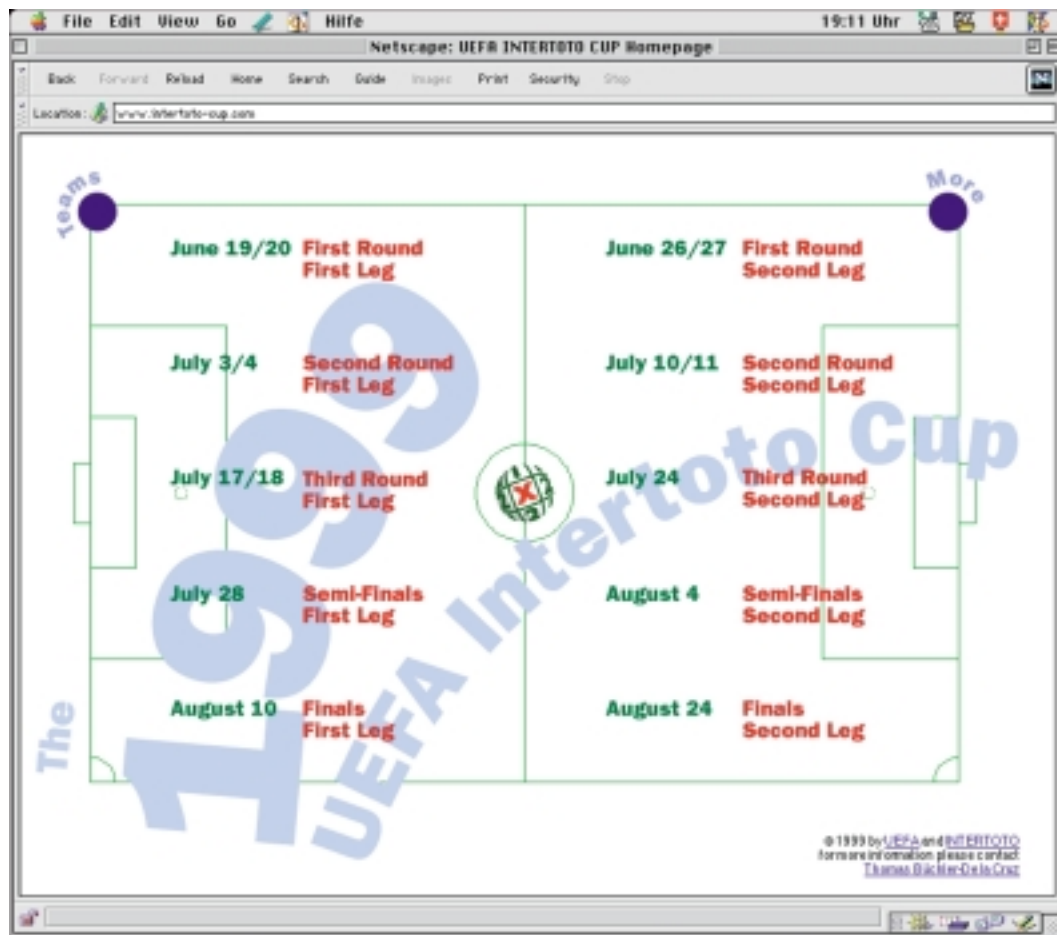


www.intertoto-cup.com
the new UEFA Intertoto Cup
information Website



Toto companies need instant access to the information they require for their UEFA Intertoto Cup-based Toto or Oddset games. To serve its members better, the European Football Pool's new Website at www.intertoto-cup.com will contain the names of the participating teams, information on their performance, national championship game statistics, fixture dates, kick-off times and, of course, game scores. Each item is as topical as the EFP can make it. Now, toto companies can assume that information not on the Website simply isn't available yet – anywhere.

The '99 edition of the UEFA Intertoto Cup

Sixty teams will seek to emulate this season's UEFA Cup semi-finalists Bologna FC as they take part in the 1999 UEFA Intertoto Cup, which commences on 19 June. Bologna reached the semi-final of the UEFA Cup after qualifying via the Intertoto Cup, and there are three places available in next season's competition for the «winners» of the summer Intertoto Cup.

The 1999 UEFA Intertoto Cup competition will kick off on 19 June and conclude on 24 August, when three clubs will clinch places in the first round of the '99/2000 UEFA Cup.

The format will be the same as last year, which was highly successful and saw clubs from all top countries taking part.

Forty clubs will play in the first round, on June 19-20 and 26-27. Twelve of the 20 seeded teams for the Second Round will join the 20 winners on July 3-4 and 10-11. The resulting 16 winners will then be joined

in a third round by the top eight seeds, with the first legs being slated for July 17-18 and the return legs for July 24.

The subsequent twelve winners will participate in semi-final matches on 28 July and 4 August. Those six winners will play in the final phase, on August 10 and 24, with the three winners guaranteed a place in the UEFA Cup first round.

The seedings were decided on the basis of the table of coefficients which was used to determine the number of participants per association in the 1998/99 UEFA Cup. The top eight seeds, who will enter the competition in the third round, were, therefore, the top clubs entered from Italy, Spain, France, Germany, the Netherlands, England, Turkey and Austria. Greece and Portugal, which would have had clubs among the top eight seeds, have decided not to enter any teams in the competition. Competing associations have until June 1 '99 to announce their teams. □



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