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COVER It's Arsenal v Olympiacos in the Round of 16, second leg





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MIKEL ARTETA

We were the better side, were really dominant for big periods, and we really deserved the win on Sunday in the derby.

Apart from the last ten minutes, I think we were outstanding. To play against the level that Spurs have, to create the number of situations and chances that we did, to be as aggressive as we were to regain the ball and to play with that personality that we showed, it was great.

Don't forget that we had a quick turn around from the game in Greece on Thursday as well. So to show that sort of commitment and energy was really pleasing. And for that I want to give credit to all the staff. The backroom staff did incredible work to turn us around, in two days' time, to be ready for that game. Everybody was physically ready and mentally ready, to be able to compete at the level that was required to beat Spurs.

So I'm delighted for that, and very thankful as well.

We started the game really strongly, played in the opposition's half, and looked dangerous. So it was a shock to us when Lamela scored. After that we had to react and obviously it's not easy mentally when you feel you should be winning already. But I loved the way the team reacted, with the courage they continued to play with, the belief that I was sensing from the touchline.

I have to say though that in the last ten minutes we were terrible! The way we managed the game with an extra player on the pitch was really poor. We put ourselves in big trouble and maybe we should have conceded a goal.

After the red card, we should have 200 passes in the ▶





opponent's half, give the ball and attack in the right moment.

So it's something to improve on because in Europe if we do that, we are out. No question. It's a big lesson, but it's great to get those lessons when you are winning.

But let's look at the positives. I think Emile had a magnificent performance again for example. He showed not only quality but his personality, his intelligence on the pitch, his energy. He gives us something different. In a derby you always need some individual performances and for sure he gave us one.

I could pick out many players though. Martin Odegaard is another one. He's got a real stamina and he's so talented, but his work-rate is incredible. Not only that, he's intelligent too. The timing of his runs, when he presses, his body shape. I'm really impressed and he had an incredible performance on Sunday. He's giving us something different and it's making us better.

So hopefully that win will increase the level of confidence in the team and the belief that we can play really well against any opponent, that we can beat big

"AFTER THE RED CARD, WE SHOULD HAVE 200 PASSES IN THE OPPONENT'S HALF"

teams as well, and to maintain this together with the same belief. We know that we have to put together four or five wins in a row to give ourselves any chance of looking up in the table but we are ready for a fight.

So let's keep that momentum going, because we have got another huge game tonight.

We worked hard to get ourselves into a good position in this tie last week in Greece, so we can't let that work go to waste today.

Mo's goal could prove to be really valuable, but we are only halfway through the tie, and in this competition, against this level of opponent, we know anything can happen.

So we have to be very prepared, go into the game at nil-nil, and go and win it at the Emirates. That will be enough to get us through, so that's how we approach it.

The schedule is really complicated at the moment with the amount of games we are playing, the circumstances,



the context, how difficult it's been for everybody this season in general. But we've found a level of consistency in our performances since Christmas, and that needs to continue. You can't do that if you relax for a second or drop the commitment.

Then the better the performances we deliver, the better our results will be. If we can keep dominating the majority of the games, we will be rewarded, but only if you don't commit big errors in games. The first leg of this tie is our warning for that.

On Auba all there is to say is that I made the decision to leave him out for failing to follow our matchday protocol and that's it. He's a key member of our squad, an important player for us and we're all now focussed on tonight's match.

Finally, I want to add that we are really missing you all here at the stadium every matchday, but especially at the weekend. It was my first north London derby as manager here at the Emirates, and obviously I regret that we didn't have the fans here with us.

I know what you can add to the players, and I'm excited to see how much we can grow as a team and a club when we're all together again.

It wasn't the same without you here on Sunday, but hopefully you could all enjoy it from home, and we want to give you more to cheer about tonight. ■

PIERRE-EMERICK AUBAMEYANG

The boys were fantastic on Sunday, from the start we were the better team, created chances, were always dangerous and we deserved the three points.

We could have scored two or three by the time Tottenham took the lead, so that was really tough to take. When you suddenly find yourself behind in a game that you have dominated, it can be hard to deal with and you have to be really strong to keep playing your game.

That's exactly what the guys did though. They were patient, determined and we kept running at them, getting behind the defence.

I spoke about Martin Odegaard in my programme notes for that game, and he keeps improving and looking at home in this side.

He scored a brilliant goal in Greece last week, and now he's got what everybody wants – a goal against our local neighbours! He deserved it, he worked so hard, we all know he's got goals in his game so now he has got a couple, I'm sure he will keep getting more for us.

He's so clever, he knows when to arrive in the box and we know we have players from wide who can deliver quality – like Kieran did for the first goal.

He was so dangerous again for us on Sunday – it's like having another forward!

And did anyone really have any doubt when Laca stepped up for the penalty? I didn't – he's so cool in those situations, and he loves scoring in the derby too.

I think it was a clear penalty and the referee did too, which is all that matters. You see fouls like that

elsewhere on the pitch and it's always a free-kick.

It's true that we suffered a bit in the last ten or 15 minutes – but as I said, we deserved the win, so everyone was so pleased at the end to get the three points.

I felt the nerves in those last few minutes, I must admit, but I think that's the same for everyone watching. There were some close, close moments for us at the end – what a block that was by Gabriel too by the way!

On my own situation, I have spoken with the boss and it's all done now – we move on.

I'm focused on the next game and it's a big one for ▶





“THERE IS STILL WORK TO DO. WE KNOW ALL ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED AGAINST THEM LAST SEASON”

us. We fought so hard last Thursday to get in this position, so now it's time to finish the job.

There is still work to do. We know all about what happened against them last season. We were in a strong position then after the first leg that time, but we didn't kill them off and we got punished badly for it.

That affected us badly – it was a tough one to take. We thought we were through, then it was taken away. For me as well it was so painful to lose that game.

We can't let that happen again – we have to use our advantage, be wary of the opposition – but let's play our game, go for the win and we'll be through.

The competition is reaching the crucial stages. We've been here before in the Europa League and we know

that any team left in it at this stage can hurt you.

We've built some momentum though, now we want to continue that for the last couple of months of the season.

The first leg against Olympiacos illustrated what we are capable of – showing character to come back after a mistake. But we've also spoken together as a team about cutting out those mistakes, taking the clever decisions on the pitch, and not giving any help at all to the opposition.

When we can do that, we know how strong we are. It's down to us – we have to be difficult to beat, don't give away gifts.

Especially here at home. This is our fortress, and while it's true that we miss our fans here, we have to keep it a difficult place for teams to visit. We can do that with how we approach the games.

Thanks for all your support – keep cheering us on from home and hopefully we'll have another quarter final to look forward to after the game tonight. ■

VOICE OF ARSENAL

DRAW FOR THE NEXT ROUND

The winners of this Round of 16 tie will go into the quarter final draw, which takes place tomorrow in Nyon, Switzerland at midday UK time.

The two-legged quarter-final games will take place on April 8 and April 15. For this draw, there is no seeding or country protection.

The draw for the semi-finals will also take place tomorrow and, again, there will be no seeding or country protection.

The two-legged semi-final games will take place on April 29 and May 6.

There will also be a draw to determine the 'home' side in the final for administrative reasons. The final will be played on Wednesday, May 26 in Gdansk, Poland. ■

Five games from Gdansk



Martin gets a very deserved equaliser for the Gunners

MARTIN'S MILESTONE

Martin Odegaard became Arsenal's 128th goalscorer in Premier League football when he equalised for the Gunners against Tottenham on Sunday.

The midfielder capped a superb performance with a goal in his first north London derby and was thrilled to have played a big part in such a crucial match for the club.

"It was a dream come true and also it was a big win in the derby so I'm really happy for the team," he said after the match. "This was for our fans and I hope they are happy with us today."

"I think we dominated the game from the start. After the red card the game changed a little bit. It was a bit strange. Until that moment I think we dominated the game completely and fully deserved the win and should have scored more goals."

And Martin's manager, Mikel Arteta, was delighted with the Norwegian's contribution – which was much more than just his goal.

"He's got a real stamina and he's so talented, but his work-rate is incredible," said Mikel after the win. "Not only that, he's intelligent. The timing of his runs, when he presses, his body shape. I'm really impressed and he had an incredible performance today. He's giving us something different and it's making us better."

It was two goals in two games for Martin, who became our 34th ever goalscorer in the Europa League after his long range blockbuster against Benfica – Gabriel becoming No 35 shortly afterwards. ■



CONGRATULATIONS EDDIE AND EMILE

Eddie Nketiah and Emile Smith Rowe have been selected for England's under-21 squad for the EURO Finals group stage next week.

A 23-strong squad heads to Slovenia to play games against Croatia, Portugal and Switzerland in their group, with two of the four progressing to this summer's knockout stage.

Aidy Boothroyd's Young Lions will be appearing in a record eighth successive U21 EURO finals but they've only made it out of the group stage on three occasions and have yet to win the competition.

All England matches will be televised by Sky Sports and are played at the following times:

- Thursday, March 25, 2pm (UK)
England v Switzerland, Koper
- Sunday, March 28, 8pm (UK)

Eddie is a prolific goalscorer for England under-21s



Emile has represented England at junior levels, including winning the Under-17 World Cup



Portugal v England, Ljubljana

- Wednesday, March 31, 5pm (UK)
Croatia v England, Koper

Group stages will be played behind closed doors, though UEFA have yet to decide whether the knockout stages can include crowds.

It's a special achievement for 20-year-old Emile, who has not been selected for Boothroyd's team previously – though the forward has impressed for his country through the years, playing at under-16, 17, 18, 19 and under-20 levels.

Eddie by contrast has great experience with the under-21s having played 12 times, during which time he has scored 14 goals, making him the all-time leading goalscorer at this level for his country.

Congratulations on your selection, lads! ■

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ARSENAL REMEMBERS

DAVID (DAVE) ALAN MARTIN

April 23, 1937 – January 27, 2021. Beloved husband to Mary, adored by family and sadly missed by children Lisa, Tina and Nichola. We love you dad, and it won't be the same without you. You were taken too soon but are now at peace xxx

HARRY LESTER

Lifelong Gooner and all round lovely guy. Will be missed by all at Folkestone Invicta FC



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AWAY GOALS RULE IN PLACE

Away goals count double in the event of an aggregate draw in the Europa League, meaning Olympiacos need to score at least three times tonight to go through. If today's game ends in a 3-1 victory for the visitors, two 15 minute periods of extra-time will ensue, with away goals counting double during ET too. If no goals are scored, penalty kicks will be taken to determine the winner of the tie. ■

FIVE SUBS

A reminder that all Europa League games allow for five substitutes to be used, as opposed to a maximum of three in the Premier League.

In Arsenal's nine Europa League games this season, Mikel Arteta has utilised all five substitutes in six matches – including all three games in the knockout stages – and opted to change four players in the other three fixtures. ■



1-0 DOWN, 2-1 UP

Our victory over Tottenham on Sunday was the 100th 2-1 win we've recorded in the Premier League. That makes it our third most popular winning scoreline in the competition's history, after 1-0 (114 times) and 2-0 (103).

Our first 2-1 win came in just our fifth PL win, at home to Sheffield Wednesday in August 1992.

It was our first 2-1 win over Spurs in the Premier League since Nicklas Bendtner headed the winner at the Emirates in December 2007 and our fifth win by that scoreline over them in PL history.

The result also means we are unbeaten in our last 10 Premier League home games against Spurs (six wins, four draws), while Mikel Arteta is the third consecutive Gunners boss to win his first home league meeting with Spurs, following Arsène Wenger and Unai Emery. ■



REF WATCH

This evening's officiating team are all from Spain. The referee is Carlos del Cerro Grande who is a 45 year old from Madrid and a very experienced official. He has been a La Liga referee since season 2011/12 and is in his fifth season officiating in the Europa League, he has also refereed Champions League matches since 2018/19. Carlos has yet to officiate a match involving Arsenal, but he was the referee for Olympiacos' 4-0 Champions League play-off win over Krasnodor on August 21, 2019. ■

OUR NEXT PROGRAMME

When we play our home match against Liverpool on Sunday, April 4, the matchday programme will have a very special theme.

With the game falling just four days after we commemorate the 20-year anniversary of the tragic death of David Rocastle, we are involving the people who were closest to our legendary No 7 in the production of the programme.

The Rocastle family – wife Janet and their children Melissa, Ryan and Monique – will be guest editors of the issue and a number of David's former team-mates and friends will be contributing to the programme.

