

Anorthosis Famagusta FC - Panathinaikos FC

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Match background

A determined rearguard action helped Anorthosis Famagusta FC, the first Cypriot club to reach the UEFA Champions League group stage, draw 0-0 away to Werder Bremen on Matchday 1 – giving them a point more than Panathinaikos FC after the Greek side began with a 2-0 home defeat by FC Internazionale Milano.

- Bremen created a host of chances at the Weserstadion but were unable to break down Temuri Ketsbaia's Anorthosis team who, on their debut in the competition proper, proved themselves to be well-organised and hard-working.
- To make history, Anorthosis needed to overcome all three qualifying hurdles and matching 3-0 home victories in the second and third rounds was testament to their form on home soil. Their ticket to the group stage came at the expense of Panathinaikos's fierce rivals, Olympiacos CFP, and a repeat of that 3-0 success at the Antonis Papadopoulos Stadium in the third qualifying round first leg would do them nicely on Matchday 2. On that occasion Vassilis Torosidis – an own goal – Lukasz Sosin and Vincent Laban scored the Cypriot club's goals which proved more than adequate insurance for the game in Athens which ended 1-0 to Olympiacos.
- In the previous stage Anorthosis recorded a 3-0 home victory over SK Rapid Wien, progressing despite a 3-1 second-leg defeat in Austria, after overcoming FC Pyunik 3-0 on aggregate in the first qualifying round (winning 1-0 at home).
- Before the third qualifying round Anorthosis had met Greek opposition on two occasions. The first, also against Olympiacos, came in the 1998/99 UEFA Champions League second qualifying round when the Cypriot side went down 2-1 away and then 4-2 at home. In the 2002/03 UEFA Cup first round they faced Iraklis FC and although they lost the away leg 4-2, a 3-1 win in the return took them through on away goals.
- Panathinaikos, third in Greece's Super League in 2007/08, had hoped to inflict more first-match disappointment on Inter but goals in either half from Mancini and substitute Adriano – both taking advantage of set-up play from Zlatan Ibrahimović – gave the Italian champions a contrasting start to the preceding two seasons when they had lost on Matchday 1.
- Henk Ten Cate's team, who are in their eighth UEFA Champions League campaign, prevailed 2-1 at AC Sparta Praha in the third qualifying round first leg before a 1-0 home win meant they went through with a two-goal cushion.



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- In their last UEFA Champions League campaign in 2005/06, Panathinaikos lost all three away games in the group, conceding 13 goals in total. They succumbed 5-0 at FC Barcelona, 5-1 at Bremen and 3-0 at Udinese Calcio. The previous season they managed two draws and a defeat away from home. Their last victory on their travels came in December 2003 when they gained a 3-1 triumph at Rangers FC. Since then they have played six away matches, recording four defeats and two draws.
- The Athens club have encountered only one Cypriot opponent in European competition until now. That was in the UEFA Cup Winners' Cup first round in 1988/89 when they overcame AC Omonia 1-0 away and 2-0 at home.
- Defender Traianos Dellas, a summer signing by Anorthosis from AEK Athens FC, was part of Greece's UEFA EURO 2004™-winning squad alongside Panathinaikos pair Giannis Goumas and Giorgos Karagounis.
- The other Matchday 2 game in Group B is between Inter and Bremen.

Match facts

Anorthosis

UEFA milestones

- None

UEFA Champions League statistics

- Eight Anorthosis players have appeared in all seven games, including qualifying: Arian Beqaj, Nicolaos Katsavakis, Jeffrey Leiwakabessy, Andreas Constantinou, Nikos Nikolaou, Vincent Laban, Cédric Bardon and Lukasz Sosin.

Disciplinary information

- Siniša Dobrašinović is available having been suspended on Matchday 1.

Latest domestic information

• Saturday 27 September: AEL Limassol FC 0-2 Anorthosis Famagusta FC (Sosin 70, Dellas 81)

Two goals in the final 20 minutes maintained Anorthosis' 100 per cent start to the Division A season. Sosin made the all-important breakthrough when he headed in Paulo Costa's centre from close range before Traianos Dellas scored his first goal for Anorthosis with another header after AEL had failed to clear a corner.

- "Whichever side had scored first would have taken control of the game in my opinion," said coach Temuri Ketsbaia. "We struck first, got the second and our job became a lot easier. Now we have to put the league behind us and concentrate on our next Champions League match as a tough game awaits us this Wednesday against Panathinaikos. We will be up against a very good side so we are calling on everyone to come and support us in our first ever Champions League group match at home. With their help, we can push for a famous victory."
- The game at the Tsirium Athletic Centre was witnessed by Panathinaikos coach Henk ten Cate.
- Dellas' goal was his first for club or country since scoring for AEK Athens FC in a 4-1 win at Ergotelis FC on 23 December 2007.
- Since confirming their place in the UEFA Champions League group stage, Anorthosis have conceded just once in all competitions, against Ethnikos Achnas FC on 22 September.
- The result extends Anorthosis' unbeaten run in Division A to 37 matches (25 of them wins), stretching back to a 1-0 loss at APOEL FC on 28 April 2007.
- Leiwakabessy set up one and scored another as Anorthosis returned to domestic action after Matchday 1 with a 2-1 league victory at home to Ethnikos. The Dutch defender teed up the opener for Dobrašinović midway through the first half, and though Lars Schlichting equalised soon after, Leiwakabessy restored the lead seven minutes after the restart.
- The strike was Leiwakabessy's first ever league goal in professional football. He failed to register in over 200 appearances for NEC Nijmegen and TSV Alemannia Aachen in the Netherlands and Germany, but took just three games to get off the mark in Cyprus. He dedicated the strike to his newborn son.
- The Ethnikos triumph was Anorthosis' sixth successive home win and extended their unbeaten home run to 35 games in all competitions. The last time Ketsbaia's team tasted defeat on their own turf was 27 January 2007 when AC Omonia defeated them 2-0.

