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AZ Alkmaar

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Group H - Matchday 6

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Match background

Previous meetings

UEFA Champions League

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
29/09/09	GS	AZ Alkmaar - R. Standard de Liège	1-1	Alkmaar	El Hamdaoui 48; Traore 90+1

	Home				Away				Final				Total					
	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
R. Standard de Liège	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

R. Standard de Liège - record versus clubs from opponents' country

UEFA Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
19/12/73	R3	Feyenoord - R. Standard de Liège	2-0 agg: 3-3 ag	Rotterdam	Schoenmaker 61, Van Hanegem 69
28/11/73	R3	R. Standard de Liège - Feyenoord	3-1	Liege	Piot 50(p), Lambrichts 52, Thissen 89; Kristensen 48

AZ Alkmaar - record versus clubs from opponents' country

UEFA Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
18/03/81	QF	KSC Lokeren OV - AZ Alkmaar	1-0 agg: 1-2	Lokeren	Verheyen 36
04/03/81	QF	AZ Alkmaar - KSC Lokeren OV	2-0	Alkmaar	Tol 9, Welzl 18

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
R. Standard de Liège	1	1	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	3	1	1	1	4	4
AZ Alkmaar	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	1	1	1	3	2

Needing a victory to have any chance of progressing from Group H, R. Standard de Liège will look to seize the initiative early on against AZ Alkmaar having snatched a point in the away game with a late goal.

- Standard kick off in third position with four points, three adrift of second-placed Olympiacos FC and one above AZ, who parted company with coach Ronald Koeman over the weekend with his former assistant Martin Haar taking temporary charge. The Belgian champions need to beat AZ and hope their Greek counterparts lose at home to section winners Arsenal FC, while AZ can no longer progress but will earn a UEFA Europa League place at the expense of their opponents with a win in Liege.

Previous meetings

- Standard were up against it on Matchday 2 from the 48th minute when Mounir El Hamdaoui shot in. It looked to be enough to give AZ their first UEFA Champions League victory but at the last, substitute Moussa Traore got on the end of a free-kick to earn the visitors a point.

- It was the first time the sides had met in a competitive fixture and they had only previously been involved in two European games against teams from their opponents' country. In each case the results were the same – a win at home and an away defeat.

- AZ progressed in their 1980/81 UEFA Cup quarter-final against KSC Lokeren OV 2-1 on aggregate, losing 1-0 in Belgium, while Standard went down to Feyenoord on away goals in the 1973/74 UEFA Cup third round after a 3-3 aggregate draw despite a 3-1 home success.

Match background

- With a win and a loss, Standard's inconsistent home form in their debut UEFA Champions League campaign is in contrast to their impressive recent European record at Stade Maurice Dufrasne prior to this season. In the last two

UEFA Cup editions they remained unbeaten in five games, including qualifying rounds, posting three wins and two draws. Their last home reverse came in the 2006/07 UEFA Cup first round when they lost 1-0 to RC Celta de Vigo.

- AZ are still looking for their first away point of the campaign but previously their recent showings on foreign soil in European competition were creditable, winning four and losing two in the UEFA Cup campaigns of 2006/07 and 2007/08.

Team ties

- Cor van der Hart and Georg Kessler have coached both clubs.
- The departed Koeman and Standard coach László Bölöni were opposing captains in a friendly between the Netherlands and Romania on 1 June 1988 in Amsterdam. The hosts won 2-0 in a game that proved Bölöni's 108th and final cap. A few weeks later Koeman lifted the UEFA European Championship trophy with the Oranje.
- AZ's Sebastien Pocognoli, Maarten Martens, Gill Swerts and Moussa Dembélé and Standard's Igor De Camargo, Axel Witsel and Steven Defour are all team-mates in the Belgian national team.
- AZ defender Ragnar Klavan faced Defour and Witsel when Estonia played Belgium in a FIFA World Cup qualifier at Standard's Stade Maurice Dufrasne home on 6 September 2008. Belgium won 3-2 and Swerts was an unused substitute in the game.

Match facts

Standard

UEFA milestones

- Matchday 6 marks Standard's 50th European Champion Clubs' Cup game.

UEFA Champions League statistics

- Eliaquim Mangala and Mehdi Carcela-González are both suspended against AZ, the latter following his red card on Matchday 5. Ricardo Rocha is within a booking of a ban.

