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THIS IS FAMILY



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MIKEL ARTETA

There's no denying that we find ourselves in a really difficult situation at the moment

What's clear is that we cannot go in to tonight's game feeling sorry for ourselves. Of course we are all really disappointed that we lost the game on Saturday, even more so because again it was from the small details. We conceded an own goal, from a cross that was the first thing they had put across the box in the whole game, then the second was from a set-piece. We scored the equaliser, and we kept trying and we dominated for long periods in the first half, and then completely dominated the second half.

But then when it came to the right moment for us to finalise the action, whether it was the last pass, last dribble or last shot – or the post in one case – then it's

just not happening at the moment.

But we're disappointed with the goals we conceded. You can always say we can do better here, we can block this run and we can do that, but it's what happened and there's no way back.

It comes down to the fact that we are losing football matches because of us, nothing to do with the opponent. Against Burnley we lost the game without conceding any shots on target, believe it or not, and on Saturday again you can see how the team tried and how they tried to play, within our limitations.

But my team always try to fight, and I cannot fault that at all from the players.

I see the spirit in the team and how they try. How ▶





they are willing to do things the right way, and I'm gutted for them as well because they needed a result. To be honest I think we played a game and gave a performance that we had to get something out of.

It's true that in the first half, in the first phase, we were too slow. Whether that was because the players were a little bit restricted or because they don't want to make a mistake, or maybe just because we felt that it was comfortable to do it. But in the second half it was much better.

We talked about it at half-time – that the speed has to be much quicker, with better movement and the intention to attack the spaces. We managed to do that much more efficiently but it wasn't enough to score more goals.

This is the position we are in now. We have done really well in Europe, really well in the cups but we are struggling to get results in the Premier League.

We analyse every game, and the reasons why we are losing matches, compared to other teams winning them – the margins are small.

“THE SPEED HAS TO BE MUCH QUICKER, WITH BETTER MOVEMENT AND THE INTENTION TO ATTACK THE SPACES”

But we need those margins in our favour very quickly before the situation gets impossible to handle.

All my energy, and the players' energy, is on getting the team out of this situation as fast as we can. To do that we have to maintain the spirit of the team and the fight the boys show every time they go on the pitch.

Obviously the results are not good enough, and it's not an acceptable position for the standards of this football club. There is no question about that.

This is the challenge and the fight that we are against.

Every game gives us a new possibility to turn it around and that's what we have tonight against Manchester City.

It's in a competition we have done well in so far this season, so we need to keep that positive momentum tonight, and then try to transmit it to the league on Boxing Day as well.

The positive news for us from the weekend was



seeing Gabriel Martinelli back in action.

He's looking really sharp and brave, and he's very willing to help the team. You could see the energy he brings to the team when he came on against Everton, so we are delighted to have him back. We will need that drive from him now.

As for Auba, we want to get him back from injury as quickly as possible. He has a small strain and he will need a few days, but we don't know exactly how long yet. The length of Auba being out will depend how the injury evolves over the next few days.

Finally thank you for your support, keep getting behind the team and on behalf of everybody at the football club, we wish you and your families a very happy Christmas. ■

PIERRE-EMERICK AUBAMEYANG

It was really tough for me to miss the game on Saturday, and not be out there with my teammates

I have a small problem with my calf but hopefully it won't take long to recover.

So I had to watch the Everton game at home and it was a tough one to take again.

I thought we were getting on top in the first half, but it's always difficult when you concede a goal just before half-time.

We kept attacking in the second half though and with a bit more luck, one or two of our chances could have gone in. David Luiz hit the bar and Bukayo had a shot

saved right at the end.

But we have to accept it, we have to take the defeat and pick ourselves up as soon as we can.

It was even more frustrating, because we went into the game after battling well with ten men against Southampton a few days earlier.

It was really tough at the end of the game in our last match here, but I thought the team gave absolutely everything to get that point, being a man down.

But we were all disappointed because we felt that ▶



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we should have won the game.

But you know, if you can't win it, don't lose it and sometimes that's how it happens.

The red card against Southampton obviously made things tough for us again.

At the moment I think we are sometimes a bit nervous because we need the points so much. Maybe sometimes we do stupid things but I can understand it and we have to stay cool in the head and try to be more diligent and keep 11 men on the pitch. We need it at the moment. It was hard work with ten of us.

I was pleased to score again of course, but not for me, to help get the result. It's not about me or my goal, it's about the team. In our position we need points so it doesn't matter who scores. For the moment, the most important thing to do is win games and get points.

We are thinking about the cup tonight, and in this competition in the past we have often seen young players get a chance.

And with the Europa League as well this season, there have been maybe more opportunities for the young guys to get minutes.

I've spoken before about how talented I think Flo Balogun is, so I'm not even surprised to see him scoring in the Europa League as he has been doing.

"ONE PLAYER WHO I THINK LOOKS REALLY GOOD IS MIGUEL AZEEZ. MIGUEL IS GOING TO BE A GREAT PLAYER IN THE FUTURE"

I'm so happy for him because when you are young, your dream is first of all to play with the first team. Once you have done that you want to start scoring, and he has already done that in a Europa League game. It's always something special when you get your first goal with a professional team. I'm really happy for him and hopefully he's going to score more goals for the club.

We saw a few more young players in our last European game, and we also have them joining in with training quite a lot lately.

One player who I think looks really good is Miguel Azeez. Miguel is going to be a great player in the future. He's really calm and mature so I'm sure he's got what



you need to be a success and have a big career.

We know it's not just about talent at that age. When you are a young player trying to come through at a club like Arsenal then for sure there's a lot of pressure.

You have to be patient too because we have great players who are playing in the first team so it's always hard to find your way through. I remember when I was playing at AC Milan it was always really, really difficult to get into the first team, so I know that type of feeling.

For them it is not easy, but when you get the chance you have to take it and I think they doing well when they have had the chance so far.

You can see that the young lads always perform when they come in because the coaches are doing great work with them to get them ready for the games. The rest is down to them.

Finally, on behalf of the team, thanks for all your continued support, and – despite the circumstances being very difficult for many of you and your families – we hope you can make the best of your Christmas this year, whatever your plans are. ■

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VOICE OF ARSENAL

APART, BUT ALWAYS TOGETHER

As we approach the end of an extraordinary year, we wanted to reflect and show our appreciation for some of the Arsenal family around the world who have achieved something special in 2020.

Whilst we cannot be together to celebrate, we asked local artist, Stazzy, who has a long-standing connection to the club, to reflect on the year and interpret our belief that although we're apart right now, we are always together. Stazzy is a beacon of inspiration for young people in our community, particularly those who, like him, began a relationship with us through our community programmes in London. Our thanks and gratitude go to him for creating something so special.

Stazzy has reimagined the iconic socially distanced first-team photo that was taken in November, this time featuring members of the Arsenal family who have inspired us this year. Our two captains, Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang and Kim Little, represent the club in showing our appreciation for these special individuals and what they've done through fundraising, supporting their communities as key workers and volunteers and even advocating for children's rights on a global scale. The players also show our appreciation for the fans who were able to make a brief return to Emirates

Stadium in December and those of you around the world who continue to support us in difficult circumstances. It's something we never take for granted.

On behalf of everyone at Arsenal FC we thank you for your support in 2020 and our best wishes for 2021. ■



KEN FRIAR OBE

Celebrating 70 years of service at Arsenal, 'Mr Friar' as he is affectionately known at the club, joined Arsenal on August 1, 1950. On his 70th anniversary, we won our 14th FA Cup at Wembley. Our much beloved Executive Director became our Life President earlier this year and is recognised for being a pioneer in our community, which has not only left a lasting legacy but inspired others to do more in their own communities. ■



MAYA

14-year-old Maya lives in Za'atari Refugee Camp, Jordan. Having fled Syria in 2013 with her family, she grew up a shy child. Enrolled on our Coaching for Life programme, Maya has grown in confidence and advocates on a global scale for the rights of children in the camp. She is determined to end child marriage and this year spoke at a virtual round table at the UN General Assembly. Maya's belief is 'we should never give up on our rights.' ■



BETTY-LEIGH

Starting with the £7 saved up for a cancelled trip to Disneyland Paris trip due to COVID-19, five-year-old Betty-Leigh began a fundraising adventure that would see her cycle a mile a day and eventually raise over £33,000 for her local care home, Garden House Hospice. Betty is part of the Arsenal family as the grand-daughter of former Arsenal player, Ian Allinson and at the end of her 100-day epic journey, Gunnersaurus greeted her with the FA Cup. ■



JAYNE NEWARK

Jayne was a key part of Arsenal Together, the largest gathering of the Arsenal family during lockdown. Working in the operating department of her local hospital, Jayne worked fearlessly for the NHS throughout the pandemic. Even though Jayne and her son couldn't make their usual trips to Emirates, her handmade Arsenal scrubs brought us closer together. She represents all the health workers around the world for whom we show our gratitude. ■



MATT LUCAS

Lifelong Arsenal fan and host of the largest ever online gathering of Arsenal supporters during lockdown, Arsenal Together. The Gay Gooners' patron brought together Tony Adams, Lee Dixon, Steve Bould, Nigel Winterburn and Martin Keown to join his musical fundraising campaign, duetting with a whole host of stars across the globe and raising thousands for FeedNHS and FareShare UK in the process. ■



TIA

Tia, 14 is a regular on one of the many projects we run in the community. During the height of the pandemic and during lockdown, Tia met David Luiz on a video call and highlighted the problem many young people were facing – missing out on connecting with friends and education. Tia became the first beneficiary of 250 laptops donated by club partner Intel to local pupils in Islington after the problem was highlighted by Tia and some of her peers. ■



LUKE HOWARD

One of many Arsenal staff who stepped up to go above and beyond for our community when they needed us the most. Luke was part of a team that covered over 6,820 miles to drive NHS workers to appointments and delivered snacks, drinks and face shields to local hospitals. ■



ABOUT STAZZY

Born in Larnaca, Cyprus, Stazzy came to the UK as an immigrant in 1991 where he moved around a lot before eventually settling in Elthorne Park, Islington. From that point on, Arsenal has always played a huge part in his life. "Arsenal made it feel like home," recalls the artist.

The proximity of Emirates Stadium, coupled with the conversations in the school playground and the presence of Arsenal in the Community coaches on his estate, meant the progression to becoming a supporter was natural.

School was something that required more effort, but there was a natural talent for visual art. Sadly the outlet to express it and the encouragement to pursue it professionally were lacking. Instead, Stazzy speaks of time wasted out of school 'going down the wrong path.'

A turning point forced a readjustment of focus and he

decided to 'commit to art.' Stazzy first started sharing work in 2010 and fondly recalls the encouragement he received. Losing his job made the path clearer but more precarious, and he recalls how Arsenal were again on hand to support at this vital stage. Having helped reopen a community centre on his estate and support projects such as Drawn Out with the young people he championed through his own Ambitious Academy, Arsenal also began supporting Stazzy's artistic development. Commissioned to capture Arsène Wenger's 20-year anniversary in 2016, the artist then went on to produce artwork for The Arsenal Foundation's 'A Night to Inspire' which helped boost his confidence and push him further into the public spotlight.

Having completed his first solo show in 2018, Stazzy now has his own studio and management. A lot has changed since he arrived from Cyprus, but he credits the support from the team he supports as being a constant. ■

HELDER SILVA

Arsenal Amputee player Helder was invited by His Royal Highness, The Duke of Cambridge, to Sandringham Estate for a special screening of the Heads Up FA Cup final this summer. Proudly representing us, Helder shared his story around mental health and enjoyed the company of royalty as we claimed our historic 14th FA Cup. ■



JUSTIN PRYCE

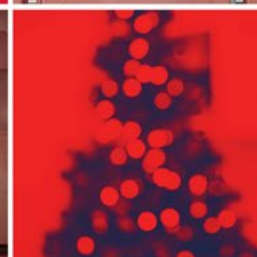
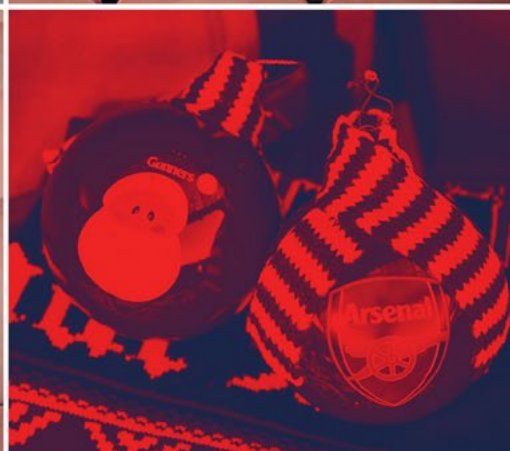
Another stand-out member of the Arsenal family, Justin was part of a team that delivered more than half a million meals into our local community since the start of the pandemic. Working with food distribution charity HiS Church and our local councils, The Arsenal Foundation funded food provision into our local community, but needed the support of others and dedicated people like Justin to reach those who needed it the most. ■



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TONIGHT'S GAME

If tonight's match ends in a draw after 90 minutes, the game will immediately be decided by a penalty shoot out – there is no extra-time. Any shoot-out will be the traditional ABAB format. The semi-finals will be played over a single leg this season, with the first team drawn playing at home. The draw will take place tomorrow evening. Both the semi-final and final will have extra-time if needed. The final will be played at Wembley Stadium on the weekend of Saturday/Sunday, February 27/28. ■

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- 1998/99 to 2002/03 – Worthington
- 2003/04 to 11/12 – Carling
- 2012/13 to 2015/16 – Capital One
- 2017/18 to present – Carabao

Since the start of the century, **76 players** have made their first-team debut in the League Cup. Of those 76, 56 came through the academy. Our last League Cup debutant was Kieran Tierney last season against Nottingham Forest. ■



