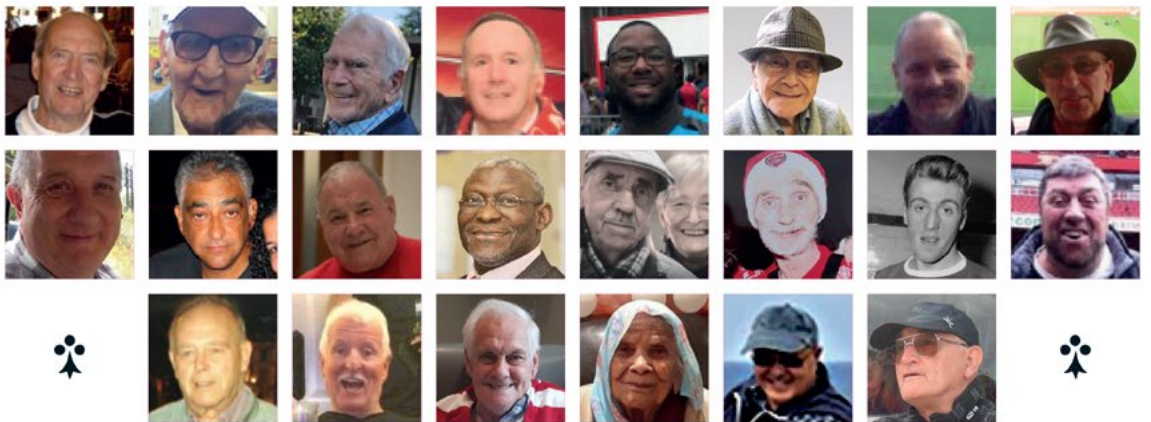


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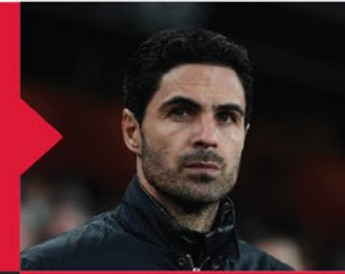
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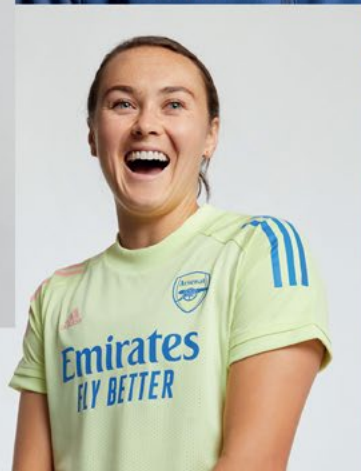


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Mikel ARTETA

THE HEAD COACH REFLECTS ON A 'TIME LIKE NO OTHER'

I think I would need the entire programme to talk through everything that has happened since my last notes, for the West Ham game at the start of March.

It has been a time like no other. At the start of the year, no one could have predicted the experiences that this football club, me personally, the local community and of course all of you supporters would all go through. I know this programme pays tribute to the many Arsenal supporters who died due to the virus and I would like to also give my sincere condolences to all of those families for whom this pandemic has been so devastating. I would also like to say that we, your Arsenal family, are with you – just like your loved ones were always with us, throughout their lives.

As a club, I am extremely proud of the many things we managed to do to help our community. Lots of you will have seen the Arsenal Together night, which really illustrated the work so many people had done to support the NHS and help those in tough circumstances.

I'm also proud of how we managed the staged reintroduction to training and how carefully and professionally we trod that path.

The players were fantastic in understanding the difficult circumstances and we were very well prepared for the first game back against Manchester City. I thought we were really competitive in the first 30 minutes of that game, creating problems for them despite losing Granit to injury early on, which was a blow. But after the penalty and the red card we had a mountain to climb against quality opposition.

At Brighton, we found ourselves in a position to win the game – we should have won comfortably – and we gave it away. We lost important duels and we lost attention at times and we were punished. We only had ourselves to blame.

It was consecutive defeats and we had to lift the players and get them to believe in what they are doing and they really showed that against Southampton. I was asked after the game about the 'lucky' first goal and I was quick to point out how Eddie's attitude and anticipation enabled him to put the goalkeeper under

that pressure – it's one of a number of great qualities he has. We nearly profited from their errors on other occasions too, because of the way the team closed them down.

To see Joe get his first Premier League goal was also fantastic – and again, he made that situation with a

desire to get to the ball. I know I speak for everyone at the club when I say how proud it makes us feel when two young academy products win the game for us and I know fans have a special affinity with lads who we have developed. We are a young team and there are a lot of things we have to improve, we have to recognise and have to probably go through some things in a negative way to learn. But these players are so willing. They will always give the effort and they really want it. As a coaching team we just have to make sure we give them the right environment to learn everything they need to learn so they can be top class players in a top-class team.

It is great for me that we can call on so many talented young players – Matthew Smith has been part of the squad for the last two games too – as we have suffered with injuries since the restart. We feared Bernd's injury could have been worse, so that's good news – but on the other side Gabi looks to be out for a significant length of time,



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“As a coaching team we just have to make sure we give them the right environment to learn everything.”



certainly the rest of this season. He has had a fantastic first season at the club which he can be really proud of and I think we will see his special talent and character continue to develop when he gets back.

On Sunday I think the attitude and the commitment of every single player was fantastic. There were really good moments where we played and we did the things I asked them to do and the way we dealt with Sheffield United's play. They are really good at what they do, the way they commit people forward, the way they play in the second phases, the way they defend outside the box. I knew there were some phases that we were going to suffer and how we dealt with that I am really, really pleased.

Finally, I just want to thank you once again for your support of this club and everything it does on and off the pitch. I have been captain of this great club and now I am head coach and both of these roles means I have 'notes' in the programme – like many captains and managers before me.

These notes often end with something like 'cheer on the lads today, your support makes a huge difference' and now we are in the unique situation of starting a Premier League game with no one here at Emirates to answer that rallying call.

But we know you are with us and we are determined to make you cheer and celebrate, even if it has to be in your own living room.

You could say that the importance of football was put into context over the last four months, but I also think that for many people, it is the one thing that can make them happier than any other, and that's really important at a time like this, when there has been so much sadness in so many people's lives. ■

Pierre-Emerick **AUBAMEYANG**

THE CAPTAIN ON FINALLY RETURNING TO COMPETITIVE ACTION AT EMIRATES STADIUM

Today's game is going to feel very strange for the players.

We have now experienced four games without any fans, but coming to our own home, where we get such great support and there being nobody here... it will take a bit of getting used to.

I know the club have worked really hard to make the stadium feel as positive for us as possible though and I'm sure we will still enjoy the familiarity and the amazing surface that is always prepared for us. And we have trained at Emirates a number of times during lockdown, so we understand the procedures and those empty stands won't be a total shock for us.

But as a group of players – in fact more than just players but everyone across the world – we have had to get used to some very unusual situations very quickly and playing at Emirates with no fans is just the latest.

Lockdown for me personally was okay. I have a home gym and was able to ensure I kept myself really fit and healthy. It was hard to adjust to the isolation of only being at home but the positive thing for me at least was that I was able to be close with my family every day, and I really enjoyed that side of it. I have a garden, the weather was good and I could keep fit and play outside with my kids – we all enjoyed that.

But for many people the past four months has been like a nightmare. There are lots of Arsenal supporters who are mourning loved ones who they lost to this virus. I know that this programme remembers these fans and I want to say, as captain, how all of the players feel for you at this time and want to say how sorry we are. And I also know there were many people who didn't have my experience in

lockdown, because they were not able to be with their family and had no outside space.

I was amazed at how patient and understanding people all over the world have been in these circumstances. And for those who have had a really difficult time due to this virus, I think football coming back was important, to hopefully put a smile on their faces and somehow make the world feel a bit more normal. That's one of the reasons footballers were so keen to get back playing, despite the risks and changes to training and matches.

In our first two games back, we weren't able to make Arsenal fans smile, but I think we played well for much of the first half against Man City and we controlled long spells of the Brighton game. Once we had to chase the game at City with 10 men, that was going to be a very big challenge but at Brighton we let ourselves down when we were ahead. We know that.

We put things right at Southampton with a professional, disciplined display. I wanted that 50th Premier League goal for Arsenal and came close when I hit the bar and had a couple of other moments when things nearly fell for me but thankfully Eddie and Joe did the business. You could see that my relationship with Eddie is developing and I have loved being able to watch his game improve every day I have been here.

One thing he has always had is a great attitude and work rate and that's what got him his goal. He closes down so quickly and even if you don't get to the 'keeper, hunting them down like this can force a team to change its whole approach.

Joe has an eye for goal, we've seen that in ▶



“I have a home gym and was able to ensure I kept myself really fit and healthy.”

the other competitions, but a first league goal is a big thing, especially when you are only 20 – the same age as I was when I got my first top flight goal in France, for Lille.

I thought the substitutes did really well when they came on at Southampton and I liked how the second goal was Laca, Laca, Joe – they were determined to get it!

Laca then continued the great work against Sheffield United, winning the penalty and captaining the team to a win against a really tough team. I thought I was going to be coming on for extra-time but thankfully Dani's fantastic finish let me have the day off!

As captain of the club, it's important that we have recognised the amazing work of the NHS with the patch on our shirts and also Black Lives Matters, which we had in place of our names for the first couple of games and will be on our shirts for the rest of the season. This was driven by the captains in our league, a number of whom, like me, are BAME but also represent so many BAME players in all of our squads. We think football can make a difference in challenging racism. It has a bigger influence on the world than any sport. It's powerful. For myself, I have obviously experienced racism in my life – there was even an incident in Emirates Stadium last season. It's hurtful and we have to call it out.

It's important that we as players speak up – all of us. Not just players who have experienced racism. Look how powerful the message was from Ben Mee after Burnley played at Man City. You could see he was hurting as were his club when they witnessed racism in the name of their club. Great respect to him.

Finally on this, fans may have seen the Arsenal fan in Orlando, Aston Mack, who was wearing a shirt with my name on at one of the protests. He spoke amazingly about the BLM movement, I was so proud of him as an Arsenal fan – it's worth finding his interview online if you haven't seen it.

Thanks again for all your support, for the team and the club during this really tough time. I was part of the Arsenal Together night a few weeks ago, which showed the power we have as a club. It says it all – we're Arsenal Together. ■



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ARSENAL AND CORONAVIRUS

Football is back at Emirates Stadium – but our game today against Norwich City is being played in very different circumstances to our last match here, when we played West Ham on Saturday, March 7. With 60,335 attending the game four months ago, today's match will take place in front of just 300 essential staff, emergency services and media, due to the new constraints put on football – and everyday life – by the coronavirus pandemic.

The past four months have been some of the most testing this football club has had to endure in its 134-year history. But for all the challenges encountered by Arsenal FC, they pale into insignificance compared to those faced by our local community and Arsenal are proud of how we have been able to help so many organisations and individuals during the pandemic – highlighted on pages 14-19 of today's programme.

Both teams will feature NHS patches on their shirts this evening to recognise the remarkable dedication and courage of NHS staff throughout the pandemic.

Every single Arsenal supporter across the globe will have been affected to some extent by Covid-19. Sadly, a significant amount of families and friends are mourning those fans who paid the ultimate price. We wanted to recognise the lives of those supporters who passed away due to the virus and our front cover and Arsenal Remembers section in this programme includes many of those supporters. We remember those fans who are not with us anymore, but we also want to recognise the sacrifices and disruption faced by every supporter over this period and offer a sincere 'thank you' for your continued support now and in the future.

Victoria Concordia Crescit – Victory Through Harmony. ■



THEO FOLEY

Arsenal Football Club was deeply saddened to hear of the recent death of our former assistant manager Theo Foley.

Theo was a key member of the backroom staff during George Graham's successful time as manager. The matchday programme will feature a full obituary in the Leicester City issue next week. ■



As well as the recognition of the NHS on the players' kit today, each shirt will also feature the Black Lives Matter logo as football continues to support this important movement. All player names were replaced by Black Lives Matter on the back of shirts for the first 12 matches of the restarted 2019/20 season. ■

MATCHDAY PROGRAMMES ON MATCHDAY!

As you can see, the club are producing matchday programmes for the final four fixtures of the season. We believe this slightly condensed issue represents great value for just £3 and we'd also like to remind readers in the UK that we have adjusted our print schedules in order for programmes to be sent out in time for each match, to help make matchdays feel a little bit more familiar for our Emirates regulars. In addition a digital version of the programme will be available on Arsenal.com on the day of each match.

