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# THE BIG PICTURE

**City players celebrating after going two up in Saturday's Old Trafford derby.**

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# PEP GUARDIOLA

First of all I would like to give a warm welcome to coach Andre Schubert and his Borussia Mönchengladbach staff. They are a team I know well from my time in Germany and one which everyone here at City remembers from early last season when the two clubs met at the same stage of the UEFA Champions League.

I know it will be a tough opening to a group which is one of the most competitive of the eight. Barcelona and Celtic who are, of course, both past winners of the competition make up our quartet. It is, therefore, important that we get off to the best possible start. It is hard in a six-game mini-league to be playing catch-up and every team would like to finish in first position. Momentum is important. Tonight is our chance to take the first steps on that path.

Manchester City doesn't have a very long history of success in this competition and we want to change that. If we are to be successful it means everyone playing their part, the coaches, the players and – very importantly – the spectators. Together we have to make these European nights special and filled with passion. We have to be loud and proud and make a statement. We have to make the Etihad Stadium the place from where we begin to make UEFA Champions League history.

We are ready for the challenge of playing twice virtually every week. Ours is a group of players that is still improving and learning about one another, but our results so far have been very good and I congratulate the players on that. Our latest win came in the Premier League at Old

Trafford on Saturday lunchtime in a game that I am sure all our fans enjoyed. It is never possible to go to the home of a top club in any country and dominate for 90 minutes but we played very well in the first half and then fought so hard in the second. There is always extra satisfaction winning a derby match because it means so much to supporters and we were delighted to make City followers so happy – they made a lot of noise during the game and the win was for them.

I have to say that the mentality of the team was excellent and has been all season. We pressed hard and worked tirelessly without the ball and took our first-half chances well. The game was very open in the second half and we could have been more clinical but I was delighted with the way we stuck to our principles and style after United changed their tactics. We showed our personality.

In the second half, we knew they would change the system – they put Paul Pogba and Marouane Fellaini more in front and they were much stronger. The second half was an open game. We had many counter-attacks. When you have three on three, four on four, five on five, you have to take advantage because in the last minutes, anything can happen – but we fought hard. We had the ball and when we lost it, we won it back quickly. We created enough chances to win.

The way we train and the way we play has given me a lot of confidence and I know that we will continue to improve. There is a lot to look forward to. Enjoy the game everyone and I will see you here again on Saturday.





MANCHESTER CITY



“Together we have to make these European nights special and filled with passion. We have to be loud and proud and make a statement”



# LEROY SANÉ

**City fans have had to be patient to see him in action, but the wait will have been worth it...**

**INTERVIEW: DAVID CLAYTON PICTURES: VICTORIA HAYDN**

Sidelined with a hamstring problem picked up in pre-season training, Leroy Sané has had to watch his new teammates make an impressive start to the campaign without him. The 20-year-old winger, though, was hoping to finally make his debut in the Manchester derby...

Sané arrived in England with the praise of Germany boss Joachim Low still fresh in the memory, and the knowledge that one of the best coaches in the world was determined to bring him to City. With only one full Bundesliga campaign behind him, it's been a meteoric rise. But here he is, looking to ply his trade in the Premier League and preparing to thrill a whole new set of fans. And, as we know, Blues followers love their wingers.

"The last two years have been like a roller coaster for me," admits Sané. "I made my debut in 2013/14, played 14 games the following season and then played pretty much every game of last season, played in the UEFA Champions League as well as winning my first full caps for Germany. So everything has happened really fast."

**"He has an incredible awareness of space and he can put his pace to good use. He is a player with a special gift; he is a cunning player with a lot of technical ability"**

**Germany coach  
Joachim Low**



"I feel good now and I think I'm ready to play. I've trained well and my hamstring is fine now. So far, things have gone really well apart from the injury. The quality of the training and facilities here is fantastic and much better than I've had before. We had a good team at Schalke, but the squad here is much stronger and most of the players have played UEFA Champions League football for many years and won many trophies.

"It is an education to work with Pep Guardiola. He sees everything and if he feels you are not doing something right, he'll tell you straight away. If he sees a mistake, he will help you and tell you how to correct it so he's always there for you. In the short time I've been here I've learned a lot and I think he's already improved me as a player. He's not only used me out wide, I've been training in many positions including striker and I've learned the responsibilities of each role and it has added greater depth and understanding to my game.

"I spoke with the manager in the summer and he told me what he thought of me as a player, about City, and how he would use me in his team. He also told me that he thought he could make me into a better player so it was all good to hear. I was a big fan of his coaching style, anyway, and followed his progress at Barcelona and Bayern Munich so everything he had to say was positive and it wasn't a hard decision to join City."

Indeed, Germany boss Low called Sané a "special talent", saying: "He has an incredible awareness of space and he can put his pace to good use. His runs are subtle, and he has shown a lot of promise and has convinced us. He is a player with a special gift; he is a cunning player with a lot of technical ability."

One thing the City fans will enjoy is Leroy's penchant for a nutmeg. Like all wingers it's a trick that comes in very useful from time to time and he says he will be on the lookout for more in the coming weeks and months. "I do like to do the odd nutmeg! They're not easy to do but I do it a lot. Most people know I play a lot on the left side so I sometimes cut inside and the defenders try

to anticipate what I'm going to do. So if there's an opportunity to put the ball through their legs I'm away... If I can do more for City, I will!"

Sané to City was a story that had been rumbling in the European media for several months. While the youngster was earning rave reviews in the Bundesliga for Schalke, so journalists mooted his possible switch to the Etihad. The Bochum-raised winger admits he was aware of the speculation, but didn't let him affect his performances for The Royal Blues for whom he'd quickly become integral.

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still in football”**

“There were a few reports in Germany but I didn’t really take any notice. I had games to play for Schalke and wanted to stay focused, particularly with the European Championships to come. That said, when you hear a club like Manchester City are interested in you it’s very flattering and I was happy about it.

“I spoke with my Schalke teammate Matija Nastasic about City before I signed and asked him about the club and the supporters and he told me it is a really good club with great people and staff who are there to help you if you need it. He said it’s like a family at City and only had good things to say about the club. I also spoke with Mesut Ozil and Emre Can of Liverpool who also spoke positively.

“I’ve settled here really quickly. A lot of people in Germany have this impression that Manchester is

very boring, but they are wrong – it’s a very nice city and I like it a lot. The centre is small, but just right. It reminds me of the cities back in Germany and of where I grew up, so I feel very much at home already.”

When Sané was being touted as “the next big thing” last season, he says he just kept his head down and carried on doing his best in the Bundesliga. “People were saying I was this or I was that but I don’t really listen to things like that – it’s nice to hear that people think you’re a promising player, but there is a lot of talent around in Europe and you need to think how quickly things can change because there will also be new talent emerging and if you don’t keep your focus and work hard they could take your place. You can never stop working hard and trying to improve because you can’t stand still in football.”



# CITY v BOURNEMOUTH

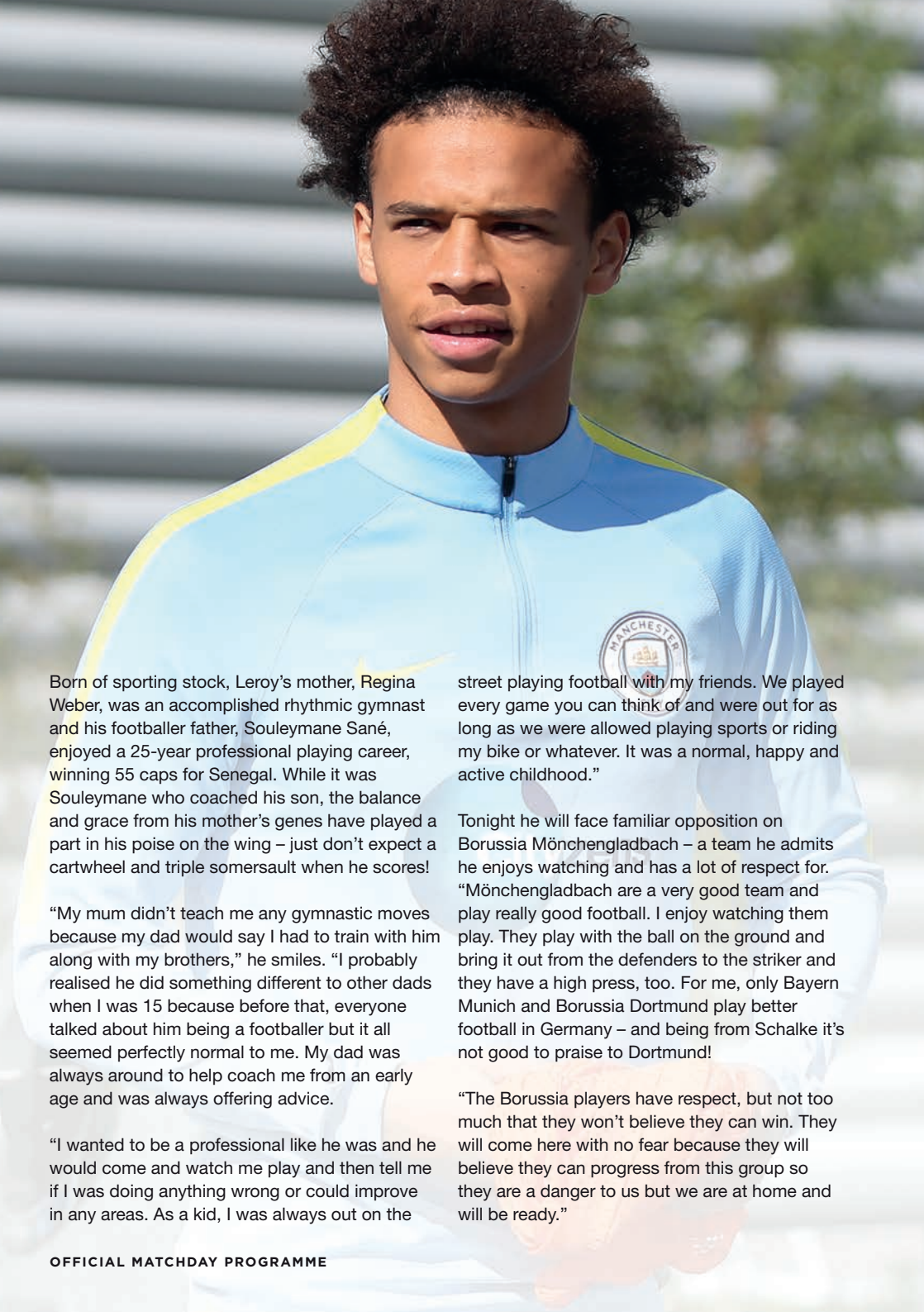


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Born of sporting stock, Leroy's mother, Regina Weber, was an accomplished rhythmic gymnast and his footballer father, Souleymane Sané, enjoyed a 25-year professional playing career, winning 55 caps for Senegal. While it was Souleymane who coached his son, the balance and grace from his mother's genes have played a part in his poise on the wing – just don't expect a cartwheel and triple somersault when he scores!

"My mum didn't teach me any gymnastic moves because my dad would say I had to train with him along with my brothers," he smiles. "I probably realised he did something different to other dads when I was 15 because before that, everyone talked about him being a footballer but it all seemed perfectly normal to me. My dad was always around to help coach me from an early age and was always offering advice.

"I wanted to be a professional like he was and he would come and watch me play and then tell me if I was doing anything wrong or could improve in any areas. As a kid, I was always out on the

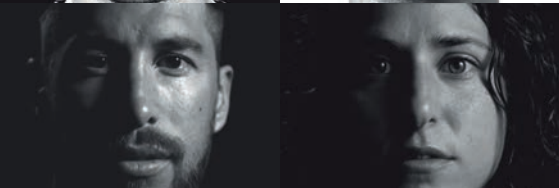
street playing football with my friends. We played every game you can think of and were out for as long as we were allowed playing sports or riding my bike or whatever. It was a normal, happy and active childhood."

Tonight he will face familiar opposition on Borussia Mönchengladbach – a team he admits he enjoys watching and has a lot of respect for. "Mönchengladbach are a very good team and play really good football. I enjoy watching them play. They play with the ball on the ground and bring it out from the defenders to the striker and they have a high press, too. For me, only Bayern Munich and Borussia Dortmund play better football in Germany – and being from Schalke it's not good to praise to Dortmund!

"The Borussia players have respect, but not too much that they won't believe they can win. They will come here with no fear because they will believe they can progress from this group so they are a danger to us but we are at home and will be ready."



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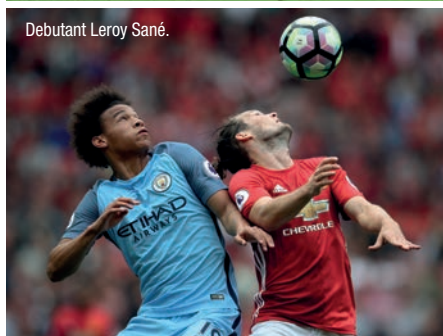
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# DERBY ACTION

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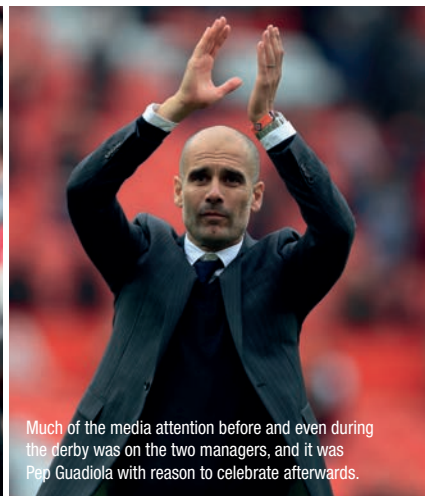




Kelechi Iheanacho makes it 2-0.







