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AFC Ajax

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Previous meetings

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Match background

There will be a new face and an old face on show when FC Barcelona take on AFC Ajax in their opening Group H fixture. For home coach Gerardo Martino it is a first UEFA Champions League match since taking the Barça helm in the summer, while for his opposite number Frank de Boer this is a return to the club he played for between 1999 and 2003.

- Martino's task will be to continue Barcelona's recent history of success in the competition and his first assignment comes against an Ajax side whose goal is to progress to the knockout rounds for the first time since 2005/06.
- Surprisingly this is the first meeting between two clubs with a long history of European Cup success and a shared connection in the famous figure of Johan Cruyff, who won the trophy three times with Ajax as a player before coaching Barcelona to their first title in 1992.

Match background

- Prior to their 3-0 semi-final home loss to FC Bayern München in May, the Blaugrana had gone 21 matches unbeaten at the Camp Nou in the UEFA Champions League, winning 16 of them.
- This is Barcelona's first home fixture against a Dutch team since a 2-2 draw with PSV Eindhoven in 1997/98 during the reign of Louis van Gaal, a UEFA Champions League winner as Ajax coach in 1995. Their last home victory against Dutch visitors was back in 1983/84 and a 2-0 success against NEC Nijmegen in the European Cup Winners' Cup second round. Barcelona's overall home record against Eredivisie opposition is W3 D3 L0.
- In each of the past three UEFA Champions League campaigns, Ajax have met Real Madrid CF in the group stage, and lost both home and away. Last season they went down 4-1 in both meetings.
- Overall Ajax are on an eight-game losing streak against Spanish opposition, their last success 1-0 at home against RC Celta de Vigo in the 2003/04 UEFA Champions League group stage.
- Ajax coach De Boer was playing – his brother Ronald scored – when the Amsterdam side last won in Spain, a 3-2 extra-time success at Club Atlético de Madrid in the 1996/97 UEFA Champions League quarter-finals.
- The Dutch title holders took one point on their travels in last term's group stage and then lost 2-0 at FC Steaua Bucureşti in the UEFA Europa League round of 32 before elimination on penalties.

Team ties

- As a Barcelona player, De Boer won the Spanish league title in 1999 alongside twin brother Ronald.
- De Boer scored twice against Spain as a Netherlands player, hitting the winner in a 2-1 friendly victory on the night Carles Puyol made his international debut in November 2000. He later got the only goal when the Oranje beat Spain in another friendly in March 2002, with Puyol once more in opposition.
- De Boer was an assistant coach of the Netherlands team beaten 1-0 in the 2010 FIFA World Cup final by a goal from Andrés Iniesta.
- Bojan Krkić scored 26 times in 104 Liga appearances for Barcelona between 2007 and 2011.
- In two seasons with Sevilla FC between 2006 and 2008 Christian Poulsen came up against Barcelona six times, winning once.
- As an Arsenal player, Cesc Fàbregas faced Ajax in the 2005/06 group stage, winning 2-1 in Amsterdam in September 2005 and drawing 0-0 in London three months later. The following season he was in the Arsenal side eliminated on away goals by PSV Eindhoven in the round of 16. Javier Mascherano's Liverpool FC beat PSV in the next round.
- Niklas Moisander captained Finland in their 1-1 draw with Spain in a 2014 World Cup qualifier in Gijon on 22 March this year. Iniesta, Fàbregas, Víctor Valdés, Gerard Piqué, Sergio Busquets, Jordi Alba and substitute Pedro Rodríguez all featured for Spain.
- Moisander was also Finland skipper in their 2-0 home defeat by Spain on 6 September, Alba scoring the visitors' first goal in Helsinki. Iniesta, Xavi, Fàbregas and Pedro were also in the Spain lineup.
- Danny Hoesen was in the Netherlands side beaten 3-0 by Spain in the group stage of June's UEFA European Under-21 Championship – a match that Martín Montoya, Marc Bartra and Cristian Tello watched from the bench.

Match facts

Barcelona

UEFA milestones and competition statistics

- Víctor Valdés became the 17th player to reach 100 UEFA Champions League appearances in Barcelona's semi-final, second-leg defeat by FC Bayern München last season.
- That tie was the Blaugrana's sixth consecutive appearance in the UEFA Champions League semi-finals, a tournament record. The 7-0 defeat over two legs represented Barça's heaviest aggregate loss in UEFA club competition.
- Lionel Messi has scored 59 UEFA Champions League goals and is behind only Raúl González (71).

Summer transfers

- In: Neymar (FC Santos)
- Out: Thiago Alcántara (FC Bayern München), David Villa (Club Atlético de Madrid), Éric Abidal (AS Monaco FC), Marc Muniesa (Stoke City FC), Andreu Fontás (RC Celta de Vigo), Rafinha (RC Celta de Vigo, loan), Bojan Krkić (AFC Ajax, loan), Gerard Deulofeu (Everton FC, loan)

International duty

- Barça had 11 players on senior duty during the international break: Víctor Valdés, Jordi Alba, Xavi Hernández, Andrés Iniesta, Pedro Rodríguez, Cesc Fàbregas (Spain), Alexis Sánchez (Chile), Messi (Argentina), Daniel Alves, Neymar (Brazil) and Alex Song (Cameroon).
- Alba registered his fifth senior international goal in Spain's 2-0 FIFA World Cup qualifying win away to Finland on 6 September. Four days later Pedro set up both of La Roja's goals in a 2-2 friendly international draw with a Chile side featuring Alexis Sánchez.
- Messi netted a penalty in each half as Argentina booked their place at the 2014 FIFA World Cup with a 5-2 win away to Paraguay on 10 September. Javier Mascherano was suspended for the encounter.
- Neymar found the net for Brazil in their 6-0 friendly victory over Australia in Brasilia, adding a solo effort in a 3-1 success against Portugal played in the United States.
- Tello, Martín Montoya and Marc Bartra were in the Spain team that won this summer's UEFA European Under-21 Championship in Israel. Tello made his senior international debut in Spain's 2-0 friendly win in Ecuador last month.
- Alves and Neymar won the FIFA Confederations Cup in June, winning the final 3-0 in Rio de Janeiro against a Spain team featuring Iniesta, Xavi, Pedro, Sergio Busquets, Alba and Gerard Piqué, who was sent off.

