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SOCCER 6				S6 V2 P1		Thursday 14 September POOL CLOSSES @ 19H00					
M1	TEAM	FC Copenhagen	VS	Lokomotiv Moscow	TEAM	M4	TEAM	Slavia Prague	VS	Maccabi Tel Aviv	TEAM
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<p>FC Copenhagen warmed up for this Europa League match with a narrow 4-3 home win over FC Midtjylland on Sunday. Lokomotiv are second in the standings in Russia.</p>						<p>It is Slavia's first encounter with Israeli opponents. In their only past meeting with Czech opposition, Maccabi eliminated Viktoria Plzeň in the 2015 UEFA Champions League third qualifying round, losing 2-1 at home but winning 2-0 away.</p>					
M2	TEAM	Dynamo Kiev	VS	Skenderbeu Korce	TEAM	M5	TEAM	Vardar	VS	Zenit St Petersburg	TEAM
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<p>Dynamo are on a seven match unbeaten run. Albania's Skenderbeu came through four rounds of qualifying to reach the group phase of the Europa League.</p>						<p>Vardar of Macedonia upset Turkish giants Fenerbahce in the last knockout round to reach the group phase of the Europa League. Zenit are the early season leaders in Russia although drawn their last two outings.</p>					
M3	TEAM	HNK Rijeka	VS	AEK Athens	TEAM	M6	TEAM	Zorya Luhansk	VS	Ostersunds FK	TEAM
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<p>Rijeka are up against Greek opposition for a third successive European game. They lost to Olympiakos in the UEFA Champions League play-offs. They went down 2-1 in Piraeus and 1-0 at home in their first fixtures against Greek opponents. AEK have won five of their six previous matches against Croatian teams.</p>						<p>The 10 previous games between Ukrainian and Swedish clubs in UEFA competition have favoured the Ukrainian team, with five wins, three draws and two losses. No Swedish side has won a match in Ukraine.</p>					
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SOCCER 6				S6 V2 P2		Thursday 14 September POOL CLOSSES @ 19H00					
M1	TEAM	Apollon Limassol	VS	Olympique Lyonnais	TEAM	M4	TEAM	Young Boys Berne	VS	Partizan Belgrade	TEAM
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<p>The clubs are meeting for the first time in UEFA competition, though Lyon have been to the GSP Stadium in Larnaca before – featuring in one of the most celebrated games in Cypriot football. In Lyon's only previous encounter with Cypriot opposition, they took on APOEL in the UEFA Champions League round of 16, losing the tie 4-3 on penalties in Nicosia.</p>						<p>Young Boys have won three of their last four European club competition home matches, including last month's Champions League third qualifying round scalp of Dynamo Kyiv. Partizan are unbeaten in their last five European club competition away fixtures.</p>					
M2	TEAM	Austria Vienna	VS	AC Milan	TEAM	M5	TEAM	Atalanta	VS	Everton	TEAM
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<p>Austria Vienna lost their last home game in the knockout phase of the Europa League but still got through to the group phase. Milan had won four in a row before losing away at Lazio on Sunday.</p>						<p>Fourth in Serie A last term, Atalanta are returning to European club competition for the first time since 1991, when they were eliminated by Inter Milan in the UEFA Cup quarter-finals. Everton have made it through all three of their previous UEFA Cup/UEFA Europa League group stage campaigns, most recently in 2014.</p>					
M3	TEAM	Istanbul Basaksehir	VS	Ludogorets Razgrad	TEAM	M6	TEAM	Hoffenheim	VS	Sporting Braga	TEAM
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<p>Last term's Turkish Süper Lig runners-up, Başakşehir have won only one of their five European home games to date. Ludogorets are without a win in eight European away matches.</p>						<p>The sides are meeting for the first time in European competition, and it is Hoffenheim's first encounter against Portuguese opposition. Braga have yet to win in six matches against Bundesliga teams and lost both of their previous games in Germany without scoring.</p>					
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