

MATCH PRESS KIT Group H – Matchday 4

Kashiwa Reysol (JPN) vs Suwon Bluewings (KOR)
Hitachi Kashiwa Stadium, Kashiwa
Tuesday, 09 April 2013, 19:00 local time



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This press kit includes information relating to this AFC Champions League match.

Match background

Japanese side Kashiwa Reysol have put themselves into a strong position to advance to the AFC Champions League Knockout Stage for a second year in a row after making a perfect start in Group H.

Having already beaten Guizhou Renhe 1-0 in China and Australia's Central Coast Mariners 3-1 in Japan, the Emperor's Cup holders secured their third win in a row with a remarkable 6-2 victory at Korean side Suwon Bluewings last week.

Junya Tanaka, Ryiochi Kurisawa and Masato Kudo each netted a pair of goals at the Suwon World Cup Stadium against a team that had not conceded in their previous two Group H games. Choi Jae-soo and Stevica Ristic netted for Suwon, who suffered their heaviest ever defeat in the competition although the scoreline could have been very different if they had not missed three second-half penalties.

Another victory for the Japanese side at the Hitachi Kashiwa Stadium, where they are unbeaten in all four of their previous AFC Champions League matches, would seal their place in the last 16. And even a draw might be enough to see them advance if Central Coast avoid defeat at Guizhou in the other Group H game.

The Australian side claimed only their second AFC Champions League win with a 2-1 victory over Guizhou at Gosford last week thanks to Trent Sainsbury's winner 10 minutes from time.

And thanks to their second-place finish in the A-League's regular season, they are well rested ahead of the return game in China after being given a bye for last weekend's A-League quarter-finals.

While Central Coast are winless in their previous seven away matches in the competition, they may fancy their chances of ending that woeful record against a Guizhou side who have just one point and one goal so far in their maiden AFC Champions League campaign.

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Match facts

Kashiwa Reysol vs Suwon Bluewings

Kashiwa Reysol and Suwon Bluewings are meeting for the second time in the AFC Champions League following the J.League club's stunning 6-2 win in Korea last week. Kashiwa are taking part in the competition for a second time while Suwon are appearing for a fifth time.

Kashiwa Reysol

- Kashiwa Reysol and Group C side Al Ahli of Saudi Arabia are the only teams with perfect records after two games in this season's AFC Champions League.
- A fourth win in a row by Kashiwa, or a draw against Suwon and a win or a draw by Central Coast Mariners against Guizhou would see them advance to the Round of 16 for a second year in a row.
- The 6-2 victory at Suwon was Kashiwa's biggest away win in the AFC Champions League. Their biggest home win was a 5-1 victory over Jeonbuk Motors last year in the only previous game they have hosted against a Korean club.
- Kashiwa are now the tournament's top scoring side with 10 goals in three games. With two goals each at Suwon, Masato Kudi, Junya Tanaka and Ryoichi Kurisawa have joined Leandro Domingues as the team's top scorers.
- Defender Naoya Kondo is suspended after receiving two yellow cards.

Domestic form

Kashiwa were held to a 3-3 draw by Nagoya Grampus in the J.League last Saturday. They are eighth with seven points, eight behind leaders Yokohama F.Marinos.

Suwon Bluewings

- Suwon's 1-0 win at Jubilo Iwata in 2005 is their only victory in five previous matches in Japan in the AFC Champions League. They drew 1-1 at Kashima Antlers on their last visit to the country in 2011.
- Suwon have not been beaten in their last six away games in the AFC Champions League since a 4-1 loss at Seongnam Ilhwa Chunma in the 2010 Quarter-Finals.
- Playing in place of Korea Republic international goalkeeper Jung Sung-ryong, Yang Dong-won had an AFC Champions League debut to forget as he conceded six goals against Kashiwa in his first appearance of the season for Suwon.
- After going scoreless in their first two games, Choi Jae-soo got Suwon's first goal in this season's AFC Champions League with his 52nd minute strike against Kashiwa.

Domestic form

Suwon bounced back from their heavy loss to Kashiwa with a 3-1 home win over Daegu last Saturday that moved them into top spot in the K-League Classic table with 12 points from five games, one point ahead of second-placed Pohang Steelers.

