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Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
06/04/10	QF	FC Barcelona - Arsenal FC	4-1 agg: 6-3	Barcelona	Messi 21, 37, 42, 88; Bendtner 18
31/03/10	QF	Arsenal FC - FC Barcelona	2-2	London	Walcott 69, Fàbregas 85(p); Ibrahimović 46, 59

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Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
17/05/06	F	FC Barcelona - Arsenal FC	2-1	Paris	Eto'o 76, Belletti 81; Campbell 37

UEFA Champions League

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
19/10/99	GS	Arsenal FC - FC Barcelona	2-4	London	Bergkamp 43, Overmars 84; Rivaldo 14, Luis Enrique 15, Figo 55, Cocu 69
29/09/99	GS	FC Barcelona - Arsenal FC	1-1	Barcelona	Luis Enrique 16; Kanu 81

	Home				Away				Final				Total					
	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
Arsenal FC	2	0	1	1	2	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	5	0	2	3	7	13
FC Barcelona	2	1	1	0	2	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	5	3	2	0	13	7

Arsenal FC - Record versus clubs from opponents' country

UEFA Champions League

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
15/04/09	QF	Arsenal FC - Villarreal CF	3-0 agg: 4-1	London	Walcott 10, Adebayor 60, Van Persie 69(p)
07/04/09	QF	Villarreal CF - Arsenal FC	1-1	Villarreal	Senna 10; Adebayor 66

UEFA Champions League

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
27/11/07	GS	Sevilla FC - Arsenal FC	3-1	Seville	Keita 24, Luís Fabiano 34, Kanouté 89(p); Eduardo 11
19/09/07	GS	Arsenal FC - Sevilla FC	3-0	London	Fàbregas 27, Van Persie 59, Eduardo 90+2

UEFA Champions League

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
25/04/06	SF	Villarreal CF - Arsenal FC	0-0 agg: 0-1	Villarreal	
19/04/06	SF	Arsenal FC - Villarreal CF	1-0	London	K. Touré 41
08/03/06	R16	Arsenal FC - Real Madrid CF	0-0 agg: 1-0	London	
21/02/06	R16	Real Madrid CF - Arsenal FC	0-1	Madrid	Henry 47

UEFA Champions League

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
10/03/04	R16	Arsenal FC - RC Celta de Vigo	2-0 agg: 5-2	London	Henry 14, 34
24/02/04	R16	RC Celta de Vigo - Arsenal FC	2-3	Vigo	Edu 27, José Ignacio 64; Edu 18, 58, Pirès 80

UEFA Champions League

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
19/03/03	2ndGS	Valencia CF - Arsenal FC	2-1	Valencia	Carew 34, 57; Henry 49
10/12/02	2ndGS	Arsenal FC - Valencia CF	0-0	London	

UEFA Champions League

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
12/03/02	2ndGS	Arsenal FC - RC Deportivo La Coruña	0-2	London	Valerón 30, Naybet 40
21/11/01	2ndGS	RC Deportivo La Coruña - Arsenal FC	2-0	La Coruna	Makaay 9, Tristán 25
24/10/01	GS	Arsenal FC - RCD Mallorca	3-1	London	Pirès 61, Bergkamp 63, Henry 90+3; Novo 74
11/09/01	GS	RCD Mallorca - Arsenal FC	1-0	Palma de Mallorca	Engonga 12(p)

UEFA Champions League

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
17/04/01	QF	Valencia CF - Arsenal FC	1-0 agg: 2-2 ag	Valencia	Carew 75
04/04/01	QF	Arsenal FC - Valencia CF	2-1	London	Henry 58, Parlour 59; Ayala 40

UEFA Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
09/03/00	R4	RC Deportivo La Coruña - Arsenal FC	2-1 agg: 3-6	La Coruna	Víctor 69, Iván Pérez 90; Henry 63
02/03/00	R4	Arsenal FC - RC Deportivo La Coruña	5-1	London	Dixon 5, Henry 29, 66, Kanu 77, Bergkamp 82; Djalminha 55

UEFA Cup Winners' Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
10/05/95	F	Arsenal FC - Real Zaragoza	1-2 (aet)	Paris	Hartson 75; Esnaider 67, Nayim 29 Ex

UEFA Cup Winners' Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
14/05/80	F	Valencia CF - Arsenal FC	0-0 aet (5-4pens)	Brussels	

FC Barcelona - Record versus clubs from opponents' country

UEFA Champions League

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
27/05/09	F	FC Barcelona - Manchester United FC	2-0	Rome	Eto'o 10, Messi 70
06/05/09	SF	Chelsea FC - FC Barcelona	1-1 agg: 1-1 ag	London	Essien 9; Iniesta 90+3
28/04/09	SF	FC Barcelona - Chelsea FC	0-0	Barcelona	

UEFA Champions League

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
29/04/08	SF	Manchester United FC - FC Barcelona	1-0 agg: 1-0	Manchester	Scholes 14
23/04/08	SF	FC Barcelona - Manchester United FC	0-0	Barcelona	

UEFA Champions League

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
06/03/07	R16	Liverpool FC - FC Barcelona	0-1 agg: 2-2 ag	Liverpool	Gudjohnsen 75
21/02/07	R16	FC Barcelona - Liverpool FC	1-2	Barcelona	Deco 14; Bellamy 43, John Arne Riise 74
31/10/06	GS	FC Barcelona - Chelsea FC	2-2	Barcelona	Deco 3, Gudjohnsen 58; Lampard 52, Drogba 90+3
18/10/06	GS	Chelsea FC - FC Barcelona	1-0	London	Drogba 47

UEFA Champions League

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
07/03/06	R16	FC Barcelona - Chelsea FC	1-1 agg: 3-2	Barcelona	Ronaldinho 78; Lampard 90+2(p)
22/02/06	R16	Chelsea FC - FC Barcelona	1-2	London	Thiago Motta 59(og); Terry 72(og), Eto'o 80

UEFA Champions League

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
08/03/05	R16	Chelsea FC - FC Barcelona	4-2 agg: 5-4	London	Gudjohnsen 8, Lampard 17, Duff 19, Terry 76; Ronaldinho 27(p), 38
23/02/05	R16	FC Barcelona - Chelsea FC	2-1	Barcelona	Maxi López 67, Eto'o 73; Belletti 33(og)

UEFA Champions League

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
19/03/03	2ndGS	Newcastle United FC - FC Barcelona	0-2	Newcastle	Kluivert 60, Thiago Motta 75
11/12/02	2ndGS	FC Barcelona - Newcastle United FC	3-1	Barcelona	Dani García 7, Kluivert 35, Thiago Motta 58; Ameobi 24

UEFA Champions League

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
13/03/02	2ndGS	FC Barcelona - Liverpool FC	0-0	Barcelona	
20/11/01	2ndGS	Liverpool FC - FC Barcelona	1-3	Liverpool	Owen 27; Kluivert 41, Rochemback 65, Overmars 84

UEFA Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
19/04/01	SF	Liverpool FC - FC Barcelona	1-0 agg: 1-0	Liverpool	McAllister 44(p)
05/04/01	SF	FC Barcelona - Liverpool FC	0-0	Barcelona	

UEFA Champions League

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
24/10/00	GS	Leeds United AFC - FC Barcelona	1-1	Leeds	Bowyer 5; Rivaldo 90
13/09/00	GS	FC Barcelona - Leeds United AFC	4-0	Barcelona	Rivaldo 10, F. De Boer 20, Kluivert 75, 84

UEFA Champions League

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
18/04/00	QF	FC Barcelona - Chelsea FC	5-1 agg: 6-4 (aet)	Barcelona	Rivaldo 24, 9 Ex(p), Figo 45, Dani García 83, Kluivert 14 Ex; Flo 60
05/04/00	QF	Chelsea FC - FC Barcelona	3-1	London	Zola 30, Flo 34, 38; Figo 64

UEFA Champions League

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
25/11/98	GS	FC Barcelona - Manchester United FC	3-3	Barcelona	Anderson 1, Rivaldo 57, 73; Yorke 25, 68, Cole 53
16/09/98	GS	Manchester United FC - FC Barcelona	3-3	Manchester	Giggs 16, Scholes 24, Beckham 63; Anderson 47, Giovanni 59(p), Luis Enrique 70(p)

UEFA Champions League

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
26/11/97	GS	FC Barcelona - Newcastle United FC	1-0	Barcelona	Giovanni 17
17/09/97	GS	Newcastle United FC - FC Barcelona	3-2	Newcastle	Asprilla 22(p), 31, 49; Luis Enrique 73, Figo 89