Latest domestic information

• Saturday 5 December: R. Standard de Liège 2-2 KFC Germinal Beerschot Antwerpen (Jovanović 58, De Camargo 70; Goor 39, Dosunmu 62)

Bolat; Camozzato, Sarr, Ramos, Mangala (Mulemo 67); Dacourt (Dufer 82), Witsel, Carcela-González; Cyriac (Dalmat 69), De Camargo, Jovanović.

- Standard ended a run of three successive defeats in all competitions – all away from home – but twice had to come from behind to salvage a point against Germinal Beerschot.
- Milan Jovanović's goal against Germinal Beerschot was Standard's first in 325 minutes, since Gohi Bi Cyriac's opener against KAA Gent on 21 November.
- Just a minute after his second-half introduction, Wilfried Dalmat set up Standard's second goal for Igor De Camargo, who was making his first league start since 4 October.
- Standard have lost just once – 3-2 to Arsenal on Matchday 1 – in 24 home matches in all competitions. They have won 16 of those games, including an extra-time cup success against K. Lierse SK and the Belgian Super Cup victory over KRC Genk on 25 July.
- With Mangala suspended after collecting a fifth domestic yellow card, Standard suffered their third Eerste Klasse setback of the season when they lost 2-0 at K. Sint-Truidense VV on 29 November.
- It was Standard's third consecutive defeat in all competitions, their worst run since losing their last outing in 2005/06 and the first two in 2006/07. Les Rouches have not lost four in a row since August/September 2002.
- Axel Witsel was banned for eight games for the red card he received against RSC Anderlecht on 30 August.
- Standard will face KV Kortrijk in the last 16 of the Belgian Cup on 23 December.

Injury news

- Mohamed Sarr – out 4-24 November (hamstring)
- Igor De Camargo – out 4-20 October, 20 October to 4 November and 5-29 November (broken toe)
- Milan Jovanović – out 21-29 November (thigh)
- Grégory Dufer – out 25 November to 5 December (knee)
- Steven Defour – out since 12 September (foot)

- Cédric Collet – out since 20 September (broken toe)
- Dieudonné Mbokani – out since 24 November (torn left calf muscle)
- Arnor Angeli – out since 26 November (knee)
- Dufer returned as a late substitute against Germinal Beerschot and Collet is also available again.

AZ

UEFA milestones

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

UEFA Champions League statistics

- None

Latest domestic information

• Friday 4 December: AZ Alkmaar 1-2 BV Vitesse (Dembélé 9; Nilsson 50, Stevanović 59)

Romero; Swerts, Jaliens, Moreno (Klavan 46), Pocognoli; Elm (El Hamdaoui 58), Mendes da Silva, Schaars (Martens 68), Holman; Dembélé, Lens.

- Moussa Dembélé was sent off in the 79th minute along with Vitesse's Dalibor Stevanović in what proved to be Ronald Koeman's final game in charge of AZ.
- Koeman was dismissed in the wake of the defeat by Vitesse – his first team as head coach – after less than seven months at the AZ helm. His 57-year-old assistant Martin Haar, another former Netherlands international defender, takes temporary command. Koeman's other assistant, Tonny Bruins Slot, has also left the club.
- Director of football Marcel Brands said of the decision: "It is a strange feeling. In 12 years as director of football I never sacked a coach. Results were disappointing, the team kept struggling and too many players have not been playing at their normal level. In those circumstances you have to make a decision."
- On Tuesday evening AZ announced Dick Advocaat will take over as Koeman's replacement until the end of the season, combining the role with his job as Belgium national coach. The 62-year-old, who will be officially presented on Thursday, said of his new job: "We have to qualify for Europe. If we don't do that, I won't have done a good job."
- Dembélé is the fifth AZ player to be sent off this term after Gill Swerts, Graziano Pellè, Simon Poulsen and Jonathas.
- AZ have picked up 25 points from a possible 48 after 16 league fixtures this term. They dropped only 22 points in last season's title-winning campaign under Louis van Gaal.
- Haar was in charge for the 2-0 victory at home to VVV Venlo 2-0 on 28 November as Koeman was serving a one-match suspension following his expulsion against Roda JC. Jeremain Lens and Brett Holman were both on target.
- The victories over Roda (4-2 on 21 November) and VVV completed AZ's first back-to-back league wins since August.
- The VVV win is one of only four AZ have enjoyed in 16 league and UEFA Champions League matches, losing eight.
- AZ will face Feyenoord on 22 December in the last 16 of the Dutch Cup.
- 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. Mounir El Hamdaoui, Holman, Maarten Martens and Lens (2) were all on target.

