

Manchester United FC - FC Porto

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Match background

The statistics suggest there should be only one possible outcome when Manchester United FC welcome FC Porto to Old Trafford for the first leg of their quarter-final.

- United are unbeaten in 21 matches in the UEFA Champions League and enter this contest also aiming to extend a run of 19 games without defeat at Old Trafford in the competition. Add the fact that Porto have never won in England, where ten of eleven visits have ended in defeat, and United start as strong favourites.
- Yet the memory of the one occasion that the Portuguese outfit did come away with something – a 1-1 draw at Old Trafford in the 2003/04 season – offers the visitors hope that they might overturn the odds once more. Porto eliminated United from the UEFA Champions League on 9 March 2004, Costinha's last-gasp equaliser cancelling out a Paul Scholes goal and earning a 3-2 aggregate triumph in that last-16 contest.
- As they plot another upset, Jesualdo Ferreira's men can take heart from the fact they finished ahead of another Premier League club, Arsenal FC, in the group stage and – having never lost at home to English opposition – they will strive to ensure they return from Manchester with hopes of progress still intact.
- Longer-serving Porto supporters may also recall that their club has loosened Sir Alex Ferguson's grip on a European trophy before. In the 1983/84 UEFA Cup Winners' Cup campaign, Porto stopped the Scot's Aberdeen FC side at the semi-final stage, so ending his hopes of retaining the first piece of silverware he won in European football.
- United reached the last eight with a 2-0 aggregate success against Italian champions FC Internazionale Milano (0-0 away, 2-0 home). They had previously topped Group E with a record of W2 D4 L0 and are one of three sides still unbeaten in the competition alongside FC Bayern München and Liverpool FC.
- Porto advanced by defeating Club Atlético de Madrid on away goals after a 2-2 aggregate draw (2-2 away, 0-0 home). Prior to that they had finished top of Group G with a record of W4 D0 L2.
- This is United's 15th quarter-final tie in Europe's élite club competition and their record is: P14 W10 L4.
- Sir Alex's men beat AS Roma at this stage in both 2007 and 2008 and are now seeking a third consecutive semi-final appearance – a first for the English champions.
- Porto's quarter-final record is: P5 W3 L2.
- Porto went on to capture the European crown on the two previous occasions they came through a quarter-final – on their first appearance in the last eight, in 1987, and again on their most recent appearance in 2004.



- Porto have won two of the clubs' three previous two-legged contests. The Portuguese side beat United 6-5 on aggregate in the second round of the 1977/78 UEFA Cup Winners' Cup, winning 4-0 at home before United mounted a brave, if ultimately futile, fightback with a 5-2 victory at Old Trafford.
- United came out on top when the sides met again in the 1996/97 UEFA Champions League quarter-finals, recording a 4-0 first-leg success before a goalless draw in Portugal. Ryan Giggs scored United's third goal at Old Trafford, and Gary Neville and Scholes also featured in the tie.
- Porto made it 2-1 in the series with their aforementioned upset of United in the 2003/04 first knockout round. Benni McCarthy's two goals in the first leg at the Estádio do Dragão overturned Quinton Fortune's opening strike for the visitors, before Costinha's late heroics in Manchester secured progress for José Mourinho's team.
- The teams for that 2004 encounter at Old Trafford were:
Man Utd: Tim Howard, Phil Neville, Gary Neville, Wes Brown, John O'Shea, Darren Fletcher (Cristiano Ronaldo 75 (Ole Gunnar Solskjær 83)), Eric Djemba-Djemba (Louis Saha 46), Nicky Butt, Ryan Giggs, Paul Scholes, Ruud van Nistelrooy.
Porto: Vítor Baía, Paulo Ferreira, Jorge Costa (Pedro Emanuel 37), Ricardo Carvalho, Nuno Valente, Dmitri Alenichev (Ricardo Fernandes 81), Costinha, Maniche, Deco, Carlos Alberto (Edgaras Jankauskas 61), Benni McCarthy.
- United's overall record against Portuguese opposition is: W13 D2 L4. Their home record is: W8 D1 L0.
- United's most recent encounter with a Portuguese side came in last season's group stage when they recorded home and away wins against Sporting Clube de Portugal. Cristiano Ronaldo scored the winning goal in both ties against his first club.
- United lifted the European Champion Clubs' Cup for the first time in 1968 after beating Portugal's SL Benfica 4-1 in the final at Wembley.
- Porto's overall record against English opposition is: W5 D7 L10. Their away record in England is: W0 D1 L10.
- Porto have conceded eight goals on their last two visits to England, going down 4-1 at Liverpool last season and 4-0 at Arsenal in the group stage of this campaign. Yet they did beat the Gunners 2-0 at home in December.
- United midfielder Anderson spent two seasons with Porto between 2005 and 2007. Signed from Grêmio FBPA, the Brazilian made three league appearances in his first campaign in Portugal but in the second featured 15 times, scoring twice and collecting a championship winner's medal.
- United pair Ronaldo and Nani will need no introduction to their Portuguese international team-mates in the Porto camp, Bruno Alves and Raul Meireles.
- AC Milan's semi-final success against United in May 2007 was the last time an English team lost to a foreign opponent in a UEFA Champions League knockout tie.
- The return leg will take place on Wednesday 15 April at the Estádio do Dragão.
- The victorious team from this tie will face either Villarreal CF or Arsenal in the semi-finals.

Match facts

Manchester United

UEFA milestones

- United extended the record for the longest unbeaten run in UEFA Champions League history with their win against FC Internazionale Milano on Matchday 8. The holders last lost in the competition at AC Milan on 2 May 2007 and have won 12 of their subsequent 21 games, drawing nine. AFC Ajax (14 September 1994 to 3 April 1996) and FC Bayern München (14 March 2001 to 10 April 2002) shared the previous record of 19 matches without defeat.

UEFA Champions League statistics

- Cristiano Ronaldo has had more shots on target (18) and off target (16) than any other player still involved in the competition.
- United have conceded just three goals to date, the best record in the competition.
- The holders have scored only eleven times to date, the joint-lowest total of the quarter-finalists along with Porto.

- United have managed 67 shots wide and won 57 corners, more than any other team left in the competition.
- United have collected only eight yellow cards, fewer than any other side in the last eight.

Disciplinary information

- Wayne Rooney's next yellow card will incur a ban.

Latest domestic information

• Sunday 5 April: Manchester United FC 3-2 Aston Villa FC (Ronaldo 14 80, Macheda 90; Carew 30, Agbonlahor 58)

United were without Rooney, Paul Scholes and Nemanja Vidić through suspension yet took the lead when Ryan Giggs tapped a ten-metre free-kick for Ronaldo to fire in. The visitors drew level when John Carew rose above Gary Neville to head in Gareth Barry's right-wing centre before Carew crossed for Gabriel Agbonlahor to head Villa in front. The home side were on course to suffer a third successive league defeat for the first time since December 2001, only for Ronaldo to lash in a fine equaliser before 17-year-old debutant Federico Macheda curled in in added time to secure a victory that took the champions back above Liverpool FC at the top of the table.

• "We've been over this ground many times; the drama, the fans, the celebrations – you want to see that," said Sir Alex Ferguson. "[At 2-2] I thought 'gamble' – winning is what the game is about and we deserved the win today because we took a chance. We didn't defend well but we always looked like scoring and that's always exciting. At this time of year teams drop points: we've had a blip but we're back today, despite having eight players missing."

