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# Mikel ARTETA

## THE HEAD COACH ON WHY WE ARE GETTING THE RIGHT RESULTS

I was so proud of the team after we beat Wolves on Saturday. We were committed, we produced some great moments of quality and we managed the game really well, which is something we haven't always done.

The players are very aware that if we suffer and they enjoy to suffer together, then we can beat any team, and if we don't then we're going to suffer against any team. This is the message that I've given them. We are not able to win comfortably every three days, but if they play at that rhythm with the subs making the impact that they made at Wolves, then we have a chance.

To get a clean sheet at Molineux, I'm very pleased. We played in a little bit different positions from what the players are used to and it's a formation that we haven't used much or trained much, but the effort and attention and everything they are trying to do, that's when it brings the focus and then the results.

It was a strange feeling to be back here for the Norwich game and I have to say that the win didn't quite feel the same without our fans to share it with, but I was still really happy with the performance.

We did everything we talked about, we were really aggressive in our high press. The areas that we won the ball as well allowed us to make quick attacks. But then I didn't like the way that we competed for the last two or three minutes of the first half and the first 10 or 15 minutes of the second half, when we gave the opponent some gifts. That's something we have to improve quickly if we don't want to give the opponent any chances.

Cedric made a great impact and I was really pleased for him because his attitude since he joined has been

so positive towards the group and everything that we are trying to create. He's been very unlucky with the injuries and the fracture that he had, but he's ready now.

It was also typical of Auba to get two goals when a few people had been pointing out that he hadn't scored in four matches. Auba has a great mentality and willingness. He's a competitor, he wants to get better and better.

Last week we announced that two of our young players had signed long-term contracts and Bukayo Saka

celebrated with a fantastic goal. We played him on

the right of midfield at Wolves, I wanted to fit him in when we knew we would be without Nico.

He actually struggled at times in the first-half but what I like is that when things weren't going for him he reacted and had the personality to try and

get the ball and fight for every ball and keep

trying. He was rewarded. He can play in

many positions and that is down to

his maturity, his intelligence, and

how brave he is on the pitch and

the personality that he plays with.

Wherever he plays, he learns and he wants

to make things happen all the time. He is not

afraid even if he is 18 years old – it is one of the

best qualities that he has.

He has come through the Arsenal Academy,

and earned his respect with hard work and

accountability and you can see the

progression that he is having as a player but

as well as a person. He is a player that his

team-mates really like, that I admire and he

has a big hunger to become even better so I

think it is the perfect thing to do right now.

Gabi is another player with a similarly

fantastic attitude to the game and desire to

learn. He adapted to England and football

here so quickly, faster than we expected and

quickly became really important to us.



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*“Gabi and Bukayo are part of a squad that I really think are on the right trajectory”*

The goal he scored at Chelsea was one of the stand out goals of the season – I know how much the fans loved it too – and it illustrated his composure and potential.

Gabi and Bukayo are part of a squad that I really think is on the right trajectory. I think they are really happy and that they are enjoying playing with each other in the way that they are training and the way that they are behaving. Hopefully we can continue. It's a long process but the hardest thing is that continuity all the time and that we don't come back to where we were and go back to bad habits. If we keep progressing then we will compete every game.

Thanks again for your support. We know it is coming from all over the world for the team. We have a big responsibility as a coaching team, just like the players, to make this club reflective of our magnificent supporters and I think we are going in the right direction.

Enjoy the game! ■

# Pierre-Emerick AUBAMEYANG

## THE CAPTAIN ON A FOURTH CONSECUTIVE WIN

That was a fantastic win on Saturday. I don't think many people thought we would go there and win because Wolves have been consistently good for two seasons now and have been very strong since the restart. But I thought we controlled the first half and got a really good goal, through Bukayo – who I will speak about later.

The second half was tough at times, we had to dig deep and manage the game and I thought we did that really well. They are a good side and they have big threats but even when they were pinning us back a bit, they weren't creating a lot of chances and I thought Emi kept us nice and cool with some good handling – he's been great since he's come into the team.

Then in the last period of the game we really started to find our attacking threat again and created some really good chances and I thought Laca took his goal very nicely. There are so many games at the moment, we know how big a role the substitutes play – like Joe at Southampton and Cedric last Wednesday – and it was the same again at Wolves. Everyone who came on made a massive impact.

It was great to win our first game back at our home, Emirates Stadium last week – even if we couldn't share it with our fans. I was really proud to get to 50 Premier League goals and apparently this is the fastest it has been done for the club. But first of all I think of the team and we did a great job against Norwich, Eddie showed the way against Southampton that if you can pressurise goalkeepers, there are

rewards – and mine came against Tim Krul. It's part of our game, closing down defenders and goalkeepers – I think we did it really well at times against Wolves too – and my goal helped us settle. It was great for Granit to get his first league goal of the season, he has good quality and I think the game became more comfortable after that.

My goal in the second half came at a good time as we had been a bit off the pace earlier in the half and I felt really confident through on goal, though to be honest I always back myself in this situation and then the icing on the cake came from Cedric.

It's been really tough for Cedric. The circumstances of him coming in and not playing have been so unusual, so for him to finally come on and score within a couple of minutes – it's easy! He's become an important member of the squad and is really popular, it was no surprise the manager wanted to sign him permanently.

Speaking of signings, it was great for the club that Bukayo and Gabi signed new contracts last week. They have made a big, big impact at the club even though they are only teenagers. Particularly for Bukayo, it must be amazing to sign that contract and think back to when he first put on the Arsenal shirt in the academy when I think he was only six or seven. Both of them are such impressive players already, they have so much to their games – as Bukayo showed with that brilliant goal on Saturday when he just guided it in so nicely. It's funny for me looking back because at 18 I was really raw, there was a lot more for me to ▶

*“There is no doubt we will always miss you and your energy whilst you are not here.”*



learn and it took me a few years to really see all of my potential. But these boys – and you can say the same about Joe and Eddie too – they already seem to have lots of mature attributes. And the great thing is that they are making an impression at the highest level now, but the key is that they are hungry to work hard and really want to learn more and get better and better.

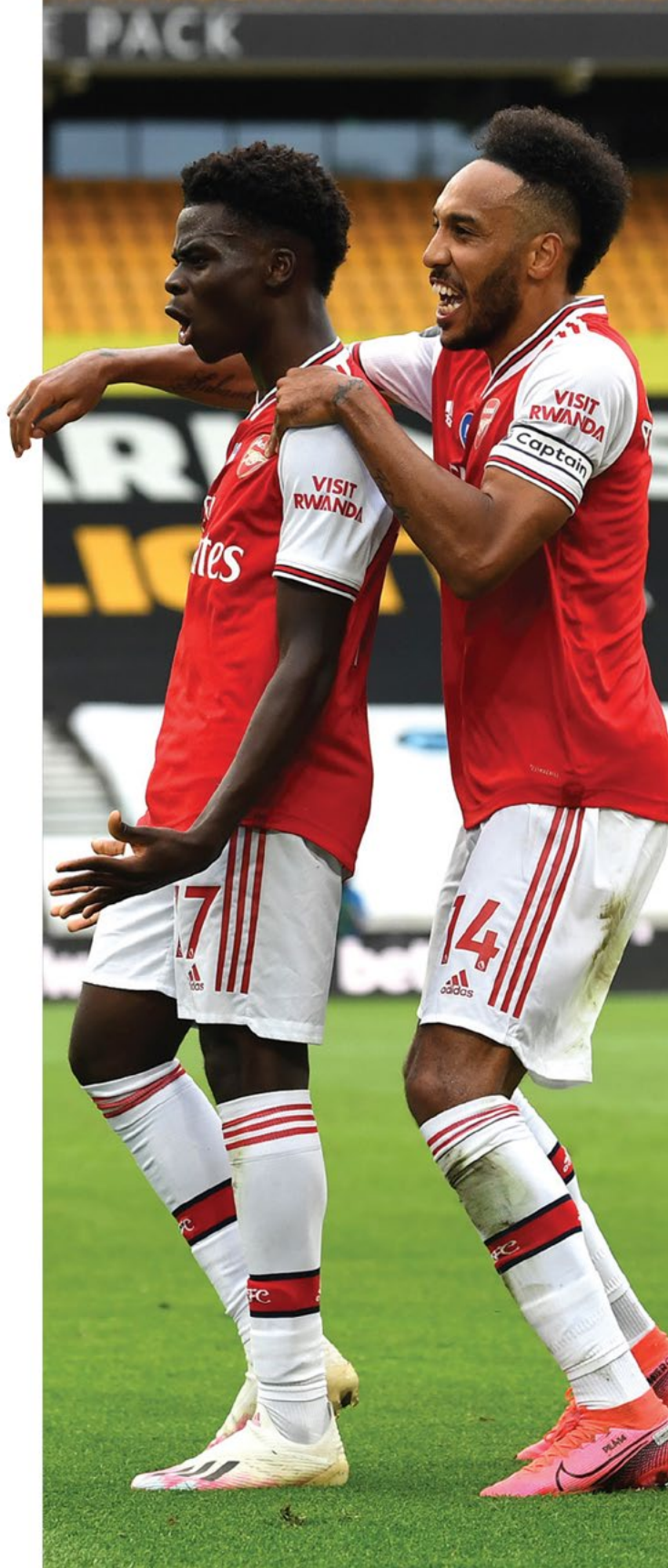
There's actually a kind of link with these lads to Leicester because when I was 21, I went on loan to Monaco from Milan. I made my debut in the first game of the season at Lyon – a big game – and also making his debut was a guy who was only 18, like Bukayo, but had been playing for all of France's junior sides. His name is Nampalys Mendy and he may well play against us tonight for Leicester. It will be good to see him again, our careers go way back!

We know Leicester are dangerous. I think, a bit like us, people were saying they were having troubles after the lockdown but we have gone on a good run and they had a really good result against Palace at the weekend. And of course, as a centre forward, I have a lot of respect for Jamie Vardy. He is so consistent, if we allow him any opportunities to run off us – it's a goal for them.

We will feel a bit more comfortable at home today, now we have played a game here, but there is no doubt we will always miss you and your energy whilst you are not here. In those periods where we need inspiration, we have to find it ourselves, just like every other team. It's like Wolves, they were on top for a spell in the second half until we finished the game really strongly but could their fans have made that little difference then? Who knows, but we know that we have to keep this good run going and build on the results and increasingly good performances we are producing.

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'I really believe in the philosophy that the boss is bringing'

## SAKA SIGNS ON!

Teenage sensation Bukayo Saka has pledged his future to the club after signing a new long-term deal. The academy product – who first played for us aged eight – has enjoyed a breakthrough season in the first team, scoring three goals and adding 11 assists so far.

The 18 year old said: "I'd just like to thank God for this very proud moment for me and my family. I've been here since the age of eight and we've been working hard every single day, but while we've been working we've also been dreaming of moments like this.

"I love playing for Arsenal. I love playing for the coach, the fans, my team-mates, I really believe in the philosophy that the boss is bringing and what he's building, and I'm just really excited to see where he's going to take us in the future.

"When I was at Hale End, I just remember always seeing a picture of Jack Wilshere on the walls when I walked in every single day. I just used to tell myself that it's possible to get into this first team, that there's a pathway. Now that I'm in this position and that I've got to the level he got to when he was my age, I'm really proud of myself, I'm really happy and I just want to keep taking each day by day, staying humble and trying to get better each day."



## MARTINELLI SIGNS TOO!

We're delighted to announce that Brazilian forward Gabriel Martinelli has also signed a new contract extension with us

The 19 year old scored 10 goals from 26 outings in his debut season and said: "I'm thrilled. I'd like to thank my family and God for giving me this opportunity, as well as all the staff at Arsenal and the fans, who have always got behind me and since my recent injury, I've received so many messages of support from them, which has been wonderful for me. I'm so pleased to have extended my contract, so now I'm focused on recovering well from this injury and coming back as strong and as soon as possible."

## THEO FOLEY

Arsenal Football Club would once again like to offer sincere condolences to the friends and family of our former assistant manager Theo Foley.

His death rocked Emirates Stadium, where many older staff members remembered Theo with great warmth. He had a huge passion for football and for life and it was fitting that a 'TF' training top graced the dug out one last time, prior to our win over Norwich.

These thoughts on Theo come from Arsenal historian **Jon Spurling** – head to [Arseblog.com](http://Arseblog.com) for an unabridged version of this excellent tribute.

It would be an exaggeration to suggest Dublin-born Theo Foley needed much persuasion from George Graham to leave Second Division Millwall in 1986 for Highbury's Marble Halls, but Foley's recollection of the days surrounding the pair's move to N5 spoke volumes for his humility and his undying respect for Graham: "George told me that Arsenal were going to speak to him about the job, and that if he got it, he would take me with him as his assistant. I told George that of course I'd go with him, because I knew that he had the makings of a top, top manager, and who wouldn't want to go to Arsenal? George had the raw ambition to get to the top. I just loved working in football full stop. But going to Highbury was the pinnacle of my career."

Shrewd operator that Graham was, he'd learnt from 1971 'double' winning manager Bertie Mee that in order to run a club successfully and nurture a winning team, the right blend of coaches was required. As Arsenal embarked on their renaissance in the late '80s, George Graham and Theo Foley were Yin and Yang. They dovetailed perfectly. "George was a tracksuit manager," recalled Alan Smith. "He was demanding, sharp, to the point, and was stand offish. Whereas Theo was the opposite, and George knew he needed him because Theo was the opposite. Theo was very good at working one to one with players, having quiet words, and noticing if players didn't quite understand instructions or were struggling. It was a highly effective double act."