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1930/31, 1932/33, 1933/34, 1934/35, 1937/38, 1947/48, 1952/53, 1970/71, 1988/89, 1990/91, 1997/98, 2001/02, 2003/04

FA CUP WINNERS

1930, 1936, 1950, 1971, 1979, 1993, 1998, 2002, 2003, 2005, 2014, 2015, 2017, 2020

LEAGUE CUP WINNERS

1986/87, 1992/93

CHARITY/COMMUNITY SHIELD WINNERS

1930, 1931, 1933, 1934, 1938, 1948, 1953, 1991 (shared), 1998, 1999, 2002, 2004, 2014, 2015, 2017, 2020

FAIRS CUP WINNERS

1969/70

EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS' CUP WINNERS

1993/94

FA YOUTH CUP WINNERS

1966, 1971, 1988, 1994, 2000, 2001, 2009

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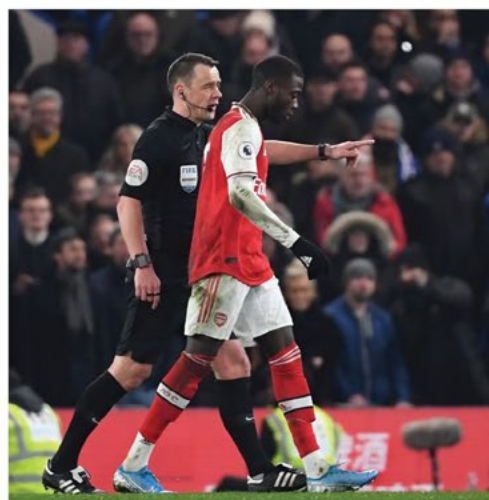
HOW PANG – July 15, 1967 - November 15, 2020. A devoted Gooner who followed every match and every player. Full of love for his family, friends and our football club. You always brought a smile to all of us, missed enormously but never forgotten. In all our hearts and minds forever more. ■

WILLIAM HUMPHRY – 1921 - 2020. A lifelong Arsenal fan and much-loved husband, father, grandad and great-grandad. ■

NICK TAYLOR – A lifelong Arsenal fan who was taken far too young. He will be sorely missed by many. ■

RAWAZ TAHA – A big fan, fantastic brother, son, friend and boyfriend. We will forever love and miss you. You spread such joy and cared for everything and everybody. You will always have a special place in our heart. Love the Rawaz family & friends. ■

STUART HASLER – Died December 4, 2020 aged 42. A lifetime Gooner world traveller and fearsome advocate for disabled rights. Missed by family and friends. Anyone who knew him will never forget him xxx. ■



REF WATCH

Tonight's referee is Stuart Attwell from Warwickshire.

Stuart has been a Premier League referee since 2008/09. His first Arsenal match in charge was a top-flight game against Bolton on September 11, 2010 in which the Gunners won 4-1 (Koscielny, Chamakh, Song and Vela were on target) when he sent off Gary Cahill.

He's not officiated a Gunners game yet this season, but last term he was in charge of Arsenal 2-2 Southampton, Bournemouth 1-1 Arsenal, Chelsea 2-2 Arsenal and Arsenal 3-2 Everton. In total he issued 23 yellow cards and one red (to David Luiz at Chelsea). ■



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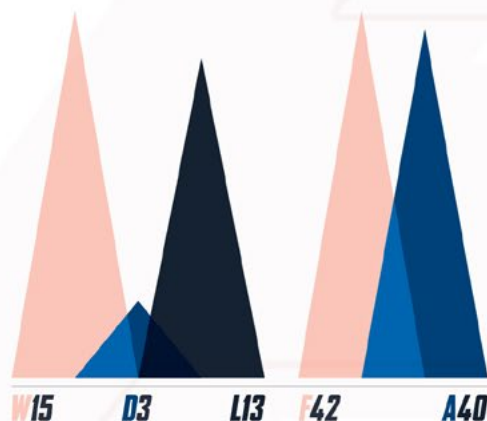


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QUARTER-FINALS IN ALL COMPETITIONS



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Date	Opposition	H/A	F-A	W/D/L
1967/68	Burnley	Home	2-1	W
1968/69	Blackpool	Home	5-1	W
1972/73	Norwich City	Home	0-3	L
1976/77	QPR	Away	1-2	L
1977/78	Manchester City	Away	0-0	D
1977/78 (replay)	Manchester City	Home	1-0	W
1979/80	Swindon Town	Home	1-1	D
1979/80 (replay)	Swindon Town	Away	3-4	L
1982/83	Sheffield Wednesday	Home	1-0	W
1985/86	Aston Villa	Away	1-1	D
1985/86 (replay)	Aston Villa	Home	1-2	L
1986/87	Nottingham Forest	Home	2-0	W
1987/88	Sheffield Wednesday	Away	1-0	W
1992/93	Nottingham Forest	Home	2-0	W
1994/95	Liverpool	Away	0-1	L
1995/96	Newcastle United	Home	2-0	W
1997/98	West Ham United	Away	2-1	W
2001/02	Blackburn Rovers	Away	0-4	L
2003/04	West Bromwich Albion	Away	2-0	W
2004/05	Manchester United	Away	0-1	L
2005/06	Doncaster Rovers	Away	2-2+	W
2006/07	Liverpool	Away	6-3	W
2007/08	Blackburn Rovers	Away	3-2	W
2008/09	Burnley	Away	0-2	L
2009/10	Manchester City	Away	0-3	L
2010/11	Wigan Athletic	Home	2-0	W
2011/12	Manchester City	Home	0-1	L
2012/13	Bradford City	Away	1-1	L
2016/17	Southampton	Home	0-2	L
2017/18	West Ham United	Home	1-0	W
2018/19	Tottenham Hotspur	Home	0-2	L

WHERE QUARTER FINALS HAVE BEEN PLAYED



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We have reached the final the last two times we progressed from the quarters



AUBAMEYANG 52



WALCOTT 18

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PREMIER LEAGUE MATCHDAY 13

6pm • Wednesday, December 16 • Emirates Stadium

FIRST HALF

Seeking a response from his side to arrest the slump in form, Mikel Arteta switched to three at the back and made four changes to the side. But with confidence drained by recent results, we got off to a tentative start and were made to pay when Theo Walcott raced through and gave the visitors the lead. We began to show signs of life around the half-hour mark when Nicolas Pepe saw an effort blocked, before Dani Ceballos flashed a shot over the bar. Bukayo Saka then saw a drilled cross take a deflection and strike Alex McCarthy on the line, before Pepe had a first-time drive saved by the Southampton goalkeeper.

SECOND HALF

We came out early for the second half, and seven minutes in we were back on level terms as the impressive Saka drove towards goal and found Eddie Nketiah, whose neat touch played in Aubameyang for our captain to slot home expertly. But just as we were building up confidence, Gabriel was sent off for a second bookable offence after hauling down Walcott near the halfway line. Once again we were up against it. The visitors went on the front foot, and we were indebted to the woodwork when Nathan Redmond met Oriol Romeu's lofted pass. We had to hang on in there, but nearly had a dramatic winner when Holding rose highest to meet a free kick that hit the bar and bounced to safety.

MATCH STATS

9	TOTAL SHOTS	13
4	SHOTS ON TARGET	3
2	CORNERS	7
1	OFFSIDES	1
13	FOULS	13
35	POSSESSION %	65

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- 1 LENO
- 15 MAITLAND-NILES
- 16 HOLDING
- 6 GABRIEL
- 3 TIERNEY
- 8 CEBALLOS (67)
- 7 SAKA
- 25 ELNENY
- 14 AUBAMEYANG
- 30 NKETIAH (65)
- 19 PEPE (85)

SUBSTITUTES

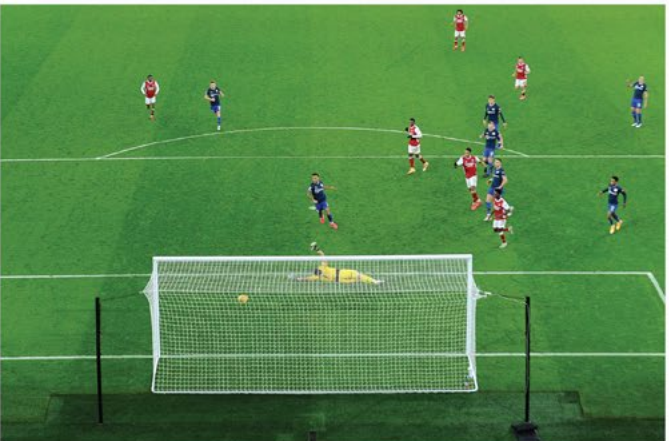
RUNARSSON, WILLOCK (67), DAVID LUZ (65), CEDRIC (85), LACAZETTE, WILLIAN, MUSTAFI

SOUTHAMPTON

- 1 MCCARTHY
- 2 WALKER-PETERS
- 4 VESTERGAARD
- 35 BEDNAREK
- 3 BERTRAND
- 6 ROMEU
- 8 WARD-PROWSE
- 17 ARMSTRONG (63)
- 9 INGS
- 10 ADAMS
- 32 WALCOTT (63)

SUBSTITUTES

FORSTER, REDMOND (63), SALISU, DJENEPD (63), STEPHENS, DIALLO, N'LUNDULU



TOP
Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang guides home the equaliser

LEFT
Bukayo Saka typically burrows through the Saints midfield

ABOVE
The skipper's goal from the remote camera on the roof

RIGHT
Auba was thrilled to get back in the goals



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YOUNG GUN MAZEED OGUNGBO

TALKING TO Aidan Small

BORN

County Laois,
Republic of
Ireland, 20/10/02

JOINED ARSENAL

As an under-13

POSITION

Left back

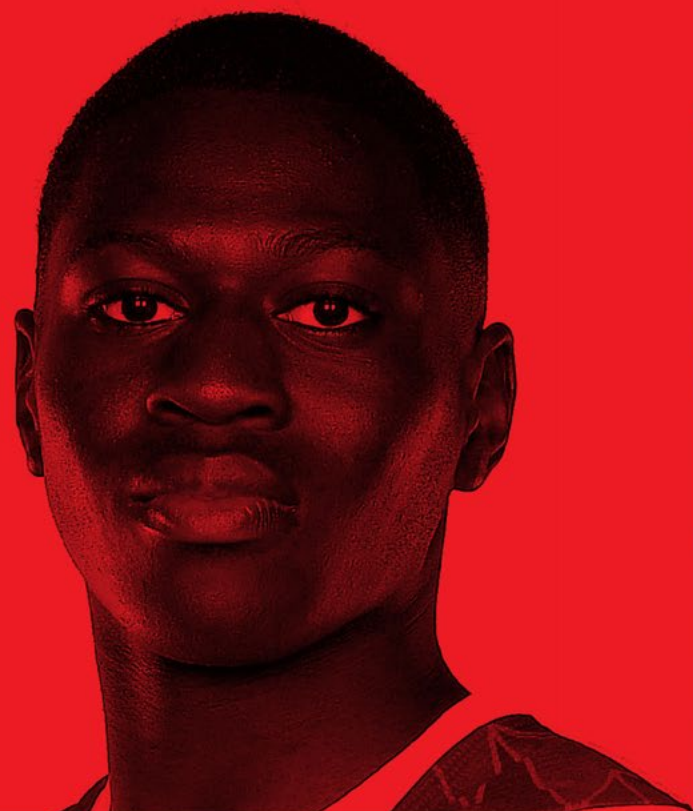
HEIGHT &

WEIGHT

5ft 11ins, 84kg

SCHOOL

The Nobel
School



Football's been in my life for as long as I can remember. When I think back to being a kid and playing for fun, the first thing that comes to mind is my brother and his mate taking me to a little green near our house to train. They'd teach me all the basics and loads of little skills and I've got such good memories of those times because I feel like I took to it all so naturally.

Back then I was an attacking player and I'd often play on the wing or as a No 10 for my Sunday league team. I was with them until I was 13, when I was spotted by Brian Stapleton.

I used to have the freedom to kind of do what I wanted in that team and I really enjoyed playing for them. I scored a few goals and got a couple of assists that day, so I knew I played well, but I was actually a little worried because I'd normally play better and knowing that there was a scout watching, I felt like I should have scored more! It wasn't until a week later that Arsenal contacted my club and told me they wanted me to join. Of course, I was buzzing, but I was shocked more than anything. Arsenal wanting me? It's crazy!

When I joined, there were obviously quite a few of the lads that are still here today. Miguel Azeez, Kido Taylor-Hart, Alex Kirk and Nathan Butler were all here.

As for my own development right now, I feel like I'm in a really good place, but I need to keep focused and keep working hard to make sure I keep improving. I broke into the under-18s two years ago when we won the league and had a really good team, so that was amazing for my growth, but the level of training and the intensity was so much higher than the under-16s. You go from a schoolboy to playing full-time, so you need to get used to players who are physically and technically more developed than you, it's only natural.

I've recently been getting a couple more games for the under-23s too and that's been a great experience. It's so much faster, but at the same time, I've found it easier to adapt to than the under-18s because I was already full-time and had a greater understanding of what was needed.

I want to keep on picking up appearances for the under-23s, but I also want us to go all the way in the FA Youth Cup.

It's a prestigious youth trophy and so many famous youth players have won it, so I'd love for us to do that too and write our name in the history books. I think we've got what it takes.

Going into our last game in the third round against Rotherham, we expected that they wouldn't play out a lot and they'd try to frustrate us instead by sitting in a block. There was no surprises and they played more or less exactly

**"AS FOR MY OWN DEVELOPMENT
RIGHT NOW, I FEEL LIKE I'M IN A
REALLY GOOD PLACE"**

how we expected them to, so it was evident from the start that it would be about breaking them down, moving the ball fast and remaining patient. We continued that process and in the second half Charlie Patino scored a great goal from 25 yards. It was the fruit of us trusting the process and our game plan, but a few minutes later, their keeper played a long ball, our centre back didn't head the ball forwards, I swung for it

to try and clear, but didn't know that anyone was behind me and got the man as well. It was obviously frustrating to make that error and they scored from the penalty. I tried to put the mistake out of my mind and encourage the boys.