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Injury news

- Ioannis Skopelitis – out since 13 August (ankle)
 - Predrag Ocokoljić – out since 1 September (knee)
 - Stefanos Voskarides – out since summer (foot)
- Influential midfielder Skopelitis has been in Greece undergoing therapy on his ankle injury and will be out until November.

Summer transfers

•In

Predrag Ocokoljić (AEL Limassol FC)
Ioannis Skopelitis (Atromitos FC)
Stefanos Voskarides (Kallithea FC)
Fábio André Silva Ferraz (AEL Limassol FC)
Siniša Dobrašinović (AC Omonia)
Georgos Theodotou (AC Omonia)
Georgios Georgiou (Atromitos FC)
Jeffrey Leiwakabessy (TSV Alemannia Aachen)
Cédric Bardon (Bnei Yehuda Tel-Aviv FC)
Traianos Dellas (AEK Athens FC)
Sávio (Desportiva Capixaba)
Hawar Taher (Al-Khor Sports Club)

•Out

Savvas Poursaitides (APOEL FC)
Anton Žlogar (AC Omonia)
Hamad Ndikumana (AC Omonia)
Amir Megahed (Hacettepe)
William Boaventura (FC Metalurh Donetsk)
Loukas Louka (Alki FC)
Metodi Deyanov (released)
Milan Belić (AEP Paphos FC)
Theodoros Tripotseris (Levadiakos FC)

Miscellaneous

- Anorthosis' meeting with Panathinaikos coincides with Cyprus Independence Day, a national holiday. It marks the country's autonomy from the United Kingdom on 16 August 1960.
- Following Anorthosis' qualification for the group stage, club president Andreas Pantelis gave the squad a €1.5m bonus to share.
- Anorthosis play their home games in Larnaca, although their UEFA Champions League group stage fixtures will take place at the GSP Stadium in Nicosia. The club relocated from Famagusta in 1974 as a result of the political situation in the region.
- The club have marked their progress to the UEFA Champions League group stage with the release of a new club magazine called Anorthosis Empire.

Panathinaikos

UEFA milestones

- None

UEFA Champions League statistics

- Five Panathinaikos players have appeared in all five games, including qualifying: Mario Galinović, Simão, Loukas Vintra, Mikael Nilsson and Dimitris Salpingidis.
- Giannis Goumas has featured in all seven of Panathinaikos' previous UEFA Champions League campaigns, making 39 appearances in Europe's premier club competition.

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- The second qualifying round second leg against FC Dinamo Tbilisi was Goumas' 70th match in Europe, more than anybody else has ever mustered for Panathinaikos, and he also featured against Inter. Only three players have made more UEFA club competition appearances for Greek clubs; Antonis Nikopolidis (83 matches), Predrag Djordjević (78) and Nikos Liberopoulos (76).

Disciplinary information

- Panathinaikos have no players suspended or within a booking of a ban.

Latest domestic information

- The OACA Spiro Louis Stadium hosted a Madonna concert on Saturday 27 September, so Panathinaikos' home match against Ergotelis FC was postponed until 29 October.
- While some would have relished the opportunity for a rest, Panathinaikos coach Henk ten Cate had a different view, saying: "I would have preferred to have played next week, but I guess Madonna's magnitude surpasses that of Panathinaikos."
- Nilsson is anticipating a difficult encounter against Anorthosis, saying: "It will be a tough match. They have already eliminated Olympiacos and showed themselves more than capable of causing upsets."
- With no weekend Super League engagement, Panathinaikos organised a friendly with fourth-tier Athinaikos FC on 23 September. Antonis Petropoulos and Lazaros Hristodoulopoulos certainly enjoyed the run-out, scoring a hat-trick apiece in a 6-0 win.
- Following their Matchday 1 loss to Inter, Ten Cate's side had returned to domestic action with a 2-1 victory at Aris Thessaloniki FC on 20 September. The visitors had to come from behind after Javito's tenth-minute opener, but Cleyton (19) quickly restored parity on what was his Super League debut for the side before Andreas Ivanschitz (26) completed the turnaround.
- It was Ivanschitz's second goal in as many league outings having also struck in the 3-0 victory at home to Panthrakikos FC on 13 September. Indeed, he has had two shots this season and scored with both.
- Six Panathinaikos players have featured in every Super League match this season: Galinović, Simão, Nikos Spiropoulos, Gilberto, Ivanschitz and Salpingidis. Galinović, Simão and Spiropoulos have played every minute.
- Panathinaikos pair Giorgos Karagounis and Goumas, along with Ergotelis' Dimitris Orfanos, were the only Greek players to score in the opening three rounds of the Super League, contributing three out of the 51 goals.

Injury news

- Vangelis Mantzios – out since 8 September (appendix)
- Ante Rukavina – out 10 August to 13 September (right groin)
- Giorgos Karagounis – out since 16 September (left calf)
- Christos Melissis – out since 22 September (flu)
- Karagounis is expected to be sidelined until mid-October following his knock in the first half against Inter.
- Mantzios has resumed training after undergoing appendix surgery on 8 September and is expected to be back in first-team contention in a fortnight.

Summer transfers

•In

Cleyton (Larissa FC)
Alexandros Tzorvas (OFI Crete FC)
Andreas Ivanschitz (FC Salzburg)
Ante Rukavina (HNK Hajduk Split)
Gabriel (Fluminense FC)
Gilberto (Arsenal FC)
Rodrigo Souza (CR Flamengo)
Christos Melissis (PAOK FC)
Lazaros Hristodoulopoulos (PAOK FC)
Bryce Moon (Ajax Cape Town FC)

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•Out

Panagiotis Fyssas (retired)
Anthony Serić (Beşiktaş JK)
Sebastian Romero (Club Gimnasia y Esgrima)
Ezequiel González (CA Rosario Central)
Arkadiusz Malartz (Iraklis FC)
Nasief Morris (RC Recreativo de Huelva, loan)
Filippos Darlas (PAOK FC, loan)
Elini Dimoutsos (OFI Crete FC, loan)
Dame N'Doye (OFI Crete FC, loan)

• Panathinaikos made Austrian international midfielder Ivanschitz a permanent signing after he had been on loan from FC Salzburg since August 2006.