Go to Arsenal Direct/Souvenirs to order your programmes for future games. ■



SIR CHIPS RETIRES

On May 28, the club announced the retirement of Sir Chips Keswick, Chairman of Arsenal Holdings Limited, after seven years at the helm of the club.

Lifelong Arsenal fan Sir Chips, who turned 80 in February, has been a member of the Arsenal board since 2005.

Sir Chips, a former Chairman of Hambros Bank and Director of the Bank of England, said: "It has been an honour to be the chairman of this great football club. Arsenal has always held a special place in my life and that will remain the case in the future. I made my plan to retire at the end of this season clear to the board, before the global health crisis. The club is in safe hands with Stan and Josh, the Board and the Executive Team. I know Arsenal will emerge strongly from this situation and I look forward, like all our supporters around the world, to seeing the team in action as soon as possible."

The board will now be composed of Stan Kroenke, Josh Kroenke, Lord Harris and Ken Friar.

Arsenal FC would like to offer sincere thanks to Sir Chips for his dedication during his time as chairman and his lifelong support – which will continue unabated. ■



PLAYER CONTRACTS

A number of players agreed new contracts with the club last week.

David Luiz has signed a new one-year deal, Pablo Mari will complete his formal move from Flamengo on a long-term deal when the transfer window opens next month, Cedric will join us permanently on a long term deal from Southampton and Dani Ceballos has extended his loan spell from Real Madrid until the end of the current season.

Technical director Edu said: "I am really happy that we will have these players in our squad for the future. They have been part of the long-term technical plan Mikel and I have developed. They bring the right balance to our squad."

It was also announced that two young Gunners left the club when their contracts ended today. Young defender Tobi Omole is moving on after six years with the Gunners, during which time the 20 year old became an important member of the PL2 set up. Matthew Dennis is also leaving the club. The 18 year old right back has been part of the academy since the age of six and was a regular in the under-18 team – including scoring a winner in the FA Youth Cup against Southampton this season.

Best of luck Tobi and Matthew. ■



THE ARSENAL COMMUNITY

WORKING TOGETHER

Over the four months that the country has been paralysed by the devastating effects of Covid-19, Arsenal Football Club, its fanbase and associates have worked tirelessly to provide support for the NHS and the many groups who have been affected by the virus.

The work has been many-faceted and here we highlight some of the support that has been offered, locally and abroad.

Arsenal Football Club would like to thank everyone who has helped – and continues to help – in the response to the pandemic.

1

FINANCIAL HELP

- £100k pledged by Arsenal Football Club
- An additional £50k was raised via the Islington Giving partnership
- In all, the total money raised is now in excess of £200k, having been bolstered by funds from the Arsenal Together event and donations from supporters, players and regular donors such as: Skhodran Mustafi, Arsenal Vision Podcast, Peter Olsen, Arsenal Supporters Trust, Leslie William, Dave Seager and legends



2

EMERGENCY SUPPLIES

- Over 150,000 meals, representing 75 tonnes, of emergency supplies have been delivered into Camden, Islington and Hackney from May 9 to date
- More than £7,500-worth of supplies came from the Gunners Fund (18 pallets)
- Five x juggernauts full – 150 pallets in total
- More than 2,000 food parcels delivered separately to vulnerable mental health residents



3

NHS SUPPORT

- 500 Face Shields were delivered to the Whittington Hospital – 500 to Islington Council
- Club cars were made available for Islington and Camden NHS Foundation Trust
- Arsenal volunteers drove NHS staff daily to and from home and to their appointments. Destinations included Dagenham, Walthamstow, Hackney and Fulham
- 59 days were spent driving NHS workers, totalling 636 driving hours and 6,820 miles
- Drinks and snacks were delivered to the Whittington and Homerton Hospitals – including over 8,000 bottles of refreshments
- Messages of support were received by the NHS workers from legends and players



4

COVID-19 GUNNERS FUND

- The Gunners Fund was repurposed to create an emergency COVID-19 community response fund, which local charities and organisations could apply for (small grants up to £2,500)
- To help with the increasing number of applications, new staff members volunteered to join the committee
- So far, 33 organisations and charities across Islington, Camden and Hackney have been supported at a cost of £73,200
- Those supported have included: local foodbanks, community centres, telephone support lines for refugees, support for adults with learning difficulties, support for rough sleepers, music therapy projects and many more





5 EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

- 15 surplus iPads from Arsenal in the Community were delivered to local schools
- 250 laptops donated to local schoolchildren in partnership with Intel
- Double Club Languages digital resources were developed and provided free in French and Spanish
- Arsenal Home Learning digital resources were produced, featuring players and legends
- 'GO And Learn with Arsenal' free subscriptions were made available – our official licensed English language learning app. Available in French, Spanish and Arabic
- Regular webinars for casual staff with special guests such as Paul Davis, Leah Williamson and Ian Burchnell (Ostersunds)

6 SUPPORTER SERVICES

- Contacted more than 3,500 supporters around the world via the Contact Centre
- Pat Rice, Ian Wright and Hector Bellerin were amongst those who checked in on fans
- Since March, Supporter Services have responded to 246 supporters who are terminally ill – this number is usually around 100. Of these, 97 included messages from Mikel Arteta or the players.
- Created #ArsenalTogether for supporters to call out their everyday heroes (165 submissions)
- The Disability Liaison Team set up a call line for members to combat loneliness

7 SUPPORT FOR EXISTING COMMUNITY PARTICIPANTS AND STAFF

- Continued to deliver full BTEC curriculum remotely
- Supported bowlers with food drops and visits
- Kept in touch with football development groups and Freedom from Torture participants
- WhatsApp groups for 16+ participants – signposting to any wellbeing services
- Female participants took part in London Marathon Trust 2.6m run
- Men's and Women's health project and employability programmes continued
- Supported casual staff workforce with a full programme of CPD opportunities



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ARSENAL TOGETHER EVENING

- The club's media team hosted the largest ever online gathering of Arsenal players, supporters and legends
- Aim: To bring the Arsenal family together, raise funds for The Arsenal Foundation and celebrate key workers around the world
- Hosted by Matt Lucas and featured: Mikel Arteta, Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang, Alfie Allen, Hector Bellerin, Lethal Bizzle, Chunkz, Lee Dixon, Sir Mo Farah, Roman Kemp, Martin Keown, Dermot O'Leary, Will Poulter, Rapman, Alex Scott, David Seaman, Tinie Tempah, Leah Williamson, Laura Woods and Ian Wright
- 555k views across all platforms (Arsenal.com and App, Twitter, Facebook and YouTube)



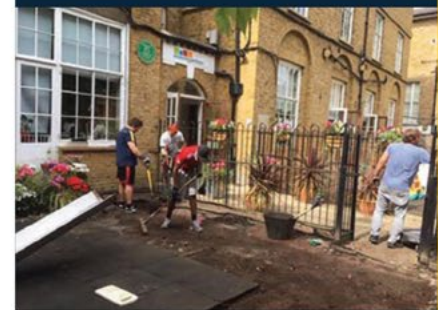
8 INSPIRING OTHERS WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY TO ACT

- Arsenal Women Head Coach Joe Montemurro volunteered back home in Australia to pack toys for disadvantaged children
- Gap Year participant, Ody, volunteered for the NHS, rather than travelling back home to Greece
- Arsenal staff filmed interviews for secondary school career resources
- Staff volunteered for Age UK to keep connected with elderly bowls participants



9 PL KICKS PROGRAMME

- Young people from our Premier League Kicks programme joined staff to volunteer with Manor Gardens, helping create an outdoor wellbeing space
- Volunteered at Islington food distribution centre
- Six participants helped with 18 drops to Caxton House, where arts and crafts sessions are held for the elderly



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COACHING FOR LIFE

- Created virtual groups to maintain aspects of the programme in Jordan
- Radio-based delivery of sessions in Jakarta
- Updated content of sessions to link to the pandemic and help children make sense of it
- Worked with Jordan Ministry of Education to create filmed activities encouraging children isolating to remain active. Led by Arsenal coaches, this was broadcast on national television



ARSENAL REMEMBERS

OUR VICTIMS OF CORONAVIRUS

The coronavirus pandemic has been – and remains – a devastating episode in the history of the world. Tens of thousands of people have died and among them, many Arsenal supporters.

The front cover of today's programme pays tribute to those members of the Arsenal family – including a former player and long-time member of staff – who have passed away. Here, we feature the tributes paid by family and friends to those we have lost.

Arsenal Football Club extends sincere condolences to the friends and families of all of these 'Gunners' – and to those of other supporters who sadly succumbed to the virus of whom we haven't been made aware. Thanks for your support. Rest In Peace.



CHRISTIANA ABE



Our mum was special. She was extremely friendly, kind, joyous and happy. She loved Arsenal and would always watch games with her grandchildren. We will miss her

ANDREW ALICOON



March 31, 1963 – April 10, 2020 aged 57. A loving husband and father. He followed Arsenal all his life. He will be sadly missed by all his family and friends

ANDY AMOS



Huge Arsenal fan from the Malcom Macdonald years. Many happy times taking his two sons and nephew to matches, Mitchell, Tyler and Sean. Will be sadly missed

DEREK ANDERSON



Father and grandfather to Geoff and Hannah Anderson. RIP Derek

STEVE AVIS



Our great friend and passionate Arsenal fan passed away during lockdown. Steve became a Gooner in 1970 and shared so many memorable times with his Arsenal family

BOB BAKER



1946 – 2020. Arsenal born and bred. The most amazing dad, partner, brother, grandad, uncle and friend. He will be sorely missed by all who knew him

JIM BETTS



Sadly passed away aged 84. Jim witnessed some memorable games at Highbury including the Fairs Cup win over Anderlecht. Missed by all, forever in our thoughts. RIP Dad xxx

MANBAI KARSAN BHANDERI



Our super woman, forever missed and in our hearts. Our guardian angel looking over us. Sorry we never got a chance to take you to support your beloved football team live

PETER CALTHORPE



Dec 9, 1937 – April 16, 2020. A husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, friend to many and lifelong Arsenal fan. Our family, "Calthorpe FC", have lost our greatest ever manager

BERNARD CLANCY



1943 – 2020. Our beloved husband, father and grandad. A true Gooner. He will still be watching them with us all but we will just be in different seats

NOBBY CLARK



1947 - 2020. Born July 17, 1947. My dad loved family and Arsenal. A kind, gentle man who attended games and made friends. Anyone who met him, warmed to him. I love you dad

DAN CONNELLY



Died on April 30, 2020 from Covid-19. He was 93 and had supported Arsenal since the 1930s. He has seven grandsons all Arsenal followers

PATRICIA COLE



1931 – 2020. Forever in our thoughts

DEREK EMERY



June 14, 1930 – April 21, 2020. A lifelong Arsenal supporter loved so much by his family and friends, he will be forever in our hearts

LESLEY MARGARET FISHER



Aged 78. Mum, nan and great nan. A victim of coronavirus on April 27, 2020. Reunited with dad. Much loved and missed. Love you always xxx

JOHN GALBRAITH



Dad/grandad, thank you for everything including instilling the passion that we

have for THE Arsenal. You will be a Gooner forever!

