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Previous meetings

Head to Head

UEFA Champions League

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
27/09/11	GS	Real Madrid CF - AFC Ajax	3-0	Madrid	Cristiano Ronaldo 25, Kaká 41, Benzema 49

UEFA Champions League

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
23/11/10	GS	AFC Ajax - Real Madrid CF	0-4	Amsterdam	Benzema 36, Arbeloa 44, Cristiano Ronaldo 70, 81(p)
15/09/10	GS	Real Madrid CF - AFC Ajax	2-0	Madrid	Anita 31(og), Higuain 73

UEFA Champions League

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
22/11/95	GS	Real Madrid CF - AFC Ajax	0-2	Madrid	Litmanen 65, Kluyvert 76
13/09/95	GS	AFC Ajax - Real Madrid CF	1-0	Amsterdam	Overmars 14

European Champion Clubs' Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
25/04/73	SF	Real Madrid CF - AFC Ajax	0-1 agg: 1-3	Madrid	Mühren 51
11/04/73	SF	AFC Ajax - Real Madrid CF	2-1	Amsterdam	Hulshoff 67, Krol 77; Pirri 83

European Champion Clubs' Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
11/10/67	R1	Real Madrid CF - AFC Ajax	2-1 agg 3-2 (aet)	Madrid	Gento 58, Veloso 101 ET; Groot 59
20/09/67	R1	AFC Ajax - Real Madrid CF	1-1	Amsterdam	Cruyff 17; Pirri 36

	Home				Away				Final				Total					
	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
AFC Ajax	4	2	1	1	5	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	9	4	1	4	8	13
Real Madrid CF	5	3	0	2	4	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	9	4	1	4	13	8

AFC Ajax - Record versus clubs from opponents' country

UEFA Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
30/11/06	GS	AFC Ajax - RCD Espanyol	0-2	Amsterdam	Pandiani 35, Coro 77

UEFA Champions League

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
04/11/03	GS	RC Celta de Vigo - AFC Ajax	3-2	Vigo	Luccin 25(p), Milošević 39, Vagner 63; Sonck 53, Van der Vaart 82
22/10/03	GS	AFC Ajax - RC Celta de Vigo	1-0	Amsterdam	Ibrahimović 53

UEFA Champions League

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
11/03/03	2ndGS	AFC Ajax - Valencia CF	1-1	Amsterdam	Pasanen 57; Kily González 28(p)
27/11/02	2ndGS	Valencia CF - AFC Ajax	1-1	Valencia	Angulo 90+2; Ibrahimović 88

UEFA Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
09/12/99	R3	RCD Mallorca - AFC Ajax	2-0 agg: 3-0	Palma de Mallorca	Soler 3, Biagini 72
25/11/99	R3	AFC Ajax - RCD Mallorca	0-1	Amsterdam	Tristán 35

UEFA Champions League

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
19/03/97	QF	Club Atlético de Madrid - AFC Ajax	2-3 agg 3-4 (aet)	Madrid	Kiko 29, Pantic 106 ET(p); R. de Boer 49, Dani 100 ET, Babangida 119 ET
05/03/97	QF	AFC Ajax - Club Atlético de Madrid	1-1	Amsterdam	Kluivert 53; Esnaider 8

UEFA Super Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
28/02/96	F	AFC Ajax - Real Zaragoza	4-0 agg: 5-1	Amsterdam	Bogarde 41, Finidi 53, Blind 63(p), 68
06/02/96	F	Real Zaragoza - AFC Ajax	1-1	Zaragoza	Xavi Aguado 28; Kluivert 71

UEFA Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
11/12/91	R3	AFC Ajax - CA Osasuna	1-0 agg: 2-0	Dusseldorf	Bergkamp 12
27/11/91	R3	CA Osasuna - AFC Ajax	0-1	Pamplona	Bergkamp 48

UEFA Cup Winners' Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
22/04/87	SF	AFC Ajax - Real Zaragoza	3-0 agg: 6-2	Amsterdam	Van't Schip 17, Witschge 73, Rijkaard 90
08/04/87	SF	Real Zaragoza - AFC Ajax	2-3	Zaragoza	Ardaiz 13, Señor 71(p); Witschge 16, Bosman 47, 55

UEFA Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
27/09/78	R1	AFC Ajax - Athletic Club	3-0 agg: 3-2	Amsterdam	Clarke 38(p), 55, Lerby 89
13/09/78	R1	Athletic Club - AFC Ajax	2-0	Bilbao	Churruca 9, Vidal 58

European Champion Clubs' Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
28/04/71	SF	AFC Ajax - Club Atlético de Madrid	3-0 agg: 3-1	Amsterdam	Keizer 8, Suurbier 76, Neeskens 85
14/04/71	SF	Club Atlético de Madrid - AFC Ajax	1-0	Madrid	Irureta 43

Real Madrid CF - Record versus clubs from opponents' country

UEFA Super Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
30/08/02	F	Real Madrid CF - Feyenoord	3-1	Monaco	Pauwe 15(og), Roberto Carlos 21, Guti 60; Van Hooijdonk 56

UEFA Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
10/12/92	R3	Real Madrid CF - Vitesse	1-0 agg: 2-0	Madrid	Zamorano 31
26/11/92	R3	Vitesse - Real Madrid CF	0-1	Arnhem	Hierro 72

UEFA Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
06/11/91	R2	Real Madrid CF - FC Utrecht	1-0 agg: 4-1	Madrid	Hagi 18
23/10/91	R2	FC Utrecht - Real Madrid CF	1-3	Utrecht	Smolarek 18; Prosinečki 45, Roest 66(og), Pérez Villarroja 75

European Champion Clubs' Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
15/03/89	QF	Real Madrid CF - PSV Eindhoven	2-1 agg 3-2 (aet)	Madrid	Sánchez 61, Martín Vázquez 105 ET; Romário 82
01/03/89	QF	PSV Eindhoven - Real Madrid CF	1-1	Eindhoven	Romário 53; Butragueño 47

European Champion Clubs' Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
20/04/88	SF	PSV Eindhoven - Real Madrid CF	0-0 agg: 1-1 ag	Eindhoven	
06/04/88	SF	Real Madrid CF - PSV Eindhoven	1-1	Madrid	Sánchez 6(p); Linskens 19

UEFA Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
03/11/71	R2	PSV Eindhoven - Real Madrid CF	2-0 agg: 3-3 ag	Eindhoven	Mulders 9, Hoekema 56
20/10/71	R2	Real Madrid CF - PSV Eindhoven	3-1	Madrid	Anzarda 2, Aguilar 34, Amancio Amaro 47(p); Hoekema 22