The former Northampton Town star and Charlton manager was gregarious, intense and passionate. Foley was as outraged as the Arsenal players when, at half



Theo's crowning moment, with George

time in the Littlewoods Cup Semi Final second leg between Tottenham and Arsenal, with the hosts 2-0 up on aggregate, the White Hart Lane stadium announcer explained how Spurs fans could purchase their tickets for the final. "Theo was apoplectic," recalls Charlie Nicholas, "and we were all of the opinion – we'll show them...and we did!" As well as being fondly remembered by the Gunners players, his interaction with fans cemented his place in supporters' hearts. After the players' coach arrived back in the early hours following the team's win at Anfield in May '89, Pete Mountford recalls: "Theo came down to the supporters club, bought some drinks amongst much bonhomie, and shared Anfield anecdotes with many of us in there for an hour or so in the wee early hours of the morning." Dino Karapittis explains: "Theo used to come in to my dad's café – the Triangle in Palmers Green – and promised us some complimentary tickets. He was a lovely man. I had no idea what the Paddock was until we were sitting in it watching us play from behind the manager! It was the match that saw Winterburn scored his wondergoal against Wimbledon in May 1989."

After Foley's death last month, there were countless other tributes paid to him from fans, and former players at Northampton, Charlton and Arsenal. He was a 'football man' in the truest sense of the word, and his 'good cop' to George Graham's 'bad cop' was hugely influential as Arsenal tasted success once again in the late '80s.





What a start for Cedric

# DEBUT DELIGHT!

Congratulations to Cedric Soares, who not only made his first-team debut in our last game here at the Emirates – but marked the occasion with a goal as well!

In fact he became the first player to score on his Gunners debut since Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang in February 2018, and only the third debut scorer in the past 10 years.

It took him just 229 seconds to open his account for the club – already matching his Premier League tally for previous club Southampton in 120 matches for the Saints.

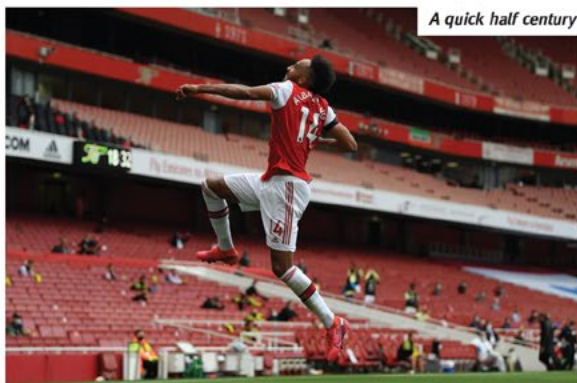
He had to wait more than five months to finally make his debut after arriving on transfer deadline day in January. Injuries either side of the lockdown disrupted his first few months at the club, but last week he turned the deal in to a permanent one, and was at last able to make his bow at the Emirates as a late sub.

The 28 year old is the 871st player to represent the club in our history, but only the fourth from Portugal, after Luis Boa Morte, Amaury Bischoff and Rui Fonte.

# 50 UP!

Our last home game was also special for Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang, who netted his 50th Premier League goal, then swiftly followed it with his 51st! He brought up the landmark in just his 79th game in the competition.

That makes him the fastest Arsenal player ever to amass a half century in the Premier League, getting there four games sooner than Thierry Henry managed it, and eight faster than Ian Wright. In the whole of the Premier League, only five players needed fewer games than Auba. Beyond the Premier League era, Aubameyang is the 38th different player in our history to score 50 league goals, and the fastest to the milestone since Joe Baker did it in 62 games, back in 1963. ■



A quick half century

# WELCOME ABOARD

Corporate lawyer Tim Lewis has been appointed as a non-executive director of Arsenal Holdings Limited and Arsenal Football Club plc. Tim, a partner with Clifford Chance, joins the boards with immediate effect.

Stan and Josh Kroenke said: “We are pleased to announce Tim’s appointment. He will bring additional experience and skills, starting with our work to come out of the current situation in as strong a position as possible.”

Tim, a lifelong Arsenal fan, said: “I am looking forward to the opportunity to work with Stan, Josh, the board and executive team to help take the club forward at this critical time.” ■

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## AND ANOTHER VIV!

Welcome to the team, **VIVIENNE MARY HISSETT**, who was born on March 23. Best wishes from all at Arsenal Football Club



The FWA – Women’s Player of the Year

## CONGRATULATIONS, VIV!

Arsenal striker Vivianne Miedema has been named FWA Women’s Player of the Year after a stunning season in the WSL.

The Dutch forward scored an incredible 16 goals from 14 league outings before the season was brought to a premature end. She is also the leading scorer in the Champions League, with ten goals, and will resume in that competition next month.

Chelsea’s Beth England finished second while Lucy Bronze and Guro Reiten were joint-third.

Miedema said: “Obviously I couldn’t have done it without my teammates and I can’t wait to be able to go out again and enjoy football again.” ■

## INSPECTOR STEVE LEWINGTON

Arsenal Football Club would like to wish Inspector Steve Lewington a very long and happy retirement, after 30 years service when he has been an ever present police officer on duty at our games both at Highbury and Emirates. In 1990, as a young PC, he was deployed into the segregation line! In more recent years, as police commander, he has supported our safety management team in the control room. ■



Thanks Steve

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# IT'S CITY IN THE SEMI

We will face Manchester City in the semi-final of the Emirates FA Cup on Saturday, July 18, kicking off at 7.45pm. The match will be played behind closed doors at Wembley Stadium, but is televised live on BT Sport.

It is our 30th appearance in the semi-final – a joint record in English football – as we go hunting a record-extending 14th trophy this year.

The other semi-final is between Chelsea and Manchester United.

The final will be played on Saturday, August 1, also at Wembley Stadium.





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# STEVE STAMMERS

It was with great regret that the club learned of the recent death of Steve Stammers, a journalist who covered Arsenal for many years. Steve worked for a number of newspapers, most recently the Sunday Mirror, but it was during his long stint as 'the Arsenal man' at the Evening Standard that he became synonymous with the club. A constant presence at press conferences and in mixed zones he became good friends with staff, players and management at the club in particular Arsène Wenger with whom he enjoyed an excellent relationship. A regular interviewer of Tony Adams for his captain's

notes in the programme, Steve was hugely knowledgeable about the club, writing a number of Arsenal related books, including 'Arsenal: The official biography'.

Steve will be missed by so many at the club. We extend our deepest sympathies to his family and friends.

## ARSENAL REMEMBERS

**JIM MAGUIRE**

It was with regret that the club learned of the death of former scout Jim Maguire. Our former Chief Scout Steve Rowley said of him: "Jim was a very loyal hardworking scout and a real force for us in the 80s and 90s, with a great eye for a young player. He had unbelievable enthusiasm for the job and nothing was too much trouble for him in the pursuit of a player. His knowledge personality and kindness will be sorely missed." The club extends its sympathies to the Maguire family.

**PAUL REED**

Aged 58 suddenly passed away on March 11, 2020. He will be sadly missed by his family, brothers Peter, Mark & Malcolm, niece Alfie girl and his elderly mother Marjorie.

**ANDY PLAICE**

Arsenal fan who sadly died in February after a brave cancer battle. Much loved husband, father, son and good friend.

Respected writer and journalism lecturer at De Montfort University. Memories include 1993 FA Cup final and being at the 'penalties end' Wembley semi-final 2014.

**ROY ALLEN**

Who grew up in the shadow of the East Stand in 1930s Highbury. Forever Arsenal. Forever Invincible. God bless, Nipper. Allen family Gunners forever.

**JOHN PHILIP WILSON**

Lifelong Arsenal fan. Will be cheering on The Arsenal from above with his dad, George. Forever loved by his family, friends and children, Leanne, Matthew & Olivia.

**DAVID SWANN 'SWANNY'**

Aged 41 died suddenly on May 16, 2020 and was a devoted Arsenal fan. Leaves behind wife Katy, daughter Isla, parents Sandra & John, brother Mark, nephew Charlie and all the rest of his beloved family & friends. RIP Swanny. 'Up the Reds' xxx



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- 1 McCarthy
- 43 Valery (46)
- 5 Stephens
- 35 Bednarek
- 21 Bertrand
- 17 Armstrong
- 16 Ward-Prowse
- 23 Hojberg (90)
- 22 Redmond
- 9 Ings (90)
- 20 Obafemi (46)

## SUBSTITUTES

Vestergaard (90), Long (46), Walker-Peters (46), Romeu (90), Adams, Smallbone, Gunn, Vokins, Tella

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- 26 Martinez
- 20 Mustafi
- 16 Holding
- 3 Tierney (70)
- 2 Bellerin
- 8 Ceballos (80)
- 34 Xhaka
- 77 Saka
- 19 Pepe (64)
- 30 Nketiah (79)
- 14 Aubameyang

## SUBSTITUTES

Kolasinac (70), Willock (64), Lacazette (79), Maitland-Niles (80), Sokratis, Macey, Smith, Nelson, Ozil



## FIRST HALF

The Gunners lined up with three at the back and our wing backs were soon bombing forward to help the attack. But our opening goal came via Eddie Nketiah's quick-thinking and determination. Alex McCarthy in the Southampton goal dwelt in possession just a split second too long, Nketiah pounced to dispossess him, and rolled the ball into an empty net. Nketiah nearly doubled the lead when Nicolas Pepe found him inside the area, as we started to grow in confidence.

## SECOND HALF

The game was on a knife-edge at 1-0, and Emiliano pulled off a fine save to deny Shane Long, and smother the loose ball. With the game entering a nervous last five minutes or so, the home side were reduced to ten men when Jack Stephens was given his marching orders after bringing down an accelerating Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang. From the resulting free-kick we sealed the points. Alexandre Lacazette's initial effort hit the wall, his second attempt was parried by the keeper, and from the rebound Joe Willock swooped to tuck home his first Premier League goal.

MATCH STATS		
12	TOTAL SHOTS	10
3	SHOTS ON TARGET	5
4	CORNERS	6
2	OFFSIDES	1
10	FOULS	14
53	POSSESSION %	47



Eddie Nketiah taps home after doing the hard work in dispossessing Alex McCarthy



Joe Willock seals our first win since the restart late on



Our young striker celebrates again



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### MATCH ACTION

Clockwise from top left: Emiliano Martinez kept a clean sheet on his first Premier League start of the season. Granit Xhaka strides forward. Need a goal? Call Eddie. Bukayo Saka shows his balance. Martinez with the flying stop. Celebrating our first win since March.



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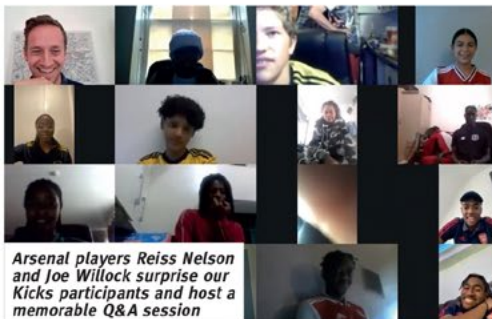
Another successful day delivering emergency supplies into our communities across London throughout Camden and Hackney



Club partners adidas helped set up a video call from Arsenal legend Ian Wright to one of our indoor bowls participants



Young people from our Kicks project volunteered with the charity Manor Gardens to help them create an outdoor well-being space for locals



Arsenal players Reiss Nelson and Joe Willock surprise our Kicks participants and host a memorable Q&A session



Ody is a volunteer coach on our Gap Programme. Instead of heading home to Greece before lockdown, he decided to stay and volunteer for the NHS



Club partners Delaware North donated a supply of soft drinks and snacks which, in turn, were delivered to the Whittington hospital for staff

35 years in the **COMMUNITY**

Our staff thanking Shkodran Mustafi for his donation of 16,000 meals to local residents and explaining the process



Two of our full-time staff members, Luke and Justin, participated in a 100k bike ride in support of the Willow Foundation. Congratulations!



We launched Arsenal Home Learning through our Double Club project



Arsenal in the Community have worked with club partner Intel



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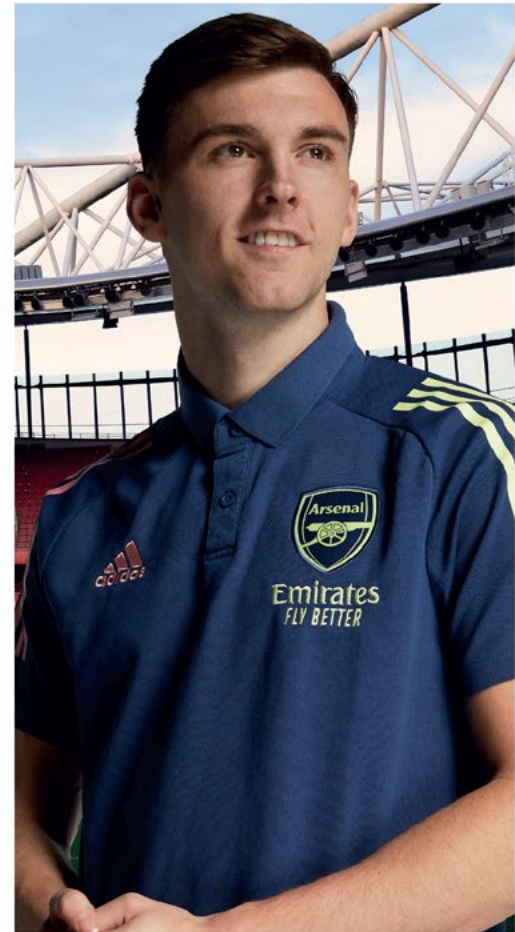


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YOUNG GUN  
**JAMES  
OLAYINKA**

AROUND THE ACADEMY  
**GUNNERS  
EXCELLING  
ON LOAN**





# YOUNG GUN TALKING TO: AIDAN SMALL **JAMES OLAYINKA**

Winning a play-off final at Wembley as part of the Northampton team last week is an experience I'll never forget. Waking up on the morning of the game, I was so focused on what I'd been told in training that week and what we needed to do as a team, but we all couldn't help but notice how weird everything felt as we made the trip to Wembley.