LAWRENCE MICHAEL GOLD



Lifelong Gooner, Bergkamp besotted, season ticket holder for over 25 years, forever in our memories. In dad's words in the unbeatable season 'we will never see football like this again'. Sally, Karen, Nick and Tim xxx

GERALD HERRING



1948 – 2020. He charmed all with his sense of humour and tales of being a real life Del 'Gel' Boy. His memory lives on as we raise a glass and a smile

SYDNEY HILL



Sadly on May 30, 2020 we lost Sydney aged 90. A season ticket holder for many years and a massive Gooner, Sydney was the life and soul of the group and will be sorely missed by all who knew him. We miss you Syd

BRIAN RICHARD HOOKER



May 3, 1935 – April 30, 2020. A lifelong Gooner and regular at Highbury and Emirates since

1946, first with his father Bert and then with his sons Sean, Ed and his grandchildren

JEAN-FRANÇOIS IGOU



Passed away due to Covid-19. Survived by his wife, three children and seven grandchildren. An avid football fan, he enjoyed watching Arsenal surrounded by family, cigar in hand

AMAN JOHAL



We will always remember him as the loving, kind and determined young man he was, who made the very most of his life

ERROL KAUFMAN



Lost his life to Covid-19 on May 1, 2020 a day before his 63rd birthday. First went to Highbury in 1966 and stood on the North Bank. A silver member who was looking forward to the new era under Mikel Arteta. Arsenal has lost one of their loyal supporters

ARCHANA KOTHARI



Dear Mum, rest in peace. You're going to be in my heart forever. I love you. Amen

KENNY LAKE



Born December 21, 1934 in Hackney, London. Died

April 19, 2020 after a short illness. Kenny was a massive Arsenal supporter all his life and will be missed by all of his family

GLENN LARSEN



My dad loved Arsenal, his family, bandy and his friends – and we loved him. His memory lives on in all our hearts

PETER MACKIE



Sadly passed during lockdown with no funeral. Brother, uncle and Arsenal through and through. Will always think of you on match day, knowing you're cheering along. Love you xxx

JACK MANTON



Lifelong Arsenal fan. Loving Grandad, dad and husband. The most loving man you could ever meet. Once a Gooner, always a Gooner

OSMAN ALI MEHMET



April 15, 1953 – April 1, 2020. A true gent. Never failed to make us laugh with your stories. We all miss you dearly and may you rest in eternal peace. Once a Gooner, always a Gooner

SHIRLEY & NORMAN MILNE



Passed on April 12 and April 20, 2020 respectively both from Covid-19 and both aged 81. Dad was an avid Arsenal fan and

mum had no choice but to support them! Dad's favourite player was Charlie Nicholas, probably because of the Scottish connection. They are survived by their staunch Arsenal supporting family; Steve, Lyn, Mick, Stuart and six grandchildren

LINDA MOORE



I met Linda in the UCLH hospital in 1975. From 2001 we fought cancer and, given two weeks to live, she passed to Covid-19 on April 11, 2020. She loved Arsenal and Edu

RAYMOND PENNINGTON



Of Fayetteville, Arkansas passed away on May 4, 2020 from Covid-19 at the age of 94. Ray served in the Navy on the USS Mackenzie during World War II

ADRIAN PITT



September 1960 – April 2020. Adrian, from Islington, loved his family and Arsenal. From the Clock End to Emirates, he taught three generations of family to love Arsenal and we must beat Tottenham

MALCOLM PRIDMORE



Passed away, aged 56, on May 13, 2020. Born in Hackney, Malcom moved to Shotley, Suffolk 20 years ago. He will be dearly missed by wife Paula, four daughters and nine grandchildren

BILL PROLLINS



My dad. Went to Arsenal from 1945. His hero was Compton. He laughed like a drain when Walcott got booked for dropping Christopher Samba at his last visit!

ASHLEY REID



A devoted Arsenal fan who loved the club with all his heart. Every win and defeat was personal, a true Gunner for life! A beloved son, brother, uncle, nephew & fiancé. Forever in our hearts xxx

RON ROBACK



Aged 90, Truly a Gooner for life. Very much loved and deeply missed by his family and friends

LEN ROBBINS



Aged 91. Lifelong Arsenal fan and reason for the whole family being Gooners. Died from Covid-19 in Milton Keynes hospital on April 28, 2020

ALFA SAADU



A Consultant Physician who died, aged 67, after working for 40 years in the NHS. A devoted husband, father and grandfather, he leaves a lifetime of wonderful memories for Diane, Dani, Mansur and family

ARNOLD STANTON



A legend who made everyone smile. Gone but not forgotten. May his memory be a blessing. From the Kirsch, Allen, Taylor and Rose families

KOSTER TAVATGIS



A lifelong Arsenal fan, our wonderful husband, dad and grandad. Miss you every day and we'll love you forever. From Molly, Paul, Kay & Matt

DAVE TRIGGS



Not a supporter, but a long-serving steward at Highbury and Emirates. Taken by this rotten virus. RIP fellah

HUSEYIN MEHMET TURKAN



An incredible dad and our best friend. Lifelong fan who grew up in Highbury and our home in N17 is known for his huge Arsenal flag. Your legacy will live on. Love you always xxx

COLIN WEBSTER



A brilliant father, grandfather, uncle, friend and a fantastic ambassador to amateur boxing. He will be forever missed by all who were lucky to know him

ROBERT WHYTE



(Bob) passed away peacefully in April aged 86. He was a loyal supporter for over 50 years. Will be sadly missed by family, friends and fellow Arsenal supporters

DAVE BACUZZI



It was with great sadness that we learned of the death of former full back Dave Bacuzzi, aged 79.

Dave, the son of England international Joe Bacuzzi, was born and bred in Islington and an England youth international. He joined us from Eastbourne United in March 1958 as a 17-year-old and remained with us for six years, playing 48 first-team games and more than 100 other representative matches before being transferred to Manchester City for £25,000 in April 1964.

He later played for Reading before a successful coaching career in Ireland with Cork Hibernians, Home Farm and he also managed the League of Ireland XI.

Dave settled in Ireland with his family and he died in St Vincent's Hospital in Dublin from complications caused by Covid-19.

The thoughts of everyone at Arsenal FC are with Dave's family and friends at this time.



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YOUNG GUN
DANIEL BALLARD

AROUND THE ACADEMY
SEASON'S EARLY END

STATS AND FACTS
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YOUNG GUN TALKING TO: AIDAN SMALL **DANIEL BALLARD**

Back in November I was actually doing a course in financial trading and I was regularly looking at the stock markets, and this was when the first few coronavirus cases were being reported online. I just remember all the teachers telling us that it isn't going to affect the market or have a massive impact on everything, and that was my first introduction to coronavirus! Obviously from there it became increasingly serious and started to travel all around the world, and when I first started to hear about cases in England I sort of didn't believe it, almost thinking it may only affect a handful of people, but what happened after that was pretty unexpected for a lot of people I think. I remember I'd just come back from injury and played my first game for nearly seven months, and I played really well, so I was buzzing to get going again. We actually had Spurs coming up on the Friday and I couldn't wait to be involved, but then it was called off on the day and that was really frustrating for me. I'd been out for so long and I felt like I was finally getting into my flow, but little did any of us really know at the time how long this would go on for.

To be fair, because of all those months I spent doing rehab on my own whilst I was injured, it hasn't been as hard for me during lockdown. The training we've been set has been quite similar to what I've been doing for quite some time now, so I was able to get my head down and focus. Obviously, it's been killing me not being able to play, especially after such an injury, but I've been keeping myself really busy. Every day I've been doing one gym session, one pitch session, and whenever I get the chance, I've been going down to my local park too, just to clear the mind a little bit and put myself in a new environment. On the last day before lockdown I was actually really lucky and managed to buy some gym equipment off a guy from Facebook, and that's still the only equipment I've been able to get, so I'm glad I jumped on that bargain! But since then I've been called into training

PP This time in lockdown has made me realise what makes me happy

THE BASICS

- BORN**
Stevenage, 22/09/1999
- JOINED ARSENAL**
Aged eight
- HEIGHT & WEIGHT**
83kg, 6 ft 2 in
- POSITION**
Centre back
- SCHOOL**
Marriotts School, Stevenage



with the first team and that's been incredible to just get some normality back in my life. It's reminded me just how good the pitches are at Colney after playing on the bumpy surface at my local park too!

Spending all this time in lockdown has really made me realise what makes me happy in life and what really matters, and I think that's been the case for a lot of people to be honest. If you're lucky enough to be surrounded by family as I've been, then it's been really nice to just spend some more time with them and slow down. I never thought I'd enjoy dog walks so much! I find myself going out for an hour and almost basing my whole day around that walk! It's also allowed me to focus on some of my other passions. After completing my financial trading course in lockdown, I've since been studying my level 2 and level 3 to become a personal trainer. After doing so many gym sessions by myself and receiving loads of messages and questions from family members and friends about keeping fit, I thought I'd use this time wisely and try and help a few people out, so I created an Instagram page that's all about fitness and easy home workouts. It's had a really good response so far so if you want to give it a follow head to @fitnessFGB.

These are just a couple of things that would have been really difficult to do if I was playing football week in, week out, so it's been nice to focus on myself. As for my goals over this summer and the 2020/21 season, not many players throughout the leagues have had the privilege of training for as long as we have, so I've probably got a month extra on a lot of teams, and there are probably some players who aren't even training now in the lower leagues. I'm using this time to focus and get strong for the new season. I want to go out there and impress and hopefully force myself into the first team. The dream is to play for Arsenal. ■



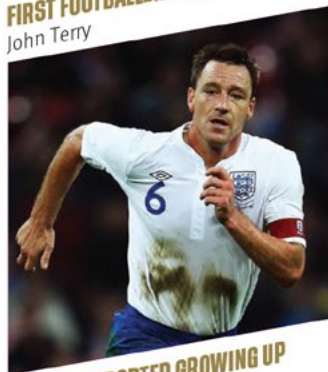
DANIEL BALLARD

THE LOWDOWN

EARLIEST MEMORY OF FOOTBALL
Playing for my first youth team, Fairlands Youth, playing indoor tournaments especially

WHO GOT ME IN TO FOOTBALL
My family have always been big football fans so I grew up with it

FIRST FOOTBALLER I LOOKED UP TO
John Terry



TEAM I SUPPORTED GROWING UP
Chelsea

BIGGEST INFLUENCE
Kwame Ampadu

BEST GOAL I'VE SCORED
Overhead kick for my friend's team Biggleswade whilst I was released from Arsenal

WHO I COMBINE BEST WITH
Tobi Omole

BEST MOMENT OF MY CAREER SO FAR
Being a part of the Northern Ireland squad for the Euro qualifiers

SING ONE SONG TO SAVE MY LIFE
Mario, Let Me Love You

ABOUT ME

FAVOURITE FOOTBALLER OF ALL TIME
John Terry

FAVOURITE FOLLOW ON INSTAGRAM
Cristiano Ronaldo

PLAYER I LOOK UP TO THE MOST
David Luiz

BEST FOOTBALLING ATTRIBUTE
Heading

IF I WASN'T A FOOTBALLER I WOULD
Be a financial trader

FAVOURITE TRAINING DRILL
Small-sided games

ONE THING I WANT TO DO IN CAREER
Play for Northern Ireland

IDEAL CHEAT MEAL
Wagamamas

BEST THING ABOUT ARSENAL
Best coaches and great environment to learn and improve



AROUND THE ACADEMY

WHO WILL DEFINITELY MAKE IT?
Bukayo Saka

BEST TOUCH
Matt Smith

MOST COMMITTED
Me!

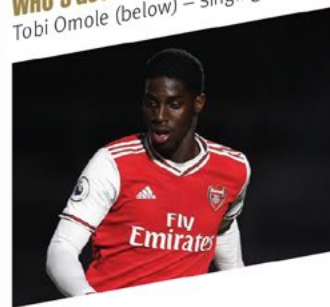
WOULD BE BEST MANAGER
James Hilson

STRONGEST
Joseph Olowu

CAPTAIN MATERIAL
Me

FUNNIEST
Tobi Omole

WHO'S GOT A HIDDEN TALENT
Tobi Omole (below) – singing



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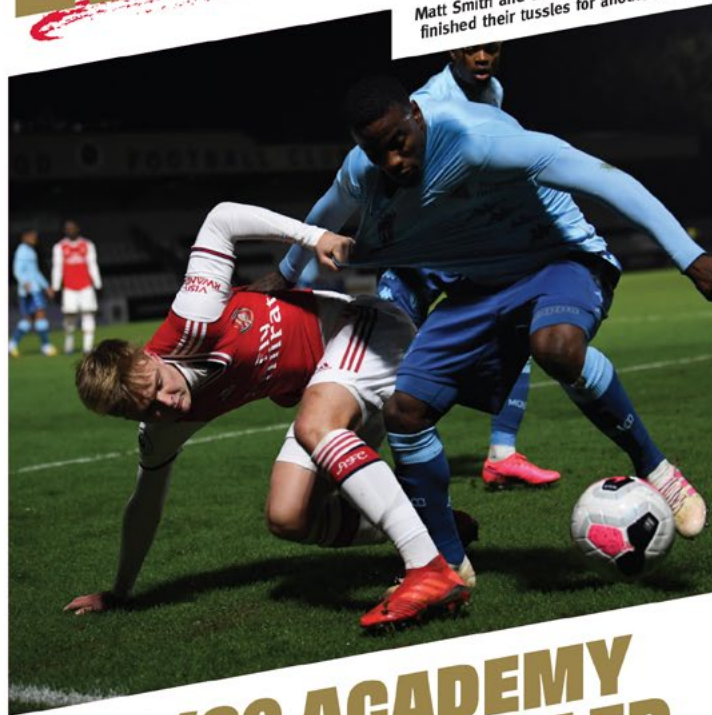
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ACADEMY NEWS

Matt Smith and the Academy teams have finished their tussles for another season



2019/20 ACADEMY SEASON CANCELLED

Back in early May, it was confirmed that the Premier League had unanimously agreed to curtail the Academy Games Programme for the 2019/20 season. The curtailment meant that all games for teams from under nine to under 16 were called off, as well as under 18 and under 23 competitions, as shareholders looked to provide clarity for staff and players.

