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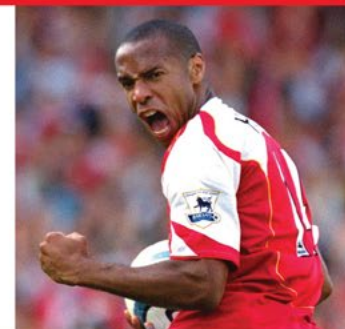
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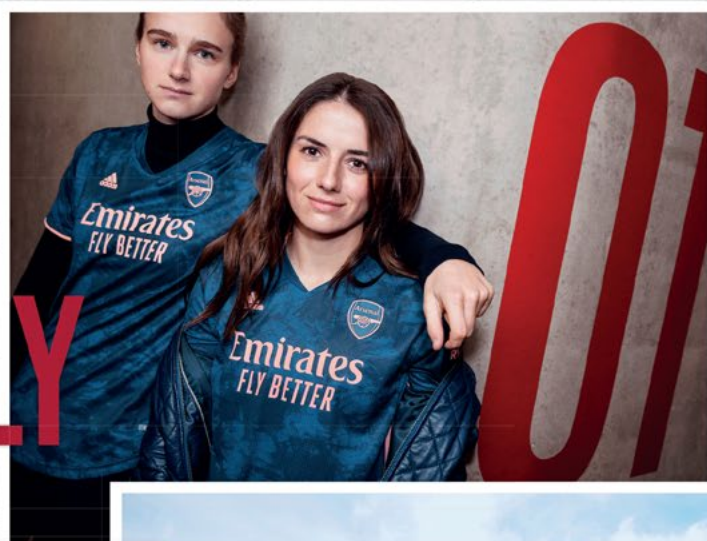
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# MIKEL ARTETA

We are all devastated after Thursday's defeat at the Emirates.

**L**ike everyone I'm sure, we were really, really down at the final whistle. We wanted to deliver something for this football club and get to the final. We wanted to go through and win it, get in the Champions League next season and give something to our fans. Unfortunately though we came up short.

We had moments in the second half – we hit the post, then we had an empty goal to put the ball in the net. So those small margins can define these ties and on Thursday we came up short – we were on the wrong side of those margins.

I think there are so many reasons for the performance, and many things went against us. We had to play some players that have been injured for a long time. They

weren't able to train much before we had to use them on Thursday evening.

In the warm-up we lost one of our main players in Granit, so we had to change the game plan at the very last minute.

I think we suffered in the first half with the ball because we weren't strong enough in the first phase. We made it difficult for ourselves, we looked like we were in a rush with no time or composure.

We changed it in the second half though and we looked much better. We created enough chances, certainly more than them. I think from that respect we deserved to win the game, from what we produced, but we couldn't score that defining goal. ▶







When you lose a semi-final or a final you'll always have regrets. There will always be things you wanted to do differently.

What it comes down to is that we didn't play at our best over the two legs. Certainly in the first half an hour in Villarreal in the first leg and the first half at the Emirates, we were not at our best. But even still, we were in the tie after all that, and we could have been easily through to the final.

We fought until the end and we could have won the game 1-0, and that would have been enough to go through.

But we didn't arrive individually in the best possible way in the defining moments, those moments when the big players have to step up.

We have four games left now this season, and now is not the time to make conclusions from this year yet. We need to look ahead.

Yes, on Thursday we had to swallow a huge disappointment for everybody but we had a terrific run in the competition with the very difficult teams that we had.

Now we have another home game today and our responsibility is to go and win these remaining Premier League games and give us a chance to see where we finish.

***"SMALL MARGINS CAN DEFINE THESE TIES AND ON THURSDAY WE CAME UP SHORT – WE WERE ON THE WRONG SIDE OF THOSE MARGINS"***

We have to pick ourselves up. We have to be ready to fight again. We'll analyse what we did on Thursday, but I'm telling you, we arrived in these moments not in the best condition and that's one of the reasons why we went out.

During those defining moments, we didn't put the ball in the net when it mattered.

That cost us. It cost us the tie in the end and now we are out of the competition.

It's my job now to pick these players up. I'm convinced I can do that and we can finish the season strongly.



But now it's not about talking, it's about showing it on the pitch. That's our challenge now, starting tonight

Lastly, I want to join everyone here at Arsenal in celebrating the 50 year anniversary of the double the team achieved in 1970/71. An amazing achievement, from an amazing group of footballers. It is something Arsenal supporters still talk about with great warmth and pride and I think it is great that everyone at the club is commemorating this special anniversary. ■



# PIERRE-EMERICK AUBAMEYANG

Thursday night was incredibly disappointing for everyone at the club.

**W**e knew we had a great chance to progress in the competition and get to the final in Poland – and then to try to reach our objective of winning a trophy. But it just didn't happen for us.

We struggled to find our rhythm in the first-half and didn't give Villarreal enough problems. And when we had a chance, the luck wasn't there for us, when I hit the post with the volley and then the header in the second half.

I thought we started the second half with more energy and put them under pressure, but we just couldn't maintain that drive and ultimately, we just didn't find a way through Villarreal. I thought my header was in when it hit the post, but it just wasn't going to happen.

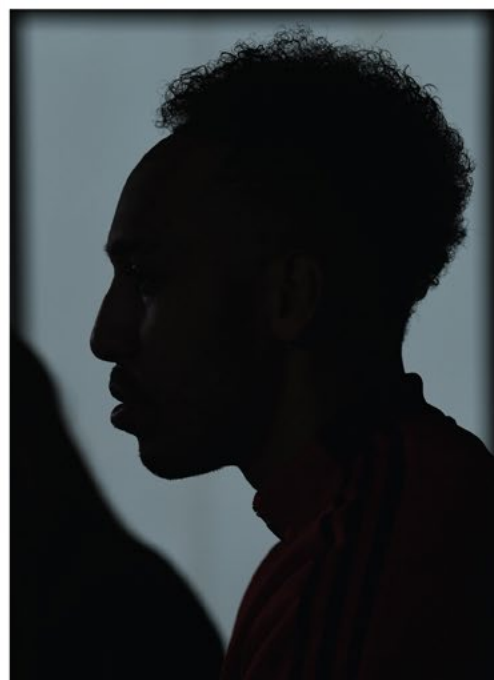
Like I said, we are really upset about going out of the competition at this stage, for ourselves, for the club and most of all for you the supporters. It's been such a difficult season for fans and we desperately wanted to give you something positive this season – I'm just so sorry we couldn't do it for you.

I have had a really difficult time with my illness in the last few weeks, but now at last I feel close to being 100 per cent. In my mind I have felt good and ready for a while, but physically it was really tough.

In fact I would say it was the worst moment of being sick in my life. I had fever for three days in a row – all day and all night – and the paracetamol was having no

effect. So we decided I needed to go to hospital, I was very down and lost four kilos in weight. It was a difficult moment and I think my family was a bit scared to see me like that. I'm very thankful for the treatment I received, the doctors and all the staff did a great job, and as I say, I am ready to lead the team again now.

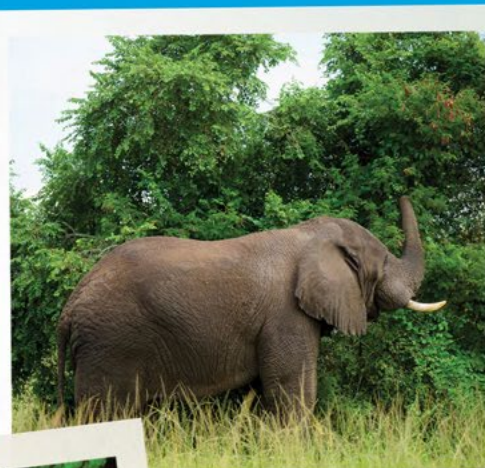
So for a few reasons, definitely this has been the most difficult season for me of the past few years. I had some tough times at the start of my career as well, but that's life – you need to keep focussing and keep working. ▶



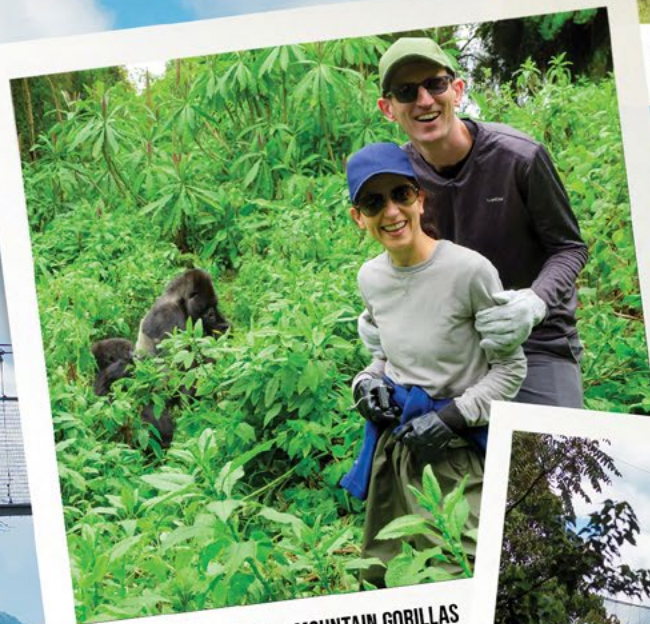


# RICHARD HALL'S HOLIDAY IN RWANDA

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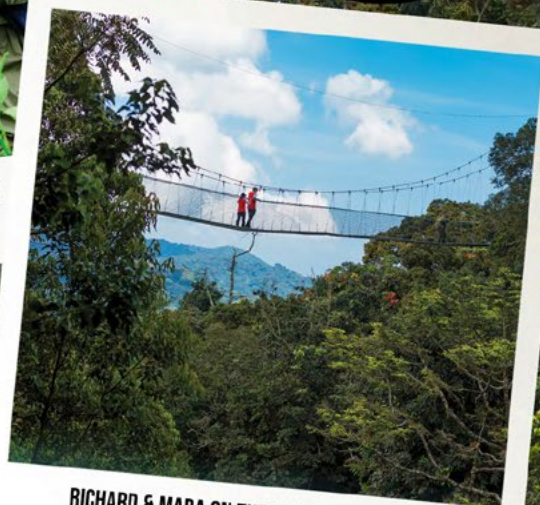


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## ***"THE DOCTORS DID INCREDIBLE WORK WITH ME OVER THE PAST FEW WEEKS"***

It's true that it has been difficult for me this season, off the pitch as well, but you have to accept criticism when it comes. Of course it hurts – like it would anybody, I'm a human being. Everybody was looking for me to score more goals this season. I know that, I'm aware of that, and so maybe I feel responsible for the situation we are in this season.

I'm very motivated to finish the Premier League season strongly. I always demand more from myself, I know I can do better, and hopefully I've still got time to show that this year. Of course I have some regrets about how things have gone this season, and as I said I feel responsible too for that, so I want to take the lead and give something back to the club and the fans. I know everybody is waiting for something from me, and I am desperate to do that.

I'm the captain, everybody looks to me to lead on the pitch, I want that responsibility, I like that responsibility on my shoulders, and it's time to repay that faith that

everybody has shown in me.

I really hope this is the last game we play at the Emirates with no fans inside. It's been a really, really difficult time for a lot of people, and for me as well it was tough. I'm used to seeing my family quite often, because they come to every single home game at the Emirates, and I love to have them there. And the fans as well. We want to see people back at the stadium because I think I'm a player who needs these emotions inside the stadium. I need the energy from the fans to help me perform better, and so I can't wait to have some of you back for our last game, and then looking forward to next year – we all hope it can be a much, much better year.

Lastly, I know that we are celebrating 50 years since the team won the league and FA Cup double in 1970/71. As players we know this achievement was an extremely difficult thing to do and those players must have been very special. We still see the pictures around the club of this team and they – like all of the amazing teams from the past who have played for Arsenal – inspire us to strive to bring more success to the club. ■



# VOICE OF ARSENAL

Thierry Henry – a true  
Premier League legend



## THIERRY HENRY INDUCTED TO THE PREMIER LEAGUE HALL OF FAME

**A**rsenal legend Thierry Henry has been named in the official Premier League Hall of Fame. He is joined as one of the first two inductees by Premier League record goalscorer Alan Shearer.

The Hall of Fame recognises and celebrates the exceptional skill and talent of individuals who have graced the Premier League since its inception in 1992. It is the highest individual honour awarded to players by the League.

Thierry won the Premier League's Golden Boot award a record four times and scored a club record 175 Premier League goals in 258 appearances for Arsenal. He netted more than 20 Premier League goals in five consecutive seasons between 2001 and 2006. He is also our all-time leading scorer with 228 goals.

He won the Premier League title twice and was a key member of the 'Invincibles' team which went unbeaten during the 2003/04 title-winning season. Along with his scoring prowess, the Frenchman contributed 74 assists during eight Premier League seasons, including a joint-record 20 in 2002/03.

"To be inducted alongside Alan Shearer as the two first inductees into the Premier League Hall of Fame is more than special," said Thierry.

"When I was young, I was just trying to make sure I could get a pair of boots and now we're talking about the



Hall of Fame. During my career I wanted to play hard and make sure I was fighting for the cause, because that's all the fans want to see. If you asked me at the start of my career about entering the Hall of Fame, I wouldn't have believed you. It's an amazing honour."

Premier League Chief Executive Richard Masters said: "Alan Shearer and Thierry Henry are two world-class players who lit up the Premier League throughout their time in the competition. Both players were capable of scoring every kind of goal, including some of the best we have ever seen."

"Henry broke individual and team records during eight seasons with Arsenal when he became a footballing icon. He was a talisman in the 'Invincibles' team and his four Premier League Golden Boots during a five-year period reflect the impact he had."

There are more places up for grabs at [www.premierleague.com/halloffame](http://www.premierleague.com/halloffame) and on the Premier League app, where you can vote – only until the end of today – for further inductees, including former Gunners: Tony Adams, Sol Campbell, Ashley Cole, Patrick Vieira, Dennis Bergkamp, Ian Wright and Robin van Persie. ■



Laca celebrates his brilliant goal against Sheffield United



# CONGRATULATIONS LACA!

Alexandre Lacazette is our April Player of the Month. The French striker was in impressive form and claimed nearly two thirds of the votes cast in our official online poll.

Lacazette caught the eye with a fine performance in our 3-0 victory at Sheffield United, scoring twice – including a potential goal of the season contender at the end of a flowing team move.

The forward then went on to bag a brace in our Europa League quarter-final second leg against Slavia Prague in the Czech Republic.

Laca received 60 per cent of the votes cast, with Nicolas Pepe in second and Bukayo Saka in third place.■

# AND GOTM FOR OUR NO9?

At the time of going to print, Alexandre Lacazette's superb goal against Sheffield United was in the running for the Premier League's Budweiser Goal of the Month for April.

The Frenchman was up against West Brom's Callum Robinson (v Chelsea), West Ham's Jesse Lingard and Pablo Fornals (both goals against Wolves), Wolves' Leander Dendoncker (v West Ham), Liverpool's Trent Alexander-Arnold (v Aston Villa), Newcastle's Allan Saint-Maximin (v Burnley) and Leicester's Kelechi Iheanacho (v Crystal Palace)

The award was announced on Friday – fingers crossed for you Laca!■



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- CHARITY/COMMUNITY SHIELD WINNERS  
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# TONIGHT'S PROGRAMME

We hope you enjoy the special focus we have shone on our heroes of season 1970/71 in tonight's programme.

Yesterday marked exactly 50 years since we sealed the league and FA Cup double, with victory over Liverpool at Wembley. The double had only previously been achieved once in the 20th century, at a time when smaller squads and difficult playing conditions made winning both major competitions almost a mythical feat.

The 1970/71 players – and the coaching team of Bertie Mee and Don Howe – were a very special group and we hope the 20 pages of content in this issue give fans an indication of what it took for the heroes of 50 years ago to write this very special chapter in our history. An achievement that still inspires us today. ■

Going up, to get the cup



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## ARSENAL REMEMBERS

**BROGAN-MARIE PHILLIPS-TOWNSEND**

Born October 25, 2020 - taken to the stars April 13, 2021. Daughter to Jaydon and Granddaughter to David, she already showed a desire to kick along and would have made a star footballer one day

**PAUL MORRIS**

RIP to an absolute whooper who was loved by everyone he ever met nearly as much as he himself loved Arsenal (and hated Spurs!). A larger-than-life character with a heart of gold, he'll be forever missed by all

## REF WATCH



Lancashire's Peter Banks is this evening's referee. This will be Peter's fourth Arsenal game this season – but his first at Emirates Stadium. He presided over our away win at Leicester in September, followed by our 1-0 FA Cup defeat at Southampton and most recently the 3-0

win at Bramall Lane last month. One of the less experienced officials on the Premier League list, his first campaign as a referee in the top flight was last season, when his only Arsenal game was the 4-0 home win over Norwich City. ■

## MO GOES TOP

Mohamed Elneny now tops the appearances table for Arsenal in Europa League history. He came on as a late substitute against Villarreal in the first leg, to make what was his 31st outing in the competition for the Gunners. He's scored three times in those 31 games – all long-range efforts – against BATE Borisov, Dundalk and Olympiacos. The Egyptian midfielder also appeared in the competition for previous side Basle, and he's played 56 Europa League games in total – only four players (Daniel Carrico, Andreas Ulmer, Jermain Lens and Senad Lulic) have played more. ■

### MOST UEL APPEARANCES

**MOHAMED ELNENY**

Ainsley Maitland-Niles

Granit Xhaka

Alexandre Lacazette

Shkodran Mustafi

Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang

Joe Willock

Sead Kolasinac

Rob Holding

Mesut Ozil

Nacho Monreal

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Action from a snowy Hawthorns earlier this season

## ARSENAL ITK

Victory for Arsenal would see West Bromwich Albion relegated from the Premier League for a joint-record fifth time (along with Norwich). It would be their 11th top-flight relegation (only Birmingham with 12 have suffered more), while it would be manager Sam Allardyce's first relegation from the Premier League.

