

Chelsea FC - Juventus

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Match background

Two teams with outstanding UEFA Champions League home records come face to face in the first knockout round in a contest that brings Juventus coach Claudio Ranieri back to Chelsea FC, the club he managed for four years from 2000.

- Ranieri guided the London club to their first semi-final in the competition in 2003/04, his final season at Stamford Bridge, losing 5-3 on aggregate to AS Monaco FC, and Chelsea then reached the last four three times in the next four seasons. However, only once did they emerge to take their place in the final and even that ended in disappointment, with a penalty shoot-out defeat by Manchester United FC in last season's showpiece in Moscow.
- In this campaign Chelsea have extended their unbeaten home run in the UEFA Champions League to 15 matches, winning twelve and drawing three since a 2-1 home defeat by FC Barcelona in February 2006. Chelsea won all three Stamford Bridge games in Group A, beating FC Girondins de Bordeaux (4-0), AS Roma (1-0) and, finally, CFR 1907 Cluj (2-1) to book their qualifying place as runners-up on eleven points, one behind Roma. Away, Chelsea fared less well with two draws and a 3-1 defeat in Rome.
- These teams have never met before in UEFA club competition. The last three Italian sides to meet Chelsea have all come from Rome with two meetings with S.S. Lazio. In the 2003/04 UEFA Champions League group stage the Blues won 2-1 at home and 4-0 away. On their debut in the competition, in 1999/00, they faced Lazio in the second group stage when a 0-0 draw in the Stadio Olimpico was followed by a 2-1 home defeat.
- There was also an Italian obstacle for Chelsea in the first group stage that season, the games with AC Milan ending 0-0 in London and 1-1 in Italy. Chelsea's first fixture against Serie A opponents came in the 1997/98 UEFA Cup Winners' Cup semi-final when they were paired with Vicenza Calcio, a 3-1 home win wiping out a 1-0 defeat in the away leg.
- Juventus' return to Europe after an absence of two seasons has been a successful one so far as they eased past the challenge of Real Madrid CF to finish top of Group H. Both teams had 12 points, Juve taking first place thanks to two victories against the Spanish giants. Away from Turin, Juventus drew with FC BATE Borisov and FC Zenit St. Petersburg and at home they dropped just two points, thanks to another draw with BATE.



- Juve will be hoping to improve on their record away from home in the UEFA Champions League knockout rounds because they have met defeat in all the last six. Their last away win outside the group stage came on 22 April 2003 and a 2-1 extra-time success at FC Barcelona in the quarter-final second leg. It gave Marcello Lippi's men a 3-2 aggregate victory en route to the final at Old Trafford, home of Manchester United. There they were unable to add to their 1996 title triumph, losing to Serie A rivals Milan on penalties.
- The Bianconeri can blame English sides for their last two departures from the UEFA Champions League, both at the quarter-final stage. They lost 2-0 on aggregate to Arsenal in 2005/06 having gone down 2-1 overall to Liverpool FC the previous season. Juve have lost on their last five appearances in England against local clubs and have only been successful in two of the 16 away contests, winning 2-1 against Aston Villa FC in the 1982/83 European Champion Clubs' Cup quarter-final and 1-0 away to Manchester United in the 1996/97 group stage. In their 16 visits to play English top-flight sides their record is W2 D4 L10.
- In eleven knockout meetings with English sides on a home-and-away basis, the Turin outfit have prevailed on aggregate five times. Juventus did twice beat Liverpool in one-off games, though, the 1985 European Cup final (1-0) and the 1984 UEFA Super Cup (2-0).
- Juve midfielder Tiago spent a season with Chelsea in 2004/05 and played 34 league games as the London club lifted the English championship for the first time since 1955.
- Mohamed Sissoko was an unused substitute for Liverpool at Stamford Bridge in the first leg of the 2006/07 semi-final. Chelsea won 1-0 but Liverpool prevailed on penalties after the Anfield game also ended 1-0 to the home side.
- Nicolas Anelka was a second-half substitute for France in the 2-0 Group C defeat by Italy in Zurich that ended Les Bleus' UEFA EURO 2008™ campaign. Florent Malouda was an unused substitute. On the opposite side were Gianluigi Buffon and Giorgio Chiellini while Alessandro Del Piero was on the bench.
- Malouda played for France in the 2006 FIFA World Cup final against an Italy side containing Buffon and Mauro Camoranesi. Del Piero, who scored one of Italy's goals in their triumphant penalty shoot-out, and Vincenzo Iaquinta appeared as second-half substitutes. David Trezeguet missed his penalty for France in the shoot-out, the only failure as Italy won 5-3. The Italian quartet also featured in their 2-0 semi-final victory against a Germany team which included Michael Ballack. Del Piero scored Italy's second goal in extra time in Dortmund.
- The second leg takes place at the Stadio Olimpico on 10 March.

Match facts

Chelsea

UEFA milestones

- Michael Ballack made his 75th appearance in the UEFA Champions League appearance on Matchday 6.
- Didier Drogba's next appearance in the competition will be his 50th.

UEFA Champions League statistics

- Petr Čech, José Bosingwa, John Terry, John Mikel Obi and Nicolas Anelka have played all six games in this season's competition, with Čech and Terry playing every minute.
- Frank Lampard has had 12 shots on goal so far, the joint highest total of the players remaining in the competition.

Disciplinary information

- Lampard is available again after serving a suspension on Matchday 6, though Terry's next booking will incur a ban.

Latest domestic information

• Saturday 21 February: Aston Villa FC 0-1 Chelsea FC (Anelka 19)

Guus Hiddink's first game in charge of Chelsea ended in victory, Anelka rounding off some inventive work from Lampard to give the London club their first win at Villa Park in ten visits. The hosts pushed for an equaliser, and Ashley Young hit the Chelsea crossbar with a first-half free-kick, but the visitors held on for their first Premier League victory in three matches.

- "It's a very good start in new circumstances and a new situation," said Hiddink, whose side had lost their two previous away league games. "What pleased me most was the first half; we played very good football, had good possession and were dangerous. The only thing we didn't do was score a second to kill the game."
- Anelka's goal was Chelsea's first first-half strike in the league since 26 December, and ended an eight-match Premier League scoring drought for the striker.
- Chelsea's record sequence of eleven successive away Premier League wins was ended with a goalless draw at Everton FC on 22 December. They failed to win in their next three attempts, drawing at west London rivals Fulham FC and losing at Manchester United FC and Liverpool FC.
- Chelsea's 3-0 loss at United on 11 January ended a run of 20 Premier League away matches without defeat, since going down 1-0 at Arsenal FC on 16 December 2007; 16 of those game finished in victory.
- Anelka, Bosingwa and Lampard are ever-present in the league this season, Bosingwa and Lampard starting all 26 matches.
- The west London club have registered 20 shutouts in their last 33 league fixtures.
- Since confirming their place in the last 16, Chelsea have endured mixed fortunes in the league, winning only three of their nine games and drawing four prior to the Villa match. There was better news for Chelsea in the FA Cup, however, where wins against Southend United FC (4-1 in a replay after a 1-1 draw), Ipswich Town FC and Watford FC (both 3-1) have set up a quarter-final at either Blackburn Rovers FC or Coventry City FC on 7/8 March.
- Michael Mancienne made his Chelsea debut against Watford on 14 February.
- At the other end of the scale, Lampard became only the tenth man to make 400 appearances for Chelsea against Stoke City FC on 17 January, and marked the occasion with a last-gasp winner.
- On 9 February Chelsea parted company with Luiz Felipe Scolari after 25 league matches at the helm, his assistant Ray Wilkins taking charge for the cup tie against Watford. On 11 February the club confirmed that Russia coach Hiddink will take over for the rest of the season.

