

Manchester United FC - FC Zenit St. Petersburg

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Match background

Sir Alex Ferguson will look to make his experience count as Manchester United FC meet FC Zenit St. Petersburg in the 2008 UEFA Super Cup at Monaco's Stade Louis II.

- Zenit's Dick Advocaat has never led a side in a UEFA Super Cup game before, whereas Sir Alex is the most experienced manager in the competition's history.
- This will be Sir Alex's fourth appearance in a Super Cup final and he will break another record if United triumph as the first coach to have won the competition three times.
- The United manager first won the trophy with Aberdeen FC in 1983, his side defeating Hamburger SV 2-0 on aggregate to win a competition that was then played over two legs.
- Sir Alex won it for a second time as United defeated FK Crvena Zvezda 1-0 at Old Trafford in 1991.
- His only final since the competition switched to its current format and its regular base in Monte Carlo came in 1999, as United lost out 1-0 to S.S. Lazio.
- Aside from Sir Alex, four coaches have won two UEFA Super Cups: Raymond Goethals (RSC Anderlecht, 1976 and 1978), Arrigo Sacchi (AC Milan, 1989 and 1990), Louis van Gaal (AFC Ajax, 1995 and FC Barcelona 1997) and Carlo Ancelotti (Milan, 2003 and 2007). The United manager and Van Gaal remain the only coaches to have won the competition with more than one team.
- Sir Alex is one of eight coaches to have both won and lost UEFA Super Cup ties along with Bob Paisley (Liverpool FC, won 1977, lost 1978), Brian Clough (Nottingham Forest FC, won 1979, lost 1980), Johan Cruyff (Barcelona, won 1992, lost 1989), Fabio Capello (Milan, won 1994, lost 1993), Nevio Scala (won with Parma FC 1993, lost with BV Borussia Dortmund 1997), Vicente Del Bosque (Real Madrid CF, won 2000, lost 2002) and Juande Ramos (Sevilla FC, won 2006, lost 2007).
- Scala and Sir Alex are the only coaches to have won and lost the UEFA Super Cup with different sides while Guus Hiddink is the only one to have coached two clubs in UEFA Super Cup games without a win. His PSV Eindhoven side lost in the 1988 game, while ten years later his Real Madrid team were beaten by Chelsea FC.
- Sir Alex remains the only Scottish coach to have won the competition, while Advocaat can take comfort from the fact that a Dutch coach has claimed the UEFA Super Cup five times. In addition to Van Gaal's two triumphs, Gregorius Knobel won the competition with Ajax in 1973, Aad de Mos triumphed with Belgium's KV Mechelen in 1988 and Cruyff took the crown with Barcelona in 1992. More encouragingly for Advocaat, three of those triumphs came with foreign clubs.

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- Advocaat and Sir Alex both have strong connections to Rangers FC, the side Zenit beat in the 2007/08 UEFA Cup final. Glasgow-born Sir Alex was a Rangers fan and played for the club as a striker between 1967 and 1969. Advocaat was the manager at Ibrox between 1998 and 2002, winning two league titles, two Scottish Cups and a Scottish League Cup.
- Advocaat has a fine record against sides from England as a coach but may prefer to forget his only meetings with English opposition as a player.
- He was a midfielder for ADO Den Haag as they faced Wolverhampton Wanderers FC in the second round of the 1971/72 UEFA Cup, losing 3-1 at home and 4-0 away.
- Advocaat was also Netherlands coach as they lost 4-1 to a side featuring both Gary Neville and Paul Scholes, the latter an unused substitute, in a UEFA European Under-18 Championship qualifier in 1993.
- His luck with the senior side was better. His Oranje side drew 2-2 away against England in 1994 FIFA World Cup qualifying and won 2-0 at home, with Ronald Koeman and Dennis Bergkamp scoring the goals in Rotterdam.
- At club level, his record is even more impressive. He played four games against English sides during his time as coach of PSV and won all of them.
- His side beat Leeds United AFC 5-3 away and 3-0 at home in a 1995/96 UEFA Cup second round tie and then overcame Newcastle United FC 1-0 at home and 2-0 away in the 1997/98 UEFA Champions League group stage.
- However, Advocaat did suffer defeat at Everton FC in the UEFA Cup group stage last season although his Zenit side went on to lift the trophy.
- The Super Cup final will be the clubs' first meeting in UEFA competition.
- It will also be Zenit's first game at the Stade Louis II.
- The match will be United's third visit to the Monte Carlo arena. They earned a goalless away draw against AS Monaco FC in a 1997/98 UEFA Champions League quarter-final – drawing 1-1 at home to lose out on away goals – and returned for the 1999 UEFA Super Cup final, which they lost 1-0 to Lazio.
- Thus Sir Alex's side have neither won a game nor scored a goal at the Stade Louis II.
- Advocaat will have fonder memories of the stadium having earned a 1-0 victory on his only previous visit with Rangers FC in the 2000/01 UEFA Champions League first group stage, Giovanni van Bronckhorst scoring his side's only goal after seven minutes. Current Zenit player Fernando Ricksen was an unused substitute for the Light Blues.
- Oddly, the two UEFA Super Cup contenders are competing after winning major honours in each others' home countries last season.
- United won the UEFA Champions League in the Russian capital, Moscow, beating Chelsea FC on penalties after a 1-1 draw at the Luzhniki Stadium.
- Zenit, meanwhile, lifted the UEFA Cup at the City of Manchester Stadium, home of United's local rivals Manchester City FC, defeating Rangers FC 2-0.
- An English club has won the UEFA Super Cup seven times and finished on the losing side on five occasions.
- PFC CSKA Moskva are the only other Russian side to have played in a UEFA Super Cup, losing the 2005 final 3-1 after extra time to English opponents in the form of Liverpool.
- United's record against Russian sides heading into the UEFA Super Cup is strangely inconclusive. They have played four games against Russian teams in European competition and drawn all of them.
- They drew 0-0 with FC Torpedo Moskva in both legs of a 1992/93 UEFA Cup first round game, losing out on penalties in the Russian capital.
- Then in the first round of the 1995/96 UEFA Cup, they met SC Rotor Volgograd, drawing 0-0 in Russia and going two down at home before goals from Scholes and goalkeeper Peter Schmeichel brought them level. However, they could not prevent their opponents proceeding on away goals.
- Thus United have gone out in both of their previous competitive ties against Russian sides without losing a match.
- Gary Neville, Giggs and Scholes were all involved in those previous meetings against Russian opponents.

