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Previous meetings

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European Champions Clubs' Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
19/04/1972	SF	SL Benfica - AFC Ajax	0-0 agg: 0-1	Lisbon	
05/04/1972	SF	AFC Ajax - SL Benfica	1-0	Amsterdam	Swart 64

European Champions Clubs' Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
05/03/1969	QF (Rep)	AFC Ajax - SL Benfica	3-0 (Rep)	Paris	Cruyff 92 ET, Danielsson 104 ET, 109 ET
19/02/1969	QF	SL Benfica - AFC Ajax	1-3 agg: 4-4 ag	Lisbon	Torres 70; Danielsson 9, Cruyff 11, 31
12/02/1969	QF	AFC Ajax - SL Benfica	1-3	Amsterdam	Danielsson 47; Jacinto 32 (P), Torres 38, José Augusto 60

	Home				Away				Final				Neutral				Total					
	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
AFC Ajax	2	1	0	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	5	3	1	1	8	4
SL Benfica	2	0	1	1	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	5	1	1	3	4	8

AFC Ajax - Record versus clubs from opponents' country

UEFA Champions League

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
09/12/1998	GS	FC Porto - AFC Ajax	3-0	Porto	Zahovič 54, 73, Drulović 79
30/09/1998	GS	AFC Ajax - FC Porto	2-1	Amsterdam	Rudy 57, Litmanen 86 (P); Zahovič 69

UEFA Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
04/11/1992	R2	AFC Ajax - Vitória SC	2-1 agg: 5-1	Amsterdam	Bergkamp 21, Alflen 62; Mbote 59
21/10/1992	R2	Vitória SC - AFC Ajax	0-3	Guimaraes	Davids 1, Pettersson 38, Bergkamp 49

UEFA Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
05/10/1988	R1	AFC Ajax - Sporting Clube de Portugal	1-2 agg: 3-6	Amsterdam	Verkuyt 80; Pereira 21, Ribeiro 87
07/09/1988	R1	Sporting Clube de Portugal - AFC Ajax	4-2	Lisbon	Oceano 5, Bacinello 20 (P), Barbosa 24, Litos 76 (P); Pettersson 16, 79

UEFA Super Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
13/01/1988	F	FC Porto - AFC Ajax	1-0 agg: 2-0	Porto	Sousa 70
24/11/1987	F	AFC Ajax - FC Porto	0-1	Amsterdam	Barros 5

European Champions Clubs' Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
02/10/1985	R1	AFC Ajax - FC Porto	0-0 agg: 0-2	Amsterdam	
18/09/1985	R1	FC Porto - AFC Ajax	2-0	Porto	Futre 5, Santos 59

SL Benfica - Record versus clubs from opponents' country

UEFA Europa League

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
10/04/2014	QF	SL Benfica - AZ Alkmaar	2-0 agg: 3-0	Lisbon	Rodrigo 39, 71
03/04/2014	QF	AZ Alkmaar - SL Benfica	0-1	Alkmaar	Salvio 48

UEFA Champions League

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
24/08/2011	PO	SL Benfica - FC Twente	3-1 agg: 5-3	Lisbon	Witsel 46, 66, Luisão 59; Ruiz 85
16/08/2011	PO	FC Twente - SL Benfica	2-2	Enschede	L. de Jong 6, Ruiz 80; Cardozo 21, Nolito 35

UEFA Europa League

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
14/04/2011	QF	PSV Eindhoven - SL Benfica	2-2 agg: 3-6	Eindhoven	Dzsudzsák 17, Lens 25; Luisão 45+2, Cardozo 63 (P)
07/04/2011	QF	SL Benfica - PSV Eindhoven	4-1	Lisbon	Aimar 37, Salvio 45, 52, Saviola 90+4; Labyad 80

UEFA Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
21/10/2004	GS	SL Benfica - sc Heerenveen	4-2	Lisbon	Dos Santos 14, Nuno Gomes 32, 78, Karadas 73; Yildirim 49, Huntelaar 53 (P)

UEFA Champions League

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
09/12/1998	GS	PSV Eindhoven - SL Benfica	2-2	Eindhoven	Khokhlov 41, Van Nistelrooy 89; Nuno Gomes 47 (P), 64
30/09/1998	GS	SL Benfica - PSV Eindhoven	2-1	Lisbon	Nuno Gomes 47, João Pinto 76; Rommedahl 70

UEFA Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
31/10/1995	R2	Roda JC - SL Benfica	2-2 agg: 2-3	Kerkrade	Hesp 61, Trost 73; Hassan 87, 90
17/10/1995	R2	SL Benfica - Roda JC	1-0	Lisbon	Panduru 77

European Champions Clubs' Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
25/05/1988	F	PSV Eindhoven - SL Benfica	0-0 (aet, 6-5 pens)	Stuttgart	

UEFA Cup Winners' Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
19/03/1975	QF	SL Benfica - PSV Eindhoven	1-2 agg: 1-2	Lisbon	Jesus Coelho 24; W. van de Kerkhof 12, Quaars 86
05/03/1975	QF	PSV Eindhoven - SL Benfica	0-0	Eindhoven	

European Champions Clubs' Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
22/03/1972	QF	SL Benfica - Feyenoord	5-1 agg: 5-2	Lisbon	Nené 6, 81, 90+2, Rui Jordão 30, 87; Rijsbergen 75
08/03/1972	QF	Feyenoord - SL Benfica	1-0	Rotterdam	Laseroms 47

European Champions Clubs' Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
08/05/1963	SF	SL Benfica - Feyenoord	3-1 agg: 3-1	Lisbon	Eusébio 20, José Augusto 43, Santana 62; Bouwmeester 80
10/04/1963	SF	Feyenoord - SL Benfica	0-0	Rotterdam	

	Home				Away				Final				Neutral				Total					
	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
AFC Ajax	6	3	1	2	6	2	1	3	2	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	15	6	2	7	18	19
SL Benfica	11	8	1	2	10	2	6	2	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	23	10	8	5	38	26

Match background

Ajax and Benfica both have grounds for optimism as they meet in the third round of Group E games with each promisingly placed in the section.