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Guizhou Renhe vs Central Coast Mariners

This is the second AFC Champions League meeting between Central Coast Mariners and Guizhou Renhe following the Australian side's 2-1 victory last week. Guizhou are making their debut in the competition while Central Coast are making their third appearance.

Guizhou Renhe

- Guizhou will be mathematically out of contention for a spot in the Knockout Stage if they lose to Central Coast.
- Chinese clubs have managed only two wins in the previous 11 home games that they have played against Australian clubs in the AFC Champions League. They have drawn six and lost the other three.
- A Guizhou player has yet to score a goal in the AFC Champions League. The club found the net for the first and, so far, only time with an own goal by Joshua Rose in the 2-1 loss at Central Coast last week.
- Guizhou coach Gong Lei has made only one change to his starting line-up in their first three games, bringing in Wu Wei to replace suspended defender Zhang Chenglin in the match at Central Coast.
- Captain Sun Jihai, midfielder Jonas Salley and forward Zlatan Muslimovic have one yellow card each to their names and face one-game suspensions if they are booked again during the Group Stage.

Domestic form

Guizhou Renhe picked up their first win of the Chinese Super League season with a 2-1 victory over Wuhan Zall on March 29. They are currently seventh, eight points behind leaders Shandong Luneng but with a game in hand.

Central Coast Mariners

- Central Coast Mariners have not managed a win in their previous seven away matches in the AFC Champions League. They have lost five but have drawn both of their previous matches in China against Tianjin Teda, 2-2 in 2009 and 0-0 last year.
- Pedrag Bojic and Trent Sainbury joined Patrick Zwaanswijk as the only Mariners scorers in this year's tournament with their goals in the 2-1 win over Guizhou.
- Joshua Rose's own goal against Guizhou was the fifth to be scored in this year's tournament. Anderson Martins (El Jaish), Hanif Omran Zadeh (Esteghlal), Thritthi Nonsrichai (Muangthong United) and Keita Suzuki (Urawa Red Diamonds) have also scored at their own end this season.

Domestic form

Central Coast finished the A-League regular season in second place after a 2-1 win over Melbourne Heart in their final match on March 3, which left them three points behind champions Western Sydney Wanderers. They face Melbourne Victory in the A-League semi-finals on April 14.

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Competition fixtures & standings

GROUP H	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	+/-	Pts
KASHIWA REYSOL (JPN)	3	3	0	0	10	3	7	9
CENTRAL COAST MARINERS (AUS)	3	1	1	1	3	4	-1	4
SUWON BLUEWINGS (KOR)	3	0	2	1	2	6	-4	2
GUIZHOU RENHE (CHN)	3	0	1	2	1	3	-2	1

27 February 2013

CENTRAL COAST MARINERS (AUS) 0-0 SUWON BLUEWINGS (KOR)
GUIZHOU RENHE (CHN) 0-1 KASHIWA REYSOL (JPN)
(KR: Cleo 45+1)

13 March 2013

SUWON BLUEWINGS (KOR) 0-0 GUIZHOU RENHE (CHN)
KASHIWA REYSOL (JPN) 3-1 CENTRAL COAST MARINERS (AUS)
(KR: Leandro Domingues 21, 88; Kenta Kano 67; CCM: Patrick Zwaanswijk 8)

03 April 2013

SUWON BLUEWINGS (KOR) 2-6 KASHIWA REYSOL (JPN)
(SB: Choi Jae-soo 52, Stevica Ristic 73-pen; KR: Junya Tanaka 16, 67, Ryiochi Kurisawa 51, 74, Masato Kudo 55, 90+3)
CENTRAL COAST MARINERS (AUS) 2-1 GUIZHOU RENHE (CHN)
(CCM: Pedrag Bojic 50, Trent Sainsbury 80; GR: Joshua Rose 71-og)

09 April 2013

KASHIWA REYSOL (JPN) – SUWON BLUEWINGS (KOR) at Hitachi Kashiwa Stadium, 19:00
GUIZHOU RENHE (CHN) – CENTRAL COAST MARINERS (AUS) at Guiyang Olympic Centre Stadium, 19:30

23 April 2013

SUWON BLUEWINGS (KOR) – CENTRAL COAST MARINERS (AUS) at Suwon World Cup Stadium, 19:30
KASHIWA REYSOL (JPN) – GUIZHOU RENHE (CHN) at Hitachi Kashiwa Stadium, 19:00