UEFA Cup Winners' Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
28/04/71	SF	Real Madrid CF - PSV Eindhoven	2-1 agg: 2-1	Madrid	Zoco 33, Pirri 82; van den Dungen 58
14/04/71	SF	PSV Eindhoven - Real Madrid CF	0-0	Eindhoven	

European Champion Clubs' Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
22/09/65	PR	Real Madrid CF - Feyenoord	5-0 agg: 6-2	Madrid	Puskás 12, 22, 35, 86, Grosso 44
08/09/65	PR	Feyenoord - Real Madrid CF	2-1	Rotterdam	Venneker 77, Kraay 85; Puskás 38

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
AFC Ajax	13	7	3	3	13	5	1	7	2	1	1	0	28	13	5	10	36	32
Real Madrid CF	12	9	1	2	11	3	4	4	1	1	0	0	24	13	5	6	37	19

Match background

They have to try and halt a rampant Real Madrid CF, but for AFC Ajax even a draw carries the considerable prize of a place in the UEFA Champions League knockout rounds for the first time since 2005/06.

- The Dutch side hold a three-point advantage over third-placed Olympique Lyonnais and also have goal difference in their favour — Ajax's is +3 to Lyon's -4 — meaning even a defeat in Amsterdam could be enough depending on Lyon's result at GNK Dinamo Zagreb.
- Two goalless draws against Lyon, the second on matchday five, have given Ajax the edge over their French rivals. The Dutch champions beat Dinamo twice (2-0 away, 4-0 home) but lost 3-0 in Madrid in their second fixture with goals from Cristiano Ronaldo, Kaká and Karim Benzema.
- That Ajax win was one of five Group D victories for Madrid, who overwhelmed Dinamo 6-2 last time out; they had also won 1-0 in Zagreb on matchday one, and beat Lyon 4-0 at home and 2-0 in France.
- Only four teams have won all six games in a UEFA Champions League group stage: AC Milan (1992/93), Paris Saint-Germain FC (1994/95), FC Spartak Moskva (1995/96) and FC Barcelona (2002/03).

Previous meetings

- Ronaldo scored twice as Madrid won 4-0 in Amsterdam last season despite having Xabi Alonso and Sergio Ramos sent off late on. First-half goals from Benzema and Álvaro Arbeloa helped ensure Madrid finished top of their group for the third time in the last four editions.
- The lineups in Amsterdam on 23 November 2010 were:
Ajax: Stekelenburg, Van der Wiel, Alderweireld, Vertonghen, Anita, Enoch, Sulejmani (Eriksen 88), El Hamdaoui (De Zeeuw 46), De Jong (Lindgren 76), Emanuelson, Suárez.
Madrid: Casillas, Ramos, Ronaldo, Benzema (Canales 82), L Diarra (Mateos 81), Marcelo, Alonso, Arbeloa, Albiol, León (Di María 65), Özil.
- Madrid had earlier won 2-0 at home thanks to a Vurnon Anita own goal and Gonzalo Higuain's strike.
- Before last season, Ajax were the dominant force in these encounters; of the six fixtures they had four wins to Madrid's one.
- In the 1972/73 European Champion Clubs' Cup semi-final, Ajax won 2-1 at home to Madrid then triumphed 1-0 in Spain, going on to win a third successive European Cup.
- Ajax won their first five competitive home encounters with other Spanish opponents – scoring 14 goals with no reply – but of the subsequent five they have only won one with two defeats.

Team ties

- During four years as a Barcelona player between 1999 and 2003, Frank de Boer faced Madrid nine times in the Liga and UEFA Champions League, winning two, losing two and drawing five. In the Dutchman's first year at Barcelona, José Mourinho was an assistant to coach Louis van Gaal.
- De Boer was part of the Ajax side that beat Madrid 1-0 in the group stage in September 1995, missing the 2-0 return victory in Spain through injury.
- Gregory van der Wiel was in the Netherlands team that lost 1-0 to Spain in the 2010 FIFA World Cup final in Johannesburg; Iker Casillas, Ramos and Alonso were on the winning side.
- Van der Wiel and André Ooijer played in the Dutch team that beat Kaká's Brazil 2-1 in last year's World Cup quarter-final in Port Elizabeth.
- Christian Eriksen was a substitute in Denmark's 3-1 UEFA EURO 2012 qualifying defeat by a Portugal side including Ricardo Carvalho, Pepe, Fábio Coentrão and Ronaldo in October 2010, the latter scoring Portugal's final goal.
- Jan Vertonghen and Toby Alderweireld were in the Belgium side beaten 1-0 at home by a Germany team featuring Mesut Özil and Sami Khedira in the sides' opening UEFA EURO 2012 qualifier in September 2010.
- Nuri Şahin's Turkey lost a World Cup qualifier 2-0 to Belgium in Brussels on 10 October 2009, Vertonghen playing for the home side.
- Hamit Altıntop scored in Turkey's 3-2 UEFA EURO 2012 qualifying victory against a Belgium side that included Vertonghen and Alderweireld in Istanbul on 7 September 2010.
- Nuri spent 2007/08 on loan at Feyenoord from Borussia Dortmund, scoring six goals in 29 matches.

Match facts

Ajax

UEFA milestones

- None

UEFA Champions League statistics

- Ajax have collected five yellow cards so far; the lowest total in the competition.
- Eyong Enoh will incur a ban with his next yellow card.

Latest domestic information

- **Saturday 3 December: AFC Ajax 4-1 SBV Excelsior (Vertonghen 11 38, Sulejmani 63pen, Lodeiro 67; Maatsen 45)** Vermeer; Alderweireld, Vertonghen, Blind; Anita, Enoh (Ligeon 42), Eriksen, Janssen; Sulejmani, Lodeiro (Klaassen 69), Aissati (Ebecilio 46)
- Ajax ended a run of four successive home league draws with only their third win in ten Eredivisie matches, beating an Excelsior side reduced to ten men when Samuel Scheimann was sent off on 37 minutes.
- Davy Klaassen, an 80th-minute substitute, scored 60 seconds into his league debut as Ajax won 3-0 at NEC Nijmegen on 27 November. Ruben Ligeon made his first start; Ismail Aissati featured for the first time this season.
- Klaassen, 18, joins an illustrious list of Ajax alumni – including Johan Cruyff, Marco van Basten, Patrick Kluivert and Ronald de Boer – to have marked their league debut with a goal.
- On 6 November, Ajax suffered a 6-4 defeat at FC Utrecht – the fourth successive game they had struck four goals. It was only the seventh time the Amsterdam outfit have conceded six or more.
- That defeat left Ajax with 20 points in 12 Eredivisie outings this season, their worst start to a campaign since an identical opening to 1996/97 under Louis van Gaal. Then title holders, they went on to finish fourth.
- Frank de Boer's team will host AZ Alkmaar in the Dutch Cup round of 16 on 21 December.
- Ajax started their season with a 2-1 defeat by FC Twente in the Dutch Super Cup at the Amsterdam Arena.