- Ajax head the standings with four points – including three from an impressive home win on matchday one – while Benfica bounced back from an opening defeat to revive their challenge with three points last time out.

Previous meetings

- The sides have played in five previous contests – all in a three-year period between 1969 and 1972.
- It took a replay to separate the clubs in the 1968/69 European Cup quarter-finals, Benfica winning the first leg 3-1 in Amsterdam – still their only victory against Ajax – but losing by the same scoreline in Lisbon. Even in the Paris replay, extra time was needed for a victor to finally be decided, Ajax running out 3-0 winners with Inge Danielsson scoring twice to make it four goals in the tie.
- Ajax's victorious 1971/72 European Cup campaign featured another tight tie with Benfica, Sjaak Swart scoring the only goal of the semi-final in the Amsterdam first leg.

Form guide

Ajax

- After a 3-0 victory against AEK Athens in Amsterdam on matchday one, Ajax produced another creditable performance last time out to earn a 1-1 draw at Bayern München.
- Second in the Eredivisie last season, Ajax are in the UEFA Champions League group stage for the 14th time, but the first since 2014/15. Then their campaign ended in the group stage, for the fifth year in a row; they finished third on each occasion and have not progressed from their section since 2005/06.
- Ajax's 2017/18 European campaign lasted only two ties, losing to Nice in the UEFA Champions League third qualifying round before a 4-2 aggregate defeat against Rosenborg (0-1 home, 2-3 away) that extended their winless run in continental competition to six matches (D2 L4).
- However, Ajax are unbeaten in Europe in 2018/19, beating Sturm Graz home (2-0) and away (3-1) in the UEFA Champions League second qualifying round and Standard Liège 5-2 on aggregate in the third qualifying round (2-2 away, 3-0 home) before overcoming Dynamo Kyiv 3-1 in the play-offs (3-1 home, 0-0 away) and then defeating AEK and drawing at Bayern.
- The Amsterdammers have lost only one of their last seven home fixtures in the UEFA Champions League group stage (W4 D2).
- Ajax have won their last two home games against Portuguese visitors, most recently a 2-1 defeat of Porto in the 1998/99 UEFA Champions League group stage. However, that 1972 win against Benfica is their only other against a Portuguese club in Amsterdam; they have lost three of their other four matches there.

Benfica

- Beaten 2-0 by Bayern in Lisbon in their opening Group E game, Benfica bounced back by defeating AEK 3-2 in Athens in their last fixture – Haris Seferović opening the scoring to register the club's 100th goal in the UEFA Champions League proper.
- Victory in Greece ended Benfica's eight-match losing run in the UEFA Champions League, group stage to final – a Portuguese record.
- Benfica have still won only three of their last 13 continental fixtures (D2 L8).
- Portuguese Liga runners-up in 2017/18, Benfica are in the UEFA Champions League group stage for the 14th time – and the ninth season in a row.
- The Lisbon giants have reached seven European Cup finals, winning the trophy in 1961 and 1962.
- Benfica kicked off this season in the third qualifying round with a 2-1 aggregate win against Fenerbahçe (1-0 home, 1-1 away). The first leg ended a run of seven successive European defeats – the Eagles failing to score in six of those, including the last five. Greece's PAOK were then defeated 5-2 over two legs in the play-offs (1-1 home, 4-1 away).
- Before this season, Benfica had lost four successive European away games, and were without a win in five. Despite the victories at PAOK and AEK, they have won only three of their last 11 fixtures outside Portugal (D2 L6).
- Benfica finished bottom of their section in 2017/18, losing all six games – the 20th time a club has gone through a UEFA Champions League group stage without picking up a point.
- The Eagles are unbeaten in their last six visits to the Netherlands (W1 D5), and in their last 12 games against Dutch

clubs overall (W7 D5) – although that run started with the 1988 European Cup final, which they lost on penalties to PSV Eindhoven after a goalless draw in Stuttgart.

Links and trivia

- Ajax coach Erik ten Hag was assistant as PSV Eindhoven lost 6-3 on aggregate to Benfica in the 2010/11 UEFA Europa League quarter-finals. Zakaria Labyad scored PSV's goal in a 4-1 first-leg defeat in Lisbon.
- Has played in Portugal:
Zakaria Labyad (Sporting CP 2012/13 & 2015)
- International team-mates:
Nicolás Tagliafico & Eduardo Salvio (Argentina)
Nicolás Tagliafico & Facundo Ferreyra (Argentina Under-20)
Dušan Tadić & Andrija Živković (Serbia)
- Klaas-Jan Huntelaar has two goals in three appearances against Benfica, scoring in Heerenveen's 4-2 defeat in the 2004/05 UEFA Cup group stage and in Schalke's 2-0 home win at the same stage of the 2010/11 UEFA Champions League.

Latest news

Ajax

- Ajax's 15-match unbeaten run (W12 D3) in all competitions stretching back to 15 April was ended by a 3-0 Eredivisie defeat at PSV Eindhoven on 23 September, halting a four-match winning league streak. That is their only defeat of the season in all competitions (W13 D4); they were 4-0 winners at Heerenveen on Saturday.
- Ajax have won their last six home games in all competitions, and are unbeaten in their last 20 matches at the Amsterdam ArenA (W18 D2), since a 2-1 loss to Utrecht on 5 November 2017.
- On 26 September Ajax reached the Dutch Cup round of 32 with a 7-0 win away to amateur side Te Werve. Ryan Gravenberch – who had become the club's youngest player with his appearance against PSV three days earlier – became Ajax's youngest ever scorer at the age of 16 years 133 days. The teenager succeeds Clarence Seedorf, who was 16 years 361 days when he scored on 28 March 1993 against Vitesse.
- Kasper Dolberg has scored in Ajax's last four domestic games, while midfielder Hakim Ziyech has five goals in his last seven Eredivisie outings.
- Dolberg made his first start for Denmark in the goalless UEFA Nations League draw in the Republic of Ireland on 13 October – his eighth cap.
- Ajax's new signing Hassane Bandé is expected to be out until the winter break after suffering a calf injury in a friendly against Anderlecht in early July. Joël Veltman has not played since suffering a cruciate knee ligament injury on 19 April.