- United have conceded eight goals in their last three league games – more than in the previous 23 put together.
- Macheda replaced Nani after 61 minutes to make his senior debut for United. He had struck a hat-trick for United's reserve side against Newcastle United FC on 30 March, completing his haul a minute from time to earn a 3-3 draw.
- United's eleven-match winning run in the Premier League had come to an emphatic end on 14 March as they went down 4-1 to Liverpool at Old Trafford despite taking the lead through Ronaldo's 23rd-minute penalty. Goals from Fernando Torres (28) and Steven Gerrard (44) turned the game around before Vidić was sent off with 14 minutes left, leaving Fábio Aurélio (77) and Andrea Dossena (90) to complete a miserable afternoon for the home side, who had last tasted defeat at Old Trafford in the FA Cup quarter-finals against Portsmouth FC on 8 March 2008.
- The Liverpool loss was United's first at home in the Premier League since a 2-1 defeat by Manchester City FC on 10 February 2008, and their heaviest home or away since a 3-0 loss at AC Milan in the UEFA Champions League semi-final second leg on 2 May 2007. United had not lost by a three-goal margin at Old Trafford since a 3-0 reverse against Chelsea FC on 1 December 2001.
- Nine-man United went down again against Fulham FC on 21 March, losing 2-0 at Craven Cottage to end a 45-year unbeaten away record against their opponents. Scholes was shown a red card for handball in conceding the penalty from which Danny Murphy gave Fulham an 18th-minute lead and Zoltán Gera wrapped up the win three minutes from time, Rooney collecting a second yellow card two minutes later.
- United had not lost successive league games since defeats at Norwich City FC and Everton FC in April 2005.
- The Liverpool loss ended United's unbeaten run of 16 matches in all competitions, of which 14 had been won. They had lost only once in 31 games prior to that defeat and had claimed 19 victories in their previous 22 games in all competitions.
- Liverpool's victory also halted United's nine-match winning streak at home since a 2-2 draw with Aalborg BK on Matchday 6. United have won all but four of their 23 home games this season, drawing three and losing to Liverpool.
- Peter Løvenkrands' goal for Newcastle on 4 March was the first conceded by Edwin van der Sar in the league in 1,311 minutes, since Samir Nasri's 48th-minute strike for Arsenal on 8 November. Former Club Brugge KV goalkeeper Dany Verlinden holds the European record for the longest run without conceding in a European top flight having gone 1,390 minutes unbeaten in 16 matches from 3 March 1990 to 26 September 1990.
- Roque Santa Cruz's goal for Blackburn Rovers FC on 21 February was the first United had conceded in the Premier League in 1,334 minutes, a match for which Van der Sar was rested. They had kept 14 consecutive clean sheets, but have now conceded in their last five league matches.

- Giggs registered the only goal in United's win at West Ham United FC on 8 February, meaning he has scored a league goal in each of his 19 seasons with the club. The Welshman is also the only player to find the net in all 17 seasons of the Premier League era.

- United will play Everton in the FA Cup semi-finals at Wembley on 19 April.

Injury news

- Wes Brown – out 25 October to 27 January and since 31 January (ankle)
- Rafael – out since 21 February (ankle)
- Gary Neville – out since 31 January (groin)
- Dimitar Berbatov – out since 21 March (ankle)
- Rio Ferdinand – out 21 March to 1 April (back/groin) and since 1 April (groin)
- Anderson – out since 14 March (groin)

- Owen Hargreaves has dropped out of United's UEFA Champions League squad and is not expected to play again this season having been out since 21 September due to a knee injury.

International news

- Rooney scored twice as England defeated Slovakia 4-0 in a friendly at Wembley on 28 March, Ben Foster and Carrick appearing as second-half substitutes. Four days later Rooney and Ferdinand helped England to a 2-1 home win against Ukraine in 2010 FIFA World Cup qualifying Group 6.

- In Group 3, Jonny Evans scored his first competitive international goal as Northern Ireland defeated Poland 3-2, also featuring in the 1-0 home win against Slovenia that followed, while Patrice Evra helped France record home and away 1-0 wins against Lithuania in Group 7. Vidić was in the Serbia side that won 3-2 in Romania in the same section, also appearing in a 2-0 friendly win against Sweden.

- There were mixed fortunes for Darren Fletcher in Group 9 as Scotland lost 3-0 in the Netherlands but overcame Iceland 2-1, while John O'Shea helped the Republic of Ireland to 1-1 draws against Bulgaria and Italy in Group 8. An unused substitute in the first game, Darron Gibson was a second-half replacement in Bari. Ronaldo played as Portugal shared a goalless Group 1 draw against Sweden before defeating World Cup hosts South Africa 2-0 in a friendly in which Nani also featured.

- Ji-Sung Park helped Korea Republic to a 2-1 friendly win against Iraq and a 1-0 defeat of neighbours North Korea in Asian qualifying, while in South America there were contrasting fortunes for Carlos Tévez, who scored in Argentina's 4-0 defeat of Venezuela and kept his place in the side for the 6-1 loss in Bolivia.

Miscellaneous

- Ben Foster celebrated his 26th birthday on 3 April.
- In January United paid a reported €17m to FK Partizan for Serbian duo Zoran Tošić and Adam Ljajić, with the latter returning to the Belgrade club on loan for the rest of the season. Tošić is ineligible for the UEFA Champions League.
- United will tour Asia in July, with games in China, Korea Republic, Indonesia and Malaysia. They will also join AC Milan, CA Boca Juniors and FC Bayern München in a four-team tournament in Munich on 29 and 30 July.
- United became the first English club to win the FIFA Club World Cup with a 1-0 defeat of LDU de Quito in Yokohama, Japan on 21 December, Rooney scoring the only goal.

Porto

UEFA milestones

- Lisandro's second goal in the first leg against Club Atlético de Madrid was Porto's 400th in UEFA club competition.

UEFA Champions League statistics

- Bruno Alves, Rolando, Cristián Rodríguez, Raul Meireles, Fernando, Lisandro and Hulk have featured in all eight of Porto's games in this season's competition, Alves and Rolando playing every minute.

- Porto have scored only eleven goals to date, the joint-lowest total of the quarter-finalists along with Manchester United.

Disciplinary information

- Rodríguez, Hulk and Cristian Săpunaru will incur a ban with their next bookings.

Latest domestic information

• Saturday 4 April: Vitória SC 1-3 FC Porto (Roberto 19; Farías 52, Mariano 58, Rolando 88)

Porto extended their unbeaten run to ten matches in Guimaraes, but had to come from behind after going in at half-time 1-0 down. Ernesto Farías, who had been brilliantly denied by home goalkeeper Nilson early on, equalised as he headed in Meireles' cross and Mariano then diverted in Tomás Costa's wayward effort. Rolando sealed the points, heading in Lucho's left-wing corner.

• Ferreira made four changes to the team that had beaten CF Estrela da Amadora in their previous outing, with Helton replacing Nuno in goal and Farías deputising for the suspended Lisandro. Having returned from international duty only 24 hours before the match Lucho and Cristián Rodríguez dropped to the bench, coming on as second-half substitutes, as Tomás Costa and Hulk came in.

• Porto have won their last eight away games in the Liga, scoring 25 goals and conceding seven. They have been less impressive at Estádio do Dragão of late, drawing four of their last six league fixtures at home.

• Rolando's goal was his first in the Liga for Porto, though he did register against FC Dynamo Kyiv on Matchday 4.

• Mariano's goal was his second in as many Liga outings having also registered in Porto's return to domestic action following Matchday 8 on 15 March. Goals midway through either half from he and Lucho earned a 2-0 Liga victory at home to A. Naval 1º Maio. With Fernando and Hulk suspended, and Fucile, Freddy Guarín and Nelson Benítez ruled out through injury, Andrés Madrid and Mariano both started.

• It was only Lucho's third league goal from open play this season, his other six coming from the penalty spot.

• Seven days later Lucho was again on target in another 2-0 win, this time at home against CF Estrela da Amadora in the Portuguese Cup semi-finals. The Argentinian broke the deadlock on 34 minutes and before half-time Raul Meireles had put the hosts in the driving seat in the last-four tie. The second leg is scheduled for 22 April.

• The Portuguese titleholders have conceded only 16 goals in the Liga this term, still double their total at this stage last season.

• With Lisandro suspended against Guimarães, Alves is the only ever-present left for Porto in the Liga this season, playing every minute.

Injury news

• Fucile – out since 15 February (left ankle)

• Freddy Guarín – out since 19 February (right ankle)

• Nelson Benítez – out since 24 February (right groin)

International news

• Alves and Meireles both started Portugal's goalless draw at home to Sweden in 2010 FIFA World Cup qualifying Group 1 on 28 March, Rolando coming on as a substitute just before the interval. Four days later he and Meireles were second-half replacements as the side claimed a 2-0 friendly win against South Africa in Switzerland, starter Alves scoring the opening goal.