West Bromwich Albion have lost more top-flight matches against Arsenal (65) than they have versus any other side in their history, with 39 of those defeats arriving in London.

West Bromwich Albion manager Sam Allardyce has lost 17 Premier League games against Arsenal (W5 D7), only losing more games in the competition versus Manchester City (18). In fact, Allardyce has never won an away game against Arsenal in the Premier League (D3 L11), losing on each of his last nine visits.

Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang became the sixth Arsenal player to score 10+ goals in each of their first four Premier League seasons with the club after Ian Wright, Dennis Bergkamp, Thierry Henry, Olivier Giroud and Alexandre Lacazette. The Gabonese striker has also had a hand in 20 goals in 17 Premier League appearances against newly promoted teams (16 goals, 4 assists). ■





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## ARSENAL DOUBLE WINNERS 1970/71



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John Roberts climbs above Denis Law and John Fitzpatrick in our 4-0 home win over Manchester United early in the season



# SIX KEY MOMENTS

Arsenal Historian Jon Spurling pinpoints six moments from the 1970/71 double season that proved key to the Gunners' success

## DIVISION ONE

AUGUST 22, 1970  
HIGHBURY

ARSENAL 4 Radford 3, Graham  
MANCHESTER UNITED 0

After starting the season with two draws, Arsenal romped to victory against the visitors in front of the Match Of The Day cameras, and an enormous 54,117 crowd. Star of the show was Gunners striker John Radford, who helped himself to a hat trick, ably assisted by burly forward Ray Kennedy, drafted into the starting line up after Charlie George broke his ankle in the 2-2 draw against Everton on the opening day of the campaign. George Graham, now deployed in midfield, also scored with a trademark header, and goalkeeper Bob Wilson made a memorable save from George Best, plucking the ball away from the Ulsterman at the last minute as he looked certain to score. "The victory was a huge morale booster," recalled Wilson, "and set us up superbly for what proved to be the most memorable of campaigns."

## EUROPEAN FAIRS CUP FIRST ROUND

SEPTEMBER 16, 1970  
STADIO OLIMPICO

LAZIO 2 Chinaglia 2 (1 pen)  
ARSENAL 2 Radford 2

The Fairs Cup clash with Lazio, played out in a fiery Stadio Olimpico, ended 2-2, with John Radford grabbing two fine goals. But it was the clash between the players from both teams afterwards, following a banquet in a Roman restaurant, which really grabbed the headlines, and cemented the Gunners' team spirit. The street brawl – instigated by Lazio players – threatened to get out of hand, before manager Bertie Mee strode forwards, ushering his players onto the team coach. The Gunners players defended one another to the hilt, and Bertie Mee spoke years later of how the incident in Rome "further cemented team spirit at the club." Keen to ensure that the second leg passed off without incident, UEFA appointed 1970 World Cup referee Rudi Glockner to officiate. The East German official booked five Lazio players, but Radford and George Armstrong scored to ease Arsenal into the second round, following the comfortable 2-0 home win.



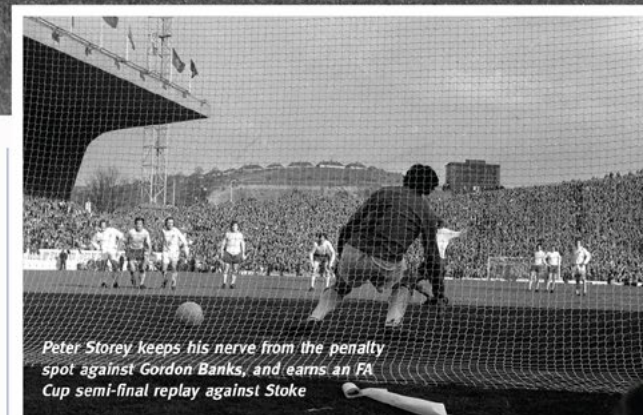
Charlie George keeps the ball under pressure from Newcastle's Keith Dyson in a crucial late-season 1-0 win at Highbury

## FA CUP SEMI-FINAL

MARCH 27, 1971  
HILLSBOROUGH

ARSENAL 2 Storey 2 (1 pen)  
STOKE CITY 2 Ritchie, Smith

If ever a match summed up the indomitable spirit of the 70/71 double-winning side, it was the epic semi-final clash at Hillsborough. Seemingly down and out to Tony Waddington's lively and skilful Stoke side, Arsenal snatched a draw from the jaws of defeat with a late Peter Storey inspired comeback. Goals from John Ritchie and Denis Smith gave Stoke a 2-0 half time lead, and if Potters forward Jimmy Greenhoff had hit the target instead of blasting the ball high into the Spion Kop, the tie would surely have been dead and buried. But the Gunners somehow fought back. Storey blasted a powerful half volley past Gordon Banks to reduce the deficit, and then, with time almost up, Storey kept his cool to steer a penalty past the England goalkeeper to grab Arsenal what seemed an impossible 2-2 draw. A disheartened Stoke lost the replay 2-0, as Arsenal reached their first FA Cup final for 19 years.



Peter Storey keeps his nerve from the penalty spot against Gordon Banks, and earns an FA Cup semi-final replay against Stoke

## DIVISION ONE

APRIL 17, 1971  
HIGHBURY

ARSENAL 1 George  
NEWCASTLE UNITED 0

Arsenal flat lined their way to a 1-0 win on no fewer than 10 occasions in the league in '70/71, but the victory over Newcastle encapsulated the Gunners' ability to nab vital victories despite not being on top of their game. On a bumpy Highbury pitch, Arsenal looked laboured and ponderous on occasions, but Charlie George's much televised scorching half volley which flew past Liam McFaul



After a gruelling, dramatic season, Charlie George and Frank McLintock lift the FA Cup at Wembley



secured two precious points for Bertie Mee's side on the day that title rivals Leeds United slipped up at home against West Bromwich Albion. Three days later, in another desperately tight Highbury clash, George blasted home from the penalty spot to condemn visitors Burnley to relegation in another 1-0 win. "By that stage of the season," George explained, "it was all about holding your nerve."

## DIVISION ONE

**MAY 3, 1971**

**WHITE HART LANE  
TOTTENHAM 0**

**ARSENAL 1** Kennedy

With an estimated 50,000 disappointed fans locked out, Arsenal locked horns with their north London rivals at White Hart Lane in the ultimate derby match which decided the destiny of the 1971 Division One title. In a tense match, Arsenal prodded and probed, knowing that they needed a goalless draw or a win to snatch the prize. With 89 minutes gone, George Armstrong delivered a pinpoint cross for Ray Kennedy, who headed home high past Tottenham (and future Arsenal) goalkeeper Pat Jennings to secure Arsenal's first league title for 18 years. Gunners players and fans

celebrated the team completing the first leg of the historic double long into the night, and although the remaining footage of the clash is grainy, the memory burns brightly half a century later.

## FA CUP FINAL

**MAY 8, 1971**

**WEMBLEY**

**ARSENAL 2** Kelly, George

**LIVERPOOL 1** Heighway (AFTER EXTRA-TIME)

On a boiling Wembley afternoon, Arsenal won the FA Cup after battling back from going a goal down to Steve Heighway's opportunistic strike early in the first period of extra-time. After 101 minutes, Eddie Kelly's flick appeared to have been guided home by fellow Scot George Graham, but replays showed that Kelly had the final touch. There was no doubt about the goal that won the double. Ten minutes after Kelly's equaliser, John Radford slipped the ball to Charlie George, and the former North Bank regular drove home from 20 yards past a despairing Ray Clemence. His iconic 'Jesus Christ Superstar' celebration has been much discussed in the years since, with George explaining it thus: "I was out on my feet and needed a lie down." ■



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## TOTTENHAM

- 1 JENNINGS
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- 3 KNOWLES
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- 5 COLLINS
- 6 BEAL
- 7 GILZEAN (OFF)
- 8 PERRYMAN
- 9 CHIVERS
- 10 PETERS
- 11 NEIGHBOUR

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## ARSENAL

- 1 WILSON
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- 8 GRAHAM
- 9 RADFORD
- 10 KENNEDY
- 11 GEORGE

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## DIVISION ONE MATCHDAY 42

7.30pm • Monday, May 3, 1971 • White Hart Lane

## FIRST HALF

After 41 league games the First Division campaign all came down to the final match of the season, at White Hart Lane of all places, the home of our local rivals. We went into the game knowing that a win, or a goalless draw, would be enough to pip Leeds at the top of the table and earn our first league title for 18 years. Even a scoring draw would not be enough, as Leeds would be crowned champions on goal average. Martin Peters clipped the bar early on for Tottenham in front of 51,992, but Charlie George and George Graham went close for Arsenal as we began to take control.

## SECOND HALF

Ray Kennedy came close to opening the scoring in the second half. He was lurking in the right place when a Spurs half-clearance fell to him outside the area, but his powerful left-foot shot ended up with the fans behind the goal. The 19-year-old did not have to wait long for his moment of glory though. We had been knocking at the door throughout the second period, only to find Pat Jennings in fine form in the Spurs goal. Eventually however, the goal came – with just two minutes remaining. George Armstrong stood a cross up from the left wing near the byline and Kennedy, just outside the six yard box, rose to head into the roof of the net. The hosts poured forward in search of the equaliser that would deny us, but Bob Wilson's safe handling calmed our nerves and we held on to claim a record eighth title. ■



## FIRST PAGE

*Desperate for the hottest ticket in town, the crowds descend on White Hart Lane*

## THIS PAGE

*The drinks are on me! Match-winner Ray Kennedy enjoys the moment*



MATCH ACTION

TOP

*George Graham beats the Spurs defence to get his header away*



MIDDLE LEFT

*Champions! Captain Frank McLintock is mobbed on the pitch*



MIDDLE RIGHT

*The away fans in high spirits at White Hart Lane*



BOTTOM LEFT

*Kennedy heads his 19th and most precious goal of the season*



BOTTOM RIGHT

*Bob Wilson rises highest to kill the danger*



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# PAT RICE

Very few people in the history of the game know the feeling of winning the league and FA Cup double in English football.

**U**ewer still have experienced winning it more than once, as both a player and a coach, in different generations. But Pat Rice belongs to that most exclusive of clubs. Having joined the club as an apprentice aged 15, his breakthrough in the first team came five years later, when he became a regular at right back at the start of the 1970/71 season. A fully committed, whole-hearted defender, he missed just one game all campaign, forming part of a miserly back four that conceded only 29 goals from 42 league games. He was ever-present in the FA Cup run, getting his hands on the trophy that he would go on to win again as a player in 1979, and four more times as first-team coach alongside Arsène Wenger. The first of those was in 1998 – Arsenal's second double – and four years later he was at it again, as the Gunners became the first club ever to win three doubles in three different decades. Now, on the 50th anniversary of that legendary win in 1971, Pat looks back on that historic achievement, and tells us the secret of the side's success.

## What's the first thing you think of when you remember the 1971 season?

For me the first memory that comes into my mind, and it may seem strange, but I remember the team sheet for the game at White Hart Lane going up at Highbury the day before the game, and it said report time was 3 o'clock. We all thought that was strange because kick-off wasn't until 7.30pm I think, and it's only down the road, because we used to get the bus from Southgate. Anyway, the next day when we all got on the coach, there were cars absolutely everywhere. It was just amazing and at one stage it looked

like we wouldn't make the game in time, even though we had left three hours early. Tottenham High Road especially was rammed – it was like every Arsenal fan had taken the day off work. So it looked like we weren't going to make it. The coach had to drive up on the kerb, and then we saw some of the wives and girlfriends of the players, so we stopped to pick them up as well! Anyway, I think we got into the dressing room eventually only about 30 minutes before kick-off. It was unbelievable.

## What were your emotions before that game? Did being late make you more tense?

It wasn't ideal preparation maybe, but by then we were just thinking about the game. We knew what we had to do, we knew defensively that we were strong and you couldn't really see them scoring. We knew if we played to our ability, they wouldn't score, and that's what happened. It's a great

feeling to have that confidence. That was the way I felt about it anyway.

## That was your breakthrough season, you became a regular at the age of 21...

That's right, it's the way it happened. The first game of the season was Everton away, and what normally happened is that Peter Storey was moved into midfield to pick up Alan Ball, so I came in to play at right back. Well we drew that game, then we played at West Ham on the Tuesday, Peter went back to right back and I was out of the team. We drew 0-0 I think, and then after that they went back to using Peter in midfield, so I got the spot at right back, and basically kept my place there from then on. So it was due to the fact that we had played Everton in the first game that the double-winning system or formation came to fruition.

***"WE JUST WENT INTO EVERY GAME AND, FIRST OF ALL, TRIED NOT TO BE BEATEN."***

## That West Ham game was the only game you missed throughout the double, how did you cope with playing every few days?

Well it was certainly better than training! There were a few of us who played near enough every game. And training was never light between the games either – not with Don Howe! No chance, we trained how we played, it was always full commitment. We had so many big personalities in the team though. Our captain, Frank, was an unbelievable personality. The word defeat never came into his vocabulary. So for me as a young guy, to have these guys like John Radford, Peter Simpson, Bob McNab – who was an unbelievable character too, as well as being a terrific full back. For me it was a great learning process and hopefully one that I made the most of.

## When did you get the feeling during the season that you could achieve something special? The double had only been won once in the previous 70 years at that point...

To be perfectly truthful, we didn't really think about it. We just went into every game, and, first of all, tried not to be beaten. If you can't win the game, don't lose it. That was our motivation. And with those players I mentioned, we had real winners. You know how people say teams have a winning mentality, well that's what we had. We had George Graham, Bob Wilson, Ray Kennedy, George Armstrong too. ▶







**"WE WERE FEELING GOOD AFTER A BIG WIN, BUT DON HOWE ABSOLUTELY LAID INTO US ALL"**

These guys had come up the hard way. Some of them would have had jobs too when they first started playing. So it was very different. That's not to say they wouldn't have made it if it was like it is today, but it was the way they were brought up and might explain the mentality.

**Everyone remembers the game that clinched the title at White Hart Lane, but what other games stood out for you that season?**

I remember beating West Bromwich Albion 6-2 at Highbury one weekend. When we came in to training on the Monday, Don Howe called a meeting. He brought us in to the Halfway House, which was a small room halfway down the old tunnel at Highbury where we held player meetings. We went into the meeting feeling good after a big win, but then Don absolutely laid into us all. He must have gone on for 45 minutes – it was untrue. The reason he was so mad was he wanted to know how the smallest player on the pitch had headed both goals for West Brom. That was the kind of ruthlessness that came through the whole team.

**What are your recollections of the cup final? The players looked completely exhausted in the footage, how demanding was that game to play in?**

Going into that game, from my point of view anyway, I knew that at least we had already won the league. All of our



efforts that season had been rewarded with the title, so my personal feeling was that at least we have already got some silverware to show for it. So we went into the game as champions, and from my point of view the pressure was off. But yes the game was tough. I'll always remember after the game, I asked our physio to go up and get my medal for me because I was too tired to do it! He talked me out of it thankfully. We were so exhausted though, it was a really hot day too, and of course we were against a top-class side in Liverpool. Both sides had individual players who could win games – and one of them was Charlie. We knew what he could do because we saw it all the time in training. He scored goals like that often, so we were elated when he did it at Wembley, but we weren't surprised.

**How does it feel to realise this was all 50 years ago?!**

It is crazy really, because all I've got to do is look in the mirror and I'm as beautiful as I ever was!

**Do you keep in touch with the other guys on the team?**

Yeah, I spoke to Sammy yesterday actually, and I did a podcast with Bob the other day. Frank doesn't live far from me, and George too, so I see them still. We always try to get together once a year as a team as well.

**You won the double again as part of the coaching staff in 1998, then in 2002. Did you ever speak to those players about the first double and your role in it?**

I'm not the kind of guy to talk about what I've won in the past. In fact it wasn't until Bob Wilson told me that I realised I have been involved in more trophy successes for Arsenal than anyone else, as a player or coach. So I never really spoke to the players about it myself, but if they ever asked me about it I would tell them.

**Do you believe that the club's past achievements can inspire the next generations?**

Yes I think the players can, it comes down to them. Speaking personally, playing alongside somebody like

Frank McLintock, who had already been to finals with Leicester, you have a lot of respect for that. The will to win, the determination he had was infectious, and that carries on in future generations and players coming through. I saw that as a coach as well, with the Invincibles side for example. You had people like Tony Adams, Patrick Vieira, Dennis Bergkamp, and that gets passed on to the younger players. All you have to do is watch them play and it rubs off, even more so when they are winners.

