

Panathinaikos FC - Villarreal CF

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Match background

Panathinaikos FC will be aiming to win their first UEFA Champions League knockout contest since 1996 when they welcome Villarreal CF to the OACA Spiros Louis Stadium having recorded a battling draw in Spain on Matchday 7.

- Villarreal went into the first leg unbeaten in ten UEFA Champions League fixtures at their El Madrigal home, but that record came under serious threat a minute before the hour when a superb long-range strike from Giorgos Karagounis gave the visitors the lead. The advantage proved short-lived, however, Giuseppe Rossi converting a penalty won by Robert Pirès within eight minutes to leave the tie finely poised, although Panathinaikos must do without their captain Giannis Goumas for this second leg after his first-half booking in Spain.

- Panathinaikos have a fine record in the European Champion Clubs' Cup when earning an away first-leg draw, winning eight and losing only one – against Ferencvárosi TC in the 1965/66 first round – of nine ties. Should there be any danger of complacency, however, the Athens club need only look back to the 1995/96 semi-finals when a 1-0 first-leg victory at AFC Ajax was followed by a 3-0 defeat in Athens – the only time in the UEFA Champions League era a side has won away in the first leg and not progressed.

- The Athens club ended Group B in fine style, taking maximum points from their last three fixtures to clinch a place in the competition's knockout stage for the first time in seven years. In contrast, their first three games in their eighth UEFA Champions League campaign had yielded a single point.

- At home, Henk ten Cate's side finished with a 1-0 win against Anorthosis Famagusta FC to seal their qualification as group winners on ten points, two ahead of FC Internazionale Milano. Their previous home games in the section had brought a defeat, 2-0 against the Italian champions, and a draw, 2-2 with Werder Bremen.

- The Greek team's last involvement in a knockout tie in Europe's premier club competition resulted in defeat at the hands of a Spanish side with FC Barcelona's 3-1 victory at the Camp Nou in the 2001/02 quarter-finals taking them through after the game in Greece had ended in a 1-0 win for Panathinaikos.

- Their only previous UEFA Champions League knockout round games had come in 1995/96 when they beat Legia Warszawa 3-0 at home in the quarter-final second leg after a goalless opener before the aforementioned last-four aggregate defeat by Ajax.

- Panathinaikos have a good record at home to Spanish visitors in official games and have yet to be beaten in eight meetings, winning three and drawing five. In their three knockout ties, however, the Athens side have come off second best every time.



- The last time Villarreal were at this stage they continued their journey, their competition debut, all the way to the semi-finals. In the 2005/06 season they removed Rangers FC from the first knockout round, winning on away goals after the teams battled to a 2-2 draw in Glasgow and 1-1 in Spain. They then won their quarter-final against Inter via the same method after losing 2-1 in Milan and winning 1-0 at home. Their run ended in the semi-finals, with a 1-0 defeat at Arsenal FC followed by a goalless home draw.
- The two sides had never met in UEFA club competition before the first leg.
- In the 2007/08 UEFA Cup Villarreal travelled to AEK Athens FC in the group stage and won 2-1. Their interest in the competition ended in the Round of 32 when they lost on away goals to eventual winners FC Zenit St. Petersburg.
- Villarreal's only other meeting with Greek opponents in an official fixture came in the 2004/05 UEFA Cup group stage when they beat Egaleo FC 4-0 at home with Javi Venta and Santi Cazorla both on the scoresheet. They reached the quarter-finals that season before losing 3-2 on aggregate to AZ Alkmaar, losing 2-1 at home and drawing 1-1 away.
- Villarreal's only defeat in Group E came away from home and with qualification already assured, going down 2-0 against Celtic FC on Matchday 6. They finished in second place on nine points, one behind Manchester United FC, drawing their other away games, 0-0 at Old Trafford and 2-2 in Denmark against Aalborg BK.
- Villarreal, however, can perhaps take heart from past encounters in UEFA club competition where they have drawn at home in the first leg, with the Spanish side winning two of those ties and losing the other. ES Troyes Aube Champagne were overcome in the 2002 UEFA Intertoto Cup semi-finals and Trabzonspor defeated in the first round of the 2003/04 UEFA Cup first round, both after goalless first legs. Villarreal's campaign in the latter competition came to an end after a goalless semi-final first leg at El Madrigal was followed by a 1-0 defeat at Valencia CF.
- The omens are less favourable for the Yellow Submarine when they have found themselves having to score in the second leg away from home, however. That has been the case on only three occasions, with Villarreal losing at home to NK Maribor (2006 UEFA Intertoto Cup third round), AZ Alkmaar (2004/05 UEFA Cup quarter-finals) and Málaga CF (2002 UEFA Intertoto Cup final) and failing to turn the tie round in the return fixture.
- Panathinaikos players Nikos Spiropoulos, Karagounis and Dimitris Salpingidis started for Greece in their 2-1 defeat against Spain in Salzburg in UEFA EURO 2008™ Group D on 18 June 2008. Alexandros Tzorvas and Goumas were on the bench. For Spain, Santi Cazorla came on in the 58th minute while Joan Capdevila and Marcos Senna were unused substitutes.
- Pascal Cygan has unhappy memories of Panathinaikos having put through his own net while at Arsenal to give the visitors a 1-1 draw at Highbury in the 2004/05 group stage. Robert Pirès also played for the English club in that game and in the reverse fixture in Athens two weeks previously, which finished 2-2.
- Panathinaikos have never been involved in a penalty shoot-out in UEFA club competition.
- Villarreal have won both their previous shoot-outs in European competition:
4-3 v Torino FC, 2002 UEFA Intertoto Cup third round
3-1 v Club Atlético de Madrid, 2004 UEFA Intertoto Cup final
- The draw for the UEFA Champions League quarter-finals and semi-finals will take place at UEFA's headquarters in Nyon, Switzerland on 20 March.

Match facts

Panathinaikos

UEFA milestones

- None

UEFA Champions League statistics

- Panathinaikos are one match away from equalling their longest ever unbeaten run in the competition. The Greens have not lost in five games, stretching back to the 3-1 group-stage defeat at Anorthosis Famagusta FC on 1 October. They went six matches unbeaten in 1995/96 en route to the semi-finals.

- Two Panathinaikos players have appeared in all eleven games, including qualifying: Loukas Vintra and Dimitris Salpingidis. Gilberto has also featured in all seven matches in the competition proper, although only Vintra has played every minute.
- Giannis Goumas has featured in all seven of Panathinaikos' previous UEFA Champions League campaigns. The second qualifying round second leg against FC Dinamo Tbilisi was his 70th match in Europe, more than anybody else has ever mustered for Panathinaikos, and he has since taken that total to 76 matches. Only two players have made more UEFA competition appearances for Greek clubs; Antonis Nikopolidis (90 matches) and Predrag Djordjević (83).
- Vangelis Mantzios has been caught offside 13 times to date, the joint-highest total in the competition along with Karim Benzema.
- Panathinaikos have committed 142 fouls, the highest total among the teams in the first knockout round.

Disciplinary information

- Goumas will miss the match after his booking in Spain while Gilberto, Simão and Nikos Spiropoulos will incur suspensions with their next yellow cards.

