

# Real Madrid CF - FC BATE Borisov

## MATCH PRESS KIT

### Santiago Bernabéu Stadium, Madrid

### Wednesday 17 September 2008 - 20.45CET

### Group H - Matchday 1



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#### Match background

Real Madrid CF begin their 13th campaign in the UEFA Champions League hoping that it will prove a lucky one. They will reflect that there could be tougher first hurdles than a visit from Group H outsiders FC BATE Borisov, who are the first representatives from Belarus to compete in the group stage of the competition.

- One possible source of encouragement for the underdogs lies in the fact that the Spanish champions often make a poor start to the tournament. Last season, they beat Werder Bremen 2-1 at the Santiago Bernabéu but their three previous Matchday 1 fixtures all ended in defeat, two by 3-0 scorelines and the other by 2-0.
- Nevertheless, those poor starts have not hindered Madrid's efforts to qualify for the knockout phase. They have not failed to progress through the initial stage in any of their 12 campaigns to date and have topped their group on no less than seven occasions.
- Last season, Bernd Schuster's team won all three home games in the section, scoring nine goals in the process, but were then second best at the Bernabéu against AS Roma in the first knockout round. That allowed the Italian team to book a quarter-final place at their expense. It was the third successive year that the club – who have lifted the UEFA European Champion Clubs' Cup a record nine times – made their exit in the first knockout round.
- Roma's 2-1 victory was only the second defeat Los Merengues had suffered in 26 UEFA Champions League fixtures at their own stronghold. Their previous reverse was a 1-0 loss against Arsenal FC in the first knockout round in February 2006. The sequence has yielded 19 wins and five draws.
- The Madrid club have never before faced opposition from Belarus in a competitive fixture, while BATE have met a Spanish team on just one previous occasion. That came in last season's UEFA Cup first round when they took on Villarreal CF, losing the away game 4-1 and going down 2-0 at home. In Spain, Maksim Zhavnerchik scored the visitors' consolation eight minutes after coming on as a substitute and with his team already 4-0 behind.
- To make history and enable Belarus to take their place at Europe's top table for the first time, BATE had to work through all three qualifying rounds. They started against Valur Reykjavík, winning the home leg 2-0 with Gennadi Bliznyuk twice on the scoresheet in the second half and 1-0 away, Igor Stasevich scoring in the first minute.



- Viktor Goncharenko's team really began to dream of the possible prize ahead when they recorded a 2-1 win in Brussels against RSC Anderlecht. The visitors fell behind to Guillaume Gillet's goal just past the hour but immediately struck back, Sergei Kryvets scoring from the spot after Pavel Nekhaychik had been brought down. It was Nekhaychik who then made the difference two minutes from time, scoring the winner from 20 metres.
- In the return BATE took the lead with 18 minutes gone as Bliznyuk turned in Vitali Rodionov's low cross. Anderlecht equalised from the spot through Lucas Biglia after Sergei Sosnovski's clumsy challenge on Roland Juhász but Rodionov put BATE 2-1 ahead in the 83rd minute, rounding off good work from Kryvets and Nekhaychik. Jan Polák struck a second equaliser but it was all to no avail as BATE celebrated a 4-3 aggregate win.
- In the third qualifying round, the Belarussian champions put themselves within touching distance of the group stage with a second-half goal from Vladimir Rzhhevski earning a famous victory away against PFC Levski Sofia. In the return match, BATE were forced to play with ten men for 47 minutes following the dismissal of Bliznyuk. They were able to keep the scores locked at 1-1, however, following Sosnovski's 14th-minute opener and Vladimir Gadjev's equaliser seven minutes before half-time.
- The other game in the group sees fellow debutants FC Zenit St. Petersburg travelling to face Juventus.

### Match facts

#### Real Madrid

##### UEFA milestones

- None

##### UEFA Champions League statistics

- None

##### Disciplinary information

- Rubén de la Red and Pepe both serve one-match bans against BATE.

##### Latest domestic information

- **Sunday 14 September: Real Madrid CF 4-3 CD Numancia (Guti 19, Higuaín 25, Van der Vaart 33, Cisma 39og; Moreno 4 57, Barkero 22)**

Madrid held off the challenge of a battling Numancia side to record their first league victory of the season. Juan Moreno had given the visitors a surprise lead with a header from a corner but Guti swiftly levelled with a deflected shot. José Barkero then stunned the home crowd again as he restored the newly-promoted outfit's advantage with a crisp long-range effort, only for Gonzalo Higuaín, Rafael van der Vaart and a Domingo Cisma own goal to give Madrid a two-goal cushion at half-time. Moreno claimed his second from a free-kick, yet Bernd Schuster's team held on.

- "It was exactly the type of game I'd been expecting," said Schuster. "We have to learn to finish these games off; it wasn't necessary to end the match the way we did, holding on. Games like these are typical at the beginning of a season and we were playing a team who made life very difficult for us. They have been preparing for two weeks and have already beaten [FC] Barcelona. I always like to win though, be it 4-3 or 1-0."
- Guti's goal was Madrid's 5000th in the Spanish top flight.
- It marked a return to form for Madrid, whose miserable run of results at RC Deportivo La Coruña had continued in their first Liga opener on 31 August when they lost 2-1. Goals from Miguel Ángel Mista and Alberto Lopo either side of Ruud van Nistelrooy's equaliser meant Madrid have not now won a league game at the Riazor in 17 years.
- The previous weekend Madrid produced an impressive comeback to beat Valencia CF 6-5 on aggregate and lift the Spanish Super Cup for an eighth time. Valencia won the first leg 3-2, but Van Nistelrooy – later sent off along with Van der Vaart – Sergio Ramos, De la Red and Higuaín were on target for Madrid in a 4-2 second-leg victory.

##### Injury news

- Wesley Sneijder – out since 4 August (left knee ligament damage)
- Sergio Ramos – out since 11 September (groin strain)
- Raúl González – out 1-10 September (various muscular problems)
- Guti – out 1-10 September (shin)
- Fabio Cannavaro – out 3 June to 27 August (ruptured left ankle ligaments)

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- Sneijder injured his left knee in a pre-season game against Arsenal FC and is expected to be out until November.