**Back in 1971 were you inspired by previous Arsenal sides? Did everybody talk about the team of the 1930s back then?**

Yes, but really it was in 1970 when we won the Fairs Cup against Anderlecht that was the big moment for us, because then we had matched the achievements of the past. All the photos that were up of the boy Bastin, the great Alex James and others, they could all be taken down because we had made our own history and had our own success that could be celebrated. We all desperately hope there is more to come now from the current generation, and they can go on to add their own piece of history for the club. ■

**FIRST PAGE**

*Pat, shortly after turning 22, taking on Chelsea in the 1971 double season*

**OPPOSITE PAGE RIGHT**

*Pat clears the ball ahead of Steve Heighway in the FA Cup final*

**OPPOSITE PAGE LEFT**

*Now assistant manager, celebrating a second double in 1998 with Dennis Bergkamp*

**BELOW**

*Pat (far left) enjoying the trophy parade through Islington in 1971*

## PAT RICE HONOURS

**AS A PLAYER**

FA YOUTH CUP: 1966

FIRST DIVISION TITLE: 1970/71

FA CUP: 1971, 1979

**AS ASSISTANT MANAGER**

PREMIER LEAGUE TITLE: 1997/98, 2001/02, 2003/04

FA CUP: 1998, 2002, 2003, 2005

COMMUNITY SHIELD: 1998, 1999, 2002, 2004







KELLY 101  
GEORGE 111



HEIGHWAY 92

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## FA CUP FINAL

3pm • Saturday, May 8, 1971 • Wembley Stadium

### FIRST HALF

After a nervy start by both sides, Liverpool, coming into the game after finishing fifth in the table, began to look dangerous on a hot, sunny afternoon at a packed Wembley Stadium. But our defence, as so often this season, stood firm, marshalled by Footballer of the Year Frank McLintock. It was becoming an increasingly tactical battle, forcing Charlie George to take aim from 25 yards, but his shot sailed over. Ray Clemence then saved well from a George Armstrong header, after he was found by John Radford. At the other end Bob Wilson denied Alec Lindsay to keep it goalless at the break.

### SECOND HALF

As the match progressed, the hot conditions began to take their toll on both sets of players. Radford fired straight at Clemence after superbly shifting the ball onto his right foot inside the area, before George Graham headed against the bar from close range, getting on the end of a long Radford throw in. From the resulting corner Lindsay scrambled the ball away off the line and the game became more stretched in the closing stages. Wilson made a couple of late vital stops to ensure extra-time.

### EXTRA-TIME

Just two minutes into extra-time Steve Heighway finally broke the deadlock, beating Wilson at his near post from a tight angle inside the box. We responded well though and levelled at the end of the first period. Substitute Eddie Kelly prodded a shot goalwards, George Graham failed to make contact but either way it was in the Liverpool net. With less than ten minutes remaining, we got the winner. George fired home a rocket from 20 yards, giving Clemence no chance, to win the cup and seal a stunning league and cup double. ■



#### FACING PAGE BOTTOM

Bertie Mee and Bill Shankly lead out the two teams

#### FACING PAGE TOP

John Radford in action

#### THIS PAGE

Cup kings! The captain Frank McLintock with the famous silverware



#### ARSENAL

- 1 WILSON
- 2 RICE
- 3 MCNAB
- 4 STOREY (64)
- 5 MCLINTOCK
- 6 SIMPSON
- 7 ARMSTRONG
- 8 GRAHAM
- 9 RADFORD
- 10 KENNEDY
- 11 GEORGE

#### SUBSTITUTE

KELLY (64)

#### LIVERPOOL

- 1 CLEMENCE
- 2 LAWLER
- 3 LINDSAY
- 4 SMITH
- 5 LLOYD
- 6 HUGHES
- 7 CALLAGHAN
- 8 EVANS (68)
- 9 HEIGHWAY
- 10 TOSHACK
- 11 HALL

#### SUBSTITUTE

THOMPSON (68)



MATCH ACTION

TOP LEFT

The fearless Bob Wilson punches clear



TOP RIGHT

Many players suffered with cramp on a punishing afternoon



MIDDLE LEFT

George Armstrong is too quick for Alec Lindsay



MIDDLE RIGHT

The trophy lift



BOTTOM LEFT

Charlie George's screamer wins the game



BELOW RIGHT

Eddie Kelly slides home the equaliser



BOTTOM RIGHT

Charlie is flat out after his goal



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Tony with two of his sons, James and Chris, in Baku: 'Brilliant trip, terrible result'

# I WAS THERE!

Tony Wickenden is one of the lucky fans who saw us win at White Hart Lane and at Wembley – he recalls a very special season

I'm 67 and from south London, our original home of course! The Arsenal was my dad's team – he brought me up 'right' so to speak, by taking me to home games with his pals Vic, Richie and Mickey. My dad remains 'at home' as his ashes are in the ground at Highbury at the North Bank end. What a brilliant club we are to allow that to happen. Class. My wife Pauline is a season ticket holder with me and our three boys (well, men now) Phil, James and Chris. We are all in the North Upper at the Emirates.

Before the 1970/71 season, I'd been going for six years, my first game was against Wolves on August 24 1963. I was nine. We stood on the West Lower. I was ushered down to the front by the wall with my little

wooden collapsible stool to get a better view. I also had a pretty hefty rattle! We lost 3-1, but I got to see my then favourite Alan Skirton and my dad's favourite, George Eastham. I never looked back. In my teens I was mostly on the North Bank.

As for the '70/71 season, I remember there was expectation about what we might achieve – always a dangerous thing! Bertie Mee's team – and me as a fan – had been to successive league cup finals in '68 and '69 and lost both of them (even against Swindon, no offence! But that night at Highbury in April 1970 when we beat Anderlecht and won the Fairs Cup was one of the best ever. I'm ashamed (and a bit proud too) to say I was one of those many thousands celebrating on the

pitch after the game. At that point anything seemed possible.

I got to all but two home games in the '70/71 season and a few away games with the supporters' club when I could afford it – what brilliant value the coaches were. The building sense of excitement and possibility after Christmas was something that gave a constant extra buzz to normal life. The sense that something unbelievable was possible, accompanied by projecting how you would feel if it didn't happen.

As for most things in life, the truly memorable things are what stick most vividly with you and for me there are four in 1971:

1. I met my wife of 46 years (and fellow Gooner) at the Fellowship Inn in Bellingham.
2. The semi-final replay at Villa Park on March 31.
3. The night of May 3 at Spurs – the first of two league wins there.
4. The FA Cup final on May 8.

The semi-final replay was the day after my 17th birthday and my mum wrote me a note to get me off school 'severe tooth pain and headache'. I went with my mate Stevie Proctor who fancied the day off too. We went to Euston on my Lambretta so we'd have transport home when we got back from Villa Park. What a night! And the start of the anticipation of the final and the worry about whether I would get a ticket.

You had to have all the little vouchers from the programme to affix to your application and I was two short. I bought the two missing programmes at the Arsenal Shop in Avenell Road and my chemistry teacher showed me how to remove the 'invalid' stamp without damaging the voucher. Best science lesson ever! OK, it's out there. Banged to rights as they say, but I felt justified as I'd missed those games for good reasons: illness and a family wedding. Fingers crossed I wasn't caught. But before the final there was the little matter of the league to win at Spurs. Mum to the rescue again. Another tooth-related note. An urgent dental appointment this time. At least there was some consistency in my ill-health!

Barry Lovell and I got to the ground at about 11.30am to queue to get in. That road leading to the Park Lane End was absolutely rammed from early afternoon. At one point we had to climb over a car to keep moving forward. We were among the lucky ones to get in – there must have been nearly 50,000 outside. Ray Kennedy's goal



As Bob leapt for joy at White Hart Lane, Tony was feeling 'a mixture of ecstasy and fear'

**"WE WERE AMONG THE LUCKY ONES TO GET IN – THERE MUST HAVE BEEN NEARLY 50,000 OUTSIDE"**

two minutes from the end left me literally on my knees as the crowd swayed forward. I had a mixture of ecstasy and fear that has never been reproduced. What a night. I was there with my wife and boys when 'it happened again', but that first night was special.

My cup final ticket arrived the next day. Result! The wonder of science. Barry didn't have enough vouchers so I went on my own but from Baker Street I was with a massive Gooner family. A beautiful day with a beautiful goal to win it. 'Born is the King of Highbury!' More hugging of fellow Gooners and off to Trafalgar Square and the fountains.

Magical, magical times, with more to come under Arsène (Merci Monsieur!) and hopefully, Mikel. ■



# THE 1971 DOUBLE



## LEAGUE APPEARANCES/GOALS

Player	Appearances	Goals/clean sheets
George Armstrong	42	7
Charlie George	17	5
George Graham	36+2	11
Eddie Kelly	21+2	4
Ray Kennedy	41	19
Frank McLintock	42	5
Bob McNab	40	-
Peter Marinello	1+2	-
Sammy Nelson	2+2	-
John Radford	41	15
Pat Rice	41	-
John Roberts	18	-
Jon Sammels	13+2	1
Peter Simpson	25	-
Peter Storey	40	2
Bob Wilson	42	25*

+ = substitute appearances    \* = clean sheets

## FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION ONE - FINAL TABLE

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Arsenal	42	29	7	6	71	29	65
2 Leeds United	42	27	10	5	72	30	64
3 Tottenham Hotspur	42	19	14	9	54	33	52
4 Wolverhampton W.	42	22	8	12	64	54	52
5 Liverpool	42	17	17	8	42	24	51
6 Chelsea	42	18	15	9	52	42	51
7 Southampton	42	17	12	13	56	44	46
8 Manchester United	42	16	11	15	65	66	43
9 Derby County	42	16	10	16	56	54	42
10 Coventry City	42	16	10	16	37	38	42
11 Manchester City	42	12	17	13	47	42	41
12 Newcastle United	42	14	13	15	44	46	41
13 Stoke City	42	12	13	17	44	48	37
14 Everton	42	12	13	17	54	60	37
15 Huddersfield Town	42	11	14	17	40	49	36
16 Nottingham Forest	42	14	8	20	42	61	36
17 WBA	42	10	15	17	58	75	35
18 Crystal Palace	42	12	11	19	39	57	35
19 Ipswich Town	42	12	10	20	42	48	34
20 West Ham United	42	10	14	18	47	60	34
21 Burnley	42	7	13	22	29	63	27
22 Blackpool	42	4	15	23	34	66	23

## DOUBLE WINNERS

1889	1996
1897	1998
1961	1999
1971	2002
1986	2010
1994	2019

## 1971 FA CUP RESULTS

YEOVIL TOWN 0-3 ARSENAL	Scorers Radford 2, Kennedy	THIRD ROUND
PORTSMOUTH 1-1 ARSENAL	Scorer Storey (p)	FOURTH ROUND
ARSENAL 3-2 PORTSMOUTH	Scorers George, Simpson, Storey (p)	FOURTH ROUND (R)
MANCHESTER CITY 1-2 ARSENAL	Scorer George 2	FIFTH ROUND
LEICESTER CITY 0-0 ARSENAL	Scorers None	QUARTER-FINAL
ARSENAL 1-0 LEICESTER CITY	Scorer George	QUARTER-FINAL (R)
STOKE CITY 2-2 ARSENAL	Scorer Storey 2 (1p)	SEMI-FINAL
STOKE CITY 0-2 ARSENAL	Scorers Graham, Kennedy	SEMI-FINAL (R)
LIVERPOOL 1-2 ARSENAL	Scorers Kelly, George	FINAL

## FA CUP APPEARANCES/GOALS

Player	Appearances	Goals/clean sheets
George Armstrong	9	-
Charlie George	7+1	5
George Graham	6	1
Eddie Kelly	0+2	1
Ray Kennedy	9	2
Frank McLintock	9	-
Bob McNab	9	-
John Radford	9	2
Pat Rice	9	-
Jon Sammels	5+1	-
Peter Simpson	9	1
Peter Storey	9	4
Bob Wilson	9	4*

+ = substitute appearances    \* = clean sheets



Bob Wilson was the only  
player to play every minute  
of the double campaign





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the Emirates when we  
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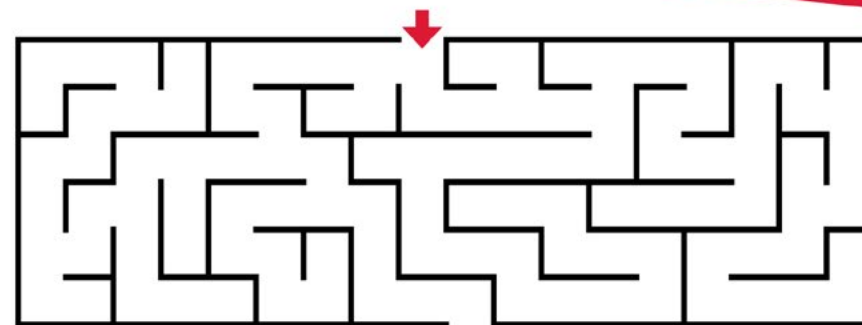
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# MY STORY



The work of The Arsenal Foundation and the partners and initiatives it supports have touched the lives of a great number of people in a variety of ways

The Arsenal Foundation's emergency Covid fund has helped Manor Gardens Welfare Trust provide food to Islington residents in need during the pandemic. Manor Gardens' Felicity Ford tells us about it...

I've worked at Manor Gardens Welfare Trust for five years but have been working in the voluntary sector for 30 years. I'm the Director of Fundraising and Development but during the pandemic my role shifted to being very hands-on as we moved quickly to set up a food distribution hub to meet the large and growing need in Islington at the start of lockdown.

All staff pulled together, largely from home, to contact our clients to check whether they could get their own food. Some were shielding or self-isolating and many others couldn't get out of the house due to illness or disability, and they certainly couldn't queue at the shops.

We also set up partnerships with other local charities, including Age UK, Cloudeley, SHP, Bright Start and Islington Mind. They provided financial support and we made sure their clients and other vulnerable people received food parcels. Working together made us more efficient and ensured a wide range of people received help.

We were very grateful to The Arsenal Foundation, who offered us volunteer drivers from the outset even though they were very busy helping out at all the community centres. We were encouraged to apply for funds that would give us extra supplies, and it was great to have the high-profile support of our local football club and to build on our partnership with Arsenal in the Community.

One day a big lorry arrived with pallets full of staple



Bagged up and ready to distribute

A huge logistical project at Manor Gardens Welfare Trust



items purchased by the Arsenal grant. It gave our supplies a big boost and was very gratefully received by all our clients.

We decided to finish the food distribution at the end of September 2020. Islington food providers all agreed demand was changing and we decided to support people to a more sustainable way of obtaining good food. We saw a change from the immediate effects of Covid restrictions preventing people getting out to extreme food poverty, joblessness and loss of income.

We worked with each client to support them to claim benefits and access long-term help. We also formed an alliance across the borough to promote the setting up of food co-ops so people could take charge of their own food provision, use free surplus food and prevent food waste. We have piloted pop-up food co-op schemes over the past couple of months to see what works best, and we hope local residents will be able to see the benefits and set up their own.

I'm very proud, as are all of our staff, that Manor Gardens was able to adapt what we do so quickly to step in and meet a very real need. We made a real difference to people's lives at a time when they needed us most and that will stay with us for a long time.

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# FOURTEEN TIMES

## THEO WALCOTT

Last August we lifted the FA Cup for a record-extending 14th time. But it's not just our rich, illustrious history in football's oldest knock-out competition that is synonymous with the number 14. The club has many other links with the number, and we continue our series by looking at the man who filled the Arsenal number 14 shirt for longer than any other player since squad numbers were introduced – Theo Walcott

**BOTTOM LEFT**  
*Theo Walcott sporting the No. 14 shirt – and the armband – in 2017*

**BOTTOM RIGHT**  
*Theo with his predecessor, Thierry Henry*

**OPPOSITE PAGE**  
*Danielle Carter after her Wembley wonder-strike*



MAY 2016  
**14** IT HAPPENED ON THE 14TH...  
2016 WOMEN'S FA CUP FINAL  
ARSENAL 1-0 CHELSEA

Arsenal Women will play their FA Cup fifth round tie against Crystal Palace next weekend – their most recent triumph in the competition was achieved at Wembley Stadium in 2016. It was only the second showpiece final to be held at Wembley, and attracted a crowd of 32,912. Chelsea went into the game as holders, but Arsenal – managed by Pedro Martinez Losa – grabbed a famous 1-0 win thanks to Danielle Carter's first-half strike. On 18 minutes, the England forward scored a spectacular curling effort into the top corner from just inside the area, and it proved enough to win the cup for a record-extending 14th time.

## 14 - THEO WALCOTT

The man charged with wearing the Arsenal number 14 shirt after the departure of our record goalscorer Thierry Henry was 19-year-old Theo Walcott.

Theo had already been at Arsenal for nearly three years when he took over the responsibility of the No. 14 shirt in 2008, having worn the 32 shirt in his first few seasons (a number he finds himself in again back at Southampton).

Speaking at the time, Theo said that 14 was actually his second choice: "I actually asked for No. 8 at first but Vic Akers said that Samir Nasri had it so I wasn't complaining there," he explained. "Then he said No. 14 was available so straight away I said 'I'll have that'.

"Thierry was my idol. He looked after me when I was first here. It was brilliant to train with him every day and watch what he did. He was the best striker I have ever seen.

"For me it is best just to think of it as a number. But then I knew what to expect when I picked this number."

The forward went on to wear the number with great distinction over the following nine and a half seasons – more seasons than Henry had worn it for.

He scored exactly 100 goals in the shirt, to add to the eight he netted as a No. 32. His England career also took off after his change of number, scoring an unforgettable hat-trick away to Croatia just a month after making the change.

His Gunners career came to an end in January 2018, after he had racked up 397 appearances, and taken himself to joint 15th place on the all-time leading scorers chart for the club. ■





# COMMUNITY



Participants from the Assist programme at work in the Hub at Emirates Stadium

## PROVIDING AN ASSIST

The recent easing of lockdown restrictions has enabled us to both restart our existing programmes, as well as begin some new initiatives. One of these is Assist, which is a new programme, developed and delivered as part of our PL Kicks Targeted Work. Assist is designed as an engagement and diversion project that will act as an early intervention for young people in Camden and Islington.