Normally for an occasion like this you'd feel the atmosphere building as you're driving to the stadium and seeing the fans out and about in Wembley, but this was so different. It was quiet and there wasn't that usual buzz in the air. It was something entirely different. The build-up felt like a bus, all focusing on what we needed to do, rather than being distracted by the outside noise that usually comes with big games like this. But we all felt so confident going into the game. We were mentally and physically prepared and after our comeback win over Cheltenham the week before, we felt like we could do anything and go the whole way.

We started really, really well on the night and found ourselves 2-0 up at half-time, and then we went out for the second half and scored another two, so we nailed our game plan. I honestly don't think I'll ever forget that feeling on the final whistle. Even though there were no fans at Wembley to really enjoy that moment with us, we knew that they were feeling it back home and how much it all means to them. It was different because they weren't there, but it doesn't take anything away from how special that moment was to all of us. Since coming back from lockdown, going all the way in the play-offs and lifting that trophy is all we've been thinking about, so it was an incredible moment. Normally you'd hear the roar of the crowd at the final whistle, but this time you could hear each touch of the ball and the echoes from our celebrations all around the stadium. It's something I'll never forget.

I think playing any competitive game behind closed doors is always going to be a weird experience, but to do it for a

*PP I don't think I'll ever forget that feeling on the final whistle PP*

## THE BASICS

**BORN**  
London, October 5, 2000

**JOINED ARSENAL**  
2006

**HEIGHT & WEIGHT**  
5ft 11ins, 77kg

**POSITION**  
Central midfield

**SCHOOL**  
Aldenham School



game of this magnitude at a stadium like Wembley makes it so much weirder! Although when we finally arrived back in Northampton we were greeted by some fans and that was such a nice feeling to directly see what that win meant. I'm so happy that we had the chance to finish the season and get the reward for all of our hard work. In March when we went into lockdown we had no idea how long this would all go on for, but as time went on, things sounded worse and worse, and then we got to the stage where they announced that League Two had been cancelled, and the consensus at the time was that the play-offs wouldn't go ahead.

One message Keith Curle really emphasized to us when we returned to training was that he wants to see us all do our job and show our personality on the pitch, so we knew exactly how we wanted to play and how we could get success, and that allowed everything to fall into place at the perfect moment. You've only got to look at our performance in the final, we were superb. We started so aggressive and right from the first minute we pinned them back and kept asking them question after question. We never gave them a chance.

It was a special moment to be a part of, and I want to say a massive thank you to Northampton and their fans for their support throughout my time there. I've genuinely learnt so much. Being in and around a senior dressing room every day, I've seen with my own eyes just how much every game means to the players, especially when you're playing for promotion.

At the end of the day, you're playing for other people's livelihoods, so it means a lot to each player and every day you need to make sure that you're maintaining high standards. I can honestly say that this experience has really shaped me into becoming a better professional and it's something that I'll carry forward with me for the rest of my career. ■

# JAMES OLAYINKA

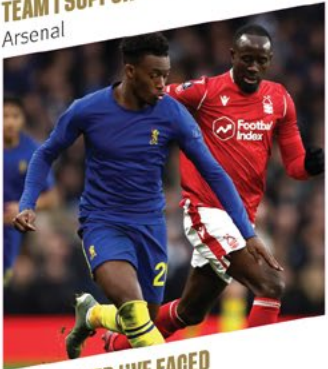
## THE LOWDOWN

**EARLIEST MEMORY OF FOOTBALL**  
The first ever London derby I watched at Highbury in 2005

**WHO GOT ME IN TO FOOTBALL**  
Dad

**FIRST FOOTBALLER I LOOKED UP TO**  
Thierry Henry

**TEAM I SUPPORTED GROWING UP**  
Arsenal



**BEST PLAYER I'VE FACED**  
Callum Hudson-Odoi

**BIGGEST INFLUENCE**  
Dad

**BEST GOAL I'VE SCORED**  
My goal against Colorado in pre-season tour in America last year

**WHO I COMBINE BEST WITH**  
Matt Smith

**BEST MOMENT OF MY CAREER SO FAR**  
Promotion from League 2

**SING ONE SONG TO SAVE MY LIFE**  
Gonna - Met Gala

**ANOTHER SPORT I'M GOOD AT**  
Basketball

## ABOUT ME

**FAVOURITE FOOTBALLER OF ALL TIME**  
Kevin de Bruyne

**FAVOURITE FOLLOW ON INSTAGRAM**  
Lebron James



**BEST FOOTBALLING ATTRIBUTE**  
Energy

**IF I WASN'T A FOOTBALLER I WOULD**  
Be an architect

**FAVOURITE TRAINING DRILL**  
Finishing drills

**ONE THING I WANT TO DO IN CAREER**  
Win the Champions League

**IDEAL CHEAT MEAL**  
Pizza

**BEST THING ABOUT ARSENAL**  
I play for the team I support!

**THE FIRST-TEAM PLAYER I LOOK UP TO MOST**  
Joe Willock

## AROUND THE ACADEMY

**WILL DEFINITELY MAKE IT**  
Zak Swanson (below)

**BEST TOUCH**  
Trae Coyle

**MOST COMMITTED**  
Harry Clarke

**WOULD BE BEST MANAGER**  
Me

**STRONGEST**  
Mark McGuinness

**CAPTAIN MATERIAL**  
Mark McGuinness

**FUNNIEST**  
Flo Balogun

**BEST SINGER**  
Zech Medley



## RATE YOURSELF

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# ACADEMY NEWS



## PLAY-OFF FINAL SUCCESS FOR OLAYINKA

As you have just read, on loan midfielder James Olayinka helped Northampton Town gain promotion to League One with a 4-0 win over Exeter City last week.

The Cobblers made a dream start to the play-off final when Ryan Watson opened the scoring with a deflected strike, before Callum Morton doubled their lead with a simple finish from close range.

Exeter's Dean Moxey was sent off early in the second half for a late tackle on Watson, and Keith Curle's side were quick to make the advantage count with goals from Sam Hoskins and Andy Williams. The victory sees Northampton promoted back into the third tier after two seasons in League Two.

Olayinka came on as a substitute in the 74th minute and provided energy and dynamism in midfield. The 19 year old will now return to north London having made four appearances, scoring once for the Cobblers.



## EMILE STARS FOR TROUBLED TERRIERS

Emile Smith Rowe played the first three games for Huddersfield Town after the restart.

The Terriers returned to football with a 2-0 defeat against Wigan, a 3-1 loss at Nottingham Forest and an eye-catching 3-0 win against Birmingham City and our young midfielder looked sharp in all three fixtures, driving at the opposition with pace and playing a number of probing passes.

The 19 year old's combination play with striker Karlan Grant has been particularly impressive, with the duo showing a promising understanding in the final third.

Smith Rowe has clocked up 13 appearances since joining Huddersfield on loan in January – winning five of the 10 games in which Emile has started, scoring once and assisting three. He will no doubt play a key role in helping the Terriers avoid relegation, as they find themselves in the relegation zone (at the time of writing).



## OSEI-TUTU MAKES HISTORY

Jordi Osei-Tutu wrote his name into the history books when the 2. Bundesliga returned in May, becoming the first English player to score a competitive goal post-lockdown. The versatile defender started the game and played 80 minutes as VfL Bochum secured a comfortable 3-0 home victory over Heidenheim.

It took the hosts just 11 minutes to open the scoring when Anthony Losilla latched on to a dangerous delivery to head home inside the area, before Osei-Tutu doubled their advantage shortly after.

Despite starting on the right wing, the 21 year old regained possession in the middle of the area, shifted the ball out from under his feet and showed great composure to fizz a low effort into the bottom corner. Silvere M'bossy then went on to make it three with a cool finish in the second half.

Osei-Tutu finished the game having made one key pass and three interceptions, in addition to winning five duels and completing two take-ons. The youngster has maintained his fine form since then, scoring twice more and providing two assists in vital wins against Holstein Kiel, VfL Osnabruck and Erzgebirge Aue.

As a result, Bochum finished the 2019/20 2. Bundesliga season in eighth place.

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# Juni Gunners Arsenal



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## JG'S ON PARADE



Benji is an Arsenal superfan



Caoimhe will be watching today's game at home in Belfast!



Ezra loves Gunnersaurus



Oni loves to play football!



Theo is football obsessed! His Arsenal football goes everywhere with him

## OUR JG MOSAIC IS DISPLAYED AT EMIRATES STADIUM



Back in May, we asked you to share photos of your JG to feature in an artwork with lots of young Arsenal supporters. The response was overwhelming as we received hundreds of amazing JG pictures.

Our 'JG Mosaic' is shown proudly on our Twitter and Facebook pages and today we're thrilled to announce that Gunnersaurus has helped us get it displayed just outside the player tunnel at Emirates Stadium.

The Arsenal squad will see your amazing photos just before kick-off, and we're sure it will give them that extra boost to win the game!

## X ON X V O V O DUTY O

We unfortunately can't have mascots at the games between now and the end of the season. Each JG that was pre-selected will be given to the opportunity to fulfill their mascot duties when it is safe to do so!



## WIN A SIGNED SHIRT DURING TONIGHT'S GAME

We've teamed up with Octopus Energy, Arsenal's Official Energy Partner who power Emirates Stadium and all our facilities with 100 per cent renewable electricity, to award one JG with a shirt signed after every Arsenal Premier League home game for the rest of the season.

To enter, all you need to do is show your Arsenal support from home and send us a photo of your JG watching the game to juniorgunners@arsenal.co.uk. We'll select our favourite and they'll win a signed shirt, a few runners up may also feature on our social media too.



To enter, head to [arsenal.com/juniorgunners](https://arsenal.com/juniorgunners) or download the Junior Gunners app.



## WTOW

HERE'S THEO AND HIS PROUD BIG SISTER ARIA. WELCOME TO OUR WORLD, THEO.

Would you like to welcome someone to our world? Send a photo to [juniorgunners@arsenal.co.uk](mailto:juniorgunners@arsenal.co.uk) and let us know all about them

### WTOW MEMBERSHIP

WTOW membership is for our youngest fans aged 0-3 years. As a WTOW member your mini-goosner gets access to fun competitions, special events and loads of other benefits including Gunners' Membership pack! Find out more at: [Arsenal.com/Membership/](https://Arsenal.com/Membership/)



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## Culture CLUB

OVER THE DECADES, ARSENAL HAVE HAD A BIG INFLUENCE ON POPULAR CULTURE. HISTORIAN JON SPURLING LOOKS AT THE GUNNERS' UNIQUE IMPACT OFF THE PITCH



Ray Kennedy takes on the blue-shirted Man United defence in a colourful 4-0 win

The BBC's Match Of The Day cameras covered Arsenal's opening match of the 1970/71 season against Manchester United. As always, it was one of the most eagerly anticipated games of the season, and after the Fairs Cup victory three months earlier, hopes amongst Gunners fans for a great season were high. An enormous 55,000 crowd packed Highbury that day, for a game which gained huge significance as the season passed.

The United game also signified a crucial development in the relationship between football and television. A few weeks earlier, football fans had had the opportunity to enjoy the 1970 World Cup on the small screen, and Brazil's golden yellow shirts, framed by the lush green Mexican pitches poured out of the screens. It was football almost from another planet. Electrical shops reported that huge numbers of colour TVs were purchased or rented that summer.

For many Gunners fans, the Arsenal v United match on August 22 was the first time they'd ever seen Arsenal on television in colour. With the home team clad in their classic red and white tops, United turned out in dark blue. The colours contrasted beautifully.

The game couldn't have gone better for Arsenal, with John Radford's predatory hat-trick and George Graham's headed goal, described by Barry Davies, giving the home side a 4-0 win on a beautiful summer's day. But for the neutral, the match is perhaps

best remembered for Gunners' goalkeeper Bob Wilson's save from the mercurial George Best. During an Evening with Jimmy Greaves in 2004, special guest Best recalled: "One thing that still really annoys me is what happened at Highbury in 1970. I was clean through against Arsenal, with just Bob Wilson to beat. I did what I used to do all the time – feinted to the left and moved to the right. But this time, Bob snatched the ball from me. I can remember it like it was yesterday. Sometimes, I wake up at night even now and wonder how I didn't score. And it was over 30 years ago!"