UEFA Champions League

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
02/11/94	GS	FC Barcelona - Manchester United FC	4-0	Barcelona	Stoichkov 2, 59, Romário 45, Ferrer 88
19/10/94	GS	Manchester United FC - FC Barcelona	2-2	Manchester	Hughes 19, Sharpe 79; Romário 33, Bakero 49

UEFA Cup Winners' Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
15/05/91	F	Manchester United FC - FC Barcelona	2-1	Rotterdam	Hughes 67, 74; Koeman 79

UEFA Cup Winners' Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
21/03/84	QF	Manchester United FC - FC Barcelona	3-0 agg: 3-2	Manchester	Robson 21, 50, Stapleton 51
07/03/84	QF	FC Barcelona - Manchester United FC	2-0	Barcelona	Hogg 35(og), Rojo 90

UEFA Super Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
26/01/83	R1	Aston Villa FC - FC Barcelona	3-0 agg: 3-1 (aet)	Birmingham	Shaw 80, Cowans 10 Ex(p), McNaught 14 Ex
19/01/83	R1	FC Barcelona - Aston Villa FC	1-0	Barcelona	Alonso 52

UEFA Cup Winners' Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
21/04/82	SF	FC Barcelona - Tottenham Hotspur FC	1-0 agg: 2-1	Barcelona	Simonsen 46
07/04/82	SF	Tottenham Hotspur FC - FC Barcelona	1-1	London	Roberts 85; Olmo 60

UEFA Super Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
05/02/80	F	FC Barcelona - Nottingham Forest FC	1-1 agg: 1-2	Barcelona	Roberto 25(p); Burns 42
30/01/80	F	Nottingham Forest FC - FC Barcelona	1-0	Nottingham	George 9

UEFA Cup Winners' Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
21/03/79	QF	FC Barcelona - Ipswich Town FC	1-0 agg: 2-2 ag	Barcelona	Migueli 39
07/03/79	QF	Ipswich Town FC - FC Barcelona	2-1	Ipswich	Gates 52, 64; Vigo Benítez 53

UEFA Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
15/03/78	QF	FC Barcelona - Aston Villa FC	2-1 agg: 4-3	Barcelona	Migueli 67, Asensi 77; Little 57
01/03/78	QF	Aston Villa FC - FC Barcelona	2-2	Birmingham	McNaught 87, Deehan 89; Cruyff 20, Zuviria 80
07/12/77	R3	FC Barcelona - Ipswich Town FC	3-0 agg: 3-3 aet(3-1pens)	Barcelona	Cruyff 20, 47, Rexach 87(p)
23/11/77	R3	Ipswich Town FC - FC Barcelona	3-0	Ipswich	Gates 17, Whymark 61, Talbot 77

UEFA Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
14/04/76	SF	Liverpool FC - FC Barcelona	1-1 agg: 2-1	Liverpool	Thompson 51; Rexach 52
30/03/76	SF	FC Barcelona - Liverpool FC	0-1	Barcelona	Toshack 13

European Champion Clubs' Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
23/04/75	SF	FC Barcelona - Leeds United AFC	1-1 agg: 2-3	Barcelona	Clares 69; Lorimer 7
09/04/75	SF	Leeds United AFC - FC Barcelona	2-1	Leeds	Bremner 10, Clarke 77; Asensi 64

European Champion Clubs' Cup

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
02/03/60	QF	Wolverhampton Wanderers FC - FC Barcelona	2-5 agg: 2-9	Wolverhampton	Murray 35, Mason 78; Martinez 29, Kocsis 44, 49, 74, Villaverde 85
10/02/60	QF	FC Barcelona - Wolverhampton Wanderers FC	4-0	Barcelona	Villaverde 8, 80, Kubala 16, Evaristo 65

Record versus clubs from opponents' country

	Home				Away				Final				Total					
	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
Arsenal FC	12	7	3	2	12	2	3	7	3	0	1	2	27	9	7	11	35	34
FC Barcelona	25	14	9	2	25	6	8	11	5	2	1	2	55	22	18	15	89	66

Match background

The teams who contested the 2006 UEFA Champions League final renew their rivalry in the round of 16 with Arsenal FC seeking to turn the tables after their quarter-final defeat by FC Barcelona a year ago.

- The London club lost 6-3 on aggregate to the Spanish side in 2009/10 and are yet to beat Barça in five attempts, drawing two and losing three – conceding ten goals in those defeats.

Previous meetings

- Arsenal recovered from 2-0 down to force a 2-2 home draw in last season's quarter-final first leg against the then holders. Zlatan Ibrahimović (46, 59) put Barcelona in charge before Arsenal replied through Theo Walcott (69) and Cesc Fàbregas' 85th-minute penalty following a professional foul by Carles Puyol, for which he was sent off. Arsène Wenger's team went ahead in the return through Nicklas Bendtner's 18th-minute effort only for Lionel Messi to take matters in his own hands, scoring all Barça's goals in a 4-1 victory.

- The lineups for the first leg on 31 March 2010 were:

Arsenal: Almunia, Sagna (Walcott 66), Vermaelen, Gallas (Denilson 44), Clichy, Diaby, Fàbregas, Nasri, Song, Arshavin (Eboué 27), Bendtner.

Barcelona: Valdés, Alves, Piqué, Puyol, Maxwell, Xavi, Keita, Busquets, Pedro, Messi (Milito 87), Ibrahimović (Henry 77).

- Barcelona came from behind to defeat Arsenal 2-1 in the 2006 final at Stade de France. Samuel Eto'o and substitute Juliano Belletti scored in quick succession late on to overturn Sol Campbell's opener for an Arsenal side reduced to ten men by an early red card for Jens Lehmann, who became the first player sent off in a European Champion Clubs' Cup final.

- The full lineups for that match on 17 May 2006 were:

Barcelona: Valdés, Oleguer (Belletti 71), Márquez, Puyol, Van Bronckhorst, Deco, Edmílson (Iniesta 46), Van Bommel (Larsson 61), Giuly, Eto'o, Ronaldinho.

Arsenal: Lehmann, Eboué, Touré, Campbell, Cole, Pirès (Almunia 20), Gilberto, Fàbregas (Flamini 74), Hleb (Reyes 85), Ljungberg, Henry.

- The clubs also met in the 1999/2000 UEFA Champions League first group stage. The game in Spain finished 1-1 before the Catalan giants won 4-2 at Wembley, current coach Josep Guardiola captaining Barcelona in both matches while Puyol was on the bench for the Wembley game.

Match background

- Arsenal are taking part in their 13th UEFA Champions League campaign and this is the 11th successive time they have progressed beyond the initial group stage. In the last three years they have made it to the quarter-finals or better.

- The Gunners won all three home games in the group stage, scoring 14 goals in the process. No team from outside England have won in the 27 UEFA Champions League games, including qualifiers, staged at the Arsenal Stadium. Prior to Manchester United FC's victory in the 2008/09 semi-finals, Wenger's men boasted a five-year unbeaten home run in the competition, bridging their two grounds.

- Barcelona were semi-finalists last year, losing to eventual winners FC Internazionale Milano. This season they won their group for the fourth successive year and have now qualified from the initial group stage in the last nine campaigns in which they have taken part.

- Barcelona won all three home fixtures in finishing top in Group D, although the Matchday 6 victory at Panathinaikos FC was their first in six UEFA Champions League away games and only the second in 12. On the other hand they have lost just one of their last 15 away games.

Team ties

- In addition to their meetings during the 1999/2000 season, the rival coaches also lined up against each other when Wenger was coach of AS Monaco FC and Guardiola a player at Barcelona. Guardiola came out on top with Barcelona winning home (2-0) and away (1-0) in the 1993/94 UEFA Champions League group stage.

- Guardiola was in the Barcelona team which won the European Cup for the first time on English soil with a 1-0 extra-time victory against UC Sampdoria in the 1992 final at Wembley.

- Thierry Henry, a UEFA Champions League winner with Barcelona in 2009, is Arsenal's record league scorer. He hit 174 goals in 254 Premier League appearances, and 226 in 369 matches overall, between 1999 and 2007, when he left for Spain, lifting two league titles and three FA Cups during his time in north London. His first coach when he joined Monaco as a teenager was Wenger.