### Summer transfers

#### •In

Rafael van der Vaart (Hamburger SV)  
Rubén de la Red (Getafe CF, loan return)  
Javi García (CA Osasuna)

#### •Out

Robinho (Manchester City FC)  
Antonio Cassano (UC Sampdoria)  
Pablo García (released – subsequently joined PAOK FC)  
Roberto Soldado (Getafe CF)  
Esteban Granero (Getafe CF)  
Javier Ángel Balboa (SL Benfica)  
Júlio Baptista (AS Roma)  
Daniel Parejo (Queen's Park Rangers FC, loan)

- Madrid also signed Real Racing Club Santander centre-back Ezequiel Garay on a six-year deal before loaning him back to the UEFA Cup qualifiers.

### International news

- Casillas and Ramos played in both home games as Spain defeated Bosnia-Herzegovina 1-0 (6 September) and Armenia 4-0 (10 September) in their opening 2010 FIFA World Cup qualifiers. Cannavaro captained Italy to victories against Cyprus (2-1) and Georgia (2-0) while Van der Vaart was part of the Netherlands team that lost a friendly 2-1 at home to Australia, but made amends by scoring the winner in a 2-1 away success against F.Y.R. Macedonia. Arjen Robben also started the Group 9 game.

- Pepe endured mixed fortunes as Portugal beat Malta 4-0 in Group 1 before conceding two late goals to go down 3-2 to Denmark in Lisbon. Christoph Metzelder was an unused substitute as Germany defeated Liechtenstein 6-0 and drew 3-3 in Finland.

- Miguel Torres and Javi García helped Spain reach the UEFA European Under-21 Championship play-offs with the only perfect record with wins against Kazakhstan and Russia.

- Gabriel Heinze scored an own goal in Argentina's 1-1 qualifying draw with Paraguay in Buenos Aires on 6 September. Fernando Gago did not play in that game but did start the 1-1 draw with Peru four days later.

- Gago was a gold medallist at the Olympics as Argentina defeated Nigeria 1-0 in the final having seen off Marcelo's Brazil in the last four. Brazil then beat Belgium to claim bronze. Royston Drenthe played for the Netherlands as they lost 2-1 (aet) to Argentina in the last eight.

- Several players travelled to UEFA EURO 2008™ in June. Spain captain Casillas lifted the Henri Delaunay trophy after the 1-0 win over Germany in the final in Vienna, while Ramos was also part of Spain's first international success in 44 years. Both players made five appearances while Rubén de la Red played once. Metzelder – who appeared six times in the competition – was on the losing team in the final. Dutch quartet Van der Vaart, Robben, Van Nistelrooy and Sneijder reached the quarter-finals, as did Pepe with Portugal.

- Casillas, Pepe and Sneijder were all named in the UEFA Technical Team's Team of the Tournament.

### Miscellaneous

- Cannavaro celebrated his 35th birthday on Saturday.

- Before the Numancia game Raúl González collected the Alfredo di Stefano trophy as the club's 2007/08 player of the season.

- Van Nistelrooy announced his retirement from international football in early August.

### BATE

#### UEFA milestones

- None

### UEFA Champions League statistics

- Eight BATE players appeared in all six qualifying games: Anri Khagush, Vladimir Rzhhevski, Aleksandr Yurevich, Dmitri Likhtarovich, Pavel Nekhaychik, Sergei Kryvets, Maksim Zhavnerchik and Vitali Rodionov.
- Gennadi Bliznyuk's goal in the second qualifying round second leg against RSC Anderlecht was his tenth in UEFA club competition, equalling the record of Georgi Kondratyev for the most European goals scored by a Belarussian. In addition, Bliznyuk's goal was his seventh in UEFA Champions League qualifying – also a national record.
- Likhtarovich has now played 40 matches in UEFA club competition, another Belarussian record. Goncharenko's assistants Vadim Skripchenko (30 games) and Aleksandr Fedorovich (28) are third and fourth on the list respectively.

### Disciplinary information

- Bliznyuk and Rodionov both serve one-match bans against Madrid.

### Latest domestic information

#### • Saturday 13 September: FC Naftan Novopolotsk 1-2 FC BATE Borisov (Komarovskiy 81; Bliznyuk 31pen, Mirchev 88)

BATE moved back to the Vysshaya Liga summit after extending their 21-match unbeaten streak in the league at mid-table Naftan. A Bliznyuk penalty – his 12th goal of the season – gave BATE the lead after Khagush had been brought down, and keeper Sergei Veremko preserved his side's advantage as he turned aside a spot-kick shortly after the break. Veremko was finally beaten late on though, only for Vladislav Mirchev – who had come off the bench just a minute before – to earn BATE all three points.

- "We were well below our best. The UEFA Champions League group stage is looming and that probably affected us badly," said BATE coach Viktor Goncharenko. "We can't get that out of our heads. It's hard to motivate the players ahead of league games at the moment. I can't find the right words and keep on shouting until they hear me."
- Mirchev's goal against Naftan was his fourth in two games having struck a Belarus Cup hat-trick in the 7-3 win at third-tier FC Neman Mosti on 3 September.
- Only Zhavnerchik has featured in each of BATE's 21 league games so far in 2008.
- Goncharenko is yet to experience a league defeat with BATE having taken charge of the club on 13 November 2007. He has won 13 and drawn eight of his 21 Vysshaya Liga matches.
- BATE did, however, lose 6-3 on aggregate against FC MTZ-RIPO Minsk in the Belarus Cup semi-finals last season.

### Injury news

- None

### Summer transfers

#### •In

Ivan Pecha (FC Ceahlăul Piatra Neamt)  
Aleksandr Volodko (FC Dinamo Brest, loan)  
Vladislav Mirchev (PFC Spartak Varna)  
Lasha Dekasonidze (FC Dinamo Tbilisi)

#### •Out

Aleksei Khaletski (FC Torpedo Zhodino)

### International news

- Kryvets and Aleksandr Volodko played as Belarus claimed a place in the 2009 UEFA European Under-21 Championship play-offs with a goalless draw against Latvia on 9 September.
- Rodionov and Veremko featured in a 3-1 World Cup qualifying Group 6 victory against Andorra the following day, having been overlooked in the defeat by Ukraine. Rodionov scored one and created the third for Vyacheslav Hleb.

