



Manchester United FC **2 - 1** **FC Bayern München**

First Half

Start 20:45'05"


 6' 14 Mario Basler


End 21:31'07" Extra 1'02"


Second Half


Start 21:46'11"

 60' 11 Stefan Effenberg

 67' 15 Blomqvist (out) / 10 Sheringham (in)

 71' 21 Zickler (out) / 7 Scholl (in)

 80' 10 Matthäus (out) / 17 Fink (in)

 81' 9 Cole (out) / 20 Solskjaer (in)

 90' 14 Basler (out) / 20 Salihamidzic (in)

 91' 10 Teddy Sheringham

 93' 20 Ole Gunnar Solskjaer

End 22:34'47" Extra 3'36"

 Goal  Booked  Sent off  Substitution

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Alex Ferguson's Post-Match Reaction

"The most important factor for the game was that you cannot deny our team spirit and will to win. This won us the trophy. We didn't deserve to lose it - even though we had a terrible start and conceded a scrappy goal. We then lost it for 20 minutes, but after that we were the better team for most of the match.

"I was willing to risk making changes in the second half, and by doing so in football you deserve to succeed. Sheringham and Solskjaer came on fresh and scored the goals that mattered. We rode our luck in the final 15 minutes, when they hit the woodwork twice.

"To be honest, I can't take it all in. I'm so proud of my players, proud of my heritage, proud of my family - this is the greatest day of my life.

"After 90 minutes, I kept saying to myself that I should keep my dignity and accept defeat, but football's a funny game. And as today is Sir Matt's (*the late Sir Matt Busby, who lead United to success in 1968, ten years after the Munich air disaster, in which he was injured*), birthday, maybe he was doing a lot of kicking up there for us.

"After the match I couldn't take it all in. When we levelled, Steve McLaren (*United assistant manager*) said that we should regroup into a 4-4-2, but once Denis Irwin played the ball for a corner, we knew they were gone.

"It's hard to say when comparing to the team that won in 1968, but you could say that with this trophy we are level, but you have got to remember what this team has achieved this year, and even if we had lost tonight, there would still have been no question which is the better team.

"This team can not be judged by anyone, only by the high standards they have set for themselves. We can't really top this now, this is the pinnacle of what we can do.

"In general, there are usually question marks after winning games, but I'll take it easy now until I lose my first game. But the players did something special, and I want for them to go on from this."



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Alex FERGUSON, Manchester United FC head coach:

"It was a fantastic finish - almost unbelievable. I thought we were beaten with two minutes left, especially as Bayern had chances to score further goals. But we showed the values of keeping going and never giving up. We threw everything into the final stages. That's football - the game is never over until the final whistle. I feel extremely sorry for Bayern. They have a great coach, and I've experienced myself what happened to them tonight. I can understand how they must feel."

Peter SCHMEICHEL, Manchester United FC captain:



"I really feel very good, but it was a typical game for us in that we never gave up. I thought at all stages that we could win it. In the UEFA Champions League, we set out to score goals and be entertaining and not be negative, and we did the same today. We tried and tried, and finally we got our reward.
"Comparing it to Turin, it is difficult to say if it is better than that comeback. Never before had they won in Italy, and we had never even scored more than one goal in any match there.
"We were two down, so it was uphill. Tonight, though, I always thought we could get back, but it was a long wait."

David BECKHAM, Manchester United FC midfielder:

"It's all a bit hard to take in, it happened all so quickly. We enjoyed the good fortune at the end, and it's an unbelievable feeling to have won in such an atmosphere. This season has been very special for me, especially after what happened to me at last year's World Cup. You can imagine how we'll be celebrating."

Franz BECKENBAUER, FC Bayern München president:

"Football can be a cruel game at times, and what happened to us tonight was cruel. Tomorrow will be the moment when it all sinks in - when the players realise what they had within their grasp and threw away. It has still been a great season for Bayern München."