Latest domestic information

- **Saturday 7 March: Panathinaikos FC 3–0 Larissa FC (Salpingidis 48, Gilberto 53, Hristodoulopoulos 56)**
Panathinaikos scored three goals in nine second-half minutes to defeat a Larissa team previously unbeaten in 13 league games. Following a goalless first half, the Greens clicked into gear and broke the deadlock when fit-again Marcelo Mattos's pass found Salpingidis who rounded the keeper and fired in. Gilberto swiftly doubled the lead when he met an Andreas Ivanschitz free-kick with a firm header before Lazaros Hristodoulopoulos completed a whirlwind start to the second period with a powerful right-foot finish after a back-heel by Salpingidis.
- "We gained three points and some confidence", said coach Henk ten Cate. "The fact we usually play better in the second half is perhaps a sign of our good physical condition. I understand the fans' frustration following our performance in the Greek Cup, we are also disappointed, but that's football; one week you're the worst, the next week you're the best. On Tuesday, if we remain disciplined on the pitch and focus on our tactics, we have a good chance of qualifying for the quarter-finals."
- Ten Cate was without the injured Mantzios, while Gabriel and Cleyton were both omitted from the 18-man squad. Christos Melissis and Goumas were rested and Giorgos Karagounis started on the substitutes' bench. José Sarriegi, who missed the midweek Greek Cup defeat by Panserraikos FC through suspension, returned to the starting XI. As did Mattos, having recovered from a thigh strain picked up in a friendly against second-division Ilysiakos FC last month.
- Panathinaikos have drawn four of their last eight games in all competitions, three ending goalless.
- The Greens have been held to five 0-0 draws in the Super League this season, more than in their previous three campaigns combined.
- Panathinaikos have had a mixed time since returning to domestic action following their draw with Villarreal. The Greens ended Olympiacos CFP's 100 per cent league home record on 1 March with a hard-fought 0-0 draw, but three days later a 3-2 defeat by lowly Panserraikos at the OACA Spiros Louis Stadium ended their Greek Cup ambitions. The sides had played out a goalless draw in the first leg of the quarter-final tie on 4 February.
- Panathinaikos have lost six games this season in all competitions – against AEK Athens FC on 31 August, Inter on 16 September, Anorthosis on 1 October, Ergotelis FC on 29 October and 24 January and Panserraikos on 4 March – and won their next match on each occasion.

UEFA Champions League squad list changes

• In:

David (SE Palmeiras, free)
Jakub Wawrzyniak (Legia Warszawa)

Out:

Alexandros Tziolis (Werder Bremen, loan)
Rodrigo Souza (SC Corinthians Paulista)
Stefanos Siontis (FC Kavala, loan)

Injury news

- Gabriel – out 3 December to 4 January and 7-21 February (right foot)
 - Giannis Goumas – out 4 January to 21 February (left knee)
 - Christos Melissis – out 7-21 February (right thigh)
 - Marcelo Mattos – out 17 February to 7 March (right thigh strain)
 - Vangelis Mantzios – out since 25 February (right knee)
- Mattos returned to the Panathinaikos starting XI against Larissa, but Mantzios remains sidelined having strained his right knee ligament in Villarreal.

Miscellaneous

- Karagounis celebrated his 32nd birthday on 6 March, two days before Cleyton turned 26.
- On 23 February Simão agreed improved terms with the club, including a pay rise and a higher buy-out clause.
- On 13 February Panathinaikos announced that former AFC Ajax midfielder Piet Kaizer has joined their scouting department to work alongside Krzysztof Warzycha, René Henriksen and Juan Ramón Rocha.
- A day earlier Vintra and Antonis Petropoulos signed contract extensions tying them to the club until June 2011 and June 2013, respectively.
- Panathinaikos are celebrating their centenary this year.

Villarreal

UEFA milestones

- None

UEFA Champions League statistics

- Santi Cazorla has appeared in all seven games this term.
- Villarreal have collected 16 bookings, more than any other team remaining in the competition.

Disciplinary information

- Joan Capdevila and Guille Franco are available again after suspension, although the latter joins Ariel Ibagaza, Marcos Senna and Ángel López within a booking of another ban.

Latest domestic information

• Saturday 7 March: Villarreal CF 1-0 RCD Espanyol (Fuentes 20)

Villarreal recorded their first win in three games in all competitions – and their third home Liga success in a row – at El Madrigal. Nihat Kahveci passed up a golden early opportunity, shooting into the side-netting, before Espanyol goalkeeper Carlos Kameni misjudged the Turkish international's left-wing corner and Fabricio Fuentes rose to head in. The home side rode their luck in the second period, Diego López producing a fine reaction save to keep out Luis García's header and Raúl Tamudo missing a gilt-edged opening before Diego Godín tripped Nenê in the penalty area, only for García to blast the resulting spot-kick against the underside of the crossbar.

- Ángel López was back in the Villarreal starting lineup having recovered from the thigh strain that ruled him out of the 2-2 draw at Real Betis Balompié the previous weekend. The 27-year-old took the place of Javi Venta, a last-minute omission from the matchday squad due to a sore groin.
- On 1 March Villarreal were held to their third draw in four games in all competitions at Betis. A first-half double from Cazorla (6, 36) put the visitors in the driving seat but goals from Sergio García (42) and Ricardo Oliveira (57) earned the Seville side a point.
- The Betis game was Villarreal's 100th draw in 368 Liga matches, half coming at home and half away. The Yellow Submarine had reached another landmark on 10 January when Fuentes scored their 500th Liga goal during the 3-3 draw with Valencia CF. Gheorghe Craioveanu struck the first in a 4-1 loss to Real Madrid CF in August 1998.
- Villarreal have kept just three clean sheets in their last 26 matches in all competitions this season having managed six shutouts in their opening nine.
- Diego López and Cazorla have appeared in all of Villarreal's Liga games this term, López playing every minute.

- After suffering their first Liga loss since 13 April on 22 November, when they were undone 3-0 by Real Valladolid CF at El Madrigal – a sequence of 17 games, including 13 wins – the Yellow Submarine have lost four of their subsequent 14 league games.
- Villarreal are yet to lose when either Joseba Llorente or Cazorla have registered in the league. Llorente has scored in seven Liga games since joining from Valladolid in the summer, the team going on to win four and draw three. Cazorla has found the net in six matches, which ended in four wins and two draws.

UEFA Champions League squad list changes

• In:

Joan Tomàs

• Out:

Edmilson (SE Palmeiras, free)

- Jozy Altidore will spend the remainder of the season on loan at second division Xerez CD.

Injury news

- Gonzalo Rodríguez – out since 8 February (right thigh tear)
- Javi Venta – out since 1 March (sore groin)
- Nihat Kahveci – out 27 September to 29 November (right thigh tear) and 9 January to 21 February (right knee)
- Guille Franco – out 15-28 February (bruised right leg)
- Ángel López – out 15-25 February (sore thigh) and 28 February to 7 March (left thigh strain)

Miscellaneous

- Sebastián Viera celebrated his 26th birthday on 7 March while Ángel López is 28 on 10 March, the day of the trip to Athens.
- Pellegrini is the current holder of the Miguel Muñoz prize from Spanish sports daily Marca for their coach of 2007/08.
- Spanish football magazine Don Balón selected Senna as the best player of 2007/08, based on their average player rating. Senna finished ahead of club-mate Ibagaza, then at RCD Mallorca, and Club Atlético de Madrid's Sergio Agüero.

