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AZ Alkmaar

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Group H - Matchday 4

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## Match background

### Previous meetings

#### UEFA Champions League

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
20/10/09	GS	AZ Alkmaar - Arsenal FC	1-1	Alkmaar	Mendes da Silva 90+3; Fàbregas 36

	Home				Away				Final				Total					
	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
Arsenal FC	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	1
AZ Alkmaar	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	1

### Arsenal FC - record versus clubs from opponents' country

#### UEFA Champions League

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
27/08/08	QR3	Arsenal FC - FC Twente	4-0 agg: 6-0	London	Nasri 27, Gallas 52, Walcott 66, Bendtner 89
13/08/08	QR3	FC Twente - Arsenal FC	0-2	Arnhem	Gallas 63, Adebayor 82

#### UEFA Champions League

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
07/03/07	KO1	Arsenal FC - PSV Eindhoven	1-1 agg: 1-2	London	Alex 58(og); Alex 83
20/02/07	KO1	PSV Eindhoven - Arsenal FC	1-0	Eindhoven	Méndez 61

#### UEFA Champions League

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
07/12/05	GS	Arsenal FC - AFC Ajax	0-0	London	
27/09/05	GS	AFC Ajax - Arsenal FC	1-2	Amsterdam	Rosenberg 71; Ljungberg 2, Pirès 69(p)

#### UEFA Champions League

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
24/11/04	GS	PSV Eindhoven - Arsenal FC	1-1	Eindhoven	Ooijer 8; Henry 31
14/09/04	GS	Arsenal FC - PSV Eindhoven	1-0	London	Alex 41(og)

#### UEFA Champions League

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
26/02/03	2ndGS	AFC Ajax - Arsenal FC	0-0	Amsterdam	
18/02/03	2ndGS	Arsenal FC - AFC Ajax	1-1	London	Wiltord 5; de Jong 17
12/11/02	GS	Arsenal FC - PSV Eindhoven	0-0	London	
25/09/02	GS	PSV Eindhoven - Arsenal FC	0-4	Eindhoven	Gilberto 1, Ljungberg 66, Henry 81, 90+2

#### European Champion Clubs' Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
22/03/72	QF	Arsenal FC - AFC Ajax	0-1 agg: 1-3	London	Graham 16(og)
08/03/72	QF	AFC Ajax - Arsenal FC	2-1	Amsterdam	Mühren 27, 74(p); Kennedy 15

### AZ Alkmaar - record versus clubs from opponents' country

#### UEFA Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
20/12/07	GS	AZ Alkmaar - Everton	2-3	Alkmaar	Pellè 17, Jaliens 66; A. Johnson 2, Jagielka 44, Vaughan 80

**UEFA Cup**

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
15/03/07	R16	<b>AZ Alkmaar</b> - Newcastle United FC	2-0 agg: 4-4 ag	Alkmaar	Arveladze 14, Koevermans 56
08/03/07	R16	<b>Newcastle United FC</b> - AZ Alkmaar	4-2	Newcastle	Steinsson 7(og), Dyer 22, Martins 23, 37; Arveladze 31, Koevermans 73

**UEFA Cup**

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
24/11/05	GS	AZ Alkmaar - Middlesbrough FC	0-0	Alkmaar	

**European Champion Clubs' Cup**

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
04/11/81	R2	<b>Liverpool FC</b> - AZ Alkmaar	3-2 agg: 5-4	Liverpool	McDermott 43(p), Rush 68, Hansen 84; Kist 54, Thompson 73(og)
21/10/81	R2	AZ Alkmaar - Liverpool FC	2-2	Alkmaar	Kist 60, Tol 82; Johnson 21, Lee 48

**UEFA Cup**

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
20/05/81	F	AZ Alkmaar - <b>Ipswich Town FC</b>	4-2 agg: 4-5	Amsterdam	Welzl 6, Metgod 24, Tol 39, Jonker 73; Thijssen 3, Wark 31
06/05/81	F	<b>Ipswich Town FC</b> - AZ Alkmaar	3-0	Ipswich	Wark 29, Thijssen 47, Mariner 55

**UEFA Cup Winners' Cup**

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
27/09/78	R1	<b>Ipswich Town FC</b> - AZ Alkmaar	2-0 agg: 2-0	Ipswich	Mariner 3, Wark 89(p)
13/09/78	R1	AZ Alkmaar - Ipswich Town FC	0-0	Alkmaar	

**Record versus clubs from opponents' country**

	Home				Away				Final				Total					
	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
Arsenal FC	7	2	4	1	8	3	3	2	0	0	0	0	15	5	7	3	18	9
AZ Alkmaar	6	1	4	1	3	0	0	3	2	1	0	1	11	2	4	5	15	20

Arsenal FC's record against visitors from the Netherlands is in need of improvement and Arsène Wenger's side will be hoping to make positive strides on Matchday 4 as they welcome AZ Alkmaar to their home.

- The north London club looked set to take a firm grip on Group H in the reverse fixture on Matchday 3 when Cesc Fàbregas gave them a 36th-minute lead, only for David Mendes da Silva to volley an equaliser in the third minute of added time. The draw leaves Arsenal on seven points, one clear of Olympiacos FC and five above third-placed AZ.

**Match background**

- The game at the DS-Stadium was the teams' first-ever meeting.
- In seven competitive home games against Dutch opposition, Arsenal have only posted two victories. Four of the fixtures finished all-square with their only defeat coming in the first meeting – a European Champion Clubs' Cup quarter-final in 1971/72 when AFC Ajax won 1-0 at Highbury to complete a 3-1 aggregate triumph.
- AZ have lost all four previous games in England, conceding 12 goals. The most recent reverse was a 4-2 loss at Newcastle United FC in the 2006/07 UEFA Cup round of 16.
- After their 2-0 victory against Olympiacos on Matchday 2, Arsenal are looking for another long run of unbeaten home games in the competition. Their 3-1 home defeat by Manchester United FC in last season's semi-finals was the first time the Gunners had lost on their own territory in 24 matches in the competition proper, a run which stretched back to April 2004.
- It was also their first UEFA Champions League defeat at the Arsenal Stadium in 18 matches there, including qualifiers. Twelve of the first 17 ended in home wins.

