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SOCCER 6			S6 V3 P1			Thursday 14 September POOL CLOSSES @ 21H05					
M1	TEAM	Arsenal	vs	FC Cologne	TEAM	M4	TEAM	Zulte Waregem	vs	Nice	TEAM
TIP:	ARSEN WIN	A			B	TIP:	NICE WIN	A			B
<p>Arsenal were beaten 5-1 at home by Cologne's domestic rivals Bayern Munich in their last European home fixture, in last season's UEFA Champions League round of 16. Cologne have lost only one of their last five European away games – though all of those matches were played in the 1990s.</p>						<p>Zulte Waregem claimed their second Belgian Cup in April. They made it through the UEFA Cup group stage in 2006/07, but could not emulate that success in the 2013/14 Europa League. Beaten by Napoli in the UEFA Champions League play-offs last month, Nice made their UEFA Europa League group stage debut last season but failed to reach the round of 32.</p>					
M2	TEAM	Hertha Berlin	vs	Athletic Bilbao	TEAM	M5	TEAM	Real Sociedad	vs	Rosenborg	TEAM
TIP:	DRAW	A			B	TIP:	SOCIE WIN	A			B
<p>Hertha got through the Europa League group stage on their most recent appearance, in the 2009/10 season, but were knocked out in last season's third qualifying round. Athletic Bilbao have successfully negotiated the last two Europa League group stages, and notably were losing finalists in the 1976/77 UEFA Cup and 2011/12 Europa League.</p>						<p>Real Sociedad won their last two European home games, but failed to record a victory – or indeed score at home – in their last group stage campaign, in the 2014 UEFA Champions League. Rosenborg are unbeaten in three European away matches this season</p>					
M3	TEAM	Vitesse	vs	Lazio	TEAM	M6	TEAM	Steaua Bucharest	vs	Viktoria Plzen	TEAM
TIP:	LAZ WIN	A			B	TIP:	BUCH WIN	A			B
<p>Vitesse are without a win in six European fixtures, including three straight home defeats, scoring just twice during that run. Lazio are unbeaten in five European away matches – a victory and four 1-1 draws.</p>						<p>Beaten 5-1 on aggregate by Sporting in the Champions League play-offs, Bucharest are in the Europa League group stage for a seventh time since the tournament assumed its current format in 2009. Runners-up in last term's Czech First League, Plzeň contesting the Europa League group stage for a third straight season. They reached the last 16 in 2012/13 and 2013/14.</p>					
CONCLUSION											
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