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- Neville came on as a substitute in the home game against Torpedo, while Giggs played all 120 minutes of the away leg.
- Giggs, Neville and Scholes all started in the away game against Rotor. Giggs started in the home leg, with Scholes coming on as a 26th-minute substitute.
- Zenit have also played four games against English opponents, winning two and losing two. They met Bradford City AFC in the semi-finals of the 2000 UEFA Intertoto Cup, winning 1-0 at home and 3-0 away.
- They visited both Bolton Wanderers FC and Everton in UEFA Cup group stage games, in 2005/06 and 2007/08 respectively, and lost 1-0 both times.
- One player who will be on familiar territory at the Stade Louis II is Patrice Evra. The United left-back played for Monaco between 2002 and 2006, when he joined United, helping the Ligue 1 club reach the 2003/04 UEFA Champions League final, where they lost 3-0 to FC Porto. He won the 2002/03 French League Cup with Monaco.
- Evra played 120 Ligue 1 games for Monaco, scoring once.
- The only United player to have played a competitive game against Zenit is Serbian defender Nemanja Vidić, who played in the Russian Premier-Liga for FC Spartak Moskva from 2004 to 2006.
- Vidić played in three games against Zenit. His side lost 2-0 in St Petersburg on 21 August 2004, and drew 1-1 at the Petrovsky Stadium on 11 June 2005, drawing 1-1 again at home on 16 October that year.
- Thus Vidić goes into his fourth game against Zenit still looking for a first win.
- The Korean Republic national team provides an important connection between Zenit and United, with United's Ji Sung Park and Zenit's Lee Ho and Kim Dong Jin all playing under Advocaat at the 2006 FIFA World Cup finals.
- Advocaat's side failed to progress beyond the group stage, finishing third in Group G behind Switzerland and France. The Dutchman was nonetheless impressed enough to make Lee and Kim among his first signings when he moved to Russia.
- United's Dutch goalkeeper Edwin van der Sar also played under Advocaat during his time as Netherlands coach, and was included in his squad for UEFA EURO 2004™, where the Oranje lost 2-1 to hosts Portugal in the semi-finals.
- First contested in 1972, as an unofficial competition, the Super Cup originally involved the winners of the European Champion Clubs' Cup playing the winners of the UEFA Cup Winners' Cup.
- Ajax beat Rangers in the inaugural edition before it became an official UEFA club competition the following year.
- In the 24 editions of the competition held until the final UEFA Cup Winners' Cup in 1999, the European Cup holders won 12 UEFA Super Cups and lost 12.
- Since the 2000 edition, the European champions have played the UEFA Cup winners in the UEFA Super Cup.
- The European champions have won four of those eight games, and lost four.

Match facts**Manchester United FC****UEFA milestones**

- None

UEFA Super Cup statistics

- Five United players have previously appeared in the UEFA Super Cup. Ryan Giggs came on as a 70th-minute substitute as FK Crvena Zvezda were beaten 1-0 at Old Trafford in November 1991, although he was an unused substitute eight years later as S. S. Lazio won 1-0 in Monaco. Gary Neville and Paul Scholes started that game.
- Edwin van der Sar, meanwhile, played both games as AFC Ajax defeated Real Zaragoza 5-1 over two legs in 1995, while Owen Hargreaves was in the FC Bayern München team beaten 3-2 by Liverpool FC in Monaco in 2001.

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Latest domestic information

• Monday 25 August: Portsmouth FC 0-1 Manchester United FC (Darren Fletcher 32)

Darren Fletcher's deflected first-half strike was enough to earn United victory at Fratton Park. The home side had threatened within the opening 12 seconds through Papa Bouba Diop, yet the visitors settled and sealed only their second win in six visits to Portsmouth when Fletcher turned in Patrice Evra's cross, via a Sol Campbell deflection.

• United manager Sir Alex Ferguson said: "We played some excellent football. This is a difficult place to come, so it is a bonus to come here and win. We tried to play a system where the players would be comfortable. We wanted to have Anderson playing centrally, close to Carlos Tévez. We let Paul Scholes control the game, and used Darren Fletcher's energy."

• Sir Alex's side have scored at least once in each of their last 26 league matches.

• United have gone 39 Premier League games without a goalless draw, a run stretching back to the stalemate at home to Reading FC on the opening day of last season.

• United also kicked off the 2008/09 campaign with a point as they were held to a 1-1 home draw by Newcastle United FC on 17 August. Obafemi Martins headed the visitors in front in the 22nd minute, a lead which was swiftly cancelled out by Fletcher's equaliser two minutes later.

• Fraizer Campbell made his first Premier League start for United against Newcastle, and when he was taken off with ten minutes remaining, his replacement was 18-year-old debutant Rafael Da Silva. Another Brazilian, Rodrigo Possebon, also made his first Premier League appearance as a substitute.

• A week before hosting Newcastle, United won the FA Community Shield for the 17th time by defeating FA Cup winners Portsmouth 3-1 on penalties after a goalless 90 minutes.

• That was United's last fixture before the start of the Premier League campaign and maintained their unbeaten record throughout pre-season. In eight matches in Scotland, England, South Africa and Nigeria, Sir Alex's side won six and drew two.

Injury news

• Michael Carrick – out since 17 August (ankle)

• Cristiano Ronaldo – out since July (ankle)

• Ji-Sung Park – out since June (knee)

• Louis Saha – out since 1 August (knee)

• Owen Hargreaves – out since July (knee)

• Wayne Rooney played against Newcastle after overcoming a virus contracted in Nigeria.

Miscellaneous

• Evra signed a four-year contract extension in early June.

• Ronaldo's 31 Premier League goals last season earned the Portuguese winger the ESM Golden Shoe. Ronaldo finished ahead of Daniel Güiza who scored 27 times for RCD Mallorca.

• Solksjær, who retired from playing in August 2007, was named as United's reserve team manager in May.

• In July Carlos Queiroz relinquished his role as assistant manager and signed a four-year deal to coach Portugal for a second time.

• Reserve goalkeeper Ron Robert Zieler was a UEFA European Under-19 Championship winner with Germany at the July tournament in the Czech Republic. The 19-year-old played in all five matches.

Summer transfers

•In

None

•Out

Gerard Piqué (FC Barcelona)

Mikaël Silvestre (Arsenal FC)

Danny Simpson (Blackburn Rovers FC, loan)

Lee Martin (Nottingham Forest FC, loan)

Chris Eagles (Burnley FC)

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- A number of players were involved in the latest round of international friendlies. Campbell played an hour of England Under-21's 2-1 defeat of Slovenia on 19 August, while a day later Rooney featured for 69 minutes of England's 2-2 draw with the Czech Republic at Wembley, a game in which Wes Brown scored England's first equaliser. Rio Ferdinand lined up in defence alongside Brown.

- Scotland's Fletcher and Northern Ireland's Jonny Evans were on opposing teams during the sides' goalless draw in Glasgow. Evra played the duration of France's 3-2 victory in Sweden, while John O'Shea did likewise in the Republic of Ireland's 1-1 away draw against Norway. Tévez played 78 minutes of Argentina's 0-0 draw in Belarus. Anderson won a bronze medal with Brazil at the Olympic Games in Beijing, his side beating Belgium 3-0 in a play-off.

- Four squad members also played at UEFA EURO 2008™: Van der Sar, Evra, Nani and Ronaldo. Evra's France failed to get beyond the group stage while Van der Sar's last appearance for the Netherlands was the quarter-final defeat by Russia and Ronaldo and Nani were in the Portugal side beaten by Germany at the same stage.