Injury news

- Aissati was taken off with a swollen ankle against Excelsior.
- Kenneth Vermeer went off 16 minutes from time against NEC with a leg injury but started on Saturday; Gregory van der Wiel missed the Excelsior match with a minor groin problem.
- Siem de Jong (out since 6 November, torn thigh muscle), André Ooijer (15 November, hamstring), Derk Boerrigter (19 November, back) and Dimitri Bulykin (19 November, calf) remain sidelined.
- Kolbeinn Sigthórsson is out for the rest of the year after sustaining an ankle injury on 2 October; Nicolai Boilesen has not played since tearing a hamstring on 18 September.

Miscellaneous

- The meeting with Madrid will mark a year and one day since Frank de Boer replaced Martin Jol at the helm; his first game was a 2-0 UEFA Champions League victory over AC Milan on 8 December 2010.
- Klaassen, who made his Ajax debut on matchday five, has since signed a four-year deal tying him to the club until summer 2016.

Real Madrid

UEFA milestones

- Madrid recorded their 250th win in UEFA competition on matchday five.

UEFA Champions League statistics

- Madrid have scored 16 goals, the joint highest total with FC Barcelona. Two goals conceded is the best defensive record, shared with Olympique de Marseille. They have had 51 shots on goal; more than any other side.

Latest domestic information

- **Saturday 3 December: Real Sporting de Gijón 0-3 Real Madrid CF (Di María 34, Ronaldo 64, Marcelo 90+2)** Casillas; Coentrão, Pepe, Ramos, Marcelo; Diarra, Khedira; Di María (Albiol 74) Özil (Kaká 80), Ronaldo; Higuaín (Benzema 76)

- Madrid claimed their 14th successive win in all competitions and are now just one shy of their club record set in 1960/61; the hosts had Sebastián Eguren sent off ten minutes from time.
- The Merengues came from behind to defeat nine-man Club Atlético de Madrid 4-1 on 26 November, their seventh successive derby win.
- Cristiano Ronaldo converted two penalties at home to Atlético, and has scored 17 successive spot kicks since failing against UD Almería on 5 December 2009.
- Ronaldo struck his 11th Liga hat-trick for Madrid, and fourth of the campaign, in a 7-1 home win against CA Osasuna on 6 November. He is one treble away from matching Ferenc Puskás's 12 for the club, but has some distance to go to catch Alfredo Di Stéfano, who registered a record 22 league hat-tricks for the Merengues.
- Ronaldo, who struck a Liga record 40 goals in 2010/11, has scored 27 times in 26 games for club and country this season.
- By defeating Málaga CF 4-0 on 22 October, Madrid scored four goals or more for the fourth successive league game; the first time the feat has been achieved in the club's history.
- Madrid lost 5-4 on aggregate to FC Barcelona in August's Spanish Super Cup.
- The Copa del Rey holders begin their defence against third-tier SD Ponferradina on 13 and 20 December.

Injury news

- Kaká, out with a calf problem since 29 October, made his comeback as a late substitute at Sporting Gijón.
- Marcelo (out since 19 November, thigh) and Ángel Di María (6 November, hamstring) returned to action against Atlético. Ronaldo ended the match with an ankle knock but was fit to face Sporting.
- Álvaro Arbeloa has not featured since suffering a hamstring injury in the 3-2 win at Valencia CF on 19 November.
- Ricardo Carvalho recovered from concussion to face AFC Ajax on matchday two but has since been out with a back problem and his return was further delayed on 30 November when he strained knee ligaments in training.

Miscellaneous

- Six Madrid players have been nominated for the FIFA FIFPro World XI, which will be announced at the FIFA Ballon d'Or ceremony in Zurich on 9 January: Iker Casillas, Xabi Alonso, Kaká, Mesut Özil, Ronaldo and Karim Benzema.
- On Monday Ronaldo was named on the three-man shortlist for the FIFA Ballon d'Or; José Mourinho is one of three in contention for the men's Coach of the Year prize.
- Casillas overtook Andoni Zubizarreta as Spain's most capped player when he made his 127th appearance for the national team in a 2-2 draw with Costa Rica on 15 November.