30 April 2013

CENTRAL COAST MARINERS (AUS) – KASHIWA REYSOL (JPN) at Central Coast Stadium, 19:00 (20:30)
GUIZHOU RENHE (CHN) – SUWON BLUEWINGS (KOR) at Guiyang Olympic Centre Stadium, 19:30 (18:30)

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Squad information

Central Coast Mariners

No	Pos	Player Name	DOB	Nat	Pl	Min	Gs	YC	RC
1	GK	MATHEW RYAN	08 Apr, 1992	AUS	3	270	-4		
2	FW	DANIEL MCBREEN	23 Apr, 1977	AUS	2	180		1	
3	DF	JOSHUA ROSE	16 Dec, 1981	AUS	2	180			
4	DF	PREDRAG BOJIC	09 Apr, 1984	AUS	2	180	1		
5	DF	ZACHARY ANDERSON	30 Apr, 1991	AUS	2	180			
6	DF	PATRICK ZWAANSWIJK	17 Jan, 1975	NED	2	180	1		
7	MF	JOHN HUTCHINSON	29 Dec, 1979	AUS	2	180		1	
8	MF	ADRIANO PELLEGRINO	09 Jun, 1984	AUS	1	59			
9	FW	BERNIE IBINI-ISEI	12 Sep, 1992	AUS	1 (2)	128		1	
10	FW	TOM ROGIC	16 Dec, 1992	AUS					
11	MF	OLIVER BOZANIC	08 Jan, 1989	AUS	2 (1)	186			
13	DF	BRENT GRIFFITHS	24 Mar, 1990	AUS	1	90		1	
14	MF	MICHAEL MCGLINCHEY	07 Jan, 1987	NZL	2 (1)	193			
15	DF	BRAD MCDONALD	17 Feb, 1990	AUS					
16	DF	TRENT SAINSBURY	05 Jan, 1992	AUS	3	270	1	1	
17	MF	ANTHONY CACERES	29 Sep, 1992	AUS	1	74			
18	MF	NICK MONTGOMERY	28 Oct, 1981	ENG	2 (1)	190			
19	FW	MITCHELL DUKE	18 Jan, 1991	AUS	1 (1)	118			
20	GK	JUSTIN PASFIELD	30 May, 1985	AUS					
21	FW	MILE STERJOVSKI	27 May, 1979	AUS	2	152			
23	FW	ADAM KWASNIK	31 May, 1983	AUS					
24	DF	HAYDEN MORTON	02 Mar, 1994	AUS					
25	DF	MICHAEL NEILL	04 Jul, 1994	AUS					
29	MF	NICK FITZGERALD	13 Feb, 1992	AUS	2	160			
30	GK	DAVID BRADASEVIC	23 Aug, 1993	AUS					

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Guizhou Renhe

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1	GK	JUN SHEN	05 Oct, 1986	CHN					
3	DF	ZHANG CHENGLIN	20 Jan, 1987	CHN	2	180		2	
4	MF	JONAS SALLEY	16 Mar, 1982	AUS	3	247		1	
5	DF	WU WEI	10 Mar, 1983	CHN	1 (1)	75			
6	MF	FAN YUNLONG	15 Mar, 1989	CHN					
7	DF	VICTORIANO RIVAS	07 Jul, 1980	ESP	3	270			
8	MF	LI CHUNYU	09 Oct, 1986	CHN	(1)	23			
9	FW	ZLATAN MUSLIMOVIC	06 Mar, 1981	SWE	3	270		1	
10	MF	ZVJEDAN MISIMOVIC	05 Jun, 1982	BIH	3	270			
12	GK	ZHANG LIE	25 May, 1982	CHN	3	270	-3		
13	MF	SHI LIANG	11 May, 1989	CHN	(1)	22			
14	MF	YANG YIHU	16 Sep, 1991	CHN	(1)	5			
15	FW	CHEN JIE	15 Oct, 1989	CHN	3	231			
17	DF	SUN JIHAI	30 Sep, 1977	CHN	3	270		1	
20	MF	CHEN ZIJIE	24 Dec, 1989	CHN					
21	MF	YU HAI	04 Jun, 1987	CHN	3	270			
22	GK	SHENG PENG	19 Feb, 1989	CHN					
25	DF	LI KAI	25 Jul, 1989	CHN	(1)	32		1	
26	MF	LI SHUAI	19 May, 1994	CHN					
27	MF	QU BO	15 Jul, 1981	CHN					
29	MF	YANG HAO	19 Aug, 1983	CHN	3	265			
30	DF	LIU QING	05 Apr, 1986	CHN					
31	DF	RAO WEIHUI	25 Mar, 1989	CHN	3	270			
33	DF	GUO SHENG	07 Jan, 1993	CHN					
36	DF	XIANG HANTIAN	21 Nov, 1995	CHN					
37	DF	YU RUI	11 Aug, 1992	CHN					