Benfica

- Before losing to Bayern on matchday one, Benfica were on an 11-match unbeaten run in all competitions (W7 D4) stretching back to 28 April. They have won four of their five matches since that defeat (D1), including a 1-0 home win against Porto on 7 October and a 3-0 victory at third-tier Sertanense in the last 32 of the Portuguese Cup on Thursday.
- Haris Seferović scored in Switzerland's 2-1 win in Iceland in the UEFA Nations League on 15 October, and has three goals in his last four games for club and country.
- Eduardo Salvio provided an assist in Argentina's 4-0 friendly win against Iraq on 11 October, Franco Cervi scoring the fourth goal.
- Nicolás Castillo scored the only goal as Chile beat Mexico in a 16 October friendly.
- Sébastien Corchia had been out since 22 August after an operation on a knee injury before returning at Sertanense, when Facundo Ferreyra made his first appearance since 25 August, coming on as a half-time substitute after recovering from a back problem.
- Jardel has not played since picking up a thigh injury against Chaves on 27 September.
- Cristian Lema made his Benfica debut on matchday two after a knee injury.
- Filip Krovinić has been sidelined by a knee injury since January.
- On 25 September 37-year-old defender Luisão ended his contract by mutual agreement and announced the end of his playing career after 15 seasons at Benfica.

Squad list

AFC Ajax

No.	Player	Nat.	DoB	Age	D	Current season						All-time			
						UCLQ		UCL		League		UCL		UEFA	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers															
24	Andre Onana	CMR	02/04/1996	22	-	6	-	2	-	9	-	2	-	26	-
26	Kostas Lamprou	GRE	18/09/1991	27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
33	Dominik Kotarski	CRO	10/02/2000	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
51	Stan van Bladeren	NED	01/10/1997	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders															
2	Rasmus Kristensen	DEN	11/07/1997	21	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	16	1
3	Joël Veltman	NED	15/01/1992	26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	39	-
4	Matthijs de Ligt	NED	12/08/1999	19	-	6	1	1	-	8	1	1	-	20	1
5	Maximilian Wöber	AUT	04/02/1998	20	-	2	-	1	-	4	-	1	-	6	-
17	Daley Blind	NED	09/03/1990	28	-	6	-	2	-	9	-	28	1	61	1
27	Perr Schuurs	NED	26/11/1999	18	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
28	Luis Orejuela	COL	20/08/1995	23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
31	Nicolás Tagliafico	ARG	31/08/1992	26	-	5	-	2	2	7	-	2	2	7	2
35	Mitchel Bakker	NED	20/06/2000	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
42	Navajo Bakboord	NED	29/01/1999	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
48	Sven Botman	NED	12/01/2000	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Midfielders															
6	Donny van de Beek	NED	18/04/1997	21	-	6	1	2	1	9	1	2	1	25	5
8	Daley Sinkgraven	NED	04/07/1995	23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17	-
12	Noussair Mazraoui	NED	14/11/1997	20	-	6	-	2	1	8	-	2	1	8	1
15	Carel Eiting	NED	11/02/1998	20	-	4	-	1	-	7	-	1	-	5	-
19	Zakaria Labyad	MAR	09/03/1993	25	-	2	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	27	7
20	Lasse Schöne	DEN	27/05/1986	32	-	6	1	2	-	7	1	19	5	61	10
21	Frenkie de Jong	NED	12/05/1997	21	-	6	-	1	-	7	-	1	-	13	-
22	Hakim Ziyech	MAR	19/03/1993	25	-	6	2	2	-	9	5	2	-	29	4
30	Dani de Wit	NED	28/01/1998	20	-	2	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	3	-
32	Václav Černý	CZE	17/10/1997	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	1
36	Azor Matusiwa	NED	28/04/1998	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
37	Noa Lang	NED	17/06/1999	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
38	Ryan Gravenberch	NED	16/05/2002	16	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
40	Jurgen Ekkelenkamp	NED	05/04/2000	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Forwards															
7	David Neres	BRA	03/03/1997	21	-	4	1	2	-	8	-	2	-	13	1
9	Klaas Jan Huntelaar	NED	12/08/1983	35	-	6	4	1	-	9	6	31	14	94	54
10	Dušan Tadić	SRB	20/11/1988	29	-	6	3	2	-	9	6	2	-	36	8
18	Hassane Bandé	BFA	30/09/1998	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25	Kasper Dolberg	DEN	06/10/1997	21	-	-	-	2	-	4	3	2	-	23	7
39	Kaj Sierhuis	NED	27/04/1998	20	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	1	-
41	Dennis Johnsen	NOR	17/02/1998	20	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-

AFC Ajax

						Current season						All-time			
						UCLQ		UCL		League		UCL		UEFA	
46	Che Nunnely	NED	04/02/1999	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coach															
-	Erik Ten Hag	NED	02/02/1970	48	-	6	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	14	-

