Champions League playing trends was a key theme at the seventh UEFA Symposium for Coach Education Directors in London from 24-26 September. UEFA technical director Andy Roxburgh reviewed last season's competition, based on thoughts by the Technical Study Group, which included Arsène Wenger, Marcello Lippi, Gérard Houllier and Valeri Gazzaev as well as the participants at the recent UEFA Elite Club Coaches Forum in Nyon.

Roxburgh said: "The UEFA Champions League is a benchmark for football standards and a yardstick for coaches." The central core was the small margin between winning and losing – in the knockout stage, two thirds of games were decided by a single goal and Wenger was quoted as saying: "In 2006/07 each of the 16 teams could have gone to the final." Among the trends noted were the importance of quick breaks and counterattacks, the high proportion of late goals – in the final 15 minutes – how adaptable teams needed to be, the vital importance of concentration, how well-organised every side was, and the crucial nature of specialist set-piece takers, combination play, pressing, keeping the ball and individual flair.

Healthy hearts

Liverpool FC captain Steven Gerrard and his former manager Gérard Houllier joined UEFA in supporting the World Heart Federation's World Heart Day initiative on Sunday. "More than skill, technique or athleticism, football is about heart," said Gerrard. "That's why I'm encouraging everyone to team up for healthy hearts for this year's World Heart Day - to eat healthily, take regular exercise and avoid smoking." Sports psychologist Jacques Crevoisier added: "Working at the very top level of football, I know the importance teamwork plays. By working together you are much more likely to achieve your goals."

Key dates

The 2007/08 UEFA Champions League group stage will be played over six matchdays - 18/19 September, 2/3 October, 23/24 October, 6/7 November, 27/28 November and 11/12 December. The first knockout round will follow over two legs on 19/20 February and 4/5 March after the draw in Nyon on 21 December. The draw for the quarter-finals, semi-finals and final will be staged on 14 March. The last eight will be played on 1/2 and 8/9 April before the semi-finals on 22/23 and 29/30 April. The 2008 UEFA Champions League final will be played in Moscow on 21 May, before UEFA EURO 2008™ kicks off in Austria and Switzerland on 7 June.

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Match-by-match lineups - Group F

Club	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
AS Roma	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Manchester United FC	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Sporting Clube de Portugal	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
FC Dynamo Kyiv	1	0	0	1	0	2	0

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
19.09.2007	Roma - Dynamo Kyiv	2-0	Stadio Olimpico, Rome
Goals: 1-0 Perrotta 9 , 2-0 Totti 70			
Roma: Doni, Juan (Ferrari 82), Mexes, Aquilani (Pizarro 83), Totti, Taddei, De Rossi, Perrotta, Tonetto, Mancini (Giuly 61), Cassetti			
19.09.2007	Sporting - Man. United	0-1	José Alvalade, Lisbon
Goals: 0-1 Cristiano Ronaldo 62			
Man. United: Van der Sar, Evra, Ferdinand, Brown, Cristiano Ronaldo (Tévez 87), Rooney (Saha 72), Giggs (Anderson 76), Vidić, Carrick, Nani, Scholes			
02.10.2007	Man. United - Roma	-	Old Trafford, Manchester
02.10.2007	Dynamo Kyiv - Sporting	-	NSC Olympiyskiy Stadium, Kiev
23.10.2007	Dynamo Kyiv - Man. United	-	NSC Olympiyskiy Stadium, Kiev
23.10.2007	Roma - Sporting	-	Stadio Olimpico, Rome
07.11.2007	Man. United - Dynamo Kyiv	-	Old Trafford, Manchester
07.11.2007	Sporting - Roma	-	José Alvalade, Lisbon
27.11.2007	Dynamo Kyiv - Roma	-	NSC Olympiyskiy Stadium, Kiev
27.11.2007	Man. United - Sporting	-	Old Trafford, Manchester
12.12.2007	Roma - Man. United	-	Stadio Olimpico, Rome
12.12.2007	Sporting - Dynamo Kyiv	-	José Alvalade, Lisbon

Competition facts

• **UEFA Champions League:** Group stage milestones

Holders AC Milan will be keen to avoid becoming the first defending champions to fail to get through a group stage since the UEFA Champions League began. (This record, like the others, includes the seasons between 1999/00 and 2002/03 that featured a second group stage)

In 1992/93, FC Barcelona were the reigning European Champion Clubs' Cup holders and were beaten 4-3 on aggregate in the second round by PFC CSKA Moskva.