Squad list

Panathinaikos

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	Mario Galinović	CRO	15.11.1976	32	-	4	-	6	-	21	-	14	-	39	-
30	Alexandros Tzorvas	GRE	12.08.1982	26	-	-	-	1	-	4	-	1	-	1	-
33	Orestis Karnezis	GRE	11.07.1985	23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders															
2	Bryce Moon	RSA	06.04.1986	22	-	-	-	3	-	6	-	3	-	3	-
3	José Sarriegi	ESP	19.01.1979	30	-	3	-	6	1	19	-	6	1	13	1
6	Christos Melissis	GRE	01.12.1982	26	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-
8	Giannis Goumas	GRE	24.05.1975	33	S	1	-	6	-	9	2	44	3	76	6
12	David	BRA	21.05.1987	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
19	Gabriel	BRA	05.06.1981	27	-	3	-	4	-	15	2	4	-	7	-
23	Simão	MOZ	23.07.1988	20	*	4	1	6	-	21	-	6	-	14	1
24	Loukas Vintra	GRE	05.02.1981	28	-	4	-	7	-	22	2	16	-	39	1
25	Jakub Wawrzyniak	POL	07.07.1983	25	-	-	-	1	-	5	-	1	-	3	-
31	Nikos Spiropoulos	GRE	10.10.1983	25	*	4	-	6	-	21	-	6	-	21	-
32	Nikolaos Pantidos	GRE	19.04.1991	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
34	Panagiotis Vlachos	GRE	16.03.1990	18	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Midfielders															
4	Marcelo Mattos	BRA	10.02.1984	25	-	3	-	2	-	11	-	2	-	11	-
7	Sotiris Ninis	GRE	03.04.1990	18	-	4	-	-	-	16	-	-	-	7	-
15	Gilberto	BRA	07.10.1976	32	*	3	-	7	-	21	3	51	4	57	4
21	Giorgos Karagounis	GRE	06.03.1977	32	-	3	-	6	3	15	3	45	6	82	7
27	Andreas Ivanschitz	AUT	15.10.1983	25	-	2	1	4	-	14	3	9	-	37	1
29	Mikael Nilsson	SWE	24.06.1978	30	-	4	-	5	-	16	-	10	-	36	-
Forwards															
5	Ante Rukavina	CRO	18.06.1986	22	-	2	-	4	-	16	5	4	-	10	-
10	Cleyton	BRA	08.03.1983	26	-	1	-	4	-	13	5	4	-	11	3
14	Dimitris Salpingidis	GRE	18.08.1981	27	-	4	2	7	1	22	7	7	1	45	17
17	Lazaros Hristodoulopoulos	GRE	19.12.1986	22	-	2	-	2	-	9	2	2	-	8	1
26	Vangelis Mantzios	GRE	22.04.1983	25	-	2	-	5	3	13	3	9	4	27	7
28	Antonis Petropoulos	GRE	28.01.1986	23	-	-	-	-	-	11	6	-	-	-	-
Coach															
-	Henk Ten Cate	NED	09.12.1954	54	-	4	-	7	-	-	-	7	-	36	-

Villarreal

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						UCLQ		UCL		League		UCL		UEFA	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers															
1	Sebastián Viera	URU	07.03.1983	26	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	9	-	10	-
13	Diego López	ESP	03.11.1981	27	-	-	-	6	-	26	-	8	-	16	-
26	Juan Carlos	ESP	27.07.1987	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
28	Vicente Flor	ESP	05.11.1987	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders															
2	Gonzalo Rodríguez	ARG	10.04.1984	24	-	-	-	6	-	17	2	15	-	36	2
4	Diego Godín	URU	16.02.1986	23	-	-	-	4	-	22	-	4	-	11	-
5	Joan Capdevila	ESP	03.02.1978	31	-	-	-	5	1	24	3	33	3	57	5
12	Pascal Cygan	FRA	29.04.1974	34	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	25	-	35	-
17	Javi Venta	ESP	13.12.1975	33	-	-	-	2	-	14	-	10	-	46	2
18	Ángel López	ESP	10.03.1981	27	*	-	-	5	-	15	-	12	-	30	1
20	Fabrizio Fuentes	ARG	13.10.1976	32	-	-	-	4	-	12	2	4	-	8	-
30	Edu	ESP	02.10.1981	27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Midfielders															
6	Sebastián Eguren	URU	08.01.1981	28	-	-	-	4	-	20	1	5	-	14	1
7	Robert Pirès	FRA	29.10.1973	35	-	-	-	6	1	22	2	80	14	108	17
8	Santi Cazorla	ESP	13.12.1984	24	-	-	-	7	-	26	7	9	-	34	6
10	Cani	ESP	03.08.1981	27	-	-	-	5	-	13	1	5	-	21	1
11	Ariel Ibagaza	ARG	27.10.1978	30	*	-	-	5	-	21	1	5	-	5	-
14	Mati Fernández	CHI	15.05.1986	22	-	-	-	5	-	12	-	5	-	11	-
19	Marcos Senna	ESP	17.07.1976	32	*	-	-	6	1	24	2	17	2	34	3
21	Bruno	ESP	12.06.1984	24	-	-	-	5	-	14	-	5	-	12	-
27	Jordi	ESP	01.01.1990	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
29	Marcos Gullón	ESP	20.02.1989	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Forwards															
9	Guille Franco	MEX	03.11.1976	32	*	-	-	5	1	14	-	10	1	16	2
15	Nihat Kahveci	TUR	23.11.1979	29	-	-	-	2	-	10	-	15	-	29	6
16	Joseba Llorente	ESP	24.11.1979	29	-	-	-	5	3	21	7	5	3	5	3
22	Giuseppe Rossi	ITA	01.02.1987	22	-	-	-	5	3	19	12	6	3	13	3
31	Joan Tomàs	ESP	17.05.1985	23	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Coach															
-	Manuel Pellegrini	CHI	16.09.1953	55	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	19	-	51	-

Head coach

Panathinaikos FC: Henk Ten Cate

Date of birth: 9 December 1954

Nationality: Dutch

Playing career: AFC Ajax, BV Vitesse (both youth), FC Rheden, Go Ahead Eagles, Edmonton Drillers, Telstar, Heracles Almelo

Coaching career: Go Ahead Eagles, Heracles Almelo, FC Rheden, Sparta Rotterdam, BV Vitesse, KFC Uerdingen 05, MTK Hungária FC, NAC Breda, FC Barcelona (assistant), AFC Ajax, Chelsea FC (assistant), Panathinaikos FC

The much-travelled Henk ten Cate enjoyed spells in the Netherlands, Germany, Hungary, Spain and England before opting to try his luck in Greece with Panathinaikos FC. Born in Amsterdam, Ten Cate spent the majority of an unspectacular playing career in the Netherlands. A speedy winger, he starred for amateur club FC Rheden before taking his first steps in the Eredivisie in 1979/80 with Go Ahead Eagles. After loan spells with Canadian club Edmonton Drillers and Dutch side Telstar, Ten Cate ended his playing career in 1986 at Heracles Almelo having scored 22 goals in 151 top-flight appearances.

He returned to Go Ahead in 1988 as assistant then head coach before stints with Heracles and Rheden. After a second spell at Go Ahead, Ten Cate took charge of Sparta Rotterdam between 1995 and 1997, before steering BV Vitesse to third in the Eredivisie in 1998, the club's best-ever finish. His reputation began to spread beyond the Dutch borders, prompting spells with KFC Uerdingen 05 in Germany and Hungarian club MTK Hungária FC. Three more years' diligent work back in his homeland with NAC Breda, whom he led into Europe for the first time in 30 years via a fourth-placed finish in 2003, sparked a switch to FC Barcelona where he enjoyed three wonderful seasons as Frank Rijkaard's right-hand man.