At the time of this decision, our under-23s found themselves sixth in the Premier League 2 table, having picked up six wins and seven draws from 18 fixtures. With four games still to play, Steve Bould's side could have finished as high as second.

Under the guidance of Ken Gillard, our under-18s finished 2019/20 in ninth place, with four wins and five draws from 16 outings. A strong end to the season could have seen us finish as high as fourth.



FOUR YOUNG GUNNERS NOMINATED FOR GOLDEN BOY AWARD

Congratulations to Bukayo Saka and Trae Coyle, who have been nominated for the prestigious Golden Boy award for 2020. Saka has made an incredible impact with the first team this season, showing his versatility in a number of positions, while Coyle has been a regular starter for our under-23s, featuring in 15 PL2 fixtures.

Saka made his first team debut back in November 2018, but he's since kicked on and proven himself to be a valuable asset, scoring three and assisting nine in 31 fixtures.

Completing the list of Arsenal nominees is Gabriel Martinelli and William Saliba. Back in January, Gabi became the first Arsenal teenager since Nicholas Anelka to score 10 goals or more in a season across all competitions, while Saliba has greatly impressed during his season-long loan spell with Saint-Etienne.

Cesc Fabregas, who won the award in 2006, is the only player to have received the prize while at Arsenal.

THE BREAKDOWN

Reserves & Youths

U23 PREMIER LEAGUE 2 RESULTS 2019/20

Mon Aug 12	A	Blackburn Rovers	3-1
Fri Aug 16	H	Brighton & Hove Albion	2-1
Fri Aug 23	H	Everton	2-2
Fri Aug 30	A	Derby County	2-2
Sat Sep 14	H	Leicester City	2-1
Fri Sep 20	A	Wolverhampton Wanderers	2-2
Sat Sep 28	H	Liverpool	2-2
Fri Oct 18	A	Chelsea	1-3
Sat Oct 26	A	Manchester City (12pm)	1-1
Fri Nov 1	A	Tottenham Hotspur	3-1
Sat Nov 23	H	Southampton	1-0
Fri Dec 6	H	Blackburn Rovers	3-1
Fri Dec 13	A	Brighton & Hove Albion	0-1
Fri Jan 3	H	Derby County	2-2
Mon Jan 13	A	Everton	3-3
Sat Feb 1	A	Liverpool	0-3
Mon Feb 17	H	Chelsea	1-2
Fri Feb 28	H	Manchester City	2-4
Fri Mar 13	H	Tottenham Hotspur	P-P
Mon Apr 6	A	Southampton	P-P
Fri Apr 17	A	Leicester City	P-P
Fri May 1	H	Wolverhampton Wanderers	P-P

PREMIER LEAGUE INTERNATIONAL CUP FIXTURES 2019/20 7PM KICK-OFF

Wed Nov 27	H	Villarreal	3-0
Tue Dec 17	H	Dinamo Zagreb	3-2
Fri Jan 17	H	Leicester City	3-0
Tue Mar 3	H	Monaco	4-3

PL2 DIVISION ONE FINAL LEAGUE TABLE 2019/20

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Chelsea	18	10	8	0	34	20	14	38
Leicester City	18	10	5	3	36	21	15	35
Brighton & HA	18	10	1	7	36	26	10	31
Derby County	18	7	6	5	33	32	1	27
Liverpool	17	7	5	5	34	34	0	26
Arsenal	18	6	7	5	32	32	0	25
Everton	18	5	7	6	32	33	-1	22
Manchester City	18	6	3	9	30	29	1	21
Blackburn Rovers	17	6	3	8	27	26	1	21
Tottenham Hotspur	18	6	3	9	31	34	-3	21
Southampton	18	4	3	11	23	47	-24	15
Wolves	18	2	5	11	21	35	-14	11

U18 PREMIER LEAGUE SOUTH RESULTS 2019/20

Sat Aug 10	H	Chelsea	1-2
Sat Aug 17	A	Aston Villa	5-1
Sat Aug 24	A	West Ham	1-1
Sat Aug 31	H	Southampton	0-1
Sat Sept 14	A	Leicester City	0-1
Sat Sept 21	H	Brighton & HA (12pm)	3-6
Sat Sept 28	A	Wolves (U18 League Cup)	3-0
Sat Oct 5	A	Reading	1-0
Sat Oct 19	H	Tottenham Hotspur	2-2
Sat Oct 26	H	Blackburn (U18 League Cup)	2-3
Sat Nov 9	A	Fulham	2-2
Sat Nov 23	H	Chelsea (U18 League Cup)	1-2
Wed Dec 18	A	Cheltenham Town (FA Youth Cup)	0-0**
Sat Jan 4	A	Chelsea	2-2
Thur Jan 9	H	Southampton (FA Youth Cup)	1-0
Sat Jan 18	A	Southampton	2-0
Sat Jan 25	H	Aston Villa	1-2
Sat Feb 1	H	West Ham United	1-5
Thur Feb 6	H	Brighton & HA (FA Youth Cup)	4-3
Wed Feb 12	A	Norwich City	2-2
Sat Feb 22	H	Leicester City (11.30am)	2-5
Fri Feb 29	A	Brighton & HA (12pm)	3-2
Fri Mar 6	A	Blackburn (FA Youth Cup QF)	1-4
Sat Mar 14	H	Reading	P-P
Sat Mar 21	A	Tottenham Hotspur	P-P
Sat Apr 4	H	Fulham	P-P
Sat Apr 18	A	Swansea City	P-P
Sat Apr 25	H	Norwich City	P-P
TBA	H	Swansea City	P-P

LEASING.COM TROPHY FIXTURES 2019/20

Tue Aug 27	A	Northampton Town	1-1*
Tue Oct 1	A	Peterborough United	0-1
Tue Nov 5	A	Cambridge United	1-1**

*Lost penalty shootout **Won penalty shootout

PREMIER LEAGUE U18 FINAL LEAGUE TABLE SOUTH 2019/20

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Fulham	17	12	4	1	53	24	29	40
West Ham United	17	11	4	2	51	28	23	37
Chelsea	16	11	3	2	44	21	23	36
Leicester City	18	8	3	7	44	35	9	27
Tottenham Hotspur	17	8	2	7	43	33	10	26
Brighton & Hove Albion	17	7	3	7	30	33	-3	24
Aston Villa	17	6	4	7	33	37	-4	22
Southampton	18	6	1	11	27	40	-13	19
Arsenal	16	4	5	7	28	34	-6	17
Reading	16	4	3	9	25	34	-9	15
Norwich City	16	1	8	7	32	48	-16	11
Swansea City	15	1	2	12	20	63	-43	5

THE BREAKDOWN

FINAL APPEARANCES 2019/20

PL2, EFL TROPHY, UNDER-18S & FA YOUTH CUP APPEARANCES (GOALS)

PLAYER	PL2	EFLT	U18	FAVC	PLIC	TOTAL
Trae Coyle	15(2)	1+1	-	-	3(1)	19+1(3)
Folarin Balogun	13+2(10)	1	-	-	2+1(3)	16+3(13)
Nathan Tormey	13+2(4)	3	-	-	3(1)	19+2(5)
Zak Swanson	13+1	2	-	-	2	17+1
Robbie Burton	13(3)	2+1	-	-	3(1)	18+1(4)
Harry Clarke	12+3	2	-	-	3	17+3
Matt Smith	12(1)	2	-	-	4	18(1)
Tolaji Bola	12	2	-	-	3	17
Karl Hein	11	-	2	-	4	17
Tyreece John-Jules	10+2(5)	1(1)	-	-	2(2)	13+2(8)
Jordan McEneff	8+6	1+1	-	-	1+1	10+8
Dinos Mavropanos	8	2	-	-	1	11
Zech Medley	7+2(1)	2	-	-	3+1(2)	12+3(3)
Ben Cottrell	6+4(1)	1+1	8(4)	4	1+2	20+7(5)
Emile Smith Rowe	6(1)	1	-	-	1(1)	8(2)
Joseph Olowu	5+4(1)	2	-	-	1+1	8+5(1)
James Olayinka	5+1(1)	2(1)	-	-	2+1(2)	9+2(4)
Matt Macey	5	3	-	-	-	8
Tobi Omole	4+3	1+1	-	-	1+1	6+5
Rob Holding	4+1	-	-	-	-	4+1
Mark McGuinness	2+1	1	-	-	1	4+1
James Hillson	2	-	2	-	-	4
Hector Bellerin	2	-	-	-	-	2
Pablo Mari	2	-	-	-	-	2
Sam Greenwood	1+4(1)	1+1	12+1(3)	4(2)	1	19+6(6)
Mazeed Ogunbo	1+1	+1	18(1)	4(1)	-	23+2(2)
Miguel Azeez	1+1	+1	14+1(1)	2(1)	1	18+3(2)
Reiss Nelson	1+1	-	-	-	-	1+1
Joel Lopez	1	-	12	2	-	15
Ainsley Maitland-Niles	1	-	-	-	-	1
Bukayo Saka	1	-	-	-	-	1
Kieran Tierney	1	-	-	-	-	1
Matthew Dennis	+1	-	11+4(1)	1+2(1)	-	12+7(2)
Ryan Alebiosu	+1	-	13+1	3	+1	16+3
Nathan Butler-Oyedeji	-	+1	12+3(3)	2	-	14+4(3)
Hubert Graczyk	-	-	15	4	-	19
Daniel Oyegoke	-	-	14(2)	4	1+1	19+1(2)
Catalin Cirjan	-	-	13+5(5)	1+3	-	14+8(5)
Alex Kirk	-	-	13	4	-	17
Alfie Matthews	-	-	12+6(6)	2+1	-	14+7(6)
Charlie Patino	-	-	9+3	3+1	-	12+4
Kido Taylor-Hart	-	-	8+3(1)	1	-	9+3(1)
Zane Monlouis	-	-	8+2(2)	2	-	10+2(2)
Luke Plange	-	-	5+8(3)	+3	-	5+11(3)
Jason Sraha	-	-	2+4	-	-	2+4
Khayon Edwards	-	-	2+1	-	-	2+1
Levi Laing	-	-	1+4	-	-	1+4
Marcelo Flores	-	-	1+3	+2	-	1+5
Zach Awe	-	-	1+1	-	-	1+1
Mauro Bandeira	-	-	1+1	1	-	2+1
Malcolm Ebiewei	-	-	+1	-	-	+1
Henry Jeffcott	-	-	+1	-	-	+1
Taylor Foran	-	-	-	+1	-	+1
Daniel Ballard	-	-	-	-	+1	+1
Own goals	(1)	-	(2)	(1)	-	(4)

† = substitute appearances

Trae Coyle



PREMIER LEAGUE

MATCHDAY 28
3PM • SATURDAY, MARCH 7
EMIRATES STADIUM



Lacazette 78

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- 1** Leno
- 5** Sokratis
- 22** Mari
- 23** David Luiz
- 77** Saka
- 8** Ceballos
- 10** Ozil (89)
- 34** Khaka
- 19** Pepe (69)
- 30** Nketiah (59)
- 14** Aubameyang

SUBSTITUTES

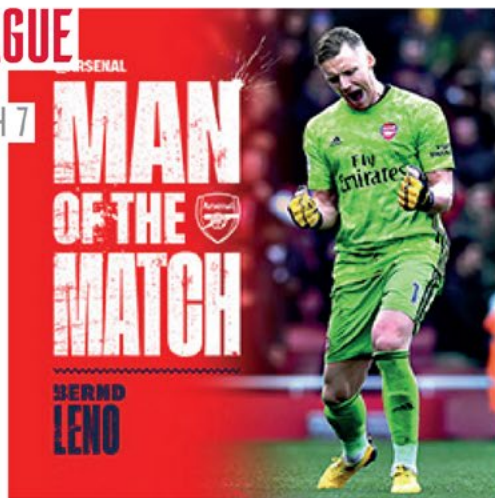
Martinez, Bellerin (89), Willock, Guendouzi, Lacazette (59), Nelson (69), Martinelli

WEST HAM UNITED

- 1** Fabianski
- 3** Cresswell
- 21** Ogbonna
- 23** Diop
- 52** Ngakia
- 16** Noble (81)
- 18** Fornals (87)
- 30** Antonio
- 41** Rice
- 17** Bowen (89)
- 22** Haller

SUBSTITUTES

Randolph, Balbuena, Zabaleta, Anderson (87), Lanzini, Snodgrass (89), Soucek (81)



FIRST HALF

The opening 45 minutes was light on action, with neither side looking particularly inspired. Jarrod Bowen hit the post for the visitors with a low shot that Bernd Leno just about got something on to deflect on to the frame of the goal, while Mesut Ozil had our best chance, but his shot was charged down. We enjoyed most of the possession, but the Hammers came closest to opening the scoring – Michail Antonio and Sebastien Haller contrived to spurn a glorious opening and Antonio then missed from close range.