**Team ties**

- AZ's Ronald Koeman is unbeaten as a coach against Arsenal, guiding Ajax to 1-1 home and 0-0 away draws against Wenger's Arsenal in the UEFA Champions League second group stage in February 2003.

- As PSV Eindhoven coach Koeman did even better against Arsenal, eliminating them in the 2006/07 first knockout round with a 1-0 home win followed by a 1-1 draw in London.
- The trip to north London will also stir pleasant memories for Koeman, whose extra-time free-kick at Wembley decided the 1992 European Champion Clubs' Cup final in favour of FC Barcelona, the first of the Catalan club's three titles.
- Arsenal centre-back Thomas Vermaelen and AZ's Gill Swerts, Maarten Martens, Moussa Dembele and Sebastien Pocognoli are team-mates in the Belgian national team.
- Similarly, the visitors' Stijn Schaars and Mendes da Silva have played with Robin van Persie for the Netherlands in qualifying for the 2010 FIFA World Cup.
- Van Persie played alongside Kew Jaliens in a UEFA EURO 2008™ qualifying tie against Slovenia in October 2007.
- Vermaelen made his Eredivisie debut for Koeman's Ajax – whom he left to join Arsenal this summer – on 15 February 2004 in an away game against FC Volendam.
- Swerts and Van Persie were team-mates at Feyenoord in 2003/04.
- While at Feyenoord Van Persie enjoyed two wins in three Eredivisie matches against AZ, scoring in a 4-1 away victory for the Rotterdam club in February 2003.
- Van Persie also struck for Feyenoord in the 1-1 draw against Koeman's Ajax in February 2003.
- As youngsters, Mounir El Hamdaoui and Van Persie played football together in Rotterdam.
- Andrei Arshavin appeared in FC Zenit St. Petersburg's 1-1 home draw against AZ in the 2007/08 UEFA Cup group stage.

## Match facts

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### Arsenal

#### UEFA milestones

- Arsenal have scored 297 goals in UEFA club competition.
- Matchday 3 was the London club's 49th draw in UEFA competition.

#### UEFA Champions League statistics

- The Gunners have managed 30 shots on target to date, more than any other team.
- Gaël Clichy and Robin van Persie are both within a booking of a one-match ban.

#### Latest domestic information

- **Saturday 31 October: Arsenal FC 3-0 Tottenham Hotspur FC (Van Persie 42 60, Fàbregas 43)**  
Almunia; Sagna, Gallas, Vermaelen, Clichy; Fàbregas, Song, Diaby; Bendtner (Eduardo 37), Van Persie (Ramsey 86), Arshavin (Eboué 78).
- The 162nd north London league derby was effectively settled by two Arsenal goals in a minute shortly before half-time, Bacary Sagna setting up Van Persie for a near-post finish and Cesc Fàbregas dispossessing Wilson Palacios and running through unchallenged to double the lead eleven seconds after the restart. Van Persie made it 3-0, again from a Sagna cross.
- Arsenal are yet to score in the first 15 minutes of any game this season.
- The Gunners are the English top flight's leading scorers with 32 goals in nine matches, although 13 goals conceded represents Arsenal's worst defensive record at this stage of the season in the Premier League era.
- The win means Arsène Wenger – who recalled Manuel Almunia in goal – has collected 1,000 league points as Arsenal manager.
- After seeing their seven-match winning run in all competitions ended at AZ on Matchday 3, Arsenal were held to a second successive draw on 25 October, letting a two-goal lead slip to draw 2-2 at West Ham United FC.
- Wenger marked his 750th game in charge of Arsenal with a 2-1 home win against Liverpool FC in the last 16 of the League Cup on 28 October thanks to goals from Fran Mérida and Nicklas Bendtner either side of Emiliano Insúa's equaliser for the visitors.

- Craig Eastmond made his first-team debut while Mérida's goal was his first for Arsenal in his tenth appearance. Łukasz Fabiański and Samir Nasri both made their first appearances of the season after injury.
- Arsenal will visit Manchester City FC in the League Cup quarter-finals in the week commencing 30 November.
- The 6-2 win against Blackburn Rovers FC on 4 October was the fifth time the Gunners have hit six in a league game this decade, the second this season following the opening-day 6-1 win at Everton FC. That triumph on Merseyside was the third time in Wenger's reign the Gunners have hit six in an away league fixture.

### **Injury news**

- Gaël Clichy – out 14-20 October (ankle)
- Eduardo – out 29 September to 25 October (thigh strain)
- Samir Nasri – out 21 July to 28 October (broken leg)
- Johan Djourou – out since 11 August (knee)
- Denilson – out since 12 September (back)
- Tomáš Rosický – out since 17 October (knee)
- Theo Walcott – out 8 August to 4 October (back strain) and since 17 October (knee)
- Jack Wilshere – out since 17 October (ankle)
- Carlos Vela – out since 20 October (knee)
- Łukasz Fabiański – out 8 August to 28 October (knee) and since 28 October (thigh)
- Nicklas Bendtner – out 14-25 October (groin) and since 31 October (groin)
- Bendtner limped off shortly before half-time against Tottenham, with Wenger saying: "It was a serious one and we're going into a period where you need all your players. I am quite scared that he will be out for a while. It is a groin injury and it could be three or four weeks."
- Denilson is unlikely to return until late November because of a small fracture in his back.
- Djourou underwent surgery on 4 September and is not expected to be back until March.