The programme is a strong strategic partnership between Arsenal in the Community, The Metropolitan

Police Service, Youth Offending Teams from Camden and Islington as well as the Targeted Youth Services from both boroughs, and involves young people who are either existing participants on our programmes, or referrals from our partner agencies. The participants come to The Hub for a weekly session and work towards accredited qualifications in Football Leadership and Conflict Resolution. These sessions are, as much as possible, peer led, which helps develop participants leadership skills, as well as the vital life skills of communication, team work, planning and problem solving. During the practical football

sessions, participants are able to put what they have learned into practice, as well as getting used to meeting and working with new people from different areas.

Here are the thoughts of some of our strategic partners on the programme:

**"THE ASSIST PROGRAMME IS A GREAT WAY TO ENGAGE YOUNG PEOPLE. BY BRINGING THEM TO THE ARSENAL HUB, YOUNG PEOPLE ARE BROUGHT INTO A SPACE WHERE THEY CAN ENJOY PLAYING FOOTBALL WHILE ALSO LEARNING SOME IMPORTANT LESSONS ABOUT CONFLICT RESOLUTION. USING THE MEDIUM OF SPORT REALLY HELPS TO ENGAGE YOUNG PEOPLE IN THIS SUBJECT, AND ALSO ENABLES THEM TO ACCESS THE WEALTH OF SERVICES PROVIDED BY ARSENAL AFTER THE PROGRAMME'S COMPLETION, TO MOVE THEM TOWARDS AN EXCITING FUTURE"**

**ARTHUR WATERS, RESTORATIVE JUSTICE OFFICER LB CAMDEN**

**"OUR LOCAL YOUTH ENGAGEMENT TEAM ARE REALLY PASSIONATE ABOUT HELPING YOUNG PEOPLE THROUGH THE CHALLENGES THEY FACE IN DIFFICULT SITUATIONS. THE SUPPORT AND COMMITMENT FROM ARSENAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY PARTNERS WILL, WE HOPE, LEAVE A LONG LASTING LEGACY THAT HELPS TO REDUCE VIOLENCE AND KEEP ALL RESIDENTS IN CAMDEN AND ISLINGTON SAFE."**

**INSPECTOR TIM OWEN AND PC HAYLEY LAZARUS, METROPOLITAN POLICE SERVICE**



## ARSENAL IN THE COMMUNITY



## PHOTO OF THE WEEK

Arsenal in the Community's Twitter account @AFCCommunity highlight some of this month's community work...

**NICE TO REMEMBER  
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@SUTTONUNITED. WE HAVE MISSED  
FOOTBALL SO MUCH. @SUFC\_DISABILITY  
WE CAN'T WAIT TO GET BACK TO  
FOOTBALL**



# FORWARD



**MARTIN ODEGAARD**

Arsenal Football Club prides itself on always looking forward, so we're asking our players to gaze into the future to see what's on the horizon.



**What are your plans for the rest of the day?**

There is not much I can do at the moment as we are in quarantine after the game in Spain. But once I've finished training I will head home, chill out for a bit. I'll watch the Champions League that's on and that's about it. I'm living in an apartment so at least I'm not in a hotel all the time, but my routine is very similar each day at the moment. I spend half the day at the training ground, then the rest of the time I'm at home relaxing, getting my rest.

**What do you normally like doing to relax between games?**

A little bit of everything. I don't usually play too much PlayStation, but lately I've started again because there's not much else to do. Otherwise I watch TV, watch the football, FaceTime with my family or friends, and if the weather's nice I try to get out. We work hard every morning at the training ground so I like to take it easy when I get home.

**Have you found it difficult since moving to London, as we have spent most of the time in lockdown. ►**

# ARSENAL



**IN A DREAM WORLD,  
WHAT WOULD BE  
YOUR NEXT...**

## MEAL

Pizza, I'm a big fan of pizza

## HOLIDAY DESTINATION

Norway, of course!



## NEW CAR

I'm not really into cars, but I'd say the Audi Q8 is pretty nice, so I'll say that one

## NEW TEAM-MATE

That's a tricky one, but maybe I should take my friend from the national team, Erling Haaland.



## FORWARD ARSENAL MARTIN ODEGAARD

### Have you been able to see any of the city at all?

That's true, I've not been out much at all really. I went out a couple of weeks ago to eat but apart from that we haven't been able to do much. It has been difficult to change country and team mates at a time like this, so sometimes it has been quite boring, as it has been for a lot of people. But it's really nice to be at this club and I like being at the training ground around everyone and my team-mates, so it's not too bad.

### Did any of your family move over with you?

No, I've been here on my own. I had a friend here at the beginning but now I'm on my own again. I'm kind of used to it though, I've been alone for the last couple of years living abroad, so I don't mind it. It's just a shame that it's not possible to travel so that my family can't come and watch the games. That's a real shame but other than that it's fine really.

### **"IT'S A SHAME THAT IT'S NOT POSSIBLE TO TRAVEL SO MY FAMILY CAN'T COME AND WATCH THE GAMES"**

### How about the rest of your week, do you plan your schedule around your training programme and the fixture list?

To be honest not too much, I tend to have the same routine from day to day. Every day is training in the morning then get home to rest and relax. It's more or less the same every day, obviously things are a bit different on matchdays, but normally the weeks are pretty similar.

### And how does this routine compare to what you were used to in Madrid?

It's basically the same. I know some teams always go to hotels the night before every game, but where I've been I've been lucky that normally we can just sleep at home before home games and I always prefer that.

### How far forward can you plan your career in the short-term? Is it difficult because you are on loan?

Yes it is difficult and it's hard to say what will happen, so that's why I try and not focus too much on the future to be honest. I just go day-by-day and now I am here I just want to finish the season as well as possible. That's all I am thinking of at the moment, there's no point looking further forward than that right now. At the end of the season we'll see what happens next, but for now ▶





**"IT WILL BE NICE TO GO SKIING, BECAUSE WINTER HOLIDAYS IN NORWAY ARE REALLY SPECIAL"**

there is enough to focus on with the games. I have found before that if you look too far ahead, you can lose your focus.

**How about your plans away from football for this summer?**

I will go back to Norway, I always go back home when I get the chance, especially as I haven't been there for a long time. I had three days there over Christmas, but apart from that I've hardly been back for the last year and a half. So I'm looking forward to seeing everyone there again, hopefully the weather will be good and we can have a good time back at home. I like to relax, go out on the boat, have barbecues with friends, those kinds of things. It's where I grew up, so I have friends and family there and everything is close. I like to be on the sea, have a swim, enjoy the weather – a bit of everything.

**You are only 22, but have you thought about what you want to do after your playing days?**

No it's hard to say, at the moment I love being involved in football, so maybe I would want to keep being involved in some way around the sport. I want to go back to Norway and live there, start a family and settle down there. So maybe I'll be involved in football in Norway, but who can say? Maybe when I'm older I will be tired of football! But I haven't really planned anything or started any coaching qualifications yet for example.

**Is there anything you are looking forward to doing away from football when you retire?**

Have some weekends off! No, nothing specific, but it will be nice to have some holidays in Norway where you can go skiing, because winter holidays in Norway are really special. Those are things I'm not allowed to do now, so yes it will be nice to do some 'normal' things that you can't do as a footballer. At the moment the plan is definitely to go back home and live in Norway, I like it there. But also I plan to travel a lot, see more of the world and get to experience places that you visit as a footballer, but never really see. We go to a lot of places, we are very lucky to travel, but really when we go somewhere all we see is the hotel room and the road to the stadium! It will be nice to see places more as a tourist.

**Finally, you are told there's a spare seat on the next trip to the International Space Station – would you want to go?**

Yes why not, as long as I can come back again! I would want to go though, why not?■



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# DEVELOPING STRONG YOUNG GUNNERS

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# YOUNG GUN

# CHARLES SAGOE JR

TALKING TO Aidan Small

## BORN

Kingston-Upon-Thames, July 24, 2004

## SIGNED FOR ARSENAL

At U12 level

## SCHOOL

Coombe Boys School, New Malden

## POSITIONS

Left wing, right wing or attacking midfield

HEIGHT AND WEIGHT  
5ft 7in and 66kg



My football journey started when I was just five years old. As a kid, I used to spend countless hours watching my favourite players on YouTube; Ronaldinho, Maradona, Messi, players like that. And ever since then I've been in love with the game. It's impossible not to be when you're watching them! I think my generation is quite lucky in that sense because we have access to so much footage online that would have been difficult to get in previous generations, so I could watch my heroes at the click of a button really.

I can't thank my parents enough for their role in my love for football too. Without my mum, I wouldn't have ever played for my first local team, so I'm very grateful for that. She knew someone whose kid was already playing there and she wanted me to get involved from the moment I could join a club! I can't lie, things went pretty well there and after just a few months I had every local team and academy chasing me! It was pretty crazy and one of my first trials was with Chelsea, but in the end, they decided I wasn't good enough. I was really nervous on the day and to be honest with you, I didn't really know what was going on or what trials were all about. I was just trying to have fun; I was so

young at the time. Anyway, my parents told me that I had a lot of options and we ended up going to Fulham, who were next to Chelsea, and they wanted to sign me straight away.

I loved my time there and they were brilliant to me. Jack Henry-Francis was there when I joined the club too, so we've been together for a little while now and seen each other

**"I USED TO LOVE WATCHING MARC OVERMARS BECAUSE I WAS A WINGER"**

grow up and develop as player. It's been class to play alongside him for so many years. But obviously, we both eventually switched to the red side of London. I remember my parents telling me that Arsenal had been interested for a little while during my third year at Fulham, but they explained that they didn't want to make the move so early because I was only a young boy and it was a big journey to Walthamstow every day for training, so they wanted to make sure I was ready for it. I was buzzing when they told me they were still interested because I genuinely grew up admiring so many Arsenal players.

I actually used to love watching Marc Overmars because I

was an out and out winger at the time and he wasn't the tallest player, but he was absolutely rapid and caused defenders nightmares with his movement. It made me a little nervous knowing that I had all these scouts coming to watch me, but eventually with my parents we decided that we couldn't miss out on this opportunity and that's when I joined The Arsenal.

As soon as I arrived I could already see the difference in facilities. Fulham were amazing for me, but it was far more local and there wasn't much space compared to Arsenal. I remember even being blown away by the reception and the canteen. All of the boys were so nice to me when I joined too. Growing up, I was quite a nervous and shy person, but they instantly made me feel welcome and like I was part of the group.

It was tough because I had to prove myself as a player all over again and I was a right winger at the time, but all of my coaches and team-mates were so supportive of me and I've loved every moment here since.

If I had to describe my style of play, I'd say that I'm a creative player and I'm at my best as a No. 10. I've also been working on my development as a left winger this season

and that works well for me because I'm quite pacey.

I try to pick the ball up in tight spaces because I'm very good at wriggling my way out of those areas and getting away from my man. I'm quite double footed too. In terms of players that I look up to, I really like Neymar and the role that he plays for PSG as a No 10. He is such an intelligent player to pick up really smart positions on the pitch to influence the game. He can drift both inside and outside and I really like that about him. One-twos around defenders, dribbling, shooting, incredible movement, he's got everything you want from a creative player.

As for the season so far, I always knew that it would be a competitive one in terms of minutes because there's a lot of boys fighting for pro contracts. It's been difficult for me at times because I just want to be out there and there have been a few stages in my under-18s career so far where I haven't been getting much football and I've just been training, and that put a dent in my confidence. But I've kept my head up and reminded myself to keep working hard because the opportunities will come. Since then I've been on a good run of games and doing everything possible to impress Ken and Greg. I'm ready to show what I can do. ■





## CHARLES SAGOE JR LOWDOWN

**Earliest memory of football** Playing football in the back garden with my dad at the age of six

**Got me into football** Mum and Dad

**First player looked up to** Ronaldinho

**Favourite football shirt** Ghanaian shirt from the 2010 World Cup

**Favourite pair of old boots** F50s

**Best friend in football** Jack Henry-Francis

**Team supported as a child** Arsenal

**Best goal of all-time** Leo Messi's solo goal vs Getafe

**Best moment of my career so far** Scoring a hat-trick for Arsenal and winning the U13 Premier League Cup

## RATE YOURSELF

SPEED		85
SHOOTING		85
DRIBBLING		88
STRENGTH		50
PASSING		86
DEFENDING		30

**Best goal I've scored** Solo goal from the half-way line

**Best game I've had** When I scored a hat-trick vs Watford u15s

**Best piece of skill I've done in a game** Roulette

**One stadium I'd like to score in** Camp Nou

**One type of goal I'd like to score** Rabona

**A player to score a one-on-one to save my life** Cristiano Ronaldo

**If I could change position** I'd play right-back

**My fave football memorabilia** A signed Cristiano Ronaldo top

**Another sport I'm good at** Table tennis

**Ambitions off the pitch** To be a positive and polite individual

**Important non-playing attributes** Determination and patience

**Biggest lesson learnt off the pitch at Arsenal** Being persistent and patient, and working hard on and off the pitch to get an opportunity

**Favourite training drill** Finishing

## ME

**Favourite footballer of all-time** Ronaldinho

**Most played Spotify artist** Lil Baby

**Favourite pre-match song** On me by Lil Baby

**Best football attribute** Dribbling

**If I wasn't a footballer** I'd be a runner

Lil Baby



WOLTMAN 22  
NORRIS 36 PEN.  
MUSIALOWSKI 51



AZEEZ 64 PEN

3

**FA Youth Cup**  
**Quarter-final**  
**Friday, April 30**  
**Anfield**

**ARSENAL** Ejeheri, Norton-Cuffy, Kirk, Monlouis, Ogungbo, Henry-Francis, Azeez, Flores, Butler-Oyediji (Ideho 75), Edwards (Richards 81), Taylor-Hart **SUBS NOT USED:** Graczyk, Awe, Jeffcott, Foran, Gaspar

Our FA Youth Cup journey came to an end in the quarter-finals as we were beaten 3-1 by Liverpool at Anfield.

Ken Gillard was forced into one change from our 3-1 victory over West Ham in the previous round – with Nathan Butler-Oyediji replacing Omari Hutchinson – but we were unable to replicate that same attacking intensity in this last eight match.

We dominated possession throughout the opening exchanges and came close through Kido Taylor-Hart, who cut inside from the left and fired over the bar, but Liverpool went on to open the scoring against the run of play.

With their first spell of pressure on our backline, Conor Bradley crossed to the far post and James Balagazi headed down, before Max Waltman converted from close range.

This boosted the hosts' confidence and after forcing a goalmouth scramble, Miguel Azeez attempted to clear the danger and inadvertently tripped Tyler Morton, who snuck past his right shoulder to gain a vital touch of the ball. James Norris stepped up and converted from 12 yards.

Things went from bad to worse following the restart too, as Liverpool extended their advantage through Mateusz Musialowski. The youngster raced forward on the counter and wriggled past Alex Kirk inside the area, before firing back across goal into the far corner.

Miguel Azeez eventually pulled one back from the spot, firing into the top corner after Khayon Edwards was fouled inside the area, but despite our best efforts, it proved to be nothing more than a consolation goal. ■



Marcelo Flores in action at Anfield



Jack Henry-Francis in the midfield



Khayon Edwards shields from Jarell Quansah





1

MOLLER 83 PEN



2

COVENTRY 31 PEN.  
ODUBEKO 86 PEN

Premier League 2  
Saturday, May 1  
Meadow Park

**ARSENAL** Smith, Alebiosu (Gaspar 67), Foran, Dinzeyi, Bola, Akinola, Awe, Oyegoke, Lewis (Richards 78), Moller, Ideho **SUBS NOT USED:** Hillson, Jeffcott, Sagoe Jr

Our under-23s suffered a disappointing defeat in their penultimate game of the Premier League 2 season as they were beaten 2-1 by West Ham United.

Nikolaj Moller returned to the scoresheet for the first time since March and looked set to secure us a share of the spoils, but a third penalty of the afternoon handed a late winner to the Hammers.

We made a sloppy start at Meadow Park and it didn't take long for the visitors to punish us. Tom Smith denied Ademipo Odubeko from close range with an outstanding save early on, before the Hammers' striker won a penalty on the half-hour mark, forcing a late challenge from Jonathan Dinzeyi who missed the ball and caught the man. Conor Coventry stepped up and sent Smith the wrong way to convert.

We responded well, though, and within 60 seconds had a penalty of our own. It was a well-worked move straight from kick-off and Tolaji Bola was fouled after making a storming run inside the penalty area. Moller took responsibility from 12 yards and duly found the back of the net via the inside of the post.

We should have kicked on following the restart, but it was the Hammers who took control as they created a number of promising opportunities. Kai Corbett converted from close range, only to see his strike ruled out for a foul on Smith, before we were eventually caught out on a blistering counter-attack.

Nathan Holland lead the charge and forced a goalmouth scramble as we defended with our bodies on the line, but despite eventually winning the ball back



Amani Richards came on in the second half against Liverpool

Kido Taylor-Hart takes control



with a strong challenge, the referee believed that Bola had fouled Corbett and he pointed to the spot.

With less than five minutes remaining, Odubeko kept his cool and secured all three points for the visitors. ■

## ACADEMY

# NEWS

## ACADEMY LOAN WATCH

Five of our youngsters were involved for their respective loan clubs last weekend.