Injury news

- Moussa Dembélé – out 13-24 November (flu)
- Graziano Pellè – out 20-24 November (knee)
- Mounir El Hamdaoui – out 28 October to 4 December (hamstring)
- Kew Jaliens – out 21 November to 4 December (concussion)
- Erik Heijblok – out since 7 November (shoulder)
- Héctor Moreno and Stijn Schaars were both forced off with injuries against Vitesse. "Moreno hurt his knee joint while Schaars said he was dizzy," explained Koeman.
- Third-choice goalkeeper Heijblok is back playing with the reserves.

Miscellaneous

- AZ signed Rasmus Elm from Kalmar FF in August, although he is ineligible for the UEFA Champions League.
- Former Real Madrid CF, FC Barcelona and Galatasaray AŞ midfielder Gheorghe Hagi visited the AZ youth department on 30 November in a fact-finding mission for his own academy in Romania.

Squad list

R. Standard de Liège

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
Goalkeepers															
1	Kristof Van Hout	BEL	09/02/87	22	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
16	Jesse Soubry	BEL	14/03/90	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
18	Anthony Moris	BEL	29/04/90	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
38	Sinan Bolat	TUR	03/09/88	21	-	-	-	5	-	15	-	5	-	6	-
Defenders															
2	Reginal Goreux	BEL	31/12/87	21	-	-	-	3	-	5	-	3	-	7	-
3	Victor Ramos	BRA	05/05/89	20	-	-	-	1	-	4	-	1	-	1	-
4	Ricardo Rocha	POR	03/10/78	31	*	-	-	4	-	5	-	18	-	36	-
5	Felipe	BRA	15/05/87	22	-	-	-	4	-	9	1	4	-	4	-
6	Cédric Collet	FRA	07/03/84	25	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-
14	Landry Mulemo	BEL	17/09/86	23	-	-	-	2	-	14	-	2	-	8	-
17	Marcos Camozzato	BRA	17/06/83	26	-	-	-	5	-	17	-	5	-	17	-
19	Mohamed Sarr	SEN	23/12/83	25	-	-	-	5	-	14	-	8	1	27	2
22	Eliaquim Mangala	FRA	13/02/91	18	S	-	-	5	1	14	1	5	1	8	1
25	Rami Gershon	ISR	12/08/88	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Midfielders															
7	Wilfried Dalmat	FRA	17/07/82	27	-	-	-	4	-	12	1	8	1	16	1
8	Steven Defour	BEL	15/04/88	21	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	18	-
11	Grégory Dufer	BEL	19/12/81	27	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	4	-	8	1
26	Benjamin Nicaise	FRA	28/09/80	29	-	-	-	2	-	10	-	2	-	10	-
27	Arnor Angeli	BEL	25/02/91	18	-	-	-	1	-	3	1	1	-	1	-
28	Axel Witsel	BEL	12/01/89	20	-	-	-	5	-	10	1	5	-	19	3
30	Hiraç Yagan	ARM	03/01/89	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
32	Tiago	POR	28/12/88	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
33	Mehdi Carcela-González	BEL	01/07/89	20	#	-	-	5	-	15	4	5	-	7	-
35	Andréa Mbuyi Mutombo	BEL	07/06/90	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Forwards															
9	Dieudonné Mbokani	CGO	22/11/85	24	-	-	-	5	1	12	3	5	1	18	5
10	Igor De Camargo	BEL	12/05/83	26	-	-	-	4	1	12	3	5	1	24	6
20	Moussa Traore	CIV	09/03/90	19	-	-	-	3	1	12	-	3	1	3	1
23	Milan Jovanović	SRB	18/04/81	28	-	-	-	4	2	16	10	4	2	17	5
29	Gohi Bi Cyriac	CIV	15/08/90	19	-	-	-	1	-	6	2	1	-	1	-
Coach															
-	László Bölöni	ROU	11/03/53	56	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	5	-	31	-

