



Press Release

UEFA Champions League **Chelsea vs Barcelona** **Wednesday 22 February @ 10.15pm**

Their meeting at this stage 12 months ago provided drama, goals and scintillating football in equal measure with a slice or two of controversy thrown in. It is no wonder then that Chelsea FC against FC Barcelona has struck such a chord with supporters across Europe.

On this occasion Chelsea will stage the first game as they attempt to match last season's victory against their Spanish rivals. It is doubtful whether the repeat can surpass the events of that never-to-be-forgotten night in west London but with these two teams, and the array of talent on show, do not bet against it.

Then as now, the tie brought together the teams who had set the pace in their respective leagues in the first half of the season. At Camp Nou, an own goal by defender Juliano Belletti before half-time gave Chelsea the advantage but a stirring recovery, inspired by substitute Maxi Lopez, who scored one and laid on the other for Samuel Eto'o, gave Frank Rijkaard's men a narrow lead to defend in the return.

It had proved a fascinating first contest, yet the second leg touched even greater heights, Chelsea carving out a 3-0 lead in sensational style inside 19 minutes with Eidur Gudjohnsen, Frank Lampard and Damien Duff all cashing in. Back came Barcelona, a Ronaldinho penalty reducing the arrears before a moment of pure skill and

impudence from the Brazilian nudged the visitors ahead on away goals. Chelsea pressed, Barcelona held firm. And then with 14 minutes remaining, captain John Terry's header won it for the English side.

This time round the Catalan giants will do everything in their power to stop the Chelsea powerhouse.

It's the game that everyone wishes could have been the final, don't miss Chelsea vs. Barcelona, Wednesday at 10:15pm, free only on e.tv.

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