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#### Match background

Two years on from the drama of Istanbul, AC Milan and Liverpool FC will meet again in the UEFA Champions League final with revenge on Milanese minds. Carlo Ancelotti's side may be considered slight favourites but with Liverpool aiming to prove lightning can strike twice there is no danger of the Rossoneri taking anything for granted given the unforgettable circumstances of their opponents' 2005 triumph in Turkey. As if anyone needed reminding, Milan surrendered a 3-0 half-time lead as Rafael Benítez's team fought back to claim a 3-3 draw before winning on penalties.

- The Athens Olympic Stadium - otherwise known as the OACA Spyro Louis Stadium - is the setting for this showdown between two of the continent's most successful clubs and for a Milan team plotting revenge, the choice of venue may be considered a lucky one. It was here, after all, that the Rossoneri beat FC Barcelona 4-0 in the 1994 UEFA Champions League final.

- Between them, Milan and Liverpool have won eleven of the 51 previous editions of the European Champion Clubs' Cup. For Milan victory would bring their seventh European crown while Liverpool can make it six. Only nine-times winners Real Madrid CF have enjoyed more success in the competition than this pair.

- Milan are contesting their eleventh final and previously lifted the European Cup in 1963, 1969, 1989, 1990, 1994 and 2003. The Rossoneri were runners-up in 1958, 1993, 1995 and 2005. Only Madrid have appeared in more finals (12).

- This is Liverpool's seventh European Cup final and their five successes were in 1977, 1978, 1981, 1984 and 2005. Their sole losing final appearance came in 1985.

- Every time Liverpool have lifted the cup they have worn their home colours and beaten opponents wearing white. Although Milan were in white in Istanbul, they still regard the colour as lucky after five previous triumphs wearing their change strip in 1963, 1989, 1990, 1994 and 2003.

- On an individual level, Milan's Paolo Maldini could claim his fifth winners' medal following victories with the Rossoneri in 1989, 1990, 1994 and 2003. He will equal Paco Gento's record of eight final appearances in Athens and Gento is one of only three players in history to have enjoyed more success in the competition: the Real Madrid CF legend has six wins to his name while former colleagues Alfredo di Stéfano and José María Zárraga have five each.



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- If Maldini has followed his father Cesare in winning the European Cup with Milan, Liverpool goalkeeper Pepe Reina is aiming to go one better than his own father, Miguel, who finished on the losing side with Club Atlético de Madrid in their 1974 final against FC Bayern München.
- Both Ancelotti and Benítez have led their teams to this trophy once before, Ancelotti in 2003 and Benítez in 2005. In the Milan coach's case he is one of only five men to have lifted the European Cup as both a player and manager, following three triumphs with Milan in his playing days.
- Another of Milan's European Cup history-makers is Clarence Seedorf, who is the only player to have won the competition with three different clubs: AFC Ajax (1995), Real Madrid (1998) and Milan (2003).
- This is the two clubs' first meeting since their remarkable first encounter in the Istanbul final on 25 May 2005. Milan took a first-minute lead that night through Maldini, the quickest goal in a final, and they struck twice more before the breakthrough Hernán Crespo (39, 44). Liverpool responded with three goals in a stunning spell from Steven Gerrard (54), Vladimír Šmicer (56) and Xabi Alonso (60) and the English team won the ensuing shoot-out 3-2, with Jerzy Dudek the hero after saving Andriy Shevchenko's spot-kick.
- The full details of the shoot-out were:  
Serginho, missed; Hamann, 0-1; Pirlo, saved; Cissé, 0-2; Tomasson, 1-2; Riise, saved; Kaká, 2-2; Šmicer, 2-3; Shevchenko, saved.
- The teams in Istanbul were:  
Milan: Dida; Cafu, Jaap Stam, Alessandro Nesta, Paolo Maldini; Gennaro Gattuso (Rui Costa, 112), Andrea Pirlo, Kaká, Clarence Seedorf (Serginho, 86); Andriy Shevchenko, Hernán Crespo (Jon Dahl Tomasson, 85).
- Liverpool: Jerzy Dudek; Steve Finnan (Dietmar Hamann, 46), Jamie Carragher, Sami Hyypiä, Djimi Traoré; Luis García, Xabi Alonso, Steven Gerrard, John Arne Riise; Harry Kewell (Vladimír Šmicer, 23), Milan Baroš (Djibril Cissé, 85).
- Milan advanced to Athens thanks to a 5-3 aggregate victory over Manchester United FC in the semi-finals. After succumbing to a 3-2 first-leg loss at Old Trafford, Milan found the perfect response at San Siro as they won through goals from Kaká (11), Clarence Seedorf (30) and Alberto Gilardino (78).
- For Milan the road to the final began in the third qualifying round where they beat FK Crvena Zvezda both at home (1-0) and away (2-1). After finishing top of Group H - recording three wins, one draw and two defeats – the Italian side overcame Celtic FC in the first knockout round, following up a 0-0 away draw with a 1-0 home success. They then got the better of FC Bayern München in the quarter-finals, drawing 2-2 at home before winning 2-0 away.
- Liverpool's semi-final victims were the same Chelsea FC team they overcame two years earlier en route to Istanbul. After losing the first leg in London 1-0, Daniel Agger's 22nd-minute strike gave Benítez's side an identical victory at Anfield before they completed the victory with a 4-1 shoot-out success.
- Boudewijn Zenden, Alonso, Gerrard and Dirk Kuyt all converted their spot-kicks while goalkeeper Reina stopped kicks from Chelsea's Arjen Robben and Geremi. That success means the Merseyside club have lost just one of eleven penalty shoot-outs they have contested in all competitions.
- Liverpool's campaign began in the group stage where they topped Group C with four wins, one draw and one defeat. In the first knockout round they achieved the feat of eliminating holders FC Barcelona, winning on away goals after a 2-1 first-leg victory in Spain and 1-0 loss in the return. The quarter-finals brought a more comfortable passage as they beat PSV Eindhoven 3-0 away and 1-0 at home.

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- Greece has proved a happy hunting ground for Milan in the two previous finals they have contested here. It was in Thessaloniki that the Rossoneri defeated another English side, Leeds United AFC, in the 1972/73 UEFA Cup Winners' Cup final, Luciano Chiarugi scoring the only goal after four minutes.
- The OACA Spyro Louis Stadium, meanwhile was the setting for their 4-0 UEFA Champions League final triumph on 18 May 1994 against a Barcelona 'Dream Team' stunned by goals from Daniele Massaro (2), Dejan Savićević and Marcel Desailly. However, it was at this same stadium earlier this season that Milan suffered their first defeat on Greek soil, going down 1-0 to AEK Athens FC in the group stage.
- Liverpool, for their part, have positive memories of their previous two visits to the final venue, winning 1-0 at Panathinaikos FC to secure a 5-0 aggregate success in the 1984/85 European Cup semi-final and then drawing 2-2 against Olympiacos CFP en route to a third-round success in the 2000/01 UEFA Cup – a competition they went on to win.
- The Reds' most recent visit to Greece ended in defeat as they went down 1-0 to Olympiacos at the Georgios Karaiskakis Stadium in the 2004/05 UEFA Champions League group stage.
- Milan's record against English teams reads nine wins, seven draws and eight defeats from 24 matches, with the 2005 final counted as a Rossoneri reverse. They have played two previous UEFA finals against opposition from England, defeating Leeds to win the Cup Winners' Cup in 1973 but losing to Liverpool in Istanbul.
- Liverpool have won seven and lost seven of their 16 previous encounters with Italian opposition - with the final shoot-out victories of 1984 and 2005 counted as two of those successes.
- They have contested three previous UEFA finals against Serie A sides and won two of them. Besides beating Milan in Istanbul, they defeated AS Roma 4-3 on penalties after a 1-1 draw in the 1983/84 European Cup final in Rome. However, they lost 1-0 to Juventus in the final in Brussels the following season.
- Overall there have been five Anglo-Italian UEFA competition finals and the score reads 3-2 in favour of England.
- This is the fifth time that two former final opponents have met again and for Milan the third time they have faced such a rematch.
- Milan got the better of SL Benfica twice in the final, beating the Portuguese side 2-1 in 1963 and 1-0 in 1990. Against Ajax, meanwhile, they recorded a 4-1 victory in 1969 but lost 1-0 when the sides squared off for a second time in the 1995 final.
- The other two final rematches were:  
Real Madrid CF v Stade de Reims Champagne – 4-3 in 1956; 2-0 in 1959.  
Ajax v Juventus - 1-0 in 1973; 1-1 (2-4 pens) in 1996.
- The Athens Olympic Stadium has a proud sporting history. Originally constructed for the 1982 European Athletics Championship, the OACA Spyro Louis Stadium was named after the winner of the first Olympic marathon in the Greek capital in 1896 and is located in the north of the city in the municipality of Maroussi. Construction begun in 1980, and it was opened on 8 September 1982, the arena dominated by four leaning pillars at each corner.
- In 2002 the old stadium was closed and, after a major revamp, was re-opened on 30 July 2004 for the Olympic Games. The new Athens Olympic Stadium was noticeable for the twin 304m arches supporting the polycarbonate roof designed by Spanish architect Santiago Calatrava and designed to withstand winds of up to 120km/h.

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• UEFA President Michel Platini will present the European Champion Clubs' Cup to the winning captain, with UEFA Champions League final ambassador Theodoros Zagorakis assisting in the ceremony. The victorious Greece captain at UEFA EURO 2004™ will first help Mr Platini present medals to the match officials and the losing team, before the winning team step up to claim their medals and the trophy.

### Match facts

#### Milan

• **Clarence Seedorf** has every chance of becoming the most successful player in UEFA Champions League history if Milan manage to go all the way in this season's competition. The Dutch midfielder has been a winner on three occasions, an achievement shared with Roberto Carlos, Raúl González and Fernando Morientes, although uniquely his trio of titles each came with a different club; AFC Ajax (1995), Madrid (1998) and Milan (2002). If Milan win in Athens, Seedorf would join Phil Neal (Liverpool FC, 1977, 1978, 1981 and 1984) in becoming one of only three non-Madrid players to have won the European Champion Clubs' Cup at least four times, with **Paolo Maldini** moving on to five successes.

• **Maldini** is untouchable in terms of current players in the European Cup having won with Milan in 1989 and 1990 as well as the 1994 and 2003 UEFA Champions League finals, although he would still need another triumph as well as success this season to move level with Madrid great Paco Gento who won the trophy six times between 1956 and 1966. Team-mate **Alessandro Costacurta** played in 1989, 1990 and 2003 but was suspended for the 1994 final.

• **Maldini** also played in the 1993, 1995 and 2005 UEFA Champions League finals, which Milan lost to Olympique de Marseille, Ajax and Liverpool respectively. Should he play in Athens, it would be his eighth European Cup final.

• Milan have eight other players who have all won the trophy. **Dida**, **Alessandro Nesta**, **Kakha Kaladze**, **Gennaro Gattuso**, **Andrea Pirlo**, **Serginho**, **Massimo Ambrosini** and **Filippo Inzaghi** all played their part in 2003. **Dario Šimić** was not involved in the final while **Cristian Brocchi** was an unused substitute.

• Should he play in Athens **Maldini** would become, at the age of 38 years 331 days, the oldest outfield player to appear in a European Champion Clubs' Cup final. The oldest player to appear is Juventus goalkeeper Dino Zoff, who was aged 41 years 86 days in 1983.

• Only **Kaká** has featured in all 14 UEFA Champions League matches to date, including qualifying: **Seedorf** and **Andrea Pirlo** have both made 13 appearances in this season's competition. **Marek Jankulovski**, meanwhile, played in all six Group H games and both legs against Celtic, Bayern and Manchester United.

• **Maldini** made his 100th UEFA Champions League appearance in the first leg with Celtic in Glasgow. Raúl, Roberto Carlos, David Beckham and Oliver Kahn have already reached that landmark. The record relates to 'group stage to final' matches played since the 1992/93 start of the UEFA Champions League.

• **Cafu**, meanwhile, made his 50th appearance in the competition away to Lille on Matchday 2, the eleventh Milan player to achieve that feat. The full-back has since taken his total to 54 games. **Ambrosini** brought up his half-century in the UEFA Champions League in Munich on Matchday 10 and has since played twice more.

• **Maldini** also leads the way in terms of UEFA club competition appearances having played 167 times. **Seedorf** (123 appearances) and **Costacurta** (121) have also passed the century mark while **Nesta** has played in 95 games, one more than **Kaladze** and three more than **Inzaghi**.

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- **Inzaghi** is the top scorer in the current Milan squad both in the UEFA Champions League and UEFA club competition overall; his strike in the second leg at Bayern was his 36th goal in the former and 56th in total. **Kaká** is next with 21 goals, all of which have come in the UEFA Champions League while January signing **Ronaldo** - who is ineligible - has 14 UEFA Champions League goals and 37 in UEFA club matches.
- **Yoann Gourcuff** made his debut in the UEFA Champions League group stage on Matchday 1 and marked the occasion with the second goal against AEK Athens FC. It was the former Stade Rennais FC midfielder's seventh European appearance and his first goal, although he had to wait for the Matchday 4 meeting with Anderlecht to play again in the competition.
- **Daniele Bonera** made a less successful UEFA Champions League debut on Matchday 3 at Anderlecht as he was sent off for a second bookable offence early in the second half.
- **Pirlo** made his 75th appearance in UEFA club competition in the Celtic first leg. He has now appeared 80 times.
- **Kaká** is the leading scorer in this season's UEFA Champions League after the semi-finals with ten goals, including two at Old Trafford and one in the home match with United. **Inzaghi**, **Seedorf** - who scored the second in the home game against United - and **Alberto Gilardino**, who scored the final goal in Milan's 3-0 semi-final second-leg victory, have all scored twice this season. **Gourcuff** and **Pirlo** have both struck once.
- **Gilardino's** goal on Matchday 4 was his first in the competition in his ninth appearance. His second, against United, came in his 18th UEFA Champions League match.
- **Seedorf** has provided four assists so far, two more than **Kaká** and **Ambrosini**. Ryan Giggs has set up the most goals to date with six.
- **Kaká** has had 27 shots on goal so far, the most in the competition. **Inzaghi** has managed 13 attempts.
- **Kaká** has had 16 shots wide after 12 games, four more than **Seedorf** but two fewer than Cristiano Ronaldo and Didier Drogba who have had the most.
- **Inzaghi** has been caught offside 13 times in the first 12 games, with Drogba having been penalised on 20 occasions.
- **Ambrosini** has committed 24 fouls after Matchday 12, six fewer than the most penalised player in the competition, Jefferson Farfán but two more than **Gattuso** and eight more than **Jankulovski**. Gattuso has also been impeded on 20 occasions, six behind **Kaká**.
- Milan have had a total of 160 shots so far, 12 more than Liverpool have managed.
- Milan have had 82 shots wide, 12 more than their final opponents in terms of missing the target. In addition, with 78 shots on target, they lead Liverpool by five shots in that respect.
- Milan have committed 178 fouls to date, 22 more than the English club.
- The Italian outfit have been caught offside 35 times in total, five more than Liverpool's total of 30 offsides.
- Milan won 66 corners in the first 12 matches, with Liverpool winning 48.
- Prior to the first leg with United, Milan had conceded only six goals, the lowest of the four semi-finalists. However, having been breached three times at Old Trafford, the Italian side have now conceded a goal more than Liverpool.
- The Italian side have managed 18 goals en route to Athens, the same as the English side.