Squad list

AFC Ajax

No	Player	Nat.	DoB	Age	D	Current season						All-time			
						QUAL		UCL		League		UCL		UEFA	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers															
1	Kenneth Vermeer	NED	10/01/86	25	-	-	-	5	-	15	-	5	-	14	-
22	Jasper Cillessen	NED	22/04/89	22	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-
30	Jeroen Verhoeven	NED	30/04/80	31	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
36	Warner Hahn	NED	15/06/92	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders															
2	Gregory van der Wiel	NED	03/02/88	23	-	-	-	5	1	11	1	11	1	40	1
3	Toby Alderweireld	BEL	02/03/89	22	-	-	-	5	-	15	1	10	2	28	3
4	Jan Vertonghen	BEL	24/04/87	24	-	-	-	5	-	13	3	10	-	39	2
5	Vurnon Anita	NED	04/04/89	22	-	-	-	5	-	15	-	9	-	25	-
13	André Ooijer	NED	11/07/74	37	-	-	-	-	-	5	1	34	3	80	7
15	Nicolai Boilesen	DEN	16/02/92	19	-	-	-	1	-	4	-	1	-	1	-
17	Daley Blind	NED	09/03/90	21	-	-	-	1	-	6	-	1	-	6	-
31	Ruben Ligeon	NED	24/05/92	19	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-
32	Stefano Denswil	NED	07/05/93	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
33	Joeri de Kamps	NED	10/02/92	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
34	Ricardo van Rhijn	NED	13/06/91	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
42	Dico Koppers	NED	31/01/92	19	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Midfielders															
6	Eyong Enoh	CMR	23/03/86	25	*	-	-	4	-	10	-	10	-	31	1
8	Christian Eriksen	DEN	14/02/92	19	-	-	-	5	1	15	3	9	1	19	2
10	Siem de Jong	NED	28/01/89	22	-	-	-	4	1	12	2	9	1	28	3
16	Theo Janssen	NED	27/07/81	30	-	-	-	5	-	15	4	10	2	48	4
18	Nicolás Lodeiro	URU	21/03/89	22	-	-	-	3	1	4	1	3	1	3	1
25	Thulani Serero	RSA	11/04/90	21	-	-	-	1	-	5	-	1	-	1	-
28	Ismail Aissati	MAR	16/08/88	23	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	14	-	19	-
29	Mats Rits	BEL	18/07/93	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
40	Ouasim Bouy	NED	11/06/93	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Forwards															
7	Miralem Sulejmani	SRB	05/12/88	23	-	-	-	5	1	13	10	11	1	38	6
9	Kolbeinn Sigthórsson	ISL	14/03/90	21	-	-	-	2	-	8	5	2	-	11	3
11	Lorenzo Ebecilio	NED	24/09/91	20	-	-	-	4	-	9	1	4	-	8	-
19	Dmitri Bulykin	RUS	20/11/79	32	-	-	-	2	-	7	3	2	-	30	10
21	Derk Boerrigter	NED	16/10/86	25	-	-	-	4	1	13	4	4	1	4	1
23	Aras Özbiliz	NED	09/03/90	21	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	3	-
24	Mounir El Hamdaoui	MAR	14/07/84	27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	2	17	4
35	Viktor Fischer	DEN	09/06/94	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
37	Jody Lukoki	NED	15/11/92	19	-	-	-	2	-	2	1	2	-	2	-
38	Yener Arica	NED	28/02/92	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
39	Davy Klaassen	NED	21/02/93	18	-	-	-	1	-	2	1	1	-	1	-
41	Lesley de Sa	NED	02/04/93	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coach															
-	Frank De Boer	NED	15/05/70	41	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	6	-	10	-

Real Madrid CF

No	Player	Nat.	DoB	Age	D	Current season						All-time			
						QUAL		UCL		League		UCL		UEFA	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers															
1	Iker Casillas	ESP	20/05/81	30	-	-	-	4	-	14	-	116	-	122	-
13	Antonio Adán	ESP	13/05/87	24	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	2	-
25	Tomás Mejías	ESP	30/01/89	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
31	Fernando Pacheco	ESP	18/05/92	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders															
2	Ricardo Carvalho	POR	18/05/78	33	-	-	-	2	-	4	-	79	3	89	3
3	Pepe	POR	26/02/83	28	-	-	-	3	-	11	1	43	2	44	2
4	Sergio Ramos	ESP	30/03/86	25	-	-	-	5	1	13	1	48	4	54	5
12	Marcelo	BRA	12/05/88	23	-	-	-	2	-	12	2	31	2	31	2
15	Fábio Coentrão	POR	11/03/88	23	-	-	-	4	-	9	-	10	2	32	3
17	Álvaro Arbeloa	ESP	17/01/83	28	-	-	-	3	-	8	-	40	1	44	1
18	Raúl Albiol	ESP	04/09/85	26	-	-	-	2	-	4	-	31	2	46	2
19	Raphaël Varane	FRA	25/04/93	18	-	-	-	2	-	2	1	2	-	2	-
23	Pedro Mendes	POR	01/10/90	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
27	Nacho	ESP	18/01/90	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
32	Daniel Carvajal	ESP	11/01/92	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Midfielders															
5	Nuri Şahin	TUR	05/09/88	23	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	11	2
6	Sami Khedira	GER	04/04/87	24	-	-	-	3	1	10	-	22	1	32	2
10	Mesut Özil	GER	15/10/88	23	-	-	-	5	1	14	-	26	2	47	3
11	Esteban Granero	ESP	02/07/87	24	-	-	-	1	-	3	-	9	-	18	4
14	Xabi Alonso	ESP	25/11/81	30	-	-	-	5	-	13	1	70	3	79	3
16	Hamit Altintop	TUR	08/12/82	28	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	25	1	61	8
21	José Callejón	ESP	11/02/87	24	-	-	-	2	2	6	1	2	2	2	2
24	Lassana Diarra	FRA	10/03/85	26	-	-	-	3	-	8	-	31	-	33	1
30	Álex Fernández	ESP	15/10/92	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
36	Lucas	ESP	01/07/91	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Forwards															
7	Cristiano Ronaldo	POR	05/02/85	26	-	-	-	4	3	14	17	74	31	80	32
8	Kaká	BRA	22/04/82	29	-	-	-	2	1	11	3	68	25	76	26
9	Karim Benzema	FRA	19/12/87	23	-	-	-	5	4	12	7	37	23	37	23
20	Gonzalo Higuaín	ARG	10/12/87	23	-	-	-	5	1	14	12	32	5	32	5
22	Ángel Di María	ARG	14/02/88	23	-	-	-	4	1	12	3	20	4	44	10
26	Álvaro Morata	ESP	23/10/92	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
28	Jesé Rodríguez	ESP	26/02/93	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
29	Joselu	ESP	27/03/90	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
33	Óscar Plano	ESP	11/02/91	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
34	Denis Cheryshev	RUS	26/12/90	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coach															
-	José Mourinho	POR	26/01/63	48	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	87	-	101	-

Head coach

AFC Ajax: Frank de Boer

Date of birth: 15 May 1970

Nationality: Dutch

Playing career: AFC Ajax, FC Barcelona, Galatasaray AŞ, Rangers FC, Al Rayyan Sports Club, Al-Shamal

Coaching career: AFC Ajax (youth), Netherlands (assistant), Ajax

- Started out as a left-back but matured into a dominant centre-half at Ajax, where he came through the ranks along with his twin Ronald. Broke into the first team aged 18, winning the first of five Eredivisie titles in 1990.
- Part of the team that lifted the UEFA Cup in 1992, he then helped Ajax defeat AC Milan in the UEFA Champions League final in Vienna three years later, adding the UEFA Super Cup and European/South American Cup later that same year.
- Won the domestic double in 1997/98, his last full season with Ajax before moving to Barcelona with Ronald. A Liga title followed in 1999 and De Boer made over 150 appearances for the Catalan giants.
- Moved to Galatasaray in summer 2003, signing for Rangers the following January. Hung up his boots in April 2006 following a spell in Qatar, so ending a career that also included 112 caps for the Netherlands. With his country, De Boer reached the 1998 FIFA World Cup and UEFA EURO 2000 semi-finals, missing two penalties in a defeat by Italy in the latter.
- Returned to Ajax as a youth coach in 2007 and the following year was appointed assistant to Bert van Marwijk with the senior national side, who reached the 2010 World Cup final. In December 2010 was appointed Ajax's caretaker coach following the departure of Martin Jol, good results subsequently earning him a three-and-a-half year deal as his first season in charge ended with the club's first league title in seven years.