UEFA Champions League squad list changes

• In:

Mineiro

Michael Mancienne (recalled from loan, Wolverhampton Wanderers FC)

• Out:

Wayne Bridge (Manchester City FC)

Carlo Cudicini (Tottenham Hotspur FC)

- Chelsea have signed Ricardo Quaresma on loan from FC Internazionale Milano for the rest of the season, although the Portuguese international is ineligible for the UEFA Champions League.

Injury news

- Michael Essien – out since 5 September (knee)
- Ricardo Carvalho – out 29 October to 28 December and since 24 January (hamstring)
- Joe Cole – out since 14 January (knee)
- Petr Čech – out 1-14 February (back)
- Joe Cole is not expected to play again this season after undergoing knee surgery. The England international ruptured an anterior cruciate ligament during Chelsea's FA Cup replay win at Southend.
- Essien returned to team training on 11 February having ruptured an anterior cruciate ligament playing for Ghana against Libya.

Miscellaneous

- Branislav Ivanović celebrated his 25th birthday on 22 February.
- On 11 February Salomon Kalou was named African Young Player of the Year by CAF.
- Chelsea have announced their financial results for the year ending 30 June 2008, with group turnover up 11.9 per cent to €240.5m from €215m in 2006/07.

Juventus

UEFA milestones

- Juventus's next goal in UEFA club competition will be their 600th.
- The Turin team's next European Champion Clubs' Cup defeat will be their 50th.
- Zdeněk Grygera's appearance against FC BATE Borisov on Matchday 6 was his 50th in UEFA club competition.

UEFA Champions League statistics

- Amauri is ever-present in the UEFA Champions League this season, featuring in all eight games including qualifying. Pavel Nedvěd and Alessandro Del Piero have also played all six matches in the competition proper.
- Juventus scored seven goals in the group stage, fewer than any other side in the first knockout round. Indeed, three eliminated teams scored more – Anorthosis Famagusta FC (8), Aalborg BK (9) and FC Shakhtar Donetsk (11) – while Werder Bremen also struck seven.
- The Turin team have conceded only three goals to date, the joint lowest total along with Manchester United FC.

Disciplinary information

- Mohamed Sissoko served a one-match ban against BATE on Matchday 6 having collected three yellow cards during the group stage. Amauri's next booking will incur a suspension.

Latest domestic information

• Saturday 21 February: US Città di Palermo 0-2 Juventus (Sissoko 27, Trezeguet 79)

Juventus claimed the points in Sicily but were forced to withstand some early pressure, with former Bianconeri striker Fabrizio Miccoli hitting the crossbar. A right-footed shot from Sissoko from inside the penalty area edged the visitors ahead, and David Trezeguet sealed the points eleven minutes from time when he received a pass from Amauri and fired in a left-footed shot via a deflection.

- Juve coach Claudio Ranieri said: "The first half was exceptional, with both teams playing at a high tempo. We could have killed the game off earlier in the second half, but I'm satisfied with my players because Palermo are a good side. Our defence played well but now we have a difficult test against Chelsea, who have great forwards and midfielders with a great eye for goal. We are facing a side who lost the UEFA Champions League [final] only because John Terry slipped when taking his penalty, but we are going there with plenty of confidence."
- Ranieri left Amauri and Del Piero on the substitutes' bench as Trezeguet partnered Vincenzo Iaquinta in attack. Tiago was preferred to Christian Poulsen in midfield.
- Trezeguet's strike was his 161st for the Bianconeri, making him the Turin club's fifth highest scorer of all time. His 160th had come against UC Sampdoria on 17 May, with knee problems restricting him to six appearances in all competitions since.
- Del Piero's effort against Calcio Catania on 14 January was his 254th goal in all competitions for Juventus, taking him 72 clear of second-placed Giampiero Boniperti on the Bianconeri's all-time goalscorer's list. The 34-year-old had brought up his 378th top-flight appearance against Genoa CFC on 13 November, overtaking Gaetano Scirea.
- Juventus followed up their Matchday 6 draw with BATE by winning four and drawing one of their next five league matches. However, back-to-back defeats by Udinese Calcio (2-1) and Cagliari Calcio (3-2) saw them lose ground on Serie A leaders FC Internazionale Milano. A 2-1 triumph at Catania brought a return to winning ways before Juve were held by Sampdoria.
- After overcoming Catania (3-0) and SSC Napoli (4-3 on penalties after a goalless draw), Juventus have won through to the Coppa Italia semi-finals where they will face S.S. Lazio on 3 March and 22 April.
- Six of Del Piero's seven goals in Serie A this term have come from dead-ball situations, the No10 scoring four free-kicks and two penalties. He also registered from free-kicks in the UEFA Champions League against Zenit and Madrid.
- Amauri is the only player to have featured in all 25 of the Bianconeri's Serie A matches this term.
- Nedvěd has registered four times this term, maintaining his record of finding the net in every campaign since his arrival in Italy in 1996.
- The Bianconeri have scored in each of their last 18 home games in Serie A. The last time they drew a blank was against Torino FC on 26 February 2008.

UEFA Champions League squad list changes

• **In:**

None

• **Out:**

None

Injury news

- Christian Poulsen – out 18 October to 11 January (thigh)
- Gianluigi Buffon – out 5 October to 14 January (back)
- David Trezeguet – out 17 September to 28 January (knees)
- Tiago – out 22 November to 8 February (left knee)
- Mauro Camoranesi – out 30 November to 8 February (collarbone)
- Jonathan Zebina – out since 20 August (achilles)
- Dario Knežević – out since 31 October (knee)
- Cristiano Zanetti – out since 31 January (thigh)
- Paolo De Ceglie – out since 4 February (broken rib)
- De Ceglie fractured a rib when he collided with Napoli's Walter Gargano.
- Knežević and Zebina are both recovering from operations. Knežević had exploratory surgery to remove a piece of cartilage from his left knee, while Zebina went under the knife to fix an achilles tendon problem affecting his left ankle.
- Jorge Andrade is not on Juve's UEFA Champions League list as on 12 July he suffered a recurrence of the knee injury that has kept him out since 23 September 2007.

Miscellaneous

- Poulsen celebrates his 29th birthday on 28 February.
- In November Juventus launched plans for a new 40,200-capacity stadium to replace the Stadio Olimpico from 2011/12.
- Claudio Marchisio and De Ceglie have both renewed terms with Juve, Marchisio tying himself to the club until 2014 and De Ceglie until 2013.
- Several Juventus players received awards from the Association of Italian Footballers at the annual Oscar del Calcio ceremony on 19 January. Del Piero was named Italian Player of the Year while Buffon, Giorgio Chiellini and Sebastian Giovinco were recognised as best goalkeeper, defender and young talent, respectively.

