

AC Milan - Sevilla FC

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Match background

The tragic death of Sevilla FC midfielder Antonio Puerta on Tuesday has left the European football family in mourning. The meeting of AC Milan and Sevilla for the UEFA Super Cup will feature a special UEFA tribute to a 22-year-old described by one of the many to have voiced their grief this week as a "magnificent player, an even better person".

- The 2007 UEFA Super Cup will be the first time the teams have met in UEFA competition.
- Milan have won the UEFA Super Cup a record four times, most recently as European champions in 2003, and are also the only club to complete back-to-back victories when winning in 1989 and 1990. They will be up against a Sevilla side aiming to emulate that achievement after brushing aside the might of FC Barcelona a year ago with a 3-0 victory.
- Milan enter the 32nd edition of the UEFA Super Cup, which has been an official UEFA club competition since 1973, as Europe's premier team after a 2-1 victory against Liverpool FC in the UEFA Champions League final in Athens on 23 May. Sevilla participate as UEFA Cup holders having triumphed 3-1 on penalties against RCD Espanyol after a 2-2 draw in Glasgow a week before.
- Milan's 1-0 defeat of FC Porto in the 2003 UEFA Super Cup, thanks to Andriy Shevchenko's early headed winner, was their first success since the competition moved to one-off finals at the Stade Louis II in 1998. It was the UEFA Champions League winners' only previous visit to the venue.
- The Milan lineup on 29 August 2003 was: Dida, Šimić, Maldini, Nesta, Pancaro, Rui Costa (Cafu 85), Gattuso, Pirlo, Seedorf (Ambrosini 71), Shevchenko (Rivaldo 76), Inzaghi. Carlo Ancelotti was the coach.
- Sevilla have also played in the Principality on one previous occasion. Last year they arrived as UEFA Cup holders to take on the UEFA Champions League winners Barça. Sevilla became the third different Spanish team to win the trophy thanks to first-half goals from Renato and Frédéric Kanouté, together with a late penalty from substitute Enzo Maresca. It was the third time teams from the same country had contested the UEFA Super Cup.
- The Sevilla lineup on 25 August 2006 was: Palop, Daniel Alves, Javi Navarro, Escudé, Castedo, Adriano (Puerta 81), Poulsen, Renato, Navas (Maresca 75), Luis Fabiano (Martí 46), Kanouté.

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- Milan's first UEFA Super Cup success also came at the expense of Spanish opposition. In 1989, Milan drew 1-1 at Barcelona, thanks to a Marco van Basten penalty, before clinching the trophy with a 1-0 home win secured by Alberigo Evani. Maldini played in both legs.
- In 1990, they again drew 1-1 away, this time at Italian rivals UC Sampdoria with Evani once more on target in a side boasting Maldini and Ancelotti. In the second leg Ancelotti again figured as Ruud Gullit and Frank Rijkaard struck for a 2-0 home victory in the first final featuring teams from the same country.
- Those back-to-back wins for Milan in 1989 and 1990 mark the only time a club has successfully defended the UEFA Super Cup. Liverpool and Nottingham Forest FC both had the opportunity but after wins in 1977 and 1979 respectively, each lost the following year.
- Aside from their 1989, 1990 and 2003 successes, Milan also won the 1994 edition, actually played in February 1995, with a 2-0 aggregate victory against Arsenal FC. Both goals came in the second leg at San Siro from Zvonimir Boban and Daniele Massaro after a goalless draw at Highbury. Maldini featured in the first leg.
- Milan lost the first official UEFA Super Cup in January 1973, their only other appearance in the competition. After a 1-0 win at home against AFC Ajax, they went down 6-0 in Amsterdam. This remains the club's heaviest defeat in UEFA club competition.
- Aside from that UEFA Super Cup duel with Barcelona, Milan have twice met Spanish opposition in the final of the European Champion Clubs' Cup. In 1957/58, Milan lost 3-2 to Real Madrid CF in Brussels. More recently, the 1993/94 UEFA Champions League final in Athens saw the Rossoneri run out 4-0 winners against Barcelona.
- In total Milan have played 38 individual UEFA club competition games against Spanish opposition, winning 15, drawing seven and losing 16. They have not won in their last three fixtures, namely a 1-0 loss and a 0-0 draw in the 2005/06 UEFA Champions League semi-finals against Barcelona and a 2-1 group-stage defeat at Camp Nou in the previous campaign.
- Sevilla have only met Italian opposition once in UEFA club competition, a two-legged tie against Parma FC in the 2004/05 UEFA Cup Round of 16. A goalless draw at home was followed by 1-0 defeat in Italy.
- Although neither club has played against AS Monaco FC at the Stade Louis II, Milan did meet the Ligue 1 club in the 1993/94 UEFA Champions League semi-finals. Uniquely for that season, the tie was decided by a one-off match at San Siro with Milan running out 3-0 winners.
- Italy are the most successful nation in the UEFA Super Cup, having won it on eight occasions. Spain are third with six triumphs, one behind England.
- Sevilla boast two Italian players who will know all about facing Milan. Former Juventus midfielder Enzo Maresca and 30-year-old goalkeeper Morgan De Sanctis, a summer recruit from Udinese Calcio, both have plenty of Serie A experience.
- Milan have no Spanish players in their squad although Clarence Seedorf, Ronaldo and Emerson all previously represented Real Madrid.

Match facts

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- As European champions, Milan will represent UEFA in the fourth edition of the FIFA Club World Cup to be played in Japan this December. As a result, they will play their Matchday 6 game in the UEFA Champions League on Tuesday 4 December.

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- Milan won the 2006/07 UEFA Champions League by beating Liverpool FC at the Athens Olympic Stadium on 23 May. The Milan lineup was: Dida, Oddo, Maldini, Nesta, Jankulovski (Kaladze 80), Seedorf (Favalli 90), Gattuso, Pirlo, Ambrosini, Kaká, Inzaghi (Gilardino 88).

- **Filippo Inzaghi** scored both goals for Milan (45 and 82), before Dirk Kuyt (89) pulled one back for Liverpool. He has now scored 58 goals in 93 UEFA club competition matches, and 38 in 66 UEFA Champions League outings.

- Milan were 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 Real Madrid CF have appeared in more finals (12).

- On his record 168th appearance in UEFA club competition, **Paolo Maldini** claimed his fifth winners' medal, following victories in 1989, 1990, 1994 and 2003. He equalled Paco Gento's record of eight final appearances, Gento being the only player to have enjoyed more success in the competition: the Madrid legend has six wins to his name while former colleagues Alfredo di Stéfano and José María Zárraga have five each.

- Nine members of the Milan squad have already played in the UEFA Super Cup. Dida, Alessandro Nesta, Dario Šimić, Gennaro Gattuso, Andrea Pirlo, Clarence Seedorf and Filippo Inzaghi all started the 1-0 defeat of FC Porto in the 2003 final, when Massimo Ambrosini and Cafu came on as second-half substitutes.

- In addition, **Seedorf** was in the Real Madrid CF side that lost 1-0 to Chelsea FC in the 1998 UEFA Super Cup, while **Nesta** appeared in S.S. Lazio's 1-0 defeat of Manchester United FC the following year.