In the Championship, **Daniel Ballard** played the full 90 minutes and helped his defence keep another clean sheet as Blackpool beat Northampton 3-0 at Sixfields Stadium. The win moves the Tangerines up to fifth in the table after 44 games this season, with Ballard playing a key role throughout.

Elsewhere, **Tyreece John-Jules** played 66 minutes as Doncaster beat Rochdale 2-1 at Spotland Stadium. Taylor Richards scored an impressive brace before Matt Done notched a late consolation for the home side, with our talented young striker providing the assist.

Defender **Mark McGuinness** played the entirety of Ipswich Town's 2-1 win against Swindon Town. James Norwood struck twice for the visitors, before Brett Pitman struck late on with a consolation goal.

It was a tough day in the Conference Premier for young defender **Joseph Olowu** as his Wealdstone side went down 4-0 on the road at third-placed Stockport.

Fellow defender **Harry Clarke** also had a day to forget as Oldham lost 4-1 to Mansfield at Field Mill in League Two. ■



Blackpool's Daniel Ballard



Debutant Amani

## RICHARDS MAKES PL2 DEBUT

Congratulations to Amani Richards, who made his Premier League 2 debut, aged just 16, last week.

The youngster came on as a second-half substitute in our 2-1 defeat to West Ham last weekend, becoming the first schoolboy to play for our under-23s (or equivalent) since Reiss Nelson made his debut in December 2015.

A skilful and pacey centre forward, Amani joined us earlier this season from Chelsea and has impressed early on, already scoring his first goal for our under-18s in a 1-1 draw with Leicester City.

A childhood Gooner, Amani only turned 16 back in November and is currently an England youth international. ■

## CONGRATULATIONS, LUIGI!

Luigi Gaspar also made his debut for our under-23s last weekend, coming on in the 67th minute against West Ham.

The 17 year old was unable to stop us from slipping to a 2-1 defeat, but gave his all in the heart of our midfield.

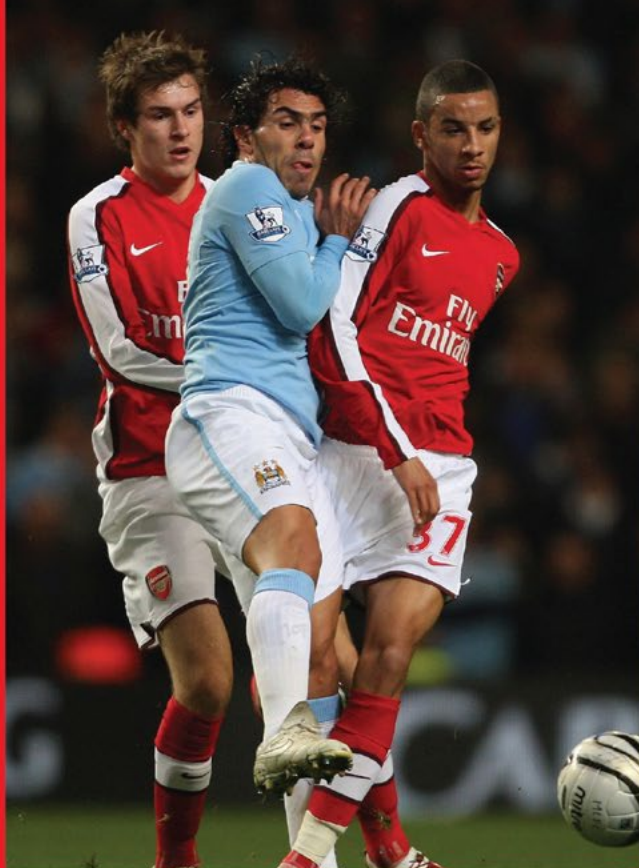
A tenacious and technical midfielder, Luigi made the switch to north London at 15 years of age from Brazilian outfit Corinthians, who he joined aged seven.

Luigi is the son of our current technical director and member of the 2003/04 Invincibles side, Edu. Keep up the good work, Luigi! ■



Luigi Gaspar made his U23 bow





#### LEFT

Craig Eastmond in first-team action against Manchester City in 2009

#### BELOW

Now a star turn at Sutton United



## ACADEMY ALUMNI

Catching up with former Arsenal Academy players as they continue their pro careers away from Emirates

### CRAIG EASTMOND

**S**utton United stand a real chance of reaching the Football League for the first time in their history – and they are being inspired an ex-Arsenal Academy star who has become a legend at Gander Green Lane.

Sitting second in the National League, four points behind Torquay but with two games in hand, Craig Eastmond's team have seven games to make history –

only the champions are promoted, with second to seventh going into the play-offs.

An academy graduate in 2007, with West Brom's Kyle Bartley, and an FA Youth Cup winner, Eastmond played 10 games for the Gunners first-team, appearing in the Premier League, Champions League and both domestic cups before joining Colchester Utd in 2013 for £500,000, after spells with Millwall and Wycombe on loan. He played 68 times for Colchester, scoring seven times from central midfield but, after a brief spell with Yeovil, was without a club until Sutton United snapped him up in September 2015. He has subsequently been part of a hugely successful period for the Surrey club, famously reaching the fifth round of the FA Cup in 2017, where he had the opportunity to play Arsenal, and reaching the National League play-off final in 2018.

Courted by league clubs over the years, he has stayed loyal to Sutton and the 30 year old has now played 182 games for them, scoring 18 goals. Let's hope his commitment to the National League side earns them a place in League Two come the end of May. ■

## THE BREAKDOWN YOUTH STATS

### UNDER-23 FIXTURES

Fri Sept 11	Southampton	H	1-2
Fri Sept 18	Brighton & HA	A	2-2
Sat Sept 26	Tottenham Hotspur	H	0-1
Sun Oct 4	Chelsea	A	0-3
Fri Oct 16	Manchester United	H	3-3
Sat Oct 24	Manchester City	A	1-4
Fri Oct 30	Liverpool	H	0-1
Fri Nov 6	Blackburn Rovers	A	6-0
Fri Nov 20	Everton	H	1-0
Fri Nov 27	Derby County	H	3-1
Fri Dec 18	Leicester City	H	2-1
Fri Jan 22	Brighton & HA	H	5-0
Fri Jan 29	Tottenham Hotspur	A	1-1
Fri Feb 5	Chelsea	H	2-2
Fri Feb 12	Manchester United	A	0-3
Fri Feb 19	Manchester City	H	0-2
Sat Feb 27	Liverpool	A	0-4
Fri Mar 5	Southampton	A	2-2
Fri Mar 12	Blackburn Rovers	H	0-3
Sun Mar 21	Everton	A	1-1
Mon Apr 12	Derby County	A	3-2
Mon Apr 26	Leicester City	A	1-1
Sat May 1	West Ham United	H	1-2
Fri May 7	West Ham United	A	7pm

### PREMIER LEAGUE 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Manchester City	23	16	5	2	73	29	44	53
Chelsea	23	11	6	6	46	34	12	39
Tottenham Hotspur	23	11	5	7	44	38	6	38
Blackburn Rovers	23	10	7	6	46	37	9	37
Manchester United	23	10	4	9	57	56	1	34
Everton	23	9	6	8	40	28	12	33
Derby County	23	10	3	10	40	48	-8	33
Liverpool	23	9	5	9	46	50	-4	32
Brighton & Hove Albion	24	7	9	8	36	42	-6	30
<b>Arsenal</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>-6</b>	<b>25</b>
West Ham United	23	6	5	12	30	46	-16	23
Leicester City	23	6	4	13	41	53	-12	22
Southampton	23	4	4	15	29	61	-32	16

### UNDER-18 FIXTURES

\* = won on penalties

Sat Sept 12	Southampton	H	4-2
Sat Sept 19	Tottenham Hotspur	A	0-2
Sat Sept 26	Crystal Palace	H	3-2
Sat Oct 3	West Ham United	A	2-3
Sat Oct 17	Brighton & HA	H	0-5
Sat Oct 24	West Bromwich Albion	A	3-1
Sat Oct 31	Norwich City	H	5-1
Sat Nov 21	Fulham	H	0-0
Sat Dec 5	Leicester City	H	2-1
Sat Jan 23	Tottenham Hotspur	H	4-1
Sat Jan 30	Crystal Palace	A	2-3
Tue Feb 16	West Ham United	H	1-0
Sat Feb 20	Brighton & HA	A	2-3
Sat Feb 27	West Bromwich Albion	H	0-3
Tue Mar 9	Aston Villa	A	0-0
Sat Mar 13	Norwich City	A	1-4
Sat Mar 27	Reading	H	4-3
Tue Apr 6	Southampton	A	2-2
Sat Apr 10	Fulham	A	1-3
Tue Apr 20	Chelsea	H	2-1
Sat Apr 24	Leicester City	A	1-1
Tue May 4	Reading	A	6-1
Sat May 8	Aston Villa	H	11am
TBA	Chelsea	A	TBA

### EFL TROPHY FIXTURES

Tue Sept 8	Ipswich Town	A	2-1
Tue Oct 13	Crawley Town	A	2-1
Tue Nov 10	Gillingham	A	1-1*
Tue Dec 8	AFC Wimbledon	A	0-3

### UNDER-18 PREMIER LEAGUE SOUTH

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Crystal Palace	23	17	2	4	60	31	29	53
Fulham	22	16	2	4	72	25	47	50
Brighton & Hove Albion	24	14	3	7	63	40	23	45
Tottenham Hotspur	22	10	7	5	51	33	18	37
Aston Villa	22	10	5	7	40	45	-5	35
<b>Arsenal</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>34</b>
Chelsea	21	10	3	8	55	38	17	33
West Bromwich Albion	23	9	3	11	50	55	-5	30
Norwich City	22	9	2	11	56	52	4	29
West Ham United	23	6	6	11	34	56	-22	24
Reading	23	5	4	14	47	77	-30	19
Leicester City	22	3	5	14	34	71	-37	14
Southampton	23	2	4	17	29	71	-42	10

### FA YOUTH CUP FIXTURES

Tue Dec 15	Rotherham United	A	2-1
Sat Mar 20	Blackburn Rovers	A	4-1
Fri Apr 16	West Ham United	A	3-1
Fri Apr 30	Liverpool	A	1-3



# THE BREAKDOWN

## YOUTH APPEARANCES

PLAYER	PL2	EFLT	U18	FAYC	PLIC	TOTAL
Tim Akinola	18+3	3+1	-	-	-	21+4
Nicolaj Moller	17(7)	1	-	-	-	18(7)
Ryan Alebiosu	16+1	3	-	-	-	19+1
Folarin Balogun	16(7)	2(1)	-	-	-	18(8)
Ben Cottrell	16(4)	4	-	-	-	20(4)
Joel Lopez	13+1	3	-	-	-	15+1
Jonathan Dinzei	12+4	1	-	-	-	14+4
Miguel Azeez	10+4(1)	2+1(1)	1	3(2)	-	16+5(4)
Catalin Cirjan	9+2(1)	3+1(1)	4	1	-	17+3(2)
Karl Hein	9	1	-	-	-	10
Kido Taylor-Hart	8+4(3)	1+1	10(6)	4(2)	-	23+5(11)
Daniel Oyejoke	7+3	1	3	-	-	11+3
Alex Kirk	7+1	+1	9(1)	4	-	20+2(1)
Arthur Okonkwo	6+1	1	-	-	-	7+1
Reiss Nelson	6(2)	-	-	-	-	6(2)
William Saliba	6	2	-	-	-	8
George Lewis	6+3	1(1)	-	-	-	7+3(1)
Tolaji Bola	5+2	1	-	-	-	6+2
Zane Monlouis	4+2	1	9+1(1)	4	-	18+3(1)
James Olayinka	4(1)	2	-	-	-	6(1)
Charlie Patino	4(1)	-	9	1(1)	-	14(2)
Jordan McEnuff	3+3	2(1)	-	-	-	5+3(1)
Trae Coyle	3+2(1)	-	-	-	-	3+2(1)
Brooke Norton-Cuffy	3+1	+1	14	4	-	21+2
Emile Smith Rowe	3(3)	1	-	-	-	4(3)
Calum Chambers	3(1)	1	-	-	-	4(1)
Joseph Olowu	3	-	-	-	-	3
Tom Smith	3	-	-	-	-	3
Joel Ideho	2+1	+1	8+2(2)	+3	-	10+7(2)
Harry Clarke	2	1	-	-	-	3
Matt Macey	2	1	-	-	-	3
Zach Awe	2	-	12+3	-	-	14+3
Daniel Ballard	2	-	-	-	-	2
Pablo Mari	2	-	-	-	-	2
Salah-Eddine Oulad M'hand	1+1	1	-	-	-	2+1
Taylor Foran	1+1	-	10+2	-	-	11+3
Mark McGuinness	1	1	-	-	-	2
Sokratis Papastathopoulos	1	1	-	-	-	2
Levi Laing	1	+2	6+1	-	-	7+3
Hubert Graczyk	1	-	10+1	-	-	11+1
James Hillson	1	-	-	-	-	1
Eddie Nketiah	1	-	-	-	-	1
Cedric Soares	1	-	-	-	-	1
Joe Willock	1	-	-	-	-	1
Mazeed Ogungbo	+3	-	12+1(2)	4(1)	-	16+4(3)
Omar Hutchinson	+1	-	18+1(5)	3(2)	-	21+2(7)
Khayon Edwards	+1	-	10+7(5)	3(2)	-	13+8(7)
Luigi Gaspar	+1	-	1+3	-	-	1+4
Amani Richards	+1	-	1+1(1)	-	-	1+2(1)
Gabriel Martinelli	-	1	-	-	-	1
Matt Smith	-	1	-	-	-	1
Mauro Bandeira	-	-	13+2	1	-	14+2
Jack Henry-Francis	-	-	10+3	2+1	-	12+4
Marcelo Flores	-	-	9+3(4)	3	-	12+3(4)
Nathan Butler-Oyediji	-	-	8+2	2	-	10+2
Ovie Ejeheri	-	-	8	4	-	12
Luke Plange	-	-	6+3(4)	-	-	6+3(4)
Henry Jeffcott	-	-	6+2	-	-	6+2
James Sweet	-	-	5+2(2)	1	-	6+2(2)
Charles Sagoe Jr	-	-	2+1	-	-	1+1
Reuell Walters	-	-	2+1	-	-	2+1
Bradley Ibrahim	-	-	2	-	-	2
Remy Mitchell	-	-	2	-	-	2
Billy Vigar	-	-	1+4	-	-	1+4
Josh Robinson	-	-	1+1	-	-	1+1
Aaron Benn	-	-	1(2)	-	-	1(2)
Amani Richards	-	-	1(1)	+1	-	1+1(1)
Jimmy Gower	-	-	1(1)	-	-	1(1)
Ethan Nwaneri	-	-	1(1)	-	-	1(1)
Cameron Brayne	-	-	1	-	-	1
Alex Kovacevic	-	-	1	-	-	1
Timo Quamina	-	-	1	-	-	1
Mathaeus Roberts	-	-	1	-	-	1
Kristopher Quesada-Thorn	-	-	+2	-	-	+2
Myles Lewis-Skelly	-	-	+1(1)	-	-	+1(1)
Kaleel Green	-	-	+1	-	-	+1
Amario Cozier-Duberry	-	-	+1	-	-	+1
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## KATIE'S A KEEPER!

**W**e're delighted to confirm that Katie McCabe has signed a new long-term contract with the club.

The Republic of Ireland captain has made 113 appearances since joining the club from Shelbourne in December 2015, scoring 21 goals.

Since Katie's arrival, she has won the FA Cup, Continental Cup and FA Women's Super League title.

The 25-year-old versatile winger has established herself as a core member of our squad, notching 12 assists and four goals in just 24 games this season.

"I'm absolutely delighted," said Katie. "I love this club and I feel like we're in a really good place and that we're ready to push on. I'm delighted it got done and now I'm ready to kick on and help this club win more trophies."

"It's been amazing ever since I joined the club. There's been ups and downs along the way, but I feel like I'm in a really good place with the team that we've got, the players we've got and all the staff behind the scenes. I'm really happy to commit my future."

"Katie McCabe is one of the highlights of the last three or four years here," said manager Joe Montemurro. "It's been a project which has been an exciting one. She's been thrown every challenge from the day that we brought her back from her loan, and I think she's just developed into a world-class left-sided player. All credit to her, she personifies exactly what we want from our squad."

Congratulations on your new contract, Katie!



## KIM CLOSING IN ON 150

Goals in each of Arsenal's last two games, against West Ham and Everton, have pushed Kim Little's tally up to 143 for the Gunners, from just 223 games.

There was only ever one player going to be entrusted to take the 94th-minute penalty with the scores at 1-1 against Everton – and Kim duly stuck the ball in the top corner from 12 yards! And the skipper confirmed: "It was fine! I don't really feel nerves, I think that's why I'm on penalties!"

Here's to (at least) seven more, skipper!