Squad list

Chelsea

No.	Player	Nat.	DoB	Age	BL	Current season						All-time			
						UCLQ		UCL		League		UCL		UEFA	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers															
1	Petr Čech	CZE	20.05.1982	26	-	-	-	6	-	23	-	53	-	57	-
30	Rhys Taylor	WAL	07.04.1990	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
40	Henrique Hilário	POR	21.10.1975	33	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	15	-	17	-
Defenders															
2	Branislav Ivanović	SRB	22.02.1984	25	-	-	-	1	-	9	-	1	-	17	3
3	Ashley Cole	ENG	20.12.1980	28	-	-	-	3	-	22	-	67	1	67	1
6	Ricardo Carvalho	POR	18.05.1978	30	-	-	-	2	-	10	1	61	3	71	3
17	José Bosingwa	POR	24.08.1982	26	-	-	-	6	-	26	2	45	-	58	-
19	Paulo Ferreira	POR	18.01.1979	30	-	-	-	2	-	7	-	39	-	52	-
26	John Terry	ENG	07.12.1980	28	*	-	-	6	2	23	-	56	6	64	8
33	Alex	BRA	17.06.1982	26	-	-	-	3	-	16	1	35	5	37	5
35	Juliano Belletti	BRA	20.06.1976	32	-	-	-	5	-	14	3	32	1	54	1
41	Sam Hutchinson	ENG	03.08.1989	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
42	Michael Mancienne	ENG	08.01.1988	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Midfielders															
5	Michael Essien	GHA	03.12.1982	26	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	46	7	46	7
8	Frank Lampard	ENG	20.06.1978	30	-	-	-	5	1	26	9	59	16	77	22
10	Joe Cole	ENG	08.11.1981	27	-	-	-	4	1	14	2	46	6	53	6
12	John Mikel Obi	NGA	22.04.1987	21	-	-	-	6	-	24	-	19	-	19	-
13	Michael Ballack	GER	26.09.1976	32	-	-	-	4	-	18	-	75	15	80	18
15	Florent Malouda	FRA	13.06.1980	28	-	-	-	5	1	20	2	52	7	52	7
20	Deco	POR	27.08.1977	31	-	-	-	4	-	22	3	71	13	98	18
27	Mineiro	BRA	02.08.1975	33	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Forwards															
9	Franco Di Santo	ARG	07.04.1989	19	-	-	-	2	-	5	-	2	-	2	-
11	Didier Drogba	CIV	11.03.1978	30	-	-	-	4	1	14	1	49	24	59	30
21	Salomon Kalou	CIV	05.08.1985	23	-	-	-	5	1	20	4	27	2	36	6
39	Nicolas Anelka	FRA	14.03.1979	29	-	-	-	6	2	26	15	41	10	65	18
43	Miroslav Stoch	SVK	19.10.1989	19	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-
Coach															
-	Guus Hiddink	NED	08.11.1946	62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	38	-	77	-

Juventus

No.	Player	Nat.	DoB	Age	BL	Current season						All-time			
						UCLQ		UCL		League		UCL		UEFA	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers															
1	Gianluigi Buffon	ITA	28.01.1978	31	-	2	-	1	-	10	-	51	-	85	-
12	Antonio Chimenti	ITA	30.06.1970	38	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	13	-
13	Alexander Manninger	AUT	04.06.1977	31	-	-	-	5	-	16	-	11	-	21	-
31	Timothy Nocchi	ITA	07.07.1990	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
42	Carlo Pinsoglio	ITA	16.03.1990	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders															
3	Giorgio Chiellini	ITA	14.08.1984	24	-	1	1	5	-	17	2	11	-	12	1
4	Olof Mellberg	SWE	03.09.1977	31	-	1	-	4	-	18	1	4	-	10	-
5	Jonathan Zebina	FRA	19.07.1978	30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	26	-	37	-
15	Dario Knežević	CRO	20.04.1982	26	-	-	-	1	-	3	-	1	-	6	-
21	Zdeněk Grygera	CZE	14.05.1980	28	-	2	-	5	-	21	1	30	-	50	1
28	Cristian Molinaro	ITA	30.07.1983	25	-	2	-	5	-	21	-	5	-	7	-
33	Nicola Legrottaglie	ITA	20.10.1976	32	-	2	1	5	-	18	1	8	-	13	1
37	Marco Duravia	ITA	14.10.1989	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
38	Salvatore D'Elia	ITA	10.02.1989	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
41	Lorenzo Ariauo	ITA	11.06.1989	19	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
Midfielders															
6	Cristiano Zanetti	ITA	10.04.1977	31	-	-	-	1	-	6	-	23	-	40	1
7	Hasan Salihamidžić	BIH	01.01.1977	32	-	1	-	2	-	5	-	87	9	102	11
11	Pavel Nedvěd	CZE	30.08.1972	36	-	1	-	6	-	23	4	73	15	117	29
16	Mauro Camoranesi	ITA	04.10.1976	32	-	2	1	3	-	11	1	38	2	40	3
18	Christian Poulsen	DEN	28.02.1980	28	-	2	-	1	-	12	1	14	1	70	2
19	Claudio Marchisio	ITA	19.01.1986	23	-	1	-	3	-	16	1	3	-	6	-
22	Mohamed Sissoko	MLI	22.01.1985	24	-	2	-	5	-	20	2	23	-	44	1
29	Paolo De Ceglie	ITA	17.09.1986	22	-	-	-	4	-	14	-	4	-	4	-
30	Tiago	POR	02.05.1981	27	-	-	-	1	-	10	-	28	4	36	7
32	Marco Marchionni	ITA	22.07.1980	28	-	-	-	4	-	21	1	4	-	22	4
35	Simone Esposito	ITA	24.05.1990	18	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
36	Luca Castiglia	ITA	17.03.1989	19	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
39	Luca Marrone	ITA	28.03.1990	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
40	Fausto Rossi	ITA	03.12.1990	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Forwards															
8	Amauri	BRA	03.06.1980	28	*	2	1	6	1	25	12	6	1	12	4
9	Vincenzo Iaquinta	ITA	21.11.1979	29	-	2	-	4	2	16	4	9	6	18	8
10	Alessandro Del Piero	ITA	09.11.1974	34	-	1	1	6	4	19	7	85	41	113	50
17	David Trezeguet	FRA	15.10.1977	31	-	1	-	1	-	3	1	52	28	67	35
20	Sebastian Giovinco	ITA	26.01.1987	22	-	1	-	3	-	12	1	3	-	5	-
Coach															
-	Claudio Ranieri	ITA	20.10.1951	57	-	2	-	6	-	-	-	24	-	68	-

Head coach

Chelsea FC: Guus Hiddink

Date of birth: 8 November 1946

Nationality: Dutch

Playing career: SC Varsseveld, De Graafschap, PSV Eindhoven, De Graafschap, NEC Nijmegen, Washington Diplomats, San Jose Earthquakes, De Graafschap

Coaching career: De Graafschap, PSV Eindhoven (assistant), PSV, Fenerbahçe SK, Valencia CF, Netherlands, Real Madrid CF, Real Betis Balompié, Korea Republic, PSV, Australia, Russia, Chelsea FC

The Russian press had dubbed Guus Hiddink a coaching wizard long before a magical sequence of results conspired to send his side to UEFA EURO 2008™. He further enhanced his reputation by guiding Russia to the last four in Austria/Switzerland, and oversaw a solid start to qualifying for the 2010 FIFA World Cup before agreeing, in February 2009, to also take charge of Chelsea FC until the end of the season.

Hired by Russia in April 2006 after winning another Dutch title with PSV Eindhoven and before taking unfancied Australia to the knockout stages of the World Cup, the Dutchman had previously steered the Netherlands and Korea Republic to World Cup semi-finals in 1998 and 2002 respectively. He returned to Eindhoven for 2002/03 and proved his Midas touch had not deserted him at club level either, winning the championship in his first term back at the PSV Stadion, adding a Dutch double in 2004/05 and running AC Milan all the way in an enthralling UEFA Champions League semi-final. The domestic crown was successfully defended in 2005/06, by which time Hiddink was also working with Australia, who he guided to the World Cup last 16 before a last-gasp penalty against Italy ended their hopes.