Real Madrid CF: José Mourinho

Date of birth: 26 January 1963

Nationality: Portuguese

Coaching career: SL Benfica, UD Leiria, FC Porto, Chelsea FC, FC Internazionale Milano, Real Madrid CF

- A former teacher, Mourinho had spells working at Sporting Clube de Portugal, Porto and FC Barcelona as a coaching assistant in the 1990s.
- As coach, had a brief, nine-game stay at Benfica and a highly successful tenure at Leiria before really making his mark after his arrival at Porto in January 2002. In his first full season, 2002/03, Porto won the UEFA Cup and a domestic double. The next year they retained their league title and claimed the UEFA Champions League with a 3-0 defeat of AS Monaco FC in Gelsenkirchen.
- Joined Chelsea in 2004 and led the club to the League Cup and their first league championship for 50 years in his first season. Followed up with the league title again in 2006, and both the League Cup and FA Cup in 2007.
- Left Chelsea in September 2007 and stayed out of football until joining Inter in June 2008. In his first campaign the Nerazzurri retained their Serie A crown, a feat they repeated in 2009/10 when they also added the Coppa Italia and the UEFA Champions League crown, their first European Cup win since 1965.
- Victory at the Santiago Bernabéu was Mourinho's last act as Inter coach before joining Madrid on a four-year deal. His first season featured the club's first Copa del Rey victory in 18 years and a UEFA Champions League semi-final appearance.

Match officials

Referee	Manuel De Sousa (POR)
Assistant referees	Bertino Miranda (POR), João Santos (POR)
Additional assistant referees	Artur Soares (POR), Carlos Xistra (POR)
Fourth official	Rui Manuel Gomes Costa (POR)
UEFA Delegate	Dane Jošt (SVN)
UEFA Referee observer	Eugen Strigel (GER)

Referee

Name	Date of birth	UEFA Champions League matches	UEFA matches
Manuel De Sousa	18/06/1975	0	30

- Born in Porto in 1975, Manuel De Sousa had been climbing the refereeing ladder for several years before making his UEFA Champions League group stage debut on matchday six of the 2011/12 competition.
- His first taste of international competition came as a fourth official; he worked in that capacity in the UEFA Cup, UEFA Champions League and UEFA European Under-21 Championship qualifying from 2002 onwards.
- His first engagements as a referee came in the European U19 Championship elite round in spring 2006, and he also worked at the same stage of the U17 competition the same season.
- Became a regular in UEFA's youth competitions – both as a referee and a fourth official – over the next few years, and was given his first refereeing assignment in UEFA Cup qualifying in July 2006. Was a frequent presence in the competition, acting as fourth official in the 2008/09 semi-final between FC Shakhtar Donetsk and FC Dynamo Kyiv.
- Gradually worked his way through UEFA's refereeing categories – stepping up to the First level in June 2011 – De Sousa was involved in seven UEFA Europa League matches in 2009/10 and featured regularly in the competition thereafter. Also worked at two UEFA EURO 2012 qualifiers, acting as fourth official at the Croatia-Turkey play-off tie.

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

No matches found

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

Date	Competition	Stage	Home	Away	Result	Venue
17/12/09	UCUP	GS	FC Steaua București	FC Twente	1-1	Bucharest

Fixtures and results

AFC Ajax

Date	Competition	Opponent	Result		Goalscorers
07/08/11	League	De Graafschap (A)	W	4-1	Sulejmani 22, 62, Boerrigter 31, Janssen 65
14/08/11	League	sc Heerenveen (H)	W	5-1	Sigthórsson 37, Alderweireld 42, Boerrigter 51, Sulejmani 75, Van der Wiel 90+3
21/08/11	League	VVV-Venlo (A)	D	2-2	Janssen 68, Sigthórsson 69
26/08/11	League	Vitesse (H)	W	4-1	Eriksen 53, Boerrigter 62, Sigthórsson 63, 70
10/09/11	League	Heracles Almelo (A)	W	3-2	S. De Jong 45+2, 64, Sulejmani 81
14/09/11	UCL	Olympique Lyonnais (H)	D	0-0	
18/09/11	League	PSV Eindhoven (A)	D	2-2	Sigthórsson 45+4, Bulykin 79
21/09/11	Cup	VV Noordwijk (A)	W	3-1	S. De Jong 38, Bulykin 56, De Sa 61
24/09/11	League	FC Twente (H)	D	1-1	Sulejmani 10
27/09/11	UCL	Real Madrid CF (A)	L	0-3	
02/10/11	League	FC Groningen (A)	L	0-1	
15/10/11	League	AZ Alkmaar (H)	D	2-2	Sulejmani 47 (p), Janssen 82
18/10/11	UCL	GNK Dinamo Zagreb (A)	W	2-0	Boerrigter 49, Eriksen 90
23/10/11	League	Feyenoord (H)	D	1-1	Vertonghen 67
26/10/11	Cup	Roda JC (A)	W	4-2	Vertonghen 4, 88, Boerrigter 63, 72
29/10/11	League	Roda JC (A)	W	4-0	Eriksen 6, Janssen 50, Lukoki 57, Ebecilio 85
02/11/11	UCL	GNK Dinamo Zagreb (H)	W	4-0	Van der Wiel 20, Sulejmani 25, S. De Jong 65, Lodeiro 90+2
06/11/11	League	FC Utrecht (A)	L	4-6	Bulykin 8, 41, Ooijer 32, Eriksen 72
19/11/11	League	NAC Breda (H)	D	2-2	Sulejmani 36, Boerrigter 84
22/11/11	UCL	Olympique Lyonnais (A)	D	0-0	
27/11/11	League	NEC Nijmegen (A)	W	3-0	Sulejmani 53, 78, Klaassen 82
03/12/11	League	SBV Excelsior (H)	W	4-1	Vertonghen 11, 38, Sulejmani 63 (p), Lodeiro 67
07/12/11	UCL	Real Madrid CF (H)			
11/12/11	League	RKC Waalwijk (A)			
18/12/11	League	ADO Den Haag (H)			
21/12/11	Cup	AZ Alkmaar (H)			
22/01/12	League	AZ Alkmaar (A)			
29/01/12	League	Feyenoord (A)			
05/02/12	League	FC Utrecht (H)			
11/02/12	League	NAC Breda (A)			
19/02/12	League	NEC Nijmegen (H)			
26/02/12	League	SBV Excelsior (A)			
04/03/12	League	Roda JC (H)			
11/03/12	League	RKC Waalwijk (H)			
18/03/12	League	ADO Den Haag (A)			
25/03/12	League	PSV Eindhoven (H)			
01/04/12	League	Heracles Almelo (H)			
10/04/12	League	sc Heerenveen (A)			
15/04/12	League	De Graafschap (H)			
22/04/12	League	FC Groningen (H)			
29/04/12	League	FC Twente (A)			
02/05/12	League	VVV-Venlo (H)			