• Lucho was also on target on 1 April, scoring Argentina's consolation in a shock 6-1 World Cup qualifying defeat by Bolivia in La Paz. Lisandro was an unused substitute, he and Lucho both having sat out the 4-0 win against Venezuela four days earlier.

• The result saw Argentina slip in the South American standings to fourth, with Uruguay just two points behind after Rodríguez helped Los Charrúas beat Paraguay 2-0 at home before drawing 0-0 in Chile.

• Săpunaru was an unused substitute as Romania suffered back-to-back losses to Serbia (3-2) and Austria (2-1).

• Hugo Ventura was in the Portugal Under-21 squad that won the Madeira International Tournament, an invitational competition which ran from 24-27 March and involved games against Cape Verde, Finland and a Madeira select side.

Miscellaneous

• Milan Stepanov celebrated his 26th birthday on 2 April while Săpunaru turned 25 three days later.

Squad list

Man. United

No.	Player	Nat.	DoB	Age	BL	Current season						All-time			
						UCLQ		UCL		League		UCL		UEFA	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers															
1	Edwin van der Sar	NED	29.10.1970	38	-	-	-	5	-	28	-	77	-	122	-
12	Ben Foster	ENG	03.04.1983	26	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
29	Tomasz Kuszczak	POL	20.03.1982	27	-	-	-	2	-	3	-	7	-	7	-
40	Ben Amos	ENG	10.04.1990	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders															
2	Gary Neville	ENG	18.02.1975	34	-	-	-	3	-	13	-	102	2	113	2
3	Patrice Evra	FRA	15.05.1981	27	-	-	-	6	-	22	-	44	1	53	1
5	Rio Ferdinand	ENG	07.11.1978	30	-	-	-	7	-	23	-	61	2	81	2
6	Wes Brown	ENG	13.10.1979	29	-	-	-	2	-	7	1	57	1	60	1
15	Nemanja Vidić	SRB	21.10.1981	27	-	-	-	4	1	27	4	21	2	36	6
20	Fabio	BRA	09.07.1990	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
21	Rafael	BRA	09.07.1990	18	-	-	-	3	-	11	1	3	-	3	-
22	John O'Shea	IRL	30.04.1981	27	-	-	-	7	-	23	-	57	1	63	1
23	Jonny Evans	NIR	03.01.1988	21	-	-	-	5	-	11	-	7	-	7	-
42	Richard Eckersley	ENG	12.03.1989	20	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Midfielders															
8	Anderson	BRA	13.04.1988	20	-	-	-	5	-	13	-	17	-	18	-
11	Ryan Giggs	WAL	29.11.1973	35	-	-	-	6	1	23	1	110	24	126	26
13	Ji-Sung Park	KOR	25.02.1981	28	-	-	-	6	-	20	1	32	1	41	2
16	Michael Carrick	ENG	28.07.1981	27	-	-	-	4	-	23	2	28	2	29	2
17	Nani	POR	17.11.1986	22	-	-	-	6	-	10	1	23	1	26	1
18	Paul Scholes	ENG	16.11.1974	34	-	-	-	3	-	15	1	105	21	116	23
19	Daniel Welbeck	ENG	26.11.1990	18	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-
24	Darren Fletcher	SCO	01.02.1984	25	-	-	-	5	-	21	3	36	-	41	-
28	Darron Gibson	IRL	25.10.1987	21	-	-	-	2	-	2	-	2	-	2	-
34	Rodrigo Possebon	BRA	13.02.1989	20	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
43	Davide Petrucci	ITA	05.10.1991	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Forwards															
7	Cristiano Ronaldo	POR	05.02.1985	24	-	-	-	7	1	27	15	47	12	53	13
9	Dimitar Berbatov	BUL	30.01.1981	28	-	-	-	5	4	26	8	31	11	58	32
10	Wayne Rooney	ENG	24.10.1985	23	*	-	-	8	3	23	9	41	14	43	15
32	Carlos Tévez	ARG	05.02.1984	25	-	-	-	6	1	23	3	18	5	22	5
41	Federico Macheda	ITA	22.08.1991	17	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
Coach															
-	Sir Alex Ferguson	SCO	31.12.1941	67	-	-	-	8	-	-	-	148	-	224	-

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Goalkeepers															
1	Helton	BRA	18.05.1978	30	-	-	-	7	-	20	-	22	-	32	-
24	Hugo Ventura	POR	14.01.1988	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
33	Nuno	POR	25.01.1974	35	-	-	-	1	-	4	-	8	-	11	-
Defenders															
2	Bruno Alves	POR	27.11.1981	27	-	-	-	8	1	23	3	27	1	32	1
3	Pedro Emanuel	POR	11.02.1975	34	-	-	-	4	-	5	-	41	1	64	1
4	Milan Stepanov	SRB	02.04.1983	26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	8	-
5	Nelson Benítez	ARG	24.05.1984	24	-	-	-	2	-	4	-	2	-	2	-
13	Fucile	URU	19.11.1984	24	-	-	-	2	-	15	-	15	-	15	-
14	Rolando	POR	31.08.1985	23	-	-	-	8	1	22	1	8	1	10	1
21	Cristian Săpunaru	ROU	05.04.1984	25	*	-	-	6	-	12	-	6	-	15	-
28	Aly Cissokho	FRA	15.09.1987	21	-	-	-	2	-	9	-	2	-	4	-
Midfielders															
6	Fredy Guarín	COL	30.06.1986	22	-	-	-	3	-	10	1	3	-	3	-
8	Lucho	ARG	19.01.1981	28	-	-	-	7	2	22	9	28	9	28	9
10	Cristián Rodríguez	URU	30.09.1985	23	*	-	-	8	-	22	6	13	-	21	-
11	Mariano	ARG	05.05.1981	27	-	-	-	5	-	17	3	14	-	23	1
16	Raul Meireles	POR	17.03.1983	26	-	-	-	8	-	22	3	25	1	25	1
17	Tarik Sektioui	MAR	13.05.1977	31	-	-	-	3	-	7	-	11	1	37	5
20	Tomás Costa	ARG	30.01.1985	24	-	-	-	7	-	16	-	7	-	7	-
22	Andrés Madrid	ARG	29.07.1981	27	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	12	-
25	Fernando	BRA	25.07.1987	21	-	-	-	8	-	20	-	8	-	8	-
26	Tengarrinha	POR	17.02.1989	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Forwards															
9	Lisandro	ARG	02.03.1983	26	-	-	-	8	6	22	5	26	13	26	13
12	Hulk	BRA	25.07.1986	22	*	-	-	8	-	21	8	8	-	8	-
19	Ernesto Farías	ARG	29.05.1980	28	-	-	-	1	-	13	5	4	-	4	-
Coach															
-	Jesualdo Ferreira	POR	24.05.1946	62	-	-	-	8	-	-	-	24	-	28	-

Head coach

Manchester United FC: Sir Alex Ferguson

Date of birth: 31 December 1941

Nationality: Scottish

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

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

Sir Alex Ferguson has enjoyed almost three decades at the top, cementing Manchester United FC in a position as one of Europe's foremost clubs. He helped to nurture a group of young players including David Beckham, Paul Scholes and Gary Neville who formed the backbone of United's treble-winning side of 1999, and the latter two were still serving the club as the UEFA Champions League was regained in 2008, at the end of a season in which the Scotsman also clinched his tenth English title. The esteem in which he is held by his peers is reflected in his position as head of the UEFA Coaches Panel.

Sir Alex enjoyed a relatively successful playing career that featured 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 that has returned since Aberdeen's last championship in 1985. But his greatest glory with the Dons came in 1983 when they beat Real Madrid CF to lift the UEFA Cup Winners' Cup.