The Dutch pair transformed the Catalan club's fortunes, winning two league titles and, in 2005/06, the UEFA Champions League. Shortly after that victory against Arsenal FC, Ten Cate took the top job at AFC Ajax, yet after missing out on title to PSV Eindhoven on goal difference but winning the Dutch Cup, in October 2007 he returned to an assistant role, this time with Avram Grant at Chelsea FC. Ten Cate left Stamford Bridge after Chelsea's UEFA Champions League final defeat by Manchester United FC in May 2008, subsequently signing a two-year contract with Panathinaikos.

Villarreal CF: Manuel Pellegrini

Date of birth: 16 September 1953

Nationality: Chilean

Playing career: Universidad de Chile

Coaching career: Universidad de Chile, CD Palestino (three times), Chile (Under-20s), CD O'Higgins, Universidad Católica, Liga Deportiva Universitaria (Quito), Atlético San Lorenzo de Almagro, CA River Plate, Villarreal CF

Chilean Manuel Pellegrini was chosen to replace Benito Floro after the latter's resignation from Villarreal CF in February 2004, but had to wait three months before assuming control of first-team affairs as Floro's assistant Francisco García took charge for the remainder of that season. Pellegrini is a much-travelled coach enjoying his first stint in Europe. He coached nine clubs in Chile, Ecuador and Argentina, including Buenos Aires giants CA River Plate, before being lured across the Atlantic.

Pellegrini proved highly successful, guiding the club to fourth place in the 2004/05 Spanish Liga to earn UEFA Champions League qualification for the first time. Villarreal also reached the quarter-finals of the UEFA Cup having won the UEFA Intertoto Cup for the second successive year in summer 2004. His gift lay in getting the best from players who had failed to hit the heights at their previous clubs. Juan Román Riquelme and Diego Forlán, disappointing at FC Barcelona and Manchester United FC respectively, both flourished during their spells at El Madrigal, the latter finishing as Spain's leading scorer in 2004/05 with 25 goals.

Villarreal beat Everton FC to reach the 2005/06 UEFA Champions League group stage and finished above Manchester United to progress to the knockout rounds, where they defeated Rangers FC and FC Internazionale Milano before falling to Arsenal FC in the semi-finals. That season, they ended seventh in Spain, and fifth the following campaign, but in 2007/08 Pellegrini led Villarreal to a club-best second place in the the standings, above Barcelona, meaning a UEFA Champions League return.

Match officials

Referee	Massimo Busacca (SUI)
Assistant referees	Matthias Arnet (SUI), Francesco Buragina (SUI)
Fourth official	Carlo Bertolini (SUI)
UEFA Delegate	Balázs Makray (HUN)
UEFA Referee observer	Michel Piraux (BEL)

Referee

Name	Nat.	Date of birth	UCL	UEFA
Massimo Busacca	SUI	06.02.1969	23	48

Massimo Busacca has steadily enhanced his reputation since succeeding Urs Meier on Switzerland's élite list, with the 2007 UEFA Cup final following the 2006 FIFA World Cup. He had three games in Germany, including Argentina's 2-1 last-16 win against Mexico. From Monte Carrasso, in the Italian-speaking southern canton of Ticino, Busacca reached the highest domestic level in 1996 and within three years was cutting his teeth in UEFA youth matches.

Busacca is a UEFA Champions League regular, notably serving as fourth official to Meier for the 2002 final between Real Madrid CF and Bayer 04 Leverkusen. The UEFA Cup final Sevilla FC won 3-1 on penalties after a 2-2 draw against RCD Espanyol was his third visit to Hampden Park as he also refereed Scotland's 1-0 victory against France in a UEFA EURO 2008™ qualifier and ended the 2007/08 club season by taking charge of the UEFA Champions League semi-final first leg between FC Barcelona and eventual winners Manchester United FC, his sixth match in the competition proper that season.

He was also selected for UEFA EURO 2008™, where he refereed the group matches between the Netherlands and Romania and Greece and Sweden. Another high-level game for Busacca, who enjoys travel in his spare time, was the 2005 FIFA U-20 World Cup semi-final between Brazil and Argentina in Utrecht. At home, the company director, who is also a keen skier, took charge of his first Swiss Cup final in May 2005.

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

Date	Comp.	Stage	Match	Res.	Venue
30.10.2002	UCL	GS1	AEK Athens FC - KRC Genk	1-1	Athens
22.10.2003	UCL	GS1	Real Madrid CF - FK Partizan	1-0	Madrid
11.08.2004	UCL	QR3	Wisla Kraków - Real Madrid CF	0-2	Krakow
22.08.2006	UCL	QR3	CA Osasuna - Hamburger SV	1-1	Pamplona
05.12.2006	UCL	GS	FC Barcelona - Werder Bremen	2-0	Barcelona
19.09.2007	UCL	GS	FC Barcelona - Olympique Lyonnais	3-0	Barcelona
11.12.2007	UCL	GS	Real Madrid CF - S.S. Lazio	3-1	Madrid
04.03.2008	UCL	1/8	Sevilla FC - Fenerbahçe SK	3-2*(2-3)	Sevilla
23.04.2008	UCL	SF	FC Barcelona - Manchester United FC	0-0	Barcelona
30.09.2008	UCL	GS	FC Zenit St. Petersburg - Real Madrid CF	1-2	St Petersburg
26.11.2008	UCL	GS	Club Atlético de Madrid - PSV Eindhoven	2-1	Madrid

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

Date	Comp.	Stage	Match	Res.	Venue
24.04.1999	U16	GS - FT	Spain - Croatia	2-0	Moravska Trebova
01.09.2000	U21	QR	Bosnia-Herzegovina - Spain	0-2	Zenica
28.09.2000	UCUP	R1	HNK Rijeka - RC Celta de Vigo	0-1	Rijeka
29.07.2001	U18	P-O 3rd	Serbia - Spain	2-6	Helsinki
12.12.2002	UCUP	R3	Leeds United AFC - Málaga CF	1-2	Leeds
03.03.2004	UCUP	R3	FC Barcelona - Brøndby IF	2-1	Barcelona
16.03.2005	UCUP	1/8	FC Steaua București - Villarreal CF	0-0	Bucharest
30.03.2005	WC	QR	Serbia - Spain	0-0	Belgrade
14.06.2006	WC	GS - FT	Spain - Ukraine	4-0	Leipzig
24.03.2007	EURO	QR	Spain - Denmark	2-1	Madrid
16.05.2007	UCUP	F	RCD Espanyol - Sevilla FC	2-2*(1-3)	Glasgow
12.09.2007	EURO	QR	Norway - Greece	2-2	Oslo
10.04.2008	UCUP	QF	Getafe CF - FC Bayern München	3-3	Getafe
10.06.2008	EURO	GS - FT	Greece - Sweden	0-2	Salzburg

Domestic information

Panathinaikos FC (Super League)

