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**Chelsea FC**

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Group H - Matchday 5



**Juventus**

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The top two in Group H meet on Matchday 5 at Stamford Bridge as leaders Juventus visit holders Chelsea looking to confirm first place in the section.

- The Italian side booked their place in the round of 16 with a 4-2 home win against Zenit on Matchday 4, their fourth successive victory after wins at Malmö (3-0) and Zenit (1-0) either side of a 1-0 home defeat of Chelsea secured by Federico Chiesa's goal a minute into the second half.
- Those are the only points dropped by Chelsea, whose 1-0 opening win at home to Zenit was followed by home (4-0) and away (1-0) victories against Malmö after their defeat in Turin to give them a six-point cushion in second place.
- Juventus will be confirmed in first place if they avoid defeat against Chelsea, who will be through to the round of 16 if they do not lose or if Zenit do not beat Malmö in Sweden in the other Group H encounter.

### Previous meetings

- Before Matchday 2, the sides had last met in the 2012/13 UEFA Champions League group stage, when Juve took four points off Chelsea to play a crucial role in the London club becoming the first – and so far only – holders to not survive the group stage of the following season's competition.
- The Matchday 1 game at Stamford Bridge ended 2-2, Oscar giving Chelsea a two-goal cushion (31, 33) before Arturo Vidal (38) and Fabio Quagliarella (80) rescued a point for Juve.
- Quagliarella (38) and Vidal (61) were also on target in a 3-0 Juventus win in Turin on Matchday 5, Sebastian Giovinco (90+1) rounding off a win that prompted the departure of Blues manager Roberto Di Matteo and all but eliminated Chelsea from the competition – although, under Rafael Benítez, they did go on to win the UEFA Europa League.
- Chelsea had come out on top when the teams were paired in the 2008/09 round of 16, Didier Drogba scoring the only goal of the first leg at Stamford Bridge. The Ivorian also scored the crucial second equaliser in the second leg in Turin, a 2-2 draw in which Juventus twice led through Vincenzo Iaquinta (19) and Alessandro Del Piero (74pen) either side of Michael Essien's equaliser in first-half added time.

### Form guide

#### Chelsea

- Chelsea claimed their second UEFA Champions League title in 2020/21 by beating Manchester City 1-0 in the all-English final at Porto's Estádio do Dragão on 29 May, Kai Havertz scoring the only goal in the first half – his first strike in the competition.
- The Blues had made smooth progress through their section (W4 D2) to finish ahead of Sevilla, Krasnodar and Rennes.
- With Thomas Tuchel having replaced Frank Lampard as head coach in January, Chelsea then eased past Atlético de Madrid in the round of 16, winning 1-0 in Bucharest before a 2-0 home victory, and held off Porto in the last eight (2-0 a, 0-1 h) with both matches played in Seville. Chelsea then got the better of Real Madrid in the semi-finals (1-1 a, 2-0 h) before claiming their second UEFA Champions League title against City.
- The Matchday 2 defeat at Juventus is one of only four in Chelsea's last 24 UEFA Champions League matches (W15 D5).
- Chelsea have won only six of their last 12 European matches at Stamford Bridge (D4 L2), although they have triumphed in the last four.
- Edouard Mendy kept nine clean sheets in 12 UEFA Champions League matches last season, the most in a campaign by a goalkeeper for an English side in the competition's history. He has added another three from his four appearances this term.
- Chelsea have the best defensive record after four matchdays across all eight groups with just one goal conceded – Chiesa's winner in Turin.
- Fourth in the Premier League in 2020/21 for the second campaign in a row, Chelsea are participating in their 18th UEFA Champions League campaign, and a fourth in five years. The exception came in 2018/19, when they won the UEFA Europa League under Maurizio Sarri.
- Tuchel's team have already claimed European silverware this season, beating Villarreal 6-5 on penalties after a 1-1 draw in the UEFA Super Cup in Belfast on 11 August. It was their first victory in the competition since 1998; they had lost in 2012, 2013 and 2019.
- The Blues' last games against Italian opponents before the current campaign came in the 2017/18 UEFA Champions

League group stage, when they drew 3-3 at home to Roma before a 3-0 away loss. The Matchday 2 defeat at Juve made it five games without a win against Serie A sides (D2 L3).