We knew we had the quality, we remained calm and didn't allow our heads to go. The ball came to me on the wing, I tried to take on the full back and won a corner. The corner came in, the keeper spilled it and I was there to grab the winner! As a youngster, making a mistake that leads to a goal can be really difficult, and when you're really young or still learning about certain things, it can go to your head and before you know it you've made another mistake. But now, I know I've developed thick skin to push through, so I can keep playing my game and not allow one error to jeopardise the rest of my performance. Football can be a cruel game but you need to understand that these things happen. Thank God I kept my focus, kept playing and eventually scored the winner. It turned out to be a great day, but now we want to go all the way! ■



MAZEED OGUNGBO LOWDOWN

Earliest memory of football Playing in a field next to my house with my brother and friends

Got me into playing football My brother

First footballer looked up to Lionel Messi

Favourite football shirt I own Barcelona with "Messi" and number 10 on the back

Best friend in football Joel Ideho

Team supported as a child Manchester United

Best goal of all-time Gareth Bale vs Liverpool in the Champions League final

Best goal I've scored My first goal for Arsenal vs Fulham

Best player I've faced Jamal Musiala

Best game I've had Vs West Brom in the final of the Albert Phelan Cup U14s

Best piece of skill I've done in a game A roulette

Best moment of my career so far Signing for Arsenal

One stadium I'd like to score in Camp Nou

One type of goal I'd like to score Lob the keeper from the halfway line

A player to score a one on one to save my life Robert Lewandowski (right)

RATE YOURSELF

SPEED	85
SHOOTING	85
DRIBBLING	85
STRENGTH	93
PASSING	85
DEFENDING	85

If I could change position I'd be left wing

Another sport I'm good at Athletics 200m

Favourite training drill Rondos

Ambitions this season away from the pitch Learn to play the keyboard

The important non-playing attributes for young footballers To be confident conducting themselves well when interacting with all types of people

Biggest lesson learnt off the pitch at Arsenal Act with class

Favourite follow on Instagram @kevonstage

Most played Spotify artist Parris Chariz

Favourite musician right now Parris Chariz

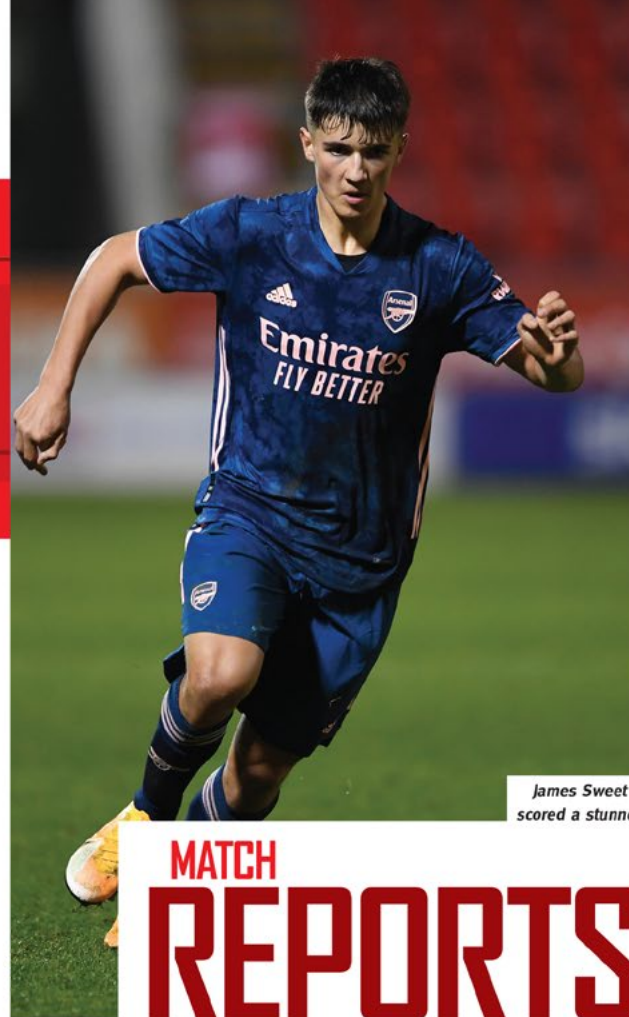
Favourite pre-match song Hunger Games by Parris Chariz

Best football attribute My interplay and crossing

One thing I need on an away day My Sony headphones and iPad

One thing I want to do in my football career Win the Champions League

First-team player I look up to most Bukayo Saka



James Sweet – scored a stunner

MATCH REPORTS



SWEET 4, HUTCHINSON 58



AWE (OG) 64

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U-18 Premier League South
Saturday, December 5
Arsenal Training Ground

ARSENAL U18 Ejeheri, Awe (Sraha 87), Kirk, Monlouis, Norton-Cuffy, Sweet, Henry-Francis, Hutchinson, Flores, Plange, Butley-Oyededeji (Jeffcott 70)
UNUSED SUBS Graczyk, Laing, Sagoe Jnr

Our under-18s made it four games without defeat in the U-18 Premier League as they secured a valuable 2-1 victory over Leicester City.



Omari Hutchinson – free kick maestro

There were four changes to the side that drew 0-0 with Fulham one week prior, with James Sweet and Jack Henry-Francis stepping into midfield, while Nathan Butler-Oyededeji and Marcelo Flores returned on the wings.

There was also some positive news on the bench, as Jason Sraha was named in a matchday squad for the first time since picking up an injury back in February.

It took us just five minutes to open the scoring at London Colney when Flores picked up the ball on the left wing and delivered for Sweet, who fired home with a stunning first-time volley.

Ovie Ejeheri then went on to produce a fine save to deny Ethan Fitzhugh, before Alex Kirk was on hand to clear the rebound on the line.

Shortly after, Omari Hutchinson, starting as a wing back, raced down the left and picked out Luke Plange with an inch-perfect cross, but the latter failed to hit the target.

Butley-Oyededeji then fizzed a powerful effort just wide of the top corner.

We dominated the opening 45 minutes and shortly after the restart, we doubled our advantage from a free-kick, when Hutchinson deceived the wall and curled a low effort around them and into the bottom corner.

Leicester pulled one back in the 64th minute when Zach Awe inadvertently bundled the ball into his own net, but we stood strong to maintain our lead and secure all three points. ■

"JASON SRAHA WAS NAMED IN THE SQUAD FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE INJURY BACK IN FEBRUARY"



GREAVES (PEN) 82



PATINO 75, OGUNGBO 88

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FA Youth Cup
Tuesday, December 15
AESSEAL New York
Stadium

ARSENAL U18s Ejeheri, Norton-Cuffy, Kirk, Monlouis, Ogunbo, Sweet, Patino, Flores, Hutchinson, Butler-Oyediji, Taylor-Hart
UNUSED SUBS Graczyk, Awe, Henry-Francis, Plange, Ideho

Our under-18s booked their place in the fourth round of the FA Youth Cup last week with a dramatic late winner against Rotherham United.

Charlie Patino delivered an outstanding performance in midfield and capped it with a stunner from distance, while Mazeed Ugunbo bounced back from an error to secure the victory. Lining up in a 4-3-3 formation, Omari Hutchinson and Kido Taylor-Hart started on the wings, with Marcelo Flores in the hole and Nathan Butler-Oyediji, who is often deployed as a winger, leading the line.

Daniel Oyegoke, Mauro Bandeira, Khayon Edwards and Salah-Eddine Oulad M'Hand missed out through injury.

Rotherham started well with Charlie Smith glancing a header wide, before Brooke Norton-Cuffy had to make an important intervention to cut out the danger.

The hosts then had a penalty claim waved away, but this sparked us back into life with James Sweet and Omari Hutchinson coming close either side of the break. We continued to push on in search of an opener, before Patino let fly from distance and found the top corner in style.

Rotherham drew level shortly after following a late challenge from Ogunbo inside the area.

Jerome Greaves made no mistake from the spot, but there would be one last twist, as Ogunbo redeemed himself by heading home from Hutchinson's corner in the last minute.

Stay close to Arsenal.com for the fourth round draw. ■



Kido Taylor-Hart in possession



Charlie Patino is congratulated by his team mates



ABOVE
Now in Larne colours

LEFT
Mark's goal celebrations cut short on his league debut in 2008

ACADEMY ALUMNI

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

MARK RANDALL

Talented midfielder Mark Randall was just 17 when he made his first-team debut for the Gunners in the League Cup against West Brom back in October 2006. In fact the England youth international remains the 11th youngest player in our history – it was just a month after his 17th birthday when he came on as a late sub in the 2-0 third round win at The Hawthorns. He had begun that season – our first ever at Emirates Stadium – as one of the youngest players to feature in the Dennis Bergkamp Testimonial. A cultured, elegant ball player, he made his Premier League debut on the final day of the following season, after a brief loan spell

with Burnley. He actually had a goal ruled out in the last minute of that league debut against Sunderland. Further loan spells at MK Dons and Rotherham followed, before he left permanently for League One Chesterfield in summer 2011.

He had played 14 times in all for the Gunners first team, including two Champions League outings. He struggled to establish himself firmly anywhere after leaving north London though, playing for Ascoli in Italy briefly before spells at MK Dons again, Barnet, Newport County, Crawley and Hemel Hempstead Town before signing for Larne in the Northern Ireland Premier League in 2019, where he currently patrols the midfield, now aged 31. ■



Taking on Liverpool's Ryan Babel in the 2009 League Cup

ACADEMY NEWS

ARSENAL ACADEMY REPRESENTING

Our recent 4-2 win over Dundalk proved to be a wonderful night for all involved at Arsenal Academy.

With a youthful starting XI and two debuts handed to Miguel Azeez and Ben Cottrell off the bench, we finished the game having featured seven players who have been developed by our academy. All of which stepped up on the night.

Folarin Balogun was subbed on in the 62nd minute and provided a goal and an assist, while Emile Smith Rowe and Ainsley Maitland-Niles impressed down the left flank with Joe Willock in the middle. Eddie Nketiah scored once again, taking his tally up to five for the season, and our debutants looked confident on the ball too. ■



Four academy boys in the starting line up in Ireland

MARK SPARKLES FOR TOWN

Mark McGuinness has been in fine form since joining Ipswich Town on loan in September.

The 19-year-old defender has been putting in a number of promising performances, and recently gathered attention on social media for two outstanding pieces of skill to beat his marker.

McGuinness has had to work hard for his place in the starting XI, but since making his League One debut in a 1-0 win over Gillingham in October, he's started nine league fixtures and the team has kept two clean sheets. Ipswich are currently in fifth place after 18 games.

A tall and strong centre back, McGuinness is composed in possession and isn't afraid of stepping into midfield. A Republic of Ireland youth international, he trained regularly with the first team squad this pre-season, and scored in the friendly match at Milton Keynes Dons in August. Keep up the good work, Mark! ■

ACADEMY LOAN WATCH

James Olayinka scored the winner for Southend United against Scunthorpe last weekend. Our 20-year-old midfielder swept Jason Demetriou's low cross home from the edge of the box to take all three points at Roots Hall.

Matt Smith played the full game as Swindon Town fell to their third defeat in a row in League One. The Robins were beaten 1-0 by Fleetwood at County Ground.

Three of our loanees were in action as Gillingham lost 2-1 to Doncaster in League One. **Tyrece John-Jules** played 80 minutes and provided the assist for the opening goal. **Zech Medley** also featured in the game, he played 45 minutes for Gillingham before being substituted at half time for Alex MacDonald.

Trae Coyle returned to the bench for the fixture after starting last time out for Gillingham against Cambridge United. Our 19-year-old came on in the 66th minute.

Mark McGuinness was also in League One action, playing the full match as Ipswich Town lost 2-0 to Portsmouth.

Tolaji Bola played 71 minutes as Rochdale lost 4-1 away to Peterborough.

Ben Sheaf played the full match as Coventry beat Wycombe 2-1 in the Championship. Sheaf returned to the starting XI for the first time since November 28 to help guide his side to victory at Adams Park.