We know that David's memory still burns bright in all Arsenal supporters' minds – and indeed that younger fans who didn't see David play have also embraced his legacy and what he represents to our football club. We hope readers will appreciate this special issue, celebrating the life of this extraordinary footballer, father, husband and friend. ■



FIXTURE CHANGES

Two of our forthcoming Premier League matches have been rescheduled as a result of TV selections:

Arsenal v Liverpool
Sunday, April 4, 2021 (originally Saturday, April 3)
Kick-off: 4.30pm
Live on: SKY SPORTS

This match is subject to change dependent upon the participation of Premier League clubs in the Champions League the following Tuesday.

Sheffield United v Arsenal
Sunday, April 11, 2021 (originally Saturday, April 10)
Kick-off: 7pm
Live on: BT SPORT ■



LEAGUE CHAMPIONS
 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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We have had three Greek players – Stathis Tavlaridis, Dinos Mavropanos and Sokratis Papastathopoulos

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The only non-British sides to win at the Emirates more than once are Olympiacos and Bayern Munich

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The only 'home' game we have played away from Emirates Stadium since it opened in 2006 was at Olympiacos's Karaiskaki Stadium

ARSENAL VS GREECE

ARSENAL GOALSCORERS V GREEK TEAMS

Thierry Henry	1	1	1	1	1
Olivier Giroud	1	1	1	1	1
Tony Adams	1	1	1	1	1
Nicolas Anelka	1	1	1	1	1
Andrey Arshavin	1	1	1	1	1
P-E Aubameyang	1	1	1	1	1
Yossi Benayoun	1	1	1	1	1
Dennis Bergkamp	1	1	1	1	1
Luis Boa Morte	1	1	1	1	1
Mohamed Elneny	1	1	1	1	1
Gabriel	1	1	1	1	1
Gervinho	1	1	1	1	1
Martin Keown	1	1	1	1	1
Alexandre Lacazette	1	1	1	1	1
Freddie Ljungberg	1	1	1	1	1
Brian McDermott	1	1	1	1	1
Raphael Meade	1	1	1	1	1
Alberto Mendez	1	1	1	1	1
Martin Odegaard	1	1	1	1	1
A. Oxlade-Chamberlain	1	1	1	1	1
Lukas Podolski	1	1	1	1	1
Aaron Ramsey	1	1	1	1	1
Tomas Rosicky	1	1	1	1	1
Alexis Sanchez	1	1	1	1	1
Andre Santos	1	1	1	1	1
Brian Talbot	1	1	1	1	1
Robin van Persie	1	1	1	1	1
Theo Walcott	1	1	1	1	1

ARSENAL'S RECORD V GREEK TEAMS



ARSENAL V GREEK TEAMS - GAME BY GAME

Team	Played	W	D	L	F	A	Scorers	Competition
OLYMPIACOS	PLAYED 11	6	0	5	19	14		
PANATHINAIKOS	PLAYED 8	5	2	1	13	7	McDermott, Meade	1981/82 UEFA CUP FIRST ROUND
PAOK	PLAYED 2	0	1	1	1	2		1981/82 UEFA CUP FIRST ROUND
PANATHINAIKOS							Talbot	1981/82 UEFA CUP FIRST ROUND
PAOK SALONIKA							None	1997/98 UEFA CUP FIRST ROUND
ARSENAL							Bergkamp	1997/98 UEFA CUP FIRST ROUND
PANATHINAIKOS							Keown, Adams	1998/99 CHAMPIONS LEAGUE GROUP STAGE
PANATHINAIKOS							Mendez, Anelka, Boa Morte	1998/99 CHAMPIONS LEAGUE GROUP STAGE
PANATHINAIKOS							None	2001/02 CHAMPIONS LEAGUE GROUP STAGE
ARSENAL							Henry 2	2001/02 CHAMPIONS LEAGUE GROUP STAGE
PANATHINAIKOS							Ljungberg, Henry	2004/05 CHAMPIONS LEAGUE GROUP STAGE
ARSENAL							Henry	2004/05 CHAMPIONS LEAGUE GROUP STAGE
ARSENAL							Arshavin, Van Persie	2009/10 CHAMPIONS LEAGUE GROUP STAGE
OLYMPIACOS							None	2009/10 CHAMPIONS LEAGUE GROUP STAGE
ARSENAL							Santos, Oxlade-Chamberlain	2011/12 CHAMPIONS LEAGUE GROUP STAGE
OLYMPIACOS							Benayoun	2011/12 CHAMPIONS LEAGUE GROUP STAGE
ARSENAL							Podolski, Gervinho, Ramsey	2012/12 CHAMPIONS LEAGUE GROUP STAGE
OLYMPIACOS							Rosicky	2012/13 CHAMPIONS LEAGUE GROUP STAGE
ARSENAL							Walcott, Alexis	2015/16 CHAMPIONS LEAGUE GROUP STAGE
OLYMPIACOS							Giroud 3	2015/16 CHAMPIONS LEAGUE GROUP STAGE
OLYMPIACOS							Lacazette	2019/20 EUROPA LEAGUE ROUND OF 32
ARSENAL							Aubameyang	2019/20 EUROPA LEAGUE ROUND OF 32
OLYMPIACOS							Odegaard, Gabriel, Elneny	2020/21 EUROPA LEAGUE ROUND OF 16



EL-ARABI 58



ODEGAARD 34
GABRIEL 79
ELNENY 85

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EUROPA LEAGUE ROUND OF 16 FIRST LEG

8pm • Thursday, March 11 • Georgios Karaiskakis Stadium

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FIRST HALF

We came flying out of the blocks, and within two minutes we had created our first chance as Kieran Tierney picked out Martin Odegaard, but the Norwegian didn't make clean contact and dragged his shot wide. Not long afterwards we were back on the attack again, this time with Hector Bellerin to the fore as he picked out Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang with a pinpoint cross – only for our captain's header to be brilliantly saved by Jose Sa. Finally we did make the breakthrough 10 minutes before the interval, and in some style as Bellerin's high press won the ball back and Odegaard collected it 25 yards out and unleashed a fierce drive that flew into the roof of the net.

SECOND HALF

We continued to press after the interval but despite staying well on top, we gave away our advantage just before the hour mark with another self-inflicted wound, as Dani Ceballos got caught playing out and Youssef El-Arabi stole it off him and curled it in. But just when the game seemed to be heading for a draw, Gabriel rose highest in the hosts' area to put us in front with a powerful, looping header back across goal. Mohamed Elneny then wrapped up the scoring with just his fourth goal for the club, picking the ball up in midfield and charging at a backpeddling defence before finding the corner with a fine drive. ■

MATCH STATS	
6	TOTAL SHOTS 18
2	SHOTS ON TARGET 8
1	CORNERS 4
1	OFFSIDES 1
13	FOULS 5
41	POSSESSION % 59

OLYMPIACOS

- 1 SA
- 72 LALA
- 15 SOKRATIS
- 6 M'VILA
- 45 REABCIUK (46)
- 27 TUE NA BANGA (59)
- 5 BOUCHALAKIS
- 4 CAMARA
- 19 MASOURAS (86)
- 28 VALBUENA (46)
- 11 EL-ARABI (77)

SUBSTITUTES

HOLEBAS (46), FORTOUNIS (46), RANDJELOVIC (59), HASSAN MAHGOUB (77), ANDROUTSOS (86), DRAGER, KARARGYIS, TZOLAKIS, SOURLIS

ARSENAL

- 1 LENO
- 3 TIERNEY
- 23 DAVID LUIZ
- 6 GABRIEL
- 2 BELLERIN
- 34 XHAKA
- 18 PARTEY (55)
- 7 SAKA (82)
- 12 WILLIAN (82)
- 11 ODEGAARD (82)
- 14 AUBAMEYANG (88)

SUBSTITUTES

CEBALLOS (55), PEPE (82), SMITH ROWE (82), ELNENY (82), LACAZETTE (88), MARTINELLI, CEDRIC, CHAMBERS, HOLDING, MARL, RYAN, HEIN



MATCH ACTION

FIRST PAGE

Mohamed Elneny celebrates his wonder strike

PREVIOUS PAGE

Willian has his eyes firmly on the ball

TOP

Martin Odegaard after cracking home his first Gunners goal

MIDDLE LEFT

A towering header from Gabriel to put us ahead

MIDDLE RIGHT

Odegaard gets stuck into the midfield battle

BOTTOM LEFT

Bukayo Saka weaves through

BOTTOM RIGHT

Kieran Tierney on the charge



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SWEET (LAST) SIXTEEN

Football Historian Jon Spurling looks at four memorable last 16 European ties involving the Gunners

EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS' CUP

LEG 1 - OCTOBER 20, 1993



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WRIGHT 2, MERSON



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LEG 2 - NOVEMBER 3, 1993



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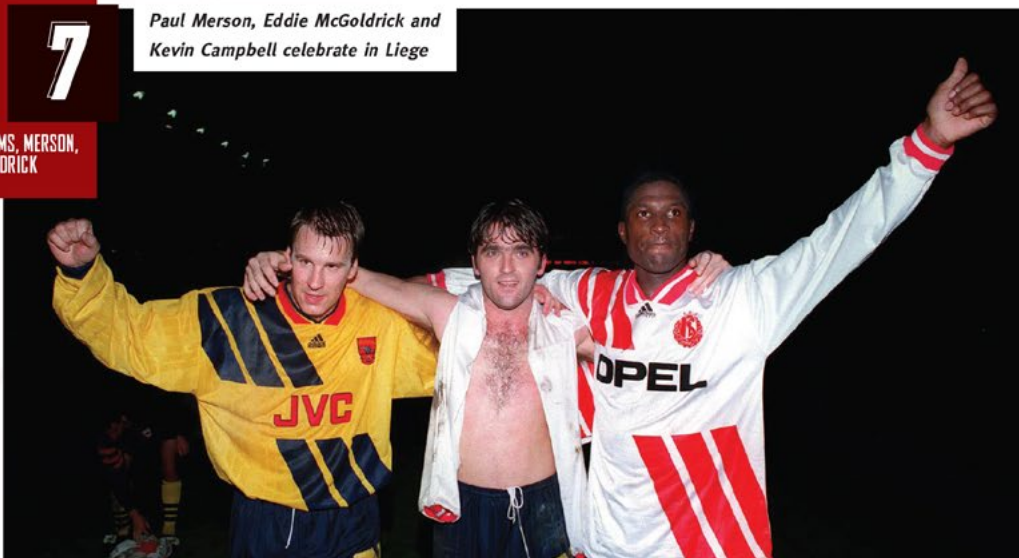
SMITH, SELLEY, ADAMS, MERSON, CAMPBELL 2, MCGOLDRICK

Prior to the first leg of the Cup Winners' Cup last 16 clash at Highbury, Standard Liege manager Arie Haan – a star of Holland's wonderfully creative teams in the 1970s – cast aspersions on Arsenal's attacking prowess, suggesting their style of play was a tad 'agricultural.' Ninety minutes later, Haan was rendered almost speechless at the post-match press conference, after Ian Wright's stealthy header and crafty chip, and Paul Merson's masterfully curled free kick gave Arsenal a 3-0 victory in N5. A large travelling contingent headed to Belgium for the return leg a fortnight later, and Alan Smith's early goal not only settled the tie, but also silenced the Belgian Oompah band which had been making a fine racket inside the Stade Maurice Dufresne. Arsenal proceeded to run riot, with Kevin Campbell scoring twice, and Paul Merson, Ian Selley, Tony Adams and Paul Merson also on the scoresheet. The finest strike of the night came from Gunners winger Eddie McGoldrick. The Republic of Ireland international powered forward and unleashed a cracker from a Paul Merson pass to make it 7-0 on the night and give Arsenal, en route to winning the competition, a 10-0 aggregate win. A demoralised Arie Haan was sacked shortly afterwards. ■



Ian Wright clips home at Highbury

Paul Merson, Eddie McGoldrick and Kevin Campbell celebrate in Liege



EUROPA LEAGUE

LEG 1 - MARCH 8, 2018



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MKHITARYAN, RAMSEY

LEG 2 - MARCH 15, 2018



3

WELBECK, XHAKA, WELBECK



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CALHANOGU

Henrikh Mkhitaryan opens the scoring in the San Siro



The choreography of AC Milan supporters prior to kick off on the famous Curva Sud terrace was a sight to behold prior to kick off at the San Siro Stadium, but so was Henrikh Mkhitaryan's explosive finish from a Mesut Ozil pass to give Arsenal a deserved first half lead in the Europa League clash. Another Ozil slide rule pass saw Aaron Ramsey round the Milan 'keeper to put Arsenal 2-0 up on the cusp of half-time, and the score remained that way despite constant second half pressure.

