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Cards not available with this digital edition

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CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

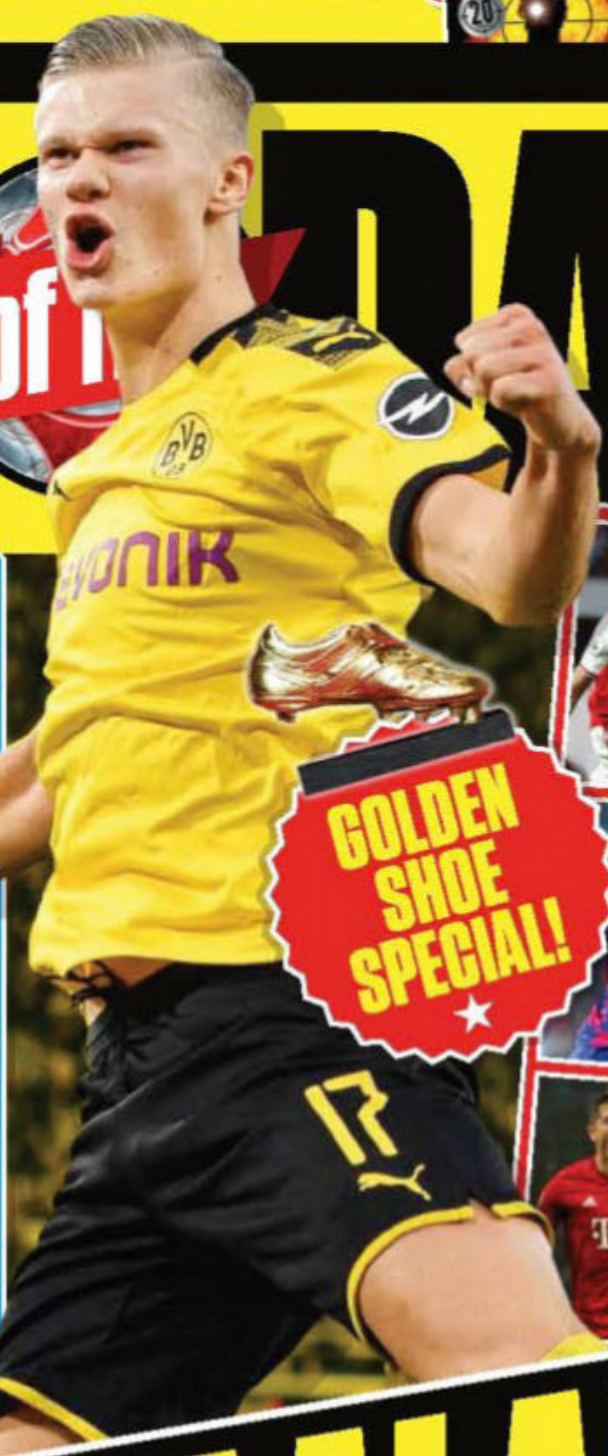
EUROPA LEAGUE

SEASON 2019/20

5 CARDS PER PACKET

MATCH ATTAX EXTRA

MATCH ATTAX EXTRA



GOLDEN SHOE SPECIAL!



HAALAND!

The world's most dangerous striker?

THE BIG DEBATE!

BEST CLUB IN MANCHESTER?

12 POSTERS!

TRENT WHY HE'S PLAYER OF THE YEAR!

WIN! PRIZES WORTH OVER £150!



Match of the Day
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The Big

6

THIS WEEK'S 6
BIGGEST FOOTY
STORIES!

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100 DAYS UNTIL EURO 2020!

Just three months until the summer's big footy party

IT'S A BIG DAY for football on Wednesday! It's **MOTD mag**'s 12th birthday, there are some juicy FA Cup fifth-round ties and it's Arsenal keeper Bernd Leno's 28th birthday – but what we're most buzzing about is that it's now just 100 days until Euro 2020 kicks off in Rome. England and Wales have already qualified for the finals – while Scotland, Northern Ireland and Republic of Ireland will take part in the play-offs later this month in a bid to secure a Euro 2020 spot!





HOME COMFORT
England play their three group games at Wembley – and both semi-finals and the final will also be held there!

DID YOU KNOW?

The first match of Euro 2020 is Turkey v Italy!

HOME NATIONS PLAY-OFF GAMES!

SCOTLAND v ISRAEL
NORTHERN IRELAND v BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA
REPUBLIC OF IRELAND v SLOVENIA

ENGLAND'S EUROS LINE-UP?



Never thought I'd say this, but I reckon England will win something!



Gary Lineker

Join Gary & the MOTD pundits on BBC One, Saturday at 10.20pm!



**"HIS QUALITY
IS OUT OF THIS
WORLD!"**
Gary Neville

**"HE'S GONNA
BE ONE OF THIS
COUNTRY'S GREATEST
EVER PLAYERS!"**
Gary Lineker

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KING OF THE KOP!

**Wonderkid Trent is the
Premier League's No.1**



IT'S GETTING to that time of the year when Prem stars are scratching their chins, deep in thought about who they should vote for PFA Player of the Year. Well, lads, we're here to help. Simply write **THREE** words on your voting form, pop it into an envelope and return to the PFA's HQ. Those three words? Trent, Alexander and Arnold!

KETCH SAYS

We can't remember a right-back in Premier League history who dictates play as much as Trent does for Liverpool!



TRENT ON FLAMES!

- Trent has as many assists (12) as Lionel Messi so far this season – and he's **second** to only Kevin De Bruyne in the Prem!
- Trent is the **only** defender ever to reach 12 assists in a Prem season – and now he's **done it** two seasons running!
- Trent is the **THIRD**-youngest player ever to reach 25 Prem assists – behind only Cesc Fabregas and Wayne Rooney!

CHANCES CREATED BY LIVERPOOL PLAYERS 2019-20

1	TRENT ALEXANDER-ARNOLD	73
2	MO SALAH	44
3	ANDY ROBERTSON	42
=4	SADIO MANE	39
=4	ROBERTO FIRMINO	39



No sponsor this season?

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KIT DROP!

Bayern's new anniversary shirt is BOOM

NOPE, BAYERN MUNICH haven't just turned their kit inside out – this is their awesome new limited-edition retro anniversary shirt, which has been made to celebrate the club's 120th birthday. Its clean-cut look is inspired by the club's first domestic title-winning season in 1932 and will be worn in their match against Augsburg on 8 March. Cop it while you can, readers!

DAVIES THE DOLPHIN!

ALPHONSO DAVIES absolutely tore Chelsea apart in last week's UCL tie with his pace, but did you know he once clocked up 21.6mph – the same speed as a bottlenose dolphin. LOL!



Race you, Flipper!



Yo, gimme a headstart!





FA CUP FIFTH ROUND FIVE THINGS TO KNOW!

- 1 Winners will progress to the quarters!
- 2 Four days of fifth-round action started on Monday and finishes on Thursday!
- 3 No more replays – from now to the final, games must be settled on the day!
- 4 It's the first time that all FA Cup ties will take place midweek. This is because of last month's top-flight winter break!
- 5 Two games will be shown on BBC One and two are available via the Red Button!



ROO-UNITED!

Derby host Wazza's old employers Man. United in the FA Cup

THE AMAZING story of Wayne Rooney's career continues. The latest chapter sees his new club Derby facing the club he scored 253 goals for. The Rams take on Man. United at Pride Park in the FA Cup fifth round this Thursday – anyone else fancy 34-year-old Wazza to add to his tally of 23 FA Cup goals?

Did you know?
Wayne Rooney is the third-highest scorer in the FA Cup's 149-year history!



FA CUP DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

QUARTER-FINALS
Saturday 21 March

SEMI-FINALS
Saturday 18 & Sunday 19 April

THE FINAL
Saturday 23 May

THE
GAMES!



MONDAY 2 MARCH

Portsmouth v Arsenal 7.45pm **PLAYED LAST NIGHT!**

TUESDAY 3 MARCH

Chelsea v Liverpool 7.45pm **LIVE ON BBC ONE!**

Reading v Sheffield United 8pm

West Brom v Newcastle 8pm **LIVE ON THE RED BUTTON!**

WEDNESDAY 4 MARCH

Sheffield Wed. v Man. City 7.45pm **LIVE ON BBC ONE!**

Leicester v Birmingham 7.45pm

Tottenham v Norwich 7.45pm **LIVE ON THE RED BUTTON!**

THURSDAY 5 MARCH

Derby v Man. United 7.45pm

BBC ONE

BBC RED BUTTON

Watch four games
on the BBC



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Campeones!

Sadly, England's best
player, Lucy Bronze,
will miss the comp
due to a calf injury!

Campeones!

Ole, ole, ole!

WE BELIEVE!

England defend SheBelieves Cup in USA

THE MOST ELITE four-team tournament in women's football is back this week! The invitational SheBelieves Cup tournament, hosted by America, is in its fifth year and England are heading across the pond to play the USA, Japan and Spain. The Lionesses won the event last year and WE BELIEVE it's coming home once again!

Who you callin'
round, mate?

THE FORMAT!

SheBelieves is a round-robin tournament. That means everyone plays each other once – with three points for a win, one for a draw and zero for a loss. Whoever records the most points goes home with the cup!



FIXTURES!

WEDNESDAY 11 MARCH

England v Spain 9.15pm

LIVE ON BBC Four & BBC iPlayer

THURSDAY 5 MARCH

Spain v Japan 9.15pm

THURSDAY 12 MARCH

USA v Japan 12am

FRIDAY 6 MARCH

USA v England 12am

LIVE ON BBC Two & BBC iPlayer

SUNDAY 8 MARCH

Japan v England 6.15pm

LIVE ON BBC Four & BBC iPlayer

USA v Spain 9pm

KETCH SAYS

Some of these games
are way past my bedtime,
so catch them on iPlayer
the next day!



BBC TWO

BBC FOUR

BBC iPlayer

motdmag.com

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KING JAMES

Reece won the FA Youth Cup with Chelsea two years running as a kid – man's got tek!

CHAMPION

Lauren helped United to clinch promotion from the Championship last campaign!

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FOOTY FAMILY!