It was all a far cry from his undistinguished playing career, encompassing spells at SC Varsseveld, De Graafschap, PSV, NEC Nijmegen, Washington Diplomats and San Jose Earthquakes. As a coach, Hiddink joined the PSV setup under Jan Reker and Hans Kraay, taking sole charge in March 1987 and piloting the club to three Dutch titles and a defeat of SL Benfica in the 1988 European Champion Clubs' Cup final. Stints with some of Europe's leading teams – Fenerbahçe SK, Valencia CF, Real Madrid CF and Real Betis Balompié, with the Netherlands job in between – further enhanced his reputation before he accepted the Korean challenge in 2001.

Juventus: Claudio Ranieri

Date of birth: 20 October 1951

Nationality: Italian

Playing career: AS Roma, Catanzaro Calcio, Calcio Catania, US Città di Palermo

Coaching career: Cagliari Calcio, SSC Napoli, ACF Fiorentina, Valencia CF (twice), Club Atlético de Madrid, Chelsea FC, Parma FC, Juventus

After eight years in Spain and England, Claudio Ranieri returned to Italy in 2007, first helping Parma FC avoid relegation to Serie B and then leading Juventus back into the UEFA Champions League in the following campaign. Italy's most successful team had just returned to the top flight having been demoted for their part in the sporting fraud trial and, despite Juve's undoubted pedigree, few had predicted they would end their first season back in Serie A in third place.

As a footballer Ranieri was an uncompromising centre-back who started out in his native Rome, appearing only six times in Serie A with AS Roma before moving to Catanzaro Calcio, for whom he played in more than 200 matches between 1974 and 1982. He brought the curtain down on his playing career with spells at Calcio Catania and US Città di Palermo, hanging up his boots in 1986. After starting his coaching career in amateur football, he moved to Cagliari Calcio and led the Sardinian side from Serie C1 to Serie A between 1989 and 1990.

Ranieri then moved to SSC Napoli, helping the club to fourth place and introducing Gianfranco Zola to the first team. His next assignment was at ACF Fiorentina in Serie B, and he immediately led the side back to the top flight and to victories in the Coppa Italia and Italian Super Cup in 1996. The following year Ranieri accepted the post at Valencia CF and won the 1999 Copa del Rey before moving to Club Atlético de Madrid for a short and turbulent spell. He then succeeded Gianluca Vialli as Chelsea FC manager in 2000, finishing as runners-up in the Premier League and reaching the UEFA Champions League semi-finals before being replaced by José Mourinho in 2004. He returned to Valencia but lasted barely six months despite guiding the team to the UEFA Super Cup.

Match officials

Referee	Olegário Benquerença (POR)
Assistant referees	José Cardinal (POR), Bertino Miranda (POR)
Fourth official	Bruno Miguel Duarte Paixao (POR)
UEFA Delegate	Harry M. Been (NED)
UEFA Referee observer	Manuel López Fernández (ESP)

Referee

Name	Nat.	Date of birth	UCL	UEFA
Olegário Benquerença	POR	18.10.1969	10	28

Olegário Benquerença is carrying on the tradition of excellent Portuguese referees of recent years, a list including such leading lights as Vítor Manuel Melo Pereira.

Benquerença, an insurance broker based in Leiria, was born on 18 October 1969, and having made fine progress after officiating his first top-flight match – a 1-1 draw between Campomaiorense and Leça on 15 October 1995 – he won his FIFA international badge in 2001 at the tender refereeing age of 31. He earned his international stripes working in each of UEFA's youth competitions – U17s, U19s and U21s – before gaining further experience in the UEFA Cup and UEFA Champions League qualifying.

Benquerença's first taste of group stage action came in September 2005 as Udinese Calcio defeated Panathinaikos FC 3-0 and he was also in the middle for a FIFA World Cup qualifier involving Italy, the eventual winners, and Moldova in Lecce. Other highlights include the 2002 and 2008 Portuguese Cup finals, both won by Sporting Clube de Portugal and his first UEFA EURO 2008™ qualifier as Romania won 2-0 in Albania on 6 September. Benquerença, who lists music and cycling as his main hobbies, went on to take charge of two further qualifiers and was a fourth official at three matches in the final tournament in Austria and Switzerland.

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

Date	Comp.	Stage	Match	Res.	Venue
14.09.2005	UCL	GS	Udinese Calcio - Panathinaikos FC	3-0	Udine
31.10.2006	UCL	GS	AS Roma - Olympiacos CFP	1-1	Rome
05.12.2006	UCL	GS	Galatasaray AŞ - Liverpool FC	3-2	Istanbul
24.10.2007	UCL	GS	Werder Bremen - S.S. Lazio	2-1	Bremen
28.11.2007	UCL	GS	Rosenborg BK - Chelsea FC	0-4	Trondheim
30.09.2008	UCL	GS	Aalborg BK - Manchester United FC	0-3	Aalborg
21.10.2008	UCL	GS	FC Bayern München - ACF Fiorentina	3-0	Munich
26.11.2008	UCL	GS	Liverpool FC - Olympique de Marseille	1-0	Liverpool

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

Date	Comp.	Stage	Match	Res.	Venue
22.03.2001	U18	IR	England - Poland	0-1	London
27.09.2001		QR	Italy - Turkey	3-3	Kiev
27.01.2003		GS - FT	Mali - England	1-1	Ismailia
12.10.2005	WC	QR	Italy - Moldova	2-1	Lecce
30.11.2005	UCUP	GS	UC Sampdoria - Hertha BSC Berlin	0-0	Genoa
15.02.2006	UCUP	1/16	Bolton Wanderers FC - Olympique de Marseille	0-0	Bolton

Domestic information

Chelsea FC (Premier League)