### Miscellaneous

- Although Goncharenko's date of birth is widely quoted as 10 September 1977, he was born on 10 June 1977. The confusion arose after he lost his passport and, in the replacement, the official mistakenly entered 09 (September) as the month of his birth instead of 06 (June).
- BATE will play their home group games at the Dinamo Stadium in Minsk, a distance of 65km from Borisov, as their usual home ground has a capacity of only 5,000.

Squad list

**Real Madrid**

No.	Player	Nat.	DoB	Age	BL	Current season						All-time			
						UCLQ		UCL		League		UCL		UEFA	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
<b>Goalkeepers</b>															
1	Iker Casillas	ESP	20.05.1981	27	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	86	-	92	-
13	Jordi Codina	ESP	27.04.1982	26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25	Jerzy Dudek	POL	23.03.1973	35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	45	-	68	-
29	Felipe Ramos	ESP	10.01.1988	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
30	Antonio Adán	ESP	13.05.1987	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Defenders</b>															
2	Michel Salgado	ESP	22.10.1975	32	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	80	1	92	1
3	Pepe	POR	26.02.1983	25	S	-	-	-	-	2	-	21	2	22	2
4	Sergio Ramos	ESP	30.03.1986	22	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	20	2	26	3
5	Fabio Cannavaro	ITA	13.09.1973	35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	52	1	101	2
12	Marcelo	BRA	12.05.1988	20	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	6	-	6	-
15	Royston Drenthe	NED	08.04.1987	21	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	4	-	8	-
16	Gabriel Heinze	ARG	19.04.1978	30	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	20	-	35	3
21	Christoph Metzelder	GER	05.11.1980	27	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	16	-	27	-
22	Miguel Torres	ESP	28.01.1986	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	6	-
26	David Mateos	ESP	22.04.1987	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
27	Javier Velayos	ESP	08.04.1987	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Midfielders</b>															
6	Mahamadou Diarra	MLI	18.05.1981	27	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	46	5	51	5
8	Fernando Gago	ARG	10.04.1986	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	8	-
10	Wesley Sneijder	NED	09.06.1984	24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24	2	38	6
11	Arjen Robben	NED	23.01.1984	24	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	34	5	36	5
14	Guti	ESP	31.10.1976	31	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	88	15	94	17
18	Rubén de la Red	ESP	05.06.1985	23	S	-	-	-	-	2	-	3	-	14	2
23	Rafaël van der Vaart	NED	11.02.1983	25	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	20	7	60	22
24	Javi García	ESP	08.02.1987	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	-
31	Pedro Mosquera	ESP	21.04.1988	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Forwards</b>															
7	Raúl González	ESP	27.06.1977	31	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	116	61	124	63
9	Javier Saviola	ARG	11.12.1981	26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	33	15	55	24
17	Ruud van Nistelrooy	NED	01.07.1976	32	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	68	53	80	57
20	Gonzalo Higuaín	ARG	10.12.1987	20	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	7	-	7	-
28	Alberto Bueno	ESP	20.03.1988	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Coach</b>															
-	Bernd Schuster	GER	22.12.1959	48	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	14	-

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<b>Goalkeepers</b>															
12	Roman <b>Stepanov</b>	BLR	06.08.1991	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16	Sergei <b>Veremko</b>	BLR	16.10.1982	25	-	5	-	-	-	19	-	-	-	5	-
30	Aleksandr <b>Gutor</b>	BLR	18.04.1989	19	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
<b>Defenders</b>															
3	Sergei <b>Sosnovski</b>	BLR	14.08.1981	27	-	5	-	-	-	12	1	-	-	5	-
14	Anri <b>Khagush</b>	RUS	23.09.1986	21	-	6	-	-	-	17	-	-	-	13	-
18	Anton <b>Sakharov</b>	RUS	20.10.1982	25	-	-	-	-	-	9	-	-	-	4	-
21	Ivan <b>Pecha</b>	SVK	23.01.1986	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
26	Yuri <b>Ryzhko</b>	BLR	10.10.1989	18	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
32	Vladimir <b>Rzhevski</b>	BLR	19.07.1987	21	-	6	1	-	-	11	2	-	-	6	1
55	Aleksandr <b>Yurevich</b>	BLR	08.08.1979	29	-	6	-	-	-	18	-	-	-	18	-
<b>Midfielders</b>															
2	Dmitri <b>Likhtarovich</b>	BLR	01.03.1978	30	-	6	-	-	-	16	-	-	-	40	1
4	Aleksei <b>Zaitsev</b>	BLR	04.03.1987	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6	Radevich <b>Valentin</b>	BLR	03.02.1989	19	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	1	-
7	Aliaksandr <b>Ermakovich</b>	BLR	21.01.1975	33	-	1	-	-	-	17	-	-	-	26	-
8	Aleksandr <b>Volodko</b>	BLR	18.06.1986	22	-	1	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	3	-
10	Sergei <b>Kryvets</b>	BLR	08.06.1986	22	-	6	1	-	-	17	6	-	-	16	1
13	Pavel <b>Nekhaychik</b>	BLR	15.07.1988	20	-	6	1	-	-	19	3	-	-	7	1
15	Maksim <b>Zhavnerchik</b>	BLR	09.02.1985	23	-	6	-	-	-	21	1	-	-	20	1
17	Mikhail <b>Sivakov</b>	BLR	16.01.1988	20	-	5	-	-	-	14	2	-	-	10	-
19	Lasha <b>Dekanosidze</b>	GEO	09.07.1987	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
22	Igor <b>Stasevich</b>	BLR	21.10.1985	22	-	5	1	-	-	16	1	-	-	19	3
25	Dmitri <b>Baga</b>	BLR	04.01.1990	18	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Forwards</b>															
5	Mirchev <b>Vladislav</b>	BUL	23.01.1987	21	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	-	-	-	-
9	Gennadi <b>Bliznyuk</b>	BLR	30.07.1980	28	S	4	4	-	-	17	12	-	-	23	11
11	Maksim <b>Skavysh</b>	BLR	13.11.1989	18	-	5	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	5	-
20	Vitali <b>Rodionov</b>	BLR	11.12.1983	24	S	6	1	-	-	17	9	-	-	14	2
23	Aleksei <b>Viskushenko</b>	BLR	31.03.1989	19	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	1	-
24	Vitali <b>Kazantsev</b>	BLR	04.07.1981	27	-	3	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	14	-
27	Sergei <b>Bubnov</b>	BLR	13.04.1989	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Coach</b>															
-	Viktor Goncharenko	BLR	10.06.1977	31	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-