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- Milan have collected 17 yellow cards to date, as well as that red card for **Bonera** on Matchday 3.
- **Pirlo** and **Gattuso** were both part of an all-star Europe XI that took on Manchester United in the UEFA celebration match on Tuesday 13 March at Old Trafford.
- **Ricardo Oliveira** turned 27 on 6 May, three days before **Jankulovski** celebrated his 30th birthday. **Pirlo** was 28 four days before the UEFA Champions League final, on 19 May, while **Ambrosini** is 30 six days after the Liverpool game and **Bonera** is 26 on 31 May.
- **Costacurta**, who turned 41 on 24 April, became the oldest player to compete in the UEFA Champions League when he played against AEK on Matchday 5. The veteran defender was aged 40 years and 211 days, 94 days older than previous record holder, Club Brugge KV goalkeeper **Dany Verlinden** when he played the full 90 minutes against AFC Ajax on 9 December 2003.
- **Laurent Blanc** is currently the oldest player to score in the competition, aged 36 years and 339 days having found the net for Manchester United FC in their 3-2 defeat of Olympiacos CFP on 23 October 2002.
- **Costacurta** has only scored three goals in 457 league appearances for Milan, his last goal before Saturday coming in the 1991/92 season. He has also never scored in 65 UEFA Champions League outings, or in 121 UEFA club competition matches. No outfield player has ever played as many UEFA games without finding the net.
- In terms of UEFA Champions League outfield players, only former Milan team-mate **Michael Reiziger** of PSV Eindhoven (74) and current colleague **Nesta** (70) have played more games without scoring. Nesta did find the net, however, in the 2003 final shoot-out as Milan beat Juventus 3-2 on penalties.
- On Saturday night Milan lost 3-2 at home against Udinese Calcio in Serie A. **Gourcuff** cancelled out Gyan Asamoah's tenth-minute goal for the visitors nine minutes before half-time, but Udinese regained the lead through Antonio Di Natale nine minutes after the interval. **Costacurta** pulled Milan level from the penalty spot in the 57th minute only for Paulo Barretto to give Udinese the lead for the third and final time five minutes later.
- **Carlo Ancelotti** rested all the players who are expected to start in Athens. **Marco Storari** played in goal with **Bonera**, **Šimić**, **Giuseppe Favalli** and **Leandro Grimi** in defence. **Costacurta**, in his 457th and last game for Milan, joined **Brocchi**, **Gourcuff** and **Serginho** in midfield while **Oliveira** partnered **Marco Borriello** in attack.
- "It was Costacurta's day," said **Ancelotti**. "He deserved this kind of goodbye. He has been a great champion and a great example for everybody and his experience will be very useful for the club as a coach. This group is fantastic and we proved it once again today in the way we celebrated Costacurta. The enthusiasm we have now can give us a push to win in Athens. We know Liverpool extremely well and will not have as much space in which to play as we like but we are in very good condition and know we can win."
- Before the Udinese game **Costacurta** had only scored two Serie A goals in his entire career and none since 1991/92. It was his fifth goal in his whole professional career, having scored two in 59 appearances with Italy.
- The 41-year-old said: "It was a great day and I thank everybody for this - the club, my family, my team-mates, everybody. I'm happy to stay in football in another role and I will try to do my very best because Milan are a great family."
- **Costacurta** will join the Milan coaching staff next season, becoming Ancelotti's second assistant alongside **Mauro Tassotti**. He has so far collected 20 trophies since making his Rossoneri debut in 1986.
- After the game all the Rossoneri players – including those who were not playing – came on to the pitch wearing the No5 Milan jersey in honour of Costacurta.

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- Eighteen-year-old forward **Davide Di Gennaro** replaced **Costacurta** after 58 minutes against Udinese for his Serie A debut with the Rossoneri. Defender **Matteo Darmian** and midfielder **Alex Guerci**, both 17, also made their league debuts as second-half substitutes. Darmian had already played once in the Coppa Italia this season.
- **Di Gennaro, Darmian** and **Guerci** had not been born when **Costacurta** made his Serie A debut against Hellas-Verona FC in October 1987.
- **Gourcuff's** goal against Udinese was his first in Serie A although he had already scored in the UEFA Champions League, against AEK in September.
- **Grimi** made his first start for Milan on Saturday night. The 22-year-old defender, who joined in January, had made one substitute appearance in both Serie A and the Coppa Italia.
- Before the Udinese game Milan celebrated the 50th anniversary of their sixth Scudetto. Former players **Oswaldo Bagnoli, Gastone Bean, Mario Bergamaschi, Lorenzo Buffon, Bruno Ducati, Cesare Maldini, Francesco Zagatti, Giovanni Meanti** and **Cesare Reina** were on the pitch during the warm-up and received a warm welcome from the Rossoneri fans.
- The Rossoneri have been without **Ronaldo** for the last three weeks after the 30-year-old injured his left thigh in training. The Brazilian, who has scored seven goals in 13 appearances since arriving in January, is ineligible for the UEFA Champions League having played in the competition for Real Madrid earlier this season.
- The scourge of United in the semi-finals, **Kaká** failed to spark on his return to domestic action on 6 May, hitting a penalty against the post as Milan were held to a goalless draw at home to ACF Fiorentina.
- **Ancelotti** said: "It was impossible to play with the same intensity as we did against Manchester United. I'm very pleased with the performance and with the result despite missing opportunities to win."
- With **Maldini** still recovering from a knee problem, **Ancelotti** fielded **Kaladze** alongside **Nesta** in central defence. **Cafu** and **Favalli** started on either side of the back four as **Massimo Oddo** and **Jankulovski** were rested. **Gilardino** was suspended while **Seedorf** had flu.
- **Kaká's** penalty miss was his second, and Milan's third, of the season. **Gilardino** failed to convert the other spot-kick.
- Every time Milan have missed a penalty they have drawn 0-0. In all they have had seven goalless draws this season, more than any other team in Serie A.
- The Fiorentina match also ended Milan's run of scoring in 14 consecutive games in all competitions.
- On 13 May Milan were again held, this time against Calcio Catania. **Seedorf** opened the scoring after six minutes at the neutral ground in Bologna before Gionatha Spinesi (61) made it 1-1.
- The draw was enough for Milan to secure a place in next season's UEFA Champions League third qualifying round. The Rossoneri would earn a group-stage berth as holders if they defeat Liverpool.
- **Maldini** returned for the game in a strong Milan lineup, and lasted 64 minutes in his first Serie A appearance since 11 March before being replaced by **Kaladze**.
- **Ancelotti** said: "Considering how we were in the first half of the season we have reached a formidable target. Now we can focus on Athens. We made it before we thought so we have ten days to train and think about Liverpool."
- **Seedorf's** goal was his seventh in Serie A this term, his highest ever total in a career spanning 15 seasons with Ajax, Real Madrid, FC Internazionale Milano and UC Sampdoria.

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- **Seedorf** is the third Milan player to reach double figures in all competitions for Milan this season after **Kaká** (18) and **Gilardino** (16).
- In mid-December Milan were languishing in 14th in the Serie A table, having recorded just five victories from their opening 16 games. They have since won 14 of their last 21 league matches.
- **Pirlo** and **Jankulovski** have enjoyed more action than any other Rossoneri player this season. Both have made 33 Serie A appearances and played four times apiece in the Coppa Italia, though Pirlo edges it as he has made 13 UEFA Champions League outings, one more than Jankulovski.
- **Maldini** made his 601st Serie A appearance against Catania and has pledged to do "everything possible" to be fit for the final against Liverpool as he continues to postpone surgery on a troublesome knee injury.
- The Milan captain looks set for another season - his 24th - at San Siro. "We have reached an agreement with the club," said **Maldini**, who made his debut against Udinese Calcio in January 1985. "Only the signature on the contract is missing but it's just a formality."
- **Cafu** signed a new one-year contract on 4 May. The only player to have featured in three successive FIFA World Cup finals, winning two, the right-back joined the Rossoneri from AS Roma in summer 2003 and made his 100th Serie A appearance for the club last month.
- **Ambrosini** signed a new contract on 12 May, adding two years to his existing deal and committing himself to the Rossoneri until June 2010.
- **Ambrosini** missed the 2005 defeat by Liverpool with a thigh injury and has described Athens as a "second chance".
- Five days before the final, **Nesta** committed himself to Milan until 2011. His previous deal had been due to expire at the end of next season.
- **Kaká** has asked the Brazilian Confederation of Football not to select him for this summer's Copa América, complaining of tiredness and the need for a first break from football in three years.
- Milan are particularly dangerous in the closing stages and just under a third of their 57 Serie A goals this season have come in the last 15 minutes.
- The Rossoneri have conceded just two goals in the opening 15 minutes in Serie A all season.
- If they play and Milan win, **Pirlo** and **Gattuso** will claim the UEFA Champions League a year after helping Italy to FIFA World Cup triumph, with **Nesta**, **Oddo**, **Gilardino** and **Inzaghi** all unused substitutes in the Azzurri's final win against France last year. Only **Roque Junior** has achieved the feat before, for Brazil in 2002 and Milan in 2003. A hero for the Rossoneri in the latter year, **Dida** was an unused substitute in the World Cup final.

### Liverpool

- Nine of Liverpool's squad all played when Milan were beaten in dramatic circumstances in the 2005 final: **Jerzy Dudek**, **Steve Finnan**, **Sami Hyypiä**, **Jamie Carragher**, **Harry Kewell**, **Xabi Alonso**, **Steven Gerrard**, **John Arne Riise** and **Luis García**. Of that list, only the latter has no chance of featuring in the final for a second time because of injury.
- **Alonso** is the only Liverpool player to have featured in all 14 UEFA Champions League matches to date, including qualifying.



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- **Jermaine Pennant** and **Peter Crouch** have both made 13 appearances in the competition this season, with the former missing the trip to FC Girondins de Bordeaux on Matchday 3 and Crouch missing the visit to PSV Eindhoven in the first round of group games.

- **Carragher** became the first current Liverpool player to reach 50 appearances in the UEFA Champions League in the first leg against PSV. The English international defender has played one more game than **Riise**, who brought up his half-century against Chelsea at Stamford Bridge, and six more than **Dudek**. **Hyypiä** has featured on 42 occasions and **Gerrard** 41.

- **Carragher** has played 90 UEFA club competition games and become Liverpool's all-time record appearance holder in Europe, overtaking Ian Callaghan's 89-game record with his appearance in the semi-final second leg.

- **Hyypiä** is within six games of a century of UEFA club competition appearances; the centre-back has featured in 94 games. In all, eight players have played in 50 or more UEFA club matches and **Robbie Fowler** would bring up that mark should he play in Athens; the striker has made 49 appearances, one more than **Finnan**.

- Four Liverpool players made their UEFA Champions League debuts on Matchday 1; **Daniel Agger**, **Fabio Aurelio**, **Mark González** and **Dirk Kuyt**.

- Three more took their bows in the competition in the 3-2 defeat at Galatasaray SK on Matchday 6: **Gabriel Paletta**, **Daniel Guthrie** and **Lee Peltier**.

- January signing **Álvaro Arbeloa** featured for the first time in UEFA club competition in the first leg with Barcelona and kept his place for the return, playing 90 minutes on each occasion. Although he missed out in the first leg against PSV, he returned for the second match and featured at Stamford Bridge.

- **Javier Mascherano**, who made his competition debut in the PSV first leg, helped Argentina win gold at the 2004 Olympics in the Athens Olympic Stadium. He played in the UEFA Cup for West Ham United FC this season.

- **Gerrard's** goal in the first leg with PSV was his 15th in the European Cup, taking him past Ian Rush's club record. "I'm a bit embarrassed to be honest," the Liverpool captain said. "Ian Rush is someone I've watched as a kid and I never dreamt I'd break one of his records. I don't think I'll be breaking any of his other ones. I'm flattered but it's not really important to me. What's more important is how well the team is doing."

- **Crouch** is one of four players on six goals in this season's competition, four fewer than **Kaká**. **García** - who has missed the second half of the season with a knee injury - and **Gerrard** have three goals to their names, one more than **Fowler** and **Riise**. **Craig Bellamy** has also scored in this season's competition while **Agger's** goal in the semi-final second leg was the defender's first in UEFA club competition.

- **Finnan** has set up four goals so far, three fewer than the competition's leading assist provider Ryan Giggs. **Bellamy** has set up three goals to date, one more than **Kuyt**, **Gerrard** and **Pennant**.

- **Gerrard** has managed 13 shots on goal so far, one more than **Crouch** but 14 fewer than **Kaká** who has had the most. **Kuyt** has had nine shots. Gerrard has had 13 shots wide, three more than Crouch and Kuyt with Cristiano Ronaldo and Didier Drogba leading the way in that respect on 18.

- **Kuyt** has been caught offside eleven times, three more than **Bellamy** but nine fewer than Didier Drogba, who is the competition's most flagged player.

- **Xabi Alonso** has committed 23 fouls so far, three more than **Crouch** and four more than Kuyt but seven fewer than the competition's most penalised player Jefferson Farfán. **Mohamed Sissoko** has been impeded 18 times with Francesco Totti leading the way in that respect having won 36 free-kicks.

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- Liverpool have had 73 shots on target, five fewer than Milan's total of 78. Liverpool have also had 70 shots wide, 12 less than their final opponents.
- The Merseyside club have therefore had a total of 143 shots compared to Milan's 12-match total of 160 shots.
- Having scored 18 times on their way to the final, Liverpool have managed the same number of goals as Milan. The English side, however, have conceded eight goals in their 12 games so far, one less than Milan.
- With 156 fouls committed Liverpool have been penalised 22 times less than their final opponents, who have given away 178 free-kicks.
- Liverpool won 48 corners in their first 12 matches compared to Milan's total of 66.
- A Liverpool player has been flagged offside on 30 occasions, five less than Milan's total of 35.
- Liverpool have picked up 19 yellow cards so far, two more than Milan - although unlike the Italian side they are yet to have a player sent off in this season's competition.
- **Gerrard, Carragher, Fowler** and **Boudewijn Zenden** all took part in the UEFA celebration match between Manchester United and a Europe XI on Tuesday 13 March at Old Trafford, Manchester.
- **Zenden** joined Chelsea FC in a €13m deal from FC Barcelona for the 2001/02 season before being loaned to Middlesbrough FC for the 2003/04 campaign. He has played against three of his former clubs in this season's competition - Barça, PSV and Chelsea.
- **Gerrard** turns 27 exactly one week after the UEFA Champions League final, on 30 May.
- **González** is hoping to become the first Chilean footballer to win the UEFA Champions League.
- Following their semi-final defeat of Chelsea, Liverpool have had eleven penalty shoot-outs in all domestic and UEFA club competition, winning eleven and losing just one. That solitary defeat came in the 1993/94 English League Cup fourth round when they lost 4-3 on penalties to Wimbledon FC, now Milton Keynes Dons FC.
- After securing qualification for next season's UEFA Champions League by beating Wigan Athletic FC 2-0 on 21 April, Liverpool failed to win any of their three remaining Premiership fixtures.
- A 2-1 defeat at Portsmouth FC on 28 April was followed by a 1-0 reverse against Fulham FC a week later.
- Resting eight players who had started Liverpool's second-leg win against Chelsea four days earlier, Fulham won at Craven Cottage thanks to Clint Dempsey's 69th-minute goal.
- **Kewell** came on as a substitute for the last 13 minutes to make his first appearance since the 2006 FIFA World Cup. He had not played for Liverpool since limping off injured during their FA Cup final victory against West Ham United FC in May 2006 after operations on both feet and his groin.
- The Australian winger further staked his claim for a spot in Liverpool's UEFA Champions League squad in their final Premiership fixture of the season on 13 May with a late penalty to earn a point in a 2-2 draw at home to relegated Charlton Athletic FC.
- **Benítez** said: "Today we could see a fantastic Harry. He had some chances as well as the goal but you saw him trying to beat players, keeping the ball and shooting, he was really good. We will see if he has a chance for Athens."