At Emirates Stadium seven days later, with coach Genaro Gattuso's withering criticism of his Milan side's performance still ringing in the players' ears, his reinvigorated side took a first half lead thanks to Calhanoglu's long range effort, before Danny Welbeck slotted home a penalty which incensed Milan players. With their nerves settled, Arsenal pushed forward in the second half. Granit Xhaka's shot squirmed past the Milan 'keeper, and late on Danny Welbeck nodded home after Aaron Ramsey's header was palmed out by Donnarumma. ■

Danny Welbeck nods home our fifth goal of the tie



EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS' CUP

LEG 1 - OCTOBER 24, 1979



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YOUNG, SUNDERLAND



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POMMERENKE

LEG 2 - NOVEMBER 7, 1979



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STREICH, STAHMANN



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PRICE, BRADY

After goals from Willie Young and Alan Sunderland saw Arsenal edge past the East Germans in the first leg of the last 16 Cup Winners' Cup clash, manager Terry Neill warned that the away leg would be tight, especially given that Magdeburg had nicked an away goal.

So it proved in the city on the Elbe River. Substitute David Price thumped home the Arsenal opener after the Magdeburg 'keeper made a hash of a cross, but the home side equalised from the penalty spot after the referee harshly adjudged that full back John Devine had fouled one of their attacking players. With Arsenal coming under increasing pressure from Magdeburg's forays forward, Gunners midfielder Graham Rix surged into the opposition box, shaped to shoot, and squared the ball for midfield colleague Liam Brady, who slotted the ball home. Even then, Magdeburg didn't lie down, and with a raucous home crowd urging their boys in dark blue forward, they scored late on after Pat Jennings failed to hold a thumping free kick. But Arsenal survived their trip behind the Iron Curtain, held their nerve and progressed to the quarter finals. ■



Brian Talbot in action against the East Germans

Pat Rice hurdles Magdeburg 'keeper Dirk Heyne at Highbury

EUROPA LEAGUE

LEG 1 - MARCH 8, 2018



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BOURIGEAUD, MONREAL OG, SARR



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IWOBI

LEG 2 - MARCH 15, 2018



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AUBAMEYANG 2, MAITLAND-NILES



0

Alex Iwobi scores in France - but the home team hit back



Arsenal faced an uphill battle to reach the Europa League quarter-final after suffering a chastening defeat to a fluid Rennes side in France, despite Alex Iwobi giving Unai Emery's men a third-minute lead. Benjamin Bourigeaud thundered home Rennes' equaliser near half time, and after 65 minutes, a Nacho Monreal own goal put Arsenal behind. With time running out, Ismaila Sarr stooped to head home, and put Arsenal in deep trouble.

At Emirates Stadium a week later, Arsenal tore into their opponents from the off, with Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang stabbing home an Aaron Ramsey cross early on. Ainsley Maitland Niles headed home an Aubameyang cross to make it 2-0 despite French protests that the ball had run out of play. Rennes - roared on by passionate travelling support - went close to grabbing a crucial away goal on several occasions, before Aubameyang swept the ball home from a Sead Kolasinac cross to finally put the tie beyond all doubt, and give Arsenal a 4-3 aggregate win. ■

Ainsley Maitland-Niles is thrilled to make the tie 3-3 on aggregate



FORWARD



MAT RYAN

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 ahead do you plan your week, what does a typical week look like for you?

Well it all depends on the schedule and what games we have. We get a training schedule so I will look at that and when there are more opportunities to do extra work then I will get myself into the gym to do some strength work. But the schedule we have at the moment, it's more about just trying to stay fresh for the games. When I turn up to training I know that Inaki and Mikel have got everything in place to make sure we have the right balance between getting the work done that we need to do, and also keeping us fresh and prepared.

What part of training do you look forward to most?

Probably the day before matchday. Matchday is the best day of the week, so the final training session before the game is the best because it's all been building up to that.

How far forward do you look at the fixture list?

I have a browse so I know what games are coming up, but to be honest all your focus is on the next game coming up. I need to make sure I'm prepared the best I can be in case I'm needed out on the pitch to contribute to the team. ▶

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That's tough. I could say somewhere I've been and like, but I like to explore new places, so I will say Cancun in Mexico.



NEW TEAM-MATE

I'll say Nick Fitzgerald (above, with Mat in 2013) – he's an Australian player that I played with, one of my best friends growing up and also a huge Arsenal fan. We used to get up together in the middle of the night to watch Arsenal games when we were younger. He's actually playing in India at the moment so it would be great to have him with me at Arsenal.



Looking further ahead, have you thought about what you might do at the end of your playing career?

No, as a goalkeeper, I still feel I'm young enough to be fully focused on my playing career. Have I had some thoughts about what I might do afterwards? Maybe here and there – something in the media perhaps. Coaching I'm not too sure about, maybe going home and monitoring my assets as well. I have to be honest and say I'm not too sure, I'm just focused on having the best playing career that I possibly can, and cherishing every moment of that. I don't spend much time thinking about life after football yet.

"40 AT LEAST WOULD BE NICE TO GET TO, THEN SEE HOW I'M FEELING"

Have you thought about how long you would like to play until then?

Well 40 is a nice round number that I sort of look at, but ideally I'd like to go for as long as I can. That's why I make all the sacrifices that I do in terms of diet, sleep and professionalism. I want to prolong my career as long as possible, so I try to stay on top of all aspects of playing in order to do that. I'm happiest when I'm out there playing so the longer I can keep that going the better quality of life I will make for myself. But yeah, 40 at least would be nice to get to, then I need to see how my body and mind are feeling at that moment. One thing life has taught me is that you never know what is round the corner. For example, if you had told me a year ago that I'd be here at Arsenal now, I'd never have believed you!

So are you a person who has a plan for the next year, next five years etc?

Well as I said you let your mind wander at times to the future, but in a general sense I'm much more focused on working day to day on bettering myself. Right now I'm one of the goalkeepers here at Arsenal but it would be great to improve my game time and play more for this club, so that's what I'm working on. You always want to be better. I've been an established Premier League goalkeeper, and it's normal for everyone, in any industry to try and get better. So for me, that's European football, Champions League, coupled with being at a side that plays at the very highest standard, in one of the big leagues. Then on the international scene as well, that's playing in the big competitions. That's where I want to get to so I push myself each day to try and get there. So it's a generic outlook, rather than anything more specific. ▶



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Away from football, are you generally an organised person?

Yeah I guess I like to be organised, I don't like my life to be too up in the air. In the industry that I'm in it's quite difficult to be spontaneous anyway. We've got a structured schedule so you can't just go for a trip away or anything. Day to day I make sure I get to bed on time, get enough sleep and look after my diet. I'm at peace with myself when I know I'm preparing my life as well as I can around my football. That's basically the reason I moved away from my friends, family and loved ones in Australia – it was for one reason and that's football. So I feel I would be cheating myself or letting myself down if I strayed away from that. That's why everything is structured around my football. I do all my prep and work at training, then when I get home it's more about unwinding and relaxing. Sometimes that's by myself with the TV, or it could be making a phonecall or catching up with a friend over a coffee. If it's far enough away from the game, then it could be a game of golf or something like that.

“I MOVED AWAY FROM MY FRIENDS, FAMILY AND LOVED ONES IN AUSTRALIA FOR ONE REASON AND THAT’S FOOTBALL”

And having moved from Brighton recently, have you managed to get everything sorted away from the pitch?

Yes, I've moved up here as it's too far to commute from Brighton. I live near the training ground. But there are challenges because with the rules lately we are not allowed to go out and meet up with people. It's a nice quiet area to walk around where I am, but there's no

coffee shops or anything like that nearby, so I'm generally just at home, relaxing and watching some sport on TV. At night time Australia is just waking up so that's when I contact my mum and family etc. That's the routine.

Do you intend on returning to Australia after your playing career?

Yes, that's home. I'm single at the moment, no family or girlfriend, so if my circumstances change then things might change, but right at the moment I definitely would be going back to Australia. Who knows, that could change as I get older when I think more about what I want to do in future, but right now that's where I'd go.

Finally, if you are told there's a spare seat on the next trip to the moon – would you go?

Yes, for sure! For me seeing is believing and I love adventure, doing things that not everyone has the luxury of seeing, getting your adrenaline going, so why wouldn't you go? Life's about getting out of your comfort zone, learning how to grow and develop so I'd definitely love to go to the moon. ■



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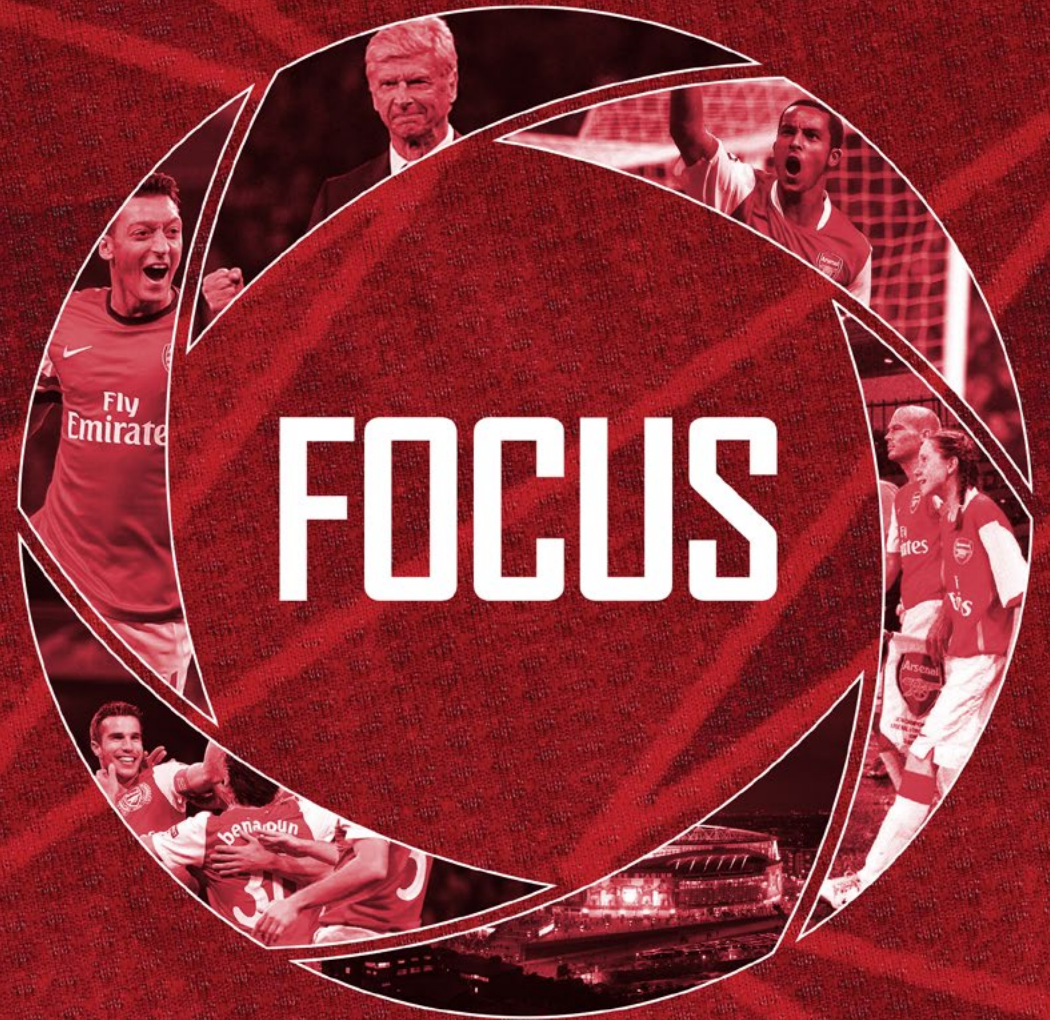
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EUROPEAN NIGHTS AT THE EMIRATES



ARSENAL 2, DYNAMO ZAGREB 1
AUGUST 23, 2006

The first ever European match at the Emirates was a Champions League qualifier second leg match. Captain Freddie Ljungberg scored as we triumphed 5-1 on aggregate.