### MAIN

Katie McCabe signs the deal

### LEFT AND BELOW

Katie scores vs Everton, and with Joe Montemurro

### BOTTOM LEFT

Kim Little tucks home goal 143 last week

### 2020/21 FIXTURES

SEPT 6	READING	6-1
SEPT 12	WEST HAM UNITED	9-1
SEPT 26	TOTTENHAM (FA CUP QF)	4-0
OCT 1	MAN CITY (FA CUP SEMI-FINAL)	1-2
OCT 4	BRISTOL CITY	3-1
OCT 7	CHELSEA (CC)	1-4
OCT 11	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION	5-0
OCT 18	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	6-1
NOV 4	LONDON CITY LIONESSES (CC)	4-0
NOV 8	MANCHESTER UNITED	0-1
NOV 15	CHELSEA	1-1
NOV 18	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR (CC)	2-2*
DEC 6	BIRMINGHAM CITY	3-0
DEC 13	MANCHESTER CITY	1-2
DEC 20	EVERTON	4-0
JAN 17	READING	1-1
FEB 7	MANCHESTER CITY	1-2
FEB 10	CHELSEA	0-3
FEB 28	ASTON VILLA	4-0
MAR 7	BIRMINGHAM CITY	4-0
MAR 19	MANCHESTER UNITED	2-0
MAR 27	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	3-0
APR 4	BRISTOL CITY	4-0
APR 18	GILLINGHAM (FAC4)	10-0
APR 25	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION	2-0
TBA	WEST HAM UNITED	2-0
MAY 2	EVERTON	2-1
MAY 9	ASTON VILLA	H
MAY 16	CRYSTAL PALACE (FAC5)	H

### WOMEN'S SUPER LEAGUE (AT MAY 3)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GO	PTS
MANCHESTER CITY	21	16	4	1	64	13	51	52
CHELSEA	20	16	3	1	62	10	52	51
ARSENAL	21	15	2	4	63	15	48	47
MAN UNITED	21	14	2	5	42	20	22	44
EVERTON	21	9	5	7	39	28	11	32
READING	21	5	9	7	25	36	-11	24
BRIGHTON	21	7	3	11	18	40	-22	24
TOTTENHAM	20	4	5	11	17	39	-22	17
WEST HAM UNITED	21	3	6	12	21	38	-17	15
BIRMINGHAM CITY	21	3	6	13	15	43	-28	15
ASTON VILLA	21	3	5	13	15	47	-32	14
BRISTOL CITY	21	2	6	13	17	69	-52	12

\*Arsenal won on penalties





Mbaye Diagne celebrates scoring against Wolves last week



# WEST BROMWICH ALBION

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Third Division/League One play-off winners **1992/93**


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League Cup runners-up **1967, 1970**

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 Promoted back to the Premier League last summer after two seasons in the Championship, West Bromwich Albion are set to make an immediate return to English football's second tier. The West Midlands have been fighting an uphill battle against relegation all season, and although they have raised eyebrows with the odd shock result against some of the Premier League's leading lights – notably an amazing 5-2 win at Chelsea last month on their last visit to the capital – they entered this weekend needing something of a miracle to stay in the division with four fixtures of the season remaining.

 Ironically it was immediately after one of those surprise results – a 1-1 draw at Manchester City in mid-December – that the West Brom board decided a change of manager was needed. So out went Slaven Bilic, the man who had steered them to a runners-up spot behind Leeds in last season's Championship, and in came veteran Premier League campaigner Sam Allardyce – two and a half years after his last job, at Everton. While there was some sympathy at the timing of Bilic's dismissal, the fact was that West Brom were 19th in the table and had won only one of their first 13 matches – and that at home to the only team below them, Sheffield United.

 It was pretty obvious that West Brom were going to find life tough at the top after heavy defeats in their opening two matches – 3-0 at home to Leicester, 5-2 at Everton – and despite Big Sam's reputation as a retriever of lost causes, a man who had never suffered relegation in a long and winding career that had even earned him a short stint as England manager, the shortage of top-flight quality in the squad – even with an injection of mid-season loan signings – has continued to hamper the club's survival ambitions, with points and wins proving just as difficult to come by under the new manager as the old one.

 The Baggies' hopes of launching a surge to safety in the second half of the season appeared to be undone when they lost successive home games at the turn of the year to Leeds (5-0) and Arsenal (4-0), and although hope was renewed temporarily with a 3-2 win away to Wolves in their next encounter – Allardyce's first victory – it was not until April that they strung together back-to-back Premier League three-pointers, that astonishing 5-2 win at Stamford Bridge – in which Matheus Pereira and Callum Robinson both scored twice – followed by a 3-0 home win over Southampton.

 Another 3-0 defeat against Leicester stopped Allardyce's men in their tracks, however, and the concession of a last-minute equaliser in a 2-2 draw at Aston Villa took more wind out of their sails before Monday night's 1-1 draw at home to Wolves – a result that left them ten points adrift of safety coming into this 35th round of matches and with the knowledge that defeat this afternoon would officially confirm their relegation from the Premier League.

## VISITORS WEST BROMWICH ALBION



## MUTUAL ADMIRATION

Swashbuckling striker **KEVIN CAMPBELL** broke into the Arsenal first-team as an 18 year old at the end of the 1987/88 season and after learning his trade with loan spells at Leyton Orient and Leicester City, went on to play 228 games for the Gunners, scoring 59 goals. A big money move – £4.2m – to Nottingham Forest came in the summer of 1994 and after four years at the City Ground, a couple in Turkey with Trabzonspor then six hugely successful seasons with Everton, Campbell – by now 34 – joined West Brom in January 2005. His immense experience was instrumental in Albion rising from the bottom of the table at Christmas to stave off relegation that season, though they were relegated the following campaign, at the end of which Campbell left for Cardiff after playing 48 games and scoring six goals for the Baggies.



## 1 BETWEEN THE POSTS SAM JOHNSTONE GOALKEEPER

BORN Preston, 25/3/93

PREVIOUSLY Man United, Oldham (loan), Scunthorpe (loan), Walsall (loan), Yeovil (loan), Doncaster (loan), Preston (loan), Aston Villa (loan)

A former Man United academy graduate who never played a first-team game for the club, Sam's entire career was spent out on loan in the Championship and League One before he signed a permanent deal with West Brom in July 2018, replacing Ben Foster as the Baggies' first-choice goalkeeper. A former England youth international, he was called into the senior squad for the first time in March on the back of some eye-catching displays in his debut Premier League campaign.

## 5 THE EX-GUNNER KYLE BARTLEY DEFENDER

BORN Stockport, 22/5/91

PREVIOUSLY Arsenal, Sheffield United (loan), Rangers (loan), Swansea, Birmingham (loan), Leeds (loan)

Kyle began his professional career at Arsenal but made only one first-team appearance, in the Champions League away to Olympiacos, before joining Sheffield United then Rangers on loan and eventually sealing a permanent move to Swansea, where he struggled to make an impact in the Premier League. It was on loan at Leeds in the 2016/17 Championship that the central defender relaunched his career, prompting a move to West Brom, where he has become a key player and captain.

## 12 THE PLAYMAKER MATHEUS PEREIRA MIDFIELDER

BORN Belo Horizonte, Brazil

PREVIOUSLY Sporting Lisbon, Chaves (loan), Nuremberg (loan)

A shining light amongst the gloom of West Brom's 2020/21 Premier League campaign, Matheus has provided plenty of Brazilian flair as well as a number of important goals, not least two in quick succession at the end of the first half in last month's 5-2 win at Chelsea. The left-footed attacking midfielder was recruited by the Baggies after a 2018/19 Bundesliga campaign with Nuremberg that ended in relegation, and he was a vital player in West Brom's promotion last year.

## 10 THE ADOPTED SCOT MATT PHILLIPS WINGER

BORN Aylesbury, 13/3/91

PREVIOUSLY Wycombe, Blackpool, Sheffield United (loan), QPR

Born and bred in Buckinghamshire and a former England youth international, Matt declared his senior international allegiance for Scotland several years ago and has represented the country 16 times, most recently in September 2019. A single-season Premier League participant with Blackpool and QPR, the 30 year old winger is now in his third season at the top level with West Brom and looks set to experience a fourth career relegation from the Premier League.

## 17 THE SPEARHEAD MBAYE DIAGNE ATTACKER

BORN Dakar, Senegal, 28/10/91

PREVIOUSLY Brandizzo, Bra, Juventus, Ajaccio (loan), Lierse (loan), Al-Shabab (loan), Westerlo (loan), Ujpest (loan), Tianjin TEDA, Kasimpasa, Galatasaray, Club Brugge (loan)

Signed on a half-season loan from Turkish giants Galatasaray in January, the strapping Senegal international striker has managed just three goals for West Brom since his arrival – against Manchester United, Chelsea and last Monday against Wolves – despite regular selection. The 29 year old was the top scorer in the 2018/19 Turkish Super Lig with 30 goals – 20 for Kasimpasa and ten with Galatasaray after joining the Istanbul club in mid-season and helping them win the title.

## 35 THE ENFORCER OKAY YOKUSLU MIDFIELDER

BORN Izmir, Turkey, 9/3/94

PREVIOUSLY Altay, Kayserispor, Trabzonspor, Celta Vigo

A Turkey international midfielder with 32 caps and a starter in each of the country's opening three 2022 World Cup qualifiers in March, Okay joined West Brom in February on a half-season loan from Spanish top-flight club Celta Vigo, where he has been on the books since joining from Trabzonspor in 2018. A feisty midfield ball-winner, he has started each of the Baggies' last 11 Premier League games and become a regular alongside Arsenal loanee Ainsley Maitland-Niles, who is ineligible for today's encounter against his parent side.

## 18 THE RISING STAR CONOR GALLAGHER MIDFIELDER

BORN Epsom, 6/2/00

PREVIOUSLY Chelsea, Charlton (loan), Swansea (loan)

A current England Under-21 international who has also represented his country at four other age-group levels, Conor came up through Chelsea's youth system and is still affiliated to the club though has yet to play a first-team game for them. The 21-year-old do-it-all midfielder had loan spells in the Championship with Charlton and Swansea before joining West Brom in another loan deal for the 2020/21 Premier League campaign, in which he has performed with distinction.

## 7 THE SUMMER SIGNING CALLUM ROBINSON ATTACKER

BORN Northampton, 2/2/95

PREVIOUSLY Aston Villa, Preston (loan), Bristol City (loan), Preston, Sheffield United

Republic of Ireland international Callum joined West Brom from Sheffield United in a swap deal involving Chris Burke last September after spending the second half of the promotion-winning 2019/20 campaign on loan at The Hawthorns. He started this season as a regular but had fallen out of favour until he came on as a substitute against Chelsea last month and scored twice in a 5-3 win – as he had in a 3-3 home draw against the Blues back in September.

## THE BOSS SAM ALLARDYCE MANAGER

BORN October 19, 1954 in Dudley

PREVIOUSLY Limerick (1991-92), Preston (1992), Blackpool (1994-96), Notts County (1997-99), Bolton (1999-2007), Newcastle (2007-08), Blackburn (2008-10), West Ham (2011-15), Sunderland (2015-16), England (2016), Crystal Palace (2016-17), Everton (2017-18) 'Big Sam' was appointed in December, The Hawthorns thus becoming the eighth Premier League residence for the 66-year-old. Widely renowned for an idiosyncratic managerial style that has served both him and several clubs well, most prominently Bolton Wanderers, he also spent four years at West Ham and the briefest of spells as manager of England, which lasted just one game in 2016. He then managed Crystal Palace and Everton.

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Gerry Armstrong  
in 1985

## REALLY?!

There are five players with Arsenal links in the West Brom squad. Ainsley Maitland-Niles is currently on loan, Kieran Gibbs had 10 seasons in the first team at Emirates, Kyle Bartley and Semi Ajayi were under-23 players for us earlier this decade – Bartley playing one first-team game. And Hal Robson-Kanu was a schoolboy striker with us.

Fred Everiss – mentioned as Albion's manager when they played Arsenal in the featured 'First Impression' picture – is technically English football's longest-serving manager. He was at the helm for 46 years between 1902 and 1948. Much of his combined secretary-manager role was however reported to be administrative with the club directors tending to pick the team.

Connor Gallagher played both legs in Chelsea's 2017/18 FA Youth Cup final 7-1 aggregate win over Arsenal, for whom Emile Smith Rowe and Bukayo Saka played in both matches.





## FIRST IMPRESSION

*Reproducing the oldest picture in our archives featuring today's opponents.*

Two of the country's top teams do battle at The Hawthorns on September 14, 1932 in a match which saw the spoils shared in a 1-1 draw, David Jack scoring for the Gunners, Joe Carter for the hosts.

The picture shows West Brom's William 'Ginger' Richardson bearing down on Frank Moss in the Arsenal goal but the legendary Gunners captain Eddie Hapgood looks to have the situation under control in front of the 45,038 supporters.

It was little surprise that there was a big early season crowd with Albion having won their first four league games of the season and this draw kept them top of the Division One table. And the visitors were a big draw, having won the league title in 1930/31 and finished second the previous season with Albion sixth. The Gunners would go one place better this season, Herbert Chapman's team winning their second league title, while Fred Everiss's Albion improved their position, finishing fourth.■



## PREMIER LEAGUE RECORD

AFC WINS      DRAWS      WBA WINS

17

4

4

ARSENAL WIN PERCENTAGE **68**

## ALL-TIME RECORD

AFC WINS      DRAWS      WBA WINS

72

32

38

ARSENAL WIN PERCENTAGE **51**

10

We have won 10 of our 12 home Premier League games against West Brom, failing only in November 2004 (1-1) and September 2010 (2-3).

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We have scored in all 25 of our Premier League meetings with West Bromwich Albion, the best 100 per cent scoring record one side has against another in the competition.

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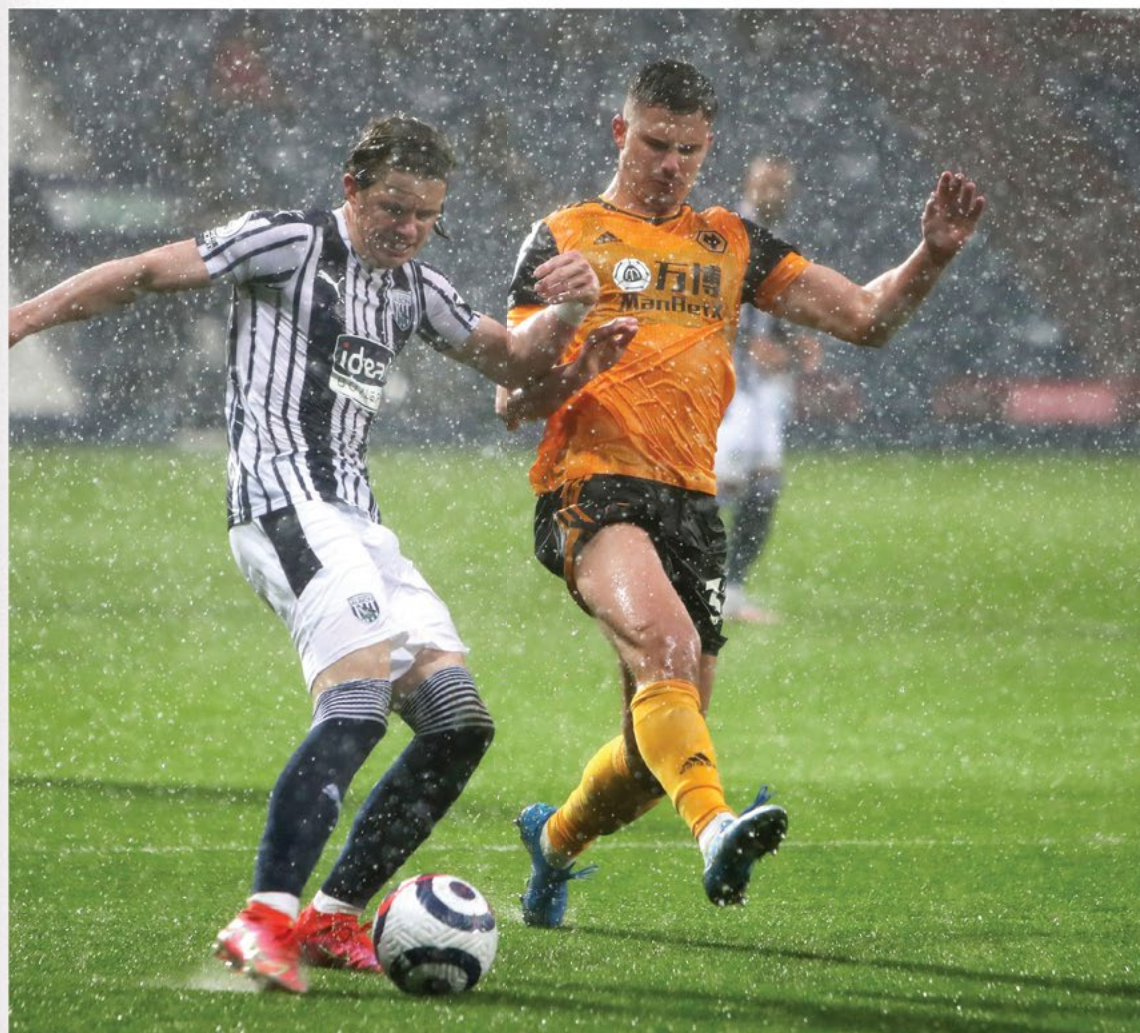
There has only ever been one red card in this fixture in the Premier League – for Per Mertesacker in a 2-1 win in April 2013.

## BELOW

Sam Johnstone has been one of West Brom's best performers this season

## BOTTOM

Connor Gallagher during the sodden 1-1 draw with Wolves last Monday



## SCOUTING REPORT

BY Michael Cox

Sam Allardyce has never previously been relegated from the Premier League, a record which seems likely to end this season. There has, however, been an improvement in the last few weeks, with a 5-2 win at Chelsea followed by a 3-0 victory over Southampton. There are elements of the direct approach that Allardyce has become renowned for over the years, but also an emphasis upon getting technical players into dangerous positions.

