

Helsingborgs IF - Panionios GSS

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Olympia, Helsingborg

Thursday 25 October 2007 - 18.00 CET (18.00 local time)

Group H - Matchday 1



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Match background

Helsingborgs IF's Henrik Larsson will look to strike his first goals against Greek opposition as the Swedish side host Panionios GSS in their UEFA Cup Group H opener.

- The two sides have never met in European competition.
- Helsingborg have never come up against Greek opposition before.
- Panionios met Helsingborg's Allsvenskan rivals IFK Göteborg in the second round of the 1979/80 UEFA Cup Winners' Cup. They lost 2-0 in Sweden but won 1-0 at home.
- In total, five games have been played between clubs from the two countries on Swedish soil. Of those ties, the home side has won three with one draw and a solitary win for the Greek visitors.
- Panionios' Ghanaian midfielder Bennard Kumordzi has some knowledge of Swedish football having spent the 2005 and 2006 seasons with IFK Nörrköping.
- Helsingborg's English coach Stuart Baxter led AIK Solna as they earned a 1-0 aggregate victory against another Greek side, AEK Athens FC, in the 1999/00 UEFA Champions League third qualifying round.
- Star Helsingborg striker Henrik Larsson has only taken part in one previous game against a Greek side, playing for FC Barcelona in a 0-0 draw at Panathinaikos FC in the 2005/06 UEFA Champions League group stage.
- Greek and Swedish sides meet in another UEFA Cup game on 25 October as AEK Athens FC visit IF Elfsborg in Group C.
- Helsingborg have won their last five European home games since losing 3-1 to Ipswich Town FC in the second round of the 2001/02 UEFA Cup. In those five games, they have scored 17 goals and conceded just one.
- A 2-0 win at FC Sochaux-Montbéliard in the first round ended a run of four straight European away defeats for Panionios.

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- Panionios have played 27 European games to date but have never drawn in UEFA club competition, winning 12 matches and losing 15.
- Panionios are one of five Greek clubs in the group stage along with AEK, Aris Thessaloniki FC, Larissa FC and Panathinaikos FC.
- FC Girondins de Bordeaux are at home against Galatasaray SK in today's other Group H game.

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Squad list

Helsingborg

No	Player	Nat.	DoB	Age	BL	Current season						All-time			
						UIC		UCL		UCUP		UCUP		UEFA	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers															
1	Daniel Andersson	SWE	18.12.1972	34	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	6	-	17	-
22	Oscar Berglund	SWE	13.04.1984	23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
30	Pär Hansson	SWE	22.06.1986	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders															
3	Adama Tamboura	MLI	18.05.1985	22	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	-	5	-
4	Andreas Landgren	SWE	17.03.1989	18	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	2	-
18	Samir Beloufa	FRA	27.08.1979	28	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	2	-
21	Christoffer Andersson	SWE	22.10.1978	29	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	10	-	33	3
23	Erik Wahlstedt	SWE	16.04.1976	31	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	8	-	40	3
25	Oscar Rönningberg	SWE	02.04.1986	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
33	Marcus Nilsson	SWE	26.02.1988	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Midfielders															
2	Isaac Chansa	ZAM	23.03.1984	23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
5	Andreas Jakobsson	SWE	06.10.1972	35	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	18	2	35	5
8	Fredrik Svanbäck	FIN	12.05.1979	28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1
9	Andreas Dahl	SWE	06.06.1984	23	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	2	1	9	3
10	Marcus Lantz	SWE	23.10.1975	32	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	12	1	25	1
13	Ólafur Ingi Skúlason	ISL	01.04.1983	24	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	3	-	10	-
14	Leandro Castan	BRA	05.11.1986	20	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	-	2	-
16	René Makondele	CGO	20.04.1982	25	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	4	1	10	2
19	Martin Kolář	CZE	18.09.1983	24	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	4	-	9	-
32	Mathias Unkari	SWE	16.01.1988	19	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	-	4	1
Forwards															
11	Razak Omotoyossi	BEN	08.10.1985	22	*	-	-	-	-	2	3	2	3	10	6
15	Olivier Karekezi	RWA	25.05.1983	24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
17	Henrik Larsson	SWE	20.09.1971	36	-	-	-	-	-	2	3	39	28	98	53
20	Fredrik Olsson	SWE	04.02.1985	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
29	Patrick Aström	SWE	28.08.1987	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Coach															
-	Stuart Baxter	SWE	16.08.1953	54	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	4	-	20	-