S.S. Lazio goalkeeper Marco Ballotta is the oldest player to compete in the UEFA Champions League, taking to the field at Olympiacos CFP on 18 September 2007 at the age of 43 years and 168 days. The custodian shattered the record held by Alessandro Costacurta, the AC Milan defender who played against AEK Athens FC in the 2006/07 season at the age of 40 years and 211 days. 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 CFP 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 when he started for RSC Anderlecht against FC Steaua Bucuresti on 23 November 1994. He was then sent off in the 37th minute.

In 2006/07, PFC Levski Sofia joined 1. FC Košice in being the only team to have played in the UEFA Champions League and never picked up a point. The Slovakian side have not returned to the competition since losing all six games in their only campaign to date in 1997/98. Only five other teams have ever gone through a single group stage campaign without picking up a point namely SK Rapid Wien (05/06), RSC Anderlecht (04/05), FC Spartak Moskva and Bayer 04 Leverkusen (02/03, first and second group stage respectively) and Fenerbahçe SK (01/02, first group stage).

Levski also conceded 17 goals in their six outings last term, just two short of the record number let in during a group stage set by Ferencvárosi TC (19) in the 1995/96 campaign.

Before their 3-1 win against Sporting Clube de Portugal on Matchday 6 of the 2006/07 campaign, FC Spartak Moskva went 22 games without a win in the competition, surpassing the unwanted record set by AEK Athens FC on Matchday 3 of the same campaign.

The lowest total for a team qualifying from the group stage is seven points. The first to do it, since three points for a win was introduced in 1995/96, were Legia Warszawa that same season before Bayer 04 Leverkusen managed it in 1999/00 and Liverpool FC in 2001/02. FC Lokomotiv Moskva and eventual finalists Juventus both progressed with seven points in 2002/03, a feat achieved by Rangers FC and Werder Bremen in 2005/06.

• **UEFA Champions League:** Did you know?

Domestic champions: This season's competition features 13 domestic league winners from last season, but only Group G of the eight groups features four domestic title-holders - namely PSV Eindhoven, FC Internazionale Milano, Fenerbahçe SK and PFC CSKA Moskva. Alongside the 13 champions, there are ten runners-up and six third-placed finishers. The holders AC Milan, Arsenal FC, Valencia CF are the only clubs in the group stage to have finished in fourth place in their domestic league championship.

Consecutive participations: This season, Manchester United FC have extended their consecutive participation in the UEFA Champions League to 12, a record in the competition. PSV Eindhoven, Olympiacos CFP and Real Madrid CF are making their eleventh consecutive appearances, one ahead of Arsenal FC.

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Knockout streak: In qualifying for the 2006/07 knockout stage, Real Madrid CF surpassed Manchester United FC's record of nine consecutive seasons (which ended in 2005/06) in advancing past the group stage. Madrid have featured in the knockout phase every time since the 1996/97 campaign. Madrid, have won the competition three times in the last ten years while they advanced as far as the semi-finals twice and the quarter-finals twice. However, in the last three seasons their interest in the competition has ended at the first knockout round.

European return: Of all 32 clubs, S.S. Lazio, Rosenborg BK and VfB Stuttgart did not participate in a UEFA club competition during the 2006/07 season.

Past masters: Six clubs competing in the 2007/08 UEFA Champions League were involved in the competition when it started during the 1992/93 season. Olympique de Marseille were champions, beating AC Milan in the final, while PSV Eindhoven, PFC CSKA Moskva, FC Porto and Rangers FC all participated in the group stage. In addition, VfB Stuttgart, AEK Athens FC and FC Barcelona were knocked out in the two rounds preceding the group stage that marked the competition proper.