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Kashiwa Reysol

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1	GK	KAZUSHIGE KIRIHATA	30 Jun, 1987	JPN					
2	DF	MASATO FUJITA	08 May, 1986	JPN	2	171		1	
3	DF	NAOYA KONDO	03 Oct, 1983	JPN	3	270		2	
4	DF	DAISUKE SUZUKI	29 Jan, 1990	JPN	2	180			
5	DF	TATSUYA MASUSHIMA	22 Apr, 1985	JPN	3	270			
7	MF	HIDEKAZU OTANI	06 Nov, 1984	JPN	3	270			
8	FW	MASAKATSU SAWA	12 Jan, 1983	JPN					
9	FW	MASATO KUDO	06 May, 1990	JPN	3	256	2		
10	MF	LEANDRO DOMINGUES	24 Aug, 1983	BRA	3	270	2	1	
11	MF	CLEO	09 Aug, 1985	BRA	2	173	1		
14	MF	KENTA KANO	02 May, 1986	JPN	2	180	1		
15	MF	JORGE WAGNER	17 Nov, 1978	BRA	1	90			
16	GK	KOJI INADA	19 Jun, 1985	JPN					
17	MF	HIROKI AKINO	08 Oct, 1994	JPN					
18	MF	JUNYA TANAKA	15 Jul, 1987	JPN	1 (1)	97	2		
19	FW	YU KIMURA	03 Jun, 1994	JPN					
20	MF	AKIMI BARADA	30 May, 1991	JPN	1	70			
21	GK	TAKANORI SUGENO	03 May, 1984	JPN	3	270	-3	1	
22	DF	WATARU HASHIMOTO	14 Sep, 1986	JPN					
23	DF	HIROFUMI WATANABE	07 Jul, 1987	JPN					
25	MF	YUSUKIE KOBAYASHI	23 Oct, 1994	JPN					
26	MF	TETSURO OTA	02 Jul, 1989	JPN					
27	DF	KIM CHANG-SOO	12 Sep, 1985	KOR	1 (1)	99		1	
28	MF	RYOICHI KURISAWA	05 Sep, 1982	JPN	1 (1)	110	2		
29	MF	HIROYUKI TANIGUCHI	27 Jun, 1985	JPN	1 (1)	104			
30	MF	RYOSUKE YAMANAKA	20 Apr, 1993	JPN	1	90			
31	GK	KOSUKE NAKAMURA	27 Feb, 1995	JPN					