SECOND HALF

A moment of invention by Bukayo Saka carved out our first chance of the second half – for Eddie Nketiah – but former Gunner Lukasz Fabianski was out quickly to smother the shot. Antonio again found himself unmarked in the box, but Leno came up with a big save to keep out his header. Alexandre Lacazette was introduced and it was the substitute who broke the deadlock, smashing home from Ozil's headed cross. But he was made to wait to celebrate his seventh of the season while VAR overturned the original offside decision against Ozil.

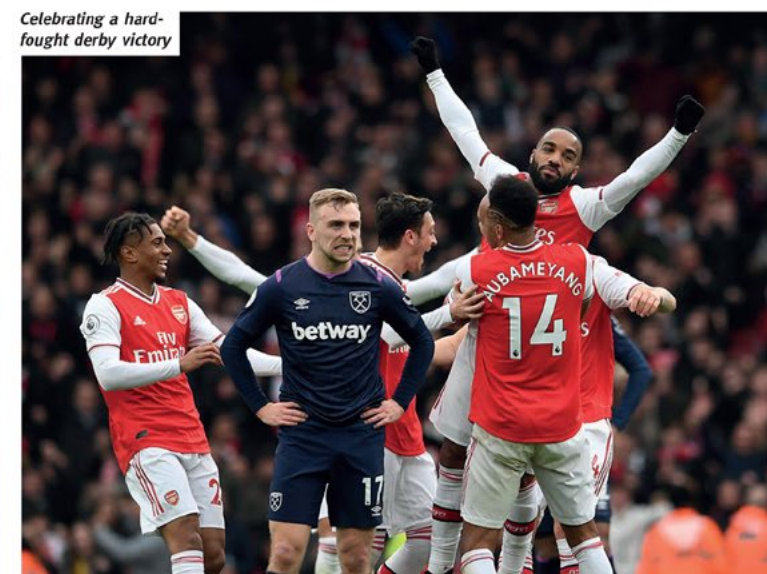
MATCH STATS	
TOTAL SHOTS	14
SHOTS ON TARGET	6
CORNERS	7
OFFSIDES	2
FOULS	9
POSSESSION %	31



Alexandre Lacazette with the crucial late winner



Bukayo Saka holds off Jarrod Bowen



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



When Chelsea were drawn at home to double-chasing Arsenal in a tasty-looking FA Cup quarter final in March 1973, the Blues informed the Gunners that, due to the construction of their new East Stand, the crowd for the showpiece match would be limited to 40,000. Keen to ensure that as few Arsenal fans travelled to Stamford Bridge as possible, Chelsea approached the Football Association to ask special permission for the game to be screened in a clutch of Odeon cinemas within an eight mile radius of N5. Both clubs lobbied the FA for the screenings to go ahead, and the FA agreed, on the proviso that it was merely 'an experiment.'

Several Gunners stars had played their part in the last football screening experiment that the club had been involved in. In November 1967, Arsenal's thrilling League Cup quarter final with Burnley was shown on pay-per-view television. A smattering of N5 and Lancashire residents had their black and white TV sets fitted with slot boxes which allowed the transmission of non-terrestrial content in exchange for a few shillings. The 3-3 draw with Burnley was indeed a cracker, but the viewing figures were so low that the whole PPV exercise was shelved. In 1971, the Arsenal board had mooted the possibility of broadcasting the dramatic White Hart Lane title show down with arch rivals Tottenham on closed circuit TV at Highbury. The Football League –

Geordie Armstrong gets the better of Peter Osgood at the televised Stamford Bridge match

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way of broadcasting live games – refused. In the event, around 50,000 fans were locked out of the Lane as Arsenal completed the first leg of the historic double.

In '73, once Chelsea and Arsenal had been given the green light by the FA, the Blues approached boxing impresario Jarvis Astaire, who'd promoted and introduced boxing at cinemas to handle the technical side of affairs. It still remains something of a mystery as to how the whole thing worked. In 2015, Odeon Head of Communications Simon Soffe explained: "I've yet to find out how they screened it. We've found one person who started with us in 1971 and he was gutted that he couldn't remember. The match in 1973 wasn't via satellite. I'm assuming it was something to do with the regular television signal."

The FA have nothing on file about the whole cinema experiment, and the police presence at the cinemas was minimal, perhaps understandable given that Arsenal fans more or less exclusively attended the cinemas.

Crowds outside the Rainbow Theatre in Finsbury Park in 1973, but this time to see The Osmonds, rather than the Gunners



Ray Kennedy celebrates scoring the decisive goal in the replay at Highbury



Gunners supporter Chris Hudson attended the screening at the Rainbow Theatre (having recently changed its name from the Finsbury Park Astoria), which stands on the junction of Isledon Road and Seven Sisters Road.

"I was 14 at the time, and it was a great experience," he explains. "There were long snaking queues outside the cinema and I remember match programmes being sold as we went in. The atmosphere inside was fantastic, with Arsenal fans jumping up and down throughout the game. It was a really memorable afternoon."

The game was a corker – truly worthy of a viewing on the silver screen. Blues star Peter Osgood's spectacular volleyed opener ("Only players like Osgood take goals like that" boomed commentator David Coleman) was voted Goal of the Season by BBC's Match Of The Day viewers. The Gunners fought back before half time, with Alan Ball heading in a George Armstrong corner, and Charlie George poking home at the second attempt (to deafening roars from the away contingent) after a desperate scramble in the Chelsea penalty area to put Arsenal 2-1 ahead. John Hollins then cracked home the Chelsea equaliser in the second half



to give his side a 2-2 draw.

Gunners fan Tom Badger watched the match at the Dalston Odeon, and – in the pre health and safety era – when Arsenal took the lead, he took a tumble: "I was absolutely mad on Charlie George. We were upstairs in the circle, right at the front. When Charlie scored, I jumped up,

There were long snaking queues outside the cinema and I remember match programmes being sold

stood on the front rail, and lost my balance." Badger, who attended the event with his dad and grandad (the last time that all three generations watched an Arsenal game together live) fell 15 feet, but was – luckily – unharmed. "Dad and grandad just laughed at me. They were too busy enjoying the fact that Charlie had scored!"

Jarvis Astaire reckoned the closed circuit screenings added around 10,000 to the gate, but ironically, the attendance at Stamford Bridge fell around 2,500 short of capacity, in part due to the Gunners hordes in the packed out Odeons. Three days later, Arsenal hosted Chelsea in the Highbury replay, in front of a baying 62,746 crowd.

Sportsnight viewers saw goals from Alan Ball – from the penalty spot – and Ray Kennedy steer the Gunners into the semi final, where Bertie Mee's men surprisingly lost to Second Division Sunderland. Cinemas – concerned about the prospect of rival fans mixing in their establishments – showed no enthusiasm to screen future football matches, and so the titanic FA Cup quarter-final between Chelsea and Arsenal remained a fascinating one-off in the history of football on TV in the 1970s. ■

Fans packed in to see Arsenal beat Chelsea 2-1 in the 1973 FA Cup



At home with **MATTEO GUENDOUZI**

**PLAYERS TELL US ABOUT HOW THEIR FAMILY LIFE
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**TELL US ABOUT YOUR FAMILY
MATTEO, WHO DID YOU GROW UP
WITH?**

I'm one of eight siblings. I have a younger brother, Milan, who plays for Troyes. He's two years younger than me. My younger sister is a year younger than me and she's at school. My older brothers and sisters are much older and already have their own children. My younger brother, sister and I are a similar age, with just a year or two between us, then the others are older. I now also have six nieces and nephews.

**WHO WAS IN THE FAMILY HOME
WHEN YOU WERE GROWING
UP?**

As they're much older, I mostly grew up with my younger brother and sister. As we are similar ages, we were always together. When I was younger, my parents were together, but they're no longer together now.

**TELL US ABOUT THE HOUSE
YOU GREW UP IN, DID YOU
HAVE A GARDEN FOR
FOOTBALL?**

We played lots of football in the



In action for Lorient in 2017

garden. My sister didn't play much football, but we all did lots of karate as well.

**DO YOU REMEMBER ANY FAMILY
HOLIDAYS FROM YOUR CHILDHOOD?**

Yes, we would all go together and the best holidays were spent on the beach in Corsica.

DID YOU HAVE ANY FAMILY PETS?

No, we never had any pets at home.

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

There wasn't anything in particular. We listened to a bit of everything.

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

I liked comics, such as Le Petit Oeuf, Les Foot Furieux.

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

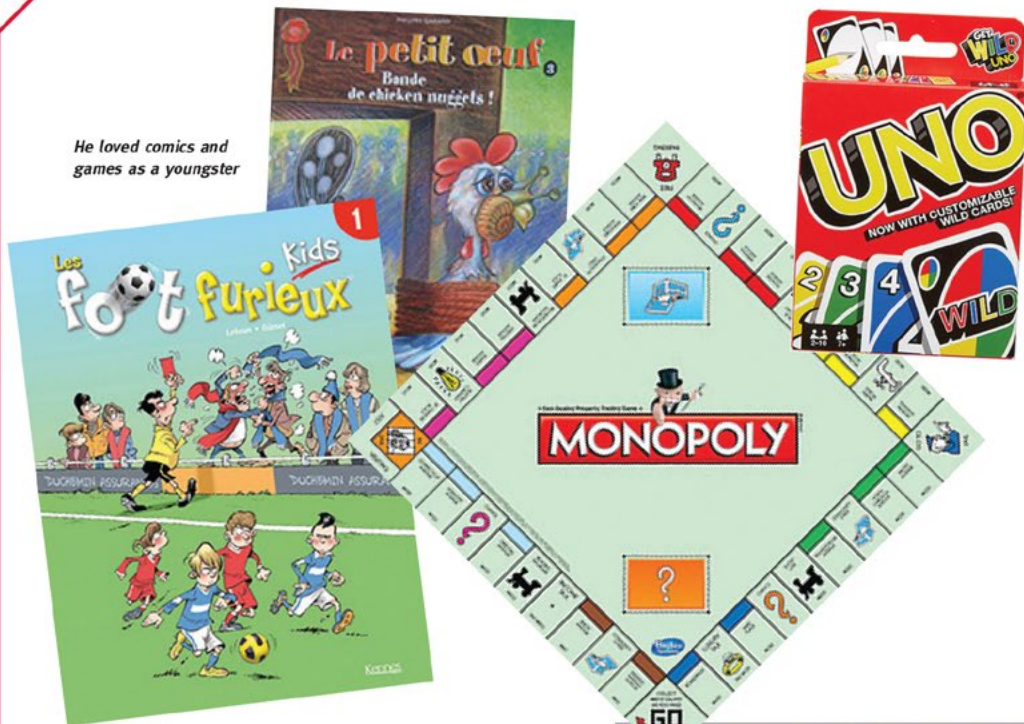
Karate. We would play football and do karate almost every day. My father is a karate teacher.

**OTHER THAN SPORT, WAS THERE
ANYTHING YOU WOULD DO WITH
ALL OF YOUR FAMILY? OUTDOORS
OR TRIPS TO THE CINEMA MAYBE?**

No, it really was just football and karate all the time!

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

He loved comics and games as a youngster



We played all sorts of games: Monopoly, Uno, card games, board games – and I'm pretty good at them.

IF YOU THINK ABOUT SITTING DOWN TO A FAVOURITE FAMILY MEAL, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

We'd eat a bit of everything. When we went to my father's side of the family, it would be Moroccan cuisine but we ate everything at home.

WHERE WOULD YOU GO OUT FOR SPECIAL OCCASIONS OR MEALS?

No, we would still eat at home as a family.

WAS THERE A PHRASE, OR MAYBE SOME ADVICE – THAT A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY ALWAYS SAID TO YOU?

From both my parents: "Keep your values."

WHAT ARE YOUR FIRST MEMORIES OF PLAYING FOOTBALL WITH YOUR



With little brother Milan who plays for Troyes

FAMILY?

I remember playing with my father and older brother in the garden. My younger brother as well. The first match I played was for Paris Saint-Germain when I was five or six. It went well, my parents and younger sister were there, but I can't remember if we won, it was so long ago!

DOES EVERYONE IN YOUR FAMILY LOVE FOOTBALL?