FC Zenit St. Petersburg**UEFA milestones**

- Anatoliy Tymoshchuk's next match in UEFA club competition will be his 75th.

UEFA Super Cup statistics

- None of the Zenit squad have previously appeared in the UEFA Super Cup.

Disciplinary information

- Last season's UEFA Cup joint top-scorer Pavel Pogrebnyak is available after suspension ruled him out of the final against Rangers FC.

Latest domestic information

- **Sunday 24 August: FC Krylya Sovetov Samara 0-3 FC ZenitSt. Petersburg (Pavel Pogrebnyak 16 75pen, Konstantin Zyryanov 62)**

Dick Advocaat's side won their first away game in seven attempts in the Premier-Liga thanks mainly to Pogrebnyak's first league goals since 6 April.

- "Krylya Sovetov were on an unbeaten run of eleven matches while our results weren't that good," said Advocaat. "Therefore we tried to play more defensively than usual and that worked. We had good movement, combined well and didn't allow our opponents possession. We deserved this victory."

- Konstantin Zyryanov's strike was his fourth in as many appearances for club and country.

- Since the Premier-Liga resumed at the start of July, Zenit have won just six out of their 13 games, losing four. They are also out of the Russian Cup, losing 1-0 to second-tier FC Sibir Novosibirsk on 6 August.

- Advocaat omitted UEFA Cup final Man of the Match Andrei Arshavin from the squad to play Krylya Sovetov. The Russian international has been given a short break until 27 August.

- The Dutch coach views the UEFA Super Cup final as a "good test before the start in the Champions League". He said: "This match is close to an exam, which will show how well prepared we are. We're no longer playing two matches a week so we have time to calmly prepare for the game against United. It will also be easier for us mentally. In Russia everyone expects victories from us, so the pressure there is much higher."

Injury news

- Nicolas Lombaerts – out since April (cruciate ligaments)

- Aleksandr Anyukov featured against Krylya Sovetov after recovering from intercostal neuralgia that had ruled him out since 13 August.

- Fatih Tekke was replaced after 31 minutes against FC Shinnik Yaroslavl due to an unspecified muscle injury. He commenced individual training on 22 August and came on as a substitute in the closing stages in Samara.

- Having missed UEFA EURO 2008™ because of a knee injury sustained while playing for Russia on 28 May against Serbia, Pogrebnyak returned to action on 13 August.

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- Zenit broke the Russian transfer record by paying FC Dinamo Moskva €30m for Portuguese midfielder Danny on 25 August. "We've been interested in Danny for a while now," said Advocaat. "I consider him the best midfielder in the Russian league and he can become a very useful member of our team."
- Prior to that, Zenit signed French centre-back Sébastien Puygrenier from AS Nancy-Lorraine. The 26-year-old penned a four-year contract and was shown a red card 13 minutes into his league debut as a substitute in the 4-1 loss against league leaders FC Rubin Kazan on 10 August.
- Zenit's second playing arena at the Petrovsky Stadium will host the third Yury Morozov Memorial Youth Tournament between 16 and 21 September. Eight clubs from Russia, Finland, Germany, Kuwait, Moldova and Ukraine will take part.
- Advocaat was named an honorary citizen of St Petersburg in June at an official ceremony at the Mariinsky Palace. "For the first time in the history of St Petersburg, we are awarding the Honorary Citizen title to a citizen of another country – to Dick Advocaat, coach of FC Zenit," said city governor Valentina Matvienko. "This is the sign of gratitude from all citizens of St Petersburg for the UEFA Cup." Advocaat, in return, said: "I am proud to receive the title of Honorary Citizen of a great city. But my success belongs to the whole team."
- On 4 July Tymoschuk was awarded the title of Distinguished Person of Sport of Ukraine, in recognition of his role in Zenit's UEFA Cup triumph. Tymoschuk was granted the title by Executive Order of Ukraine's President Viktor Yuschenko.

Summer transfers**• In:**

Sebastien Puygrenier (AS Nancy-Lorraine)
Danny (FC Dinamo Moskva)

• Out:

Erik Hagen (Vålerenga IF)

International news

- On 20 August Zyryanov and Arshavin played for Russia against the Netherlands in Moscow. Zyryanov played the duration and scored the equaliser from the penalty spot after 78 minutes. Arshavin was substituted three minutes from time. On the same night Radek Širl played 75 minutes of the 2-2 draw between the Czech Republic and England, while Tymoschuk played the first hour of the friendly between Ukraine and Poland in Lviv, which Ukraine won 1-0. Elsewhere, Ivica Križanac made his Croatia debut as a half-time substitute in Slovenia, where his side won 3-2.
- Kim Dong Jin scored the winner in the Korean Republic's 1-0 victory against Honduras in the Olympic Games on 13 August. However, the win was not enough for his side to progress from Group D.
- Five days before joining Zenit, Danny made his international debut as a substitute in Portugal's 5-0 friendly victory against the Faroe Islands.
- Five Zenit players were in the Russia squad that reached the semi-finals of UEFA EURO 2008™. Aleksandr Anyukov and Konstantin Zyryanov both played every minute of Russia's five matches, while Andrei Arshavin made three appearances having been suspended for the first two games. Roman Shirokov did not feature again after the opening defeat against Spain, while Vyacheslav Malafeev was an unused squad member.
- Pavel Pogrebnyak, meanwhile, missed the finals after damaging a knee while scoring against Serbia at the end of May. He subsequently underwent cartilage surgery on the joint in Munich.

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Squad list

Man. United

No.	Player	Nat.	DoB	Age	SCUP		All-time UCL		UEFA	
					Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers										
1	Edwin van der Sar	NED	29.10.1970	37	2	-	72	-	116	-
12	Ben Foster	ENG	03.04.1983	25	-	-	-	-	-	-
29	Tomasz Kuszczak	POL	20.03.1982	26	-	-	5	-	5	-
Defenders										
2	Gary Neville	ENG	18.02.1975	33	1	-	99	2	109	2
3	Patrice Evra	FRA	15.05.1981	27	-	-	38	1	46	1
5	Rio Ferdinand	ENG	07.11.1978	29	-	-	54	2	73	2
6	Wes Brown	ENG	13.10.1979	28	-	-	55	1	57	1
15	Nemanja Vidić	SRB	21.10.1981	26	-	-	17	1	31	4
20	Fabio Da Silva	BRA	09.07.1990	18	-	-	-	-	-	-
21	Rafael Da Silva	BRA	09.07.1990	18	-	-	-	-	-	-
22	John O'Shea	IRL	30.04.1981	27	-	-	50	1	55	1
Midfielders										
4	Owen Hargreaves	ENG	20.01.1981	27	1	-	49	-	52	-
8	Anderson	BRA	13.04.1988	20	-	-	12	-	12	-
11	Ryan Giggs	WAL	29.11.1973	34	1	-	104	23	120	25
13	Ji-Sung Park	KOR	25.02.1981	27	-	-	26	1	34	2
16	Michael Carrick	ENG	28.07.1981	27	-	-	24	2	25	2
17	Nani	POR	17.11.1986	21	-	-	17	1	19	1
18	Paul Scholes	ENG	16.11.1974	33	1	-	102	21	112	23
24	Darren Fletcher	SCO	01.02.1984	24	-	-	31	-	35	-
34	Rodrigo Possebon	BRA	13.02.1989	19	-	-	-	-	-	-
Forwards										
7	Cristiano Ronaldo	POR	05.02.1985	23	-	-	40	11	46	12
9	Louis Saha	FRA	08.08.1978	30	-	-	19	4	41	13
10	Wayne Rooney	ENG	24.10.1985	22	-	-	33	11	34	12
32	Carlos Tévez	ARG	05.02.1984	24	-	-	12	4	15	4
Coach										
-	Sir Alex Ferguson	SCO	31.12.1941	66	-	-	149	-	215	-