### **Miscellaneous**

- On 1 October Wenger became Arsenal's longest serving manager, celebrating 13 years at the club and eclipsing the previous record tenure of 4,748 days set by George Allison between 1934 and 1947.
- Van Persie became a father for the second time on 11 October when his wife Bouchra gave birth to a baby girl; Dina Layla.
- Gavin Hoyte joined third-tier side Brighton and Hove Albion FC on a one-month loan on 9 October.
- William Gallas, Sagna, Clichy and Abou Diaby will be hoping to appear when France play the Republic of Ireland in the FIFA World Cup play-offs on 14 and 18 November, while Andrei Arshavin's Russia take on Slovenia.

### **AZ**

#### **UEFA milestones**

- Kew Jaliens made his 34th appearance in UEFA competition for AZ against Olympiacos FC on Matchday 1, setting a new club record.

#### **UEFA Champions League statistics**

- None

#### **Latest domestic information**

##### **Saturday 31 October: FC Groningen 0-1 AZ Alkmaar (Lens 85)**

Romero; Swerts, Moisander, Moreno, Poulsen; Holman (Klavan 87), Mendes da Silva, Schaars, Martens (Wernbloom 77); Dembélé, Pellè (Lens 80).

- Jeremain Lens marked his 50th appearance for AZ in style, coming off the bench to head the only goal of the game within five minutes of his introduction.
- Jaliens was serving a one-match ban while Mounir El Hamdaoui missed out with a pulled hamstring.
- It was only AZ's second win in eleven matches in all competitions over 90 minutes; they have lost six in that sequence.
- AZ lost 4-2 at home to coach Ronald Koeman's former club AFC Ajax on 25 October.
- The Ajax game marked Moussa Dembélé's 100th Eredivisie appearance for AZ, Sergio Romero's 50th.
- The Dutch titleholders have not drawn in the league since being held 1-1 by Ajax on 26 April, a run of 14 games.
- El Hamdaoui has scored seven goals in nine Eredivisie appearances this season and ten in his last 13 league games.

- On 28 October AZ booked a Dutch Cup last-16 meeting with Feyernoord on 22/23 December, although they needed extra time to see off amateur club SV Spakenburg. They eventually ran out 5-2 winners with 20-year-old Jonathas scoring on his debut.
- Before the Spakenburg game AZ had scored just seven goals in their previous eight fixtures.
- On 25 July AZ claimed the Super Cup for the first time with a 5-1 win against SC Heerenveen – the fixture's biggest margin of victory since 1991. El Hamdaoui, Brett Holman, Maarten Martens and Lens (2) were on target.

#### **Injury news**

- Mounir El Hamdaoui – out since 28 October (hamstring)

#### **Miscellaneous**

- Dirk Scheringa stepped down as AZ chairman on 29 October.
- AZ signed Rasmus Elm from Kalmar FF in August, although he is ineligible for the UEFA Champions League.
- On 23 September a side comprising first team and youth players defeated Liverpool FC's reserves 5-0 in Alkmaar, Milano Koenders, Nick van der Velden, Kees Luijckx, Lens and Morten Nielsen all scoring.
- David Mendes da Silva and Stijn Schaars have been named in the provisional Netherlands squad for the friendlies against Italy and Paraguay on 14 and 18 November.

# Squad list

## Arsenal FC

No	Player	Nat.	DoB	Age	D	Current season						All-time			
						UCLQ		UCL		League		UCL		UEFA	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
<b>Goalkeepers</b>															
1	Manuel Almunia	ESP	19/05/77	32	-	2	-	-	-	5	-	25	-	32	-
21	Łukasz Fabiański	POL	18/04/85	24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	11	-
24	Vito Mannone	ITA	02/03/88	21	-	-	-	3	-	5	-	3	-	3	-
49	James Shea	ENG	16/06/91	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
53	Wojciech Szczęsny	POL	18/04/90	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Defenders</b>															
3	Bacary Sagna	FRA	14/02/83	26	-	2	-	2	-	9	-	16	-	42	-
5	Thomas Vermaelen	BEL	14/11/85	23	-	2	-	3	1	10	4	8	1	29	2
6	Philippe Senderos	SUI	14/02/85	24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18	-	26	-
10	William Gallas	FRA	17/08/77	32	-	2	1	3	-	10	3	60	3	79	6
18	Mikaël Silvestre	FRA	09/08/77	32	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	76	2	82	2
20	Johan Djourou	SUI	18/01/87	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	-	13	-
22	Gaël Clichy	FRA	26/07/85	24	*	2	-	3	-	8	-	32	-	38	-
27	Emmanuel Eboué	CIV	04/06/83	26	-	1	1	3	-	9	1	36	1	49	2
28	Kieran Gibbs	ENG	26/09/89	20	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	4	-	4	-
30	Armand Traoré	FRA	08/10/89	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	8	-
34	Kyle Bartley	ENG	22/05/91	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
36	Thomas Cruise	ENG	09/03/91	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
37	Craig Eastmond	ENG	09/12/90	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
39	Cédric Evina	ENG	16/11/91	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
42	Kerrea Gilbert	ENG	28/02/87	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
44	Gavin Hoyte	ENG	06/06/90	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
46	Luke Ayling	ENG	25/08/91	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Midfielders</b>															
2	Abou Diaby	FRA	11/05/86	23	-	2	-	3	-	9	3	18	3	25	3
4	Cesc Fàbregas	ESP	04/05/87	22	-	1	-	3	1	9	5	46	7	52	11
7	Tomáš Rosický	CZE	04/10/80	29	-	-	-	2	-	5	1	41	9	62	10
8	Samir Nasri	FRA	26/06/87	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	-	38	2
15	Denilson	BRA	16/02/88	21	-	2	-	-	-	4	1	14	-	19	-
16	Aaron Ramsey	WAL	26/12/90	18	-	1	-	3	-	6	1	8	1	10	1
17	Alex Song	CMR	09/09/87	22	-	2	-	3	-	9	-	18	1	22	1
19	Jack Wilshere	ENG	01/01/92	17	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	3	-	4	-
32	Fran Mérida	ESP	04/03/90	19	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
33	Nacer Barazite	NED	27/05/90	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35	Francis Coquelin	FRA	13/05/91	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
41	Emmanuel Frimpong	ENG	10/01/92	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
43	Conor Henderson	ENG	08/09/91	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
48	Mark Randall	ENG	28/09/89	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-
<b>Forwards</b>															
9	Eduardo	CRO	25/02/83	26	-	1	1	2	1	7	1	9	3	30	12
11	Robin van Persie	NED	06/08/83	26	*	1	-	2	1	10	7	36	12	53	13
12	Carlos Vela	MEX	01/03/89	20	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	10	-	10	-
14	Theo Walcott	ENG	16/03/89	20	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	21	4	25	5
23	Andrei Arshavin	RUS	29/05/81	28	-	2	1	2	1	8	3	8	1	53	17
47	Rhys Murphy	ENG	06/11/90	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
51	Gilles Sunu	FRA	30/03/91	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
52	Nicklas Bendtner	DEN	16/01/88	21	-	2	-	1	1	9	1	17	4	21	5
54	Sanchez Watt	ENG	14/02/91	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