Long road for debutants: Six clubs have advanced to the group stage from the European Champion Clubs' Cup second qualifying round including one of this season's two debutants, SK Slavia Praha. They are joined by Rangers, FC Shakhtar Donetsk, FC Steaua Bucuresti, Beşiktaş JK and Rosenborg as clubs who had to play four matches to claim their place in the group stage of the competition. A debutant has not won the competition since Juventus in 1995/96, the Italian side becoming the third club to achieve this following Olympique de Marseille (1992/93, first UEFA Champions League final) and AFC Ajax (1994/95).

Sevilla FC join Slavia in competing in the UEFA Champions League for the first time, although both clubs have previous experience of the European Champion Clubs' Cup.

No qualifiers: Of the 32 clubs involved in the group stage, only AS Roma and FC Schalke 04 have yet to play a qualifying round match in order to reach the UEFA Champions League. Roma are making their fifth appearance in the competition, Schalke their third.

Pedigree: Four of the former winners of the competition since it included a group stage element from the 1992/93 season are not participating in this season's UEFA Champions League, namely AFC Ajax (1994/95), Juventus (1995/96), BV Borussia Dortmund (1996/97) and FC Bayern München (2000/01). Of the last ten winners of the competition, Real Madrid CF (three), Manchester United FC, AC Milan (two), FC Porto, Liverpool FC and FC Barcelona, only FC Bayern München are not involved. Only two winners from the last ten UEFA Cup finals are not involved in this season's UEFA Champions League group stage, namely Parma FC (1998/99) and Feyenoord (2001/02). Liverpool and Porto have won both competitions in the past decade, while the remaining UEFA Cup winners in that time are FC Internazionale Milano, Galatasaray SK, Valencia CF, PFC CSKA Moskva and Sevilla FC (two).

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

Biggest wins

7-0: Juventus v Olympiacos CFP (10.12.2003)

7-1: Manchester United FC v AS Roma (10.04.2007)

6-0: Olympique de Marseille v PFC CSKA Moskva (17.03.1993)

6-0: Leeds United AFC v Beşiktaş JK (26.09.2000)

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

Most goals in a game

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

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

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

Only one team has scored more than five goals in an away game, Manchester United FC, winning 6-2 at Brøndby IF in 1998/99.

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Leading scorer in a season

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

Kaká finished as top scorer in 2006/07 with ten goals for AC Milan.

Four goals in a match

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

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

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

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

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

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

Fastest goal in a match

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

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

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

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

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

Fastest hat-tricks

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

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

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

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

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

Youngest players to score

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

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

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

17 years, 353 days: Karim Benzema (**Olympique Lyonnais** 2-1 Rosenborg BK, 06.12.2005)

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

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

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

Appearances: UEFA Champions League

Note: This list considers group stage to final only;

108 Raúl González (Real Madrid CF)

108 Roberto Carlos (Real Madrid CF, Fenerbahçe SK)

105 Paolo Maldini (AC Milan)

103 David Beckham (Manchester United FC, Real Madrid CF)

103 Oliver Kahn (FC Bayern München)

98 Gary Neville (Manchester United FC)

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

96 Ryan Giggs (Manchester United FC)

96 Paul Scholes (Manchester United FC)

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

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

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

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50 Ruud van Nistelrooy (PSV Eindhoven, Manchester United FC, Real Madrid CF)
47 Andriy Shevchenko (FC Dynamo Kyiv, AC Milan, Chelsea FC)
43 Thierry Henry (AS Monaco FC, Arsenal FC, FC Barcelona)
39 Filippo Inzaghi (Juventus, AC Milan)
37 Alessandro Del Piero (Juventus)

Appearances: UEFA club competition

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

Goals: UEFA club competition

62 Gerd Müller (FC Bayern München)
60 Filippo Inzaghi (Parma FC, Juventus, AC Milan)
60 Andriy Shevchenko (FC Dynamo Kyiv, AC Milan, Chelsea FC)
59 Raúl González (Real Madrid CF)
56 Eusébio (SL Benfica)
54 Ruud van Nistelrooy (PSV Eindhoven, Manchester United FC, Real Madrid CF)
52 Henrik Larsson (Feyenoord, Celtic FC, FC Barcelona, Manchester United FC, Helsingborgs IF)
51 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.