United appointed Sir Alex in 1986 and, after a difficult start, he led the Old Trafford team to their longest period of sustained success. Their first trophy was the 1990 FA Cup, followed the next season by a UEFA Cup Winners' Cup triumph. In 1993 came the first of ten Premier League titles, to which five FA Cups have been added. Ferguson's finest hour arrived in 1999, when two stoppage-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 also finishing as Premier League runners-up, Sir Alex hit the heights again with the 2006/07 league crown. This was retained in the following campaign before United defeated Chelsea FC in Moscow to claim the UEFA Champions League for the third time in their history.

FC Porto: Jesualdo Ferreira

Date of birth: 6 June 1946

Nationality: Portuguese

Coaching career: A. Académica de Coimbra, CF Estrela da Amadora, FAR Rabat, Portuguese Football Association (youth coach), FC Alverca, SL Benfica, SC Braga, Boavista FC, FC Porto

Jesualdo Ferreira came a long way prior to arriving at FC Porto in summer 2006 at the age of 60. Despite a low-key playing career, it gave him a valuable grounding and he was quick to put those lessons into practice as a coach at A. Académica de Coimbra and CF Estrela da Amadora. Ferreira's career took a step forward as assistant to António Oliveira at SL Benfica, and he was part of the coaching set-up that brought the Portuguese title to the Lisbon club in 1993/94. He then moved abroad to take charge of Moroccan outfit FAR Rabat.

Ferreira returned to his homeland within a year to work with the Portuguese Football Association between 1996 and 2000, including an assistant role in the senior set-up and responsibility for the Under-21 side. He then had a brief spell at FC Alverca before returning to Benfica but failed to make an impact there after taking full control of first-team affairs and left in April 2003. Success with SC Braga was just around the corner, however, and he guided his new employers to fifth place in 2003/04 and fourth in each of the following two seasons.

He was naturally a coach in demand and in May 2006 was given the reins at Boavista FC, only to leave without taking charge of a single competitive match. The vacancy at cross-city rivals Porto was too good to resist the following August and he did not hesitate in signing a one-year contract with the 2004 UEFA Champions League winners. He then earned a further year by signing an extension in November 2006. Having taken unfashionable Braga into the UEFA Cup for three seasons running, Ferreira followed that with league titles and UEFA Champions League last-16 places in his first two Porto campaigns.

Match officials

Referee	Konrad Plautz (AUT)
Assistant referees	Bernhard Zauner (AUT), Armin Eder (AUT)
Fourth official	Thomas Einwaller (AUT)
UEFA Delegate	Sándor Berzi (HUN)
UEFA Referee observer	Patrick Kelly (IRL)

Referee

Name	Nat.	Date of birth	UCL	UEFA
Konrad Plautz	AUT	16.10.1964	34	62

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, 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 who refereed two matches at UEFA EURO 2008™, 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 and was in the middle as Liverpool FC and Chelsea FC drew 1-1 in the UEFA Champions League semi-final first leg in 2007/08.

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

Date	Comp.	Stage	Match	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
22.04.2008	UCL	SF	Liverpool FC - Chelsea FC	1-1	Liverpool
16.09.2008	UCL	GS	Olympique de Marseille - Liverpool FC	1-2	Marseille
05.11.2008	UCL	GS	FC Dynamo Kyiv - FC Porto	1-2	Kiev

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

Date	Comp.	Stage	Match	Res.	Venue
11.05.1996	U16	F	Portugal - France	1-0	Vienna
26.07.2000	UIC	SF	RC Celta de Vigo - Aston Villa FC	1-0	Vigo
15.02.2001	UCUP	R4	FC Porto - FC Nantes	3-1	Porto
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
06.09.2006	EURO	QR	Finland - Portugal	1-1	Helsinki
12.04.2007	UCUP	QF	Tottenham Hotspur FC - Sevilla FC	2-2	London
10.04.2008	UCUP	QF	Sporting Clube de Portugal - Rangers FC	0-2	Lisbon
15.06.2008	EURO	GS - FT	Switzerland - Portugal	2-0	Basel

Domestic information

Manchester United FC (Premier League)

Comp.	Date	Opponent	Res.	Goalscorers
Cup	10/08/08	Portsmouth FC (H)	0-0	
League	17/08/08	Newcastle United FC (H)	1-1	Fletcher 24
League	25/08/08	Portsmouth FC (A)	1-0	Fletcher 32
League	13/09/08	Liverpool FC (A)	1-2	Tévez 3
League	21/09/08	Chelsea FC (A)	1-1	Park 18
Cup	23/09/08	Middlesbrough FC (H)	3-1	Cristiano Ronaldo 25, Giggs 79, Nani 90
League	27/09/08	Bolton Wanderers FC (H)	2-0	Cristiano Ronaldo 60(pen), Rooney 77
League	04/10/08	Blackburn Rovers FC (A)	2-0	Brown 31, Rooney 64
League	18/10/08	West Bromwich Albion FC (H)	4-0	Rooney 56, Cristiano Ronaldo 69, Berbatov 71, Nani 90
League	25/10/08	Everton FC (A)	1-1	Fletcher 22
League	29/10/08	West Ham United FC (H)	2-0	Cristiano Ronaldo 14, 30
League	01/11/08	Hull City AFC (H)	4-3	Cristiano Ronaldo 3, 44, Carrick 29, Vidić 57
League	08/11/08	Arsenal FC (A)	1-2	Rafael 90
Cup	11/11/08	QPR (H)	1-0	Tévez 76(pen)
League	15/11/08	Stoke City FC (H)	5-0	Cristiano Ronaldo 3, 89, Carrick 45, Berbatov 49, Welbeck 84
League	22/11/08	Aston Villa FC (A)	0-0	
League	30/11/08	Manchester City FC (A)	1-0	Rooney 42
Cup	03/12/08	Blackburn Rovers FC (H)	5-3	Tévez 36, 51(pen), 54, 90, Nani 40
League	06/12/08	Sunderland AFC (H)	1-0	Vidić 90
League	13/12/08	Tottenham Hotspur FC (A)	0-0	
League	26/12/08	Stoke City FC (A)	1-0	Tévez 83
League	29/12/08	Middlesbrough FC (H)	1-0	Berbatov 69
Cup	04/01/09	Southampton FC (A)	3-0	Welbeck 20, Nani 48(pen), Gibson 81
Cup	07/01/09	Derby County FC (A)	0-1	
League	11/01/09	Chelsea FC (H)	3-0	Vidić 45, Rooney 63, Berbatov 87
League	14/01/09	Wigan Athletic FC (H)	1-0	Rooney 1
League	17/01/09	Bolton Wanderers FC (A)	1-0	Berbatov 90
Cup	20/01/09	Derby County FC (H)	4-2	Nani 16, O'Shea 22, Tévez 34, Cristiano Ronaldo 89(pen)
Cup	24/01/09	Tottenham Hotspur FC (H)	2-1	Scholes 35, Berbatov 36
League	27/01/09	West Bromwich Albion FC (A)	5-0	Berbatov 22, Tévez 44, Vidić 60, Cristiano Ronaldo 65, 73
League	31/01/09	Everton FC (H)	1-0	Cristiano Ronaldo 44(pen)
League	08/02/09	West Ham United FC (A)	1-0	Giggs 62
Cup	15/02/09	Derby County FC (A)	4-1	Nani 29, Gibson 44, Cristiano Ronaldo 48, Welbeck 81
League	18/02/09	Fulham FC (H)	3-0	Scholes 12, Berbatov 30, Rooney 63
League	21/02/09	Blackburn Rovers FC (H)	2-1	Rooney 23, Cristiano Ronaldo 60
Cup	01/03/09	Tottenham Hotspur FC (H)	0-0	
League	04/03/09	Newcastle United FC (A)	2-1	Rooney 20, Berbatov 56
Cup	07/03/09	Fulham FC (A)	4-0	Tévez 20, 35, Rooney 50, Park 81
League	14/03/09	Liverpool FC (H)	1-4	Cristiano Ronaldo 23(pen)
Lineups: Van der Sar, O'Shea, Ferdinand, Vidić, Evra, Cristiano Ronaldo, Carrick (Giggs 74), Anderson (Scholes 73), Park (Berbatov 74), Rooney, Tévez				
League	21/03/09	Fulham FC (A)	0-2	
Lineups: Van der Sar, O'Shea (Tévez 70), Evans, Ferdinand, Evra, Cristiano Ronaldo, Fletcher, Scholes, Park, Giggs, Berbatov (Rooney 46)				
League	05/04/09	Aston Villa FC (H)	3-2	Cristiano Ronaldo 14, 80, Macheda 90