Finally, **Harry Clarke** played the full match as Oldham Athletic beat Bradford 3-1 at home. ■

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	7pm
Sun Jan 17	Southampton	A	2.30pm
Fri Jan 22	Brighton & HA	H	7pm
Fri Jan 29	Tottenham Hotspur	A	12pm
Fri Feb 5	Chelsea	H	7pm
Fri Feb 12	Manchester United	A	7pm
Fri Feb 19	Manchester City	H	7pm
Fri Feb 26	Liverpool	A	7pm
Fri Mar 12	Blackburn Rovers	H	7pm
Sun Mar 21	Everton	A	1pm
Mon Apr 12	Derby County	A	7pm
Mon Apr 26	Leicester City	A	7pm
Fri Apr 30	West Ham United	H	7pm
Fri May 7	West Ham United	A	7pm

PREMIER LEAGUE 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Chelsea	10	6	1	3	19	15	4	19
Manchester City	10	5	3	2	29	19	10	18
Blackburn Rovers	10	5	3	2	16	15	1	18
Derby County	10	5	2	3	20	20	0	17
Liverpool	10	5	1	4	18	18	0	16
Manchester United	10	4	3	3	24	22	2	15
Brighton & Hove Albion	11	4	3	4	15	19	-4	15
Everton	10	4	2	4	14	9	5	14
Tottenham Hotspur	10	4	2	4	16	18	-2	14
Leicester City	10	4	0	6	17	22	-5	12
Arsenal	10	3	2	5	17	17	0	11
Southampton	11	3	2	6	18	21	-3	11
West Ham United	10	1	2	7	12	20	-8	5

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 Dec 19	Chelsea	H	11am
Sat Jan 9	Aston Villa	A	11am
Sat Jan 16	Southampton	A	11.30am
Sat Jan 23	Tottenham Hotspur	H	11am
Sat Jan 30	Crystal Palace	A	11am
Sat Feb 13	West Ham United	H	11am
Sat Feb 20	Brighton & HA	A	11am
Sat Feb 27	West Bromwich Albion	H	12pm
Sat Mar 13	Norwich City	A	11am
Sat Mar 20	Reading	H	11am
Sat Apr 10	Fulham	A	12pm
Sat Apr 24	Leicester City	A	11am
Sat May 1	Chelsea	A	11am
Sat May 8	Aston Villa	H	11am
TBA	Reading	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
Fulham	9	7	1	1	21	8	13	22
Aston Villa	9	7	1	1	19	12	7	22
Tottenham Hotspur	10	6	3	1	29	10	19	21
Brighton & Hove Albion	10	5	3	2	25	13	12	18
Crystal Palace	9	6	0	3	14	14	0	18
Arsenal	9	5	1	3	19	17	2	16
Chelsea	9	4	2	3	26	16	10	14
Norwich City	11	4	1	6	23	25	-2	13
West Ham United	9	3	1	5	14	22	-8	10
West Bromwich Albion	9	2	2	5	16	23	-7	8
Reading	10	2	2	6	22	30	-8	8
Southampton	10	1	2	7	17	28	-11	5
Leicester City	10	0	1	9	12	39	-27	1

FA YOUTH CUP FIXTURES

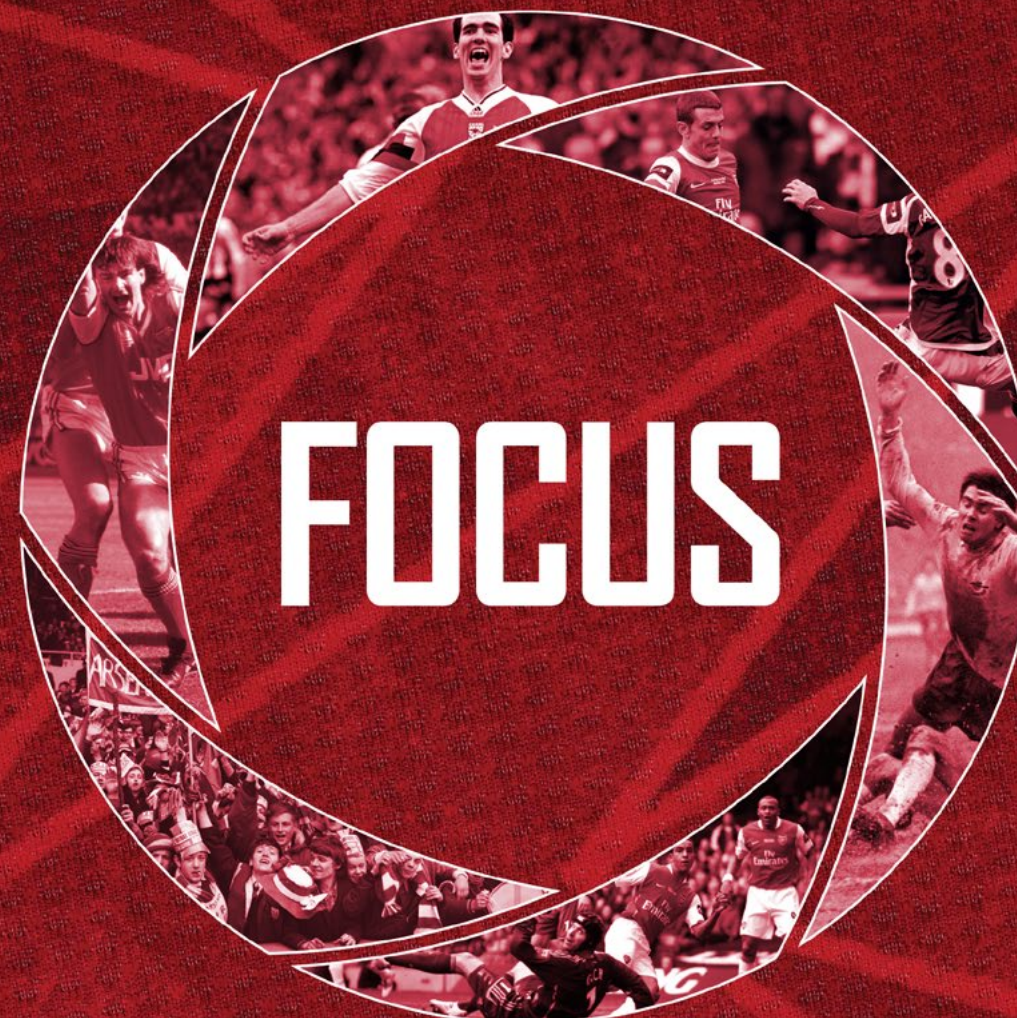
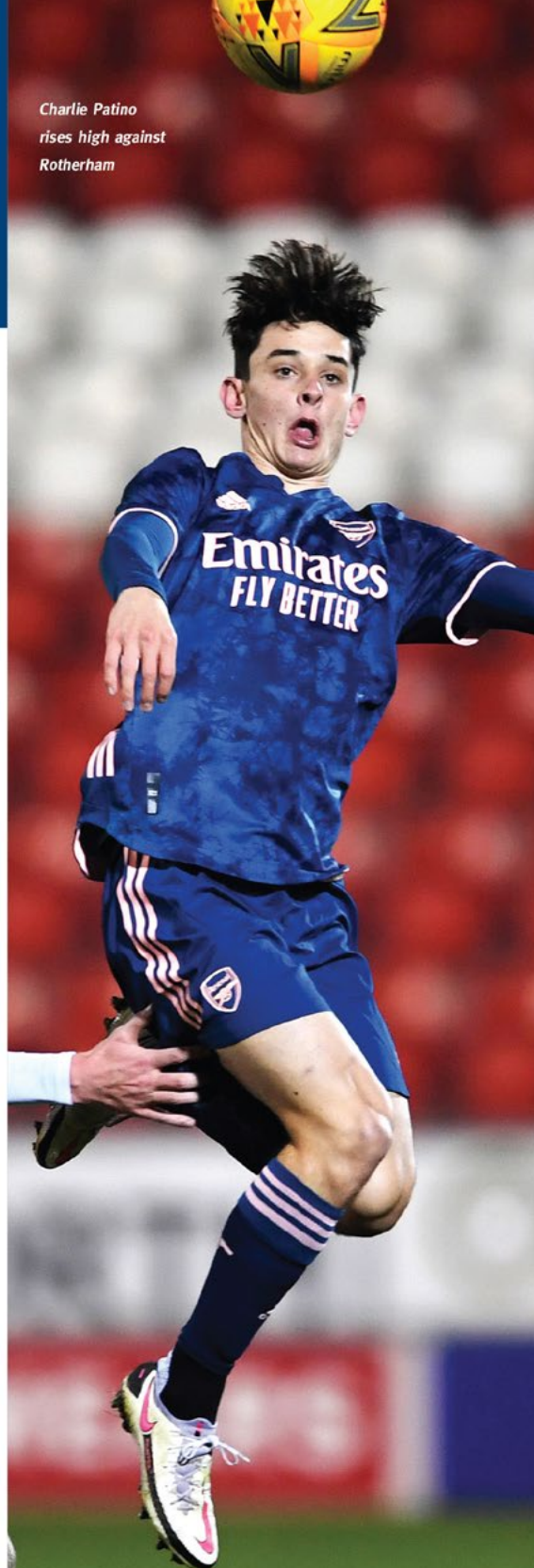
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THE BREAKDOWN

YOUTH APPEARANCES

PLAYER	PL2	EFLT	U18	FAYC	PLIC	TOTAL
Ben Cottrell	9(3)	4	-	-	-	13(3)
Folarin Balogun	9(2)	2(1)	-	-	-	11(3)
Tim Akinola	8+1	3+1	-	-	-	11+2
Ryan Alebiosu	6+1	3	-	-	-	9+1
Catalin Cirjan	5+1(1)	2+1(1)	1	-	-	8+2(2)
Nicolaj Moller	5(4)	1	-	-	-	6(4)
William Saliba	5	2	-	-	-	7
Karl Hein	5	1	-	-	-	6
Miguel Azeez	4+4	2+1(1)	-	-	-	6+5(1)
Joel Lopez	4+1	3	-	-	-	7+1
Jonathan Dinzei	4+1	1	-	-	-	5+1
James Olayinka	4(1)	2	-	-	-	6(1)
George Lewis	4	1(1)	-	-	-	5(1)
Jordan McEnuff	3+3	2(1)	-	-	-	5+3(1)
Daniel Oyegoke	3+1	1	-	-	-	4+1
Emile Smith Rowe	3(3)	1	-	-	-	4(3)
Tolaji Bola	3	1	-	-	-	4
Brooke Norton-Cuffy	2+1	+1	5	1	-	8+2
Harry Clarke	2	1	-	-	-	3
Calum Chambers	2	1	-	-	-	3
Matt Macey	2	1	-	-	-	3
Daniel Ballard	2	-	-	-	-	2
Kido Taylor-Hart	1+1(1)	1+1	7(4)	1	-	10+2(5)
Salah-Eddine Oulad M'hand	1+1	1	-	-	-	2+1
Alex Kirk	1+1	+1	6(1)	1	-	8+2(1)
Joel Ideho	1+1	+1	1	-	-	2+2
Reiss Nelson	1(1)	-	-	-	-	1(1)
Mark McGuinness	1	1	-	-	-	2
Levi Laing	1	+2	6+1	-	-	7+3
Arthur Okonkwo	1	1	-	-	-	2
Sokratis Papastathopoulos	1	1	-	-	-	2
Zach Awe	1	-	6+3	-	-	7+3
Hubert Graczyk	1	-	6	-	-	7
James Hillson	1	-	-	-	-	1
Cedric Soares	1	-	-	-	-	1
Joe Willock	1	-	-	-	-	1
Joseph Olowu	1	-	-	-	-	1
Pablo Mari	1	-	-	-	-	1
Zane Monlouis	+1	1	4+1	1	-	6+2
Khayon Edwards	+1	-	5+3(3)	-	-	5+4(3)
Mazeed Ogungbo	+1	-	4	1(1)	-	5+1(1)
Taylor Foran	+1	-	3+2	-	-	3+3
Gabriel Martinelli	-	1	-	-	-	1
Matt Smith	-	1	-	-	-	1
Omari Giraud-Hutchinson	-	-	9(1)	1	-	10(1)
Charlie Patino	-	-	8	1(1)	-	9(1)
Marcelo Flores	-	-	7+2(3)	1	-	8+2(3)
Mauro Bandeira	-	-	7+1	-	-	7+1
Luke Plange	-	-	6+2(4)	-	-	6+2(4)
Ovie Ejeheri	-	-	3	1	-	4
James Sweet	-	-	2+1(1)	1	-	3+1(1)
Nathan Butler-Oyediji	-	-	1+2	1	-	2+2
Jack Henry-Francis	-	-	1+2	-	-	1+2
Henry Jeffcott	-	-	1+1	-	-	1+1
Billy Vigar	-	-	+3	-	-	+3
Jason Sraha	-	-	+1	-	-	+1
Own goals	(1)	-	(2)	-	-	(3)

Charlie Patino
rises high against
Rotherham



THE LEAGUE CUP FINALS





ARSENAL 0, LEEDS 1
MARCH 2, 1968
*Arsenal fans pack out
Wembley Stadium for our
first appearance in the final
of the League Cup, but we
lost 1-0 to a Terry Cooper
goal in the first half*



○ **ARSENAL 1, SWINDON 3**
MARCH 15, 1969


Arsenal's Bobby Gould is tackled by Swindon Town full back Rod Thomas on the cut up Wembley surface during our shock defeat to Third Division Swindon Town the following season

ARSENAL 2, LIVERPOOL 1
APRIL 5, 1987

*Two-goal hero Charlie
Nicholas celebrates his
equaliser in our 2-1 win
over Liverpool in the
Littlewoods Cup final*





 **ARSENAL 2, LUTON 3**
APRIL 24, 1988
Tony Adams shields the ball from Luton Town's Mark Stein, but we lost the final despite leading 2-1 going into the last 10 minutes

○ ARSENAL 2, SHEFF WED 1
APRIL 18, 1993

*Steve Morrow celebrates
his winning strike in the
Coca-Cola Cup final, the
first part of our domestic
cup double that season*





ARSENAL 1, CHELSEA 2
FEBRUARY 25, 2007
Theo Walcott gets off the mark in Arsenal colours, beating Petr Cech at the Millennium Stadium, but Chelsea came from behind to triumph in the Carling Cup final



ARSENAL 1, BIRMINGHAM 2
FEBRUARY 27, 2011

*Jack Wilshere takes on
Craig Gardner at Wembley,
but we suffered late
heartache in the Carling
Cup final*

ARSENAL 0, MAN CITY 3
FEBRUARY 25, 2018

Danny Welbeck takes on
Vincent Kompany in our
last appearance in the
final, a 3-0 defeat to
tonight's opponents



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ON SALE IN-STORE & ONLINE

FORWARD



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GABRIEL MARTINELLI

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.



How far forward do you look at the fixture list? Which game are you most looking forward to?

I think I look at all of them, regardless of teams being stronger or weaker. I look at everything ahead. I get more excited to play the bigger games, because there is more pressure. It's more exciting. It's nicer to play.

What do you do on the night before a big game? And what are your main emotions on the morning of a game?

I think the night before is normal, just like any night. I always sleep early, to wake up well the following day. And the morning? I don't think it changes much either. I think it's all the same. I wake up early and go to the game. All normal. The only thing that changes is the anxiety.