- Fàbregas left Barcelona's youth ranks to join Arsenal as a 16-year-old in September 2003.
- Andrey Arshavin was in the Russia side beaten 3-0 in the UEFA EURO 2008 semi-final by a Spain team including Puyol, David Villa, Xavi Hernández and Andrés Iniesta along with Fàbregas. Villa played only 34 minutes before tearing a muscle, an injury which saw him miss Spain's 1-0 final victory against Germany.
- Gerard Piqué played once against Arsenal while at Manchester United FC from 2004 to 2008. That appearance, in a 2-1 United win at Old Trafford in April 2008, was his last for the club.
- Seydou Keita scored the opening goal for Sevilla FC when they beat Arsenal 3-1 in the UEFA Champions League group stage in November 2007. Daniel Alves and Adriano also played for the Andalusian side that night, while both Alves and Keita were involved in Sevilla's 3-0 reverse at Arsenal two months earlier.
- Javier Mascherano was in the Liverpool FC team that opened the Premier League season with a 1-1 home draw against Arsenal on 15 August. He played against them on seven previous occasions – including a 2007/08 UEFA Champions League quarter-final which Liverpool won 5-3 on aggregate – but won just two of those encounters.
- During two seasons with Sevilla, Sébastien Squillaci was on the losing side against Barcelona on three occasions in the Liga, his team shipping a total of ten goals.
- Thomas Vermaelen was a team-mate of Maxwell at AFC Ajax from 2001 to 2006.
- Vermaelen was in the Belgium team beaten 5-0 by Spain in La Coruna in a FIFA World Cup qualifier in September 2009. David Villa struck twice and Piqué registered for a home side also featuring Puyol, Xavi, Sergio Busquets and Fàbregas.
- Robin van Persie's Netherlands side lost 1-0 in last summer's World Cup final to Spain, Iniesta scoring a 116th-minute winner. Piqué, Villa, Puyol, Xavi Hernández, Pedro and Busquets all also featured for the victors, as did Fàbregas.
- Bacary Sagna and substitute Abou Diaby were in the France side that recorded a 1-0 friendly win against Brazil in Paris on 9 February; Alves appeared for the visitors, with Éric Abidal also in the France ranks.

Match facts

Arsenal

UEFA milestones

- This is the Gunners' 200th match in UEFA competition.
- Arsenal have scored 195 UEFA Champions League goals and conceded 196 in UEFA competition.

UEFA Champions League statistics

- Arsenal scored 18 goals in the group stage, the highest total along with Tottenham Hotspur FC.
- Bacary Sagna serves a one-game ban following his red card on Matchday 6; Emmanuel Eboué will incur a suspension with his next booking.

Latest domestic information

- **Saturday 12 February: Arsenal FC 2-0 Wolverhampton Wanderers FC (Van Persie 16 56)**
Szczęsny; Sagna, Koscielny, Djourou, Clichy; Song, Wilshere (Denilson 77); Walcott, Fàbregas, Arshavin (Chamakh 72); Van Persie (Bendtner 72)
- Robin van Persie has scored ten goals in Arsenal's last eight games; he featured in seven of them.
- It marked Arsène Wenger's 550th Premier League game as Arsenal manager with his 323rd win.
- Arsenal are eight games unbeaten, winning seven and drawing one during that run.
- The blip came on 5 February when, leading 4-0 at Newcastle United FC, the Gunners had Abou Diaby sent off and were held to a 4-4 draw. Diaby subsequently received a three-match ban.
- Wenger's side are yet to concede in the opening 15 minutes of a league game this season.
- The Gunners will face Birmingham City FC in the League Cup final on 27 February.

Injury news

- Denilson (hamstring, out since 30 January), Alex Song (knee, 1 February) and Johan Djourou (knee, 5 February) overcame injuries to feature against Wolves.
- Thomas Vermaelen has not played since 7 September due to an Achilles problem.
- Samir Nasri has not featured since picking up a hamstring injury against Huddersfield Town FC on 30 January.
- Łukasz Fabiański is likely to miss the remainder of the season after sustaining a shoulder injury during the warm-up before Arsenal's game with Manchester City FC on 5 January.
- Emmanuel Frimpong has not played since damaging knee ligaments in training in August.

UEFA Champions League squad changes

In: Damián Martínez

Out: Håvard Nordtveit (VfL Borussia Mönchengladbach)

- Carlos Vela (West Bromwich Albion FC), Aaron Ramsey, Jay Emanuel-Thomas (both Cardiff City FC), Gilles Sunu (FC Lorient) and Craig Eastmond (Millwall FC) were among the players to leave Arsenal on loan in January.

International friendly duty

- Wednesday 9 February
Denmark 1-2 England – Bendtner; Wilshere, Walcott
France 1-0 Brazil – Sagna, Diaby (sub)
Croatia 4-2 Czech Republic – Rosický (goal)
Poland 1-0 Norway – Szczęsny
Iran 1-0 Russia – Arshavin
Morocco 3-0 Niger – Chamakh
Ivory Coast 1-0 Mali – Eboué

- Tomáš Rosický's goal in Zagreb was his first in 49 games for club and country, since 20 January 2010.
- Wilshere made his first start for England in Copenhagen.

Miscellaneous

- Thierry Henry spent a week training with Arsenal in January ahead of the new Major League Soccer season.

Barcelona

UEFA milestones

- Barcelona have scored 746 goals in UEFA competition.

UEFA Champions League statistics

- Lionel Messi is Barça's all-time leading scorer in the competition with 31 goals in 50 games. He overtook Rivaldo (25 in 45) on Matchday 1.
- Barcelona committed 55 fouls in the group stage, fewer than any other side in the round of 16.
- Thiago Alcántara, Marc Bartra and Andreu Fontàs made their UEFA Champions League debuts against FC Rubin Kazan on Matchday 6, Fontàs scoring his first goal for the club in the 2-0 victory.
- Gerard Piqué is within a booking of suspension.

Latest domestic information

• Saturday 12 February: Real Sporting de Gijón 1-1 FC Barcelona (Barral 16; Villa 80)

Valdés; Alves, Piqué, Milito (Keita 66), Maxwell; Xavi, Mascherano, Iniesta (Bojan 80), Afellay (Pedro 46); Messi, Villa

- The draw halted Barcelona's record 16-match winning run in the Liga, since drawing with RCD Mallorca on 3 October. They passed Real Madrid CF's 1960/61 mark of 15 with a 3-0 victory over Club Atlético de Madrid on 5 February.
- Before Saturday the Catalan outfit had won all ten of their away games in the Liga this season, a club record.
- The goal from David Barral, once on Real Madrid's books, left Barcelona behind for the first time in 16 Liga games.
- Messi hit his fourth hat-trick of the season against Atlético, and has scored 24 goals in 20 Liga games this term.
- Messi has scored 43 goals in 39 games for club and country this season.
- Barça's club record 28-match unbeaten run in all competitions ended when they lost 3-1 at Real Betis Balompié on 19 January in the Copa del Rey quarter-final, second leg. They had won the first meeting 5-0, however, and after an 8-0 aggregate victory over UD Almería they will now face Real Madrid in the final on 20 April.
- Xavi Hernández played his 550th game for Barcelona on 5 January, surpassing Miguéli's club record.
- The 8-0 win at Almería on 20 November equalled Barça's record for a Liga away victory. The Camp Nou outfit triumphed by the same scoreline at UD Las Palmas on 25 October 1959.

Injury news

- Jeffrén (left thigh, 20 January) and Carles Puyol (left knee, 22 January) have been sidelined.

UEFA Champions League squad changes

In: Ibrahim Afellay (PSV Eindhoven), Martín Montoya*

Out: Martí Riverola*

* from B list

International friendly duty

- Tuesday 8 February
Spain 2-1 Denmark, U21s – Bojan, Alcántara, Montoya, Fontàs
- Wednesday 9 February
Spain 1-0 Colombia – Xavi, Iniesta, Pedro, Villa, Busquets, Piqué
Argentina 2-1 Portugal – Messi (goal), Mascherano, Milito
France 1-0 Brazil – Abidal; Alves
Netherlands 3-1 Austria – Afellay

Miscellaneous

- On 8 February Barcelona announced that Josep Guardiola has agreed a one-year contract extension, tying him to the club until summer 2012.
- Six Barcelona players were named in the UEFA.com users' Team of the Year 2010: Piqué, Puyol, Xavi, Andrés Iniesta, Messi and David Villa.
- Messi won the 2010 FIFA Ballon d'Or in January, with Iniesta and Xavi finishing second and third.
- Bojan Krkić and Sergio Busquets signed new deals in January tying them to the club until June 2015.