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Suwon Bluewings

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1	GK	JUNG SUNG-RYONG	04 Jan, 1985	KOR	2	180	0		
2	DF	CHOI JAE-SOO	02 May, 1983	KOR	2	161	1	1	
3	DF	LEE JONG-MIN	01 Sep, 1983	KOR	1	90			
4	DF	KWAK KWANGSUN	28 Mar, 1986	KOR	3	270			
5	MF	PARK HYUN-BEOM	07 May, 1987	KOR	1	79			
6	MF	LEE YONG-RAE	17 Apr, 1986	KOR					
7	FW	DONG GEON	16 Apr, 1986	KOR	2	120			
8	MF	KIM DO-HEON	14 Jul, 1982	KOR	2	143			
9	MF	OH JANG-EUN	24 Jul, 1985	KOR	2	180		1	
10	FW	DZENAN RADONCIC	02 Aug, 1983	MNE	1 (1)	69			
11	FW	STEVICA RISTIC	23 May, 1982	MKD	1 (2)	136	1		
13	MF	SEO JUNG-JIN	06 Sep, 1989	KOR	3	236			
14	FW	JONG TAE-SE	02 Mar, 1984	KOR	2	180			
15	DF	HONG SOON-AK	19 Sep, 1980	KOR	2	180			
16	MF	CHO JI-HUN	29 May, 1990	KOR	1 (1)	111			
17	MF	HONG CHUL	17 Sep, 1990	KOR	3	270			
18	MF	PARK JONG-JIN	24 Jun, 1987	KOR	(1)	30			
19	MF	CHO YONG-TAE	31 Mar, 1986	KOR					
20	MF	LEE HYUN-WOONG	27 Apr, 1988	KOR	(1)	16			
21	GK	YANG DONG-WON	05 Feb, 1987	KOR	1	90	-6		
22	MF	KWON CHANG-HOON	30 Jun, 1994	KOR	(1)	11			
23	FW	EDDY BOSNAR	29 Apr, 1980	AUS	1	90			
25	MF	RODRIGO PIMPAO	23 Oct, 1987	BRA	(1)	33			
28	DF	CHU PYUNG-KANG	22 Apr, 1990	KOR					
29	DF	KWAK HEE-JU	05 Oct, 1981	KOR	2	180		1	
30	DF	SIN SE-GYE	16 Sep, 1990	KOR					
31	GK	JUNG DAUN	13 Jul, 1989	KOR					
34	DF	YEON JIE-MIN	28 May, 1993	KOR					
36	MF	KIM DAE-KYUNG	02 Sep, 1991	KOR	1 (1)	115			
39	DF	MIN SANG-GI	27 Aug, 1991	KOR					

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Team coach profiles

Central Coast Mariners

Graham Arnold

Born: 03 Aug, 1963 (49)

Nationality: Australian

Graham Arnold may have taken plenty of flak for failing to lead Australia past the quarter-finals on their AFC Asian Cup debut in 2007. However the 48-year-old is a canny and experienced coach who has shown his ability to assemble and craft a successful team at Central Coast since taking charge of the club in 2010.

Guizhou Renhe

Gong Lei

Born: 15 Oct, 1965 (47)

Nationality: Chinese

Handed the role just before the start of pre-season winter training following the surprise departure of Gao Hongbo, Gong Lei has been involved in the coaching set-up with Guizhou Renhe for the last five years and the 47-year-old has held the head coaching position on a caretaker basis.

Kashiwa Reysol

Nelshinho Baptista

Born: 22 Jul, 1950 (62)

Nationality: Brazilian

While the well-travelled Nelshino Baptista has gained vast experience as a football coach over the past three decades, the last two years have been perhaps the most successful of his long career. He was deservedly named the J.League's Manager of the Year in 2011 after helping Kashiwa to win the league's second and first division titles in consecutive seasons.

Suwon Bluewings

Seo Jung-won

Born: 17 Dec, 1970 (42)

Nationality: Korean

With Yoon Sung-hyo stepping down as coach after the 2012 campaign, Suwon have installed playing legend and former assistant coach Seo Jung-won as their new boss. A former assistant coach of the Korean U-23 national team, Seo has promised an aggressive and entertaining brand of football by his side in his first head coaching role.

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Team facts

Central Coast Mariners

- Although they are one of the A-League's smaller franchises, Central Coast Mariners are also one of its leading teams, winning the Premiership twice and reaching the Grand Final on three occasions since the competition's inception in 2005.
- The team from Gosford have yet to land an A-League title as they lost 1-0 to Sydney FC and Newcastle Jets in 2006 and 2008 respectively and were beaten in a penalty shootout by Brisbane Roar in 2011. They topped the regular season table last year but they were eliminated after another shootout loss against Perth Glory in the Preliminary Final.
- The Mariners will be looking to improve on their previous two appearances in the AFC Champions League after they went out at the Group Stage in 2009 and last year. They were winless in their first 10 games in the competition but they finally notched their first victory in 2012 with a 5-1 demolition of China's Tianjin Teda.