Much of the media attention before and even during the derby was on the two managers, and it was Pep Guardiola with reason to celebrate afterwards.





Aleks Kolarov shows his emotion at the end.



High fives for Claudio Bravo and Nicolas Otamendi.



# THE MATCH

## MANCHESTER CITY v BORUSSIA MÖNCHENGLADBACH

### PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- City won 2-1 in Mönchengladbach on 30 September last year. After Joe Hart's first-half penalty save from Raffael, Gladbach scored through Lars Stindl but City responded through Martin Demichelis's equaliser and Sergio Aguero's last-minute penalty.
- City fought back once more to consign Gladbach to a fourth-placed finish in the group when beating them 4-2 in Manchester on 8 December. The visitors had led 2-1 after Julian Korb and Raffael overturned David Silva's goal, but City struck three times in the last 10 minutes through Raheem Sterling (twice) and Wilfried Bony to ensure they won the section.
- In the quarter-finals of the 1978/79 UEFA Cup eventual winners Borussia Mönchengladbach overcame City 4-2 on aggregate. Ewald Lienen cancelled out Mick Channon's goal in the first leg at Maine Road and Gladbach won the return 3-1 through goals by Christian Kulik, Hans-Günter Bruns and Karl Del'Haye. Kazimierz Deyna scored for City.

### CONNECTIONS

- Pep Guardiola's first match in charge of Bayern was a 3-1 home victory against Mönchengladbach in August 2013. However, his Bayern side failed to beat Gladbach in each of the last two campaigns.
- In January this year Ilkay Gundogan scored past Yann Sommer for Borussia Dortmund to complete a 3-1 victory in Mönchengladbach.
- Kevin De Bruyne lost just one of five Bundesliga outings against Gladbach for Werder Bremen and VfL Wolfsburg which included a goal in a 3-1 Wolfsburg home victory in May 2014.
- With FC Schalke 04, Leroy Sané beat Gladbach 2-1 at home in last season's Bundesliga, but lost 3-1 away.



Above: David Silva scoring against tonight's visitors last December.

# 37

Mönchengladbach had not played in Europe's elite club competition for 37 years before last season's appearance. Andre Schubert's men secured an immediate return by finishing fourth in the 2015/16 Bundesliga and then beating BSC Young Boys 9-2 on aggregate in the play-offs.

# 1

Gladbach's away record against English opposition is W1 D2 L3. That solitary victory came in September 1996: a 3-2 success at Arsenal in the UEFA Cup First Round.

# 6

City are unbeaten in six home matches in UEFA competition and have not conceded a goal against continental visitors since hosting Gladbach last season.

# 5

City's overall home record against German visitors is W5 D2 L1, including over 5-1 Cup-Winners' Cup semi-final win over Schalke at Maine Road in 1970. Other wins were against Bayern Munich 2-0 (2011) and 3-2 (2014), Hamburg 2-1 (2009) and tonight's visitors last season. The only home defeat against a German side was 3-1 against Bayern in 2013.

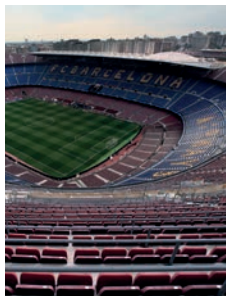
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MATCHDAY 2 Wednesday 28 September

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MATCHDAY 3 Wednesday 19 October

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# SEQUENCES & LINKS

**GARY JAMES ON CITY'S RECORD SEQUENCES AND LINKS.  
TONIGHT: CITY'S MOST CAPPED PLAYERS.**

For four decades Colin Bell was recognised as City's most capped international player with 48 caps for England. However, in recent years several players have challenged that total and we now have a new record holder. For today's feature I'm going to track every City player who has held the record, highlighting how many caps they won and how long they held the record for. Please note: only international appearances while registered as a City player count in this record. The story begins with Welsh international Joe Davies...

# 3

## **Joe Davies**

3 caps for Wales  
with City

Chirk-born Joe Davies joined Ardwick, City's predecessor, in 1891. He was Ardwick's first Football League scorer – by netting a hat trick in the club's first league game, but was already an international before the club joined the league. In total he managed three Welsh international appearances during two spells with Ardwick and City. He left City for the last time in 1896.

Held the record for five years...



## **Billy Meredith**

22 caps for Wales with City

Meredith knew Davies well as both men were from Chirk and played together often at various levels. Recognised as football's first true superstar, Meredith loved life at City and captained the club to Manchester's first major success in 1904 – the FA Cup. By that time he had already eclipsed Davies' record of three caps, and by the time he was suspended by the FA for his part in a payments scandal in 1905, Meredith had managed 22 Welsh international appearances with City.

Held the record for 59 years...



## **Roy Paul**

24 caps for Wales with City

Several men came close to Meredith's record, including England forward Eric Brook (18 caps), goalkeeper Frank Swift (19) and Roy Clarke (22), though the record was already held by Paul by the time of Clarke's final cap). But no one could surpass it until Roy Paul in the 1950s. Swift was a shade unfortunate as he became an England regular during wartime, but those games do not count in official records.

Paul was another popular Welsh captain who drove City on to glory in the FA Cup (1956). His never-say-die attitude was remembered with affection by all those who knew him and, as he guided City to glory, his influence



was often compared to Meredith. Paul surpassed Meredith's record during 1955 with appearances against England, Scotland and Austria, before his final international while with City against Northern Ireland.

Held the record for 15 years...

### Francis Lee

27 caps for England with City

The first Englishman to hold the club record was Francis Lee, who equalled Paul's record on 13 October 1971, when he appeared against Switzerland in Basle. Lee then beat it the following month in the return game at Wembley. He went on to make 27 England appearances while with City, with his last coming against West Germany in 1972. Many neutrals believed Lee still had more to offer the England team, demonstrated by his part not only in City's continuing development, but also during his title winning season at Derby in 1974/75.

Held the record for two years...



### Colin Bell

48 caps for England with City

Another member of the highly successful City side of the late 1960s and early '70s, Colin Bell eclipsed Lee's England record on 27 May 1973 when he appeared in his 28th international. The opponents were Czechoslovakia in a friendly in Prague (which ended 1-1). By this time Bell was a regular in the England team after making his first appearance in 1968 and travelling to the World Cup, alongside Lee, in 1970.

In the years that followed Bell increased his tally to 48 England appearances, but a serious injury suffered in a Manchester derby meant that his career – especially his international career – was cut short by many years. Had the injury not occurred it is likely Bell would have been a regular international for the rest of the decade.

Held the record for 41 years...

### David Silva

56 caps for Spain with City  
(by November 2015)

Ireland defender Richard Dunne came close to reaching Bell's total but it took a World Cup-winning star to finally take the record. That man was David Silva, who joined City in 2010 and beat Bell's record when he appeared for Spain at Luxembourg in October 2014. Silva went on to make 56 appearances before another player beat his figure.

Held the record for one year...



# 64

## Joe Hart

64 caps for England with City

England goalkeeper Hart was only a few appearances behind Silva when he beat Bell's record and with the varied nature of international selections and injury concerns it was always possible that Hart would leapfrog Silva at some point. This actually happened in November 2015 when Hart made his 57th England appearance. The goalkeeper remained City's most capped player until March when he was overtaken.

Held the record for four months...

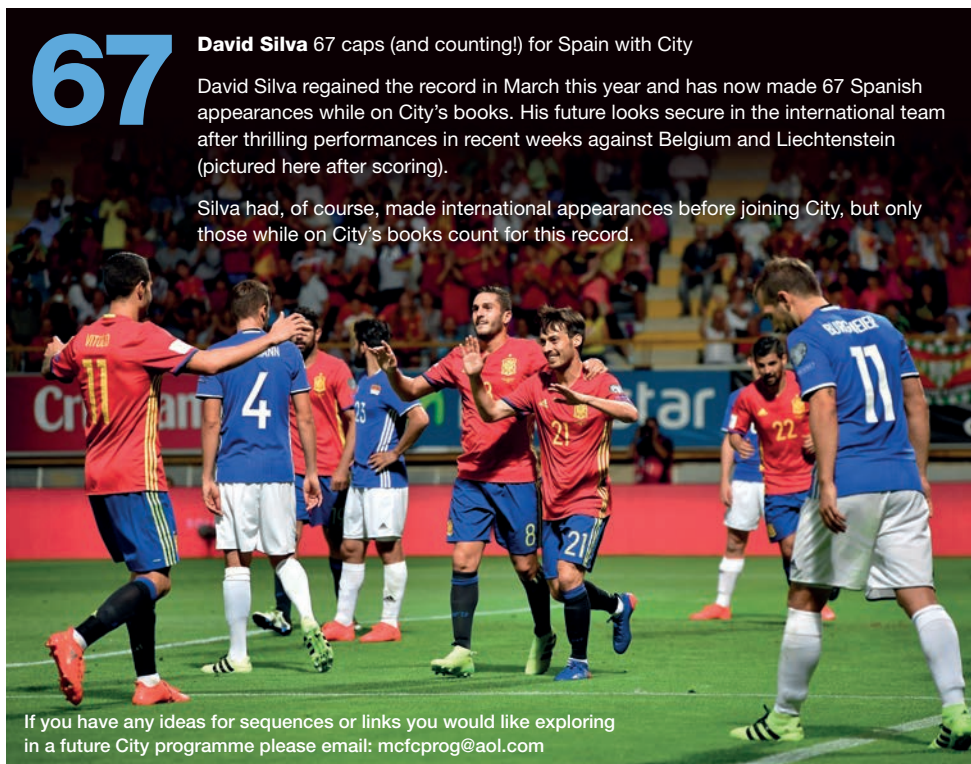


# 67

## David Silva 67 caps (and counting!) for Spain with City

David Silva regained the record in March this year and has now made 67 Spanish appearances while on City's books. His future looks secure in the international team after thrilling performances in recent weeks against Belgium and Liechtenstein (pictured here after scoring).

Silva had, of course, made international appearances before joining City, but only those while on City's books count for this record.



If you have any ideas for sequences or links you would like exploring in a future City programme please email: [mcfcprog@aol.com](mailto:mcfcprog@aol.com)

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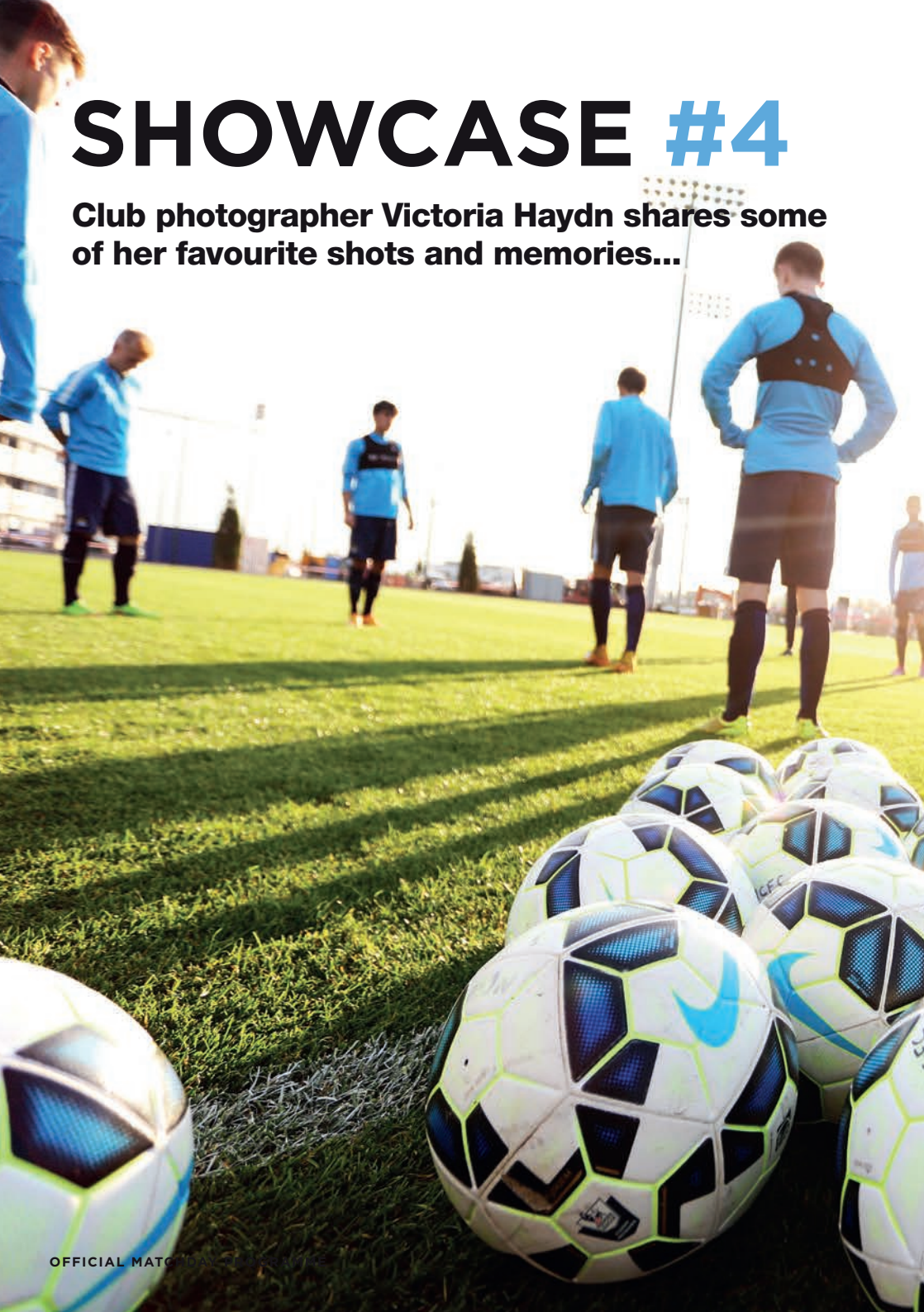
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# SHOWCASE #4

**Club photographer Victoria Haydn shares some of her favourite shots and memories...**



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# EYES FRONT

It's Simon Davies' Under-21s squad photo shoot but, as Victoria Haydn calls "Cheese!", not everyone is paying attention. We may have to do this one again...



