

FC Zenit St. Petersburg - Juventus

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Match background

Juventus assured themselves of a place in the UEFA Champions League knockout rounds with home and away victories against Real Madrid CF so the focus for their Matchday 5 game in Russia is trained firmly on FC Zenit St. Petersburg, who will be hoping they can overtake the Spanish champions to move into second place in Group H.

- To do that the Russian hosts must beat Juventus and hope Madrid lose at FC BATE Borisov. A maiden UEFA Champions League victory against BATE on Matchday 4 will put Zenit in good heart and they will be ready to take advantage should Juventus be tempted to ease up now they are assured of going beyond the group stage.
- A superb goal in each half from captain Alessandro Del Piero gave the Turin club a notable victory at the Santiago Bernabéu on Matchday 4 and completed a memorable double for Claudio Ranieri's team. Del Piero took advantage of hesitant Madrid defending to curl in the opener early in the first half and then effectively ended the home challenge with a trademark free-kick midway through the second period.
- On the same evening Pavel Pogrebnyak ended his goal drought with a finely taken first-half strike to silence the Dinamo Stadium and set up Zenit's 2-0 victory away to the newly-crowned Belarussian champions BATE. Sébastien Puygrenier was sent off midway through the second half but Dick Advocaat's team stayed in charge and Danny scored the second goal four minutes into stoppage time.
- Zenit gave a good account of themselves in the Turin meeting between the teams on Matchday 1 and only looked under threat from set-pieces. That ultimately led to their defeat, Del Piero scoring from a direct free-kick with 14 minutes remaining. After that, at home to Madrid, the UEFA Cup holders were put on the back foot by an Tomáš Hubočan own goal. Danny equalised before the nine-time European champions got their noses in front again as Ruud van Nistelrooy took advantage of more defensive uncertainty and that was enough to secure the points for the visitors.
- In Zenit's first game with BATE, a home defeat looked on the cards after substitute Pavel Nekhaychik had scored on 53 minutes. Zenit had earlier struck the woodwork twice and passed up a host of other opportunities, but finally drew level when Fatih Tekke evaded the offside trap to fire past Sergei Veremko.
- Meanwhile the Bianconeri followed up their defeat of Zenit on 17 September by drawing 2-2 away to BATE, although even a point looked beyond them after 23 minutes when they trailed 2-0 to goals by Sergei Kryvets and Igor Stasevich. Then Vincenzo Iaquinta put away a header followed by a low shot, both before half-time, to earn the visitors a draw.



- Zenit's only previous contest with an Italian team came in the 1999/00 UEFA Cup first round when they lost 3-0 at home to Bologna FC in the first leg. Some respectability was restored as the Russian side drew 2-2 in Italy.
- Juventus have met Russian opponents on two previous occasions in European competition and have a 100 per cent record in the away matches. In the first round of the 1993/94 UEFA Cup they faced FC Lokomotiv Moskva and had things mostly their own way, winning 3-0 at home and 1-0 away. Their 1999 UEFA Intertoto Cup semi-final with FC Rostov proved even more comfortable, the Italian side recording a 4-0 away victory before a 5-1 success at home.

Match facts

Zenit

UEFA milestones

- Danny's strike against Real Madrid CF on Matchday 2 was Zenit's first in the competition proper.
- The win at BATE on Matchday 4 was Zenit's first in the UEFA Champions League.

UEFA Champions League statistics

- Tomáš Hubočan's fourth-minute own goal against Madrid was the second fastest in UEFA Champions League history. Scott Minto put through his own net in the third minute of SL Benfica's game against HJK Helsinki on 4 November 1998.

Disciplinary information

- Sébastien Puygrenier serves a one-match ban following his red card on Matchday 4.

Latest domestic information

• Saturday 22 November: FC Spartak Moskva 1-3 FC Zenit St. Petersburg (Pavlenko 47; Pogrebnyak 5, Danny 19, 41)

Danny helped Zenit secure fifth position in the Russian Premier-Liga on the final day of the season to claim a place in the UEFA Europa League in 2009/10. Zenit's record signing set up Pavel Pogrebnyak and then struck twice himself following assists from Andrei Arshavin and Konstantin Zyryanov. Aleksandr Pavlenko replied for Spartak.

• "I'm happy with the win," said coach Dick Advocaat, "especially as this is my first success against Spartak. At half-time I asked the team to play the same as in the first half. We have had a good season – we've won trophies and a number of our players reached the semi-final of the [UEFA] European Championship [with Russia]."

- Zenit ended the league season with a nine-match unbeaten run stretching back to a 3-1 defeat at home by PFC CSKA Moskva on 21 September, although only four of their last nine matches brought Zenit wins.
- Kim Dong Jin, making his first appearance since 1 November, replaced the suspended Radek Šírl at left-back.
- Goalkeeper Vyacheslav Malafeev featured in all 30 matches, playing every minute of the Premier-Liga campaign. Igor Denisov and Zyryanov missed just one game apiece.
- Zenit conceded ten of their 37 league goals in the final 15 minutes.
- Fatih Tekke (79) earned Zenit a 1-1 draw against FC Dinamo Moskva on 16 November with his sixth in his last seven outings in all competitions. The visitors had gone ahead through Leandro Fernández (53).
- A week earlier, a Zenit team shorn of suspended trio Puygrenier, Ivica Križanac and Danny drew 1-1 at FC Amkar Perm. Anatoliy Tymoshchuk (80) equalised from the spot ten minutes after Georgi Peev had struck for the hosts.

Injury news

- Nicolas Lombaerts – out 21 February to 16 November (knee)
- Lee Ho – out since 14 November (muscle)
- Against Dinamo, Lombaerts made his first appearance for club or country since a 2-1 second-leg loss to Villarreal CF in the UEFA Cup Round of 32 on 21 February.

International news

- Šírl played the 90 minutes of the Czech Republic's 3-0 success in San Marino in 2010 FIFA World Cup qualifying Group 3 on 19 November. On the same evening, Danny gave Portugal an early lead in Brazil before the South American side stormed back to win the friendly 6-2.

Miscellaneous

- Vladislav Radimov celebrates his 33rd birthday on 26 November, the day after the Juventus match.
- On 7 November, Advocaat signed a one-year contract extension to coach Zenit until the end of the 2009 season, two weeks after agreeing the deal in principle.
- Zenit recorded their biggest win in the Premier-Liga when they defeated FC Luch-Energia Vladivostok 8-1 on 5 October, despite Tymoshchuk missing an early penalty. It was also the third-largest margin of victory in Russian top-flight history.
- Advocaat's assistant Cornelius Pot has announced he will leave the club at the end of the year as he wants to spend more time with his family. Advocaat will be assisted in 2009 by compatriot Bert van Lingen, the pair having worked together with the Netherlands and at Rangers FC.
- Arshavin has been shortlisted for both the Ballon d'Or and the FIFA World Player of the Year award, with the winners to be announced on 2 December and 12 January respectively.
- Zenit broke the Russian transfer record on 25 August by paying Dinamo €30m for Danny.