Key: Squad list is ordered by position and then numerically

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AZ Alkmaar

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						UCLQ		UCL		League		UCL		UEFA	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers															
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	-	-	-	5	-	15	-	5	-	6	-
Defenders															
2	Kew Jaliens	NED	15/09/78	31	-	-	-	4	-	14	-	9	-	49	4
4	Héctor Moreno	MEX	17/01/88	21	-	-	-	5	-	14	1	5	-	5	-
5	Sebastien Pocognoli	BEL	01/08/87	22	-	-	-	4	-	9	-	4	-	9	1
25	Niklas Moisander	FIN	29/09/85	24	-	-	-	4	-	11	-	4	-	4	-
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	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Midfielders															
6	David Mendes da Silva	NED	04/08/82	27	-	-	-	5	1	15	-	5	1	16	1
8	Stijn Schaars	NED	11/01/84	25	-	-	-	5	-	16	-	5	-	18	1
11	Maarten Martens	BEL	02/07/84	25	-	-	-	5	-	15	2	5	-	18	2
14	Ragnar Klavan	EST	30/10/85	24	-	-	-	1	-	6	-	1	-	4	-
15	Simon Poulsen	DEN	07/10/84	25	-	-	-	3	-	9	-	3	-	10	1
16	Pontus Wernbloom	SWE	25/06/86	23	-	-	-	3	-	8	-	3	-	11	2
19	Kees Luijckx	NED	11/02/86	23	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	1	-
23	Nick van der Velden	NED	16/12/81	27	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
27	Brett Holman	AUS	27/03/84	25	-	-	-	5	-	13	3	5	-	5	-
28	Gill Swerts	BEL	23/09/82	27	-	-	-	2	-	12	-	2	-	4	-
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	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Forwards															
7	Jeremain Lens	NED	24/11/87	22	-	-	-	4	1	14	7	4	1	10	1
9	Ari	BRA	11/12/85	23	-	-	-	1	-	3	-	1	-	4	1
10	Mounir El Hamdaoui	MAR	14/07/84	25	-	-	-	3	1	10	7	3	1	6	1
18	Moussa Dembélé	BEL	16/07/87	22	-	-	-	5	-	15	3	5	-	25	5
29	Graziano Pellè	ITA	15/07/85	24	-	-	-	4	-	8	2	4	-	8	1
36	Ali Messaoud	NED	13/04/91	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coach															
-	Martin Haar	NED	02/05/52	57	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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Head coach

R. Standard de Liège: László Bölöni

Date of birth: 11 March 1953

Nationality: Romanian

Playing career: ASA Târgu Mureş, FC Steaua Bucureşti, Racing Jet Wavre, US Creteil, US Orléans

Coaching career: AS Nancy-Lorraine, Romania, Sporting Clube de Portugal, Stade Rennais FC, AS Monaco FC, Al-Jazira Club, R. Standard de Liège

- An ethnic Hungarian, the 104-times capped Bölöni was a midfielder for Târgu Mureş before joining Steaua in 1984.
- Won four Romanian titles, two Romanian Cups, the 1986 UEFA Super Cup and the 1985/86 European Champion Clubs' Cup with Steaua, but missed his effort in the club's 2-0 European Cup final penalty shoot-out success against FC Barcelona.
- After finishing his playing career in France, Bölöni moved into coaching with Nancy, returning home to lead Romania from 2000 until 2001, before leaving to take charge at Sporting.
- Bölöni gave youngsters Cristiano Ronaldo and Ricardo Quaresma their competitive debuts and led Sporting to a domestic treble in his first season.
- Spells at Rennes, Monaco and United Arab Emirates side Al-Jazira followed before Bölöni took over from Michel Preud'homme at Standard in summer 2008, successfully defending the title in his first campaign.

AZ Alkmaar: Martin Haar

Date of birth: 2 May 1952

Nationality: Dutch

Playing career: Go Ahead Eagles, De Graafschap, HFC Haarlem, AZ Alkmaar, Sparta Rotterdam, FC Wageningen

Coaching career: AZ Alkmaar (assistant coach, twice), BSV Bad Bleiberg, AZ (caretaker coach)

- A sweeper, Haar started his career with Go Ahead Eagles in 1971, going on to De Graafschap, Haarlem, AZ, Sparta Rotterdam and Wageningen, where he ended his career in 1989 having scored 46 goals in 501 league games.
- Despite not playing for one of the Eredivisie's traditional powers Haar was the Netherlands' first official Player of the Year, winning the inaugural award while at Haarlem in 1982.
- In Haar's time at Haarlem the club – also featuring a young Ruud Gullit – finished fourth in the league in 1981/82 to qualify for the UEFA Cup. Haar captained the team in their sole campaign to date in UEFA competition, his side losing to FC Spartak Moskva in the second round.
- First appointed as AZ assistant coach in 1993, Haar left to take sole command at Austrian side Bad Bleiberg in 1999 but returned to Alkmaar the following year as a youth coach, resuming his former position as assistant in 2001.
- Handed temporary command of first-team affairs following the dismissal of Ronald Koeman on 4 December 2009. Haar had previously stood in the previous weekend when the former Netherlands international defender was suspended, AZ beating VVV Venlo 2-0 under his command.