General information

- Gerardo Martino became the fourth Argentinian – after Helenio Herrera, Roque Olsen and César Luis Menotti – to take up the reigns at Barcelona after Tito Vilanova stepped down for health reasons in July.
- Alves did not register in the Liga last season but already has two goals to his name this term.
- Despite a hamstring injury towards the end, Messi contributed 46 of Barça's club record 115 Liga goals last term and became the first player to score against every opponent in the division consecutively. He scored his 23rd hat-trick for Barça in the 3-2 win against Valencia CF on 1 September.
- The club's Spanish Super Cup success against Club Atlético de Madrid in August represented Xavi's 25th career title and 22nd with Barcelona. The midfielder is Spanish football's most decorated player.
- Adriano (2017), Busquets and Tello (both 2018) all signed improved deals at Barcelona over the summer.
- Carles Puyol and Isaac Cuenca both underwent knee surgery over the summer. Alba tore his right hamstring in Saturday's 3-2 defeat of Sevilla FC.

Ajax

UEFA milestones and competition statistics

- Ajax have scored 549 goals in UEFA competition.
- Ajax have failed to win any of their last four UEFA Champions League group stage games away from home, since prevailing 2-0 at GNK Dinamo Zagreb on 18 October 2011.
- The Dutch champions conceded 16 times in the group stage last season; only FC Nordsjælland shipped more (22).

Summer transfers

- In: Mike van der Hoorn (FC Utrecht), Bojan Krkić (FC Barcelona, loan), Lerin Duarte (Heracles Almelo)

- Out: Miralem Sulejmani (SL Benfica), Christian Eriksen (Tottenham Hotspur FC), Toby Alderweireld (Club Atlético de Madrid), Ryan Babel (Kasımpaşa SK), Derk Boerrigter (Celtic FC), Dico Koppers (FC Twente), Jody Lukoki (SC Cambuur Leeuwarden, loan), Ilan Boccara (Évian Thonon Gaillard FC, loan), Mitchell Dijks (sc Heerenveen, loan)

International duty

- Seven of Frank de Boer's men were called up for senior duty during the international break: Kenneth Vermeer (Netherlands), Nicolai Boilesen, Viktor Fischer (Denmark), Kolbeinn Sigthórsson (Iceland), Niklas Moisander (Finland), Thulani Serero (South Africa), Eyong Enoh (Cameroon).
- Sigthórsson scored Iceland's second in Switzerland as they came from 4-1 down to draw 4-4 in FIFA World Cup qualifying on 6 September. Four days later he hit the winner in a 2-1 victory against Albania.
- Mike van der Hoorn headed in the third Netherlands goal in the 4-0 Under-21 qualifying win against Scotland on 5 September; Lesley de Sa made his U21 bow four days later in the 1-0 victory over Luxembourg.

General information

- Thulani Serero scored his first goal in over a year on Saturday as Ajax won 2-1 at home to PEC Zwolle.
- Club captain Siem de Jong made his comeback on Saturday after a collapsed lung that had kept him out since the 3-2 defeat by AZ Alkmaar on 11 August. That loss ended Ajax's 15-match unbeaten run in the league.
- Last season's Dutch title was a third successive championship under Frank de Boer, matching the achievement of Rinus Michels (1966, 1967, 1968) and Louis van Gaal (1994, 1995, 1996) as Ajax coach.
- De Boer signed a new four-year contract in May that runs until 30 June 2017. Daley Blind (until 2016) and Joël Veltman (2017) also agreed new deals.

*Subject to weekend updates

Squad list

Head coach

FC Barcelona: Gerardo Martino

Date of birth: 20 November 1952

Nationality: Argentinian

Playing career: CA Newell's Old Boys, CD Tenerife, CA Lanús, Barcelona SC

Coaching career: CA Almirante Brown, CA Platense, Instituto Atlético Central Córdoba, Club Libertad, Club Cerro Porteño, CA Colón, Paraguay, CA Newell's Old Boys, FC Barcelona

- An attacking central midfielder, Martino – commonly known as 'Tata' – took his first steps in the game at Newell's Old Boys, the club that would have a heavy influence on his playing and coaching career.
- Made first-team for Rosario-based side as a 17-year-old and went on to score 38 goals in a club record 505 appearances over three spells, captaining the team as they won four domestic titles in five years between 1988 and 1992.
- A former Argentina international, Martino's only experience in Europe as a player came with Tenerife where he scored once in 15 Liga games. Later influenced by Marcelo Bielsa, the 50-year-old began his coaching career in Argentina's lower divisions.
- Impressed in Paraguay with Libertad and Cerro Porteño, gaining championship-winning experiences that would lead to chance to take charge of Paraguay; took the national team to the 2010 FIFA World Cup quarter-finals and the Copa América final the following year.
- Agreed a return to Newell's in 2012 and immediately improved the side's fortunes, leading them to victory in the 2013 Torneo Final; subsequently agreed to take over at Barça on a two-year deal following Tito Vilanova's enforced departure.