Squad list

Arsenal FC

No	Player	Nat.	DoB	Age	D	Current season						All-time			
						QUAL		UCL		League		UCL		UEFA	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers															
1	Manuel Almunia	ESP	19/05/77	33	-	-	-	1	-	6	-	31	-	38	-
21	Łukasz Fabiański	POL	18/04/85	25	-	-	-	5	-	14	-	10	-	18	-
53	Wojciech Szczęśny	POL	18/04/90	20	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-
55	James Shea	ENG	16/06/91	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
59	Damian Martinez	ARG	02/09/92	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders															
3	Bacary Sagna	FRA	14/02/83	28	S	-	-	3	-	23	1	23	-	49	-
5	Thomas Vermaelen	BEL	14/11/85	25	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	14	1	35	2
6	Laurent Koscielny	FRA	10/09/85	25	-	-	-	2	-	21	2	2	-	2	-
18	Sébastien Squillaci	FRA	11/08/80	30	-	-	-	6	1	16	-	38	4	51	5
20	Johan Djourou	SUI	18/01/87	24	-	-	-	4	-	14	1	13	-	17	-
22	Gaël Clichy	FRA	26/07/85	25	-	-	-	4	-	24	-	40	-	46	-
27	Emmanuel Eboué	CIV	04/06/83	27	*	-	-	5	-	9	-	47	2	60	3
28	Kieran Gibbs	ENG	26/09/89	21	-	-	-	3	-	3	-	9	-	9	-
37	Daniel Boateng	ENG	02/09/92	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
38	Thomas Cruise	ENG	09/03/91	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
48	Ignasi Miquel	ESP	28/09/92	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Midfielders															
2	Abou Diaby	FRA	11/05/86	24	-	-	-	-	-	11	1	23	4	30	4
4	Cesc Fàbregas	ESP	04/05/87	23	-	-	-	3	3	19	3	53	13	59	17
7	Tomáš Rosický	CZE	04/10/80	30	-	-	-	4	-	19	-	50	9	71	10
8	Samir Nasri	FRA	26/06/87	23	-	-	-	6	2	20	9	25	5	50	7
15	Denilson	BRA	16/02/88	22	-	-	-	5	-	13	-	24	1	29	1
17	Alex Song	CMR	09/09/87	23	-	-	-	4	1	23	4	27	2	31	2
19	Jack Wilshere	ENG	01/01/92	19	-	-	-	5	1	23	1	9	1	10	1
34	Chuks Aneke	ENG	03/07/93	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35	Emmanuel Frimpong	ENG	10/01/92	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
44	Conor Henderson	IRL	08/09/91	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
51	Oğuzhan Özyakup	NED	23/09/92	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
56	Luke Freeman	ENG	22/03/92	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
58	Nicholas Yennaris	ENG	24/05/93	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Forwards															
10	Robin van Persie	NED	06/08/83	27	-	-	-	1	1	15	10	38	13	55	14
14	Theo Walcott	ENG	16/03/89	21	-	-	-	4	2	18	7	31	7	35	8
23	Andrey Arshavin	RUS	29/05/81	29	-	-	-	4	2	25	5	16	3	61	19
29	Marouane Chamakh	MAR	10/01/84	27	-	-	-	6	3	21	7	25	8	44	16
39	Roarie Deacon	ENG	12/10/91	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
49	Rhys Murphy	ENG	06/11/90	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
52	Nicklas Bendtner	DEN	16/01/88	23	-	-	-	3	-	9	2	24	8	28	9
Coach															
-	Arsène Wenger	FRA	22/10/49	61	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	133	-	186	-

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No	Player	Nat.	DoB	Age	D	Current season						All-time			
						QUAL		UCL		League		UCL		UEFA	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers															
1	Victor Valdés	ESP	14/01/82	29	-	-	-	4	-	23	-	71	-	82	-
13	José Pinto	ESP	08/11/75	35	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	7	-	31	-
31	Rubén Miño	ESP	18/01/89	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
38	Oier Olazábal	ESP	14/09/89	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders															
2	Daniel Alves	BRA	06/05/83	27	-	-	-	5	1	21	1	34	3	76	5
3	Gerard Piqué	ESP	02/02/87	24	*	-	-	6	-	19	1	33	5	36	5
5	Carles Puyol	ESP	13/04/78	32	-	-	-	5	-	16	1	98	2	114	2
18	Gabriel Milito	ARG	07/09/80	30	-	-	-	1	-	5	-	15	-	25	-
19	Maxwell	BRA	27/08/81	29	-	-	-	4	-	15	-	47	-	55	1
22	Éric Abidal	FRA	11/09/79	31	-	-	-	4	-	17	-	46	-	49	-
26	Andreu Fontàs	ESP	14/11/89	21	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	1	1	1	1
32	Marc Bartra	ESP	15/01/91	20	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
33	Sergi Gómez	ESP	28/03/92	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35	Marc Muniesa	ESP	27/03/92	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
40	Martín Montoya	ESP	14/04/91	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Midfielders															
6	Xavi Hernández	ESP	25/01/80	31	-	-	-	5	-	20	3	104	6	125	8
8	Andrés Iniesta	ESP	11/05/84	26	-	-	-	5	-	23	7	64	5	70	5
14	Javier Mascherano	ARG	08/06/84	26	-	-	-	5	-	15	-	33	-	45	1
15	Seydou Keita	MLI	16/01/80	31	-	-	-	3	-	21	1	38	4	75	6
16	Sergio Busquets	ESP	16/07/88	22	-	-	-	5	-	18	1	23	2	24	2
21	Adriano	BRA	26/10/84	26	-	-	-	2	-	8	-	12	1	47	7
28	Sergi Roberto	ESP	07/02/92	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
29	Victor Vázquez	ESP	20/01/87	24	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	2	1	2	1
30	Thiago Alcántara	ESP	11/04/91	19	-	-	-	1	-	6	-	1	-	1	-
34	Jonathan	MEX	26/04/90	20	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	2	-
37	Oriol Romeu	ESP	24/09/91	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Forwards															
7	David Villa	ESP	03/12/81	29	-	-	-	5	2	22	15	19	8	55	22
9	Bojan Krkić	ESP	28/08/90	20	-	-	-	3	-	19	3	26	5	28	5
10	Lionel Messi	ARG	24/06/87	23	-	-	-	6	6	20	24	50	31	52	31
11	Jeffren	ESP	20/01/88	23	-	-	-	1	-	3	1	3	-	3	-
17	Pedro Rodríguez	ESP	28/07/87	23	-	-	-	5	3	23	12	18	7	20	8
20	Ibrahim Afellay	NED	02/04/86	24	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	20	-	42	2
27	Nolito	ESP	15/10/86	24	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Coach															
-	Josep Guardiola	ESP	18/01/71	40	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	30	-	33	-

Head coach

Arsenal FC: Arsène Wenger

Date of birth: 22 October 1949

Nationality: French

Playing career: AS Mutzig, FC Mulhouse, AS Vauban, RC Strasbourg

Coaching career: RC Strasbourg (assistant coach), AS Cannes (assistant coach), AS Nancy-Lorraine, AS Monaco FC, Nagoya Grampus Eight, Arsenal FC

- Not the most successful of players, Arsène Wenger has more than made up for that as a coach, turning Arsenal into one of Europe's top teams.
- Born in Strasbourg, Wenger worked at Strasbourg and Cannes before Nancy-Lorraine offered him his big break. He impressed sufficiently to be offered the job as coach of Monaco in 1987.
- Within a year Monaco scooped the French championship and Wenger the Coach of the Year award. After reportedly turning down France and FC Bayern München, he moved on to Japan and enjoyed tremendous success with Nagoya Grampus Eight.
- Appointed by Arsenal in September 1996, Wenger became the first non-Briton to win the Premier League in 1998, adding the first of four FA Cup triumphs. The Gunners lost the 2000 UEFA Cup final to Galatasaray SK but claimed another double in 2002, and in 2004 played some thrilling attacking football en route to becoming the first team since 1889 to negotiate a top-flight season unbeaten.
- Wenger nearly topped all his achievements by taking Arsenal to the 2006 UEFA Champions League final, only for FC Barcelona to come from behind to win 2-1. Arsenal's move to their new stadium later that year was also instigated by Wenger.