Special season for siblings Reece & Lauren James

THEY'RE THE brother and sister making name for themselves. Talented young ballers Reece and Lauren James are taking the Premier League and WSL by storm – and the future is looking super bright for the dynamic duo. Reece, who spent last season on loan at Wigan, has become Chelsea's No.1 right-back, while his teenage sister Lauren is now one of the first names on Man. United's teamsheet!

**REECE JAMES**

CHELSEA Age: 20
Position: RIGHT-BACK

YEARS	CLUB	GAMES
2018-	CHELSEA	15
2018-19	WIGAN (LOAN)	45

NATIONAL TEAM	GAMES
2017	ENGLAND U-18 3
2017-18	ENGLAND U-19 8
2017-20	ENGLAND U-20 12
2019-20	ENGLAND U-21 2

**LAUREN JAMES**

MAN. UNITED Age: 18
Position: FORWARD

YEARS	CLUB	GAMES
2017-18	ARSENAL	5
2018-20	MAN. UNITED	30

NATIONAL TEAM	GAMES
2017-18	ENGLAND U-17 6
2019-20	ENGLAND U-19 11

KETCH SAYS

I reckon both of these will be playing for England within the next two seasons – elite!



RONALDO

JUVENTUS

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25
GOALS

148
SHOTS

85
DRIBBLES

2019-20 club stats correct up to 28 February 2020

ARE YOU A FOOTY GENIUS?



Give your brain a tough test!

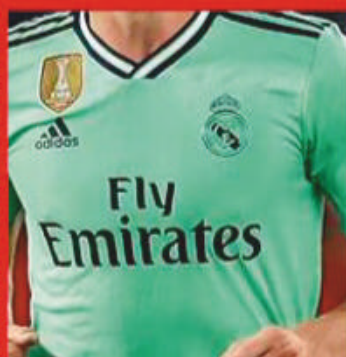
WANT MORE?

TURN TO p32 FOR MORE QUIZ ACTION!

1 CITY PUZZLER!

In which city would you find these clubs? (1pt)

ANSWER



2 SPOT THE BALL!

ANSWER

Is the real ball hiding behind A, B or C? (1pt)



4 ICON A-Z!

ANSWER

The surnames of these footy legends all start with the same letter – which one? (1pt)

3 FLASHBACK!

Name the TWO Prem stars in this well-old pic! (1pt for each player)

ANSWER

ANSWER



5 WHO AM I? (1pt)

- I was born in France in 1991
- But I have played 56 times for Algeria
- I won the Premier League in 2016 and 2019

I AM:

ANSWER

1 Madrid 2 A 3 Alexandre Lacazette & Oriol Romeu 4 C - Carlos, Cantona, Cruyff, Charlton 5 Riyad Mahrez

ANSWERS!



Your total /6

HOW'D YOU GET ON, READERS?

- 1-2 points Er, did your pen run out of ink?
- 3-4 points A good start but you ran out of steam!
- 5-6 points Woah, that was some unreal quizzing!

LACAZETTE

ARSENAL

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39
SHOTS

6
GOALS

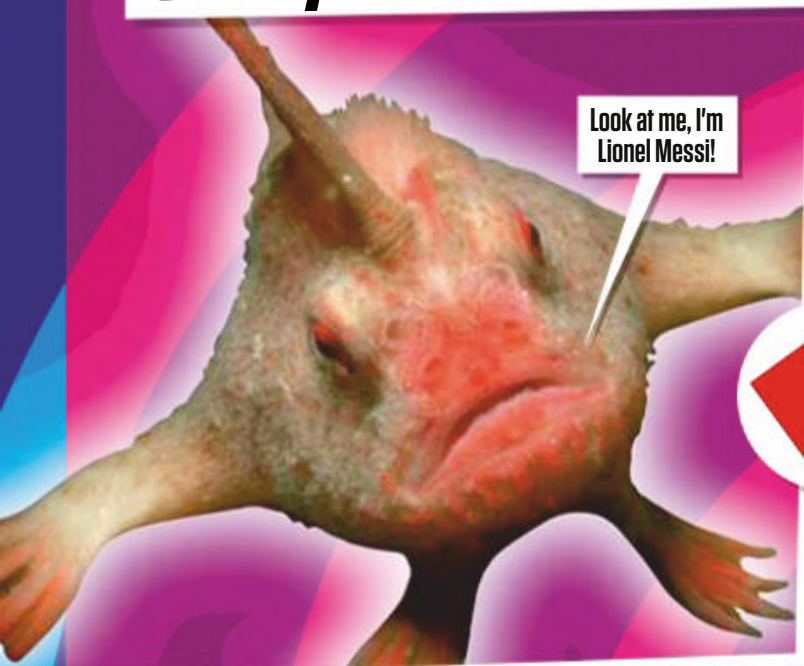
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ASSISTS

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LOOK-ALIKES!

Crazy critters and bonkers ballers doing bits



Look at me, I'm
Lionel Messi!



Liberty!

LOL! You got
owned, Leo!



No need to be
so prickly, bro!



I literally
can't help it!



Look, mutt –
I'm a keeper!



No wonder they
call you the cat!





Note to self – steal that dog's sweet Beats!



MOTD MAG – No.1 FOR MAD LOLS!



Oooh, I'm Harry Kane – I'm always injured!

Oooh, look at me, I'm a tortoise – pathetic!



Look, mate – I'm a cat!

Does that make me the pug?



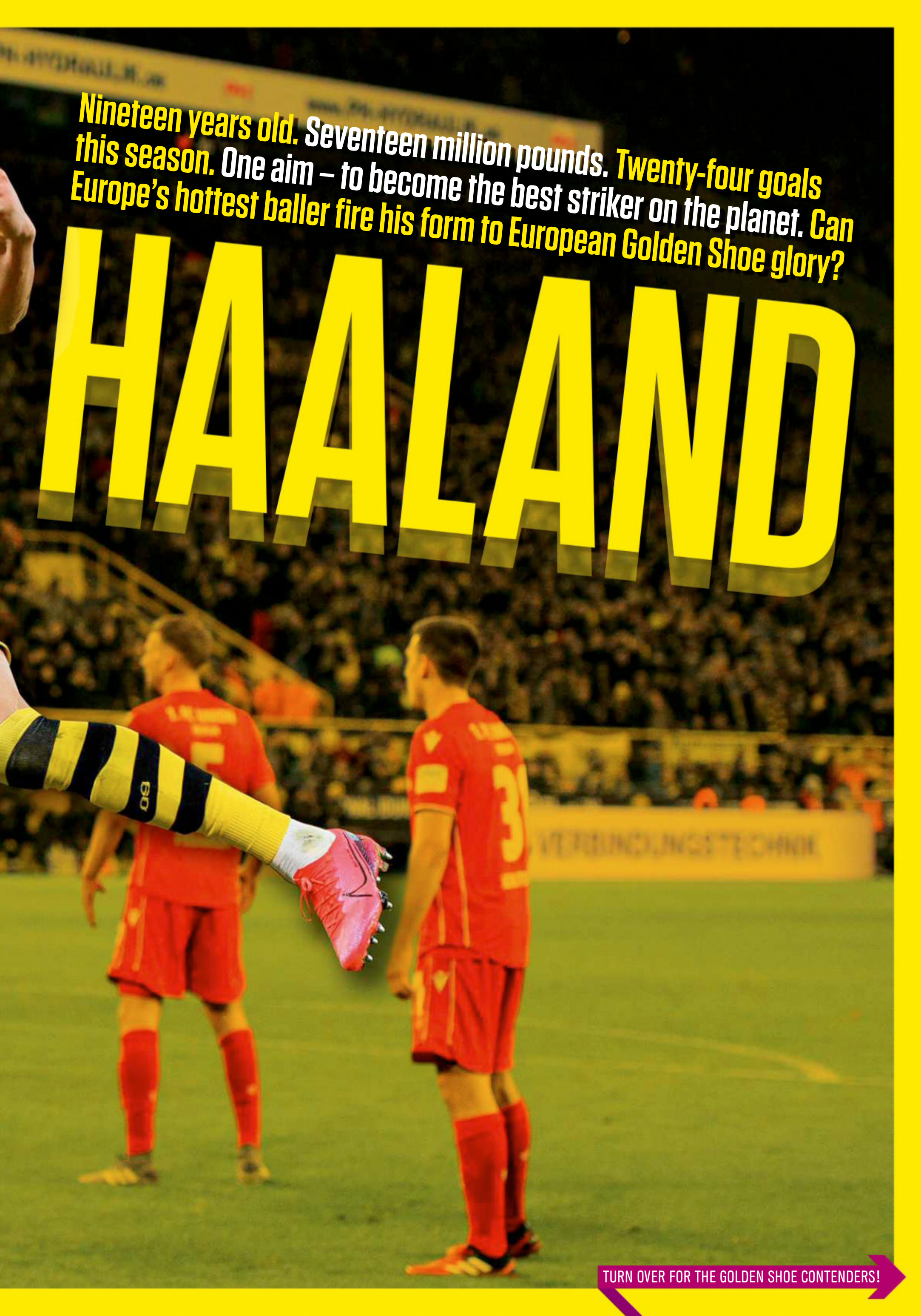
Smile, Pedro!



How's this, moggy?

ERLING





Nineteen years old. Seventeen million pounds. Twenty-four goals this season. One aim – to become the best striker on the planet. Can Europe's hottest baller fire his form to European Golden Shoe glory?

HAALAND

TURN OVER FOR THE GOLDEN SHOE CONTENDERS!

THE GOLDEN SHOE

CONTENDERS!

KYLIAN MBAPPE

PSG

16

GOALS

x2

COEFFICIENT

32

POINTS

RIGHT FOOT: 12 LEFT FOOT: 4 HEAD: 0

KYLIAN BANGED IN PSG's first game of the season against Nimes and he hasn't stopped since. If it wasn't for niggly injuries that made him miss eight games, he'd probably have near double his current tally. It's time for Mbappe to step up his heading game to become an all-round bagger!