- On 31 May, AC Milan handed **Ancelotti** a new contract until 2010 as a reward for winning the UEFA Champions League. The 47-year-old former Milan midfielder, whose previous deal was due to expire in 2008, has led them to three UEFA Champions League finals - winning in 2003 and 2007 - a Serie A title and one Coppa Italia.

- In June, Milan offered a one-year contract to unattached player **Ibrahim Ba**, who joined the club for the second time in his career after initially signing in 1997.

- On 23 June, Milan cancelled a deal to sign David Suazo from Cagliari Calcio because the striker had already reached an agreement with city rivals FC Internazionale Milano.

- On 10 July, **Yoann Gourcuff** inked a one-year contract extension, keeping him at the club until summer 2012.

- On 3 August, Milan signed starlet **Pato** from SC Internacional for a fee of around €14.6m. However, the striker is ineligible until the new year due to rules forbidding Italian teams from registering non-EU players before they turn 18.

- On 22 August, Milan added another Brazilian to their squad by signing **Emerson** from Madrid for a reported €5m fee. The former AS Roma and Juventus player agreed a two-year contract.

- On 2 June, **Inzaghi** scored both goals as Italy defeated the Faroe Islands 2-1 in a qualifying game for UEFA EURO 2008™.

- On 1 August, **Nesta** announced his decision to retire from international football after being capped 78 times by the Azzurri to focus on club football.

- Milan were 4-0 winners in their first pre-season friendly on 29 July against Serie C1 side Calcio Lecco 1912. **Ronaldo, Kaká, Cristian Brocchi** and **Seedorf** all scored.

- In early August, Milan took part in a four-team tournament in Moscow. Ancelotti's side lost on penalties against PSV Eindhoven in the opening game after a goalless draw.

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- Milan finished third after defeating hosts FC Lokomotiv Moskva on penalties in the following game. The Rossoneri scored two goals in the last five minutes through **Seedorf** and **Brocchi** to earn a 3-3 draw. **Kaká** had scored their opening goal in the first half.
- On 9 August, Milan lost 1-0 in a friendly against Sevilla's city rivals Real Betis Balompié.
- A week later, they faced Juventus and Inter in a three-game tournament with each match lasting 45 minutes. Milan won 1-0 against Juventus with **Alberto Gilardino** scoring the winner and lost 1-0 to their city rivals.
- On 17 August, Milan defeated Juventus 2-0 to win the Luigi Berlusconi trophy with **Inzaghi** scoring both goals against his former side.
- **Maldini** is hoping to be back in action by the end of September after undergoing a knee operation at the end of last season. Maldini delayed the surgery in order to appear in the UEFA Champions League final.
- **Kaká** played the second half as Brazil defeated Algeria 2-0 in a friendly game on 22 August. **Simić** played in Croatia's 5-3 win against Bosnia-Herzegovina on the same day while **Marek Jankulovski** was missing from the Czech Republic's 1-1 draw in Austria.
- **Kakha Kaladze** captained Georgia in their 0-0 friendly draw in Luxembourg while Seedorf played the second half of the Netherlands' 2-1 friendly loss in Switzerland.
- **Massimo Oddo**, **Pirlo** and **Ambrosini** played from the start as Italy were defeated 3-1 by Hungary in a friendly in Budapest on 22 August. Inzaghi played the whole second half but **Gattuso** missed out after suffering a slight thigh injury in the last training session ahead of the game.
- Milan kicked off the new Serie A season with a convincing 3-0 win at newly-promoted Genoa CFC on Sunday, scoring all the goals in the first half.
- **Emerson** was rested, while **Ronaldo** also missed out with a slight left thigh injury but should recover in time for the UEFA Super Cup. "He is fine and has fully recovered from his injury," said **Ancelotti**. "However, we wanted to be cautious with him today. I think he can make it for the game against Sevilla." **Maldini** is still recovering from knee surgery in the summer while **Gilardino** was preferred to Inzaghi in the starting lineup.

- The Rossoneri coach was very satisfied with the performance against Genoa. "We started really well playing a very good first half at a very high tempo," **Ancelotti** said. "We are already in good condition and we are ready for the Super Cup, a very important trophy for our club."

Sevilla FC

- The second leg of Sevilla's UEFA Champions League third qualifying round tie against AEK Athens FC, which was scheduled to be played on 28 August, was postponed after **Antonio Puerta** died in hospital on Tuesday.
- The 22-year-old had been in a critical condition in the Virgen del Rocío hospital in Seville for three days after suffering a heart attack during the Primera División match against Getafe CF on Saturday. **Puerta** had collapsed during the first half, but recovered consciousness and was able to walk off the pitch. Doctors said he had collapsed again in the changing rooms and had to be given cardiac resuscitation before being taken to hospital.

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- **Puerta**, who was capped once by Spain last October, was born in Seville and had come through the ranks of his hometown club. He became a first-team regular last season – he made 55 Primera División appearances in all – and featured in Sevilla's successive UEFA Cup triumphs as well as their victories in the UEFA Super Cup, the Spanish Cup and this month's Spanish Super Cup. Indeed, Puerta scored the winning penalty in May as Sevilla defeated RCD Espanyol in a shoot-out after drawing 2-2 in Glasgow to reclaim the European trophy. "I dreamed of playing for Sevilla but never imagined I could win five trophies in 15 months with the club," he said. "I'm proud to be from Seville."

- The AEK tie has been rescheduled for Monday 3 September, kick-off 21.45 local time in Athens.

- Sevilla won the 2006/07 UEFA Cup by beating Espanyol on penalties after a 2-2 draw at Hampden Park, Glasgow on 17 May. The Sevilla lineup was: Palop, Daniel Alves, Javi Navarro, Dragutinović, Puerta, Adriano (Renato 76), Poulsen, Maresca (Navas 46), Martí, Luis Fabiano, Kanouté.

- **Andrés Palop** saved three shoot-out penalties as Sevilla retained the trophy despite twice losing the lead over 120 minutes against ten-man Espanyol.

- The holders took an 18th-minute lead through **Adriano Correia** only for Espanyol to level ten minutes later. Espanyol were hit by the second-half dismissal of Moisés Hurtado but still managed to take the game into extra time.

Frédéric Kanouté (105) restored Sevilla's advantage but again Espanyol levelled and it took the drama of a shoot-out, where **Palop** saved from **Luis García**, **Jônatas** and **Marc Torrejón**.

- Sevilla's squad features eleven players who appeared in the 3-0 defeat of FC Barcelona in this fixture a year ago. Palop, Daniel Alves, Julien Escudé, Adriano, Christian Poulsen, Renato, Jesús Navas, Luis Fabiano and Kanouté all started that game, with José Luis Martí and Enzo Maresca coming on as substitutes in the second half.

- **Renato** gave Sevilla the perfect start with the opening goal in the seventh minute before **Kanouté** doubled the advantage on the stroke of half-time. Victory was secured in the 90th minute as Puerta was fouled by Carles Puyol inside the Barcelona penalty area and fellow replacement **Maresca** slammed in the resulting spot-kick.

- Sevilla won the 2006/07 Copa del Rey but their third-place league finish and subsequent entry into UEFA Champions League qualifying means the UEFA Cup spot awarded to the winners went to the team they beat 1-0 in Madrid on 23 June, Getafe. Kanouté was again the match-winner.