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Comp.	Date	Opponent	Res.	Goalscorers
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Lineups: Van der Sar, G. Neville, O'Shea, Evans, Evra, Nani (Macheda 61), Carrick, Fletcher, Cristiano Ronaldo, Giggs, Tévez (Welbeck 87)

League	11/04/09	Sunderland AFC (A)
League	22/04/09	Portsmouth FC (H)
League	25/04/09	Tottenham Hotspur FC (H)
League	02/05/09	Middlesbrough FC (A)
League	09/05/09	Manchester City FC (H)
League	13/05/09	Wigan Athletic FC (A)
League	16/05/09	Arsenal FC (H)
League	24/05/09	Hull City AFC (A)

Pos.	Clubs	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1	Manchester United FC	30	21	5	4	52	20	68
2	Liverpool FC	31	19	10	2	55	21	67
3	Chelsea FC	31	19	7	5	51	17	64
4	Arsenal FC	31	16	10	5	50	27	58
5	Aston Villa FC	31	15	7	9	45	39	52
6	Everton FC	31	14	9	8	44	31	51
7	West Ham United FC	31	12	8	11	37	35	44
8	Wigan Athletic FC	31	11	8	12	30	32	41
9	Fulham FC	31	10	10	11	30	27	40
10	Manchester City FC	31	11	5	15	46	39	38
11	Tottenham Hotspur FC	31	10	8	13	37	36	38
12	Bolton Wanderers FC	31	11	4	16	36	45	37
13	Stoke City FC	31	9	8	14	31	47	35
14	Blackburn Rovers FC	31	8	10	13	35	50	34
15	Hull City AFC	31	8	10	13	35	52	34
16	Portsmouth FC	30	8	9	13	32	46	33
17	Sunderland AFC	31	8	8	15	29	41	32
18	Newcastle United FC	31	6	11	14	36	51	29
19	Middlesbrough FC	31	6	9	16	22	46	27
20	West Bromwich Albion FC	31	6	6	19	26	57	24

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FC Porto (Liga)

Comp.	Date	Opponent	Res.	Goalscorers
Cup	16/08/08	Sporting Clube de Portugal (A)	0-2	
League	24/08/08	CF Os Belenenses (H)	2-0	Mariano 15, Hulk 84
League	30/08/08	SL Benfica (A)	1-1	Lucho 11(pen)
League	21/09/08	Rio Ave FC (A)	0-0	
League	26/09/08	FC Paços de Ferreira (H)	2-0	Raul Meireles 14, Hulk 73
League	05/10/08	Sporting Clube de Portugal (A)	2-1	Lisandro 18, Bruno Alves 31
Cup	18/10/08	Sertanense (A)	4-0	Sektioui 45, Farías 60, 76, Own goal 79
League	25/10/08	Leixões SC (H)	2-3	Lucho 35(pen), Lisandro 61
League	01/11/08	A. Naval 1° Maio (A)	0-1	
Cup	09/11/08	Sporting Clube de Portugal (A)	1-1	Hulk 59
League	15/11/08	Vitória SC (H)	2-0	Lisandro 66, Farías 88
League	01/12/08	A. Académica de Coimbra (H)	2-1	Rodríguez 24, Raul Meireles 50
League	06/12/08	Vitória FC (A)	3-0	Bruno Alves 65, Guarín 67, Lucho 80
Cup	13/12/08	Cinfaes (A)	4-1	Farías 52, Guarín 78, 86, Candeias 82
League	17/12/08	CF Estrela da Amadora (A)	4-2	Lisandro 10, Rodríguez 45, 85, Hulk 63
League	21/12/08	CS Marítimo (H)	0-0	
League	04/01/09	CD Nacional (A)	4-2	Hulk 51, 90, Rodríguez 71, Lucho 90(pen)
Cup	08/01/09	Vitória FC (H)	2-1	Farías 32, Rabiola 78
League	11/01/09	CD Trofense (H)	0-0	
Cup	14/01/09	CD Nacional (A)	1-2	Săpunaru 36
Cup	17/01/09	A. Académica de Coimbra (H)	1-0	Own goal 62
League	24/01/09	SC Braga (A)	2-0	Rodríguez 20, Lisandro 30
Cup	28/01/09	Leixões SC (H)	1-0	Mariano 5
League	01/02/09	CF Os Belenenses (A)	3-1	Hulk 20, Rodríguez 23, Lucho 85
Cup	04/02/09	Sporting Clube de Portugal (A)	1-4	Sektioui 9
League	08/02/09	SL Benfica (H)	1-1	Lucho 72(pen)
League	15/02/09	Rio Ave FC (H)	3-1	Lucho 38(pen), Farías 87, 90
League	20/02/09	FC Paços de Ferreira (A)	2-0	Hulk 15, Bruno Alves 65(pen)
League	28/02/09	Sporting Clube de Portugal (H)	0-0	
League	07/03/09	Leixões SC (A)	4-1	Lucho 23(pen), Hulk 49, Raul Meireles 65, Farías 76
League	15/03/09	A. Naval 1° Maio (H)	2-0	Mariano 30, Lucho 68
Lineups: Helton, Rolando, Săpunaru, Cissokho, Bruno Alves, Lucho, Rodríguez (Farías 78), Mariano, Raul Meireles, Andrés Madrid (Tomás Costa 60), Lisandro (Sektioui 78)				
Cup	22/03/09	CF Estrela da Amadora (H)	2-0	Lucho 34(pen), Raul Meireles 38
Lineups: Nuno, Bruno Alves, Stepanov, Săpunaru, Cissokho, Lucho, Rodríguez (Hulk 65), Mariano (Sektioui 85), Raul Meireles, Fernando, Lisandro (Farías 65)				
League	04/04/09	Vitória SC (A)	3-1	Farías 52, Mariano 58, Rolando 88
Lineups: Helton, Săpunaru, Rolando, Bruno Alves, Cissokho, Fernando, Tomás Costa (Lucho 65), Raul Meireles (Andrés Madrid 86), Mariano, Hulk (Rodríguez 82), Farías				
League	11/04/09	CF Estrela da Amadora (H)		
League	19/04/09	A. Académica de Coimbra (A)		
League	26/04/09	Vitória FC (H)		
League	03/05/09	CS Marítimo (A)		
League	10/05/09	CD Nacional (H)		
League	17/05/09	CD Trofense (A)		
League	24/05/09	SC Braga (H)		

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Pos.	Clubs	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1	FC Porto	23	15	6	2	44	16	51
2	Sporting Clube de Portugal	23	14	5	4	31	14	47
3	SL Benfica	23	13	7	3	38	22	46
4	SC Braga	23	11	7	5	28	15	40
5	CD Nacional	23	11	6	6	37	24	39
6	CS Marítimo	23	9	8	6	29	23	35
7	Leixões SC	23	9	8	6	24	25	35
8	Vitória SC	23	8	6	9	24	27	30
9	A. Académica de Coimbra	23	7	7	9	20	24	28
10	CF Estrela da Amadora	23	6	9	8	21	28	27
11	A. Naval 1º Maio	23	6	6	11	20	29	24
12	FC Paços de Ferreira	23	6	5	12	29	36	23
13	Vitória FC	23	6	4	13	15	32	22
14	CD Trofense	23	4	7	12	18	29	19
15	CF Os Belenenses	23	3	8	12	21	38	17
16	Rio Ave FC	23	4	5	14	14	31	17

UEFA information

UEFA's key values

UEFA President Michel Platini has presented eleven key values – appropriately, the same number as a football team – that should serve as the basis for UEFA's future activities and dialogue, on behalf of European football, with the political, economic, social and sporting world. Mr Platini highlighted the eleven values in his address to representatives of UEFA's 53 national associations, delegates from the world football family and guests at the XXXIII Ordinary UEFA Congress in Copenhagen, Denmark, on 25 March. The values give priority to football and cover areas such as respect, good governance and autonomy, grassroots football and solidarity, sporting integrity and betting, financial fair play, the European sports model and sport's specificity.