FC Barcelona: Josep Guardiola

Date of birth: 18 January 1971

Nationality: Spanish

Playing career: FC Barcelona, Brescia Calcio (twice), AS Roma, Al-Ahly Club, Dorados de Sinaloa

Coaching career: FC Barcelona B, FC Barcelona

- Known as 'Pep', he came up through Barcelona's youth ranks to win six Spanish Liga titles, one European Champion Clubs' Cup, a UEFA Cup Winners' Cup and two Copa del Rey trophies from 1990 to 2001.
- Also had spells with Brescia, Fabio Capello's Roma, Al-Ahly in Doha and Mexico's Dorados de Sinola before ending his playing career in 2006.
- Won 40 caps and Olympic footballing gold with Spain in 1992, but missed the 1998 and 2002 FIFA World Cup tournaments through injury.
- Having coached Barcelona's B team, became the 15th Catalan-born boss of the senior team in 2008 and won the UEFA Champions League, Spanish Liga and Copa del Rey in his first season in charge.
- Success in the 2008/09 final made Guardiola the sixth man to lift the European Cup as a player and a coach. Barcelona followed up with victories in the Spanish and UEFA Super Cups at the start of 2009/10, going on to win the FIFA Club World Cup and retain the Liga title.

Match officials

Referee	Nicola Rizzoli (ITA)
Assistant referees	Renato Faverani (ITA), Andrea Stefani (ITA)
Additional assistant referee	Mauro Bergonzi (ITA)
Additional assistant referee	Andrea De Marco (ITA)
Fourth official	Paolo Silvio Mazzoleni (ITA)
UEFA Delegate	Jan Damgaard (DEN)
UEFA Referee observer	Léon Schelings (BEL)

Referee

Name	Date of birth	UEFA Champions League matches	UEFA matches
Nicola Rizzoli	05/10/1971	11	35

• Born in the Italian town of Mirandola in October 1971, Nicola Rizzoli is following in the footsteps of one of the most famous referees of recent years, Pierluigi Collina, who also started his career as part of the group of match officials based in Bologna.

• An architect by profession, Rizzoli was promoted to the refereeing lists for Serie A and B in 2001, making his top-flight debut the following year.

• His major breakthrough came in 2006/07 when he took charge of some of Serie A's most high-profile fixtures, including the game between AS Roma and FC Internazionale Milano and the derbies in Milan and Rome. By the end of that season he had become a regular presence as a fourth official in the UEFA Champions League and UEFA Cup.

• Rizzoli made his only refereeing appearance in UEFA EURO 2008 qualifying in the Netherlands-Slovenia match in October 2007 having received his FIFA badge earlier that year. Also in the middle for three 2010 FIFA World Cup qualifiers.

• He was selected in the UEFA Champions League proper for the first time at the start of 2008/09, taking charge of two games in that season's group stage. Rizzoli oversaw six more the following season, which concluded with him refereeing the first UEFA Europa League final in Hamburg having taken charge of the Coppa Italia showpiece a week earlier.

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

Date	Competition	Stage	Home	Away	Result	Venue
15/09/09	UCL	GS	Beşiktaş JK	Manchester United FC	0-1	Istanbul
30/09/09	UCL	GS	FC Porto	Club Atlético de Madrid	2-0	Porto
10/03/10	UCL	KO1	Real Madrid CF	Olympique Lyonnais	1-1	Madrid
07/04/10	UCL	QF	Manchester United FC	FC Bayern München	3-2	Manchester
24/08/10	UCL	PO	Sevilla FC	SC Braga	3-4	Seville
14/09/10	UCL	GS	FC Barcelona	Panathinaikos FC	5-1	Barcelona
20/10/10	UCL	GS	Rangers FC	Valencia CF	1-1	Glasgow

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

Date	Competition	Stage	Home	Away	Result	Venue
21/07/07	UIC	R3	ACF Gloria 1922 Bistrița	Club Atlético de Madrid	2-1	Bistrita
06/12/07	UCUP	GS	Aalborg BK	Getafe CF	1-2	Aalborg
16/04/09	UCUP	QF	Manchester City FC	Hamburger SV	2-1	Manchester
18/03/10	UCUP	R16	Liverpool FC	LOSC Lille Métropole	3-0	Liverpool
12/05/10	UCUP	F	Club Atlético de Madrid	Fulham FC	2-1	Hamburg
07/09/10	EURO	QR	Switzerland	England	1-3	Basel

Fixtures and results

Arsenal FC

Date	Competition	Opponent	Result		Goalscorers
15/08/10	League	Liverpool FC (A)	D	1-1	Reina 90 (og)
21/08/10	League	Blackpool FC (H)	W	6-0	Walcott 12, 39, 58, Arshavin 32 (p), Diaby 49, Chamakh 83
28/08/10	League	Blackburn Rovers FC (A)	W	2-1	Walcott 20, Arshavin 51
11/09/10	League	Bolton Wanderers FC (H)	W	4-1	Koscielny 24, Chamakh 58, Song 78, Vela 83
15/09/10	UCL	SC Braga (H)	W	6-0	Fàbregas 9 (p), 53, Arshavin 30, Chamakh 34, Vela 69, 84
18/09/10	League	Sunderland AFC (A)	D	1-1	Fàbregas 13
21/09/10	Cup	Tottenham Hotspur FC (A)	W	4-1 (aet)	Lansbury 15, Nasri 92 Ex (p), 96 Ex (p), Arshavin 105 Ex
25/09/10	League	West Bromwich Albion FC (H)	L	2-3	Nasri 75, 90+1
28/09/10	UCL	FK Partizan (A)	W	3-1	Arshavin 15, Chamakh 71, Squillaci 82
03/10/10	League	Chelsea FC (A)	L	0-2	
16/10/10	League	Birmingham City FC (H)	W	2-1	Nasri 41 (p), Chamakh 47
19/10/10	UCL	FC Shakhtar Donetsk (H)	W	5-1	Song 19, Nasri 42, Fàbregas 60 (p), Wilshere 66, Chamakh 69
24/10/10	League	Manchester City FC (A)	W	3-0	Nasri 20, Song 66, Bendtner 88
27/10/10	Cup	Newcastle United FC (A)	W	4-0	Krul 45+2 (og), Walcott 53, 88, Bendtner 83
30/10/10	League	West Ham United FC (H)	W	1-0	Song 88
03/11/10	UCL	FC Shakhtar Donetsk (A)	L	1-2	Walcott 10
07/11/10	League	Newcastle United FC (H)	L	0-1	
10/11/10	League	Wolverhampton Wanderers FC (A)	W	2-0	Chamakh 1, 90+4
14/11/10	League	Everton FC (A)	W	2-1	Sagna 36, Fàbregas 48
20/11/10	League	Tottenham Hotspur FC (H)	L	2-3	Nasri 9, Chamakh 27
23/11/10	UCL	SC Braga (A)	L	0-2	
27/11/10	League	Aston Villa FC (A)	W	4-2	Arshavin 39, Nasri 45, Chamakh 56, Wilshere 90+3
30/11/10	Cup	Wigan Athletic FC (H)	W	2-0	Alcaraz 42 (og), Bendtner 67
04/12/10	League	Fulham FC (H)	W	2-1	Nasri 14, 75
08/12/10	UCL	FK Partizan (H)	W	3-1	Van Persie 30 (p), Walcott 73, Nasri 77
13/12/10	League	Manchester United FC (A)	L	0-1	
27/12/10	League	Chelsea FC (H)	W	3-1	Song 44, Fàbregas 51, Walcott 53
29/12/10	League	Wigan Athletic FC (A)	D	2-2	Arshavin 39, Bendtner 44
01/01/11	League	Birmingham City FC (A)	W	3-0	Van Persie 13, Nasri 58, Johnson 65 (og)
05/01/11	League	Manchester City FC (H)	D	0-0	
08/01/11	Cup	Leeds United AFC (H)	D	1-1	Fàbregas 90 (p)
12/01/11	Cup	Ipswich Town FC (A)	L	0-1	
15/01/11	League	West Ham United FC (A)	W	3-0	Van Persie 13, 77 (p), Walcott 41
19/01/11	Cup	Leeds United AFC (A)	W	3-1	Nasri 5, Sagna 35, Van Persie 76
22/01/11	League	Wigan Athletic FC (H)	W	3-0	Van Persie 21, 58, 85
25/01/11	Cup	Ipswich Town FC (H)	W	3-0	Bendtner 61, Koscielny 64, Fàbregas 77
30/01/11	Cup	Huddersfield Town FC (H)	W	2-1	Bendtner 22, Fàbregas 86 (p)
01/02/11	League	Everton FC (H)	W	2-1	Arshavin 70, Koscielny 75
05/02/11	League	Newcastle United FC (A)	D	4-4	Walcott 1, Djourou 3, Van Persie 10, 26
12/02/11	League	Wolverhampton Wanderers FC (H)	W	2-0	Van Persie 16, 56
16/02/11	UCL	FC Barcelona (H)			
20/02/11	Cup	Leyton Orient FC (A)			
23/02/11	League	Stoke City FC (H)			
27/02/11	Cup	Birmingham City FC (H)			
05/03/11	League	Sunderland AFC (H)			
08/03/11	UCL	FC Barcelona (A)			
19/03/11	League	West Bromwich Albion FC (A)			
02/04/11	League	Blackburn Rovers FC (H)			
09/04/11	League	Blackpool FC (A)			
16/04/11	League	Liverpool FC (H)			
23/04/11	League	Bolton Wanderers FC (A)			