Comp.	Date	Opponent	Res.	Goalscorers
League	17/08/08	Portsmouth FC (H)	4-0	J. Cole 12, Anelka 26, Lampard 45(pen), Deco 89
League	24/08/08	Wigan Athletic FC (A)	1-0	Deco 4
League	31/08/08	Tottenham Hotspur FC (H)	1-1	Belletti 28
League	13/09/08	Manchester City FC (A)	3-1	Carvalho 16, Lampard 53, Anelka 69
League	21/09/08	Manchester United FC (H)	1-1	Kalou 80
Cup	24/09/08	Portsmouth FC (A)	4-0	Lampard 36(pen), 49, Malouda 45, Kalou 64
League	27/09/08	Stoke City FC (A)	2-0	Bosingwa 36, Anelka 76
League	05/10/08	Aston Villa FC (H)	2-0	J. Cole 21, Anelka 44
League	18/10/08	Middlesbrough FC (A)	5-0	Kalou 14, Belletti 51, Own goal 53, Lampard 63, Malouda 67
League	26/10/08	Liverpool FC (H)	0-1	
League	29/10/08	Hull City AFC (A)	3-0	Lampard 3, Anelka 50, Malouda 75
League	01/11/08	Sunderland AFC (H)	5-0	Alex 27, Anelka 30, 45, 53, Lampard 51
League	09/11/08	Blackburn Rovers FC (A)	2-0	Anelka 40, 68
Cup	12/11/08	Burnley (H)	1-1	Drogba 27
League	15/11/08	West Bromwich Albion FC (A)	3-0	Bosingwa 34, Anelka 38, 45
League	22/11/08	Newcastle United FC (H)	0-0	
League	30/11/08	Arsenal FC (H)	1-2	Own goal 31
League	06/12/08	Bolton Wanderers FC (A)	2-0	Anelka 9, Deco 21
League	14/12/08	West Ham United FC (H)	1-1	Anelka 51
League	22/12/08	Everton FC (A)	0-0	
League	26/12/08	West Bromwich Albion FC (H)	2-0	Drogba 3, Lampard 45
League	28/12/08	Fulham FC (A)	2-2	Lampard 50, 72
Cup	03/01/09	Southend (H)	1-1	Kalou 31
League	11/01/09	Manchester United FC (A)	0-3	
Cup	14/01/09	Southend (A)	4-1	Ballack 45, Kalou 60, Anelka 78, Lampard 90
League	17/01/09	Stoke City FC (H)	2-1	Belletti 88, Lampard 90
Cup	24/01/09	Ipswich Town FC (H)	3-1	Ballack 16, 59, Lampard 85
League	28/01/09	Middlesbrough FC (H)	2-0	Kalou 58, 81
League	01/02/09	Liverpool FC (A)	0-2	
League	07/02/09	Hull City AFC (H)	0-0	
Lineups: Hilário, Bosingwa, Alex, Terry, A. Cole, Mikel Obi (Belletti 57), Quaresma (Drogba 63), Ballack (Deco 73), Lampard, Kalou, Anelka				
Cup	14/02/09	Watford FC (A)	3-1	Anelka 75, 77, 90
Lineups: Čech, Mancienne, Alex, Ivanović, A. Cole, Lampard, Ballack (Belletti 83), Mikel Obi (Stoch 73), Kalou, Anelka, Drogba				
League	21/02/09	Aston Villa FC (A)	1-0	Anelka 19
Lineups: Čech, Bosingwa, Alex, Terry, Ferreira, Mikel Obi, Ballack, Lampard, Kalou (Deco 55), Anelka, Drogba (Belletti 90)				
League	28/02/09	Wigan Athletic FC (H)		
League	03/03/09	Portsmouth FC (A)		
League	15/03/09	Manchester City FC (H)		
League	21/03/09	Tottenham Hotspur FC (A)		
League	04/04/09	Newcastle United FC (A)		
League	11/04/09	Bolton Wanderers FC (H)		
League	18/04/09	Everton FC (H)		
League	25/04/09	West Ham United FC (A)		
League	02/05/09	Fulham FC (H)		
League	09/05/09	Arsenal FC (A)		

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Comp.	Date	Opponent	Res.	Goalscorers
League	16/05/09	Blackburn Rovers FC (H)		
League	24/05/09	Sunderland AFC (A)		

Pos.	Clubs	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1	Manchester United FC	26	19	5	2	46	11	62
2	Liverpool FC	26	15	10	1	43	18	55
3	Chelsea FC	26	15	7	4	45	15	52
4	Aston Villa FC	26	15	6	5	40	25	51
5	Arsenal FC	26	12	9	5	38	25	45
6	Everton FC	26	11	8	7	34	28	41
7	Wigan Athletic FC	26	9	8	9	26	24	35
8	Fulham FC	25	8	9	8	24	22	33
9	West Ham United FC	26	9	6	11	32	34	33
10	Manchester City FC	26	9	5	12	43	35	32
11	Sunderland AFC	26	8	7	11	27	33	31
12	Bolton Wanderers FC	26	9	3	14	29	38	30
13	Hull City AFC	26	7	8	11	32	48	29
14	Tottenham Hotspur FC	26	7	7	12	28	32	28
15	Newcastle United FC	26	6	10	10	33	42	28
16	Portsmouth FC	26	7	7	12	29	43	28
17	Stoke City FC	26	6	7	13	23	42	25
18	Blackburn Rovers FC	25	5	8	12	28	42	23
19	Middlesbrough FC	26	5	8	13	18	36	23
20	West Bromwich Albion FC	26	6	4	16	24	49	22

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Juventus (Serie A)

Comp.	Date	Opponent	Res.	Goalscorers
League	31/08/08	ACF Fiorentina (A)	1-1	Nedvěd 38
League	14/09/08	Udinese Calcio (H)	1-0	Amauri 67
League	21/09/08	Cagliari Calcio (A)	1-0	Amauri 39
League	24/09/08	Calcio Catania (H)	1-1	Amauri 16
League	27/09/08	UC Sampdoria (A)	0-0	
League	05/10/08	US Città di Palermo (H)	1-2	Del Piero 39
League	18/10/08	SSC Napoli (A)	1-2	Amauri 61
League	25/10/08	Torino FC (H)	1-0	Amauri 48
League	29/10/08	Bologna FC (A)	2-1	Nedvěd 12, 57
League	01/11/08	AS Roma (H)	2-0	Del Piero 38, Marchionni 48
League	09/11/08	AC Chievo Verona (A)	2-0	Del Piero 40, Iaquineta 53
League	13/11/08	Genoa Cricket and Football Club (H)	4-1	Grygera 6, Amauri 26, Iaquineta 85, Own goal 90
League	22/11/08	FC Internazionale Milano (A)	0-1	
League	29/11/08	Reggina Calcio (H)	4-0	Camoranesi 28, Amauri 44, Chiellini 61, Del Piero 75
League	07/12/08	US Lecce (A)	2-1	Giovinco 56, Amauri 89
League	14/12/08	AC Milan (H)	4-2	Del Piero 15(pen), Chiellini 34, Amauri 41, 69
League	21/12/08	Atalanta BC (A)	3-1	Del Piero 31, Legrottaglie 38, Amauri 82
League	11/01/09	AC Siena (H)	1-0	Del Piero 34
Cup	14/01/09	Calcio Catania (H)	3-0	Marchionni 4, Giovinco 69, Del Piero 71
League	18/01/09	S.S. Lazio (A)	1-1	Mellberg 29
League	24/01/09	ACF Fiorentina (H)	1-0	Marchisio 21
League	28/01/09	Udinese Calcio (A)	1-2	Iaquineta 77(pen)
League	31/01/09	Cagliari Calcio (H)	2-3	Sissoko 31, Nedvěd 38
Cup	04/02/09	SSC Napoli (H)	0-0	
League	08/02/09	Calcio Catania (A)	2-1	Iaquineta 10, Poulsen 90
Lineups: Buffon, Mellberg, Grygera, Molinaro, Legrottaglie, Nedvěd, Camoranesi (Marchionni 50), Sissoko, Tiago (Poulsen 82), Amauri, Iaquineta				
League	15/02/09	UC Sampdoria (H)	1-1	Amauri 62
Lineups: Buffon, Mellberg, Grygera, Molinaro, Legrottaglie, Nedvěd, Camoranesi (Marchionni 68), Poulsen (Giovinco 45), Tiago (Marchisio 89), Amauri, Del Piero				
League	21/02/09	US Città di Palermo (A)	2-0	Sissoko 27, Trezeguet 79
Lineups: Buffon, Chiellini, Grygera, Molinaro, Legrottaglie, Nedvěd, Camoranesi (Marchionni 68), Sissoko (Poulsen 90), Tiago, Iaquineta (Amauri 71), Trezeguet				
League	28/02/09	SSC Napoli (H)		
League	07/03/09	Torino FC (A)		
League	14/03/09	Bologna FC (H)		
League	21/03/09	AS Roma (A)		
League	05/04/09	AC Chievo Verona (H)		
League	11/04/09	Genoa Cricket and Football Club (A)		
League	19/04/09	FC Internazionale Milano (H)		
League	26/04/09	Reggina Calcio (A)		
League	03/05/09	US Lecce (H)		
League	10/05/09	AC Milan (A)		
League	17/05/09	Atalanta BC (H)		
League	24/05/09	AC Siena (A)		
League	31/05/09	S.S. Lazio (H)		