Juventus

UEFA milestones

- Juventus's next goal in UEFA club competition will be their 600th.
- The Turin team's next European Champion Clubs' Cup defeat will be their 50th.
- Alessandro Del Piero's second goal at Real Madrid CF on Matchday 4 was his 50th in UEFA club football.

UEFA Champions League statistics

- Three Juventus players have appeared in all six games, including qualifying: Nicola Legrottaglie, Mohamed Sissoko and Amauri.
- With four goals so far, Del Piero is the joint-leading scorer in the competition along with Dimitar Berbatov, Steven Gerrard and Lionel Messi.

Disciplinary information

- Sissoko's next yellow card will incur a one-match ban.

Latest domestic information

• Saturday 22 November: FC Internazionale Milano 1-0 Juventus (Muntari 71)

After seven straight wins in all competitions, Juventus were beaten in the Derby d'Italia. The Nerazzurri were the better side in the first half with Sulley Muntari forcing Alexander Manninger into two difficult saves with a close-range header and a left-foot shot. Zlatan Ibrahimović also went close twice. With 19 minutes to play, however, the Swedish striker's wayward effort presented Muntari with a simple chance and he scored the game's only goal.

- "We conceded the goal in a strange way, even if Inter had three or four other good chances," said Juventus coach Claudio Ranieri. "We congratulate Inter but we won't let our heads drop. While we did not play very well, Inter deserve credit because they did. Ibrahimović was excellent, holding up the ball and creating room for his team-mates."
- Christian Poulsen failed to recover in time from a thigh injury. Mauro Camoranesi was fit, only for Ranieri to start with Marco Marchionni on the right wing instead. Manninger continued to deputise for the injured Gianluigi Buffon, while Del Piero linked with Amauri in attack.
- Scorer of six of Juventus's 17 league goals, Amauri is the only player to have figured in all 13 of the Bianconeri's Serie A matches this term.
- Nine of Juventus's 17 Serie A goals have been scored in the 15 minutes either side of half-time, while eight of the nine they have conceded have occurred in the final half-hour of games.
- Juve registered their fifth victory in as many Serie A outings, and their seventh in a row in all competitions, by defeating Genoa CFC 4-1 at home on 13 November. Zdeněk Grygera (6) and Amauri (26) put the Bianconeri in control before Vincenzo Iaquinta (85) made the points safe. Diego Milito (89) reduced Genoa's arrears from the penalty spot, yet the hosts' three-goal cushion was restored by a Sokratis Papastathopoulos own goal (90).
- Four days earlier, strikes either side of half-time from birthday boy Del Piero (40) and Iaquinta (53) earned Juve a 2-0 win at strugglers AC Chievo Verona.

- Del Piero notched up his 377th top-flight appearance in that match, equalling the number made by club legend Gaetano Scirea, while Iaquinta's goal was his first in the league this season.
- All three of Del Piero's goals in Serie A have come from free-kicks, with the No10 having also scored from set-pieces against Zenit on Matchday 1 and Madrid on Matchday 4.
- Nedvěd's three strikes this term have come away from the Stadio Olimpico. A goal in the 1-1 draw against ACF Fiorentina on 31 August maintained his record of finding the net in every campaign since his arrival in Italy in 1996.
- The Bianconeri have scored in each of their last 12 home games in Serie A. The last time they drew a blank was against Torino FC on 26 February.

Injury news

- Jorge Andrade – out since 23 September 2007 (knee)
 - Cristiano Zanetti – out 11 August (thigh)
 - Jonathan Zebina – out since 20 August (achilles)
 - Gianluigi Buffon – out 21 September to 4 October and since 5 October (thigh)
 - David Trezeguet – out since 17 September (knees)
 - Christian Poulsen – out since 18 October (thigh)
 - Dario Knežević – out since 31 October (knee)
 - Mauro Camoranesi – out 5 to 28 October (thigh), out 29 October to 12 November
 - Tiago – out since 22 November (left knee)
- Tiago has been ruled out for more than a month after twisting his left knee just three minutes into the match against Inter. He was replaced by Claudio Marchisio.
- On 12 July, defender Andrade suffered a recurrence of the knee injury that caused him to miss all but the first four matches of last season. He was operated on a few days later.
- Trezeguet had surgery on both knees in September having injured the right one on Matchday 1 after complaining of discomfort in his other leg. He is expected to be out until early 2009.
- Buffon and Camoranesi both suffered right thigh injuries in the 2-1 loss to US Città di Palermo on 5 October. Buffon had only returned for the game following a similar injury.
- Knežević has had exploratory surgery to remove a piece of cartilage from his left knee. Zebina has undergone an operation to resolve the achilles tendon problem affecting his left ankle, ruling him out until 2009.

International news

- Giorgio Chiellini and Camoranesi started Italy's 1-1 friendly draw against Greece in Athens on 19 November. The former was substituted at half-time for Legrottaglie, while Camoranesi was replaced six minutes after the break. Iaquinta was introduced with 20 minutes left.
- In 2010 FIFA World Cup qualifying, Grygera watched from the bench as the Czech Republic defeated San Marino 3-0 to move second in Group 3. Tiago came off at half-time in Portugal's 6-2 friendly loss to Brazil.
- On 18 November Paolo De Ceglie and Sebastian Giovinco were part of the Italy Under-21 team that went down 1-0 in Germany and Albin Ekdal helped Sweden U21s to a 3-0 friendly win away to the Netherlands' B side.

Miscellaneous

- Iaquinta celebrated his 29th birthday on 21 November.
- Del Piero's goal against Chievo was his 249th for Juventus in all competitions. He has scored 67 more than Giampiero Boniperti, who is second on the list of Bianconeri marksmen.
- Buffon has been shortlisted for the FIFA World Player of the Year and Ballon d'Or awards. The winner of the latter honour is announced on 2 December while the former will be revealed in Zurich on 12 January 2009.
- On 20 November, Juventus launched their plans for a new stadium to be constructed to replace the Stadio Olimpico from 2011/12 and which will have a capacity of 40,200.