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# THE LIFE OF RILEY



## **BBC 6 Music DJ Marc Riley on when a break is as good as a rest for a change...**

**WORDS:** MARC RILEY **PICTURES:** MICHELLE CHOUDHRY

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We all have dark clouds that approach us in our lives. It might be a trip to the dentist which starts getting visibly bigger on the calendar and more terrifying day by day. It might be giving a speech in front of one's peers. It might be turning on the Christmas lights in Sale Moor (bear with me). It might be a visit by the VAT man.

(I can't help but think that HMRC missed a trick there. Instead of Value Added Tax they should have called it Bewildering Added Tax - and then us worried self-employed chancers could have looked forward to a surprise visit from the Batman. Much more exciting.)

I always say the one thing I'm good at is saying "NO". I get asked to do a fair amount of "things". An honour of varying degrees. I was once asked to turn on the Christmas lights in a small shopping area near where I live. I'm not being ungrateful, you understand, but when you suspect you've been approached only because the local councillor is in hospital getting his/her gout sorted out the gloss comes off it a bit. So I said "NO". I find being negative can have a very positive effect on one's life. Work that one out!

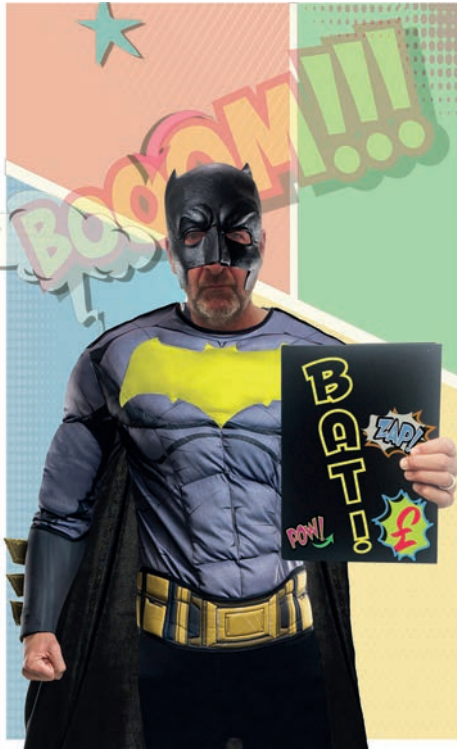
Whenever I have done things for MCFC in the past (particularly the late '90s) I used to joke that I was asked only because Kevin Kennedy (Curly Watts, ex-Corry) or Bruce Jones (Les Battersby,

ditto) weren't available. When I say "joke" I mean that is probably exactly what had happened. Always an honour, though!

These days one "dark cloud" that approaches my well-being on a far too regular basis is the International Break. Please don't think bad of me or have me down as a rampant anarchist but yes, I'm increasingly intolerant of the enforced gap in my consumption of our domestic league.

It's true to say that I was less this way inclined in those seasons when avoiding relegation (or suffering it) were the seismic events in our seasons. My line of thinking then used to be: "No fixtures next week... phew!" I found out during that period of my life that every now and then one does need seem respite – even from something you love. (More wisdom! GO MARC!) But these days... it's an Unwelcome Break.

I remember this first really dawned on me a few months ago when out with some friends. I mentioned in passing the fact that I'd pretty much lost my passion for international football. I'd still watch it but I wouldn't get my knickers in a twist over it, for sure. Well, the look on the face of the chap beside me (I won't say who he supports but you can probably guess. And you're right... he never goes to their matches) was one of pure horror! You'd have thought I'd just said



that I was going to swing naked from the rafters of the restaurant singing Black Lace's greatest hits. "WHAT!? YOU CAN'T SAY THAT! ARE YOU SERIOUS?" etc etc. Yes pal... deadly serious. If you look up the word "serious" in the dictionary you'll see no words, just a photo of my defiantly unimpressed and serious mush.

Thankfully the most recent international blip fell on the same weekend as the End Of The Road Festival in Dorset so I went to that instead of sourcing my insatiable desire for the Premier League and Pep Guardiola's MCFC. (The festival was great, by the way. Amazing bands and at one point an old fella – hi! – getting 3,000 mud-soaked pop oiks dancing in a field!) And now we have jumped straight back into the always fascinating Manchester derby followed by our own mouth-watering "international" fixture tonight. Looking at Borussia Mönchengladbach's history it seems that mid-'60s to mid-'70s were their glory years, mirroring City – up until our current resurgence. Let's hope tonight will help see this golden period stretch out much further ahead of us.

Time now to hand over now to my clandestine colleague...

## THE SECRETIVE FOOTBALLER

Yes, being THE SECRETIVE FOOTBALLER can be a bit of a bind at times. If I say so myself I was a great player in my heyday. Played with the best. Won lots of honours. But because of this stupid column and its secrecy I can't brag about it or bum free pints off the likes of you. That's annoying. Anyway...

Here's one for you: a certain "world famous English footballer" who plays abroad can, I hear, barely speak the local language despite having lived there for six weeks. He only has one five-word sentence to help him bumble his way through life, those words being "*Pinto du Blonde, Mein Herr!*" – "A pint of lager, pal..." I find this most distasteful (the attitude – not the lager)! In fact: YOU'RE A DISGRACE, MAN!

He should take a leaf out of my book. While at the top of my game I spent the first part of a full

season playing for a well known team in North Wales. I was a big star player there. Anyway, hell bent on immersing myself in the local culture and environment I went out and bought three of the Manic Street Preachers albums and spent endless hours trying to perfectly ease a gentle Welsh lilt into my defiantly Mancunian accent. After three hours I thought I'd nailed it. To be honest I now wish I hadn't have bothered.

When I put this hard work into practice I was not met with the reaction I'd fully expected. Did they appreciate it!? THEY DID NOT! I thought I sounded exactly like Neil Kinnock circa 1987 but apparently not. I was on my way back to England without so much as a "*Hwyl fawr!*" \* vowing never to work abroad again.

\**Hwyl fawr!* = Welsh for "Goodbye!"

*The Secretive Footballer*



# MY TURF

## ILKAY GUNDOGAN

**Looking at the home towns/cities  
of the City players... This issue:  
Gelsenkirchen in Germany**

**WORDS: JACK WILSON-MUMFORD PICTURES: PA**



Ilkay Gundogan was among several new Blue residents welcomed to Manchester this summer when he signed for City from Borussia Dortmund – but how different is the midfielder's new home compared to his first? Gundogan was born in the city of Gelsenkirchen located in North Rhine-Westphalia – the same German state as Mönchengladbach – and here we take a closer look at his home turf...

### **Current footballing stars**

Simply put, Gelsenkirchen is football crazy. That's why it is no surprise the city's most famous exports happen to be players of the beautiful game. Gundogan's national teammates and World Cup winners Mesut Ozil and Manuel Neuer were both born and raised there though, unlike Gundogan, made their first steps into the professional game with FC Schalke 04. Ozil, now at Arsenal, spent three years at Real Madrid earlier in his career and has almost 80 caps for Germany. Neuer, aged 30 and regarded by many as the best goalkeeper

in the world, plays for Bayern Munich and is just behind Ozil with 71 caps for the national side.

### **Footballing heroes of the past**

Gelsenkirchen has a history of producing some of Germany's finest ever footballers, with pre-war heroes Ernst Kuzorra and Fritz Szepan both being born in Gelsenkirchen and starring for Schalke throughout their careers. Kuzorra, a striker, and Szepan, a midfielder, starred together in Schalke's most successful team in history throughout the 1930s and '40s, winning six German championships together. Both men recorded over 300 appearances in club careers spanning across almost three decades.

### **FC Schalke 04**

Schalke are Gelsenkirchen's main club. Although the seven-time German champions have not won a Bundesliga title since 1958, they did win the DFB-Pokal Cup in 2010/11. Also known as SO4 or *Die Knappen* (The Miners), they play their home

matches at the Veltins-Arena – a futuristic-looking 62,000-capacity stadium that hosted five matches of the 2006 World Cup. Schalke's rivalry with Ruhr valley neighbours Borussia Dortmund is arguably the biggest in the country. Gundogan experienced the passion of the *Revierderby* several times during his five-year stint at Dortmund.

### City of Blue

Our new midfielder should have no problem adapting to his blue surroundings at the City Football Academy. Gelsenkirchen identifies strongly with the ultramarine shade of blue – a slight change to the royal blue Schalke have adopted as their club colours. The city's official website states: "The colour blue and Gelsenkirchen belong together. The colour blue one encounters here often. For example, the blue light projections of artist Eva-Maria Joeressen in the foyer of the Zeche Rheinelbe or the brilliant blue of the pumping station on the site of the former Nordstern mine."

### Growing up in Gelsenkirchen

Gundogan grew up as one of many residents of Gelsenkirchen with Turkish heritage and he feels that only strengthens his bond with his home town. Speaking in 2013 he said: "I am grateful to my parents that they had the courage to want to be integrated from the beginning into German society. Through my good German and my passion for football I have always felt recognition with Gelsenkirchen and Germany. That has transferred to normal life. I was accepted without prejudice, that I was a Turk, did not matter."

### Population

Gelsenkirchen's official population in 2012 was just over 257,000 making it around the same size as the hometown of tonight's opponents, Mönchengladbach. There are, though, several larger cities in North Rhine-Westphalia – including Cologne, Essen and Dortmund.

### Did you know?

Gelsenkirchen was only a village until the discovery of coal in the Ruhr area in the middle of the 19th century sparked an industrial revolution. As the city grew due to the arrival of workers from all across Germany, the city became known as one of the most important mining towns in Europe throughout the 20th century.

### Popular culture

Gelsenkirchen's most famous modern day actor is Martin Wuttke, who received international acclaim in 2009 for his portrayal of Adolf Hitler in Quentin Tarantino's film *Inglorious Basterds*. The film was nominated for a whole slew of awards and its chief prizes came at the Cannes Film Festival, the 2010 Academy Awards and the Golden Globes ceremony. Wuttke himself has since gone on to appear in Hollywood movies *Hanna* (2011, alongside Cate Blanchett) and *Cloud Atlas* (2012, starring Tom Hanks). The biggest currently active musician from the German city is perhaps Tom Gaebel, who fronts a big band that takes his name. The 41-year-old is a singer, composer and lyricist and has worked across several genres including swing, jazz and traditional pop.