ARSENAL 7, SLAVIA PRAGUE 0
OCTOBER 23, 2007

A teenage Theo Walcott celebrates one of his two goals in our record Champions League win. Cesc Fabregas (two), Alex Hleb, Nicklas Bendtner and a David Hubacek own goal completed the rout in the group stage match.

ARSENAL 2, NAPOLI 0

OCTOBER 1, 2013

Mesut Ozil is all smiles after scoring his first Gunners goal, a month after completing his club record transfer from Real Madrid. Olivier Giroud scored the other in the Champions League group stage win.



21:29

ARSENAL 2, BORUSSIA DORTMUND 1
NOVEMBER 23, 2011

Robin van Persie is congratulated by Mikel Arteta and the rest of the team on his brace in the Champions League group stage win over Borussia Dortmund.



UEFA
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ARSENAL 3, RENNES 0

MARCH 14, 2019

Wakanda forever! Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang's iconic Black Panther celebration after one of his two goals in the Europa League Round of 32 second leg win over Rennes. Ainsley Maitland-Niles also scored that night as we went through 4-3 on aggregate.





ARSENAL 2, BARCELONA 1

FEBRUARY 16, 2011

The stage is set for an all-time classic at the Emirates. Robin van Persie and Andrey Arshavin scored the goals as we defeated the all-conquering Barcelona side in the Knock-out Round first leg match.





○ **ARSENAL 3, VALENCIA 1**
MAY 2, 2019

Matteo Guendouzi and Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang mob goalscorer Alexandre Lacazette in the first leg of the Europa League semi-final. Laca scored two on the night, and a hat-trick from Auba in Spain in the second leg would see us progress 7-3 on aggregate.



○ ARSENAL 2, BAYERN MUNICH 0
OCTOBER 20, 2015

Arsène Wenger celebrates after Mesut Ozil scores the second goal to seal a 2-0 Champions League group stage win over Bayern Munich. Olivier Giroud had scored the first.



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Youssef El-Arabi celebrates his equaliser last Thursday



OLYMPIACOS

By: Mike Hammond

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March 10, 1925

NICKNAME

Thrylos (Legend),
Erythrolefki (Red-Whites)

STADIUM

Karaiskakis Stadium (32,115)

HONOURS

Greek Super League (45)
1930/31, 1932/33, 1933/34, 1935/36,
1936/37, 1937/38, 1946/47, 1947/48,
1950/51, 1953/54, 1954/55, 1955/56,
1956/57, 1957/58, 1958/59, 1965/66,
1966/67, 1972/73, 1973/74, 1974/75,
1979/80, 1980/81, 1981/82, 1982/83,
1986/87, 1996/97, 1997/98, 1998/99,
1999/2000, 2000/01, 2001/02,
2002/03, 2004/05, 2005/06,
2006/07, 2007/08, 2008/09, 2010/11,
2011/12, 2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15,
2015/16, 2016/17, 2019/20

Greek Cup winners (28)

1947, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1957,
1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1963, 1965,
1968, 1971, 1973, 1975, 1981, 1990,
1992, 1999, 2005, 2006, 2008, 2009,
2012, 2013, 2015, 2020

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A little over a year after they knocked Arsenal out of the UEFA Europa League at the round of 32 stage in dramatic circumstances, Olympiacos return to Emirates Stadium hoping that history will repeat itself and that they will advance into the quarter-finals of a European competition for the first time this century. The Greek champions have a mountain to climb, however, having lost the first leg 3-1 to a dominant Gunners side last week, Youssef El-Arabi's equaliser providing only temporary hope of a positive result in Piraeus.

Few followers of either Olympiacos or Arsenal will forget the astonishing denouement of last season's tie, with El-Arabi's 120th-minute strike – and Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang's subsequent miss – enabling the visitors to go through on away goals. It was the Greek side's second successive win at Emirates Stadium following their 3-2 success in the 2015/16 UEFA Champions League group stage, and they will be eager to complete the hat-trick tonight in a country where historically they have struggled.

Indeed, it was Wolves who knocked Olympiacos out of last season's round of 16, winning 1-0 at Molineux after a 1-1 draw in Piraeus, and this season Pedro Martins' side have already been to England and lost, going down 3-0 to Manchester City on Matchday 3 of the Champions League. That was one of five defeats for the Greek champions in Group C, but the solitary win, 1-0 at home to Marseille on Matchday 1, proved sufficient to take third place on head-to-head record above the French side, enabling Olympiacos to make their eighth appearance in the Europa League knockout phase.

While Arsenal came through a thrilling round of 32 tie against Benfica, Olympiacos were doing likewise against PSV Eindhoven. Winners of the first leg against the Dutch club in Piraeus 4-2, they were 2-0 down in the return and on their way out on away goals when, like Arsenal again, they struck late to turn the tie in their favour, Egypt international Ahmed 'Koka' Hassan making it 2-1 at the Philips Stadion two minutes from time.

Since their appearance in the 1998/99 Champions League quarter-final, which they lost to Juventus, Olympiacos have been eliminated seven times out of seven at the round of 16 stage in the two European competitions. But while continental success has proved a constant source of frustration for the club, they remain the unrivalled top dogs on the domestic scene. Champions of Greece a record 45 times, with 28 Greek Cup wins added for good measure, they won the double for the 18th time last season and are on course for another this term. With the ten-match Super League play-off round about to commence, they boast a seemingly unassailable lead at the top, and are also through to the semi-finals of the cup. A quarter-final place in the Europa League, however, would arguably eclipse everything.



MUTUAL ADMIRATION

Joel Campbell – now playing for Leon in the Mexican top flight – arrived at Arsenal in 2011 and the talented teenage forward was sent out on a series of loans as he gained a work permit, including a season in Piraeus with Olympiacos in 2013/14 where he excelled. Scoring 11 goals in 43 games, the highlight was undoubtedly netting the second goal in a 2-0 win over Manchester United in the last 16 of the Champions League.

His excellent season persuaded Arsène Wenger to give the Costa Rican the opportunity to fight for a first-team place at Emirates Stadium.

Over the next three seasons – punctuated by a loan at Villarreal – Campbell was in and around the first-team squad and fans will recall a spell of three months in 2015/16 when he scored all of his four goals for the Gunners, in the 40 matches he played for Arsenal. His later career with the Gunners saw further loan spells at Sporting Lisbon and Real Betis before moving permanently to Frosinone in Italy in 2018.



15

THE EX GUNNER
SOKRATIS PAPA-STATHOPOULOS
 DEFENDER

BORN Kalamata, Greece, 9/6/88
PREVIOUSLY AEK Athens, Niki Volou (loan), Genoa, AC Milan, Werder Bremen, Borussia Dortmund, Arsenal
 Sokratis ended his two and a half-year association with Arsenal when his contract was terminated by mutual consent in January and he returned to his homeland to join Olympiacos on a two-year contract. The 32-year-old defender made 69 appearances for the Gunners, scoring six goals, and was a regular in the club's run to the 2019 Europa League final. Capped 90 times by Greece, he has added considerable experience to the Olympiacos backline.



1

THE KEEPER
JOSE SA
 GOALKEEPER

BORN Braga, Portugal, 17/1/93
PREVIOUSLY Maritimo, Porto
 Jose Sa joined Olympiacos on loan from Porto at the end of the 2018 summer transfer window and performed sufficiently well to earn himself a permanent move to Piraeus the following year. He has been the team's unrivalled first choice in goal for the past two seasons, notably starting every Champions League encounter in both campaigns, and although still uncapped at senior level, he was a member of Portugal's triumphant UEFA Nations League squad two years ago.



5

THE SKIPPER
ANDREAS BOUCHALAKIS
 MIDFIELDER

BORN Heraklion, Greece, 5/4/93
PREVIOUSLY Ergotelis, Nottingham Forest (loan)
 Born in Crete, Andreas started out with local side Ergotelis before joining Olympiacos in 2014 and winning the Greek championship in each of his first three seasons. The 27 year old is familiar with English football having spent the entire 2017/18 season on loan at Nottingham Forest – he was on the bench for the 4-2 FA Cup third round win against Arsenal – since when he has become a stalwart in the Olympiacos midfield, opening the scoring against PSV in Piraeus last month.



7

THE SCHEMER
KOSTAS FORTOUNIS
 MIDFIELDER

BORN Trikala, Greece, 16/10/92
PREVIOUSLY Trikala, Asteras Tripolis, Kaiserslautern
 The 28-year-old attacking midfielder is widely considered to be the most gifted Greek player of his generation, but his 2019/20 campaign was delayed by six months when he ruptured a cruciate ligament in pre-season. Capped 51 times by Greece, for whom he has scored nine goals, the skilful attacking midfielder has a similar record for Olympiacos in Europe with eight goals in 55 appearances, two of them against Burnley in the 2018/19 Europa League play-offs.



28

THE SEASONED CAMPAIGNER
MATHIEU VALBUENA
 MIDFIELDER

BORN Bruges, France, 28/9/84
PREVIOUSLY Libourne, Marseille, Dinamo Moscow, Lyon, Fenerbahce
 Alexandre Lacazette's former team-mate for both Lyon and the France national side, Mathieu is enjoying the twilight of an eventful career at Olympiacos, where he has been wooing the locals with his artistry and set-piece prowess for the past two seasons following a summer move from Fenerbahce. The 36 year old registered eight goals in 52 appearances for France from 2010-15 and has now chalked up 114 outings in European club competition for five different clubs.



11

THE PREDATOR
YOUSSEF EL-ARABI
 ATTACKER

BORN Caen, France, 3/2/87
PREVIOUSLY Caen, Al-Hilal, Granada, Al-Duhail
 An experienced Morocco international striker, Youssef made a name for himself with his dramatic late winner here at Emirates Stadium last season. It was one of 27 goals he scored in all competitions in 2019/20, his first season at Olympiacos following a highly productive three-year sojourn in the Qatar Stars League with Al-Duhail. The 34 year old has continued to deliver the goods for Olympiacos this term, notching his 21st goal of the season against Arsenal last week.



6

THE ANCHORMAN
YANN M'VILA
 MIDFIELDER

BORN Amiens, France, 29/6/90
PREVIOUSLY Rennes, Rubin Kazan, Internazionale (loan), Sunderland (loan), Saint-Etienne
 A newcomer to the squad since the club's last visit to Emirates Stadium, Yann has nevertheless played here before, for Sunderland in a 3-1 defeat by Arsenal in the 2015/16 season when he was on loan to the Black Cats from Rubin Kazan. A former France international with 22 caps, the defensive midfielder moved to Piraeus last summer from Saint-Etienne. He played as an emergency centre-back last week.



27

THE LOANEE
BRUMA
 WINGER

BORN Bissau, Guinea-Bissau, 24/10/94
PREVIOUSLY Sporting Lisbon, Galatasaray, Gaziantepspor (loan), Real Sociedad (loan), Leipzig, PSV Eindhoven
 A pacy Portuguese winger who is on loan to Olympiacos from PSV Eindhoven, Bruma may well have had mixed feelings about knocking his parent club out of the competition in the round of 32. A former team-mate of Emile Smith Rowe's at RB Leipzig, the 26 year old has played for several top European teams, notably winning the Turkish double with Galatasaray in 2014/15.



THE BOSS
PEDRO MARTINS
 HEAD COACH

BORN July 17, 1970 in Feira, Portugal
PREVIOUSLY Uniao Lamas (2006-07), Lusitania (2007-09), Espinho (2009-10), Maritimo (2010-14), Rio Ave (2014-16), Vitoria Guimaraes (2016-18)
 Pedro Martins was named as Olympiacos coach in April 2018, becoming the club's fifth Portuguese boss in six years after Leonardo Jardim, Vitor Pereira, Marco Silva and Paulo Bento. The 50 year old had not previously worked outside his homeland, his last three spells in the dugout before the move to Greece having all brought Europa League qualification – for Maritimo, Rio Ave and Vitoria Guimaraes. A holding midfielder, he was capped once by Portugal during a three-year spell with Sporting Lisbon from 1995-98.

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Christian Karambeu

REALLY?!?

Olympiacos striker **Bruma** started his career at Sporting Lisbon and broke into their first-team in season 2012/13 as an 18 year old. Where he played alongside talented young defender **Cedric Soares**.



Jose Holebas at Watford

Jose Holebas' fourth game as an Olympiacos player came in a **2-1 loss to Arsenal** at Emirates Stadium on September 28, 2011 during his first spell in Piraeus. He has now played nine times against the Gunners, four for Olympiacos, five for **Watford**, winning twice, drawing one and losing six times.