- Chelsea's home record against Serie A visitors is W5 D3 L2, although they have managed only one win in their last four matches (D2 L1).

- A 4-1 extra-time success against Napoli in the round of 16 second leg in their victorious 2011/12 UEFA Champions League campaign is Chelsea's only win in their last ten games against Italian opponents, home and away (D3 L6).

### Juventus

- A team coached by Andrea Pirlo won five of their six games in last season's group stage, snatching first place in Group G with a 3-0 victory at Barcelona on Matchday 6.

- For the second season running, however, Juventus bowed out on away goals in the round of 16, losing on aggregate to Porto (1-2 a, 3-2 h aet) having suffered the same fate against Lyon in 2019/20 (0-1 a, 2-1 h).

- Juve have won seven of their last nine away European games (L2) and their last seven in the UEFA Champions League group stage.

- Juve's record run of nine successive Serie A titles was ended by Inter in 2020/21.

- Pirlo was replaced as Juventus coach in the summer, Massimiliano Allegri returning to the club he led to the 2015 and 2017 UEFA Champions League finals during his previous spell in charge between 2014 and 2019.

- Juventus are one of four sides to have won their first four games, along with Liverpool (Group B), Ajax (C) and Bayern München (E).

- Prior to Matchday 2, Juventus last faced English opposition in the 2018/19 UEFA Champions League group stage, winning 1-0 at Manchester United before a 2-1 home defeat.

- That defeat by United is Juve's sole loss in their last 11 matches against Premier League clubs (W6 D4), with six wins in their last eight. The win at Old Trafford extended their away run without defeat to five matches (W3 D2); Juve had lost their previous seven games in England, the last of those a 4-1 defeat at Chelsea's west London rivals Fulham in the 2009/10 UEFA Europa League round of 16 to go out 5-4 on aggregate.

### Links and trivia

- Álvaro Morata scored 16 goals in 47 Premier League appearances for Chelsea between August 2017 and January 2019.

- Juan Cuadrado played in 13 Premier League games for Chelsea in 2015.

- Have played in Italy:

Jorginho (Verona 2010–14, Sambonifacese 2010/11 loan, Napoli 2014–18)

Antonio Rüdiger (Roma 2015–17)

Marcos Alonso (Fiorentina 2013–16)

Thiago Silva (AC Milan 2009–12)

Mateo Kovačić (Inter 2013–15)

Romelu Lukaku (Inter 2019–21)

- Allegri was Thiago Silva's coach at Milan between 2010 and 2012, the pair winning Serie A in 2010/11.

- Lukaku faced Juventus five times with Inter (W1 D1 L3), scoring one goal, a penalty in a 3-2 defeat on 15 May 2021.

- Lukaku was also in the Manchester United side beaten 1-0 at home by Juve in the UEFA Champions League group stage on 23 October 2018.

- Have also played in England:

Wojciech Szczęsny (Arsenal 2006–15, Brentford 2009/10 loan)

Aaron Ramsey (Cardiff 2006–08 & 2011 loan, Arsenal 2008–19, Nottingham Forest 2010/11 loan)

Danilo (Manchester City 2017–19)

Moise Kean (Everton 2019/20)

- Have played together:

Antonio Rüdiger & Wojciech Szczęsny (Roma 2015–17)

Thiago Silva & Mattia De Sciglio (AC Milan 2011/12)

Marcos Alonso & Federico Bernardeschi (Fiorentina 2014–16)

Thiago Silva & Adrien Rabiot (Paris Saint-Germain 2013–19)

Mateo Kovačić & Danilo (Real Madrid 2015–17)

Saúl Ñíguez & Álvaro Morata (Atlético de Madrid 2019–20)

Hakim Ziyech & Matthijs de Ligt (Ajax 2016–19)

- International team-mates:

Jorginho &

Leonardo Bonucci, Giorgio Chiellini, Manuel Locatelli, Federico Chiesa, Federico Bernardeschi, Moise Kean (Italy)

Kepa Arrizabalaga, César Azpilicueta, Saúl Ñíguez, Marcos Alonso & Álvaro Morata (Spain)

Thiago Silva & Arthur, Danilo, Alex Sandro (Brazil)

N'Golo Kanté & Adrien Rabiot (France)

Christian Puljišić & Weston McKennie (United States)

- Jorginho played in all seven games as Italy won UEFA EURO 2020 in the summer.