No	Player	Nat.	DoB	Age	D	Current season						All-time			
						UCLQ		UCL		League		UCL		UEFA	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
<b>Coach</b>															
-	Arsène Wenger	FRA	22/10/49	60	-	2	-	3	-	-	-	120	-	173	-

## AZ Alkmaar

No	Player	Nat.	DoB	Age	D	Current season						All-time			
						UCLQ		UCL		League		UCL		UEFA	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
<b>Goalkeepers</b>															
1	Joey Didulica	CRO	14/10/77	32	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	4	-	21	-
21	Erik Heijblok	NED	29/05/77	32	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
22	Sergio Romero	ARG	22/02/87	22	-	-	-	3	-	11	-	3	-	4	-
<b>Defenders</b>															
2	Kew Jaliens	NED	15/09/78	31	-	-	-	3	-	11	-	8	-	48	4
4	Héctor Moreno	MEX	17/01/88	21	-	-	-	3	-	10	1	3	-	3	-
5	Sebastien Pocognoli	BEL	01/08/87	22	-	-	-	2	-	7	-	2	-	7	1
25	Niklas Moisander	FIN	29/09/85	24	-	-	-	2	-	8	-	2	-	2	-
33	Mike Boelee	NED	29/06/90	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
34	Mettin Copier	AUT	04/01/89	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35	Toine Van Huizen	NED	13/02/90	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Midfielders</b>															
6	David Mendes da Silva	NED	04/08/82	27	-	-	-	3	1	11	-	3	1	14	1
8	Stijn Schaars	NED	11/01/84	25	-	-	-	3	-	12	-	3	-	16	1
11	Maarten Martens	BEL	02/07/84	25	-	-	-	3	-	11	2	3	-	16	2
14	Ragnar Klavan	EST	30/10/85	24	-	-	-	1	-	5	-	1	-	4	-
15	Simon Poulsen	DEN	07/10/84	25	-	-	-	2	-	8	-	2	-	9	1
16	Pontus Wernbloom	SWE	25/06/86	23	-	-	-	1	-	6	-	1	-	9	2
19	Kees Luijckx	NED	11/02/86	23	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	1	-
23	Nick van der Velden	NED	16/12/81	27	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
27	Brett Holman	AUS	27/03/84	25	-	-	-	3	-	9	1	3	-	3	-
28	Gill Swerts	BEL	23/09/82	27	-	-	-	1	-	8	-	1	-	3	-
30	James Holland	AUS	15/05/89	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
31	Morten Nielsen	DEN	24/02/90	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
32	Roland Alberg	NED	06/08/90	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
37	Ben Rienstra	NED	05/06/90	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
38	Kolbeinn Sigthorsson	ISL	14/03/90	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
39	Wouter De Vogel	NED	17/09/90	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Forwards</b>															
7	Jeremain Lens	NED	24/11/87	21	-	-	-	2	-	10	4	2	-	8	-
9	Ari	BRA	11/12/85	23	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	3	1
10	Mounir El Hamdaoui	MAR	14/07/84	25	-	-	-	3	1	9	7	3	1	6	1
18	Moussa Dembélé	BEL	16/07/87	22	-	-	-	3	-	12	2	3	-	23	5
29	Graziano Pellè	ITA	15/07/85	24	-	-	-	2	-	6	2	2	-	6	1
36	Ali Messaoud	NED	13/04/91	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Coach</b>															
-	Ronald Koeman	NED	21/03/63	46	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	55	-	63	-

**Key:** Squad list is ordered by position and then numerically

**D** Disciplinary: \* Misses next match if booked, **S** Suspended, **#** Suspended for at least one match

**UCLQ**<sup>1</sup>: Current season total UEFA Champions League appearances in the qualifying rounds and play-offs only

**UCL**<sup>2</sup>: Current season total UEFA Champions League appearances from the group stage onwards prior to the current matchday

**UCL**<sup>3</sup>: Total appearances in the UEFA Champions League from 1992/93 season, group stage to final only

**UEFA**<sup>4</sup>: All-time total appearances in UEFA club competitions including all qualifying round matches



## Head coach

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### **Arsenal FC: Arsène Wenger**

**Date of birth:** 22 October 1949

**Nationality:** French

**Playing career:** AS Mutzig, FC Mulhouse, AS Vauban, RC Strasbourg

**Coaching career:** RC Strasbourg (assistant coach), AS Cannes (assistant coach), AS Nancy-Lorraine, AS Monaco FC, Nagoya Grampus Eight, Arsenal FC

- Not the most successful of players, Arsène Wenger has more than made up for that as a coach, turning Arsenal into one of Europe's top teams.
- Born in Strasbourg, Wenger worked at Strasbourg and Cannes before Nancy-Lorraine offered him his big break. He impressed sufficiently to be offered the job as coach of Monaco in 1987.
- Within a year Monaco scooped the French championship and Wenger the Coach of the Year award. After reportedly turning down France and FC Bayern München, he moved on to Japan and enjoyed tremendous success with Nagoya Grampus Eight.
- Appointed by Arsenal in September 1996, Wenger became the first non-Briton to win the Premier League in 1998, adding the first of four FA Cup triumphs. The Gunners lost the 2000 UEFA Cup final to Galatasaray SK but claimed another double in 2002, and in 2004 played some thrilling attacking football en route to becoming the first team since 1889 to negotiate a top-flight season unbeaten.
- Wenger nearly topped all his achievements by taking Arsenal to the 2006 UEFA Champions League final, only for FC Barcelona to come from behind to win 2-1. Arsenal's move to their new stadium later that year was also instigated by Wenger.