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Pos.	Clubs	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1	FC Internazionale Milano	25	18	5	2	44	18	59
2	Juventus	25	15	5	5	41	21	50
3	AC Milan	25	14	6	5	42	25	48
4	ACF Fiorentina	25	14	3	8	37	24	45
5	Genoa Cricket and Football Club	25	12	8	5	36	25	44
6	AS Roma	25	13	4	8	37	31	43
7	Cagliari Calcio	25	11	4	10	32	27	37
8	Atalanta BC	25	11	3	11	31	27	36
9	US Città di Palermo	25	11	3	11	32	31	36
10	SSC Napoli	25	10	5	10	32	29	35
11	S.S. Lazio	25	10	5	10	35	37	35
12	Udinese Calcio	25	8	7	10	34	37	31
13	Calcio Catania	25	8	6	11	24	30	30
14	UC Sampdoria	25	7	8	10	24	29	29
15	AC Siena	25	7	6	12	19	26	27
16	Bologna FC	25	5	8	12	27	40	23
17	Torino FC	25	5	8	12	25	39	23
18	US Lecce	25	4	10	11	22	39	22
19	AC Chievo Verona	25	4	8	13	18	35	20
20	Reggina Calcio	25	3	8	14	20	43	17

UEFA information

Protecting football's values

UEFA President Michel Platini has made an impassioned plea for the safeguarding of football's essential values against a series of dangers threatening the game's fabric, in a speech to the European Parliament in Brussels. Mr Platini advocated the idea of financial fair play to guarantee, among other things, competitive balance in European competitions. He insisted that football should not be treated as an economic activity, and that sport's specific nature should be recognised. Furthermore, the UEFA President called, among other things, for a halt to the trafficking of young footballers, with a ban on the international transfer of footballers under the age of 18. "Football extends beyond borders, football irons out differences, and football unleashes passions," said Mr Platini. "Football, the sport that has brought me to where I am today and has given me the greatest emotions of my life, both positive and traumatic, is in danger ... the values that football represents are in danger."

UEFA priorities

UEFA has been highlighting its priority activities for 2009 in the wake of the latest meeting of the UEFA Executive Committee in Nyon, Switzerland: improving financial fair play in UEFA competitions; protecting young footballers; and progressing with preparations for UEFA EURO 2012™ in Poland and Ukraine. These three pillars will remain at the top of the European governing body's agenda over the coming months.

Fans first

Fans will come first at this season's UEFA Champions League final in Rome. European club football's showpiece occasion at the Stadio Olimpico in the Italian city on 27 May will see 50,000 tickets for the 67,000-capacity venue go to football fans, while free transport will be available for supporters holding match tickets for a three-day period. Tickets for the game will go on sale to the general public via uefa.com on 2 March.

Anti-racism conference

Raising awareness of racism and discrimination, and proposing positive and practical solutions for addressing these problems in the game and in society, are the main objectives of the forthcoming Unite Against Racism conference in Warsaw, Poland, on 3 and 4 March. The event is being staged by UEFA, the players' union FIFPro and the Football Against Racism in Europe (FARE) network, UEFA's long-standing partner in the campaign to banish intolerance and discrimination from football. The Polish Football Association is hosting the conference, to which 250 delegates have been invited from associations, leagues, clubs, players, non-governmental organisations, the media and the world of politics. "Tackling racism and discrimination is an important social priority for UEFA and a range of initiatives have already been undertaken to identify problems, encourage action and ensure the right sanctions are imposed," UEFA said. "UEFA now wants to create an opportunity to review progress and renew its call for action. In particular, UEFA wants to record positive developments and in view of UEFA EURO 2012™, look at the challenges facing the game in the east and what more the European football family can do."

Final venues

London's Wembley Stadium and the Fußball Arena München will hold the 2011 and 2012 UEFA Champions League finals, with Dublin's Lansdowne Road and Bucharest's National Stadium the venues for the 2011 and 2012 UEFA Europa League showcases. The UEFA Executive Committee decided on the host venues for the two major UEFA club competitions at its meeting in Nyon in January.

Trophy tour

Football fans in several African countries will have the chance to see the world-famous UEFA Champions League trophy when it goes on tour in February, March and April. The tour will give supporters in Nigeria, Algeria, Egypt and South Africa the opportunity to see and touch the coveted trophy which has been contested by the world's greatest players and teams for more than five decades. Celebrated players connected with the UEFA Champions League will accompany the Trophy Tour. Previous UEFA Champions League Trophy Tours have taken place in Asia and Latin America in 2007 and 2008 respectively, and were a huge success.

This year's African Tour dates are:

26-28 February: Lagos (Nigeria)

11-12 March: Algiers (Algeria)

26-28 March: Cairo (Egypt)

10-12 April: Cape Town (South Africa)

17-19 April: Johannesburg (South Africa)

Match-by-match lineups - Chelsea FC

Group Stage

Club	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
AS Roma	6	4	0	2	12	6	12
Chelsea FC	6	3	2	1	9	5	11
FC Girondins de Bordeaux	6	2	1	3	5	11	7
CFR 1907 Cluj	6	1	1	4	5	9	4

Date	Match	Result	Stadium/Venue
16.09.2008	Chelsea - Bordeaux	4-0	Stamford Bridge, London
Goals: 1-0 Lampard 14, 2-0 J. Cole 30, 3-0 Malouda 82, 4-0 Anelka 90+2			
Chelsea: Čech, A. Cole, Carvalho, Lampard, J. Cole (Belletti 74), Mikel Obi, Malouda (Kalou 84), Bosingwa, Deco (Ballack 61), Terry, Anelka			
01.10.2008	CFR Cluj - Chelsea	0-0	CFR, Cluj-Napoca
Goals: -			
Chelsea: Čech, Lampard, Drogba (Belletti 58), Mikel Obi, Ballack, Malouda (Di Santo 74), Bosingwa, Bridge, Kalou (Anelka 46), Terry, Alex			
22.10.2008	Chelsea - Roma	1-0	Stamford Bridge, London
Goals: 1-0 Terry 77			
Chelsea: Čech, Carvalho, Lampard, Mikel Obi, Malouda (Belletti 46), Bosingwa, Bridge, Deco, Kalou (Di Santo 77), Terry, Anelka (Ferreira 90+3)			
04.11.2008	Roma - Chelsea	3-1	Stadio Olimpico, Rome
Goals: 1-0 Panucci 34, 2-0 Vučinić 48, 3-0 Vučinić 58, 3-1 Terry 75			
Chelsea: Čech, Lampard, J. Cole (Belletti 46), Mikel Obi, Malouda (Drogba 46), Bosingwa (Kalou 63), Bridge, Deco, Terry, Alex, Anelka			
26.11.2008	Bordeaux - Chelsea	1-1	Stade Chaban-Delmas, Bordeaux
Goals: 0-1 Anelka 60, 1-1 Diarra 83			
Chelsea: Čech, Ivanović, A. Cole, Lampard, J. Cole (Ferreira 85), Mikel Obi, Ballack, Malouda, Bosingwa, Terry, Anelka (Drogba 63)			
09.12.2008	Chelsea - CFR Cluj	2-1	Stamford Bridge, London
Goals: 1-0 Kalou 40, 1-1 Y. Koné 55, 2-1 Drogba 71			
Chelsea: Čech, A. Cole, J. Cole (Belletti 74), Mikel Obi (Bridge 88), Ballack, Bosingwa, Deco, Kalou (Drogba 65), Terry, Alex, Anelka			

Match-by-match lineups - Juventus

Group Stage

Club	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Juventus	6	3	3	0	7	3	12
Real Madrid CF	6	4	0	2	9	5	12
FC Zenit St. Petersburg	6	1	2	3	4	7	5
FC BATE Borisov	6	0	3	3	3	8	3