Solidarity increase

UEFA and the European Club Association (ECA) have announced an increase in the solidarity percentage for the next, 2009-2012 UEFA Champions League cycle, starting with the 2009/10 season. The solidarity percentage for clubs not taking part in the UEFA Champions League, which is earmarked for youth training programmes, will increase from the current 5 per cent to 6.5 per cent. Based on present revenue projections, this means that in season 2009/10, approximately €55m would be made available for redistribution to these clubs via the national associations and professional leagues – which is approximately €23m more than in the last season of the previous cycle. Including the additional allocations also made available to clubs from leagues with no participants in the UEFA Champions League, the solidarity pot will amount to approximately €67m. Additionally, the solidarity amounts paid to clubs eliminated in the qualifying stages of the UEFA Champions League and UEFA Europa League will also increase.

Financial control panel

UEFA's Executive Committee has approved the creation of a Club Financial Control Panel in what is a first concrete measure to improve financial fair play in the UEFA club competitions. The decision, taken at the committee's most recent meeting in Copenhagen, follows recommendations by the UEFA Club Licensing Committee and the Professional Football Strategy Council. At UEFA level, the body will comprise financial and legal experts and will ensure that the club licensing system will be applied correctly. It will be composed of a chairman and up to eight members appointed by the UEFA Executive Committee. "The main task of the panel will be to conduct financial audits on clubs in order to ensure licences were correctly awarded and it may further conduct spot checks, and/or investigations, to ensure that the integrity rules are observed by the clubs," said UEFA. "This is the first step to have concrete measures to promote what we call financial fair play," UEFA General Secretary David Taylor told uefa.com. "We already have a club licensing system across Europe – a system based on national licensing by national associations or leagues. We feel that it is important to have something at European level, and [the panel] will look specifically at the finances of clubs and how they are structured. As from next season, this panel will be doing continuous monitoring."

Trophy Tour

The ancient pyramids of Giza formed a magnificent backdrop as European club football's most celebrated prize visited the Egyptian capital of Cairo for the third leg of the hugely popular UEFA Champions League Trophy Tour, presented by Heineken. Thousands of Egyptian football supporters were able to take in both the stunning view and a glimpse of the glory game on the European continent as the Tour's three-day stop in Egypt climaxed with a general event near the pyramids on 28 March. The Cairo leg was the third instalment of this spring's Trophy Tour of Africa after earlier visits to Nigeria and Algeria, and the coveted silverware was presented by the UEFA Champions League Trophy Tour Ambassador for Egypt, former national-team defender Hany Ramzy.

MasterCard agree new deal

Agreement has been reached with MasterCard, one of the world's leading payments system providers, to continue as an official partner of the UEFA Champions League for the new 2009-2012 cycle, and for the UEFA Super Cup in 2009, 2010 and 2011. The three-year deal will run until the end of the 2011/12 football season. "We are very happy to be renewing our relationship with MasterCard, one of the world's premier global brands," said UEFA General Secretary David Taylor.

Rome handover

Since the 1997 UEFA Champions League final in Munich, it has become an established tradition for the previous season's champions to formally return the UEFA Champions League trophy to UEFA at a special ceremony – and for the cup then to be handed to the host city to be displayed until the final. The cup handover for this term's final at the Stadio Olimpico in Rome on 27 May will take place at the Sala Protomoteca, Campidoglio, on 21 April from 12.30CET. This is a particular date for the city of Rome, being Natale di Roma – its traditional birthday.

Match-by-match lineups - Manchester United FC

Group stage

Club	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Manchester United FC	6	2	4	0	9	3	10
Villarreal CF	6	2	3	1	9	7	9
Aalborg BK	6	1	3	2	9	14	6
Celtic FC	6	1	2	3	4	7	5

Date	Match	Result	Stadium/Venue
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17.09.2008	Man. United - Villarreal	0-0	Old Trafford, Manchester
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Goals: -

Man. United: Van der Sar, G. Neville, Evra, Hargreaves (Anderson 62), Ferdinand, Rooney, Park (Cristiano Ronaldo 62), Nani, Evans, Fletcher, Tévez (Giggs 81)

30.09.2008	AaB - Man. United	0-3	Aalborg, Aalborg
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Goals: 0-1 Rooney 22, 0-2 Berbatov 55, 0-3 Berbatov 79

Man. United: Van der Sar, Evra, Ferdinand, Cristiano Ronaldo, Berbatov, Rooney (Tévez 59), Vidić, Nani, Scholes (Giggs 16), Rafael (Brown 66), O'Shea

21.10.2008	Man. United - Celtic	3-0	Old Trafford, Manchester
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Goals: 1-0 Berbatov 30, 2-0 Berbatov 51, 3-0 Rooney 76

Man. United: Van der Sar, G. Neville (Brown 60), Cristiano Ronaldo (Park 82), Anderson, Berbatov (Tévez 60), Rooney, Vidić, Nani, O'Shea, Evans, Fletcher

05.11.2008	Celtic - Man. United	1-1	Celtic Park, Glasgow
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Goals: 1-0 McDonald 13, 1-1 Giggs 84

Man. United: Foster, Ferdinand, Cristiano Ronaldo, Giggs, Vidić, Carrick, Nani (Berbatov 46), Rafael (Evra 66), O'Shea, Fletcher, Tévez (Rooney 71)

25.11.2008	Villarreal - Man. United	0-0	El Madrigal, Villarreal
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Goals: -

Man. United: Kuszczak, Evra, Ferdinand, Cristiano Ronaldo, Anderson, Rooney, Carrick (Tévez 86), Nani (Park 84), O'Shea, Evans, Fletcher (Gibson 80)

10.12.2008	Man. United - AaB	2-2	Old Trafford, Manchester
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Goals: 1-0 Tévez 3, 1-1 Jakobsen 31, 1-2 Curth 45+2, 2-2 Rooney 52

Man. United: Kuszczak, G. Neville (Rafael 77), Ferdinand, Anderson, Rooney, Giggs (Scholes 46), Nani, O'Shea, Evans, Gibson (Park 46), Tévez

First knockout round, first leg

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
24/02/09	Internazionale - Man. United	0-0	Stadio Giuseppe Meazza, Milan

Goals: -

Man. United: Van der Sar, Evra, Ferdinand, Cristiano Ronaldo, Berbatov, Giggs, Park (Rooney 84), Carrick, O'Shea, Evans, Fletcher

First knockout round, second leg

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
11/03/09	Man. United - Internazionale	2-0	Old Trafford, Manchester

Goals: 1-0 Vidić 4, 2-0 Cristiano Ronaldo 49

Man. United: Van der Sar, Evra, Ferdinand, Cristiano Ronaldo, Berbatov, Rooney (Park 84), Giggs, Vidić, Carrick, Scholes (Anderson 70), O'Shea

Match-by-match lineups - FC Porto

Group stage

Club	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
FC Porto	6	4	0	2	9	8	12
Arsenal FC	6	3	2	1	11	5	11
FC Dynamo Kyiv	6	2	2	2	4	4	8
Fenerbahçe SK	6	0	2	4	4	11	2