P. AUBAMEYANG

ARSENAL

17

GOALS

x2

COEFFICIENT

34

POINTS

RIGHT FOOT: 11 LEFT FOOT: 3 HEAD: 3

IF THERE'S ONE thing Pierre loves, it's scoring goals on Sundays. Eleven of his 17 in the Prem this season have come on the last day of the weekend. Auba's strike rate of a goal every 130 minutes is the second best in the league for those who have played over 2,000 minutes!



HOW DOES IT WORK?

It's simple – the player with the most points at the end of the season wins the Golden Shoe! Players are awarded points based on the coefficient strength of the league they play in. The higher the standard, the more points they get. For the top five leagues, goals are multiplied by two, with others by 1.5 and one!



Vardy has 107 Prem goals for Leicester!

JAMIE VARDY

LEICESTER

17

GOALS

x2

COEFFICIENT

34

POINTS

RIGHT FOOT: 7 LEFT FOOT: 7 HEAD: 3

VARDS HAD a mad few months just before Christmas that saw him score 11 goals in eight games, but since then his finishing has gone cold. With no net-busters in his past seven league games, the Leicester star's chance of winning his first ever Golden Shoe is fading fast!



ROMELU LUKAKU

INTER MILAN

17

GOALS

x2

COEFFICIENT

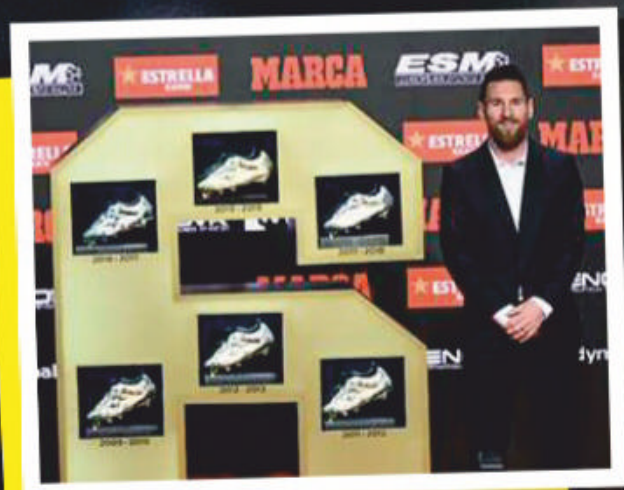
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POINTS

RIGHT FOOT: 4 LEFT FOOT: 10 HEAD: 3

BIG ROM, AKA King of the Brace! Lukaku has delivered five doubles during his time in Serie A to reignite his career. With 17 goals so far, he's already managed to score more in one league season at Inter Milan than he ever did at Man. United. This guy is our underdog to take the top prize!

TURN OVER FOR MORE!



GOLDEN BOY!

Leo has six Golden Shoes to his name and is the current holder, after bagging 36 goals and 72 points last season – legendary!

1,000

Amount of combined goals (696) and assists (306) Messi has for club and country – the first player ever to reach this total. Incredible!

LIONEL MESSI

BARCELONA

18

GOALS

x2

COEFFICIENT

36

POINTS

RIGHT FOOT: 1 LEFT FOOT: 17 HEAD: 0

WHO NEEDS HEADERS and a right boot when you've got Leo's left peg? All but one of his goals have come from his strongest foot in La Liga this term and he's five in front of Karim Benzema at the top of the Spanish scoring charts. His four v Eibar last week prove he's just getting started!



92
The percentage of Haaland's shots that have been on target in the Bundesliga. Pinpoint!

Haaland has netted 61 goals in 101 career games!

ERLING HAALAND

BORUSSIA DORTMUND

 16	x1.5 x2	42
 9		
GOALS	COEFFICIENT	POINTS

RIGHT FOOT: 4 LEFT FOOT: 20 HEAD: 1

HANG ON, WHY are Haaland's points so low when he's popped so many goals? It's simple – 16 of the 25 he's scored were for his old club RB Salzburg in the Austrian league, which has a lower coefficient rating (1.5) than the Bundesliga – where he's netted once every 44 minutes!

FUT UPGRADE!

Just two *FIFA* games ago, Erling was rockin' a stiff 57 shooting rating. Fast forward to now and EA has souped up his stats with this fire Future Stars shield!



58 ST
H / M
2* SM
4* WF
HÅLAND

68 PAC	58 DRI
57 SHO	18 DEF
44 PAS	62 PHY



92 ST
H / M
2* SM
4* WF
HÅLAND

94 PAC	90 DRI
95 SHO	51 DEF
85 PAS	94 PHY

TIMO WERNER



RB LEIPZIG

21

GOALS

x2

COEFFICIENT

42

POINTS

RIGHT FOOT: 18 LEFT FOOT: 3 HEAD: 0

YES, WE'RE TALKING about goals here, but Timo's seven assists on top of his finishing are what set him apart from the rest. His form has fired Leipzig into the Bundesliga title race with the club now just one point off Bayern Munich at the top. He's Liverpool's top transfer target this summer!



CRISTIANO RONALDO

JUVENTUS

21

GOALS

x2

COEFFICIENT

42

POINTS

RIGHT FOOT: 16 LEFT FOOT: 3 HEAD: 2

WHERE ALL THOSE Cristiano haters at? They've gone quiet since CR7 set a new Serie A record by scoring in his last 11 consecutive games. He may be 35 now, but Juve's GOAT-level goalscorer has plenty left in the tank – especially with his strike rate of a goal every 88 minutes!





ROBERT LEWANDOWSKI

BAYERN MUNICH

25

GOALS

x2

COEFFICIENT

50

POINTS

RIGHT FOOT: 17 LEFT FOOT: 3 HEAD: 5

NO DOUBT ABOUT it, Lewy is the world's most lethal striker. The Polish goal machine is capable of hitting the back of the net with both feet and his head, bangs every 82 minutes, and takes more shots than any other player in his league (92). He's the Bundesliga's best!

Lewy is the UCL's top scorer this season with 11 goals!



CIRO IMMOBILE

LAZIO

27

GOALS

x2

COEFFICIENT

54

POINTS

RIGHT FOOT: 21 LEFT FOOT: 4 HEAD: 2

IT'S ABOUT TIME we put some respect on Immobile's name, people! The Italy forward has scored once every 77 minutes this season in Serie A. Not only that, but Ciro is the first player in 61 years to reach 27 Serie A strikes after 25 games and is nine off the all-time league record!

GIRARD CHELSSEA

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28

HEADERS WON

57%

SHOT ACCURACY

612

MINUTES PLAYED

Prem 2019-20 stats correct up to 28 February 2020

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FABIANSKI

WEST HAM

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44
SAVES

4
CLEAN SHEETS

307
PASSES

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Man. United have been
English league champs
more than any other club!



THE **BIG**
DEBATE!

MANCHESTER DERBY

Player of the DAY



MAN. UNITED
v MAN. CITY

Sunday 3 April,
4.30pm

Man. City are the only
Prem club to complete
a domestic treble!



MANCHESTER

SPECIAL!

WHO ARE
THE KINGS OF
MANCHESTER
— UNITED
OR CITY?

TURN OVER FOR MORE!

MAN. UNITED



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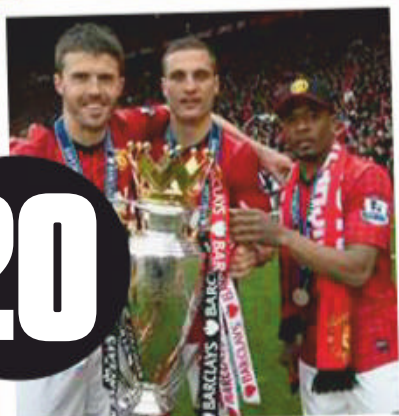
FOUNDED 1878 (as Newton Heath)

NICKNAME The Red Devils

STADIUM Old Trafford, 74,979

MANAGER Ole Gunnar Solskjaer

LEAGUE CHAMPS



CURRENT POSITION!

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FORM

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20

UCL TITLES



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BEST PLAYER EVER!

RYAN GIGGS

United's Welsh wing wizard played from 1990-2014, scoring 168 goals in 963 games. He holds the record for most league titles ever with 13. Ledge!



BEST PLAYER NOW!

MARCUS RASHFORD

There are some proper ballers at Old Trafford, but no-one is more important to the team than Rash. His 14 goals and four assists have been key this season!



ICONIC MOMENT!

WAYNE ROONEY'S OVERHEAD!

Man. United 2-1 Man. City, 12 Feb 2011
Wazza's 78th-minute winner not only gave United bragging rights in the city, it spurred them on to win the title!



PAZ SAYS

“You can't squeeze the history of football into a couple of years. You can't ignore decades of dominance because a bald-headed Spanish geezer called Pep has got City playing some pretty passes.

Yes, over the past five years City have been the better team. Yes, over the past five years United have been poor and, yes, over the past five years United have lined up with Andreas Pereira in midfield.

But United are a phenomenon. They're a huge club, with a huge stadium and a huge trophy cabinet. It oozes history – and that's why Manchester will always be Red!”

I AGREE WITH PAZ!



MAN.CITY



CLUB FACT FILE

FOUNDED 1880 (as St Mark's)

NICKNAME Cityzens

STADIUM Etihad, 55,017

MANAGER Pep Guardiola

LEAGUE CHAMPS



6

CURRENT
POSITION!

2nd

FORM

DWLWW

UCL TITLES



0

BEST PLAYER EVER!

DAVID SILVA

No-one symbolises City's golden era more than this little gem. Silva's slick passing style has steered the squad to 13 trophies while he's been there!



BEST PLAYER NOW!

KEVIN DE BRUYNE

KDB has copped 62 assists in eight seasons for City. To put it bluntly, Pep's men wouldn't tick without their Belgian baller running things from midfield!



ICONIC MOMENT!

SERGIO AGUEROOOOOOOOOOOO!

Man. City 3-2 QPR, 13 May 2012
With seconds on the clock, City's now all-time record goalscorer bagged to seal their first ever Prem title!



KETCH SAYS

“For me, it's City all day long. United haven't been the same since Sir Alex Ferguson left in 2013. Since then, City have built and built – they have Europe's best training facilities and have built an unreal squad around Sergio Aguero, Kevin De Bruyne and Raheem Sterling, plus young, local talents like Phil Foden are ready to step up.