Squad list

Zenit

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	Kamil Contofalský	SVK	03.06.1978	30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18	-
16	Vyacheslav Malafeev	RUS	04.03.1979	29	-	-	-	4	-	30	-	4	-	36	-
Defenders															
4	Ivica Križanac	CRO	13.04.1979	29	-	-	-	3	-	25	1	3	-	29	1
5	Kim Dong Jin	KOR	29.01.1982	26	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	12	2
6	Nicolas Lombaerts	BEL	20.03.1985	23	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	17	-
14	Tomáš Hubočan	SVK	17.09.1985	23	-	-	-	2	-	11	-	2	-	4	-
15	Roman Shirokov	RUS	06.07.1981	27	-	-	-	2	-	26	3	2	-	11	-
22	Aleksandr Anyukov	RUS	28.09.1982	26	-	-	-	4	-	26	3	4	-	35	1
28	Sébastien Puygrenier	FRA	26.01.1982	26	S	-	-	3	-	9	1	3	-	10	1
34	Aleksandr Khokhlov	RUS	30.09.1988	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
47	Basel Abdulfattakh	RUS	06.03.1990	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55	Yan Bobrovski	RUS	18.09.1989	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Midfielders															
2	Vladislav Radimov	RUS	26.11.1975	32	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	31	3
7	Alejandro Dominguez	ARG	10.06.1981	27	-	-	-	3	-	22	4	3	-	16	2
11	Radek Širl	CZE	20.03.1981	27	-	-	-	4	-	26	-	4	-	29	-
17	Lee Ho	KOR	22.10.1984	24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-
18	Konstantin Zyryanov	RUS	05.10.1977	31	-	-	-	4	-	29	7	4	-	30	4
20	Viktor Fayzulin	RUS	22.04.1986	22	-	-	-	-	-	23	6	-	-	9	1
25	Fernando Ricksen	NED	27.07.1976	32	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	11	-	41	3
26	Mikhail Smirnov	RUS	03.06.1990	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
27	Igor Denisov	RUS	17.05.1984	24	-	-	-	4	-	29	-	4	-	33	4
30	Pavel Kamolov	RUS	10.03.1989	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35	Anton Sosnin	RUS	27.01.1990	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
37	German Pyatnikov	RUS	23.01.1988	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
44	Anatoliy Tymoshchuk	UKR	30.03.1979	29	-	-	-	4	-	27	6	19	-	79	2
53	Pavel Mochalin	RUS	16.01.1989	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
57	Aleksei Ionov	RUS	18.02.1989	19	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	4	2
88	Olexandr Gorshkov	UKR	08.02.1970	38	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	38	4
Forwards															
8	Pavel Pogrebnyak	RUS	08.11.1983	25	-	-	-	4	1	19	6	4	1	25	16
9	Fatih Tekke	TUR	09.09.1977	31	-	-	-	2	1	22	8	2	1	29	7
10	Andrei Arshavin	RUS	29.05.1981	27	-	-	-	4	-	27	6	4	-	47	15
19	Danny	POR	07.08.1983	25	-	-	-	4	2	10	5	4	2	10	3
31	Vitali Galysh	RUS	13.05.1990	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45	Yegor Okorokov	RUS	18.04.1989	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coach															
-	Dick Advocaat	NED	27.09.1947	61	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	22	-	80	-

Juventus

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	Gianluigi Buffon	ITA	28.01.1978	30	-	2	-	1	-	4	-	51	-	85	-
12	Antonio Chimenti	ITA	30.06.1970	38	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	13	-
13	Alexander Manninger	AUT	04.06.1977	31	-	-	-	3	-	10	-	9	-	19	-
31	Timothy Nocchi	ITA	07.07.1990	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
42	Carlo Pinsoglio	ITA	16.03.1990	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders															
3	Giorgio Chiellini	ITA	14.08.1984	24	-	1	1	4	-	11	-	10	-	11	1
4	Olof Mellberg	SWE	03.09.1977	31	-	1	-	2	-	9	-	2	-	8	-
5	Jonathan Zebina	FRA	19.07.1978	30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	26	-	37	-
15	Dario Knežević	CRO	20.04.1982	26	-	-	-	1	-	3	-	1	-	6	-
21	Zdeněk Grygera	CZE	14.05.1980	28	-	2	-	3	-	11	1	28	-	48	1
28	Cristian Molinaro	ITA	30.07.1983	25	-	2	-	3	-	10	-	3	-	5	-
33	Nicola Legrottaglie	ITA	20.10.1976	32	-	2	1	4	-	7	-	7	-	12	1
37	Marco Duravia	ITA	14.10.1989	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
38	Salvatore D'Elia	ITA	10.02.1989	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
41	Lorenzo Ariauo	ITA	11.06.1989	19	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Midfielders															
6	Cristiano Zanetti	ITA	10.04.1977	31	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22	-	39	1
7	Hasan Salihamidžić	BIH	01.01.1977	31	-	1	-	2	-	4	-	87	9	102	11
11	Pavel Nedvěd	CZE	30.08.1972	36	-	1	-	4	-	12	3	71	15	115	29
16	Mauro Camoranesi	ITA	04.10.1976	32	-	2	1	2	-	7	-	37	2	39	3
18	Christian Poulsen	DEN	28.02.1980	28	-	2	-	1	-	6	-	14	1	70	2
19	Claudio Marchisio	ITA	19.01.1986	22	-	1	-	2	-	6	-	2	-	5	-
22	Mohamed Sissoko	MLI	22.01.1985	23	*	2	-	4	-	10	-	22	-	43	1
29	Paolo De Ceglie	ITA	17.09.1986	22	-	-	-	3	-	9	-	3	-	3	-
30	Tiago	POR	02.05.1981	27	-	-	-	1	-	7	-	28	4	36	7
32	Marco Marchionni	ITA	22.07.1980	28	-	-	-	2	-	9	1	2	-	20	4
35	Simone Esposito	ITA	24.05.1990	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
36	Luca Castiglia	ITA	17.03.1989	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
39	Luca Marrone	ITA	28.03.1990	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
40	Fausto Rossi	ITA	03.12.1990	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Forwards															
8	Amauri	BRA	03.06.1980	28	-	2	1	4	1	13	6	4	1	10	4
9	Vincenzo Iaquinta	ITA	21.11.1979	29	-	2	-	3	2	10	2	8	6	17	8
10	Alessandro Del Piero	ITA	09.11.1974	34	-	1	1	4	4	11	3	83	41	111	50
17	David Trezeguet	FRA	15.10.1977	31	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	52	28	67	35
20	Sebastian Giovinco	ITA	26.01.1987	21	-	1	-	1	-	6	-	1	-	3	-
Coach															
-	Claudio Ranieri	ITA	20.10.1951	57	-	2	-	4	-	-	-	22	-	66	-

Head coach

FC Zenit St. Petersburg: Dick Advocaat

Date of birth: 27 September 1947

Nationality: Dutch

Playing career: ADO Den Haag (twice), Roda JC, VVV Venlo, Chicago Sting (twice), Sparta Rotterdam, K. Berchem Sport, FC Utrecht

Coaching career: DSVP, Netherlands (assistant), HFC Haarlem, FC Dordrecht, Netherlands (assistant), Netherlands, PSV Eindhoven, Rangers FC, Netherlands, VfL Borussia Mönchengladbach, United Arab Emirates, Korea Republic, FC Zenit St. Petersburg

Dick Advocaat has earned plenty of honours in his long coaching career but FC Zenit St. Petersburg's victory against his former club Rangers FC in the 2007/08 UEFA Cup final in Manchester constituted his first European club trophy. His second was not long in coming as Manchester United FC were then defeated in the UEFA Super Cup three months later. Advocaat enjoyed unequivocal success with Rangers between 1998 and 2002. In his first two years after replacing Walter Smith, the side won two league titles, two Scottish Cups and a League Cup, adding another League Cup in 2002. It took the lure of international football, and a second spell as Netherlands coach, to entice him away from Glasgow.