Match officials

Referee	Martin Atkinson (ENG)
Assistant referees	Philip Sharp (ENG), Peter Kirkup (ENG)
Fourth official	Stuart Attwell (ENG)
UEFA Delegate	Jaroslav Dudl (CZE)
UEFA Referee observer	Hugh Dallas (SCO)

Referee

Name	Date of birth	UCL matches *	UEFA matches
Martin Atkinson	31/03/1971	4	26

- Born in Yorkshire in 1971, Martin Atkinson began his refereeing career at the age of 16, stepping up to become an assistant referee in the English Football League in 1998.
- Two years later he was appointed to the Premier League as an assistant, a role he filled until 2003 when he became a Football League referee, moving up to the top flight in 2005.
- Atkinson has since been the man in the middle for some high-profile domestic fixtures, not least Liverpool FC's 2-1 win against Chelsea FC in the FA Community Shield in August 2006.
- Appointed to the FIFA list in 2006, Atkinson, who counts training and keeping fit among his hobbies, enjoyed his first European experience as a referee in summer 2007, taking charge of one game in both UEFA Champions League and UEFA Cup qualifying.
- Regularly used as a fourth official in UEFA EURO 2008™ qualifying, he took charge of the Moldova-Turkey game in October 2007 and stepped up to the UEFA Champions League proper in 2008/09 when he was appointed referee for the FC BATE Borisov-Juventus draw on Matchday 2.

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

No matches found

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

Date	Comp.	Stage	Match	Res.	Venue
15/07/06	UIC	R3	Kalmar FF - FC Twente	1-0	Kalmar
07/09/07	U21	QR	Norway - Netherlands	0-1	Fredrikstad
04/12/08	UCUP	GS	Valencia CF - Club Brugge KV	1-1	Valencia

* Group stage to final only

Fixtures and results

R. Standard de Liège

Date	Competition	Opponent	Result	Goalscorers
31/07/09	League	K. Sint-Truidense VV (H)	D 2-2	De Camargo 37, 56
07/08/09	League	KFC Germinal Beerschot Antwerpen (A)	D 1-1	Jovanović 78
15/08/09	League	KSV Roeselare (A)	W 5-1	Jovanović 15 (p), 49, 65, Carcela-González 29, Mbokani 42
21/08/09	League	R. Charleroi SC (H)	D 1-1	Jovanović 22
30/08/09	League	RSC Anderlecht (A)	D 1-1	Mbokani 36
12/09/09	League	KV Mechelen (H)	W 3-0	Carcela-González 54, 57, Mangala 68
19/09/09	League	KSC Lokeren OV (A)	W 3-1	Carcela-González 11, Mbokani 17, Felipe 26
23/09/09	League	Cercle Brugge KSV (H)	D 1-1	Jovanović 5 (p)
26/09/09	League	KV Kortrijk (A)	W 2-0	Dalmat 34, Angeli 90+3
04/10/09	League	KRC Genk (H)	W 1-0	Jovanović 56 (p)
17/10/09	League	KVC Westerlo (A)	L 0-2	
24/10/09	League	SV Zulte Waregem (H)	D 1-1	Cyriac 7
27/10/09	Cup	K. Lierse SK (H)	W 2-1 (aet)	Nicaise 9, Dufer 111 (p)
30/10/09	League	R. Excelsior Mouscron (A)	D 0-0	
08/11/09	League	Club Brugge KV (H)	W 3-1	Jovanović 6, 15, Witsel 36
21/11/09	League	KA A Gent (A)	L 1-2	Cyriac 4
29/11/09	League	K. Sint-Truidense VV (A)	L 0-2	
05/12/09	League	KFC Germinal Beerschot Antwerpen (H)	D 2-2	Jovanović 58, De Camargo 70
12/12/09	League	KSV Roeselare (H)		
20/12/09	League	R. Charleroi SC (A)		
23/12/09	Cup	KV Kortrijk (H)		
26/12/09	League	KSC Lokeren OV (H)		
29/12/09	League	Cercle Brugge KSV (A)		
17/01/10	League	RSC Anderlecht (H)		
23/01/10	League	KV Mechelen (A)		
30/01/10	League	KV Kortrijk (H)		
06/02/10	League	KRC Genk (A)		
13/02/10	League	KVC Westerlo (H)		
20/02/10	League	Club Brugge KV (A)		
27/02/10	League	R. Excelsior Mouscron (H)		
06/03/10	League	SV Zulte Waregem (A)		
13/03/10	League	KA A Gent (H)		