# I GUESS THAT'S WHY THEY CALL IT THE BLUES



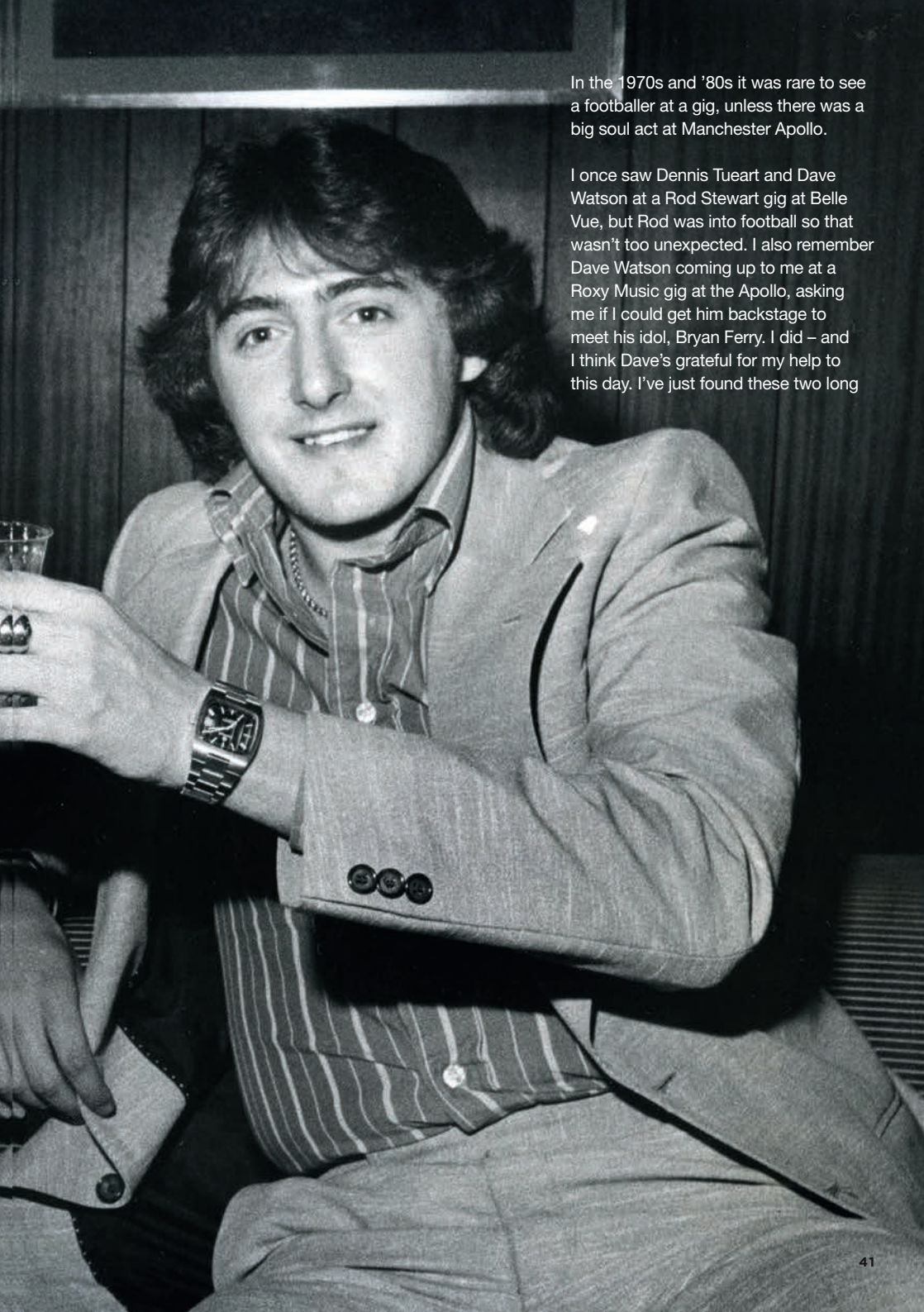
**Looking back at  
a time when football  
and music were just  
getting acquainted...**

**PICTURES & WORDS: KEVIN CUMMINS**

Elton John and Gary Owen,  
Manchester Apollo, 1979.

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In the '70s and '80s it was rare to see a footballer at a gig, unless there was a big soul act at Manchester Apollo.

I once saw Dennis Tueart and Dave Watson at a Rod Stewart gig at Belle Vue, but Rod was into football so that wasn't too unexpected. I also remember Dave Watson coming up to me at a Roxy Music gig at the Apollo, asking me if I could get him backstage to meet his idol, Bryan Ferry. I did – and I think Dave's grateful for my help to this day. I've just found these two long

forgotten prints in a huge box of photos that I've just received from the *NME* archive. On the previous spread is Gary Owen backstage with Elton John at Manchester Apollo in April '79. I've no idea if Gary even liked Elton John, but he'd just started being managed by a Manchester agency who also promoted gigs. It was nothing more than a photo opportunity, really, and one to get Gary into the press for no reason at all. I was commissioned to record this meeting and, erm, there's the result. Two people who've never met before, having a pre-gig beer. I'd love to tell you what they discussed, but I can barely remember being there.

The other photo is a pre-match photo of then Genesis drummer Phil Collins meeting Michael Robinson and Kevin Reeves before our match against Bristol City on 19 April 1980. Robinson actually scored that day in a 3-1 win, so maybe he was inspired by meeting one of Britain's former musical greats.

Again, I've no idea why Phil came to the game other than the fact that Genesis were appearing at Manchester Apollo that evening. Pop musicians weren't really into football back then – it wasn't the fashionable sport it is now. It was rare for a musician or actor to declare allegiance to a team. They were more likely to turn their noses up at the thought of it, if they thought of it at all.

I also have a photo of Barry Silkman with Billy Connolly, but I think this is enough excitement for one week, don't you?





Genesis drummer Phil Collins (centre) meets Michael Robinson (left) and Kevin Reeves (right) before the Bristol City match on 19 April 1980.





# SHORT STAY

**One of the most famous players of the 1990s, George Weah's stay at City was not exactly what everyone hoped it would be...**

**WORDS: DAVID CLAYTON PICTURE: PA**

## GEORGE WEAH

City had won back-to-back promotions to return from the depths of Division Two back to the Premier League, a rise as meteoric as the fall from grace had been. The Blues had bounced up and down the divisions and the 2000/01 campaign was the first back in the top flight for five years. Manager Joe Royle understandably wanted one or two marquee signings to bolster the Blues' bid to consolidate, and the two players Royle brought in effectively meant Shaun Goater and Paul Dickov were now the second-choice strike pairing.

Flamboyant Costa Rican Paulo Wanchope was signed from Derby County for a fee of around £4m and George Weah – surplus to requirements at AC Milan – also agreed to join the Blues. For glamour-starved City fans it was a new-look and stellar attack, though Goater and Dickov remained firm favourites due to their sizeable contribution in getting the club back to where it belonged.

Weah represented something of a coup by Royle. Though it was accepted that, at 33, he was past his best, he had won the FIFA World Footballer of the Year just five years earlier and had an aura that oozed something close to superstar status – or at least he was the closest thing Blues' fans had seen to such a lofty tag at that time.

Weah arrived on 1 August 2000 and his wages made him the club's top earner – all he had to do was repay that faith with enough goals to help keep City in the top division. But choppy waters lay ahead for the Liberian. Weah made his debut away to unfancied Charlton Athletic but any hopes of a dream debut were swept away in a

4-0 thrashing at The Valley – welcome to life with Manchester City, George!

His home debut at Maine Road four days later was, however, a far more pleasant experience as he created a goal for strike partner Wanchope after just three minutes and City went on to beat Sunderland 4-2. A defeat to Coventry followed by a win away to Leeds United continued the Blues' erratic start to the campaign but in the fifth game of the season, Weah finally had his first goal for City in a 3-2 defeat to Liverpool.

After a 1-1 draw with Middlesbrough, Weah scored his first home goal in a 1-1 League Cup tie with Gillingham, but the problems began when he was left on the bench for the clash with Tottenham a few days later. There were rumours that the former Milan star wasn't happy being a sub at this late stage in his career and there were signs of that frustration when he scored twice in the return game with Gillingham, earning him a start against Newcastle the following weekend – but it was to be his last game for the Blues. The Magpies won 1-0 at Maine Road and Weah was subbed after 69 minutes – whatever the aftermath of that moment actually was, it was clear there was a breakdown between manager and player and two days later Weah had left the club having made nine starts and scored four goals.

He went to Marseille for a brief spell and after a couple of years in the UAE, retired from the game in 2003 aged 37. He swapped his playing boots for politics and is now a senator in his home country of Liberia.

**George had won the FIFA World Footballer of the Year just five years earlier and had an aura that oozed something close to superstar status**





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Sergio Aguero gave one special fan a day he'll never forget at the Etihad Stadium last month.

Cody Zipp, aged 17, lives with End Stage Renal Failure and was referred to Manchester City by the Make a Wish Foundation in an attempt to see his dreams come true for the day. The whole family were subsequently flown over from their home in Seattle, USA, to watch the Blues in action against West Ham United!

But his day didn't stop there. After people at City heard about Cody's bravery and love for the team, the club came together to ensure that his wish would be as life-changing as possible. Along with his twin brother and parents, Cody arrived at the Etihad in a limousine before becoming the first fan to announce his favourite player off the bus and onto the blue carpet.

Following a matchday hospitality experience, the brave youngster was then whisked off at the

sound of the final whistle for one more surprise – a once in a lifetime meet-and-greet with his hero Sergio Aguero!

The club is proud to work closely with “wish granting” charities throughout the season to help support its fans. For more information, visit: [www.mancity.com/community](http://www.mancity.com/community)





# A LEAGUE OF THEIR OWN



**TRANMERE  
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## **Our record against clubs currently outside the top four divisions...**

**WORDS: DAVID CLAYTON PICTURE: PA**

Though the meetings with Tranmere Rovers have been few and far between, City have a history of games against the Wirral side stretching back some 77 years.

Rovers – currently attempting an immediate return to league football – are setting the pace in the National League. The club was formed in 1884 and have called Prenton Park their home since 1912 – though they had been at the ground 26

years before City made the 30-mile or so trip to Birkenhead. Then, like buses, you wait for one fixture with Tranmere and sure enough two come along in the space of 24 hours!

The Blues were the visitors on Boxing Day 1938 when the fixture was lucky to go ahead, with most of the UK enjoying a White Christmas the day before. Wilf Wild's side had a reputation for scoring goals – *and* shipping them, despite



having Frank Swift in goal – but this was a game that would be written into the history books as City thrashed Tranmere by a club record 9-3 with four goals from Jack Milsom, two apiece for Ernie Toseland and Peter Doherty plus one by Alec Herd completing the rout in front of 14,000 shivering souls.

The following day, the teams met again. This time at Maine Road in front of almost 44,000 supporters who witnessed a 5-2 win for City with Milsom again running riot with a hat trick and Doherty and Pritchard also on the mark.

Rovers would have to wait 58 years to gain revenge as City, relegated from the Premier League, were beaten 2-1 at Maine Road on 23 November 1996. Dave Higgins opened the scoring after the break for the visitors before Nicky Summerbee levelled five minutes later. Almost 2,500 visiting fans went crazy on 67 minutes, however, as Ian Brightwell put through his own net to give Tranmere all three points. The Prenton Park return in March, witnessed by more than 5,000 travelling City fans, ended 1-1 with Liam O'Brien's own goal earning Frank Clark's side a point.

As both sides were still in the second tier the season after, the fixture was again played and again Tranmere frustrated the Blues both home

and away, drawing 1-1 at Maine Road and grinding out a 0-0 draw at Prenton Park.

City slipped out of Division One and into Division Two at the end of 1997/98 meaning Rovers were above the Blues in the league ladder for the very first time – but they would meet again a year later with Joe Royle's side in the ascendancy having won promotion from the third tier and determined to make sure they continued their momentum.

Yet the Wirral side again proved dogged opposition in the first meeting of the campaign at Prenton Park with City having to settle for a 1-1 draw with Kevin Horlock scoring for the Blues from the spot. That meant City had failed to beat Tranmere in five attempts – but seven wins in the next eight games put Royle's side back on course and by the time the return fixture came around, the Blues were on the verge of promotion.

Shaun Goater and Jeff Whitley were on target in front of 32,842 fans to give the Blues a hard-fought 2-0 win and promotion was secured at Blackburn a fortnight later. While City continued their upward curve, Rovers went into freefall and in 2015, lost their league status. However, with Tranmere joint top of the National League going into last weekend and adjusting well to life outside the top four divisions, the Wirral could be hosting league football again next season.



Prenton Park in Birkenhead – home to Tranmere Rovers since 1884, but visited only four times by City.



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# YOUR SHOUT

**1 Steve Hynes** is pictured enjoying the win at Old Trafford on Saturday with his son **Elliot**, who was celebrating his 21st birthday that day. "Best birthday present from @ManCity with that win," writes dad. "Happy 21st from sister Libby, mum Elaine, Lincoln and me."

"Congratulations to **David** and **Joy** who are longstanding hospitality seasonal members celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary."

"To **Gill Fitzgerald**, wishing you a very happy 30th wedding anniversary – with lots of love from your husband Peter."

**2** "A massive happy birthday to **Uncle Mark** from Sam, Max, Brad, Gary and Alyson xx." Mark is originally from Manchester but now lives in Australia. He never misses a game on TV over there.

"Happy birthday to **Jack Butler** from Stalybridge who will be 75 this Sunday 18 September. Love from all the family."

**3** This summer, Family Stand Seasoncard holder **Ted Cullen** from Tottington in Bury, took his holiday in Gran Canaria, close to where his hero David Silva was born, and where he started playing football in the youth team UD San Fernando

near Maspalomas. Ted, age 8, is pictured in his City top.

**4** "Welcome to **Jacob Moon** from Macclesfield, who is enjoying his first ever game in hospitality with his dad. Jacob is hoping for a big win tonight!"

Paul Robson is open to offers for his car number plate **C17Y PR** – which may be of interest to City fans. Call him on 07769 746988.