Comp.	Date	Opponent	Res.	Goalscorers
League	31/08/08	AEK Athens FC (A)	1-2	Karagounis 90
League	13/09/08	Panthrakikos FC (H)	3-0	Souza 14, Goumas 35, Ivanschitz 77
League	20/09/08	Aris Thessaloniki FC (A)	2-1	Cleyton 19, Ivanschitz 26
League	05/10/08	Levadiakos FC (H)	2-0	Rukavina 25, Salpingidis 45
League	19/10/08	PAOK FC (A)	0-0	
League	26/10/08	Iraklis FC (H)	2-2	Mantzios 32, Salpingidis 90
League	29/10/08	Ergotelis FC (H)	2-3	Gabriel 8, Hristodoulopoulos 53
League	01/11/08	Panionios GSS (A)	2-1	Gabriel 22, Goumas 84
League	09/11/08	Olympiacos CFP (H)	0-0	
Cup	12/11/08	Kavala (A)	3-0	Rukavina 7, 69, Hristodoulopoulos 89
League	15/11/08	Larissa FC (A)	1-1	Cleyton 67
League	22/11/08	Thrasivoulos Fylis (H)	3-0	Ivanschitz 7, Petropoulos 54, 57
League	29/11/08	Asteras Tripolis FC (H)	1-1	Petropoulos 44
League	06/12/08	Skoda Xanthi FC (A)	2-1	Gilberto 22, Rukavina 83
League	14/12/08	Panserraikos FC (H)	3-0	Salpingidis 45(pen), Cleyton 53, Rukavina 84
League	21/12/08	OFI Crete FC (A)	3-0	Petropoulos 52, Salpingidis 56, Rukavina 90
League	04/01/09	AEK Athens FC (H)	0-0	
League	10/01/09	Panthrakikos FC (A)	3-1	Salpingidis 24, Mantzios 63, Gilberto 90
Cup	14/01/09	Panthrakikos FC (A)	4-0	Rukavina 18, Gabriel 57, Cleyton 73, Hristodoulopoulos 77
League	18/01/09	Aris Thessaloniki FC (H)	4-0	Karagounis 46(pen), 56, Rukavina 59, Cleyton 71
League	24/01/09	Ergotelis FC (A)	0-1	
League	01/02/09	Levadiakos FC (A)	2-1	Cleyton 41, Petropoulos 64
Cup	04/02/09	Panserraikos FC (A)	0-0	
League	08/02/09	PAOK FC (H)	3-0	Vintra 49, 55, Mantzios 58
League	15/02/09	Iraklis FC (A)	0-0	
League	21/02/09	Panionios GSS (H)	2-1	Salpingidis 66, Petropoulos 72
League	01/03/09	Olympiacos CFP (A)	0-0	
Lineups: Galinović, José Sarriegi, Rukavina (Hristodoulopoulos 64), Salpingidis (Cleyton 84), Gilberto, Karagounis, Simão, Vintra, Wawrzyniak, Ivanschitz (Spiropoulos 62), Nilsson				
Cup	04/03/09	Panserraikos FC (H)	2-3	Hristodoulopoulos 75, Own goal 90
Lineups: Galinović, Goumas, Gabriel, Simão (Rukavina 40), Vintra (Moon 59), Wawrzyniak, Hristodoulopoulos, Spiropoulos, Cleyton, Gilberto, Petropoulos (Salpingidis 65)				
League	07/03/09	Larissa FC (H)	3-0	Salpingidis 48, Gilberto 53, Hristodoulopoulos 56
Lineups: Galinović, José Sarriegi, Mattos, Salpingidis (Ninis 64), Gilberto (Moon 70), Hristodoulopoulos (Rukavina 75), Simão, Vintra, Wawrzyniak, Ivanschitz, Nilsson				
League	15/03/09	Thrasivoulos Fylis (A)		
League	22/03/09	Asteras Tripolis FC (A)		
League	05/04/09	Skoda Xanthi FC (H)		
League	12/04/09	Panserraikos FC (A)		
League	26/04/09	OFI Crete FC (H)		

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Pos.	Clubs	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1	Olympiacos CFP	25	18	5	2	38	10	59
2	Panathinaikos FC	25	14	8	3	44	16	50
3	PAOK FC	25	14	8	3	29	13	50
4	AEK Athens FC	25	12	11	2	34	20	47
5	Larissa FC	25	9	11	5	32	26	38
6	Aris Thessaloniki FC	25	9	8	8	20	26	35
7	Skoda Xanthi FC	25	7	11	7	19	15	32
8	Ergotelis FC	25	8	6	11	27	35	30
9	Asteras Tripolis FC	25	6	11	8	27	22	29
10	Iraklis FC	25	7	8	10	18	25	29
11	Panionios GSS	25	8	5	12	29	32	29
12	Panthrakikos FC	25	8	5	12	14	25	29
13	Levadiakos FC	25	8	4	13	22	28	28
14	Panserraikos FC	25	5	7	13	14	35	22
15	OFI Crete FC	25	4	8	13	24	39	20
16	Thrasivoulos Fylis	25	3	4	18	19	43	13

Villarreal CF (Liga)

Comp.	Date	Opponent	Res.	Goalscorers
League	31/08/08	CA Osasuna (A)	1-1	Senna 54
League	14/09/08	RC Deportivo La Coruña (H)	1-0	Santi Cazorla 27
League	21/09/08	CD Numancia (A)	2-1	Santi Cazorla 48, Joseba Llorente 74
League	24/09/08	Real Racing Club (H)	2-0	Capdevila 28, Joseba Llorente 33
League	27/09/08	Real Sporting de Gijón (A)	1-0	Rossi 63
League	04/10/08	Real Betis Balompié (H)	2-1	Gonzalo Rodríguez 68, Joseba Llorente 70
League	18/10/08	RCD Espanyol (A)	0-0	
League	26/10/08	Club Atlético de Madrid (H)	4-4	Senna 48, Joseba Llorente 51, Gonzalo Rodríguez 58, Rossi 68
Cup	29/10/08	Poli Ejido (A)	0-5	
League	01/11/08	Athletic Club Bilbao (A)	4-1	Rossi 24, Pirès 53, Santi Cazorla 59, Altidore 90
League	09/11/08	UD Almería (H)	2-1	Rossi 1, Joseba Llorente 15
Cup	12/11/08	Poli Ejido (H)	1-1	Guille Franco 55
League	16/11/08	Málaga CF (A)	2-2	Rossi 8, Joseba Llorente 50
League	22/11/08	Real Valladolid CF (H)	0-3	
League	30/11/08	RC Recreativo de Huelva (A)	2-1	Santi Cazorla 27, Ariel Ibagaza 45
League	06/12/08	Getafe CF (H)	3-3	Pirès 55, Eguren 83, Rossi 86
League	14/12/08	Sevilla FC (A)	0-1	
League	21/12/08	FC Barcelona (H)	1-2	Cani 48
League	04/01/09	Real Madrid CF (A)	0-1	
League	10/01/09	Valencia CF (A)	3-3	Fabricio Fuentes 45, Joseba Llorente 77, Rossi 84(pen)
League	18/01/09	RCD Mallorca (H)	2-0	Capdevila 29, Rossi 34(pen)
League	24/01/09	CA Osasuna (H)	1-1	Rossi 28
League	01/02/09	RC Deportivo La Coruña (A)	0-3	
League	08/02/09	CD Numancia (H)	2-1	Rossi 16, 67
League	15/02/09	Real Racing Club (A)	1-1	Santi Cazorla 43
League	21/02/09	Real Sporting de Gijón (H)	2-1	Rossi 2, Capdevila 36
Lineups: Diego López, Javi Venta, Fabricio Fuentes, Diego Godín, Capdevila, Senna, Pirès, Santi Cazorla (Eguren 80), Cani, Joseba Llorente (Mati Fernández 65), Rossi (Nihat Kahveci 57)				
League	01/03/09	Real Betis Balompié (A)	2-2	Santi Cazorla 6, 36
Lineups: Diego López, Diego Godín, Capdevila, Javi Venta, Fabricio Fuentes, Eguren, Pirès (Joseba Llorente 75), Santi Cazorla, Cani, Mati Fernández (Senna 65), Rossi (Nihat Kahveci 82)				
League	07/03/09	RCD Espanyol (H)	1-0	Fabricio Fuentes 20
Lineups: Diego López, Ángel, Diego Godín, Fabricio Fuentes, Capdevila, Santi Cazorla (Bruno 46), Senna (Eguren 79), Cani, Ariel Ibagaza, Nihat Kahveci, Joseba Llorente (Guille Franco 63)				
League	15/03/09	Club Atlético de Madrid (A)		
League	22/03/09	Athletic Club Bilbao (H)		
League	05/04/09	UD Almería (A)		
League	12/04/09	Málaga CF (H)		
League	19/04/09	Real Valladolid CF (A)		
League	22/04/09	RC Recreativo de Huelva (H)		
League	26/04/09	Getafe CF (A)		
League	03/05/09	Sevilla FC (H)		
League	10/05/09	FC Barcelona (A)		
League	17/05/09	Real Madrid CF (H)		
League	24/05/09	Valencia CF (H)		
League	31/05/09	RCD Mallorca (A)		