Head coach

**Real Madrid CF: Bernd Schuster**

**Date of birth:** 22 December 1959

**Nationality:** German

**Playing career:** SV Hammerschmiede Augsburg, 1. FC Augsburg, 1. FC Köln, FC Barcelona, Real Madrid CF, Club Atlético de Madrid, Bayer 04 Leverkusen, Club Universidad Nacional AC

**Coaching career:** SC Fortuna Köln, 1. FC Köln, Xerez CD, FC Shakhtar Donetsk, Levante UD, Getafe CF, Real Madrid CF

Having cut a swathe through Spain as a dashing midfield player in the 1980s, Bernd Schuster has once more been shaking up the Liga as a coach. After a tremendous first season in domestic terms at Madrid, he is battling for club honours in Europe again, having only had the 1981/82 UEFA Cup Winners' Cup, won with FC Barcelona, to show for his glory years as a player.

Brilliant and controversial, Schuster was just 20 when he helped West Germany win the 1980 UEFA European Championship and shortly afterwards found himself leaving Köln for the Camp Nou where he was to spend eight, occasionally fraught seasons. Winning the UEFA Cup Winners' Cup in 1982 and the league title in 1985, Schuster was a losing finalist in the 1985/86 European Champion Clubs' Cup.

By that stage, he had retired from international football following disagreements with West Germany coach Jupp Derwall and several team-mates, but 'The Blond Angel' continued to soar in Spain, though he caused upset at Barça by joining their arch-rivals Madrid in 1988 and going on to win two titles on the trot before representing Club Atlético de Madrid, Bayer 04 Leverkusen and Mexican side Club Universidad Nacional AC.

Hanging up his boots in 1997, he coached lower-tier clubs in Germany and Spain, and spent a season in Ukraine with FC Shakhtar Donetsk, but seemed not to be earmarked for coaching greatness before arriving at Getafe CF in 2005. After two superb seasons, he returned to Madrid as coach in summer 2007, romping to the title with an excellent 85-point haul and playing some fine attacking football.

**FC BATE Borisov: Viktor Goncharenko**

**Date of birth:** 10 June 1977

**Nationality:** Belarussian

**Playing career:** FC RUOR Minsk, FC BATE Borisov

**Coaching career:** FC BATE Borisov

Viktor Goncharenko's playing career as a defender with FC BATE Borisov was cut short aged 25 because of ruptured left knee ligaments. He immediately switched his attention to coaching, taking over the club's reserves and guiding them to second-placed finishes in 2005 and 2006 before graduating to become the assistant to first-team coach Igor Kriushenko. In 2007 he replaced Kriushenko on a temporary basis when the latter developed health problems and guided BATE to five wins in his six matches in charge.

When Kriushenko departed for FC Dinamo Minsk in November of that year, Goncharenko got his big break with the newly-crowned champions. He had his work cut out, however, with the side in transition after a number of key departures and the retirement of long-term goalkeeper Aleksandr Fedorovich. His purchases of the likes of Vladimir Rzhevski from Finland's third tier as well as Sergei Sosnovski and Sergei Veremko proved the shrewdest of moves. Indeed, as the 2008 Vysshaya Liga campaign began he guided the club to a ten-match winning streak and that summer helped BATE become the first Belarussian representatives in the UEFA Champions League group stage.

"I've said it before and I'll say it again: I have an outstanding team with great potential," he said after his side sealed their passage having beaten Valur Reykjavík, RSC Anderlecht and PFC Levski Sofia in qualifying. "Our dream has come true." Goncharenko's signings played key parts. Rzhevski and Sosnovski both scored against Levski while it was the heroics of Veremko that kept them in the first leg in Sofia, the keeper capping a stunning performance by saving a penalty as BATE won 1-0. Such was the coach's confidence that at half-time during the 1-1 draw in the return and with BATE down to ten men he left the dressing room after just a few minutes, explaining: "My team were completely in control and there was no sense me bending their ears with unnecessary instructions."

**Match officials**

<b>Referee</b>	Alain Hamer (LUX)
<b>Assistant referees</b>	François Mangen (LUX), Christian Holtgen (LUX)
<b>Fourth official</b>	Luc Wilmes (LUX)
<b>UEFA Delegate</b>	Heinz Fahnler (AUT)
<b>UEFA Referee observer</b>	Rolf Haugen (NOR)

**Referee**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Nat.</b>	<b>Date of birth</b>	<b>UCL</b>	<b>UEFA</b>
Alain Hamer	LUX	10.12.1965	24	63

Having only started refereeing in 1982, Alain Hamer was taking charge of top-flight matches in his native Luxembourg before the turn of the next decade. Since 2002, Hamer has worked at the highest UEFA level, but he is keen to keep on progressing. "Everyone has the right to dream and I hope one day I can be the best," he said.

A bank manager from the town of Waldbillig, he was awarded his FIFA badge in 1993 and went on to form part of the refereeing teams at the 1995 FIFA Women's World Cup, 1998 UEFA European Under-21 Championship and 2001 FIFA World Youth Championship. In addition to covering league games in his homeland, Hamer also experienced domestic football in France and Belgium. Back home, the official was established at the top of the refereeing tree at the age of 34, with his first major domestic appointment being the 1999 Luxembourg Cup final.

At the end of the 2003/04 campaign he was selected to travel to the UEFA European Championship in Portugal as one of four fourth officials. He also took charge of seven qualifiers for the 2006 FIFA World Cup. In 2005/06, he worked at the first leg of the UEFA Cup semi-final between FC Steaua Bucureşti and Middlesbrough FC. Since the 1999/00 season, he has received regular appointments in the UEFA Champions League, taking charge of three matches in the 2007/08 group stage.