It's been a difficult season but any club that loses key stars like Leroy Sane and Aymeric Laporte for months would struggle.

Manchester is blue, Pep is going nowhere – and the rest of the Prem should be scared next season!”

I AGREE WITH KETCH!



DEVLOFFEU WAITFORD

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5
ASSISTS

62
SHOTS

105
DRIBBLES

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KELLY

EVERTON

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9
GOALS

18
KEY PASSES

45
SHOTS

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topps

MATCH ATTAX EXTRA

THE REAL DEAL!

CITY ON FLAMES IN MADRID TRIUMPH!

MAN. CITY bagged a stunning 2-1 win at Real Madrid to give the Prem a UCL boost. Chelsea suffered a 3-0 thumping at home to Bayern Munich, while Liverpool and Tottenham also have first-leg deficits to reverse. Here's hoping for some big wins in the second-leg games!

Real Madrid 1-2 Man. City

Isco gave the hosts the lead against the run of play, but a header from Jesus and a De Bruyne penalty put City in charge!

Key match stats!

POSSESSION

49% 51%

SHOTS

9 16

SHOTS ON TARGET

3 8



Chelsea 0-3 Bayern

The Germans all but booked their place in the quarter-finals with a sick Gnabry double and a late Lewandowski strike!

Key match stats!

POSSESSION

37% 63%

SHOTS

9 16

SHOTS ON TARGET

3 6



STAR MAN!
GNABRY

Napoli 1-1 Barcelona

Mertens stunned Barcelona with a worldie, but a vital away goal from Griezmann has swung this UCL tie!

Key match stats!

POSSESSION

33% 67%

SHOTS

7 8

SHOTS ON TARGET

4 2



STAR MAN!
MERTENS

Lyon 1-0 Juventus

Tousart's close-range finish from Aouar's pinpoint cross saw Lyon clinch their first ever victory over Juventus!

Key match stats!

POSSESSION

36% 64%

SHOTS

12 14

SHOTS ON TARGET

2 0



STAR MAN!
AOUAR

LAST 16 2ND LEG FIXTURES

Tue 10 March

RB Leipzig v Tottenham

Valencia v Atalanta

Wed 11 March

Liverpool v Atletico

PSG v Dortmund

Tue 17 March

Juventus v Lyon

Man. City v Real Madrid

Wed 18 March

Barcelona v Napoli

Bayern v Chelsea



10 BRAIN TEASERS!



Sharpen up your footy reflexes, readers

WANT MORE?
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MORE QUIZ ACTION!

PAZ SAYS
New Rangers signing
Ilanis Hagi has already made
a big impact – scoring twice
on his Europa League debut!

1 Which European country
does Rangers new boy
Ilanis Hagi represent?



A Bulgaria



B Latvia



C Romania



2 Which player has
made the most passes
in the Prem this season?



A Lewis Dunk



B Harry Maguire



C Virgil van Dijk



3 Which of these clubs has
Norwich keeper Tim Krul
NEVER played for?



A Brighton



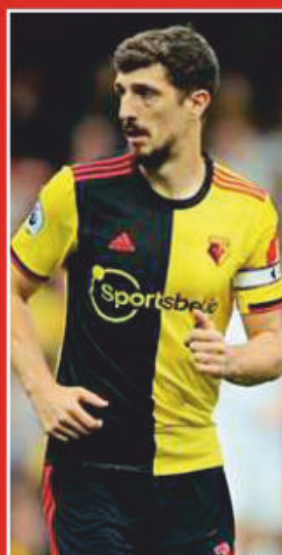
B Everton



C Newcastle



4 Which of these Watford
stars is also a Northern
Ireland international?



A Craig Cathcart



B Ben Foster



C Adam Masina



5 How old is Man. United and Wales winger Daniel James?

20

A

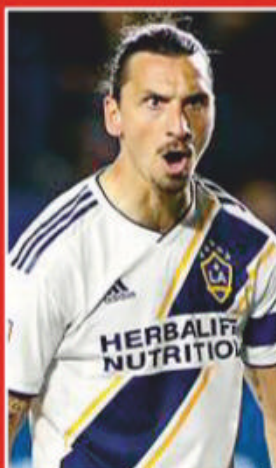
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B

24

C

6 Which of these fire ballers was last season's MVP (Most Valuable Player) in the MLS?



A Zlatan Ibrahimovic

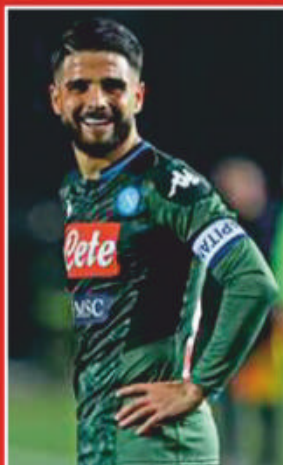


B Nicolas Lodeiro



C Carlos Vela

7 Which of these three Napoli superstars is Mexico forward Hirving Lozano?



A



B



C

8 From which club did Wolves sign their centre-back skipper Conor Coady?



A Barnsley



B Huddersfield



C Sheffield Wednesday

9 Which of these fire forwards is Fulham's top goalscorer in the league this season?



A Ivan Cavaleiro

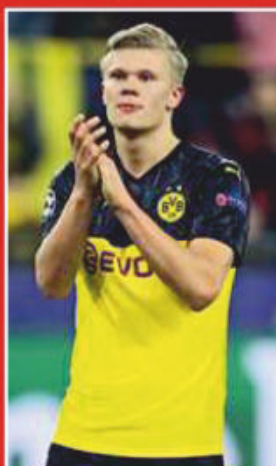


B Anthony Knockaert



C Aleksandar Mitrovic

10 Which of these talented young ballers won last year's Golden Boy award?



A Erling Haaland



B Joao Felix



C Jadon Sancho

ANSWERS!

1=C 2=C 3=B 4=A 5=B 6=C 7=B 8=B 9=C 10=B

One point for each correct answer!

Your total

/10

WHAT SCORE DID YOU GET?

1-4 points You've gone to the dark side – nooo!
5-8 points You'll make a decent Jedi one day!
9-10 points Hmmm, the force is strong with you!



CATCH US IF YOU CAN!

West Brom and Leeds fans are buzzing, and here's why – The Baggies sit at the top of the Championship on 69 points, with Leeds just four points behind and five ahead of third-placed Fulham. The chasing pack have work to do in the race for the Prem!

Log on to the new motdmag.com now for more epic pics!



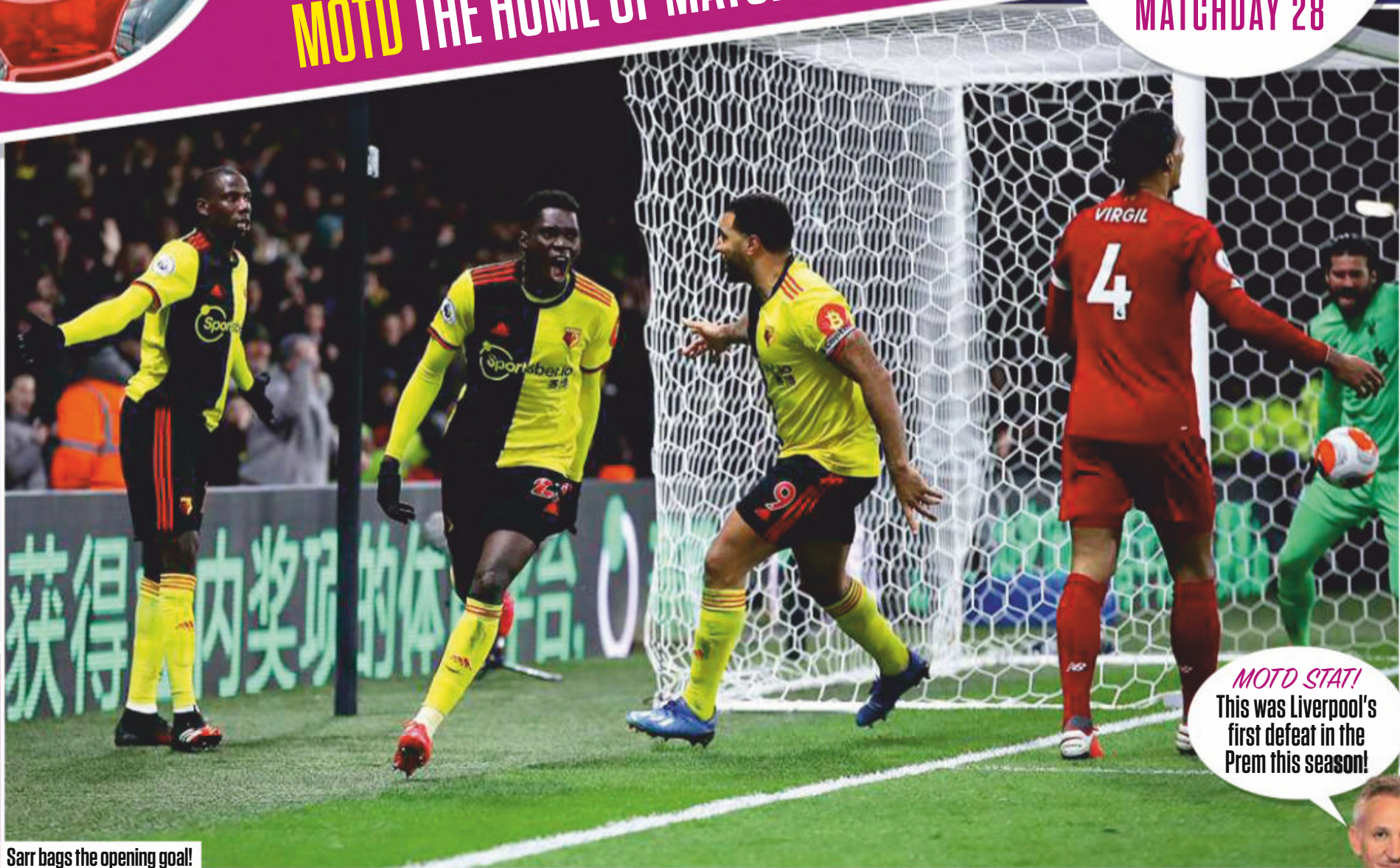


RESULTS

MOTD THE HOME OF MATCH HIGHLIGHTS!