AFC Ajax: Frank de Boer

Date of birth: 15 May 1970

Nationality: Dutch

Playing career: AFC Ajax, FC Barcelona, Galatasaray AŞ, Rangers FC, Al Rayyan SC, Al-Shamal SC

Coaching career: AFC Ajax (youth), Netherlands (assistant), Ajax

- Started as a left-back but matured into a dominant centre-half at Ajax, where he came through the ranks along with his twin Ronald. Broke into the first team aged 18, winning the first of five Eredivisie titles in 1990.
- Part of the team that lifted the 1992 UEFA Cup, he helped Ajax beat AC Milan in the 1995 UEFA Champions League final in Vienna, adding the UEFA Super Cup and European/South American Cup later that year. Won the domestic double in 1997/98, his last full season with Ajax before moving to Barcelona with Ronald. A Liga title followed in 1999 and De Boer made over 150 appearances for the Catalan giants.
- Moved to Galatasaray in summer 2003, signing for Rangers the following January. Hung up his boots in 2006 after a spell in Qatar, ending a career that also brought 112 Netherlands caps. De Boer was in the Oranje side that reached the 1998 FIFA World Cup and UEFA EURO 2000 semi-finals, missing two penalties in a defeat by Italy in the latter.
- Returned to Ajax as a youth coach in 2007 and the following year was appointed assistant to Bert van Marwijk with the senior national side, who reached the 2010 World Cup final.
- In December 2010 he was installed as Ajax's caretaker coach following Martin Jol's departure, good results subsequently earning him a permanent deal as his first season in charge ended with the club's first league title since 2004. After completing a hat-trick of Eredivisie crowns in 2013, equalling the record of Rinus Michels and Louis van Gaal, he signed a new contract until summer 2017.

Match officials

Referee	Svein Oddvar Moen (NOR)
Assistant referees	Kim Thomas Haglund (NOR) , Frank Andås (NOR)
Additional assistant referees	Dag Vidar Hafsås (NOR) , Svein-Erik Edvartsen (NOR)
Fourth official	Sven Erik Midthjell (NOR)
UEFA Delegate	Ronald Zimmermann (GER)
UEFA Referee observer	Levan Paniashvili (GEO)

Referee

Name	Date of birth	UEFA Champions League matches	UEFA matches
Svein Oddvar Moen	22/01/1979	14	63

Svein Oddvar Moen

Referee since: 1996

First division: 2004

FIFA badge: 2005

Tournaments: 2013 FIFA U-17 World Cup, 2012 Olympic Games, 2011 FIFA U-17 World Cup, 2008 UEFA European Under-19 Championship, 2005 UEFA European Under-17 Championship

Finals

2011 FIFA U-17 World Cup

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

Date	Competition	Stage	Home	Away	Result	Venue
14/09/2010	UCL	GS	Bursaspor	Valencia CF	0-4	Bursa
14/09/2011	UCL	GS	GNK Dinamo Zagreb	Real Madrid CF	0-1	Zagreb
07/12/2011	UCL	GS	Villarreal CF	SSC Napoli	0-2	Villarreal
07/03/2012	UCL	R16	FC Barcelona	Bayer 04 Leverkusen	7-1	Barcelona
24/10/2012	UCL	GS	AFC Ajax	Manchester City FC	3-1	Amsterdam
05/12/2012	UCL	GS	FC Barcelona	SL Benfica	0-0	Barcelona
03/04/2013	UCL	QF	Real Madrid CF	Galatasaray AŞ	3-0	Madrid

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

Date	Competition	Stage	Home	Away	Result	Venue
05/05/2005	U17	GS-FT	Switzerland	Netherlands	0-0	San Giuliano Terme
06/11/2008	UEL	GS	Feyenoord	PFC CSKA Moskva	1-3	Rotterdam
05/11/2009	UEL	GS	SK Slavia Praha	Valencia CF	2-2	Prague
03/12/2009	UEL	GS	FK Austria Wien	Athletic Club	0-3	Vienna
19/08/2010	UEL	PO	Celtic FC	FC Utrecht	2-0	Glasgow
29/03/2011	EURO	QR	Netherlands	Hungary	5-3	Amsterdam
30/08/2012	UEL	PO	AZ Alkmaar	FC Anji Makhachkala	0-5	Alkmaar
11/09/2012	WC	QR	Georgia	Spain	0-1	Tbilisi

Fixtures and results

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Match-by-match lineups

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Group Standings

Competition facts

UEFA Champions League final: Did you know?