- Bonucci, Chiellini, Locatelli, Chiesa and Bernardeschi also played for Italy, who defeated Mason Mount's England on spot kicks in the final at Wembley. Bonucci scored for Italy in the 1-1 draw and in the penalty shoot-out, when Bernardeschi also found the net.

- Chiesa scored in the 1-1 semi-final draw against Azpilicueta's Spain. Locatelli missed a penalty in the shoot-out but Bonucci and Bernardeschi both scored as Italy prevailed, Jorginho converting the winning kick.

## Latest news

### Chelsea

- Chelsea have won 12 of their 19 games this season in all competitions (D5 L2), most recently Saturday's 3-0 Premier League victory at Leicester.

- The London club have kept six clean sheets in their last eight matches and are yet to concede more than one goal in a game in 2021/22.

- Defeat at Juventus on Matchday 2 was only the second time Chelsea have lost successive games under Tuchel.

- Chelsea's 30 league goals this season have been scored by 15 different players. Antonio Rüdiger, N'Golo Kanté and Christian Puljišić all got their second league goals of the campaign on Saturday.

- Mason Mount scored his first hat-trick for Chelsea in a 7-0 home win against Norwich on 23 October, the first time he had found the net more than once in a game for the club and his first goals of 2021/22; he had previously hit hat-tricks on loan at Vitesse and Derby.

- Mount was the 20th Chelsea player to score a Premier League hat-trick, fewer only than Arsenal (21).

- That was the first time Chelsea had scored seven goals in a game since a 7-1 home win against Grimsby in the League Cup on 25 September 2019, and their biggest victory since an 8-0 Premier League success at home to Aston Villa on 23 December 2012.

- Chelsea beat Aston Villa and Southampton on penalties in the English League Cup third and fourth rounds respectively. The Blues will visit Brentford in the quarter-finals on 22 December.

- Kai Havertz scored in Germany's 4-1 win in Armenia on 14 November, when César Azpilicueta played 90 minutes as Spain won 1-0 at home to Sweden to book their place at next year's FIFA World Cup.

- Kanté started as France beat Kazakhstan 8-0 on 13 November to qualify for the 2022 finals.

- Jorginho missed a late penalty as Italy were held 1-1 at home by Switzerland in their penultimate World Cup qualifier on 12 November; three days later he was in the Azzurri side held 0-0 by Northern Ireland in Belfast, a result good enough only to take the European champions into the play-offs.

- Puljišić scored five minutes after coming on as a substitute as the United States beat Mexico 2-0 on 12 November.

- Thiago Silva played 90 minutes as Brazil beat Colombia 1-0 at home on 11 November to also reach the World Cup.

- Romelu Lukaku (ankle) and Timo Werner (thigh) have not played since being injured on Matchday 3; the former returned to training on 15 November while Werner was an unused substitute at Leicester on Saturday.

Puljišić returned as a substitute on Matchday 4 having been sidelined since 8 September due to an ankle injury picked up on international duty.

- Mateo Kovačić has been out since suffering a hamstring injury in training on 28 October.

- Marcos Alonso suffered an ankle injury at Malmö on Matchday 4 and has not played since, although he was also on the bench at the weekend.

- Mount missed England's recent internationals after dental surgery but started for Chelsea at Leicester.

- On 26 August, Jorginho was named UEFA Men's Player of the Year. Edouard Mendy was named Goalkeeper of the Season while Kanté collected the award for the best midfielder and Tuchel won the coach's prize.

- Jorginho, Kanté, Mount, Azpilicueta and Lukaku have all been named in the 30-player Ballon d'Or shortlist, with the

winner to be announced on 29 November.