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- Benítez fielded close to a full team against Charlton, resisting the temptation to rest the likes of **Gerrard** and **Carragher**.
- The visitors took an early lead through Matt Holland at Anfield, though **Alonso** equalised after an hour. Within ten minutes Darren Bent restored Charlton's lead before **Kewell's** penalty made it 2-2 in the closing stages.
- Anfield waved goodbye to one of its favourite sons after the Charlton match as **Fowler** made his final home appearance for the club. The 32-year-old striker will not have his contract renewed and his second spell with his hometown team will end after 18 months back on Merseyside. Fowler has played 369 games for Liverpool, scoring 183 goals.
- Benítez brought off **Fowler** in the 88th minute to ensure the former England striker received a standing ovation.
- Goalkeeper **Dudek** was denied the opportunity to bid farewell to Anfield as a groin strain prevented him from taking a bow against Charlton. The Polish international will leave the club in the summer after six years.
- First-choice **Pepe Reina** was also absent with a shoulder injury, giving a debut opportunity to on-loan UC Sampdoria goalkeeper Daniele Padelli.
- Both **Reina** and **Dudek** have recovered from their injuries and are fit to play in Athens.
- Despite their poor end to the Premiership season Liverpool still held on to third place, ahead of Arsenal FC but behind champions Manchester United and runners-up Chelsea.
- Liverpool kept 20 clean sheets from their 38 Premiership games this season, recording 20 victories in the league.
- The Merseyside club finished the season on 999 points over the 15 years since the Premiership's formation.
- Liverpool prepared for the final against Milan with a five-day training camp in Spain. The Reds tried the same approach in Portugal before facing Barcelona in this season's first knockout round and went on to win 2-1 at Camp Nou.
- "When we did this before the Barcelona game it had a positive impact," said **Benítez**. "The most positive thing is we can work together in a climate and in conditions which will be more like those we will face in the final."
- Among the many thousands of Liverpool fans travelling to Athens will be the club's new American owners **George Gillett** and **Tom Hicks** with the latter promising to bring "the whole Hicks clan" of eight. The Texan multi-millionaire said: "My 15-year-old son is in the middle of his school finals so he will have to get some dispensation to be there."
- Liverpool goalkeeper **Reina** returned from celebrating his side's semi-final success against Chelsea FC to find his house had been burgled and his Porsche Cayenne car stolen. Taking a philosophical view, he said the incident was "a bit of bad luck" and it had not diminished his love for the city.
- **Benítez** explained why he chose to sit on the turf to watch Liverpool's penalty shoot-out victory against Chelsea, saying: "The supporters couldn't see, so we sat down and watched. We were thinking about our people."
- **Zenden** scored the first penalty of that shoot-out and being on the winning side ended a sequence of five semi-final losses in major competitions for the midfielder. He had previously tasted defeat with the Netherlands at the 1998 FIFA World Cup and the UEFA European Championship in 2000 and 2004, as well as with Barcelona in the 2000 UEFA Champions League and the 2001 UEFA Cup.

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- **Zenden** picked up an ankle injury in training the week before the game against Milan. "He's been treated by the doctor and the good news is the swelling is not that bad," said **Benítez**. "We will need to see how it is after more checks. It will be difficult to say he will be fit for the final now, but I won't say no yet."
- **Sissoko** could return from an ankle injury after resuming training but long-term absentees **Aurelio** (achilles) and **Luis Garcia** (knee) are definitely ruled out.
- Having already announced the signing of Bayer 04 Leverkusen's Ukraine striker **Andriy Voronin**, Liverpool have also revealed that another summer arrival will be Brazilian youngster **Lucas Leiva**. The 20-year-old midfielder has agreed to join from Brazilian side Grêmio FPA for a fee in the region of €7.3m. **Benítez** said: "The deal with the player and his club is almost done and I am really pleased he is coming to us. We know he has quality and we believe he has the mentality and character you need to do well in England."
- RC Recreativo de Huelva, meanwhile, have taken up their option to sign on-loan Liverpool striker **Florent Sinama Pongolle** in a €4m transfer.
- Liverpool are in talks with a number of their key players to extend their contracts with the club as **Gerrard, Carragher, Alonso, Reina** and **Finnan** are all said to be in line for new deals. "I've never been happier with my football," said club captain Gerrard. "I'd love nothing better than to get this contract sorted and signed."
- **Benítez** said: "We need to keep all of our big players here so it's very important we get the contracts sorted out so they can be here for a long time."
- Liverpool will tour Hong Kong as part of their pre-season preparations for 2007/08. The club will take part in the Asia Cup, along with fellow Premiership sides Portsmouth and Fulham, against the Hong Kong FA Cup winners in the last week of July.

### Herbert Fandel

- Herbert Fandel, 43, will become the eighth German to referee a European Champion Clubs' Cup final. No other country has been honoured as many times - Italy (six) along with France and Switzerland (both five) are the closest.
- Before Fandel's appointment and since the UEFA Cup moved to a one-off final in 1997/98, only Pierluigi Collina of Italy has had the honour of refereeing both UEFA Cup (2004) and UEFA Champions League (1999) finals.
- "It is a great honour to be asked to referee this match - it was always a dream for me," the music teacher told uefa.com. "I think my experience will help me. I've taken charge of a lot of major matches in Germany and internationally, and I'm looking forward to refereeing a game between two excellent teams. My music school is going very well, but obviously with a full football programme at the end of the season there isn't the time I would like to run things. The feeling you get before doing a piano concert and the feeling before refereeing a big match are about the same, actually. You don't quite know what awaits you, but you prepare yourself in the anticipation that everything will turn out alright on the night."

### Finale Athens

- The official ball for the 2007 UEFA Champions League final is the Finale Athens. Featuring state of the art technology, the design is based on the popular UEFA Champions League starball logo and the blue and white of the Greek national flag. adidas claim the 14-panel design "creates a perfectly round ball allowing great accuracy and control". The company has been supplying balls for the UEFA Champions League since the 2001/02 season and will continue to do so until at least 2009.

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No	Player	Nat.	DoB	A	BL	Current season						All-time			
						UCLQ		UCL		League		UCL		UEFA	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
<b>Goalkeepers</b>															
1	<b>Dida</b>	BRA	07.10.1973	33	-	2	-	10	-	25	-	62	-	69	-
16	Zeljko <b>Kalac</b>	AUS	16.12.1972	34	-	-	-	3	-	9	-	4	-	28	-
26	Marco <b>Storari</b>	ITA	07.01.1977	30	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-
29	Valerio <b>Fiori</b>	ITA	27.04.1969	38	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-
30	Davide <b>Facchin</b>	ITA	29.04.1987	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
40	Daniel <b>Offredi</b>	ITA	26.03.1988	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Defenders</b>															
2	<b>Cafu</b>	BRA	07.06.1970	36	-	2	-	6	-	23	-	54	2	79	2
3	Paolo <b>Maldini</b>	ITA	26.06.1968	38	-	-	-	8	-	18	1	104	2	167	3
4	Kakha <b>Kaladze</b>	GEO	27.02.1978	29	-	-	-	6	-	17	1	60	3	94	3
5	Alessandro <b>Costacurta</b>	ITA	24.04.1966	41	-	2	-	1	-	3	1	65	-	121	-
13	Alessandro <b>Nesta</b>	ITA	19.03.1976	31	-	-	-	7	-	14	-	70	-	95	1
17	Dario <b>Šimić</b>	CRO	12.11.1975	31	-	2	-	4	-	21	-	26	-	59	3
18	Marek <b>Jankulovski</b>	CZE	09.05.1977	30	-	-	-	12	-	33	3	14	-	18	-
19	Giuseppe <b>Favalli</b>	ITA	08.01.1972	35	-	1	-	2	-	14	2	33	1	72	2
25	Daniele <b>Bonera</b>	ITA	31.05.1981	25	-	-	-	6	-	24	-	6	-	29	-
27	<b>Serginho</b>	BRA	27.06.1971	35	-	2	-	1	-	5	-	51	2	65	3
31	Luca <b>Antonelli</b>	ITA	11.02.1987	20	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
32	Cristian <b>Brocchi</b>	ITA	30.01.1976	31	-	1	-	7	-	28	1	19	-	30	-
36	Matteo <b>Darmiani</b>	ITA	02.12.1989	17	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
44	Massimo <b>Oddo</b>	ITA	14.06.1976	30	-	-	-	6	-	9	1	10	-	24	-
<b>Midfielders</b>															
8	Gennaro <b>Gattuso</b>	ITA	09.01.1978	29	-	2	-	10	-	29	1	64	1	89	3
10	Clarence <b>Seedorf</b>	NED	01.04.1976	31	-	2	1	11	2	32	7	93	8	123	12
20	Yoann <b>Gourcuff</b>	FRA	11.07.1986	20	-	1	-	8	1	21	1	8	1	14	1
21	Andrea <b>Pirlo</b>	ITA	19.05.1979	28	-	2	-	11	1	33	2	61	4	80	4
22	<b>Kaká</b>	BRA	22.04.1982	25	-	2	-	12	10	31	8	47	21	50	21
23	Massimo <b>Ambrosini</b>	ITA	29.05.1977	29	-	2	-	9	-	19	2	52	2	72	2
28	Alex <b>Guerci</b>	ITA	31.07.1989	17	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
33	Davide <b>Di Gennaro</b>	ITA	16.06.1988	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Forwards</b>															
7	Ricardo <b>Oliveira</b>	BRA	06.05.1980	27	-	-	-	6	-	26	3	10	1	17	4
9	Filippo <b>Inzaghi</b>	ITA	09.08.1973	33	-	2	2	9	2	20	2	65	36	92	56
11	Alberto <b>Gilardino</b>	ITA	05.07.1982	24	-	2	-	8	2	30	12	18	2	34	6
<b>Coach</b>															
	Carlo Ancelotti	ITA	10.06.1959	47	-	2	-	12	-	-	-	80	-	112	-

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<b>Goalkeepers</b>															
1	Jerzy Dudek	POL	23.03.1973	34	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	45	-	68	-
25	Pepe Reina	ESP	31.08.1982	24	-	2	-	11	-	35	-	23	-	75	-
30	Daniele Padelli	ITA	25.10.1985	21	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
40	David Martin	ENG	22.01.1986	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Defenders</b>															
2	Álvaro Arbeloa	ESP	17.01.1983	24	-	-	-	4	-	9	1	4	-	4	-
3	Steve Finnan	IRL	20.04.1976	31	-	2	-	9	-	33	-	28	-	48	-
4	Sami Hyypiä	FIN	07.10.1973	33	-	2	-	3	-	23	2	42	3	94	6
5	Daniel Agger	DEN	12.12.1984	22	-	1	-	10	1	27	2	10	1	17	1
6	John Arne Riise	NOR	24.09.1980	26	-	1	-	10	2	33	1	51	3	77	4
12	Fábio Aurélio	BRA	24.09.1979	27	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	4	-	4	-
23	Jamie Carragher	ENG	28.01.1978	29	-	1	-	11	-	35	1	52	-	90	1
29	Gabriel Paletta	ARG	15.02.1986	21	-	-	-	2	-	3	-	2	-	2	-
39	Stephen Darby	ENG	06.10.1988	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Midfielders</b>															
7	Harry Kewell	AUS	22.09.1978	28	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	25	-	63	11
8	Steven Gerrard	ENG	30.05.1980	26	-	2	-	9	3	36	7	41	6	77	19
11	Mark González	CHI	10.07.1984	22	-	2	1	6	-	25	2	6	-	8	1
14	Xabi Alonso	ESP	25.11.1981	25	-	2	-	12	-	32	4	34	2	41	2
16	Jermaine Pennant	ENG	15.01.1983	24	-	2	-	11	-	34	1	14	-	16	-
20	Javier Mascherano	ARG	08.06.1984	22	-	-	-	3	-	7	-	3	-	5	-
22	Mohamed Sissoko	FRA	22.01.1985	22	-	2	-	7	-	16	-	17	-	34	1
26	Paul Anderson	ENG	23.07.1988	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
32	Boudewijn Zenden	NED	15.08.1976	30	-	2	-	9	-	16	-	31	1	64	6
35	Daniel Guthrie	ENG	18.04.1987	20	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
37	Lee Peltier	ENG	11.12.1986	20	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
<b>Forwards</b>															
9	Robbie Fowler	ENG	09.04.1975	32	-	-	-	4	2	16	3	10	2	49	15
15	Peter Crouch	ENG	30.01.1981	26	-	2	1	11	6	32	9	17	6	25	7
17	Craig Bellamy	WAL	13.07.1979	27	-	1	1	10	1	27	7	16	3	36	13
18	Dirk Kuyt	NED	22.07.1980	26	-	-	-	10	-	34	12	10	-	29	7
38	Craig Lindfield	ENG	07.09.1988	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Coach</b>															
	Rafael Benítez	ESP	16.04.1960	47	-	2	-	12	-	-	-	47	-	81	-

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### Head coach profiles

#### **AC Milan: Carlo Ancelotti**

**Date of birth:** 10 June 1959

**Nationality:** Italian

**Playing career:** Parma FC, AS Roma, AC Milan

**Coaching career:** AC Reggiana, Parma FC, Juventus, AC Milan

One of only five people – the others being Miguel Muñoz, Giovanni Trapattoni, Johan Cruyff and Frank Rijkaard – to have lifted the European Champion Clubs' Cup as both a player and coach, Carlo Ancelotti is one of the most highly-regarded coaches in European football. He claimed the UEFA Champions League in 2003 in only his second season at the AC Milan helm - he would have added a second but for Liverpool FC's stunning fightback two years later - and has added Serie A and Coppa Italia medals to an individual trophy cabinet teeming with honours.

His coaching career is proving every bit as illustrious as his days as a no-nonsense midfielder. Ancelotti started out at AS Roma, winning the Scudetto in 1983, before moving to Milan three years later after his hometown club deemed him too injury-prone. He quickly went about proving them wrong, thriving at San Siro in five years of unyielding success which brought two more Serie A crowns and back-to-back European Cup wins in 1989 and 1990.

He started his coaching career in similar vein, leading AC Reggiana to promotion in his debut season in 1996 and went on to Parma FC who he guided to an unprecedented second-placed finish. By 1998 he was at Juventus and although he never managed to better runners-up spot, Ancelotti did earn a return to San Siro in summer 2001. There he thrived, winning the UEFA Champions League, Coppa Italia and UEFA Super Cup in his second season and completing the set with the Serie A title in 2003/04. He guided the Rossoneri to second in the next two campaigns, although they were subsequently demoted to third last term following the Italian sporting fraud tribunal. In March, he extended his contract until summer 2008.

#### **Liverpool FC: Rafael Benítez**

**Date of birth:** 16 April 1960

**Nationality:** Spanish

**Playing career:** Real Madrid CF B, CP Parla, CD Linares

**Coaching career:** Real Madrid CF (youth coach), Real Valladolid (assistant coach), CA Osasuna (assistant coach), CD Tenerife, CF Extremadura, Valencia CF, Liverpool FC

Rafael Benítez has stamped his authority on Liverpool FC since his arrival from Spain on 16 June 2004. Former Primera División stars Xabi Alonso and Luis García blended perfectly with locals like Steven Gerrard and Jamie Carragher as Benítez immediately guided the Reds to UEFA Champions League glory. Liverpool's recovery from 3-0 down against AC Milan and subsequent penalty shoot-out victory was one of the greatest finals ever. Although the holders were eliminated in the 2005/06 first knockout round, Benítez still oversaw an FA Cup triumph.

After spending his playing career in the lower leagues as a midfielder with Real Madrid CF B, Benítez coached youth players at Madrid before taking charge of CD Tenerife and CF Extremadura - impressive spells which earned him his big break at Valencia CF in 2001. He led the club to their first league title for 31 years in 2002, repeating the trick in 2004 when they also won the UEFA Cup in Gothenburg.