Welcome, readers!

2019-20
SEASON
MATCHDAY 28



Sarr bags the opening goal!

MOTD STAT!
This was Liverpool's first defeat in the Prem this season!



WATFORD 3

Sarr 54, 60, Deeney 72



LIVERPOOL 0

The Senegal forward clips in his second!



STAR PLAYER!
ISMAILA SARR

MATCH FACTS!

WATFORD	LIVERPOOL
POSSESSION	
29%	71%
SHOTS	
14	7
SHOTS ON TARGET	
5	1

WATFORD



LIVERPOOL

SUBS: Pereyra (Deulofeu 37), Pussetto (Sarr 82), Chalobah (Doucoure 89)

SUBS: Lallana (Wijnaldum 61), Origi (Oxlade-Chamberlain 65), Minamino (Firmino 79)



NORWICH 1

Lewis 70



LEICESTER 0

NORWICH



STAR PLAYER!
EMILIANO BUENDIA

SUBS: Rupp (Cantwell 68),
Drmic (Pukki 81),
Stiepermann (Duda 87)

SUBS: Ndidi (Choudhury 67),
Tielemans (Praet 73),
Albrighton (Perez 78)

LEICESTER



Norwich celebrate Lewis' winner!

MOTD STAT!
Leicester have lost six of their last 11 Premier League games!



Iheanacho's goal is ruled out by VAR!

MATCH FACTS!

NORWICH	LEICESTER
POSSESSION	
42%	58%
SHOTS	
11	19
SHOTS ON TARGET	
6	4

Aarons roars with delight after his cross sets up the goal!



Head to bbc.co.uk/football for match reports of Sunday's games!



BOURNEMOUTH 2

Lerma 54, King 57



CHELSEA 2

Alonso 33, 85

BOURNEMOUTH



SUBS: Stanislas (King 68), Gosling (L. Cook 81)



SUBS: Willian (Tomori 64), Barkley (Jorginho 64), Batshuayi (Giroud 72)

Alonso bags his second goal!



King makes it 2-1!



MOTO STAT!

No defender has more than Alonso's 19 Prem goals since he joined Chelsea in August 2016!



BRIGHTON 0



CRYSTAL PALACE 1

Ayew 70

BRIGHTON



STAR PLAYER!
GARY CAHILL



SUBS: Murray (March 66), Jahanbakhsh (Montoya 78), Alzate (Bissouma 82)



SUBS: Riedewald (McCarthy 45), Tosun (Bentek 87)

MOTO STAT!

Ayew's goals have won Palace 12 points this season!



Ayew wins it for The Eagles!



Bissouma tussles with Kouyate!

MATCH FACTS!

BRIGHTON CRYSTAL PALACE

POSSESSION

66% 34%

SHOTS

24 12

SHOTS ON TARGET

8 3



Lerma fires the hosts level!



STAR PLAYER!
MARCOS ALONSO

MATCH FACTS!

BOURNEMOUTH	CHELSEA
POSSESSION	
27%	73%
SHOTS	
9	23
SHOTS ON TARGET	
5	6



NEWCASTLE 0



BURNLEY 0

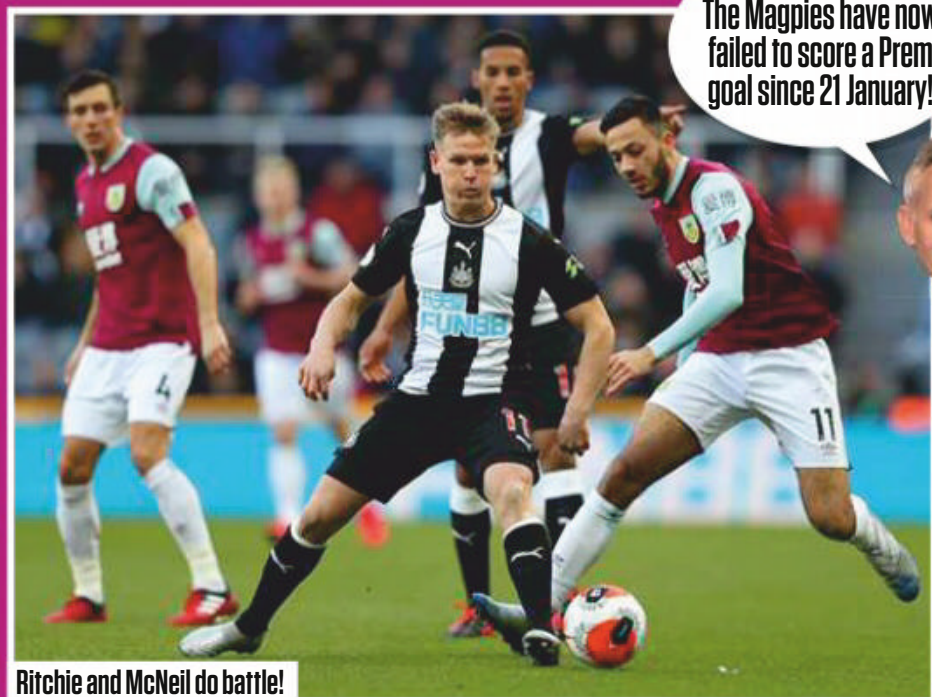
NEWCASTLE



STAR PLAYER!
JAMES TARKOWSKI

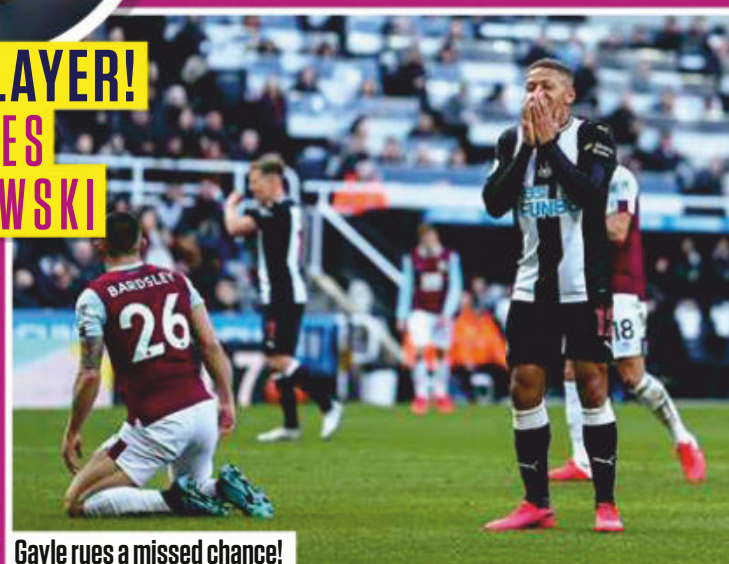
■ SUBS: Saint-Maximin (Joelinton 78)
 ■ SUBS: Wood (Vydra 58)

BURNLEY



Ritchie and McNeil do battle!

MOTD STAT!
The Magpies have now failed to score a Prem goal since 21 January!



Gayle rues a missed chance!

MATCH FACTS!

NEWCASTLE	BURNLEY
POSSESSION	
54%	46%
SHOTS	
21	8
SHOTS ON TARGET	
4	1



WEST HAM 3

Bowen 15, Haller 40, Antonio 54



SOUTHAMPTON 1

Obafemi 31

WEST HAM



STAR PLAYER!
SEBASTIEN HALLER

SUBS: Snodgrass (Bowen 78), Anderson (Fornals 90)

SUBS: Ings (Boufal 54), Vestergaard (Obafemi 68), Romeu (Smallbone 78)



Obafemi scores for Saints!



MOTO STAT!
Haller scored his first goal since New Year's Day!

Antonio nets West Ham's third goal!

MATCH FACTS!

WEST HAM	SOUTHAMPTON
POSSESSION	
34%	66%
SHOTS	
14	10
SHOTS ON TARGET	
7	2

GUESS THE SCORE WITH STOBBSY!

Predict the weekend's results – try to beat our expert

Arsenal v West Ham

STOBBSY SAYS **HOME WIN**
YOU PREDICT

Burnley v Tottenham

STOBBSY SAYS **DRAW**
YOU PREDICT

Chelsea v Everton

STOBBSY SAYS **HOME WIN**
YOU PREDICT

Crystal Palace v Watford

STOBBSY SAYS **DRAW**
YOU PREDICT

Leicester v Aston Villa

STOBBSY SAYS **HOME WIN**
YOU PREDICT

Liverpool v Bournemouth

STOBBSY SAYS **HOME WIN**
YOU PREDICT

Man. United v Man. City

STOBBSY SAYS **AWAY WIN**
YOU PREDICT

Sheffield United v Norwich

STOBBSY SAYS **HOME WIN**
YOU PREDICT

Southampton v Newcastle

STOBBSY SAYS **HOME WIN**
YOU PREDICT

Wolves v Brighton

STOBBSY SAYS **HOME WIN**
YOU PREDICT



YOUR SCORE
/10

STOBBSY'S SCORE
/10



DANIEL FARKE'S Norwich kept their survival hopes alive with a huge victory!



GOOD WEEK!



BAD WEEK!



BRIGHTON'S home loss against bitter rivals Crystal Palace was tough to take!