Ottmar HITZFELD, FC Bayern München coach:

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"Firstly, I will congratulate Manchester United for winning the trophy. It was a great match, but we were under pressure. We were lucky to score in the first half, but we played better in the second, and had lots of chances. We could have scored twice.

"But Manchester United never gave up. It was a highly dramatic situation, but my team can be proud - we weren't lucky enough, but United deserved to win the Champions League.

"I think we'll get over it - we can't change anything. I feel very sorry for my team, and I hope that the shock will not affect them for next season.

"Against Brøndby (*IF in the UEFA Champions League group phase, when Bayern lost in similar fashion*), but that's what football is about. The match is only over when the referee blows his whistle, but losing like this is tragic.

Praise for Lothar Matthäus:

"Lothar Matthäus played a great match, and I wanted him to keep playing, but he was not fi

"We had our chances to finish the game off, but we were stunned twice. It was a bitter end - but that's football. I think we played well, and the players can go home tonight with their heads held high because of what they have achieved this season."

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Full-Time Report

Super-sub Solskjaer is congratulated by team-mates (©Reuters)

What an astonishing finish! Two goals in second-half injury time from substitutes Teddy Sheringham and Ole Gunnar Solskjaer brought Manchester United FC back from the dead to steal the UEFA Champions League title from FC Bayern München in an unbelievable climax to a night of high drama in Barcelona. The Germans entered stoppage time of a tense and gripping final clinging on to the lead they had been given by a superb fifth-minute free-kick from

Mario Basler. Suddenly, when all looked lost, the Englishmen produced perhaps the greatest of all comebacks to clinch a memorable "treble" of the English league title, the FA Cup, and European club football's greatest prize. As for Bayern, who hit the woodwork twice in the second half, they will wonder for ever how the trophy managed to elude them.

Basler blast

On a balmy early summer's evening at Camp Nou, the 90,000 sell-out crowd did not have to wait long before the deadlock was broken. In the first moment of danger at either end, bustling Bayern spearhead Carsten Jancker was hauled down on the edge of the United box by Ronny Johnsen. Up stepped Basler with a curling low effort into the bottom right-hand corner with United goalkeeper Peter Schmeichel unable to react.

The goal stunned United, but they gradually pulled themselves together. The first half settled into a pattern of United moving forward continually, with Bayern looking to increase their advantage with some flowing counter-attacks. In one such German raid, Alexander Zickler saw an opportunist diving header held by Schmeichel. However, the men from Munich escaped twice at the other end, Andy Cole poking the ball inches wide when Gary Neville's long throw caused havoc, and Bayern goalkeeper Oliver Kahn fisting a Dwight Yorke effort from under his crossbar.



Bayern hold on

Nevertheless, with veteran Lothar Matthäus a tower of strength in midfield, Ottmar Hitzfeld's men defended stoutly, and went in at the interval satisfied with their slender

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advantage. They - and everyone else watching events unfold - could have had no idea of the drama that was to follow during the second 45 minutes.

Ebb and flow

A second half of ebb and flow wound up to a staggering finale. United, prompted by playmaker David Beckham, surged forward constantly, only to see their efforts thwarted by a superbly-organised Bayern rearguard, although Swede Jesper Blomqvist slid in to poke an effort just over the bar after 55 minutes. Meanwhile, Bayern looked to seal the game with some telling breakouts from defence. Schmeichel made brilliant saves from Stefan Effenberg and substitute Mehmet Scholl, and the Bavarians were foiled twice by the woodwork - Scholl's deft chip rebounded off the post into Schmeichel's arms, and Jancker saw an acrobatic overhead kick crash against the crossbar.

Super-subbs strike



United boss Alex Ferguson threw on strikers Sheringham and Solskjaer for Blomqvist and Cole in a desperate bid to keep United's impetus alive. Injury time arrived with Ferguson's men piling on the pressure - and in a stunning double-strike, the two substitutes turned the match on its head. First, Bayern failed to clear a Beckham corner, the ball was driven back into a crowded box by Ryan Giggs,

and Sheringham turned to fire a low effort into the corner. Literally seconds later, on the stroke of full-time, Beckham swung in another corner, Sheringham flicked on, and Solskjaer poked the ball into the roof of the net to send United's thousands ecstatic in a crescendo of noise. Bayern's players sunk to the ground in disbelief. United's 31-year dream of regaining the coveted Champion Clubs' Cup had reached fruition in a totally improbable turnaround that will go down in footballing history.