Date	Match	Result	Stadium/Venue
17.09.2008	Juventus - Zenit	1-0	Stadio Olimpico, Turin
Goals: 1-0 Del Piero 76			
Juventus: Buffon, Chiellini, Del Piero, Nedvěd, Camoranesi (Salihamidžić 32), Trezeguet (Amauri 87), Poulsen, Grygera, Sissoko, Molinaro (De Ceglie 57), Legrottaglie			
30.09.2008	BATE - Juventus	2-2	Dinamo, Minsk
Goals: 1-0 Kryvets 17, 2-0 Stasevich 23, 2-1 Iaquinta 29, 2-2 Iaquinta 45+3			
Juventus: Manninger, Chiellini, Iaquinta (Amauri 81), Del Piero, Nedvěd, Camoranesi (Marchisio 46), Giovinco, Grygera, Sissoko, De Ceglie, Legrottaglie (Knežević 18)			
21.10.2008	Juventus - Real Madrid	2-1	Stadio Olimpico, Turin
Goals: 1-0 Del Piero 5, 2-0 Amauri 49, 2-1 Van Nistelrooy 66			
Juventus: Manninger, Chiellini, Amauri (Iaquinta 78), Del Piero, Nedvěd, Marchisio (Salihamidžić 37), Grygera, Sissoko, Molinaro, Marchionni, Legrottaglie (Mellberg 46)			
05.11.2008	Real Madrid - Juventus	0-2	Santiago Bernabéu Stadium, Madrid
Goals: 0-1 Del Piero 17, 0-2 Del Piero 67			
Juventus: Manninger, Chiellini, Mellberg, Amauri (Iaquinta 84), Del Piero (De Ceglie 90+3), Nedvěd, Sissoko, Molinaro, Tiago, Marchionni, Legrottaglie			
25.11.2008	Zenit - Juventus	0-0	Petrovsky, St Petersburg
Goals: -			
Juventus: Manninger, Chiellini, Mellberg, Iaquinta (Amauri 87), Del Piero (Giovinco 78), Nedvěd, Camoranesi (Marchionni 84), Marchisio, Grygera, Sissoko, Molinaro			
10.12.2008	Juventus - BATE	0-0	Stadio Olimpico, Turin
Goals: -			
Juventus: Manninger, Mellberg, Zanetti, Amauri (Del Piero 57), Nedvěd (Castiglia 90+2), Giovinco (Esposito 87), Grygera, Molinaro, De Ceglie, Marchionni, Legrottaglie			

Competition facts

UEFA Champions League knockout stage: Did you know?

- Teams have recovered from a first-leg deficit to go through to the next stage on 21 occasions, including Chelsea FC in the 2007/08 quarter-finals. The biggest losing margin a side has overturned was achieved by RC Deportivo La Coruña in the 2003/04 quarter-finals when they fought back from a 4-1 defeat at AC Milan to win 4-0 at home.
- Fifteen ties have been decided on the away goals rule, including five where the triumphant team lost the first leg.
- Manchester United FC hold the record for the biggest first-leg lead with a 4-0 home success against FC Porto in the 1996/97 quarter-finals, eventually going through by that margin after a goalless return.
- Nine ties have now gone to penalties. Five of these were finals – 1996, 2001, 2003, 2005 and 2008. The first two-legged tie decided on spot-kicks was PSV Eindhoven's 4-2 win against Olympique Lyonnais on 13 April 2005 after a 2-2 aggregate draw.
- In all, 16 ties have required extra time including, in 2007/08, Fenerbahçe SK's win against Sevilla FC, FC Schalke 04's triumph over Porto in the first knockout round and Manchester United's final victory against Chelsea, with all three ties eventually being settled on penalties. So far seven ties have been decided by extra time alone: four quarter-finals, two first knockout round encounters and last season's semi-final between Chelsea and Liverpool FC.
- Real Madrid CF have extended their record for knockout stage qualification in successive seasons. The 2008/09 campaign is the twelfth straight season since 1997/98 that they made it beyond the group stage, keeping them ahead of Manchester United, who appeared nine times in a row between 1996/97 and 2004/05. Overall, Real Madrid have now played in the knockout stage 13 times, one more than United and two more than FC Bayern München.
- The 2004/05 first knockout round encounter between Lyon and Werder Bremen featured more goals (12) over its two legs than any previous UEFA Champions League knockout tie as Lyon defeated Bremen 10-2.
- There has never been a knockout tie ending goalless after two legs. Nine have finished 1-0 on aggregate, most recently Manchester United's narrow victory against FC Barcelona in the 2007/08 semi-finals.
- Clarence Seedorf is the only player to win the European Champion Clubs' Cup with three clubs (AFC Ajax 1995, Madrid 1998, Milan 2003, 2007). Liverpool's Bob Paisley (1977, 1978, 1981) is the only coach to win three times.
- Ottmar Hitzfeld (BV Borussia Dortmund 1997, Bayern 2001) and Ernst Happel (Feyenoord 1970, Hamburger SV 1983) are the only coaches to win the trophy with two clubs.
- Only five capital cities have been home to teams that have won the European Cup: Madrid (Real Madrid), Belgrade (FK Crvena Zvezda), Bucharest (FC Steaua Bucureşti), Amsterdam (Ajax) and Lisbon (SL Benfica).
- Rome was awarded the 2009 UEFA Champions League final after a decision by the UEFA Executive Committee at its meeting in Ljubljana, Slovenia in October 2006. The Stadio Olimpico, home of AS Roma and S.S. Lazio, previously held European Cup finals in 1977, 1984 and 1996 – Liverpool winning the first two games and Juventus the last – and was also the venue for the 1990 FIFA World Cup final between West Germany and Argentina. Other major events at the stadium include the 1987 IAAF World Championships in athletics and the 1960 Olympic Games, for which it was constructed in 1953.

UEFA Champions League: Did you know?

- 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 aged 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 aged 40 years and 211 days. Ballotta was 43 years 252 days when he featured against Real Madrid 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 in their 3-2 defeat of Olympiacos on 23 October 2002.
- Celestine Babayaro is the youngest player to have appeared. He was 16 years and 87 days when he started for RSC Anderlecht against FC Steaua Bucureşti on 23 November 1994. He was then sent off in the 37th minute.

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Team facts

Chelsea FC

UEFA club competition milestones

- Two UEFA Cup Winners' Cup successes remain the stand-out achievements although Chelsea did lose on penalties in the 2007/08 UEFA Champions League final to Manchester United FC.

UEFA Champions League milestones

- Chelsea lost their only final appearance to Manchester United FC on penalties in 2007/08, after a 1-1 draw over 120 minutes. They had previously come close to reaching the final in 2003/04, 2004/05 and 2006/07 only to lose at the semi-final stage.

UEFA club competition honours

- UEFA Cup Winners' Cup: 1970/71, 1997/98
- UEFA Super Cup: 1998

Ten-year record

2007/08: UEFA Champions League – finalists

2006/07: UEFA Champions League – semi-finals

2005/06: UEFA Champions League – first knockout round

2004/05: UEFA Champions League – semi-finals

2003/04: UEFA Champions League – semi-finals

2002/03: UEFA Cup – first round

2001/02: UEFA Cup – second round

2000/01: UEFA Cup – first round

1999/00: UEFA Champions League – quarter-finals

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

2007/08 season

Domestic record: Chelsea once again finished as Premier League runners-up two points behind Manchester United FC, having finished six points behind them the previous campaign. They reached the final of the English League Cup for the second successive season but could not defend the trophy, losing 2-1 to Tottenham Hotspur FC after extra time, and were knocked out of the FA Cup 1-0 in the quarter-final by second-tier side Barnsley FC.