AFC Champions League record

2012 – Group Stage

2009 – Group Stage

Overall AFC Champions League record (including play-off games)

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA
Overall	15	2	6	7	15	28
Home	8	2	4	2	9	10
Away	7	0	2	5	6	18

Biggest wins

Home: 5-1 – vs Tianjin Teda, 2012, Group Stage

Heaviest defeats

Home: 0-5 – vs Kawasaki Frontale, 2009, Group Stage

Away: 0-5 – vs Seongnam Chunma, 2012, Group Stage

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Guizhou Renhe

- Surprise package Guizhou Renhe finished fourth in the Chinese Super League last season and reached the Chinese FA Cup Final under former national team coach Gao Hongbo to earn a debut appearance in the AFC Champions League
- As Inter Shanghai, the club came close to winning the domestic title in 2003 only to miss out by one point to Shanghai Shenhua. They moved to the central city of Xian in 2006 before relocating to Guiyang in south-western China in 2012
- Having secured their best top-flight finish in eight years in their first season as Guizhou Renhe following a third place finish in 2004, Guizhou lost the FA Cup Final 5-3 on aggregate to domestic double winners Guangzhou Evergrande.
- But despite the success, Gao resigned in December just before the start of winter pre-season training citing his desire to move abroad to further his coaching knowledge and former team-mate Gong Lei was promoted to fill the vacated role.

First AFC Champions appearance

Overall AFC Champions League record (including play-off games)

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA
Overall	3	0	1	2	1	3
Home	1	0	0	1	0	1
Away	2	0	1	1	1	2

Heaviest defeats

Home: 0-1 – vs Kashiwa Reysol, 2013, Group Stage

Away: 1-2 – vs Central Coast Mariners, 2013, Group Stage

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Kashiwa Reysol

- Kashiwa Reysol made their debut appearance in the AFC Champions League in 2012 and, after a slow start, they progressed to the Round of 16, where they were eliminated after losing 3-2 to eventual champions Ulsan Hyundai.
- The “Sun Kings” had made J.League history in 2011 when they became the first side to claim the top-flight title in their first season following promotion from the second division.
- Repeating that success was always going to be a difficult and Nelsinho Baptista’s team struggled in the early stages of the 2012 season. Their elimination from the AFC Champions League coincided with an upturn in domestic form but they still managed only a sixth-place finish in the league.
- While Reysol failed to match their 2011 performance in the league, they proved they still remain one of the current leaders of Japanese football by lifting the Emperor’s Cup with a 1-0 win over former AFC Champions League winners Gamba Osaka in the Final.

AFC Champions League record

2012 – Group Stage

Overall AFC Champions League record (including play-off games)

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA
Overall	10	6	1	3	23	13
Home	4	3	1	0	9	2
Away	6	3	0	3	14	11

Biggest wins

Home: 5-1 – vs Jeonbuk Hyundai Motors, 2012, Group Stage

Away: 6-2 – vs Suwon Bluewings, 2013, Group Stage

Heaviest defeats

Away: 1-3 – vs Guangzhou Evergrande, 2012, Group Stage

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Suwon Samsung Bluewings

- Winners of the last two editions of both the Asian Club Championship and the Asian Super Cup in 2001 and 2002, Korean side Suwon Bluewings have yet to enjoy similar success in the AFC Champions League, a competition in which they will make their fifth appearance this season.
- They enjoyed their best performance in the AFC Champions League in 2011 when they reached the Semi-Finals for the first time but bowed out after an acrimonious 2-1 aggregate defeat by eventual winners Al Sadd of Qatar.
- Formed in 1995, Suwon have enjoyed plenty of success in the past 18 years, winning four K-League titles and three Korean FA Cups in addition to their continental titles. They missed out on the AFC Champions League last year after they finished fourth in the K-League and lost the Korean FA Cup Final in 2011.
- They finished fourth again last year but qualified for the continental competition after FA Cup winners Pohang Steelers also finished third in the league.

AFC Champions League record

2011 – Semi-Finals

2010 – Quarter-Finals

2009 – Round of 16

2005 – Group Stage

Overall AFC Champions League record (including play-off games)

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA
Overall	36	21	8	7	65	34
Home	18	12	4	2	42	17
Away	18	8	4	6	23	17

Biggest wins

Home: 6-0 – vs Hoang Anh Gia Lai, 2005, Group Stage

Away: 5-1 – vs Hoang Anh Gia Lai, 2005, Group Stage

Heaviest defeats

Home: 2-6 – vs Kashiwa Reysol, 2013, Group Stage

Away: 1-4 – vs Seongnam Chunma, 2010, Quarter-Final

0-3 – vs Kashima Antlers, 2009, Group Stage

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Domestic results & standings