Miscellaneous

- Sotiris Ninis, 18, signed a four-year extension to his contract with Panathinaikos on 23 September. A €10m buy-out clause was also added for foreign clubs, €17m if another Greek side wants him.
- Ninis becomes the sixth player to sign a contract extension since the end of last season, following Galinović (until June 2011), Simão (June 2012), Goumas (June 2010), Marcelo Mattos (June 2012) and Nilsson (June 2009).
- Gilberto has been recalled to the Brazil squad for next month's 2010 FIFA World Cup qualifiers against Venezuela and Colombia having missed September's goalless draw at home to Bolivia through suspension.
- The Athens club have sold 26,002 season tickets for 2008/09, the highest number ever recorded in Greek football. AEK held the previous record from last season, with 25,495 season tickets sold.
- Panathinaikos are celebrating their centenary this year.

Squad list

Anorthosis

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	Arian Beqaj	ALB	20.08.1975	33	-	6	-	1	-	3	-	1	-	12	-
30	Zóltan Nagy	HUN	30.03.1974	34	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
32	Gavriel Constandinou	CYP	05.07.1989	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders															
3	Lambros Lambrou	CYP	09.09.1977	31	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	-
4	Nicolaos Katsavakis	GRE	16.05.1979	29	-	6	-	1	-	3	-	1	-	19	-
12	Jeffrey Leiwakabessy	NED	23.02.1981	27	-	6	-	1	-	4	1	1	-	9	-
22	Predrag Ocokoljić	SRB	29.07.1977	31	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-
24	Andreas Constantinou	CYP	12.10.1980	27	-	6	-	1	-	4	-	1	-	9	-
28	Georgios Georgiou	GRE	24.09.1979	29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
33	Traianos Dellas	GRE	31.01.1976	32	-	3	-	1	-	3	1	11	-	36	1
67	Georgos Theodotou	CYP	01.01.1974	34	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	19	-
Midfielders															
5	Nikos Nikolaou	CYP	05.08.1973	35	-	6	-	1	-	3	-	1	-	33	1
6	Siniša Dobrašinović	SRB	17.02.1977	31	-	6	-	-	-	4	2	-	-	20	-
8	Ioannis Skopelitis	GRE	02.03.1978	30	-	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	1
10	Paulo Costa	POR	05.12.1979	28	-	2	-	1	-	4	-	3	-	9	-
17	Sávio	BRA	09.01.1974	34	-	-	-	1	-	4	1	36	10	54	15
19	Hawar Taher	IRQ	01.06.1981	27	-	-	-	1	-	3	-	1	-	3	-
20	Vincent Laban	FRA	09.09.1984	24	-	6	2	1	-	4	-	1	-	9	2
21	Georgios Panagi	CYP	03.11.1986	21	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	7	-
23	Constandinos Samaras	CYP	18.05.1984	24	-	4	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	8	1
26	Chrysovalantis Panagiotou	CYP	17.05.1989	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
27	Cédric Bardon	FRA	15.10.1976	31	-	6	-	1	-	4	-	7	-	46	4
Forwards															
9	Lukasz Sosin	POL	07.05.1977	31	-	6	3	1	-	4	3	1	-	21	5
11	Nikos Frousos	GRE	29.04.1974	34	-	2	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	23	8
16	Klimentii Tsitaisvili	GEO	05.01.1979	29	-	3	1	1	-	1	-	1	-	14	3
Coach															
-	Temuri Ketsbaia	GEO	18.03.1968	40	-	6	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	20	-

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Panathinaikos

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	Mario Galinović	CRO	15.11.1976	31	-	4	-	1	-	3	-	9	-	34	-
30	Alexandros Tzorvas	GRE	12.08.1982	26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
33	Orestis Karnezis	GRE	11.07.1985	23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders															
2	Bryce Moon	RSA	06.04.1986	22	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
3	José Sarriegi	ESP	19.01.1979	29	-	3	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	7	-
6	Christos Melissis	GRE	01.12.1982	25	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
8	Giannis Goumas	GRE	24.05.1975	33	-	1	-	1	-	1	1	39	3	71	6
16	Stefanos Siontis	GRE	04.09.1987	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
19	Gabriel	BRA	05.06.1981	27	-	3	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	3	-
23	Simão	MOZ	23.07.1988	20	-	4	1	1	-	3	-	1	-	9	1
24	Loukas Vintra	GRE	05.02.1981	27	-	4	-	1	-	2	-	10	-	33	1
31	Nikos Spiropoulos	GRE	10.10.1983	24	-	4	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	15	-
32	Nikolaos Pantidos	GRE	19.04.1991	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
34	Panagiotis Vlachos	GRE	16.03.1990	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Midfielders															
4	Marcelo Mattos	BRA	10.02.1984	24	-	3	-	1	-	2	-	1	-	10	-
7	Sotiris Ninis	GRE	03.04.1990	18	-	4	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	7	-
15	Gilberto	BRA	07.10.1976	31	-	3	-	1	-	3	-	45	4	51	4
21	Giorgos Karagounis	GRE	06.03.1977	31	-	3	-	1	-	1	1	40	3	77	4
22	Alexandros Tziolis	GRE	13.02.1985	23	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	3	-	25	-
27	Andreas Ivanschitz	AUT	15.10.1983	24	-	2	1	1	-	3	2	6	-	34	1
29	Mikael Nilsson	SWE	24.06.1978	30	-	4	-	1	-	-	-	6	-	32	-
35	Argyrios Samios	GRE	02.01.1990	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Forwards															
5	Ante Rukavina	CRO	18.06.1986	22	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	6	-
9	Rodrigo Souza	BRA	04.03.1982	26	-	2	1	1	-	2	1	1	-	8	1
10	Cleyton	BRA	08.03.1983	25	-	1	-	1	-	1	1	1	-	8	3
14	Dimitris Salpingidis	GRE	18.08.1981	27	-	4	2	1	-	3	-	1	-	39	16
17	Lazaros Hristodouloupoulos	GRE	19.12.1986	21	-	2	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	7	1
26	Vangelis Mantzios	GRE	22.04.1983	25	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	4	1	22	4
28	Antonis Petropoulos	GRE	28.01.1986	22	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Coach															
-	Henk Ten Cate	NED	09.12.1954	53	-	4	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	30	-