Advocaat guided the Oranje to UEFA EURO 2004™ thanks to a 6-1 aggregate triumph over Scotland in the play-offs, and then in Portugal to the semi-finals before losing to the hosts. He quit directly, going on to have short stints with VfL Borussia Mönchengladbach and also the United Arab Emirates before leading the Korea Republic at the 2006 FIFA World Cup. Following a group-stage exit in Germany, he took the reins at Zenit that July and in 2007 steered the team to their first Russian championship.

His penchant for travel perhaps began during his modest playing career, which brought two spells with Chicago Sting. Even as his playing days wound down, he began coaching with amateur side DSVP and from there Advocaat was appointed assistant to national-team coach Rinus Michels. His first assignment as head coach came with HFC Haarlem in 1987, then he landed a second division championship with FC Dordrecht, and by 1992 he was national coach. Three years later, Advocaat returned to club management with PSV Eindhoven, helping them to winners' medals in the Eredivisie and Dutch Cup before his move to Rangers.

Juventus: Claudio Ranieri

Date of birth: 20 October 1951

Nationality: Italian

Playing career: AS Roma, Catanzaro Calcio, Calcio Catania, US Città di Palermo

Coaching career: Cagliari Calcio, SSC Napoli, ACF Fiorentina, Valencia CF (twice), Club Atlético de Madrid, Chelsea FC, Parma FC, Juventus

After eight years in Spain and England, Claudio Ranieri returned to Italy in 2007, first helping Parma FC avoid relegation to Serie B and then leading Juventus back into the UEFA Champions League in the following campaign. Italy's most successful team had just returned to the top flight having been demoted for their part in the sporting fraud trial and, despite Juve's undoubted pedigree, few had predicted they would end their first season back in Serie A in third place.

As a footballer Ranieri was an uncompromising centre-back who started out in his native Rome, appearing only six times in Serie A with AS Roma before moving to Catanzaro Calcio, for whom he played in more than 200 matches between 1974 and 1982. He brought the curtain down on his playing career with spells at Calcio Catania and US Città di Palermo, hanging up his boots in 1986. After starting his coaching career in amateur football, he moved to Cagliari Calcio and led the Sardinian side from Serie C1 to Serie A between 1989 and 1990.

Ranieri then moved to SSC Napoli, helping the club to fourth place and introducing Gianfranco Zola to the first team. His next assignment was at ACF Fiorentina in Serie B, and he immediately led the side back to the top flight and to victories in the Coppa Italia and Italian Super Cup in 1996. The following year Ranieri accepted the post at Valencia CF and won the 1999 Copa del Rey before moving to Club Atlético de Madrid for a short and turbulent spell. He then succeeded Gianluca Vialli as Chelsea FC manager in 2000, finishing as runners-up in the Premier League and reaching the UEFA Champions League semi-finals before being replaced by José Mourinho in 2004. He returned to Valencia but lasted barely six months despite guiding the team to the UEFA Super Cup.

Match officials

Referee	Claus Bo Larsen (DEN)
Assistant referees	Anders Norrestrand (DEN), Henrik Sonderby (DEN)
Fourth official	Thomas Vejlgard (DEN)
UEFA Delegate	Roland Tis (BEL)
UEFA Referee observer	Aron Schmidhuber (GER)

Referee

Name	Nat.	Date of birth	UCL	UEFA
Claus Bo Larsen	DEN	28.10.1965	24	54

Very little gets past Danish referee Claus Bo Larsen although you would expect little else from a man who works as a customs clearance manager by profession.

Born on 28 October 1965 in Odense, Larsen blew his first whistle at the age of 16, made his domestic debut in 1991 and earned his FIFA badge in 1996. He cut his international teeth working in qualifiers for youth championships and presided over games in all UEFA club competitions including the now defunct UEFA Cup Winners' Cup. Having taken charge of the 1998 Danish Cup final in which Brøndby IF defeated FC København 4-1, the following summer he jetted off to Nigeria for the FIFA U-20 World Cup before impressing as the man in the middle when Australia took on New Zealand in Adelaide in a typically heated encounter. A keen table-tennis player who officiated at the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens, Larsen enjoyed a high-profile assignment during the 2004/05 season – the UEFA Cup semi-final between AZ Alkmaar and Sporting Clube de Portugal.

The married father-of-three continued where he left off in 2005/06, flying to Montevideo for the FIFA World Cup play-off match between Uruguay and Australia and has since established himself as a regular in the UEFA Champions League and UEFA Cup, also featuring frequently in UEFA EURO 2008™ qualifying. He again took charge of the Danish Cup final, between Brøndby and Esbjerg fB, in 2008, and refereed five UEFA Champions League games including the quarter-final first leg between Fenerbahçe SK and Chelsea FC. He then refereed FC Zenit St. Petersburg's victory against Manchester United FC in the 2008 UEFA Super Cup.

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

Date	Comp.	Stage	Match	Res.	Venue
17.09.2002	UCL	GS1	FC Basel 1893 - FC Spartak Moskva	2-0	Basel
13.11.2002	UCL	GS1	FC Dynamo Kyiv - Juventus	1-2	Kiev
28.09.2005	UCL	GS	FC Schalke 04 - AC Milan	2-2	Gelsenkirchen
22.08.2006	UCL	QR3	FK Crvena Zvezda - AC Milan	1-2	Belgrade
31.10.2006	UCL	GS	FC Spartak Moskva - FC Internazionale Milano	0-1	Moscow
20.02.2008	UCL	1/8	Arsenal FC - AC Milan	0-0	London

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

Date	Comp.	Stage	Match	Res.	Venue
24.11.1998	UCUP	R3	Bologna FC - Real Betis Balompié	4-1	Bologna
18.10.2001	UCUP	R2	AC Milan - PFC CSKA Sofia	2-0	Milan
17.03.2005	UCUP	1/8	Parma FC - Sevilla FC	1-0	Parma
23.02.2006	UCUP	1/16	AS Roma - Club Brugge KV	2-1	Rome
29.08.2008	SCUP	F	Manchester United FC - FC Zenit St. Petersburg	1-2	Monaco

Domestic information

FC Zenit St. Petersburg (Premier-Liga)