SL Benfica

No.	Player	Nat.	DoB	Age	D	Current season						All-time			
						UCLQ		UCL		League		UCL		UEFA	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers															
1	Mile Svilar	BEL	27/08/1999	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	3	-
12	Bruno Varela	POR	04/11/1994	23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	-
58	Daniel Azevedo	POR	12/02/1998	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
72	Ivan Zlobin	RUS	07/03/1997	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
99	Odisseas Vlachodimos	GER	26/04/1994	24	-	4	-	2	-	7	-	2	-	10	-
Defenders															
2	German Conti	ARG	06/06/1994	24	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	1	-
3	Alex Grimaldo	ESP	20/09/1995	23	-	4	-	2	1	7	1	10	1	14	1
6	Rúben Dias	POR	14/05/1997	21	S	4	-	2	-	7	-	4	-	8	-
7	Sébastien Corchia	FRA	01/11/1990	27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	19	1
15	Yuri Ribeiro	POR	24/01/1997	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25	Cristian Lema	ARG	24/03/1990	28	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	1	-
33	Jardel	BRA	29/03/1986	32	-	4	1	1	-	6	-	26	-	41	3
34	André Almeida	POR	10/09/1990	28	-	4	-	2	-	7	-	32	-	49	-
60	Pedro Amaral	POR	25/08/1997	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65	Luis Pinheiro	POR	08/01/2000	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
75	Branimir Kalaica	CRO	01/06/1998	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
97	Francisco Ferreira	POR	26/03/1997	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Midfielders															
5	Ljubomir Fejsa	SRB	14/08/1988	30	-	4	-	2	-	7	-	28	1	53	1
8	Gabriel	POR	18/09/1993	25	-	-	-	1	-	3	-	1	-	1	-
16	Alfa Semedo	POR	30/08/1997	21	-	2	-	1	1	4	-	1	1	3	1
17	Andrija Živković	SRB	11/07/1996	22	-	3	-	1	-	3	-	7	-	32	5
20	Filip Krovinović	CRO	29/08/1995	23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
21	Pizzi	POR	06/10/1989	29	-	4	2	2	-	7	4	27	-	34	2
27	Rafa Silva	POR	17/05/1993	25	-	1	-	2	-	6	3	6	-	19	3
61	Florentino	POR	19/08/1999	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
79	João Félix	POR	10/11/1999	18	-	2	-	-	-	4	2	-	-	2	-
83	Gedson Fernandes	POR	09/01/1999	19	-	4	1	2	-	5	-	2	-	6	1
Forwards															
10	Jonas	BRA	01/04/1984	34	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	30	10	46	12
11	Franco Cervi	ARG	26/05/1994	24	-	4	1	2	-	7	1	12	2	16	3
14	Haris Seferović	SUI	22/02/1992	26	-	2	-	2	1	5	2	12	2	16	3
18	Eduardo Salvio	ARG	13/07/1990	28	-	3	2	2	-	5	1	33	4	80	16
19	Facundo Ferreyra	ARG	14/03/1991	27	-	3	-	-	-	3	1	14	3	32	8
30	Nicolas Castillo	CHI	14/02/1993	25	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	2
70	José Gomes	POR	08/04/1999	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
73	João Filipe	POR	30/03/1999	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
77	Nuno Santos	POR	02/03/1999	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coach															
-	Rui Vitória	POR	16/04/1970	48	-	4	-	2	-	-	-	25	-	35	-

Head coach

Erik ten Hag

Date of birth: 2 February 1970

Nationality: Dutch

Playing career: Twente (three times), De Graafschap, RKC Waalwijk, Utrecht

Coaching career: Twente (youth, assistant), PSV Eindhoven (assistant), Go Ahead Eagles, Bayern München II, Utrecht, Ajax

- Born in Haaksbergen in the east Netherlands close to Enschede, Ten Hag's early days were spent with local club Bon Boys before a move to the youth department of Twente, where he made his professional debut aged 19 in December 1989.
- A defensive midfielder and defender, he then spent two seasons with De Graafschap, winning promotion to Eredivisie in his first, before returning to Twente for two years. Ten Hag moved on to single-season stays at both RKC Waalwijk and Utrecht, and then returned to Twente again in 1996, this time for good.
- Reached the last 16 of the 1997/98 UEFA Cup, losing to Auxerre, and in 2001 he won his only silverware with the club, Fred Rutten's team beating PSV Eindhoven on penalties in the Dutch Cup final with Ten Hag as captain.
- After ending his playing career in 2002 he became head of Twente's youth department, also working as assistant coach for several years, alongside Rutten from 2006/07. Followed the head coach to PSV in 2009, serving as his assistant for three seasons.
- Took his first post as head coach at Go Ahead Eagles, winning promotion to the Dutch top flight in his 2012/13 debut season, before moving on to Bayern München's second team, winning the Regionalliga title in 2014 and working with Josep Guardiola. Took over at Utrecht in summer 2015, winning the Rinus Michels award as the Netherlands' coach of the year 12 months later. Succeeded Marcel Keizer at Ajax in December 2017, leading the club to second place in the Eredivisie at the end of that campaign and into the UEFA Champions League group stage for the first time in four years.

Rui Vitória

Date of birth: 16 April 1970

Nationality: Portuguese

Playing career: Fanhões, Vilafranquense (twice), Alverca, Seixal, Casa Pia, Alcochetense

Coaching career: Vilafranquense, Benfica (Under-19), Fátima, Paços de Ferreira, Guimarães, Benfica

- Born in Alverca do Ribatejo, in the Lisbon district, Rui Vitória spent the majority of his playing career as a midfielder with clubs from the Portuguese capital's metropolitan area.
- Always plied his trade in the lower divisions and was a mainstay at Vilafranquense for nine seasons, with a one-year interlude at Alverca in 1996/97. After hanging up his boots at 32 in the middle of 2002/03, he began his coaching career immediately at the club, while simultaneously working as a PE teacher.
- His first association with Benfica came two seasons later, as he led the Eagles' Under-19 setup for two years, a period which began his steady rise in Portuguese football. The first step was taken at Fátima in 2006, where his debut season was marked by promotion to the second division followed by immediate relegation, a journey repeated in the next two campaigns.
- His good work led him to Paços de Ferreira in the top division. The first season ended with a seventh-place finish in the Liga and defeat by Benfica in the 2010/11 League Cup final. Departed three games into the following season but only took a week to find a new employer, in the shape of Guimarães.
- In four seasons at the helm of the Minho outfit, he made his name by building competitive sides with few resources, as well as detecting and developing young talents. His highlight was victory over Benfica in the 2012/13 Portuguese Cup final, only the second trophy in the club's history. On 15 June 2015, he was announced as Benfica's new coach, and won the Liga and League Cup in his first season and the league and Portuguese Cup double in 2016/17, although the following campaign ended without silverware.