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Panionios GSS

No	Player	Nat.	DoB	Age	BL	Current season						All-time			
						UIC		UCL		UCUP		UCUP		UEFA	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers															
1	Miroslav König	SVK	01.06.1972	35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	23	-
12	Charalampos Tambasis	GRE	10.05.1986	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
22	Dario Kresic	CRO	11.01.1984	23	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	-	2	-
Defenders															
2	Ioannis Maniatis	GRE	12.10.1986	21	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	-	2	-
3	Jozef Gaspar	SVK	23.08.1977	30	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	2	-
4	Sékou Berthé	MLI	07.10.1977	30	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	9	1
5	Marcello Pletsch	GER	13.05.1976	31	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	-	2	-
13	Evangelos Koutsopoulos	GRE	02.02.1980	27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	1	9	1
14	Grigorios Makos	GRE	18.01.1987	20	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	6	-	6	-
21	Nikos Spiropoulos	GRE	10.10.1983	24	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	7	-	7	-
25	Ioannis Kontoes	GRE	24.05.1986	21	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-
26	Lazaros Bourelakos	GRE	02.07.1987	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
30	Spyros Gitsalis	GRE	17.05.1989	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Midfielders															
7	Manolis Scoufalís	GRE	21.08.1978	29	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-
8	Konstantinos Kapetanós	GRE	27.10.1984	22	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	2	-
10	Lourenço	POR	05.06.1983	24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	1	7	1
11	Christos Aravidis	GRE	13.03.1987	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15	Bennard Kumordzi	GHA	21.03.1985	22	*	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	-	2	-
16	Ribeiro Wagner	BRA	14.11.1987	19	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-
17	Ioannis Kondis	ALB	04.01.1989	18	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-
19	Ivica Majstorovic	GER	20.09.1981	26	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	-	2	-
20	Fanourios Goundoulakis	GRE	13.07.1983	24	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	7	-	8	-
23	Dario Fernandez	ARG	24.09.1978	29	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	2	1	2	1
27	Themis Gousoulis	GRE	29.12.1984	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
28	Marios Nikolaou	CYP	04.10.1983	24	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	2	-
Forwards															
9	Rafik Djebbour	FRA	08.03.1984	23	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	2	1	2	1
18	Michael Delura	GER	01.07.1985	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	5	-
24	Kyriakos Pavlou	CYP	04.09.1986	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Coach															
-	Ewald Lienen	GER	28.11.1953	53	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	-	4	-

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Match officials

Referee	Edo Trivković (CRO)
Assistant referees	Željko Grgec (CRO), Robertino Dujela (CRO)
Fourth official	Ivo Krecak (CRO)
UEFA Delegate	Dennis Cruise (IRL)
UEFA Referee observer	Neale Barry (ENG)

Referee

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

Date	Comp.	Stage		Res.	Venue
06.11.2003	UCUP	R2	PAOK FC - Debreceni VSC	1-1	Thessalonika

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

Date	Comp.	Stage		Res.	Venue
25.03.1998	U18	IR	Greece - Republic of Ireland	0-1	
05.11.1998	U18	PR	Greece - Luxembourg	7-0	Perivolia

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Domestic information

Helsingborgs IF (Allsvenskan)