### **Juventus**

- Paulo Dybala made his 50th appearance in both the UEFA Champions League, group stage to final, and UEFA club competition on Matchday 4.
- Juve ended a three-game winless run in Serie A (D1 L2) with a home victory against ten-man Fiorentina on 6 November, Juan Cuadrado scoring the only goal in added time. It was the Colombian's first league strike since the opening day of the season, and matched his total for each of the last two seasons.
- That victory was Massimiliano Allegri's 200th in all competitions as Juve coach; only Giovanni Trapattoni (319) and Marcello Lippi (227) have won more.
- Juve were also victorious on Saturday, a penalty in each half from Leonardo Bonucci earning a 2-0 win at Lazio. The Juve centre-back has scored 26 Serie A goals in the last 11 seasons, more than any other defender.
- Juventus have kept only four clean sheets in their last 27 Serie A fixtures. The Bianconeri have, however, won five games 1-0 in all competitions this season.
- Before the win against Fiorentina, Juventus had conceded 15 goals in their first 11 Serie A games, the highest total at that stage of a season since 1961/62 when they finished 12th.
- On 14 November an 86th-minute goal from substitute Álvaro Morata on his 50th international appearance earned a 1-0 home win against Sweden that took Spain to the 2022 FIFA World Cup.
- Aaron Ramsey struck twice to reach 20 international goals as Wales beat Belarus 5-1 on 13 November; the same day, Adrien Rabiot scored his first goal for France in the 8-0 win against Kazakhstan that secured their place at next year's tournament.
- Weston McKennie scored as the United States beat Mexico 2-0 on 12 November, and has three goals in six games for club and country.
- Mattia De Sciglio has not played since suffering a knee injury early on in Juve's 2-1 home defeat against Sassuolo on 27 October. Moise Kean returned as a substitute on Saturday having been sidelined by a thigh injury since 17 October.
- Giorgio Chiellini missed Italy's draws against Switzerland (1-1) and Northern Ireland (0-0) with an Achilles injury; Federico Bernardeschi suffered a thigh problem in the latter match as the European champions had to settle for a play-off place. Both also sat out Juve's weekend win.
- Bonucci and Chiellini are on the 30-man shortlist for the Ballon d'Or, with the winner to be announced on 29 November.

## 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 European Champion Clubs' Cup, UEFA Champions League, UEFA Europa League, UEFA Cup Winner's Cup UEFA Super Cup, UEFA Intertoto Cup and European/South American Cup. Matches in the Inter-Cities Fairs Cup and the 1972 Super Cup are not included as they were not held under UEFA auspices, while the FIFA Club World Cup is excluded.

### Match officials

**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  
**ECCC:** European Champion Clubs' Cup  
**UEL:** UEFA Europa 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  
**WEURO:** UEFA European Women's Championship

### Competition stages

**F:** Final  
**GS1:** First group stage  
**GS2:** Second group stage  
**3QR:** Third qualifying round  
**R2:** Second 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  
  
**GS:** Group stage  
**R1:** First round  
**R3:** Third round  
**PR:** Preliminary round  
**QF:** Quarter-finals  
**QR:** Qualifying round  
**1QR:** First qualifying round  
**2QR:** Second qualifying round  
**FT:** Final tournament  
**ELITE:** Elite round  
**3rdPO:** Third-place play-off  
**GS-FT:** Group stage – final tournament

### Other abbreviations

**(aet):** After extra time  
**No.:** Number  
**ag:** Match decided on away goals  
**Pld:** Matches played  
**Pos.:** Position  
**Pts:** Points  
**R:** Sent off (straight red card)  
**Res.:** Result  
**sg:** Match decided by silver goal  
**GF:** Goals for  
**gg:** Match decided by golden goal  
**Y/R:** Sent off (two yellow cards)  
**f:** Match forfeited  
  
**pens:** Penalties  
**og:** Own goal  
**P:** Penalty  
**agg:** Aggregate  
**AP:** Appearances  
**Comp.:** Competition  
**D:** Drawn  
**DoB:** Date of birth  
**ET:** Extra Time  
**GA:** Goals against  
**t:** Match decided by toss of a coin  
**W:** Won  
**Y:** Booked  
**L:** Lost  
**Nat.:** Nationality  
**N/A:** Not applicable

## Statistics

-: Denotes player substituted  
\*: Denotes player sent off

+: Denotes player introduced  
+/-: Denotes player introduced and substituted

## Squad list

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**D:** Disciplinary

\*: Misses next match if booked

**S:** Suspended

**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

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