Match officials

Referee	Ruddy Buquet (FRA)
Assistant referees	Guillaume Debart (FRA) , Julien Pacelli (FRA)
Additional assistant referees	Amaury Delerue (FRA) , François Letexier (FRA)
Fourth official	Cyril Gringore (FRA)
UEFA Delegate	Michał Listkiewicz (POL)
UEFA Referee observer	Manuel Mejuto González (ESP)

Referee

Name	Date of birth	UEFA Champions League matches	UEFA matches
Ruddy Buquet	29/01/1977	11	51

Ruddy Buquet

Referee since: 2001

First division: 2008

FIFA badge: 2011

Tournaments: 2015 FIFA U-17 World Cup

Finals

N/A

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

Date	Competition	Stage reached	Home	Away	Result	Venue
10/12/2014	UCL	GS	FC Porto	FC Shakhtar Donetsk	1-1	Porto
30/09/2015	UCL	GS	PFC CSKA Moskva	PSV Eindhoven	3-2	Khimki
25/11/2015	UCL	GS	FC Astana	SL Benfica	2-2	Astana

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

Date	Competition	Stage reached	Home	Away	Result	Venue
01/09/2011	U21	QR	Bulgaria	Netherlands	0-1	Lovech
02/08/2012	UEL	3QR	FC Anji	Vitesse	2-0	Ramenskoye
07/09/2014	EURO	QR	Portugal	Albania	0-1	Aveiro
18/09/2014	UEL	GS	Sevilla FC	Feyenoord	2-0	Seville
10/12/2014	UCL	GS	FC Porto	FC Shakhtar Donetsk	1-1	Porto
26/02/2015	UEL	R32	Sporting Clube de Portugal	VfL Wolfsburg	0-0	Lisbon
30/09/2015	UCL	GS	PFC CSKA Moskva	PSV Eindhoven	3-2	Khimki
25/11/2015	UCL	GS	FC Astana	SL Benfica	2-2	Astana
25/02/2016	UEL	R32	Bayer 04 Leverkusen	Sporting Clube de Portugal	3-1	Leverkusen
24/08/2017	UEL	PO	Rosenborg BK	AFC Ajax	3-2	Trondheim
09/11/2017	FRIE.	GS-FT	Scotland	Netherlands	0-1	Aberdeen
15/02/2018	UEL	R32	FC Astana	Sporting Clube de Portugal	1-3	Astana

Fixtures and results

AFC Ajax

Date	Competition	Opponent	Result	Goalscorers
25/07/2018	UCL	SK Sturm Graz (H)	W	2-0 Ziyech 15, Schöne 57
01/08/2018	UCL	SK Sturm Graz (A)	W	3-1 Huntelaar 39, 77, Tadić 48
07/08/2018	UCL	R. Standard de Liège (A)	D	2-2 Huntelaar 19, Tadić 34
11/08/2018	League	Heracles Almelo (H)	D	1-1 De Ligt 88
14/08/2018	UCL	R. Standard de Liège (H)	W	3-0 Huntelaar 30, De Ligt 34, Neres 46
18/08/2018	League	VVV-Venlo (A)	W	1-0 Tadić 88 (P)
22/08/2018	UCL	FC Dynamo Kyiv (H)	W	3-1 Van de Beek 2, Ziyech 35, Tadić 43
25/08/2018	League	Emmen (H)	W	5-0 Ziyech 8, Huntelaar 38, 59, Tadić 71, Bijl 86 (og)
28/08/2018	UCL	FC Dynamo Kyiv (A)	D	0-0
02/09/2018	League	Vitesse (A)	W	4-0 Ziyech 3, Huntelaar 7, 58, Tadić 19
15/09/2018	League	FC Groningen (H)	W	3-0 Huntelaar 18 (P), 66, Tadić 76
19/09/2018	UCL	AEK Athens FC (H)	W	3-0 Tagliafico 46, 90, Van de Beek 77
23/09/2018	League	PSV Eindhoven (A)	L	0-3
26/09/2018	Cup	HVV Te Werve (A)	W	7-0 Schuurs 10, Dolberg 17, Van de Beek 30, Labyad 38, 59, Ekkelenkamp 66, Gravenberch 82
29/09/2018	League	SC Fortuna Sittard (A)	W	2-0 Dolberg 49, Ziyech 78
02/10/2018	UCL	FC Bayern München (A)	D	1-1 Mazraoui 22
07/10/2018	League	AZ Alkmaar (H)	W	5-0 Van de Beek 3, Dolberg 48, Van Rhijn 52 (og), Ziyech 61, Tadić 84
20/10/2018	League	sc Heerenveen (A)	W	4-0 Schöne 3, Ziyech 42, Tadić 52 (P), Dolberg 56
23/10/2018	UCL	SL Benfica (H)		
28/10/2018	League	Feyenoord (H)		
31/10/2018	Cup	Go Ahead Eagles (H)		
03/11/2018	League	Willem II (H)		
07/11/2018	UCL	SL Benfica (A)		
11/11/2018	League	SBV Excelsior (A)		
24/11/2018	League	NAC Breda (A)		
27/11/2018	UCL	AEK Athens FC (A)		
02/12/2018	League	ADO Den Haag (H)		
08/12/2018	League	PEC Zwolle (A)		
12/12/2018	UCL	FC Bayern München (H)		
16/12/2018	League	De Graafschap (H)		
23/12/2018	League	FC Utrecht (A)		
20/01/2019	League	sc Heerenveen (H)		
27/01/2019	League	Feyenoord (A)		
02/02/2019	League	VVV-Venlo (H)		
09/02/2019	League	Heracles Almelo (A)		
17/02/2019	League	NAC Breda (H)		
24/02/2019	League	ADO Den Haag (A)		
03/03/2019	League	PEC Zwolle (H)		