Comp.	Date	Opponent	Res.	Goalscorers
League	16/03/08	FC Spartak Moskva (H)	0-0	
League	23/03/08	FC Moskva (A)	2-0	Arshavin 3, Anyukov 60
League	30/03/08	FC Rubin Kazan (H)	1-3	Arshavin 16
League	06/04/08	FC Shinnik Yaroslavl (A)	2-2	Pogrebnyak 42, Tymoshchuk 45(pen)
League	13/04/08	FC Krylya Sovetov Samara (H)	1-1	Anyukov 13
League	19/04/08	FC Saturn Moskovskaya Oblast (A)	1-1	Shirokov 85
League	06/07/08	FC Tom Tomsk (H)	5-1	Fayzulin 8, 35, Shirokov 11, Tymoshchuk 25, 27(pen)
League	09/07/08	FC Spartak Nalchik (H)	3-4	Own goal 5, Zyryanov 24, Fatih Tekke 47
League	13/07/08	FC Khimki (A)	4-1	Zyryanov 27, Anyukov 31, Fayzulin 89, Arshavin 90
League	16/07/08	FC Luch-Energia Vladivostok (A)	0-0	
League	19/07/08	FC Amkar Perm (H)	2-0	Zyryanov 30, Tymoshchuk 51
League	23/07/08	FC Lokomotiv Moskva (H)	1-1	Dominguez 52
League	26/07/08	FC Dinamo Moskva (A)	0-1	
League	30/07/08	PFC CSKA Moskva (A)	0-0	
League	02/08/08	FC Moskva (H)	2-1	Own goal 51, Fatih Tekke 77
Cup	06/08/08	Sibir Novosibirsk (A)	0-1	
League	10/08/08	FC Rubin Kazan (A)	1-4	Tymoshchuk 23(pen)
League	13/08/08	FC Terek Grozny (H)	3-1	Own goal 17, Zyryanov 37, Fatih Tekke 53
League	17/08/08	FC Shinnik Yaroslavl (H)	1-3	Zyryanov 23
League	24/08/08	FC Krylya Sovetov Samara (A)	3-0	Pogrebnyak 16, 75(pen), Zyryanov 62
League	13/09/08	FC Terek Grozny (A)	4-1	Arshavin 13, Križanac 23, Pogrebnyak 40, Zyryanov 68
League	21/09/08	PFC CSKA Moskva (H)	1-3	Pogrebnyak 88
League	27/09/08	FC Lokomotiv Moskva (A)	3-0	Fayzulin 18, Puygrenier 60, Dominguez 74
League	05/10/08	FC Luch-Energia Vladivostok (H)	8-1	Danny 7, 42, Arshavin 20, Shirokov 35, Fatih Tekke 47, 60, 89, Dominguez 72
League	18/10/08	FC Spartak Nalchik (A)	2-2	Dominguez 72, Arshavin 82
League	26/10/08	FC Tom Tomsk (A)	1-1	Fayzulin 20
League	29/10/08	FC Saturn Moskovskaya Oblast (H)	2-2	Fayzulin 8, Fatih Tekke 82
League	01/11/08	FC Khimki (H)	1-0	Danny 16
League	09/11/08	FC Amkar Perm (A)	1-1	Tymoshchuk 80(pen)

Lineups: Malafeev, Hubočan, Anyukov (Fayzulin 72), Šírl, Shirokov, Zyryanov (Ionov 76), Denisov, Tymoshchuk, Dominguez (Ricksen 90), Pogrebnyak, Arshavin

League 16/11/08 FC Dinamo Moskva (H) 1-1 Fatih Tekke 79

Lineups: Malafeev, Križanac (Fatih Tekke 64), Lombaerts, Anyukov, Šírl, Zyryanov (Shirokov 64), Denisov (Fayzulin 74), Danny, Tymoshchuk, Pogrebnyak, Arshavin

League 22/11/08 FC Spartak Moskva (A) 3-1 Pogrebnyak 5, Danny 19, 41

Lineups: Malafeev, Križanac, Kim Dong Jin, Lombaerts (Hubočan 76), Anyukov, Zyryanov (Shirokov 88), Danny, Denisov, Tymoshchuk, Pogrebnyak, Arshavin (Fayzulin 90)

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1	FC Rubin Kazan	30	18	6	6	44	26	60
2	PFC CSKA Moskva	30	16	8	6	53	24	56
3	FC Dinamo Moskva	30	15	9	6	41	29	54
4	FC Amkar Perm	30	14	9	7	31	22	51
5	FC Zenit St. Petersburg	30	12	12	6	59	37	48
6	FC Krylya Sovetov Samara	30	12	12	6	46	28	48
7	FC Lokomotiv Moskva	30	13	8	9	37	32	47
8	FC Spartak Moskva	30	11	11	8	43	39	44
9	FC Moskva	30	9	11	10	34	36	38
10	FC Terek Grozny	30	9	8	13	28	42	35
11	FC Saturn Moskovskaya Oblast	30	7	12	11	26	30	33
12	FC Spartak Nalchik	30	8	8	14	30	39	32
13	FC Tom Tomsk	30	7	8	15	23	39	29
14	FC Khimki	30	6	9	15	34	54	27
15	FC Shinnik Yaroslavl	30	5	7	18	25	48	22
16	FC Luch-Energia Vladivostok	30	3	12	15	24	53	21

Juventus (Serie A)

Comp.	Date	Opponent	Res.	Goalscorers
League	31/08/08	ACF Fiorentina (A)	1-1	Nedvěd 38
League	14/09/08	Udinese Calcio (H)	1-0	Amauri 67
League	21/09/08	Cagliari Calcio (A)	1-0	Amauri 39
League	24/09/08	Calcio Catania (H)	1-1	Amauri 16
League	27/09/08	UC Sampdoria (A)	0-0	
League	05/10/08	US Città di Palermo (H)	1-2	Del Piero 39
League	18/10/08	SSC Napoli (A)	1-2	Amauri 61
League	25/10/08	Torino FC (H)	1-0	Amauri 48
League	29/10/08	Bologna FC (A)	2-1	Nedvěd 12, 57
League	01/11/08	AS Roma (H)	2-0	Del Piero 38, Marchionni 48
League	09/11/08	AC Chievo Verona (A)	2-0	Del Piero 40, Iaquinta 53
Lineups: Manninger, Chiellini, Mellberg, Molinaro, Legrottaglie, Sissoko (Ekdal 46), De Ceglie, Tiago (Grygera 83), Marchionni, Del Piero (Amauri 87), Iaquinta				
League	13/11/08	Genoa Cricket and Football Club (H)	4-1	Grygera 6, Amauri 26, Iaquinta 85, Own goal 90
Lineups: Manninger, Grygera, Legrottaglie, Chiellini, Molinaro, Marchionni (Camoranesi 69), Sissoko, Tiago, Nedvěd, Amauri (Iaquinta 84), Del Piero (Giovinco 87)				
League	22/11/08	FC Internazionale Milano (A)	0-1	
Lineups: Manninger, Chiellini, Grygera, Molinaro, Legrottaglie, Nedvěd, Sissoko, Tiago (Marchisio 3.), Marchionni (Camoranesi 70), Del Piero, Amauri (Iaquinta 76)				
League	29/11/08	Reggina Calcio (H)		
League	07/12/08	US Lecce (A)		
League	14/12/08	AC Milan (H)		
League	21/12/08	Atalanta BC (A)		
League	11/01/09	AC Siena (H)		
League	18/01/09	S.S. Lazio (A)		
League	25/01/09	ACF Fiorentina (H)		
League	28/01/09	Udinese Calcio (A)		
League	01/02/09	Cagliari Calcio (H)		
League	08/02/09	Calcio Catania (A)		
League	15/02/09	UC Sampdoria (H)		
League	22/02/09	US Città di Palermo (A)		
League	01/03/09	SSC Napoli (H)		
League	08/03/09	Torino FC (A)		
League	15/03/09	Bologna FC (H)		
League	22/03/09	AS Roma (A)		
League	05/04/09	AC Chievo Verona (H)		
League	11/04/09	Genoa Cricket and Football Club (A)		
League	19/04/09	FC Internazionale Milano (H)		
League	26/04/09	Reggina Calcio (A)		