- The sides met again, this time in Sevilla, on the opening day of the new Primera División season last Saturday with Ramos's men running out 4-1 winners. Getafe took the lead but then had Francisco Sousa and David Cortéz sent off before half-time. **Jesús Navas** exploited the advantage by restoring parity with a powerful header. **Luis Fabiano** headed Sevilla in front before **Kanouté** found the net and substitute **Aleksandr Kerzhakov** rounded off a fine win. **Daniel Alves** was missing.

- During the summer Sevilla made five new signings. Morgan **De Sanctis** from Udinese Calcio and **Tom De Mul** from AFC Ajax were the first to join, both penning deals on 9 July.

- On 11 July, **Seydou Keita** signed from RC Lens on a four-year contract, and two days later **Khalid Boulahrouz** joined from Chelsea on a season-long loan.

- On 3 August, **Aquivaldo Mosquera** from CF Pachuca became the final summer signing as he agreed a five-year deal with Sevilla.

- Departing the club over the summer were Aitor Ocio, who joined Athletic Club Bilbao, David Cobeño (UD Almería), Kepa Blanco (Getafe) and David Castedo (Levante UD).

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- Ramos's side played three friendly games over the summer. Two of these were in Chicago – a 1-0 win against Toluca FC on 27 July thanks to a **Poulsen** header and a loss by the same score against Wisla Krakow on 30 July – while a **Renato** goal gave them a 1-1 draw in the other with Vitória FC on 6 August.
- **Daniel Alves** started his pre-season training sessions later than the rest of the team after playing in the Copa América final with Brazil. He came on for Elano Blumer after 32 minutes and scored the game's final goal midway through the second half to help Brazil to a 3-0 win and their eighth victory in the tournament.
- On 11 August, a 28th-minute **Luis Fabiano** penalty was enough to give Sevilla a 1-0 win against Madrid in the first leg of the Spanish Super Cup at the Ramón Sánchez Pizjuán.
- On 19 August, Sevilla travelled to Madrid for the return leg, winning 5-3 at the Santiago Bernabéu to clinch the trophy for the first time - and their fifth honour in the last 15 months.
- **Renato** scored two early goals before **Kanouté** fired a hat-trick to complete the victory on a night which also marked Mosquera's debut. **Ramos** said: "We played a magnificent match. We never lost control of the game. We have played excellent matches in all our finals because the team plays believing in their chances. We have scored lots of goals in our finals too because the team pushes forward and it works."
- On 15 August, Sevilla entertained AEK in their first UEFA Champions League qualifying game. Their last appearance in the European Champion Clubs' Cup had been in the 1957/58 season. Second-half goals from **Luis Fabiano** and **Kanouté** gave Sevilla a 2-0 win in the third qualifying round first leg.
- **Ramos** said: "It's a magnificent result, one that's difficult to overcome in Europe and it was especially important not to concede a goal at home. We were very nervous and vulnerable in the first half but after the break the players calmed down and the [first] goal helped."
- **Kanouté**, who has extended his contract until June 2010, has scored in Sevilla's last five finals - the UEFA Cup final against Middlesbrough FC two seasons ago, the UEFA Super Cup last season against Barcelona, the UEFA Cup final against Espanyol in May, the Copa del Rey final against Getafe in June and the Spanish Super Cup against Madrid.
- **Palop** was called up by Spain for the first time due to an injury to Madrid's Iker Casillas, but did not play in their 3-2 win in Greece on 22 August.
- The same day **Dragutinović** played the full 90 minutes as Serbia lost 3-2 against Belgium, who did not field Under-21 starlet **De Mul**, in a vital UEFA European Championship qualifier. **Boulahrouz** played the second half of the Netherlands' 2-1 friendly defeat in Switzerland.
- **Daniel Alves** played for Brazil in the 2-0 friendly win against Algeria, which was played in Montpellier.
- **Kanouté** and **Keita** were called up for the friendly between Mali and Burkina Faso which was also played in France.
- **Mosquera** played the full 90 minutes in Denver, United States as Colombia were 1-0 winners against Mexico.
- **Escudé**, recovering from a groin injury, linked up with France before their 1-0 friendly win in Slovakia but did not play.
- **Diego Capel**, **Alejandro Alfaro** and **José Ángel Crespo**, all travelled to Madrid for the Spanish Under-21 national team training camp.

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Squad list

Milan

No	Player	Nat.	DoB	Age	SCUP		All-time UCL		UEFA	
					Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers										
1	Dida	BRA	07.10.1973	33	1	-	63	-	70	-
16	Zeljko Kalac	AUS	16.12.1972	34	-	-	4	-	28	-
29	Valerio Fiori	ITA	27.04.1969	38	-	-	-	-	10	-
Defenders										
2	Cafu	BRA	07.06.1970	37	1	-	54	2	79	2
4	Kakha Kaladze	GEO	27.02.1978	29	-	-	61	3	95	3
13	Alessandro Nesta	ITA	19.03.1976	31	2	-	71	-	96	1
17	Dario Šimić	CRO	12.11.1975	31	1	-	26	-	59	3
18	Marek Jankulovski	CZE	09.05.1977	30	-	-	15	-	19	-
19	Giuseppe Favalli	ITA	08.01.1972	35	-	-	34	1	73	2
25	Daniele Bonera	ITA	31.05.1981	26	-	-	6	-	29	-
27	Serginho	BRA	27.06.1971	36	-	-	51	2	65	3
36	Matteo Darmiani	ITA	02.12.1989	17	-	-	-	-	-	-
44	Massimo Oddo	ITA	14.06.1976	31	-	-	11	-	25	-
Midfielders										
5	Emerson	BRA	04.04.1976	31	-	-	59	8	77	11
8	Gennaro Gattuso	ITA	09.01.1978	29	1	-	65	1	90	3
10	Clarence Seedorf	NED	01.04.1976	31	2	-	94	8	124	12
20	Yoann Gourcuff	FRA	11.07.1986	21	-	-	8	1	14	1
21	Andrea Pirlo	ITA	19.05.1979	28	1	-	62	4	81	4
23	Massimo Ambrosini	ITA	29.05.1977	30	1	-	53	2	73	2
32	Cristian Brocchi	ITA	30.01.1976	31	-	-	19	-	30	-
38	Riccardo Caraglia	ITA	22.01.1989	18	-	-	-	-	-	-
Forwards										
9	Filippo Inzaghi	ITA	09.08.1973	34	1	-	66	38	93	58
11	Alberto Gilardino	ITA	05.07.1982	25	-	-	19	2	35	6
22	Kaká	BRA	22.04.1982	25	-	-	48	21	51	21
94	Willy Aubameyang	FRA	16.02.1987	20	-	-	-	-	-	-
99	Ronaldo	BRA	22.09.1976	30	-	-	40	14	73	37
Coach										
-	Carlo Ancelotti	ITA	10.06.1959	48	-	-	81	-	114	-