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They led the match from the 6th until the 91st minute, but still ended up with nothing. However, Bayern played a huge part in a classic final, and you can read about very player's performance in detail, from the inspirational passing of Mario Basler to the age-defying efforts of Lothar Matthäus.

Ferguson praises team spirit and Busby legacy

Alex Ferguson was in ebullient form at the post-match Press Conference, as he acclaimed his side's team spirit, and acknowledged the legacy of Sir Matt Busby in the United success. "After 90 minutes, I kept saying to myself that I should keep my dignity and accept defeat, but football's a funny game. And as today is Sir Matt's birthday, maybe he was doing a lot of kicking up there for us."

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Even FC Barcelona's massive stadium could have been filled several times over for a final which brings together two of the most glamorous names in European football. Both Manchester United and FC Bayern München travel to the Catalan capital with ambitions of renewing the laurels of yesteryear. The English club has not been champion of Europe since 1968 and the crown has eluded their German opponents since 1976.

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Subs sink Bayern

"Our Subs Sink Germans", declared the *Sun* newspaper, referring ostensibly to the injury time goals by United substitutes Teddy Sheringham and Norwegian Ole Gunnar Solskjaer that scuppered Bayern Munich 2-1.

The tabloid media's love of reviving wartime memories, never far from the surface whenever English and Germans meet in the sporting arena, was also evident in the *Daily Mail* which declared: "Two subs sent on, torpedoes away." "Hunbelievable," said the *Daily Star*.

"They Thought It Was All Over," the *Sun* said in its back page headline, adapting the celebrated words of TV commentator Kenneth Wolstenholme at the 1966 World Cup final when England beat Germany 4-2 at Wembley and some fans ran on the pitch. But this time it was England and Manchester United who thought the game was up, with Bayern leading 1-0 as the clock ticked into injury time at Barcelona's Nou Camp. "The greatest two minutes in the history of sport," declared the *Mirror* on its back page.

"You're once, twice, three times amazing," it added, referring to United's unprecedented achievement in winning the English league, F.A. and European Cup treble.

More restrained

The broadsheet papers were more restrained in their headlines but as jubilant in describing one of the most extraordinary finals in European soccer history. Manager Alex Ferguson, a Scot, was acclaimed as the greatest British football manager of all time while the players were declared the greatest English team ever. There were calls for Ferguson to be knighted.

"True champions of human spirit," declared a *Times* headline. "United stage the greatest comeback of all," said the *Telegraph*.

All agreed that, in watching the culmination of United's season, they had been in the presence of greatness and witnesses to a finale unlikely to be surpassed for sheer shock value.

"In two astonishing, almost surreal, minutes at the end of the last European Cup final of the 20th century, the gilded youth of the most famous of clubs left excellence behind them and found the greatness they have been searching for," wrote Oliver Holt in the *Times*.

Busby remembered

"This United side escaped once and for all from the shadow of Sir Matt Busby and the team that won the trophy in 1968."

Wednesday would have been the late Sir Matt's 90th birthday and his lingering presence was detected still.

"Never in the history of the game, it can safely be said and without exaggeration, has



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there been a team so ecstatically, so unexpectedly victorious, no opposition so destroyed as if by some thunderclap from heaven," wrote the *Telegraph's* David Miller.

"Was it from Sir Matt Busby on his birthday?"