That 2-0 victory against Olympique de Marseille was his final game before being lured to Liverpool, a club starved of league honours since 1990. The Reds' continental glory in 2004/05 has yet to be matched in the Premiership with fifth- and then third-placed finishes but there was an FA Cup triumph last May. Benítez again masterminded a dramatic comeback, with Liverpool recovering from a two-goal deficit against West Ham United FC to draw 3-3 and then prevail on penalties.

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### Match officials

<b>Referee</b>	Herbert Fandel (GER)
<b>Assistant referees</b>	Carsten Kadach (GER), Volker Wezel (GER)
<b>Fourth official</b>	Florian Meyer (GER)
<b>UEFA Delegate</b>	Frantisek Laurinec (SVK)
<b>UEFA Referee observer</b>	Bo Karlsson (SWE)

### Referee

Name	Nat.	DoB	UCL	UEFA
Herbert Fandel	GER	09.03.1964	23	43

Whether performing a classical piano piece for an appreciative audience, or refereeing football's superstars in front of a packed crowd, Herbert Fandel keeps his cool and delivers the goods. Stage fright is out of the question. The German, who took charge of Sevilla FC's 4-0 UEFA Cup final defeat of Middlesbrough FC in May, is used to the big occasion, both as a full-time pianist - who runs his own highly successful music school - and as one of Europe's leading referees.

Fandel, a father of two who lives in Kyllburg, close to the Luxembourg border, became the first German to take charge of a one-off UEFA Cup final in Eindhoven. Having started his refereeing career in 1989, he joined the élite band of Bundesliga officials in 1996 and earned his FIFA badge two years later. His break on the international stage came at the UEFA European Under-16 Championship in 1998 before he travelled to the 1999 UEFA-CAF Meridian Cup in South Africa. Appointments at the UEFA European Under-21 Championship and Sydney Olympics followed in 2000 ahead of the step up to FIFA World Cup qualifying in 2002.

By 2003/04 he was a regular in the UEFA Champions League, taking charge of five matches - rapid progress which continued the following term as he was entrusted with high-profile ties such as AC Milan-Manchester United FC and Chelsea FC-FC Porto. Last season was also a successful one in the competition as Fandel was on duty for four games, not least the goalless draw at Juventus which saw Arsenal FC reach the semi-finals for the first time. He also took charge of his second German Cup final in three campaigns, with FC Bayern München lifting the trophy after a 1-0 win against Eintracht Frankfurt.

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

Date	Comp.	Stage		Res	Venue
19.09.2001	UCL	GS1	S.S. Lazio-FC Nantes Atlantique	1-3	Rome
17.10.2001	UCL	GS1	Manchester United FC-RC Deportivo La Coruña	2-3	Manchester
17.09.2002	UCL	GS1	Valencia CF-Liverpool FC	2-0	Valencia
26.11.2002	UCL	GS2	RC Deportivo La Coruña-Juventus	2-2	La Coruna
19.03.2003	UCL	GS2	AS Roma-AFC Ajax	1-1	Rome
13.08.2003	UCL	QR3	S.S. Lazio-SL Benfica	3-1	Rome
04.11.2003	UCL	GS1	Club Brugge KV-AC Milan	0-1	Bruges
25.02.2004	UCL	1/8	FC Porto-Manchester United FC	2-1	Porto
10.08.2004	UCL	QR3	Juventus-Djurgårdens IF FF	2-2	Turin
14.09.2004	UCL	GS	FC Shakhtar Donetsk-AC Milan	0-1	Donetsk
29.09.2004	UCL	GS	Chelsea FC-FC Porto	3-1	London
24.11.2004	UCL	GS	PSV Eindhoven-Arsenal FC	1-1	Eindhoven
08.03.2005	UCL	1/8	AC Milan-Manchester United FC	1-0	Milan
24.08.2005	UCL	QR3	FC Internazionale Milano-FC Shakhtar Donetsk	1-1	Milan
06.12.2005	UCL	GS	Chelsea FC-Liverpool FC	0-0	London
05.04.2006	UCL	QF	Juventus-Arsenal FC	0-0	Turin
27.09.2006	UCL	GS	Valencia CF-AS Roma	2-1	Valencia



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Date	Comp.	Stage	Res	Venue
01.11.2006	UCL	GS	AC Milan-RSC Anderlecht	4-1 Milan
06.12.2006	UCL	GS	Manchester United FC-SL Benfica	3-1 Manchester
06.03.2007	UCL	1/8	Liverpool FC-FC Barcelona	0-1 Liverpool
04.04.2007	UCL	QF	AS Roma-Manchester United FC	2-1 Rome

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

Date	Comp.	Stage	Res	Venue
03.05.1998	U16	QF	Italy-Croatia	2-1 Motherwell
04.09.1998	U21	QR	Sweden-England	0-2 Sundsvall
14.09.1999	UCUP	R1	FK Partizan-Leeds United AFC	1-3 Heerenveen
27.05.2000	U21	GS - FT	Italy-England	2-0 Bratislava
01.06.2000	U21	GS - FT	England-Slovakia	0-2 Bratislava
24.03.2001	WC	QR	Romania-Italy	0-2 Bucharest
06.12.2001	UCUP	R3	LOSC Lille Métropole-ACF Fiorentina	2-0 Lille
21.03.2002	UCUP	QF	AC Milan-Hapoel Tel-Aviv FC	2-0 Milan
23.02.2006	UCUP	1/16	RC Lens-Udinese Calcio	1-0 Lens
10.05.2006	UCUP	F	Middlesbrough FC-Sevilla FC	0-4 Eindhoven
06.09.2006	EURO	QR	France-Italy	3-1 Paris

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### Domestic information

#### AC Milan (Serie A)

Comp.	Date	Opponent	Res	Goalscorers
League	10.09.2006	-S.S. Lazio (H)	2-1	Inzaghi 26, Oliveira 70
League	17.09.2006	-Parma FC (A)	2-0	Seedorf 25, Kaká 85(pen)
League	20.09.2006	-Ascoli Calcio 1898 (H)	1-0	Jankulovski 68
League	23.09.2006	-AS Livorno Calcio (A)	0-0	
League	01.10.2006	-AC Siena (H)	0-0	
League	14.10.2006	-UC Sampdoria (A)	1-1	Kaladze 84
League	22.10.2006	-US Città di Palermo (H)	0-2	
League	25.10.2006	-AC Chievo Verona (A)	1-0	Jankulovski 30
League	28.10.2006	-FC Internazionale Milano (H)	3-4	Seedorf 51, Gilardino 76, Kaká 90
League	05.11.2006	-Atalanta BC (A)	0-2	
Cup	08.11.2006	-Brescia Calcio (H)	4-2	Borriello 61, 86, Brocchi 65, Inzaghi 78
League	11.11.2006	-AS Roma (H)	1-2	Brocchi 56
League	18.11.2006	-Empoli FC (A)	0-0	
League	25.11.2006	-FC Messina Peloro (H)	1-0	Maldini 13
Cup	28.11.2006	-Brescia Calcio (A)	2-1	Oliveira 14, Own goal
League	03.12.2006	-Cagliari Calcio (A)	2-2	Gilardino 49, Borriello 69
League	10.12.2006	-Torino FC (H)	0-0	
League	16.12.2006	-ACF Fiorentina (A)	2-2	Gilardino 3, 89
League	20.12.2006	-Calcio Catania (H)	3-0	Kaká 4, 88, Gilardino 82
League	23.12.2006	-Udinese Calcio (A)	3-0	Kaká 31(pen), Gilardino 35, Oliveira 76
Cup	11.01.2007	-Arezzo (H)	2-0	Gilardino 35, Inzaghi 50
League	14.01.2007	-Reggina Calcio (H)	3-1	Pirlo 6, Seedorf 35, Gilardino 78
Cup	18.01.2007	-Arezzo (A)	0-1	
League	21.01.2007	-S.S. Lazio (A)	0-0	
Cup	25.01.2007	-AS Roma (H)	2-2	Oliveira 4, Inzaghi 23
League	28.01.2007	-Parma FC (H)	1-0	Inzaghi 76
Cup	31.01.2007	-AS Roma (A)	1-3	Gilardino 17
League	11.02.2007	-AS Livorno Calcio (H)	2-1	Gattuso 29, Jankulovski 68
League	17.02.2007	-AC Siena (A)	4-3	Ronaldo 16, 81, Oliveira 29, Own goal
League	25.02.2007	-UC Sampdoria (H)	1-0	Ambrosini 90
League	28.02.2007	-US Città di Palermo (A)	0-0	
League	03.03.2007	-AC Chievo Verona (H)	3-1	Gilardino 33, Oddo 55, Seedorf 90
League	11.03.2007	-FC Internazionale Milano (A)	1-2	Ronaldo 40
League	18.03.2007	-Atalanta BC (H)	1-0	Ambrosini 40
League	31.03.2007	-AS Roma (A)	1-1	Gilardino 61
League	07.04.2007	-Empoli FC (H)	3-1	Ronaldo 12, Gilardino 44, Favalli 78
League	15.04.2007	-FC Messina Peloro (A)	3-1	Kaká 14, Favalli 30, Ronaldo 85
League	18.04.2007	-Ascoli Calcio 1898 (A)	5-2	Gilardino 2, 27, Kaká 25(pen), 35, Seedorf 78
League	21.04.2007	-Cagliari Calcio (H)	3-1	Ronaldo 14, 69, Pirlo 80
League	28.04.2007	-Torino FC (A)	1-0	Seedorf 26
League	06.05.2007	-ACF Fiorentina (H)	0-0	

**Lineups:** Dida, Cafu, Kaladze, Favalli, Nesta, Pirlo, Ambrosini, Kaká, Serginho (Jankulovski 46), Gattuso (Brocchi 76), Oliveira (Inzaghi 68)

League 13.05.2007 -Calcio Catania (A) 1-1 Seedorf 7

**Lineups:** Dida, Oddo, Nesta, Maldini (Kaladze 65), Jankulovski, Gattuso (Gourcuff 81), Pirlo, Brocchi, Kaká, Seedorf, Inzaghi (Gilardino 65)

League 19.05.2007 -Udinese Calcio (H) 2-3 Gourcuff 36, Costacurta 57(pen)

**Lineups:** Storari, Bonera, D. Šimić, Favalli (Darmiani 68), Grimi (Guerci 75), Costacurta (Di Gennaro 58), Brocchi, Gourcuff, Serginho, Oliveira, Borriello

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Comp.	Date	Opponent	Res	Goalscorers
League	27.05.2007	-Reggina Calcio (A)		

Pos.	Clubs	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1	FC Internazionale Milano	37	29	7	1	77	34	94
2	AS Roma	37	21	9	7	70	31	72
3	S.S. Lazio	37	18	11	8	58	31	62
4	<b>AC Milan</b>	37	19	12	6	57	34	61
5	US Città di Palermo	37	15	10	12	56	50	55
6	ACF Fiorentina	37	20	10	7	57	30	55
7	Empoli FC	37	14	12	11	41	40	54
8	Atalanta BC	37	12	14	11	54	50	50
9	UC Sampdoria	37	13	10	14	43	43	49
10	Udinese Calcio	37	12	10	15	48	53	46
11	Cagliari Calcio	37	9	13	15	34	44	40
12	AS Livorno Calcio	37	9	13	15	37	52	40
13	Torino FC	37	10	10	17	27	44	40
14	AC Chievo Verona	37	9	12	16	38	46	39
15	Parma FC	37	9	12	16	38	55	39
16	Calcio Catania	37	9	11	17	44	68	38
17	Reggina Calcio	37	11	15	11	50	50	37
18	AC Siena	37	8	14	15	33	44	37
19	FC Messina Peloro	37	5	11	21	34	65	26
20	Ascoli Calcio 1898	37	4	12	21	34	66	24

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### Domestic information

#### Liverpool FC (Premiership)

Comp.	Date	Opponent	Res	Goalscorers
League	19.08.2006	-Sheffield United FC (A)	1-1	Fowler 70(pen)
League	26.08.2006	-West Ham United FC (H)	2-1	Agger 42, Crouch 45
League	09.09.2006	-Everton FC (A)	0-3	
League	17.09.2006	-Chelsea FC (A)	0-1	
League	20.09.2006	-Newcastle United FC (H)	2-0	Kuyt 29, Xabi Alonso 79
League	23.09.2006	-Tottenham Hotspur FC (H)	3-0	González 63, Kuyt 73, John Arne Riise 89
League	30.09.2006	-Bolton Wanderers FC (A)	0-2	
League	14.10.2006	-Blackburn Rovers FC (H)	1-1	Bellamy 64
League	22.10.2006	-Manchester United FC (A)	0-2	
Cup	25.10.2006	-Reading FC (H)	4-3	Fowler 44, John Arne Riise 45, Paletta 50, Crouch 77
League	28.10.2006	-Aston Villa FC (H)	3-1	Kuyt 31, Crouch 38, Luis García 44
League	04.11.2006	-Reading FC (H)	2-0	Kuyt 14, 73
Cup	08.11.2006	-Birmingham City FC (A)	1-0	Agger 45
League	12.11.2006	-Arsenal FC (A)	0-3	
League	18.11.2006	-Middlesbrough FC (A)	0-0	
League	25.11.2006	-Manchester City FC (H)	1-0	Gerrard 67
League	29.11.2006	-Portsmouth FC (H)	0-0	
League	02.12.2006	-Wigan Athletic FC (A)	4-0	Bellamy 9, 26, Kuyt 40, Own goal
League	09.12.2006	-Fulham FC (H)	4-0	Gerrard 54, Carragher 61, Luis García 66, González 90
League	16.12.2006	-Charlton Athletic FC (A)	3-0	Xabi Alonso 3(pen), Bellamy 82, Gerrard 88
League	23.12.2006	-Watford FC (H)	2-0	Bellamy 47, Xabi Alonso 88
League	26.12.2006	-Blackburn Rovers FC (A)	0-1	
League	30.12.2006	-Tottenham Hotspur FC (A)	1-0	Luis García 45
League	01.01.2007	-Bolton Wanderers FC (H)	3-0	Crouch 61, Gerrard 63, Kuyt 83
Cup	06.01.2007	-Arsenal FC (H)	1-3	Kuyt 71
Cup	09.01.2007	-Arsenal FC (H)	3-6	Fowler 33, Gerrard 68, Hyypiä 80
League	13.01.2007	-Watford FC (A)	3-0	Bellamy 34, Crouch 40, 48
League	20.01.2007	-Chelsea FC (H)	2-0	Kuyt 4, Pennant 18
League	30.01.2007	-West Ham United FC (A)	2-1	Kuyt 46, Crouch 53
League	03.02.2007	-Everton FC (H)	0-0	
League	10.02.2007	-Newcastle United FC (A)	1-2	Bellamy 6
League	24.02.2007	-Sheffield United FC (H)	4-0	Fowler 20(pen), 25(pen), Hyypiä 70, Gerrard 73
League	03.03.2007	-Manchester United FC (H)	0-1	
League	18.03.2007	-Aston Villa FC (A)	0-0	
League	31.03.2007	-Arsenal FC (H)	4-1	Crouch 4, 35, 81, Agger 60
League	07.04.2007	-Reading FC (A)	2-1	Arbeloa 15, Kuyt 86
League	14.04.2007	-Manchester City FC (A)	0-0	
League	18.04.2007	-Middlesbrough FC (H)	2-0	Gerrard 58, 65(pen)
League	21.04.2007	-Wigan Athletic FC (H)	2-0	Kuyt 30, 68
League	28.04.2007	-Portsmouth FC (A)	1-2	Hyypiä 59
<b>Lineups:</b> Dudek, Arbeloa, Hyypiä, Paletta, Insua, Sissoko (El Zhar 83), Xabi Alonso, Zenden, González (Pennant 67), Fowler, Bellamy				
League	05.05.2007	-Fulham FC (A)	0-1	
<b>Lineups:</b> Reina, Arbeloa, Paletta, Hyypiä, Insua (Finnan 75), Pennant (El Zhar 65), Xabi Alonso, Sissoko, González (Kewell 77), Fowler, Bellamy				
League	13.05.2007	-Charlton Athletic FC (H)	2-2	Xabi Alonso 62, Kewell 90(pen)