CHAMPIONSHIP

CHAMPIONSHIP EFL

Blackburn 2-2	Swansea
Gallagher 25, Johnson 90	Brewster 45, Ayew 48 (pen)
Cardiff 2-2	Brentford
Hoilett 34, Ralls 45	Racic 5, Mbeumo 21
Fulham 2-0	Preston
Nugent 58 (og), Kamara 90	
Huddersfield 4-0	Charlton
Grant 25, 90, Mounie 75, Bacuna 90+4	
Hull 0-4	Leeds
	Ayling 5, Hernandez 47, Roberts 81, 84
Luton 1-1	Stoke
Collins 90 (pen)	Vokes 9
Millwall 1-1	Bristol City
Kalas 51 (og)	Pereira 10
QPR 2-2	Birmingham
Pugh 51, Hugill 55	Hogan 24, 81
Reading 2-0	Barnsley
Meite 17, Puskas 60	
Sheffield Wed. 1-3	Derby
Windass 74	Lawrence 7, 24, Knight 30
West Brom 0-1	Wigan
	Morsy 73



BRYAN MBEUMO
BRENTFORD



TYLER ROBERTS
LEEDS



YAKOU MEITE
READING

LEAGUE TWO

LEAGUE TWO EFL

Bradford 2-1	Plymouth
Richards-Everson 6, Connolly 45	Hardie 87
Cambridge 1-2	Carlisle
Lambe 82	Alessandra 27, Anderton 73
Colchester 0-2	Cheltenham
	May 39, Hussey 79
Exeter 1-1	Crawley
Dickenson 82	Nadesan 34
Forest Green P-P	Leyton Orient
Grimsby 0-3	Northampton
	Goode 9, Morton 26, 82
Macclesfield 0-2	Salford
	Hunter 30, Towell 37
Mansfield P-P	Swindon
Morecambe 1-1	Crewe
Wildig 68	Ng 47
Oldham 5-0	Newport
Rowe 25, 52, Dearnley 27, Hamer 62, Smith 83	
Port Vale 2-2	Scunthorpe
Cullen 16, Smith 78	Gilliead 71, Miller 90
Stevenage P-P	Walsall

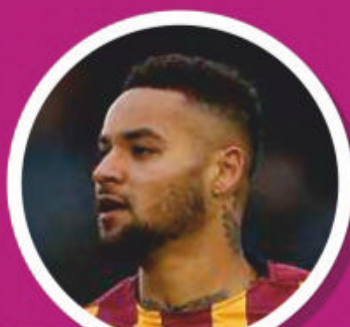
LEAGUE ONE

LEAGUE ONE EFL

Blackpool 2-1	Ipswich
Dewsbury-Hall 26, Nuttall 90	Sears 54
Bolton 0-0	Accrington Stanley
Bristol Rovers 0-1	Shrewsbury
	Udoh 69
Burton 1-1	Peterborough
Brayford 65	Eisa 52
Doncaster 3-1	Wycombe
Ennis 45, Sadlier 71, McCarthy 83 (og)	Akinfenwa 67
Gillingham 1-2	AFC Wimbledon
Charles-Cook	Pigott 49, Reilly 90
Oxford 2-1	Southend
Henry 17 (pen), Taylor 84	Gard 45
Portsmouth 3-0	Rochdale
Williams 45, Seddon 78, Burgess 84	
Rotherham 1-1	MK Dons
Ladapo 10	Healey 22
Tranmere P-P	Fleetwood



KIERNAN DEWSBURY-HALL
BLACKPOOL



BEN RICHARDS-EVERTON
BRADFORD



SCOTT ALLAN
HIBERNIAN

SCOTTISH CUP QUARTER-FINALS

Hearts 1-0	Rangers
Bozanic 58	
Hibernian 5-2	Inverness CT
Jackson 38, Allan 58, Docherty 71, Omeonga 81, Gullan 84	Tremarco 73, Todorov 88

WOMEN'S LEAGUE CUP



Final

Chelsea 2-1	Arsenal
England 9, 90	Williamson 85

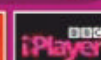


ENGLAND STAR Beth bagged a last-minute winner for The Blues!



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Watch Match of the Day and The Women's Football Show on the BBC – or catch up on BBC iPlayer!



WORLD BOOK DAY

WRITE A FOOTY

Here's your chance to become the author of FOUR football stories. Paz, Ketch, Stobbsy and



OUT OF THIS WORLD!

BY PAZ



IT HAD BEEN another completely normal lunchtime.

The beans were cold. The sausages tasted like slippers. And Spike McKenzie had scored another hat-trick for Year 8 in a heated match with Year 9.

But there was nothing normal about his three goals – the first an acrobatic overhead kick, the second a mazy dribble from his own goal-line and the third a cheeky backheel from 20 yards into the top corner.

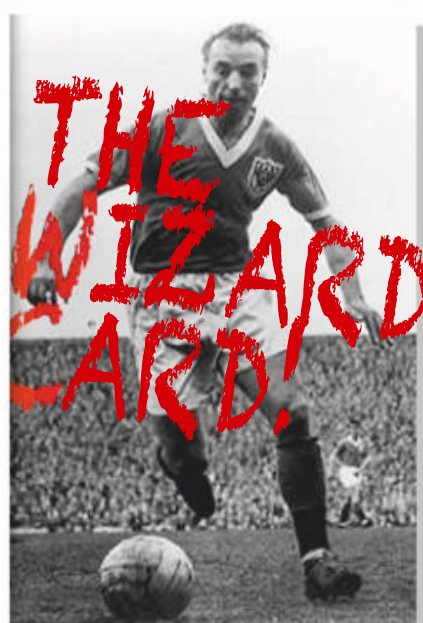
And, to be honest, there was nothing normal about Spike McKenzie. Everyone loved Spike – he was clever, he was funny and he was the best footballer anyone at St Peter's school had ever seen.

In fact, he was almost too good.

As all the pupils filed into class to start their lessons, Jimmy Walsh noticed Spike sneak into the caretaker's cupboard. Jimmy tiptoed towards it then peered through the keyhole and – well, what he saw made his eyes almost pop out of his head.

"Oh my god," he muttered. Spike turned, looked up, saw Jimmy and froze. His secret was out...

➤ WHAT HAPPENS NEXT? YOU DECIDE...



THE WIZARD CARD!

BY KETCH



TUESDAYS ARE great. A crisp copy of Match of the Day magazine floats onto the doormat and at the first opportunity every page is scanned and ranked in order of intrigue, to be read in more detail throughout the week.

Then, attention turns to that shiny, heat-pressed foil pouch on the front. The fresh stack of cards freed with the minimum of fuss. Some good pulls today – including a Virgil van Dijk 100 Club – nice!

Then, oh... a 102 card?! We've heard of 101s, but a 102?

This isn't an ordinary card. This player looks like he's from the 1950s. His 102 stat is so bright it looks like REAL gold. Wait, IT IS real gold!

'Stanley Matthews, WIZARD OF THE DRIBBLE'.

Hmmm....

Argh! Now it's making a sound, and moving!

"Congratulations, you've pulled the Stanley Matthews Wizard 102 card. I can grant you one wish for the football club of your choice!

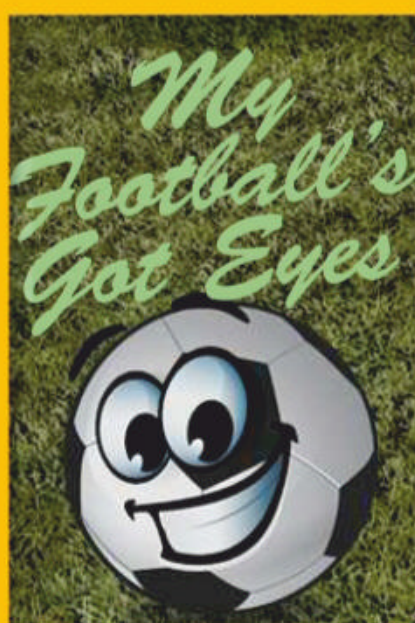
"So, when you're ready: what will it be?"

➤ WHAT HAPPENS NEXT? YOU DECIDE...



STORY!

Jake have all started a story – the rest is up to you...



MY FOOTBALL'S GOT EYES!

BY STOBBSY



AMY NOTICED something strange. Her football wasn't like any football she'd ever seen before. When she touched it, it lit up. When she left it in the bag, it would wriggle. When she went to sleep, it would snore.

This wasn't just any old ordinary football.

"I've got something to tell you," Amy said to her mum, while nervously unzipping her kitbag.

"What's wrong, darling?" Mrs Connell replied with a curious look on her face.

"**ACTUALLY**, don't worry!" Amy said in a panic, before skidding away, dropping her bag, only for her ball to roll out across the kitchen floor, eventually coming to a stop at the tip of her mum's foot.

The kitchen light suddenly flickered and popped, the kettle whistled and then, to Mrs Connell's disbelief, a big bright green set of eyes opened on the ball.

The room fell silent.

"Greetings!" said the ball.

➤ **WHAT HAPPENS NEXT? YOU DECIDE...**

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO!

1 Decide which of the stories you want to finish – or work through all four of them, one at time!

2 Think about how you want the story to end, what your characters are like and how to make your story entertaining for others to read!

3 Continue the story on a separate piece of paper – and remember **YOU** are now in control of what happens!



THE FINAL PUSH!

BY JAKE



105 MINUTES on the clock, half-time in extra-time, and Alex Hernandez lay flat on his back. Rovers were 2-1 down, had used all their subs, and were relying on a 16-year-old to fire them to the FA Cup final. The lad had a lot on his shoulders, and here he was, collapsed on the grass, fearing he couldn't play on.

"Is it going to hold, Jack?" Alex said into the air, arm across his eyes, teeth gritted.

The physio massaging his left hamstring replied: "I've done all I can, son – but if it pings and we somehow get through here, I can't see you playing at Wembley."

"That's a problem for tomorrow. Let's get that win!"

➤ **WHAT HAPPENS NEXT? YOU DECIDE...**

WHAT NOW?