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No	Player	Nat.	DoB	Age	SCUP		All-time UCUP		UEFA	
					Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers										
1	Andrés Palop	ESP	22.10.1973	33	1	-	30	1	43	1
13	Morgan De Sanctis	ITA	26.03.1977	30	-	-	10	-	18	-
29	Pablo Vargas	ESP	16.02.1984	23	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders										
3	Ivica Dragutinović	SRB	13.11.1975	31	-	-	26	-	35	-
4	Daniel Alves	BRA	06.05.1983	24	1	-	35	2	36	2
14	Julien Escudé	FRA	17.08.1979	28	1	-	20	-	38	-
15	Aquivaldo Mosquera	COL	22.06.1981	26	-	-	-	-	-	-
17	José Ángel Crespo	ESP	09.02.1987	20	-	-	1	-	1	-
23	Khalid Boulahrouz	NED	28.12.1981	25	-	-	6	-	18	-
24	Andreas Hinkel	GER	26.03.1982	25	-	-	27	1	42	2
28	Federico Fazio	ARG	17.03.1987	20	-	-	-	-	1	-
30	David Prieto	ESP	02.01.1983	24	-	-	1	-	1	-
Midfielders										
5	Duda	POR	27.06.1980	27	-	-	6	1	8	1
6	Adriano	BRA	26.10.1984	22	1	-	28	5	29	5
8	Christian Poulsen	DEN	28.02.1980	27	1	-	40	1	58	2
11	Renato	BRA	15.05.1979	28	1	1	22	1	24	2
18	José Luis Martí	ESP	28.04.1975	32	1	-	32	2	34	2
20	Tom De Mul	BEL	04.03.1986	21	-	-	7	-	8	-
21	Seydou Keita	MLI	16.01.1980	27	-	-	22	-	40	1
25	Enzo Maresca	ITA	10.02.1980	27	1	1	18	5	30	7
Forwards										
7	Jesús Navas	ESP	21.11.1985	21	1	-	23	-	25	-
9	Aleksandr Kerzhakov	RUS	27.11.1982	24	-	-	27	14	31	16
10	Luis Fabiano	BRA	08.11.1980	26	1	-	21	6	28	7
12	Frédéric Kanouté	MLI	02.09.1977	29	1	1	30	12	42	15
19	Ernesto Chevantón	URU	12.08.1980	27	-	-	6	5	15	9
26	Diego Capel	ESP	16.02.1988	19	-	-	2	-	3	-
27	Alfaro	ESP	23.11.1986	20	-	-	4	-	4	-
Coach										
-	Juande Ramos	ESP	25.09.1954	52	-	-	40	-	45	-

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Head coaches

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 soon after but for Liverpool FC's stunning fightback two years later although he eventually claimed revenge in 2007 - 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 a 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 in 2005/06 following the Italian sporting fraud tribunal. In March, he extended his contract until summer 2008, only to stretch that to 2010 in May after winning the UEFA Champions League again with a 2-1 defeat of Liverpool and guiding Milan to fourth in Serie A, despite starting with an eight-point deficit.

Sevilla FC: Juande Ramos

Date of birth: 25/09/1954

Nationality: Spanish

Coaching career: Elche CF, CD Alcoyano, UD Levante, Logroñés CF, FC Barcelona B, UD Lleida, Rayo Vallecano de Madrid, Real Betis Balompié, RCD Espanyol, Málaga CF, Sevilla FC

Juande Ramos shot to European attention in 2006 when he led Sevilla FC to victory in the UEFA Cup. Sevilla had not reached a final since the 1962 Copa del Rey, but in Eindhoven they were in awesome form, winning 4-0 against Middlesbrough FC. Few were surprised when Ramos surpassed that feat in 2006/07 - FC Barcelona being dispatched 3-0 in the UEFA Super Cup in August before Sevilla retained the UEFA Cup by ultimately triumphing 3-1 on penalties in Glasgow against RCD Espanyol after a 2-2 draw. A historic treble was completed by the Spanish Cup.

Like Rafael Benítez and other leading Spanish coaches of the modern generation, Ramos emphasises discipline but also skilful football. That approach bore fruit in his debut season in Sevilla when, as well as winning the UEFA Cup, he got to within a point of the UEFA Champions League, narrowly losing out to CA Osasuna in the race for fourth place in the Primera División. Ramos counts local rivals Real Betis Balompié among his former clubs so his appointment was not initially popular with Sevilla supporters, but they were soon won round by results.

It was at Rayo Vallecano, the Spanish capital's unfashionable third side, that Ramos first came to prominence. He took them to promotion to the Primera División in his first season in 1998/99 and to a ninth-place finish the following year. In 2000/01 Vallecano qualified for the UEFA Cup through the Fair Play ranking and in their first season in Europe went all the way to the quarter-finals. Before joining Rayo, Ramos had spent most of his career in the lower divisions, including leading Barcelona's B team in 1996/97. A far cry from such beginnings, a third-place league finish for Sevilla in 2006/07 followed by the Copa del Rey with a 1-0 defeat of Getafe CF hinted that the next step for Ramos could well be to be crowned Spain or Europe's best.

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Match officials

Referee	Konrad Plautz (AUT)
Assistant referees	Egon Bereuter (AUT), Markus Mayr (AUT)
Fourth official	Fritz Stuchlik (AUT)
UEFA Delegate	Jan Damgaard (DEN)
UEFA Referee observer	Marc Batta (FRA)

Referee

Name	Nat.	DoB	UCL	UEFA
Konrad Plautz	AUT	16.10.1964	24	50

Austrian referee Konrad Plautz, a regular on the UEFA Champions League scene as a member of UEFA's élite group of match officials, is an enthusiastic director and actor with a local theatre group - the perfect antidote to his hectic schedule. A toolmaker from the Alpine town of Navis, Plautz began taking charge of matches as a teenager in 1984.

Starting with the youth sector, he began his rise through the ranks at regional level before heading into the Austrian national leagues - fulfilling an objective he had set himself at the outset of his career. Plautz reached Austrian Bundesliga standard after six years, before getting his FIFA international badge in 1996. That same year he was chosen to referee the UEFA European Under-16 Championship final in Vienna in which Portugal beat France. In 2005/06, he took charge of Arsenal FC's 1-0 first-leg victory against Villarreal CF in the UEFA Champions League semi-finals. A veteran of two FIFA World Cup qualifying campaigns, Plautz has experience of UEFA European Championship qualifiers back to March 1999. He is naturally established as one of his country's most respected officials, refereeing one of the top fixtures in the Austrian Bundesliga almost every weekend.

UEFA Champions League matches

Date	Comp.	Stage		Res.	Venue
27.09.2000	UCL	GS1	AC Sparta Praha - FC Shakhtar Donetsk	3-2	Prague
24.10.2000	UCL	GS1	FC Dynamo Kyiv - PSV Eindhoven	0-1	Kiev
14.03.2001	UCL	GS2	Leeds United AFC - S.S. Lazio	3-3	Leeds
19.09.2001	UCL	GS1	Panathinaikos FC - RCD Mallorca	2-0	Athens
17.10.2001	UCL	GS1	Olympique Lyonnais - Fenerbahçe SK	3-1	Lyon
19.03.2002	UCL	GS2	Boavista FC - Manchester United FC	0-3	Porto
17.09.2002	UCL	GS1	KRC Genk - AEK Athens FC	0-0	Genk
22.10.2002	UCL	GS1	FC Spartak Moskva - Liverpool FC	1-3	Moscow
21.10.2003	UCL	GS1	FC Dynamo Kyiv - Arsenal FC	2-1	Kiev
05.11.2003	UCL	GS1	PSV Eindhoven - AEK Athens FC	2-0	Eindhoven
10.12.2003	UCL	GS1	Juventus - Olympiacos CFP	7-0	Turin
29.09.2004	UCL	GS	PSV Eindhoven - Panathinaikos FC	1-0	Eindhoven
23.11.2004	UCL	GS	Juventus - AFC Ajax	1-0	Turin
08.12.2004	UCL	GS	Olympique Lyonnais - AC Sparta Praha	5-0	Lyon
13.09.2005	UCL	GS	Real Betis Balompié - Liverpool FC	1-2	Sevilla
19.10.2005	UCL	GS	AC Milan - PSV Eindhoven	0-0	Milan
06.12.2005	UCL	GS	Rangers FC - FC Internazionale Milano	1-1	Glasgow
21.02.2006	UCL	1/8	SL Benfica - Liverpool FC	1-0	Lisbon
29.03.2006	UCL	QF	Olympique Lyonnais - AC Milan	0-0	Lyon
19.04.2006	UCL	SF	Arsenal FC - Villarreal CF	1-0	London
12.09.2006	UCL	GS	FC Barcelona - PFC Levski Sofia	5-0	Barcelona
01.11.2006	UCL	GS	Real Madrid CF - FC Steaua București	1-0	Madrid
05.12.2006	UCL	GS	AS Roma - Valencia CF	1-0	Rome
07.03.2007	UCL	1/8	AC Milan - Celtic FC	1-0	Milan