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Comp.	Date	Opponent	Res	Goalscorers
<b>Lineups:</b> Padelli, Finnan, Carragher, Agger, Arbeloa (Xabi Alonso 61), Gerrard, Mascherano, Zenden (Kewell 57), John Arne Riise, Kuyt, Fowler (Crouch 88)				

Pos.	Clubs	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1	Manchester United FC	38	28	5	5	83	27	89
2	Chelsea FC	38	24	11	3	64	24	83
3	<b>Liverpool FC</b>	38	20	8	10	57	27	68
4	Arsenal FC	38	19	11	8	63	35	68
5	Tottenham Hotspur FC	38	17	9	12	57	54	60
6	Everton FC	38	15	13	10	52	36	58
7	Bolton Wanderers FC	38	16	8	14	47	52	56
8	Reading FC	38	16	7	15	52	47	55
9	Portsmouth FC	38	14	12	12	45	42	54
10	Blackburn Rovers FC	38	15	7	16	52	54	52
11	Aston Villa FC	38	11	17	10	43	41	50
12	Middlesbrough FC	38	12	10	16	44	49	46
13	Newcastle United FC	38	11	10	17	38	47	43
14	Manchester City FC	38	11	9	18	29	44	42
15	West Ham United FC	38	12	5	21	35	59	41
16	Fulham FC	38	8	15	15	38	60	39
17	Wigan Athletic FC	38	10	8	20	37	59	38
18	Sheffield United FC	38	10	8	20	32	55	38
19	Charlton Athletic FC	38	8	10	20	34	60	34
20	Watford FC	38	5	13	20	29	59	28

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### UEFA information

#### Final anticipation

UEFA President Michel Platini is one of millions relishing the prospect of the UEFA Champions League final in Athens. He said: "Along with every other football fan across the world, I am looking forward to the UEFA Champions League final in Athens. Two clubs who have won the trophy eleven times between them will meet for the second time in two years. On the last occasion in Istanbul in 2005, Liverpool and Milan produced a match that occupies a special place in European football history. I am sure that the two teams will be striving to make this year's final an equally memorable occasion at the splendid Athens Olympic Stadium."

#### Trophy ceremony

There will be a new, yet also time-honoured, look to the trophy ceremony at the UEFA Champions League final, with the winning captain going up to collect the European Champion Clubs' Cup trophy in the stands. This was also the case in last week's UEFA Cup final won by Sevilla FC in Glasgow and the same tradition will also return at the UEFA EURO 2008™ final in Vienna next year.

In explaining why such a "noble European club competition tradition should be revived", UEFA President Michel Platini said: "The winners will climb steps to receive the trophy amid the crowd of fans, the football people, those who are loyal to the game. Football is being restored to its rightful place - its heroes are being returned to the crowd...The memories of those who love football are filled with vivid images that have become iconic as the years go by. Football has always been the expression of the people, with no distinction made as to status or culture....That is why a change in protocol has been made - to return football to those who love the game."

#### Key dates

The race to reach the 2007/08 UEFA Champions League will begin with the first qualifying round on 17/18 and 24/25 July. The second qualifying round will take place on 31 July/1 August and 7/8 August before the third qualifying round on 14/15 and 28/29 August is held to determine the 16 clubs that will join the automatic qualifiers. All 32 entrants will then learn their group-stage fate in the draw on Thursday 30 August at the Grimaldi Forum, Monaco.

The 2007/08 UEFA Champions League group stage will be played over six matchdays - 18/19 September, 2/3 October, 23/24 October, 6/7 November, 27/28 November and 11/12 December. The first knockout round will follow over two legs on 19/20 February and 4/5 March. The quarter-finals will be played on 1/2 and 8/9 April before the semi-finals on 22/23 and 28/29 April. The 2008 UEFA Champions League final will be played in Moscow on 21 May, before UEFA EURO 2008™ kicks off in Austria and Switzerland on 7 June.

#### Champions Festival

UEFA has been staging the UEFA Champions Festival in the five days prior to the 2007 final. The activities are taking place each day from 11am to 11pm (11am to 7pm on Wednesday) at the Ancient Olympic Stadium, Syntagma Square and Zappeion Square. A UEFA statement said: "We bring the fans closer to the match and make them feel they are part of the final, and at the same time help promote football and its values to the supporters. By doing this, we will give the opportunity for the local population to experience the final as a memorable event for their city."

Among the attractions are a trophy display allowing fans to get their hands on and be pictured with the European Cup; clinics where fans can practise their skills; displays of memorabilia; and an informative UEFA booth. There is also the Champions Gallery, a sound and image exhibition revisiting the proud history of the competition and a youth tournament named Young Champions.

#### Helping tackle touts

UEFA and authorities in the United Kingdom have been working together in a concerted action to combat ticket touts, with encouraging results so far. UK police recently sent out a warning letter to several companies and individuals offering tickets for sale to high-profile UEFA matches such as the UEFA Champions League final, asking them to immediately take such tickets off the market.

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### Match-by-match lineups - AC Milan

#### Group H

#### Standing

Club	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
AC Milan	6	3	1	2	8	4	10
LOSC Lille Métropole	6	2	3	1	8	5	9
AEK Athens FC	6	2	2	2	6	9	8
RSC Anderlecht	6	0	4	2	7	11	4

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
13.09.2006	Anderlecht - Lille	1-1	Constant Vanden Stock Stadium, Brussels

**Goals:** 1-0 Pareja 41, 1-1 Fauvergue 80

**Anderlecht:** Zítka, Deschacht, Vanderhaeghe, Biglia (Juhász 68), Van Damme, Tchite, Hassan Ahmed, Boussoufa, Goor, Pareja, Vanden Borre

**Lille:** Sylva, Rafael, Cabaye (Fauvergue 60), Bastos (Youla 60), Bodmer, Odemwingie (Lichtsteiner 88), Makoun, Tafforeau, Chalmé, Keita, Plestan

**Referee:** Stuart Dougal (SCO)

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
13.09.2006	Milan - AEK	3-0	Stadio Giuseppe Meazza, Milan

**Goals:** 1-0 Inzaghi 17, 2-0 Gourcuff 41, 3-0 Kaká 76

**Milan:** Dida, Cafu, Maldini, Oliveira (Seedorf 71), Gattuso, Inzaghi, D. Šimić, Favalli (Jankulovski 79), Gourcuff, Kaká, Brocchi (Ambrosini 75)

**AEK:** Sorrentino, Moras, Cirillo, Delibašić, Pautasso, Tziortziopoulos, Emerson (Tózsér 70), Liberopoulos, Kapetanos (Lagos 46), Dellas (Ivić 55), Júlio César

**Referee:** Mike Riley (ENG)

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
26.09.2006	AEK - Anderlecht	1-1	OACA Spyro Louis, Athens

**Goals:** 0-1 Frutos 25, 1-1 Júlio César 28

**AEK:** Sorrentino, Moras, Cirillo, Kiriakidis, Lagos, Udeze, Georgeas, Kapetanos (Liberopoulos 46), Hetemaj (Delibašić 70), Tózsér, Júlio César (Lakis 55)

**Anderlecht:** Zítka, Deschacht, Biglia, Van Damme, Tchite, Leiva, Boussoufa (Legear 81), Goor, Pareja, Frutos, Vanden Borre

**Referee:** Claus Bo Larsen (DEN)

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
26.09.2006	Lille - Milan	0-0	Stade Félix-Bollaert, Lens

**Goals:** -

**Lille:** Sylva, Tavlaridis (Rafael 85), Bodmer, Fauvergue (Cabaye 62), Odemwingie, Makoun, Tafforeau, Chalmé, Vitakić, Keita, Plestan

**Milan:** Dida, Cafu, Kaladze, Gattuso, Seedorf, Gilardino (Inzaghi 76), Nesta, Jankulovski, Pirlo, Kaká, Ambrosini

**Referee:** Manuel Mejuto González (ESP)

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
17.10.2006	Lille - AEK	3-1	Stade Félix-Bollaert, Lens

**Goals:** 1-0 M. Robail 64, 1-1 Ivić 68, 2-1 Gygax 82, 3-1 Makoun 90+1

**Lille:** Sylva, Tavlaridis, Cabaye (Mirallas 64), Bodmer, Odemwingie (Youla 78), Makoun, M. Robail (Gygax 78), Tafforeau, Chalmé, Keita, Plestan

**AEK:** Sorrentino, Cirillo, Papastathopoulos, Zikos, Lakis (Delibašić 71), Udeze, Emerson, Georgeas, Liberopoulos, Tózsér (Ivić 56), Júlio César

**Referee:** Florian Meyer (GER)

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Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
17.10.2006	Anderlecht - Milan	0-1	Constant Vanden Stock Stadium, Brussels

**Goals:** 0-1 Kaká 58

**Anderlecht:** Zítka, Deschacht, Vanderhaeghe (Hassan Ahmed 70), Biglia, Tchite, Boussoufa (Serhat 84), Goor, Juhász, Frutos, De Man, Vanden Borre (Legear 84)

**Milan:** Dida, Kaladze, Oliveira (Cafu 50), Gattuso, Inzaghi (Gilardino 72), Seedorf (Brocchi 81), Nesta, Jankulovski, Pirlo, Kaká, Bonera

**Referee:** Luis Medina Cantalejo (ESP)

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
01.11.2006	AEK - Lille	1-0	OACA Spyro Louis, Athens

**Goals:** 1-0 Liberopoulos 74

**AEK:** Sorrentino, Moras, Cirillo, Zikos, Emerson (Kapetanos 47), Georgeas, Liberopoulos, Dellas, Hetemaj (Kiriakidis 88), Tózsér, Júlio César (Manduca 58)

**Lille:** Sylva, Tavlaridis, Cabaye, Bodmer, Odemwingie (Youla 57), Makoun (Fauvergue 77), M. Robail (Debuchy 57), Tafforeau, Chalmé, Keita, Plestan

**Referee:** Steve Bennett (ENG)

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
01.11.2006	Milan - Anderlecht	4-1	Stadio Giuseppe Meazza, Milan

**Goals:** 1-0 Kaká 6, 2-0 Kaká 22, 3-0 Kaká 56, 3-1 Juhász 61, 4-1 Gilardino 88

**Milan:** Dida, Maldini, Oliveira (Pirlo 73), Seedorf, Gilardino, Nesta (Cafu 19), D. Šimić, Jankulovski, Gourcuff (Gattuso 66), Kaká, Brocchi

**Anderlecht:** Zítka, Deschacht, Vanderhaeghe (Serhat 39), Biglia, Tchite, Hassan Ahmed, Boussoufa (Mbo Mpenza 80), Goor, Juhász, De Man, Vanden Borre (Legear 85)

**Referee:** Herbert Fandel (GER)

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
21.11.2006	Lille - Anderlecht	2-2	Stade Félix-Bollaert, Lens

**Goals:** 1-0 Odemwingie 28, 1-1 Mbo Mpenza 38, 2-1 Fauvergue 47, 2-2 Mbo Mpenza 48

**Lille:** Sylva, Rafael, Bodmer, Fauvergue (Bastos 71), Odemwingie (Mirallas 75), Makoun, M. Robail (Debuchy 55), Tafforeau, Chalmé, Keita, Plestan

**Anderlecht:** Schollen, Deschacht, Biglia (Juhász 93), Van Damme, Tchite, Mbo Mpenza (Boussoufa 66), Hassan Ahmed (Vanderhaeghe 83), Goor, Pareja, De Man, Vanden Borre

**Referee:** Tom Henning Øvrebø (NOR)

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
21.11.2006	AEK - Milan	1-0	OACA Spyro Louis, Athens

**Goals:** 1-0 Júlio César 32

**AEK:** Sorrentino, Cirillo, Manduca, Tziortziopoulos (Moras 78), Papastathopoulos, Zikos, Emerson, Liberopoulos, Dellas, Tózsér (Kiriakidis 66), Júlio César (Hetemaj 86)

**Milan:** Dida (Kalac 78), Maldini, Costacurta (Jankulovski 46), Oliveira (Borriello 70), Inzaghi, Seedorf, Gourcuff, Pirlo, Kaká, Bonera, Brocchi

**Referee:** Eric Braamhaar (NED)

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
06.12.2006	Anderlecht - AEK	2-2	Constant Vanden Stock Stadium, Brussels

**Goals:** 1-0 Vanden Borre 38, 2-0 Frutos 63, 2-1 Lakis 75, 2-2 Cirillo 81

**Anderlecht:** Zítka, Deschacht, Biglia, Tchite, Hassan Ahmed (Boussoufa 65), Goor, Juhász, Pareja, Frutos (Legear 79), De Man, Vanden Borre

**AEK:** Sorrentino, Cirillo, Kiriakidis (Lakis 50), Manduca (Delibašić 58), Pautasso, Papastathopoulos, Zikos, Georgeas, Liberopoulos, Tózsér, Júlio César (Hetemaj 58)

**Referee:** Peter Fröjdfeldt (SWE)



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Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
06.12.2006	Milan - Lille	0-2	Stadio Giuseppe Meazza, Milan

**Goals:** 0-1 Odemwingie 7, 0-2 Keita 67

**Milan:** Kalac, Kaladze, Inzaghi, Borriello (Oliveira 72), D. Šimić, Jankulovski, Gourcuff, Pirlo, Ambrosini (Kaká 54), Bonera, Brocchi (Seedorf 46)

**Lille:** Malicki, Debuchy, Tavlaridis, Cabaye, Bodmer (Fauvergue 89), Odemwingie (M. Robail 73), Makoun, Tafforeau, Chalmé, Keita (Youla 83), Plestan

**Referee:** Graham Poll (ENG)

### First knockout round, first leg

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
20.02.2007	Celtic - Milan	0-0	Celtic Park, Glasgow

**Goals:** -

**Celtic:** Boruc, Naylor, K. Miller (Jarošík 63), Vennegoor, Wilson, Sno, Lennon (Gravesen 81), Nakamura, McManus, McGeady, O'Dea

**Milan:** Kalac, Maldini, Kaladze (Bonera 63), Gattuso, Gilardino (Oliveira 77), Jankulovski, Gourcuff, Pirlo, Kaká, Ambrosini, Oddo

**Referee:** Terje Hauge (NOR)

### First knockout round, second leg

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
07.03.2007	Milan - Celtic	1-0 (aet)	Stadio Giuseppe Meazza, Milan

**Goals:** 1-0 Kaká 3 Ex.

**Milan:** Dida, Maldini, Gattuso (Brocchi 79), Inzaghi (Gilardino 73), Seedorf, Jankulovski, Pirlo, Kaká, Ambrosini, Bonera, Oddo (D. Šimić 26 Ex.)