Comp.	Date	Opponent	Res.	Goalscorers
League	09/04/07	Halmstads BK (A)	1-2	Omotoyossi 48
League	16/04/07	Gefle IF (H)	3-1	Jakobsson 54, Omotoyossi 63, Larsson 89
League	21/04/07	Djurgårdens IF FF (A)	1-3	Jakobsson 7
League	01/05/07	IF Elfsborg (H)	0-1	
League	05/05/07	AIK Solna (A)	1-0	Omotoyossi 48
League	15/05/07	Malmö FF (H)	0-1	
Cup	17/05/07	Utsiktens BK (A)	4-0	Stefanidis 26, 38, 43, Khalili 69
League	22/05/07	(A)	1-1	Mariga 65
League	28/05/07	Örebro SK (H)	4-1	Karekesi 42, Larsson 57, Stefanidis 72, Omotoyossi 90
League	12/06/07	Kalmar FF (A)	0-2	
League	18/06/07	GAIS Göteborg (H)	1-1	Stefanidis 64
League	25/06/07	Trelleborgs FF (A)	3-2	Omotoyossi 11, Dahl 17, Jakobsson 90
Cup	28/06/07	Landskrona BoIS (H)	1-2	Stefanidis 45
League	04/07/07	Hammarby (H)	4-2	Beloufa 38, Omotoyossi 50, Larsson 56, Mariga 90
League	10/07/07	IFK Göteborg (A)	0-0	
League	15/07/07	IFK Göteborg (H)	2-2	Omotoyossi 53, 80
League	23/07/07	AIK Solna (H)	2-3	Larsson 19(pen), Jakobsson 90
League	07/08/07	Malmö FF (A)	1-1	Omotoyossi 54
League	12/08/07	GAIS Göteborg (A)	3-0	Landgren 4, Omotoyossi 34, Karekesi 90
League	19/08/07	Kalmar FF (H)	5-0	Svanbäck 15, Dahl 21, Larsson 24, 76, Omotoyossi 35
League	25/08/07	IF Elfsborg (A)	0-0	
League	03/09/07	Djurgårdens IF FF (H)	1-4	Makondele 79
League	16/09/07	(H)	1-1	Svanbäck 17
League	24/09/07	Örebro SK (A)	3-4	Omotoyossi 9, Larsson 15, 89
League	30/09/07	Trelleborgs FF (H)	1-1	Dahl 52
League	08/10/07	Hammarby (A)	2-0	Omotoyossi 45, 77
League	21/10/07	Gefle IF (A)	0-4	
League	28/10/07	Halmstads BK (H)		

Pos.	Clubs	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1	IFK Göteborg	25	13	7	5	43	23	46
2	Djurgårdens IF FF	25	13	7	5	39	23	46
3	Kalmar FF	25	14	3	8	41	32	45
4	AIK Solna	25	10	8	7	30	25	38
5	IF Elfsborg	25	9	10	6	37	29	37
6	Halmstads BK	25	9	9	7	33	32	36
7	Malmö FF	25	9	7	9	28	26	34
8	Hammarby	25	10	3	12	31	31	33
9	Helsingborgs IF	25	8	8	9	40	37	32
10	Gefle IF	25	8	7	10	27	29	31
11	GAIS Göteborg	25	7	8	10	24	33	29
12	Örebro SK	25	6	7	12	27	43	25
13	Trelleborgs FF	25	5	8	12	22	36	23
14	Brommapojkarna	25	4	8	13	20	43	20

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Domestic information

Panionios GSS (Ethniki Kategoria)

Comp.	Date	Opponent	Res.	Goalscorers
League	01/09/07	Aris Thessaloniki FC (A)	0-0	
League	23/09/07	Levadiakos FC (H)	2-0	Djebbour 5, 13
League	30/09/07	Apollon Kalamarias FC (A)	2-0	Pletsch 50, Djebbour 79(pen)
League	07/10/07	AEK Athens FC (H)	0-3	
League	20/10/07	Olympiacos CFP (A)	1-4	Djebbour 54(pen)
League	28/10/07	Larissa FC (H)		
League	03/11/07	Ergotelis FC (A)		
League	11/11/07	Skoda Xanthi FC (H)		
League	25/11/07	PAOK FC (A)		
League	02/12/07	Panathinaikos FC (H)		
League	09/12/07	GAS Veria (A)		
League	16/12/07	OFI Crete FC (H)		
League	23/12/07	Atromitos FC (A)		
League	06/01/08	Aris Thessaloniki FC (H)		
League	13/01/08	Levadiakos FC (A)		
League	20/01/08	Apollon Kalamarias FC (H)		
League	27/01/08	AEK Athens FC (A)		
League	03/02/08	Olympiacos CFP (H)		
League	10/02/08	Larissa FC (A)		
League	17/02/08	Ergotelis FC (H)		
League	24/02/08	Skoda Xanthi FC (A)		
League	02/03/08	PAOK FC (H)		
League	09/03/08	Iraklis FC (A)		
League	16/03/08	Asteras Tripolis FC (H)		
League	23/03/08	Panathinaikos FC (A)		