57 Raúl González (Real Madrid CF)
56 Andriy Shevchenko (FC Dynamo Kyiv, AC Milan, Chelsea FC)
54 Ruud van Nistelrooy (PSV Eindhoven, Manchester United FC, Real Madrid CF)
49 Alfredo Di Stéfano (Real Madrid CF)
47 Eusébio (SL Benfica)
43 Thierry Henry (AS Monaco FC, Arsenal FC, FC Barcelona)
43 Filippo Inzaghi (Juventus, AC Milan)

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Team facts

Manchester United FC

UEFA club competition milestones

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

UEFA Champions League milestones

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

UEFA club competition honours

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

Ten-year record (including current season)

2006/07: UEFA Champions League - semi-finals

2005/06: UEFA Champions League - group stage

2004/05: UEFA Champions League - first knockout round

2003/04: UEFA Champions League - first knockout round

2002/03: UEFA Champions League - quarter-finals

2001/02: UEFA Champions League - semi-finals

2000/01: UEFA Champions League - quarter-finals

1999/00: UEFA Champions League - quarter-finals

1998/99: UEFA Champions League - winners

1997/98: UEFA Champions League - quarter-finals

2006/07 season

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

European record: United recorded four wins, including home and away triumphs against SL Benfica, to top Group F although they did lose 1-0 to FC København and Celtic FC on Matchdays 4 and 5. LOSC Lille Métropole (2-0 on aggregate) were dispatched in the first knockout round before a resounding 7-1 home win against AS Roma sealed an 8-3 aggregate against the Italian side in the quarter-finals. However, eventual winners AC Milan proved too strong in the last four, winning 5-3 including a 3-0 success in the San Siro second leg.

Key facts

UEFA club competition

• Pld: 237 W: 124 D: 61 L: 52 GF: 430 GA: 235

UEFA Champions League (group stage to final)

• Pld: 128 W: 66 D: 31 L: 31 GF: 227 GA: 128

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European Champion Clubs' Cup/UEFA Champions League

• Pld: 181 W: 100 D: 41 L: 40 GF: 353 GA: 181

Records

UEFA club competition

• Biggest win

10-0: Manchester United FC v RSC Anderlecht

26.09.1956, European Champion Clubs' Cup preliminary round second leg

• Biggest home win

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

• Biggest away win

0-6: Shamrock Rovers FC v Manchester United FC

25.09.1957, European Champion Clubs' Cup preliminary round first leg

• Heaviest defeat

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

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

• Heaviest home defeat

0-1: Manchester United FC v AC Milan

23.02.2005, UEFA Champions League first knockout round first leg

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

17.10.2001, UEFA Champions League first group stage

0-1: Manchester United FC v FC Bayern München

03.04.2001, UEFA Champions League quarter-finals first leg

2-3: Manchester United FC v Real Madrid CF

19.04.2000, UEFA Champions League quarter-final second leg

0-1: Manchester United FC v BV Borussia Dortmund

23.04.1997, UEFA Champions League semi-final second leg

0-1: Manchester United FC v Juventus

20.11.1996, UEFA Champions League group stage

0-1: Manchester United FC v Fenerbahçe SK

30.10.1996, UEFA Champions League group stage

• Heaviest away defeat

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

UEFA Champions League (group stage to final only)

• Biggest win

7-1: Manchester United FC v AS Roma

10.04.2007, UEFA Champions League quarter-final second leg

• Biggest home win

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

• Biggest away win

2-6: Brøndby IF v Manchester United FC

21.10.1998, UEFA Champions League group stage

• Heaviest defeat

4-0: FC Barcelona v Manchester United FC

02.11.1994, UEFA Champions League group stage

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- Heaviest home defeat

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- Heaviest away defeat

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

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AS Roma

UEFA club competition milestones

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

UEFA Champions League milestones

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

UEFA club competition honours

- N/A.