Head coach

Anorthosis Famagusta FC: Temuri Ketsbaia

Date of birth: 18 March 1968

Nationality: Georgian

Playing career: ASMC Sokhumi, FC Dinamo Tbilisi, Anorthosis Famagusta FC, AEK Athens FC, Newcastle United FC, Wolverhampton Wanderers FC, Dundee FC

Coaching career: Anorthosis Famagusta FC

Former Georgian international Temuri Ketsbaia wrote himself into Cypriot football folklore when he guided Anorthosis Famagusta FC into the group phase of the UEFA Champions League in 2008/09, becoming the first club from the Mediterranean island to do so. Born in the Georgian district of Gali, Ketsbaia was spotted by former Anorthosis chairman Kikis Konstantinou in 1992 while playing for FC Dinamo Tbilisi and was quickly lured to the club. His dribbling skills, coupled with a ferocious shooting ability and gritty attitude on the pitch soon persuaded AEK Athens FC to sign him in 1994 where he would go on to win the Greek Cup.

Ketsbaia longed to play in England and his dream of playing Premier League football became a reality when Kenny Dalglish bought him to Newcastle United FC in 1997. He gained legendary status at St James' Park when he scored an injury-time equaliser in the final qualifying round to take Newcastle into the 1997/98 UEFA Champions League group stage. Ketsbaia later said that he had learnt a lot from working under Dalglish.

Short spells at Wolverhampton Wanderers FC and Dundee FC followed before returning back to Anorthosis in 2004. Midway through the 2003/04 season, he was appointed player-manager and the following year he secured the club's 12th Division A title. He guided Anorthosis to the Cypriot Cup in 2006/07 and another league title a year later – going all season unbeaten – but it was the club's elimination of Trabzonspor in the 2005/06 UEFA Champions League second qualifying round that really made him a hit among the supporters.

Panathinaikos FC: Henk Ten Cate

Date of birth: 9 December 1954

Nationality: Dutch

Playing career: AFC Ajax, BV Vitesse (both youth), FC Rheden, Go Ahead Eagles, Edmonton Drillers, Telstar, Heracles Almelo

Coaching career: Go Ahead Eagles, Heracles Almelo, FC Rheden, Sparta Rotterdam, BV Vitesse, KFC Uerdingen 05, MTK Hungária FC, NAC Breda, FC Barcelona (assistant), AFC Ajax, Chelsea FC (assistant), Panathinaikos FC

The much-travelled Henk ten Cate enjoyed spells in the Netherlands, Germany, Hungary, Spain and England before opting to try his luck in Greece with Panathinaikos FC. Born in Amsterdam, Ten Cate spent the majority of an unspectacular playing career in the Netherlands. A speedy winger, he starred for amateur club FC Rheden before taking his first steps in the Eredivisie in 1979/80 with Go Ahead Eagles. After loan spells with Canadian club Edmonton Drillers and Dutch side Telstar, Ten Cate ended his playing career in 1986 at Heracles Almelo having scored 22 goals in 151 top-flight appearances.

He returned to Go Ahead in 1988 as assistant then head coach before stints with Heracles and Rheden. After a second spell at Go Ahead, Ten Cate took charge of Sparta Rotterdam between 1995 and 1997, before steering BV Vitesse to third in the Eredivisie in 1998, the club's best-ever finish. His reputation began to spread beyond the Dutch borders, prompting spells with KFC Uerdingen 05 in Germany and Hungarian club MTK Hungária FC. Three more years' diligent work back in his homeland with NAC Breda, whom he led into Europe for the first time in 30 years via a fourth-placed finish in 2003, sparked a switch to FC Barcelona where he enjoyed three wonderful seasons as Frank Rijkaard's right-hand man.

The Dutch pair transformed the Catalan club's fortunes, winning two league titles and, in 2005/06, the UEFA Champions League. Shortly after that victory against Arsenal FC, Ten Cate took the top job at AFC Ajax, yet after missing out on title to PSV Eindhoven on goal difference but winning the Dutch Cup, in October 2007 he returned to an assistant role, this time with Avram Grant at Chelsea FC. Ten Cate left Stamford Bridge after Chelsea's UEFA Champions League final defeat by Manchester United FC in May 2008, subsequently signing a two-year contract with Panathinaikos.

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Referee	Eric Braamhaar (NED)
Assistant referees	Arie Brink (NED), J.F. Hans Olde Olthof (NED)
Fourth official	Richard Liesveld (NED)
UEFA Delegate	Svein Johannessen (NOR)
UEFA Referee observer	Manuel López Fernández (ESP)

Referee

Name	Nat.	Date of birth	UCL	UEFA
Eric Braamhaar	NED	13.10.1966	8	24

Eric Braamhaar has established himself as a regular in the UEFA Champions League since making his group-stage bow in the 2005/06 season with eventual winners FC Barcelona's 2-0 win at Udinese Calcio. He was also appointed for the 2006/07 UEFA Cup semi-final first leg between CA Osasuna and Sevilla FC, which the home team won 1-0.