Website proclaims perfection

Unsurprisingly, the official Manchester United FC website - www.manutd.com - was revelling in the occasion, as it proclaimed:

"Try and write a better script if you can. Matt Busby's 90th birthday, Peter Schmeichel's final match for United, the first European Cup final since 1968. One-nil down with literally seconds to play. Two goals in a minute. United win in real Roy of the Rovers style. An absolutely wonderful occasion, ending with the perfect result for United. We've won the Premiership, the FA Cup and now the Big One, the European Cup. Treble trophy triumph. Top that if you can! You can't!"

However, there was discord, as to who was the United man of the match, with David Beckham just leading Teddy Sheringham in the site's official poll by 27.4 to 26.9%

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A simple "Oh No!" - in English - from Germany's most popular daily, *Bild Zeitung* characterised the German reaction after late goals from Manchester United substitutes Teddy Sheringham and Ole Gunnar Solskjaer.

"We were only 13 seconds away. Isn't that bitter. Simply inconceivable. Football can be so cruel," *Bild* continued, with a picture of dejected Bayern Munich midfielder Stefan Effenberg.



Dreams shattered

The German side, leaders from the sixth minute through a direct free-kick from Mario Basler, were on the verge of winning the cup for the fourth time.

"Bayern thought all their dreams had come true," the Bonn local newspaper *General Anzeiger* said.

Its rival, the Bonn Express, said the result was "terrible. Absolutely terrible."

"Bavaria is in mourning and so are we," the *Bonn Express* said.

In an ironic twist, with Bayern 1-0 up and the match on the verge of time added on, a German TV commentator had just cited ex-England international Gary Lineker's famous quote - "Football is a game played by two teams of 11 men where the Germans always win." Then Sheringham and Solskjaer struck.

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Shares in Manchester United PLC managed only a modest gain in early trading, despite the soccer club's dramatic late victory over FC Bayern München in Wednesday night's UEFA Champions League final in Barcelona. At 0855 GMT, the U.K. football giant's shares were up 3 pence, or 1.6%, at 190 pence.

In Wednesday's match, injury-time goals from Teddy Sheringham and Ole Gunnar Solskjaer turned near-certain defeat into an improbable 2-1 victory.



United enhance brand name

London dealers said securing the final leg of a historic treble - the Premiership title, the FA Cup and the European Champion Clubs' Cup - wouldn't make much difference to Manchester United financially.

"I don't think winning the European Cup will do that much for them," said one trader. "They'll have to pay out more in win bonuses than they'll get for winning the trophy," he added.

Analysts, however, said that by winning the cup, United has enhanced its brand name further, which will feed through into merchandising sales.

William Davies, analyst at Albert E Sharp, said the victory could add GBP5 million in underlying revenues over 1999/2000. Manchester United will also benefit financially next year from the expansion of the UEFA Champions League to 32 teams from the current 24.

The club's participation in this year's competition will add around GBP10 million to underlying earnings in 1998/99, but most of that was garnered from involvement in earlier rounds, analysts said.

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Spanish newspapers on Thursday were convinced Barcelona's Nou Camp stadium had staged one of the all-time great games in soccer history.



Press praises divine intervention

Manchester United's heroic last-minute comeback, when goals from Teddy Sheringham and Ole Gunnar Solskjaer earned them a 2-1 win over FC Bayern München and the second European Champion Clubs' Cup victory of their history, defied rational explanation for most of the popular press.

"God saved Manchester United," was the headline in sports daily *Marca*, who also noted: "How great is our game."

Sport, the Barcelona-based daily, led with a more simple "What a final!" and concluded on pages two and three: "The Red Devils: from the inferno to glory."

Last final of the millennium

Sport devoted the first 23 pages of Thursday's edition to an incredible final made all the better for its setting, the magnificent 90,000-capacity Nou Camp.

"The Nou Camp, for all its majesty and the fact that this was the last European Cup final of the millennium, deserved an historic final," *Sport* editor Josep Casanovas wrote. "And how we got it!"

"The denouement of Manchester United-Barcelona has no comparison. Never was a loser more of a loser; never was a winner so fortunate.

"From glory to misery in a minute."

Spain's more serious newspapers were scarcely any more reserved as they reflected on a night made all the more satisfying for the good behaviour of both sets of fans.

