
Guardiola takes Bayern to Barça, Madrid get Juve

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Josep Guardiola will face FC Barcelona for the first time as a coach after his FC Bayern München team were drawn against his former club in the UEFA Champions League semi-finals, with holders Real Madrid CF paired with Juventus in the other last-four tie.

Guardiola led Barcelona to UEFA Champions League victories in 2009 and 2011, two of the 14 trophies his side won during his four years in charge at the Camp Nou. Real Madrid and Juventus, meanwhile, have a rich European history of their own; the semi-final will be their 17th and 18th meetings in UEFA competition, the most famous the 1998 UEFA Champions League final.

UEFA Champions League semi-final draw
FC Barcelona v FC Bayern München 6 & 12 May
Juventus v Real Madrid CF 5 & 13 May

UEFA Champions League final draw
Winners of semi-final 2 v Winners of semi-final 1 6 June

Draw highlights

- Barcelona and Bayern have met in eight previous European ties, all since 1996. Their most recent encounter came in the 2012/13 semi-finals, when Bayern triumphed 4-0 in Munich and 3-0 at the Camp Nou – the biggest aggregate victory in a UEFA Champions League semi-final.
- Bayern also got the better of Barcelona in the 1995/96 UEFA Cup semi-finals, following up a

2-2 first-leg draw in Munich with a 2-1 success at the Camp Nou.

- Indeed, Bayern have won on three of their four visits to Barcelona, posting a 2-1 victory in the 1998/99 group stage. However, their other trip produced a 4-0 first-leg defeat in the 2008/09 UEFA Champions League quarter-finals; Barça went on to lift the trophy.
- Juventus are in the UEFA Champions League semi-finals for the first time in 12 years; in 2002/03 their last-four opponents were also Real Madrid. Then, the Serie A side went down 2-1 in Madrid but won 3-1 in Turin to set up an all-Italian final against AC Milan, which they lost on penalties at Old Trafford, Manchester.
- Juve and Madrid share a European history going back to 1962, when the Spaniards won their European Champion Clubs' Cup quarter-final 3-1 in a replay after each team had prevailed 1-0 away. Their overall record could scarcely be closer, with eight Madrid victories to Juve's seven.
- Their most recent tussle, in last term's group stage, ended in a 2-2 draw – the first stalemate between the sides – at the Juventus Stadium, with Madrid having edged it 2-1 at the Santiago Bernabéu through Cristiano Ronaldo's double.
- The clubs' most famous head-to-head was the 1998 UEFA Champions League final in Amsterdam, Predrag Mijatović scoring the only goal in the 66th minute to give Madrid their seventh European title.

Road to Berlin

- The 2014/15 UEFA Champions League final will be held on Saturday 6 June at the Olympiastadion, Berlin.
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