Goalkeeper Sam Johnstone has probably been the Baggies' best performer this season, which says much about the type of campaign his side has endured. Allardyce has decided

upon a relatively settled back four, however – the only debate is whether Dara O'Shea or Semi Ajayi plays alongside former Gunner Kyle Bartley, who skippers the side from centre back.

Darnell Furlong and Conor Townsend are both naturally attack-minded full-backs, but Allardyce has asked them to play more cautious roles, and West Brom did enjoy a run in February and March of conceding only three goals in six matches, in stark contrast from their defensive performances for much of the campaign. Allardyce has sometimes switched to a five-man defence, including for the shock win at Chelsea, but has tended to stick to 4-4-1-1.

Allardyce generally depends on a couple of good January signings when trying to rescue a club from relegation, and the greatest change has been in the centre of midfield. Turkish holding player Okay Yokuslu, on loan from Celta Vigo, has been excellent in terms of winning possession and distributing it effectively, while a more familiar loanee, Ainsley Maitland-Niles, has been exceptional in central midfield. Yet another loanee, Conor Gallagher, is likely to replace him.

The star man is Brazilian Matheus Pereira, sometimes moved to the right if Allardyce plays 5-4-1 or 4-5-1, but most comfortable in a No 10 role, finding pockets of space and shooting dangerously from the edge of the box. He's scored four goals in his last four games, including two penalties, and is also excellent at scoring from free-kicks. He leads the side's goalscoring and assisting charts this season.

The right-wing spot should go to Matt Phillips, who was outstanding in the recent 3-0 victory over Southampton and is a classic winger who bursts forward powerfully on the break. On the left, Callum Robinson is a converted striker offering speed and good movement, although he's struggled to score in this season's Premier League. Peculiarly, four of his five goals have come in the two matches against Chelsea, which underlines the fact he's most comfortable on the break, against sides who play high up the pitch.

Up front, another loanee Mbaye Diagne is a classic Allardyce centre forward, and old-fashioned physical No. 9 who thrives on crosses. His first goal for the club, against Manchester United, featured him almost jumping over Victor Lindelof to head the ball home, and that type of approach play certainly plays to his strengths. He's only netted two goals since, however. ■





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### FIRST HALF

After five minutes, we scored our fastest goal in the Premier League this season. A wonderful pass from David Luiz found Hector Bellerin on the right. His cross wouldn't fall for Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang, but the ball fell straight to Mohamed Elneny on the edge of the area, and he fired his first ever Premier League goal past Martin Dubravka. Mat Ryan touched over a looping Allan Saint-Maximin shot on 17 minutes, then punched away the resulting corner. Dubravka acrobatically palmed away Granit Xhaka's shot that was destined for the top corner. Elneny then saw a header cleared off the line by Miguel Almiron as we ramped up the pressure and David Luiz glanced a header wide – one of 13 attempts on goal for us in the opening half.

### SECOND HALF

After the break Aubameyang acrobatically steered home a fine Gabriel Martinelli cross to double our lead and we frequently looked to exploit the open spaces on the counter. Bellerin raced away on one such attack, only to see his shot blocked. But we had to be content with just the two goals, despite playing the last few minutes with an extra man after Newcastle had Fabian Schar sent off for a reckless foul on Martinelli. We had done enough though to earn all three points and end a three-game winless run. ■

MATCH STATS		
5	TOTAL SHOTS	19
1	SHOTS ON TARGET	5
3	CORNERS	7
1	OFFSIDES	1
10	FOULS	9
39	POSSESSION %	61

#### NEWCASTLE UNITED

- 1 DUBRAVKA
- 23 MURPHY
- 18 FERNANDEZ (72)
- 2 CLARK (84)
- 3 DUMMETT
- 11 RITCHIE
- 36 S LONGSTAFF
- 8 SHELVEY
- 24 ALMIRON (73)
- 13 WILSON
- 10 SAINT-MAXIMIN

#### SUBSTITUTES

SCHAR (72) ■, JOELINTON (73), GAYLE (84), M LONGSTAFF, LEWIS, HENDRICK, KRAFTH, GILLESPIE, ANDERSON

#### ARSENAL

- 33 RYAN
- 2 BELLERIN
- 23 DAVID LUIZ (52)
- 6 GABRIEL
- 34 XHAKA ■
- 8 CEBALLOS
- 25 ELNENY
- 11 DDEGAARD (85)
- 14 AUBAMEYANG (78)
- 35 MARTINELLI
- 12 WILLIAN

#### SUBSTITUTES

LEND, MARL, CHAMBERS (52), CEDRIC, PARTEY (85), SMITH ROWE, SAKA, PEPE (78), NKETIAH



The skipper watches the ball onto his foot – and in!



Mo Elneny is thrilled to get his first Premier League goal





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## THE BREAKDOWN CHALKBOARD

### IT'S RAINING SHOTS

We couldn't be accused of being shot-shy against Newcastle last weekend – we racked up 13 efforts on goal in the opening 45 minutes alone – the most we have mustered in the first half of a Premier League game since beating Everton at home in February 2018.

And the attacking intent seemed to be infectious as well. In fact Willian was the only outfield player who didn't attempt a shot for us in the first-half at St James' Park.

The third of our attempts last Sunday resulted in our first goal. Mohamed Elneny's first ever Premier League strike, scored in his 66th game, and coming after five minutes and one second – making it our quickest of the season.

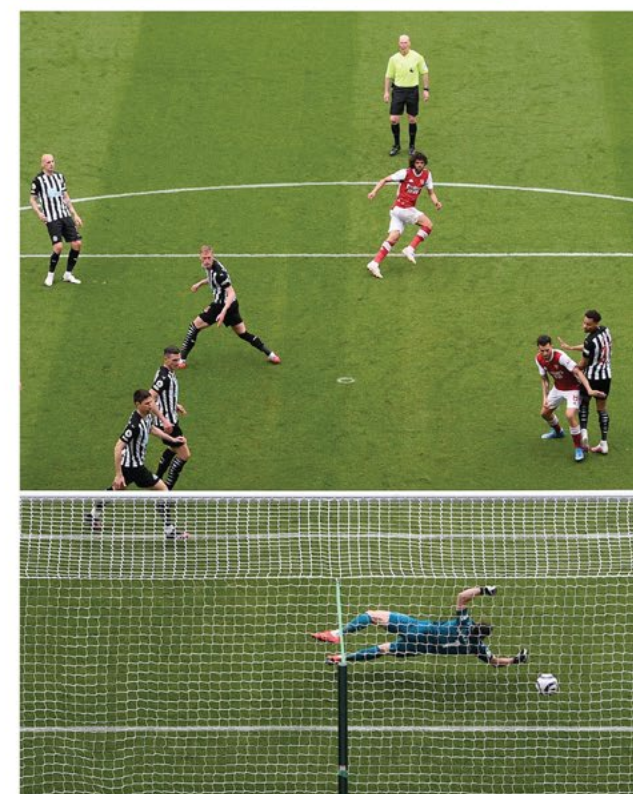
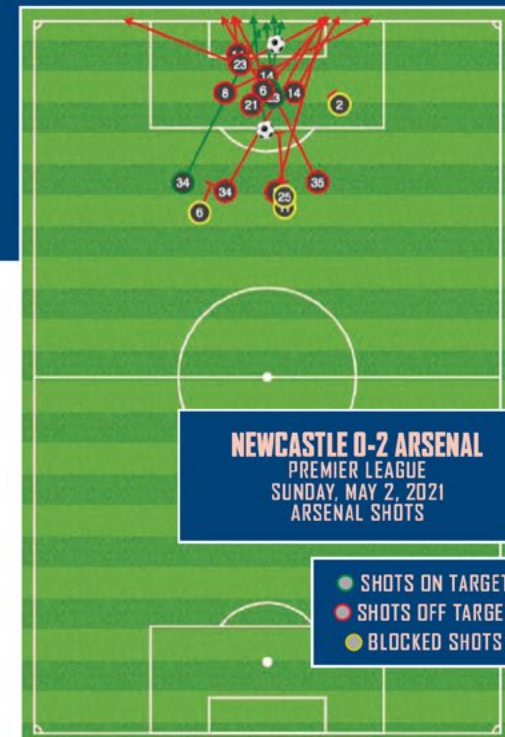
By full-time our shot total had reached 19, though just five of them were on target, compared to one shot on target from the hosts.

Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang had the most shots (4) of which the only one on target resulted in a goal – meaning he scored and assisted in the same Premier League game for the first time since July 2020, against Watford.

The other goalscorer, Elneny, was next with three shots with Granit Xhaka, Gabriel, David Luiz and Hector Bellerin all attempting two shots each, and Calum Chambers, Martin Odegaard, Dani Ceballos and Gabriel Martinelli taking one each.

Having ten players try their luck on goal is certainly an indication of the team looking to bolster its attacking threat, having scored only twice in the previous three games combined.

In total this season we have attempted 417 shots in the Premier League, ranking us ninth, but there has been an improvement in this area during the second half of the season. From the start of the calendar year we have tried 245 shots (ranking us fifth) as Mikel Arteta continues to add a cutting edge to his side. ■





Green = 1st sub  
Gold = 2nd sub  
Blue = 3rd sub  
Purple = 4th sub  
Pink = 5th sub● = Win  
● = Draw  
● = Loss  
+ = Won on pens■ = Premier League  
■ = UEFA Europa League  
■ = Carabao Cup  
■ = Emirates FA Cup  
■ = Community ShieldBold fixture = Scorer  
Bold player = Goal scored  
● = Goal  
● = Penalty\* = Own Goal  
CAPS = Captain  
■ = Yellow card  
■ = Red card  
# = Played at Wembley Stadium