Arsenal nemesis **Youssef El-Arabi** is heading for **250 career goals**. Following 28 with his hometown club **Caen** in France, he scored 16 in Saudi Arabia with **Al Hilal**, 45 in Spain with **Granada** and a remarkable 100 in 87 games in Qatar with **Al Duhail**. Added to 48 in two seasons with **Olympiacos**, he now has **237** career goals to his name.

SCOUTING REPORT

BY Michael Cox



TOP
Dani Ceballos challenges midfielder Kostas Fortounis in the first leg

TOP RIGHT
Mohamed Camara in possession

ABOVE
Bruma and Bukayo Saka provide pace for each side

RIGHT
Olympiacos celebrate their equaliser last Thursday

Pedro Martins is a forward-thinking coach who likes his side to control possession, and after his Olympiacos side lost 3-1 in the first leg, they will be forced to dominate at the Emirates this evening – they need to score at least three times.

Martins is a flexible tactician, but he's most likely to stick with the 4-2-3-1 formation from the first leg. Olympiacos were fluid, with the three attacking midfielders given license to rotate their positions, and the full backs asked to push forward. This did, however, leave space for Arsenal to break into down the flanks, while the wide players didn't perform

their defensive duties well – Hector Bellerin and Kieran Tierney provided the greatest attacking threat in the first half.

Goalkeeper Jose Sa didn't cover himself in glory for Martin Odegaard's opener, but in general is a good shot-stopper. While Olympiacos are primarily a possession-based side, their goalkeeper often distributes the ball long – in stark contrast to Arsenal's approach of playing out from the back, which was Olympiacos' main source of chances in the first game.

Sokratis Papastathopoulos is a familiar name having spent two and a half years with Arsenal before departing in January. Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang knows him well, having also played alongside him at Dortmund, and will again look to drift out towards the inside-left channel and test his speed.

A late injury to Ousseyunou Ba meant that Yann M'Vila, generally a tough-tackling defensive midfielder, was forced to fill in at the back. The composed Ruben Semedo is another option while Pape Abou Cisse, who scored a header here last season, was a regular in the first half of the campaign before being loaned to Saint-Etienne.

M'Vila is more comfortable in midfield, from where he's capable of dominating a game, and he's also scored four times so far in 2021, including in the 4-2 victory over PSV. His partner is Andreas Bouchalakis, who sits deep and plays passes towards the flanks. Mohamed Mady Camara played alongside him in the first leg after M'Vila was forced to shift into defence, but has often played in a more advanced role.

Out wide, Martins likes his full backs to push forward. Kenny Lala advances down the right while Oleg Reabciuk does the same on the left, although he was withdrawn at half-time last week with Jose Holebas replacing him – his left-footed delivery is better, and may be a threat at set-pieces if he starts here.

Giorgos Masouras, a winger comfortable on either flank, came into the side after the injury to Ba, but Olympiacos' key attacking midfielders are the wonderful Mathieu Valbuena, an expert at finding pockets of space and delivering crosses into the box – although at 36 he lacks speed – and the quicker Bruma, a threat on the counter-attack.

Youssef El-Arabi scored Olympiacos' equaliser and is in excellent form this season, averaging a goal a game in the Greek Super League. He's capable of playing up front by himself, and is happy to act as a target for long balls. ■



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ODEGAARD 44,
LACAZETTE 64 PEN



1

LAMELA 33

PREMIER LEAGUE MATCHDAY 28

4.30pm • Sunday, March 14 • Emirates Stadium

FIRST HALF

Despite seeing plenty of the ball, we didn't have a clear sight at goal until Emile Smith Rowe rattled the crossbar with a fine attempt from 20 yards. Our dominance began to fade and we were punished on the half hour. Erik Lamela – an early replacement for Heung-Min Son – showed great technique to score inside the far post. The goal was very much against the run of play, but we kept pushing and hit the woodwork for a second time when Cedric latched onto a loose ball just inside the box and crashed his effort against the upright. We deserved to be on terms, and finally drew level late in the half through Martin Odegaard. Kieran Tierney got away down the left, sent in a low cross which the Norwegian steered beyond Hugo Lloris via a deflection off Toby Alderweireld.

SECOND HALF

Nicolas Pepe was introduced at the break, and his wonderful pass to Alexandre Lacazette inside the box resulted in a penalty, when the Frenchman was brought down. Referee Michael Oliver pointed to the spot and Laca himself dispatched. Lamela saw red for an elbow on Tierney, but perversely the visitors improved after going down to ten men. Spurs piled on the late pressure: Harry Kane struck the post from a free-kick and Gabriel made a superb clearing header to keep out Sanchez's follow up strike to wrap up the win. ■

MATCH STATS	
13	TOTAL SHOTS 6
3	SHOTS ON TARGET 3
6	CORNERS 3
0	OFFSIDES 1
12	FOULS 14
53	POSSESSION % 47

ARSENAL

- 1 LENO
- 3 TIERNEY
- 23 DAVID LUIZ
- 6 GABRIEL
- 17 CEDRIC
- 34 KHAKA
- 18 PARTEY
- 7 SAKA (46)
- 11 ODEGAARD
- 9 LACAZETTE (88)
- 32 SMITH ROWE (77)

SUBSTITUTES

PEPE (46), WILLIAN (77), ELENY (88), AUBAMEYANG, BELLERIN, CHAMBERS, CEBALLOS, HOLDING, RYAN

TOTTENHAM

- 1 LLORIS
- 6 SANCHEZ
- 4 ALDERWEIRELD
- 2 DDHERTY
- 3 REGUILON
- 28 NDOMBELE (62)
- 7 SON (19)
- 9 BALE (57)
- 27 LUCAS MOURA
- 5 HOJBERG
- 10 KANE

SUBSTITUTES

LAMELA (19), SISOKO (57), ALLI (62), AURIER, DIER, DAVIES, WINKS, VINICIUS, HART



MATCH ACTION

FIRST PAGE

Alexandre Lacazette is cleared out by Davinson Sanchez for the penalty

PREVIOUS PAGE

Martin Odegaard celebrates his first Premier League goal

TOP

Emile Smith Rowe had a storming first ever NLD

MIDDLE LEFT

Laca makes no mistake from 12 yards

MIDDLE RIGHT

Gabriel and Thomas Partey keep Erik Lamela in check

BOTTOM LEFT

The winner

BOTTOM RIGHT

Laca battles with Sanchez



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 The Winch, a local charity whose mission is to work with families "to help each child succeed regardless of their circumstances". Deputy play manager Susan tells us how they have been supporting children through lockdown

I started working at The Winch seven years ago because I was captivated by their ethos and I shared their vision for future achievements. I was already qualified and had worked in the field but I still wanted to learn more and help others along the way. My role includes delivering after-school services and holiday play schemes, helping children to learn through play, supporting vulnerable children and families and working alongside other services where necessary. A key part of the job is also to develop relationships and build trust with children and families.

The Arsenal Foundation helped to fund a project that delivered play packs to 71 children from June to August 2020. The aim was to support mental and physical wellbeing, as well as educational learning through play. We also held weekly wellbeing checks via one-to-one phone or video sessions, delivered workout sessions twice a week, supplied essential food packages to 20 families per week and held face-to-face sessions for 16 children and families from May to July. These took place in a Covid-secure outdoor environment, enabling those most in need to remain connected to the real world.

At first, when schools closed their doors last March, many of our children didn't grasp the severity of the situation and saw it as a mini half-term. Of course they



Getting creative at The Winch



Positive vibes only

soon realised that not only could they not go to school, they couldn't go to The Winch, see friends or family, play or do anything they thought they'd be able to do by not being at school. As time went on many of our children were too scared to venture out.

Children really struggled with online education, too. Their normal routines were severely disrupted and online learning wasn't what they were used to. Covid-19 had left children feeling very lonely, isolated, afraid and filled with uncertainty. More than anything else they just wanted to be with their friends.

It was important that we continued to deliver learning experiences that children would enjoy, while giving them the opportunity to remain connected with their friends. Through our online sessions the children engaged in activities such as quizzes, problem solving, guessing games, competitions and exercise. We saw them start to smile again and it was wonderful to see their joy.

I do think it's so important for football clubs and their players to be involved locally and to help charities such as ourselves. Many of our children look up to footballers, and knowing that their role model has their wellbeing in mind and has reached out to offer assistance can make all the difference in our children's lives. It can give them hope and inspire them to strive towards their goals to reach their full potential.

For more info visit thewinch.org

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DEVELOPING STRONG YOUNG

GUNNERS

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YOUNG GUN

JOEL
IDEHO

TALKING TO Aidan Small

BORN

Tilberg, Netherlands,
July 17, 2003

HEIGHT AND WEIGHT

5ft 7in and, 69kg

BOOTS

Puma

POSITION

Winger

SIGNED FOR ARSENAL

Summer 2020

I've only been here at Arsenal since last summer, but now that I'm settled in and really loving life in north London, I wanted to introduce myself to all of you Gooners out there.

I grew up in Tilburg, Netherlands. My childhood was full of memories of hanging out on the streets with all of my friends and it was really fun at the time, but it wasn't always a good way to be, and as time went on, I had to change and become a better person.

Football was a big part of that. My dad has always been a massive football fan and he was the reason I fell in love with the sport. I could see how passionate it made him and as a seven year old, that's when I started to watch more and more football on TV and start learning about the sport.

Street football was my introduction to the game and it's a really important part of your development as a player in the Netherlands. In my opinion, street football is where you develop your technique at an early age and it's how you become a technical player. I think it's why Netherlands produces so many players like that. It doesn't matter where you are... if you're playing on concrete, stone or sand, you can play football anywhere and learning to

control the ball in different situations is really important.

I actually started out as a goalkeeper when I joined my first Sunday league team, but over time I moved outfield, joined another Sunday team and that's when I started to really grow as a player. I played with them for three years until I was 13 and that's when I signed with my first academy... Willem II.

"I CHIPPED THE KEEPER FROM 20 YARDS, AND THAT'S WHEN CLUBS STARTED TO SHOW THEIR INTEREST IN ME"

I was so happy because the club is in my city, everybody knows the club and it was such a good chance for me to become a better player, with better facilities and better coaching.

I spent the next four years of my career there until I eventually joined Ajax, but I only spent four months at the club because that's when Arsenal came calling. I played a game in the youth league against FC Midjyland and chipped the keeper from 20 yards, and that's when clubs started to show their interest in me. It's always nice



hearing that clubs have belief in your talent, but to find out that Arsenal were interested was amazing. I was so happy because Arsenal is such a big club with a great history and they've had some iconic Dutch players over the years too.

Now, the first few months of the season were difficult for me. I wasn't playing many games and that was hard for

me, especially in the middle of this pandemic, but I'm picking up more minutes now, finding my flow and making more friends too. Scoring my first goal for the club last week felt amazing, but now I'm just focused on scoring more, assisting more and helping the team in any way possible. That's the most important thing. ■



RATE YOURSELF



Best player I've faced Here at Arsenal, Brooke Norton-Cuffy

Best piece of skill I've done in a game Flip flap

Best moment of my career so far Signing my first contract

One stadium I'd like to score in Tottenham's Stadium!

One type of goal I'd like to score most More chips!

A player to score a one on one to save my life CR7

If I changed position... I would be a No. 10

Favourite training drill Small-sided matches

ME

Favourite footballer of all-time Didier Drogba

If I could be any footballer, past or present Neymar

Most played Spotify artist Frenna

Favourite follow on Instagram Neymar

Favourite pre-match song SFB – Legendary

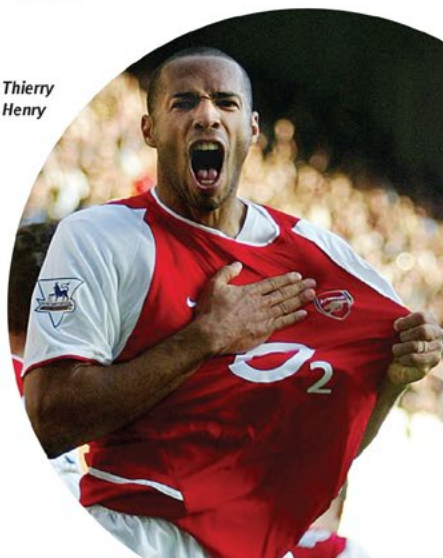
Best football attribute Dribbling

Arsenal legend I look up to most Thierry Henry

Player who shaped my game most Always CR7

Best thing about being at Arsenal Everyone wants you to improve

Something not many people know about me I'm a real family person



Thierry Henry



U-18 Premier League South
Tuesday, March 9
Bodmoor Heath
Training Ground

ARSENAL U18 Ejeheri, Norton-Cuffy, Foran, Oyegoke, Jeffcott, Bandiera, Henry-Francis, Hutchinson, Butler-Oyededeji (Vigar 46), Ideho (Sagoe Junior 76), Edwards **SUBS NOT USED:** Mitchell, Awe

Charles Sagoe Jr made his debut for our under-18s as we were held to a 0-0 draw by Aston Villa at Bodmoor Heath training centre.