### **AZ Alkmaar: Ronald Koeman**

**Date of birth:** 21 March 1963

**Nationality:** Dutch

**Playing career:** FC Groningen, AFC Ajax, PSV Eindhoven, FC Barcelona, Feyenoord

**Coaching career:** Netherlands (assistant coach), FC Barcelona (assistant coach), BV Vitesse, AFC Ajax, SL Benfica, PSV Eindhoven, Valencia CF, AZ Alkmaar

- Sweeper and dead-ball expert Koeman started his career with his brother Erwin at Groningen, with both featuring in the Netherlands' 1988 UEFA European Championship-winning side.
- As a player he won a Dutch title and cup with Ajax; two Dutch championships, two cups and the 1987/88 European Champion Clubs' Cup with PSV; four Spanish titles, one Copa del Rey and the 1991/92 European Cup – scoring the winner in the final – with Barça.
- After spells as assistant coach with the Netherlands and Barça, Koeman impressed in sole command at Vitesse and won a Dutch double at Ajax in his first season, 2001/02, and a second title two years later.
- Won another Dutch title with PSV in 2006/07 while the 2007/08 Spanish Cup was the highlight of his spell at Valencia.
- Replaced FC Bayern München-bound Louis van Gaal as coach of Dutch champions AZ in summer of 2009.

## Match officials

<b>Referee</b>	Alain Hamer (LUX)
<b>Assistant referees</b>	François Mangen (LUX), Christian Holtgen (LUX)
<b>Fourth official</b>	Luc Wilmes (LUX)
<b>UEFA Delegate</b>	Geir Thorsteinsson (ISL)
<b>UEFA Referee observer</b>	Styrbjörn Oskarsson (FIN)

### Referee

Name	Date of birth	UCL matches *	UEFA matches
Alain Hamer	10/12/1965	29	108

- Having started refereeing in 1982, Alain Hamer was taking charge of top-flight matches in his native Luxembourg before the turn of the next decade and has worked at the highest UEFA level since 2002.
- A bank manager from Waldbillig, he was awarded his FIFA badge in 1993 and went on to form part of the refereeing teams at the 1995 FIFA Women's World Cup, 1998 UEFA European Under-21 Championship and 2001 FIFA U-20 World Cup.
- In addition to covering league games in his homeland, Hamer also experienced domestic football in France and Belgium. Back home, he was established at the top of the refereeing tree at the age of 34, with the 1999 Luxembourg Cup final his first major domestic appointment.
- At the end of 2003/04 he was selected for the UEFA European Championship in Portugal as one of four fourth officials. He also took charge of seven qualifiers for the 2006 FIFA World Cup.
- In 2005/06 he worked at the first leg of the UEFA Cup semi-final between FC Steaua Bucureşti and Middlesbrough FC. Since 1999/00 he has received regular appointments in the UEFA Champions League, taking charge of three group-stage matches in both 2007/08 and 2008/09.

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

Date	Comp.	Stage	Match	Res.	Venue
25/10/00	UCL	GS	Arsenal FC - AC Sparta Praha	4-2	London
27/02/02	UCL	2ndGS	Arsenal FC - Bayer 04 Leverkusen	4-1	London
02/10/02	UCL	GS	Liverpool FC - FC Spartak Moskva	5-0	Liverpool
03/11/04	UCL	GS	Manchester United FC - AC Sparta Praha	4-1	Manchester
01/11/05	UCL	GS	Real Betis Balompié - Chelsea FC	1-0	Seville
05/12/06	UCL	GS	Chelsea FC - PFC Levski Sofia	2-0	London
07/03/07	UCL	KO1	Arsenal FC - PSV Eindhoven	1-1	London
07/11/07	UCL	GS	Fenerbahçe SK - PSV Eindhoven	2-0	Istanbul
25/11/08	UCL	GS	Arsenal FC - FC Dynamo Kyiv	1-0	London

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

Date	Comp.	Stage	Match	Res.	Venue
26/09/93	WCHAMP	QR	Iceland - Netherlands	2-1	Reykjavik
17/10/96	UCWC	R2	SK Brann - PSV Eindhoven	2-1	Bergen
02/10/97	UCWC	R1	ŠK Slovan Bratislava - Chelsea FC	0-2	Bratislava
21/10/97	UCUP	R2	AGF Århus - FC Twente	1-1	Vejle
28/03/01	WC	QR	Albania - England	1-3	Tirana
11/03/04	UCUP	R4	Newcastle United FC - RCD Mallorca	4-1	Newcastle
13/10/04	WC	QR	Azerbaijan - England	0-1	Baku
08/06/05	WC	QR	Finland - Netherlands	0-4	Helsinki
16/02/06	UCUP	1/16	VfB Stuttgart - Middlesbrough FC	1-2	Stuttgart
20/04/06	UCUP	SF	FC Steaua Bucureşti - Middlesbrough FC	1-0	Bucharest
05/04/07	UCUP	QF	Sevilla FC - Tottenham Hotspur FC	2-1	Seville
12/03/09	UCUP	R16	Manchester City FC - Aalborg BK	2-0	Manchester