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Zenit

No.	Player	Nat.	DoB	Age	SCUP		All-time UCUP		UEFA	
					Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers										
1	Kamil Čontofalský	SVK	03.06.1978	30	-	-	14	-	18	-
16	Vyacheslav Malafeev	RUS	04.03.1979	29	-	-	22	-	31	-
Defenders										
4	Ivica Križanac	CRO	13.04.1979	29	-	-	23	-	25	1
5	Kim Dong Jin	KOR	29.01.1982	26	-	-	10	1	12	2
14	Tomas Hubocan	SVK	17.09.1985	22	-	-	-	-	2	-
15	Roman Shirokov	RUS	06.07.1981	27	-	-	8	-	8	-
22	Aleksandr Anyukov	RUS	28.09.1982	25	-	-	26	1	30	1
28	Sébastien Puygrenier	FRA	26.01.1982	26	-	-	6	1	6	1
34	Alexander Khokhlov	RUS	30.09.1988	19	-	-	-	-	-	-
40	Ivan Lapin	RUS	08.05.1988	20	-	-	-	-	-	-
Midfielders										
2	Vladislav Radimov	RUS	26.11.1975	32	-	-	22	1	30	3
7	Alejandro Dominguez	ARG	10.06.1981	27	-	-	9	-	12	2
11	Radek Širl	CZE	20.03.1981	27	-	-	22	-	24	-
17	Lee Ho	KOR	22.10.1984	23	-	-	3	-	4	-
18	Konstantin Zyryanov	RUS	05.10.1977	30	-	-	22	3	25	4
20	Viktor Fayzulin	RUS	22.04.1986	22	-	-	9	1	9	1
25	Fernando Ricksen	NED	27.07.1976	32	-	-	17	1	41	3
27	Igor Denisov	RUS	17.05.1984	24	-	-	24	4	28	4
44	Anatoliy Tymoshchuk	UKR	30.03.1979	29	-	-	32	1	74	2
57	Aleksei Ionov	RUS	18.02.1989	19	-	-	2	1	4	2
88	Olexandr Gorshkov	UKR	08.02.1970	38	-	-	24	3	38	4
Forwards										
8	Pavel Pogrebnyak	RUS	08.11.1983	24	-	-	13	10	20	14
9	Fatih Tekke	TUR	09.09.1977	30	-	-	14	2	27	6
10	Andrei Arshavin	RUS	29.05.1981	27	-	-	33	12	42	15
33	Pavel Ignatovich	RUS	24.05.1989	19	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coach										
-	Dick Advocaat	NED	27.09.1947	60	-	-	38	-	78	-

Head coach**Manchester United FC: Sir Alex Ferguson****Date of birth:** 31 December 1941**Nationality:** Scottish**Playing career:** Queen's Park FC, Saint Johnstone FC, Dunfermline Athletic FC, Rangers FC, Falkirk FC, Ayr United FC**Coaching career:** Falkirk FC, East Stirlingshire FC, Saint Mirren FC, Aberdeen FC, Manchester United FC

Sir Alex Ferguson has enjoyed almost three decades at the top, cementing Manchester United FC in a position as one of Europe's foremost clubs. He helped to nurture a group of young players including David Beckham, Paul Scholes and Gary Neville who formed the backbone of United's treble-winning side of 1999, and the latter two were still serving the club as the UEFA Champions League was regained in 2008, at the end of a season in which the Scotsman also clinched his tenth English title. The esteem in which he is held by his peers is reflected in his position as head of the UEFA Coaches Panel.

Sir Alex enjoyed a relatively successful playing career that featured a spell at Rangers FC before becoming player-coach at Falkirk FC. He then managed East Stirlingshire FC and Saint Mirren FC before shooting to prominence at Aberdeen FC. In 1980, the club won the Scottish title to break the Old Firm's 14-year stranglehold, a dominance that has returned since Aberdeen's last championship in 1985. But his greatest glory with the Dons came in 1983 when they beat Real Madrid CF to lift the UEFA Cup Winners' Cup.

United appointed Sir Alex in 1986 and, after a difficult start, he led the Old Trafford team to their longest period of sustained success. Their first trophy was the 1990 FA Cup, followed the next season by a UEFA Cup Winners' Cup triumph. In 1993 came the first of ten Premier League titles, to which five FA Cups have been added. Ferguson's finest hour arrived in 1999, when two stoppage-time goals gave United a 2-1 UEFA Champions League final victory against FC Bayern München. After failing to get beyond the 2005/06 group stage and also finishing as Premier League runners-up, Sir Alex hit the heights again with the 2006/07 league crown. This was retained in the following campaign before United defeated Chelsea FC in Moscow to claim the UEFA Champions League for the third time in their history.

FC Zenit St. Petersburg: Dick Advocaat**Date of birth:** 27 September 1947**Nationality:** Dutch**Playing career:** ADO Den Haag (twice), Roda JC, VVV Venlo, Chicago Sting (twice), Sparta Rotterdam, K. Berchem Sport, FC Utrecht**Coaching career:** DSVP, Netherlands (assistant), HFC Haarlem, FC Dordrecht, Netherlands (assistant), Netherlands, PSV Eindhoven, Rangers FC, Netherlands, VfL Borussia Mönchengladbach, United Arab Emirates, Korea Republic, FC Zenit St. Petersburg

Dick Advocaat has earned plenty of honours in his long coaching career but FC Zenit St. Petersburg's victory against his former club Rangers FC in the 2007/08 UEFA Cup final in Manchester constituted his first European club trophy. Advocaat enjoyed unequivocal success with Rangers between 1998 and 2002. In his first two years after replacing Walter Smith, the side won two league titles, two Scottish Cups and a League Cup, adding another League Cup in 2002. It took the lure of international football, and a second spell as Netherlands coach, to entice him away from Glasgow.

Advocaat guided the Oranje to UEFA EURO 2004™ thanks to a 6-1 aggregate triumph over Scotland in the play-offs, and then in Portugal to the semi-finals before losing to the hosts. He quit directly, going on to have short stints with VfL Borussia Mönchengladbach and also the United Arab Emirates before leading the Korea Republic at the 2006 FIFA World Cup. Following a group-stage exit in Germany, he took the reins at Zenit that July and in 2007 steered the team to their first Russian championship.