- Spain are the most successful nation with seven triumphs, one more than Italy. Spain's wins – 1998, 2000, 2002, 2006, 2009, 2011 and 2014 – came from 11 final dates while Italy were victorious in 1994, 1996, 2003, 2007 and 2010 from their 11 appearances. England emerged victorious in 1999, 2005, 2008 and 2012 and were losing finalists in 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2011 while Germany were winners in 1997, 2001 and 2013 and runners-up in 1999, 2002, 2010, 2012 and 2013.
- No team has played in more finals than AC Milan, who made their sixth appearance in 2007. Real Madrid CF, however have four final victories (1998, 2000, 2002, 2014), one more than both AC Milan (1994, 2003, 2007) and FC Barcelona (2006, 2009, 2011).
- With 26, Italy has the most appearances per nation in all-time European Cup finals – of those 12 have ended in victory and 14 in defeat. Spain has recorded 14 wins from 24 final appearances; England has 12 wins from 19 final appearances, with Germany on 17 appearances, (seven wins), Portugal nine (four wins) and the Netherlands eight (six wins).
- There have been five finals between teams from the same country. In 2000 Real Madrid beat Valencia CF 3-0 at the Stade de France; three years later Milan defeated Juventus on penalties at Old Trafford; in 2008 Manchester United overcame Chelsea FC in Moscow, also on spot kicks; in 2013 FC Bayern München beat Borussia Dortmund 2-1 at Wembley and in 2014 Real Madrid overcame Club Atlético de Madrid 4-1 after extra time in Lisbon in the first European final between teams from the same city.
- In the previous 22 UEFA Champions League finals, there have been 16 outright wins and six matches decided on shoot-outs. A total of 59 goals have been scored with the most common results being 2-1, which has happened on five occasions; there have been four 1-1 draws, and three finals have finished 1-0.
- Sixteen European Cup finals have gone to extra time, including the 2014 decider. The finals of 1958, 1968, 1970, 1992 and 2014 were decided in the additional period, while the 1974 showpiece between Bayern and Club Atlético de Madrid ended 1-1 after 120 minutes with Bayern winning a replay. The other ten finals were settled by a penalty shoot-out after extra time: in 1984, 1986, 1988, 1991, 1996, 2001, 2003, 2005, 2008 and 2012 when Chelsea defeated Bayern 4-3 in the shoot-out after a 1-1 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 European Cup, Madrid's 7-3 defeat of Eintracht Frankfurt in 1960 remains the most impressive while Bayern (1974 v Club Atlético de Madrid) and Milan (1989 v FC Steaua Bucureşti) also recorded 4-0 successes.
- No player has scored a hat-trick in a UEFA Champions League final. Daniele Massaro (Milan 1994), Karl-Heinz Riedle (Borussia Dortmund 1997), Hernán Crespo (Milan 2005), Filippo Inzaghi (Milan 2007) and Diego Milito (FC Internazionale Milano 2010) all struck twice. In European Cup terms, Ferenc Puskás scored four goals in Madrid's 7-3 defeat of Eintracht Frankfurt in 1960, when Alfredo di Stéfano found the net three times; Puskás scored another final hat-trick in 1962 with Pierino Prati (Milan 1969) the only other player to have managed a final hat-trick.
- Only Raúl González (Madrid 2000 and 2002), Samuel Eto'o (Barcelona 2006 and 2009), Lionel Messi (Barcelona 2009 and 2011) and Cristiano Ronaldo (Manchester United FC 2008, Real Madrid CF 2014) have scored in two UEFA Champions League finals – part of an exclusive club of 17 players to have found the net in more than one European Cup showpiece. Di Stéfano and Puskás lead the list having each scored seven goals for Madrid.
- Paolo Maldini's goal 51 seconds into the 2005 showpiece is the fastest in a UEFA Champions League final.
- Jens Lehmann (2006) and Didier Drogba (2008) are the only players to be dismissed in a European Cup final.
- Clarence Seedorf is the only player to win the European Cup with three clubs (AFC Ajax 1995, Real Madrid 1998, Milan 2003, 2007). Bob Paisley (Liverpool 1977, 1978, 1981) was the first coach to win three times, a feat Carlo Ancelotti (Milan 2003, 2007, Real Madrid 2014) equalled.
- In 2014 Ancelotti also became the fifth coach to win the trophy with two clubs; Ottmar Hitzfeld (Dortmund 1997, Bayern 2001), Ernst Happel (Feyenoord 1970, Hamburger SV 1983), José Mourinho (FC Porto 2004, FC Internazionale Milano 2010) and Jupp Heynckes (Real Madrid 1998, Bayern 2013) had previously achieved the feat.
- Only two teams have ever won the UEFA Champions League on home soil: Dortmund (1997, final in Munich) and Juventus (1996, final in Rome), while Manchester United lost the 2011 final in London and 12 months later Bayern were beaten in the showpiece in their own stadium, the Fußball Arena München.
- No team has successfully defended the UEFA Champions League trophy with Milan (1989, 1990) the last club to win consecutive European Cups. Milan (1994, 1995), Ajax (1995, 1996), Juventus (1996, 1997) and Manchester United

(2008, 2009) have all returned to the final as holders only to lose.

Team facts

FC Barcelona

Formed: 1899

Nicknames: Azulgrana (Blue and Reds, Spanish), Blaugrana (Blue and Reds, Catalan)

UEFA club competition honours (runners-up in brackets)

- European Cup (4): (1961), (1986), 1992, (1994), 2006, 2009, 2011
- UEFA Cup Winners' Cup (4): (1969), 1979, 1982, 1989, (1991), 1997
- UEFA Super Cup (4): (1979), (1982), (1989), 1992, 1997, (2006), 2009, 2011
- European/South American Cup: (1992)

Domestic honours (most recent triumph in brackets)

League title: 22 (2013)

Spanish Cup: 26 (2012)

Ten-year European record (UEFA Champions League unless indicated otherwise)

2012/13: semi-finals

2011/12: semi-finals

2010/11: winners

2009/10: semi-finals

2008/09: winners

2007/08: semi-finals

2006/07: round of 16

2005/06: winners

2004/05: round of 16

2003/04: UEFA Cup fourth round

Records

UEFA club competition

- Biggest home win

8-0: twice, most recently v ŠKM Púchov
15/10/03, UEFA Cup first round second leg

- Biggest away win

0-7: Hapoel Beer Sheva FC v Barcelona
12/09/95, UEFA Cup first round first leg

- Heaviest home defeat

0-4: twice, most recently v FC Dynamo Kyiv
05/11/97, UEFA Champions League group stage

- Heaviest away defeat

4-0: AC Milan v Barcelona
18/05/94, UEFA Champions League final (played in Athens)

4-0: FC Bayern München v Barcelona
23/04/13, UEFA Champions League semi-final first leg

UEFA Champions League (group stage to final only)

- Biggest home win

7-1: Barcelona v Bayer 04 Leverkusen
07/03/12, round of 16 second leg

- Biggest away win

0-5: twice, most recently v FC BATE Borisov
28/09/11, group stage

- Heaviest home defeat

0-4: Barcelona v FC Dynamo Kyiv (see above for details)

- Heaviest away defeat

4-0: AC Milan v Barcelona (see above for details)
4-0: FC Bayern München v Barcelona (see above for details)

AFC Ajax

Formed: 1900

Nickname: Godenzonen (Sons of the Gods)

UEFA club competition honours (runners-up in brackets)

- European Cup (4): (1969), 1971, 1972, 1973, 1995, (1996)
- UEFA Cup Winners' Cup (1): 1987, (1988)
- UEFA Cup (1): 1992
- UEFA Super Cup (2): 1973, (1987), 1995
- European/South American Cup (2): 1972, 1995

Domestic honours (most recent triumph in brackets)

League title: 32 (2013)
Dutch Cup: 18 (2010)