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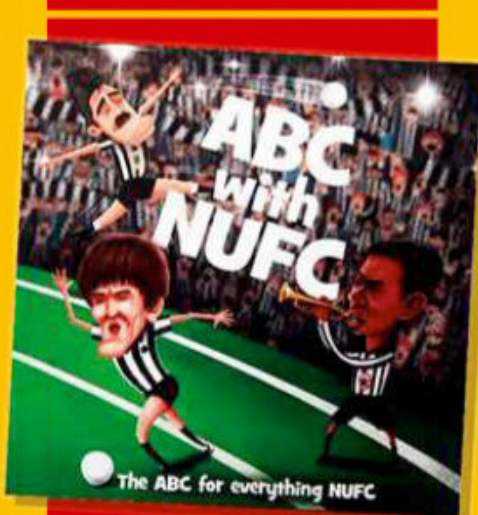
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Match of the Day Annual 2020

KETCH'S TOP 3



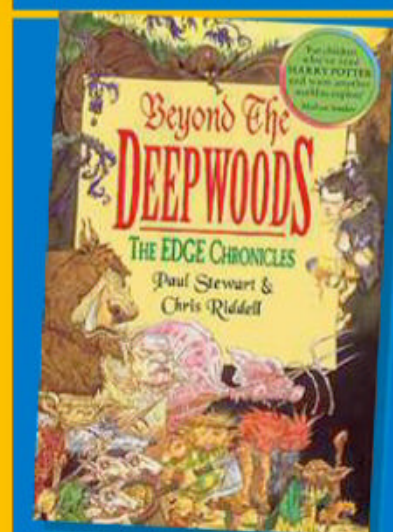
ABC With NUFC
Rory & Matt Cook

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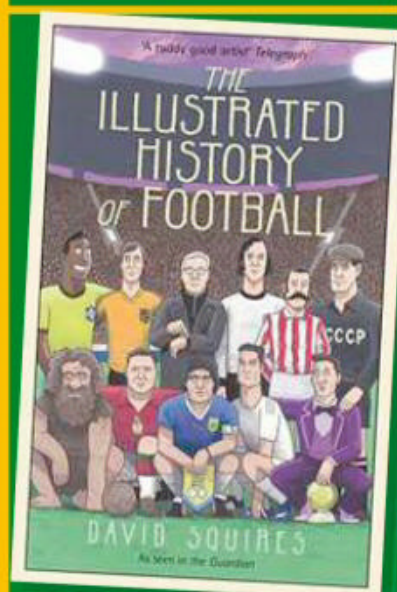


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Stephanie Clarkson

JAKE'S TOP 3



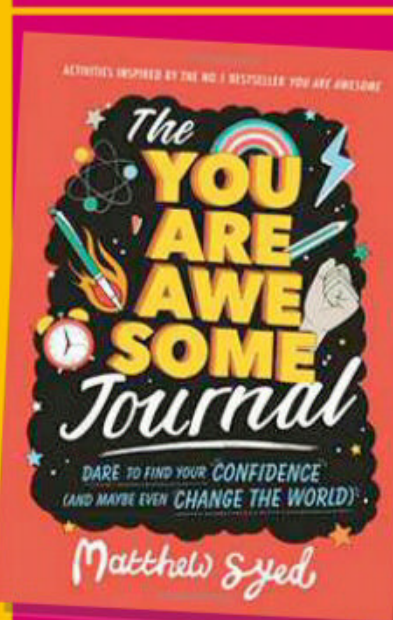
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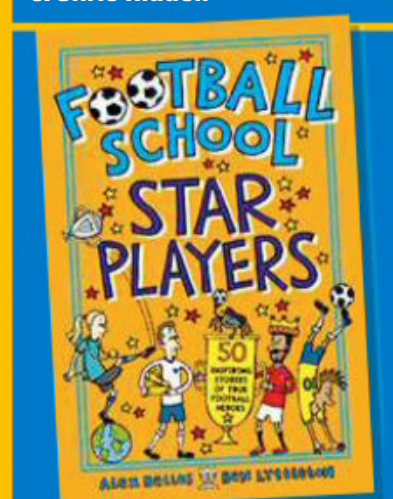
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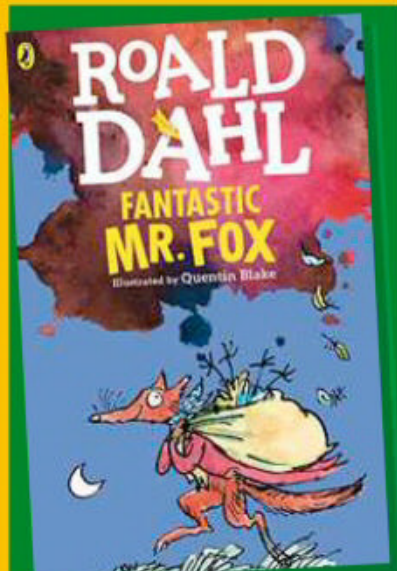
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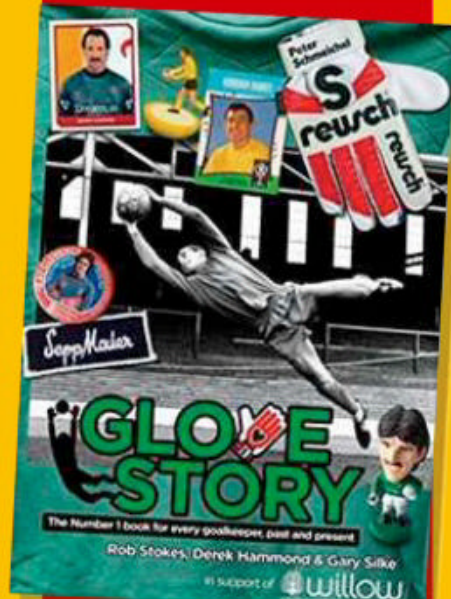
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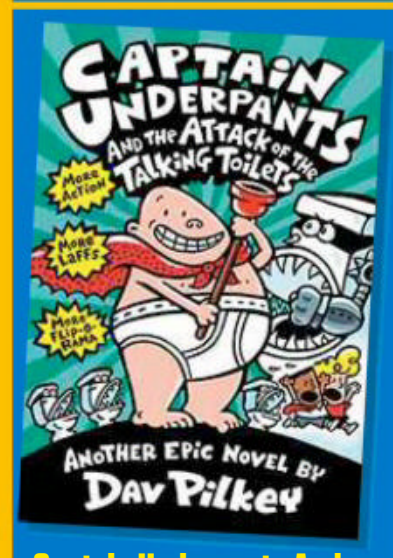
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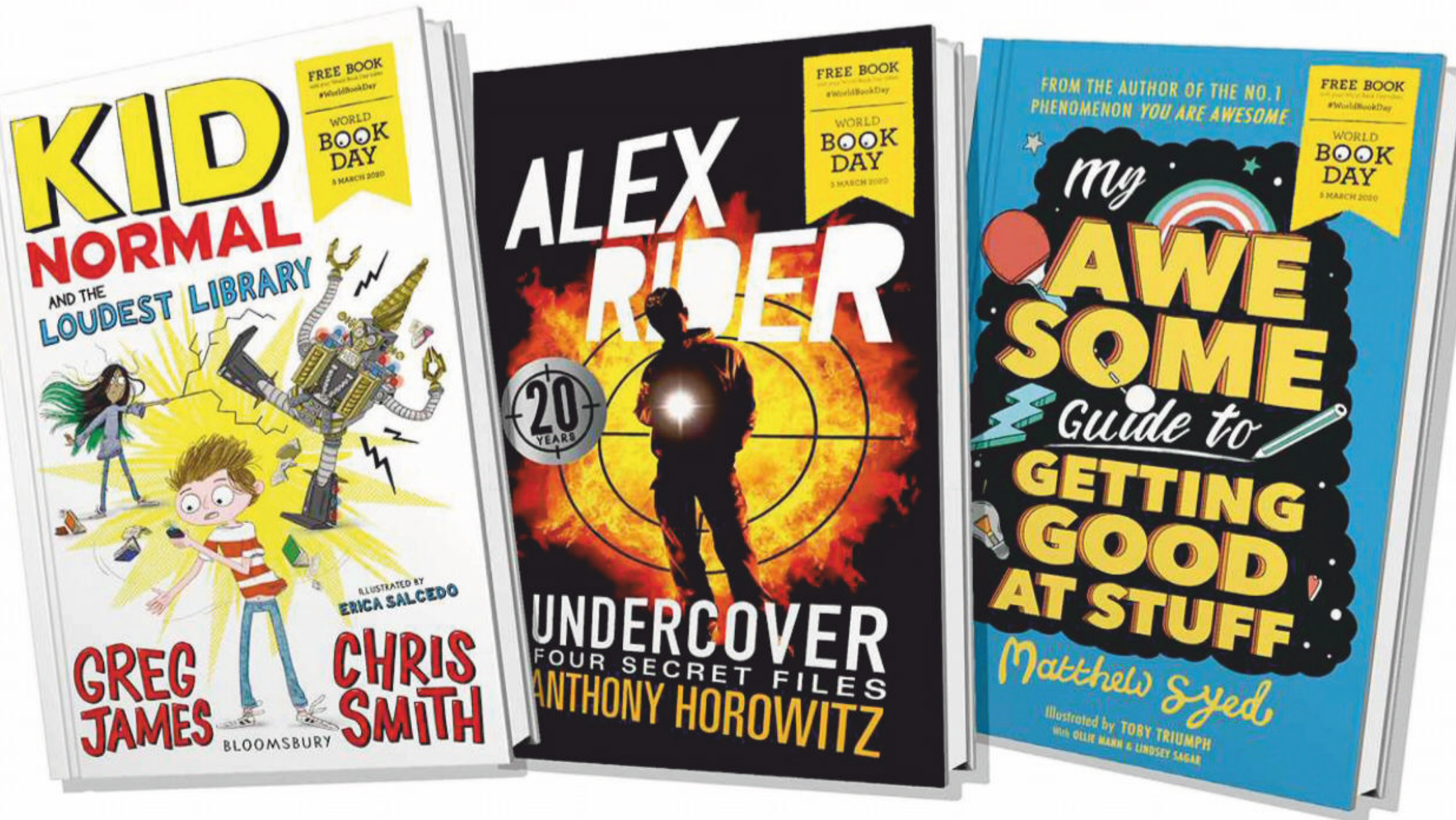


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Dav Pilkey

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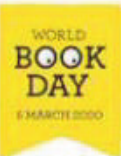


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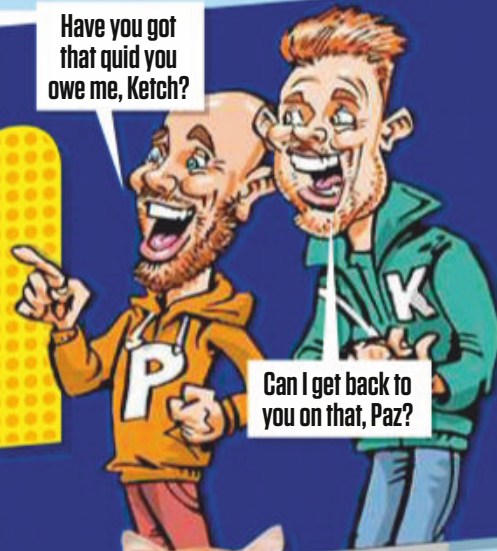
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Paz & Ketch

The MOTD mag column that... **always obeys financial fair play!**



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CLIVE THE CAT!