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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Comp.</b>	<b>Stage</b>	<b>Match</b>	<b>Res.</b>	<b>Venue</b>
30.07.1997	UCL	QR1	FC Slavia Mozyr - FC Tiraspol	3-2	Mozyr
23.10.2002	UCL	GS1	FC Barcelona - FC Lokomotiv Moskva	1-0	Barcelona
25.11.2003	UCL	GS1	Olympiacos CFP - Real Sociedad de Fútbol	2-2	Athens
24.08.2004	UCL	QR3	RC Deportivo La Coruña - Shelbourne FC	3-0	La Coruna
23.11.2004	UCL	GS	Real Madrid CF - Bayer 04 Leverkusen	1-1	Madrid
01.11.2005	UCL	GS	Real Betis Balompíe - Chelsea FC	1-0	Sevilla
07.03.2006	UCL	1/8	Villarreal CF - Rangers FC	1-1	Villarreal

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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Comp.</b>	<b>Stage</b>	<b>Match</b>	<b>Res.</b>	<b>Venue</b>
26.08.1997	UCUP	QR2	Lillestrøm SK - FC Dinamo Minsk	1-0	Lillestrom
29.09.1998	UCUP	R1	RC Celta de Vigo - FC 2005 SA Arges	7-0	Vigo
15.02.2001	UCUP	R4	Deportivo Alavés - FC Internazionale Milano	3-3	Vitoria
11.03.2004	UCUP	R4	Newcastle United FC - RCD Mallorca	4-1	Newcastle
17.03.2005	UCUP	1/8	Real Zaragoza - FK Austria Wien	2-2	Zaragoza
30.03.2006	UCUP	QF	Sevilla FC - FC Zenit St. Petersburg	4-1	Sevilla
05.04.2007	UCUP	QF	Sevilla FC - Tottenham Hotspur FC	2-1	Sevilla



Domestic information

**Real Madrid CF (Primera División)**

Comp.	Date	Opponent	Res.	Goalscorers
Cup	17/08/08	Valencia CF (A)	2-3	Van Nistelrooy 13, 67
Cup	24/08/08	Valencia CF (H)	4-2	Van Nistelrooy 50(pen), Sergio Ramos 77, de la Red 86, Higuaín 88

**Lineups:** Casillas, Pepe, Sergio Ramos, Heinze, Torres (Drenthe 64), Diarra, Van der Vaart, Guti (de la Red 78), Raúl (Higuaín 79), Van Nistelrooy, Robben

League	31/08/08	RC Deportivo La Coruña (A)	1-2	Van Nistelrooy 47
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**Lineups:** Casillas, Sergio Ramos, Pepe, Heinze, Marcelo, Diarra, Guti (de la Red 82), Higuaín, Raúl (Drenthe 82), Robben, Van Nistelrooy

League	14/09/08	CD Numancia (H)	4-3	Guti 19, Higuaín 25, Van der Vaart 33, Own goal
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**Lineups:** Casillas, Michel Salgado, Pepe, Metzelder, Marcelo, Guti, Diarra, Van der Vaart (de la Red 69), Robben, Van Nistelrooy (Raúl 68), Higuaín (Drenthe 83)

League	21/09/08	Real Racing Club Santander (A)		
League	24/09/08	Sporting Gijón (H)		
League	28/09/08	Real Betis Balompié (A)		
League	05/10/08	RCD Espanyol (H)		
League	19/10/08	Club Atlético de Madrid (A)		
League	26/10/08	Athletic Club Bilbao (H)		
League	02/11/08	UD Almería (A)		
League	09/11/08	Málaga CF (H)		
League	16/11/08	Real Valladolid CF (A)		
League	23/11/08	RC Recreativo de Huelva (H)		
League	30/11/08	Getafe CF (A)		
League	07/12/08	Sevilla FC (H)		
League	14/12/08	FC Barcelona (A)		
League	21/12/08	Valencia CF (H)		
League	04/01/09	Villarreal CF (H)		
League	11/01/09	RCD Mallorca (A)		
League	18/01/09	CA Osasuna (H)		
League	25/01/09	RC Deportivo La Coruña (H)		
League	01/02/09	CD Numancia (A)		
League	08/02/09	Real Racing Club Santander (H)		

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1	RCD Espanyol	2	2	0	0	2	0	6
2	Valencia CF	2	1	1	0	5	2	4
3	UD Almería	2	1	1	0	5	3	4
4	Sevilla FC	2	1	1	0	5	4	4
5	Getafe CF	2	1	1	0	2	1	4
6	Villarreal CF	2	1	1	0	2	1	4
7	Club Atlético de Madrid	2	1	0	1	5	2	3
<b>8</b>	<b>Real Madrid CF</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>
9	CD Numancia	2	1	0	1	4	4	3
10	RC Deportivo La Coruña	2	1	0	1	2	2	3
11	Real Valladolid CF	2	1	0	1	2	2	3
12	RC Recreativo de Huelva	2	1	0	1	1	1	3
13	CA Osasuna	2	0	2	0	2	2	2
14	Real Racing Club Santander	2	0	2	0	2	2	2
15	FC Barcelona	2	0	1	1	1	2	1
16	Real Betis Balompíe	2	0	1	1	0	1	1
17	Athletic Club Bilbao	2	0	1	1	1	3	1
18	RCD Mallorca	2	0	1	1	1	4	1
19	Málaga CF	2	0	1	1	0	4	1
20	Sporting Gijón	2	0	0	2	4	6	0

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### FC BATE Borisov (First Level)