Yes, everyone loves it. My father, mother, younger brother and younger sister are the ones who love it the most, just like me.

DID A FAMILY MEMBER EVER TELL YOU OFF FOR PLAYING FOOTBALL WHEN YOU WERE YOUNGER?



Taking a knee for Black Lives Matters

It really was just football and karate all the time!



Karate was a big part of growing up for Matteo

Yes, we used to play futsal in a gym where we weren't allowed to play. We had a key because I was friends with the gym owner's son and we'd go to play futsal with some other mates. We got caught one day when someone came in one day to see what was going on and we just kept playing!

WHICH FOOTBALL TEAM DO YOUR FAMILY SUPPORT?

The family supports me, so the club I'm playing for. When I was little, they wanted me to play for PSG and really liked the club. Now I'm at Arsenal, they support Arsenal. They follow everything I do.

DURING WHICH PERIOD OF YOUR FOOTBALLING LIFE DO YOU THINK IT WAS MOST DIFFICULT FOR YOUR FAMILY?

Leaving when I was young to join the

His north African roots meant Moroccan food was regularly on the menu



Lorient academy. I was far away from the family during the week. I was there from the age of 13 to 15 and would only see my family on the weekend. They would come to Lorient a lot, but it's a long way from Paris as it's in Brittany.

WHICH MEMBERS OF YOUR FAMILY USED TO WATCH YOU MOST WHEN YOU PLAYED AS A YOUNGSTER AND WHO STILL REGULARLY COMES TO SEE YOU PLAY?

My parents, and they still do. They come to plenty of games. When we play at home, they're often there. But as they all work, it's tough, but my parents, younger brother and younger sister are able to come the most. My grandparents watched me in France as well, but not in London.

We used to play futsal in a gym. We had a key because I was friend's with the owner's son.

HOW HAS BEING A FOOTBALLER ALLOWED YOU TO HELP YOUR FAMILY?

Of course. I've been able to help my family financially. They've always been there for me, so it's normal for me to help them now. During my childhood, they looked after me, dressed me and fed me. They did everything for me to get to where I am today, so now I can give something back to them, make them happy and do lots of things for them.

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- Happy 18th Birthday **NICOLAS** & 20th Birthday **LEON** - Love Craig & Mamma
- Happy 1st Birthday **WILFRED POULTON** - Love Mum, Dad & family
- Wishing **DENNIS RATCLIFF** a very Happy 90th Birthday. Love Andy, Laura & Reuben
- Celebrating 10 years of independence thanks to **MITTENS** – Wishing a very belated Happy Birthday to **STUART HASLER**
- Congratulations **STEVEN SMITH & HEATHER THOMAS** on the birth of their gorgeous son **ALBIE** on February 20, 2020. Love Mam, Rhiannon, Marc & Mabel xxx
- Happy 50th Birthday **LUCY GRATTAN** – Love from your friends & family xxx
- Happy 50th Birthday **JAMES McPHERSON** – From Gordon & William. Love the Blues Brothers, all the ladies & Winston
- Happy Birthday **ADAM** – A Gooner from the age of five and still wearing his shirt 28 years later – now with three daughters all dressed in red
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- **PAUL & DENISE GRANT** – Happy 31st wedding anniversary on May 6, 2020

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- **SAIRA** – Hope you had a fantastic birthday. Love H
- Happy belated 1st Birthday **IDRIS HASSAM** and Happy 38th Birthday to his Gooner Papa **SHEHZAD**
- **PAUL HARNEY** – Happy 30th wedding anniversary. Love from your real life 'pearl', Nod xxx

Happy Birthday **JOHN CHANDLER** - From all your family. 84 years young. Life-long Gooner

ARSENAL REMEMBERS

- **PAUL LENGA** – Fanatical supporter for 60 years who set up the Jerusalem Arsenal supporters branch when he moved there nearly 40 years ago. A most treasured possession was a recent photo with Mikel Arteta. Deepest sympathies to brother Eden, son Nadav, family & friends
- **DAVID HUGHES** – January 27, 1960 - February 14, 2020. Lifelong fan and season ticket holder for many years. He will be greatly missed by all his family & friends
- **MICHAEL COLIN WALTON** – Passed away February 16, 2020. An avid fan supporting Arsenal for most of his near 80 years. Last year he managed a short walk for Myeloma UK Walking Event. Sadly missed
- **TERRY 'TEL' CHAPPLE** – March 2, 2020 aged 78. Dear friend, loyal fan and season ticket holder for 40 years. Missed by wife Carol, daughter Maxine & son Tony. Remembered by the boys in Blocks 13 & 16 who have been at matches with Tel for years. RIP Tel - Gone but not forgotten
- **SIAN MEREDITH** - A wife, mother, sister, auntie, friend and community angel. A lifelong Arsenal fan who was loved by everyone she touched. A real superstar. Until we meet again xxx

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ARSENAL FINISH THIRD

Back on May 25 the FA confirmed that the 2019/20 FAWSL season would end with immediate effect due to the coronavirus outbreak. Within their statement to clubs, they confirmed:

"Following overwhelming feedback from the clubs, the decision to bring an end to the 2019/20 season was made in the best interest of the women's game. This will also enable clubs, the FA Women's Super League & Women's Championship Board and The FA to plan, prepare and focus on next season when football returns for the 2020/21 campaign."

The Gunners therefore finished the season in third position. It was a bitter pill for Joe Montemurro's team to swallow, as they were only four points off top-placed Manchester City with a game in hand, though Chelsea were ultimately awarded the title due to a better points-per-game average, City though claim the Champions League spot in second.

"It was a little expected," said Montemurro, "and I was a little bit relieved too. We needed a decision and we needed to put closure on where we were heading for a lot of reasons and anxiety problems, but also to make sure that we can plan and prepare accordingly. I think it's the right decision and I think that now we have closure, we can all move on and prepare." ■



Louise Quinn provided superb service for the Gunners over recent years

THANKS AND GOOD LUCK

Arsenal Women were sad to say goodbye to three players at the end of the domestic season.

Katrine Veje headed to Swedish side FC Rosengard after 18 months with the Gunners, during which the Danish international made 16 appearances.

Goalkeeper **Pauline Peyraud-Magnin** has left the club following the conclusion of her contract. The France international played 26 times for us across all competitions and, like Kat, was a WSL winner last season.

Finally, central defender **Louise Quinn** has also moved to pastures new following the end of her contract. Louise joined us in May 2017 and the powerful Irish international was a mainstay of the defence as we won the Continental Tyres Cup in 2018 and the WSL the following season. In all, Louise played 76 times for the club, scoring seven goals.

We would like to thank all three players for their excellent service to Arsenal Football Club and with them all the very best in the future.

2019/20 RESULTS

SUN 8 SEP	WEST HAM UNITED	2-1
THU 12 SEP	FIORENTINA (UCL)	4-0
MON 16 SEP	MANCHESTER UNITED	1-0
SUN 22 SEP	LONDON CITY LIONESSES (CC)	5-0
THU 26 SEP	FIORENTINA (UCL)	2-0
SUN 29 SEP	BRIGHTON & HA	4-0
SUN 13 OCT	CHELSEA	1-2
WED 16 OCT	SLAVIA PRAGUE (UCL)	5-2
SUN 20 OCT	CHARLTON (CC)	4-0
SUN 27 OCT	MANCHESTER CITY	1-0
THUR 31 OCT	SLAVIA PRAGUE (UCL)	8-0
SUN 3 NOV	BRIGHTON & HA (CC)	0-0
SUN 17 NOV	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	2-0
THU 21 NOV	BRISTOL CITY (CC)	7-0
SUN 24 NOV	LIVERPOOL	1-0
SUN 1 DEC	BRISTOL CITY	11-1
SUN 8 DEC	READING	3-0
WED 11 DEC	LONDON BEES (CC)	9-0
SUN 15 DEC	EVERTON	3-1
SUN 5 JAN	BIRMINGHAM CITY	2-0
SUN 12 JAN	BRIGHTON & HA	4-0
WED 15 JAN	READING (CC (F))	1-0
SUN 19 JAN	CHELSEA	1-4
SUN 26 JAN	WEST HAM (FA CUP R4)	2-0
WED 29 JAN	MAN CITY (CC SF)	2-1
SUN 2 FEB	MANCHESTER CITY	1-2
THU 13 FEB	LIVERPOOL	3-2
SUN 23 FEB	LEWES (FA CUP S)	2-0
SAT 29 FEB	CHELSEA (CC FINAL)	1-2
21/22 AUG	PSG (UCL)	N
25/26 AUG	UCL SEMI-FINAL	N
SUN 30 AUG	UCL FINAL (SAN SEBASTIAN)	N

WSL FINAL TABLE 2019/20

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

HOME GAMES IN RED

Danielle van de Donk and Beth Mead train together at Clarence Park in St Albans



LOCKDOWN LIFE

During the heart of lockdown, prior to any training being possible in an organised setting at the Arsenal Training Centre, Arsenal Women were ensuring they kept in outstanding physical condition. Club photographer David Price was on hand – at the correct distance – to document some of the players making sure they were ready to hit the ground running when they returned to London Colney.

WOMEN'S CHAMPIONS LEAGUE TO BE COMPLETED

Arsenal's WSL season may have finished but we are very much still in the mix in the biggest competition of all – the UEFA Women's Champions League.

UEFA have announced that all remaining fixtures will be played as an eight-team straight knock-out tournament at the San Mames Stadium in Bilbao and the Anoeta Stadium in San Sebastian.

The quarter-finals will be played on August 21 and 22, and the semi-finals August 25 and 26. The final will take place in San Sebastián on August 30. All games will kick off at 8pm. ■

QUARTER-FINALS – AUGUST 21/22

Atletico Madrid vs Barcelona
Lyon vs Bayern Munich
Glasgow City vs Wolfsburg
Arsenal vs Paris Saint-Germain

SEMI-FINALS – AUGUST 25/26

Arsenal/PSG vs Lyon/Bayern
Glasgow/Wolfsburg vs Atletico/Barcelona

FINAL – AUGUST 30

Anoeta Stadium, San Sebastian

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Dunk 75
Maupay 90

Pepe 68

BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION

- 1 Ryan
- 5 Dunk
- 15 Webster
- 21 Schelotto (71)
- 33 Burn
- 8 Bissouma (89)
- 13 Gross (71)
- 18 Mooy (46)
- 24 Propper
- 7 Maupay
- 11 Trossard (87)

SUBSTITUTES

Button, Lamptey, Duffy, Montoya (71), Stephens (87), Alexis MacAllister (89), March (46), Murray, Connolly (71)

ARSENAL

- 1 Leno (40)
- 2 Bellerin
- 31 Kolassinac
- 20 Mustafi
- 16 Holding
- 77 Saka (87)
- 8 Ceballos (87)
- 19 Pepe (87)
- 29 Guendouzi
- 9 Lacazette (78)
- 14 Aubameyang

SUBSTITUTES

Martinez (40), Tierney (87), Medley, Ozil, Maitland-Niles, Willock (87), Nelson (87), Nketiah (78), Martinelli



Nicolas Pepe beats Mat Ryan all ends up with his superb opener

FIRST HALF

Once again we found the going tough behind closed doors, but the game suddenly burst into life when Bukayo Saka – playing in an unfamiliar central midfield role – smacked the crossbar from just outside the area. The teenager then set up a decent chance for Alexandre Lacazette at the far post, but the Frenchman had his header well saved low down. We continued to look the most likely to open the scoring, but the half ended under a cloud, when Bernd Leno was stretchered from the field after landing awkwardly from a Neal Maupay push.

SECOND HALF

We continued to probe away at the home defence after the break – Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang did have the ball in the Brighton net, but was flagged for offside. It was down to Nicolas Pepe to break the deadlock with a moment of magic, superbly curling home from 20 yards into the corner. But then the tide turned. We failed to clear our lines from a corner, allowing Lewis Dunk to stab home a scruffy goal from close range, before Maupay sealed all three points in injury-time, beating Emi Martinez when one on one.