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1	FC Barcelona	26	20	3	3	76	24	63
2	Real Madrid CF	26	18	3	5	58	29	57
3	Sevilla FC	26	15	5	6	36	23	50
4	Villarreal CF	26	12	9	5	41	34	45
5	Málaga CF	26	12	6	8	43	38	42
6	RC Deportivo La Coruña	26	12	6	8	34	33	42
7	Club Atlético de Madrid	26	11	7	8	53	39	40
8	Valencia CF	26	11	6	9	46	39	39
9	Real Valladolid CF	26	11	3	12	40	42	36
10	UD Almería	26	8	7	11	33	41	31
11	Athletic Club Bilbao	26	8	7	11	35	41	31
12	Real Racing Club	26	7	9	10	29	34	30
13	Real Sporting de Gijón	26	10	0	16	32	55	30
14	RC Recreativo de Huelva	26	7	8	11	25	37	29
15	Getafe CF	26	6	10	10	36	40	28
16	Real Betis Balompíe	26	7	7	12	37	43	28
17	RCD Mallorca	26	7	7	12	28	43	28
18	CA Osasuna	26	5	10	11	27	33	25
19	CD Numancia	26	7	2	17	28	50	23
20	RCD Espanyol	26	4	9	13	22	41	21

UEFA information

Anti-racism conference in Warsaw

The third Unite Against Racism conference was held last week in Warsaw, Poland, ending with a common determination to reinforce the battle against discrimination and intolerance in football. UEFA, the Football Against Racism in Europe network and the players' union FIFPro joined forces with delegates from associations, leagues, clubs, players, non-governmental organisations, the media and the world of politics to further the fight against a phenomenon that sadly continues to cast a shadow over football. UEFA General Secretary David Taylor emphasised UEFA's policy of zero tolerance towards acts of racism. "At UEFA we try to be vigilant and on our guard," he said, "and we're ready to take action where incidents occur."

UEFA first vice-president Şenes Erzik echoed the sentiments of all those present at the Warsaw gathering in his address. "Tolerance of racism, exclusion, sexism or homophobia is unacceptable," he said. "Skin colour is invisible under a football shirt. Today, UEFA is offering you its support as we continue to make progress together."

Trophy Tour in Africa

Thousands of football supporters enjoyed the moment of a lifetime when they came close to European club football's blue-riband prize – the UEFA Champions League trophy – as this spring's Trophy Tour of Africa, presented by Heineken, kicked off in Lagos, Nigeria. Following a three-hour procession through the Nigerian city, the public day on 28 February was opened by the ambassador for the tour's Nigerian leg, the former RSC Anderlecht and Chelsea FC full-back Celestine Babayaro – together with a special guest for the occasion, Jay-Jay Okocha, who enjoyed a fine career in Germany, Turkey, England and France. A total of 4,500 football fans revelled in the UEFA Champions League experience by wandering through the exhibition stands and viewing videos, pictures and the unique football memorabilia on display at the Heineken Champions Planet dome.

UEFA Congress in Copenhagen

Copenhagen, Denmark, is the venue for the XXXIII Ordinary UEFA Congress on 25 March. Representatives of UEFA's 53 national member associations come together for European football's annual parliament to hear and vote upon a variety of issues. Elections for the UEFA Executive Committee and the FIFA Executive Committee will be held at the Congress. A dozen representatives from UEFA's national associations have submitted their candidature for election to the UEFA Executive Committee, with nine seats available for the 2009-2013 period. Eight available positions are four-year terms and the other is for two years. Reports by the UEFA President and Executive Committee, and the UEFA administration, on activities for 2007/08 will be submitted for approval, and the Congress will hear reports from the chairman of the UEFA committees on the deliberations that took place in 2008. There will be an update on the ambitious UEFA HatTrick assistance programme on behalf of UEFA member associations.

Red Cross presentation

Before the start of the UEFA Champions League first knockout round second leg between FC Barcelona and Olympique Lyonnais at the Camp Nou, Barcelona midfielder Xavi Hernández will receive the uefa.com users' Team of 2008 award of €100,000 from William Gaillard, adviser to the UEFA President. Xavi – captain of the Team of the Year 2008, as chosen by uefa.com users – will use it to 'Score for the Red Cross' in support of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) rehabilitation project for land-mine victims in Afghanistan. The UEFA EURO 2008™ Score for the Red Cross humanitarian campaign proved a resounding success, with just over €500,000 raised for the rehabilitation project for land-mine victims in Afghanistan. The tally of 77 goals at the EURO means that €308,000 was collected from UEFA alone. European football's governing body pledged to donate €4,000 per goal scored in the tournament. In addition, more than €200,000 collected from fans contributed to the web-driven campaign.

According to Christoph Harnisch, head of the ICRC external resources division, Xavi's involvement in promoting the Red Cross project is crucial. His support offers hope to children around the world. "It is a real encouragement to us," he said. "I have been in many countries where there are wars and conflicts, and I have met a lot of youngsters in very difficult situations, and all of them like football. There is a man, a patient in our rehabilitation centre in Kabul, who said to us: 'When I play football, I forget my handicap and the war.' Football and somebody like Xavi do give hope. For us, it is really great to have such a player involved."

Match-by-match lineups - Panathinaikos FC

Group stage

Club	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Panathinaikos FC	6	3	1	2	8	7	10
FC Internazionale Milano	6	2	2	2	8	7	8
Werder Bremen	6	1	4	1	7	9	7
Anorthosis Famagusta FC	6	1	3	2	8	8	6