Comp.	Date	Opponent	Res.	Goalscorers
League	06/04/08	FC Darida Zhdanovichi (H)	1-0	Bliznyuk 84(pen)
League	12/04/08	FC Torpedo Zhodino (A)	0-0	
League	20/04/08	FC Dnepr Mogilev (H)	2-2	Rodionov 47, 84
League	26/04/08	FC Neman Grodno (A)	2-0	Rodionov 33, Bliznyuk 69(pen)
League	04/05/08	FC Granit Mikashevichi (H)	1-1	Kryvets 3
League	10/05/08	FC Smorgon (A)	0-0	
League	17/05/08	FC Naftan Novopolotsk (H)	2-1	Rodionov 25, 50
League	06/06/08	FC Shakhtyor Soligorsk (A)	2-0	Sosnovski 12, Kryvets 42
League	10/06/08	FC Gomel (H)	2-0	Stasevich 43, Rodionov 58
League	15/06/08	FC Savit Mogilev (H)	3-0	Kryvets 32, Own goal, Nekhaychik 69
League	21/06/08	FC Lokomotiv Minsk (A)	3-0	Rzhevski 6, Kryvets 20, Bliznyuk 25
League	28/06/08	FC MTZ-RIPO Minsk (H)	4-3	Kryvets 15, Rodionov 34, Bliznyuk 41, 54
League	05/07/08	FC Dinamo Brest (A)	3-1	Bliznyuk 48, 85(pen), Zhavnerchik 75
League	10/07/08	FC Dinamo Minsk (H)	2-0	Bliznyuk 7, 11
League	19/07/08	FC Vitebsk (A)	2-0	Bliznyuk 16(pen), Rodionov 43
League	26/07/08	FC Darida Zhdanovichi (A)	2-0	Own goal, Kryvets 84
League	09/08/08	FC Dnepr Mogilev (A)	3-3	Sivakov 24, 69, Rodionov 64
League	17/08/08	FC Neman Grodno (H)	0-0	
League	22/08/08	FC Granit Mikashevichi (A)	2-2	Rzhevski 77, Nekhaychik 90

**Lineups:** Fedorovich, Khagush, Filipenko, Radevich, Stasevich, Ermakovich, Kryvets, Zhavnerchik (Platonov 74), Bliznyuk (Platonov 58), Rodionov (Viskushenko 86), Kazantsev

League 31/08/08 FC Smorgon (H) 2-2 Bliznyuk 42, Nekhaychik 78

**Lineups:** Veremko, Rzhevski, Sosnovski, Khagush, Volodko, Likhtarovich (Mirchev 64), Kryvets (Sivakov 88), Nekhaychik, Stasevich (Zhavnerchik 78), Bliznyuk, Kazantsev

League 13/09/08 FC Naftan Novopolotsk (A) 2-1 Bliznyuk 31(pen), Mirchev 88

**Lineups:** Veremko, Bliznyuk, Yurevich, Khagush, Sivakov (Mirchev 87), Nekhaychik (Volodko 55), Kazantsev, Stasevich, Rzhevski, Kryvets (Zhavnerchik 68), Rodionov

League 21/09/08 FC Shakhtyor Soligorsk (H)

League 25/09/08 FC Gomel (A)

League 05/10/08 FC Lokomotiv Minsk (H)

League 19/10/08 FC MTZ-RIPO Minsk (A)

League 25/10/08 FC Dinamo Brest (H)

League 02/11/08 FC Dinamo Minsk (A)

League 08/11/08 FC Vitebsk (H)

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1	<b>FC BATE Borisov</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>47</b>
2	FC MTZ-RIPO Minsk	22	14	4	4	55	28	46
3	FC Shakhtyor Soligorsk	22	12	6	4	39	19	42
4	FC Dinamo Minsk	22	12	4	6	35	26	40
5	FC Dinamo Brest	22	11	4	7	31	26	37
6	FC Vitebsk	22	10	5	7	27	23	35
7	FC Dnepr Mogilev	22	8	9	5	39	32	33
8	FC Naftan Novopolotsk	22	9	4	9	30	30	31
9	FC Granit Mikashevichi	22	6	8	8	26	24	26
10	FC Smorgon	22	6	7	9	16	32	25
11	FC Neman Grodno	22	5	7	10	28	32	22
12	FC Torpedo Zhodino	21	5	7	9	18	25	22
13	FC Gomel	22	5	5	12	26	40	20
14	FC Lokomotiv Minsk	22	4	7	11	21	37	19
15	FC Savit Mogilev	22	4	6	12	20	40	18
16	FC Darida Zhdanovichi	22	2	7	13	19	40	13

## UEFA information

### **Elite Coaches Forum**

UEFA has given Europe's top club coaches another unique opportunity to come together and exchange views with the governing body on the state of the European game at a gathering in Nyon, Switzerland. The UEFA Elite Coaches Forum celebrated its tenth anniversary with discussions on tactical and technical trends, the evolution of the European club competitions, the leadership role of the modern coach, how coaches cope with the demands of the high-pressure game today and their relationship with match officials. "It's a short but very intense gathering. Twenty-three top coaches were here, a fantastic turnout from our point of view," said UEFA technical director Andy Roxburgh. "UEFA respects them and listens to what they say, and there are many things that UEFA has taken on board [over the years]."

### **EURO example**

UEFA hopes that the UEFA Champions League season will carry on in the same spirit that marked UEFA EURO 2008™ in Austria and Switzerland in June. At the UEFA Champions League group stage draw in Monaco, UEFA General Secretary David Taylor recalled the attitude of players, supporters and officials at the EURO tournament, which heartened European football's governing body as it strives to promote the idea of respect throughout football. Congratulating the 32 clubs that have qualified for the UEFA Champions League group phase, Mr Taylor said: "The new European club football season comes hot on the heels of a hugely successful European Championship, where the spirit of both respect and fair play were seen both on and off the field. I'd therefore like to take this opportunity to ask all the clubs, players and officials to continue in that spirit for the season."

### **Only a Game? exhibition**

Fans from across the globe will be able to get close to some of football's most coveted trophies at the ground-breaking Only a Game? exhibition which opens in Liverpool next month. The UEFA Champions League trophy, the UEFA Cup and the UEFA Cup Winners' Cup will all be on display at the interactive exhibition in the World Museum Liverpool. While providing a traditional museum experience, the exhibition also aims to provoke visitors into considering the social and cultural impact of the planet's most popular sport. The exhibition, which will run from 11 October to 1 March 2009, has been organised by UEFA in conjunction with the Northwest Development Agency, the National Football Museum and National Museums Liverpool to mark the city's year as 2008 European Capital of Culture.