How much do you plan for the game individually? Do you look at the opponents?

More or less. If I'm going to face a stronger player, I think about him, whether he's stronger from the top or the right, if he doesn't mark quite as well on one side, that sort of thing. I think about those things sometimes. ▶

ARSENAL

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

MEAL

Parmigiana

NEW CAR

A Lamborghini



NEXT IDEAL BUY

A house for my mum

HOLIDAY DESTINATION

Greece



TROPHY YOU WIN

Champions League



LEFT

Celebrating an incredible
goal at Stamford Bridge

FORWARD ARSENAL GABRIEL MARTINELLI

Which side will work best for me if I get the ball, one way or the other. I do think about it.

When does that process start in the week?

It starts when we begin watching videos of the opposite team, on the week the boss shows us videos of our rivals.

Looking further ahead, who is the next big thing in Brazilian football?

I think Rodrigo, from Real Madrid. I really like his football. He's a player of amazing personality and quality. I think he's already a star, and he'll shine even more. He'll be one of the best in the world.

Who will win the next World Cup?

Brazil!

Where would you like to be in five years?

Playing for the Arsenal, winning the Premier League, doing well, scoring goals and winning titles. I think those are my thoughts.

"[I WANT TO BE] PLAYING FOR THE ARSENAL, WINNING THE PREMIER LEAGUE, DOING WELL, SCORING GOALS AND WINNING TITLES"

What would you like to achieve in your playing career?

Every player always thinks about giving their best, and it's no different with me. I want to win titles, not just as a team, but also as an individual. I want to work hard and give all I can to be the best in the world. To play for Brazil, win the Champions League, win a World Cup. I dream of all that.

Have you thought about your plans for the end of your career?

Wow! It's too soon, but I don't think I'd be a coach. You can never say never, but thinking about it now, at 19, I don't think I would be a manager. So far, I have no plans for the end of my career.

What country will you live in once you stop playing football?

I like my home town, where I used to live, Itú [in the state of Sao Paulo]. But I don't know. I could easily live in London, because I'll be older. I'll probably have a family, ►

MIXED SIX

Arsenal and Manchester City have locked horns many times over the years in the League Cup. Arsenal historian Jon Spurling recalls half a dozen intriguing ties

LEAGUE CUP FIFTH ROUND REPLAY

JANUARY 24, 1978

HIGHBURY

ARSENAL 1 Brady (pen)

MANCHESTER CITY 0

A superb goalkeeping display by Pat Jennings had enabled Arsenal to grab a goalless draw at Maine Road six days earlier, and the prospect of progressing into the semi finals drew a massive 57,960 to the replay at Highbury. Mercurial midfielder Alan Hudson delivered a masterclass against Tony Book's side, which contained talents including Peter Barnes, Mick Channon and former Arsenal striker Brian Kidd. City's midfield was unable to get to grips with Hudson, who sprayed balls around at will, and dovetailed superbly with Liam Brady in the centre of the park. Malcolm Macdonald earned his side a penalty, and Brady tucked away the spot kick to pinch the tie. With Arsenal also progressing in the FA Cup, this represented a great night for Terry Neill's side.

LITTLEWOODS CUP THIRD ROUND

OCTOBER 28, 1986

HIGHBURY

ARSENAL 3 Davis, Hayes, Rocastle

MANCHESTER CITY 1 Simpson

Arsenal's impressive run of form under new manager George Graham gathered momentum on a rain sodden night at Highbury. City appeared to have weathered an early Arsenal storm before David Rocastle's shot cannoned in off City skipper Mick McCarthy's legs, and minutes later the Republic of Ireland international gifted Arsenal a



The matchday programmes from the 1986 and 1990 clashes

penalty when Niall Quinn's header hit his hand. Gunners forward Martin Hayes, enjoying a purple patch in front of goal, converted his spot kick to grab his fifth goal in five matches. City came out fighting in the second half, and Paul Simpson converted a David White cross to put pressure on the home side. But Arsenal put the tie beyond all doubt in the dying minutes when a Paul Davis screamer from 25 yards out flew past Perry Suckling. Graham's side petered out in the league despite hitting top spot that autumn, but their superb form in the Littlewoods Cup continued, and they won their first silverware for eight years after defeating Liverpool in the final in April '87.

RUMBELOWS CUP THIRD ROUND

OCTOBER 30, 1990

MAINE ROAD

MANCHESTER CITY 1 Allen

ARSENAL 2 Groves, Adams ▶

Liam Brady during the fifth round tie in 1978 – a game in which his penalty proved decisive



Arsenal came through a tough night at Maine Road to power into the quarter finals of the competition. A slaloming run from Paul Merson down the right took him past Neil Pointon, and he crossed for Perry Groves to slide the ball home. City missed several chances to equalise, with David White going closest, before Arsenal skipper Tony Adams struck the ball into the roof of the net following confusion in the City box. Late on Clive Allen – who'd left Highbury without ever making a first team appearance in the summer of 1980 following a £1 million transfer from Crystal Palace – scored a consolation goal, but George Graham's Arsenal, as well as pushing hard for the title, now faced City's Manchester rivals United in the next round.

CARLING CUP THIRD ROUND

OCTOBER 26, 2004

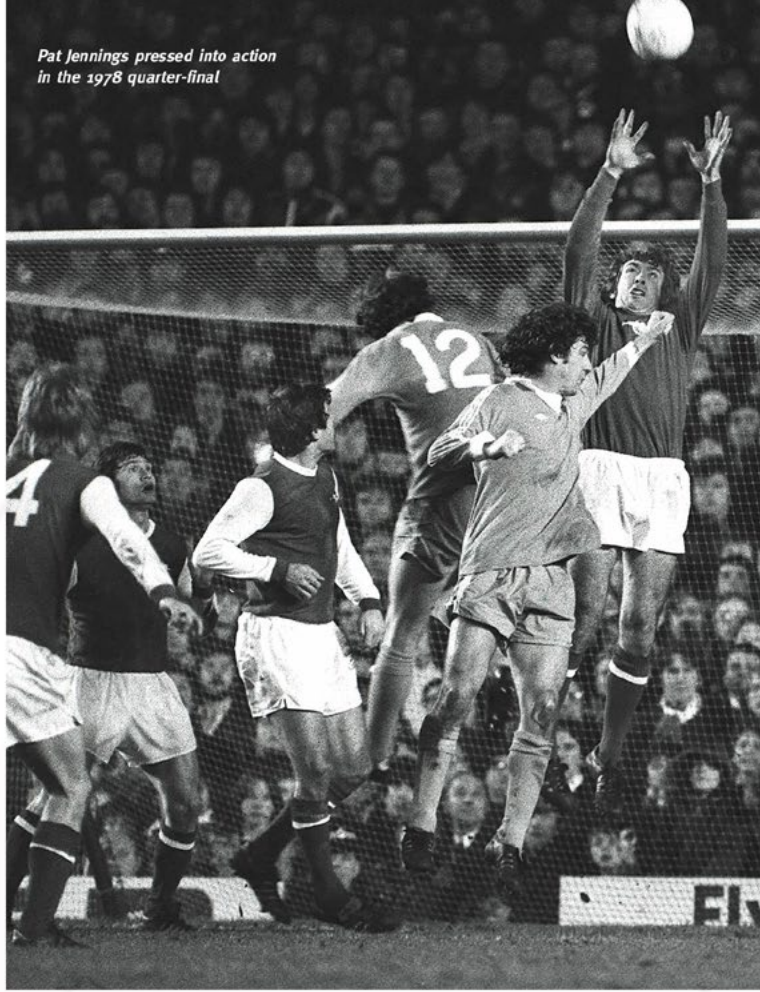
ETIHAD STADIUM

MANCHESTER CITY 1 Fowler

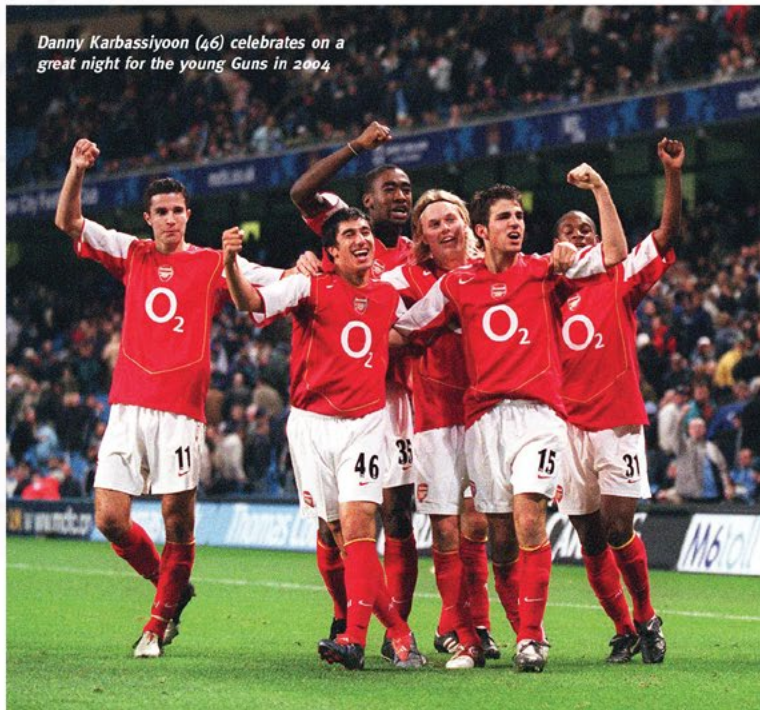
ARSENAL 2 Van Persie, Karbassiyoon

A few days after defeat to Manchester United at Old Trafford, and the end of their 49-match unbeaten record, Arsenal got back to winning ways with a smash and grab raid at the Etihad Stadium. Dutch striker Robin van Persie spurned one gilt-edged chance, but on 78 minutes he finished a sweeping move after midfielder Mathieu Flamini slipped the ball to him. With time almost up, Gunners substitute Danny Karbassiyoon, making his first-team debut, doubled Arsenal's advantage collecting Cesc Fabregas's wonderful pass before scoring with another fine left-footed finish. There was still time for Robbie Fowler, who scored so many goals for Liverpool against Arsenal down the years, to pull a goal back for the home side, but Arsène Wenger's side, containing youngsters including Sebastian Larsson, Arturo Lupoli and Jermaine Pennant, were through. ▶

Pat Jennings pressed into action in the 1978 quarter-final



Danny Karbassiyoon (46) celebrates on a great night for the young Guns in 2004



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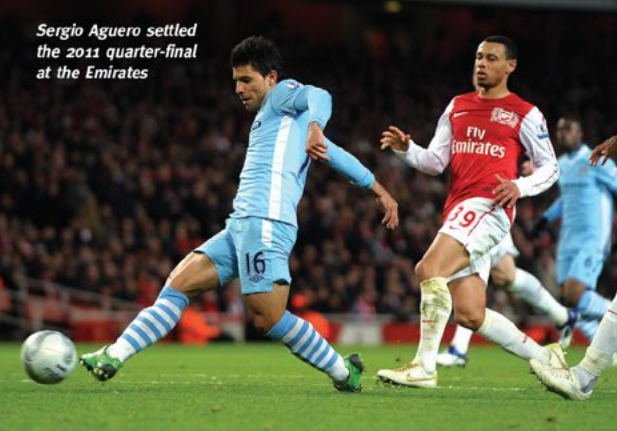
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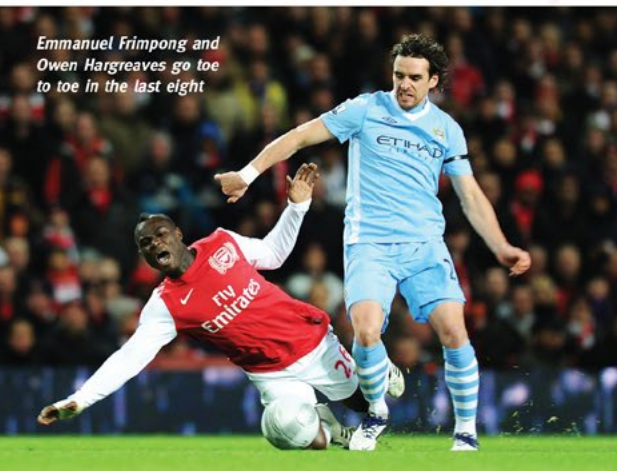
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Sergio Aguero settled the 2011 quarter-final at the Emirates



Emmanuel Frimpong and Owen Hargreaves go toe to toe in the last eight



Aaron Ramsey was on the losing side at Wembley for once in the 2018 final

CARLING CUP QUARTER FINAL

NOVEMBER 29, 2011
EMIRATES STADIUM
ARSENAL 0

MANCHESTER CITY 1 Aguero

Argentinian striker Sergio Aguero's late breakaway goal made history for the visitors as it earned them their first win in N5 for 36 years. Arsenal appeared to be the likeliest winners for much of the match, with Ju Young Park and Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain testing City's goal in the first half. Both sides made several changes to their line ups following weekend matches and as the match progressed, City became more fluid. Bosnian striker Edin Dzeko was the architect behind their goal, speeding on to a loose ball to evade two challenges and from a flicked pass, Aguero dispatched a well-taken finish from 12 yards. "It was an unfair result but I felt we were a bit naive. I felt as well we did not take our corners very well but overall what is frustrating is that we lost a game we looked the winner of," explained a frustrated Arsène Wenger afterwards.