30/04/11	League	Manchester United FC (H)		
07/05/11	League	Stoke City FC (A)		
14/05/11	League	Aston Villa FC (H)		
22/05/11	League	Fulham FC (A)		

Pos.	Clubs	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1	Manchester United FC	26	16	9	1	57	25	57
2	Arsenal FC	26	16	5	5	56	27	53
3	Manchester City FC	27	14	7	6	43	24	49
4	Tottenham Hotspur FC	26	13	8	5	37	28	47
5	Chelsea FC	26	13	6	7	46	22	45
6	Liverpool FC	27	11	6	10	35	32	39
7	Sunderland AFC	27	9	10	8	33	33	37
8	Bolton Wanderers FC	27	9	9	9	38	37	36
9	Newcastle United FC	27	9	8	10	42	38	35
10	Stoke City FC	26	10	3	13	31	33	33
11	Blackburn Rovers FC	27	9	5	13	34	42	32
12	Fulham FC	27	6	13	8	28	28	31
13	Everton FC	26	6	12	8	33	36	30
14	Birmingham City FC	26	6	12	8	25	35	30
15	Aston Villa FC	27	7	9	11	31	46	30
16	Blackpool FC	26	8	5	13	39	50	29
17	West Bromwich Albion FC	26	7	6	13	34	51	27
18	Wigan Athletic FC	27	5	12	10	27	45	27
19	West Ham United FC	27	5	10	12	30	48	25
20	Wolverhampton Wanderers FC	26	7	3	16	26	45	24

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Date	Competition	Opponent	Result	Goalscorers
29/08/10	League	Real Racing Club (A)	W 3-0	Messi 3, Iniesta 33, Villa 62
11/09/10	League	Hércules CF (H)	L 0-2	
14/09/10	UCL	Panathinaikos FC (H)	W 5-1	Messi 22, 45, Villa 33, Pedro Rodríguez 78, Daniel Alves 90+3
19/09/10	League	Club Atlético de Madrid (A)	W 2-1	Messi 13, Piqué 32
22/09/10	League	Real Sporting de Gijón (H)	W 1-0	Villa 49
25/09/10	League	Athletic Club (A)	W 3-1	Keita 55, Xavi Hernández 74, Busquets 90+2
29/09/10	UCL	FC Rubin Kazan (A)	D 1-1	Villa 60 (p)
03/10/10	League	RCD Mallorca (H)	D 1-1	Messi 21
16/10/10	League	Valencia CF (H)	W 2-1	Iniesta 47, Puyol 63
20/10/10	UCL	FC København (H)	W 2-0	Messi 19, 90+2
23/10/10	League	Real Zaragoza (A)	W 2-0	Messi 42, 66
26/10/10	Cup	AD Ceuta (A)	W 2-0	Maxwell 16, Pedro Rodríguez 25
30/10/10	League	Sevilla FC (H)	W 5-0	Messi 4, 64, Villa 24, 90, Daniel Alves 52
02/11/10	UCL	FC København (A)	D 1-1	Messi 31
07/11/10	League	Getafe CF (A)	W 3-1	Messi 23, Villa 34, Pedro Rodríguez 65
10/11/10	Cup	AD Ceuta (H)	W 5-1	Nolito 2, Milito 7, Pedro Rodríguez 50, Bojan 63, Messi 68
13/11/10	League	Villarreal CF (H)	W 3-1	Villa 22, Messi 58, 83
20/11/10	League	UD Almería (A)	W 8-0	Messi 17, 37, 67, Iniesta 19, Acasiete 27 (og), Pedro Rodríguez 35, Bojan 62, 73
24/11/10	UCL	Panathinaikos FC (A)	W 3-0	Pedro Rodríguez 27, 69, Messi 62
29/11/10	League	Real Madrid CF (H)	W 5-0	Xavi Hernández 10, Pedro Rodríguez 18, Villa 55, 58, Jeffren 90+1
04/12/10	League	CA Osasuna (A)	W 3-0	Pedro Rodríguez 26, Messi 65, 84 (p)
07/12/10	UCL	FC Rubin Kazan (H)	W 2-0	Fontàs 51, Víctor Vázquez 83
12/12/10	League	Real Sociedad de Fútbol (H)	W 5-0	Villa 9, Iniesta 33, Messi 47, 87, Bojan 90+1
18/12/10	League	RCD Espanyol (A)	W 5-1	Pedro Rodríguez 19, 60, Xavi Hernández 30, Villa 76, 84
21/12/10	Cup	Athletic Club (H)	D 0-0	
02/01/11	League	Levante UD (H)	W 2-1	Pedro Rodríguez 47, 59
05/01/11	Cup	Athletic Club (A)	D 1-1	Abidal 75
08/01/11	League	RC Deportivo La Coruña (A)	W 4-0	Villa 26, Messi 51, Iniesta 80, Pedro Rodríguez 81
12/01/11	Cup	Real Betis Balompié (H)	W 5-0	Messi 43, 62, 73, Pedro Rodríguez 76, Keita 83
16/01/11	League	Málaga CF (H)	W 4-1	Iniesta 8, Villa 18, 74, Pedro Rodríguez 36
19/01/11	Cup	Real Betis Balompié (A)	L 1-3	Messi 36
22/01/11	League	Real Racing Club (H)	W 3-0	Pedro Rodríguez 2, Messi 33 (p), Iniesta 56
26/01/11	Cup	UD Almería (H)	W 5-0	Messi 9, 16, Villa 11, Pedro Rodríguez 31, Keita 88
29/01/11	League	Hércules CF (A)	W 3-0	Pedro Rodríguez 43, Messi 87, 89
02/02/11	Cup	UD Almería (A)	W 3-0	Adriano 34, Afellay 57, Thiago Alcántara 65
05/02/11	League	Club Atlético de Madrid (H)	W 3-0	Messi 17, 28, 79
12/02/11	League	Real Sporting de Gijón (A)	D 1-1	Villa 80
16/02/11	UCL	Arsenal FC (A)		
20/02/11	League	Athletic Club (H)		
27/02/11	League	RCD Mallorca (A)		
02/03/11	League	Valencia CF (A)		
06/03/11	League	Real Zaragoza (H)		
08/03/11	UCL	Arsenal FC (H)		
13/03/11	League	Sevilla FC (A)		
20/03/11	League	Getafe CF (H)		
03/04/11	League	Villarreal CF (A)		
10/04/11	League	UD Almería (H)		
17/04/11	League	Real Madrid CF (A)		
20/04/11	Cup	Real Madrid CF (H)		
24/04/11	League	CA Osasuna (H)		
01/05/11	League	Real Sociedad de Fútbol (A)		
08/05/11	League	RCD Espanyol (H)		
11/05/11	League	Levante UD (A)		

15/05/11	League	RC Deportivo La Coruña (H)		
22/05/11	League	Málaga CF (A)		

Pos.	Clubs	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1	FC Barcelona	23	20	2	1	71	12	62
2	Real Madrid CF	23	18	3	2	53	19	57
3	Valencia CF	23	14	5	4	38	25	47
4	Villarreal CF	23	14	3	6	41	23	45
5	Athletic Club	23	12	2	9	37	32	38
6	RCD Espanyol	23	12	1	10	30	31	37
7	Getafe CF	23	9	4	10	35	37	31
8	Sevilla FC	23	9	4	10	35	38	31
9	Real Sociedad de Fútbol	23	10	1	12	34	37	31
10	RCD Mallorca	23	9	4	10	25	30	31
11	Club Atlético de Madrid	23	9	3	11	32	31	30
12	Hércules CF	23	7	4	12	24	37	25
13	Real Racing Club	23	6	7	10	20	33	25
14	RC Deportivo La Coruña	23	6	7	10	20	34	25
15	Levante UD	23	7	3	13	24	34	24
16	Real Sporting de Gijón	23	5	8	10	23	31	23
17	Real Zaragoza	23	5	8	10	22	36	23
18	CA Osasuna	23	5	7	11	21	30	22
19	UD Almería	23	4	8	11	23	39	20
20	Málaga CF	23	5	4	14	30	49	19