\* Group stage to final only

## Fixtures and results

### Arsenal FC

Date	Competition	Opponent	Result	Goalscorers
15/08/09	League	Everton (A)	W 6-1	Denilson 26, Vermaelen 37, Gallas 41, Fàbregas 48, 70, Eduardo 89
22/08/09	League	Portsmouth FC (H)	W 4-1	Diaby 18, 21, Gallas 51, Ramsey 68
29/08/09	League	Manchester United FC (A)	L 1-2	Arshavin 40
12/09/09	League	Manchester City FC (A)	L 2-4	Van Persie 62, Rosický 88
19/09/09	League	Wigan Athletic FC (H)	W 4-0	Vermaelen 25, 49, Eboué 59, Fàbregas 90
22/09/09	Cup	West Bromwich Albion FC (H)	W 2-0	Watt 68, Vela 76
26/09/09	League	Fulham FC (A)	W 1-0	Van Persie 52
04/10/09	League	Blackburn Rovers FC (H)	W 6-2	Vermaelen 17, Van Persie 33, Arshavin 37, Fàbregas 57, Walcott 75, Bendtner 89
17/10/09	League	Birmingham City FC (H)	W 3-1	Van Persie 16, Diaby 18, Arshavin 84
25/10/09	League	West Ham United FC (A)	D 2-2	Van Persie 16, Gallas 37
28/10/09	Cup	Liverpool FC (H)	W 2-1	Mérida 19, Bendtner 50
31/10/09	League	Tottenham Hotspur FC (H)	W 3-0	Van Persie 42, 60, Fàbregas 43
07/11/09	League	Wolverhampton Wanderers FC (A)		
21/11/09	League	Sunderland AFC (A)		
29/11/09	League	Chelsea FC (H)		
01/12/09	Cup	Manchester City FC (A)		
02/12/09	League	Bolton Wanderers FC (H)		
05/12/09	League	Stoke City FC (H)		
13/12/09	League	Liverpool FC (A)		
16/12/09	League	Burnley FC (A)		
19/12/09	League	Hull City AFC (H)		
27/12/09	League	Aston Villa FC (H)		
30/12/09	League	Portsmouth FC (A)		
09/01/10	League	Everton (H)		
16/01/10	League	Bolton Wanderers FC (A)		
27/01/10	League	Aston Villa FC (A)		
30/01/10	League	Manchester United FC (H)		
06/02/10	League	Chelsea FC (A)		
09/02/10	League	Liverpool FC (H)		
20/02/10	League	Sunderland AFC (H)		
27/02/10	League	Stoke City FC (A)		
06/03/10	League	Burnley FC (H)		

Pos.	Clubs	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1	Chelsea FC	11	9	0	2	28	8	27
2	Manchester United FC	11	8	1	2	23	11	25
<b>3</b>	<b>Arsenal FC</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>22</b>
4	Manchester City FC	10	5	4	1	18	11	19
5	Tottenham Hotspur FC	11	6	1	4	21	17	19
6	Liverpool FC	11	6	0	5	25	16	18
7	Aston Villa FC	10	5	3	2	14	9	18
8	Sunderland AFC	11	5	2	4	20	17	17
9	Stoke City FC	11	4	4	3	11	13	16
10	Burnley FC	11	5	0	6	12	22	15
11	Fulham FC	10	4	2	4	13	13	14
12	Wigan Athletic FC	11	4	1	6	12	21	13
13	Everton	10	3	3	4	13	16	12
14	Birmingham City FC	11	3	2	6	8	12	11
15	Bolton Wanderers FC	10	3	2	5	14	19	11
16	Wolverhampton Wanderers FC	11	2	4	5	11	18	10
17	Blackburn Rovers FC	10	3	1	6	11	24	10
18	Hull City AFC	11	2	2	7	8	24	8
19	West Ham United FC	10	1	4	5	13	17	7
20	Portsmouth FC	11	2	1	8	9	15	7

**AZ Alkmaar**

Date	Competition	Opponent	Result	Goalscorers
01/08/09	League	Heracles Almelo (A)	L 2-3	Pellè 77, El Hamdaoui 77
07/08/09	League	Sparta Rotterdam (H)	W 2-0	Dembélé 6, El Hamdaoui 64
15/08/09	League	RKC Waalwijk (A)	W 6-0	El Hamdaoui 15, 67, Dembélé 52, Martens 75, 79, Lens 82
23/08/09	League	SC Heerenveen (A)	W 2-0	Lejsal 30 (og), El Hamdaoui 64
29/08/09	League	Willem II (H)	W 2-1	Holman 7, Moreno 24
12/09/09	League	ADO Den Haag (A)	L 1-2	Lens 86
19/09/09	League	NEC Nijmegen (H)	L 0-1	
22/09/09	Cup	Jong Ajax (H)	W 2-0 (aet)	Dembélé 91, 94
26/09/09	League	FC Utrecht (A)	L 0-1	
03/10/09	League	NAC Breda (H)	W 1-0	Lens 30
17/10/09	League	FC Twente (A)	L 2-3	El Hamdaoui 57, Wisgerhof 60 (og)
25/10/09	League	AFC Ajax (H)	L 2-4	El Hamdaoui 28, Pellè 90+2
28/10/09	Cup	SV Spakenburg (H)	W 5-2 (aet)	Wernbloom 51, 105, Schaars 77, Cristian de Jesus 113, El Hamdaoui 119
31/10/09	League	FC Groningen (A)	W 1-0	Lens 85
08/11/09	League	Feyenoord (H)		
21/11/09	League	Roda JC (A)		
28/11/09	League	VVV Venlo (H)		
04/12/09	League	BV Vitesse (H)		
12/12/09	League	PSV Eindhoven (A)		
19/12/09	League	ADO Den Haag (H)		
24/01/10	League	AFC Ajax (A)		
30/01/10	League	FC Groningen (H)		
02/02/10	League	NAC Breda (A)		
07/02/10	League	Feyenoord (A)		
13/02/10	League	Roda JC (H)		
20/02/10	League	VVV Venlo (A)		
27/02/10	League	BV Vitesse (A)		
06/03/10	League	SC Heerenveen (H)		
13/03/10	League	RKC Waalwijk (H)		
21/03/10	League	Sparta Rotterdam (A)		
27/03/10	League	Heracles Almelo (H)		
03/04/10	League	FC Utrecht (H)		
10/04/10	League	NEC Nijmegen (A)		
13/04/10	League	FC Twente (H)		