Ken Gillard opted for three changes from our previous outing, with Ovie Ejeheri, Taylor Foran and Joel Ideho all returning to the starting XI.

The latter started brightly too, kickstarting a move from deep before picking out Omari Hutchinson, who saw his low effort kept out by the feet of Filip Marshall.

Villa's Paul Appiah then sent a header over the bar from an inviting corner delivery, before Sebastian Revan sent a curling effort just wide of the far post.

Following the restart, Billy Vigar was introduced off the bench and came close to making an instant impact, racing behind Villa's defence and forcing Marshall into a save.

Hutchinson, who remained a bright spark all afternoon, then went on to cut inside from the right and bend the ball just wide of the bottom corner.

We had one last chance to secure all three points when Hutchinson fizzed a free-kick across the face of goal, but Foran failed to make contact, before Henry Jeffcott was denied by the post on the rebound. ■



Omari Hutchinson was in the thick of the action

Charles Sagoe Junior made his debut



JOEL IDEHO LOWDOWN

Earliest memory of football Playing street football

Got me into football My dad

First footballer looked up to Didier Drogba

Favourite old boots Nike Mercurials

Best friend in football Hafid Jahaoui

Team supported as a child Real Madrid

Best goal of all-time Ronaldinho

Best goal I've scored My chip against FC Midtjylland in the UEFA Youth League

Best training ground tip I've been given Work hard and believe in yourself



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Premier League 2
Friday, March 12
Meadow Park



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ARSENAL U23 Okonkwo, Alebiosu, Dinzeyi, Monlouis, Lopez, Azeez, Taylor-Hart (Akinola 72), Nelson, Moller, Nketiah, Balogun (Lewis 73)
SUBS NOT USED: Smith, Bola, Cirjan

MCBRIDE 29 PEN, BURNS 34, 43



Eddie Nketiah was back in action for the under-23s

Our under-23s slipped to a disappointing 3-0 defeat against Blackburn in the Premier League 2 last week.

We made a fast start at Meadow Park and had the best chance of the opening exchanges when Miguel Azeez came close with a well-struck free-kick from 25 yards.

Our 18-year-old midfielder, who made his return from injury against Southampton last week, put in a fine individual performance on a frustrating night for Steve Bould's side.

Despite our positive start, Connor McBride was gifted the chance to open the scoring just before the half-hour mark after being brought down by Ryan Alebiosu inside the box.

The referee pointed to the spot and the Blackburn forward made no mistake from 12 yards, firing low and hard into the bottom left corner to give the visitors the lead.

Things then went from bad to worse five minutes later. Sam Burns dispossessed Reiss Nelson inside his own half before beating Arthur Okonkwo from close range to double Blackburn's lead.

Burns wasn't finished there. He completed his brace before the interval, heading home McBride's cross to put the game out of reach for the Gunners.

Despite a late flurry with chances falling to Nelson and Eddie Nketiah, we were unable to notch a late consolation – falling to our ninth defeat of the season. ■



Captain Nikolaj Moller goes in bravely against Rovers



Reiss Nelson tries to burrow his way through the Blackburn defence



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U-18 Premier League South
Saturday, March 13
Lotus Training Centre

SPRINGETT 3, DICKSON-PETERS 14, 45 PEN, KAMARA 72



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IDEHO 81

ARSENAL U18 Graczyk, Norton-Cuffy, Foran, Awe, Jeffcott (Edwards 46), Henry-Francis, Bandeira, Ideho, Cirjan, Oyegoke (Ogungbo 46), Vigar (Hutchinson 61) **SUBS NOT USED:** Mitchell, Sagoe Junior

Joel Ideho scored his first goal for the under-18s but we were beaten by Norwich City on the road. Ken Gillard's side came into this fixture without a league win in three matches, while the hosts had scored 14 goals in their last four appearances.

Full of confidence, Norwich made a strong start and found themselves ahead after just three minutes, with Tony Springgett cutting inside from the right and finding the far corner.

Thomas Dickson-Peters then went on to double their advantage shortly after, converting at the far post following a searching delivery from Jon Rowe, before making it three on the stroke of half-time.

Zach Awe was forced into making a last-ditch tackle that tripped Norwich's No 10 – and Dickson-Peters duly converted from the spot too.

Following the restart, Ideho looked sharp on the left wing, and he somehow saw his curling effort from 20 yards tipped behind for a corner.

But with a quick switch of play and a direct run from Rowe, Norwich were awarded their second penalty of the afternoon, as Awe stepped in with a late challenge.

Rowe stepped up to convert from 12 yards, but he was denied by an outstanding double save from Hubert Graczyk. Abu Kamara went on to make it four with just 20 minutes remaining, though, providing the finishing touch to a well-worked team move.

Ideho reduced the deficit late on with an impressive dummy and composed finish, but it was ultimately too little too late. ■



Hubert Graczyk made a superb double save

Billy Vigar made his first start of the season



ACADEMY NEWS

GOING GREEN AT HALE END ACADEMY

Alexei Rojas Fedorushchenko (right) isn't your average 15 year old. Not only is he a talented goalkeeper from our Hale End Academy, he's also been fighting to make the world a better place – one plastic bottle at a time.

"The club have been doing some great work in terms of sustainability at London Colney and Emirates Stadium, but Hale End, which is where the academy train, wasn't getting the same attention in terms of how we can improve it and make it more sustainable," Rojas told Sky Sports.

"I've been quite passionate about the topics of sustainability and the environment for many years, and here at Arsenal I've had the opportunity to voice that and use the platform Arsenal have to get my voice heard.

"I saw that and thought we have to do something here, so when I joined the sustainability group last season, who meet every few months to voice any issues or concerns, I pitched my ideas about what we could do better at Hale End, and from there we've been cutting down on single use plastic completely and using recycling bins all around the place. Another big thing was wasting energy through the floodlights when people weren't there or using it.

"We've made really big improvements in terms of single use packaging because we've swapped it out for compostable and biodegradable materials.

"Nobody uses single use bottles anymore either, everyone has their own bottle and that's one thing the



BUKAYO SAKA
ARSENAL



Bukayo in his Hale End days

virus has actually helped with!"

Alexei also provided some advice to first-team star Bukayo Saka, who joined him on the interview to find out more about these positive changes at Hale End.

"As Bukayo's got such a big following, a lot of people look up to him and I know I certainly do," Alexei said.

"So many people at the academy and my friends at school admire him, so my advice is to inspire others by having good actions and showing people that you're actively working to make the world a better place, through sustainability or any other ways.

"People will follow on with what he's doing because they see him as a big role model." ■



LEFT
Kostas in action in the
2016/17 season

BELOW
Now with Anorthosis
Famagusta



ACADEMY ALUMNI

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

KOSTAS PILEAS

Defender Kostas Pileas arrived at Arsenal from Cyprus as a first year-scholar for the start of the 2015/16 season, in the same intake as Eddie Nketiah and Joe Willock. He went on to play 17 Under-18 Premier League games, scoring one goal which was a memorable one – an equaliser away to Tottenham, setting up an eventual 4-2 victory for the young Gunners.

Kostas also started six games in the under-23s, before

finishing his scholarship with Arsenal and heading home to Cyprus and one of their most famous clubs, Anorthosis Famagusta, in Larnaca in July 2017.

For season 2018/19 he was sent out on loan to Ermis Aradippou, also in the Cypriot top tier, making 16 appearances. On returning to his parent club for last season, Kostas struggled to make a mark back with Anorthosis but has found himself in Temur Ketsbaia's first-team squad for the majority of games this season, coming off the bench three times.

Capped by Cyprus at all youth levels up to under-21 level, Kostas is now 22 and will be hoping to make a first team place his own sooner rather than later. ■

THE BREAKDOWN

YOUTH STATS

UNDER-23 FIXTURES

Fri Sept 11	Southampton	H	1-2
Fri Sept 18	Brighton & HA	A	2-2
Sat Sept 26	Tottenham Hotspur	H	0-1
Sun Oct 4	Chelsea	A	0-3
Fri Oct 16	Manchester United	H	3-3
Sat Oct 24	Manchester City	A	1-4
Fri Oct 30	Liverpool	H	0-1
Fri Nov 6	Blackburn Rovers	A	6-0
Fri Nov 20	Everton	H	1-0
Fri Nov 27	Derby County	H	3-1
Fri Dec 18	Leicester City	H	2-1
Fri Jan 22	Brighton & HA	H	5-0
Fri Jan 29	Tottenham Hotspur	A	1-1
Fri Feb 5	Chelsea	H	2-2
Fri Feb 12	Manchester United	A	0-3
Fri Feb 19	Manchester City	H	0-2
Sat Feb 27	Liverpool	A	0-4
Fri Mar 5	Southampton	A	2-2
Fri Mar 12	Blackburn Rovers	H	0-3
Sun Mar 21	Everton	A	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
Manchester City	18	12	4	2	60	24	36	40
Blackburn Rovers	18	10	5	3	42	29	13	35
Derby County	19	9	3	7	33	36	-3	30
Tottenham Hotspur	18	8	5	5	32	28	4	29
Chelsea	17	8	4	5	33	25	8	28
Manchester United	18	8	4	6	45	43	2	28
Everton	18	7	4	7	30	23	7	25
Liverpool	17	7	3	7	34	36	-2	24
Brighton & Hove Albion	19	5	7	7	26	36	-10	22
Arsenal	19	5	5	9	29	35	-6	20
Leicester City	18	5	2	11	29	43	-14	17
Southampton	18	4	4	10	26	41	-15	16
West Ham United	17	2	4	11	19	39	-20	10

UNDER-18 FIXTURES

* = won on penalties

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

EFL TROPHY FIXTURES

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

UNDER-18 PREMIER LEAGUE SOUTH

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Crystal Palace	18	12	2	4	40	28	12	38
Fulham	17	11	2	4	47	23	24	35
Brighton & Hove Albion	18	10	3	5	48	28	20	33
Tottenham Hotspur	17	8	6	3	41	24	17	30
Aston Villa	15	8	5	2	28	20	8	29
Chelsea	17	8	2	7	42	33	9	26
Arsenal	16	7	2	7	29	31	-2	23
Norwich City	16	7	1	8	41	35	6	22
West Bromwich Albion	18	6	3	9	36	44	-8	21
Reading	15	3	4	8	29	44	-15	13
West Ham United	16	3	4	9	20	39	-19	13
Leicester City	15	2	3	10	21	49	-28	9
Southampton	14	1	3	10	19	43	-24	6