CARABAO CUP FINAL

FEBRUARY 25, 2018
WEMBLEY STADIUM
ARSENAL 0

MANCHESTER CITY 3 Aguero. Kompany, Silva

With the 'Beast From The East' about to blow across the United Kingdom, Arsène Wenger's team was swept aside by Pep Guardiola's men in the Wembley final. The game began frenetically, and it took a combination of Claudio Bravo and Kyle Walker to prevent Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang from putting Arsenal in front. Shortly afterwards, Sergio Aguero shrugged off Shkodran Mustafi to race on to Bravo's goal kick and deftly lob the onrushing David Ospina, and second half goals from skipper Vincent Kompany and David Silva gave City a comfortable 3-0 victory. City's win saw Pep Guardiola pick up his first piece of silverware in English football and took City's League Cup tally to five. This was the last final Arsenal reached during the Arsène Wenger era. ■

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Beth celebrates scoring against Chelsea this season

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Every WSL game also features a matchday programme, which can be ordered from Arsenal Direct (£4 inc postage) and delivered BEFORE the game.

The Arsenal Women programme has some fantastic content including the Always Forward feature. Here's a taste of Beth Mead's version, which appeared in the weekend's programme against Everton.

FORWARD

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BETH MEAD

Always Forward! Club games, even on a rainy day, are a chance to shine. Beth Mead is not just a player, she's a fan. She's the one who's always cheering for Arsenal, no matter what the score is. She's the one who's always there for the team, no matter what the odds are. She's the one who's always there for the fans, no matter what the weather is. She's the one who's always there for the club, no matter what the future is. She's the one who's always there for the city, no matter what the world is. She's the one who's always there for the world, no matter what the future is. She's the one who's always there for the city, no matter what the world is. She's the one who's always there for the world, no matter what the future is.

What do you do on the night before a big game?

I love pasta or an Italian dish. Everyone would always love a good night's sleep too, but that isn't always possible. I'm a pretty good sleeper, but some of the girls struggle. I don't really have a routine, though. A few players do exactly the same thing before every game, but I'm pretty chilled. I'll just have my food, watch some TV and try and get an early night.

If you had to work in one of the following, which would you choose: coaching, media or non-football?

I've always wanted to work in the media. I'm not sure about a Yorkshire accent on TV, but we'll give it a go! I was asked to do it before Covid hit, but that obviously didn't go ahead.

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What club would you never sign for?

Chelsea! It's hard because you can never say never – you never know where your career will go or what could happen – but because of the fans and how much I love playing for Arsenal, it wouldn't be a smart idea!

Are there any other professions that interest you?

I've been doing my coaching badges so that's always an option – I've got a degree in sport development, and originally I wanted to be a PE teacher. I've always liked the idea of being a policewoman too. That would be a great job because every day would be so different.

Are you working on anything away from football?

I'm doing a personal training course. It was offered to me and I thought, "Why not?" I like staying fit, so it made sense to do it over lockdown.

What invention does the world need most?

I've always wanted a teleportation device – one where you can scan in like you're going on the Tube and within seconds you're somewhere else. If someone does make that they'd better send me some money for the idea. I just don't think I have the brains to make it myself...

Finally, there's a spare seat on the next trip to the International Space Station – do you go? Why? If there were two seats, who do you want with you – and who definitely not?

I've been reading the answers to this question and I've got a bone to pick with you, Katie McCabe. She said I'd be too annoying up there, but someone needs to bring the entertainment! I'd bring DVD because she'd kill me if I didn't pick her. It's always better to have an easy life. If I could take someone else? Steph – she's very smart and I feel like we'd need some brains if something goes wrong. The one person I wouldn't bring? I love Lydia, but she's very loud and I couldn't cope in a little bubble with her. I love you to bits Lydia, but you're loud! ■

ARSENAL WOMEN

LEFT Don't forget that Arsenal Women have a matchday programme too



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	H
JAN 9/10	ASTON VILLA	A
JAN 16/17	READING	A
JAN 23/24	WEST HAM UNITED	H
FEB 6/7	MANCHESTER CITY	H
FEB 10/11/12	CHELSEA	A
MAR 6/7	BIRMINGHAM CITY	A
MAR 17/18	MANCHESTER UNITED	H
MAR 27/28	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	A
APR 3/4	BRISTOL CITY	A
APR 24/25	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION	H
MAY 1/2	EVERTON	A
MAY 8/9	ASTON VILLA	H

WOMEN'S SUPER LEAGUE (AT DEC 13)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
MANCHESTER UNITED	9	7	2	0	21	8	13	23
CHELSEA	8	6	2	0	23	5	18	20
ARSENAL	9	6	1	2	34	8	26	19
MANCHESTER CITY	9	5	3	1	23	9	14	18
EVERTON	8	4	2	2	17	11	6	14
READING	9	2	4	3	10	14	-4	10
BIRMINGHAM CITY	8	3	0	5	9	13	-4	9
TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	9	2	3	4	12	18	-6	9
BRIGHTON & HA	9	2	2	5	6	16	-10	8
WEST HAM UNITED	9	2	1	6	13	23	-10	7
ASTON VILLA	8	2	0	6	8	17	-9	6
BRISTOL CITY	9	0	2	7	5	39	-34	2

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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 Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Charity (GOSH Charity) support the hospital's staff during the pandemic. GOSH Charity Director of Grants & Impact Kiki Syrad tells us how the money has made a difference

I work with the hospital to understand their most urgent needs and how GOSH Charity can help meet these to benefit the lives of seriously ill children. This includes funding research into pioneering new treatments, providing the most up-to-date medical equipment, support services for children and their families and essential rebuilding and refurbishment.

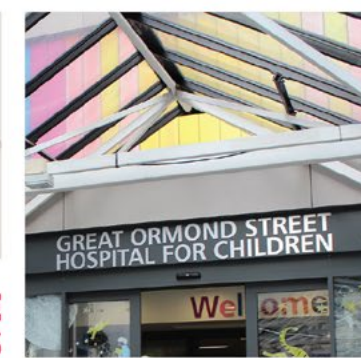
Staff have worked so hard since the pandemic hit the UK to ensure the children treated here receive the care they need. As well as offering more virtual appointments, Great Ormond Street Hospital (GOSH) increased its intensive care capacity and took in children from other hospitals to free up beds for adults with Covid-19. Some staff also volunteered to help at other hospitals such as the Nightingale that needed additional support too.

Arsenal's support is helping to fund a programme that provides GOSH staff with rapid access to qualified professionals for counselling, support, advice and information 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

It also helps managers deal with health and wellbeing. For physical wellbeing we support the provision of occupational physiotherapists on site three days a week. Staff can also access subsidised massage sessions, whether it's for musculoskeletal problems caused by wearing heavy PPE for hours or as stress relief.



ABOVE
GOSH Charity Director of Grants & Impact Kiki Syrad
LEFT
Melissa is a Ward Sister on Koala Ward at GOSH



Without the hospital's dedicated staff it would not be able to continue to deliver the life-saving care so many children need. Wellbeing initiatives are vital all year round, particularly as the pandemic has created additional stress and anxiety, so support for these schemes have never been more important. Initiatives we supported included helping staff with childcare, funding staff counselling and other initiatives such as providing on-site refreshments and essential items so staff didn't need to leave the hospital during their shifts.

The second wave presents a real challenge, with the pressure of treating Covid-19 patients whilst also keeping emergency and routine operations, clinics and appointments running. Also at this time of year staff work extra hard to make the hospital a "home from home" for the children who need treatment over Christmas. Staff decorate the wards and get presents ready for the children so on Christmas Eve they can put pillowcases filled with gifts at the end of each child's bed.

For many staff at GOSH, as with the wider NHS, the demands and longevity of the pandemic have taken their toll, showing how crucial supporting the health and wellbeing of staff is year-round.

I would like to say a special thank you to all of our amazing supporters at Arsenal FC, with your help we can continue to support staff at GOSH during such a challenging time.

To donate to GOSH Charity's Home For Christmas campaign visit www.gosh.org/christmas





Riyad Mahrez is often on point for Man City



MANCHESTER CITY

By: Mike Hammond

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1880 (as St Mark's), 1894 as Manchester City

NICKNAME

City, Citizens, The Sky Blues

STADIUM

City of Manchester Stadium (55,017)

HONOURS

First Division/Premier League winners 1936/37, 1967/68, 2011/12, 2013/14, 2017/18, 2018/19

Second Division/Championship winners 1898/99, 1902/03, 1909/10, 1927/28, 1946/47, 1965/66, 2001/02

Third Division/League One play-off winners 1998/99

FA Cup Winners 1904, 1934, 1956, 1969, 2011, 2019

Football League Cup winners 1970, 1976, 2014, 2016, 2018, 2019, 2020

Charity Shield Winners 1937, 1968, 1972, 2012, 2018, 2019

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To say that Manchester City are modern-day League Cup/EFL Cup specialists is putting it mildly. Not only have they lifted the trophy in each of the past three years, they have also been winners in five of the past seven seasons. Since Pep Guardiola took charge in 2016, City have played 22 matches in the competition and won 20 of them, including four out of four penalty shoot-outs and two ties this season against Bournemouth (2-1 at home) and Burnley (3-0 away). Indeed, the only two defeats on Pep's watch have both been by Manchester United – though the second of them, 1-0 at home in the second leg of last season's semi-final, didn't matter as City had won the away leg 3-1.



City went on to beat Aston Villa 2-1 in the final to complete the first hat-trick of victories in the competition since Liverpool won it four times in a row in the early 1980s. Should City, who beat Arsenal 3-0 in the 2018 final before overcoming Chelsea on penalties after a goalless 2019 showpiece, go on to make it four on the trot this season, they will also equal the Merseysiders' all-time record of eight League Cup triumphs.



But while recent history in this competition is heavily weighted in City's favour, Arsenal do have the relatively fresh and happy memory of last season's FA Cup semi-final victory to provide encouragement, Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang's Wembley double not just eliminating the holders but also ending their ten-match winning run in England's premier knockout competition. Against that, City have won their last seven Premier League matches against the Gunners, including this season's 1-0 victory at the Etihad Stadium in October.



Having surrendered their Premier League title to Liverpool last season – after back-to-back titles in 2017/18 and 2018/19 (when they secured a domestic treble) – City have had a stuttering start to the new campaign. Beaten 5-2 at home by Leicester in their opening home fixture – the first time a Guardiola side had ever conceded five goals in a game – and held 1-1 at both Leeds and West Ham, they then dropped two more points at home in another 1-1 draw, against Liverpool, before Tottenham inflicted their second defeat of the campaign with a 2-0 win in north London. A 1-1 draw last week at home to newly promoted strugglers West Brom added further to their frustration.



When Burnley were beaten 5-0 at home in late November, it was the first time City had scored more than once in a Premier League game since that defeat by Leicester. It has been a different story in Europe, however, with City coasting through a group containing Porto, Olympiacos and Marseille, racking up 16 points, scoring 13 goals and conceding just one – the best defensive record in the competition. They will go into February's knockout clash with round of 16 newcomers Borussia Monchengladbach as clear favourites to reach the Champions League quarter-finals for the fourth year in a row. But while they have lost all three of those European quarter-finals – against Liverpool, Spurs and Lyon – they don't tend to falter at the same stage of the Carabao Cup.

VISITORS MANCHESTER CITY



MUTUAL ADMIRATION

NIALL QUINN joined the Gunners as a 17 year old after excelling at both codes of football in Dublin. The 6' 4" centre forward made his debut as a 19 year-old in a league game against Liverpool on December 14, 1985 and went on to score 20 goals in 94 games over the next five seasons. Joining a famous group of young players who came of age under George Graham, Niall was an important member of Graham's squad but headed to Manchester City for £700,000 on March 15, 1990 to get more opportunities of first-team football. Niall starred up front at Maine Road for six seasons, playing 218 times and scoring 78 goals – including on his debut against Chelsea and also in a game against Derby later that season when he later went in goal and saved a penalty to win the match for City! He was their player of the year in that first season. The Republic of Ireland, international – who played 92 times for his country and scored 21 times – went on to have a successful six seasons with Sunderland.



THE MAGICIAN
RIYAD MAHREZ
ATTACKER

BORN Sarcelles, France, 21/2/91

PREVIOUSLY Quimper, Le Havre, Leicester

A skilful left-footed right-winger, and one of the stars of Leicester's 2015/16 Premier League title win, Riyad left two years later for Manchester City, where he was a domestic treble winner in his debut season. Competition for places at the Etihad has meant the Algeria international is not the shoo-in starter he was with Leicester, but on his day he is a prospective match-winner and scored his first hat-trick for the club in last month's 5-0 win against Burnley.



THE PROVIDER
KEVIN DE BRUYNE
MIDFIELDER

BORN Drongen, Belgium, 28/6/91

PREVIOUSLY Genk, Chelsea, Werder Bremen (loan), Wolfsburg

Signed in 2015, Kevin cost £55m from Wolfsburg and has more than proved his worth. Once of Chelsea, the clever 29-year-old playmaker is already considered one of English football's finest foreign imports and was voted both PFA and Premier League Player of the Year last season thanks to his 13 goals and 20 assists. He enjoyed an excellent 2018 World Cup, helping Belgium finish third, and has now won 78 international caps.



THE KEEPER
EDERSON
GOALKEEPER

BORN Osasco, Brazil, 17/8/93

PREVIOUSLY Ribeirao, Rio Ave, Benfica

Purchased for £35m from Benfica in June 2017, the 27-year-old Brazil international goalkeeper has proved to be the perfect fit for Pep Guardiola's City side, combining excellent reflexes with an uncanny ability to stroke the ball around accurately and purposefully with his deft left foot. Whether the eccentric keeper plays this evening is up for discussion as his understudy Zack Steffen started both of this season's Carabao Cup wins against Bournemouth and Burnley.



THE SPEEDSTER
KYLE WALKER
DEFENDER

BORN Sheffield, 28/5/90

PREVIOUSLY Sheffield United, Northampton (loan), Tottenham, Sheffield United (loan), QPR (loan), Aston Villa (loan)

The first-choice right back for City and a 53-cap England international, lightning quick Kyle joined the club in 2017 after six years as a regular starter with Tottenham and has been an important figure in the club's recent successes, winning the EFL Cup in each of his three seasons. He enjoyed a memorable 100th Premier League appearance for City, scoring the winner away to his hometown and former club Sheffield United at the end of October.