Pos.	Clubs	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1	RSC Anderlecht	17	13	2	2	33	13	41
2	Club Brugge KV	17	11	3	3	32	20	36
3	KFC Germinal Beerschot Antwerpen	17	9	4	4	27	21	31
4	KA A Gent	17	9	3	5	33	20	30
5	SV Zulte Waregem	17	7	5	5	28	23	26
6	R. Standard de Liège	17	6	8	3	27	18	26
7	KV Kortrijk	17	6	6	5	19	17	24
8	R. Excelsior Mouscron	17	6	5	6	22	22	23
9	K. Sint-Truidense VV	17	6	4	7	20	23	22
10	KVC Westerlo	17	6	4	7	19	24	22
11	KV Mechelen	17	7	0	10	22	31	21
12	KRC Genk	17	4	6	7	19	21	18
13	Cercle Brugge KSV	17	4	5	8	24	29	17
14	R. Charleroi SC	17	3	6	8	17	30	15
15	KSC Lokeren OV	17	3	3	11	16	27	12
16	KSV Roeselare	17	2	4	11	20	39	10

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)	D 1-1	Holman 55
21/11/09	League	Roda JC (A)	W 4-2	Lens 3, 75, Elm 70, Cristian de Jesus 80
28/11/09	League	VVV Venlo (H)	W 2-0	Lens 21, Holman 47
04/12/09	League	BV Vitesse (H)	L 1-2	Dembélé 9
12/12/09	League	PSV Eindhoven (A)		
19/12/09	League	ADO Den Haag (H)		
22/12/09	Cup	Feyenoord (A)		
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)		
18/04/10	League	Willem II (A)		
02/05/10	League	PSV Eindhoven (H)		

Pos.	Clubs	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1	FC Twente	16	14	2	0	35	14	44
2	PSV Eindhoven	16	13	3	0	42	13	42
3	AFC Ajax	16	11	2	3	50	15	35
4	Feyenoord	16	9	4	3	26	15	31
5	FC Utrecht	16	8	5	3	21	14	29
6	Heracles Almelo	16	8	2	6	21	23	26
7	AZ Alkmaar	16	8	1	7	29	20	25
8	NAC Breda	16	6	4	6	23	25	22
9	Sparta Rotterdam	16	5	3	8	16	27	18
10	VVV Venlo	16	3	8	5	22	25	17
11	BV Vitesse	16	5	2	9	18	28	17
12	SC Heerenveen	16	5	2	9	17	28	17
13	FC Groningen	16	3	5	8	16	26	14
14	Willem II	16	4	2	10	19	30	14
15	ADO Den Haag	16	3	5	8	17	28	14
16	Roda JC	16	3	5	8	20	32	14
17	NEC Nijmegen	16	2	7	7	19	28	13
18	RKC Waalwijk	16	3	0	13	12	32	9

Match-by-match lineups

Group H

Standings

Club	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Arsenal FC	5	4	1	0	12	4	13
Olympiacos FC	5	2	1	2	3	5	7
R. Standard de Liège	5	1	1	3	6	8	4
AZ Alkmaar	5	0	3	2	3	7	3

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

R. Standard de Liège: Bolat, Ricardo Rocha, Dalmat (Goreux 80), Mbokani, De Camargo, Camozzato, Sarr, Mangala, Jovanović (Nicaise 59), Witsel (Traore 84), Carcela-González

Matchday 2 (29/09/09)

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

R. Standard de Liège: Bolat, Ricardo Rocha (Mulemo 53), Felipe, Dalmat (Traore 77), Mbokani, Camozzato, Sarr (De Camargo 60), Mangala, Jovanović, Witsel, Carcela-González

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)