Match-by-match lineups

Arsenal FC

Group stage

Standings

Club	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
FC Shakhtar Donetsk	6	5	0	1	12	6	15
Arsenal FC	6	4	0	2	18	7	12
SC Braga	6	3	0	3	5	11	9
FK Partizan	6	0	0	6	2	13	0

Matchday 1 (15/09/10)

Arsenal 6-0 Braga

Goals: 1-0 Fàbregas 9(pen), 2-0 Arshavin 30, 3-0 Chamakh 34, 4-0 Fàbregas 53, 5-0 Vela 69, 6-0 Vela 84

Arsenal FC: Almunia, Sagna, Fàbregas, Koscielny, Nasri, Song (Denilson 63), Squillaci, Wilshere, Clichy, Arshavin (Eboué 69), Chamakh (Vela 63)

Matchday 2 (28/09/10)

Partizan 1-3 Arsenal

Goals: 0-1 Arshavin 15, 1-1 Cléo 33(pen), 1-2 Chamakh 71, 1-3 Squillaci 82

Arsenal FC: Fabiański, Sagna, Rosický, Denilson, Song, Squillaci, Wilshere (Nasri 74), Djourou, Arshavin (Clichy 83), Gibbs, Chamakh (Vela 75)

Matchday 3 (19/10/10)

Arsenal 5-1 Shakhtar Donetsk

Goals: 1-0 Song 19, 2-0 Nasri 42, 3-0 Fàbregas 60(pen), 4-0 Wilshere 66, 5-0 Chamakh 69, 5-1 Eduardo 82

Arsenal FC: Fabiański, Fàbregas (Denilson 64), Rosický, Nasri (Arshavin 72), Song, Squillaci, Wilshere, Djourou, Clichy, Eboué, Chamakh (Walcott 72)

Matchday 4 (03/11/10)

Shakhtar Donetsk 2-1 Arsenal

Goals: 0-1 Walcott 10, 1-1 Chygrynskiy 28, 2-1 Eduardo 45

Arsenal FC: Fabiański, Rosický, Nasri, Walcott (Emmanuel-Thomas 82), Squillaci, Wilshere, Djourou, Clichy, Eboué, Eastmond (Vela 59), Bendtner (Chamakh 73)

Matchday 5 (23/11/10)

Braga 2-0 Arsenal

Goals: 1-0 Matheus 83, 2-0 Matheus 90+3

Arsenal FC: Fabiański, Fàbregas (Nasri 69), Rosický, Walcott (Vela 77), Denilson, Squillaci, Wilshere, Djourou, Eboué, Gibbs, Bendtner (Chamakh 74)

Matchday 6 (08/12/10)

Arsenal 3-1 Partizan

Goals: 1-0 Van Persie 30(pen), 1-1 Cléo 52, 2-1 Walcott 73, 3-1 Nasri 77

Arsenal FC: Fabiański, Sagna, Koscielny, Nasri, Van Persie, Denilson, Song, Squillaci, Arshavin (Walcott 67), Gibbs (Eboué 24), Chamakh (Bendtner 76)

Round of 16

(16/02/11)

Arsenal v Barcelona

(08/03/11)

Barcelona v Arsenal

FC Barcelona

Group stage

Standings

Club	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
FC Barcelona	6	4	2	0	14	3	14
FC København	6	3	1	2	7	5	10
FC Rubin Kazan	6	1	3	2	2	4	6
Panathinaikos FC	6	0	2	4	2	13	2

Matchday 1 (14/09/10)

Barcelona 5-1 Panathinaikos

Goals: 0-1 Govou 20, 1-1 Messi 22, 2-1 Villa 33, 3-1 Messi 45, 4-1 Pedro Rodríguez 78, 5-1 Daniel Alves 90+3

FC Barcelona: Víctor Valdés, Daniel Alves, Piqué (Milito 75), Puyol, Xavi Hernández (Mascherano 79), Villa (Bojan 69), Iniesta, Messi, Busquets, Pedro Rodríguez, Abidal

Matchday 2 (29/09/10)

Rubin 1-1 Barcelona

Goals: 1-0 Noboa 30(pen), 1-1 Villa 60(pen)

FC Barcelona: Víctor Valdés, Daniel Alves, Piqué, Puyol, Xavi Hernández, Villa (Bojan 86), Iniesta, Mascherano (Messi 60), Busquets, Pedro Rodríguez, Maxwell

Matchday 3 (20/10/10)

Barcelona 2-0 København

Goals: 1-0 Messi 19, 2-0 Messi 90+2

FC Barcelona: José Pinto, Daniel Alves, Piqué, Puyol, Villa (Xavi Hernández 73), Iniesta (Keita 89), Messi, Mascherano, Busquets, Maxwell (Pedro Rodríguez 73), Abidal

Matchday 4 (02/11/10)

København 1-1 Barcelona

Goals: 0-1 Messi 31, 1-1 Claudemir 32

FC Barcelona: Víctor Valdés, Daniel Alves, Piqué, Puyol, Xavi Hernández, Villa (Pedro Rodríguez 80), Iniesta, Messi, Keita, Busquets, Abidal

Matchday 5 (24/11/10)

Panathinaikos 0-3 Barcelona

Goals: 0-1 Pedro Rodríguez 27, 0-2 Messi 62, 0-3 Pedro Rodríguez 69

FC Barcelona: Víctor Valdés, Daniel Alves, Piqué (Abidal 72), Puyol, Xavi Hernández (Keita 71), Villa, Iniesta, Messi, Mascherano, Pedro Rodríguez, Adriano (Maxwell 76)

Matchday 6 (07/12/10)

Barcelona 2-0 Rubin

Goals: 1-0 Fontàs 51, 2-0 Víctor Vázquez 83

FC Barcelona: José Pinto, Piqué, Bojan (Bartra 35), Jeffren (Víctor Vázquez 13), Mascherano, Busquets, Maxwell, Adriano, Fontàs, Thiago Alcántara, Jonathan (Messi 63)

Round of 16

(16/02/11)

Arsenal v Barcelona

(08/03/11)

Barcelona v Arsenal

Competition facts

UEFA Champions League knockout stage: Did you know?

- Teams have recovered from a first-leg deficit to go through to the next stage on 22 occasions, although only once – AFC Ajax's defeat of Panathinaikos FC in the 1995/96 semi-finals – has a side gone through after losing the first leg at home. The biggest losing margin a side has overturned was achieved by RC Deportivo La Coruña in the 2003/04 quarter-finals when they fought back from a 4-1 defeat at AC Milan to win 4-0 at home.
- Nineteen ties have been decided on the away goals rule, including five where the triumphant team lost the first leg.
- FC Bayern München hold the record for the biggest first-leg lead with a 5-0 success at Sporting Clube de Portugal in the 2008/09 first knockout round, eventually going through 12-1 after a 7-1 home victory in the second leg.
- Ten ties have now gone to penalties, including the game between Arsenal FC and AS Roma in the 2008/09 first knockout round. Five of these were finals – 1996, 2001, 2003, 2005 and 2008. The first two-legged tie decided on spot-kicks was PSV Eindhoven's 4-2 win against Olympique Lyonnais on 13 April 2005 after a 2-2 aggregate draw.
- In all, 17 ties have required extra time. So far seven have been decided by extra time alone: four quarter-finals, two first knockout round encounters and the 2007/08 semi-final between Chelsea FC and Liverpool FC.
- The 2008/09 last-16 encounter between Bayern and Sporting featured more goals (13) over its two legs than any previous UEFA Champions League knockout tie, Bayern prevailing 12-1.
- There has never been a knockout tie ending goalless after two legs. Nine have finished 1-0 on aggregate, most recently Manchester United FC's narrow victory against FC Barcelona in the 2007/08 semi-finals.
- Bayern's 4-0 defeat of Lyon in 2009/10 is the joint biggest aggregate win in a UEFA Champions League semi-final, equalling Juventus' 6-2 victory against Ajax in 1996/97.
- Clarence Seedorf is the only player to win the European Champion Clubs' Cup with three clubs (AFC Ajax 1995, Real Madrid CF 1998, AC Milan 2003, 2007). Liverpool's Bob Paisley (1977, 1978, 1981) is the only coach to win three times.
- Ottmar Hitzfeld (BV Borussia Dortmund 1997, Bayern 2001), Ernst Happel (Feyenoord 1970, Hamburger SV 1983) and José Mourinho (FC Porto 2004, FC Internazionale Milano 2010) are the only coaches to win the trophy with two clubs.
- No team has successfully defended the UEFA Champions League trophy with AC Milan (1989, 1990) the last club to win consecutive European Champion Clubs' Cups. Milan (1994, 1995), Juventus (1996, 1997) and Manchester United (2008, 2009) have all returned to the final as holders only to lose.