## SADLY MISSED

**5 Bernard Donoghue**, a lifelong Blue who sadly passed away on 7 September. Gone but never forgotten xx.





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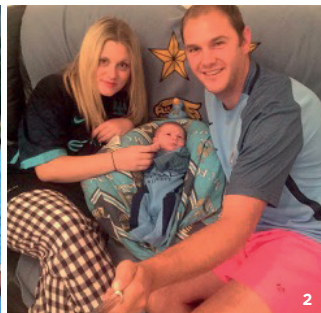
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## MCWFC BRANCH

**1** The MCWFC branch had a great time cheering on Manchester City Women to the Continental Tyres Cup final last Sunday. Some of them even got to chat to midfielder Tessel Middag after the game. Pictured are Alice Sheridan, Sarah Bland, John Williams, Graham Hughes, Megan Lee, Ant Moran, Darren Jolley, Dave Coop and Jayne Comer (with Tessel in the middle!)

## A34 WINCHESTER

**2** The latest addition to the A34 Winchester Blues is Charlie Phillip Smith. Charlie was born on Thursday 1 September and can't wait to join his dad Wes and his mates following City home and away. Wes is one of the founder members of the branch when

it was set up in 1994 and rarely misses a game home or away. Congratulations to Wes and Amy from all at the A34 Winchester Blues. If you live in Hampshire and are interested in joining the A34 branch please contact us via the branch website [www.a34mcfc.co.uk](http://www.a34mcfc.co.uk) for more details.

## HAZEL GROVE BRANCH

**3** Pictured here at the recent Supporters Club five-a-side tournament are the players from Hazel Grove Blues and Bluemoon Belgium. The tournament, which featured 11 branches in total and was played at the Cityzens Weekend, was well supported by SC members. The tournament winners for 2016 were the Chadderton branch.

## FLIXTON BRANCH

**4** The Flixton branch has lost a True Blue... Tony Astbury, a fan of 77 years, sadly passed away on 25 August at his home in Anaheim, California, surrounded by his family. He will be deeply missed.

## NORTH AMERICA

Several weeks ago central Louisiana in the USA was devastated by unprecedented flooding. Several people lost their lives and thousands were displaced. Jeremy Smith, the chair of our newly formed branch "MCFC NOLA" in New Orleans, set about fundraising for those affected by the floods and contacted members of our Official Supporters Club branches throughout North America to help.





Jeremy set a target of \$1,000 which was surpassed thanks to the generosity of fellow Blues across the States, including New Orleans, Chicago, Dallas, Denver and Washington DC.

An honourable mention should also go to the West Ham Supporters Group in Chicago who joined in the fundraising effort led by the Chicago MCFC group.

**5** Members of Blue Moon Dallas at the British Lion pub in Frisco, Texas.

**6** Chicago MCFC and Chicago Hammers who joined forces to fundraise at AJ Hudsons pub in Chicago, Illinois.

## ASHTON BRANCH

**7** The photo shows the Ashton branch in Canal Street, Manchester, enjoying a day out.

## CASTLETON BRANCH

**8** The Castleton branch would like to congratulate newlyweds Mark and Kate Greenwood. After a honeymoon in Aruba, Mark is back watching the Blues tonight – provided Kate has let him, of course!

## AWAY TRAVEL

Check out our website at [www.mcfcsupportersclub.co.uk](http://www.mcfcsupportersclub.co.uk) for up to the minute news and for all the latest Supporters Club coach travel. Click on *Branches/ Match Day Travel* to find the travel page. Upcoming away trips...

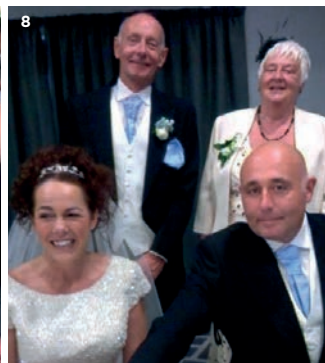
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# SOCIAL WRAP

The Social Wrap is back – where we have all of the best images from City players that love to share their stuff on Twitter and Instagram! Remember to give them a follow for more City content and a peak into their behind the scenes lives...

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Ilkay Gundogan poses for a photo as he captions **“Step by step”, “Road to recovery”**. We can't wait to see him on the pitch!



Instagram: [nolito010](#)

Nolito poses for the camera after Spain's 8-0 win over Liechtenstein



Twitter: [@lerroysane19](#)  
Instagram: [lerroysane19](#)

Leroy Sané is happy to be back on the pitch training and working hard during the international break!



Twitter: [@21LVA](#)

David Silva delivers a message after his two goal performance against Belgium: **“I want to thank the Belgium and Spanish fans at the stadium last night for the way they treated me. Very proud. Thank you.”**



Twitter: [@Notamendi30](#)  
Instagram: [nicolasotamendi30](#)

Nico celebrates his team's victory during the World Cup Qualifiers!



Twitter: [@willy\\_caballero](#)  
Instagram: [wilycaba](#)

Caballero wishes Joe Hart all the best: **"All the best wishes to my friend in this new step in his career."**

Twitter: [@aguerosergiokun](#)  
Instagram: [aguerosergiokun16](#)

Sergio Aguero wishes Joe Hart all the best: **"Best of luck on the next stage of your journey, Joe! We shared unforgettable moments together at Man City!"**



Nico, chilling after representing Argentina in the World Cup Qualifiers tournament.



Twitter: [@Sagnaofficial](#)  
Instagram: [therealbac](#)

Bacary Sagna wishes his wife Ludivine a happy 28th birthday!



Twitter: [@fernandinho](#)  
Instagram: [fernandinho](#)

Fernandinho delivers a major throwback in this photo!



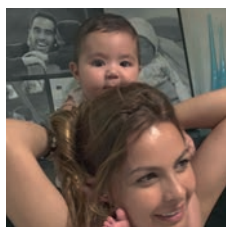
Instagram: [zinchenko\\_96](#)

One of our young City loanees, Zinchenko poses as he was in action for Ukraine over the international break.



Twitter: [@sterling7](#)  
Instagram: [sterling7](#)

Raheem Sterling takes his little girl to school on her first day!



Twitter: [@C1audioBravo](#)  
Instagram: [claudiobravo1](#)

The new man, Claudio Bravo shares images of his wife and child with us!

Twitter: [@Manugarcia\\_98](#)  
Instagram: [manugarcia8](#)

Another young City loanee, Manu Garcia playing for Alaves.





## IAN CHEESEMAN TRAVELLING WITH THE BLUES

As City become more successful, so the destinations they travel to will become ever more familiar. There's certainly an element of déjà vu about the group games the Blues face this season, with Barcelona and Borussia Mönchengladbach having been UEFA Champions League opponents within the last couple of years. Tonight will be the fifth time I will have attended a European game featuring City and Mönchengladbach and (as they always say), I pity the guy in the crowd who shouts "Give us a B!" at their games...

Last season the Blues beat the Germans home and away, but that doesn't make them easy opponents; far from it. The City fans who are lucky enough to make the trip to the away tie are in for a treat. In my experience German fans are generally very welcoming, and there are more similarities between the two countries than some people like to admit.

Last season, there were City fans everywhere, and I spent a very enjoyable afternoon mingling with the Blues ahead of the big game. It might not be an historic City on the scale of Barcelona, but I think it can guarantee an enjoyable trip.

Barcelona has almost become a second home for City fans in recent seasons, and no doubt there'll be another walk down Las Rambla (the Catalan spelling of Las Ramblas) for the majority, where there is plenty of choice for food and drink. The games against Barca will probably be the most challenging in the group, but surely it's better to support the best, and beat the best, on the way to winning the trophy?

You can easily imagine how the back-to-back games with Pep Guardiola's old club will be hyped up in the media, but at least it shows that City have well and truly arrived on the biggest stage of all.







City fans in Plaça Reial off Las Rambla in the heart of Barcelona.

The first away trip in the group, in a fortnight's time, is a new one for me – and it's not often I can say that these days. I saw City at Rangers in a friendly in 2009, but I've never been to Celtic Park. I've been told the atmosphere will be electric, so it'll be good to compare it with my experiences from Germany, Spain and Greece in particular.

Another rarity, on this European adventure, will be that my fellow commentator Fred Eyre will actually be travelling with me, rather than advising his expert comments off TV back in the studios of BBC Radio Manchester. The only other game he actually made with me was to Hamburg a few years ago.

We'll be travelling up on the Tuesday and I'll be presenting *Blue Tuesday* with him – and a couple of Scottish City fans – from BBC Scotland's studios in Glasgow, the evening before the game.

We'll then be together for full match commentary, of the game itself, the following night.

You'll be able to listen to us, on both nights, on 95.1FM (6-7pm on the Tuesday) and also on [mancity.com](http://mancity.com) via the matchday centre for the game itself. If you can't get to the game, or see the game on TV, it would be our honour to be your eyes at the game.

If you are travelling to Glasgow, and you see us around, please don't hesitate to say hello. First, though, tonight it's the men from Mönchengladbach – so let's hope for a win, and a perfect start. As the Germans would say: *Viel Glück City!*

Up the Blues,  
**Ian Cheeseman**  
BBC Radio Manchester  
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I met former City captain Paul Power on Las Rambla.



City fans in Mönchengladbach.





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# POSITIONAL SENSE

## MOVE TO LEFT-BACK WORKING WONDERS FOR EDS MAN MARCUS WOOD

Moving through the ranks at a club like City provides a host of challenges for any player; not least when you change position. Lifelong Blue Marcus Wood originally joined the club as a midfielder with an eye for goal, but since moving up to Premier League 2 level he has been deployed at left-back. It's proving to be a successful transition, with Wood starring both on and off the ball in the strong start to the season for Simon Davies' side.

"I played there a couple of times last season but this season I'm stepping up," says the 18-year-old Wood. "I know the role and how to play there but I'm always learning. The full-backs are encouraged a lot to join the attack when they can. It depends on the situation but I'm happy to go down the outside or on the inside. I just like to help the team create chances.

"Simon is a good manager and he's helped me through my change in position so that I can help the team as best I can. I could still move into midfield sometimes too but I'm focused on doing a good job at left-back. Learning this role helps my understanding of the game so it must be a good thing."

Wood was a regular for Jason Wilcox's Under-18 Premier League champions last season and he's relishing the challenge of facing players as old as 23 every

week. "It's been really good to move up and play against older players. We've got a young team for this level so we're just trying to work out what it takes to play against men as this is the first time for most of us."

"It's a lot quicker at this level than the Under-18s level that we did well in last year. You don't have as much time on the ball but our tactical knowledge is growing every year so we're all working out how best to fit into the team. Some of the players got their chance in the EDS last season but this year, most of that team have moved up together. That's made it easier to settle because we're all comfortable with each other as a team."

Growing up in Sale, Wood has long been a regular at the Etihad Stadium and he's delighted he now has the chance to work alongside some of his heroes. "Having been here a long time and having seen how it has progressed over the years, I'm grateful to wear the kit and come training here every day at the club I've supported all my life. Being in the same facility as the first team means you've got a lot to prove and you have to work hard every session because you know the chance is there."

*Wood and his teammates travel to Sunderland on Sunday for the next round of Premier League 2 fixtures.*



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OFFICIAL MATCHDAY PROGRAMME

# FAST STARTERS

## ED FRANCIS DELIGHTED WITH CITY UNDER-18s' FREE SCORING OPENING TO THE SEASON

A pulsating start to the season for City's Under-18s has attracted attention from football fans across the country. The Blues have racked up an impressive goal difference throughout the early period of the season and – with Manchester United set to visit the Academy Stadium this Saturday – are looking to continue. Versatile youngster Ed Francis certainly believes there's more to come from Lee Carsley's side, even after their 7-0 thrashing of Liverpool in August.

"Liverpool have a good Academy and usually it's tough against them," said Francis. "Joe Hardy took his first chance and from then on we were relentless. We kept going through the second half and although it ended up 7-0 I think we could have had more on the day. Also, the team that will win the league will have conceded the fewest goals so to get the first clean sheet of the season was a big bonus and something we can take into the rest of the season."

Francis knows that such an emphatic victory against a renowned club is likely to lead to a change in style from Premier League sides visiting the CFA.

"They'll look at that game and take a different approach when they play against us. I think we'll face quite a few teams who drop off but we've got the creative players and the style of play to get past that block. In training we'll be working more on finding ways to break sides down who have set up to block.

We trust all of our defenders so if we work on ways to beat teams then we know we're well prepared going in to every game."

The Stockport-born player started the season at the heart of the defence but was moved forward to a holding midfield role for the trip to Everton, which is where he remains. Francis insists he's happy to feature in any role Carsley sees fit for him. "Last year I was more of a centre-half that could play midfield but after I moved into midfield at Everton I'm happy with how I've done.

"I like being able to show off my passing range in there because I can get the ball and switch it out, or pass it through the lines and on to a striker. It doesn't matter too much, though, because we all understand the roles of every player in the team."

Having been at the club for more than a decade, the 16-year-old is proud of the changes he has seen. "I've been at City since I was five so I remember training at Platt Lane. I've seen quite a lot of Pablo Zabaleta because he was doing his coaching badges with us while I was about 12. It was a great experience because it just makes you feel part of the club from an early stage and it makes the dream feel slightly more real."

Visit [mancity.com/tickets](http://mancity.com/tickets) for information on how you can attend the City-United game in the Under-18s Premier League.