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UEFA Cup matches

Date	Comp.	Stage		Res.	Venue
06.08.1996	UCUP	QR	MFK Košice - Celtic FC	0-0	Kosice
26.08.1999	UCUP	QR	Újpest FC - FK Vojvodina	1-1	Budapest
30.09.1999	UCUP	R1	FC Kryvbas Kryvyi Rih - Parma FC	0-3	Krivoy Rog
21.10.1999	UCUP	R2	Club Atlético de Madrid - KKS Lech Poznan	1-0	Madrid
23.11.2000	UCUP	R3	Club Brugge KV - FC Barcelona	0-2	Bruges
15.02.2001	UCUP	R4	FC Porto - FC Nantes Atlantique	3-1	Porto
22.11.2001	UCUP	R3	Parma FC - Brøndby IF	1-1	Parma
19.02.2002	UCUP	R4	Valencia CF - Servette FC	3-0	Valencia
28.11.2002	UCUP	R3	FC Girondins de Bordeaux - RSC Anderlecht	0-2	Bordeaux
20.02.2003	UCUP	R4	S.S. Lazio - Wisla Kraków	3-3	Rome
26.02.2004	UCUP	R3	Celtic FC - FK Teplice	3-0	Glasgow
25.03.2004	UCUP	R4	RCD Mallorca - Newcastle United FC	0-3	Palma de Mallorca
16.03.2005	UCUP	1/8	Newcastle United FC - Olympiacos CFP	4-0	Newcastle
07.04.2005	UCUP	QF	Villarreal CF - AZ Alkmaar	1-2	Villarreal
12.04.2007	UCUP	QF	Tottenham Hotspur FC - Sevilla FC	2-2	London

Other UEFA club competition matches

Date	Comp.	Stage		Res.	Venue
23.06.1996	UIC	GS	FC Spartak Trnava - FK Cukaricki	3-0	Trnava
21.06.1997	UIC	GS	Panahaiki FC - Stabæk IF	1-1	
28.08.1997	UCWC	QR	APOEL FC - HB Tórshavn	6-0	Nicosia
18.09.1997	UCWC	R1	FC København - FC Ararat Yerevan	3-0	Copenhagen
29.07.1998	UCL	QR1	FK Gança - LKS Łódź	1-3	Ganca
25.08.1998	UCUP	QR2	Malmö FF - HNK Hajduk Split	1-2	Malmo
01.10.1998	UCWC	R1	FC Haka - Panionios NFC	1-3	Valkeakoski
22.10.1998	UCWC	R2	KRC Genk - RCD Mallorca	1-1	Brussels
26.07.2000	UIC	SF	RC Celta de Vigo - Aston Villa FC	1-0	Vigo
08.08.2001	UCL	QR3	FC Steaua București - FC Dynamo Kyiv	2-4	Bucharest
14.08.2002	UCL	QR3	AC Milan - FC Slovan Liberec	1-0	Milan
26.08.2003	UCL	QR3	Wisla Kraków - RSC Anderlecht	0-1	Krakow
11.08.2004	UCL	QR3	Rosenborg BK - Maccabi Haifa FC	2-1	Trondheim
24.08.2005	UCL	QR3	Club Brugge KV - Vålerenga IF	1-0*(4-3)	Bruges
09.08.2006	UCL	QR3	Galatasaray SK - FK Mladá Boleslav	5-2	Istanbul

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Venue guide

Stade Louis II

The Stade Louis II is set just in from the Mediterranean coast, in the suburb of Fontvieille overlooking the cliffs of the Cote d'Azur. Although its capacity is just under 20,000, its spectacular setting and stunning design make it one of the most impressive stadiums in France.

The Stade Louis II is named after the grandfather of Monaco's Prince Rainier, who opened the stadium in 1985. It is home to AS Monaco FC, and no stranger to big European nights, notably in 1998 and 2004 when the local side reached the semi-finals of the UEFA Champions League. The Stade Louis II also staged the 1986 UEFA Cup Winners' Cup final, won by FC Dinamo Kiev (now FC Dynamo Kyiv), and since 1998 has been home to the UEFA Super Cup, which it will continue to stage until 2008 at least. The Stade Louis II also regularly holds international athletics events and has a running track around the outside of the pitch.

Built near the site of the old Monaco stadium, the Stade Louis II was the brainchild of Prince Rainier III, who brought in top architects from Paris to design this well-equipped multi-storey sports complex. Much of the venue's facilities are underground, including its car park, swimming pools and gymnasias, and all of it was built on land reclaimed from the Mediterranean over nearly half a decade in the early 1980s. The best seats are in the upper tier of the north stand, or Tribune d'Honneur, although the lower tier, Tribune Reservée, is almost as well positioned, and generally favoured by local families. In the south stand, the middle tiers of the Tribune Premiere are also popular. Away fans tend to be allocated the Cap d'Ail end, where you will find the main bar, L'Equipe.

2006/07 finals

UEFA Champions League final

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
23/05/07	Milan - Liverpool	2-1	OACA Spyro Louis, Athens

Goals: 1-0 Inzaghi 45, 2-0 Inzaghi 82, 2-1 Kuyt 89
Milan: Dida, Maldini, Gattuso, Inzaghi (Gilardino 88), Seedorf (Favalli 90+2), Nesta, Jankulovski (Kaladze 80), Pirlo, Kaká, Ambrosini, Oddo
Referee: Herbert Fandel (GER)

UEFA Cup final

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
16/05/07	Espanyol - Sevilla	2-2 (1-3p)	Hampden Park, Glasgow

Goals: 0-1 Adriano 18, 1-1 Riera 28, 1-2 Kanouté 15 Ex., 2-2 Jônatas 25 Ex.
Penalty Shoot-out: Kanouté 0-1, Luis García Fernández missed 0-1, Dragutinović 0-2, Pandiani 1-2, Daniel Alves missed 1-2, Jônatas missed 1-2, Puerta 1-3
Sevilla: Palop, Javi Navarro, Daniel Alves, Adriano (Renato 76), Poulsen, Luis Fabiano (Kerzhakov 64), Kanouté, Puerta, Martí, Dragutinović, Maresca (Jesús Navas 46)
Referee: Massimo Busacca (SUI)