	DATE	OPPOSITION	F-A	POS /RND	ATT/KD	STARTING XI	SUBSTITUTES										REFERENCE	
SEPTEMBER	Sat 29	Liverpool	1-1+ CS	BCD	#	Martinez Bellerin Holding David Luiz Tiemey M-Niles Eineny Xhaka	Saka Nketiah AUBAMEYANG	Cedric(59) Nelson(82) Willock(82) Kolasinac(83)	Saliba Smith Rowe John-Jules Olayinka Leno	A. Marnier								
	Sat 12	Fulham	3-0 1	BCD		Leno Bellerin Holding Gabriel Tiemey M-Niles Eineny Xhaka	William Lacazette AUBAMEYANG	Pepe(75) Ceballos(78) Nketiah(87)	Saka Willock Kolasinac Macey	C. Kavanagh								
	Sat 19	West Ham United	2-1 2	BCD		Leno Bellerin Holding Gabriel Kolasinac Saka Ceballos Xhaka	William Lacazette AUBAMEYANG	Pepe(64) Nketiah David Luiz(89) M-Niles	Eineny Willock Macey	M. Oliver								
	Wed 23	Leicester City	2-0* CC3	BCD		Leno M-Niles Holding DAVID LUIZ Kolasinac Saka Eineny Willock	Pepe Nelson Nketiah	William(72) Ceballos(78) Bellerin(87)	Saliba Lacazette Xhaka Runarsson	P. Bankes								
OCTOBER	Mon 28	Liverpool	1-3 5	BCD		Leno Bellerin Holding David Luiz Tiemey M-Niles Eineny Xhaka	William Lacazette AUBAMEYANG	Ceballos(60) Pepe(68) Nketiah(74)	Gabriel Saka Kolasinac Runarsson	C. Pawson								
	Thur 1	Liverpool	0-0+ CC4	BCD		Leno Cedric Holding Gabriel Kolasinac Saka Willock XHAKA	Ceballos Pepe Nketiah	Eineny(68) Lacazette(82) M-Niles(86)	Tiemey David Luiz Nelson Runarsson	K. Friend								
	Sun 4	Sheffield United	2-1 4	BCD		Leno Bellerin David Luiz Gabriel Tiemey Saka Eineny Ceballos	William Nketiah AUBAMEYANG	Pepe(58) Xhaka(81) M-Niles(87)	Willock Holding Lacazette Runarsson	L. Mason								
	Sat 17	Manchester City	0-1 5	BCD		Leno Bellerin David Luiz Gabriel Tiemey Saka Ceballos Xhaka	Pepe William AUBAMEYANG	Lacazette(69) Nketiah(83) Partey(83)	Eineny M-Niles Runarsson	C. Kavanagh								
NOVEMBER	Thur 22	Rapid Vienna	2-1 MD1	3,000		Leno Cedric David Luiz Gabriel Kolasinac Saka Eineny Partey	Pepe LACAZETTE Nketiah	Aubameyang(61) Bellerin(61) Tiemey(84)	Willock(84) Nelson(90) Mustafi	M-Niles Xhaka Runarsson Macey	P. Kralovic							
	Sun 25	Leicester City	0-1 10	BCD		Leno Bellerin David Luiz Gabriel Tiemey Saka Ceballos Partey	Xhaka Lacazette AUBAMEYANG	Mustafi(49) Pepe(65) Nketiah(81)	Eineny M-Niles Willock Runarsson	C. Pawson								
	Thur 29	Dundalk	3-0 MD2	BCD		Runarsson Cedric XHAKA Mustafi Kolasinac M-Niles Eineny Willock	Nelson Pepe Nketiah	Ceballos(61) William(62) Tiemey(74)	Balogun(74) Gabriel Saka Partey Aubameyang Bellerin Lacazette Leno Hein	F. Glova								
	Sun 1	Manchester United	1-0 8	BCD		Leno Bellerin Holding Gabriel Tiemey Saka Eineny Partey	William Lacazette AUBAMEYANG	Nketiah(76) M-Niles(86) Mustafi(87)	Xhaka Pepe Ceballos Runarsson	M. Dean								
DECEMBER	Thur 5	Molde	4-1** MD3	BCD		Leno M-Niles David Luiz Mustafi Kolasinac Willock Ceballos XHAKA	William Pepe Nketiah	Cedric(64) Saka(64) Eineny(80)	Tiemey(80) Lacazette Gabriel Bellerin Aubameyang Partey Holding Runarsson Macey	H. Meier								
	Sun 8	Aston Villa	0-3 11	BCD		Leno Bellerin Holding Gabriel Tiemey Saka Eineny Partey	William Lacazette AUBAMEYANG	Ceballos(46) Pepe(65) Nketiah(65)	M-Niles David Luiz Xhaka Runarsson	M. Atkinson								
	Sun 22	Leeds United	0-0 11	BCD		Leno Bellerin Holding Gabriel Tiemey Xhaka Ceballos Willock	Pepe William AUBAMEYANG	Nelson(46) Saka(57) M-Niles(50)	Lacazette Mustafi Nketiah Runarsson	A. Taylor								
	Thur 26	Molde	3-0 MD4	600		Runarsson Cedric David Luiz Mustafi M-Niles Xhaka Willock Nelson	Pepe Nketiah LACAZETTE	Holding(46) Ceballos(62) Tiemey(75)	Smith Rowe(75) Balogun(82) Cottrell	Azeez Bellerin Macey Hein	I. Peljto							
JANUARY	Sun 29	Wolves	1-2 14	BCD		Leno Bellerin David Luiz Gabriel Tiemey Xhaka Ceballos Willock	William Saka AUBAMEYANG	Holding(46) Nelson(65) Lacazette(80)	Cedric Nketiah Eineny Runarsson	M. Oliver								
	Thur 3	Rapid Vienna	4-1 MD5	2,000		Runarsson Cedric Mari Mustafi Kolasinac M-Niles Eineny Nelson	Saka Nketiah LACAZETTE	Smith Rowe(63) Ceballos(63) William(63)	Chambers(70) Balogun(81) Tiemey	Saka Holding Willock Azeez Macey Leno	R. Petrescu							
	Sun 6	Tottenham Hotspur	0-2 15	2,000		Leno Bellerin Holding Gabriel Tiemey Xhaka Partey Saka	William Lacazette AUBAMEYANG	Ceballos(45) Nketiah(75) Mustafi	Eineny Willock M-Niles Runarsson	M. Atkinson								
	Thur 10	Dundalk	4-2 MD6	BCD		Runarsson Cedric Mari Chambers Mustafi M-Niles Eineny Willock	Smith Rowe Pepe Nketiah	Ceballos(62) Balogun(62) Cottrell(77)	Azeez(83) Holding Saka Hein Macey	I. Bebek								
FEBRUARY	Sun 13	Burnley	0-1 15	2,000		Leno Bellerin Holding Gabriel Tiemey Xhaka Eineny Saka	William Lacazette AUBAMEYANG	Ceballos(60) M-Niles(74) Nketiah(77)	Willock Smith Rowe Mustafi Runarsson	G. Scott								
	Wed 16	Southampton	1-1 15	BCD		Leno M-Niles Holding Gabriel Tiemey Ceballos Eineny Saka	Pepe Nketiah AUBAMEYANG	David Luiz(65) Willock(67) Cedric(85)	William Lacazette Mustafi Runarsson	P. Tierney								
	Sat 19	Everton	1-2 15	2,000		Leno M-Niles HOLDING David Luiz Tiemey Ceballos Eineny Saka	Pepe William Nketiah	Willock(64) Martinelli(71) Lacazette(76)	Cedric Bellerin Smith Rowe Kolasinac Mustafi Runarsson	A. Marnier								
	Tue 22	Manchester City	1-4 QF	BCD		Runarsson Cedric Mustafi Gabriel Kolasinac Ceballos Eineny M-Niles	Willock Martinelli LACAZETTE	Pepe(49) Smith Rowe(66) Balogun(77)	Mari Tiemey Nketiah Leno	S. Attwell								
MARCH	Sat 26	Chelsea	3-1 14	BCD		Leno Bellerin Holding Mari Tiemey Xhaka Eineny Saka	Smith Rowe Martinelli LACAZETTE	Pepe(71) Mustafi(90) Ceballos	Aubameyang Cedric Nketiah M-Niles Runarsson	M. Oliver								
	Tue 29	Brighton & HA	1-0 13	BCD		Leno Bellerin Holding Mari Tiemey Xhaka Eineny Saka	Smith Rowe Martinelli AUBAMEYANG	Lacazette(63) Ceballos(81) M-Niles(89)	Willock Cedric Mustafi Pepe Nketiah Runarsson	M. Atkinson								
	Sat 2	West Brom	4-0 11	BCD		Leno Bellerin Holding Mari Tiemey Xhaka Ceballos Saka	Smith Rowe Lacazette AUBAMEYANG	M-Niles(54) William(71) Willock(77)	Pepe David Luiz Eineny Martinelli Nketiah Runarsson	M. Atkinson								
	Sat 9	Newcastle United	2-0 R3	BCD		Leno Cedric David Luiz Mari Tiemey Willock Eineny Nelson	William Pepe AUBAMEYANG	Smith Rowe(56) Xhaka(66) Saka(66)	Lacazette(105) Balogun(120) Chambers	Nketiah Runarsson	C. Kavanagh							
APRIL	Thur 14	Crystal Palace	0-0 11	BCD		Leno Bellerin Holding David Luiz M-Niles Xhaka Ceballos Saka	Smith Rowe Lacazette AUBAMEYANG	Pepe(65) Partey(69) Nketiah(81)	Willock Cedric Gabriel William Chambers Runarsson	A. Marnier								
	Mon 18	Newcastle United	3-0 10	BCD		Leno Cedric Holding David Luiz Tiemey Xhaka Partey Saka	Smith Rowe Lacazette AUBAMEYANG	Eineny(67) William(79) Martinelli(81)	Willock Bellerin Gabriel Nketiah Pepe Runarsson	D. Coote								
	Sat 23	Southampton	0-1 R4	BCD		Leno BELLERIN Holding Gabriel Cedric Xhaka Eineny William	Pepe Martinelli Nketiah	Partey(57) Saka(58) Lacazette(72)	Willock M-Niles Chambers David Luiz Ryan Runarsson	P. Bankes								
	Tue 26	Southampton	3-1 8	BCD		Leno BELLERIN Holding David Luiz Cedric Xhaka Partey Saka	Smith Rowe Pepe Lacazette	William(72) Eineny(78) Willock(90)	Gabriel M-Niles Chambers Nketiah Martinelli Ryan	K. Friend								
MAY	Sat 30	Manchester United	0-0 9	BCD		Leno BELLERIN Holding David Luiz Cedric Xhaka Partey Martinelli	Smith Rowe Pepe Lacazette	William(46) Odegaard(83) Nketiah(90)	Gabriel M-Niles Chambers Eineny Willock Runarsson	M. Oliver								
	Tue 2	Wolves	1-2 10	BCD		Leno BELLERIN Holding David Luiz Cedric Xhaka Partey Saka	Smith Rowe Pepe Lacazette	Gabriel(46) Aubameyang(61) Runarsson(74)	Ceballos Odegaard Chambers Eineny Martinelli William	C. Pawson								
	Sat 6	Aston Villa	0-1 10	BCD		Ryan BELLERIN Holding Gabriel Cedric Xhaka Partey Saka	Smith Rowe Pepe Lacazette	Aubameyang(59) Odegaard(65) William(74)	Ceballos Chambers Martinelli Eineny Mari Runarsson	C. Kavanagh								
	Sun 14	Leeds United	4-2 9	BCD		Leno Bellerin David Luiz Gabriel Cedric Xhaka Ceballos Saka	Smith Rowe Odegaard AUBAMEYANG	William(62) Eineny(78) Holding(89)	Pepe Chambers Lacazette Mari Martinelli Ryan	S. Attwell								
JUNE	Thur 18	Benfica	1-1 R32	BCD		Leno Bellerin David Luiz Gabriel Cedric Xhaka Ceballos Saka	Smith Rowe Odegaard AUBAMEYANG	Tiemey(64) Pepe(77) Martinelli(77)	William(89) Eineny(89) Chambers	Lacazette Mari Nketiah Ryan Runarsson	C. Cakir							
	Sun 21	Manchester City	0-1 10	BCD		Leno Bellerin Holding Mari Tiemey Xhaka Eineny Saka	Odegaard Pepe AUBAMEYANG	Lacazette(73) Smith Rowe(73) David Luiz(82)	Ceballos(86) Gabriel William Martinelli Cedric Ryan	J. Moss								
	Thur 25	Benfica	3-2 R32	BCD		Leno Bellerin David Luiz Gabriel Tiemey Xhaka Ceballos Saka	Smith Rowe Odegaard AUBAMEYANG	William(63) Partey(63) Lacazette(78)	Chambers(86) Eineny(89) Cedric	Pepe Mari Nketiah Martinelli Ryan Hein	B. Kuipers							
	Sun 28	Leicester City	3-1 10	BCD		Leno Cedric David Luiz Mari Tiemey Xhaka Eineny Pepe	Smith Rowe William LACAZETTE	Odegaard(42) Partey(66) Aubameyang(83)	Bellerin Saka Ceballos Holding Martinelli Ryan	P. Tierney								
JULY	Sat 6	Burnley	1-1 10	BCD		Leno Chambers David Luiz Mari Tiemey Xhaka Partey Saka	Odegaard William AUBAMEYANG	Lacazette(63) Pepe(69) Ceballos(80)	Bellerin Gabriel Holding Eineny Martinelli Ryan	A. Marnier								
	Thur 11	Olympiacos	3-1 R16	BCD		Leno Bellerin David Luiz Gabriel Tiemey Xhaka Partey Saka	Odegaard William AUBAMEYANG	Ceballos(55) Smith Rowe(82) Pepe(82)	Eineny(82) Lacazette(88) Holding	Cedric Martinelli Mari Chambers Hein Ryan	D. Siebert							
	Sun 14	Tottenham Hotspur	2-1 10	BCD		Leno Cedric David Luiz Gabriel Tiemey Xhaka Partey Saka	Odegaard Smith Rowe LACAZETTE	Pepe(46) William(77) Eineny(88)	Bellerin Ceballos Holding Aubameyang Chambers Ryan	M. Oliver								
	Thur 18	Olympiacos	0-1 R16	BCD		Leno Bellerin David Luiz Gabriel Tiemey Xhaka Eineny Ceballos	Smith Rowe Pepe AUBAMEYANG	Partey(57) Odegaard(57) Martinelli(81)	Chambers(82) Holding Lacazette Cedric Mari Nelson Nketiah Ryan Okonkwo	C. Grande								
AUGUST	Sun 21	West Ham United	3-3** 9	BCD		Leno Chambers David Luiz Mari Tiemey Xhaka Partey Saka	Odegaard Lacazette AUBAMEYANG	Pepe(74) Smith Rowe(74) Martinelli(81)	Gabriel Ceballos Holding Cedric Eineny Ryan	J. Moss								
	Sat 3	Liverpool	0-3 9	BCD		Leno Chambers Holding Gabriel Tiemey Ceballos Partey Pepe	Odegaard Lacazette AUBAMEYANG	Cedric(45) Eineny(58) Martinelli(77)	Bellerin William Mari Nelson Nketiah Ryan	S. Attwell								
	Thur 8	Slavia Prague	1-1 QF	BCD		Leno BELLERIN Holding Gabriel Cedric Xhaka Partey Saka	Smith Rowe William Lacazette	Martinelli(73) Aubameyang(78) Eineny(78)	Pepe(78) Ceballos(88) Mari Nelson Nketiah Lopez Ryan Hein	A. Ekberg								
	Sun 11	Sheffield United	3-0 9	BCD		Leno Chambers Holding Mari Xhaka Ceballos Partey Pepe	Saka Martinelli LACAZETTE	William(69) Eineny(83) Nketiah(89)	Bellerin Cedric Gabriel Nelson Azezy Ryan	P. Bankes								
SEPTEMBER	Thur 15	Slavia Prague	4-0 QF	750		Leno Chambers Holding Mari Xhaka Ceballos Partey Saka	Smith Rowe Pepe LACAZETTE	Eineny(67) Martinelli(78) Cedric(78)	Nketiah(78) Balogun(88) Bellerin	William Gabriel Nelson Azezy Ryan Hillson	C. Cakir							
	Sun 18	Fulham	1-1 9	BCD		Ryan BELLERIN Holding Gabriel Xhaka Ceballos Eineny Saka	Smith Rowe Martinelli Lacazette	Pepe(68) Partey(68) Nketiah(70)	William Mari Cedric Chambers Nelson Leno	C. Pawson								
	Fri 23	Everton	0-1 10	BCD		Leno Chambers HOLDING Mari Xhaka Ceballos Partey Saka	Smith Rowe Pepe Nketiah	Martinelli(74) Odegaard(74) William(83)	Bellerin Gabriel Cedric Eineny Nelson Ryan	J. Moss								
	Thur 29	Villarreal	1-2 SF	BCD		Leno Chambers HOLDING Mari Xhaka Ceballos Partey Saka	Smith Rowe Odegaard Pepe	Martinelli(63) Aubameyang(85) William(89)	Eineny(89) Bellerin Gabriel Cedric David Luiz Nelson Nketiah Okonkwo Ryan	D. Soares								
OCTOBER	Sun 2	Newcastle United	2-0 9	BCD		Ryan Bellerin David Luiz Gabriel Xhaka Ceballos Eineny William	Odegaard Martinelli AUBAMEYANG	Chambers(53) Pepe(78) Partey(85)	Cedric Smith Rowe Saka Mari Nketiah Leno	M. Dean								
	Thur 6	Villarreal	0-0 SF	BCD		Leno Bellerin Holding Mari Tiemey Odegaard Partey Saka	Smith Rowe Pepe AUBAMEYANG	Martinelli(67) William(80) Lacazette(80)	Nketiah(90) Eineny Cedric Chambers Gabriel Nelson Okonkwo Ryan	S. Vrnjic								
	Sun 9	West Bromwich Albion		7pm														
	Wed 12	Chelsea		8.15pm														
NOVEMBER	Wed 19	Crystal Palace		7pm														
	Sun 23	Brighton & HA		4pm														

Benfica away game played in Rome, home game played in Athens



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FIRST-TEAM APPEARANCES (GOALS)

PLAYER	PL	UEL	FAC	CC	CS	20/21
Bernd Leno	31	10	2	2	-	45
Granit Khaka	28+1(1)	10	1+1	1	1	41+2(1)
Bukayo Saka	27+1(5)	8+1(2)	+2	2	1	38+4(7)
Rob Holding	24+2	4+1	1	2	1	32+3
Hector Bellerin	24(1)	6+1	1	+1	1	32+2(1)
Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang	23+3(10)	5+3(3)	1(1)	-	1(1)	30+6(15)
Kieran Tierney	23(1)	4+5	1	-	1	29+5(1)
Alexandre Lacazette	22+6(13)	5+3(3)	+2	1+1(1)	-	28+12(17)
Gabriel	18+1(2)	6(1)	1	2	-	27+1(3)
David Luiz	17+3(1)	7(1)	1	1	1	27+3(2)
Dani Ceballos	16+8	6+6	-	2+1	-	24+15
William	15+9	3+6	2	+1	-	20+16
Mohamed Elneny	15+6(1)	5+7(2)	2	2+1	1	25+14(3)
Thomas Partey	15+5	6+2	+1	-	-	21+8
Emile Smith Rowe	14+2	7+4(1)	+1(1)	+1	-	21+8(2)
Nicolas Pepe	13+13(5)	10+3(6)	2	2+1	-	27+17(11)
Pablo Mari	9	5(1)	1	-	-	15(1)
Cedric Soares	8+2	7+2	2	2	+1	19+5
Martin Odegaard	7+4(1)	5+1(1)	-	-	-	12+5(2)
Gabriel Martinelli	6+5(1)	+5	1	1	-	8+10(1)
Ainsley Maitland-Niles	5+6	5	+1	2+1	1	13+8
Calum Chambers	5+1	3+3	-	-	-	8+4
Eddie Nketiah	4+13(2)	6+2(3)	1	2(1)	1	14+15(6)
Mat Ryan	3	-	-	-	-	3
Joe Willock	2+5	4+1(3)	1	3	+1	10+7(3)
Sead Kolasinac	1	4	-	3	+1	8+1
Shkodran Mustafi	+3	5	-	1	-	6+3
Reiss Nelson	+2	3+1(1)	1	1	+1	5+4(1)
Alex Runarsson	+1	4	-	1	-	5+1
Folarin Balogun	-	+5(2)	-	+1	-	+6(2)
Miguel Azeez	-	+1	-	-	-	+1
Ben Cottrell	-	+1	-	-	-	+1
Emiliano Martinez	-	-	-	-	1	1
Own goals	(2)	(2)	-	(1)	-	(5)

	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1. Manchester City	34	25	5	4	47	80
2. Manchester Utd	33	19	10	4	29	67
3. Leicester City	34	19	6	9	22	63
4. Chelsea	34	17	10	7	22	61
5. West Ham United	34	17	7	10	11	58
6. Tottenham H	34	16	8	10	22	56
7. Liverpool	33	15	9	9	16	54
8. Everton	33	15	7	11	3	52
9. Arsenal	34	14	7	13	9	49
10. Aston Villa	33	14	6	13	10	48
11. Leeds United	34	14	5	15	-2	47
12. Wolves	34	11	9	14	-13	42
13. Crystal Palace	33	10	8	15	-22	38
14. Brighton & HA	34	8	13	13	-4	37
15. Southampton	33	10	7	16	-18	37
16. Burnley	34	9	9	16	-16	36
17. Newcastle United	34	9	9	16	-20	36
18. Fulham	34	5	12	17	-20	27
19. West Brom	34	5	11	18	-34	26
20. Sheffield United	34	5	2	27	-42	17

As at Tuesday, May 4

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P	S	SQ	
00		1	BERND LENO (GK) (31)
00		2	HECTOR BELLERIN (24/1)
00		3	KIERAN TIERNEY (23/1)
00		6	GABRIEL (18+1/2)
00		7	BUKAYO SAKA (27+1/5)
00		8	DANI CEBALLOS (16+8)
00		9	ALEXANDRE LACAZETTE (22+6/13)
00		11	MARTIN ODEGAARD (7+4/1)
00		12	WILLIAN (15+9)
00		13	ALEX RUNARSSON (GK) (0+1)
00		14	PIERRE-EMERICK AUBAMEYANG (23+3/10)
00		16	ROB HOLDING (24+2)
00		17	CEDRIC SOARES (8+2)
00		18	THOMAS PARTEY (15+5)
00		19	NICOLAS PEPE (13+13/5)
00		21	CALUM CHAMBERS (5+1)
00		22	PABLO MARI (9)
00		23	DAVID LUIZ (17+3/1)
00		24	REISS NELSON (0+2)
00		25	MOHAMED ELNENY (14+6/1)
00		30	EDDIE NKETIAH (4+13/2)
00		32	EMILE SMITH ROWE (14+2)
00		33	MAT RYAN (GK) (3)
00		34	GRANT XHAKA (28+1/1)
00		35	GABRIEL MARTINELLI (6+5/1)
00		38	FOLARIN BALOGUN
00		41	BEN COTTRELL
00		66	MIGUEL AZEEZ



**WEST BROMWICH ALBION**  
MANAGER SAM ALLARDYCE  
BLUE AND WHITE STRIPED SHIRTS, WHITE SHORTS,  
BLUE AND WHITE SOCKS

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00		1	SAM JOHNSTONE (GK) (33)
00		2	DARNELL FURLONG (28+3/1)
00		3	KIERAN GIBBS (9+1)
00		4	HAL ROBSON-KANU (0+15)
00		5	KYLE BARTLEY (24+2/3)
00		6	SEMI AJAYI (27+2/2)
00		7	CALLUM ROBINSON (18+8/5)
00		8	JAKE LIVERMORE (15+2)
00		10	MATT PHILLIPS (16+13/2)
00		11	GRADY DIANGANA (14+2/1)
00		12	MATHEUS PEREIRA (27+3/9)
00		13	KAMIL GROSICKI (2+1)
00		14	CONOR TOWNSEND (21)
00		17	MBAYE DIAGNE (13+1/3)
00		18	CONOR GALLAGHER (24+2/2)
00		19	ROMAINE SAWYERS (17+2)
00		20	BRANISLAV IVANOVIC (8+5)
00		21	KYLE EDWARDS (1+4)
00		22	LEE PELTIER (3+1)
00		23	ROBERT SNOODGRASS (6+2)
00		25	DAVID BUTTON (GK) (1)
00		27	DARA O'SHEA (24+3)
00		29	KARLAN GRANT (14+4/1)
00		30	AINSLEY MAITLAND-NILES (12)
00		31	ANDREW LONERGAN (GK)
00		35	OKAY YOKUSLU
00		58	CHEIKH DIABY

## MATCH OFFICIALS

### REFEREE

Peter Banks

### ASSISTANT REFEREES

Neil Davies

James Mainwaring

### FOURTH OFFICIAL

David Coote

### VAR

Mike Dean

### ASSISTANT VAR

Dan Robathan

## TODAY'S OTHER FIXTURES

Wolves v Brighton & Hove Albion (12pm)

Aston Villa v Manchester United (2.05pm)

West Ham United v Everton (4.30pm)

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