



WELCOME TO

Barcelona v Manchester United

Stadio Olimpico, Rome
Wednesday, May 27th 2009
Kick-off 8.45pm

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And welcome to the city of Rome for the Champions League final, where for the third year in succession the Football Supporters' Federation is providing a Fans' Embassy service to assist Manchester United supporters.

So what's the Fans' Embassy all about? Well, some of you may already be familiar with the work we've been doing around England games, going back to Italia '90. The Fans' Embassy is a service run by fans, for fans, providing information, advice and practical assistance to travelling supporters. At England games we produce a fanzine much like this one (the England version's called Free Lions), and operate a telephone helpline, website information, and a team of willing volunteers.

What we're offering here in Rome runs on similar lines, except with this Away Goals fanzine, and a team of volunteers who are themselves Manchester United fans.

Inside these pages you'll find useful advice and information – as up-to-date as print deadlines would allow us to be – as well as contributions from United fans on the campaign that led here and the quizzes and other nonsense to entertain you.

to produce Away Goals impacts on what we put in it. Consequently none of our supporters can be held in any way responsible for the contents of, nor the views expressed in, this fanzine.

This fanzine has been a team effort. It was edited by Kevin Miles, and thanks are due to the FSF's Garreth Cummins, Steve Powell, Phil Rowley and



The Fans' Embassy in Rome will operate on the afternoon of Tuesday 26th March, and all day on match-day. At the time of going to press, we still hadn't received any confirmation from the Italian authorities as to where they would allow us to base ourselves, but we're hoping to be in a central location where it's easy enough to find us. If you need help with anything, we're also available via our 24-hour Fans' Embassy telephone helpline, on +44 7956 12 13 14. Even if we can't immediately answer your question ourselves, we aim to be able to get in touch with the people who can.

The Fans' Embassy service is here to provide support for ALL fans, regardless of whether or not they have officially-supplied match tickets. We are a completely independent supporters' organisation, and offer fully confidential assistance. No information on any individual is ever passed on to the police authorities, either British or from the host country

Anne-Marie Mockridge; the Fans' Embassy team: Colin Hendrie, Steven Bennett, Ian Stirling, Mark Southee, Stuart Butler, Paul O'Grady and Amy Cowles; Ashley Green, Geoff Pearson, Andy Mitten, Tony Conniford, Kevin Gibson, Andy Wilkinson and the ever-helpful and constructive Phil Townsend. Thanks are also due to Manchester United FC for the player photographs.

THE CHAMPIONS LEAGUE FINAL 2009



...the FREE fanzine produced and distributed by the FOOTBALL SUPPORTERS' FEDERATION (FSF) as part of our FANS' EMBASSY service.

In this edition of Away Goals, we've done our best to address most of the issues that our own experience as fans travelling abroad has taught us you are likely to need to know about.

All the information we've given is as accurate as we can make it at the time of going to press, but it's in the nature of events such as this that sometimes arrangements can be changed at the last minute, or that details aren't finalised before the printers need to get to work on churning out several thousand copies of this fanzine.

In the event that there's anything you need to know that you can't find answered within these pages, please make use of the telephone helpline. It's a 24-hour service, although

please note that it's staffed by volunteer football fans: we don't mind taking calls in the small hours of the morning to help with genuine urgent problems, but we'd rather leave debates about quiz answers and the like till daylight.

There are some issues that we ourselves are aware of that hadn't been clarified in time for our print deadlines: talk for instance of an alcohol ban in the city centre hadn't delivered any definitive answers about the geographical area affected or how the authorities planned to police it. That's the sort of thing though that we'll be keeping on top of as the days get by, so if you want to know the latest, either talk to one of the Fans' Embassy volunteers or give us a ring on the Helpline.

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THE BRITISH EMBASSY

The British Embassy in Rome is here to help, and can provide assistance in emergencies, sort out replacements for lost passports, and put you in touch with an English-speaking lawyer in the event of an arrest.

Please note however that the British Embassy CANNOT get you out of jail or interfere with court proceedings, pay your bills, give you money, or make travel arrangements for you.

If you need the assistance of the British Embassy while in Rome for the match, call:
00 39 06 4220 0001.

There will be a team of 30 consular staff devoted to the Champions League final from May 26th to 28th, and there will be a consular team at both Rome's main airports, Fiumicino and Ciampino, on stand-by for advice.

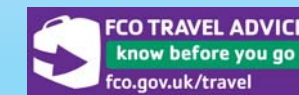
Some tips from the British Embassy:

Take care of your valuables in busy areas and on public transport – pick-pockets may be operating. Be especially wary around the main railway station, Termini, on the number 64 bus, and when unloading baggage from airport/ city coaches

Be wary of groups of children who may try to distract your attention whilst trying to steal from you

Don't carry all your valuables - passports, credit cards and money - in the same bag or pocket

Don't carry valuables around with you unless you need to – consider putting them in a safety deposit box in your hotel



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