His penchant for travel perhaps began during his modest playing career, which brought two spells with Chicago Sting. Even as his playing days wound down, he began coaching with amateur side DSVP and from there Advocaat was appointed assistant to national-team coach Rinus Michels. His first assignment as head coach came with HFC Haarlem in 1987, then he landed a second division championship with FC Dordrecht, and by 1992 he was national coach. Three years later, Advocaat returned to club management with PSV Eindhoven, helping them to winners' medals in the Eredivisie and Dutch Cup before his move to Rangers.

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Referee	Claus Bo Larsen (DEN)
Assistant referees	Henrik Sonderby (DEN), Anders Norrestrand (DEN)
Fourth official	Nicolai Vollquartz (DEN)
UEFA Delegate	Rudolf Zavrl (SVN)
UEFA Referee observer	Jozef Marko (SVK)

Referee

Name	Nat.	Date of birth	SCUP	UEFA
Claus Bo Larsen	DEN	28.10.1965	0	52

Very little gets past Danish referee Claus Bo Larsen although you would expect little else from a man who works as a customs clearance manager by profession.

Born on 28 October 1965 in Odense, Larsen blew his first whistle at the age of 16, made his domestic debut in 1991 and earned his FIFA badge in 1996. He cut his international teeth working in qualifiers for youth championships and presided over games in all UEFA club competitions including the now defunct UEFA Cup Winners' Cup. Having taken charge of the 1998 Danish Cup final in which Brøndby IF defeated FC København 4-1, the following summer he jetted off to Nigeria for the FIFA U-20 World Cup before impressing as the man in the middle when Australia took on New Zealand in Adelaide in a typically heated encounter.

A keen table-tennis player who officiated at the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens, Larsen enjoyed a high-profile assignment during the 2004/05 season – the UEFA Cup semi-final between AZ Alkmaar and Sporting Clube de Portugal. The married father-of-three continued where he left off in 2005/06, flying to Montevideo for the FIFA World Cup play-off match between Uruguay and Australia and has since established himself as a regular in the UEFA Champions League and UEFA Cup, also featuring frequently in UEFA EURO 2008™ qualifying. He again took charge of the Danish Cup final, between Brøndby and Esbjerg fB, in 2008, and refereed five UEFA Champions League games including the quarter-final first leg between Fenerbahçe SK and Chelsea FC.

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

No matches found

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

Date	Comp.	Stage	Match	Res.	Venue
09.09.1997	U21	QR	England - Moldova	1-0	Wycombe
21.10.1999	UCUP	R2	FC Steaua București - West Ham United FC	2-0	Bucharest
23.08.2000	UCL	QR3	TSV 1860 München - Leeds United AFC	0-1	Munich
21.08.2001	UIC	F	Aston Villa FC - FC Basel 1893	4-1	Birmingham
17.09.2002	UCL	GS1	FC Basel 1893 - FC Spartak Moskva	2-0	Basel
26.02.2003	UCL	GS2	Newcastle United FC - Bayer 04 Leverkusen	3-1	Newcastle
12.03.2003	UCL	GS2	Manchester United FC - FC Basel 1893	1-1	Manchester
26.11.2003	UCL	GS1	Chelsea FC - AC Sparta Praha	0-0	London
23.11.2004	UCL	GS	AS Monaco FC - Liverpool FC	1-0	Monaco
31.10.2006	UCL	GS	FC Spartak Moskva - FC Internazionale Milano	0-1	Moscow
21.11.2006	UCL	GS	Arsenal FC - Hamburger SV	3-1	London
24.10.2007	UCL	GS	Beşiktaş JK - Liverpool FC	2-1	Istanbul
27.11.2007	UCL	GS	Manchester United FC - Sporting Clube de Portugal	2-1	Manchester
20.02.2008	UCL	1/8	Arsenal FC - AC Milan	0-0	London
02.04.2008	UCL	QF	Fenerbahçe SK - Chelsea FC	2-1	Istanbul

Venue guide

Stade Louis II

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

Big games

The Stade Louis II is named after the grandfather of Monaco's late Prince Rainier, who opened the ground in 1985. It is home to AS Monaco FC and, as such, is no stranger to big European nights, notably in 1998 and 2004 when the local favourites reached the UEFA Champions League semi-finals. The venue also staged the 1986 UEFA Cup Winners' Cup final, won by FC Dynamo Kyiv, and since 1998 it has hosted the UEFA Super Cup match. The running track around the pitch indicates that international athletics events are also held here.

Large complex

Built near the site of the old Monaco stadium, the Stade Louis II was the brainchild of Prince Rainier, who brought in top architects from Paris to construct the 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 this was built on land reclaimed from the Mediterranean over a period of nearly five years 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 is favoured by local families. In the south stand, the middle tiers of the Tribune Première are also popular. Away fans tend to be allocated the Cap d'Ail end, where you will find the main bar, L'Equipe.

2007/08 finals

UEFA Champions League final

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
21/05/08	Man. United - Chelsea	1-1 (6-5p)	Luzhniki Stadium, Moscow

Goals: 1-0 Cristiano Ronaldo 26, 1-1 Lampard 45

Penalty Shoot-out: Tévez 1-0, Ballack 1-1, Carrick 2-1, Belletti 2-2, Cristiano Ronaldo 2-2 missed, Lampard 2-3, Hargreaves 3-3, A. Cole 3-4, Nani 4-4, Terry 4-4 missed, Anderson 5-4, Kalou 5-5, Giggs 6-5, Anelka 6-5 missed

Man. United: Van der Sar, Evra, Hargreaves, Ferdinand, Brown (Anderson 30+5 Ex.), Cristiano Ronaldo, Rooney (Nani 11 Ex.), Vidić, Carrick, Scholes (Giggs 87), Tévez

UEFA Cup final

Date	Match	Result	Stadium, Venue
14/05/08	Zenit - Rangers	2-0	City of Manchester, Manchester

Goals: 1-0 Denisov 72, 2-0 Zyryanov 90+4

Zenit: Malafeev, Križanac, Fatih Tekke, Arshavin, Šírl, Shirokov, Zyryanov, Fayzulin (Kim Dong Jin 90+3), Anyukov, Denisov, Tymoshchuk

Domestic information

Manchester United FC (Premier League)