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Domestic information

AC Milan (Serie A)

Comp.	Date	Opponent	Res.	Goalscorers
League	26/08/07	Genoa Cricket and Football Club (A)	3-0	Ambrosini 21, Kaká 44, 45(pen)
Lineups: Dida, Jankulovski (Favalli 88), Kaladze, Nesta, Oddo, Ambrosini (Gourcuff 82), Gattuso (Brocchi 74), Kaká, Pirlo, Seedorf, Gilardino				
League	03/09/07	ACF Fiorentina (H)		
League	16/09/07	AC Siena (A)		
League	23/09/07	Parma FC (H)		
League	26/09/07	US Città di Palermo (A)		
League	30/09/07	Calcio Catania (H)		
League	07/10/07	S.S. Lazio (A)		
League	21/10/07	Empoli FC (H)		
League	28/10/07	AS Roma (H)		
League	31/10/07	UC Sampdoria (A)		
League	04/11/07	Torino FC (H)		
League	11/11/07	Atalanta BC (A)		
League	25/11/07	Cagliari Calcio (A)		
League	02/12/07	Juventus (H)		
League	09/12/07	Reggina Calcio (A)		
League	16/12/07	AS Livorno Calcio (H)		
League	23/12/07	FC Internazionale Milano (A)		
League	13/01/08	SSC Napoli (H)		
League	20/01/08	Udinese Calcio (A)		
League	27/01/08	Genoa Cricket and Football Club (H)		
League	03/02/08	ACF Fiorentina (A)		
League	10/02/08	AC Siena (H)		
League	17/02/08	Parma FC (A)		
League	24/02/08	US Città di Palermo (H)		
League	27/02/08	Calcio Catania (A)		
League	02/03/08	S.S. Lazio (H)		
League	09/03/08	Empoli FC (A)		
League	16/03/08	AS Roma (A)		
League	19/03/08	UC Sampdoria (H)		
League	22/03/08	Torino FC (A)		
League	30/03/08	Atalanta BC (H)		
League	06/04/08	Cagliari Calcio (H)		
League	13/04/08	Juventus (A)		
League	20/04/08	Reggina Calcio (H)		
League	27/04/08	AS Livorno Calcio (A)		
League	04/05/08	FC Internazionale Milano (H)		

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Pos.	Clubs	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1	Juventus	1	1	0	0	5	1	3
2	AC Milan	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
3	ACF Fiorentina	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
4	Cagliari Calcio	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
5	AS Roma	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
6	UC Sampdoria	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
7	Calcio Catania	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
8	S.S. Lazio	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
9	Parma FC	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
10	Torino FC	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
11	Atalanta BC	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
12	FC Internazionale Milano	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
13	Reggina Calcio	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
14	Udinese Calcio	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
15	AC Siena	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
16	Empoli FC	1	0	0	1	1	3	0
17	SSC Napoli	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
18	US Città di Palermo	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
19	Genoa Cricket and Football Club	1	0	0	1	0	3	0
20	AS Livorno Calcio	1	0	0	1	1	5	0

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Domestic information

Sevilla FC (Primera División)

Comp.	Date	Opponent	Res.	Goalscorers
League	25/08/07	Getafe CF (H)	4-1	Jesús Navas 46, Luis Fabiano 67, Kanouté 70, A. Kerzhakov 82

Lineups: Palop, Dragutinović (Renato 54), Hinkel, Puerta (Duda 31), Capel, Keita, Maresca, Jesús Navas, Luis Fabiano, Kanouté (A. Kerzhakov 72), Fazio

League	16/09/07	RC Recreativo de Huelva (H)
League	23/09/07	FC Barcelona (A)
League	26/09/07	RCD Espanyol (H)
League	30/09/07	Real Zaragoza (A)
League	07/10/07	RC Deportivo La Coruña (H)
League	21/10/07	Levante UD (A)
League	28/10/07	Valencia CF (H)
League	31/10/07	Club Atlético de Madrid (A)
League	04/11/07	Real Madrid CF (H)
League	11/11/07	Villarreal CF (A)
League	25/11/07	RCD Mallorca (H)
League	02/12/07	UD Almeria (A)
League	09/12/07	Real Murcia CF (H)
League	16/12/07	Real Valladolid CF (A)
League	23/12/07	Real Racing Club Santander (H)
League	06/01/08	Real Betis Balompié (H)
League	13/01/08	Athletic Club Bilbao (A)
League	20/01/08	Getafe CF (A)
League	27/01/08	CA Osasuna (H)
League	03/02/08	RC Recreativo de Huelva (A)
League	10/02/08	FC Barcelona (H)
League	17/02/08	RCD Espanyol (A)
League	24/02/08	Real Zaragoza (H)
League	02/03/08	RC Deportivo La Coruña (A)
League	09/03/08	Levante UD (H)
League	16/03/08	Valencia CF (A)
League	23/03/08	Club Atlético de Madrid (H)
League	30/03/08	Real Madrid CF (A)
League	06/04/08	Villarreal CF (H)
League	13/04/08	RCD Mallorca (A)
League	20/04/08	UD Almeria (H)
League	27/04/08	Real Murcia CF (A)
League	04/05/08	Real Valladolid CF (H)
League	07/05/08	Real Racing Club Santander (A)
League	11/05/08	Real Betis Balompié (A)

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Pos.	Clubs	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1	Sevilla FC	1	1	0	0	4	1	3
2	UD Almeria	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
3	RCD Mallorca	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
4	Villarreal CF	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
5	Real Murcia CF	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
6	Real Madrid CF	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
7	Real Valladolid CF	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
8	Real Betis Balompié	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
9	RC Recreativo de Huelva	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
10	Athletic Club Bilbao	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
11	FC Barcelona	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
12	CA Osasuna	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
13	Real Racing Club Santander	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
14	Club Atlético de Madrid	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
15	Real Zaragoza	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
16	RCD Espanyol	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
17	Getafe CF	1	0	0	1	1	4	0
18	RC Deportivo La Coruña	1	0	0	1	0	3	0
19	Levante UD	1	0	0	1	0	3	0
20	Valencia CF	1	0	0	1	0	3	0

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Competition facts

UEFA Super Cup: All-time records

Matches played: 50

To date, 50 matches have been played with 2006 marking the UEFA Super Cup golden anniversary.

Finals: 31

There have been 31 previous UEFA Super Cup finals, with nine played in Monaco since the showpiece moved to a one-off match at the Stade Louis II on a permanent basis in 1998.

2006: 25.08.06 FC Barcelona 0-3 Sevilla FC - Att: 17,480, Ref: Stefano Farina (ITA)
2005: 26.08.05 Liverpool FC 3-1 PFC CSKA Moskva aet - Att: 17,042, Ref: René Temmink (NED)
2004: 27.08.04 FC Porto 1-2 Valencia CF - Att: 17,292, Ref: Terje Hauge (NOR)
2003: 29.08.03 AC Milan 1-0 FC Porto - Att: 16,885, Ref: Graham Barber (ENG)
2002: 24.08.01 Real Madrid CF 3-1 Feyenoord - Att: 18,284, Ref: Hugh Dallas (SCO)
2001: 24.08.01 FC Bayern München 2-3 Liverpool FC - Att: 13,824, Ref: Vítor Pereira (POR)
2000: 25.08.00 Real Madrid CF 1-2 Galatasaray SK - Att: 15,000, Ref: Günther Benkö (AUT)
1999: 27.08.99 Manchester United FC 0-1 S.S. Lazio - Att: 15,000, Ref: Ryszard Wojcik (POL)
1998: 28.08.98 Real Madrid CF 0-1 Chelsea FC - Att: 11,589, Ref: Marc Batta (FRA)

Most finalists (by country): 13

Spain holds the record for the number of times their teams have participated in the competition with 13 (FC Barcelona 6, Real Madrid CF 3, Valencia CF 2, Real Zaragoza 1, Sevilla FC 1).