Central Coast Mariners

Most recent games

Comp.	Date	Opponent	Res.
League	02/03/13	Western Sydney (H)	0-1
League	09/03/13	Sydney FC (A)	0-2
League	17/03/13	Brisbane Roar (H)	1-0
League	24/03/13	Adelaide United (A)	2-0
League	30/03/13	Melbourne Heart (H)	2-1

A-League – final standings 2012-13 season (top five)

Pos.	Club	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1	Western Sydney Wanderers	27	18	3	6	41	21	57
2	Central Coast Mariners	27	16	6	5	48	22	54
3	Melbourne Victory	27	13	5	9	48	45	44
4	Adelaide United	27	12	5	10	38	37	41
5	Brisbane Roar	27	10	5	12	33	29	35

Guizhou Renhe

Most recent games

Comp.	Date	Opponent	Res.
League	08/03/13	Qingdao Jonoon (H)	1-2
League	16/03/13	Shanghai East Asia (A)	1-1
League	29/03/13	Wuhan Zall (H)	2-1

Chinese Super League – current standings (top five)

Pos.	Club	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1	Shandong Luneng	4	4	0	0	7	1	12
2	Beijing Guoan	4	3	1	0	7	2	10
3	Qingdao Jonoon	4	3	1	0	5	2	10
4	Guangzhou Evergrande	3	2	1	0	9	2	7
5	Liaoning Whowin	4	1	3	0	8	6	6
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7	Guizhou Renhe	3	1	1	1	4	4	4

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Kashiwa Reysol

Most recent games

Comp.	Date	Opponent	Res.
League	03/03/13	Kawasaki Frontale (H)	3-1
League	09/03/13	FC Tokyo (A)	0-3
League	16/03/13	Vegalta Sendai (A)	1-2
League	30/03/13	Oita Trinita (H)	3-1
League	06/04/13	Nagoya Grampus (H)	3-3

J.League – current standings (top five)

Pos.	Club	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1	Yokohama F Marinos	5	5	0	0	17	6	15
2	Urawa Red Diamonds	5	4	1	0	9	4	13
3	Omiya Ardija	5	3	2	0	8	4	11
4	Cerezo Osaka	5	3	1	1	5	3	10
5	Nagoya Grampus	5	2	2	1	7	5	8
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
8	Kashiwa Reysol	5	2	1	2	10	10	7

Suwon Bluewings

Most recent games

Comp.	Date	Opponent	Res.
League	03/03/13	Seongnam Chunma (A)	2-1
League	09/03/13	Gangwon (A)	1-0
League	17/03/13	Pohang Steelers (H)	0-2
League	30/03/13	Jeonbuk Motors (A)	2-1
League	06/04/13	Daegu (H)	3-1

K-League Classic – current standings (top five)

Pos.	Club	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1	Suwon Bluewings	5	4	0	1	8	5	12
2	Pohang Steelers	5	3	2	0	10	4	11
3	Ulsan Hyundai	5	3	1	1	9	5	10
4	Jeonbuk Motors	5	3	1	1	9	6	10
5	Incheon United	5	2	2	1	8	6	8

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Roll of Honour

Year	Winners	Runners-up	Score	Venue	
2012	Ulsan Hyundai (KOR)	Al Ahli (KSA)	3-0	Ulsan	
2011	Al Sadd (QAT)	Jeonbuk Motors (KOR)	2-2 (4-2pen)	Jeonju	
2010	Seongnam Ilhwa (KOR)	Zobahan (IRN)	3-1	Tokyo	
2009	Pohang Steelers (KOR)	Al Ittihad (KSA)	2-1	Tokyo	
Year	Winners	Runners-up	1 st leg	2 nd leg	Agg
2008	Gamba Osaka (JPN)	Adelaide United (AUS)	3-0 (H)	2-0 (A)	5-0
2007	Urawa Red Diamonds (JPN)	Sepahan (IRN)	1-1 (A)	2-0 (H)	3-1
2006	Jeonbuk Motors (KOR)	Al Karama (SYR)	2-0 (H)	1-2 (A)	3-2
2005	Al Ittihad (KSA)	Al Ain (UAE)	1-1 (A)	4-2 (H)	5-3
2004	Al Ittihad (KSA)	Seongnam Ilhwa (KOR)	1-3 (H)	5-0 (A)	6-3
2002-03	Al Ain (UAE)	BEC Tero Sasana (THA)	2-0 (H)	0-1 (A)	2-1