Comp.	Date	Opponent	Res.	Goalscorers
League	17/08/08	Newcastle United FC (H)	1-1	Fletcher 24
Lineups: Van der Sar, Brown, Vidić, Ferdinand, Evra, Fletcher, Carrick (O'Shea 25), Scholes, Giggs (Possebon 63), Campbell (Da Silva 80), Rooney				
League	25/08/08	Portsmouth FC (A)	1-0	Fletcher 32
Lineups: Van der Sar, Brown, Ferdinand, Vidić, O'Shea, Fletcher, Anderson (Possebon 76), Scholes, Evra, Rooney, Tévez				
League	13/09/08	Liverpool FC (A)		
League	21/09/08	Chelsea FC (A)		
League	27/09/08	Bolton Wanderers FC (H)		
League	04/10/08	Blackburn Rovers FC (A)		
League	18/10/08	West Bromwich Albion FC (H)		
League	25/10/08	Everton FC (A)		
League	29/10/08	West Ham United FC (H)		
League	01/11/08	Hull City AFC (H)		
League	08/11/08	Arsenal FC (A)		
League	15/11/08	Stoke City FC (H)		
League	22/11/08	Aston Villa FC (A)		
League	30/11/08	Manchester City FC (A)		
League	06/12/08	Sunderland AFC (H)		
League	13/12/08	Tottenham Hotspur FC (A)		
League	20/12/08	Wigan Athletic FC (H)		
League	26/12/08	Stoke City FC (A)		
League	28/12/08	Middlesbrough FC (H)		
League	10/01/09	Chelsea FC (H)		
League	17/01/09	Bolton Wanderers FC (A)		
League	27/01/09	West Bromwich Albion FC (A)		
League	31/01/09	Everton FC (H)		
League	07/02/09	West Ham United FC (A)		
League	21/02/09	Blackburn Rovers FC (H)		
League	28/02/09	Portsmouth FC (H)		
League	04/03/09	Newcastle United FC (A)		
League	14/03/09	Liverpool FC (H)		
League	21/03/09	Fulham FC (A)		
League	04/04/09	Aston Villa FC (H)		
League	11/04/09	Sunderland AFC (A)		
League	18/04/09	Wigan Athletic FC (A)		
League	25/04/09	Tottenham Hotspur FC (H)		
League	02/05/09	Middlesbrough FC (A)		
League	09/05/09	Manchester City FC (H)		
League	16/05/09	Arsenal FC (H)		
League	24/05/09	Hull City AFC (A)		

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Pos.	Clubs	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1	Chelsea FC	2	2	0	0	5	0	6
2	Liverpool FC	2	2	0	0	3	1	6
3	Blackburn Rovers FC	2	1	1	0	4	3	4
4	Hull City AFC	2	1	1	0	3	2	4
5	Manchester United FC	2	1	1	0	2	1	4
6	Newcastle United FC	2	1	1	0	2	1	4
7	Aston Villa FC	2	1	0	1	6	5	3
8	Manchester City FC	2	1	0	1	5	4	3
9	Bolton Wanderers FC	2	1	0	1	3	2	3
10	Everton FC	2	1	0	1	4	4	3
11	Middlesbrough FC	2	1	0	1	3	3	3
12	Fulham FC	2	1	0	1	2	2	3
13	Sunderland AFC	2	1	0	1	2	2	3
14	Arsenal FC	2	1	0	1	1	1	3
15	Stoke City FC	2	1	0	1	4	5	3
16	West Ham United FC	2	1	0	1	2	4	3
17	Tottenham Hotspur FC	2	0	0	2	2	4	0
18	West Bromwich Albion FC	2	0	0	2	1	3	0
19	Wigan Athletic FC	2	0	0	2	1	3	0
20	Portsmouth FC	2	0	0	2	0	5	0

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FC Zenit St. Petersburg (Premier-Liga)

Comp.	Date	Opponent	Res.	Goalscorers
League	16/03/08	FC Spartak Moskva (H)	0-0	
League	23/03/08	FC Moskva (A)	2-0	Arshavin 3, Anyukov 60
League	30/03/08	FC Rubin Kazan (H)	1-3	Arshavin 16
League	06/04/08	FC Shinnik Yaroslavl (A)	2-2	Pogrebnyak 42, Tymoshchuk 45(pen)
League	13/04/08	FC Krylya Sovetov Samara (H)	1-1	Anyukov 13
League	19/04/08	FC Saturn Moskovskaya Oblast (A)	1-1	Shirokov 85
League	06/07/08	FC Tom Tomsk (H)	5-1	Fayzulin 8, 35, Shirokov 11, Tymoshchuk 25, 27(pen)
League	09/07/08	FC Spartak Nalchik (H)	3-4	Own goal, Zyryanov 24, Fatih Tekke 47
League	13/07/08	FC Khimki (A)	4-1	Zyryanov 27, Anyukov 31, Fayzulin 89, Arshavin 90
League	16/07/08	FC Luch-Energia Vladivostok (A)	0-0	
League	19/07/08	FC Amkar Perm (H)	2-0	Zyryanov 30, Tymoshchuk 51
League	23/07/08	FC Lokomotiv Moskva (H)	1-1	Dominguez 52
League	26/07/08	FC Dinamo Moskva (A)	0-1	
League	30/07/08	PFC CSKA Moskva (A)	0-0	
League	02/08/08	FC Moskva (H)	2-1	Own goal, Fatih Tekke 77
League	10/08/08	FC Rubin Kazan (A)	1-4	Tymoshchuk 23(pen)
League	13/08/08	FC Terek Grozny (H)	3-1	Own goal, Zyryanov 37, Fatih Tekke 53
Lineups: Malafeev, Križanac (Radimov 79), Hubocan, Šírl, Zyryanov, Shirokov, Denisov, Fayzulin (Dominguez 46), Ricksen, Arshavin (Pogrebnyak 88), Fatih Tekke				
League	17/08/08	FC Shinnik Yaroslavl (H)	1-3	Zyryanov 23
Lineups: Malafeev, Križanac, Hubocan (Radimov 78), Zyryanov, Ricksen, Denisov, Tymoshchuk, Šírl, Fatih Tekke (Pogrebnyak 29), Arshavin, Dominguez				
League	24/08/08	FC Krylya Sovetov Samara (A)	3-0	Pogrebnyak 16, 75(pen), Zyryanov 62
Lineups: Malafeev, Križanac, Anyukov, Puygrenier, Šírl, Zyryanov, Fayzulin (Shirokov 70), Denisov, Tymoshchuk, Dominguez (Kim Dong Jin 83), Pogrebnyak (Fatih Tekke 89)				
League	13/09/08	FC Terek Grozny (A)		
League	21/09/08	PFC CSKA Moskva (H)		
League	27/09/08	FC Lokomotiv Moskva (A)		
League	05/10/08	FC Luch-Energia Vladivostok (H)		
League	18/10/08	FC Spartak Nalchik (A)		
League	26/10/08	FC Tom Tomsk (A)		
League	29/10/08	FC Saturn Moskovskaya Oblast (H)		
League	31/10/08	FC Khimki (H)		
League	09/11/08	FC Amkar Perm (A)		
League	16/11/08	FC Dinamo Moskva (H)		
League	22/11/08	FC Spartak Moskva (A)		

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1	FC Rubin Kazan	19	11	6	2	28	14	39
2	FC Dinamo Moskva	19	10	5	4	26	19	35
3	FC Amkar Perm	19	9	5	5	20	13	32
4	FC Spartak Moskva	19	7	9	3	31	26	30
5	PFC CSKA Moskva	19	7	8	4	25	15	29
6	FC Zenit St. Petersburg	19	7	7	5	32	24	28
7	FC Krylya Sovetov Samara	19	6	9	4	24	17	27
8	FC Spartak Nalchik	19	7	4	8	18	20	25
9	FC Lokomotiv Moskva	18	6	7	5	23	19	25
10	FC Terek Grozny	19	7	3	9	17	26	24
11	FC Tom Tomsk	19	6	4	9	17	24	22
12	FC Moskva	19	5	7	7	19	21	22
13	FC Saturn Moskovskaya Oblast	19	5	6	8	17	21	21
14	FC Luch-Energia Vladivostok	19	3	8	8	14	24	17
15	FC Shinnik Yaroslavl	18	3	5	10	19	29	14
16	FC Khimki	19	2	7	10	22	40	13

Competition facts

UEFA Super Cup: All-time records

Finals: 32

There have been 32 previous UEFA Super Cup finals, with ten played in Monaco since the showpiece moved to a one-off match at the Stade Louis II on a permanent basis in 1998.