The highlights also demonstrated just how effective midfield 'enforcer' Peter Storey was in doing his job. Skipper Frank McLintock recalled: "The Arsenal team I was in always had a great record against United. We'd put Peter Storey tight on Bestie. And Snouty would always grunt and snort when he played in that destructive role. Basically, he didn't really like playing there, and he'd swear and make noises, anything to put Bestie off his game. None of the team gave

United's George Best didn't have things his own way at Highbury that afternoon in 1970



The hugely talented Bob Wilson at full stretch against United that August afternoon



Bestie the chance to express himself. He was a beautifully balanced player who could glide past you – if you let him – and then he was gone."

Decades later, Bob Wilson recalls his famous televised save: "Attackers would come through at full pelt, but I knew that at some point, they would knock the ball a little bit too far ahead. I knew there was a split second where I could pounce. People said I was mad, because I went in head first. But that was the aspect of my game which lifted me out from the pack. It was the diamond in my game, and I really would go like a torpedo at players' feet. Eight times out of 10, George would have scored that day. He dropped his shoulder, and tried to go to my left (his right) and for a moment, the ball was out of his control. I shocked him by scooping the ball away from his feet, and he looked back in horror. He jogged away, but I got up on my feet, and was elated. It remains my greatest save, because it was from George Best."

In Wilson's study, he has a framed sequence of photos showing the moment. Over the sequence of snaps, Best has written: "Kind regards, Bob. Sooner or later you get a lucky one – George." The game's importance went deep,

as Wilson recalls: "Arsenal's victory that day sent out a message that following on from the Fairs Cup win, the club was moving in the right direction. It was the best of omens for a wonderful season, and I've seen the highlights of that match many times since, and I still swell with pride, knowing that it was at the start of the

*It remains my greatest save, because it was from George Best*

historic double season."

Almost half a century after Arsenal completed their historic first double, fans and players are fortunate in that so much footage remains of that season, even if some of it – like the highlights of the decisive 1-0 win at White Hart Lane which secured the league title – is so brief and grainy. But few matches burn more brightly in the memory than that 4-0 win over United, which not only confirmed Arsenal's title credentials, but also confirmed that the age of Technicolor football had well and truly arrived in N5. ■

Television has come a long way since the 1970s



Decorative elements include: 'ARSENAL' text at the top; 'ARSENAL', 'AFC', and 'GUNNERS' on vertical banners on the left; 'ARSENAL FM' on a stylized radio on the right; a stylized football pitch and stadium at the bottom; and a cartoon illustration of a cheering man in the bottom right corner.



# At home with **EDDIE NKETIAH**

**PLAYERS TELL US ABOUT HOW THEIR FAMILY LIFE  
INFLUENCED THEIR FOOTBALL CAREERS**

**TELL US ABOUT YOUR FAMILY YOU  
GREW UP WITH, EDDIE?**

We're a family of five: my mum, my dad and my two sisters. We're a close-knit family. I'm quite a family man, and I have quite a lot of close friends who I also see as family. It's good coming from south London because there aren't a lot of chances so you have to really work hard and be focused. You have to steer clear of distractions but luckily I've got a good family around me who kept me grounded and have always supported me. I owe a lot of the success I have right now to them because of the hard work they put in and the dedication they had to helping me get to where I want to get to. They keep pushing.

**WHERE WAS THE FAMILY HOME?**

I was born in Lewisham and grew up in Deptford, south-east London. In my younger days I grew up in a flat, and then we moved to a house that was a bit bigger but in the same area. It wasn't the biggest of houses but it was decent. Obviously the area I lived in wasn't the nicest, but there were football cages for us to play in. I used to play in the house and then when I was old enough I'd



Scoring for the youth team in 2016

play in the street with my friends. A lot of my local friends lived close by so we'd literally make a goal out of two cars, or bags, or whatever we could find, and just play for hours in the street. Obviously it's nice to see that some of them did well and there were some who were good enough but unfortunately they didn't get that opportunity.

**DO YOUR FAMILY STILL LIVE IN THE  
SAME PLACE?**

No, my family moved up with me to Barnet, but we still own the house I grew up in

because it means a lot to us and we have a lot of memories there. It just made sense to move closer to the training ground when I came to Arsenal.

**DO YOU REMEMBER ANY FAMILY  
HOLIDAYS? WHERE DID YOU GO?**

We used to go to Ghana to see family back home. We went a few times and it was obviously nice to go together. My parents worked hard to give me everything I needed and wanted and I'm so grateful to them. Just getting away and being with my family is a blessing. Ghana is very different and you



Deptford, where Eddie grew up

really appreciate what you have when you go there. Obviously there are some nice places there but there are parts where people are less fortunate. We have always tried to help when we can and give back. It's about showing your appreciation for where you are.

**DID YOU HAVE ANY FAMILY PETS?**

I'm not really too fond of animals if I'm being honest! I've never had any pets. Maybe my sister had a goldfish or something but nothing too big. We're not really a family of pet lovers!

**WHAT KIND OF MUSIC DID YOU ASSOCIATE WITH FAMILY LIFE?**

I'd say a bit of everything. My family like afrobeats but I used to control the music so it was whatever I liked at the time. I'd dictate the music! I'm a little bit like that in the dressing room but I'm more of an earpods man. I like to be in my own zone.



**WHICH MOVIES DO YOU REMEMBER FROM YOUR CHILDHOOD?**

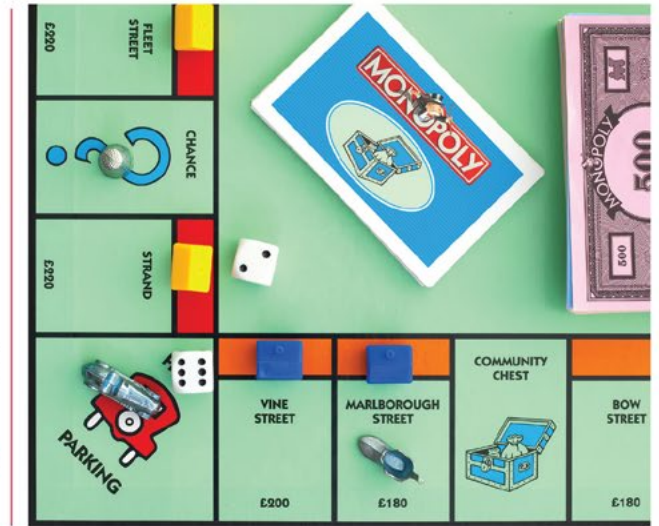
It's the Christmas ones that I remember most, like The Grinch. Nothing too scary.

**OTHER THAN FOOTBALL, WHAT OTHER SPORTS WERE THE FAMILY INTERESTED IN?**

None. Although we did use to watch athletics, actually, when there was a major championships on the telly. But it was more of a footballing home, and my sisters like to watch football too.

**WAS THERE ANYTHING YOU WOULD DO WITH ALL OF YOUR FAMILY?**

We're quite a religious family so we used to



*We're quite a religious family so we used to go to church every Sunday.*



go to church every Sunday and when I have the time off I still try to go. We pray together and try to learn more about God together, and church is definitely one of the traditions that we try to keep going together.

**WHAT WAS THE FAMILY CAR?**

We've had a couple – my mum used to have a little Nissan Micra back in the day. She used to squeeze us all in like a magic trick! My dad had a decent little BMW 3-Series and that was alright to be fair, but that's about it. Probably the Micra was the funniest one. She's changed it now so she's a bit happier.

**WHAT GAMES DO YOU ASSOCIATE WITH FAMILY LIFE?**

We played Monopoly a lot, and when I got older there was a bit of Tekken on the PlayStation. That gets a bit competitive.



# Arsenal WOMEN

JOE MONTEMURRO CONTINUES TO BUILD HIS SIDE AHEAD OF NEXT SEASON

## SCHNADERBECK SIGNS ON

We're delighted to confirm that Viktoria Schnaderbeck has signed a new contract, committing her future to the club.

A versatile defender and captain of the Austria national team, Viki joined us from Bayern Munich in May 2018 and helped us secure the FA Women's Super League title in her debut season.

The 29 year old then kicked on in impressive fashion in 2019/20, starting 17 games across all competitions and guiding us to 12 clean sheets.

"I'm really delighted to have Viki stay with us," said head coach, Joe Montemurro. "She's a really experienced professional who is always willing to work for the team and go that extra mile to help someone out, so she really personifies what we're trying to achieve. We're ecstatic to retain her at Arsenal."

"I'm truly very happy to finally make it official," said Schnaderbeck after signing. "It just feels so right to stay with this club with the philosophy, with the staff and players, and it's both the big picture and the small details that feel right to me.

"I still think there is so much more to come from me and now I just can't wait to be back (at London Colney) and start training, not alone, but with my teammates again!" ■



Scoring the winner in the 2016 FA Cup final at Wembley

## THANKS AND GOOD LUCK

Arsenal Women legend Danielle Carter has left the club following the conclusion of her contract.

Danielle joined us from Leyton Orient's Centre of Excellence in 2009, and since then she's helped us to five Continental Tyres Cups, four FA Cups and three Women's Super League titles.

Following 11 successful years in north London, she departs us as the longest-serving player in the current squad, having scored 60 goals in 184 appearances.

The England international has been involved in many iconic Arsenal moments throughout the years, including scoring in an FA Cup final against Chelsea at Wembley in 2016, which saw us lift the prestigious trophy for a record 14th time.

Danielle has also made a significant impact off the field and was awarded the PFA Community Champion Award in 2019 to mark her incredible work supporting Arsenal in the Community.

"Danielle has been an amazing professional and character through very difficult times over the past couple of years. She has achieved many accolades as both a footballer and person and I'm sure there are many more to come. We want to wish her all the best for the future," said head coach, Joe Montemurro.

Everyone at Arsenal would like to thank Danielle for her outstanding contribution to the team's success, and for her exceptional professionalism and commitment to the club.

All the very best for the future, Dan!

## 2019/20 RESULTS

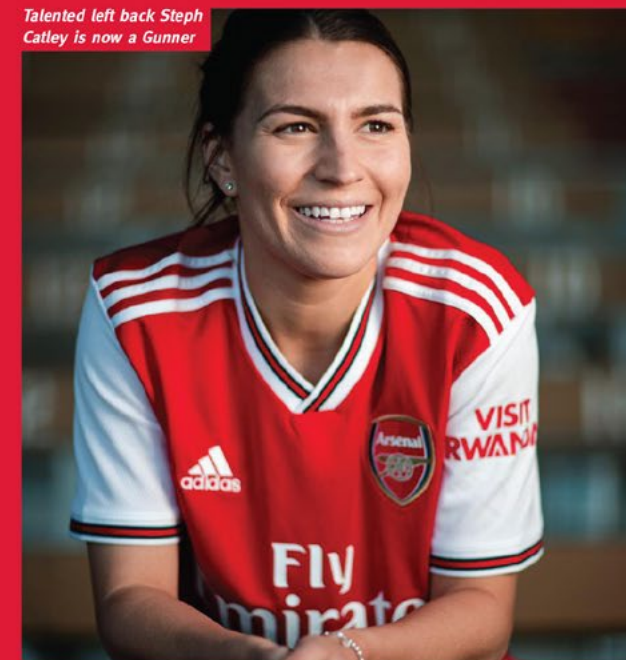
SUN 8 SEP	WEST HAM UNITED	2-1
THU 12 SEP	FIorentina (UCL)	4-0
MON 16 SEP	MANCHESTER UNITED	1-0
SUN 22 SEP	LONDON CITY LIONESSES (CC)	5-0
THU 26 SEP	FIorentina (UCL)	2-0
SUN 29 SEP	BRIGHTON & HA	4-0
SUN 13 OCT	CHELSEA	1-2
WED 16 OCT	SLAVIA PRAGUE (UCL)	5-2
SUN 20 OCT	CHARLTON (CC)	4-0
SUN 27 OCT	MANCHESTER CITY	1-0
THUR 31 OCT	SLAVIA PRAGUE (UCL)	8-0
SUN 3 NOV	BRIGHTON & HA (CC)	0-0
SUN 17 NOV	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	2-0
THU 21 NOV	BRISTOL CITY (CC)	7-0
SUN 24 NOV	LIVERPOOL	1-0
SUN 1 DEC	BRISTOL CITY	11-1
SUN 8 DEC	READING	3-0
WED 11 DEC	LONDON BEES (CC)	9-0
SUN 15 DEC	EVERTON	3-1
SUN 5 JAN	BIRMINGHAM CITY	2-0
SUN 12 JAN	BRIGHTON & HA	4-0
WED 15 JAN	READING (CC QF)	1-0
SUN 19 JAN	CHELSEA	1-4
SUN 26 JAN	WEST HAM (FA CUP R4)	2-0
WED 29 JAN	MAN CITY (CC SF)	2-1
SUN 2 FEB	MANCHESTER CITY	1-2
THU 13 FEB	LIVERPOOL	3-2
SUN 23 FEB	LEWES (FA CUP 5)	2-0
SAT 29 FEB	CHELSEA (CC FINAL)	1-2
SAT 22 AUG	PSG (UCL QF) (7PM UK)	N
WED 26 AUG	LYON/BAYERN MUNICH (UCL SF)	N
SUN 30 AUG	UCL FINAL (SAN SEBASTIAN)	N

## WSL FINAL TABLE 2019/20

	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
MANCHESTER CITY	16	13	1	2	30	40
CHELSEA	15	12	3	0	36	39
ARSENAL	15	12	0	3	27	36
MANCHESTER UNITED	14	7	2	5	12	23
READING	14	6	3	5	-3	21
TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	15	6	2	7	-9	20
EVERTON	14	6	1	7	0	19
WEST HAM UNITED	14	5	1	8	-15	16
BRIGHTON & HA	16	3	4	9	-19	13
BRISTOL CITY	14	2	3	9	-29	9
BIRMINGHAM CITY	13	2	1	10	-18	7
LIVERPOOL	14	1	3	10	-12	6

HIGH GAMES IN RED

Talented left back Steph Catley is now a Gunner



## WELCOME TO ARSENAL, STEPH!

We are delighted to announce that Australia international Steph Catley has joined us from Melbourne City FC.