UEFA Champions League: Did you know?

- S.S. Lazio goalkeeper Marco Ballotta is the oldest player to compete in the UEFA Champions League having been aged 43 years 252 days when he featured against Real Madrid CF on Matchday 6 of the 2007/08 competition.
- Filippo Inzaghi is the oldest player to score in the competition, aged 37 years and 87 days, in AC Milan's 2-2 draw against Real Madrid CF on 3 November 2010.
- Celestine Babayaro is the youngest player to have appeared in the UEFA Champions League. He was 16 years and 87 days when he started for RSC Anderlecht against Steaua on 23 November 1994. He was then sent off in the 37th minute.

Team facts

Arsenal FC

Formed: 1886

Nickname: The Gunners

UEFA club competition honours (runners-up in brackets)

- European Champion Clubs' Cup: (2006)
- UEFA Cup: (2000)
- UEFA Cup Winners' Cup (1): (1980), 1994, (1995)
- UEFA Super Cup: (1994)

Domestic honours (most recent triumph in brackets)

League title: 13 (2004)

FA Cup: 10 (2005)

League Cup: 2 (1993)

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

2009/10: quarter-finals

2008/09: semi-finals

2007/08: quarter-finals

2006/07: round of 16

2005/06: runners-up

2004/05: round of 16

2003/04: quarter-finals

2002/03: second group stage

2001/02: second group stage

2000/01: quarter-finals

Records

UEFA club competition

- Biggest home win

7-0: Arsenal v SK Slavia Praha

23/10/07, UEFA Champions League group stage

- Biggest away win

0-7: R. Standard de Liège v Arsenal

03/11/93, UEFA Cup Winners' Cup second round second leg

- Heaviest home defeat

2-5: Arsenal v SK Spartak Moskva

29/09/82, UEFA Cup first round second leg

0-3: Arsenal v FC Internazionale Milano

17/09/03, UEFA Champions League group stage

- Heaviest away defeat

4-1: FC Spartak Moskva v Arsenal

22/11/00, UEFA Champions League second group stage

4-1: FC Barcelona v Arsenal

06/04/09, UEFA Champions League quarter-final second leg

3-0: FC Shakhtar Donetsk v Arsenal

07/11/00, UEFA Champions League first group stage

UEFA Champions League (group stage to final only)

- Biggest home win

7-0: Arsenal v SK Slavia Praha (see above for details)

- Biggest away win

1-5: FC Internazionale Milano v Arsenal

25/11/03, group stage

0-4: PSV Eindhoven v Arsenal

25/09/02, first group stage

- Heaviest home defeat

0-3: Arsenal v FC Internazionale Milano (see above for details)

- Heaviest away defeat

4-1: FC Spartak Moskva v Arsenal (see above for details)

4-1: FC Barcelona v Arsenal (see above for details)

3-0: FC Shakhtar Donetsk v Arsenal (see above for details)

FC Barcelona

Formed: 1899

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

UEFA club competition honours (runners-up in brackets)

- European Champion Clubs' Cup (3): (1961), (1986), 1992, (1994), 2006, 2009
- UEFA Cup Winners' Cup (4): (1969), 1979, 1982, 1989, (1991), 1997
- UEFA Super Cup (3): (1979), (1982), (1989), 1992, 1997, (2006), 2009

Domestic honours (most recent triumph in brackets)

League title: 20 (2010)

Spanish Cup: 25 (2009)

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

2009/10: semi-finals

2008/09: winners

2007/08: semi-finals

2006/07: round of 16

2005/06: winners

2004/05: round of 16

2003/04: UEFA Cup fourth round

2002/03: quarter-finals

2001/02: semi-finals

2000/01: UEFA Cup semi-finals (having transferred from UEFA Champions League group stage)

Records

UEFA club competition

- Biggest home win

8-0: Barcelona v ŠKM Púchov

15/10/03, UEFA Cup first round second leg

8-0: Barcelona v Apollon Limassol FC

15/09/82, UEFA Cup Winners' Cup first round first leg

- Biggest away win

0-7: Hapoel Beer-Sheva FC v Barcelona

12/09/95, UEFA Cup first round first leg

- Heaviest home defeat

0-4: Barcelona v FC Dynamo Kyiv

05/11/97, UEFA Champions League group stage

0-4: Barcelona v 1. FC Köln

05/11/80, UEFA Cup second round second leg

- Heaviest away defeat

4-0: AC Milan v Barcelona

18/05/94, European Champion Clubs' Cup final (played in Athens)

4-1: Valencia CF v Barcelona

02/05/00, UEFA Champions League semi-finals first leg

Barcelona have lost 3-0 on ten occasions, most recently v AS Roma (26/02/02, UEFA Champions League second group stage)

UEFA Champions League (group stage to final only)

- Biggest home win

5-0: Five times, most recently v PFC Levski Sofia

12/09/06, group stage

- Biggest away win

0-5: FC Basel 1893 v Barcelona

22/10/08, group stage

- Heaviest home defeat

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

- Heaviest away defeat

4-1: Valencia CF v Barcelona (see above for details)

Barcelona have lost 3-0 on three occasions, most recently v AS Roma (see above for details)

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 the European Champion Clubs' Cup, the UEFA Champions League, the UEFA Cup Winners' Cup (1960-1999), the UEFA Europa League, the UEFA Cup, the UEFA Super Cup (1973-to date), the UEFA Intertoto Cup and the European/South American Cup (1960-2004). Matches in the Inter-Cities Fairs Cup and the 1972 Super Cup are included only for information as these were not held under UEFA auspices, while the FIFA Club World Cup is excluded.

:: Match officials

The match officials appointed to officiate the fixture.

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

UEFA: Total matches officiated in UEFA club 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/UEFA Champions League

Tournament: UEFA Europa League/UEFA Champions League

ECCC: European Champion Clubs' Cup/UEFA Champions 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 • **WCHAMP:** UEFA European Women's Championship

:: Competition stages

F: Final

GS: Group stage

GS1: First group stage

GS2: Second group stage

KO1: First knockout round

PR: Preliminary round

QF: Quarter-finals

QR: Qualifying round

QR1: First qualifying round

QR2: Second qualifying round

FT: Final tournament

ELITE: Elite round

3rdPO: Third-place play-off

GS-FT: Group stage – final tournament

3QR: Third qualifying round

R1: First round

R2: Second round

R3: Third round

R4: Fourth round

SF: Semi-finals

R16: Round of 16

R32: Round of 32

1st: first leg

2nd: second leg

PO: Play-off

(Rep): Replay

PO - FT: Play-off for Final Tournament

Prom/rel PO: Promotion/relegation play-off

:: Other abbreviations

(aet): Match decided after extra time

No.: Number
aetps: Match decided after extra time

o.g.: Own goal and penalty shoot-out

ag: Match decided on away goals

agg: Aggregate

AP: Appearances

Comp.: Competition

D: Drawn

DoB: Date of birth

GA: Goals against

GF: Goals for

gg: Match decided on "Golden Goal"

L: Lost

Nat.: Nationality

N/a: Not applicable

(p): Penalty

Pld: Matches played

Pos.: Position

Pts: Points

R: Sent off (straight red card)

Res.: Result

sg: Match decided on "Silver Goal"

t: Match decided by toss of coin

W: Won

Y: Booked

Y/R: Sent off (two yellow cards)

:: Statistics

(-): Denotes player substituted

(*): Denotes player sent off

(+): Denotes player introduced

(+/-): Denotes player introduced and substituted

:: Squad list

D: Disciplinary

S: Suspended

*****: Misses next match if booked

#: Suspended for at least one match

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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