2007: 31.07.08 AC Milan 3-1 Sevilla FC – Att: 17,822, Ref: Konrad Plautz (AUT)

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): 14

Spain holds the record for the number of times their teams have participated in the competition with 14 (FC Barcelona 6, Real Madrid CF 3, Valencia CF 2, Sevilla FC 2, Real Zaragoza 1).

England have had 12 (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): 9

Italian teams have recorded the most victories with nine (AC Milan 5, Juventus 2, S.S. Lazio 1, Parma FC 1), two ahead of England and three more than 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): 5

AC Milan lead the way with five victories in the competition (1989, 1990, 1994, 2003 and 2007), with Liverpool FC two 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.

Penalty shoot-outs: 0

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

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UEFA Super Cup: Monaco records, 1998 to date

Man of the match awards: 10

2007: Andrea Pirlo (AC Milan)

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 received four yellow cards to their opponents' three.

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 and AC Milan against Sevilla the following year.

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 AŞ 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 the additional 30 minutes 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 win by a solitary goal came in 2003 when Andriy Shevchenko's tenth-minute goal for AC Milan accounted for FC Porto.

Own goals in a final: 1

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

No red cards have been issued in the competition.

Penalty shoot-out winners: 0

No matches in the competition have required a penalty shoot-out to determine the winners.

Scoreless draws: 0

No scoreless draws after 90 minutes have been recorded in the competition.

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Competition history

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 and Everton FC did not play the 1985 UEFA Super Cup.

European Champion Clubs' Cup winners: 16

Of the 32 previous editions of the UEFA Super Cup, the team who won the European Champion Clubs' Cup have triumphed on 16 occasions, most recently AC Milan in 2007. Since the UEFA Cup winners began to take part in 2000 following the disbanding of the UEFA Cup Winners' Cup, four of the eight events have been won by the team who lifted the UEFA Cup the previous season.

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 AŞ)

122 Zinédine Zidane (AS Cannes, FC Girondins de Bordeaux, Juventus, Real Madrid CF)

121 Alessandro Costacurta (AC Milan)

UEFA club competition: All-time goals

63 Filippo Inzaghi (Parma FC, Juventus, AC Milan)

63 Raúl González (Real Madrid CF)

62 Gerd Müller (FC Bayern München)

60 Andriy Shevchenko (FC Dynamo Kyiv, AC Milan, Chelsea FC)

57 Ruud van Nistelrooy (PSV Eindhoven, Manchester United FC, Real Madrid CF)

56 Eusébio (SL Benfica)

56 Henrik Larsson (Feyenoord, Celtic FC, FC Barcelona, Manchester United FC, Helsingborgs IF)

53 Thierry Henry (AS Monaco FC, Juventus, Arsenal FC, FC Barcelona)

50 Alfredo Di Stéfano (Real Madrid CF)

47 Carlos Santillana (Real Madrid CF)

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Team facts**Manchester United FC****UEFA club competition milestones**

• United have been crowned champions of Europe three times, most recently in 2007/08, when they overcame Chelsea FC 6-5 on penalties in Moscow after a 1-1 draw, Cristiano Ronaldo scoring for United. In the 1998/99 UEFA Champions League final United overturned a one-goal deficit against FC Bayern München with goals from Teddy Sheringham and Ole Gunnar Solskjær in added time. They also won the 1967/68 European Champion Clubs' Cup final against SL Benfica, running out 4-1 winners after extra time.

UEFA club competition honours

- European Champion Clubs' Cup: 1967/68, 1998/99, 2007/08
- UEFA Cup Winners' Cup: 1990/91
- European/South American Cup: 1999
- UEFA Super Cup: 1991

Ten-year record

- 2007/08:** UEFA Champions League – winners
- 2006/07:** UEFA Champions League – semi-finals
- 2005/06:** UEFA Champions League – group stage
- 2004/05:** UEFA Champions League – first knockout round
- 2003/04:** UEFA Champions League – first knockout round
- 2002/03:** UEFA Champions League – quarter-finals
- 2001/02:** UEFA Champions League – semi-finals
- 2000/01:** UEFA Champions League – quarter-finals
- 1999/00:** UEFA Champions League – quarter-finals
- 1998/99:** UEFA Champions League – winners

2007/08 season

Domestic record: United retained the Premier League title, winning the club's 17th championship overall by finishing two points clear of Chelsea FC to be crowned champions for the tenth time under Sir Alex Ferguson. In all-time records since 1889, United have one fewer title than record-holders Liverpool FC. Having lost a tight final to Chelsea the previous season, United's hopes of completing a league and FA Cup double were dashed when they were beaten 1-0 at home by eventual winners Portsmouth FC in the quarter-final.

European record: United recorded wins in their first five fixtures to top Group F with 16 points, more than any other club in the group stage. Olympique Lyonnais (2-1 on aggregate) were dispatched in the first knockout round to set up a second successive quarter-final against AS Roma, when a 2-0 win in Italy paved the way for a 3-0 victory overall. Paul Scholes got the only goal of a tight semi-final against FC Barcelona, Cristiano Ronaldo missing a penalty early in the first leg although the Portuguese international did open the scoring in the final against Chelsea FC. Frank Lampard equalised and Ronaldo failed again from the spot in the ensuing shoot-out, but Edwin van der Sar's save from Nicolas Anelka made United European champions for the third time.