Ten-year record

2006/07: UEFA Champions League - quarter-finals

2005/06: UEFA Cup - Round of 16

2004/05: UEFA Champions League - group stage

2003/04: UEFA Cup - third round

2002/03: UEFA Champions League - second group stage

2001/02: UEFA Champions League - second group stage

2000/01: UEFA Cup - fourth round

1999/00: UEFA Cup - fourth round

1998/99: UEFA Cup - quarter-finals

1997/98: Did not compete in UEFA club competition

2006/07 season

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

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

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Key facts

UEFA club competition

• Pld: 173 W: 81 D: 39 L: 53 GF: 239 GA: 163

UEFA Champions League (group stage to final)

• Pld: 41 W: 12 D: 15 L: 14 GF: 41 GA: 50

European Champion Clubs' Cup/UEFA Champions League

• Pld: 50 W: 17 D: 16 L: 17 GF: 55 GA: 57

Records

UEFA club competition

• Biggest win

7-0: AS Roma v NK Gorica

28.09.2000, UEFA Cup first round second leg

7-0: AS Roma v Vitória FC

16.09.1999, UEFA Cup first round first leg

• Biggest home win

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

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

• Biggest away win

0-3: Valencia CF v AS Roma

26.02.2003, UEFA Champions League second group stage

0-3: Hamburger SV v AS Roma

07.12.2000, UEFA Cup third round second leg

1-4: NK Gorica v AS Roma

14.09.2000, UEFA Cup first round first leg

1-4: FC Wacker Innsbruck v AS Roma

16.09.1992, UEFA Cup first round first leg

• Heaviest defeat

7-1: Manchester United v AS Roma

10.04.2007, UEFA Champions League quarter-finals second leg

• Heaviest home defeat

0-3: AS Roma v Real Madrid CF

08.12.2004, UEFA Champions League group stage

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

15.09.2004, UEFA Champions League group stage

0-3: AS Roma v Real Madrid CF

17.02.2002, UEFA Champions League first group stage

• Heaviest away defeat

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

UEFA Champions League (group stage to final only)

• Biggest win

4-0: AS Roma v FC Shakhtar Donetsk

12/09/2006, UEFA Champions League group stage

• Biggest home win

4-0: AS Roma v FC Shakhtar Donetsk (see above for details)

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- Biggest away win

0-3: Valencia CF v AS Roma (see above for details)

- Heaviest defeat

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

- Heaviest home defeat

0-3: AS Roma v Real Madrid CF (see above for details)

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

0-3: AS Roma v Real Madrid CF (see above for details)

- Heaviest away defeat

7-1: Manchester United FC v AS Roma (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.

• **Format:** The UEFA Champions League group stage draw in Monaco on 31 August saw the 32 teams divided into eight groups of four. Clubs from the same association could not be drawn into the same group. Each club plays one home and one away match against each other club in its group. Three points are awarded for a win, one point for a draw and no points for a defeat. If two or more teams are equal on points on completion of the group matches, the following criteria are applied to determine the rankings.

- a) higher number of points obtained in the group matches played among the teams in question;
- b) superior goal difference from the group matches played among the teams in question;
- c) higher number of goals scored away from home in the group matches played among the teams in question;
- d) superior goal difference from all group matches played;
- e) higher number of goals scored;
- f) higher number of coefficient points accumulated by the club in question as well as its association, over the previous five seasons.

The eight group-winners and eight runners-up of the group stage qualify for the first knockout round, to be played over two legs on 19/20 February and 4/5 March 2007. The clubs that finish this stage in third position in their group move into the Round of 32 of the UEFA Cup. The clubs that finish this stage in fourth position in their group are eliminated from UEFA club competition for the season. This year's UEFA Champions League final is in Moscow on 21 May 2008.

• **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. UEFA is concerned some clubs are not training enough of their own players, but simply taking them from elsewhere. The proposed measures have the objective of creating a better balance in domestic competitions, preventing clubs from simply 'hoarding' players in squads and creating a system whereby locally-trained players would be given a greater opportunity to play regularly in club sides - ensuring a large reservoir of talent for national teams as a consequence.

• **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. Such registration must be completed by 1 February at the latest. 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.

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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 European 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