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1	FC Internazionale Milano	13	9	3	1	20	7	30
2	AC Milan	13	8	3	2	19	10	27
3	Juventus	13	7	3	3	17	9	24
4	SSC Napoli	13	7	3	3	19	13	24
5	S.S. Lazio	13	7	2	4	22	14	23
6	ACF Fiorentina	13	7	2	4	18	12	23
7	Udinese Calcio	13	6	3	4	21	14	21
8	Genoa Cricket and Football Club	13	6	3	4	20	15	21
9	Calcio Catania	13	6	3	4	14	14	21
10	Atalanta BC	13	5	2	6	14	15	17
11	US Città di Palermo	13	5	2	6	16	18	17
12	AC Siena	13	4	4	5	11	12	16
13	UC Sampdoria	12	4	4	4	13	15	16
14	Cagliari Calcio	13	4	2	7	14	17	14
15	AS Roma	12	4	2	6	14	18	14
16	Torino FC	13	3	3	7	14	19	12
17	US Lecce	13	2	6	5	12	18	12
18	Reggina Calcio	13	3	2	8	12	24	11
19	Bologna FC	13	2	3	8	11	22	9
20	AC Chievo Verona	13	1	3	9	6	21	6

UEFA information

UEFA President visits

UEFA President Michel Platini visited four European countries – Albania, Bulgaria, Czech Republic and Romania – to discuss football affairs with government and national association officials. During his visit, the UEFA President emphasised that UEFA would consolidate its support for Europe's smaller associations. "UEFA is a large fraternal house where there are no privileges or preferential treatment, where small associations with limited financial resources are treated the same as the wealthy major associations," he told the Football Association of Albania's general assembly. "The resources generated by our major competitions are shared in an equitable manner between everyone."

Medical Forum in Nyon

The crucial role taken by club doctors prompted UEFA to organise the inaugural UEFA Elite Club Medical Forum in Nyon last week. The forum was an ideal opportunity to emphasise that club doctors are now part of a 'team behind a team', working in tandem with physiotherapists, masseurs and advisors on a variety of specialist issues, and to stress that their views should never be underestimated. "I admire you," the medics were told by Dr Michel D'Hooghe, chairman of the UEFA Medical Committee. "When I started my career as a team doctor, I received only one question every week from my coach: 'Can he play next Saturday?' Times have changed, at FIFA and UEFA level, and in the clubs. We gradually saw that football asks more than whether a player can play the next game. We started talking about things such as dermatology, physiology, psychology, pharmacology, hygiene, diets – and then came the internationalisation of sports and we started talking about jetlag and football at altitude. The club doctor now has a team of specialists to help him. Football medicine has also become a team sport, and club doctors have to supervise all these aspects of sports medicine."

EURO's sustainability strategy

UEFA EURO 2008™ was the first major football tournament to feature an integrated sustainability strategy, and following the publication of a report on the successes in Austria and Switzerland, it is hoped the tournament has set standards for other major sporting events in the future. The strategy was based on the three target dimensions of sustainable development – the environment, economy and society/culture – and featured a total of almost 60 measures divided into 12 topics. The most notable successes came in the areas of transport (65 per cent public transport usage for long distances and 80 per cent at urban level) and energy (with the majority of energy provided as certified "naturemade star" electricity from renewable sources). There were also plenty of successful projects in the society and culture area, such as the provision of live audio commentary to help blind or partially-sighted fans enjoy the matches in the stadiums.

French clubs visit

UEFA has been explaining its activities and other European football issues to representatives of the union of French professional football clubs, UCPF, in the latest of a series of planned visits by clubs throughout Europe. In the meeting at UEFA's House of European Football in Nyon, the presidents of French first and second division clubs and UCPF delegates heard various presentations by UEFA's directors and departmental heads covering the broad palette of the work undertaken by European football's governing body. Presentations focused among other things on the local training of players, financial running of clubs, European club competitions and their formats and marketing, the governance of UEFA and European football, and UEFA's relations with Europe's clubs, leagues and players' bodies. The French delegates also held discussions with UEFA President Michel Platini.

Gerrard admiration

Steven Gerrard has been at Liverpool FC for 20 years, and in the first team for ten of those. In the latest edition of the official UEFA Champions League magazine *Champions* the Reds' inspirational skipper talks about the joy and pain of winning and losing finals, how the Anfield club belong in Europe and the ease of playing behind Fernando Torres. Gerrard says that if he could be like any other player, it would be FC Barcelona's brilliant Argentinian Lionel Messi. "If I had his balance, skill and his ability to go past five opponents, I wouldn't be a bad player..."

Eat For Goals!

UEFA, the European Commission and the World Heart Federation joined forces in Brussels to help launch the *Eat for Goals!* children's cookbook, in which 13 top footballers give recipes for their favourite healthy dishes. A star-studded list has contributed to the book – in order of chapters, Abbas Suan, Barry Ferguson, Birgit Prinz, Carles Puyol, Cathrine Paaske Sørensen, Fabio Cannavaro, Heurlho Gomes, Kelly Smith, Lukas Podolski, Miroslav Klose, Ruud van Nistelrooy, Steven Gerrard and Thierry Henry. *Eat for Goals!* is published in English, French and German by publisher Falkemedia and is available to be ordered online at www.falkemedia-shop.de.