Pos.	Clubs	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1	AEK Athens FC	5	5	0	0	11	0	15
2	Olympiacos CFP	5	3	2	0	12	4	11
3	Panathinaikos FC	5	3	1	1	7	1	10
4	Atromitos FC	5	3	1	1	6	4	10
5	Aris Thessaloniki FC	5	2	3	0	5	2	9
6	Skoda Xanthi FC	5	2	1	2	5	4	7
7	Asteras Tripolis FC	5	2	1	2	4	3	7
8	Panionios GSS	5	2	1	2	5	7	7
9	OFI Crete FC	5	2	1	2	11	14	7
10	Larissa FC	5	1	2	2	5	7	5
11	PAOK FC	5	1	1	3	6	8	4
12	Apollon Kalamarias FC	5	1	1	3	4	7	4
13	Levadiakos FC	5	1	1	3	6	12	4
14	GAS Veria	5	0	3	2	3	6	3
15	Iraklis FC	5	0	3	2	2	6	3
16	Ergotelis FC	5	1	0	4	3	10	3

Competition facts

• **UEFA Cup** : All-time records

Most final wins: by club

3 FC Internazionale Milano
3 Juventus
3 Liverpool FC
2 Feyenoord
2 IFK Göteborg
2 Parma FC
2 Real Madrid CF
2 Sevilla FC
2 Tottenham Hotspur FC
2 VfL Borussia Mönchengladbach

Most final wins: by player

3 Ray Clemence (Liverpool FC - 1972/73, 1975/76, Tottenham Hotspur FC - 1983/84)
3 Giuseppe Bergomi (FC Internazionale Milano - 1990/91, 1993/94, 1997/98)
3 Nicola Berti (FC Internazionale Milano - 1990/91, 1993/94, 1997/98)

Most final wins: by country

9 Italy
6 England
6 Germany
5 Spain
4 Netherlands
2 Sweden
1 Belgium
1 Portugal
1 Russia
1 Turkey

Most appearances: by player

96 Giuseppe Bergomi (FC Internazionale Milano)

Most goals: by player

29 Dieter Müller (1. FC Köln, VfB Stuttgart, FC Girondins de Bordeaux)

Most goals (in one season): by player

15 Jürgen Klinsmann (FC Bayern München, 1995/96)
14 John Wark (Ipswich Town FC, 1981/82)
12 Derlei (FC Porto, 2002/03)

Team facts

Helsingborgs IF

UEFA club competition milestones

• Playing in their eighth season in European competition, Helsingborg's most high-profile achievement on the continental stage was reaching the first group stage of the 2000/01 UEFA Champions League. However, they failed to progress to the next stage.

UEFA Cup milestones

• This is Helsingborg's fifth UEFA Cup campaign. Their best previous foray into the competition saw them reach the third round of the 1996/97 UEFA Cup, where they were edged out 1-0 on aggregate by RSC Anderlecht.

UEFA club competition honours

• None

Ten-year record

2006/07: Did not compete in UEFA club competition
2005/06: Did not compete in UEFA club competition
2004/05: Did not compete in UEFA club competition
2003/04: Did not compete in UEFA club competition
2002/03: UEFA Intertoto Cup - second round
2001/02: UEFA Cup - second round
2000/01: UEFA Champions League - first group stage
1999/00: UEFA Cup - second round
1998/99: UEFA Cup Winners' Cup - first round
1997/98: UEFA Cup - second qualifying round

2006/07 season

Domestic record: Helsingborg finished fourth in the Swedish league in 2006 but earned a place in the UEFA Cup as Swedish Cup winners, beating Gefle IF 2-0 in the final in Stockholm.

European record: N/A

Key facts

UEFA club competition

• Pld: 46 W: 17 D: 18 L: 11 GF: 65 GA: 45

UEFA Cup

• Pld: 28 W: 10 D: 12 L: 6 GF: 47 GA: 26

Records

UEFA club competition

• Biggest win

6-0: Helsingborgs IF v JK Trans Narva
19.07.2007, UEFA Cup first qualifying round first leg

• Biggest home win

6-0: Helsingborgs IF v JK Trans Narva (see above for details)

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- Biggest away win

0-3: JK Trans Narva v Helsingborgs IF

02.08.2007, UEFA Cup first qualifying round second leg

0-3: FC BATE Borisov v Helsingborgs IF

02.08.2000, UEFA Champions League second qualifying round second leg

0-3: FC Dinamo-93 Minsk v Helsingborgs IF

20.08.1996, UEFA Cup qualifying round second leg

- Heaviest defeat

6-1: Rosenborg BK v Helsingborgs IF

26.09.2000, UEFA Champions League first group stage

- Heaviest home defeat

1-3: Helsingborgs IF v Ipswich Town FC

01.11.2001, UEFA Cup second round second leg

1-3: Helsingborgs IF v FC Bayern München

13.09.2000, UEFA Champions League first group stage

1-3: Helsingborgs IF v Parma AC

04.11.1999, UEFA Cup second round second leg

- Heaviest away defeat

6-1: Rosenborg BK v Helsingborgs IF (see above for details)