IN OPPOSITION

# BORUSSIA MÖNCHENGLADBACH

## A FAMILIAR FOE REMODELLED

Banana skins are mainly dangerous when they are in your path unnoticed so there's a few things City fans need to be aware of before this evening's clash against the Bundesliga side Borussia Mönchengladbach.

Firstly, last season's double victory over *Die Fohlen* (The Foals) in the UEFA Champions League group stage is of little relevance now. Andre Schubert's

men start this campaign in a much more stable condition than they were in 12 months ago when they lost their first five Bundesliga matches, leading to the departure of Lucien Favre.

The Swiss coach had become a father figure to Gladbach, having orchestrated a wonderful renaissance over the previous four seasons. Just as their UEFA Champions League dream was about to be realised, the club suddenly had to come to terms with the end of an era.

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They gave it their best shot in all six matches but the disparity between performances and results could largely be attributed to emotional drain at crucial moments. Both games against City were played on a knife-edge, not reflected by the Blues' three-goal margin of superiority over the two matches.

Secondly, ask Pep Guardiola whether he thinks the two matches against Gladbach will be a walkover. His first Bundesliga game as Bayern Munich boss resulted in a 3-1 victory against *Die Fohlen* but he didn't experience much joy beyond that. In his last two seasons, he picked up just two points from a possible 12 against them.

So that's the bad news. The good news is that the radical changes at City over the summer render the lessons learned from last season's meetings equally irrelevant to Gladbach. If anything, the information advantage might actually be with Guardiola.

But right now that's all hypothetical. What we do know is that Gladbach recovered under Schubert, enough to climb off the bottom of the table and reclaim their place in the top four by the time the winter break arrived, a position they held for most of the remaining 17 rounds.

Like City, they had to negotiate a play-off to reach this point and did so comfortably, running out 9-2

winners on aggregate against Swiss runners-up Young Boys of Bern. And though last season's participation in this competition broke an exile of 38 years, their European pedigree is without question.

Over a period of eight years between 1972 and 1980, Borussia Mönchengladbach reached the semi-final stage of one of the UEFA competitions in all but one season, including five major finals, two of which ended in heartbreak at the hands of Bob Paisley's all-conquering Liverpool.

It's a period, of course, that included a UEFA Cup quarter-final success over City in 1979. But we no longer need reminding of that. After last season, it's honours even.

**Borussia Mönchengladbach 2016/17:** Back row (left to right): Andreas Bluhm (coach), Andreas Christensen, Christoph Kramer, Jannik Vestergaard, Andre Hahn, Tobias Strobl, Tsy-William Ndengue, Nico Elvedi, Marvin Schulz, Stefan Hertl (team doctor).

Third row: Manfred Stewes (co-trainer), Uwe Kamps (goalkeeper coach), Jonas Hofmann, Oscar Wendt, Alvaro Dominguez, Djibril Sow, Fabian Johnson, Mamdou Doucoure, Nils Ruetten, Frank Geideck (co-trainer), Andre Schubert (head coach).

Second row: Dirk Mueller, Benedikt Bohnen, Lars Stindl, Nico Schulz, Ba-Muaka Simakala, Laszlo Benes, Mahmoud Dahoud, Patrick Herrmann, Tony Jantschke, Markus Mueller (coach), Alexander Mouchine (coach).

Front row: Adam Szordykowski, Christian Rieger, Julian Korb, Ibrahima Traore, Tobias Sippel, Yann Sommer, Christopher Heimeroth, goalkeeper Moritz Nicolas, Thorgan Hazard, Raffael, Marcus Breuer, Rolf Huelswitt.





## THE SQUAD

### GOALKEEPERS

#### 1 Yann Sommer

This Swiss international keeper conceded just one goal from open play in 390 minutes at Euro 2016, before exiting the tournament in a penalty shoot-out against Poland. Now 27, he won four consecutive Swiss league titles with Basel before making the switch to Borussia Mönchengladbach in July 2014.

#### 21 Tobias Sippel

The former Kaiserslautern stopper remains next in line for Die Fohlen, having moved to Borussia-Park in May 2015. The 28-year-old has kept a clean sheet in all three first-team appearances to date, including the 1-0 DFB Pokal win over SV Drochtersen/Assel last month.



#### 33 Christofer Heimeroth

Signed from FC Schalke 04 as a hopeful 25-year-old in the summer of 2006, Heimeroth has made 68 league appearances over the past decade. The most recent came as a late substitute in a 5-0 defeat at Borussia

Dortmund in September 2012 when he conceded twice in a 14-minute cameo.

### DEFENDERS

#### 3 Andreas Christensen

This on-loan Chelsea defender can operate as either a central defender or holding midfielder. Now in his second season at Borussia-Park, his own-goal put City level in the away fixture last season. Still only 20, he is established as a regular for Denmark over the past 12 months.

#### 4 Jannik Vestergaard

Another Danish international, this 24-year-old centre-back was snapped up from Werder Bremen in the summer as an upgrade on the veteran Roel Brouwers. His grandfather and uncle,

both German, were also footballers, having represented Fortuna Dusseldorf and Bayer Uerdingen respectively.

#### 5 Tobias Strobl

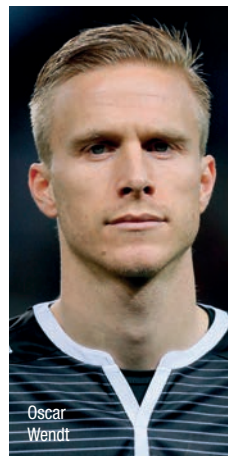
A regular for Hoffenheim over the past three seasons, the versatile 26-year-old defender made the switch to Gladbach in the summer and played in a defensive midfield role on the opening weekend against Leverkusen. His only Bundesliga goal came in a 3-3 draw against Freiburg back in August 2013.

#### 17 Oscar Wendt

A former FC Copenhagen man who will operate as a left wing-back if Schubert continues with a back three. The 30-year-old Swede played every minute of last season's UEFA Champions League campaign, until being substituted late on in the 4-2 defeat against City on Matchday 6.



Andreas Christensen



Oscar Wendt



### 19 Fabian Johnson

The switch to 3-4-1-2 should suit this United States international – he can operate on either side but prefers to bomb down the flank as a wing-back rather than play the traditional full-back role. Born in Munich, he is the son of a former professional basketball player.

### 24 Tony Jantschke

A 25-year-old defender who missed large chunks of last season through injury having been a virtual ever-present for five years

before that. Tough tackling centre-back who isn't afraid to go to ground, he appeals most decisions and generally gives officials a hard time.

### 27 Julian Korb

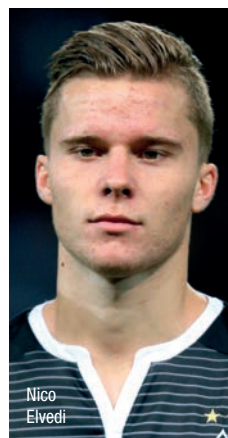
Diminutive 23-year-old right-back cancelled out David Silva's early opener in this fixture last season but is unlikely to feature this time around, having been marginalised by the new system. Comfortable in possession, he can provide a quality delivery into the box.

### 29 Mamadou Doucoure

The 18-year-old left-sided centre-back made the switch from Paris Saint-Germain to Gladbach in the summer hoping to find first-team football sooner. Born in Senegal, he represented the French Under-17 team at the World Cup in Chile last year. Arsenal, Juventus and Porto were also reported to be chasing his signature.

### 30 Nico Elvedi

This Swiss centre-back turns 20 at the end of this month. He



enjoyed a solid first season with Die Fohlen following his move from FC Zurich last

## ANDRE HAHN: THE JAMIE VARDY OF MÖNCHENGLADBACH?

The sale of Granit Xhaka to Arsenal this summer leaves Borussia Mönchengladbach short of household names beyond the confines of the Bundesliga but prepare yourself for the whirlwind that is Andre Hahn, Germany's answer to Jamie Vardy. Once recognised, the parallels between the two players are inescapable.

Called up and capped by Joachim Low just weeks before Brazil 2014, then overlooked when the final squad was announced, the former Augsburg man didn't do much in the two years that followed. He remained an honest grafter but the magic that produced a dozen goals on his first full season in the Bundesliga had dried up – until April this year. Then suddenly the immense potential re-appeared. A winger by trade, Andre Schubert saw

something different and chose to deploy him as a second striker alongside Raffael in a new 3-4-1-2 system. The impact was immediate, Hahn was re-born and he finished the season by scoring five goals in the final four matches.

Twelve months earlier, Leicester



City had clicked in much the same manner, winning seven of their last nine games with Vardy netting four of his five goals for the season during that purple period, and we all know what happened next. Last season, Vardy was unplayable. Whatever had held him back previously, it was gone. He knew he had the beating of the league, of virtually anyone he came up against. Hahn is capable of something similar and has already set off on the right foot, netting twice in his first three appearances this term.

A constant menace playing on the shoulder of the last man, raining shots on goal from all angles like you get extra points for breaking the net and a trademark wristband – it's all there. He's a star in the making. He's one City must keep an eye on tonight.

summer, which ended with senior international recognition – a late substitute appearance in a 2-1 friendly defeat to Belgium last May.

## MIDFIELDERS

### 6 Christoph Kramer

A marquee summer signing from Bayer Leverkusen, Kramer spent two seasons on loan at Borussia-Park between 2013 and 2015. He played in the World Cup final in 2014, as a late inclusion for the injured Sami Khedira, but suffered a blow to the head and lasted just 31 minutes before being substituted with concussion.

### 8 Mahmoud Dahoud

Deep-lying playmaker was reported to be Jurgen Klopp's top midfield target this summer. But having already lost Granit Xhaka to Arsenal, the club withstood Liverpool's interest. Born in Syria, he scored five goals in 27 league starts last term, including the winner in the derby against FC Koln.

### 10 Thorgan Hazard

The middle of three footballing siblings at 23, Thorgan joined Gladbach in July 2014 after two successful loan seasons at Zulte Waregem, making the move from Chelsea permanent last summer. Bagged a hat trick in the return leg of the UEFA

Champions League play-off against Young Boys last month.

### 13 Lars Stindl

Brought in as a defensive midfielder under Lucien Favre, this 28-year-old former Hannover man was pushed further upfield by Schubert and continues to operate in an advanced role. Scored three goals in the UEFA Champions League last season, including the opening goal against City in Germany.

### 14 Nico Schulz

A left-sided 23-year-old who cut his teeth with hometown club Hertha Berlin over the course of five seasons before making the switch to Borussia-Park in August 2015. Made just two appearances for Die Fohlen before a knee ligament injury halted his progress. He's been out of the first-team picture since.



### 16 Ibrahima Traoré

This Guinea international winger has pace in abundance and can operate on either flank. Now 28, he's slowly beginning to make the same impact with Gladbach he had in previous spells with VfB Stuttgart and Augsburg. Played only 13 minutes against City last season, he should be more involved this time.

### 20 Djibril Sow

A 19-year-old holding midfielder who has been talked about as a potential long-term replacement for Granit Xhaka but remains some way short of that responsibility right now. Signed from FC Zurich 12 months ago, Sow played all three games in Switzerland's group at the Euro Under-19s last March.

### 22 Laszlo Bénéš

Slovakian playmaker is another one for the future. Snapped up from Zilina in the summer, he is currently finding his feet with the second team and might be a couple of years short of his senior debut yet. Only 18, he prides himself on his set-piece deliveries and shots from distance.

### 23 Jonas Hofmann

This 24-year-old right winger never quite forced his way into the reckoning with Borussia Dortmund but showed enough

potential for Gladbach to take a chance on him last January. Has completed 90 minutes in the Bundesliga just four times in the past four years, representing three different clubs.

## FORWARDS

### 7 Patrick Herrmann

Promoted from the B team five years ago, this 25-year-old can play out wide on either flank. He missed 15 rounds of the Bundesliga last term with a cruciate ligament injury that was diagnosed in October, but he didn't complete 90 minutes until a 2-0 win at Darmstadt on the final day.

### 11 Raffael

The Brazilian striker moved to Europe as a 17-year-old and cut his teeth in Swiss football before making his name at Hertha Berlin. His 33 goals in 76 Bundesliga starts illustrates the threat he poses. He scored in both legs of the play-off against Young Boys.

### 28 Andre Hahn

Primarily a winger, the former Augsburg man finished last season in a rich vein of scoring form with five goals in the last four matches and has followed up with two in three appearances this term, continuing as a second striker in the 2-1 win over Bayer Leverkusen on the opening weekend.



## MANAGER

### Andre Schubert

Born: Kassel, Germany, 24 July 1971

When Schubert was promoted from within as interim boss last September, he had no designs on taking the job full-time. His remit was simply to hold the fort as best he could and buy the club some time to find a permanent successor to Lucien Favre. However, six straight wins changed everything. It was the best start by a new manager in the Bundesliga for 30 years and the players were unanimous in their support of the 45-year-old and his coaching methods, which had been honed with Germany Under-15s and Gladbach Under-23s. The club was understandably hesitant to make the role permanent, given that things had gone almost too well, but concerns over how he might cope in a crisis have subsided for the simple reason that, nearly 12 months down the line, he continues to run a steady ship.