Braamhaar, a consultant for the Royal Netherlands Football Association based in Enter who lists fitness, family and running as his main hobbies, was born on 13 October 1966. After rising through the ranks in the Netherlands, he was awarded his FIFA badge in 2002, clearing him to take charge of his first international the following February as the Republic of Ireland left Scotland with a 2-0 friendly victory. Appointments in qualifiers for the UEFA European Under-21 Championship and 2006 FIFA World Cup followed as well as UEFA Cup dates in England, Spain and Germany.

His performances in the Eredivisie won him selection for the 2005 Dutch Cup final, in which PSV Eindhoven defeated Willem II 4-0 to complete the double, and he was also one of the referees at the FIFA U-20 World Cup on home soil – his second competition for the world governing body having gained excellent experience at the FIFA U-17 World Cup in Finland two years earlier. Braamhaar took charge of three matches in the 2007/08 UEFA Champions League group stage, as well as four UEFA EURO 2008™ qualifying fixtures.

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

Date	Comp.	Stage	Match	Res.	Venue
27.09.2006	UCL	GS	FC Shakhtar Donetsk - Olympiacos CFP	2-2	Donetsk
21.11.2006	UCL	GS	AEK Athens FC - AC Milan	1-0	Athens
18.09.2007	UCL	GS	Olympiacos CFP - S.S. Lazio	1-1	Athens

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

Date	Comp.	Stage	Match	Res.	Venue
06.06.2003	U21	QR	Spain - Greece	2-0	Huesca
02.12.2004	UCUP	GS	Sevilla FC - AEK Athens FC	3-2	Sevilla

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Domestic information

Anorthosis Famagusta FC (First Division)

Comp.	Date	Opponent	Res.	Goalscorers
League	01/09/08	APEP Kyperounda FC (H)	3-0	Sosin 45(pen), Sávio 52, Dobrašinović 90
League	12/09/08	Doxa Katokopia FC (A)	1-0	Sosin 82
Lineups: Nagy, Katsavakis, Leiwakabessy, A Constantinou, Theodotou, Dobrašinović, Paulo Costa (Taher 59), Laban, Sávio, Bardon (Frousos 70), Sosin (Nikolaou 83)				
League	22/09/08	Ethnikos Achnas FC (H)	2-1	Dobrašinović 24, Leiwakabessy 52
Lineups: Beqaj, Katsavakis, A Constantinou, Dellas, Leiwakabessy, Laban, Dobrašinović, Bardon (Nikolaou 57), Taher, Sávio (Paulo Costa 69), Sosin (Tsitaishvili 90)				
League	27/09/08	AEL Limassol FC (A)	2-0	Sosin 70, Dellas 81
Lineups: Beqaj, Sosin, Dellas, Katsavakis, A Constantinou, Leiwakabessy, Laban (Bardon 54), Dobrašinović, Nikolaou, Taher (Paulo Costa 54), Sávio (Samaras 78)				
League	19/10/08	AEP Paphos FC (H)		
League	26/10/08	AC Omonia (A)		
League	02/11/08	APOP / Kinyras Peyias FC (H)		
League	09/11/08	Enosis Neon Paralimni FC (A)		
League	16/11/08	Alki Larnaca FC (H)		
League	23/11/08	Apollon Limassol FC (A)		
League	30/11/08	Atromitos Yeroskipou (H)		
League	07/12/08	APOEL FC (A)		
League	14/12/08	AEK Larnaca FC (H)		
League	21/12/08	APEP Kyperounda FC (A)		
League	28/12/08	Doxa Katokopia FC (H)		
League	04/01/09	Ethnikos Achnas FC (A)		
League	11/01/09	AEL Limassol FC (H)		
League	18/01/09	AEP Paphos FC (A)		
League	25/01/09	AC Omonia (H)		
League	01/02/09	APOP / Kinyras Peyias FC (A)		
League	08/02/09	Enosis Neon Paralimni FC (H)		
League	15/02/09	Alki Larnaca FC (A)		
League	22/02/09	Apollon Limassol FC (H)		
League	01/03/09	Atromitos Yeroskipou (A)		

Pos.	Clubs	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1	Anorthosis Famagusta FC	4	4	0	0	8	1	12
2	AC Omonia	3	3	0	0	6	0	9
3	APOEL FC	4	2	2	0	10	5	8
4	Enosis Neon Paralimni FC	4	2	1	1	6	5	7
5	APOP / Kinyras Peyias FC	4	2	1	1	7	5	7
6	AEL Limassol FC	4	2	0	2	5	8	6
7	APEP Kyperounda FC	4	1	2	1	7	8	5
8	Ethnikos Achnas FC	4	1	2	1	5	5	5
9	Apollon Limassol FC	3	1	1	1	4	8	4
10	AEP Paphos FC	4	0	3	1	7	8	3
11	Doxa Katokopia FC	4	0	2	2	7	9	2
12	Alki Larnaca FC	4	0	2	2	4	8	2
13	Atromitos Yeroskipou	4	0	1	3	3	7	1
14	AEK Larnaca FC	4	0	1	3	3	8	1

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Panathinaikos FC (Ethniki Kategoria)