Olympiacos FC 2-1 R. Standard de Liège

Goals: 0-1 De Camargo 37, 1-1 Mitroglou 43, 2-1 Stoltidis 90+3

R. Standard de Liège: Bolat, Ricardo Rocha, Felipe, Dalmat (Carcela-González 48), Mbokani, De Camargo (Nicaise 89), Camozzato, Sarr, Mangala, Jovanović, Witsel

Matchday 4 (04/11/09)

Arsenal FC 4-1 AZ Alkmaar

Goals: 1-0 Fàbregas 25, 2-0 Nasri 43, 3-0 Fàbregas 52, 4-0 Diaby 72, 4-1 Lens 82

AZ Alkmaar: Romero, Jaliens, Moreno, Mendes da Silva (Wernbloom 70), Schaars, Martens, S. Poulsen (Pocognoli 64), Dembélé (Lens 58), Moisander, Holman, Pellè

R. Standard de Liège 2-0 Olympiacos FC

Goals: 1-0 Mbokani 31, 2-0 Jovanović 88

R. Standard de Liège: Bolat, Ricardo Rocha, Felipe, Mbokani, De Camargo, Camozzato, Sarr (Victor Ramos 46), Mangala, Jovanović (Angeli 90+1), Witsel, Carcela-González (Goreux 87)

Matchday 5 (24/11/09)

AZ Alkmaar 0-0 Olympiacos FC

AZ Alkmaar: Romero, Moreno, Pocognoli, Mendes da Silva, Lens, Schaars (Martens 89), Wernbloom, Dembélé (Pellè 68), Moisander, Holman (Ari 78), Swerts

Arsenal FC 2-0 R. Standard de Liège

Goals: 1-0 Nasri 35, 2-0 Denilson 45+2

R. Standard de Liège: Bolat, Goreux, Felipe, Dalmat (Traore 64), Mbokani (Cyriac 68), Mulemo, Camozzato, Sarr, Mangala, Witsel, Carcela-González

Matchday 6 (09/12/09)

R. Standard de Liège v AZ Alkmaar

Competition facts

• 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 1999/2000 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 București 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

R. Standard de Liège

Formed: 1898

Nickname: Les Rouches (The Reds)

UEFA club competition honours (runners-up in brackets)

- UEFA Cup Winners' Cup: (1982)

Domestic honours (most recent triumph in brackets)

League title: 10 (2009)

Belgian Cup: 5 (1993)

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

2008/09: UEFA Cup round of 32

2007/08: UEFA Cup first round

2006/07: UEFA Cup first round (transferred from UEFA Champions League third qualifying round)

2005/06: did not take part in UEFA club competition

2004/05: UEFA Cup group stage

2003/04: did not take part in UEFA club competition

2002/03: did not take part in UEFA club competition

2001/02: UEFA Cup second round

2000/01: UEFA Intertoto Cup semi-finals

1999/00: did not take part in UEFA club competition

Records

UEFA club competition

- Biggest home win

9-0: Standard v Floriana FC

01/10/81, UEFA Cup Winners' Cup first round second leg

- Biggest away win

0-3: Four times, most recently v UN Käerjéng 97

(16/08/07, UEFA Cup second qualifying round first leg)

- Heaviest home defeat

0-7: Standard v Arsenal FC

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

- Heaviest away defeat

4-0: Dundee United FC v Standard

02/11/83, European Champion Clubs' Cup second round second leg

4-0: Manchester City FC v Standard

18/10/79, UEFA Cup second round first leg

4-0: Real Madrid CF v Standard

22/03/62, European Champion Clubs' Cup semi-final first leg

UEFA Champions League (group stage to final only)

- Biggest home win

2-0: Standard v Olympiacos FC

04/11/09, group stage

- Biggest away win

None

- Heaviest home defeat

2-3: Standard v Arsenal FC

16/09/09, group stage

- Heaviest away defeat

2-0: Arsenal FC v Standard

24/11/09, group stage

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: Arsenal FC v AZ

04/11/09, UEFA Champions League group stage

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

4-1: Arsenal FC v AZ (see above for details)

Legend

ALL-TIME STATISTICS

The all-time record of the competing clubs in UEFA club competition.

UEFA club competition: These are the official statistics considered valid for communicating official records in UEFA club competition defined as the European Champion Clubs' Cup, the UEFA Champions League, the UEFA Cup Winners' Cup (1960-1999), the UEFA 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

GS - FT: Group stage - Final tournament

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

N/a: Not Applicable

:: 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

(+): Denotes player introduced

(+/-): Denotes player introduced and substituted

(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

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