Pos.	Clubs	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1	AZ Alkmaar	14	11	1	2	31	13	34
2	PSV Eindhoven	15	9	4	2	42	18	31
3	FC Twente	15	8	6	1	39	15	30
4	AFC Ajax	15	7	6	2	41	23	27
5	Feyenoord	15	8	3	4	29	18	27
6	sc Heerenveen	15	6	7	2	33	23	25
7	Vitesse	15	7	4	4	22	16	25
8	FC Groningen	15	6	4	5	28	28	22
9	Roda JC	15	7	0	8	22	36	21
10	Heracles Almelo	15	5	5	5	27	22	20
11	NAC Breda	15	5	3	7	22	26	18
12	ADO Den Haag	15	5	3	7	20	27	18
13	FC Utrecht	15	4	4	7	26	32	16
14	RKC Waalwijk	15	4	3	8	14	26	15
15	NEC Nijmegen	15	4	2	9	15	25	14
16	De Graafschap	15	3	3	9	15	32	12
17	SBV Excelsior	14	1	4	9	9	29	7
18	VVV-Venlo	15	1	4	10	14	40	7

Real Madrid CF

Date	Competition	Opponent	Result	Goalscorers
28/08/11	League	Real Zaragoza (A)	W 6-0	Cristiano Ronaldo 24, 71, 87, Marcelo 28, Xabi Alonso 64, Kaká 82
10/09/11	League	Getafe CF (H)	W 4-2	Benzema 14, 69, Cristiano Ronaldo 60 (p), Higuain 88
14/09/11	UCL	GNK Dinamo Zagreb (A)	W 1-0	Di María 53
18/09/11	League	Levante UD (A)	L 0-1	
21/09/11	League	Real Racing Club (A)	D 0-0	
24/09/11	League	Rayo Vallecano de Madrid (H)	W 6-2	Cristiano Ronaldo 39, 51 (p), 84 (p), Higuain 45+1, Varane 67, Benzema 73
27/09/11	UCL	AFC Ajax (H)	W 3-0	Cristiano Ronaldo 25, Kaká 41, Benzema 49
02/10/11	League	RCD Espanyol (A)	W 4-0	Higuain 17, 66, 89, José Callejón 82
15/10/11	League	Real Betis Balompié (H)	W 4-1	Higuain 46, 70, 73, Kaká 59
18/10/11	UCL	Olympique Lyonnais (H)	W 4-0	Benzema 19, Khedira 47, Lloris 55 (og), Sergio Ramos 81
22/10/11	League	Málaga CF (A)	W 4-0	Higuain 11, Cristiano Ronaldo 23, 28, 38
26/10/11	League	Villarreal CF (H)	W 3-0	Benzema 5, Kaká 11, Di María 30
29/10/11	League	Real Sociedad de Fútbol (A)	W 1-0	Higuain 9
02/11/11	UCL	Olympique Lyonnais (A)	W 2-0	Cristiano Ronaldo 24, 69 (p)
06/11/11	League	CA Osasuna (H)	W 7-1	Cristiano Ronaldo 23, 54 (p), 58, Pepe 34, Higuain 40, Benzema 63, 81
19/11/11	League	Valencia CF (A)	W 3-2	Benzema 20, Sergio Ramos 72, Cristiano Ronaldo 79
22/11/11	UCL	GNK Dinamo Zagreb (H)	W 6-2	Benzema 2, 66, José Callejón 7, 49, Higuain 9, Özil 20
26/11/11	League	Club Atlético de Madrid (H)	W 4-1	Cristiano Ronaldo 24 (p), 82 (p), Di María 49, Higuain 65
03/12/11	League	Real Sporting de Gijón (A)	W 3-0	Di María 34, Cristiano Ronaldo 64, Marcelo 90+2
07/12/11	UCL	AFC Ajax (A)		
10/12/11	League	FC Barcelona (H)		
13/12/11	Cup	SD Ponferradina (A)		
17/12/11	League	Sevilla FC (A)		
20/12/11	Cup	SD Ponferradina		
08/01/12	League	Granada CF (H)		
15/01/12	League	RCD Mallorca (A)		
22/01/12	League	Athletic Club (H)		
29/01/12	League	Real Zaragoza (H)		
05/02/12	League	Getafe CF (A)		
12/02/12	League	Levante UD (H)		
19/02/12	League	Real Racing Club (H)		
26/02/12	League	Rayo Vallecano de Madrid (A)		
04/03/12	League	RCD Espanyol (H)		
11/03/12	League	Real Betis Balompié (A)		
18/03/12	League	Málaga CF (H)		
21/03/12	League	Villarreal CF (A)		
25/03/12	League	Real Sociedad de Fútbol (H)		
01/04/12	League	CA Osasuna (A)		
08/04/12	League	Valencia CF (H)		

Pos.	Clubs	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1	Real Madrid CF	14	12	1	1	49	10	37
2	FC Barcelona	15	10	4	1	47	7	34
3	Valencia CF	14	9	3	2	23	14	30
4	Levante UD	14	8	2	4	23	17	26
5	Sevilla FC	14	6	6	2	16	10	24
6	Málaga CF	14	7	2	5	19	19	23
7	CA Osasuna	14	5	6	3	18	26	21
8	Club Atlético de Madrid	14	5	4	5	21	21	19
9	Athletic Club	14	4	6	4	20	17	18
10	RCD Espanyol	14	5	2	7	11	17	17
11	Rayo Vallecano de Madrid	15	4	4	7	16	22	16
12	Granada CF	13	4	3	6	6	12	15
13	Real Sociedad de Fútbol	14	4	3	7	15	22	15
14	RCD Mallorca	13	3	5	5	11	18	14
15	Villarreal CF	14	3	5	6	11	20	14
16	Getafe CF	14	3	4	7	14	22	13
17	Real Betis Balompié	14	4	1	9	13	21	13
18	Real Racing Club	14	2	6	6	10	20	12
19	Real Sporting de Gijón	14	3	3	8	12	24	12
20	Real Zaragoza	14	2	4	8	12	28	10