### **Charity cheque**

As ambassador for the European Leukodystrophy Association (ELA), Zinedine Zidane accepted a cheque from UEFA for CHF1m (€619,000) during the draw for the group stage of the UEFA Champions League in Monaco. At the start of each season UEFA donates CHF1m to a charitable or humanitarian cause. "It is a major contribution by UEFA and an important help for the association I have been sponsoring for the past eight years," Zidane told uefa.com. "I believe we have made good progress and ELA is lucky to receive a cheque from UEFA and its president Michel Platini." Leukodystrophies are rare genetic diseases, and UEFA's donation will help support a four-year project developing a European information and exchange network.

### **Support for referees**

Europe's top referees and assistant referees have been urged by UEFA to carry on the good work this season and build on the positive results from UEFA EURO 2008™. The annual UEFA summer gathering for its leading match officials was an ideal platform for European football's governing body to give a resounding thumbs-up to the referees, assistants and fourth officials who played a crucial role in nurturing the theme of respect UEFA is striving to promote among players, referees, officials and spectators. "I want to congratulate the 12 referees, 24 assistant referees and eight fourth officials who were at the EURO tournament," said Referee Committee member Volker Roth, who added that the officials had stood up to the challenge of replacing recently retired elite referees. "We had no Pierluigi Collina, Anders Frisk or Markus Merk, but you responded, your performances were great, and we are proud. We ask you to keep up this high level of performance."

### Match-by-match lineups

Club	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
FC BATE Borisov	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Juventus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FC Zenit St. Petersburg	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Real Madrid CF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Date	Match	Result	Stadium/Venue
17.09.2008	Juventus - Zenit	-	Comunale, Turin
17.09.2008	Real Madrid - BATE	-	Santiago Bernabéu Stadium, Madrid
30.09.2008	BATE - Juventus	-	Dinamo, Minsk
30.09.2008	Zenit - Real Madrid	-	Petrovsky, St Petersburg
21.10.2008	Zenit - BATE	-	Petrovsky, St Petersburg
21.10.2008	Juventus - Real Madrid	-	Comunale, Turin
05.11.2008	BATE - Zenit	-	Dinamo, Minsk
05.11.2008	Real Madrid - Juventus	-	Santiago Bernabéu Stadium, Madrid
25.11.2008	Zenit - Juventus	-	Petrovsky, St Petersburg
25.11.2008	BATE - Real Madrid	-	Dinamo, Minsk
10.12.2008	Juventus - BATE	-	Comunale, Turin
10.12.2008	Real Madrid - Zenit	-	Santiago Bernabéu Stadium, Madrid

## Competition facts

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

Holders Manchester United FC are hoping 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 became the oldest player to compete in the UEFA Champions League in 2007/08 when he featured against Olympiacos CFP on Matchday 1 at the age of 43 years and 168 days. The record was previously held by Alessandro Costacurta, the AC Milan defender who played against AEK Athens FC in the 2006/07 season at the age of 40 years and 211 days. Ballotta was aged 43 years 252 days when he featured against Real Madrid CF on Matchday 6.

Laurent Blanc is the oldest player to score in the competition, aged 36 years and 339 days, having found the net for Manchester United FC in their 3-2 defeat of Olympiacos 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 Bucureşti 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. Six other teams have gone through a single group stage campaign without picking up a point: FC Dynamo Kyiv (2007/08), SK Rapid Wien (2005/06) and RSC Anderlecht (2004/05) plus FC Spartak Moskva and Bayer 04 Leverkusen (2002/03, first and second group stage respectively) and Fenerbahçe SK (2001/02, first group stage).

Dynamo also conceded 19 goals in their six outings in 2007/08, equalling the record let in during a group stage set by Ferencvárosi TC 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 1999/2000 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.

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### Team facts

#### Real Madrid CF

##### UEFA club competition milestones

• The most successful club in UEFA competition history, Madrid won the first five editions of the European Champion Clubs' Cup. Overall, Madrid have played in 12 European Cup finals, the most of any club, and won nine of them. They lost in 1961/62, 1963/64 and 1980/81.

##### UEFA Champions League milestones

• Their three victories in the UEFA Champions League era have come at the expense of Juventus (1-0, 1997/98), Valencia CF (3-0, 1999/00) and Bayer 04 Leverkusen (2-1, 2001/02).

• Although they sat out the first three editions, Madrid have since taken part on 13 occasions and only FC Porto and Manchester United FC (14) have a better record. They last missed out in the 1996/97 campaign, meaning this is their twelfth in a row. Only United (13) have appeared in more consecutive editions.

##### UEFA club competition honours

- European Champion Clubs' Cup: 1955/56, 1956/57, 1957/58, 1958/59, 1959/60, 1965/66, 1997/98, 1999/00, 2001/02
- UEFA Cup: 1984/85, 1985/86
- UEFA Super Cup: 2002
- European/South American Cup: 1960, 1998, 2002

##### Ten-year record

**2007/08:** UEFA Champions League – first knockout round

**2006/07:** UEFA Champions League – first knockout round

**2005/06:** UEFA Champions League – first knockout round

**2004/05:** UEFA Champions League – first knockout round

**2003/04:** UEFA Champions League – quarter-finals

**2002/03:** UEFA Champions League – semi-finals

**2001/02:** UEFA Champions League – winners

**2000/01:** UEFA Champions League – semi-finals

**1999/00:** UEFA Champions League – winners

**1998/99:** UEFA Champions League – quarter-finals

##### 2007/08 season

**Domestic record:** Madrid retained the Primera División title by finishing eight points ahead of runners-up Villarreal CF and 18 clear of FC Barcelona, who finished third. However, for the second consecutive season, they were eliminated at the last 16 stage of the Copa del Rey.

**European record:** Madrid finished level on points with Olympiacos CFP in Group C but topped the section due to their better head-to-head record in the two matches against the Greek side. Yet, for the fourth consecutive campaign, they exited the competition in the first knockout round after a 4-2 aggregate defeat by AS Roma.