Pos.	Clubs	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1	FC Twente	12	10	2	0	26	10	32
2	PSV Eindhoven	12	9	3	0	28	10	30
3	AFC Ajax	12	9	2	1	40	10	29
4	Feyenoord	12	7	2	3	20	13	23
5	FC Utrecht	12	6	4	2	14	10	22
6	Heracles Almelo	12	6	2	4	14	12	20
7	<b>AZ Alkmaar</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>18</b>
8	NAC Breda	12	5	2	5	13	17	17
9	Sparta Rotterdam	12	5	2	5	11	15	17
10	Willem II	12	4	1	7	16	20	13
11	ADO Den Haag	12	3	3	6	14	19	12
12	VVV Venlo	12	1	8	3	15	20	11
13	NEC Nijmegen	12	2	5	5	11	18	11
14	BV Vitesse	12	3	2	7	13	21	11
15	SC Heerenveen	12	3	2	7	9	17	11
16	FC Groningen	12	2	4	6	8	17	10
17	Roda JC	12	2	4	6	13	23	10
18	RKC Waalwijk	12	1	0	11	7	26	3

## Match-by-match lineups

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### Arsenal FC

#### Play-Offs

(18/08/09)

**Celtic FC 0-2 Arsenal FC**

**Goals:** 0-1 Gallas 43, 0-2 Caldwell 71(o.g.)

**Arsenal FC:** Almunia, Sagna, Fàbregas, Vermaelen, Gallas, Van Persie, Denilson, Song, Clichy, Arshavin (Diaby 70), Bendtner

(26/08/09)

**Arsenal FC 3-1 Celtic FC** (agg: 5-1 )

**Goals:** 1-0 Eduardo 28(pen), 2-0 Eboué 53, 3-0 Arshavin 74, 3-1 Donati 90+2

**Arsenal FC:** Almunia, Diaby (Ramsey 61), Sagna, Vermaelen, Eduardo (Arshavin 72), Gallas, Denilson, Song, Clichy, Eboué (Wilshere 72), Bendtner

## Group H

### Standings

Club	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
<b>Arsenal FC</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>
Olympiacos FC	3	2	0	1	3	3	6
<b>AZ Alkmaar</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>
R. Standard de Liège	3	0	1	2	4	6	1

#### Matchday 1 (16/09/09)

##### Olympiacos FC 1-0 AZ Alkmaar

Goals: 1-0 Torosidis 79

**AZ Alkmaar:** Romero, Jaliens, Moreno, Pocognoli, Mendes da Silva (Luijckx 71), Schaars, El Hamdaoui (Pellè 77), Martens (Lens 80), Dembélé, Moisander, Holman

##### R. Standard de Liège 2-3 Arsenal FC

Goals: 1-0 Mangala 3, 2-0 Jovanović 5(pen), 2-1 Bendtner 45, 2-2 Vermaelen 77, 2-3 Eduardo 81

**Arsenal FC:** Mannone, Diaby, Fàbregas, Vermaelen, Rosický (Ramsey 70), Eduardo (Wilshere 86), Gallas, Song, Clichy, Eboué (Sagna 78), Bendtner

#### Matchday 2 (29/09/09)

##### Arsenal FC 2-0 Olympiacos FC

Goals: 1-0 Van Persie 78, 2-0 Arshavin 86

**Arsenal FC:** Mannone, Diaby (Vela 77), Fàbregas, Vermaelen, Rosický (Eduardo 66), Gallas, Van Persie (Ramsey 85), Song, Clichy, Arshavin, Eboué

##### AZ Alkmaar 1-1 R. Standard de Liège

Goals: 1-0 El Hamdaoui 48, 1-1 Traore 90+1

**AZ Alkmaar:** Romero, Jaliens, Moreno, Pocognoli (Klavan 82), Mendes da Silva, Schaars, El Hamdaoui, Martens (S. Poulsen 71), Dembélé, Holman, Swerts

#### Matchday 3 (20/10/09)

##### AZ Alkmaar 1-1 Arsenal FC

Goals: 0-1 Fàbregas 36, 1-1 Mendes da Silva 90+3

**AZ Alkmaar:** Romero, Jaliens, Moreno, Mendes da Silva, Schaars, El Hamdaoui, Martens (Lens 69), S. Poulsen, Dembélé, Moisander (Wernbloom 84), Holman (Pellè 73)

**Arsenal FC:** Mannone, Diaby, Sagna, Fàbregas, Vermaelen, Gallas, Van Persie (Vela 74), Song, Clichy, Arshavin, Eboué (Ramsey 83)

#### Matchday 4 (04/11/09)

##### Arsenal FC v AZ Alkmaar

#### Matchday 5 (24/11/09)

##### AZ Alkmaar v Olympiacos FC

##### Arsenal FC v R. Standard de Liège

#### Matchday 6 (09/12/09)

##### Olympiacos FC v Arsenal FC

##### R. Standard de Liège v AZ Alkmaar



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## Competition facts

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

Holders FC Barcelona are looking 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, 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.

Barcelona, Manchester United and Milan have all finished as group winners on ten occasions, one more than Real Madrid and Juventus.

Four teams have recorded six successive victories in a UEFA Champions League group stage: Milan (1992/93), Paris Saint-Germain FC (1994/95), FC Spartak Moskva (1995/96) and Barcelona (2002/03, first group stage).

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 Spartak Moskva and Bayer 04 Leverkusen (2002/03, first and second group stage respectively) and Fenerbahçe SK (2001/02, first group stage).

Manchester United scored 20 goals in the 1998/99 group stage, more than any other side has managed. Barcelona scored 19 times in the 1999/2000 first group stage.

Dynamo 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.