	MATCH STATS	
9	TOTAL SHOTS	13
5	SHOTS ON TARGET	6
10	CORNERS	7
0	OFFSIDES	4
13	FOULS	8
41	POSSESSION	59



Our first goal of the restart



Emi Martinez in the thick of the action after replacing Bernd Leno

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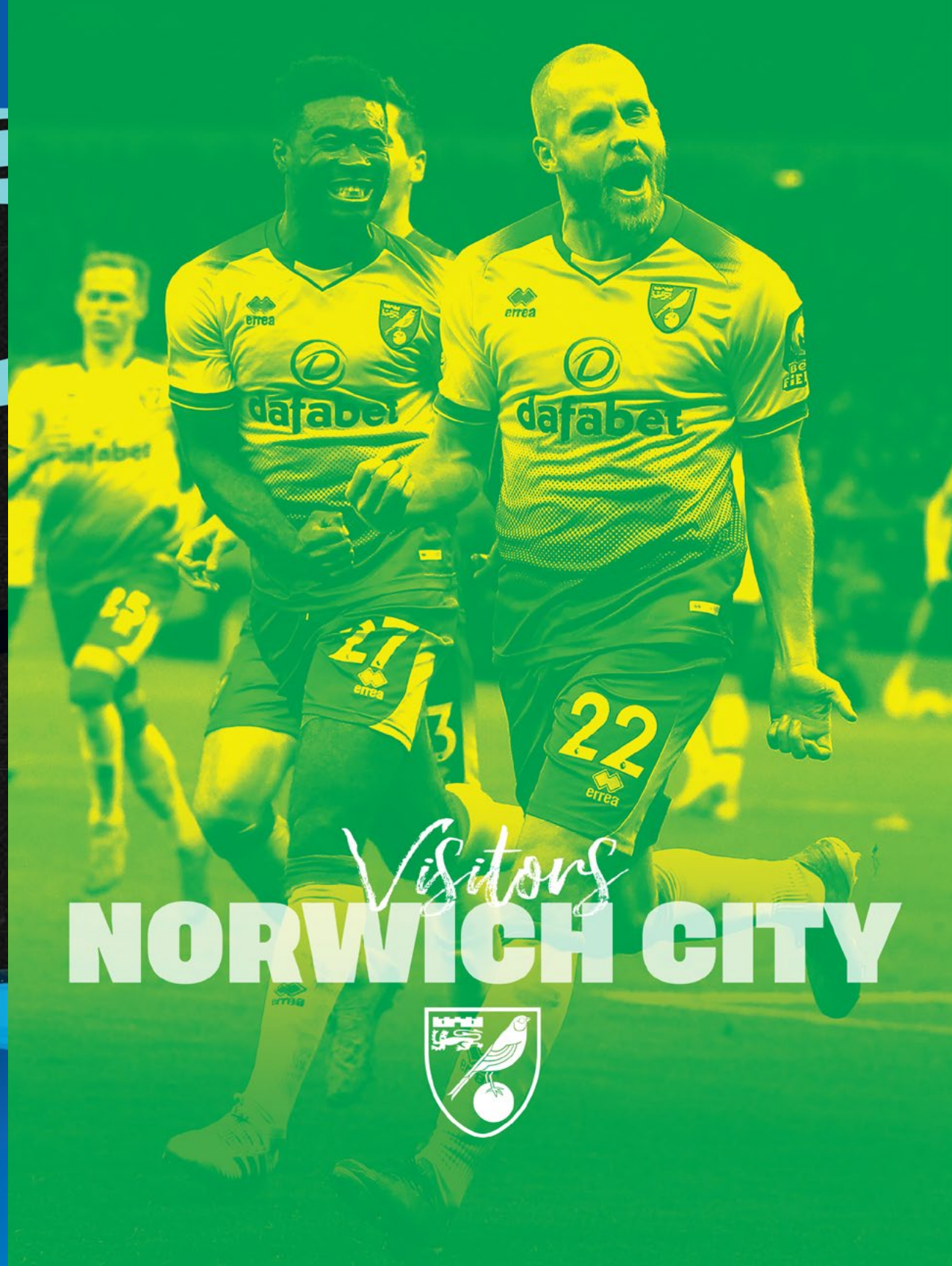
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Visitors

NORWICH CITY



Words: Mike Hammond

As the Premier League extends into July for the first time ever, Norwich City will be hoping that this is not their last month in the top flight for a while. Championship winners in 2018/19, the Canaries have struggled to make headway on their return to elite level after three seasons away, but hope springs eternal as Daniel Farke and his players enter the final furlong of the season, with today's match against Arsenal the first of seven fixtures that will decide which division the pride of Norfolk will be gracing with their presence in 2020/21.

While Norwich have performed reasonably well in front of their passionate, vociferous supporters (when those were permitted) at Carrow Road, claiming crucial victories there against Newcastle (3-1), defending champions Manchester City (3-2), Bournemouth (1-0) and Leicester City (1-0) it is their repeated failure to score goals and pick up points on their travels that has made them favourites for relegation.

The East Anglians have managed just one league win away from home this season in 15 attempts – 2-0 at Everton in late November – losing 11 of those matches including the two most recent, 3-0 at Wolves in February and 1-0 at Sheffield United in March. They have not registered an away goal from open play since mid-December, when top scorer Teemu Pukki found the net in a 1-1 draw at Leicester, and in the six away fixtures since then they have found the net just once – a Pukki penalty at Spurs in a 2-1 defeat.

Farke's men returned to the Tottenham Hotspur Stadium in the fifth round of the FA Cup in early March and pulled off one of their most memorable wins of the season when they eliminated Spurs on penalties after a 1-1 draw, with Norwich's golden boy Todd Cantwell striking what



Emiliano Buendia in action against Southampton in the Canaries first game after the restart – a disappointing 3-0 defeat at Carrow Road

proved to be the decisive spot kick to take his club into the quarter-finals of the competition for the first time in 28 years. It was the Canaries' third away win in successive rounds, having previously triumphed twice in Lancashire, 4-2 at Preston and 2-1 at Burnley.

Norwich finally got a home draw for the quarter-final and that delayed fixture, against Manchester United finally took place on Saturday evening when the Canaries succumbed to a 2-1 extra-time defeat. But it was a heartening performance from Farke's men. While the FA Cup run had been an enjoyable distraction for the club, their priority throughout the campaign has been to maintain their top-flight status. This is their ninth season in the Premier League – in their fifth spell – and they will be fighting tooth and nail to defy all odds and make it into double figures in 2020/21.

NORWICH CITY FACT FILE

Formed	1902
Nickname	The Canaries
Stadium	Carrow Road
Owners	Delia Smith and Michael Wynn-Jones
Record appearances	Kevin Keelan (673)
Record goalscorer	Johnny Gavin (122)
Twitter followers	698,000

ZOPSY-ZURVEY

The corresponding fixture at Carrow Road this season ended in a 2-2 draw with Arsenal twice pegging back City through Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang. He scored from the penalty spot to equalise Teemu Pukki's opener then, after Todd Cantwell had put the Canaries ahead again on the stroke of half time, Aubameyang pulled things level just before the hour.

TOP THREE

Norwich's highest finish in the Premier League was third, in the inaugural season. Famously, they dispatched Arsenal 4-2 at Highbury in both teams' first ever Premier League fixture on August 15, 1992.

YELLOW WALL TOGETHER NOW

Arsenal skipper Pierre Emerick Aubameyang was a team mate of the Canaries' Christoph Zimmermann, Moritz Leitner and Marco Stiepermann during his time at Borussia Dortmund – when Norwich head coach Daniel Farke was also at the Bundesliga outfit.



Between the Posts



Born The Hague, Netherlands, 3/4/88
Previously Newcastle, Falkirk (loan), Carlisle (loan), Ajax (loan), AZ (loan), Brighton
A Netherlands international who made a name for himself as a penalty shoot-out hero against Costa Rica at the 2014 World Cup. Tim has spent the bulk of his career in England, notably at Newcastle United, to whom he was affiliated for 11 years before joining Brighton in 2017 and, a largely inactive year later, Norwich. The eccentric 32 year old was an ever-present in the Canaries' 2018/19 Championship-winning campaign and has remained No.1 this term.

The Right Back



Born Hammersmith, 4/1/00
Previously None
A West Londoner who was voted EFL Young Player of the Year last season as he helped Norwich to promotion as Championship winners in his debut season in the first team. The 20 year old's meteoric progress has continued this term with a succession of impressive displays as an attacking right back in Daniel Farke's side that have earned him both regular England Under-21 representation and widespread interest from some of the Premier League's big battalions.

The Left Back



Born Luton, 25/1/98
Previously None
Like fellow full back Max Aarons, Jamal played youth football for Luton before kicking off his professional career with Norwich. He made his senior debut for the Canaries two seasons ago before establishing himself as the club's regular left back in their 2018/19 Championship-winning campaign. Though challenged for his place this term by current injury victim Sam Byram, he scored his first Premier League goal in a 1-0 win at home to Leicester in February and has been capped 12 times by Northern Ireland.

The Centre Back



Born Frankfurt, Germany, 9/5/88
Previously Basel, Thun, Nuremberg, Wolfsburg
Switzerland international Timm suffered a serious ligament injury to his right knee in a Carabao Cup tie against Crawley last August and did not make his first Premier League appearance of the season until the first match after lockdown, a 3-0 home defeat by Southampton. The experienced centre back has been a Norwich player since January 2016, when he joined midway through the Canaries' last top-flight campaign, having spent four years in the German Bundesliga with Nuremberg and Wolfsburg.



HEAD TO HEAD

TO

2019/20



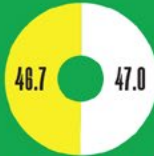
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FOULS



CARDS



% GOALS TO SHOTS



CORNER KICKS



AV. GOALS CONCEDED PER GAME



The Boss



Daniel FARKE

MANAGER

Born Steinhausen, Germany, October 30, 1976
Previously Lippstadt (2009-15), Borussia Dortmund II (2015-17)

Norwich broke new ground when they recruited Daniel in May 2017, making him the club's first non-British manager. Relatively unknown outside the German lower leagues, where the former striker spent his entire career as a player, it was at Lippstadt, in Germany's north west, that he began his managerial career, remaining in charge for six seasons, three of which brought promotion. His reputation spread to Borussia Dortmund, where he had two years in charge of their second team, finishing runners-up in the 2016/17 Regionalliga West. The call from Norwich came soon afterwards and he led the Canaries to the Championship title in his second season.

NUMBER NINE

This season is the Canaries' ninth in the Premier League. Their longest spell being three campaigns from 1992/93 – 1994/95 and 2011/12 – 2013/14. Though they had been in the old First Division for six seasons prior to the PL forming in 1992.

REMEMBER Highbury, Alex?

December 7, 2004 seems a long time ago – but it featured Norwich midfielder Alexander Tettey on the bench for Rosenborg against Arsenal at Highbury. The then 18 year-old was an unused substitute and watched Jose Reyes, Thierry Henry, Robert Pires, Robin van Persie and Cesc Fabregas score for the Gunners in a 5-1 win.

JOY FOR JOSH

Former Arsenal Academy player Josh Martin recently made his first-team debut for Norwich, coming off the bench in their first 'lockdown' fixture against Southampton.



The Stalwart



27 Alexander TETTEY

MIDFIELDER

Born Accra, Ghana, 4/4/86

Previously Rosenborg, Skeid (loan), Rennes
Now 34, former Norway international Alexander has been a part of the Carrow Road furniture for eight years, having joined the club from French top-flight club Rennes. A double domestic champion with Rosenborg at the start of his career, this is the midfielder's fourth Premier League campaign with the Canaries, two of the previous three having ended in relegation. He has been a regular performer this term, scoring in the 2-1 home defeat by Sheffield United in December.

The Schemer



17 Emi BUENDIA

MIDFIELDER

Born Mar del Plata, Argentina, 25/12/96

Previously Getafe, Cultural Leonesa (loan)

An Argentinian attacking midfielder signed in June 2018 from Spanish club Getafe on a four-year deal, Emi proved to be a pivotal figure in the Canaries' promotion-winning campaign, scoring eight goals in 38 appearances. While goals have proved hard to come by in the Premier League, the 23 year old has repeatedly proved his worth as a creator of chances for others, registering eight assists by the early-March shutdown – the third highest figure in the league.

The Rising Star



14 Todd CANTWELL

MIDFIELDER

Born Dereham, 27/2/98

Previously Fortuna Sittard (loan)

Norfolk born and bred, the 'Dereham Deco' has turned himself into a local hero with the Carrow Road faithful in the past couple of seasons, emerging as a top-class midfield prospect last season and blossoming into something special this term in the Premier League. A scorer in the 2-2 home draw against Arsenal seven months ago, the England Under-21 international had netted six top-flight goals by New Year's Day, entrancing partisans and neutrals alike with his skill and industry despite the club's relegation struggles.

The Flying Finn



22 Teemu PUKKI

ATTACKER

Born Kotka, Finland, 29/3/90

Previously KTP, Sevilla, HJK, Schalke, Celtic, Brondby

A much-travelled Finland international, Teemu's career has peaked in recent years, firstly with Brondby in Denmark, then, after a free transfer, in his debut season at Norwich, when he scored 30 goals to power the Canaries into the Premier League before confirming his talent in England's top flight while spearheading Finland's qualification for Euro 2020 – the country's first major tournament – with ten goals in ten games. Sharp and pacy, the 30 year old is crucial to Norwich's survival chances.