Ten-year European record (UEFA Champions League unless indicated otherwise)

2012/13: UEFA Europa League round of 32 (having transferred from UEFA Champions League group stage)

2011/12: UEFA Europa League round of 32 (having transferred from UEFA Champions League group stage)

2010/11: UEFA Europa League round of 16 (having transferred from UEFA Champions League group stage)

2009/10: UEFA Europa League round of 32

2008/09: UEFA Cup round of 16

2007/08: UEFA Cup first round (having transferred from UEFA Champions League third qualifying round)

2006/07: UEFA Cup round of 32 (having transferred from UEFA Champions League third qualifying round)

2005/06: round of 16

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

2003/04: group stage

Records

UEFA club competition

- Biggest home win

14-0: Ajax v FA Red Boys Differdange

03/10/84, UEFA Cup first round second leg

- Biggest away win

1-8: HJK Helsinki v Ajax

19/09/79, European Champion Clubs' Cup first round first leg

- Heaviest home defeat

0-4: Ajax v Real Madrid CF

23/11/10, UEFA Champions League group stage

- Heaviest away defeat

5-1: FC Bayern München v Ajax

22/10/80, European Champion Clubs' Cup second round first leg

4-0 on four occasions, most recently v FC Barcelona

18/09/13, UEFA Champions League group stage

UEFA Champions League (group stage to final only)

- Biggest home win

4-0 twice, most recently v GNK Dinamo Zagreb

02/11/11, group stage

- Biggest away win

1-5: Ferencvárosi TC v Ajax

27/09/95, group stage

- Heaviest home defeat

0-4: Ajax v Real Madrid CF (see above for details)

- Heaviest away defeat

4-0: FC Barcelona v Ajax (see above for details)

4-0: FC Bayern München v Ajax

28/09/04, group stage

Legend

ALL-TIME STATISTICS

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

UEFA club competition: These are the official statistics considered valid for communicating official records in UEFA club competition defined as European Champion Clubs' Cup, UEFA Champions League, UEFA Europa League, UEFA Cup Winner's Cup UEFA Super Cup, UEFA Intertoto Cup and European/South American Cup. Matches in the Inter-Cities Fairs Cup and the 1972 Super Cup are not included as they were not held under UEFA auspices, while the FIFA Club World Cup is excluded.

Match officials

UCL: Total matches officiated in the UEFA Champions League from 1992/93 season, group stage to final only. Matches where the official has acted as the fourth official are not included in these statistics. These are the official statistics considered valid for communicating official records.

UEFA: Total matches officiated in UEFA club competition including all qualifying round matches. Matches where the official has acted as the fourth official are not included in these statistics. These are the official statistics considered valid for communicating official records.

Competitions

Club competitions

UCL: UEFA Champions League
ECCC: European Champion Clubs' Cup
UEL: UEFA Europa League
UCUP: UEFA Cup
UCWC: UEFA Cup Winners' Cup
SCUP: UEFA Super Cup
UIC: UEFA Intertoto Cup
ICF: Inter-Cities Fairs Cup

National team competitions

EURO: UEFA European Football Championship
WC: FIFA World Cup
CONFCUP: FIFA Confederations Cup
FRIE: Friendly internationals
U21FRIE: Under-21 friendly internationals
U21: UEFA European Under-21 Championship
U17: UEFA Under-17 Championship
U16: UEFA European Under-16 Championship
U19: UEFA Under-19 Championship
U18: UEFA European Under-18 Championship
WWC: FIFA Women's World Cup
WEURO: UEFA European Women's Championship

Competition stages

F: Final
GS1: First group stage
3QR: Third qualifying round
R2: Second round
R4: Fourth round
SF: Semi-finals
R16: round of 16
R32: Round of 32
1st: first leg

2nd: second leg
PO: Play-off
Rep: Replay
PO - FT: Play-off for Final Tournament

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

Other abbreviations

(aet): After extra time
No.: Number
ag: Match decided on away goals
Pld: Matches played
Pos.: Position
Pts: Points
R: Sent off (straight red card)
Res.: Result
sg: Match decided by silver goal
GF: Goals for
gg: Match decided by golden goal
Y/R: Sent off (two yellow cards)
f: Match forfeited

pens: Penalties
og: Own goal
P: Penalty
agg: Aggregate
AP: Appearances
Comp.: Competition
D: Drawn
DoB: Date of birth
ET: Extra Time
GA: Goals against
t: Match decided by toss of a coin
W: Won
Y: Booked
L: Lost
Nat.: Nationality
N/A: Not applicable

Statistics

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

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

Squad list

D: Disciplinary

*: Misses next match if booked

S: Suspended

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UCL: Total appearances in the UEFA Champions League from 1992/93 season, group stage to final only

UEFA: All-time total appearances in UEFA club competition including qualifying

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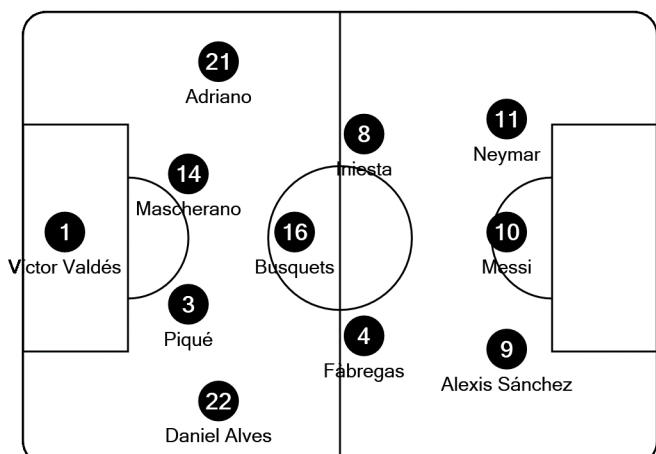
Tactical lineups

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Coach:

Gerardo Martino

Referee:

Svein Oddvar Moen (NOR)

Fourth official:

Sven Erik Midthjell (NOR)

UEFA delegate:

Ronald Zimmermann (GER)

Weather Conditions: Sunny / Temperature: 24°C / Humidity: 65%

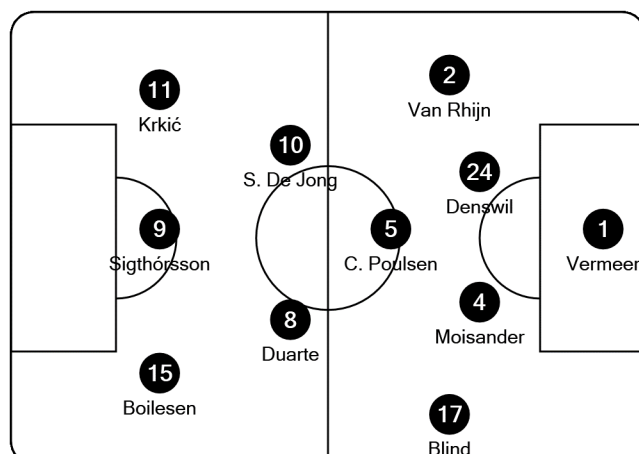
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Coach:

Frank De Boer

Assistant referees:

Kim Thomas Haglund (NOR)

Frank Andås (NOR)

Additional assistant referees:

Dag Vidar Hafsås (NOR)

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Half-time report

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Coach:
Frank **De Boer**

10 Lionel Messi 22'

24' (Y) 4 Niklas Moisander

Attempts total	6
Attempts on target	4
Saves	2
Corners	3
Offsides	1
Fouls Committed	4
Fouls Suffered	9
Free kicks to goal	1
Possession	56%
Ball in play	19'22"
Total ball in play	34'23"

Referee:
Svein Oddvar **Moen** (NOR)
Assistant referees:
Kim Thomas **Haglund** (NOR)
Frank **Andås** (NOR)
Additional assistant referees:
Dag Vidar **Hafsås** (NOR)
Svein-Erik **Edvartsen** (NOR)

Attempts total	3
Attempts on target	2
Saves	3
Corners	1
Offsides	0
Fouls Committed	9
Fouls Suffered	4
Free kicks to goal	0
Possession	44%
Ball in play	15'01"
Total ball in play	34'23"

Fourth official:
Sven Erik **Midthjell** (NOR)
UEFA delegate:
Ronald **Zimmermann** (GER)

45'

1'04"

Full-time report

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Coach:
Frank De Boer

	Half	Full
Attempts total	6	15
Attempts on target	4	9
Saves	2	6
Corners	3	6
Offsides	1	1
Fouls Committed	4	11
Fouls Suffered	9	13
Free kicks to goal	1	1
Possession	56%	56%
Ball in play	19'22"	37'09"
Total ball in play	34'23"	66'41"

Referee:

Svein Oddvar Moen (NOR)

Assistant referees:

Kim Thomas Haglund (NOR)

Frank Andås (NOR)

Additional assistant referees:

Dag Vidar Hafsås (NOR)

Svein-Erik Edvartsen (NOR)

10 Lionel Messi 22' 24' (Y) 4 Niklas Moisander

45'

1'04"

10 Lionel Messi 55' 59' (S) (in) 25 Thulani Serero (out) 10 Siem de Jong

3 Gerard Piqué 69'
6 Xavi Hernández (in) 71'
4 Cesc Fàbregas (out) (S)
7 Pedro Rodríguez (in) 72'
11 Neymar (out) (S)
10 Lionel Messi 75' 77' (P) 9 Kolbeinn Sigthórsson
78' (S) (in) 20 Lasse Schöne (out) 17 Daley Blind
15 Marc Bartra (in) 80'
3 Gerard Piqué (out) (S)

90'

3'03"

85' (Y) 24 Stefano Denswil

	Half	Full
Attempts total	3	7
Attempts on target	2	6
Saves	3	3
Corners	1	4
Offsides	0	1
Fouls Committed	9	14
Fouls Suffered	4	11
Free kicks to goal	0	0
Possession	44%	44%
Ball in play	15'01"	29'32"
Total ball in play	34'23"	66'41"

Fourth official:

Sven Erik Midthjell (NOR)

UEFA delegate:

Ronald Zimmermann (GER)

Attendance: 79.412

Goal (Y) Booked (R) Sent off (S) Substitution (P) Penalty (O) Own goal (C) Captain (GK) Goalkeeper (*) Misses next match if booked

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Team statistics: Full time

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- 22'  Lionel Messi
- 55'  Lionel Messi
- 69'  Gerard Piqué
- 75'  Lionel Messi