"Manchester touched glory in one minute," was the headline in *El Mundo*. "A magical final in a magical setting."

El Pais, echoing those sentiments, said the final minute of the match was "maybe the most dramatic ever seen in the history of the European Cup".

And in a touching nod to the last European Champion Clubs' Cup-winning United manager, who would have been celebrating his 90th birthday on Wednesday, *El Pais* simply said: "Happy Birthday, Sir Matt."

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Spanish police said on Thursday elaborate security measures had been successful and there were no major incidents between German and English fans in Spain for the European Champion Clubs' Cup soccer final.

Better behaved

Police, who had deployed a massive force of strength in the streets of Barcelona to try to prevent hooliganism among the 70,000 English and German fans in town for the game, said there had only been some minor altercations and scuffles but no serious incidents.

One English fan was arrested for destroying part of a bar in the pre-dawn hours. Police said there were only minor run-ins in post-game celebrations after Manchester United FC beat FC Bayern München 2-1 in a dramatic last-minute victory on Wednesday.

"The people behaved themselves a lot better than expected," a police spokeswoman said. "If they hadn't there could have been some major problems."



High-risk fixture

Police had billed the final, the first between an English and German team since 1982, as the highest-risk soccer match in Europe in the past decade.

More than 5,000 police were deployed on the streets to prevent a replay of scenes like the disastrous 1985 European Cup final when 39 people died at the Heysel Stadium in Belgium.

Police used horses, batons and sheer force to hold back an 'avalanche' of several thousand United fans who tried to storm the entrance shortly after the game began. But they said there were no arrests and the fans, some of whom had forged tickets and others who did not have a seat for the game, later dispersed.

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No	Defenders		PM	PC	AG	AT	HW	TW	F/Y
2	Gary NEVILLE		37	27	1	1	9	1	2/0
3	Denis IRWIN		41	34	0	0	8	9	0/0
5	Ronny JOHNSEN		24	23	1	0	8	11	2/0
6	Jaap STAM		25	21	1	0	12	6	1/0
No	Midfielders		PM	PC	AG	AT	HW	TW	F/Y
7	David BECKHAM		76	39	1	0	2	4	2/0
8	Nicky BUTT		37	27	0	0	7	9	0/0
11	Ryan GIGGS		39	20	1	0	2	4	1/0
15	Jesper BLOMQUIST		25	16	1	0	1	4	0/0
No	Forwards		PM	PC	AG	AT	HW	TW	F/Y
9	Andy COLE		23	18	3	1	7	2	1/0
10	Teddy SHERINGHAM		11	10	2	2	6	0	1/0
19	Dwight YORKE		35	27	1	1	3	0	0/0
20	Ole Gunnar SOLKSKJÆR		2	1	3	3	2	0	0/0
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Peter SCHMEICHEL

Began nervously. Unsighted by the wall and unable to react as Basler's free-kick flew past him. Helpless when Scholl and Jancker hit the woodwork in the second half. However, as he prepares to leave United for pastures new, he will remember his crucial second-half contribution, when he kept his side in the match with splendid saves from Scholl and Effenberg.

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Gary NEVILLE

Dependable on the whole at right-back, always ready to push forward on the overlap as United sought to peg back Bayern's early lead. Nevertheless, several misplaced passes halted United's forward progress, especially in the second half, and in occasional difficulties when Bayern broke on the counter.

Denis IRWIN

The Irishman produced a solid performance and joined the attack whenever he could, but had to pull out all the stops to keep an inspired Basler quiet when Bayern counter-attacked. Dependable as ever when called upon to show his mettle in United's area.

Jaap STAM

Endured an uncomfortable start against the bustling, powerful Jancker, but hung on in a bruising battle with the Bayern spearhead. The Dutchman has blossomed through the season to become an imposing presence in United's treble-winning rearguard.

Ronny JOHNSEN

Together with Stam, took time to settle, and his foul on Jancker led to Basler's gem of a free-kick. Grew more comfortable as the evening wore on, showing glimpses of his all-round prowess, and made several crucial tackles to halt Bayern's second-half breakouts.