UEFA Cup

- Biggest win

6-0: Helsingborgs IF v JK Trans Narva (see above for details)

- Biggest home win

6-0: Helsingborgs IF v JK Trans Narva (see above for details)

- Biggest away win

0-3: JK Trans Narva v Helsingborgs IF (see above for details)

0-3: FC Dinamo-93 Minsk v Helsingborgs IF (see above for details)

- Heaviest defeat

5-3: SC Heerenveen v Helsingborgs IF

20.09.2007, UEFA Cup first round first leg

1-3: Helsingborgs IF v Ipswich Town FC (see above for details)

1-3: Helsingborgs IF v Parma AC (see above for details)

- Heaviest home defeat

1-3: Helsingborgs IF v Ipswich Town FC (see above for details)

1-3: Helsingborgs IF v Parma AC (see above for details)

- Heaviest away defeat

5-3: SC Heerenveen v Helsingborgs IF (see above for details)

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UEFA club competition milestones

• Panionios's greatest European feat to date saw them reach the quarter-finals of the final UEFA Cup Winners' Cup competition in 1998/99, losing 7-0 on aggregate to eventual winners S.S. Lazio.

UEFA Cup milestones

• Panionios are competing in their fourth UEFA Cup, having been involved in the first edition in 1971/72. They reached the group stage in 2004/05, but lost all but one of their games and finished second from bottom in Group D.

UEFA club competition honours

• None

Ten-year record

2006/07: Did not compete in UEFA club competition

2005/06: Did not compete in UEFA club competition

2004/05: UEFA Cup – group stage

2003/04: UEFA Cup – second round

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

1998/99: UEFA Cup Winners' Cup – quarter-finals

1997/98: Did not compete in UEFA club competition

2006/07 season

Domestic record: Panionios finished fifth in Greece to earn a UEFA Cup first round berth. They reached the last 16 of the Greek Cup but were knocked out by Xanthi FC.

European record: N/A

Key facts

UEFA club competition

• Pld: 27 W: 12 D: 0 L: 15 GF: 32 GA: 46

UEFA Cup

• Pld: 17 W: 6 D: 0 L: 11 GF: 17 GA: 31

Records

UEFA club competition

• Biggest win

4-0: Panionios GSS v FC Twente

19.09.1979, UEFA Cup Winners' Cup first round first leg

• Biggest home win

4-0: Panionios GSS v FC Twente (see above for details)

• Biggest away win

0-2: FC Sochaux-Montbéliard v Panionios GSS

20.09.2007, UEFA Cup first round first leg

1-3: FC Haka v Panionios GSS

01.10.1998, UEFA Cup Winners' Cup first round second leg

• Heaviest defeat

6-0: Ferencvárosi TC v Panionios GSS

21.10.1971, UEFA Cup second round first leg

• Heaviest home defeat

0-4: Panionios GSS v S.S. Lazio

04.03.1999, UEFA Cup Winners' Cup quarter-final first leg

- Heaviest away defeat

6-0: Ferencvárosi TC v Panionios GSS (see above for details)

UEFA Cup

- Biggest win

5-2: Panionios GSS v FC Dinamo Tbilisi

01.12.2004, UEFA Cup group stage

- Biggest home win

3-1: Panionios GSS v FC Dinamo Tbilisi (see above for details)

- Biggest away win

0-2: FC Sochaux-Montbéliard v Panionios GSS (see above for details)

- Heaviest defeat

6-0: Ferencvárosi TC v Panionios GSS (see above for details)

- Heaviest home defeat

0-3: Panionios GSS v FC Barcelona

06.11.2003, UEFA Cup second round first leg

- Heaviest away defeat

6-0: Ferencvárosi TC v Panionios GS (see above for details)

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Competition information

The UEFA Cup grew out of the Inter-Cities Fairs Cup and was first held in 1971/72. The UEFA Cup is open to the holders, the teams finishing in leading positions behind the champions in their domestic top flights, the winners of national cup competitions, the winners of the League Cup in certain countries, the eleven winners of the final matches in the UEFA Intertoto Cup, three clubs from UEFA's Fair Play League and 16 clubs eliminated from the third qualifying round of the UEFA Champions League. The eight third-placed clubs at the end of the UEFA Champions League group stage drop into the UEFA Cup, in time for the tournament's knockout phase.