The 26-year-old defender started her career at Melbourne Victory and has since gone on to play for Portland Thorns FC, Orlando Pride and OL Reign.

Vice-captain of the Matildas, Steph has featured 82 times and scored three goals since making her debut at just 18 years of age.

The attack-minded full back joins Arsenal having won the W-League Championship five times and W-League Premiership twice, in addition to being named W-League Young Player of the Year and FFA U-20 Footballer of the Year twice.

"This is something that I've been looking forward to for a long time," said Catley, speaking exclusively to Arsenal Digital. "Arsenal is a place where I've imagined myself playing for a long time too.

"I'm so excited that it's finally done. This will be my first taste of European football and obviously there's so much to look forward to and so many big occasions to come. I can't wait to get started."

"We're privileged to have Steph at the club," said head coach Joe Montemurro. "She suits our fluidity and she's very good in a positional sense, but more importantly she's very effective going forwards, so we're excited to have her as part of the squad and we're looking forward to some exciting times together!"

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QUARTER FINAL  
1PM • SUNDAY, JUNE 28  
BRAMALL LANE



McGoldrick 87  
Pepe 25 (pen)  
Ceballos 90

**SHEFFIELD UNITED**

- 1 Henderson
- 6 Basham (75)
- 12 Egan
- 19 Robinson
- 2 Baldock (62)
- 16 Norwood
- 7 Lundstram (35)
- 4 Fleck
- 3 Stevens
- 17 McGoldrick
- 9 McBurnie

**SUBSTITUTES**

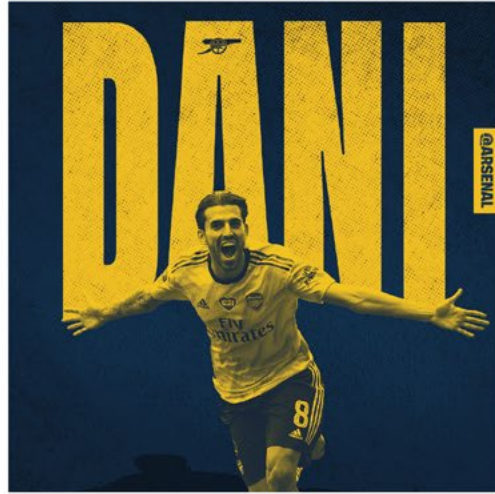
Freeman, Sharp (75), Jagielka, Freeman (62), Mousset, Berge (35), Osborn, Moore, Zivkovic

**ARSENAL**

- 26 Martinez
- 15 Maitland-Niles
- 20 Mustafi
- 23 David Luiz (54)
- 77 Saka
- 3 Tierney
- 34 Khaka
- 19 Pepe (90)
- 9 Lacazette (67)
- 28 Willock (67)
- 31 Kolassinac

**SUBSTITUTES**

Sokratis (90), Macey, Bellerin, Holding (54), Smith, Ceballos (67), Nelson, Nketiah (67), Aubameyang



**FIRST HALF**

Nicolas Pepe's penalty gave us the lead after Alex Lacazette was clattered just inside the area. The goal was against the run of play after a difficult spell that saw John Lundstram's headed goal chalked off for offside through VAR. The Gunners were settled by their goal and Pepe forced Dean Henderson into a fine one-handed save after good interplay with Lacazette. The impressive Kieran Tierney set up our next chance with a perfect low cross that Pepe whipped just wide and we finished the first half on the front foot.

**SECOND HALF**

We were indebted to the offside flag when John Egan converted from close range and Chris Basham headed a great chance wide but we remained a threat too, with Tierney providing ammunition from the left. David McGoldrick equalised after scruffy defending from a long throw. But supersub Dani Ceballos had the final word, collecting a loose ball inside the box and beating Henderson from a narrow angle – just when it seemed the home side had forced extra-time.

MATCH STATS		
16	TOTAL SHOTS	14
12	SHOTS ON TARGET	10
6	CORNERS	4
2	OFFSIDES	2
18	FOULS	13
41	POSSESSION %	59



Dani Ceballos celebrates a stunning climax at Bramall Lane



An explosive and committed match for Kieran Tierney won him the Man of the Match award



Nicolas Pepe cuts the ball away from Enda Stevens





### MATCH ACTION

Clockwise from top left: Eddie Nketiah, getting stronger all the time, pushes past John Egan. Granit Xhaka shows good body shape in midfield. Joe Willock picks his way past Oliver Norwood. Alexandre Lacazette is felled by John Fleck. Head over the ball, Nico sweeps home the penalty. The matchwinner and compatriot Hector Bellerin share a moment at the final whistle.



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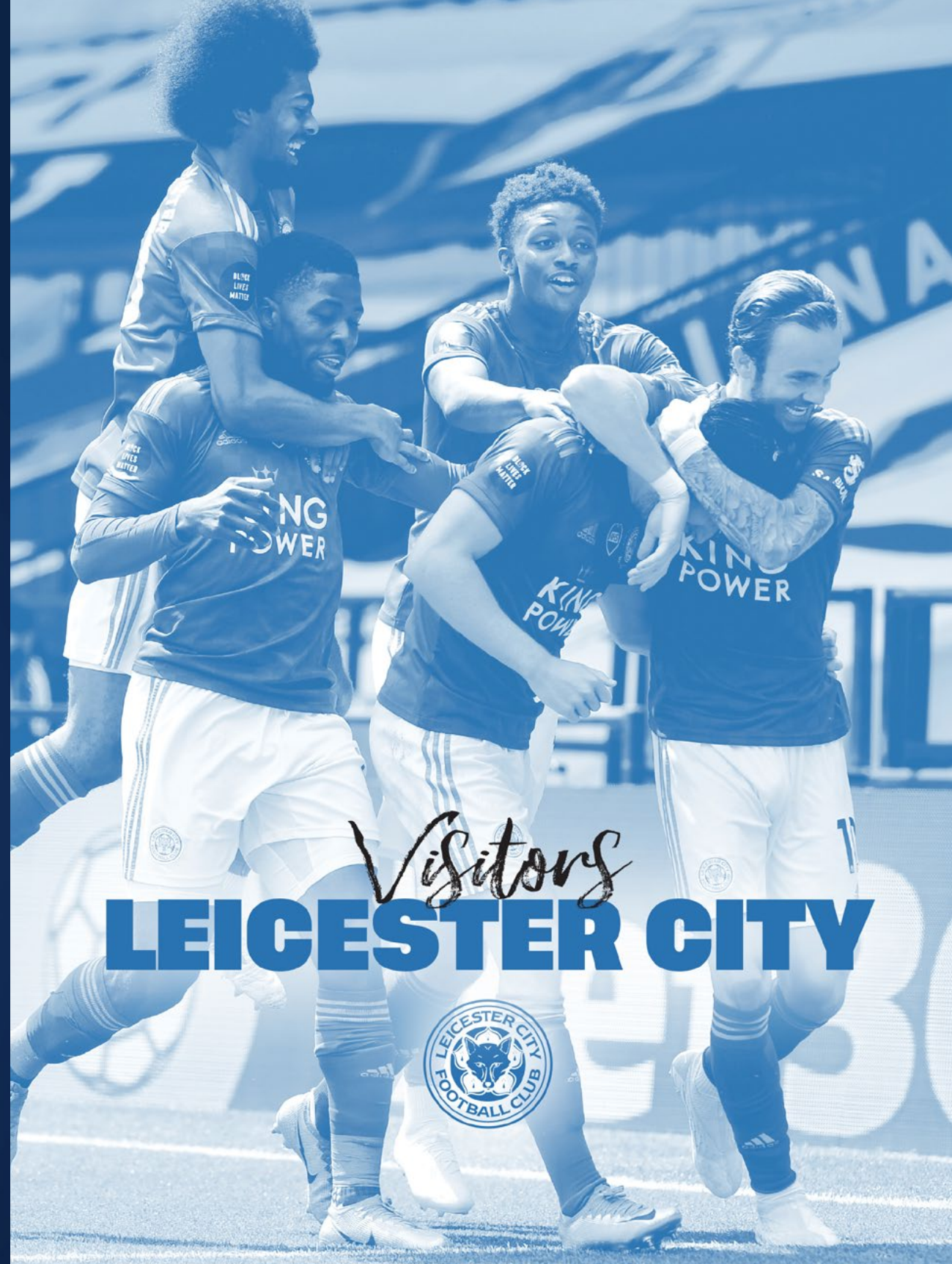
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**LEICESTER CITY**



Words: Mike Hammond

2019/20 has been a season of two halves for Leicester City. All-conquering in the autumn, when their form was so good that they were mentioned as possible title challengers, they have been out of sorts since Christmas and now run the risk of missing out on qualification for next season's UEFA Champions League – a prize that appeared to be firmly in their grasp during the spring hiatus.

Champions of England, against outlandish odds, in 2015/16, the Foxes looked set to write another fairytale when they responded to an agonising last-second defeat at Anfield in early October – courtesy of a controversial penalty – by reeling off an extraordinary run of eight successive Premier League victories. The second of those, on a rainy Friday night at Southampton, set a new record for an away win in England's top division when they overwhelmed the hosts at St Mary's with a 9-0 scoreline.

Arsenal were among Leicester's victims during that run, going down 2-0 to goals from Jamie Vardy and James Maddison at the King Power Stadium in November. Indeed, Vardy was on target in every one of those eight straight victories, scoring 11 goals in total, to become the Premier League's top marksman, but his and the team's run ended with a 1-1 home draw against Norwich in mid-December, and subsequent heavy defeats by Man City (3-1 away) and Liverpool (4-0 at home) effectively ended any faint title hopes.

By the time of the lockdown, despite a run of just two league wins in eight games, the second of them 4-0 at home to an Aston Villa side who had knocked them out of the semi-finals of the Carabao Cup, Leicester still looked comfortable in third place, with an eight-point cushion protecting their Champions League qualifying berth. However, a



Jamie Vardy dinks the ball over Palace's Vicente Guaita to make it 3-0

flat restart, which included a 1-0 home defeat by Chelsea in the quarter-finals of the FA Cup, has raised serious question marks about the team's ability to hold on to their lucrative European prize. But Brendan Rodgers will be hoping Saturday's 3-0 win over Crystal Palace could prove a turning point.

All things considered, it's been an impressive first full season for manager Rodgers, who succeeded Claude Puel in February 2019, but after narrowly missing out on a trip to Wembley on two fronts, it would be a crying shame for Foxes fans if their team were to end the season with a whimper and fail to qualify for Europe. With five games left, however, Leicester have a huge amount still to play for. They are undoubtedly a team of many talents and they will be hoping Saturday's win – with talisman Jamie Vardy to the fore with a brace – kickstarts their season again.

## LEICESTER CITY FACT FILE

**Formed**  
1884  
(as Leicester Fosse)

**Nickname**  
The Foxes

**Stadium**  
King Power Stadium

**Chairman**  
Aiyawatt Srivaddhanaprabha

**Record appearances**  
Graham Cross (600)

**Record goalscorer**  
Arthur Chandler (273)

**Twitter followers**  
1.5 million

### SIX OF ONE...

Arsenal and Leicester still hold the record for the highest scoring top-flight draw – we shared 12 goals with the Foxes at Filbert Street on April 21, 1930.

### HOME COMFORTS

We have got a 100 per cent home record against Leicester City since moving to Emirates Stadium in 2006, winning all five matches with an aggregate score of 12-6.

### FIRST AND LAST

Leicester (then Leicester Fosse) were our first ever opponents at Highbury, we won 2-1 back in 1913. Our last meeting with them at the old stadium was our 2-1 win to complete the unbeaten season in 2004.

### AUBA AT THE DOUBLE

Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang netted twice in four minutes during our last meeting with Leicester at the Emirates. Mesut Ozil also scored in a memorable 3-1 victory in October 2018.



### The Shotstopper



**1** Kasper SCHMEICHEL  
**GOALKEEPER**

**Born** Copenhagen, Denmark, 5/11/86  
**Previously** Man City, Darlington (loan), Bury (loan), Falkirk (loan), Cardiff (loan), Coventry (loan), Notts County, Leeds

A Leicester player since 2011, when he joined from Leeds, Kasper has become a formidable last line of defence, emulating father Peter by winning the title and becoming the No.1 'keeper for Denmark. An ever-present in the 2015/16 title triumph, he also shone brightly in the Champions League adventure the following season. Determined, vocal and an outstanding shotstopper, the 32 year old has captained the side for most of this season.

### The England Left Back



**3** Ben CHILWELL  
**DEFENDER**

**Born** Milton Keynes, 21/12/96  
**Previously** Huddersfield (loan)

Having starred for England Under-21s at the 2017 European finals, Ben has made his mark at senior international level and is now the first-choice left back in Gareth Southgate's side. A product of the Leicester academy, he worked his way steadily into the Foxes' first XI and despite some wayward form this season has established himself as a mainstay of Brendan Rodgers' side. Deceptively strong in the air, his major asset is his driving runs down the left flank.