European record: Drawn in Group B with FC Schalke 04, Rosenborg BK and Valencia CF, Chelsea won three and drew three of their matches to finish top of the section. Olympiacos CFP were dispatched 3-0 on aggregate in the first knockout round, before Chelsea recovered from losing the quarter-final first leg at Fenerbahçe SK to advance 3-2 overall. Awaiting in the semi-final for the third time in four seasons were Liverpool FC, and having lost the previous two, Chelsea gained their revenge with a 4-3 aggregate triumph after extra time. Frank Lampard cancelled out Cristiano Ronaldo's goal in the final for Manchester United, but with nothing separating the teams after 120 minutes United prevailed 6-5 in the penalty shoot-out.

Records

UEFA club competition

- Biggest win

13-0: Chelsea FC v FC Jeunesse Hautcharage

29.09.1971, UEFA Cup Winners' Cup first round second leg

- Biggest home win

13-0: Chelsea FC v FC Jeunesse Hautcharage (see above for details)

- Biggest away win

0-8: FC Jeunesse Hautcharage v Chelsea FC

15.09.1971, UEFA Cup Winners' Cup first round first leg

- Heaviest defeat

5-1: FC Barcelona v Chelsea FC (aet)

18.04.2000, UEFA Champions League quarter-final second leg

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- Heaviest home defeat

0-2: Chelsea FC v Beşiktaş JK

01.10.2003, UEFA Champions League group stage

- Heaviest away defeat

5-1: FC Barcelona v Chelsea FC (see above for details)

UEFA Champions League (group stage to final only)

- Biggest win

0-5: Galatasaray SK v Chelsea FC

20.10.1999, UEFA Champions League group stage

- Biggest home win

4-0: Chelsea FC v Real Betis Balompíe

19.10.2005, UEFA Champions League group stage

4-0: Chelsea FC v FC Girondins de Bordeaux

16.09.2008, UEFA Champions League group stage

- Biggest away win

0-5: Galatasaray SK v Chelsea FC (see above for details)

- Heaviest defeat

5-1: FC Barcelona v Chelsea FC (see above for details)

- Heaviest home defeat

0-2: Chelsea FC v Beşiktaş JK (see above for details)

- Heaviest away defeat

5-1: FC Barcelona v Chelsea FC (see above for details)

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Juventus

UEFA club competition milestones

• Juventus have been crowned European champions on two occasions, in 1984/85 and 1995/96, and have competed in the European Champion Clubs' Cup final in each of the last four decades – the only other team to achieve that feat is FC Bayern München.

• The Italian side have also won the UEFA Cup three times, the UEFA Cup Winners' Cup twice and two UEFA Super Cups.

UEFA Champions League milestones

• Winners of the competition in 1995/96, Juventus have been runners-up on their three subsequent final appearances against BV Borussia Dortmund (1996/97), Real Madrid CF (1997/98) and AC Milan (2002/03).

UEFA club competition honours

- European Champion Clubs' Cup: 1984/85, 1995/96
- UEFA Cup Winners' Cup: 1983/84
- European/South American Cup: 1985, 1996
- UEFA Super Cup: 1984, 1996
- UEFA Cup: 1976/77, 1989/90, 1992/93
- UEFA Intertoto Cup: 1999

Ten-year record

2007/08: Did not compete in UEFA club competition

2006/07: Did not compete in UEFA club competition

2005/06: UEFA Champions League – quarter-finals

2004/05: UEFA Champions League – quarter-finals

2003/04: UEFA Champions League – first knockout round

2002/03: UEFA Champions League – finalists

2001/02: UEFA Champions League – second group stage

2000/01: UEFA Champions League – first group stage

1999/00: UEFA Cup – fourth round (having qualified as UEFA Intertoto Cup winners)

1998/99: UEFA Champions League – semi-final

2007/08 season

Domestic record: Juventus finished third in Serie A last term in their first season back in the top flight after a year spent in the second tier following their enforced relegation. They finished ten points behind AS Roma and 13 behind champions FC Internazionale Milano. Juve advanced to the Coppa Italia quarter-finals but were defeated 5-4 on aggregate by eventual runners-up Inter.

European record: Juve gained promotion from Serie B in 2006/07 and therefore did not take part in continental competition last season.

Records

UEFA club competitions

• Biggest win

7-0: Juventus v Olympiacos CFP

10.12.2003, UEFA Champions League group stage

7-0: Juventus v Valur Reykjavík

17.09.1986, European Champion Clubs' Cup first round first leg

7-0: Juventus v BKS Lechia Gdansk

14.09.1983, 1983/84 European Champion Clubs' Cup first round first leg

• Biggest home win

7-0: Juventus v Olympiacos CFP (see above for details)

7-0: Juventus v Valur Reykjavík (see above for details)

7-0: Juventus v BKS Lechia Gdansk (see above for details)

• Biggest away win

0-6: Marsa FC v Juventus

15.09.1971, UEFA Cup first round first leg

• Heaviest defeat

7-0: Wiener SC v Juventus

01.10.1958, European Champion Clubs' Cup preliminary round second leg

• Heaviest home defeat

0-3: Juventus v Manchester United FC

25.02.2003, UEFA Champions League second group stage

• Heaviest away defeat

7-0: Wiener SC v Juventus (see above for details)

UEFA Champions League (group stage to final only)

• Biggest win

7-0: Juventus v Olympiacos CFP (see above for details)

• Biggest home win

7-0: Juventus v Olympiacos CFP (see above for details)

• Biggest away win

0-4: Rangers FC v Juventus

01.11.1995, UEFA Champions League group stage

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- Heaviest defeat

0-3: Juventus v Manchester United FC (see above for details)

- Heaviest home defeat

0-3: Juventus v Manchester United FC (see above for details)

- Heaviest away defeat

2-0: Arsenal FC v Juventus

28.03.2006, UEFA Champions League quarter-finals first leg

2-0: Galatasaray SK v Juventus

02.12.2003, UEFA Champions League group stage

3-1: Bayer 04 Leverkusen v Juventus

12.03.2002, UEFA Champions League second group stage

2-0: RC Deportivo La Coruña v Juventus

27.02.2002, UEFA Champions League second group stage

3-1: Panathinaikos FC v Juventus

08.11.2000, UEFA Champions League first group stage

2-0: Feyenoord v Juventus

26.11.1997, UEFA Champions League group stage

3-1: BV Borussia Dortmund v Juventus

28.05.1997, UEFA Champions League final (played at a neutral venue, included here for information purposes)

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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 Cup, the UEFA Super Cup (1973 -), 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.

:: Squad list

The eligible list of players ordered first by playing position and then numeric order.

Current season - UCLQ: Total UEFA Champions League appearances in qualifying rounds only.

Current season - UCL: Total UEFA Champions League appearances from the group stage onwards prior to the current matchday.

Current season - League: Total league appearances based on the date press kit was last updated

All-time - UCL: Total appearances in the UEFA Champions League from the 1992/93 season, group stage to final only. These are the official statistics considered valid for communicating official records in the competition.

All-time - UEFA: Total appearances in UEFA club competition (as defined above) including all qualifying round matches. These are the official statistics considered valid for communicating official records in the competition.

Age: based on the date press kit was last updated

BL: Booking list (*: misses next match if booked, S: suspended, #: suspended for at least one match)

:: 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

ECCLC: European Champion 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

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

:: 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

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