FA YOUTH CUP FIXTURES

Tue Dec 15	Rotherham United	A	2-1
Sat Mar 20	Blackburn Rovers	A	12pm

THE BREAKDOWN

YOUTH APPEARANCES

PLAYER	PL2	EFLT	UI8	FAYC	PLIC	TOTAL
Ben Cottrell	16(4)	4	-	-	-	20(4)
Tim Akinola	15+3	3+1	-	-	-	18+4
Folarin Balogun	15(6)	2(1)	-	-	-	17(7)
Ryan Alebiosu	15+1	3	-	-	-	18+1
Nicolaj Moller	14(6)	1	-	-	-	15(6)
Joel Lopez	11+1	3	-	-	-	14+1
Catalin Cirjan	9+2(1)	3+1(1)	3	-	-	15+3(2)
Jonathan Dinzevi	9+4	1	-	-	-	10+4
Karl Hein	8	1	-	-	-	9
Miguel Azeev	8+4(1)	2+1(1)	-	-	-	10+5(2)
William Saliba	6	2	-	-	-	8
Kido Taylor-Hart	6+4(2)	1+1	9(6)	1	-	17+5(8)
Daniel Oyejoke	5+3	1	3	-	-	9+3
Arthur Okonkwo	6+1	1	-	-	-	7+1
Alex Kirk	5+1	+1	8(1)	1	-	14+2(1)
Reiss Nelson	6(2)	-	-	-	-	6(2)
George Lewis	4+3	1(1)	-	-	-	5+3(1)
James Olayinka	4(1)	2	-	-	-	6(1)
Charlie Patino	4(1)	-	9	1(1)	-	14(2)
Tolaji Bola	4	1	-	-	-	5
Jordan McEnuff	3+3	2(1)	-	-	-	5+3(1)
Brooke Norton-Cuify	3+1	+1	12	1	-	16+2
Emile Smith Rowe	3(3)	1	-	-	-	4(3)
Calum Chambers	3(1)	1	-	-	-	4(1)
Joseph Olowu	3	-	-	-	-	3
Zane Monlouis	3+1	1	8+1(1)	1	-	13+2(1)
Harry Clarke	2	1	-	-	-	3
Matt Macey	2	1	-	-	-	3
Daniel Ballard	2	-	-	-	-	2
Pablo Mari	2	-	-	-	-	2
Trae Coyle	1+2	-	-	-	-	1+2
Salah-Eddine Oulad M'hand	1+1	1	-	-	-	2+1
Joel Ideho	1+1	+1	5+1(1)	-	-	6+3(1)
Mark McGuinness	1	1	-	-	-	2
Sokratis Papastathopoulos	1	-	-	-	-	2
Levi Laing	1	+2	6+1	-	-	7+3
Hubert Graczyk	1	-	10+1	-	-	11+1
Zach Awe	1	-	8+3	-	-	9+3
James Hillson	1	-	-	-	-	1
Eddie Nketiah	1	-	-	-	-	1
Cedric Soares	1	-	-	-	-	1
Tom Smith	1	-	-	-	-	1
Joe Willock	1	-	-	-	-	1
Mazeed Ogungbo	+3	-	9+1(1)	1(1)	-	10+4(2)
Khayon Edwards	+1	-	7+7(4)	-	-	7+8(4)
Taylor Foran	+1	-	7+2	-	-	7+3
Gabriel Martinelli	-	1	-	-	-	1
Matt Smith	-	1	-	-	-	1
Omari Hutchinson	-	-	15+1(4)	1	-	16+1(4)
Mauro Bandeira	-	-	13+2	-	-	13+2
Marcelo Flores	-	-	7+2(3)	1	-	8+2(3)
Nathan Butler-Oyedéji	-	-	7+2	1	-	8+2
Luke Plange	-	-	6+3(4)	-	-	6+3(4)
Jack Henry-Francis	-	-	7+3	-	-	7+3
James Sweet	-	-	5+2(2)	1	-	6+2(2)
Ovie Ejeheri	-	-	5	1	-	6
Henry Jeffcott	-	-	4+1	-	-	4+1
Remy Mitchell	-	-	1	-	-	1
Billy Vigar	-	-	1+4	-	-	1+4
Charles Sagoe Jr	-	-	+1	-	-	+1
Jason Sraha	-	-	+1	-	-	+1
Own goals	(1)	-	(2)	-	-	(3)



Zane Monlouis

ARSENAL WOMEN

News and reports from England's most successful women's football team

SEASON DEFINING GAME TOMORROW!

Joe Montemurro's team take on Manchester United tomorrow night at Meadow Park in what could well be the most important match of the season.

Arsenal currently sit in fourth place in the WSL table, six points behind Manchester United in third – the final position for qualification to the 2021/22 Uefa Women's Champions League.

The Gunners' game in hand on United – and a far superior goal difference of +15 – means a win for Arsenal would give a huge boost to hopes of qualifying for Europe's premier club competition.

In addition, Arsenal's remaining five fixtures of the season will give them encouragement for a strong finish to the campaign, having already played Manchester City and Chelsea home and away in the WSL this season – though Montemurro will certainly not be taking any games for granted, in a league becoming more competitive every single season.

Significantly, United have also already played both City and Chelsea home and away this season.

The game kicks off at 6.30pm tomorrow and you can watch it live on BT Sport 2.

Good luck Gunners! ■



ACADEMY APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR 2020/21

Would you like to play for Arsenal? You can now apply for a place at our WSL Academy, which supports talented female footballers to make the step from U16s RTC/ Academy football to our first team. You can find more details and apply by heading to the post from February 22 on our news pages at Arsenal.com, where you can also read about our alternative education programme with Oaklands College. Good luck! ■

BETH'S TON

Congratulations to Beth Mead, who racked up her 100th WSL appearance in the win over Birmingham City. We can't wait for the next century, Meado! ■



LEFT TOP

Caitlin Foord will take on Man United in great form

LEFT BOTTOM

Could Vivianne Miedema prove the difference?

BELOW

Beth on the day she chalked up her century

2020/21 FIXTURES

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

WOMEN'S SUPER LEAGUE (AT MAR 14)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
CHELSEA	16	13	2	1	49	8	41	41
MANCHESTER CITY	16	12	3	1	51	11	40	39
MANCHESTER UNITED	16	11	2	3	35	15	19	35
ARSENAL	15	9	2	4	48	14	34	29
EVERTON	16	7	4	5	30	22	8	25
READING	17	4	8	5	21	27	-6	20
BRIGHTON	16	5	3	8	13	30	-17	18
TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	15	3	4	8	15	28	-13	16
BIRMINGHAM CITY	14	3	2	9	10	28	-18	11
ASTON VILLA	14	3	1	10	11	37	-26	10
BRISTOL CITY	15	2	3	10	13	57	-44	9
WEST HAM UNITED	14	2	2	10	14	32	-18	8

*Arsenal won on penalties

THE BREAKDOWN CHALKBOARD

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At just 20 years of age, Emile Smith Rowe picked up the Man-of-the-Match award in his first-ever north London derby at the weekend.

The talented young midfielder has been a revelation since stepping into Mikel Arteta's side back in December – but this performance was arguably his best, and most important, in an Arsenal shirt so far.

Right from the first minute, Emile pressed relentlessly from the front and searched for the ball at every opportunity, desperate to make the difference in the final third. And he came very close to doing just that, hitting the crossbar with a superb long range effort after 16 minutes. Starting on the left side of a fluid three behind Alexandre Lacazette, Emile combined with Kieran Tierney to devastating effect, cutting inside to allow the full back to drive into space.

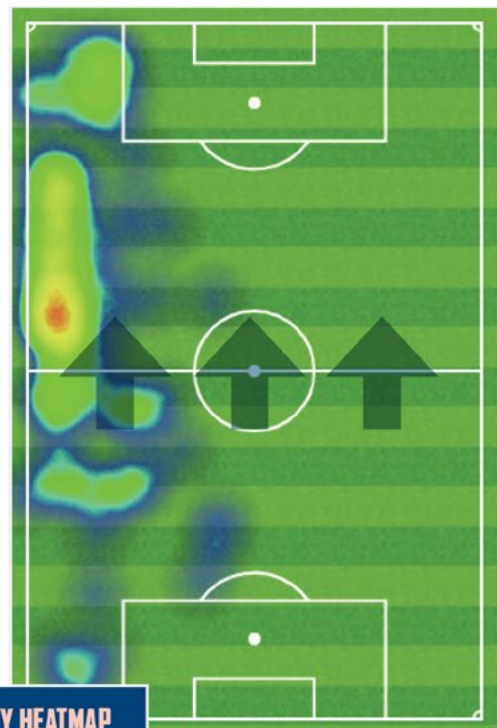
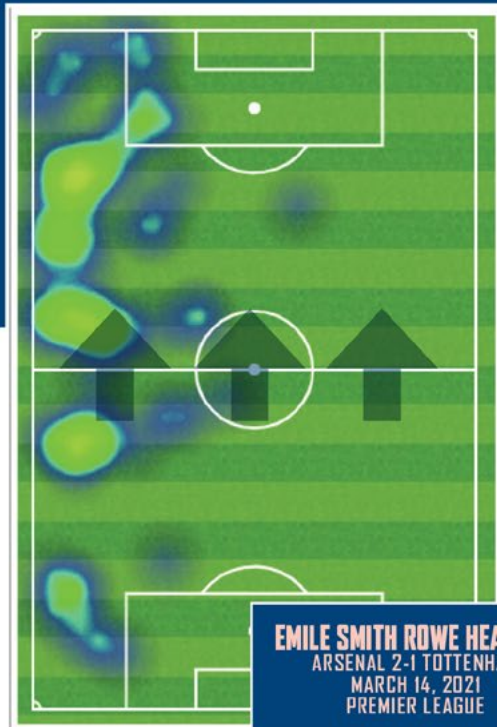
Tierney made those runs all night long and Smith Rowe's exceptional ball retention allowed us to continually attack the channels.

In turn, this created space for Emile in the half spaces and he certainly made it count, carving out four key chances. Emile is the youngest player to do so in a Premier League north London derby since Cesc Fabregas in April 2007.

Emile's general play was outstanding too, as he registered 37 passes at a completion rate of 97.3 per cent – higher than any other player on the pitch. He also made six ball recoveries, one interception and one tackle.

It's worth noting that his movement allowed Tierney to deliver more crosses (seven) than any other player at Emirates Stadium too.

To gain a greater understanding of how we exposed Tottenham down the left flank, take a look Tierney and Smith Rowe's heat maps. ■