Date	Match	Result	Stadium/Venue
17.09.2008	Porto - Fenerbahçe	3-1	Estádio do Dragão, Porto
Goals: 1-0 Lisandro 10, 2-0 Lucho 13, 2-1 Güiza 29, 3-1 Lino 90+2			
Porto: Helton, Bruno Alves, Benítez, Lucho, Lisandro, Rodríguez (Lino 90+1), Mariano (Hulk 60), Rolando, Raul Meireles (Tomás Costa 67), Săpunaru, Fernando			
30.09.2008	Arsenal - Porto	4-0	Arsenal Stadium, London
Goals: 1-0 Van Persie 31, 2-0 Adebayor 40, 3-0 Van Persie 48, 4-0 Adebayor 71 (pen)			
Porto: Helton, Bruno Alves, Benítez, Guarín, Lisandro, Rodríguez (Candeias 79), Rolando, Raul Meireles (Hulk 64), Tomás Costa, Săpunaru, Fernando (Lucho 46)			
21.10.2008	Porto - Dynamo Kyiv	0-1	Estádio do Dragão, Porto
Goals: 0-1 Aliyev 27			
Porto: Nuno, Bruno Alves, Lucho, Lisandro, Rodríguez (Sekioui 62), Mariano (Tomás Costa 68), Rolando, Lino, Raul Meireles, Săpunaru, Fernando (Hulk 46)			
05.11.2008	Dynamo Kyiv - Porto	1-2	Valeri Lobanovskiy, Kiev
Goals: 1-0 Milevskiy 21, 1-1 Rolando 69, 1-2 Lucho 90+2			
Porto: Helton, Bruno Alves, Pedro Emanuel (Lino 78), Lucho, Lisandro, Rodríguez, Rolando, Raul Meireles, Sekioui (Hulk 46), Săpunaru (Pelé 68), Fernando			
25.11.2008	Fenerbahçe - Porto	1-2	Sükrü Saraçoğlu, Istanbul
Goals: 0-1 Lisandro 19, 0-2 Lisandro 28, 1-2 Kazım Kazım 63			
Porto: Helton, Bruno Alves, Pedro Emanuel, Lisandro, Rodríguez (Mariano 74), Hulk (Pelé 79), Fucile, Rolando, Raul Meireles, Tomás Costa (Guarín 61), Fernando			
10.12.2008	Porto - Arsenal	2-0	Estádio do Dragão, Porto
Goals: 1-0 Bruno Alves 39, 2-0 Lisandro 54			
Porto: Helton, Bruno Alves, Pedro Emanuel, Lucho (Tomás Costa 78), Lisandro, Rodríguez (Mariano 78), Hulk (Guarín 88), Fucile, Rolando, Raul Meireles, Fernando			

First knockout round, first leg

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
24/02/09	Atlético - Porto	2-2	Vicente Calderón, Madrid
Goals: 1-0 Maxi Rodríguez 3, 1-1 Lisandro 22, 2-1 Forlán 45+2, 2-2 Lisandro 72			
Porto: Helton, Bruno Alves, Lucho, Lisandro (Sekioui 90), Rodríguez, Hulk, Rolando, Raul Meireles (Tomás Costa 90+2), Săpunaru (Pedro Emanuel 79), Fernando, Cissokho			

First knockout round, second leg

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
11/03/09	Porto - Atlético	0-0	Estádio do Dragão, Porto
Goals: -			
Porto: Helton, Bruno Alves, Lucho, Lisandro (Farías 90+3), Rodríguez, Hulk (Mariano 89), Rolando, Raul Meireles, Săpunaru (Tomás Costa 83), Fernando, Cissokho			

Competition facts

UEFA Champions League knockout stage: Did you know?

- Teams have recovered from a first-leg deficit to go through to the next stage on 21 occasions, although only once – AFC Ajax's defeat of Panathinaikos FC in the 1995/96 semi-finals – has a side gone through after losing the first leg at home. The biggest losing margin a side has overturned was achieved by RC Deportivo La Coruña in the 2003/04 quarter-finals when they fought back from a 4-1 defeat at AC Milan to win 4-0 at home.
- Sixteen ties have been decided on the away goals rule, including five where the triumphant team lost the first leg.
- FC Bayern München hold the record for the biggest first-leg lead with a 5-0 success at Sporting Clube de Portugal in this season's first knockout round, eventually going through 12-1 after a 7-1 home victory in the second leg.
- Ten ties have now gone to penalties, including the game between Arsenal FC and AS Roma in the 2008/09 first knockout round. Five of these were finals – 1996, 2001, 2003, 2005 and 2008. 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.
- In all, 17 ties have required extra time. So far seven ties have been decided by extra time alone: four quarter-finals, two first knockout round encounters and last season's semi-final between Chelsea FC and Liverpool FC.
- Real Madrid CF extended their record for knockout stage qualification in successive seasons. The 2008/09 campaign is the twelfth straight season since 1997/98 that they made it beyond the group stage, keeping them ahead of Manchester United FC, who appeared nine times in a row between 1996/97 and 2004/05. Overall Madrid have now played in the knockout stage 13 times, one more than United and two more than Bayern.
- The 2008/09 first knockout round encounter between Bayern and Sporting featured more goals (13) over its two legs than any previous UEFA Champions League knockout tie, Bayern prevailing 12-1. Lyon's 10-2 win against Werder Bremen at the same stage of the competition in 2004/05 was the previous highest total.
- There has never been a knockout tie ending goalless after two legs. Nine have finished 1-0 on aggregate, most recently Manchester United's narrow victory against FC Barcelona in the 2007/08 semi-finals.
- Clarence Seedorf is the only player to win the European Champion Clubs' Cup with three clubs (AFC Ajax 1995, Madrid 1998, Milan 2003, 2007). Liverpool's Bob Paisley (1977, 1978, 1981) is the only coach to win three times.
- Ottmar Hitzfeld (BV Borussia Dortmund 1997, Bayern 2001) and Ernst Happel (Feyenoord 1970, Hamburger SV 1983) are the only coaches to win the trophy with two clubs.
- Only five capital cities have been home to teams that have won the European Cup: Madrid (Real Madrid), Belgrade (FK Crvena Zvezda), Bucharest (FC Steaua Bucureşti), Amsterdam (Ajax) and Lisbon (SL Benfica).
- Rome was awarded the 2009 UEFA Champions League final after a decision by the UEFA Executive Committee at its meeting in Ljubljana, Slovenia in October 2006. The Stadio Olimpico, home of AS Roma and S.S. Lazio, previously held European Cup finals in 1977, 1984 and 1996 – Liverpool winning the first two games and Juventus the last – and was also the venue for the 1990 FIFA World Cup final between West Germany and Argentina. Other major events at the stadium include the 1987 IAAF World Championships in athletics and the 1960 Olympic Games, for which it was constructed in 1953.

UEFA Champions League: Did you know?

- S.S. Lazio goalkeeper Marco Ballotta became the oldest player to compete in the UEFA Champions League in 2007/08 when he featured against Olympiacos CFP on Matchday 1 aged 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 aged 40 years and 211 days. Ballotta was 43 years 252 days when he featured against Real Madrid on Matchday 6.
- Laurent Blanc is the oldest player to score in the competition, aged 36 years and 339 days, having found the net for Manchester United in their 3-2 defeat of Olympiacos on 23 October 2002.
- Celestine Babayaro is the youngest player to have appeared. He was 16 years and 87 days when he started for RSC Anderlecht against FC Steaua Bucureşti on 23 November 1994. He was then sent off in the 37th minute.

Team facts

Manchester United FC

UEFA club competition milestones

• United have been crowned champions of Europe three times, having defeated English Premier League rivals Chelsea FC on penalties in the 2007/08 UEFA Champions League final. United also won the competition in 1998/99, overturning a one-goal deficit against FC Bayern München with goals from Teddy Sheringham and Ole Gunnar Solskjær in added time, and in 1967/68, running out 4-1 winners over SL Benfica after extra time.

UEFA Champions League milestones

• No club has taken part more times than United (14), although FC Porto also share this achievement. United's first entry came in 1994/95 and they last missed out in 1995/96, meaning this is their 13th campaign in a row. No team is on as good a run, with Real Madrid CF, Olympiacos CFP and PSV Eindhoven (12) their closest rivals.

UEFA club competition honours

- European Champion Clubs' Cup: 1967/68, 1998/99, 2007/08
- UEFA Cup Winners' Cup: 1990/91
- European/South American Cup: 1999
- UEFA Super Cup: 1991

Ten-year record (including current season)

- 2007/08:** UEFA Champions League – winners
- 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

2007/08 season

Domestic record: United retained the title by two points from Chelsea on the final day of the Premier League season, having also finished one place above the London club the previous campaign. It was their tenth championship since the Premier League began in 1992. In all-time records since 1889, United have 17 titles, just one fewer than Liverpool FC. They were knocked out of the FA Cup at Old Trafford in the quarter-final 1-0 by eventual winners Portsmouth FC.