## ROLL CALL

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2016/17

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Bundesliga

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Goals

Apps

Goals

Age

Nation

GOALKEEPERS

Yann Sommer

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Tobias Sippel

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DEFENDERS

Andreas Christensen

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MIDFIELDERS

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Laszlo Bénéš

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Jonas Hofmann

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FORWARDS

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Up to and including Saturday 10 September. Figures include substitute appearances.

Raffael was on target here last season and scored a hat trick in the 6-1 UEFA Champions League play-off win over Young Boys last month.





# FIXTURES

## EDS, UNDER-18s & WOMEN

### ELITE DEVELOPMENT SQUAD

#### Premier League 2

Aug 15	A	Derby County	3-2
Aug 19	H	<b>Arsenal</b> *	1-0
Aug 26	A	Reading	2-3
Sep 9	H	<b>Manchester Utd</b> *	1-1
Sep 18	A	Sunderland	
Sep 23	H	<b>Leicester City</b>	
Oct 14	A	Tottenham Hotspur	
Oct 24	A	Southampton	
Oct 29	H	<b>Liverpool</b>	
Nov 21	A	Everton	
Nov 26	H	<b>Chelsea</b>	
Dec 10	H	<b>Reading</b>	
Jan 9	A	Manchester United	
Jan 13	H	<b>Tottenham Hotspur</b>	
Jan 30	A	Leicester City	
Feb 3	H	<b>Sunderland</b>	
Feb 17	A	Chelsea	
Mar 3	H	<b>Everton</b>	
Mar 13	A	Arsenal	
Apr 7	H	<b>Derby County</b>	
Apr 23	A	Liverpool	
May 5	H	<b>Southampton</b> *	

#### UEFA Youth League

Sep 13	H	<b>Mönchengladbach</b>	
Sep 28	A	Celtic	
Oct 19	A	Barcelona	
Nov 1	H	<b>Barcelona</b>	
Nov 23	A	Mönchengladbach	
Dec 6	H	<b>Barcelona</b>	

#### PREMIER LEAGUE 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Everton	3	3	0	0	8	1	9
Chelsea	4	2	2	0	9	4	8
Sunderland	3	2	1	0	7	3	7
Manchester City	4	2	1	1	7	6	7
Southampton	3	2	0	1	6	4	6
Tottenham H.	4	2	0	2	7	7	6
Reading	3	2	0	1	6	6	6
Manchester Utd.	4	1	2	1	3	4	5
Arsenal	4	1	0	3	4	7	3
Liverpool	3	1	0	2	5	9	3
Leicester City	3	0	0	3	3	8	0
Derby County	4	0	0	4	4	10	0

#### FORMAT FOR PREMIER 2

- Age limit for players risen from Under-21 to Under-23.
- Two divisions, each with home-and-away fixtures
- Division One winners to be champions and bottom two clubs to be relegated.

### ACADEMY

#### Under-18 Premier League

Aug 13	H	<b>West Bromwich A</b>	3-2
Aug 20	A	Everton	3-1
Aug 27	H	<b>Liverpool</b>	7-0
Sep 10	A	Blackburn Rovers	1-1
Sep 17	H	<b>Manchester United</b>	
Sep 24	A	Sunderland	
Oct 1	H	<b>Wolves</b>	
Oct 15	H	<b>Derby County</b>	
Oct 22	A	Newcastle United	
Oct 29	H	<b>Stoke City</b>	
Nov 5	A	Middlesbrough	
Nov 19	H	<b>Everton</b>	
Nov 26	A	West Bromwich Albion	
Dec 3	A	Manchester United	
Dec 10	H	<b>Blackburn Rovers</b>	
Jan 7	A	Liverpool	
Jan 14	H	<b>Sunderland</b>	
Jan 21	A	Wolves	
Jan 28	H	<b>Newcastle United</b>	
Feb 4	A	Derby County	
Feb 11	A	Stoke City	
Feb 18	H	<b>Middlesbrough</b>	

#### UNDER-18s APPEARANCES

	Apps	Goals
Curtis Anderson	-	-
Myles Beerman	-(2)	-
Lewis Blackshaw	-	-
Luke Bolton	4	1
Joe Coveney	3	-
Tom Dele-Bashiru	2	1
Phil Foden	4	2
Ed Francis	4	-
Lorenzo Gonzalez	-(1)	-
Joe Hardy	4	3
Ash Kigbu	1	-
Joel Latibeaudiere	4	-
Arijanet Muric	4	-
Ian Carlo Poveda	-(4)	3
Iker Pozo	-(4)	-
Colin Rosler	4	-
Jadon Sancho	4	2
Matthew Smith	2	-
Tyreke Wilson	4	-

#### FORMAT FOR UNDER-18s LEAGUE

- Clubs will play each opposing team in their regional group twice, home and away.
- For the final stage, all the teams will be separated into three groups, each club playing one game against others in the group.

### MCFC WOMEN

#### FA Women's Super League

Mar 23	H	<b>Notts County</b>	1-0
Mar 28	H	<b>Arsenal</b>	2-0
Apr 24	A	Birmingham City	2-0
Apr 29	A	Sunderland	2-0
May 2	H	<b>Doncaster Rovers</b>	6-0
May 19	A	Chelsea	2-0
May 25	A	Liverpool	0-0
Jun 26	H	<b>Liverpool</b>	1-1
Jul 24	A	Notts County	5-1
Jul 31	H	<b>Sunderland</b>	3-0
Aug 3	A	Reading	2-1
Aug 11	A	Doncaster Rovers	4-0
Aug 28	H	<b>Reading</b>	2-0
Sep 11	A	Arsenal	1-0
Sep 25	H	<b>Chelsea</b>	
Oct 30	H	<b>Birmingham City</b>	

#### SSE FA Women's Cup

Mar 19	A	Liverpool	2-0
Apr 3	H	<b>Sporting Club Albion</b>	2-0
Apr 17	A	Chelsea (SF)	1-2

#### Continental Tyres Cup

Jul 2	A	Aston Villa	8-0
Aug 7	H	<b>Doncaster Rovers</b>	4-1
Sep 4	H	<b>Arsenal</b> (SF)	1-0
Oct 2	N*	<b>Birmingham C</b> (Final)	

\*To be played at Academy Stadium

#### FA WOMEN'S SUPER LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Manchester City	14	12	2	0	33	3	38
Chelsea	13	10	1	2	36	12	31
Arsenal	13	7	2	4	21	11	23
Liverpool	13	6	4	3	20	15	22
Birmingham City	13	5	5	3	8	10	20
Notts County	12	2	3	7	10	20	9
Sunderland	13	2	3	8	14	31	9
Reading	13	0	6	7	9	21	6
Doncaster Rovers	10	0	0	10	4	32	0

All EDS, Academy and MCFC Women home games at City Football Academy unless otherwise stated.

\* Etihad Stadium

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# FOR THE RECORD

## FIRST TEAM, EDS & UNDER-18s MATCH DIARY

### FIRST TEAM

#### Sunday 28 August

Premier League  
Etihad Stadium

#### MANCHESTER CITY 3

Sterling 7, 90+2, Fernandinho 18

**WEST HAM UNITED 1** Antonio 58  
HT 2-0 Att: 54,008

**City:** Caballero, Zabaleta, Stones (Kolarov 59), Otamendi, Clichy, Fernandinho, Sterling, De Bruyne, Silva, Nolito (Nasri 75), Aguero (Fernando 88). Unused: Hart, Delph, Jesus Navas, Iheanacho.

**West Ham:** Adrian, Collins, Reid (Calleri 78), Ogbonna, Antonio, Tore (Byram 46), Noble, Kouyate, Masuaku, Fletcher, Valencia (Lanzini 60). Unused: Randolph, Oxford, Burke, Obiang.

**Referee:** Andre Marriner.

#### Saturday 10 September

Premier League  
Old Trafford

#### MANCHESTER UNITED 1

Ibrahimovic 42

#### MANCHESTER CITY 2

De Bruyne 15, Iheanacho 36  
HT 1-2 Att: 75,272

**United:** De Gea, Valencia, Bailly, Blind, Shaw (Martial 81), Fellaini, Pogba, Mkhitaryan (Herrera 45), Rooney, Lingard (Rashford 45), Ibrahimovic. Unused: Romero, Smalling, Schneiderlin, Mata.

**City:** Bravo, Sagna, Stones, Otamendi, Kolarov, Fernandinho, Sterling (Sane 60), De Bruyne (Zabaleta 90), Silva, Nolito. Iheanacho (Fernando 53). Unused: Caballero, Clichy, Aleix Garcia, Jesus Navas.

**Referee:** Mark Clattenburg.



**Left:** Fernandinho heading the second goal against West Ham.

**Below left:** Claudio Bravo, one of two City debutants in the derby.

### EDS

#### Friday 26 August

Premier League 2 – Division 1  
Madejski Stadium

**READING 3** Wieser 15, Fosu 33, McIntyre 43

#### MANCHESTER CITY 2

Fernandes 63, Buckley-Ricketts 90+3  
HT 3-0

**Reading:** Southwood, Sheppard, Hyam, McIntyre, Osho, Wieser (East 46) (Novakovich 84), Stacey, Fosu, Rinomhota, Samuel (Cardwell 90+6), Barrett. Unused: Collings, Andresson.

**City:** O'Brien, Humphreys, Oliver, Horsfield (Davenport 79), Nemané, Kongolo, Wood, Brahim Diaz (Diallo 46), Fernandes, Dilrosun, Nmecha (Buckley-Ricketts 46). Unused: Grimshaw, Duhaney.

#### Friday 9 September

Premier League 2 – Division 1  
Etihad Stadium

#### MANCHESTER CITY 1

Brahim Diaz 63

#### MANCHESTER UNITED 1

Willock 25

HT 0-1

**City:** O'Brien, Horsfield, Humphreys, Oliver (Duhaney 46), Wood (Davenport 74), Diallo, Kongolo, Fernandes (Brahim Diaz 37), Buckley-Ricketts, Dilrosun, Nmecha. Unused: Grimshaw, Sarmiento.

**United:** O'Hara, El-Fitouri, Tuanzebe, Poole, Riley, Redmond, Scott (Buffonge 70), Willock, McTominay (Dunne 90+4), Harrop, Mitchell (Hamilton 65). Unused: Moutaha-Sebtaoui, Doughty.

### UNDER-18s

#### Saturday 27 August

Premier League Under-18  
City Football Academy

#### MANCHESTER CITY 7

Hardy 5, 51, Foden 13, 23, Bolton 15, Poveda 82, 88

#### LIVERPOOL 0

HT 4-0

**City:** Muric, Rösler, Latibeaudiere, Coveney (Pozo 59), Wilson, Francis, Dele-Bashiru, Foden (Poveda 64), Bolton, Sancho (Beerman 77), Hardy. Unused: Blackshaw, Anderson.

**Liverpool:** Grabara, White, Lewis, Masterson, Parker, Coyle, Adekanye (Johnson 46), Hunter, Millar, Camacho (Brewster 78), Dhanda (McAuley 72). Unused: Owens, Cann.

#### Saturday 10 September

Premier League Under-18  
Brockhall Training Ground

#### BLACKBURN ROVERS 1

Butterworth 37

#### MANCHESTER CITY 1

Dele-Bashiru 45

HT 1-1

**Blackburn:** Ascroft, Jackson, Thompson, Grayson, Doyle, Magloire, Pemberton, Mols, Butterworth, Lynch, Wright. Unused: Makinson, Campbell, Robinson, Evans, Curran.

**City:** Muric, Rösler (Poveda 70), Latibeaudiere, Kigbu, Wilson (Pozo 50), Francis, Bolton, Dele-Bashiru, Hardy (Gonzalez 46), Foden, Sancho. Unused: Anderson, Ogunby.

