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EVRA: "Stamford Bridge is not an easy place to go"

Patrice Evra speaks exclusively to bwin ahead of Man Utd vs Chelsea

The French defender, speaking exclusively to the bwin online gaming platform, discusses the upcoming Premier League match against Chelsea, as well as explaining why the Premier League is the best in the world and how he keeps motivated despite his success.

As Manchester United travel to Chelsea to play their next Premier League match, Patrice Evra, who has established himself as one of the first names on Sir Alex Ferguson's team sheet, discussed the prospect of playing at Stamford Bridge, "It's not an easy place to go and their fans are not so nice to us, but we play well. I remember in the past, I was a little bit frustrated after playing against Chelsea, because we always played well and lost games with a free kick or a bad decision. That's why even if we play badly, I want to win against Chelsea." the Frenchman said.

The upcoming encounter is a repeat of the 2008 Champions League final, a match Evra considers to be his favourite of all time, just ahead of the 4-3 Manchester derby win. Evra clearly has a grudging respect for Di Matteo's side, explaining that Chelsea are always one of the teams to beat in a title race. "When I joined Manchester United, the big rival was Chelsea. They struggled over the last two years, but they won the Champions League and will be looking to win the league this season. I think Chelsea is always one of the most important rivals for winning trophies in England. That is why I am really looking forward to this game."

With Chelsea currently leading the title race, even at this early stage, the encounter could be key to the eventual destination of Premier League. Despite their respective league positions, [bwin](#) has Man Utd as slight favourites at 21/10, with the draw at 12/5 and a win for the Londoner's at 27/20.

Whatever the result, Evra is in no doubt that he is playing in the best league in the world. "I am not saying that the other leagues are easier, because every player is different and has to adapt to every situation, but also with the fans: the stadiums are full and on the pitch it is very difficult. Physically it is not easy as well and the game is very quick. I love that, because even in the last two seconds you can score two goals and that's why I think that the Premier League is the most exciting league in the world."

Evra also spoke of his ambition to win the FA Cup, the one trophy that has alluded in his time at Old Trafford; "There is one trophy missing - the FA Cup is missing and I am looking forward to winning it. Winning trophies keeps me motivated. When you win, the thing you have to do the next year is to win again. That's why we play for Manchester United - to keep this winning mentality."

Current odds at bwin (*odds subject to change*)

Chelsea 27/20 Draw 12/5 Manchester United 21/10

2012-13 Premier League Winners

Chelsea – 9/4

Manchester United – 2/1

Manchester City – 8/5

Arsenal –18/1
Tottenham – 66/1

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