Green = 1st sub
Gold = 2nd sub
Blue = 3rd sub
Purple = 4th sub
Pink = 5th sub

Win
Draw
Loss
+ = Won on pens

Premier League
UEFA Europa League
Carabao Cup
Emirates FA Cup
Community Shield

Bold fixture = Scorer
Bold player = Goal scored
Goal
Penalty

* = Own Goal
CAPS = Captain
Yellow card
Red card
= Played at Wembley Stadium

DATE	OPPOSITION	F-A	POS /RND	ATT/KD	STARTING XI	SUBSTITUTES	REFEREE	
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) Kolasiac(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 Kolasiac Macey	C. Kavanagh
Sat 19	West Ham United	2-1	2	BCD	Leno Bellerin Holding Gabriel Kolasiac Saka Ceballos Xhaka	Willian Lacazette AUBAMEYANG	Pepe(64) Nketiah(77) David Luiz(89) M-Niles Elneny Willock Macey	M. Oliver
Wed 23	Leicester City	2-0*	CC3	BCD	Leno M-Niles Holding DAVID LUIZ Kolasiac Saka Elneny Willock	Pepe Nelson Nketiah	Willian(72) Ceballos(78) Bellerin(87) Saliba Lacazette Xhaka Runarsson	P. Bankes
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 Kolasiac Runarsson	C. Pawson
Thur 1	Liverpool	0-0*	CC4	BCD	Leno Cedric Holding Gabriel Kolasiac 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 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
Thur 22	Rapid Vienna	2-1	MD1	3,000	Leno Cedric David Luiz Gabriel Kolasiac 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 Kolasiac 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
Thur 5	Molde	4-1**	MD3	BCD	Leno M-Niles David Luiz Mustafi Kolasiac Willock Ceballos XHAKA	Willian Pepe Nketiah	Cedric(64) Saka(64) Elneny(80) Tierney(80) Lacazette Gabriel Bellerin Aubameyang Partey Holding Runarsson Macey	H. Meier
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	11	BCD	Leno Bellerin Holding Gabriel Tierney Xhaka Ceballos Willock	Pepe Willian AUBAMEYANG	Nelson(46) Saka(57) M-Niles(90) Lacazette Mustafi Nketiah Runarsson	A. Taylor
Sun 26	Molde	3-0	MD4	600	Runarsson Cedric David Luiz Mustafi M-Niles Xhaka Ceballos Nelson	Pepe Nketiah LACAZETTE	Holding(46) Ceballos(62) Tierney(75) Smith Rowe(75) Balogun(82) Cottrell Azeez Bellerin Macey Hein	I. Peljto
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 Kolasiac 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	Smith Rowe Pepe Nketiah	Ceballos(62) Balogun(62) Cottrell(77) Azeez(83) Holding Saka Hein Macey	I. Bebek
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) Martinelli(71) Lacazette(76) Cedric Bellerin Smith Rowe Kolasiac Mustafi Runarsson	A. Marriner
Tue 22	Manchester City	1-4	QF	BCD	Runarsson Cedric Mustafi Gabriel Kolasiac Ceballos Elneny M-Niles	Willock Martinelli LACAZETTE	Pepe(49) Smith Rowe(66) Balogun(77) Mari Tierney Nketiah Leno	S. Attwell
Sat 26	Chelsea	3-1	14	BCD	Leno Bellerin Holding Mari Tierney Xhaka Elneny Saka	Smith Rowe Martinelli LACAZETTE	Willock(65) Pepe(71) Mustafi(90) Ceballos Aubameyang Cedric Nketiah M-Niles Runarsson	M. Oliver
Tue 29	Brighton & HA	1-0	13	BCD	Leno Bellerin Holding Mari Tierney Xhaka Elneny Saka	Smith Rowe Martinelli AUBAMEYANG	Lacazette(63) Ceballos(81) M-Niles(89) Willock Cedric Mustafi Pepe Nketiah Runarsson	M. Atkinson
Sat 2	West Brom	4-0	11	BCD	Leno Bellerin Holding Mari Tierney Xhaka Ceballos Saka	Smith Rowe Lacazette AUBAMEYANG	M-Niles(54) Willian(71) Willock(77) Pepe David Luiz Elneny Martinelli Nketiah Runarsson	M. Atkinson
Sat 9	Newcastle United	2-0	R3	BCD	Leno Cedric David Luiz Mari Tierney Willock Elneny Nelson	Willian Pepe AUBAMEYANG	Smith Rowe(56) Xhaka(66) Saka(66) Lacazette(105) Balogun(120) Chambers Nketiah Runarsson	C. Kavanagh
Thur 14	Crystal Palace	0-0	11	BCD	Leno Bellerin Holding David Luiz M-Niles Xhaka Ceballos Saka	Smith Rowe Lacazette AUBAMEYANG	Pepe(65) Partey(69) Nketiah(81) Willock Cedric Gabriel Willian Chambers Runarsson	A. Marriner
Mon 18	Newcastle United	3-0	10	BCD	Leno Cedric Holding David Luiz Tierney Xhaka Partey Saka	Smith Rowe Lacazette AUBAMEYANG	Elneny(67) Willian(79) Martinelli(81) Willock Bellerin Gabriel Nketiah Pepe Runarsson	D.Coote
Sat 23	Southampton	0-1	R4	BCD	Leno BELLERIN Holding Gabriel Cedric Xhaka Elneny Willian	Pepe Martinelli Nketiah	Partey(57) Saka(58) Lacazette(72) Willock M-Niles Chambers David Luiz Ryan Runarsson	P. Bankes
Tue 26	Southampton	3-1	8	BCD	Leno BELLERIN Holding David Luiz Cedric Xhaka Partey Saka	Smith Rowe Pepe Lacazette	Willian(72) Elneny(78) Willock(90) Gabriel M-Niles Chambers Nketiah Martinelli Ryan	K.Friend
Sat 30	Manchester United	0-0	9	BCD	Leno BELLERIN Holding David Luiz Cedric Xhaka Partey Martinelli	Smith Rowe Pepe Lacazette	Willian(46) Odegaard(83) Nketiah(90) Gabriel M-Niles Chambers Elneny Willock Runarsson	M. Oliver
Tue 2	Wolves	1-2	10	BCD	Leno BELLERIN Holding David Luiz Cedric Xhaka Partey Saka	Smith Rowe Pepe Lacazette	Gabriel(46) Aubameyang(61) Runarsson(74) Ceballos Odegaard Chambers Elneny Martinelli Willian	C. Pawson
Sat 6	Aston Villa	0-1	10	BCD	Ryan BELLERIN Holding Gabriel Cedric Xhaka Partey Saka	Smith Rowe Pepe Lacazette	Aubameyang(59) Odegaard(65) Willian(74) Ceballos Chambers Martinelli Elneny Mari Runarsson	C. Kavanagh
Sun 14	Leeds United	4-2	9	BCD	Leno Bellerin David Luiz Gabriel Cedric Xhaka Ceballos Saka	Smith Rowe Odegaard AUBAMEYANG	Willian(62) Elneny(78) Holding(89) Pepe Chambers Lacazette Mari Martinelli Ryan	S. Attwell
Thur 18	Benfica	1-1	R32	BCD	Leno Bellerin David Luiz Gabriel Cedric Xhaka Ceballos Saka	Smith Rowe Odegaard AUBAMEYANG	Tierney(64) Pepe(77) Martinelli(77) Willian(89) Elneny(89) Chambers Lacazette Mari Nketiah Ryan Runarsson	C. Cakir
Sun 21	Manchester City	0-1	10	BCD	Leno Bellerin Holding Mari Tierney Xhaka Elneny Saka	Odegaard Pepe AUBAMEYANG	Lacazette(73) Smith Rowe(73) David Luiz(82) Ceballos(86) Gabriel Willian Martinelli Cedric Ryan	J. Moss
Thur 25	Benfica	3-2	R32	BCD	Leno Bellerin David Luiz Gabriel Tierney Xhaka Ceballos Saka	Smith Rowe Odegaard AUBAMEYANG	Willian(63) Partey(63) Lacazette(78) Chambers(86) Elneny(89) Cedric Pepe Mari Nketiah Martinelli Ryan Hein	B. Kuipers
Sun 28	Leicester City	3-1	10	BCD	Leno Cedric David Luiz Mari Tierney Xhaka Elneny Pepe	Smith Rowe Willian LACAZETTE	Odegaard(42) Partey(66) Aubameyang(83) Bellerin Saka Ceballos Holding Martinelli Ryan	P. Tierney
Sat 6	Burnley	1-1	10	BCD	Leno Chambers David Luiz Mari Tierney Xhaka Partey Saka	Odegaard Willian AUBAMEYANG	Lacazette(63) Pepe(69) Ceballos(80) Bellerin Gabriel Holding Elneny Martinelli Ryan	A. Marriner
Thur 10	Olympiacos	3-1	R16	BCD	Leno Bellerin David Luiz Gabriel Tierney Xhaka Partey Saka	Odegaard Willian AUBAMEYANG	Ceballos(55) Smith Rowe(82) Pepe(82) Elneny(82) Lacazette(88) Holding Cedric Martinelli Mari Chambers Hein Ryan	D. Siebert
Sun 14	Tottenham Hotspur	2-1	10	BCD	Leno Cedric David Luiz Gabriel Tierney Xhaka Partey Saka	Odegaard Smith Rowe LACAZETTE	Pepe(46) Willian(77) Elneny(88) Bellerin Ceballos Holding Aubameyang Chambers Ryan	M. Oliver
Thur 17	Olympiacos	R16	8pm					
Sun 21	West Ham United		3pm					
Sun 4	Liverpool		4.30pm					
Thur 8	UEL QF L1		QF					
Sun 11	Sheffield United		7pm					
Thur 15	UEL QF L2		QF					
S/S 17/18	Fulham							
Sat 24	Everton							
Thur 29	UEL SF L1		SF					
S/S 1/2	Newcastle United							
Thur 6	UEL SF L2		SF					
S/S 8/9	West Bromwich Albion							
T/W 11/12	Chelsea							
Sat 15	Crystal Palace							
Sun 23	Brighton & HA							
Wed 26	UEFA Europa League Final							

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

FIRST-TEAM APPEARANCES (GOALS)

PLAYER	PL	UEL	FAC	CC	CS	20/21
Bernd Leno	27	5	2	2	-	36
Bukayo Saka	23+1(5)	4+1(1)	+2	2	1	30+4(6)
Granit Xhaka	23+1(1)	6	1+1	1	1	32+2(1)
Hector Bellerin	22(1)	3+1	1	+1	1	27+2(1)
Kieran Tierney	21(1)	2+5	1	-	1	25+5(1)
Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang	20+3(9)	3+1(3)	1(1)	-	1(1)	25+4(14)
Rob Holding	20+2	+1	1	2	1	24+3
Alexandre Lacazette	18+6(10)	3+2(1)	+2	1+1(1)	-	22+11(12)
David Luiz	15+3(1)	6(1)	1	1	1	24+3(2)
Gabriel	15+1(2)	4(1)	1	2	-	22+1(3)
Willian	14+7	2+4	2	+1	-	18+12
Mohamed Elneny	13+4	4+4(2)	2	2+1	1	22+9(2)
Emile Smith Rowe	12+1	2+4(1)	+1(1)	+1	-	14+7(2)
Dani Ceballos	11+8	3+5	-	2+1	-	16+14
Thomas Partey	11+3	2+1	+1	-	-	13+5
Nicolas Pepe	10+10(5)	6+2(3)	2	2+1	-	20+13(8)
Cedric Soares	8+1	6+1	2	2	+1	18+3
Pablo Mari	6	2(1)	1	-	-	9(1)
Ainsley Maitland-Niles	5+6	5	+1	2+1	1	13+8
Martin Odegaard	4+3(1)	3(1)	-	-	-	7+3(2)
Eddie Nketiah	3+11(1)	6(3)	1	2(1)	1	13+11(5)
Gabriel Martinelli	3+2	+1	1	1	-	5+3
Joe Willock	2+5	4+1(3)	1	3	+1	10+7(3)
Sead Kolasinac	1	4	-	3	+1	8+1
Calum Chambers	1	1+2	-	-	-	2+2
Mat Ryan	1	-	-	-	-	1
Shkodran Mustafi	+3	5	-	1	-	6+3
Reiss Nelson	+2	3+1(1)	1	1	+1	5+4(1)
Alex Runarsson	+1	4	-	1	-	5+1
Folarin Balogun	-	+4(2)	-	+1	-	+5(2)
Miguel Azeez	-	+1	-	-	-	+1
Ben Cottrell	-	+1	-	-	-	+1
Emiliano Martinez	-	-	-	-	1	1
Own goals	-	(2)	-	(1)	-	(3)

	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1. Manchester City	30	22	5	3	43	71
2. Manchester Utd	29	16	9	4	24	57
3. Leicester City	29	17	5	7	21	56
4. Chelsea	29	14	9	6	19	51
5. West Ham United	28	14	6	8	10	48
6. Everton	28	14	4	10	3	46
7. Tottenham	28	13	6	9	17	45
8. Liverpool	28	12	7	9	11	43
9. Aston Villa	27	12	5	10	11	41
10. Arsenal	28	12	5	11	8	41
11. Crystal Palace	29	10	7	12	-16	37
12. Leeds United	28	11	3	14	-3	36
13. Wolves	28	9	8	11	-9	35
14. Southampton	29	9	6	14	-15	33
15. Burnley	29	8	9	12	-15	33
16. Brighton & HA	28	6	11	11	-7	29
17. Newcastle Utd	28	7	7	14	-17	28
18. Fulham	29	5	11	13	-14	26
19. West Brom	29	3	9	17	-37	18
20. Sheffield United	29	4	2	23	-34	14

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00	00	00	25 MOHAMED ELNENY
00	00	00	30 EDDIE NKETIAH
00	00	00	32 EMILE SMITH ROWE
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00	00	00	35 GABRIEL MARTINELLI
00	00	00	38 FOLARIN BALOGUN
00	00	00	41 BEN COTTRELL
00	00	00	66 MIGUEL AZEEZ



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00	00	00	19 GIORGOS MASOURAS
00	00	00	21 MOHAMED DRAGER
00	00	00	24 OUSSEYNOU BA
00	00	00	25 JOSE HOLEBAS
00	00	00	27 BRUMA
00	00	00	28 MATHIEU VALBUENA
00	00	00	34 AVRAAM PAPADOPOULOS
00	00	00	44 ILIAS KARARGYRIS (GK)
00	00	00	45 OLEG REABCIUK
00	00	00	72 KENNY LALA
00	00	00	97 LAZAR RANDELOVIC

MATCH OFFICIALS

(All from Spain)

REFEREE

Carlos Del Cerro Grande

ASSISTANT REFEREES

Juan Carlos Yuste Jimenez

Roberto Alonso Fernandez

FOURTH OFFICIAL

Jose Maria Sanchez Martinez

VAR

Juan Martinez Munuera

ASSISTANT VAR

Guillermo Cuadra Fernandez

TODAY'S OTHER FIXTURES

(5.55pm unless stated)

Molde (0) v Granada (2)

Dinamo Zagreb (0) v

Tottenham Hotspur (2)

Shakhtar Donetsk (0) v

Roma (3)

Rangers (1) v

Slavia Prague (1) 8pm

AC Milan (1) v

Manchester United (1) 8pm

Villarreal (2) v

Dynamo Kiev (0) 8pm

Young Boys (0)

v Ajax (3) 8pm

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