England were top with 12 until last year (Liverpool FC 5, , Manchester United FC 2, Nottingham Forest FC 2, Arsenal FC 1, Aston Villa FC 1, Chelsea FC 1).

Most victories (by country): 8

Italian teams have recorded the most victories with eight (AC Milan 4, Juventus 2, S.S. Lazio 1, Parma FC 1), one ahead of England and two ahead of Spain.

Fastest goal: 5

The fastest goal scored in the UEFA Super Cup came in the 1987 decider when Rui Barros struck the only goal of the first leg after five minutes for FC Porto away to AFC Ajax. Porto won the return leg by the same margin to win 2-0 on aggregate.

Most victories (by club): 4

AC Milan lead the way with four victories in the competition (1989, 1990, 1994 and 2003), with both Liverpool FC and AFC Ajax one behind.

Extra-time victors: 3

Three competitions have required extra time to decide the winner, Parma AC (1993, 2-1 versus AC Milan), Galatasaray SK (2000, 2-1 golden goal victory versus Real Madrid CF) and Liverpool FC (2005, 3-1 versus PFC CSKA Moskva).

Finals involving teams from the same country: 3

Before the all-Spanish affair in 2006, Italian sides had competed against each other in two finals with AC Milan defeating Sampdoria UC 3-1 on aggregate in the 1990 competition. Milan were involved in the decider three years later against Parma AC, but on this occasion the Rossoneri ended on the losing side, 2-1.

Hat-tricks: 1

To date, Terry McDermott is the only player to have scored three times in one UEFA Super Cup match having done so in a 17-minute spell either side of the interval in Liverpool FC's 6-0 defeat of Hamburger SV in the second leg of their 1977 fixture.

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Penalty shoot-outs: 0

The UEFA Super Cup has yet to witness a penalty shoot-out to determine the winner of the competition.

UEFA Super Cup: Monaco records, 1988 to date

Man of the match awards: 9

2006: Daniel Alves (Sevilla FC)

2005: Djibril Cissé (Liverpool FC)

2004: Rubén Baraja (Valencia CF)

2003: Andriy Shevchenko (AC Milan)

2002: Roberto Carlos (Real Madrid CF)

2001: Michael Owen (Liverpool FC)

2000: Okan Buruk (Galatasaray SK)

1999: Juan Sebastián Verón (S.S. Lazio)

1998: Gustavo Poyet (Chelsea FC)

Fastest goal: 7

For matches held in Monaco, Renato's seventh-minute opener for Sevilla in 2006 is the quickest goal in the UEFA Super Cup.

Most yellow cards: 7

Stefano Farina of Italy issued seven yellow cards in the 2006 UEFA Super Cup, including six Sevilla players: Frédéric Kanouté, Daniel Alves, Javi Navarro, Andrés Palop, Julien Escudé and Enzo Maresca. This equalled the seven given out by Austrian match official Günther Benkö in the 2000 UEFA Super Cup in which Galatasaray SK defeated Real Madrid CF 2-1. Madrid won the yellow card tally, 4-3.

Most goals by a team: 3

Liverpool FC have scored on three occasions in their two Monaco finals, firstly in their 3-2 defeat of FC Bayern München in 2001, and then in their 2005 3-1 extra-time defeat of PFC CSKA Moskva. Real Madrid CF also matched Liverpool's tally in their 3-1 defeat of Feyenoord in 2002 as did Sevilla in the 2006 showpiece with a 3-0 defeat of FC Barcelona.

Widest margin of victory: 3

Sevilla's defeat of Barcelona in 2006 set a new record, surpassing Real Madrid CF's 3-1 victory against Feyenoord in 2002. Liverpool FC matched that margin and scoreline in 2005, but only after extra time at PFC CSKA Moskva's expense.

Extra-time victors: 2

Galatasaray SK and Liverpool FC have recorded the two extra-time victories to date in the competition. The Turkish side defeated Real Madrid CF 2-1 in 2000. Liverpool struck twice in extra time in their 3-1 defeat of PFC CSKA Moskva in 2005.

Lowest total of goals: 1

There have been three 1-0 outcomes to date in the UEFA Super Cup. The first two finals ended with single-goal victories for Chelsea FC in 1998 and S.S. Lazio in 1999 at the expense of Real Madrid CF and Manchester United FC respectively. The other solitary goal victory came in 2003 when Andriy Shevchenko's tenth-minute goal for AC Milan accounted for FC Porto.

Own goals in a final: 1

To date, the only own goal scored in a UEFA Super Cup final in Monaco came from Feyenoord's Patrick Paauwe 15 minutes into his team's 3-1 defeat by Real Madrid CF in 2002.

Red cards: 0

To date, no red cards have been issued in the competition.

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Penalty shoot-out winners: 0

To date, no matches in the competition have required a penalty shoot-out to determine the winners.

Scoreless draws: 0

To date, no scoreless draws after 90 minutes have been recorded in the competition.

UEFA club competition: All-time appearances

168 Paolo Maldini (AC Milan)
136 Luís Figo (Sporting Clube de Portugal, 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)

UEFA club competition: All-time goals

62 Gerd Müller (FC Bayern München)
59 Andriy Shevchenko (FC Dynamo Kyiv, AC Milan, Chelsea FC)
58 Raúl González (Real Madrid CF)
58 Filippo Inzaghi (Parma FC, Juventus, AC Milan)
56 Eusébio (Benfica)
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)

UEFA Super Cup: Did you know?

- The UEFA Super Cup has been a competition that has involved both the current UEFA European Football Championship™ and FIFA World Cup™-winning coaches. Otto Rehhagel was on the losing side (3-2 on aggregate) when coach of SV Werder Bremen in the 1992 final by the Johan Cruyff-managed FC Barcelona. But Marcello Lippi was more successful in 1996 as his Juventus FC side defeated Paris Saint-Germain FC 9-2 on aggregate, a result which stands as the widest margin of victory to date in the competition. Lippi's side included Angelo Peruzzi and Alessandro Del Piero, members of his 2006 FIFA World Cup-winning squad.

- Monaco also staged the 1986 final between CSA Steaua Bucuresti and FC Dinamo Kiev which the Romanian side won thanks to Gheorghe Hagi's 44th-minute goal. Steaua featured Laszlo Bölöni in their starting lineup.

- The UEFA Super Cup was not staged in three seasons since its 1973 inception. In 1974, following political problems, FC Bayern München of the Federal Republic of Germany did not play 1. FC Magdeburg of the German Democratic Republic. Then in 1981, Liverpool FC and FC Dinamo Tbilisi failed to find a date to contest the competition. Following the Heysel tragedy on 29 May 1985, Juventus FC and Everton FC did not play the 1985 UEFA Super Cup.