Comp.	Date	Opponent	Res.	Goalscorers
League	31/08/08	AEK Athens FC (A)	1-2	Karagounis 90
Lineups: Galinović, Moon, José Sarriegi, Vintra, Spiropoulos, Simão, Gilberto, Gabriel (Ninis 46), Karagounis, Salpingidis (Petropoulos 69), Souza (Ivanschitz 86)				
League	13/09/08	Panthrakikos FC (H)	3-0	Souza 14, Goumas 35, Ivanschitz 77
Lineups: Galinović, Mattos, Ninis (Rukavina 73), Goumas, Souza, Salpingidis, Gilberto (Tziolis 63), Gabriel (Melissis 46), Simão, Ivanschitz, Spiropoulos				
League	20/09/08	Aris Thessaloniki FC (A)	2-1	Cleyton 19, Ivanschitz 26
Lineups: Galinović, Moon (Petropoulos 75), José Sarriegi, Mattos, Cleyton, Salpingidis (Tziolis 82), Gilberto, Simão, Vintra, Ivanschitz (Hristodouloupoulos 62), Spiropoulos				
League	05/10/08	Levadiakos FC (H)		
League	19/10/08	PAOK FC (A)		
League	26/10/08	Iraklis FC (H)		
League	29/10/08	Ergotelis FC (H)		
League	01/11/08	Panionios GSS (A)		
League	09/11/08	Olympiacos CFP (H)		
League	15/11/08	Larissa FC (A)		
League	22/11/08	Thrasivoulos Fylis (H)		
League	29/11/08	Asteras Tripolis FC (H)		
League	06/12/08	Skoda Xanthi FC (A)		
League	14/12/08	Panserraikos FC (H)		
League	21/12/08	Aris Thessaloniki FC (H)		
League	04/01/09	Ergotelis FC (A)		
League	11/01/09	Panthrakikos FC (A)		
League	18/01/09	Aris Thessaloniki FC (H)		
League	25/01/09	Ergotelis FC (A)		
League	01/02/09	Levadiakos FC (A)		
League	08/02/09	PAOK FC (H)		
League	15/02/09	Iraklis FC (A)		
League	22/02/09	Panionios GSS (H)		

Pos.	Clubs	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1	Olympiacos CFP	4	3	1	0	8	2	10
2	PAOK FC	4	3	1	0	5	1	10
3	Skoda Xanthi FC	4	3	0	1	3	1	9
4	AEK Athens FC	4	2	2	0	6	4	8
5	Ergotelis FC	3	2	1	0	6	2	7
6	Larissa FC	4	2	1	1	6	2	7
7	Levadiakos FC	4	2	1	1	3	3	7
8	Panathinaikos FC	3	2	0	1	6	3	6
9	Panionios GSS	4	1	2	1	4	4	5
10	Asteras Tripolis FC	4	1	1	2	3	4	4
11	Aris Thessaloniki FC	4	1	0	3	3	6	3
12	OFI Crete FC	4	0	3	1	2	4	3
13	Panserraikos FC	4	1	0	3	4	9	3
14	Iraklis FC	4	0	2	2	2	4	2
15	Panthrakikos FC	4	0	1	3	1	6	1
16	Thrasivoulos Fylis	4	0	0	4	0	7	0

UEFA information

UEFA statement on EURO 2012™

UEFA has reaffirmed its commitment to staging UEFA EURO 2012™ in Poland and Ukraine. The UEFA Executive Committee reached this decision at its meeting in Bordeaux, France, on 26 September. The committee has set a number of conditions which the 2012 co-hosts must meet to move forward the organisation of the tournament in four summers' time, with UEFA deciding in particular on the number of stadiums to be used – a maximum of eight and a minimum of six. The completion of stadiums in the two capitals, Warsaw (Poland) and Kiev (Ukraine), is seen as crucial to the 2012 project.

The UEFA Executive Committee stressed a number of conditions which must be met in order to bring the whole project forward, including:

- Both host countries must continue to make the necessary efforts as any slackening could put in doubt the organisation of this tournament in these countries;
- UEFA will decide how many and which stadiums (and therefore cities) will be used as venues for the competition, with a minimum of six and a maximum of eight, taking into account that contracts have been signed with eight stadiums, cities and airports;
- There will not necessarily be the same number of venues (cities) per country;
- The completion of the Kiev and Warsaw stadiums remains an essential element of the whole project;
- The governments of both countries must support their national associations and fulfil the commitments they gave to UEFA in the scope of the project, notably concerning accommodation and transport infrastructures.

EURO expansion

Also in Bordeaux, the UEFA Executive Committee approved the expansion of the final tournament of the UEFA European Championship from 16 to 24 teams, as from the 2016 edition. The format of the final tournament will consist of six groups of four teams, followed by a round of 16, quarter-finals, semi-finals and the final. The top two from each group would qualify in addition to the four best third-ranked sides. This format would generate a total of 51 games, compared with 31 now, to be played over a period of 29 to 31 days depending on the match schedule. The traditional qualifying structure, with groups of six and five teams, will remain in place.

UEFA Cup to become UEFA Europa League

The UEFA Executive Committee also endorsed the change of name for the UEFA Cup to the UEFA Europa League from 2009/10. The new name heralds major changes to the competition, which will have a new 48-team group stage with centralised marketing of broadcast rights, a presenting sponsor and an official matchball in addition to centralised sponsorship from the knockout stage and a new logo and visual identity. UEFA President Michel Platini said: "These changes will improve this historic competition, which is very important for UEFA and for European football as it gives more fans, players and clubs the thrill of European club football. I am convinced the new format will give the UEFA Europa League a successful new impetus."

Investigative unit

UEFA's efforts to help protect the integrity of football have been strengthened by a decision by the UEFA Executive Committee, which agreed to reinforce UEFA's disciplinary services by improving the current UEFA early-warning system on issues involving possible corruption or betting irregularities. Two additional full-time staff and four additional disciplinary inspectors, with specific experience in criminal investigation and good police contacts, will be recruited to work full time for UEFA. "The integrity of football is fundamental to the success of the sport," said UEFA General Secretary David Taylor. "Uncertainty of outcome is what makes sport interesting. If matches are manipulated, it is the biggest and most serious danger to our game."