	First half		Second half		Total		Season average			Season high		
	Barcelona	Ajax	Barcelona	Ajax	Barcelona	Ajax	Barcelona	Ajax	All	Barcelona	Ajax	All
Scoring situations												
Goals scored	1	0	3	0	4	0	4	0	1.66	4	0	6
open play	0	0	3	0	3	0	3	0	1.47	3	0	6
penalty	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.03	0	0	1
direct from free-kick	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0.1	1	0	1
Total attempts	6	3	9	4	15	7	15	7	12.66	15	7	25
on target	4	2	5	4	9	6	9	6	7.56	9	6	13
off target	2	1	4	0	6	1	6	1	5.1	6	1	12
Assists	0	0	3	0	3	0	3	0	1.41	3	0	6
Corners	3	1	3	3	6	4	6	4	5.44	6	4	16
Offsides	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	2.69	1	1	8
Saves	2	3	4	0	6	3	6	3	3.66	6	3	9
Time & distance												
Total time played (minutes)	46'04"		48'03"		94'07"							
Ball possession	56%	44%	55%	45%	56%	44%						
Distance covered (metres)	55866	60481	53920	57762	109786	118243	109786	118243	112763	109786	118243	125884
Discipline												
Yellow cards	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	2	1.75	0	2	5
Red cards	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.03	0	0	1
Fouls committed	4	9	7	5	11	14	11	14	13.5	11	14	22
Passing & solo runs												
Passes attempted	354	290	335	269	689	559	689	559	551.72	689	559	862
Long	35	40	30	30	65	70	65	70	79.63	65	70	123
Medium	238	182	209	184	447	366	447	366	338.88	447	366	568
Short	81	68	96	55	177	123	177	123	133.22	177	123	208
Passes completed	300	236	285	208	585	444	585	444	417.22	585	444	753
Long	25	29	18	18	43	47	43	47	49.16	43	47	90
Medium	210	155	189	147	399	302	399	302	269.85	399	302	500
Short	65	52	78	43	143	95	143	95	98.22	143	95	180
Passes completion rate	85%	81%	85%	77%	85%	79%	85%	79%	76%	85%	79%	87%
Long	71%	72%	60%	60%	66%	67%	66%	67%	62%	66%	67%	73%
Medium	88%	85%	90%	80%	89%	82%	89%	82%	80%	89%	82%	88%
Short	80%	76%	81%	78%	81%	77%	81%	77%	74%	81%	77%	86%
Delivery/solo runs	56	22	44	15	100	37	100	37	69.85	100	37	157
into the attacking third	34	15	25	12	59	27	59	27	46.97	59	27	103
into the key area	25	7	18	5	43	12	43	12	28.94	43	12	80
into the penalty area	10	4	12	3	22	7	22	7	13.19	22	7	35

Passing distribution

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From	TP	To														Long		Medium		Short		Total				
		1	3	4	8	9	10	11	14	16	21	22	6	7	15	PC	PA	PC	PA	PC	PA	PC	PA	%		
Victor Valdés	1	94'07"		3	-	-	1	1	-	9	-	2	3	-	-	1	3	10	16	16	1	1	20	27	74%	
Gerard Piqué	3	80'26"	5		11	4	4	5	2	17	10	4	8	-	-	-	9	10	45	47	16	17	70	74	95%	
Cesc Fàbregas	4	72'01"	-	6		7	3	7	5	7	3	4	7	-	-	-	3	4	31	36	15	15	49	55	89%	
Andrés Iniesta	8	94'07"	1	4	3		2	6	14	3	9	7	3	2	3	-	2	3	34	37	21	27	57	67	85%	
Alexis Sánchez	9	94'07"	-	3	2	5		2	2	-	1	-	7	4	-	-	0	1	16	19	10	12	26	32	81%	
Lionel Messi	10	94'07"	-	3	8	7	2		2	4	5	-	7	2	-	-	1	3	22	23	17	19	40	45	89%	
Neymar	11	72'17"	-	2	4	8	1	2		1	1	12	1	-	-	-	1	2	26	32	5	9	32	43	74%	
Javier Mascherano	14	94'07"	5	11	6	6	2	3	1		7	16	5	2	-	2	8	13	54	60	4	8	66	81	81%	
Sergio Busquets	16	94'07"	2	9	5	5	-	8	1	4		7	2	6	4	-	1	1	38	41	10	10	49	52	94%	
Adriano	21	94'07"	3	7	5	10	1	-	14	19	3		2	1	3	2	2	8	8	48	55	14	19	70	82	85%
Daniel Alves	22	94'07"	2	14	6	3	9	11	1	2	3	2		4	-	4	3	5	36	45	22	30	61	80	76%	
Xavi Hernández	6	22'06"	-	1	-	3	6	3	-	3	2	3	3		1	2	3	4	20	21	4	5	27	30	90%	
Pedro Rodríguez	7	21'50"	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	1		-	0	0	2	3	3	4	5	7	71%	
Marc Bartra	15	13'41"	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	4	1	1	1	3	-		1	1	11	12	1	1	13	14	93%	
Total passes received:			20	63	50	60	31	48	42	73	45	56	52	25	6	14	43	65	399	447	143	177	585	689	85%	



From	TP	To														Long		Medium		Short		Total			
		1	2	4	5	8	9	10	11	15	17	24	6	20	25	PC	PA	PC	PA	PC	PA	PC	PA	%	
Kenneth Vermeer	1	94'07"		5	4	6	1	3	1	1	2	7	9	2	-	-	13	17	28	29	0	0	41	46	89%
Ricardo van Rhijn	2	94'07"	9		9	8	-	4	4	3	1	-	-	1	-	3	5	9	29	35	8	11	42	55	76%
Niklas Moisander	4	73'54"	3	9		8	7	6	3	2	1	2	8	-	-	2	10	13	28	34	13	13	51	60	85%
Christian Poulsen	5	94'07"	4	6	11		8	3	4	3	4	11	10	2	-	3	7	10	54	57	8	8	69	75	92%
Lerin Duarte	8	94'07"	-	3	3	4		1	-	6	3	2	5	-	2	4	1	3	23	30	9	13	33	46	72%
Kolbeinn Sigthósson	9	94'07"	-	2	1	1	2		4	6	1	1	-	-	1	-	3	3	11	23	5	13	19	39	49%
Siem de Jong	10	59'51"	1	3	-	2	-	8		3	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	11	12	6	9	17	21	81%
Bojan Krkić	11	94'07"	-	3	3	4	2	2	2		4	5	2	1	1	1	1	2	20	26	9	13	30	41	73%
Nicolai Boilesen	15	94'07"	-	-	-	4	3	3	1	5		6	1	-	2	1	1	3	14	21	11	15	26	39	67%
Daley Blind	17	78'47"	1	1	3	8	5	2	-	5	6		7	-	-	1	2	2	26	32	11	11	39	45	87%
Stefano Denswil	24	94'07"	6	-	10	13	5	1	-	3	2	5		1	-	1	3	5	37	39	7	7	47	51	92%
Mike van der Hooft	6	20'13"	4	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1		-	-	1	2	6	7	0	0	7	9	78%
Lasse Schöne	20	15'20"	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	-		-	0	1	2	6	2	4	4	11	36%
Thulani Serero	25	34'16"	-	3	3	6	2	1	-	2	1	-	-	1	-		0	0	13	15	6	6	19	21	90%
Total passes received:			28	36	47	64	35	35	19	41	26	39	43	8	6	17	47	70	302	366	95	123	444	559	79%