Date	Match	Result	Stadium/Venue
16.09.2008	Panathinaikos - Internazionale	0-2	OACA Spiros Louis, Athens
Goals: 0-1 Mancini 27, 0-2 Adriano 85			
Panathinaikos: Galinović, Moon (Souza 82), Mattos, Goumas, Cleyton, Salpingidis, Gilberto, Karagounis (Ivanschitz 36), Simão, Vintra, Nilsson (Hristodoulopoulos 72)			
01.10.2008	Anorthosis - Panathinaikos	3-1	GSP, Nicosia
Goals: 1-0 José Sarriegi 11 (o.g.) , 2-0 Dobrašinović 15, 2-1 Salpingidis 28 (pen) , 3-1 Taher 78			
Panathinaikos: Galinović, Moon (Souza 67), José Sarriegi, Mattos, Goumas, Cleyton, Salpingidis, Gilberto (Tziolis 80), Hristodoulopoulos (Ivanschitz 72), Vintra, Spiropoulos			
22.10.2008	Panathinaikos - Bremen	2-2	OACA Spiros Louis, Athens
Goals: 0-1 Mertesacker 29, 1-1 Mantzios 36, 2-1 Mantzios 68, 2-2 Hugo Almeida 83			
Panathinaikos: Tzorvas, José Sarriegi, Salpingidis, Gilberto, Gabriel, Karagounis (Cleyton 71), Simão, Vintra, Mantzios (Rukavina 82), Nilsson, Spiropoulos (Ivanschitz 46)			
04.11.2008	Bremen - Panathinaikos	0-3	Weserstadion, Bremen
Goals: 0-1 Mantzios 58, 0-2 Karagounis 70, 0-3 Pasanen 83 (o.g.)			
Panathinaikos: Galinović, José Sarriegi, Gilberto, Gabriel (Moon 75), Karagounis (Goumas 79), Tziolis, Simão, Vintra, Mantzios (Salpingidis 89), Nilsson, Spiropoulos			
26.11.2008	Internazionale - Panathinaikos	0-1	Stadio Giuseppe Meazza, Milan
Goals: 0-1 José Sarriegi 69			
Panathinaikos: Galinović, José Sarriegi, Goumas, Gilberto, Gabriel (Tziolis 84), Karagounis (Salpingidis 63), Simão, Vintra, Mantzios (Rukavina 90+4), Nilsson, Spiropoulos			
09.12.2008	Panathinaikos - Anorthosis	1-0	OACA Spiros Louis, Athens
Goals: 1-0 Karagounis 69			
Panathinaikos: Galinović, José Sarriegi, Goumas, Cleyton (Salpingidis 65), Gilberto, Karagounis (Ivanschitz 90+3), Tziolis, Simão, Vintra, Mantzios (Rukavina 82), Spiropoulos			

First knockout round, first leg

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
25/02/09	Villarreal - Panathinaikos	1-1	El Madrigal, Villarreal
Goals: 0-1 Karagounis 59, 1-1 Rossi 67 (pen)			
Villarreal: Diego López, Diego Godín, Eguren (Pirès 62), Santi Cazorla, Ariel Ibagaza (Cani 70), Joseba Llorente (Nihat Kahveci 62), Ángel, Senna, Fabricio Fuentes, Bruno, Rossi			
Panathinaikos: Galinović, José Sarriegi, Goumas (Gabriel 46), Gilberto, Karagounis (Salpingidis 85), Simão, Vintra, Wawrzyniak, Mantzios (Rukavina 90+4), Nilsson, Spiropoulos			

Match-by-match lineups - Villarreal CF

Group stage

Club	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Manchester United FC	6	2	4	0	9	3	10
Villarreal CF	6	2	3	1	9	7	9
Aalborg BK	6	1	3	2	9	14	6
Celtic FC	6	1	2	3	4	7	5

Date	Match	Result	Stadium/Venue
17.09.2008	Man. United - Villarreal	0-0	Old Trafford, Manchester

Goals: -

Villarreal: Diego López, Gonzalo Rodríguez, Edmílson, Diego Godín, Capdevila, Eguren, Pirès (Ariel Ibagaza 68), Guille Franco (Joseba Llorente 77), Cani (Santi Cazorla 46), Mati Fernández, Ángel

30.09.2008	Villarreal - Celtic	1-0	El Madrigal, Villarreal
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Goals: 1-0 Senna 67

Villarreal: Diego López, Gonzalo Rodríguez, Diego Godín, Capdevila, Eguren, Pirès (Bruno 83), Santi Cazorla (Cani 90), Joseba Llorente, Ángel, Senna, Rossi (Ariel Ibagaza 77)

21.10.2008	Villarreal - AaB	6-3	El Madrigal, Villarreal
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Goals: 0-1 Saganowski 19, 1-1 Rossi 28, 2-1 Capdevila 33, 2-2 Enevoldsen 36, 3-2 Joseba Llorente 67, 4-2 Joseba Llorente 70, 4-3 Johansson 77, 5-3 Pirès 79, 6-3 Joseba Llorente 84

Villarreal: Diego López, Gonzalo Rodríguez, Edmílson (Bruno 64), Capdevila, Santi Cazorla, Guille Franco (Joseba Llorente 46), Mati Fernández (Pirès 64), Ángel, Senna, Fabricio Fuentes, Rossi

05.11.2008	AaB - Villarreal	2-2	Aalborg, Aalborg
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Goals: 0-1 Rossi 41, 1-1 Curth 54, 1-2 Guille Franco 75, 2-2 Due 81

Villarreal: Diego López, Gonzalo Rodríguez, Edmílson (Mati Fernández 82), Diego Godín, Capdevila, Pirès (Cani 62), Santi Cazorla, Joseba Llorente, Javi Venta, Senna, Rossi (Guille Franco 65)

25.11.2008	Villarreal - Man. United	0-0	El Madrigal, Villarreal
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Goals: -

Villarreal: Diego López, Gonzalo Rodríguez, Capdevila, Eguren, Pirès (Mati Fernández 65), Santi Cazorla, Ariel Ibagaza, Javi Venta, Senna (Bruno 46), Fabricio Fuentes, Rossi (Guille Franco 79)

10.12.2008	Celtic - Villarreal	2-0	Celtic Park, Glasgow
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Goals: 1-0 Maloney 14, 2-0 McGeedy 45+2

Villarreal: Viera, Gonzalo Rodríguez, Edmílson, Guille Franco, Cani, Ariel Ibagaza (Santi Cazorla 61), Mati Fernández, Ángel, Senna (Nihat Kahveci 46), Fabricio Fuentes, Bruno

First knockout round, first leg

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
25/02/09	Villarreal - Panathinaikos	1-1	El Madrigal, Villarreal

Goals: 0-1 Karagounis 59, 1-1 Rossi 67 (pen)

Villarreal: Diego López, Diego Godín, Eguren (Pirès 62), Santi Cazorla, Ariel Ibagaza (Cani 70), Joseba Llorente (Nihat Kahveci 62), Ángel, Senna, Fabricio Fuentes, Bruno, Rossi

Panathinaikos: Galinović, José Sarriegi, Goumas (Gabriel 46), Gilberto, Karagounis (Salpingidis 85), Simão, Vintra, Wawrzyniak, Mantzios (Rukavina 90+4), Nilsson, Spiropoulos

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, although only once – AFC Ajax's defeat of Panathinaikos FC in the 1995/96 semi-finals – has a side gone through after losing the first leg at home. 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 București), 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 București on 23 November 1994. He was then sent off in the 37th minute.

Team facts

Panathinaikos FC

UEFA club competition milestones

• With the legendary Ferenc Puskás at the helm, Panathinaikos advanced to the European Champion Clubs' Cup final in 1970/71, where they lost 2-0 to AFC Ajax. They reached the last four 14 years later and made another semi-final appearance in the 1995/96 UEFA Champions League.

UEFA Champions League milestones

• This is Panathinaikos's eighth campaign since the onset of the UEFA Champions League. As well as their semi-final appearance in 1995/96 – AFC Ajax again getting the better of the Greek side – they also came through two group stages in the 2000/01 edition before FC Barcelona ended their challenge at the last-eight stage.

UEFA club competition honours

• N/A

Ten-year record

2007/08: UEFA Cup – Round of 32

2006/07: UEFA Cup – Round of 32

2005/06: UEFA Champions League – group stage

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

2003/04: UEFA Cup – third round (having transferred from the UEFA Champions League group stage)

2002/03: UEFA Cup – quarter-finals

2001/02: UEFA Champions League – quarter-finals

2000/01: UEFA Champions League – second group stage

1999/00: UEFA Cup – third round

1998/99: UEFA Champions League – group stage

2007/08 season

Domestic record: Panathinaikos finished third in the Greek Super League, just four points behind champions Olympiacos CFP, and therefore qualified for the play-offs to determine the European places for the following season. A 4-1 win over AEK Athens FC – who finished second in the league – helped them top the mini-table and claim the sole UEFA Champions League qualifying slot on offer. Their Greek Cup run came to an end in the fifth round where they lost to ultimate champions Olympiacos.