**Celtic:** Boruc, Telfer, Naylor, Vennegoor, Sno (Beattie 7 Ex.), Lennon, Jarošík (Gravesen 62), Nakamura (K. Miller 16 Ex.), McManus, McGeady, O'Dea

**Referee:** Konrad Plautz (AUT)

### Quarter-finals, first leg

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
03.04.2007	Milan - Bayern	2-2	Stadio Giuseppe Meazza, Milan

**Goals:** 1-0 Pirlo 40, 1-1 Van Buyten 78, 2-1 Kaká 84, 2-2 Van Buyten 90+3

**Milan:** Dida, Maldini, Gattuso, Seedorf (Gourcuff 85), Gilardino (Inzaghi 71), Nesta, Jankulovski (Kaladze 87), Pirlo, Kaká, Ambrosini, Oddo

**Bayern:** Rensing, Sagnol (Lell 68), Lucio, Van Buyten, Makaay (Santa Cruz 86), Podolski (Pizarro 68), Salihamidžić, Lahm, Hargreaves, Schweinsteiger, Ottl

**Referee:** Yuri Baskakov (RUS)

### Quarter-finals, second leg

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
11.04.2007	Bayern - Milan	0-2	Fußball Arena München, Munich

**Goals:** 0-1 Seedorf 27, 0-2 Inzaghi 31

**Bayern:** Kahn, Lucio, Van Buyten, Makaay (Pizarro 61), Podolski, Van Bommel, Salihamidžić, Lahm, Hargreaves, Lell (Görlitz 77), Ottl (Santa Cruz 46)

**Milan:** Dida, Maldini, Gattuso (Cafu 87), Inzaghi (Serginho 70), Seedorf (Gourcuff 80), Nesta, Jankulovski, Pirlo, Kaká, Ambrosini, Oddo

**Referee:** Manuel Mejuto González (ESP)

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### Semi-finals, first leg

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
24.04.2007	Man. United - Milan	3-2	Old Trafford, Manchester

**Goals:** 1-0 Cristiano Ronaldo 5, 1-1 Kaká 22, 1-2 Kaká 37, 2-2 Rooney 59, 3-2 Rooney 90+1

**Man. United:** Van der Sar, Evra, Heinze, Brown, Cristiano Ronaldo, Rooney, Giggs, Carrick, Scholes, O'Shea, Fletcher

**Milan:** Dida, Maldini (Bonera 46), Gattuso (Brocchi 53), Seedorf, Gilardino (Gourcuff 84), Nesta, Jankulovski, Pirlo, Kaká, Ambrosini, Oddo

**Referee:** Kyros Vassaras (GRE)

### Semi-finals, second leg

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
02.05.2007	Milan - Man. United	3-0	Stadio Giuseppe Meazza, Milan

**Goals:** 1-0 Kaká 11, 2-0 Seedorf 30, 3-0 Gilardino 78

**Milan:** Dida, Kaladze, Gattuso (Cafu 84), Inzaghi (Gilardino 67), Seedorf, Nesta, Jankulovski, Pirlo, Kaká (Favalli 86), Ambrosini, Oddo

**Man. United:** Van der Sar, Heinze, Brown, Cristiano Ronaldo, Rooney, Giggs, Vidić, Carrick, Scholes, O'Shea (Saha 77), Fletcher

**Referee:** Frank De Bleckere (BEL)

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### Match-by-match lineups - Liverpool FC

#### Group C

#### Standing

Club	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Liverpool FC	6	4	1	1	11	5	13
PSV Eindhoven	6	3	1	2	6	6	10
FC Girondins de Bordeaux	6	2	1	3	6	7	7
Galatasaray SK	6	1	1	4	7	12	4

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
12.09.2006	Galatasaray - Bordeaux	0-0	Atatürk Olimpiyat Stadium, Istanbul

#### Goals: -

**Galatasaray:** Mondragón, Tomas, Song, Necati, Hasan Şaş (Cihan 76), Ilić (Topal 76), Inamoto, Ferhat, Sabrı, Arda, Ümit Karan (Hasan Kabze 61)

**Bordeaux:** Ramé, Jurietti, Darcheville (Laslandes 85), Jemmali, Micoud, Wendel, Faubert, Ducasse, Marange, Planus, Chamakh (Edixon Perea 85)

**Referee:** Roberto Rosetti (ITA)

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
12.09.2006	PSV - Liverpool	0-0	PSV Stadium, Eindhoven

#### Goals: -

**PSV:** Gomes, Kromkamp, Reiziger, Alex, Simons, Arouna Koné, Méndez, Culina (Aissati 63), Farfán, Afellay (Väyrynen 74), Salcido

**Liverpool:** Reina, Finnan, Agger, Fabio Aurelio (González 82), Pennant, Bellamy (Gerrard 72), Kuyt, Sissoko (Xabi Alonso 62), Carragher, Warnock, Zenden

**Referee:** Massimo Busacca (SUI)

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
27.09.2006	Liverpool - Galatasaray	3-2	Anfield, Liverpool

**Goals:** 1-0 Crouch 9, 2-0 Luis García 14, 3-0 Crouch 52, 3-1 Ümit Karan 59, 3-2 Ümit Karan 65

**Liverpool:** Reina, Finnan, Agger, Gerrard, Luis García, Fabio Aurelio, Xabi Alonso, Crouch (Bellamy 90), Pennant (Sissoko 78), Kuyt (González 66), Carragher

**Galatasaray:** Mondragón, Tomas, Song, Orhan, Hakan Şükür, Topal (Hasan Şaş 46), Ayhan, Cihan (Ümit Karan 46), Ilić, Sabrı, Arda (Carrusca 86)

**Referee:** Luis Medina Cantalejo (ESP)

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
27.09.2006	Bordeaux - PSV	0-1	Stade Chaban-Delmas, Bordeaux

**Goals:** 0-1 Väyrynen 65

**Bordeaux:** Ramé, Henrique, Menegazzo, Jurietti (Dalmat 74), Darcheville, Jemmali (Laslandes 89), Micoud (Chamakh 46), Wendel, Faubert, Enakarhire, Mavuba

**PSV:** Gomes, Kromkamp, Alex, Simons, Väyrynen (Eric Addo 79), Arouna Koné, Méndez, Lamey, Afellay (Aissati 72), Salcido, Diego (Beerens 85)

**Referee:** Olegário Benquerença (POR)

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
18.10.2006	Bordeaux - Liverpool	0-1	Stade Chaban-Delmas, Bordeaux

**Goals:** 0-1 Crouch 58

**Bordeaux:** Ramé, Henrique, Menegazzo, Jurietti, Laslandes (Chamakh 63), Alonso (Faubert 63), Darcheville (Edixon Perea 71), Jemmali, Micoud, Wendel, Mavuba

**Liverpool:** Reina, Finnan, Hyypiä, John Arne Riise, Luis García, González (Sissoko 68), Xabi Alonso, Crouch (Kuyt 65), Bellamy (Warnock 87), Carragher, Zenden

**Referee:** Tom Henning Øvrebø (NOR)

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Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
18.10.2006	Galatasaray - PSV	1-2	Atatürk Olimpiyat Stadium, Istanbul

**Goals:** 1-0 Ilić 19, 1-1 Kromkamp 59, 1-2 Arouna Koné 72

**Galatasaray:** Mondragón, Tomas, Song, Orhan, Ayhan, Ilić (Necati 70), Inamoto, Aydın (Cihan 67), Sabrı, Arda, Ümit Karan (Hakan Şükür 70)

**PSV:** Gomes, Kromkamp, Reiziger, Alex, Simons, Cocu, Arouna Koné, Méndez (Väyrynen 62), Culina (Aissati 92), Farfán, Salcido

**Referee:** Yuri Baskakov (RUS)

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
31.10.2006	Liverpool - Bordeaux	3-0	Anfield, Liverpool

**Goals:** 1-0 Luis García 23, 2-0 Gerrard 72, 3-0 Luis García 76

**Liverpool:** Reina, Finnan, Hyypiä, John Arne Riise, Gerrard, Luis García (Fowler 78), Xabi Alonso (Zenden 58), Crouch (Pennant 73), Kuyt, Sissoko, Carragher

**Bordeaux:** Ramé, Menegazzo, Darcheville (Obertan 60), Jemmali, Micoud (Mavuba 75), Wendel, Faubert, Ducasse, Marange, Cid, Chamakh (Edixon Perea 12)

**Referee:** Markus Merk (GER)

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
31.10.2006	PSV - Galatasaray	2-0	PSV Stadium, Eindhoven

**Goals:** 1-0 Simons 59, 2-0 Arouna Koné 84

**PSV:** Gomes, Kromkamp (Culina 46), Alex, Simons, Cocu, Arouna Koné (Aissati 86), Méndez, Da Costa, Farfán, Afellay (Väyrynen 76), Salcido

**Galatasaray:** Mondragón, Tomas, Song, Orhan, Hasan Şaş, Ayhan, Ilić (Necati 70), Inamoto, Sabrı, Arda (Cihan 66), Ümit Karan (Hakan Şükür 79)

**Referee:** Martin Hansson (SWE)

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
22.11.2006	Bordeaux - Galatasaray	3-1	Stade Chaban-Delmas, Bordeaux

**Goals:** 1-0 Alonso 22, 2-0 Laslandes 47, 3-0 Faubert 50, 3-1 Inamoto 73

**Bordeaux:** Ramé, Jurietti, Laslandes, Alonso, Darcheville (Obertan 46), Micoud (Dalmat 79), Wendel (Ducasse 68), Faubert, Enakarhire, Mavuba, Planus

**Galatasaray:** Mondragón, Song, Hakan Şükür (Topal 63), Hasan Şaş (Ergün 69), Ayhan, Cihan, Ilić (Ümit Karan 46), Inamoto, Tolga Seyhan, Sabrı, Arda

**Referee:** Vladimír Hriňák (SVK)

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
22.11.2006	Liverpool - PSV	2-0	Anfield, Liverpool

**Goals:** 1-0 Gerrard 65, 2-0 Crouch 89

**Liverpool:** Reina, Finnan, Agger, John Arne Riise, Gerrard, González (Luis García 36), Xabi Alonso (Zenden 21), Crouch, Pennant (Bellamy 79), Kuyt, Carragher

**PSV:** Gomes, Kromkamp, Alex, Simons, Arouna Koné, Méndez (Beerens 81), Da Costa, Farfán, Afellay, Fehér (Diego 68), Salcido

**Referee:** Domenico Messina (ITA)

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
05.12.2006	Galatasaray - Liverpool	3-2	Atatürk Olimpiyat Stadium, Istanbul

**Goals:** 0-1 Fowler 22, 1-1 Necati 24, 2-1 Okan 28, 3-1 Ilić 79, 3-2 Fowler 90

**Galatasaray:** Mondragón, Tomas, Okan, Necati (Ilić 46), Carrusca (Mehmet 75), Cihan, Emre Aşık (Tolga Seyhan 46), Inamoto, Sabrı, Ergün, Ümit Karan

**Liverpool:** Dudek, Agger, John Arne Riise, Fowler, Xabi Alonso (Miki Roque 84), Pennant, Bellamy (Crouch 74), Carragher, Paletta, Guthrie (Luis García 66), Peltier

**Referee:** Olegário Benquerença (POR)

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Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
05.12.2006	PSV - Bordeaux	1-3	PSV Stadium, Eindhoven

**Goals:** 0-1 Faubert 7, 0-2 Dalmat 25, 0-3 Darcheville 37, 1-3 Alex 87

**PSV:** Gomes, Kromkamp, Reiziger, Alex, Simons, Cocu, Méndez, Aissati (Culina 62), Farfán, Eric Addo (Kluivert 46), Diego (Arouna Koné 46)

**Bordeaux:** Ramé, Laslandes, Darcheville (Edixon Perea 70), Jemmali, Faubert, Ducasse, Dalmat (Obertan 80), Enakarhire, Marange, Mavuba, Cid

**Referee:** Eduardo Iturralde González (ESP)

### First knockout round, first leg

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
21.02.2007	Barcelona - Liverpool	1-2	Camp Nou, Barcelona

**Goals:** 1-0 Deco 14, 1-1 Bellamy 43, 1-2 John Arne Riise 74

**Barcelona:** Valdés, Belletti, Motta (Iniesta 54), Márquez, Puyol, Xavi (Giuly 65), Ronaldinho, Zambrotta, Messi, Deco, Saviola (Gudjohnsen 83)

**Liverpool:** Reina, Arbeloa, Finnan, Agger, John Arne Riise, Gerrard, Xabi Alonso, Bellamy (Pennant 80), Kuyt (Crouch 90+4), Sissoko (Zenden 84), Carragher

**Referee:** Kyros Vassaras (GRE)

### First knockout round, second leg

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
06.03.2007	Liverpool - Barcelona	0-1	Anfield, Liverpool

**Goals:** 0-1 Gudjohnsen 75

**Liverpool:** Reina, Arbeloa, Finnan, Agger, John Arne Riise (Fabio Aurelio 77), Gerrard, Xabi Alonso, Bellamy (Pennant 68), Kuyt (Crouch 89), Sissoko, Carragher

**Barcelona:** Valdés, Márquez, Puyol, Xavi, Eto'o (Giuly 61), Ronaldinho, Messi, Deco, Thuram (Gudjohnsen 71), Oleguer, Iniesta

**Referee:** Herbert Fandel (GER)

### Quarter-finals, first leg

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
03.04.2007	PSV - Liverpool	0-3	PSV Stadium, Eindhoven

**Goals:** 0-1 Gerrard 27, 0-2 John Arne Riise 49, 0-3 Crouch 63

**PSV:** Gomes, Kromkamp (Fehér 68), Simons, Väyrynen, Cocu, Méndez (Kluivert 51), Da Costa, Culina, Farfán (Sun Xiang 46), Salcido, Diego

**Liverpool:** Reina, Finnan, Agger, John Arne Riise (Zenden 66), Gerrard, Fabio Aurelio (González 75), Xabi Alonso, Crouch (Pennant 85), Kuyt, Mascherano, Carragher

**Referee:** Bertrand Layec (FRA)

### Quarter-finals, second leg

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
11.04.2007	Liverpool - PSV	1-0	Anfield, Liverpool

**Goals:** 1-0 Crouch 67

**Liverpool:** Reina, Arbeloa, Hyypiä, Agger (Paletta 79), John Arne Riise, Xabi Alonso (González 72), Crouch, Pennant, Bellamy (Fowler 17), Sissoko, Zenden

**PSV:** Gomes, Simons, Väyrynen, Cocu, Arouna Koné (Van Eijden 72), Culina, Farfán (Kluivert 63), Eric Addo, Fehér (Sun Xiang 63), Salcido, Marcellis

**Referee:** Roberto Rosetti (ITA)

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### Semi-finals, first leg

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
25.04.2007	Chelsea - Liverpool	1-0	Stamford Bridge, London

**Goals:** 1-0 J. Cole 29

**Chelsea:** Petr Čech, A. Cole, Makelele, Carvalho, Shevchenko (Kalou 76), Lampard, J. Cole (Wright-Phillips 85), Drogba, Obi Mikel, Ferreira, Terry

**Liverpool:** Reina, Arbeloa, Agger, John Arne Riise, Gerrard, Xabi Alonso (Pennant 83), Bellamy (Crouch 53), Kuyt, Mascherano, Carragher, Zenden

**Referee:** Markus Merk (GER)

### Semi-finals, second leg

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
01.05.2007	Liverpool - Chelsea	1-0(4-1) (P)	Anfield, Liverpool

**Goals:** 1-0 Agger 22

**Penalty (Shoot-out):** 1-0 Zenden, 2-0 Xabi Alonso, 2-1 Lampard, 3-1 Gerrard, 4-1 Kuyt

**Liverpool:** Reina, Finnan, Agger, John Arne Riise, Gerrard, Crouch (Bellamy 16 Ex.), Pennant (Xabi Alonso 78), Kuyt, Mascherano (Fowler 28 Ex.), Carragher, Zenden

**Chelsea:** Petr Čech, A. Cole, Makelele (Geremi 28 Ex.), Essien, Lampard, J. Cole (Robben 8 Ex.), Drogba, Obi Mikel, Ferreira, Kalou (Wright-Phillips 17 Ex.), Terry