Match-by-match lineups

Club	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Juventus	4	3	1	0	7	3	10
Real Madrid CF	4	2	0	2	5	5	6
FC Zenit St. Petersburg	4	1	1	2	4	4	4
FC BATE Borisov	4	0	2	2	3	7	2

Date	Match	Result	Stadium/Venue
17.09.2008	Juventus - Zenit	1-0	Stadio Olimpico, Turin
Goals: 1-0 Del Piero 76			
Juventus: Buffon, Chiellini, Del Piero, Nedvěd, Camoranesi (Salihamidžić 32), Trezeguet (Amauri 87), Poulsen, Grygera, Sissoko, Molinaro (De Ceglie 57), Legrottaglie			
Zenit: Malafeev, Križanac, Pogrebnyak, Arshavin, Šírl, Zyryanov (Dominguez 80), Danny, Anyukov, Denisov, Puygrenier, Tymoshchuk			
17.09.2008	Real Madrid - BATE	2-0	Santiago Bernabéu Stadium, Madrid
Goals: 1-0 Sergio Ramos 11, 2-0 Van Nistelrooy 57			
Real Madrid: Casillas, Sergio Ramos, Cannavaro, Raúl, Gago (Diarra 36), Robben (Drenthe 61), Marcelo, Guti (Higuaín 68), Heinze, Van Nistelrooy, Van der Vaart			
BATE: Veremko, Likhtarovich (Volodko 58), Sosnovski, Mirchev (Kazantsev 64), Kryvets, Nekhaychik, Khagush, Sivakov, Stasevich (Zhavnerchik 46), Rzhevski, Yurevich			
30.09.2008	Zenit - Real Madrid	1-2	Petrovsky, St Petersburg
Goals: 0-1 Hubočan 4 (o.g.) , 1-1 Danny 25, 1-2 Van Nistelrooy 31			
Zenit: Malafeev, Pogrebnyak (Fatih Tekke 73), Arshavin, Šírl, Hubočan (Dominguez 73), Zyryanov, Danny, Anyukov, Denisov, Puygrenier, Tymoshchuk			
Real Madrid: Casillas, Pepe, Sergio Ramos, Cannavaro, Diarra, Robben (Drenthe 82), Heinze, Van Nistelrooy, de la Red, Higuaín (Saviola 88), Van der Vaart (Javi García 62)			
30.09.2008	BATE - Juventus	2-2	Dinamo, Minsk
Goals: 1-0 Kryvets 17, 2-0 Stasevich 23, 2-1 Iaquinta 29, 2-2 Iaquinta 45+3			
BATE: Veremko, Likhtarovich (Sivakov 70), Sosnovski, Volodko, Kryvets, Nekhaychik (Mirchev 87), Rodionov (Pecha 90+2), Stasevich, Kazantsev, Rzhevski, Yurevich			
Juventus: Manninger, Chiellini, Iaquinta (Amauri 81), Del Piero, Nedvěd, Camoranesi (Marchisio 46), Giovinco, Grygera, Sissoko, De Ceglie, Legrottaglie (Knežević 18)			
21.10.2008	Zenit - BATE	1-1	Petrovsky, St Petersburg
Goals: 0-1 Nekhaychik 52, 1-1 Fatih Tekke 80			
Zenit: Malafeev, Križanac (Dominguez 69), Fatih Tekke, Arshavin, Šírl, Shirokov, Zyryanov (Pogrebnyak 76), Danny, Anyukov, Denisov, Tymoshchuk			
BATE: Veremko, Likhtarovich (Sivakov 68), Sosnovski, Volodko, Bliznyuk, Kryvets (Mirchev 85), Khagush, Rodionov, Stasevich (Nekhaychik 46), Rzhevski, Yurevich			
21.10.2008	Juventus - Real Madrid	2-1	Stadio Olimpico, Turin
Goals: 1-0 Del Piero 5, 2-0 Amauri 49, 2-1 Van Nistelrooy 66			
Juventus: Manninger, Chiellini, Amauri (Iaquinta 78), Del Piero, Nedvěd, Marchisio (Salihamidžić 37), Grygera, Sissoko, Molinaro, Marchionni, Legrottaglie (Mellberg 46)			
Real Madrid: Casillas, Pepe, Sergio Ramos, Cannavaro, Raúl, Gago, Sneijder, Heinze, Van Nistelrooy, Higuaín (Robben 54), Van der Vaart (Drenthe 76)			
05.11.2008	BATE - Zenit	0-2	Dinamo, Minsk
Goals: 0-1 Pogrebnyak 34, 0-2 Danny 90+4			
BATE: Veremko, Likhtarovich, Sosnovski, Bliznyuk, Kryvets, Nekhaychik (Mirchev 76), Khagush (Sivakov 79), Rodionov, Stasevich, Rzhevski (Kazantsev 58), Yurevich			
Zenit: Malafeev, Križanac, Pogrebnyak (Shirokov 90), Arshavin (Hubočan 78), Šírl, Zyryanov, Danny, Anyukov, Denisov, Puygrenier, Tymoshchuk			

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05.11.2008	Real Madrid - Juventus	0-2	Santiago Bernabéu Stadium, Madrid
Goals: 0-1 Del Piero 17, 0-2 Del Piero 67			
Real Madrid: Casillas, Sergio Ramos, Cannavaro, Diarra, Raúl, Sneijder (Higuaín 65), Marcelo, Guti, Drenthe, Heinze (Saviola 82), Van Nistelrooy (Van der Vaart 82)			
Juventus: Manninger, Chiellini, Mellberg, Amauri (Iaquinta 84), Del Piero (De Ceglie 90+3), Nedvěd, Sissoko, Molinaro, Tiago, Marchionni, Legrottaglie			
25.11.2008	Zenit - Juventus	-	Petrovsky, St Petersburg
25.11.2008	BATE - Real Madrid	-	Dinamo, Minsk
10.12.2008	Juventus - BATE	-	Stadio Olimpico, 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

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UEFA club competition milestones

• Zenit achieved their biggest success on the European stage in May 2008 when they won the UEFA Cup, defeating Rangers FC 2-0 in the final at the City of Manchester Stadium. They then added the UEFA Super Cup with a 2-1 victory against Manchester United FC in Monaco in August.

UEFA Champions League milestones

• Zenit are making their debut in the UEFA Champions League. They have, though, appeared once before in the European Champion Clubs' Cup making it to the second round in 1985/86 under their former name, Zenit Leningrad, where they were knocked out by Finnish side FC Kuusysi.

UEFA club competition honours

- UEFA Cup: 2007/08
- UEFA Super Cup: 2008

Ten-year record

- 2007/08:** UEFA Cup – winners
- 2006/07:** Did not compete in UEFA club competition
- 2005/06:** UEFA Cup – quarter-finals
- 2004/05:** UEFA Cup – group stage
- 2003/04:** Did not compete in UEFA club competition
- 2002/03:** UEFA Cup – first round
- 2001/02:** Did not compete in UEFA club competition
- 2000/01:** UEFA Intertoto Cup - final
- 1999/00:** UEFA Cup – first round
- 1998/99:** Did not compete in UEFA club competition

2007/08 season

Domestic record: Zenit won their first Russian Premier-Liga crown in 2007 holding off the challenge of FC Spartak Moskva by two points and gaining entry to their debut UEFA Champions League campaign this season. However, they could not add to their sole Russian Cup win in 1999 as they were knocked out in the quarter-finals by FC Tom Tomsk on penalties.