# CITY ROLL CALL

## FIRST TEAM APPEARANCES AND GOALSCORERS

Name	Birthdate	SEASON 2016/17				CITY CAREER				International
		League		Cups		League		Cups		
		Apps	Gls	Apps	Gls	Apps	Gls	Apps	Gls	
Tosin Adarabioyo	24.09.97	-	-	- (1)	-	-	-	1 (1)	-	England U-19
Sergio Aguero	02.06.88	3	3	1	3	135 (18)	105	47 (12)	37	Argentina
Angelino (Jose Tasende)	04.01.97	-	-	- (1)	-	-	-	- (2)	-	Spain U-17
Claudio Bravo	13.04.83	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	Chile
Willy Caballero	28.09.81	3	-	1	-	8 (1)	-	15 (1)	-	Argentina
Gael Clichy	26.07.85	2	-	1 (1)	-	109 (6)	1	45 (8)	-	France
Kevin De Bruyne	28.06.91	4	1	1	-	26 (3)	8	13 (4)	9	Belgium
Fabian Delph	21.11.89	- (2)	-	1	1	8 (11)	2	7 (4)	1	England
Fernandinho	04.05.85	4	1	1 (1)	-	89 (14)	11	37 (5)	4	Brazil
Fernando	25.07.87	- (2)	-	1 (1)	-	39 (12)	4	23 (5)	-	Brazil U-20
Aleix Garcia	28.06.97	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	Spain U-19
Ilkay Gundogan	24.10.90	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Germany
Angus Gunn	22.01.96	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	England U-17
James Horsfield	30.11.95	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Cameron Humphreys	22.08.98	-	-	-	-	-	-	- (2)	-	England U-18
Kelechi Iheanacho	03.10.96	1 (2)	1	1	-	8 (21)	9	5 (5)	6	Nigeria
Aleksandar Kolarov	10.11.85	3 (1)	-	2	-	105 (35)	10	55 (18)	10	Serbia
Vincent Kompany	10.04.86	-	-	-	-	213 (7)	13	72 (6)	1	Belgium
Pablo Maffeo	12.07.97	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	Spain U-19
Jesus Navas	21.11.85	1 (1)	-	1	-	66 (35)	4	34 (15)	4	Spain
Nolito	15.10.86	3 (1)	2	2	1	3 (1)	2	2	1	Spain
Nicolas Otamendi	12.02.88	3	-	1	-	33	1	19 (1)	-	Argentina
Bacary Sagna	14.02.83	2	-	- (1)	-	37 (2)	-	21 (4)	-	France
Leroy Sané	11.01.96	- (1)	-	-	-	- (1)	-	-	-	Germany
David Silva	08.01.86	4	-	1	1	176 (14)	35	65 (11)	9	Spain
Raheem Sterling	08.12.94	4	2	1	-	27 (8)	8	12 (5)	5	England
John Stones	28.05.94	4	-	2	-	4	-	2	-	England
Yaya Toure	13.05.83	-	-	1	-	188 (7)	57	69 (5)	18	Ivory Coast
Pablo Zabaleta	16.01.85	2 (1)	-	1	-	194 (19)	8	74 (18)	2	Argentina
Own goals		-	-	-	-					

### OUT ON LOAN

Brandon Barker	04.10.96 (NAC Breda)	-	-	-	-	-	-	- (1)	-	England U-20
Wilfried Bony	10.12.88 (Stoke City)	-	-	-	-	15 (21)	6	5 (5)	4	Ivory Coast
Bersant Celina	09.09.96 (FC Twente)	-	-	-	-	- (1)	-	1 (2)	-	Kosovo
Jason Denayer	28.06.95 (Sunderland)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Belgium
David Faupala	11.02.97 (NAC Breda)	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	France U-18
Manu Garcia	02.01.98 (Alaves)	-	-	-	-	- (1)	-	1 (2)	1	Spain U-16
George Glendon	03.05.95 (Fleetwood)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Wales U-21
Joe Hart	19.04.87 (Torino)	-	-	1	-	266	-	82	-	England
Gabriel Jesus	03.04.97 (Palmeiras)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Brazil U-23
Eliaquim Mangala	13.02.91 (Valencia)	-	-	-	-	47 (1)	-	14 (2)	-	France
Marlos Moreno	20.09.96 (Dep. Coruna)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Colombia
Samir Nasri	26.06.87 (Sevilla)	- (1)	-	-	-	99 (30)	18	36 (11)	9	France
Patrick Roberts	05.02.97 (Celtic)	-	-	-	-	- (1)	-	- (2)	-	England U-19
Oleksandr Zinchenko	15.12.96 (PSV)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Ukraine
Bruno Zuculini	02.04.93 (Rayo Vallecano)	-	-	-	-	-	-	- (1)	-	Argentina U-20

(Figures in brackets are substitute appearances). Cup figures include FA Cup, League Cup, FA Community Shield and Europe.

Also out on loan: Kean Bryan (Bury), Callum Bullock (Crewe Alexandra), Jack Byrne (Blackburn), Sinan Bytyqi (Go Ahead Eagles), Shay Facey (Heerenveen), Zackarias Faur (FC Midjytland), Ashley Smith-Brown (NAC Breda).



PREMIER LEAGUE TABLE, FACTS & FIGURES

Home Attendances			HOME							AWAY					GD	PTS
Highest	Average		P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A			
54,362	54,185	1	Manchester City	4	2	0	0	5	2	2	0	0	6	2	+7	12
41,607	41,574	2	Chelsea	4	2	0	0	5	1	1	1	0	4	3	+5	10
75,326	75,299	3	Manchester United	4	1	0	1	3	2	2	0	0	4	1	+4	9
31,447	31,329	4	Tottenham Hotspur	4	1	1	0	2	1	1	1	0	5	1	+5	8
53,075	53,075	5	Liverpool	4	1	0	0	4	1	1	1	1	5	6	+2	7
60,033	59,998	6	Arsenal	4	1	0	1	5	5	1	1	0	3	1	+2	7
24,560	22,798	7	Hull City	4	1	0	1	2	2	1	1	0	3	1	+2	7
39,581	39,537	8	Everton	3	1	1	0	2	1	1	0	0	2	1	+2	7
32,110	31,331	9	Middlesbrough	4	0	1	1	2	3	1	1	0	2	1	0	5
20,772	20,658	10	Watford	4	0	0	2	2	5	1	1	0	5	3	-1	4
24,490	23,996	11	Crystal Palace	4	0	1	1	1	2	1	0	1	2	2	-1	4
23,690	23,672	12	West Bromwich A	4	0	1	1	1	2	1	0	1	1	1	-1	4
20,865	20,445	13	Swansea City	4	0	1	1	2	4	1	0	1	2	2	-2	4
11,355	11,270	14	AFC Bournemouth	4	1	0	1	2	3	0	1	1	1	2	-2	4
21,313	19,747	15	Burnley	4	1	1	1	3	2	0	0	1	0	3	-2	4
32,008	31,867	16	Leicester City	4	1	1	0	2	1	0	0	2	2	6	-3	4
56,977	56,976	17	West Ham United	4	1	0	1	3	4	0	0	2	2	5	-4	3
31,488	30,820	18	Southampton	4	0	2	0	2	2	0	0	2	1	4	-3	2
43,515	43,515	19	Sunderland	3	0	0	1	1	2	0	1	1	2	3	-2	1
27,455	27,620	20	Stoke City	4	0	0	2	1	8	0	1	1	1	2	-8	1

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City have won their opening four Premier League games for the third time in six seasons. In 2011/12 City drew the fifth game then won the following seven. Last season Blues lost at home to West Ham after starting with five straight wins.

FACTS & FIGURES

- HIGHEST ATTENDANCE  
75,326 Manchester United v Southampton, 19.8.16
- LOWEST ATTENDANCE  
11,184 AFC Bournemouth v WB Albion, 10.9.16
- HIGHEST SCORING HOME WINS  
4-1 Liverpool v Leicester, 10.9.16
- HIGHEST SCORING AWAY WIN  
4-0 Tottenham at Stoke, 10.9.16

TOP SCORERS  
(PREMIER LEAGUE, CUP COMPETITIONS,  
EUROPE & FA COMMUNITY SHIELD)

- Sergio Aguero (Manchester City) 6
- Zlatan Ibrahimovic (Manchester United) 5
- Michael Antonio (West Ham) 4
- Diego Costa (Chelsea) 4
- Michy Batshuayi (Chelsea) 3
- Etienne Capoue (Watford)
- Peter Crouch (Stoke)
- Adama Diomande (Hull)
- Leroy Fer (Swansea)
- Roberto Firmino (Liverpool)
- Nolito (Manchester City)
- Robert Snodgrass (Hull)
- Jamie Vardy (Leicester)

Right: Raheem Sterling scoring the third goal against West Ham.




# MATCH DETAILS



Key: Started SUB Unused sub DEBUT City debut  
 DSRS Sub used – with initials of player replaced/minute of substitution  
1 Goals scored X Replaced Yellow card Red card Suspended  
UCL = UEFA Champions League  
FAC = Emirates FA Cup EFL = EFL Cup

				F-A	Att	Pos	Away fans	City scorers and goal times
AUGUST 2016								
Sat	13	H	Sunderland	2-1	54,362	5	2,936	Aguero pen 4, McNair og 87
Tue	16	A	Steaua Bucharest (UCL PO1)	5-0	45,327	-	341	Silva 13, Aguero 41, 78, 89, Nolito 49
Sat	20	A	Stoke City	4-1	27,455	1	2,788	Aguero pen 27, 36, Nolito 86, 90+5
Wed	24	H	Steaua Bucharest (UCL PO2)	1-0	40,064	-	119	Delph 56
Sun	28	H	West Ham United	3-1	54,008	1	tbc	Sterling 7, 90+2, Fernando 18
SEPTEMBER								
Sat	10	A	Manchester United	2-1	75,272	1	tbc	De Bruyne 15, Iheanacho 36
Tue	13	H	Mönchengladbach (UCL)		7.45pm			
Sat	17	H	Bournemouth		3pm			
	20/21	A	Swansea City (EFL 3)		tba			
Sat	24	A	Swansea City		3pm			
Wed	28	A	Celtic (UCL)		7.45pm			
OCTOBER								
Sun	2	A	Tottenham Hotspur		2.15pm			
Sat	15	H	Everton		3pm			
Wed	19	A	Barcelona (UCL)		7.45pm			
Sat	22	H	Southampton		3pm			
	25/26		EFL Cup 4					
Sat	29	A	West Bromwich Albion		3pm			
NOVEMBER								
Tue	1	H	Barcelona (UCL)		7.45pm			
Sat	5	H	Middlesbrough		3pm			
Sat	19	A	Crystal Palace		3pm			
Wed	23	A	Mönchengladbach (UCL)		7.45pm			
Sat	26	A	Burnley		12.30pm			
	29/30		EFL Cup 5					
DECEMBER								
Sat	3	H	Chelsea		3pm			
Tue	6	H	Celtic (UCL)		7.45pm			
Sat	10	A	Leicester City		3pm			
Wed	14	H	Watford		8pm			
Sat	17	H	Arsenal		3pm			
Mon	26	A	Hull City		3pm			

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Willy Caballero	Bacary Sagna	John Stones	Aleksandar Kolarov	Gael Cllichy	Fernandinho	David Silva	Raheem Sterling	Kevin De Bruyne	Nolito	Sergio Aguero	Jesus Navas	Fabian Delph	Kelechi Iheanacho	Joe Hart	Nicolas Otamendi	Pablo Zabaleta	Fernando	Pablo Maffeo	Yaya Toure	Tosin Adarabioyo	Angelino	Angus Gunn	Samir Nasri	Claudio Bravo	Leroy Sane	Alex Garcia	Insights from 	
				X		X			X		N59	DS64	GC80	SUB	SUB	SUB	SUB											
	P270	X	AK75					X			SUB	SUB	SUB	SUB		X	KD80											
				SUB				X			JN69	X	X	KD88	SA83			SUB	SUB									
		X			KI76	SUB	SUB		X	SUB			1	X							JS60	N60	SUB					
	X		JSS9						X	X	SUB	SUB	SUB	SUB			SA88							N75				
					1		2																					
SUB				SUB			X	X			SUB		X	1			KD90	KI53							RS60	SUB		
																								DEBUT	DEBUT			

Raheem Sterling scored twice in the last home game against West Ham.





# MATCH DETAILS



## JANUARY 2017

Mon	2	H Burnley	3pm
Sat	7	Emirates FA Cup 3	
	10/11	EFL Cup SF1	
Sat	14	A Everton	3pm
Sat	21	H Tottenham Hotspur	3pm
	24/25	EFL Cup SF2	
Sat	28	Emirates FA Cup 4	
Tue	31	A West Ham United	7.45pm

## FEBRUARY

Sat	4	H Swansea City	3pm
Sat	11	A AFC Bournemouth	3pm
Sat	18	Emirates FA Cup 5	
Sat	25	H Manchester United	3pm
Sun	26	EFL Cup Final	

## MARCH

Sat	4	A Sunderland	3pm
Sat	11	H Stoke City (or FAC6)	3pm
Sat	18	H Liverpool	3pm

## APRIL

Sat	1	A Arsenal	3pm
Wed	5	A Chelsea	7.45pm
Sat	8	H Hull City	3pm
Sat	15	A Southampton	3pm
Sat	22	H West Bromwich Albion (or FACSF)	3pm
Sat	29	A Middlesbrough	3pm

## MAY

Sat	6	H Crystal Palace	3pm
Sat	13	H Leicester City	3pm
Sun	21	A Watford	3pm
Sat	27	Emirates FA Cup Final	



## GROUND REGULATIONS & FIRST AID

**First Aid** There are a number of First Aid facilities throughout the stadium with a medical centre housed in the basement of the West Stand. Anyone needing medical attention should seek a steward who will direct them to the nearest first aid post.

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 and Erwin Zeinstra  
**Additional assistants:** Danny Makkellie  
 and Paulus Van Boekel  
**Fourth Official:** Mario Diks  
 (all from The Netherlands)

## PLAYER ESCORTS

Calin Tomozei	Daniel Curran
Hollie Pascoe	Oliver Bennett
Connal Smith	Max Fairclough
Cameron McEwan	Mason Marsland
Bradley Bocock	Kacper Juszczak
Shailen Gopal	Sam Dock
James David-	Alexander Parry
Ross Walbanke	Declan Greg
Lewis Mason	Beckett
Charlie Gardner	Jacob Tosh
Jasper Spooner	Ashlyee Hartley
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## REFEREE ESCORTS

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