Scouting **REPORT**

by Michael Cox

Norwich have become accustomed to being at the foot of the Premier League table in 2019/20, but that illustrates the unusually impressive level of quality in the bottom half. The Canaries have consistently shown themselves capable of causing big sides problems – their 3-2 victory over Manchester City remains one of the most memorable results of the seasons – and their position is really a reflection of their tendency to lose against fellow strugglers.

In Daniel Farke, Norwich have an intelligent, methodical tactician who created a formidable side that ran away with the Championship title last season. Because of financial prudence, a long-term approach and a genuine belief in the talents of their youngsters, Norwich largely kept faith with

“Buendia is a hugely talented attacking midfielder”

the players who achieved that promotion, and while results have been disappointing, various players have impressed.

Farke generally uses 4-2-3-1, spearheaded by Teemu Pukki, who enjoyed a tremendous run of form in the autumn, before struggling in winter, primarily because of a lack of service. Not merely a fine finisher, the Finn can run the channels and link play well.

When Pukki drops back, Norwich get players running in behind. Todd Cantwell is another who wasn't quite able to sustain his early season form, and is sometimes guilty of conceding possession cheaply, but offers guile and incision when breaking forward. He was particularly lively in the reverse fixture.

Emiliano Buendia is another hugely talented attacking midfielder, whose numbers in terms of chance creation rival the league's best. Ondrej Duda, Lukas Rupp, Marco Stiepermann and Onel Hernandez have all been handed opportunities to play as the third attacking midfielder, while in the 3-0 defeat to Southampton, Farke experimented with 4-4-2 for the first time, with Josip Drmic up front alongside Pukki. The two combined for Norwich's best chance, but the Canaries were overrun in midfield.

Norwich's midfielders are steady rather than spectacular. Kenny McLean and Tom Trybull are decent central midfielders who stay in position and leave the attacking to the front four and the overlapping full backs.

Those full backs have both enjoyed positive campaigns. Both recruits from the Luton Town academy, Max Aarons contributes heavily in build-up play, and is a fine crosser from the right, and it's not unusual to see Jamal Lewis collecting those crosses from the other flank – his superb curling winner against Leicester in February a fine example of that – and Farke is happy for both to push forward simultaneously.

Centre back Ben Godfrey is another highly-rated defender, although he hasn't had a regular partner this season, with Christoph Zimmermann, Grant Hanley and even central midfielder Alex Tettey featuring alongside him at the back. Goalkeeper Tim Krul has had a fine campaign, and has had some lively games against Arsenal over the years.

Norwich, though, have a poor record in terms of set-piece concessions, and also appear vulnerable to speedy attacks down the flanks, in part because the full backs push on so aggressively. ■



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PREMIER LEAGUE

MATCHDAY 29
8.15PM - WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17
ETIHAD STADIUM



Sterling 45
De Bruyne 51
Foden 90

MANCHESTER CITY

- 31** Ederson
- 2** Walker
- 14** Laporte (70)
- 50** Garcia
- 22** Mendy
- 8** Gundogan
- 17** De Bruyne (70)
- 21** D Silva (65)
- 7** Sterling
- 9** Gabriel Jesus (80)
- 26** Mahrez (65)

SUBSTITUTES

Carson, Zinchenko, Otamendi, Rodri (70), B Silva (65), Fernandinho (70), Foden (65), Agnero (80), Sane

ARSENAL

- 1** Leno
- 2** Bellerin
- 3** Tierney
- 20** Mustafi
- 22** Mari (24)
- 77** Saka
- 28** Willock (67)
- 34** Xhaka (8)
- 29** Guendouzi (67)
- 30** Nketiah (67)
- 14** Aubameyang

SUBSTITUTES

Martinez, Davis Luiz (24), Kolasinac, Ceballos (8), Maitland-Niles (67), Lacazette (67), Pepe, Nelson (67), Martinelli



Taking a knee for Black Lives Matter before kick-off

FIRST HALF

Our first game for 102 days was played in exceptional and highly unusual circumstances. With supporters banned from stadiums across the country due to the ongoing pandemic, the only people inside the Etihad Stadium were the players, coaching staff, members of the media and other event organisers. So it was no surprise that the players took a while to adjust to the surreal occasion. We started the game well, but lost Granit Xhaka early on to injury, then Pablo Mari followed suit in the opening 25 minutes. The hosts began to exert some pressure, finally taking the lead in stoppage time after a mistake from David Luiz.

SECOND HALF

David Luiz conceded a penalty and was red carded when he hauled back Riyad Mahrez in the box early in the second half, and Kevin De Bruyne slotted home from 12 yards. Bernd Leno performed heroics after that, and Mikel Arteta made full use of his five substitutes, but City added a third late on through Phil Foden. The match ended ten against ten after Eric Garcia was injured in a clash with Ederson.

	MATCH STATS	
20	TOTAL SHOTS	3
12	SHOTS ON TARGET	0
5	CORNERS	2
1	OFFSIDES	5
9	FOULS	7
67	POSSESSION	33



Eddie Nketiah on the attack



Dani Ceballos in midfield action

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

Main table with columns: DATE, OPPOSITION, F-A, POS/RND, ATT/KO, STARTING XI, SUBSTITUTES, REFEREE. Rows are organized by month (AUGUST to JULY).

All fixtures are subject to change, please check Arsenal.com for latest

PREMIER LEAGUE TABLE (as at Saturday, June 27)

	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1. Liverpool	31	28	2	1	49	86
2. Manchester City	31	20	3	8	44	63
3. Leicester City	31	16	7	8	30	55
4. Chelsea	31	16	6	9	14	54
5. Wolves	32	13	13	6	11	52
6. Manchester Utd	31	13	10	8	17	49
7. Tottenham	31	12	9	10	9	45
8. Sheffield United	31	11	11	9	-1	44
9. Arsenal	31	10	13	8	2	43
10. Crystal Palace	31	11	9	11	-8	42
11. Burnley	31	12	6	13	-10	42
12. Everton	31	11	8	12	-8	41
13. Newcastle Utd	31	10	9	12	-13	39
14. Southampton	31	11	4	16	-16	37
15. Brighton	31	7	12	12	-7	33
16. Watford	31	6	10	15	-18	28
17. West Ham Utd	31	7	6	18	-19	27
18. Bournemouth	31	7	6	18	-21	27
19. Aston Villa	32	7	6	19	-24	27
20. Norwich City	31	5	6	20	-31	21

FIRST-TEAM APPEARANCES (GOALS)

PLAYER	PL	UEL	FAC	CC	19/20	CAREER
Bernd Leno	30	2	-	-	32	67+1
Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang	29(17)	4+2(3)	-	-	33+2(20)	88+12(61)
David Luiz	25+1(2)	5	3	-	33+1(2)	33+1(2)
Granit Xhaka	24	4	3+1	-	31+1	156+10(11)
Nicolas Pepe	19+7(5)	2+4(2)	3(1)	-	24+11(8)	24+11(8)
Matteo Guendouzi	19+5	2+4	3	+1	24+10	57+25(1)
Sokratis Papastathopoulos	19(2)	4+1	3+1(1)	-	26+2(3)	65+3(6)
Mesut Ozil	18(1)	1+1	1	2	22+1(1)	237+17(44)
Alexandre Lacazette	16+7(7)	4+1(2)	2	-	22+8(9)	91+27(45)
Lucas Torreira	15+9(1)	3+3	1	2(1)	21+12(2)	53+30(4)
Bukayo Saka	15+6	6(2)	3+1(1)	1+1	25+8(3)	26+11(3)
Sead Kolasinac	14+5	1	2	1	18+5	78+17(5)
Ainsley Maitland-Niles	14+2	4+2	1+2	1(1)	20+6(1)	68+26(3)
Calum Chambers	13+1(1)	2+1	-	1	16+2(1)	73+28(4)
Dani Ceballos	12+5	3+3(1)	+3(1)	+2	15+13(2)	15+13(2)
Hector Bellerin	10+1(1)	3	1	1+1	15+2(1)	183+15(8)
Shkodran Mustafi	9+2	7(1)	2	2	20+2(1)	131+6(9)
Joe Willock	7-15(1)	7+1(2)	3+1	2(2)	19+17(5)	29+23(8)
Gabriel Martinelli	6+8(3)	5+1(3)	2+1	2(4)	15+10(10)	15+10(10)
Kieran Tierney	6+2	4	1	1+1	12+3	12+3
Reiss Nelson	5+8	2	2(1)	1(1)	10+8(2)	18+16(2)
Eddie Nketiah	5+3(2)	-	2+1(2)	-	7+4(4)	10+20(7)
Rob Holding	3+1	3	1+2	2(1)	9+3(1)	63+9(2)
Nacho Monreal	3	-	-	-	3	223+28(10)
Pablo Mari	2	-	1	-	3	3
Henrikh Mkhitaryan	1+2	-	-	-	1+2	43+16(9)
Emile Smith Rowe	1+1	3	-	1	5+1	10+2(3)
Emiliano Martinez	1+1	6	4	2	13	26+2
Konstantinos Mavropanos	-	1	-	-	1	7+1
Mohamed Elneny	-	-	-	-	-	64+25(2)
Matt Macey	-	-	-	-	-	2
Zech Medley	-	-	-	-	-	+3
Ben Sheaf	-	-	-	-	-	+2



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00		1	BERND LENO (GK)	(30)
00		2	HECTOR BELLERIN	(10+1/1)
00		3	KIERAN TIERNEY	(6+2)
00		5	SOKRATIS PAPASTATHOPOULOS	(19/2)
00		8	DANI CEBALLOS	(12+5)
00		9	ALEXANDRE LACAZETTE	(16+7/7)
00		10	MESUT OZIL	(18/1)
00		11	LUCAS TORREIRA	(15+9/1)
00		14	PIERRE-EMERICK AUBAMEYANG	(29/17)
00		15	AINSLEY MAITLAND-NILES	(14+2)
00		16	ROB HOLDING	(3+1)
00		17	CEDRIC SOARES	
00		19	NICOLAS PEPE	(19+7/5)
00		20	SHKODRAN MUSTAFI	(9+2)
00		21	CALUM CHAMBERS	(13+1/1)
00		22	PABLO MARI	(2)
00		23	DAVID LUIZ	(25+1/2)
00		24	REISS NELSON	(5+8)
00		26	EMILIANO MARTINEZ (GK)	(1+1)
00		28	JOE WILLOCK	(7+15/1)
00		29	MATTEO GUENDOUZI	(19+5)
00		30	EDDIE NKETIAH	(5+3/2)
00		31	SEAD KOLASINAC	(14+5)
00		33	MATT MACEY (GK)	
00		34	GRANIT XHAKA	(24)
00		35	GABRIEL MARTINELLI	(6+8/3)
00		77	BUKAYO SAKA	(15+6)

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



NORWICH CITY

MANAGER DANIEL FARKE
YELLOW AND GREEN SHIRTS, GREEN SHORTS,
YELLOW SOCKS

P S SQ

00		1	TIM KRUL (GK)	(29)
00		2	MAX AARONS	(29)
00		3	SAM BYRAM	(15+2)
00		4	BEN GODFREY	(23)
00		5	GRANT HANLEY	(14+1)
00		6	CHRISTOPH ZIMMERMANN	(15)
00		7	LUKAS RUPP	(5+2)
00		8	MARIO VRANIC	(4+10/1)
00		10	MORITZ LEITNER	(7+2)
00		11	ONEL HERNANDEZ	(8+11/1)
00		12	JAMAL LEWIS	(18+3/1)
00		14	TODD CANTWELL	(26+5/6)
00		15	TIMM KLOSE	(2)
00		17	EMILIANO BUENDIA	(23+7)
00		18	MARCO STIEPERMANN	(11+8)
00		19	TOM TRYBULL	(13+2)
00		20	JOSIP DRMIC	(2+14/1)
00		22	TEEMU PUKKI	(29+1/1)
00		23	KENNY MCLEAN	(27+3/1)
00		25	ONDREJ DUDA	(8+1)
00		27	ALEXANDER TETTEY	(22+2/1)
00		33	MICHAEL MCGOVERN (GK)	(1+1)
00		35	ADAM IDAH	(1+4)

MATCH OFFICIALS

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PETER BANKES

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DARREN ENGLAND

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MIKE DEAN

ADDITIONAL VAR OFFICIAL
IAN HUSSIN

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