**Referee:** Manuel Mejuto González (ESP)

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### Competition facts

#### UEFA Champions League finals: Did you know?

- Spain are the most successful nation (1998, 2000, 2002 and 2006) with four wins from seven final dates, one more triumph than Italy (1994, 1996 and 2003) from nine appearances.
- No team has played in more finals than AC Milan. This year's will be their sixth appearance, while they can equal Real Madrid CF's record of three victories if they triumph in Athens.
- Italy with 24 has the most appearances per nation in all-time European Champion Clubs' Cup finals - of those ten have ended in victory and 14 in defeat. England has recorded the same number of wins from 13 final appearances. For the record, Spain has 20 final appearances (eleven wins/nine defeats) and Germany 13 (six/seven).
- In the previous 14 finals, there have been ten outright wins and four matches decided on shoot-outs. A total of 36 goals have been scored with the most common results being 1-0 and 2-1, with both happening on three occasions apiece.
- Thirteen European Champion Clubs' Cup finals have gone to extra time. The finals of 1958, 1968, 1970 and 1992 were decided in the additional period, while the 1974 showpiece between FC Bayern München and Club Atlético de Madrid ended 1-1 after 120 minutes with Bayern subsequently winning a replay. The other eight of those finals have been settled by a penalty shoot-out after extra time: in 1984, 1986, 1988, 1991, 1996, 2001, 2003 and, most recently, 2005, when Liverpool defeated Milan 3-2 in the shoot-out after a 3-3 draw.
- Milan's 4-0 win against FC Barcelona in the 1994 final remains the biggest winning margin and the Rossoneri were also involved in the highest scoring showpiece when they shared six goals with Liverpool in 2005 before penalties. In terms of the all-time European Cup, Madrid's 7-3 defeat of Eintracht Frankfurt in 1960 remains the most impressive while FC Bayern München (1974 v Club Atlético de Madrid) and Milan (1989 v FC Steaua Bucuresti) also recorded 4-0 successes.
- No player has scored a hat-trick in a final. Daniele Massaro (Milan 1994), Karlheinz Riedle (BV Borussia Dortmund 1997) and Hernán Crespo (Milan 2005) all struck twice. In European Cup terms, only Ferenc Puskás (Madrid 1962) and Pierino Prati (Milan 1969) have managed a final hat-trick.
- Only Raúl González has scored in two different UEFA Champions League finals (Madrid 2000 and 2002) – adding him to an exclusive club of 12 players to have found the net in more than one European Cup showpiece. Alfredo di Stéfano leads the list having scored seven goals in five separate finals for Madrid.
- Jens Lehmann's red card in the 2006 final made him the first player to be dismissed in a European Cup final.
- The 2007 final is only the second time that the trophy has been contested by two teams that have both come through qualifying. The only previous occasion was in 1998/99 when Manchester United FC faced Bayern. Liverpool (2005) and Milan (2003) are two of only three teams to have triumphed having come through qualifying, along with Manchester United (1999).
- Liverpool and Milan both lost three games en route to the 2007 final, equalling the record for the most defeats by a finalist in a one group-stage format of Juventus (1998 and 1996) and Monaco (2004). Leverkusen (2002) and Juventus (2003) were both beaten five times in getting to the final under a two-group format.

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- Athens was awarded the 2007 final after a decision by the UEFA Executive Committee at its meeting in Tallinn, Estonia in April 2005. The Greek capital is playing host to its first European final since the venue was rebuilt to stage the 2004 Olympic Games. The stadium previously provided the backdrop to the UEFA Champions League showpiece of 1993/94, when Milan were 4-0 winners against FC Barcelona. Prior to 1994, Athens also saw the European Cup lifted in 1982/83, the year after the venue was first inaugurated. On that occasion, Hamburger SV beat Juventus 1-0. The ground also staged the 1986/87 UEFA Cup Winners' Cup final when AFC Ajax were 1-0 winners against 1. FC Lokomotiv Leipzig.

- The Athens Olympic Stadium will become only the third venue to stage a final on two occasions. The other two are Munich's Olympiastadion (1993 and 1997) and the Stade de France in Paris (2000 and 2006). In European Cup terms, Wembley in London and the Heysel Stadium in Brussels have held five apiece.

### **UEFA Champions League knockout stage:** Did you know?

- Only six ties have gone to penalties. Four of these were finals – 1996, 2001, 2003 and 2005. 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. The second was Liverpool's 4-1 semi-final win on 1 May 2007 against Chelsea after a 1-1 aggregate draw.

- In all, 12 ties have required extra time, including, in 2006/07, Milan's meeting with Celtic FC in the first knockout round and Liverpool's semi-final triumph against Chelsea. Along with the six ties mentioned above, four quarter-final and two first knockout round encounters have also needed an additional 30 minutes in an attempt to determine a winner.

- Madrid set a new record for knockout stage qualification in successive seasons. The 2006/07 campaign was the tenth straight season since 1997/98 that they made it beyond the group stage, moving them ahead of United, who appeared nine times in a row between 1996/97 and 2004/05. Overall, they have now played in the knockout stage eleven times, one more than United and Bayern.

- The last European Champion Clubs' Cup season that featured not one semi-finalist from either Spain or Italy, or England for that matter, was the 1990/91 competition.

- England's success in having three semi-finalists in 2006/07 has been matched on two other occasions in European football's premier club competition since 1992/93. In 1999/00, Valencia CF, Barcelona and Madrid all made it through, again with Bayern as the odd one out, with Madrid ultimately going all the way. Then, in 2002/03, Madrid gate-crashed an Italian semi-final party, as eventual winners Milan, FC Internazionale Milano and Juventus all contested the penultimate round.

- Teams from the same country have contested the final on two previous occasions. Madrid overcame Valencia 3-0 in Paris in 2000, and three years later Milan defeated Juventus 3-2 on penalties after a goalless draw at Old Trafford.

- Clarence Seedorf is the only player to win the European Cup with three clubs (Ajax 1995, Madrid 1998 and Milan 2003). Had Bayern gone all the way in 2006/07, Ottmar Hitzfeld would have joined Liverpool's Bob Paisley – 1977, 1978 and 1981 - as the only coach to win three times, having won with Dortmund in 1997 and Bayern in 2001.

- Hitzfeld and Ernst Happel (Feyenoord 1970, Hamburger SV 1983) are the only coaches to win with two different clubs, an exclusive club that José Mourinho (Porto 2004) could have joined had Chelsea gone all the way in the 2006/07 campaign.

- All four of the coaches involved in the 2006/07 semi-finals had already lifted the European Cup; Sir Alex Ferguson guided United to glory in 1999, Carlo Ancelotti's Milan claimed a sixth title at Old Trafford in 2003, the following year Mourinho led Porto to victory and in 2005 Liverpool, under Rafael Benítez, overcame Ancelotti's Milan in Istanbul.



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- Players from 28 countries appeared in the 2006/07 semi-finals.
- Three of those countries – Chile (Mark González, Liverpool), Ivory Coast (Didier Drogba and Salomon Kalou, Chelsea) and Korea Republic (Ji-Sung Park, Manchester United) – have never produced a winner.
- Twenty-one English players appeared, six more than from Italy. France (7), Brazil and the Netherlands (6), Portugal (4), Argentina and Spain (3) are the next in the list, followed by Czech Republic, Ivory Coast, Norway, Republic of Ireland and Wales (all 2). Australia, Cameroon, Chile, Croatia, Denmark, Finland, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Korea Republic, Nigeria, Poland, Scotland, Serbia and Ukraine (all one).
- Had Chelsea or Roma gone all the way in 2006/07, it would be the first European Cup success for London or Rome. Only five capital cities have been successful in this way: Madrid (Real Madrid CF), Belgrade (FK Crvena Zvezda), Bucharest (FC Steaua Bucuresti), Amsterdam (AFC Ajax) and Lisbon (SL Benfica).

### • UEFA Champions League: All-time records

#### Biggest wins

- 7-0:** Juventus v Olympiacos CFP (10.12.2003)
- 7-1:** Manchester United FC v AS Roma (10.04.2007)
- 6-0:** Olympique de Marseille v PFC CSKA Moskva (17.03.1993)
- 6-0:** Leeds United AFC v Beşiktaş JK (26.09.2000)
- 6-0:** Real Madrid CF v KRC Genk (25.09.2002)

#### Most goals in a game

- 8-3:** AS Monaco FC v RC Deportivo La Coruña (05.11.2003)
- 7-2:** Paris Saint-Germain FC v Rosenborg BK (24.10.2000)
- 7-2:** Olympique Lyonnais v Werder Bremen (08.03.2005)

Only one team has scored more than five goals in an away game, Manchester United FC, winning 6-2 at Brøndby IF in 1998/99.

#### Leading scorer in a season

- 12:** Ruud van Nistelrooy (Manchester United FC, 2002/03)
- Andriy Shevchenko finished as top scorer in 2005/06 with nine goals for AC Milan.

#### Four goals in a match

- Marco van Basten (**AC Milan** 4-0 IFK Göteborg, 25.11.1992)
  - Simone Inzaghi (**S.S. Lazio** 5-1 Olympique de Marseille, 14.03.2000)
  - Dado Pršo (**AS Monaco FC** 8-3 RC Deportivo La Coruña, 05.11.2003)
  - Ruud van Nistelrooy (**Manchester United FC** 4-1 AC Sparta Praha, 03.11.2004)
  - Andriy Shevchenko (Fenerbahçe SK 0-4 **AC Milan**, 23.11.2005)
- Of these four-goal hauls, Dado Pršo's against Deportivo was the quickest. He scored his first goal 26 minutes into the game and his fourth just 23 minutes later.

#### Fastest goal in a match

- 10.03 secs:** Roy Makaay (**FC Bayern München** 2-1 Real Madrid CF, 07.03.2006)
- 20.07 secs:** Gilberto (PSV Eindhoven 0-4 **Arsenal FC**, 25.09.2002)
- 20.12 secs:** Alessandro Del Piero (Manchester United FC 3-2 **Juventus**, 01.10.1997)
- 21.20 secs:** Clarence Seedorf (FC Schalke 04 2-2 **AC Milan**, 28.09.2005)
- 25.40 secs:** Marek Kincl (Club Brugge KV 3-2 **SK Rapid Wien**, 02.11.2005)

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### Fastest hat-tricks

- 9 mins:** Mike Newell (**Blackburn Rovers FC** 4-1 Rosenborg BK, 06.12.1995)  
**19 mins:** Marco Simone (Rosenborg BK 1-4 **AC Milan**, 25.09.1996)  
**19 mins:** Dado Pršo (**AS Monaco FC** 8-3 RC Deportivo La Coruña, 05.11.2003)  
**21 mins:** Sigurd Rushfeldt (**Rosenborg BK** 3-0 Galatasaray SK, 21.10.1998)  
**21 mins:** Simone Inzaghi (**S.S. Lazio** 5-1 Olympique de Marseille, 14.03.2000)

### Youngest players to score

- 17 years, 195 days:** Peter Oforiquaye (Rosenborg BK 5-1 **Olympiacos CFP**, 01.10.1997)  
**17 years, 218 days:** Cesc Fabregas (**Arsenal FC** 5-1 Rosenborg BK, 07.12.2004)  
**17 years, 241 days:** Martin Klein (Panathinaikos FC 2-1 **AC Sparta Praha**, 27.02.2002)  
**17 years, 353 days:** Karim Benzema (**Olympique Lyonnais** 2-1 Rosenborg BK, 06.12.2005)  
**18 years, 61 days:** Sammy Kuffour (**FC Bayern München** 2-2 FC Spartak Moskva, 02.11.1994)  
**18 years, 70 days:** Andriy Shevchenko (**FC Dynamo Kyiv** 1-4 FC Bayern München, 07.12.1994)  
Peter Oforiquaye became the youngest player to score, but Celestine Babayaro is still the youngest to appear, having begun RSC Anderlecht's game against FC Steaua Bucuresti on 23 November 1994, aged 16 years and 87 days.

### Appearances: UEFA Champions League

**Note:** This list considers group stage to final only; Players listed in **bold** are still involved this season.

- 108 Raúl González (Real Madrid CF)  
107 Roberto Carlos (Real Madrid CF)  
104 **Paolo Maldini** (AC Milan)  
103 David Beckham (Manchester United FC, Real Madrid CF)  
103 Oliver Kahn (FC Bayern München)  
98 Gary Neville (Manchester United FC)  
97 Luís Figo (FC Barcelona, Real Madrid CF, FC Internazionale Milano)  
95 Ryan Giggs (Manchester United FC)  
95 Paul Scholes (Manchester United FC)  
93 **Clarence Seedorf** (AFC Ajax, Real Madrid CF, AC Milan)  
89 Andriy Shevchenko (FC Dynamo Kyiv, AC Milan, Chelsea FC)  
85 Thierry Henry (AS Monaco FC, Arsenal FC)  
85 Hasan Salihamidžić (FC Bayern München)  
83 Fernando Morientes (Real Madrid CF, AS Monaco FC, Liverpool FC, Valencia CF)  
83 Claude Makelele (FC Nantes Atlantique, Real Madrid CF, Chelsea FC)  
81 Guti (Real Madrid CF)  
81 Iván Helguera (Real Madrid CF)  
81 Frank de Boer (AFC Ajax, FC Barcelona, Galatasaray SK)  
80 Zinedine Zidane (Juventus, Real Madrid CF)  
79 Phillip Cocu (PSV Eindhoven, FC Barcelona)  
79 Alessandro Del Piero (Juventus)  
78 Alessio Tacchinardi (Juventus, Villarreal CF)  
78 Michel Salgado (Real Madrid CF)  
78 Iker Casillas (Real Madrid CF)  
77 Ole Gunnar Solskjær (Manchester United FC)  
76 Sylvain Wiltord (FC Girondins de Bordeaux, Arsenal FC, Olympique Lyonnais)

### Goals: UEFA Champions League

- 56 Raúl González (Real Madrid CF)  
49 Ruud van Nistelrooy (PSV Eindhoven, Manchester United FC, Real Madrid CF)  
46 Andriy Shevchenko (FC Dynamo Kyiv, AC Milan, Chelsea FC)  
42 Thierry Henry (AS Monaco FC, Arsenal FC)

### Appearances: UEFA club competition

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167 **Paolo Maldini** (AC Milan)  
136 Luís Figo (Sporting, FC Barcelona, Real Madrid CF, FC Internazionale Milano)  
133 Oliver Kahn (Karlsruher SC, FC Bayern München)  
130 Frank de Boer (AFC Ajax, FC Barcelona, Galatasaray SK)  
122 Zinedine Zidane (AS Cannes, FC Girondins de Bordeaux, Juventus, Real Madrid CF)  
121 **Alessandro Costacurta** (AC Milan)

### Goals: UEFA club competition

62 Gerd Müller (FC Bayern München)  
59 Andriy Shevchenko (FC Dynamo Kyiv, AC Milan, Chelsea FC)  
58 Raúl González (Real Madrid CF)  
56 Eusébio (Benfica)  
56 **Filippo Inzaghi** (Parma FC, Juventus, AC Milan)  
53 Ruud van Nistelrooy (PSV Eindhoven, Manchester United FC, Real Madrid CF)  
50 Alfredo Di Stéfano (Real Madrid CF)  
50 Thierry Henry (AS Monaco FC, Juventus, Arsenal FC)  
47 Carlos Santillana (Real Madrid CF)  
47 Henrik Larsson (Feyenoord, Celtic FC, FC Barcelona, Manchester United FC)

### Goals: UEFA Champions League/European Champion Clubs' Cup

**Note:** This list considers the all-time goalscorers list in both competitions including all qualifying round matches.

56 Raúl González (Real Madrid CF)  
55 Andriy Shevchenko (FC Dynamo Kyiv, AC Milan, Chelsea FC)  
53 Ruud van Nistelrooy (PSV Eindhoven, Manchester United FC, Real Madrid CF)  
49 Alfredo Di Stéfano (Real Madrid CF)  
47 Eusébio (Benfica)  
42 Thierry Henry (AS Monaco FC, Arsenal FC)

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### Team facts

#### AC Milan

##### UEFA club competition milestones

- Milan have been crowned champions of Europe six times, making them the second most successful club in the history of the competition behind Real Madrid CF. They won the European Champion Clubs' Cup in 1962/63, 1968/69, 1988/89 and 1989/90 before lifting the UEFA Champions League with a 4-0 victory against FC Barcelona in 1993/94 and most recently in 2002/03 when they triumphed on penalties after a goalless draw with Juventus FC.