European record: United won five of their six Group F matches to finish five points clear of AS Roma at the summit. They then completed a narrow 2-1 aggregate triumph over Olympique Lyonnais in the first knockout round before meeting Roma in the quarter-finals for the second consecutive season, prevailing 3-0 overall. A lone Paul Scholes goal was enough to see off the challenge of FC Barcelona over two legs in the semi-final, to send United through to a final against Chelsea which they won 6-5 on penalties after a 1-1 draw over 120 minutes.

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

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Old Trafford, Manchester

- Heaviest defeat

5-0: Sporting Clube de Portugal v Manchester United FC
18.03.1964, UEFA Cup Winners' Cup quarter-finals second leg

- Heaviest home defeat

0-1: Manchester United FC v AC Milan
23.02.2005, UEFA Champions League first knockout round first leg
2-3: Manchester United FC v RC Deportivo La Coruña
17.10.2001, UEFA Champions League first group stage
0-1: Manchester United FC v FC Bayern München
03.04.2001, UEFA Champions League quarter-finals first leg
2-3: Manchester United FC v Real Madrid CF
19.04.2000, UEFA Champions League quarter-final second leg
0-1: Manchester United FC v BV Borussia Dortmund
23.04.1997, UEFA Champions League semi-final second leg
0-1: Manchester United FC v Juventus
20.11.1996, UEFA Champions League group stage
0-1: Manchester United FC v Fenerbahçe SK
30.10.1996, UEFA Champions League group stage

- Heaviest away defeat

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

UEFA Champions League (group stage to final only)

- Biggest win

7-1: Manchester United FC v AS Roma
10.04.2007, UEFA Champions League quarter-final second leg

- Biggest home win

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

- Biggest away win

2-6: Brøndby IF v Manchester United FC
21.10.1998, UEFA Champions League group stage

- Heaviest defeat

4-0: FC Barcelona v Manchester United FC
02.11.1994, UEFA Champions League group stage

- Heaviest home defeat

0-1: Manchester United FC v AC Milan (see above for details)
2-3: Manchester United FC v RC Deportivo La Coruña (see above for details)
0-1: Manchester United FC v FC Bayern München (see above for details)
2-3: Manchester United FC v Real Madrid CF (see above for details)
0-1: Manchester United FC v BV Borussia Dortmund (see above for details)
0-1: Manchester United FC v Juventus (see above for details)
0-1: Manchester United FC v Fenerbahçe SK (see above for details)

- Heaviest away defeat

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

FC Porto

UEFA club competition milestones

- Porto have twice been European champions, in the 1986/87 final at the expense of FC Bayern München and in 2003/04 by defeating AS Monaco FC. The club also lifted the 2002/03 UEFA Cup with a 3-2 victory against Celtic FC.
- Porto also appeared in the 1983/84 UEFA Cup Winners' Cup final, losing 2-1 to Juventus.

UEFA Champions League milestones

• The 2003/04 3-0 defeat of Monaco remains the highlight, when José Mourinho's men had goals from Carlos Alberto, Deco and Dmitri Alenichev to thank in Gelsenkirchen. Having taken part in the first edition this is their 14th campaign, a feat shared with Manchester United FC and bettered by no other club.

UEFA club competition honours

- European Champion Clubs' Cup: 1986/87, 2003/04
- UEFA Cup: 2002/03
- UEFA Super Cup: 1997/98
- European/South American Cup: 1987, 2004

Ten-year record

2007/08: UEFA Champions League – first knockout round

2006/07: UEFA Champions League – first knockout round

2005/06: UEFA Champions League – group stage

2004/05: UEFA Champions League – first knockout round

2003/04: UEFA Champions League – winners

2002/03: UEFA Cup – winners

2001/02: UEFA Champions League – second group stage

2000/01: UEFA Cup – quarter-finals (having transferred from the European Champion Clubs' Cup third qualifying round)

1999/00: UEFA Champions League – quarter-finals

1998/99: UEFA Champions League – group stage

2007/08 season

Domestic record: Porto won their third straight title in emphatic fashion finishing with a 20-point advantage over nearest rivals Sporting Clube de Portugal. However, they lost to the Lisbon club in the Portuguese Cup final after extra time. They now have 26 league successes to their name since 1921, five fewer than SL Benfica.

European record: Porto finished top of Group A registering three victories and two draws from their six outings. However, for the third time in four seasons, they could not progress beyond the first knockout round after losing on penalties to FC Schalke 04 following a 1-1 aggregate scoreline.

Records

UEFA club competition

- Biggest win

9-0: FC Porto v Rabat Ajax FC

17.09.1986, European Champion Clubs' Cup first round first leg

- Biggest home win

9-0: FC Porto v Rabat Ajax FC (see above for details)

- Biggest away win

1-8: Portadown FC v FC Porto

03.10.1990, European Champion Clubs' Cup first round second leg

- Heaviest defeat

5-0: PSV Eindhoven v FC Porto

26.10.1988, European Champion Clubs' Cup second round first leg

6-1: AEK Athens FC v FC Porto

13.09.1978, European Champion Clubs' Cup first round first leg

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Old Trafford, Manchester

• Heaviest home defeat

1-3: FC Porto v Real Madrid CF

01.10.2003, UEFA Champions League group stage

0-2: FC Porto v FC Barcelona

07.03.2000, UEFA Champions League second group stage

0-2: FC Porto v Real Madrid CF

01.10.1997, UEFA Champions League group stage

0-2: FC Porto v FC Bayern München

20.03.1991, European Champion Clubs' Cup quarter-final second leg

0-2: FC Porto v FC Nantes

15.09.1971, UEFA Cup first round first leg

0-2: FC Porto v TJ Cervená hviezda Bratislava

29.09.1959, European Champion Clubs' Cup preliminary round second leg

• Heaviest away defeat

5-0: PSV Eindhoven v FC Porto (see above for details)

6-1: AEK Athens FC v FC Porto (see above for details)

UEFA Champions League (group stage to final only)

• Biggest win

0-5: Werder Bremen v FC Porto

30.03.1994, UEFA Champions League group stage

• Biggest home win

4-1: FC Porto v Hamburger SV

17.10.2006, UEFA Champions League group stage

3-0: FC Porto v Celtic FC

17.10.2001, UEFA Champions League first group stage

3-0: FC Porto v AFC Ajax

09.12.1998, UEFA Champions League group stage

3-0: FC Porto v NK Croatia Zagreb

21.10.1998, UEFA Champions League group stage

3-0: FC Porto v Rosenborg BK

30.10.1996, UEFA Champions League group stage

• Biggest away win

0-5: Werder Bremen v FC Porto (see above for details)

• Heaviest defeat

4-0: Arsenal FC v FC Porto

30.09.2008, UEFA Champions League group stage

4-0: Real Madrid CF v FC Porto

10.12.1997, UEFA Champions League group stage

4-0: Manchester United FC v FC Porto

05.03.1997, UEFA Champions League quarter-final first leg

• Heaviest home defeat

1-3: FC Porto v Real Madrid CF (see above for details)

0-2: FC Porto v FC Barcelona (see above for details)

0-2: FC Porto v Real Madrid CF (see above for details)

0-2: FC Porto v FC Bayern München (see above for details)

• Heaviest away defeat

4-0: Arsenal FC v FC Porto (see above for details)

4-0: Real Madrid CF v FC Porto (see above for details)

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

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.

:: 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.

Current season - League: Total league appearances based on the date press kit was last updated

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, #: suspended for at least one match)

:: 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

ICF: Inter-Cities Fairs Cup

National team competitions

EURO: UEFA European Football Championship

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

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

U21: UEFA European Under-21 Championship

U17: UEFA Under-17 Championship • **U16:** UEFA European Under-16 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

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