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## ***Match schedule for 1999 UEFA Intertoto Cup decided***

***So far, fifty six clubs have confirmed their participation in this summer's competition***

The 1999 UEFA Intertoto Cup will kick off on June 19, when 40 clubs will compete in the first round. The 20 winners will be joined by another 12 competitors in the second round, to be played early in July, and the 16 teams who qualify from that round will be joined by eight teams from Spain, Italy, Turkey, the Netherlands, England, France, Germany and Austria, who have earned the privilege of entering the competition at the third-round stage.

Among this season's illustrious competitors are Italian club Juventus FC, champions of Europe in 1996 and UEFA Champions League finalists in 1997 and 1998. Teams from Romania, Lithuania, Bosnia-Herzegovina and the Faroe Islands therefore have a special incentive to fight their way through the opening two rounds for the privilege of taking on Zinedine Zidane and company in late July. German side Hamburger SV, champions of Europe in 1983, are also among the UEFA Intertoto Cup participants, along with England's West Ham United FC, winners of the UEFA Cup Winners' Cup in 1965 and finalists in 1976. The identity of the four missing teams, two Spanish clubs, the second club from Switzerland and the team from Bosnia-Herzegovina, will be confirmed during the coming days.

As usual, the UEFA Intertoto Cup has been designed to produce three 'winners', each of whom will gain a place in the first round of the 1999-2000 UEFA Cup. All will be seeking to follow the examples set in the 1995-96 season, when FC Girondins de Bordeaux actually reached the final of the UEFA Cup, after qualifying via the UEFA Intertoto Cup, and last season, when Bologna FC reached the semi-finals of the UEFA Cup after advancing from the UEFA Intertoto Cup.

# 1999 UEFA Intertoto Cup

## First Round / Premier tour / Erste Runde

First leg matches / matches aller / Hinspiele: 19/20.06.99

Second leg matches / matches retour / Rückspiele: 26/27.06.99

### **Match Teams**

1	SK Brann (NOR)	- FK Ventspils (LAT)
2	FC Spartak Varna (BUL)	- K. Sint Truidense VV (BEL)
3	KP Polonia Warszawa (POL)	- FC Tiligul (MOL)
4	FC Pobeda (MKD)	- FK Ozeta Dukla Trencin (SVK)
5	NK Rudar Velenje (SLO)	- Halmstads BK (SWE)
6	Herfølge BK (DEN)	- MSK Zilina (SVK)
7	FCM Bacau (ROM)	- FC Ararat (ARM)
8	Lokomotiv-96 Vitebsk (BLS)	- NK Varteks (CRO)
9	US Luxembourg (LUX)	- Vasas SC (HUN)
10	Shelbourne FC (IRL)	- Neuchâtel Xamax FC or FC Luzern (SUI)
11	Ceahlaul Piatra Neamt (ROM)	- FC Ekranas (LIT)
12	SK Hradec Kralové (CZE)	- FC Gome