- The first Asian club competition – the Asian Club Championship – began in 1967 when Hapoel Tel Aviv of Israel defeated Selangor of Malaysia 2-1 in the Final in Bangkok. The competition was discontinued in 1972 but was revived in 1986 when Korean side Daewoo Royals beat Al Ahli of Saudi Arabia 3-1 in the Final in Jeddah.
- In 2002, the Asian Club Championship was discontinued and merged with the Asian Cup Winners' Cup to form the AFC Champions League. The inaugural tournament in 2002-03 was won by Al Ain, who beat Thailand's BEC Tero Sasana in the Final to become the first United Arab Emirates club to win an Asian continental title.
- Al Ittihad of Saudi Arabia are the only team to have won two AFC Champions League titles. They claimed the 2004 crown after a 6-3 aggregate victory against Seongnam Ilhwa Chunma of Korea Republic in the Final and they retained the title with a 5-3 aggregate victory against Al Ain the following year.
- Jeonbuk Hyundai Motors of Korea Republic were crowned champions of Asia in 2006 despite not previously winning their domestic league title. They beat Al Karama of Syria 3-2 on aggregate in the Final.
- Urawa Red Diamonds of Japan took the title the following year when they beat Iranian side Sepahan 3-1 on aggregate in the Final. The J.League side did not lose a game during their run to their title, winning five matches and drawing the other seven.
- Gamba Osaka were also unbeaten when they claimed the AFC Champions League title in 2008. The Japanese club won nine of their 12 games, including all six of their away matches, and thumped Adelaide United of Australia 5-0 on aggregate in the Final. They also enjoyed a record 19-match unbeaten run in the competition that was ended by a 2-1 defeat to FC Seoul in the Group Stage in 2009.
- Pohang Steelers became the first team to win both the AFC Champions League and Asian Club Championship with their 2-1 victory over Al Ittihad in the 2009 Final in Tokyo. Having won back-to-back Asian Club Championships in 1997 and 1998, they are also the first side to be crowned Asian club champions on three occasions.

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- Seongnam Ilhwa Chunma became the second team after Pohang to win both the Asian Club Championship and AFC Champions League when they beat Zobahan of Iran 3-1 in Tokyo to win the 2010 tournament. They won the 1995 Asian Club Championship and 1996 Asian Super Cup when the club was known as Ilhwa Chunma.
- The 2011 AFC Champions League Final was the first to go to extra-time and penalties. Jeonbuk Motors were denied a second title after they lost 4-2 on penalties to Al Sadd after a 2-2 draw at the Jeonju World Cup Stadium.
- Ulsan Hyundai became the third Korean club in four years and the fourth overall to lift the AFC Champions League trophy with a 3-0 win over Al Ahli of Saudi Arabia in the 2012 Final. In winning the championship, they went unbeaten throughout their campaign and set a new tournament record with nine consecutive victories.

Asian Football Confederation information

The Asian Football Confederation (AFC) is the governing body of the football in Asia, including Australia with a total of 47 members.

The organisation was founded on 8 May 1954 in Manila, Philippines and is one of FIFA's six continental confederations. The headquarters is at AFC House in Bukit Jalil in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia and the Acting President is Zhang Jilong of China.

The AFC organised the first continental championship – the Asian Cup – in 1956, and introduced the first continental club competition – the Asian Club Championship in 1967.

In 1990, the AFC introduced a new competition for the continent's cup winners – the Asian Cup Winners' Cup. In 1995, the winners of the Asian Club Championship and Asian Cup Winners' Cup began to meet annually in the Asian Super Cup.

In 2002, however, all three club competitions were merged into the AFC Champions League, which featured domestic league and cup winners from throughout Asia. The inaugural tournament featured more than 40 teams but the competition format was streamlined for the second edition in 2004, which had the defending champions and 28 other teams from 14 countries.

The competition was revamped again in 2009 with 32 teams competing in eight groups. The Final was also changed from a two-legged affair to a one-game championship match.

The tournament has been revised again for the 2013 season with the Final reverting to a two-leg format. The Round of 16, which was introduced in 2009 as single elimination games, will also be played over two legs from 2013 onwards.

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