### The Playmaker



**10** James MADDISON  
**MIDFIELDER**

**Born** Coventry, 23/11/96  
**Previously** Coventry, Norwich, Coventry (loan), Aberdeen (loan)

A £22m capture from Norwich in 2018, James has gone from being a leading attraction in the Championship to a star turn in the Premier League and an England international. The gifted attacking midfielder has become the Foxes' creator-in-chief, taking free kicks and corners and generally wearing the No.10 shirt with distinction. He was in spellbinding form last autumn, when he scored brilliant goals at home to Spurs and Arsenal, but has struggled of late with form and fitness.

### The Centurion



**9** Jamie VARDY  
**ATTACKER**

**Born** Sheffield, 11/1/87  
**Previously** Stocksbridge Park Steels, Halifax, Fleetwood

Jamie called time on his England career (26 caps, seven goals) after the 2018 World Cup, but at 33 he remains Leicester's talisman and lit up the Premier League last autumn, scoring 17 goals before Christmas, including a hat-trick in the amazing 9-0 win at Southampton and two goals on Saturday were his 100th and 101st Premier League goals. The lightning-quick striker contributed 24 goals to the club's extraordinary Premier League triumph in 2015/16 when he was crowned FWA Footballer of the Year.





Later to be an Arsenal legend, young Frank McLintock waves to his family before the 1961 FA Cup final against Tottenham



*The Boss*



**Brendan RODGERS**  
MANAGER

**Born** January 26, 1973 in Carnlough, Northern Ireland  
**Previously** Watford (2008-09), Reading (2009), Swansea (2010-12), Liverpool (2012-15), Celtic (2016-19)  
 Leicester pulled out all the stops to make Brendan their new manager in February last year, luring the Northern Irishman south after two and a half fabulously successful years with Celtic. Having retired early as a player, he made his name in management at Swansea, steering the Welsh club into England's top flight before leaving for Liverpool in June 2012. He led the Reds to a Premier League runners-up spot in 2013/14 but was dismissed in October 2015, resurfacing at Celtic, where he won the Scottish treble two years running and was on the way to a hat-trick when he departed for Leicester.

**VARDY PARTY**

Jamie Vardy has netted 11 goals against us in his past ten appearances, including four braces.

**THREE AND EASY**

Arsenal have scored 11 hat-tricks against Leicester, more than against any other side. The last was from Alexis Sanchez in 2015.

**BOTH SIDES**

A few players who appeared for both Arsenal and Leicester: Alan Smith (below), Paul Dickov, Matthew Upson, Eddie Kelly, Jon Sammels and Ignasi Miquel.



*The Anchorman*



**25** *Wilfred*  
**NDIDI**  
MIDFIELDER

**Born** Lagos, Nigeria, 16/12/96  
**Previously** Genk

A sturdy, long-legged Nigeria international who has become a fixture at the base of the Leicester midfield, Wilfred has made a name for himself as one of the most reliable ball-winners in the Premier League. Still only 23, he was badly missed by the Foxes when out injured at the start of the year. Brought in from Genk in January 2017 for a £17m fee, he sometimes operated as a central defender in Belgium but has been used exclusively in midfield by Leicester.

*The Cool Head*



**6** *Jonny*  
**EVANS**  
DEFENDER

**Born** Belfast, 3/1/88  
**Previously** Manchester United, Antwerp (loan), Sunderland (loan), West Brom  
 A long-time servant of Manchester United, with whom he won three titles and two League Cups, Jonny has proved to be an outstanding addition to the Leicester ranks since they paid West Brom £3.5m for his services two years ago. Calm, two-footed and strong in the air, he has formed an excellent central defensive partnership with Caglar Soyuncu. A Northern Ireland international since 2006, he has 84 caps.

*The Warrior*



**4** *Caglar*  
**SOYUNCU**  
MIDFIELDER

**Born** Izmir, Turkey, 23/5/96  
**Previously** Altinordu, Freiburg  
 Recruited from German Bundesliga club Freiburg two summers ago, the long-haired Turkish centre-back spent most of his first season at Leicester on the outside looking in, but this season he has been a fixture in defence, the perfect replacement for Harry Maguire. Strong, fast and rugged, though occasionally rash, he has become a Foxes folk hero, scoring his first goal for the club in a 2-0 win at Crystal Palace last November. A current Turkey international, he has been capped 28 times.

*The Record Buy*



**8** *Youri*  
**TIELEMANS**  
MIDFIELDER

**Born** Sint-Pieters-Leeuw, Belgium, 7/5/97  
**Previously** Anderlecht, Monaco  
 A Belgian title winner and Champions League participant with Anderlecht at just 16, Youri has now, at 23, collected 28 senior international caps. Leicester acquired him on loan from Monaco for the second half of last season and he played so brilliantly that the Foxes shelled out £40m to make him the club's record purchase. His form this season has perhaps not quite been to the same lofty standard, with his fellow Belgium midfielder Dennis Praet often outperforming him.



# Scouting **REPORT**

by Michael Cox

Having once been on the fringes of the race for the title, now Brendan Rodgers' Leicester are battling to keep their position in the top four. But Leicester remain a technically impressive and tactically flexible side, with their 2-0 victory in the reverse fixture demonstrating the interplay of their forwards.

There have been experiments with various systems: 3-5-2, a diamond midfield and 4-4-2 for the recent goalless draw with Brighton, but Rodgers generally sticks to a 4-3-3 system. This approach is notable for the attacking nature of the midfield. James Maddison feels like a natural number 10, but has played the left-centre position excellently, while Youri Tielemans plays a little deeper, but often combines with

PP *One of the most solid centre-back partnerships in the league* PP

Maddison for clever passes that break through the opposition's midfield line.

Dennis Praet is an alternative in those roles – and comes into the side when Rodgers uses the diamond midfield – but the other key midfielder is Wilfried Ndidi. In theory his game is about sitting deep, providing cover for Maddison and Tielemans and breaking up play, but he's also a penetrative passer and capable of sudden bursts forward in possession.

Leicester's attacking gameplan is more based around possession football compared to their incredible title-winning campaign of 2015/16, but the continued presence of Jamie Vardy upfront means there's still plenty of counter-attacking threat. Vardy's positioning,

often on the opposite side to the position of the ball, means Leicester can play long diagonals into the channels to utilise his speed in behind. He's also improved his game in tight penalty box situations, and in the reverse fixture twice took deliberately 'heavy' first touches to shift the ball past an Arsenal defender onto his right foot.

In the wide positions, Rodgers usually prefers Ayoze Perez down the right, and Harvey Barnes on the left. Perez is a converted forward who pops up in goalscoring positions at the far post, while Barnes is adept at bending the ball towards the far post having cut inside. Marc Albrighton, more of an old-school crosser, is an alternative on either flank, while Demarai Gray provides more outright speed. The other key attacking option is Kelechi Iheanacho – who scored the opening goal on Saturday – if Rodgers wants to use a second striker.

At the opposite end, Leicester have one of the most solid centre-back partnerships in the league. Caglay Soyuncu has attracted plenty of praise for his no-nonsense style, but the real star has been the understated, consistent Jonny Evans to his right, who often sweeps up when Soyuncu has been bypassed. Both are also threats at set-pieces.

Leicester's defence has been weakened by the season-ending injury to outstanding right back Ricardo Pereira, and while youngster James Justin is a promising talent with plenty of speed, he lacks Pereira's quality in defensive situations out wide. Ben Chilwell overlaps energetically on the opposite flank, and his recent goal against Watford shows his technical quality too. His relationship with Maddison and Barnes down the left is often crucial in unlocking a deep defence. ■



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**PREMIER LEAGUE**

**MATCHDAY 32**  
6PM - WEDNESDAY, JULY 1  
EMIRATES STADIUM



Aubameyang 33  
Xhaka 37  
Aubameyang 67  
Cedric Soares 81

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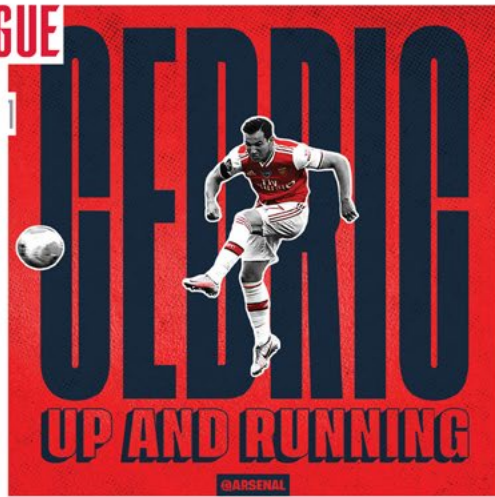
Holding (46), Willock (58),  
Nketiah (76), Cedric (77), Pepe  
(82), Sokratis, Maitland-Niles,  
Saka, Macey

**NORWICH CITY**

- 1** Krul
- 2** Aarons
- 4** Godfrey
- 27** Tettey
- 12** Lewis
- 19** Trybull (46)
- 17** Buendia (46)
- 7** Rupp (75)
- 23** McLean
- 14** Cantwell (75)
- 22** Pukki (46)

**SUBSTITUTES**

Idah (46), Hernandez (46), Drmic  
(46), Stiepermann (75), Vrancic  
(75), Duda, McGovern, Thomas,  
Martin



**FIRST HALF**

Having won our two previous games, we were on the front foot again early on against Norwich, with Kieran Tierney and Hector Bellerin looking dangerous at wing back, while Dani Ceballos pulled the strings in midfield. But the opening goal came from a mistake, when Norwich keeper dwelt on the ball, allowing Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang to nip in and score his 50th Premier League goal. A wonderful long pass from David Luiz started the move for the second, which Aubameyang laid on a plate for Granit Xhaka to rifle home.

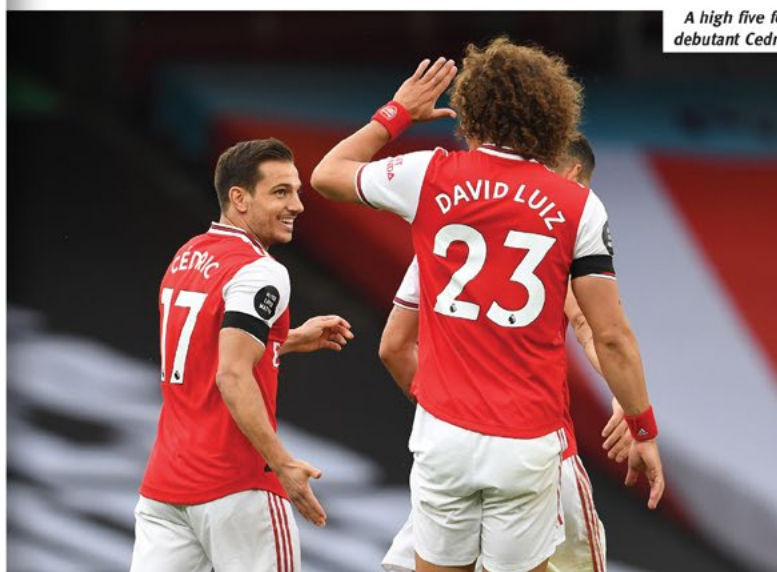
**SECOND HALF**

Emiliano Martinez made great saves either side of the interval before Aubameyang extended our lead with his second of the evening, making the most of a wayward pass by Josip Drmic and beating Krul comfortably when one on one. We were well in control by now, and Mikel Arteta sent on Cedric Soares for his debut. Two minutes later he was on the scoresheet with a powerful left foot drive to ensure a comfortable win in our first ever behind closed doors match at Emirates Stadium.