David BECKHAM

The game ultimately turned into a triumph for United's gifted young midfielder, who provided the fulcrum for the Englishmen's attacks as playmaker in central midfield. Industrious, skilful and probing, his two curling last-gasp corners caused havoc in the Bayern area for Sheringham and Solskjaer to pull the final out of the fire for the Red Devils.

**Nicky BUTT**

The holding man in midfield, hard-tackling, hard-working and willing to sweat blood in the service of his team. Occasionally in no-man's land when Bayern launched dangerous counter-attacks, but his undoubted fighting spirit saw him through on a night when Roy Keane's absence in midfield for United might have proved costly.

Ryan GIGGS

Asked by Alex Ferguson to play in an attacking right-wing role, the Welshman saw plenty of the ball. However, his efforts to run at the uncompromising Bayern rearguard were often in vain, and he was unable to reach the goal-line to get in his trademark telling crosses. His evening turned to gold when his drive back into the area was pounced upon by Sheringham for the equaliser.

Andy COLE

Worked tirelessly, but despite an early chance when he poked the ball inches wide, he was well marshalled by Kuffour and the rest of the Bayern rearguard. His feared striking partnership with Yorke looked increasingly blunt as the second half wore on, and coach Alex Ferguson brought him off for goal hero Sheringham soon after the hour.

Dwight YORKE

Failed to reach his normal form on the night, despite plenty of hard-running in an effort to elude his uncompromising marker Kuffour. He saw a first-half effort fisted to safety by Bayern keeper Kahn - but tonight was an evening for other heroes. Nevertheless, Yorke - who moved to United from Aston Villa FC during the season - can certainly lay claim to being Ferguson's "Buy of the Campaign".

Jesper BLOMQVIST

Operated in his customary "unspectacular" role as a wing-back along the left-hand side. Worked industriously, tackled tenaciously, and came close to pulling United level with his one moment of menace soon after the interval. Pulled off for match-winner Solskjaer as Ferguson threw on extra attacking power for the final stages.

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Teddy SHERINGHAM

Will go down in United folklore. Following his FA Cup final goal as substitute against Newcastle United FC on Saturday, Sheringham again proved to be Ferguson's master-stroke when sent on for the final 25 minutes against Bayern. Until his goal, he was frustratingly ineffective, but he then came alive, showing superb composure to turn and fire home United's unexpected equaliser, before producing the telling headed flick from a Beckham corner for Solskjaer's improbable winner.

**Ole Gunnar SOLKSJÆR**

United's history-maker. Thrown into the battle by Ferguson for the nerve-wracking closing ten minutes, the Norwegian front-runner first saw a snap header saved by Bayern keeper Kahn, and was then "Johnny-on-the-Spot" to prod Sheringham's flick-on into the net and send the United hordes into raptures at the death.

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4	Samuel Osei KUFFOUR		13	5	1	0	9	3	2/0	
10	Lothar MATTHÄUS		31	19	1	0	3	4	0/0	
25	Thomas LINKE		16	7	0	0	9	4	0/0	
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11	Stefan EFFENBERG		34	18	2	1	17	5	2/0	
14	Mario BASLER		41	17	4	1	6	1	0/0	
16	Jens JEREMIES		22	16	0	0	5	5	1/0	
18	Michael TARNAT		27	16	0	0	1	2	1/0	
20	Hasan SALIHAMIDZIC		0	0	0	0	0	0	0/0	
No	Forwards		PM	PC	AG	AT	HW	TW	F/Y	
19	Carsten JANCKER		11	4	2	1	11	0	3/0	
21	Alexander ZICKLER		12	4	3	1	5	1	0/0	
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AT Attempts on target

FC Bayern München**Oliver KAHN**

Dealt ably with all English efforts until the last minute, when he was suddenly passed twice in a surreal United finish. Kahn could hardly be blamed for the two English strikes, even though his hardest critics might argue that he should have cleared the danger on both occasions.

