

= 1984 European Super Cup =

The 1984 European Super Cup was an association football match between Italian team Juventus and English team Liverpool , which took place on 16 January 1985 at the Stadio Comunale . The match was the annual European Super Cup contested between the winners of the European Cup and European Cup Winners ' Cup . At the time , the European Super Cup was generally a two @-@ legged fixture , but only the first leg (in Turin) was played , due to fixture congestion .

Juventus were appearing in the Super Cup for the first time . Liverpool were appearing in the competition for the third time , they had won the competition in 1977 , and lost in 1978 to Belgian team Anderlecht . Juventus won the 1983 ? 84 European Cup Winners ' Cup , beating Portuguese team Porto 2 ? 1 in the final . Liverpool qualified by winning the 1983 ? 84 European Cup . They beat Italian team Roma 4 ? 2 in a penalty shootout after the final had finished 1 ? 1 .

Watched by a crowd of 55 @, @ 384 , Juventus took the lead in the first half when Zbigniew Boniek scored in the 39th minute . Boniek scored again in the second half to give Juventus a 2 ? 0 lead which they held on to until the end of the match to win their first Super Cup . The two clubs met later in the season in the 1985 European Cup Final , which resulted in the death of 39 spectators due to a disaster that occurred prior to kick @-@ off . Juventus won the match 1 ? 0 .

= = Match = =

= = = Background = = =

The European Super Cup was founded in the early 1970s , as a means to determine the best team in Europe and serve as a challenge to Ajax , the strongest club side of its day . The proposal by Dutch journalist Anton Witkamp , a football match between the holders of the European Cup and Cup Winners ' Cup , failed to receive UEFA 's backing , given the recent Cup Winners ' Cup winners Rangers had been banned from European competition . Witkamp nonetheless proceeded with his vision , a two @-@ legged match played between Ajax and Rangers in January 1973 . The competition was endorsed and recognised by UEFA a year later .

Juventus qualified for the Super Cup as the reigning European Cup Winners ' Cup winners . They had remained unbeaten throughout the 1983 ? 84 European Cup Winners ' Cup , and beat Porto 2 ? 1 in the final . It was Juventus ' first appearance in the competition .

Liverpool had qualified for the competition as a result of winning the 1983 ? 84 European Cup . They had beaten Roma 4 ? 2 in a penalty shootout , after the match had finished 1 ? 1 . Liverpool were appearing in their third Super Cup . They won the competition on their first appearance in 1977 , beating German team Hamburg 7 ? 1 on aggregate . Their other appearance in 1978 resulted in a defeat to Belgian team Anderlecht .

Traditionally , the Super Cup had been played over two legs , but due to both clubs experiencing fixture congestion , was played as a one @-@ off match in Turin in January 1985 .

= = = Summary = = =

Bad weather in Turin created doubt about whether the match could be completed . However , the referee decided to go ahead with the match . Liverpool were without striker Kenny Dalglish who was suspended . Liverpool struggled to gain a foothold in the match in the first half and were behind when Juventus scored in the 40th minute . A mishit pass by Massimo Briaschi found Zbigniew Boniek whose subsequent shot from the edge of the Liverpool penalty area beat goalkeeper Bruce Grobbelaar to give Juventus a 1 ? 0 lead . Liverpool had a chance to equalise before the end of the first half , but midfielder John Wark put his shot wide of the Juventus goal . Liverpool started the second half without defender Mark Lawrenson who had injured himself during the first half , he was replaced by Gary Gillespie . Liverpool tried to level the match in the second half , but their best chances came from midfielder Ronnie Whelan whose shots from distance did not result in any goals

. Juventus extended their lead late in the second half when Boniek scored again . A cross from Briaschi found Boniek , whose shot beat Grobbelaar to extend Juventus ' lead to 2 ? 0 . Five minutes later , Juventus nearly extended their lead again . However , striker Paolo Rossi 's shot was saved by Grobbelaar . Juventus held onto their lead to win the match 2 ? 0 and win the Super Cup .

= = = Details = = =

= = Post @-@ match = =

The two sides met again at the end of the season in the 1985 European Cup Final . However , the events of the match were overshadowed by the disaster that occurred before kick @-@ off . Liverpool fans breached a fence separating the two groups of supporters and charged the Juventus fans . The resulting weight of people caused a retaining wall to collapse , killing 39 people and injuring hundreds . English clubs were banned indefinitely from European competition , with a condition that when the ban was lifted , Liverpool would serve an extra three @-@ year ban . The ban eventually lasted for five years , clubs returning to European competition in the 1990 ? 91 season . Juventus won the match 1 ? 0 to win the European Cup for the first time .

Liverpool finished second in the First Division during the 1984 ? 85 Football League . They were thirteen points behind champions Everton . Juventus finished the 1984 ? 85 Serie A in sixth place , seven points behind champions Hellas Verona .