- Alongside their success in the European Cup, Milan also lifted the UEFA Cup Winners' Cup twice - defeating Hamburger SV 2-0 in the 1967/68 final and Leeds United AFC 1-0 in 1972/73 thanks to a Luciano Chiarugi goal after just four minutes in Thessaloniki. The following season they were runners-up against German side 1. FC Magdeburg.

##### UEFA club competition honours

- European Champion Clubs' Cup: 1962/63, 1968/69, 1988/89, 1989/90, 1993/94, 2002/03
- UEFA Cup Winners' Cup: 1967/68, 1972/73
- European/South American Cup: 1969, 1989, 1990
- UEFA Super Cup: 1989, 1990, 1994, 2003

##### Ten-year record (including current season)

- Milan are making their fifth successive appearance in the UEFA Champions League and their seventh in eight seasons. They got past FK Crvena Zvezda in the third qualifying round to reach the group stage. The Italian side recorded three victories and a draw from their six outings in the group stage to top the standings with ten points, one ahead of LOSC Lille Métropole.

**1997/98:** Did not compete in UEFA club competition

**1998/99:** Did not compete in UEFA club competition

**1999/00:** UEFA Champions League - first group stage

**2000/01:** UEFA Champions League - second group stage

**2001/02:** UEFA Cup - semi-finals

**2002/03:** UEFA Champions League - winners

**2003/04:** UEFA Champions League - quarter-finals

**2004/05:** UEFA Champions League - runners-up

**2005/06:** UEFA Champions League - semi-finals

**2006/07:** UEFA Champions League - final

##### 2005/06 season

**Domestic record:** Milan ended the Serie A season in second place but a 30-point deduction following a sporting fraud investigation in Italy meant they were relegated to third and did not get an automatic place into the UEFA Champions League group stage. They were the highest goalscorers in the league, scoring 85 times in 38 games.

**European record:** Milan coasted through the group stage of the UEFA Champions League, losing once at PSV Eindhoven, before a 5-2 aggregate win against FC Bayern München in the first knockout round secured their last-eight place. After drawing 0-0 at Olympique Lyonnais, Milan won the second leg 3-1 but their path to a second successive final was blocked by FC Barcelona in the semi-finals - the eventual winners triumphing 1-0 over two legs.

##### Key facts

###### UEFA club competition

- Pld: 308 W: 165 D: 71 L: 72 GF: 514 GA: 269

###### UEFA Champions League (group stage to final)

- Pld: 114 W: 57 D: 32 L: 25 GF: 166 GA: 92

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### European Champion Clubs' Cup/UEFA Champions League

• Pld: 197 W: 107 D: 46 L: 44 GF: 347 GA: 167

#### Records

##### UEFA club competition

• Biggest win

**8-0:** AC Milan v US Luxembourg

12.09.1962, 1962/63 European Champion Clubs' Cup, preliminary round, first leg

• Biggest home win

**8-0:** AC Milan v US Luxembourg (see above for details)

• Biggest away win

**0-6:** FC København v AC Milan

20.10.1993, 1993/94 European Champion Clubs' Cup, second round, first leg

**0-6:** US Luxembourg v AC Milan

19.09.1962, 1962/63 European Champion Clubs' Cup, preliminary round, second leg

• Heaviest defeat

**6-0:** AFC Ajax v AC Milan

09.01.1974, 1973 UEFA Super Cup, final, second leg

• Heaviest home defeat

**0-2:** AC Milan v LOSC Lille Métropole

06.12.2006, 2006/07 UEFA Champions League, group stage

**0-2:** AC Milan v AFC Ajax

23.11.1994, 1994/95 UEFA Champions League, group stage

**0-2:** AC Milan v Parma AC

02.02.1994, 1993 UEFA Super Cup, final, second leg

**0-2:** AC Milan v RCD Español

21.10.1987, 1987/88 UEFA Cup, second round, first leg

**0-2:** AC Milan v FC Barcelona

04.11.1959, 1959/60 European Champion Clubs' Cup, first round, first leg

• Heaviest away defeat

**6-0:** AFC Ajax v AC Milan (see above for details)

##### UEFA Champions League (group stage to final only)

• Biggest win

**0-4:** Fenerbahçe SK v AC Milan

23.11.2005, 2005/06 UEFA Champions League, group stage

**4-0:** AC Milan v FC Shakhtar Donetsk

24.11.2004, 2004/05 UEFA Champions League, group stage

**0-4:** RC Deportivo La Coruña v AC Milan

24.09.2002, 2002/03 UEFA Champions League, group stage

**4-0:** AC Milan v FC Barcelona

18.05.1994, 1993/94 European Champion Clubs' Cup, final

**4-0:** AC Milan v IFK Göteborg

25.11.1992, 1992/93 UEFA Champions League, group stage

• Biggest home win

**4-0:** AC Milan v FC Shakhtar Donetsk (see above for details)

**4-0:** AC Milan v IFK Göteborg (see above for details)

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- Biggest away win

**0-4:** Fenerbahçe SK v AC Milan (see above for details)

**0-4:** RC Deportivo La Coruña v AC Milan (see above for details)

- Heaviest defeat

**4-0:** RC Deportivo La Coruña v AC Milan

07.04.2004, 2003/04 UEFA Champions League, quarter-finals, second leg

- Heaviest home defeat

**0-2:** AC Milan v LOSC Lille Métropole (see above for details)

**0-2:** AC Milan v AFC Ajax (see above for details)

- Heaviest away defeat

**4-0:** RC Deportivo La Coruña v AC Milan (see above for details)

**Last updated:** 03.05.2007

### Liverpool FC

#### UEFA club competition milestones

• The most successful English club in UEFA competition history, Liverpool have won the European Champion Clubs' Cup/UEFA Champions League five times.

• Liverpool have also won the UEFA Cup on three occasions and the UEFA Super Cup three times, having lost only three finals: the European Champion Clubs' Cup in 1984/85, the 1965/66 UEFA Cup Winners' Cup and the 1978 UEFA Super Cup.

#### UEFA club competition honours

• European Champion Clubs' Cup: 1976/77, 1977/78, 1980/81, 1983/84, 2004/05

• UEFA Cup: 1972/73, 1975/76, 2000/01

• UEFA Super Cup: 1977, 2001, 2005

#### Ten-year record (including current season)

• Liverpool have qualified for the UEFA Champions League for five of the past ten seasons and have only once failed to progress past the first group stage. In this season's group stage, the English side recorded four victories and a draw from their six outings to top their group, three points clear of PSV Eindhoven.

**1997/98:** UEFA Cup - second round

**1998/99:** UEFA Cup - third round

**1999/00:** Did not compete in UEFA club competition

**2000/01:** UEFA Cup - winners

**2001/02:** UEFA Champions League - quarter-finals

**2002/03:** UEFA Cup - quarter-finals (having transferred from the UEFA Champions League, group stage)

**2003/04:** UEFA Cup - fourth round

**2004/05:** UEFA Champions League - winners

**2005/06:** UEFA Champions League - first knockout round

**2006/07:** UEFA Champions League - final

#### 2005/06 season

**Domestic record:** Liverpool finished in third place in the Premiership, one point behind runners-up Manchester United FC and nine adrift of champions Chelsea FC. Third spot was enough to secure a place in the third qualifying round of the 2006/07 UEFA Champions League.

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**European record:** Liverpool topped Group G with an unbeaten record of three wins and three draws against Chelsea FC, Real Betis Balompié and RSC Anderlecht. They then lost both legs of the first knockout round versus SL Benfica as they went out 3-0 on aggregate.

### Key facts

#### UEFA club competition

• Pld: 253 W: 142 D: 56 L: 55 GF: 444 GA: 209

#### UEFA Champions League (group stage to final)

• Pld: 53 W: 25 D: 17 L: 11 GF: 68 GA: 40

#### European Champion Clubs' Cup/UEFA Champions League

• Pld: 142 W: 82 D: 31 L: 29 GF: 255 GA: 111

### Records

#### UEFA club competition

• Biggest win

**11-0:** Liverpool FC v Strømsgodset IF

17.09.1974, 1974/75 UEFA Cup Winners' Cup, first round, first leg

• Biggest home win

**11-0:** Liverpool FC v Strømsgodset IF (see above for details)

• Biggest away win

**0-5:** FC Haka v Liverpool FC

08.08.2001, 2001/02 European Champion Clubs' Cup, third qualifying round, first leg

**0-5:** Crusaders FC v Liverpool FC

28.09.1976, 1976/77 European Champion Clubs' Cup, first round, second leg

**0-5:** KR Reykjavík v Liverpool FC

17.08.1964, 1964/65 European Champion Clubs' Cup, preliminary round, first leg

• Heaviest defeat

**5-1:** AFC Ajax v Liverpool FC

07.12.1966, 1966/67 European Champion Clubs' Cup, second round, first leg

• Heaviest home defeat

**0-2:** Liverpool FC v SL Benfica

08.03.2006, 2005/06 UEFA Champions League, first knockout round, second round

**0-2:** Liverpool FC v Celtic FC

20.03.2003, 2002/03 UEFA Cup, quarter-finals, second leg

**1-3:** Liverpool FC v FC Barcelona

20.11.2001, 2001/02 UEFA Champions League, second group stage

**0-2:** Liverpool FC v FC Spartak Moskva

04.11.1992, 1992/93 UEFA Cup Winners' Cup, second round, second leg

• Heaviest away defeat

**5-1:** AFC Ajax v Liverpool FC (see above for details)

#### UEFA Champions League (group stage to final only)

• Biggest win

**5-0:** Liverpool FC v FC Spartak Moskva

02.10.2002, 2002/03 UEFA Champions League, first group stage

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- Biggest home win

**5-0:** Liverpool FC v FC Spartak Moskva (see above for details)

- Biggest away win

**0-3:** PSV Eindhoven v Liverpool FC

03.04.2007, 2006/07 UEFA Champions League, quarter-finals, first leg

- Heaviest defeat

**0-2:** Liverpool FC v SL Benfica (see above for details)

**2-0:** Valencia CF v Liverpool FC

17.09.2002, 2002/03 UEFA Champions League, group stage

**4-2:** Bayer 04 Leverkusen v Liverpool FC

09.04.2002, 2001/02 UEFA Champions League, quarter-finals, second leg

**1-3:** Liverpool FC v FC Barcelona (see above for details)

- Heaviest home defeat

**0-2:** Liverpool FC v SL Benfica (see above for details)

**1-3:** Liverpool FC v FC Barcelona (see above for details)

- Heaviest away defeat

**2-0:** Valencia CF v Liverpool FC (see above for details)

**4-2:** Bayer 04 Leverkusen v Liverpool FC (see above for details)

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### Competition information

UEFA's most prestigious club competition was originally created as the European Champion Clubs' Cup for the 1955/56 season, before its revamping as the UEFA Champions League in 1992.

• **Locally-trained players rule:** In February 2005, UEFA announced the 'A' list that teams submit for UEFA club competitions will continue to be limited to 25 players, and from season 2006/07, at least four places on this list will be reserved for players trained by the club's own football academy of which half can be players trained by other clubs from within the same association of the said club. The 'B' list will also continue to exist - involving an unlimited number of Under-21 players who have been at the club for two seasons. In 2007/08, the number of locally-trained players will increase to six before rising to eight in 2008/09, with up to half of each figure allowed to be association trained.

A club-trained player is defined as a player who has been registered for a minimum of three seasons with the club between the age of 15 and 21, whereas an association-trained player is one who has been registered for at least three seasons by the club or by other clubs affiliated to the same association between the age of 15 and 21. UEFA is concerned some clubs are not training enough of their own players, but simply taking them from elsewhere. The proposed measures have the objective of creating a better balance in domestic competitions, preventing clubs from simply 'hoarding' players in squads and creating a system whereby locally-trained players would be given a greater opportunity to play regularly in club sides - ensuring a large reservoir of talent for national teams as a consequence.

• **Financial information:** UEFA says the estimated budgeted income for the 2006/07 UEFA Champions League is €750m – higher than the 2005/06 campaign revenue which amounted to CHF943m (approx. €610m). Under the competition regulations, 75 per cent of the total revenue received from television and commercial contracts concluded by UEFA, up to a maximum of €530m will go to the 32 clubs taking part in the group stage of Europe's premier club competition. The remaining 25 per cent is earmarked for European football and remains with UEFA to cover organisational and administrative costs, as well as for solidarity payments to associations, clubs and leagues.

It is also stipulated that participating clubs will receive 82 per cent of any revenue received from the same stream in excess of €530m, with the remaining 18 per cent allocated to UEFA for European football. In addition, 50 per cent of the revenue received from new media contracts concluded by UEFA will also be available for distribution to the clubs, and the remaining 50 per cent will be allocated to the above-mentioned European football portion/quota.

The gross income for 2006/07 is estimated at €750m, and according to projections, will be made up of €743.3m from TV and commercial contracts and €6.7m from new media contracts. The fixed amount to the clubs is €276.6m. Each of the 32 clubs in the group stage will receive a starting bonus of €2m. In addition, they will receive a match bonus of €400,000 per match. Performance bonuses will amount to €600,000 for a win and €300,000 for a draw in the group stage. The 16 teams playing in the first knockout round will receive €2.2m, the eight quarter-finalists €2.5m each and the four semi-finalists €3m each. The UEFA Champions League winners will receive €7m, and the runners-up €4m.

This means that a total minimum amount of €4.4m per club is guaranteed for the group stage. A club could receive, at best, up to €22.7m, not counting the market pool share and gate receipts. The remaining €270.4m will be distributed according to the proportional value of each TV market represented by the clubs taking part in the UEFA Champions League, and to be split among the number of teams – four, three, two or one – participating from a given association.

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### Legend

#### :: All-time statistics

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

**UEFA club competitions:** These are the official statistics considered valid for communicating official records in UEFA club competitions defined as the European Champion Clubs' Cup, the UEFA Champions League, the UEFA Cup Winners' Cup, the UEFA Cup, the UEFA Super Cup (from the 1973 competition), the UEFA Intertoto Cup and the European/South American Cup. Matches in the Inter-Cities' Fairs Cup and the 1972 Super Cup are included only for information purposes as these competitions were not held under UEFA auspices.

**Goals for/against:** Goals totals include the outcome of disciplinary decisions (eg. match forfeits when a 3-0 result is determined). Goals totals do not include goals scored from the penalty mark during a penalty shoot-out after a tie ended in a draw.

#### :: 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.

**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 competitions (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)

#### :: 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 competitions 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

**ECCL:** 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 • **U21:** UEFA European Under-21 Championship

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

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

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

**U17:** UEFA European Under-17 Championship • **U16:** UEFA European Under-16 Championship

**RCUP:** UEFA Regions' Cup • **MCUP:** UEFA-CAF Meridian Cup

#### :: 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

**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

#### :: 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