MATCH STATS	
13	TOTAL SHOTS 8
8	SHOTS ON TARGET 2
6	CORNERS 2
0	OFFSIDES 2
10	FOULS 10
52	POSSESSION % 48



Granit Xhaka celebrates with goal creator Auba after making it 2-0



A high five for debutant Cedric



A familiar sight - Auba celebrates making it three

- Green = 1st sub
  - Gold = 2nd sub
  - Blue = 3rd sub
  - Dark Red = 4th sub
  - Light Red = 5th sub
- = Win
  - = Draw
  - = Loss
  - # = Lost on pens
- = Premier League
  - = UEFA Europa League
  - = Carabao Cup
  - = Emirates FA Cup
- Bold fixture** = Home match
  - Bold player** = Scorer
  - = Goal scored
  - = Penalty scored
  - = Own goal
  - CAPS = Captain
  - = Yellow card
  - = Red card

	DATE	OPPOSITION	F-A	POS/ RND	ATT/KO	STARTING XI	SUBSTITUTES	REFEREE
▲	Sun 11	Newcastle United	1-0	●	7	47,635	Leno Maitland-Niles Chambers Sokratis Monreal XHAKA Guendouzi Willock Mkhitarany Nelson Aubameyang Ceballos(64) Pepe(71) Martinelli(84) David Luiz Torreira Lacazette Martinez	M Atkinson
▲	Sat 17	Burnley	2-1	●	2	60,214	Leno Maitland-Niles David Luiz Sokratis MONREAL Ceballos Guendouzi Willock Nelson Lacazette Aubameyang Pepe(46) Kolasinac(71) Torreira(83) Martinelli Mkhitarany Chambers Martinez	M Dean
▲	Sat 24	Liverpool	1-3	●	2	53,298	Leno Maitland-Niles David Luiz Sokratis Monreal XHAKA Guendouzi Willock Ceballos Pepe Aubameyang Torreira(61) Lacazette(81) Mkhitarany(86) Nelson Kolasinac Chambers Martinez	A Taylor
▲	Sun 1	Tottenham Hotspur	2-2	●	5	60,333	Leno Maitland-Niles David Luiz Sokratis Kolasinac XHAKA Guendouzi Torreira Pepe Lacazette Aubameyang Ceballos(63) Mkhitarany(67) Ozil Nelson Willock Chambers Martinez	M Atkinson
▲	Sun 15	Watford	2-2	●	7	21,360	Leno Maitland-Niles David Luiz Sokratis Kolasinac XHAKA Guendouzi Ceballos Pepe Ozil Aubameyang Torreira(60) Torreira(67) Nelson(71) Martinelli Saka Chambers Martinez	A Taylor
▲	Thur 19	Eintracht Frankfurt	3-0	●	MD1	47,000	Martinez Chambers David Luiz Mustafi Kolasinac XHAKA Torreira Willock Smith Rowe Saka Aubameyang Pepe(60) Ceballos(72) Maitland-Niles(80) Guendouzi Nelson Martinelli Leno	D Massa
▲	Sun 22	Aston Villa	3-2	●	4	60,331	Leno Maitland-Niles David Luiz Sokratis Kolasinac XHAKA Guendouzi Ceballos Pepe Saka Aubameyang Chambers(46) Willock(72) Torreira(72) Martinelli Nelson Ozil Martinez	J Moss
▲	Tue 24	Nottingham Forest	5-0	●	CC3	53,160	Martinez Chambers Holding Mustafi Tiemey Willock Torreira Nelson Smith Rowe Ozil Martinelli Saka(45) Ceballos(71) Bellerin(77) Balogun Bola Burton Macey	D England
▲	Mon 30	Manchester United	1-1	●	4	73,201	Leno Chambers David Luiz Sokratis Kolasinac XHAKA Torreira Guendouzi Pepe Saka Aubameyang Ceballos(55) Nelson(74) Willock(80) M-Niles Holding Martinelli Martinez	K Friend
▲	Thur 3	Standard Liege	4-0	●	MD2	58,725	Martinez BELLERIN Holding Mustafi Tiemey Willock Torreira Ceballos Nelson Maitland-Niles Martinelli Pepe(66) Guendouzi(74) Aubameyang(79) Chambers Kolasinac Xhaka Leno	S Scharer
▲	Sun 6	Bournemouth	1-0	●	3	60,326	Leno Chambers David Luiz Sokratis Kolasinac XHAKA Guendouzi Ceballos Pepe Saka Aubameyang Martinelli(63) Willock(75) Torreira(83) Holding Tierney M-Niles Martinez	M Atkinson
▲	Mon 21	Sheffiled United	0-1	●	5	30,775	Leno Chambers David Luiz Sokratis Kolasinac XHAKA Guendouzi Willock Pepe Saka Aubameyang Ceballos(46) Lacazette(69) Martinelli(78) Holding Tierney Torreira Martinez	M Dean
▲	Thur 24	Vitoria	3-2	●	MD3	60,195	Martinez BELLERIN Holding Mustafi Tiemey Willock Torreira M-Niles Smith Rowe Martinelli Lacazette Ceballos(46) Guendouzi(46) Pepe(75) Kolasinac Chambers Saka Leno	S Gozubuyuk
▲	Sun 27	Crystal Palace	2-2	●	5	60,345	Leno Chambers David Luiz Sokratis Tiemey XHAKA Guendouzi Ceballos Pepe Lacazette Aubameyang Saka(61) Kolasinac(75) Bellerin Holding Martinelli Torreira Martinez	M Atkinson
▲	Wed 30	Liverpool	5-5	●	CC4	52,694	Martinez BELLERIN Holding Mustafi Kolasinac Willock Torreira Ozil M-Niles Saka Martinelli Guendouzi(65) Ceballos(72) Tiemey(83) Lacazette Pepe Sokratis Macey	A Marriner
▲	Sat 2	Wolves	1-1	●	5	60,383	Leno Chambers David Luiz Sokratis Tiemey Torreira Ceballos Pepe Lacazette Aubameyang Martinelli(60) Saka(73) Kolasinac(87) Willock Pepe Bellerin Martinez	M Oliver
▲	Wed 6	Vitoria	1-1	●	MD4	17,822	Martinez M-Niles HOLDING Sokratis Mustafi Tiemey Willock Ceballos Pepe Saka Martinelli Guendouzi(54) Lacazette(65) Torreira(78) Nelson Kolasinac Bellerin Leno	H Ozkhatya
▲	Sat 9	Leicester City	0-2	●	6	32,209	Leno Bellerin David Luiz Chambers Holding Kolasinac Guendouzi Torreira Ozil Lacazette AUBAMEYANG Pepe(77) Willock(80) Sokratis Martinelli Tierney Saka Martinez	C Kavanagh
▲	Sat 23	Southampton	2-2	●	7	60,295	Leno Bellerin David Luiz Chambers Sokratis Tiemey Torreira Ozil Lacazette Martinelli(83) Willock(83) M-Niles Nelson Mustafi Martinez	S Attwell
▲	Thur 28	Eintracht Frankfurt	1-2	●	MD5	49,419	Martinez Chambers David Luiz Sokratis Mustafi Tiemey Xhaka Willock Saka Martinelli AUBAMEYANG Guendouzi(31) Ozil(60) Torreira(76) Nelson Pepe Lacazette Leno	R Buquet
▲	Sun 1	Norwich City	2-2	●	8	27,067	Leno Chambers David Luiz Mustafi Kolasinac Xhaka Guendouzi Willock Ozil Lacazette AUBAMEYANG Torreira(70) Saka(78) Martinelli(89) Pepe Sokratis Tierney Martinez	P Tierney
▲	Thur 5	Brighton & HA	1-2	●	10	60,164	Leno Bellerin David Luiz Sokratis Kolasinac Xhaka Torreira Willock Ozil Lacazette AUBAMEYANG Pepe(46) Tiemey(72) Martinelli(77) Nelson Chambers Guendouzi Martinez	G Scott
▲	Mon 9	West Ham United	3-1	●	9	59,936	Leno M-Niles Chambers Sokratis Tiemey Xhaka Torreira Martinelli Ozil Pepe AUBAMEYANG Kolasinac(29) Guendouzi(86) Nelson(88) Lacazette David Luiz Saka Martinez	M Dean
▲	Thur 12	Standard Liege	2-2	●	MD6	21,797	Martinez M-Niles David Luiz Sokratis Mavropanos Saka Guendouzi Willock Nelson Smith Rowe LACAZETTE Martinelli(69) Chambers(78) Aubameyang(85) John-Jules Medley Olajinka Leno	A Ekberg
▲	Sun 15	Manchester City	0-3	●	9	60,031	Leno M-Niles Chambers Sokratis Kolasinac Guendouzi Torreira Martinelli Ozil Pepe AUBAMEYANG Saka(40) Smith Rowe(59) Willock(81) Nelson Lacazette David Luiz Martinez	P Tierney
▲	Sat 21	Everton	0-0	●	10	39,336	Leno M-Niles David Luiz Chambers Saka Xhaka Torreira Martinelli Smith Rowe Nelson AUBAMEYANG Willock(66) Lacazette(78) Guendouzi Pepe Mavropanos Mustafi Martinez	K Friend
▲	Thur 26	Bournemouth	1-1	●	11	10,234	Leno M-Niles David Luiz Sokratis Saka Xhaka Torreira Nelson Ozil Lacazette AUBAMEYANG Willock(75) Mustafi(77) Pepe(82) Smith Rowe Mavropanos Guendouzi Martinez	S Attwell
▲	Sun 29	Chelsea	1-2	●	12	60,309	Leno M-Niles David Luiz Chambers Saka Guendouzi Torreira Nelson Ozil Lacazette AUBAMEYANG Mustafi(23) Willock(76) Pepe(85) John-Jules Mavropanos Smith Rowe Martinez	C Pawson
▲	Wed 1	Manchester United	2-0	●	10	60,328	Leno M-Niles David Luiz Sokratis Kolasinac Xhaka Torreira Pepe Ozil Lacazette AUBAMEYANG Nelson(62) Saka(69) Guendouzi(82) Willock Holding Ceballos Martinez	C Kavanagh
▲	Mon 6	Leeds United	1-0	●	3	58,403	Martinez Sokratis Holding Kolasinac Xhaka Guendouzi Nelson Ozil Pepe LACAZETTE Martinelli(67) Willock(77) Saka(90) John-Jules Mavropanos Ceballos Leno	A Taylor
▲	Sat 11	Crystal Palace	1-1	●	10	25,468	Leno M-Niles David Luiz Sokratis Kolasinac Xhaka Torreira Pepe Ozil Lacazette AUBAMEYANG Guendouzi(46) Martinelli(70) Nelson(90) Saka Holding Willock Martinez	P Tierney
▲	Sat 18	Sheffiled United	1-1	●	10	60,330	Leno M-Niles David Luiz Mustafi Saka Xhaka Torreira Pepe Ozil Martinelli LACAZETTE Nketiah(74) Bellerin Holding Willock Guendouzi Ceballos Martinez	M Dean
▲	Tue 21	Chelsea	2-2	●	10	40,577	Leno BELLERIN David Luiz Mustafi Saka Xhaka Torreira Pepe Ozil Martinelli Lacazette Guendouzi(55) Holding(81) Willock(89) Nketiah M-Niles Ceballos Martinez	S Attwell
▲	Mon 27	Bournemouth	2-1	●	4	10,308	Martinez BELLERIN Sokratis Mustafi Saka Xhaka Guendouzi Pepe Willock Martinelli Nketiah Holding(62) Ceballos(69) M-Niles(89) Ozil Torreira Lacazette Leno	M Atkinson
▲	Sun 2	Burnley	0-0	●	10	21,048	Leno Bellerin David Luiz Mustafi Saka Xhaka Guendouzi Martinelli Ozil Lacazette AUBAMEYANG Torreira(46) Willock(63) Nketiah(89) Sokratis Ceballos Pepe Martinez	C Kavanagh
▲	Sun 16	Newcastle United	4-0	●	10	60,188	Leno Bellerin David Luiz Mustafi Saka Xhaka Ceballos Pepe Ozil Nketiah AUBAMEYANG Torreira(82) Lacazette(85) Willock(90) Sokratis Kolasinac Martinelli Martinez	L Mason
▲	Thur 20	Olympiacos	1-0	●	32(1)	31,456	Leno Sokratis David Luiz Mustafi Saka Xhaka Guendouzi Martinelli Willock Lacazette AUBAMEYANG Ceballos(58) Pepe(75) M-Niles(89) Nketiah Holding Kolasinac Martinez	F Zwayer
▲	Sun 23	Everton	3-2	●	9	60,296	Leno Bellerin David Luiz Mustafi Kolasinac Xhaka Ceballos Pepe Ozil Nketiah AUBAMEYANG Saka(18) Torreira(76) Guendouzi(82) Lacazette Nelson Sokratis Martinez	S Attwell
▲	Thur 27	Olympiacos	1-2	●	32(2)	60,242	Leno Bellerin David Luiz Mustafi Saka Xhaka Ceballos Pepe Ozil Lacazette AUBAMEYANG Torreira(72) Willock(84) Sokratis(103) Martinelli(105) M-Niles Guendouzi Martinez	D Massa
▲	Mon 2	Portsmouth	2-0	●	5	18,839	Martinez Sokratis DAVID LUIZ Mari Saka Torreira Guendouzi Nelson Willock Martinelli Nketiah Ceballos(17) Xhaka(87) M-Niles(90) Holding Pepe Lacazette Leno	M Dean
▲	Sat 7	West Ham United	1-0	●	9	60,335	Leno Sokratis David Luiz Mari Saka Xhaka Ceballos Pepe Ozil Nketiah AUBAMEYANG Lacazette(59) Nelson(69) Bellerin(88) Willock Guendouzi Martinelli Martinez	M Atkinson
▲	Wed 17	Manchester City	0-3	●	9	0	Leno Bellerin Mari Mustafi Tiemey Xhaka Guendouzi Saka Willock Nketiah AUBAMEYANG Ceballos(8) David Luiz(24) M-Niles(67) Nelson(67) Lacazette(67) Martinelli Pepe Kolasinac Martinez	A Taylor
▲	Sat 20	Brighton & HA	1-2	●	11	0	Leno Bellerin Holding Mustafi Kolasinac Ceballos Guendouzi Saka Pepe Lacazette AUBAMEYANG Martinelli(41) Nketiah(78) Nelson(87) Willock(87) Tiemey(87) Martinelli M-Niles Medley Ozil	M Atkinson
▲	Thur 25	Southampton	2-0	●	9	0	Martinez Bellerin Holding Mustafi Tiemey Xhaka Ceballos Saka Pepe Willock(64) Kolasinac(70) Lacazette(79) M-Niles(80) Nelson Smith Ozil Sokratis Macey	G Scott
▲	Sun 28	Sheffiled United	2-1	●	QF	0	Martinez M-Niles David Luiz Mustafi Kolasinac Tiemey Xhaka Willock Pepe Saka LACAZETTE Holding(54) Ceballos(67) Nketiah(67) Sokratis(90) Nelson Smith Aubameyang Bellerin Macey	P Tierney
▲	Wed 1	Norwich City	4-0	●	7	0	Martinez Bellerin David Luiz Mustafi Kolasinac Tiemey Xhaka Ceballos Nelson Lacazette AUBAMEYANG Holding(46) Willock(58) Nketiah(76) Cedric(77) Pepe(82) Sokratis Saka M-Niles Macey	P Bankes
▲	Sat 4	Wolves	2-0	●	7	0	Martinez Cedric David Luiz Mustafi Kolasinac Tiemey Xhaka Ceballos Saka Nketiah AUBAMEYANG M-Niles(56) Bellerin(76) Willock(76) Lacazette(83) Sokratis Nelson Holding Macey	M Oliver
▲	Tue 7	Leicester City	H			8.15pm		
▲	Sun 12	Tottenham Hotspur	A			4.30pm		
▲	Wed 15	Liverpool	H			8.15pm		
▲	Sat 18	Manchester City	N			7.45pm		
▲	Tue 21	Aston Villa	A		SF	8.15pm		
▲	Sun 26	Watford	H			4pm		
▲	Sat Aug 1	FA Cup final	N					