Match-by-match lineups

Group D

Standings

Club	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Real Madrid CF	5	5	0	0	16	2	15
AFC Ajax	5	2	2	1	6	3	8
Olympique Lyonnais	5	1	2	2	2	6	5
GNK Dinamo Zagreb	5	0	0	5	2	15	0

Matchday 1 (14/09/11)

Dinamo Zagreb 0-1 Real Madrid

Goals: 0-1 Di María 53

Real Madrid CF: Casillas, Carvalho, Pepe, Sergio Ramos, Cristiano Ronaldo, Benzema (Arbeloa 82), Özil (Higuaín 78), Marcelo, Xabi Alonso, Fábio Coentrão, Di María (L. Diarra 78)

Ajax 0-0 Lyon

AFC Ajax: Vermeer, Van der Wiel, Alderweireld, Vertonghen, Sulejmani (Ebecilio 85), Eriksen, Sigthórsson (Bulykin 81), S. De Jong, Bolesen, Janssen (Anita 70), Boerriqter

Matchday 2 (27/09/11)

Real Madrid 3-0 Ajax

Goals: 1-0 Cristiano Ronaldo 25, 2-0 Kaká 41, 3-0 Benzema 49

Real Madrid CF: Casillas, Carvalho, Sergio Ramos, Khedira, Cristiano Ronaldo, Kaká (Di María 75), Benzema (Higuaín 75), Özil (Hamit Altintop 84), Xabi Alonso, Arbeloa, Varane

AFC Ajax: Vermeer, Van der Wiel, Alderweireld, Vertonghen, Anita, Sulejmani (Ebecilio 71), Eriksen, Sigthórsson, S. De Jong, Janssen (Enoh 51), Boerriqter (Serero 83)

Matchday 3 (18/10/11)

Real Madrid 4-0 Lyon

Goals: 1-0 Benzema 19, 2-0 Khedira 47, 3-0 Lloris 55(o.g.), 4-0 Sergio Ramos 81

Real Madrid CF: Casillas, Pepe, Sergio Ramos, Khedira (Fábio Coentrão 61), Cristiano Ronaldo, Benzema (Higuaín 72), Özil (Kaká 66), Marcelo, Xabi Alonso, Arbeloa, Di María

Dinamo Zagreb 0-2 Ajax

Goals: 0-1 Boerriqter 49, 0-2 Eriksen 90

AFC Ajax: Vermeer, Van der Wiel, Alderweireld, Vertonghen, Anita, Enoh, Sulejmani, Eriksen (Lodeiro 90+3), S. De Jong, Janssen, Boerriqter (Bulykin 70)

Matchday 4 (02/11/11)

Lyon 0-2 Real Madrid

Goals: 0-1 Cristiano Ronaldo 24, 0-2 Cristiano Ronaldo 69(pen)

Real Madrid CF: Casillas, Pepe, Sergio Ramos, Khedira, Cristiano Ronaldo, Benzema (Higuaín 71), Özil, Xabi Alonso, Fábio Coentrão (Raúl Albiol 64), Di María (José Callejón 83), L. Diarra

Ajax 4-0 Dinamo Zagreb

Goals: 1-0 Van der Wiel 20, 2-0 Sulejmani 25, 3-0 S. De Jong 65, 4-0 Lodeiro 90+2

AFC Ajax: Vermeer, Van der Wiel, Alderweireld, Vertonghen, Anita, Enoh, Sulejmani (Lukoki 72), Eriksen (Lodeiro 80), S. De Jong, Janssen, Boerriqter (Ebecilio 77)

Matchday 5 (22/11/11)

Real Madrid 6-2 Dinamo Zagreb

Goals: 1-0 Benzema 2, 2-0 José Callejón 7, 3-0 Higuaín 9, 4-0 Özil 20, 5-0 José Callejón 49, 6-0 Benzema 66, 6-1 Beqiraj 81, 6-2 Tomečak 90

Real Madrid CF: Antonio Adán, Sergio Ramos (Raúl Albiol 46), Nuri Şahin, Benzema, Özil (Hamit Altintop 46), Xabi Alonso (Granero 46), Fábio Coentrão, Varane, Higuaín, José Callejón, L. Diarra

Lyon 0-0 Ajax

AFC Ajax: Vermeer, Van der Wiel (Blind 67), Alderweireld, Vertonghen, Anita, Enoh, Sulejmani, Eriksen, Ebecilio (Klaassen 85), Janssen, Lodeiro (Lukoki 89)

Matchday 6 (07/12/11)

Ajax v Real Madrid

Competition facts

UEFA Champions League: Group stage milestones

- Holders FC Barcelona have avoided 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.
- No team has successfully defended the UEFA Champions League trophy with AC Milan (1989, 1990) the last club to win consecutive European Cups. Milan (1994, 1995), AFC Ajax (1995, 1996), Juventus (1996, 1997) and Manchester United (2008, 2009) have all returned to the UEFA Champions League final as holders only to lose.
- 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 FC on matchday one 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 2006/07 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 six.
- Ryan Giggs is the oldest player to score in the competition, aged 37 years and 289 days, in Manchester United's 1-1 draw at SL Benfica on 14 September 2011.
- 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.
- Peter Ofori-Quaye is the youngest player to have scored in the UEFA Champions League, aged 17 years and 195 days. He found the net in Olympiacos's 5-1 defeat at Rosenborg BK on 1 October 1997.
- Barcelona and Manchester United FC have both finished as group winners on 12 occasions, one more than Real Madrid.
- 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).
- Twelve teams have gone through a UEFA Champions League group stage without picking up a single point, including MŠK Žilina and FK Partizan in 2010/11. The other ten are: Maccabi Haifa FC and Debreceni VSC (2009/10), FC Dynamo Kyiv (2007/08), PFC Levski Sofia (2006/07), SK Rapid Wien (2005/06), Anderlecht (2004/05), Spartak Moskva and Bayer 04 Leverkusen (2002/03, first and second group stage respectively), Fenerbahçe SK (2001/02, first group stage) and 1. FC Košice (1997/98).
- 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.
- MŠK Žilina conceded 19 goals in their six outings in 2010/11, equalling the record let in during a group stage set by Debrecen (2009/10), Dynamo Kyiv (2007/08) and Ferencvárosi TC in 1995/96.
- 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), Villarreal CF (2005/06) and Manchester United (2010/11) all let in just one.
- Before their 3-1 win against Sporting Clube de Portugal on matchday six of the 2006/07 campaign, Spartak Moskva went 22 games without a victory in the competition, surpassing the unwanted record set by AEK Athens FC on matchday three 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 FC Dynamo Kyiv and Bayer 04 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 SV Werder Bremen in 2005/06.