• **Format:** If two or more teams are equal on points on completion of all the group matches, the following criteria will be applied to determine the rankings:

- superior goal difference from all group matches played;
- higher number of goals scored;
- higher number of goals scored away;
- higher number of wins;
- higher number of away wins;
- higher number of coefficient points accumulated by the club in question, as well as its association, over the previous five seasons

• **Locally-trained players rule:** In February 2005, UEFA announced that the 'A' list that teams submit for UEFA club competitions will continue to be limited to 25 players, and from 2007/08, at least six places on this list will be reserved for players trained by the club's own football academy of which half can be players trained by other clubs from within the same association of the said club.

The 'B' list will also continue to exist - involving an unlimited number of Under-21 players who have been at the club for two seasons. In 2006/07 the number of locally-trained players required began at four but the current six will rise to eight in 2008/09, with up to half of each figure allowed to be association trained.

A club-trained player is defined as a player who has been registered for a minimum of three seasons with the club between the age of 15 and 21, whereas an association-trained player is one who has been registered for at least three seasons by the club or by other clubs affiliated to the same association between the age of 15 and 21.

UEFA is concerned some clubs are not training enough of their own players, but simply taking them from elsewhere. The proposed measures have the objective of creating a better balance in domestic competitions, preventing clubs from simply 'hoarding' players in squads and creating a system whereby locally-trained players would be given a greater opportunity to play regularly in club sides - ensuring a large reservoir of talent for national teams as a consequence.

• **Competition format:** Two qualifying rounds produce a first round of 80 teams who play over two legs to find the 40 clubs that make up the group stage. This phase comprises eight groups of five, with each side playing four games, two at home and two away. The winners, runners-up and third-placed teams from each section advance to the last 32 where they are joined by the eight third-placed clubs from the UEFA Champions League. Here, the traditional two-match knockout format resumes, until the final. The dates for the games are as follows: the Round of 32 takes place on 13/14 and 21 February; Round of 16 on 6 and 12/13 March; quarter-finals on 3 and 10 April; semi-finals on 24 April and 1 May. The 2007/08 UEFA Cup final will be held at the City of Manchester Stadium on 14 May.

• **Player registration:** UEFA regulations state that for all UEFA Cup matches from the start of the Round of 32, a club may register a maximum of three new eligible players within their squad of 25 for the remaining matches in the current competition. Such registration must be completed by 1 February at the latest. One player from the above quota of three who has played UEFA club competition matches for another competing club in the current season may exceptionally be registered, provided that the player has not been fielded by another club in the UEFA Cup this season.

Helsingborgs IF - Panionios GSS

Thursday 25 October 2007 - 18.00 CET (18.00 local time)

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Olympia, Helsingborg

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Legend

:: Competitions

Club competitions

ECCLC: European Champions Clubs' Cup/UEFA Champions League

UCUP: UEFA Cup • **UCWC**: UEFA Cup Winners' Cup

SCUP: UEFA Super Cup • **UIC**: UEFA Intertoto Cup

National team competitions

EURO: UEFA European Football Championship • **U21**: UEFA European Under-21 Championship

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

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

U21: UEFA European Under-21 Championship

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

:: Competition stages

F: Final

GS: Group stage

GS1: First group stage

GS2: Second group stage

KO1: First knockout round

PR: Preliminary round

QF: Quarter-finals

QR: Qualifying round

QR1: First qualifying round

QR2: Second qualifying round

FT: Final tournament

QR3: Third qualifying round

R1: First round

R2: Second round

R3: Third round

R4: Fourth round

SF: Semi-finals

1/8: Eighth-finals

1/16: Sixteenth-finals

1st: first leg

2nd: second leg

P-O: Play-off

:: Other Abbreviations

AP: Appearances

Comp.: Competition

D: Drawn

DoB: Date of birth

GA: Goals against

GF: Goals for

L: Lost

Nat.: Nationality

N/a: Not Applicable

No: Number

Pld: Matches played

Pos.: Position

Pts: Points

R: Sent off (red card)

Res.: Result

W: Won

Y: Booked

Y/R: Sent off (yellow card then direct red)

:: Statistics

(-) : Denotes player substituted

(*) : Denotes player dismissed/sent off

(+) : Denotes player introduced

(+/-) : Denotes player introduced and substituted