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Team facts

AC Milan

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UEFA club competition milestones

• Milan have been crowned champions of Europe seven times, making them the second most successful club in the history of the competition behind Real Madrid CF (nine wins). The Rossoneri were runners-up in 1958, 1993, 1995 and 2005. Only Madrid have appeared in more finals (12).

UEFA Champions League milestones

• Milan are taking part in their 12th campaign, the same number as Real Madrid CF, FC Barcelona and PSV Eindhoven. Only Manchester United FC and FC Porto (13) have featured more times. They did not take part in 1995/96, 1997/98, 1998/99 and 01/02.

UEFA club competition honours

- European Champion Clubs' Cup: 1962/63, 1968/69, 1988/89, 1989/90, 1993/94, 2002/03, 2006/07
- 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

2006/07: UEFA Champions League - winners

2005/06: UEFA Champions League - semi-finals

2004/05: UEFA Champions League - runners-up

2003/04: UEFA Champions League - quarter-finals

2002/03: UEFA Champions League - winners

2001/02: UEFA Cup - semi-finals

2000/01: UEFA Champions League - second group stage

1999/00: UEFA Champions League - first group stage

1998/99: Did not compete in UEFA club competition

1997/98: Did not compete in UEFA club competition

2006/07 season

Domestic record: Milan began the season with an eight-point deduction following sporting fraud investigation in Italy. They finished fourth in Serie A on 61 points, 36 behind champions FC Internazionale Milano and three ahead of US Città di Palermo.

European record: After defeating FK Crvena Zvezda 3-1 on aggregate in the UEFA Champions League third qualifying round, Milan then won Group H ahead of LOSC Lille Métropole, AEK Athens FC and RSC Anderlecht to reach a first knockout round tie against Celtic FC which was won 1-0 on aggregate. FC Bayern München were defeated 4-2 over two legs in the quarter-finals before seeing off Manchester United FC, 5-3 on aggregate to earn a place in the final in which Liverpool FC were defeated 2-1 at the Athens Olympic Stadium.

Key facts

UEFA club competition

• Pld: 309 W: 166 D: 71 L: 72 GF: 516 GA: 270

UEFA Super Cup

• Pld: 11 W: 6 D: 3 L: 2 GF: 10 GA: 10

UEFA Champions League (group stage to final)

• Pld: 115 W: 58 D: 32 L: 25 GF: 168 GA: 93

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European Champion Clubs' Cup/UEFA Champions League

• Pld: 198 W: 108 D: 46 L: 44 GF: 349 GA: 168

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)

Sevilla FC

Sevilla FC

UEFA club competition milestones

• Sevilla are experiencing the greatest period in their history after becoming only the second team to successfully defend the UEFA Cup. Previously, Sevilla's best season in UEFA club competition came in 1957/58 as they advanced to the quarter-finals of the European Champion Clubs' Cup.

UEFA club competition honours

• UEFA Cup: 2005/06, 2006/07

• UEFA Super Cup: 2006

Ten-year record

2006/07: UEFA Cup - winners

2005/06: UEFA Cup - winners

2004/05: UEFA Cup - Round of 16

2003/04: Did not compete in UEFA club competition

2002/03: Did not compete in UEFA club competition

2001/02: Did not compete in UEFA club competition

2000/01: Did not compete in UEFA club competition

1999/00: Did not compete in UEFA club competition

1998/99: Did not compete in UEFA club competition

1997/98: Did not compete in UEFA club competition

2006/07 season

Domestic record: Sevilla finished third in the Primera División, five points behind champions Real Madrid CF and FC Barcelona, and five ahead of Valencia CF, enough to enter the UEFA Champions League third qualifying round.

European record: The UEFA Cup holders began by brushing aside Atromitos FC 6-1 over two legs in the first round. In the group stage, a 0-0 draw at FC Slovan Liberec was followed by defeats of SC Braga (2-0) and Grasshopper-Club (4-0) before a 2-1 defeat by Group C winners AZ Alkmaar. In the Round of 32, FC Steaua Bucuresti were dispatched 3-0 on aggregate but it was harder work in the Round of 16 with a 5-4 triumph over FC Shakhtar Donetsk, with extra time needed in the second leg. Tottenham Hotspur FC were beaten 4-3 on aggregate in the last eight before Spanish rivals CA Osasuna lost 2-1 over two legs in the semi-finals. More familiar opposition waited in the final with RCD Espanyol pushing Sevilla to a penalty shoot-out after a 2-2 draw in Glasgow. Yet the holders were not to be denied and triumphed 3-1 on spot-kicks.

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Key facts

UEFA club competition

• Pld: 68 W: 35 D: 17 L: 16 GF: 106 GA: 66

UEFA Super Cup

• Pld: 1 W: 1 D: 0 L: 0 GF: 3 GA: 0

UEFA Champions League (group stage to final)

• N/A

European Champion Clubs' Cup/UEFA Champions League

• Pld: 7 W: 3 D: 2 L: 2 GF: 11 GA: 13

Records

UEFA club competition

• Biggest win

0-4: Grasshopper-Club v Sevilla FC

29.11.2006, 2006/07 UEFA Cup group stage

0-4: Middlesbrough FC v Sevilla FC

10.05.2006, 2005/06 UEFA Cup final (neutral venue)

4-0: Sevilla FC v Atromitos FC

28.09.2006, 2006/07 UEFA Cup first round, second leg

4-0: Sevilla FC v PAOK Saloniki

03.11.1982, 1982/83 UEFA Cup second round, second leg

4-0: Sevilla FC v AGF Århus

27.11.1957, 1957/58 European Champion Clubs' Cup first round, first leg

• Biggest home win

4-0: Sevilla FC v Atromitos FC (see above for details)

4-0: Sevilla FC v PAOK Saloniki (see above for details)

4-0: Sevilla FC v AGF Århus (see above for details)

• Biggest away win

0-4: Grasshopper-Club v Sevilla FC (see above for details)

• Heaviest defeat

8-0: Real Madrid CF v Sevilla CF

23.01.1958, 1957/58 European Champion Clubs' Cup quarter-finals, first leg

• Heaviest home defeat

1-2: Sevilla FC v AZ Alkmaar

14.12.2006, 2006/07 UEFA Cup group stage

• Heaviest away defeat

8-0: Real Madrid CF v Sevilla CF (see above for details)

UEFA Champions League (group stage to final)

• N/A

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:: Squad list

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

Nat. - Nationality

DoB - Date of birth

Pld - Played

GlS - Goals

SCUP: UEFA Super Cup

UCL: UEFA Champions League (group stage to final only)

UEFA: UEFA club competition (including qualifying matches)

:: Match officials

Nat. - Nationality

DoB - Date of birth

UCL: UEFA Champions League (group stage to final only)

UEFA: UEFA club competition (including qualifying matches)

:: 2006/07 finals

p - penalty shoot-out

Ex. - extra time

:: Domestic information

Comp. - Competition

Res. - Result

Pos. - Position

Pld - Played

W - Won

D - Drawn

L - Lost

GF - Goals for

GA - Goals against

Pts - Points

:: Team facts

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.

Pld - Played

W - Won

D - Drawn

L - Lost

GF - Goals for

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UCL: UEFA Champions League (group stage to final only)

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