TP: Time played

PA: Passes attempted

PC: Passes completed

%: Passing success percentage

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Tactical lineups: Full time

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71' (In) 6 Xavi Hernández / (Out) 4 Fàbregas
72' (In) 7 Pedro Rodríguez / (Out) 11 Neymar
80' (In) 15 Bartra / (Out) 3 Piqué

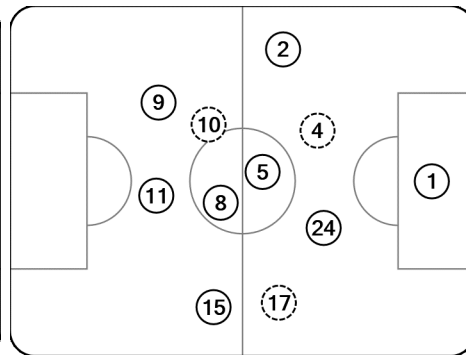
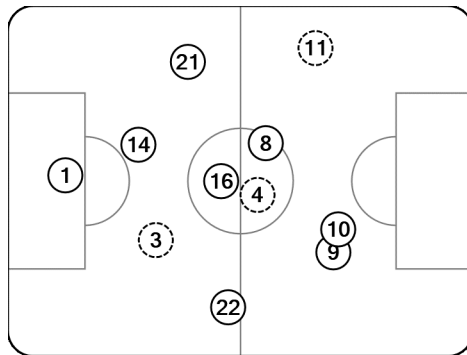
59' (In) 25 Serero / (Out) 10 S. De Jong
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Total time played: 94'07"
56% - 37'12" Ball possession 44% - 29'36"

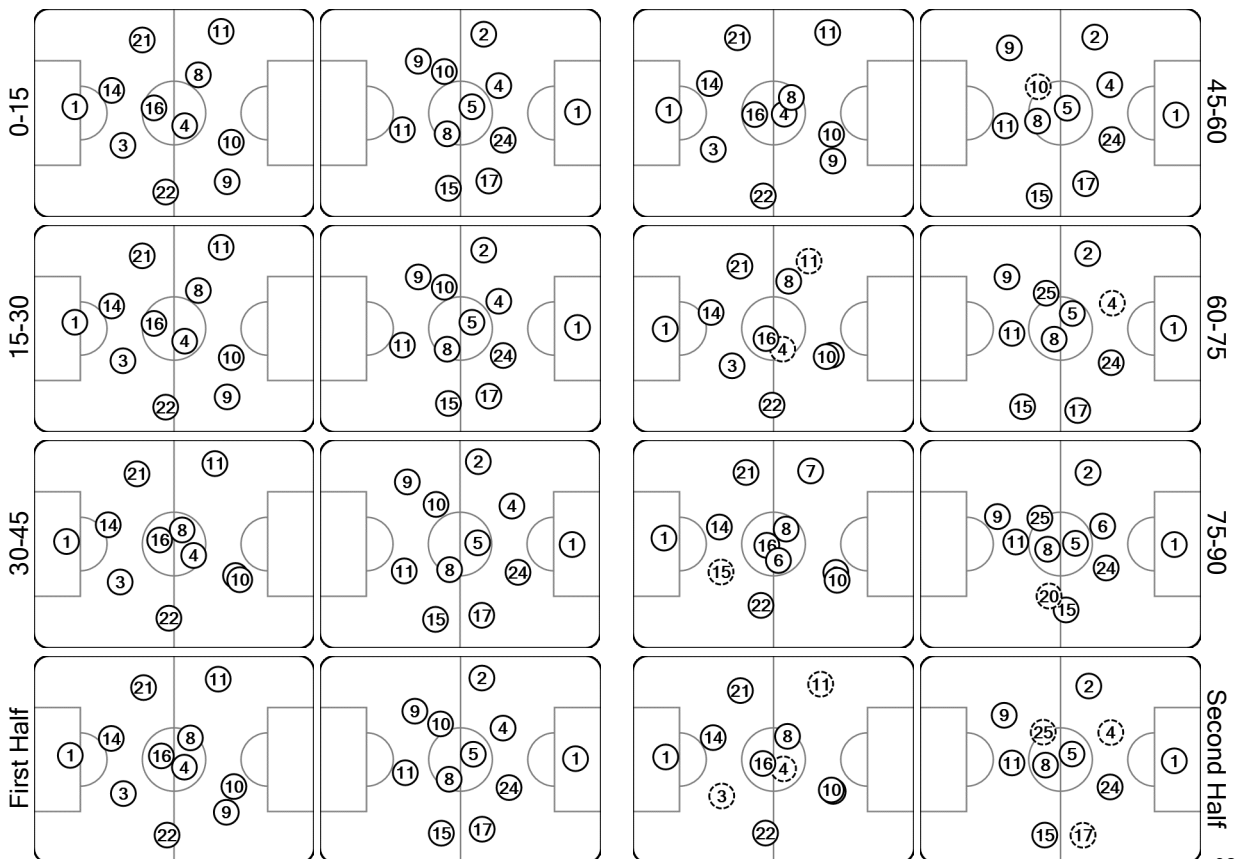
Actual formation

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Víctor Valdés 1
Piqué 3
Fàbregas 4
Iniesta 8
Alexis Sánchez 9
Messi 10
Neymar 11
Mascherano 14
Busquets 16
Adriano 21
Daniel Alves 22
Xavi Hernández 6
Pedro Rodríguez 7
Bartra 15



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25 Serero



 did not play the entire match  substitution  sent off

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