Key facts**UEFA club competition**

- Pld: 249 W: 132 D: 65 L: 52 GF: 449 GA: 241

UEFA Super Cup

- Pld: 2 W: 1 D: 0 L: 1 GF: 1 GA: 1

UEFA Champions League (group stage to final)

- Pld: 140 W: 74 D: 35 L: 31 GF: 246 GA: 134

European Champion Clubs' Cup/UEFA Champions League

- Pld: 193 W: 108 D: 45 L: 40 GF: 372 GA: 187

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UEFA club competition

- Biggest win

10-0: Manchester United FC v RSC Anderlecht

26.09.1956, European Champion Clubs' Cup preliminary round second leg

- Biggest home win

10-0: Manchester United FC v RSC Anderlecht (see above for details)

- Biggest away win

0-6: Shamrock Rovers FC v Manchester United FC

25.09.1957, European Champion Clubs' Cup preliminary round first leg

- Heaviest defeat

5-0: Sporting Clube de Portugal v Manchester United FC

18.03.1964, UEFA Cup Winners' Cup quarter-finals second leg

- Heaviest home defeat

0-1: Manchester United FC v AC Milan

23.02.2005, UEFA Champions League first knockout round first leg

2-3: Manchester United FC v RC Deportivo La Coruña

17.10.2001, UEFA Champions League first group stage

0-1: Manchester United FC v FC Bayern München

03.04.2001, UEFA Champions League quarter-finals first leg

2-3: Manchester United FC v Real Madrid CF

19.04.2000, UEFA Champions League quarter-final second leg

0-1: Manchester United FC v BV Borussia Dortmund

23.04.1997, UEFA Champions League semi-final second leg

0-1: Manchester United FC v Juventus

20.11.1996, UEFA Champions League group stage

0-1: Manchester United FC v Fenerbahçe SK

30.10.1996, UEFA Champions League group stage

- Heaviest away defeat

5-0: Sporting Clube de Portugal v Manchester United FC (see above for details)

UEFA Champions League (group stage to final only)

- Biggest win

7-1: Manchester United FC v AS Roma

10.04.2007, UEFA Champions League quarter-final second leg

- Biggest home win

7-1: Manchester United FC v AS Roma (see above for details)

- Biggest away win

2-6: Brøndby IF v Manchester United FC

21.10.1998, UEFA Champions League group stage

- Heaviest defeat

4-0: FC Barcelona v Manchester United FC

02.11.1994, UEFA Champions League group stage

- Heaviest home defeat

0-1: Manchester United FC v AC Milan (see above for details)

2-3: Manchester United FC v RC Deportivo La Coruña (see above for details)

0-1: Manchester United FC v FC Bayern München (see above for details)

2-3: Manchester United FC v Real Madrid CF (see above for details)

0-1: Manchester United FC v BV Borussia Dortmund (see above for details)

0-1: Manchester United FC v Juventus (see above for details)

0-1: Manchester United FC v Fenerbahçe SK (see above for details)

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• Heaviest away defeat

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

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FC Zenit St. Petersburg**UEFA club competition milestones**

• Prior to 2007/08, Zenit's sole European competition final appearance had come in battling through three rounds to reach one of the three finals of the 2000 UEFA Intertoto Cup, losing out to RC Celta de Vigo over two legs. However, they eclipsed that achievement in recording memorable victories against Villarreal CF, Olympique de Marseille, Bayer 04 Leverkusen and FC Bayern München to reach the UEFA Cup final in Manchester, where they beat Rangers FC 2-0 to claim their first continental silverware. They previously played in the European Champion Clubs' Cup in 1985/86 under their former name, Zenit Leningrad, but were knocked out by Finnish side FC Kuusysi in the second round.

UEFA club competition honours

• UEFA Cup: 2007/08

Ten-year record**2007/08:** UEFA Cup – winners**2006/07:** Did not compete in UEFA club competition**2005/06:** UEFA Cup – quarter-finals**2004/05:** UEFA Cup – group stage**2003/04:** Did not compete in UEFA club competition**2002/03:** UEFA Cup – first round**2001/02:** Did not compete in UEFA club competition**2000/01:** UEFA Intertoto Cup – final**1999/00:** UEFA Cup – first round**1998/99:** Did not compete in UEFA club competition**2007/08 season**

Domestic record: Zenit won the Russian Premier-Liga for the first time in 2007, finishing two points clear of FC Spartak Moskva to clinch the title and a place in the UEFA Champions League group stage for 2008/09. Hopes of adding the Russian Cup were dashed by a 4-3 penalty shoot-out defeat against FC Tom Tomsk in the quarter-finals after the two sides had played out a goalless draw.

European record: Zenit's UEFA Cup campaign started in the second qualifying round, overcoming FC ViOn Zlaté Moravce 5-0 on aggregate before a 4-1 win over two legs against R. Standard de Liège booked their place in the group stage. The Russian side took only five points from their four Group A games but squeezed through in third place behind Everton FC and 1. FC Nürnberg. Having survived that scare, Zenit found their form to devastating effect. Villarreal CF were beaten on away goals after a 2-2 draw over the two legs of their Round of 32 tie and Olympique de Marseille went the same way following a 3-3 aggregate draw in the last 16. Bayer 04 Leverkusen were then dispatched 4-2 in the quarter-finals, including a 4-1 first-leg triumph in Germany. FC Bayern München were held to a 1-1 draw before Zenit finished the job in style, winning the return in Russia 4-0, and late goals from Igor Denisov and Konstantin Zyryanov secured a 2-0 triumph against Rangers FC in the final in Manchester – the club's first European silverware.

Key facts**UEFA club competition**

• Pld: 65 W: 33 D: 15 L: 17 GF: 115 GA: 77

UEFA Super Cup

• N/A

UEFA Champions League (group stage to final)

• N/A

European Champion Clubs' Cup/UEFA Champions League

• Pld: 4 W: 3 D: 0 L: 1 GF: 7 GA: 4

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Records

UEFA club competition

- Biggest win

8-0: FC Zenit St. Petersburg v FC Encamp

29.08.2002, UEFA Cup qualifying round second leg

- Biggest home win

8-0: FC Zenit St. Petersburg v FC Encamp (see above for details)

- Biggest away win

0-5: FC Encamp v FC Zenit St. Petersburg

15.08.2002, UEFA Cup qualifying round first leg

- Heaviest defeat

5-0: VfB Stuttgart v Zenit Leningrad

01.11.1989, UEFA Cup second round second leg

5-0: Club Brugge KV v Zenit Leningrad

30.09.1987, UEFA Cup first round second leg

- Heaviest home defeat

0-3: FC Zenit St. Petersburg v Bologna FC

16.09.1999, UEFA Cup first round first leg

- Heaviest away defeat

5-0: VfB Stuttgart v Zenit Leningrad (see above for details)

5-0: Club Brugge KV v Zenit Leningrad (see above for details)

UEFA Cup

- Biggest win

8-0: FC Zenit St. Petersburg v FC Encamp (see above for details)

- Biggest home win

8-0: FC Zenit St. Petersburg v FC Encamp (see above for details)

- Biggest away win

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- Heaviest defeat

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5-0: Club Brugge KV v Zenit Leningrad (see above for details)

- Heaviest home defeat

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- Heaviest away defeat

5-0: VfB Stuttgart v Zenit Leningrad (see above for details)

5-0: Club Brugge KV v Zenit Leningrad (see above for details)

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Legend

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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)

UCUP: UEFA Cup (first round to final only)

UEFA: UEFA club competition (including qualifying matches)

:: Match officials

Nat. - Nationality

DoB - Date of birth

UEFA: UEFA club competition (including qualifying matches)

:: 2007/08 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.

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