No team has ever gone through a UEFA Champions League group stage without conceding a goal. Milan (1992/93), AFC Ajax (1995/96), Juventus (1996/97 and 2004/05), Chelsea FC (2005/06), Liverpool FC (2005/06) and Villarreal CF (2005/06) all let in just one.

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 victory 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 Leverkusen managed it in 1999/2000 and Liverpool 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.

## Team facts

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### **Arsenal FC**

**Formed:** 1886

**Nickname:** The Gunners

### **UEFA club competition honours (runners-up in brackets)**

- European Champion Clubs' Cup: (2006)
- UEFA Cup: (2000)
- UEFA Cup Winners' Cup (1): (1980), 1994, (1995)
- UEFA Super Cup: (1994)

### **Domestic honours (most recent triumph in brackets)**

League title: 13 (2004)

FA Cup: 10 (2005)

League Cup: 2 (1993)

### **Ten-year European record (UEFA Champions League unless indicated otherwise)**

**2008/09:** semi-finals

**2007/08:** quarter-finals

**2006/07:** first knockout round

**2005/06:** runners-up

**2004/05:** first knockout round

**2003/04:** quarter-finals

**2002/03:** second group stage

**2001/02:** second group stage

**2000/01:** quarter-finals

**1999/00:** UEFA Cup runners-up (having transferred from the UEFA Champions League first group stage)

### **Records**

#### **UEFA club competition**

- Biggest home win

**7-0:** Arsenal v SK Slavia Praha

23/10/07, UEFA Champions League group stage

- Biggest away win

**0-7:** R. Standard de Liège v Arsenal

03/11/93, UEFA Cup Winners' Cup second round second leg

- Heaviest home defeat

**2-5:** Arsenal v SK Spartak Moskva

29/09/82, UEFA Cup first round second leg

**0-3:** Arsenal v FC Internazionale Milano

17/09/03, UEFA Champions League group stage

- Heaviest away defeat

**4-1:** FC Spartak Moskva v Arsenal

22/11/00, UEFA Champions League second group stage

**3-0:** FC Shakhtar Donetsk v Arsenal

07/11/00, UEFA Champions League first group stage

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

- Biggest home win

**7-0:** Arsenal v SK Slavia Praha (see above for details)

- Biggest away win

**1-5:** FC Internazionale Milano v Arsenal

25/11/03, group stage

**0-4:** PSV Eindhoven v Arsenal

25/09/02, first group stage

- Heaviest home defeat

**0-3:** Arsenal v FC Internazionale Milano (see above for details)

- Heaviest away defeat  
**4-1:** FC Spartak Moskva v Arsenal (see above for details)  
**3-0:** FC Shakhtar Donetsk v Arsenal (see above for details)

#### **AZ Alkmaar**

**Formed:** 1967

**Nickname:** Kaaskoppen (Cheeseheads)

#### **UEFA club competition honours (runners-up in brackets)**

- UEFA Cup: (1981)

#### **Domestic honours (most recent triumph in brackets)**

League title: 2 (2009)

Dutch Cup: 3 (1982)

#### **Ten-year European record (UEFA Champions League unless indicated otherwise)**

**2008/09:** did not compete in UEFA club competition

**2007/08:** UEFA Cup group stage

**2006/07:** UEFA Cup quarter-finals

**2005/06:** UEFA Cup round of 32

**2004/05:** UEFA Cup semi-finals

**2003/04:** did not compete in UEFA club competition

**2002/03:** did not compete in UEFA club competition

**2001/02:** did not compete in UEFA club competition

**2000/01:** did not compete in UEFA club competition

**1999/00:** did not compete in UEFA club competition

#### **Records**

##### **UEFA club competition**

- Biggest home win

**11-1:** AZ v FC Differdange 03

14/09/77, UEFA Cup first round first leg

- Biggest away win

**0-5:** FC Differdange 03 v AZ

27/09/77, UEFA Cup first round second leg

- Heaviest home defeat

**2-3:** AZ v Everton FC

20/12/07, UEFA Cup group stage

- Heaviest away defeat

**4-1:** Werder Bremen v AZ

12/04/07, UEFA Cup quarter-final second leg

**3-0:** Ipswich Town FC v AZ

06/05/81, UEFA Cup final first leg

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

- Biggest home win

None

- Biggest away win

None

- Heaviest home defeat

None

- Heaviest away defeat

**1-0:** Olympiacos FC v AZ

16/09/09, group stage

## 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 Europa League, the UEFA Cup, the UEFA Super Cup (1973-to date), 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.

#### :: 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

**ICF:** Inter-Cities Fairs Cup

##### National team competitions

**EURO:** UEFA European Football Championship

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

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

**U21:** UEFA European Under-21 Championship

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

**U19:** UEFA Under-19 Championship • **U18:** UEFA European Under-18 Championship

**WWC:** FIFA Women's World Cup • **WCHAMP:** UEFA European Women's 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

**ELITE:** Elite round

**P-O 3rd:** Third place play-off

**QR3:** Third qualifying round

**R1:** First round

**R2:** Second round

**R3:** Third round

**R4:** Fourth round

**SF:** Semi-finals

**R16:** Second knockout round

**R32:** Round of 32

**1st:** first leg

**2nd:** second leg

**P-O:** Play-off

**(R):** Replay

**PO - FT:** Play-off for Final Tournament

**Prom/Rel P-O:** Promotion/Relegation play-off

**GS - FT:** Group stage - Final tournament

#### :: Other Abbreviations

**aet:** Match decided after extra time

**No.:** Number

**aetps:** Match decided after extra time and penalty shoot-out

**ag:** Match decided on away goals

**agg:** Aggregate

**AP:** Appearances

**Comp.:** Competition

**D:** Drawn

**DoB:** Date of birth

**GA:** Goals against

**GF:** Goals for

**L:** Lost

**Nat.:** Nationality

**N/a:** Not Applicable

**(p):** Penalty

**Pld:** Matches played

**Pos.:** Position

**Pts:** Points

**R:** Sent off (red card)

**Res.:** Result

**t:** Match decided by toss of coin

**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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