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10/03/2019	League	SC Fortuna Sittard (H)		
17/03/2019	League	AZ Alkmaar (A)		
31/03/2019	League	PSV Eindhoven (H)		
03/04/2019	League	Emmen (A)		
06/04/2019	League	Willem II (A)		
14/04/2019	League	SBV Excelsior (H)		
21/04/2019	League	FC Groningen (A)		
24/04/2019	League	Vitesse (H)		
28/04/2019	League	De Graafschap (A)		
12/05/2019	League	FC Utrecht (H)		

Pos.	Clubs	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1	PSV Eindhoven	9	9	0	0	36	3	27
2	AFC Ajax	9	7	1	1	25	4	22
3	Feyenoord	9	6	2	1	20	10	20
4	Heracles Almelo	9	6	1	2	23	19	19
5	VVV-Venlo	9	4	2	3	10	9	14
6	AZ Alkmaar	9	3	3	3	18	15	12
7	Vitesse	9	3	3	3	14	11	12
8	SBV Excelsior	9	3	3	3	13	15	12
9	FC Utrecht	9	3	3	3	10	12	12
10	ADO Den Haag	9	3	2	4	13	20	11
11	Willem II	9	2	4	3	17	18	10
12	sc Heerenveen	9	2	4	3	20	22	10
13	SC Fortuna Sittard	9	2	4	3	17	19	10
14	PEC Zwolle	9	3	1	5	9	14	10
15	Emmen	9	2	2	5	10	24	8
16	De Graafschap	9	2	1	6	7	20	7
17	NAC Breda	9	1	1	7	10	23	4
18	FC Groningen	9	1	1	7	5	19	4

SL Benfica

Date	Competition	Opponent	Result	Goalscorers
07/08/2018	UCL	Fenerbahçe SK (H)	W 1-0	Cervi 69
10/08/2018	League	Vitória SC (H)	W 3-2	Pizzi 10, 30, 38
14/08/2018	UCL	Fenerbahçe SK (A)	D 1-1	Gedson Fernandes 26
18/08/2018	League	Boavista FC (A)	W 2-0	Ferreira 35, Pizzi 62
21/08/2018	UCL	PAOK FC (H)	D 1-1	Pizzi 45+1 (P)
25/08/2018	League	Sporting Clube de Portugal (H)	D 1-1	João Félix 86
29/08/2018	UCL	PAOK FC (A)	W 4-1	Jardel 20, Salvio 26 (P), 50 (P), Pizzi 39
02/09/2018	League	CD Nacional (A)	W 4-0	Seferović 28, Salvio 45, Grimaldo 76, Rafa Silva 90+3
19/09/2018	UCL	FC Bayern München (H)	L 0-2	
23/09/2018	League	CD Aves (H)	W 2-0	João Félix 34, Cervi 62
27/09/2018	League	GD Chaves (A)	D 2-2	Rafa Silva 3, 84

SL Benfica

02/10/2018	UCL	AEK Athens FC (A)	W	3-2	Seferović 6, Grimaldo 15, Alfa Semedo 74
07/10/2018	League	FC Porto (H)	W	1-0	Seferović 62
23/10/2018	UCL	AFC Ajax (A)			
27/10/2018	League	Os Belenenses (A)			
02/11/2018	League	Moreirense FC (H)			
07/11/2018	UCL	AFC Ajax (H)			
11/11/2018	League	CD Tondela (A)			
27/11/2018	UCL	FC Bayern München (A)			
01/12/2018	League	CD Feirense (H)			
08/12/2018	League	Vitória FC (A)			
12/12/2018	UCL	AEK Athens FC (H)			
16/12/2018	League	CS Marítimo (A)			
23/12/2018	League	SC Braga (H)			
02/01/2019	League	Portimonense SC (A)			
06/01/2019	League	Rio Ave FC (H)			
12/01/2019	League	CD Santa Clara (A)			
19/01/2019	League	Vitória SC (A)			
30/01/2019	League	Boavista FC (H)			
03/02/2019	League	Sporting Clube de Portugal (A)			
10/02/2019	League	CD Nacional (H)			
17/02/2019	League	CD Aves (A)			
24/02/2019	League	GD Chaves (H)			
03/03/2019	League	FC Porto (A)			
10/03/2019	League	Os Belenenses (H)			
17/03/2019	League	Moreirense FC (A)			
31/03/2019	League	CD Tondela (H)			
07/04/2019	League	CD Feirense (A)			
14/04/2019	League	Vitória FC (H)			
20/04/2019	League	CS Marítimo (H)			
28/04/2019	League	SC Braga (A)			
05/05/2019	League	Portimonense SC (H)			
12/05/2019	League	Rio Ave FC (A)			
19/05/2019	League	CD Santa Clara (H)			

Pos.	Clubs	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1	SL Benfica	7	5	2	0	15	5	17
2	SC Braga	7	5	2	0	16	7	17
3	FC Porto	7	5	0	2	16	6	15
4	Rio Ave FC	7	4	2	1	12	8	14
5	Sporting Clube de Portugal	7	4	1	2	11	8	13
6	CD Santa Clara	7	3	2	2	14	11	11
7	Vitória SC	7	3	1	3	12	11	10
8	CS Marítimo	7	3	1	3	6	9	10
9	CD Feirense	7	2	3	2	4	3	9
10	Vitória FC	7	2	2	3	8	7	8

Pos.	Clubs	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
11	Boavista FC	7	2	1	4	8	11	7
12	Os Belenenses	7	1	4	2	4	7	7
13	Portimonense SC	7	2	1	4	10	15	7
14	GD Chaves	7	2	1	4	7	12	7
15	Moreirense FC	7	2	1	4	5	13	7
16	CD Tondela	7	1	3	3	6	7	6
17	CD Nacional	7	1	2	4	6	15	5
18	CD Aves	7	1	1	5	6	11	4