THE NEW BOY
RUBEN DIAS
DEFENDER

BORN Amadora, Portugal, 14/5/97

PREVIOUSLY Benfica

Ruben Dias joined Manchester City from Benfica on a six-year contract in September and has commanded a regular place at the heart of the team's back four, both in the Premier League and Champions League, though has yet to make his Carabao Cup bow. A tough, resilient centre back, the 23 year old has already won 24 caps for Portugal, helping his country to UEFA Nations League victory in 2019 shortly after winning the Primeira Liga with Benfica.



THE PROSPECT
FERRAN TORRES
ATTACKER

BORN Folos, Spain, 29/2/00

PREVIOUSLY Valencia

A hot prospect as a teenager with both hometown club Valencia and Spain's youth selections, with whom he won the 2017 European Under-17 Championship and its U-19 equivalent in 2019, Ferran Torres has made a promising start to his career in England. The versatile 20-year-old forward, who cost around £20m in August, has been particularly impressive in the Champions League, scoring in four of City's group games, and also bagged a hat-trick for Spain in the recent 6-0 rout of Germany.



THE YOUNG GUN
PHIL FODEN
MIDFIELDER

BORN Stockport, 28/5/2000

PREVIOUSLY None

A member of the England Under-17 side that became world champions at that level in October 2017, Phil was voted player of the tournament in India and won the BBC Young Personality of the Year award. Now 20, the local lad is getting more game time for City this season – unsurprising given that his left-footed skill and creativity makes him the ideal replacement for the departed David Silva – and last month scored his first two goals for the England senior side.



THE PIVOT
RODRI
MIDFIELDER

BORN Madrid, Spain, 23/6/96

PREVIOUSLY Villarreal, Atletico Madrid

Rodri became Manchester City's record signing when he arrived on a five-year contract in the summer of 2019 after just one season with hometown club Atletico Madrid during which he won the UEFA Super Cup on his debut and repeatedly impressed as an all-purpose holding midfielder. The Spain international has established himself as the first choice in that position for City and headed the winning goal in last season's Carabao Cup final win against Aston Villa.



THE BOSS
PEP GUARDIOLA
MANAGER

BORN January 18, 1971, Santpedor, Spain

PREVIOUSLY Barcelona B (2007-08), Barcelona (2008-12), Bayern Munich (2013-16)

Revered as one of the world's most accomplished football coaches, his reputation having risen to a new level with his record-breaking achievements at Manchester City. He replaced Manuel Pellegrini in 2016, his arrival having been officially telegraphed several months earlier while still at Bayern Munich, where he won the Bundesliga in each of his three seasons. A Barcelona legend as a player, Pep rapidly achieved the same status as a coach, winning 14 trophies, including two Champions Leagues, during his four-year sojourn. His only previous coaching experience had been with Barcelona's B team.

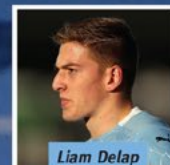
FULL LEAGUE CUP RECORD

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1962/63	QF	2008/09	R2
1963/64	SF	2009/10	SF
1964/65	R2	2010/11	R3
1965/66	R2	2011/12	SF
1966/67	R2	2012/13	R3
1967/68	R4	2013/14	WINNERS
1968/69	R3	2014/15	R3
1969/70	WINNERS	2015/16	WINNERS
1970/71	R2	2016/17	R4
1971/72	R3	2017/18	WINNERS
1972/73	R3	2018/19	WINNERS
1973/74	RUNNERS UP	2019/20	WINNERS
1974/75	R3		
1975/76	WINNERS		
1976/77	R2		
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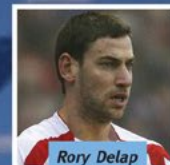


Captain Tony Book is chaired off the Wembley pitch in 1970

Liam Delap (kneeling) celebrates opening the scoring for City against Bournemouth



Liam Delap



Rory Delap



Tommy Doyle



Mike Doyle



Glyn Pardoe



D'Margio



Sean Wright-Phillips



Ian Wright

IN THE BLOOD!

City's first goal of the EFL Cup this season in their 2-1 win over Bournemouth came from 17-year-old striker **Liam Delap**, son of former Derby, Southampton and Stoke midfielder **Rory Delap**. Liam joined City from Derby's Academy last season and also spearheads England's under-17 team.

Pulling the strings in City's Bournemouth win was **Tommy Doyle**, the grandson of City legends **Mike Doyle** and **Glyn Pardoe**. Doyle is third in City's all-time appearance list, with 565 games. He also captained City to their League Cup win in 1976. In fact, City's 2-1 win over West Brom in the 1970 League Cup final came with goals from Doyle and Pardoe, who both also played in their losing final against Wolves in 1974.

Also on City's books, who played in this season's EFL Trophy, is 19-year-old **D'Margio Wright-Phillips**, son of **Sean**, grandson of **Ian Wright** of course. D'Margio spent last season on loan at Blackburn, but didn't make a first-team appearance. However, his presence at Blackburn did raise the prospect of playing against West Brom's Gareth Barry – which would have meant Barry had played against three generations of the same family!

LEAGUE CUP RECORD

AFC WINS DRAWS MCFC WINS

5

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3

ARSENAL WIN PERCENTAGE 56

ALL-TIME RECORD

AFC WINS DRAWS MCFC WINS

98

45

58

ARSENAL WIN PERCENTAGE 49

61

• 2020/21 is City's 61st season competing in the League Cup. Arsenal on the other hand are only participating in their 55th League Cup campaign, having decided not to enter the competition until season 1966/67

34

• Man City assistant coach Brian Kidd scored 34 goals in 90 games up front for the Gunners in the mid-70s – before transferring to City and grabbing 57 goals in 128 games

TOP

Ferran Torres scores City's third goal in their 3-0 win over Burnley in the last round

RIGHT

Zack Steffen clears house against Burnley



SCOUTING REPORT

BY Michael Cox

Pep Guardiola is likely to make changes to his starting XI for tonight's game, especially in the middle of such a congested fixture schedule. But few could accuse Guardiola of not taking the Carabao Cup seriously – his side have won the last three editions of this competition.

Guardiola fielded some unfamiliar players in the previous two rounds – played in the space of a week back in September – but also included the likes of Kyle Walker, Fernandinho, Aymeric Laporte, Riyad Mahrez, Kevin De Bruyne and Raheem Sterling, suggesting that City are keen to continue their dominance of this competition.

It's become standard practice for managers to rest their

first-choice goalkeeper in cup competitions, so Guardiola is likely to give another outing to American Zack Steffen here. He was signed last summer from Columbus Crew and enjoyed a good half-season on loan at Fortuna Dusseldorf. As you'd expect for a goalkeeper signed by Guardiola, he's calm with the ball at his feet, and a good long-range passer.

Guardiola fielded a strong defence in the previous round against Burnley. It's worth remembering that in the recent league victory over Arsenal at the Etihad, Guardiola deployed Walker as a centre back rather than in his customary position of right-back, to guard against the speed of Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang, and a similar tactic could be used here. Joao Cancelo, probably City's outstanding centre back so far this season, was deployed on the right of the defence.

In midfield, Guardiola's previous preference for 4-3-3 has given way to a 4-2-3-1, often with Rodri alongside Ilkay Gundogan in a combination that seems unusually cautious for Guardiola. This, however, gives De Bruyne license to play high as a No 10, from where he's been the Premier League's most consistently creative player.

The likes of Mahrez, Sterling, Phil Foden and newcomer Ferran Torres are the most regularly used players out wide, with Guardiola increasingly preferring to deploy inverted wingers, cutting inside to shoot, rather than natural wingers who go down the line and stretch the play, as he did throughout much of City's two title-winning campaigns. At times this has made their attacking play too predictable, particularly when opponents get defenders in blocking positions.

Up front, Sergio Aguero has worked his way back from injury and should be available, with Gabriel Jesus slightly struggling for goals in the Argentine's absence. Sterling was used up front in the previous round, and Guardiola has sometimes used the Carabao Cup to experiment tactically, often rotating three or four attackers as the notional centre-forward – particularly in a victory over Manchester United last season.

Another option up front is 17-year-old Liam Delap, who scored in City's 2-1 victory over Bournemouth in the opening round of the competition. He's the son of former Stoke midfielder Rory, although happily there's no sign of any long throw expertise. ■



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DEFENSIVE BLOCK

We have kept clean sheets in each of our two Carabao Cup games so far (away to Leicester City and Liverpool) and it was the defensive effort especially, last time out at Anfield, that paved the way for our victory over the champions.

Lining up with a back four of Cedric, Rob Holding, Gabriel and Sead Kolasinac, the Gunners defence dug in to keep the Liverpool attack of Diego Jota, Mohamed Salah and Takumi Minamino at bay for the 90 minutes, allowing us to ultimately progress via a penalty shot out.

The respective defensive stats of the two teams tell the story: We made more tackles (23 to 20), won a higher percentage of them (57% to 25%), made more clearances (22 to 9) and won a higher percentage of duels (54% to 46%) than our hosts.

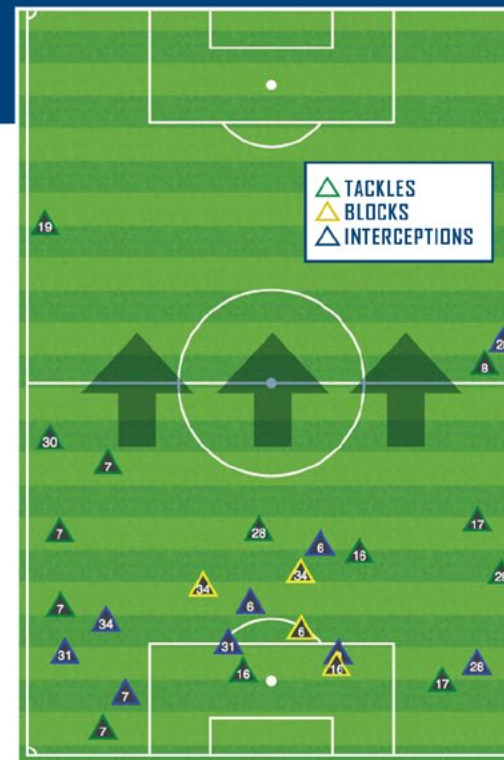
And when Liverpool did get through our backline, they found Bernd Leno in top form once again – the German saved all seven shots he faced.

A look at the defensive work chalkboard (right) highlights how disciplined our defence was on the night, snapping into tackles whenever Liverpool broke into our final third.

The chalkboard also illustrates Bukayo Saka's willingness to get back and help out on the left flank, our number 7 won four tackles in his own half.

It was a similar story in the third round win at The King Power Stadium, where we again won a higher percentage of tackles than the hosts (59% to 57%) as we limited Leicester to just two shots on target throughout the 90 minutes, both of which were dealt with by Leno.

With Pep Guardiola's City side in town tonight, the team know that another solid showing at the back will be essential in order to reach the last four. ■