All fixtures subject to change, check Arsenal.com for latest. FA Cup semi-final played at Wembley Stadium. Matches in June and July played behind closed doors

# THE BREAKDOWN

First-team

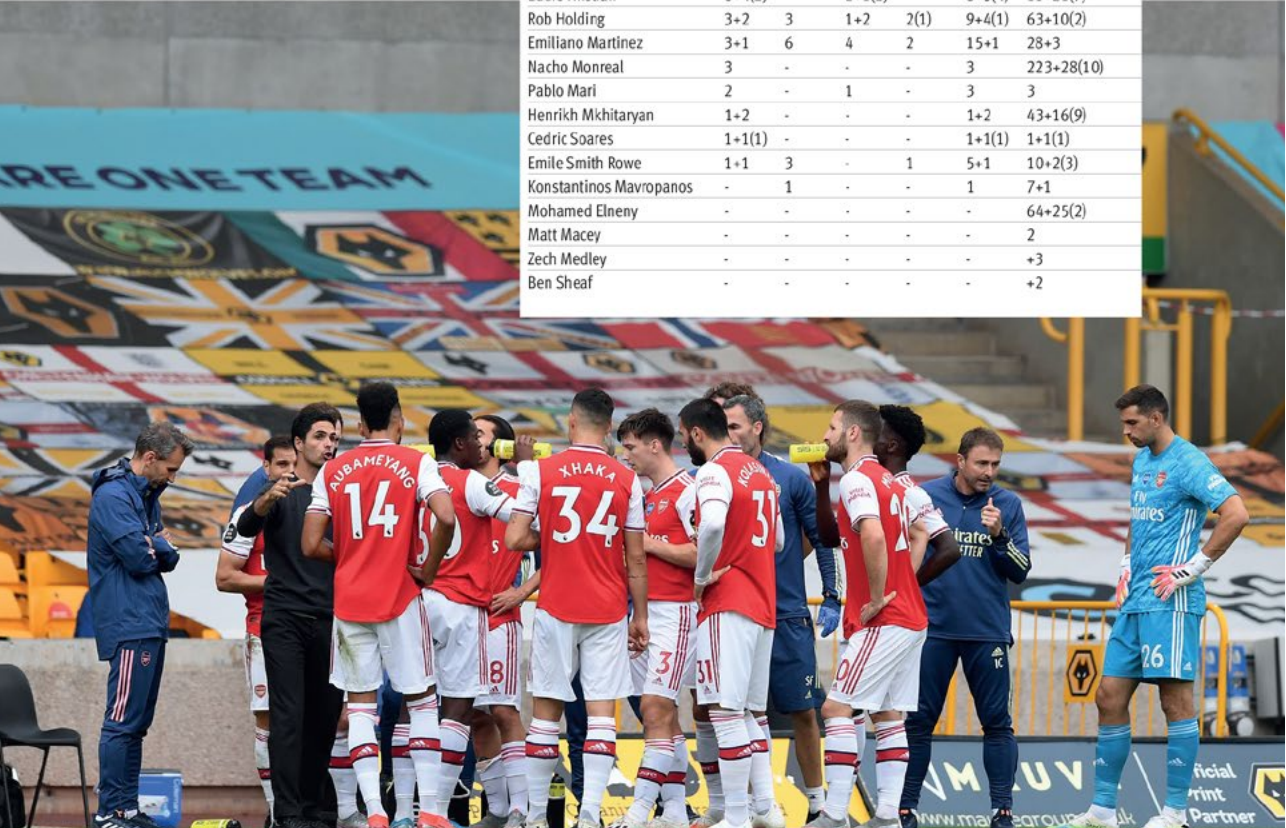
## ALL-TIME APPEARANCES

### PREMIER LEAGUE TABLE (as at Saturday, July 4)

	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1. Liverpool	32	28	2	2	45	86
2. Manchester City	32	21	3	8	48	66
3. Leicester City	33	17	7	9	32	58
4. Chelsea	33	17	6	10	16	57
5. Manchester Utd	33	15	10	8	23	55
6. Wolves	33	13	13	7	9	52
<b>7. Arsenal</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>49</b>
8. Sheffield United	32	12	11	9	1	47
9. Tottenham Hotspur	32	12	9	11	7	45
10. Burnley	32	13	6	13	-9	45
11. Everton	32	12	8	12	-7	44
12. Newcastle United	32	11	9	12	-10	42
13. Crystal Palace	33	11	9	13	-12	42
14. Southampton	32	12	4	16	-14	40
15. Brighton	33	8	12	13	-9	36
16. West Ham United	32	8	6	18	-18	30
17. Watford	33	6	10	17	-23	28
18. Aston Villa	32	7	6	19	-24	27
19. Bournemouth	33	7	6	20	-27	27
20. Norwich City	33	5	6	22	-36	21

### FIRST-TEAM APPEARANCES (GOALS)

PLAYER	PL	UEL	FAC	CC	19/20	CAREER
Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang	31(19)	4+2(3)	-	-	35+2(22)	90+12(63)
Bernd Leno	30	2	-	-	32	67+1
David Luiz	27+1(2)	5	3	-	35+1(2)	35+1(2)
Granit Xhaka	26(1)	4	3+1	-	33+1(1)	158+10(12)
Nicolas Pepe	19+8(5)	2+4(2)	3(1)	-	24+12(8)	24+12(8)
Matteo Guendouzi	19+5	2+4	3	+1	24+10	57+25(1)
Sokratis Papastathopoulos	19(2)	4+1	3+1(1)	-	26+2(3)	65+3(6)
Mesut Ozil	18(1)	1+1	1	2	22+1(1)	237+17(44)
Alexandre Lacazette	17+8(8)	4+1(2)	2	-	23+9(10)	92+28(46)
Bukayo Saka	16+6(1)	6(2)	3+1(1)	1+1	26+8(4)	27+11(4)
Sead Kolasinac	16+5	1	2	1	20+5	80+17(5)
Lucas Torreira	15+10(1)	3+3	1	2(1)	21+13(2)	53+31(4)
Dani Ceballos	14+5	3+3(1)	+3(1)	+2	17+13(2)	17+13(2)
Ainsley Maitland-Niles	14+3	4+2	1+2	1(1)	20+7(1)	68+27(3)
Calum Chambers	13+1(1)	2+1	-	1	16+2(1)	73+28(4)
Hector Bellerin	11+2(1)	3	1	1+1	16+3(1)	184+16(8)
Shkodran Mustafi	11+2	7(1)	2	2	22+2(1)	133+6(9)
Kieran Tierney	8+2	4	1	1+1	14+3	14+3
Joe Willock	7+17(1)	7+1(2)	3+1	2(2)	19+19(5)	29+25(8)
Gabriel Martinelli	6+8(3)	5+2(3)	2+1	2(4)	15+11(10)	15+11(10)
Reiss Nelson	6+8	2	2(1)	1(1)	11+8(2)	19+16(2)
Eddie Nketiah	6+4(2)	-	2+1(2)	-	8+5(4)	11+21(7)
Rob Holding	3+2	3	1+2	2(1)	9+4(1)	63+10(2)
Emiliano Martinez	3+1	6	4	2	15+1	28+3
Nacho Monreal	3	-	-	-	3	223+28(10)
Pablo Mari	2	-	1	-	3	3
Henrikh Mkhitaryan	1+2	-	-	-	1+2	43+16(9)
Cedric Soares	1+1(1)	-	-	-	1+1(1)	1+1(1)
Emile Smith Rowe	1+1	3	-	1	5+1	10+2(3)
Konstantinos Mavropanos	-	1	-	-	1	7+1
Mohamed Elneny	-	-	-	-	-	64+25(2)
Matt Macey	-	-	-	-	-	2
Zech Medley	-	-	-	-	-	+3
Ben Sheaf	-	-	-	-	-	+2



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RED SHIRTS WITH WHITE SLEEVES,  
WHITE SHORTS AND SOCKS

P	S	SQ
00	🇩🇪	1 BERND LENO (GK) (30)
00	🇪🇸	2 HECTOR BELLERIN (11+2/1)
00	🇸🇬	3 KIERAN TIERNEY (8+2)
00	🇺🇸	5 SOKRATIS PAPAETHOPOULOS (19/2)
00	🇪🇸	8 DANI CEBALLOS (14+5)
00	🇫🇷	9 ALEXANDRE LACAZETTE (18+7/8)
00	🇩🇪	10 MESUT OZIL (18/1)
00	🇧🇷	11 LUCAS TORREIRA (15+10/1)
00	🇨🇮	14 PIERRE-EMERICK AUBAMEYANG (31/19)
00	🇬🇧	15 AINSLEY MAITLAND-NILES (14+3)
00	🇬🇧	16 ROB HOLDING (3+2)
00	🇧🇷	17 CEDRIC SOARES (1+1/1)
00	🇮🇵	19 NICOLAS PEPE (19+8/5)
00	🇩🇪	20 SHKODRAN MUSTAFI (11+2)
00	🇬🇧	21 CALUM CHAMBERS (13+1/1)
00	🇪🇸	22 PABLO MARI (2)
00	🇧🇷	23 DAVID LUIZ (27+1/2)
00	🇬🇧	24 REISS NELSON (5+9)
00	🇦🇷	26 EMILIANO MARTINEZ (GK) (3+1)
00	🇬🇧	28 JOE WILLOCK (7+17/1)
00	🇫🇷	29 MATTEO GUENDOUZI (19+5)
00	🇬🇧	30 EDDIE NKETIAH (6+4/2)
00	🇨🇮	31 SEAD KOLASINAC (16+5)
00	🇬🇧	33 MATT MACEY (GK)
00	🇰🇷	34 GRANIT XHAKA (26/1)
00	🇧🇷	35 GABRIEL MARTINELLI (6+8/3)
00	🇬🇧	49 ZECH MEDLEY
00	🇬🇧	57 MATTHEW SMITH
00	🇬🇧	77 BUKAYO SAKA (16+6/1)

(Numbers in brackets = Premier League appearances/goals 2019/20)



**LEICESTER CITY**  
MANAGER BRENDAN RODGERS  
BLUE SHIRTS, SHORTS AND SOCKS

P	S	SQ
00	🇩🇰	1 KASPER SCHMEICHEL (GK) (33)
00	🇬🇧	2 JAMES JUSTIN (6+2)
00	🇬🇧	3 BEN CHILWELL (27/3)
00	🇹🇷	4 CAGLAR SOYUNCU (32/1)
00	🇯🇲	5 WES MORGAN (1+7)
00	🇬🇧	6 JONNY EVANS (33/1)
00	🇬🇧	7 DEMARAI GRAY (3+14/1)
00	🇧🇪	8 YOURI TIELEMANS (27+5/3)
00	🇬🇧	9 JAMIE VARDY (29+1/2)
00	🇬🇧	10 JAMES MADDOISON (29+2/6)
00	🇬🇧	11 MARC ALBRIGHTON (6+1)
00	🇬🇧	12 DANNY WARD (GK)
00	🇮🇵	14 KELECHI IHEANACHO (19+7/5)
00	🇬🇧	15 HARVEY BARNES (22+9/6)
00	🇪🇸	17 AYOZE PEREZ (22+6/7)
00	🇳🇮	18 DANIEL AMARTEY
00	🇬🇧	20 HAMZA CHOUDHURY (9+9/1)
00	🇧🇷	21 RICARDO PEREIRA (28/3)
00	🇬🇧	22 MATTY JAMES (0+1)
00	🇫🇷	24 NAMPALYS MENDI (4+2)
00	🇮🇵	25 WILFRED NDIDI (24+3/2)
00	🇧🇪	26 DENNIS PRAET (12+11/1)
00	🇩🇪	28 CHRISTIAN FUCHS (7+2)
00	🇬🇧	29 RYAN BENNETT (0+1)
00	🇨🇮	35 ELDIN JAKUPOVIC (GK)

### MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE  
CHRIS KAVANAGH  
ASSISTANT REFEREES  
DAN COOK  
SIAN MASSEY-ELLIS  
FOURTH OFFICIAL  
DARREN ENGLAND  
VAR OFFICIAL  
STUART ATTWELL  
ADDITIONAL VAR OFFICIAL  
SIMON BECK

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