Zero tolerance for racism and discrimination

UEFA begins the latest UEFA Champions League and UEFA Cup seasons determined to step up its fight to eliminate the evil of racism and intolerance from football. The message is clear – there will be zero tolerance of any racism or discrimination, on or off the field, at UEFA matches during the 2008/09 campaign. Furthermore, UEFA's match delegates and officials are being urged to play a full role in catching the perpetrators. The UEFA President called on match delegates to do everything within their power to help the European body and the Football Against Racism in Europe network (FARE) to fight racism effectively. "It is vital that your post-match reports ... demonstrate no leniency whatsoever in the face of violent, racist or discriminatory behaviour on the part of players, club officials, technical staff or fans," said Mr Platini in a recent letter to UEFA match officials. "UEFA policy is clear: zero tolerance of violence, racism or discrimination."

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Match-by-match lineups

Club	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
FC Internazionale Milano	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Werder Bremen	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Anorthosis Famagusta FC	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Panathinaikos FC	1	0	0	1	0	2	0

Date	Match	Result	Stadium/Venue
16.09.2008	Panathinaikos - Internazionale	0-2	OACA Spiro Louis, Athens
Goals: 0-1 Mancini 27, 0-2 Adriano 85			
Panathinaikos: Galinović, Moon (Souza 82), Mattos, Goumas, Cleyton, Salpingidis, Gilberto, Karagounis (Ivanschitz 36), Simão, Vintra, Nilsson (Hristodouloupoulos 72)			
Internazionale: Júlio César, Córdoba, Zanetti, Maxwell, Ibrahimović, Maicon, Vieira (Muntari 63), Cambiasso, Materazzi, Mancini (Adriano 82), Quaresma (Figo 62)			
16.09.2008	Bremen - Anorthosis	0-0	Weserstadion, Bremen
Goals: -			
Bremen: Wiese, Boenisch, Naldo, Fritz, Rosenberg (Sanogo 57), Diego, Özil, D. Jensen, Frings, Pizarro (Hugo Almeida 65), Mertesacker			
Anorthosis: Beqaj, Katsavakis, Nikolaou, Sosin (Panagi 58), Paulo Costa (Taher 46), Leiwakabessy, Sávio, Laban, A Constantinou, Bardou (Tsitashvili 70), Dellas			
01.10.2008	Anorthosis - Panathinaikos	-	GSP, Nicosia
01.10.2008	Internazionale - Bremen	-	Stadio Giuseppe Meazza, Milan
22.10.2008	Internazionale - Anorthosis	-	Stadio Giuseppe Meazza, Milan
22.10.2008	Panathinaikos - Bremen	-	OACA Spiro Louis, Athens
04.11.2008	Anorthosis - Internazionale	-	GSP, Nicosia
04.11.2008	Bremen - Panathinaikos	-	Weserstadion, Bremen
26.11.2008	Internazionale - Panathinaikos	-	Stadio Giuseppe Meazza, Milan
26.11.2008	Anorthosis - Bremen	-	GSP, Nicosia
09.12.2008	Panathinaikos - Anorthosis	-	OACA Spiro Louis, Athens
09.12.2008	Bremen - Internazionale	-	Weserstadion, Bremen

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

Anorthosis Famagusta FC

UEFA club competition milestones

• Regular participants in European football since making their debut in the 1963/64 European Champion Clubs' Cup, Anorthosis's most successful season in continental competition came in 2002/03 when they overcame CS Grevenmacher and Iraklis FC to reach the UEFA Cup second round, only losing to a single goal in both legs against eventual semi-finalists Boavista FC.

UEFA Champions League milestones

• The Cypriot club first competed in qualifying for Europe's premier club competition in 1995/96 – although they did appear in the European Cup in 1963/64 – and won through to the second qualifying round twice in the 1990s before going one better in 1999/2000 but losing 2-0 on aggregate to Hertha BSC Berlin. They lost to Rangers FC at the same stage in 2005, setting the scene for their remarkable success three years later. FC Pyunik (3-0) and SK Rapid Wien (4-3) were overcome before a 3-0 home win paved the way for a 3-1 aggregate success against Olympiacos CFP in the third qualifying round, making Anorthosis the first team from Cyprus to reach the competition's group stage.

UEFA club competition honours

• N/A

Ten-year record

2007/08: UEFA Cup – first round

2006/07: Did not compete in UEFA club competition

2005/06: UEFA Cup – first round (having transferred from UEFA Champions League third qualifying round)

2004/05: UEFA Cup – qualifying round

2003/04: UEFA Cup – qualifying round

2002/03: UEFA Cup – second round

2001/02: UEFA Intertoto Cup – first round

2000/01: UEFA Champions League – second qualifying round

1999/00: UEFA Cup – first round (having transferred from UEFA Champions League third qualifying round)

1998/99: UEFA Cup – first round (having transferred from UEFA Champions League second qualifying round)

2007/08 season

Domestic record: A dominant campaign ended with Anorthosis eleven points clear at the top of Division A having remained unbeaten throughout the 26-game season – winning 19 of those matches. The season ended in disappointment, however, as APOEL FC inflicted a 2-0 defeat in the Cypriot Cup final to deny Anorthosis the double.

European record: Anorthosis's season started in July with a tie against FK Vardar in the UEFA Cup first qualifying round, the Cypriot club winning both legs 1-0 to set up a meeting with CFR 1907 Cluj. A 3-1 first-leg win in Romania was followed by a goalless draw in the return, giving Anorthosis a first-round tie against Tottenham Hotspur FC. The English side were 6-1 first-leg winners in north London, although a 1-1 draw in the return restored some pride.