Bukayo Saka was as industrious as ever in the last round

STARTING XI													SUBSTITUTES													REFERENCE				
	DATE	OPPOSITION	F-A	POS /RND	ATT/KO																									
SEPTEMBER	Sat 29	Liverpool	1-1	CS	BCD #	Martinez	Bellerin	Holding	David Luiz	Tierney	M-Niles	Elneny	Xhaka	Saka	Nketiah	AUBAMEYANG	Cedric(59)	Nelson(82)	Willock(82)	Kolasinac(83)	Saliba	Smith Rowe	John-Jules	Olayinka	Leno	A. Mariner				
	Sat 12	Fulham	3-0		1	BCD	Leno	Bellerin	Holding	Gabriel	Tierney	M-Niles	Elneny	Xhaka	Willian	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	Willian	Lacazette	AUBAMEYANG	Pepe(64)	Nketiah	David Luiz(89)	M-Niles	Elneny	Willock	Macey		M. Oliver				
	Wed 23	Leicester City	2-0		CC3	BCD	Leno	M-Niles	Holding	DAVID LUIZ	Kolasinac	Saka	Elneny	Willock	Pepe	Nelson	Nketiah	Willian(72)	Ceballos(78)	Bellerin(87)	Saliba	Lacazette	Xhaka	Runarsson		P. Bankes				
OCTOBER	Mon 28	Liverpool	1-3		5	BCD	Leno	Bellerin	Holding	David Luiz	Tierney	M-Niles	Elneny	Xhaka	Willian	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	Elneny(68)	Lacazette(82)	M-Niles(86)	Tierney	David Luiz	Nelson	Runarsson		K. Friend				
	Sun 4	Sheffield United	2-1		4	BCD	Leno	Bellerin	David Luiz	Gabriel	Tierney	Saka	Elneny	Ceballos	Willian	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	Tierney	Saka	Ceballos	Xhaka	Pepe	Willian	AUBAMEYANG	Lacazette(69)	Nketiah(83)	Partey(83)	Elneny	M-Niles	Runarsson			C. Kavanagh				
NOVEMBER	Thur 22	Rapid Vienna	2-1		MD1	3,000	Leno	Cedric	David Luiz	Gabriel	Kolasinac	Saka	Elneny	Partey	Pepe	LACAZETTE	Nketiah	Aubameyang(61)	Bellerin(61)	Tierney(84)	Willock(84)	Nelson(90)	Mustafi	M-Niles	Xhaka	Runarsson	Macey	P. Kralovec		
	Sun 25	Leicester City	0-1		10	BCD	Leno	Bellerin	David Luiz	Gabriel	Tierney	Saka	Ceballos	Partey	Xhaka	Lacazette	AUBAMEYANG	Mustafi(49)	Pepe(65)	Nketiah(81)	Elneny	M-Niles	Willock	Runarsson		C. Pawson				
	Thur 29	Dundalk	3-0		MD2	BCD	Runarsson	Cedric	XHAKA	Mustafi	Kolasinac	M-Niles	Elneny	Willock	Nelson	Pepe	Nketiah	Ceballos(61)	Willian(62)	Tierney(74)	Balogun(74)	Gabriel	Saka	Partey	Aubameyang	Bellerin	Lacazette	Leno	Hein	E. Glova
	Sun 1	Manchester United	1-0		8	BCD	Leno	Bellerin	Holding	Gabriel	Tierney	Saka	Elneny	Partey	Willian	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	Willian	Pepe	Nketiah	Cedric(64)	Saka(64)	Elneny(80)	Tierney(80)	Lacazette	Gabriel	Bellerin	Aubameyang	Partey	Holding	Runarsson	Macey	H. Meler
	Sun 8	Aston Villa	0-3		11	BCD	Leno	Bellerin	Holding	Gabriel	Tierney	Saka	Elneny	Partey	Willian	Lacazette	AUBAMEYANG	Ceballos(46)	Pepe(65)	Nketiah(65)	M-Niles	David Luiz	Xhaka	Runarsson			M. Atkinson			
	Sun 22	Leeds United	0-0		MD1	800	Leno	Bellerin	Holding	Gabriel	Tierney	Xhaka	Ceballos	Willock	Pepe	Willian	AUBAMEYANG	Nelson(46)	Saka(57)	M-Niles(90)	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)	Tierney(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	Tierney	Xhaka	Ceballos	Willock	Willian	Saka	AUBAMEYANG	Holding(46)	Nelson(65)	Lacazette(80)	Cedric	Nketiah	Elneny	Runarsson			M. Oliver			
	Thur 3	Rapid Vienna	4-1		MD5	2,000	Runarsson	Cedric	Mari	Mustafi	Kolasinac	M-Niles	Elneny	Nelson	Saka	Nketiah	LACAZETTE	Smith Rowe(63)	Ceballos(63)	Willian(63)	Chambers(70)	Balogun(81)	Tierney	Saka	Holding	Willock	Azeez	Macey	Leno	R. Petrescu
	Sun 6	Tottenham Hotspur	0-2		15	2,000	Leno	Bellerin	Holding	Gabriel	Tierney	Xhaka	Partey	Saka	Willian	Lacazette	AUBAMEYANG	Ceballos(45)	Nketiah(75)	Mustafi	Elneny	Willock	M-Niles	Runarsson			M. Atkinson			
	Thur 10	Dundalk	4-2		MD6	BCD	Runarsson	Cedric	Mari	Chambers	Mustafi	M-Niles	Elneny	Willock	Nketiah	Pepe	Smith Rowe	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	Tierney	Xhaka	Elneny	Saka	Willian	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	Tierney	Ceballos	Elneny	Saka	Pepe	Nketiah	AUBAMEYANG	David Luiz(65)	Willock(67)	Cedric(85)	Willian	Lacazette	Mustafi	Runarsson			P. Tierney			
	Sat 19	Everton	1-2		15	2,000	Leno	M-Niles	HOLDING	David Luiz	Tierney	Ceballos	Elneny	Saka	Pepe	Willian	Nketiah	Willock(64)	Martinelili(71)	Lacazette(76)	Cedric	Bellerin	Smith Rowe	Kolasinac	Mustafi	Runarsson		A. Marriner		
	Tue 22	Manchester City			QF	8pm																								
MARCH	Sat 26	Chelsea			5.30pm																									
	Tue 29	Brighton & HA			6pm																									
	Sat 2	West Bromwich Albion			8pm																									
	T/W 5/6	Carabao Cup SF			SF																									
APRIL	Sat 9	Newcastle United			R3	5.30pm																								
	Thur 14	Crystal Palace			8pm																									
	Mon 18	Newcastle United			8pm																									
	Sat 23	FA Cup R4			4																									
MAY	Tue 26	Southampton			8.15pm																									
	Sat 30	Manchester United			5.30pm																									
	T/W 2/3	Wolverhampton Wanderers																												
	Sat 6	Aston Villa																												
JUNE	T/W 9/10	FA Cup R5			5																									
	Sat 13	Leeds United																												
	Thur 18	Benfica			R32	8pm																								
	S/S 20/21	Manchester City																												
JULY	Thur 25	Benfica			R32	5.55pm																								
	S/S 27/28	Leicester City/CC Final																												
	Sat 6	Burnley																												
	Thur 10	UEL R16 L1			R16																									
AUGUST	S/S 13/14	Tottenham Hotspur																												
	Thur 17	UEL R16 L2			R16																									
	S/S 20/21	West Ham United			FAC 6																									
	Sat 3	Liverpool																												
SEPTEMBER	Thur 8	UEL QF L1			QF																									
	S/S 10/11	Sheffield United																												
	Thur 15	UEL QF L2			QF																									
	S/S 17/18	Fulham			FACSF																									
OCTOBER	Sat 24	Everton																												
	Thur 29	UEL SF L1			SF																									
	S/S 1/2	Newcastle United																												
	Thur 6	UEL SF L2			SF																									
NOVEMBER	S/S 8/9	West Bromwich Albion																												
	T/W 11/12	Chelsea																												
	Sat 15	Crystal Palace/FA Cup Final																												
	Sun 23	Brighton & HA																												
DECEMBER	Wed 26	UEFA Europa League Final																												

	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1. Liverpool	14	9	4	1	17	31
2. Everton	14	8	2	4	6	26
3. Tottenham	13	7	4	2	13	25
4. Leicester City	13	8	0	5	7	24
5. Southampton	14	7	3	4	6	24
6. Manchester City	13	6	5	2	7	23
7. Manchester United	12	7	2	3	3	23
8. Chelsea	13	6	4	3	12	22
9. West Ham United	13	6	3	4	5	21
10. Wolves	13	6	2	5	-4	20
11. Aston Villa	11	6	1	4	8	19
12. Crystal Palace	14	5	3	6	-6	18
13. Leeds United	13	5	2	6	-2	17
14. Newcastle United	12	5	2	5	-5	17
15. Arsenal	14	4	2	8	-6	14
16. Brighton & HA	13	2	5	6	-6	11
17. Burnley	12	2	4	6	-12	10
18. Fulham	13	2	3	8	-10	9
19. West Brom	13	1	4	8	-16	7
20. Sheffield Utd	13	0	1	12	-17	1

FIRST-TEAM APPEARANCES (GOALS)

PLAYER	PL	UEL	FAC	CC	CS	20/21
Bernd Leno	14	2	-	2	-	18
Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang	13(3)	+1(1)	-	-	1(1)	14+1(5)
Kieran Tierney	13	+4	-	-	1	14+4
Gabriel	12(2)	1	-	1	-	14(2)
Willian	12	1+2	-	+1	-	13+3
Hector Bellerin	12	+1	-	+1	1	13+2
Bukayo Saka	11+1(1)	1+1	-	2	1	15+2(1)
Rob Holding	10+1	+1	-	2	1	13+2
Granit Xhaka	9+1	3	-	1	1	14+1
Dani Ceballos	8+5	1+4	-	1+1	-	10+10
Alexandre Lacazette	8+3(3)	3(1)	-	+1	-	11+4(4)
Mohamed Elneny	8	4+1(1)	-	1+1	1	14+2(1)
David Luiz	6+2	3(1)	-	1	1	11+2(1)
Nicolas Pepe	4+6(2)	6(3)	-	2	-	12+6(5)
Ainsley Maitland-Niles	4+4	5	-	1+1	1	11+5
Thomas Partey	4+1	1	-	-	-	5+1
Eddie Nketiah	3+9(1)	6(3)	-	2(1)	1	12+9(5)
Joe Willock	2+2	4+1(3)	-	2	+1	8+4(3)
Sead Kolasinac	1	4	-	2	+1	7+1
Shkodran Mustafi	+2	5	-	-	-	5+2
Reiss Nelson	+2	3+1(1)	-	1	+1	4+4(1)
Cedric Soares	+1	5+1	-	1	+1	6+3
Gabriel Martinelli	+1	-	-	-	-	+1
Alex Runarsson	-	4	-	-	-	4
Pablo Mari	-	2(1)	-	-	-	2(1)
Folarin Balogun	-	+4(2)	-	-	-	+4(2)
Emile Smith Rowe	-	+3(1)	-	-	-	+3(1)
Calum Chambers	-	1+1	-	-	-	1+1
Miguel Azeez	-	+1	-	-	-	+1
Ben Cottrell	-	+1	-	-	-	+1
Emiliano Martinez	-	-	-	-	1	1
Own goals	-	(2)	-	(1)	-	(3)

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MY ARSENAL

Name Phil Payne
Age 23
Live in Woking
Occupation Retail Manager

First Arsenal game?
Arsenal vs Sheffield United, FA Cup 1999

Favourite Arsenal game?
Arsenal 4-1 Liverpool, April 4, 2015

Matchday routine before kick-off?
Drink at 'The Che' with the old man.

Favourite place to eat before a game?
Local burger van.

How do you feel when you approach the ground?
Excited, stressed, giddy, nervous, all of it!

Furthest you've travelled to watch Arsenal?
Southampton

Favourite away ground and why?
St Mary's as I used to live right next to it.

Favourite piece of Arsenal memorabilia?
An Arsenal scarf, which was the first thing I was given when I was born

Do you collect any Arsenal-related memorabilia?
I have a programme from every game I've been to.

Most obscure piece of Arsenal memorabilia you own?
I had a piece of the turf from Highbury – before it died!

What do you wear to games? Always the current season's home kit and a scarf if it's too cold.

Whose name and number do you have on the back of your shirt? Used to be Fabregas 4, now Aubameyang.



Phil with his dad Stuart at Phil's favourite game, Arsenal 4-1 Liverpool, April 4, 2015

Favourite ever Arsenal shirt? Definitely not the bruised banana! Home kits between 2004 and 2012.

Who is your all-time favourite player and why?
Dennis Bergkamp, my middle namesake.

Do you have an Arsenal 'cult hero' and why?
Arshavin for sure. He gave us some moments of pure joy.

Best Arsenal goal you've ever seen live?
Aaron Ramsey vs CSKA Moscow was genius

Have you ever met any Arsenal players?
Not yet, still hoping!

Which current Arsenal player would you most like to go for dinner with?
Hector Bellerin. Brilliant speaker, passionate about important topics and can have a good laugh.

If you could erase one Arsenal moment from history, what would it be?
Robin van Persie sent off for kicking the ball away against Barcelona.

If you could be present at any Arsenal match in history, which would it be?
Have to say Anfield '89.

If you could play in any Arsenal team in history, which would it be and who would you replace?
Arsenal vs Man United in 2003, and I'd replace Keown. ■



ARSENAL

MANAGER MIKEL ARTETA

RED SHIRTS WITH WHITE SLEEVES,
WHITE SHORTS AND SOCKS

P	S	SD
00		1 BERND LENO (GK)
00		2 HECTOR BELLERIN
00		3 KIERAN TIERNEY
00		4 WILLIAM SALIBA
00		5 SOKRATIS PAPASTATHOPOULOS
00		6 GABRIEL
00		7 BUKAYO SAKA
00		8 DANI CEBALLOS
00		9 ALEXANDRE LACAZETTE
00		10 MESUT OZIL
00		12 WILLIAN
00		13 ALEX RUNARSSON (GK)
00		14 PIERRE-EMERICK AUBAMEYANG
00		15 AINSLEY MAITLAND-NILES
00		16 ROB HOLDING
00		17 CEDRIC SOARES
00		18 THOMAS PARTEY
00		19 NICOLAS PEPE
00		20 SHKODRAN MUSTAFI
00		21 CALUM CHAMBERS
00		22 PABLO MARI
00		23 DAVID LUIZ
00		24 REISS NELSON
00		25 MOHAMED ELNENY
00		28 JOE WILLOCK
00		30 EDDIE NKETIAH
00		31 SEAD KOLASINAC
00		32 EMILE SMITH ROWE
00		33 MATT MACEY (GK)
00		34 GRANIT XHAKA
00		35 GABRIEL MARTINELLI
00		38 FOLARIN BALOGUN
00		41 BEN COTTRELL
00		66 MIGUEL AZEEZ



MANCHESTER CITY

MANAGER PEP GUARDIOLA

BLACK SHIRTS, SHORTS AND DARK DENIM SOCKS

P	S	SD
00		2 KYLE WALKER
00		3 RUBEN DIAS
00		5 JOHN STONES
00		6 NATHAN AKE
00		7 RAHEEM STERLING
00		8 ILKAY GUNDOGAN
00		9 GABRIEL JESUS
00		10 SERGIO AGUERO
00		11 ALEXANDR ZINCHENKO
00		13 ZACK STEFFEN
00		14 AYMERIC LAPORTE
00		16 RODRIGO
00		17 KEVIN DE BRUYNE
00		20 BERNARDO SILVA
00		21 FERRAN TORRES
00		22 BENJAMIN MENDY
00		25 FERNANDINHO
00		26 RIYAD MAHREZ
00		27 JOAO CANCELO
00		31 EDERSON (GK)
00		33 SCOTT CARSON (GK)
00		34 PHILIPPE SANDLER
00		47 PHIL FODEN
00		48 LIAM DELAP
00		50 ERIC GARCIA
00		67 TOMMY DOYLE
00		78 TAYLOR HARWOOD-BELLIS
00		80 COLE PALMER
00		82 ADRIAN BERNABE

MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE

Stuart Attwell

ASSISTANT REFEREES

Stuart Burt

Nick Hopton

FOURTH OFFICIAL

David Coote

THE OTHER QUARTER FINALS

TODAY

Brentford v Newcastle
(5.30pm)

TOMORROW

Stoke City v
Tottenham Hotspur
(5.30pm)

Everton v
Manchester United
(8pm)



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