Match-by-match lineups

AFC Ajax

UEFA Champions League - Second qualifying round

(25/07/2018)

AFC Ajax 2-0 SK Sturm Graz

Goals: 1-0 Ziyech 15, 2-0 Schöne 57

AFC Ajax: Onana, De Ligt, Van de Beek, Neres, Huntelaar (87 Sierhuis), Ziyech, Mazraoui, Eiting (84 Blind), Schöne (66 Tadić), De Jong, Tagliafico

(01/08/2018)

SK Sturm Graz 1-3 AFC Ajax (agg: 1-5)

Goals: 0-1 Huntelaar 39, 0-2 Tadić 48, 0-3 Huntelaar 77, 1-3 Onana 89 (og)

AFC Ajax: Onana, De Ligt, Neres, Huntelaar, Ziyech, Tadić (67 Van de Beek), Mazraoui, Eiting (75 Wöber), Schöne, De Jong, Tagliafico (55 Blind)

Third qualifying round

(07/08/2018)

R. Standard de Liège 2-2 AFC Ajax

Goals: 0-1 Huntelaar 19, 0-2 Tadić 34, 1-2 Carcela 67, 2-2 Emond 90+4 (P)

AFC Ajax: Onana, De Ligt, Neres, Huntelaar, Tadić, Mazraoui, Blind, Schöne (89 Eiting), De Jong (79 Van de Beek), Ziyech (73 Labyad), Tagliafico

(14/08/2018)

AFC Ajax 3-0 R. Standard de Liège (agg: 5-2)

Goals: 1-0 Huntelaar 30, 2-0 De Ligt 34, 3-0 Neres 46

AFC Ajax: Onana, De Ligt, Neres (82 Van de Beek), Huntelaar, Tadić, Mazraoui (76 Kristensen), Blind, Schöne, De Jong, Ziyech (90 Labyad), Tagliafico

Play-off

(22/08/2018)

AFC Ajax 3-1 FC Dynamo Kyiv

Goals: 1-0 Van de Beek 2, 1-1 Kędziora 16, 2-1 Ziyech 35, 3-1 Tadić 43

AFC Ajax: Onana, De Ligt, Van de Beek (87 D. De Wit), Huntelaar, Tadić, Mazraoui, Blind, Schöne, De Jong, Ziyech, Tagliafico

(28/08/2018)

FC Dynamo Kyiv 0-0 AFC Ajax (agg: 1-3)

AFC Ajax: Onana, De Ligt, Wöber (79 Eiting), Van de Beek (85 D. De Wit), Huntelaar, Tadić, Mazraoui, Blind, Schöne, De Jong, Ziyech

Group stage

Group E

Club	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
AFC Ajax	2	1	1	0	4	1	4
FC Bayern München	2	1	1	0	3	1	4
SL Benfica	2	1	0	1	3	4	3
AEK Athens FC	2	0	0	2	2	6	0

Matchday 1 (19/09/2018)

AFC Ajax 3-0 AEK Athens FC

Goals: 1-0 Tagliafico 46, 2-0 Van de Beek 77, 3-0 Tagliafico 90

AFC Ajax: Onana, Neres (78 Dolberg), Huntelaar (62 Van de Beek), Tadić, Mazraoui, Eiting, Blind, Schöne, De Jong, Ziyech, Tagliafico

Matchday 2 (02/10/2018)

FC Bayern München 1-1 AFC Ajax

Goals: 1-0 Hummels 4, 1-1 Mazraoui 22

AFC Ajax: Onana, De Ligt, Wöber, Van de Beek (75 D. De Wit), Neres (85 Dolberg), Tadić, Mazraoui, Blind, Schöne, Ziyech, Tagliafico

Matchday 3 (23/10/2018)

AFC Ajax-SL Benfica

Matchday 4 (07/11/2018)

SL Benfica-AFC Ajax

Matchday 5 (27/11/2018)

AEK Athens FC-AFC Ajax

Matchday 6 (12/12/2018)

AFC Ajax-FC Bayern München

SL Benfica

UEFA Champions League - Third qualifying round

(07/08/2018)

SL Benfica 1-0 Fenerbahçe SK

Goals: 1-0 Cervi 69

SL Benfica: Vlachodimos, Grimaldo, Fejsa, Rúben Dias, Cervi, Salvio (75 A. Živković), Ferreyra (63 Castillo), Pizzi, Jardel, André Almeida, Gedson Fernandes

(14/08/2018)

Fenerbahçe SK 1-1 SL Benfica (agg: 1-2)

Goals: 0-1 Gedson Fernandes 26, 1-1 Alper Potuk 45+1

SL Benfica: Vlachodimos, Grimaldo, Fejsa, Rúben Dias, Cervi, Salvio (72 Alfa Smedo), Pizzi, Castillo (34 Ferreyra), Jardel, André Almeida, Gedson Fernandes

Play-off

(21/08/2018)

SL Benfica 1-1 PAOK FC

Goals: 1-0 Pizzi 45+1 (P) , 1-1 Warda 76

SL Benfica: Vlachodimos, Grimaldo, Fejsa, Rúben Dias, Cervi (79 Seferović), A. Živković (65 Rafa Silva), Ferreyra, Pizzi (79 João Félix), Jardel, André Almeida, Gedson Fernandes

(29/08/2018)

PAOK FC 1-4 SL Benfica (agg: 2-5)

Goals: 1-0 Prijović 13, 1-1 Jardel 20, 1-2 Salvio 26 (P) , 1-3 Pizzi 39, 1-4 Salvio 50 (P)

SL Benfica: Vlachodimos, Grimaldo, Fejsa, Rúben Dias, Cervi, Seferović (85 João Félix), Salvio (63 Alfa Smedo), Pizzi (76 A. Živković), Jardel, André Almeida, Gedson Fernandes