Team facts

AFC Ajax

Formed: 1900

Nickname: Godenzonen (Sons of the Gods)

UEFA club competition honours (runners-up in brackets)

- European Champion Clubs Cup (4): (1969), 1971, 1972, 1973, 1995, (1996)
- UEFA Cup Winners' Cup (1): 1987, (1988)
- UEFA Cup (1): 1992
- UEFA Super Cup (2): 1973, (1987), 1995

Domestic honours (most recent triumph in brackets)

League title: 30 (2011)

Dutch Cup: 18 (2010)

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

2010/11: UEFA Europa League round of 16 (having transferred from UEFA Champions League group stage)

2009/10: UEFA Europa League round of 32

2008/09: UEFA Cup round of 16

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

2006/07: UEFA Cup round of 32 (having transferred from UEFA Champions League third qualifying round)

2005/06: round of 16

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

2003/04: group stage

2002/03: quarter-finals

2001/02: UEFA Cup second round (having transferred from UEFA Champions League third qualifying round)

Records

UEFA club competition

- Biggest home win

14-0: Ajax v FA Red Boys Differdange

03/10/84, UEFA Cup first round second leg

- Biggest away win

1-8: HJK Helsinki v Ajax

19/09/79, European Champion Clubs' Cup first round first leg

- Heaviest home defeat

0-4: Ajax v Real Madrid CF

23/11/10, UEFA Champions League group stage

- Heaviest away defeat

5-1: FC Bayern München v Ajax

22/10/80, European Champion Clubs' Cup second round first leg

4-0: on three occasions, most recently v FC Bayern München

28/09/04 UEFA Champions League group stage

UEFA Champions League (group stage to final only)

- Biggest home win

4-0: twice, most recently v GNK Dinamo Zagreb

02/11/11, group stage

- Biggest away win

1-5: Ferencvárosi TC v Ajax

27/09/95, group stage

- Heaviest home defeat

0-4: Ajax v Real Madrid CF (see above for details)

- Heaviest away defeat

4-0: FC Bayern München v Ajax

28/09/04, group stage

Real Madrid CF

Formed: 1902

Nickname: Los Merengues (The Meringues)

UEFA club competition honours (runners-up in brackets)

- European Champion Clubs' Cup (9): 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, (1962), (1964), 1966, (1981), 1998, 2000, 2002
- UEFA Cup (2): 1985, 1986
- UEFA Cup Winners' Cup: (1971), (1983)
- UEFA Super Cup (1): (1998), (2000), 2002

Domestic honours (most recent triumph in brackets)

League title: 31 (2008)

Spanish Cup: 18 (2011)

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

2010/11: semi-finals

2009/10: round of 16

2008/09: round of 16

2007/08: round of 16

2006/07: round of 16

2005/06: round of 16

2004/05: round of 16

2003/04: quarter-finals

2002/03: semi-finals

2001/02: winners

Records

UEFA club competition

- Biggest home win

9-0: Madrid v Odense BK

25/10/61, European Champion Clubs' Cup first round second leg

- Biggest away win

0-8: Olympiakos Nicosia FC v Madrid

24/09/69, European Champion Clubs' Cup first round first leg

- Heaviest home defeat

2-4: Madrid v FC Bayern München

29/02/00, UEFA Champions League second group stage

1-3: Madrid v SK Spartak Moskva

20/03/91, European Champion Clubs' Cup semi-final second leg

0-2: on five occasions, most recently v FC Barcelona (27/04/11, UEFA Champions League semi-final first leg)

- Heaviest away defeat

5-0: twice, most recently v AC Milan

19/04/89, European Champion Clubs' Cup semi-final second leg

UEFA Champions League (group stage to final only)

- Biggest home win

6-0: Madrid v KRC Genk

25/09/02, first group stage

- Biggest away win

1-5: SK Sturm Graz v Madrid

05/11/98, group stage

0-4: AFC Ajax v Madrid

23/11/10, group stage

- Heaviest home defeat

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

0-2: on three occasions, most recently Madrid v FC Barcelona (see above for details)

- Heaviest away defeat

4-0: Liverpool FC v Madrid

10/11/09, round of 16 second leg

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

UCL: UEFA Champions League/UEFA Champions League

Tournament: UEFA Europa League/UEFA Champions League

ECCC: 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:** FIFA Confederations 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

3rdPO: Third-place play-off

GS-FT: Group stage – final tournament

3QR: Third qualifying round

R1: First round

R2: Second round

R3: Third round

R4: Fourth round

SF: Semi-finals

R16: round of 16

R32: Round of 32

1st: first leg

2nd: second leg

PO: Play-off

(Rep): Replay

PO - FT: Play-off for Final Tournament

Prom/rel PO: Promotion/relegation play-off

:: Other abbreviations

(aet): Match decided after extra time

No.: Number

aetps: Match decided after extra time

o.g.: Own goal

ag: Match decided on away goals

agg: Aggregate

AP: Appearances

Comp.: Competition

D: Drawn

DoB: Date of birth

GA: Goals against

GF: Goals for

gg: Match decided by golden goal

L: Lost

Nat.: Nationality

N/a: Not applicable

(+): Denotes player introduced

(+/-): Denotes player introduced and substituted

*****: Misses next match if booked

#: Suspended for at least one match

UCLQ: Current season total UEFA Champions League appearances in the qualifying rounds and play-offs only

UCL: Current season total UEFA Champions League appearances from group stage onwards prior to current matchday

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

UEFA: All-time total appearances in UEFA club competition including qualifying

:: Statistics

(-): Denotes player substituted

(*): Denotes player sent off

:: Squad list

D: Disciplinary

S: Suspended

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