Records

UEFA club competition

• Biggest win

6-0: Anorthosis Famagusta FC v Valletta FC

29.07.1998, UEFA Champions League first qualifying round second leg

• Biggest home win

6-0: Anorthosis Famagusta FC v Valletta FC (see above for details)

• Biggest away win

0-2: FC Pyunik v Anorthosis Famagusta FC

23.07.2008, UEFA Champions League first qualifying round second leg

1-3: CFR 1907 Cluj v Anorthosis Famagusta FC

16.08.2007, UEFA Cup second qualifying round first leg

0-2: Valletta FC v Anorthosis Famagusta FC

22.07.1998 UEFA Champions League first qualifying round first leg

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- Heaviest defeat

10-0: FC Bayern München v Anorthosis Famagusta FC

28.09.1983, 1983/84 UEFA Cup first round, second leg

10-0: TJ Spartak Praha Sokolovo v Anorthosis Famagusta FC

16.09.1964, 1964/65 UEFA Cup Winners' Cup preliminary round, first leg

- Heaviest home defeat

0-7: Anorthosis Famagusta FC v K. Beerschot VAV

23.09.1971, 1971/72 UEFA Cup Winners' Cup first round, first leg

- Heaviest away defeat

10-0: FC Bayern München v Anorthosis Famagusta FC (see above for details)

10-0: TJ Spartak Praha Sokolovo v Anorthosis Famagusta FC (see above for details)

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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Panathinaikos FC

UEFA club competition milestones

- With the legendary Ferenc Puskás at the helm, Panathinaikos advanced to the European Champion Clubs' Cup final in 1970/71, where they lost 2-0 to AFC Ajax. They reached the last four 14 years later and made another semi-final appearance in the 1995/96 UEFA Champions League.

UEFA Champions League milestones

- This is Panathinaikos's eighth campaign since the onset of the UEFA Champions League. As well as their semi-final appearance in 1995/96 – AFC Ajax again getting the better of the Greek side – they also came through two group stages in the 2000/01 edition before FC Barcelona ended their challenge at the last-eight stage.

UEFA club competition honours

- N/A

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Ten-year record

2007/08: UEFA Cup – Round of 32

2006/07: UEFA Cup – Round of 32

2005/06: UEFA Champions League – group stage

2004/05: UEFA Cup – Round of 32 (having transferred from the UEFA Champions League group stage)

2003/04: UEFA Cup – third round (having transferred from the UEFA Champions League group stage)

2002/03: UEFA Cup – quarter-finals

2001/02: UEFA Champions League – quarter-finals

2000/01: UEFA Champions League – second group stage

1999/00: UEFA Cup – third round

1998/99: UEFA Champions League – group stage

2007/08 season

Domestic record: Panathinaikos finished third in the Greek Super League, just four points behind champions Olympiacos CFP, and therefore qualified for the play-offs to determine the European places for the following season. A 4-1 win over AEK Athens FC – who finished second in the league – helped them top the mini-table and claim the sole UEFA Champions League qualifying slot on offer. Their Greek Cup run came to an end in the fifth round where they lost to ultimate champions Olympiacos.

European record: A 5-1 aggregate victory over FC Artmedia Petržalka earned the Trifili a UEFA Cup group stage berth. They finished second behind Club Atlético de Madrid with nine points from four games and met Rangers FC in the Round of 32. Despite gaining a goalless draw at Ibrox, Panathinaikos went out to the eventual competition runners-up on away goals after a 1-1 draw at home.

Records

UEFA club competition

- Biggest win

0-6: FC Electroputere Craiova v Panathinaikos FC

16.09.1992, UEFA Cup first round first leg

- Biggest home win

6-1: Panathinaikos FC v FC Pirin Blagoevgrad

29.09.1994, UEFA Cup Winners' Cup first round second leg

5-0: Panathinaikos FC v AS Jeunesse Esch

30.09.1970, European Champion Clubs' Cup first round second leg

- Biggest away win

0-6: FC Electroputere Craiova v Panathinaikos FC (see above for details)

- Heaviest defeat

5-0: FC Barcelona v Panathinaikos FC

02.11.2005, UEFA Champions League group stage

5-0: Manchester United FC v Panathinaikos FC

16.09.2003, UEFA Champions League group stage

6-1: FC Dinamo Bucuresti v Panathinaikos FC

01.11.1989, UEFA Cup Winners' Cup second round second leg

5-0: FC Bayern München v Panathinaikos FC

20.09.1967, UEFA Cup Winners' Cup first round first leg

- Heaviest home defeat

0-3: Panathinaikos FC v AFC Ajax

17.04.1996, UEFA Champions League semi-finals second leg

1-4: Panathinaikos FC v TSV Bayer 04 Leverkusen

20.10.1993, UEFA Cup Winners' Cup second round first leg

1-4: Panathinaikos FC v KS Polonia Bytom

19.09.1962, European Champion Clubs' Cup preliminary round second leg

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- Heaviest away defeat

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

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

6-1: FC Dinamo Bucuresti v Panathinaikos FC (see above for details)

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

UEFA Champions League (group stage to final only)

- Biggest win

3-0: Panathinaikos FC v Legia Warszawa

10.03.1995, UEFA Champions League quarter-finals second leg

4-1: Panathinaikos FC v PSV Eindhoven

07.12.2004, UEFA Champions League group stage

- Biggest home win

3-0: Panathinaikos FC v Legia Warszawa (see above for details)

4-1: Panathinaikos FC v PSV Eindhoven (see above for details)

- Biggest away win

1-3: Rangers FC v Panathinaikos FC

09.12.2003, UEFA Champions League group stage

0-2: AC Sparta Praha v Panathinaikos FC

19.02.2002, UEFA Champions League second group stage

0-2: FC Schalke 04 v Panathinaikos FC

11.09.2001, UEFA Champions League group stage

- Heaviest defeat

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

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

- Heaviest home defeat

0-3: Panathinaikos FC v AFC Ajax (see above for details)

- Heaviest away defeat

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

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

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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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