Markus BABEL

Was predicted to thwart the threat of Welsh wizard Ryan Giggs, but when Scottish coach Ferguson decided to switch Giggs for the right flank, Babel's direct opponent became Swedish international Jesper Blomqvist. As usual, Babel was an impeccable force in defence, who often forced Blomqvist to move towards the middle where the strong German central defence usually closed off his passing options.

Samuel KUFFOUR

Initially excellent performance in thwarting Yorke and Giggs, but he was then man to blame, when he failed to prevent Yorke from passing the ball back for Giggs, which led to United's dramatic equaliser, and then was caught cold when Solskjaer struck.

Lothar MATTHÄUS

Despite his 38 years of age, the great instigator in the team. The former world champion played as if in the prime of youth, and was an industrious and tireless influence in defence, where he took the sting of the United attack. The charismatic midfielder-turned-sweeper even contributed to the attack, when in usual style, he produced some of his blistering runs forward, which gave Bayern some breathing space from the relentless United attack.

Thomas LINKE

In typical unselfish fashion, Linke was an absolute rock in defence, where his strength in the air proved a vital point to Bayern's efforts in closing down the threat from deadly duo Yorke and Cole. Linke usually linked up with Babel to make an unbreakable barrier - until the 93rd minute when Linke failed to cover the aerial danger of Teddy Sheringham, which ultimately led to Solskjaer's dramatic winner.

Michael TARNAT

Was left with a huge responsibility to contain Giggs countless efforts in trying to create danger down the flanks, but Tarnat was obviously the man for the job during the greater parts of the game as he rarely allowed the Welshman to dribble or perform his deadly deliveries for Yorke and Cole. Tarnat occasionally gave Giggs too much space, which could have cost Bayern dearly but Kuffour and Linke usually combined to clear the danger.

Stefan EFFENBERG

Became the 'victim' of Bayern's early lead, as Bayern then left all the initiative for the English champions, which left "Effe" in a vacuum in midfield where he was unable to reveal his usual terrific playmaking skills. Effenberg was, however, still able to launch several dangerous Bayern-counter attacks, which were nearly rewarded during the latter part of the second half.

**Mario BASLER**

Goalkeeper Oliver Kahn had before the game pointed out to **UEFA Internet** that the unpredictable 'Super-Mario' might well turn out to become Bayern's match-winner. Basler's phenomenal free-kick, which caught 'keeper Peter Schmeichel totally by surprise, almost turned out to be matchwinner. Basler can look back with pride on a magnificent performance in midfield, where his inspirational passing caused numerous worries for the United central defence.

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A continual thorn in the United side. Composed a mighty presence in midfield and were defensively sound and solid as United pressed forward. Only negative side was that he failed to provide support for Effenberg in the offensive which weakened the Bayern attack seriously.

Carsten JANCKER

With Brazilian ace Giovane Elber being ruled out through injury, Carsten Jancker was left with the task of providing the offensive threat for the Germans and the former SK Rapid Wien player began brightly when he was pulled down by Norwegian defender Ronny Johnsen in the 6th minute, leading to Basler's free-kick goal. Jancker nearly put the game out of reach for United five minutes before the end but his scissors kick was denied by the woodwork.

Alexander ZICKLER

Had a thankless task in attack where he was occasionally left to himself by Carsten Jancker. Bravely took up the fight against Dutch international Jaap Stam, and during the first half, was able to wrestle free of the defensive stronghold only to see his weak finish saved by Pewter Schmeichel in the United goal.

Substitutes

Mehmet SCHOLL

Came on as a substitute for Alexander Zickler near the end of the game, and nearly became the hero of the night when his terrific lob sailed past Schmeichel but, unfortunately for him, hit the post.

Hasan SALIHAMIDZIC

Came on for Basler in the last three minutes, but had no time to contribute to the Bayern offensive in the last hectic minutes.

Thorsten FINKE

Insufficient time in which to make an impression.

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