##### Records

###### UEFA club competition

• Biggest win

**9-0:** Real Madrid CF v Odense BK

25.10.1961, European Champion Clubs' Cup first round second leg

• Biggest home win

**9-0:** Real Madrid CF v Odense BK (see above for details)

• Biggest away win

**0-8:** Olympiakos Nicosia FC v Real Madrid CF

24.09.1969, European Champion Clubs' Cup first round first leg



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### • Heaviest defeat

**5-0:** AC Milan v Real Madrid CF

19.04.1989, European Champion Clubs' Cup semi-finals second leg

**5-0:** 1. FC Kaiserslautern v Real Madrid CF

17.03.1982, UEFA Cup quarter-finals second leg

### • Heaviest home defeat

**2-4:** Real Madrid CF v FC Bayern München

29.02.2000, UEFA Champions League second group stage

**0-2:** Real Madrid CF v AFC Ajax

22.11.1995, UEFA Champions League group stage

**0-2:** Real Madrid CF v Odense BK

06.12.1994, UEFA Cup, third round second leg

**1-3:** Real Madrid CF v SK Spartak Moskva

20.03.1991, European Champion Clubs' Cup semi-finals second leg

**0-2:** Real Madrid CF v FC Internazionale

01.03.1967, European Champion Clubs' Cup quarter-finals second leg

### • Heaviest away defeat

**5-0:** AC Milan v Real Madrid CF (see above for details)

**5-0:** 1. FC Kaiserslautern v Real Madrid CF (see above for details)

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

#### • Biggest win

**6-0:** Real Madrid CF v KRC Genk

25.09.2002, UEFA Champions League first group stage

#### • Biggest home win

**6-0:** Real Madrid CF v KRC Genk (see above for details)

#### • Biggest away win

**1-5:** SK Sturm Graz v Real Madrid CF

05.11.1998, UEFA Champions League group stage

#### • Heaviest defeat

**3-0:** Olympique Lyonnais v Real Madrid CF

13.09.2005, UEFA Champions League group stage

**3-0:** Bayer 04 Leverkusen v Real Madrid CF

15.09.2004, UEFA Champions League group stage

**4-1:** FC Bayern München v Real Madrid CF

08.03.2000, UEFA Champions League second group stage

#### • Heaviest home defeat

**2-4:** Real Madrid CF v FC Bayern München (see above for details)

**0-2:** Real Madrid CF v AFC Ajax (see above for details)

#### • Heaviest away defeat

**3-0:** Olympique Lyonnais v Real Madrid CF (see above for details)

**3-0:** Bayer 04 Leverkusen v Real Madrid CF (see above for details)

**4-1:** FC Bayern München v Real Madrid CF (see above for details)

**Last updated:** 18.07.2008

### FC BATE Borisov

#### UEFA club competition milestones

• BATE have steadily progressed since making their European debut in August 1999, going down 12-1 on aggregate to FC Lokomotiv Moskva in the UEFA Cup qualifying round. They made their debut in the UEFA Cup first round two years later, against AC Milan, and reached the UEFA Intertoto Cup third round the following season.

### UEFA Champions League milestones

• The Belarussian side made their first appearance in UEFA Champions League qualifying in 1999/2000, winning through to the second qualifying round, and also featured in 2003 and 2007. Reaching the third qualifying round in the latter season was their most notable achievement until the start of the 2008/09 campaign, when Valur Reykjavík, RSC Anderlecht and PFC Levski Sofia were overcome as BATE became the first ever club from Belarus to reach the group stage.

### UEFA club competition honours

• N/A

### Ten-year record

**2007/08:** UEFA Cup – first round (having transferred from UEFA Champions League third qualifying round)

**2006/07:** UEFA Cup – second qualifying round

**2005/06:** UEFA Cup – second qualifying round

**2004/05:** UEFA Cup – first qualifying round

**2003/04:** UEFA Champions League – first qualifying round

**2002/03:** UEFA Intertoto Cup – third round

**2001/02:** UEFA Cup – first round

**2000/01:** UEFA Champions League – second qualifying round

**1999/00:** UEFA Cup – qualifying round

**1998/99:** Did not compete in UEFA club competition

### 2007/08 season

**Domestic record:** BATE claimed a second successive Belarussian league title – and a fourth overall – with three games to spare of the 2007 season, eventually finishing 12 points clear of second-placed FC Gomel and FC Shakhtyor Soligorsk. Their hopes of a domestic double had already been dashed, however, as FC Dinamo Brest emerged as 4-3 penalty shoot-out victors after a goalless draw in the Belarus Cup final.

**European record:** Having overcome a 2-0 first-leg deficit to defeat APOEL FC 3-2 in the UEFA Champions League first qualifying round, BATE enjoyed a more comfortable success in the next stage against FH Hafnarfjörður, a 3-1 win in the first game in Iceland paving the way for a 4-2 overall success. A 2-2 home draw against FC Steaua București in the third qualifying round raised hopes of progress into the group stage which were ended by a 2-0 reverse in Romania, and the subsequent UEFA Cup campaign proved short-lived, Villarreal CF running out 6-1 aggregate winners in the first round.

### Records

#### UEFA club competition

• Biggest win

**5-0:** FC BATE Borisov v FC Kutaisi Torpedo

28.07.2005, 2005/06 UEFA Cup first qualifying round second leg

• Biggest home win

**5-0:** FC BATE Borisov v FC Kutaisi Torpedo

(see above for details)

• Biggest away win

**1-3:** FH Hafnarfjörður v FC BATE Borisov

01.08.2007, 2007/08 UEFA Champions League second qualifying round first leg

**0-2:** Akademisk Boldklub v FC BATE Borisov

29.06.2002, 2002 UEFA Intertoto Cup first round second leg

• Heaviest defeat

**1-7:** FC BATE Borisov v FC Lokomotiv Moskva

12.08.1999, 1999/2000 UEFA Cup qualifying round first leg

• Heaviest home defeat

**1-7:** FC BATE Borisov v FC Lokomotiv Moskva (see above for details)

• Heaviest away defeat

**5-0:** FC Lokomotiv Moskva v FC BATE Borisov

25.08.1999, 1999/2000 UEFA Cup qualifying round second leg

# Real Madrid CF - FC BATE Borisov

## MATCH PRESS KIT

Wednesday 17 September 2008 - 20.45 CET

Santiago Bernabéu Stadium, Madrid

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

- Biggest win

N/A

- Biggest home win

N/A

- Biggest away win

N/A

- Heaviest defeat

N/A

- Heaviest home defeat

N/A

- Heaviest away defeat

N/A

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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.

#### :: 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)

#### :: 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

**ECCL:** 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

**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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