Group stage

Matchday 1 (19/09/2018)

SL Benfica 0-2 FC Bayern München

Goals: 0-1 Lewandowski 10, 0-2 Renato Sanches 54

SL Benfica: Vlachodimos, Grimaldo, Fejsa, Rúben Dias, Cervi, Seferović, Salvio (62 Gabriel), Pizzi (62 Rafa Silva), Jardel, André Almeida, Gedson Fernandes (75 A. Živković)

Matchday 2 (02/10/2018)

AEK Athens FC 2-3 SL Benfica

Goals: 0-1 Seferović 6, 0-2 Grimaldo 15, 1-2 Klonaridis 53, 2-2 Klonaridis 63, 2-3 Alfa Smedo 74

SL Benfica: Vlachodimos, Conti, Grimaldo, Fejsa, Rúben Dias, Seferović, Salvio (45 Lema), Pizzi (62 Alfa Smedo), Rafa Silva (84 Cervi), André Almeida, Gedson Fernandes

Matchday 3 (23/10/2018)

AFC Ajax-SL Benfica

Matchday 4 (07/11/2018)

SL Benfica-AFC Ajax

Matchday 5 (27/11/2018)

FC Bayern München-SL Benfica

Matchday 6 (12/12/2018)

SL Benfica-AEK Athens FC

Competition facts

Team facts

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, (2017)
- UEFA Super Cup (2): 1973, (1987), 1995
- European/South American Cup (2): 1972, 1995

Domestic honours (most recent triumph in brackets)

League title: 33 (2014)

Dutch Cup: 18 (2010)

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

2017/18: UEFA Europa League play-offs (having transferred from UEFA Champions League third qualifying round)

2016/17: UEFA Europa League runners-up (having transferred from UEFA Champions League play-offs)

2015/16: UEFA Europa League group stage (having transferred from UEFA Champions League third qualifying round)

2014/15: UEFA Europa League round of 16 (having transferred from UEFA Champions League group stage)

2013/14: UEFA Europa League round of 32 (having transferred from UEFA Champions League group stage)

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

Records

UEFA club competition

- Biggest home win

14-0: Ajax v 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

23/11/10, UEFA Champions League group stage

- Heaviest away defeat

5-1: Bayern München v Ajax

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

4-0 on four occasions, most recently v 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 Dinamo Zagreb

02/11/11, group stage

- Biggest away win

1-5: Ferencváros v Ajax

27/09/95, group stage

- Heaviest home defeat

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

- Heaviest away defeat

4-0 twice, most recently v Barcelona (see above)

SL Benfica

Formed: 1904

Nickname: As Águias (The Eagles)

UEFA club competition honours (runners-up in brackets)

- European Cup (2): 1961, 1962, (1963), (1965), (1968), (1988), (1990)
- UEFA Cup/UEFA Europa League: (1983), (2013), (2014)

Domestic honours (most recent triumph in brackets)

League title: 36 (2017)

Portuguese Cup: 26 (2017)

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

2017/18: group stage

2016/17: round of 16

2015/16: quarter-finals

2014/15: group stage

2013/14: UEFA Europa League runners-up (having transferred from UEFA Champions League group stage)

2012/13: UEFA Europa League runners-up (having transferred from UEFA Champions League group stage)

2011/12: quarter-finals

2010/11: UEFA Europa League semi-finals (having transferred from UEFA Champions League group stage)

2009/10: UEFA Europa League quarter-finals

2008/09: UEFA Cup group stage

Records

UEFA club competition

- Biggest home win

10-0: Benfica v Stade Dudelange

05/10/65, European Champion Clubs' Cup preliminary round second leg

- Biggest away win

0-8: Stade Dudelange v Benfica

30/09/65, European Champion Clubs' Cup preliminary round first leg

- Heaviest home defeat

1-5: Benfica v Manchester United

09/03/66, European Champion Clubs' Cup quarter-finals second leg

- Heaviest away defeat

7-0: Celta Vigo v Benfica

25/11/99, UEFA Cup third round first leg

UEFA Champions League (group stage to final only)

- Biggest home win

3-0: Benfica v Celtic

01/11/06, group stage

- Biggest away win

0-2 three times, most recently v Dynamo Kyiv

19/10/16, group stage

- Heaviest home defeat

0-2 four times, most recently v Bayern

19/09/18, group stage

- Heaviest away defeat

5-0: Basel v Benfica

27/09/17, 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	GS: Group stage
GS1: First group stage	GS2: Second group stage
3QR: Third qualifying round	R1: First round
R2: Second round	R3: Third round
R4: Fourth round	PR: Preliminary round
SF: Semi-finals	QF: Quarter-finals
R16: round of 16	QR: Qualifying round
R32: Round of 32	1QR: First qualifying round
1st: first leg	2QR: Second qualifying round
2nd: second leg	FT: Final tournament
PO: Play-off	ELITE: Elite round
Rep: Replay	3rdPO: Third-place play-off
PO - FT: Play-off for Final Tournament	GS-FT: Group stage – final tournament

Other abbreviations

(aet): After extra time	pens: Penalties
No.: Number	og: Own goal
ag: Match decided on away goals	P: Penalty
Pld: Matches played	agg: Aggregate
Pos.: Position	AP: Appearances
Pts: Points	Comp.: Competition
R: Sent off (straight red card)	D: Drawn
Res.: Result	DoB: Date of birth
sg: Match decided by silver goal	ET: Extra Time
GF: Goals for	GA: Goals against
gg: Match decided by golden goal	t: Match decided by toss of a coin
Y/R: Sent off (two yellow cards)	W: Won
f: Match forfeited	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

UCLQ: Current season total UEFA Champions League appearances in the qualifying rounds and play-offs only

UCL: Current season total UEFA Champions League appearances from group stage onwards prior to current matchday

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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