**EUROPEAN MIDFIELDERS line up alongside messi IN LATEST EPISODE OF ADIDAS GAMEDAYPLUS**

**Rakitic, Herrera and Çalhanoğlu feature with the greatest player of all time in adidas’ access-all-areas UEFA Champions League show**

**Herzogenaurach, Monday 23rd November** – Episode five of adidas Gamedayplus launched today, with some of Europe’s most accomplished midfielders discussing what it’s like to play for their clubs and make the difference on the pitch.

The episode kicks off with an interview with Barcelona midfield maestro, Ivan Rakitić, where he discusses the joys of scoring for Barcelona in last season’s UEFA Champions League Final. He also describes the excitement of lining up next to the world’s deadliest strike force, including Luis Suarez and Leo Messi. Viewers also get a glimpse into the makings of the new Messi 15.1 with insights from Messi himself, and a chance to win their very own pair of the signature boot.

Bayer Leverkusen playmaker and free-kick specialist Hakan Çalhanoğlu then demonstrates to Gamedayplus the perfect technique for mastering long-range free-kicks before Ander Herrera discusses his dream move to Manchester United and what it’s like playing alongside fellow Spaniard, Juan Mata.

Episode five also includes a sneak peak of the upcoming Chelsea special, featuring Diego Costa and Nemanja Matić.

Watch Gamedayplus at <https://youtu.be/qTaH3LRsxZc>

New episodes of Gamedayplus will be released every UEFA Champions League match week this season. Subscribe to adidas football on [Youtube](https://www.youtube.com/user/adidasfootballtv/videos) to ensure you never miss an episode. To join the conversation, visit **facebook.com/adidasfootball** or follow **@adidasfootball** on twitter.

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