European record: Zenit were only in the UEFA Cup second qualifying round because FC Lokomotiv Moskva won the Russian Cup passing their league qualification slot on to the side from St Petersburg. From there, they embarked on a 17-game campaign which included away goals wins against Olympique de Marseille and Villarreal CF as well as thumping aggregate victories over FC Bayern München and Bayer 04 Leverkusen culminating in the 2-0 final triumph against Rangers FC in Manchester.

Records

UEFA club competition

- Biggest win
8-0: FC Zenit St. Petersburg v FC Encamp
29.08.2002, UEFA Cup qualifying round second leg
- Biggest home win
8-0: FC Zenit St. Petersburg v FC Encamp (see above for details)
- Biggest away win
0-5: FC Encamp v FC Zenit St. Petersburg
15.08.2002, UEFA Cup qualifying round first leg
- Heaviest defeat
5-0: VfB Stuttgart v Zenit Leningrad
01.11.1989, UEFA Cup second round second leg
5-0: Club Brugge KV v Zenit Leningrad
30.09.1987, UEFA Cup first round second leg

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- Heaviest home defeat

0-3: FC Zenit St. Petersburg v Bologna FC
16.09.1999, UEFA Cup first round first leg

- Heaviest away defeat

5-0: VfB Stuttgart v Zenit Leningrad (see above for details)
5-0: Club Brugge KV v Zenit Leningrad (see above for details)

UEFA Champions League (group stage to final only)

- Biggest win

0-2: FC BATE Borisov v FC Zenit St. Petersburg
05.11.2008, UEFA Champions League group stage

- Biggest home win

N/A

- Biggest away win

0-2: FC BATE Borisov v FC Zenit St. Petersburg (see above for details)

- Heaviest defeat

1-2: FC Zenit St. Petersburg v Real Madrid CF
30.09.2008, UEFA Champions League group stage

1-0: Juventus v FC Zenit St. Petersburg

17.09.2008, UEFA Champions League group stage

- Heaviest home defeat

1-2: FC Zenit St. Petersburg v Real Madrid CF
(see above for details)

- Heaviest away defeat

1-0: Juventus v FC Zenit St. Petersburg (see above for details)

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Juventus

UEFA club competition milestones

• Juventus have been crowned European champions on two occasions, in 1984/85 and 1995/96, and have competed in the European Champion Clubs' Cup final in each of the last four decades – the only other team to achieve that feat is FC Bayern München.

• The Italian side have also won the UEFA Cup three times, the UEFA Cup Winners' Cup twice and two UEFA Super Cups.

UEFA Champions League milestones

• Winners of the competition in 1995/96, Juventus have been runners-up on their three subsequent final appearances against BV Borussia Dortmund (1996/97), Real Madrid CF (1997/98) and AC Milan (2002/03).

• European Champion Clubs' Cup: 1984/85, 1995/96

• UEFA Cup Winners' Cup: 1983/84

• European/South American Cup: 1985, 1996

• UEFA Super Cup: 1984, 1996

• UEFA Cup: 1976/77, 1989/90, 1992/93

• UEFA Intertoto Cup: 1999

Ten-year record

2007/08: Did not compete in UEFA club competition

2006/07: Did not compete in UEFA club competition

2005/06: UEFA Champions League – quarter-finals

2004/05: UEFA Champions League – quarter-finals

2003/04: UEFA Champions League – first knockout round

2002/03: UEFA Champions League – finalists

2001/02: UEFA Champions League – second group stage

2000/01: UEFA Champions League – first group stage

1999/00: UEFA Cup – fourth round (having qualified as UEFA Intertoto Cup winners)

1998/99: UEFA Champions League – semi-final

2007/08 season

Domestic record: Juventus finished third in Serie A last term in their first season back in the top flight after a year spent in the second tier following their enforced relegation. They finished ten points behind AS Roma and 13 behind champions FC Internazionale Milano. Juve advanced to the Coppa Italia quarter-finals but were defeated 5-4 on aggregate by eventual runners-up Inter.

European record: Juve gained promotion from Serie B in 2006/07 and therefore did not take part in continental competition last season.

Records

UEFA club competitions

• Biggest win

7-0: Juventus v Olympiacos CFP

10.12.2003, UEFA Champions League group stage

7-0: Juventus v Valur Reykjavík

17.09.1986, European Champion Clubs' Cup first round first leg

7-0: Juventus v BKS Lechia Gdansk

14.09.1983, 1983/84 European Champion Clubs' Cup first round first leg

• Biggest home win

7-0: Juventus v Olympiacos CFP (see above for details)

7-0: Juventus v Valur Reykjavík (see above for details)

7-0: Juventus v BKS Lechia Gdansk (see above for details)

• Biggest away win

0-6: Marsa FC v Juventus

15.09.1971, UEFA Cup first round first leg

• Heaviest defeat

7-0: Wiener SC v Juventus

01.10.1958, European Champion Clubs' Cup preliminary round second leg

• Heaviest home defeat

0-3: Juventus v Manchester United FC

25.02.2003, UEFA Champions League second group stage

• Heaviest away defeat

7-0: Wiener SC v Juventus (see above for details)

UEFA Champions League (group stage to final only)

• Biggest win

7-0: Juventus v Olympiacos CFP (see above for details)

• Biggest home win

7-0: Juventus v Olympiacos CFP (see above for details)

• Biggest away win

0-4: Rangers FC v Juventus

01.11.1995, UEFA Champions League group stage

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- Heaviest defeat

0-3: Juventus v Manchester United FC (see above for details)

- Heaviest home defeat

0-3: Juventus v Manchester United FC (see above for details)

- Heaviest away defeat

2-0: Arsenal FC v Juventus

28.03.2006, UEFA Champions League quarter-finals first leg

2-0: Galatasaray SK v Juventus

02.12.2003, UEFA Champions League group stage

3-1: Bayer 04 Leverkusen v Juventus

12.03.2002, UEFA Champions League second group stage

2-0: RC Deportivo La Coruña v Juventus

27.02.2002, UEFA Champions League second group stage

3-1: Panathinaikos FC v Juventus

08.11.2000, UEFA Champions League first group stage

2-0: Feyenoord v Juventus

26.11.1997, UEFA Champions League group stage

3-1: BV Borussia Dortmund v Juventus

28.05.1997, UEFA Champions League final (played at a neutral venue, included here for information purposes)

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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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