European record: A 5-1 aggregate victory over FC Artmedia Petržalka earned the Trifili a UEFA Cup group stage berth. They finished second behind Club Atlético de Madrid with nine points from four games and met Rangers FC in the Round of 32. Despite gaining a goalless draw at Ibrox, Panathinaikos went out to the eventual competition runners-up on away goals after a 1-1 draw at home.

Records

UEFA club competition

• Biggest win

0-6: FC Electroputere Craiova v Panathinaikos FC

16.09.1992, UEFA Cup first round first leg

• Biggest home win

6-1: Panathinaikos FC v FC Pirin Blagoevgrad

29.09.1994, UEFA Cup Winners' Cup first round second leg

5-0: Panathinaikos FC v AS Jeunesse Esch

30.09.1970, European Champion Clubs' Cup first round second leg

• Biggest away win

0-6: FC Electroputere Craiova v Panathinaikos FC (see above for details)

- Heaviest defeat

5-0: FC Barcelona v Panathinaikos FC

02.11.2005, UEFA Champions League group stage

5-0: Manchester United FC v Panathinaikos FC

16.09.2003, UEFA Champions League group stage

6-1: FC Dinamo Bucuresti v Panathinaikos FC

01.11.1989, UEFA Cup Winners' Cup second round second leg

5-0: FC Bayern München v Panathinaikos FC

20.09.1967, UEFA Cup Winners' Cup first round first leg

- Heaviest home defeat

0-3: Panathinaikos FC v AFC Ajax

17.04.1996, UEFA Champions League semi-finals second leg

1-4: Panathinaikos FC v TSV Bayer 04 Leverkusen

20.10.1993, UEFA Cup Winners' Cup second round first leg

1-4: Panathinaikos FC v KS Polonia Bytom

19.09.1962, European Champion Clubs' Cup preliminary round second leg

- Heaviest away defeat

5-0: FC Barcelona v Panathinaikos FC (see above for details)

5-0: Manchester United FC v Panathinaikos FC (see above for details)

6-1: FC Dinamo Bucuresti v Panathinaikos FC (see above for details)

5-0: FC Bayern München v Panathinaikos FC (see above for details)

UEFA Champions League (group stage to final only)

- Biggest win

0-3: Werder Bremen v Panathinaikos FC

04.11.2008, UEFA Champions League group stage

3-0: Panathinaikos FC v Legia Warszawa

10.03.1995, UEFA Champions League quarter-finals second leg

4-1: Panathinaikos FC v PSV Eindhoven

07.12.2004, UEFA Champions League group stage

- Biggest home win

3-0: Panathinaikos FC v Legia Warszawa (see above for details)

4-1: Panathinaikos FC v PSV Eindhoven (see above for details)

- Biggest away win

0-3: Werder Bremen v Panathinaikos FC (see above for details)

- Heaviest defeat

5-0: FC Barcelona v Panathinaikos FC (see above for details)

5-0: Manchester United FC v Panathinaikos FC (see above for details)

- Heaviest home defeat

0-3: Panathinaikos FC v AFC Ajax (see above for details)

- Heaviest away defeat

5-0: FC Barcelona v Panathinaikos FC (see above for details)

5-0: Manchester United FC v Panathinaikos FC (see above for details)

Villarreal CF

UEFA club competition milestones

• Villarreal hold the distinction of reaching the finals of the UEFA Intertoto Cup in three successive seasons from 2002 to 2004, winning two and losing one. Their crowning European achievement saw them reach the 2005/06 UEFA Champions League semi-finals where they lost to Arsenal FC 1-0 over two legs.

UEFA Champions League milestones

• Villarreal marked their debut campaign in some style by reaching the semi-finals in 2005/06 where they were eliminated 1-0 by Arsenal FC on aggregate having disposed of FC Internazionale Milano on away goals in the previous round.

UEFA club competition honours

• UEFA Intertoto Cup: 2003, 2004

Ten-year record

2007/08: UEFA Cup – Round of 32

2006/07: UEFA Intertoto Cup – third round

2005/06: UEFA Champions League – semi-finals

2004/05: UEFA Cup – quarter-finals (having qualified as a UEFA Intertoto Cup winner)

2003/04: UEFA Cup – semi-finals (having qualified as a UEFA Intertoto Cup winner)

2002/03: UEFA Intertoto Cup – finalist

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: Did not compete in UEFA club competition

2007/08 season

Domestic record: Villarreal achieved their highest Primera División finish of second place, eight points behind Real Madrid CF but ten above third-placed FC Barcelona. The Catalan club did, however, knock Villarreal out of the Copa del Rey in the quarter-finals 1-0 on aggregate.

European record: The Yellow Submarine comfortably overcame FC BATE Borisov 6-1 on aggregate in the UEFA Cup first round to take their place in the group stage. They then topped Group C, winning three and drawing one of their four matches to finish two points ahead of runners-up ACF Fiorentina and five clear of AEK Athens FC. Their interest was ended in the Round of 32 by eventual winners FC Zenit St. Petersburg on away goals.

Records

UEFA club competitions

• Biggest win

4-0: Villarreal CF 4-0 Egaleo FC

15.12.2004, UEFA Cup group stage

• Biggest home win

4-0: Villarreal CF v Egaleo FC (see above for details)

• Biggest away win

0-3: Odense BK v Villarreal CF

03.07.2004, UEFA Intertoto Cup second round first leg

0-3: ES Troyes Aube Champagne v Villarreal CF

07.08.2002, UEFA Intertoto Cup semi-finals second leg

• Heaviest defeat

2-0: Celtic FC v Villarreal CF

10.12.2008, UEFA Champions League group stage

2-0: Club Atlético de Madrid v Villarreal CF

24.08.2004, UEFA Intertoto Cup finals second leg

2-0: Torino Calcio v Villarreal CF

21.07.2002, UEFA Intertoto Cup third round first leg

• Heaviest home defeat

1-2: Villarreal CF v NK Maribor

15.07.2006, UEFA Intertoto Cup third round first leg

1-2: Villarreal CF v AZ Alkmaar

07.04.2005, UEFA Cup quarter-finals first leg

0-1: Villarreal CF v Málaga CF

13.08.2002, UEFA Intertoto Cup finals first leg

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- Heaviest away defeat
2-0: Celtic FC v Villarreal CF (see above for details)
- 2-0:** Club Atlético de Madrid v Villarreal CF (see above for details)
- 2-0:** Torino Calcio v Villarreal CF (see above for details)

UEFA Champions League (group stage to final)

- Biggest win
6-3: Villarreal CF v Aalborg BK
21.10.2008, UEFA Champions League group stage
- Biggest home win
6-3: Villarreal CF v Aalborg BK (see above for details)
- Biggest away win
0-1: SL Benfica v Villarreal CF (see above for details)
- Heaviest defeat
2-0: Celtic FC v Villarreal CF (see above for details)
- Heaviest home defeat
N/A
- Heaviest away defeat
2-0: Celtic FC v Villarreal CF (see above for details)

Legend

:: All-time statistics

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

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

ECCC: European Champion Clubs' Cup/UEFA Champions League

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

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

ICF: Inter-Cities Fairs Cup

National team competitions

EURO: UEFA European Football Championship

WC: FIFA World Cup • **CONFCUP:** 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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