HIS RED PHONE IS ACTIVE!



Ay-up, Ayo. Rebecca says you're an amazing player!

Music to my ears, that Clive!



WHICH FOOTBALLER SHOULD CLIVE PHONE NEXT?

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Aguero's Owl-er!

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SOUTHAMPTON

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26
SHOTS

18
KEY PASSES

84
HEADERS WON

Prem 2019-20 stats correct up to 28 February 2020

LEWIS NORWICH

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38
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TACKLES

Prem 2019-20 stats correct
up to 28 February 2020



✂ Cut out & keep your fave posters!

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BALLERS ONLY!

We zoom in on the new
Champions League knockout ball

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P50 TEKERS Stobbsy takes on teqball **P53 WIN** Awesome gaming swag **P54 GAMING** NBA 2K20 tips



THIS WEEK: STOBBSY TAKES ON THE TEQBALL WORLD CHAMPS!

England called, our skills expert answered – but how did Stobbsy get on at the 2019 World Champs?

COMING SOON!
Head to [MOTDmag.com](https://www.motdmag.com)
to watch Stobbsy's teqball
world champs vlog!



GAME 1

ISRAEL 20-5 STOBBSY

His first game ended in defeat against one of the top five foot volleyers in Israel. He started well, before the ref harshly penalised Stobbsy for a triple touch!
Lesson learnt Stay focused when decisions don't go your way!

**STOBBSY WAS DRAWN
IN GROUP L WITH**

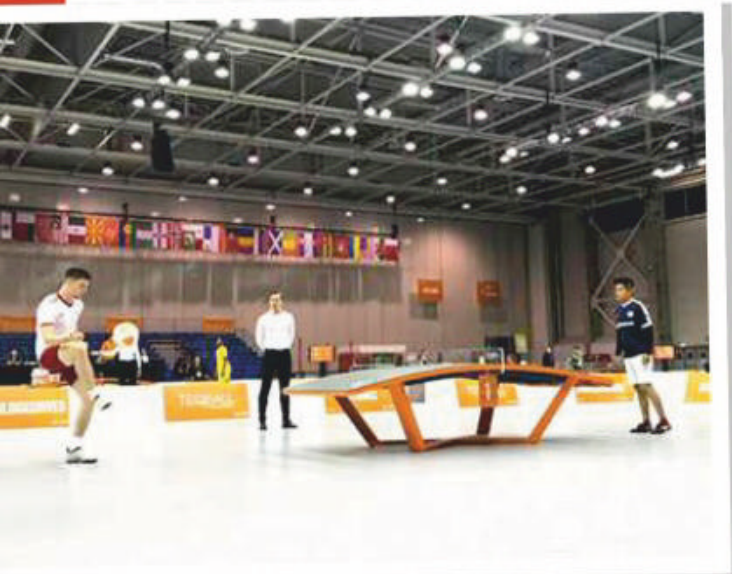
MEXICO
JAMAICA
ISRAEL
GHANA

Tekkers

Elite skills advice with MOTD expert Stobbsy!



I've played
for England!



GAME 2

MEXICO 20-13 STOBBSY

Too many overpowered headers cost our MOTD mag man in this one. Mexico kept cool and forced Stobbsy into unforced errors. A massive improvement, though!
Lesson learnt Improve power control on headed returns!



GAME 3

STOBBSY 20-1 JAMAICA

Stobbsy found a weakness and took advantage! The Jamaican couldn't deal with the high bounce off the table so our man kept hitting lofty returns. Tactical!
Lesson learnt Identify a weakness in your opponent and play on it!

GAME 4

GHANA P-P STOBBSY

The Ghanaian lad didn't make it to the game, which meant Stobbsy was given all three points, taking his final tally to six. Not a bad performance at all!
Lesson learnt Always turn up to games, readers – LOL!

FINAL STANDINGS!

TEAM	Pts	P	W	L
1 Israel	12	4	4	0
2 Mexico	9	4	3	1
3 Stobbsy	6	4	2	2
4 Jamaica	3	4	1	3
5 Ghana	0	4	0	4

THE TEQBALL TIPS!

Four ways to get ahead in this game!



1 TRAIN YOUR WEAKER FOOT

It's a teq-heavy game that requires a decent touch using all areas of your body, including your weaker foot, so get comfy using it – it could save you a point!



2 THINK QUICKLY

Remember, in teqball you can't use the same body part to return twice in a row, so start thinking about how you want to play the next shot as soon as you've played one!



3 KEEP YOUR FIRST TOUCH HIGH

Before you return, prop the ball up around head height using your first touch so you have more time to adjust your body and make a decision!



4 FIND YOUR SIGNATURE

Whether it's a cut volley, power header or chest spin, find your fave way to win a point and practise it until you can bust it out whenever needed!

THE KIT!



BOOTS

Teqball players need indoor footwear – a futsal sole works wonders and will grip the floor double decent to boost your performance out there!

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BALL

Like a volleyball, a teqball is light and airy so requires a different kind of touch. This Neymar skills ball is similar!

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TEE

It's a sweaty sport that requires lots of movement from all areas of your body. A flexible and breathable T-shirt like this is perfect for intense battles!

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THE ADVICE!

Three teqball ambassadors offer words of wisdom for the game's beginners!



RONALDINHO

"Practise as much as possible. Teqball is a great game for all ages, so keep trying to improve your technique!"



WILLIAM GALLAS

"You have to be focused and ready physically as it can be hard work getting around the table!"



NUNO GOMES

"It's not easy. You have to have some skills, but it's a game that's mainly played in your mind. Be patient with each shot!"

TOTAL KNOCKOUT!

An elite-level ball for the UCL crunch clashes!



Gear



The best new swag with **MOTD** expert Ketch!



THE UCL IS SPECIAL. The ballers are special, the match-ups are special and the moments are special. Pretty good, then, that Adidas have made this special ball for the knockout rounds. The Adidas Finale ball is gorgeous and inspired by Istanbul in Turkey, where the 2019-20 final will take place!

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SPECIAL! It's only been a couple of weeks and we've already seen some big goals!



Dortmund teen **Erling Haaland** showed up PSG's megastars in their first-leg match, scoring a poach and a total screamer!



Just as Atalanta have shocked the world this season, **Remo Freuler** shocked us all with his scorcher against Valencia!



Bayern Munich's ex-Arsenal baller **Serge Gnabry** returned to London and put two past Chelsea at Stamford Bridge!

BATTLE OF THE BRANDS!



This week we continue pitting ballers in the same brand of boot against each other in epic five-a-side face-offs!

SEMI-FINAL 2: ADIDAS v UNDER ARMOUR, NEW BALANCE & UMBRO

ADIDAS



MARC-ANDRE TER STEGEN



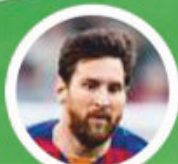
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ELLEN WHITE



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We teamed up Under Armour, New Balance and Umbro to create a team ready to take on Adidas' stacked line-up!

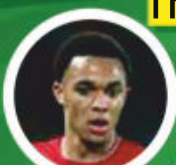


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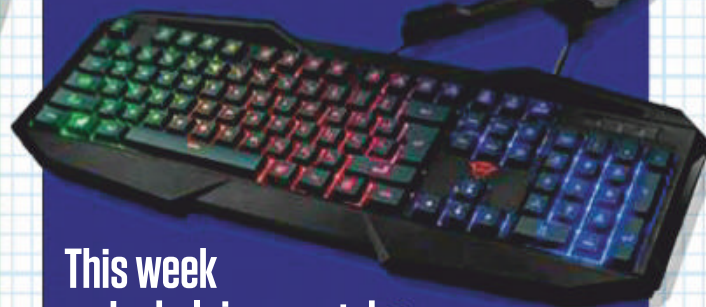
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TIPS FROM THE TOP!



We spoke to NBA 2K20 pro SamThaRuler – so you can start dunking on your mates!

SamThaRuler is an NBA 2K20 boss!



Gaming

The best tech with **MOTD** expert Jake!



JAKE SAYS
It's not all about *FIFA* and *PES*, peeps – there are loads of other sports sims out there worth a look!



WHO IS THE MOST OVERPOWERED PLAYER IN NBA 2K20?

SamThaRuler says:
“The current MVP Giannis Antetokounmpo is one of the best players to play with – that guy can do pretty much everything!”



WHAT DO TOP PLAYERS DO THAT AMATEUR PLAYERS DON'T?

SamThaRuler says: “Predicting what their opponent will do. Once you can predict your opponent's strategies, you can essentially leave them helpless on the court!”

WHAT'S YOUR TOP TIP FOR ATTACKING?

SamThaRuler says: “Know your players' strengths. For example, Javale McGee from the LA Lakers is not a shooter, so don't take shots away from the basket!”

HOW DO YOU STAY CALM IN MATCHES?

SamThaRuler says: “It's easy to lose your head when things aren't going your way. Stay composed by not letting big plays affect your mindset!”



WHAT'S YOUR TOP TIP FOR DEFENDING?

SamThaRuler says:
“Play as many games as you can. Once you do this, you can start to understand what your opponents like to do!”



CHOW DOWN!

Snack World: The Dungeon Crawl Gold is out now

When we heard about this game, we were dreaming of running around stuffing our face with crisps, biscuits and grapes. But *Snack World* is all about catching monsters – a bit like those you find in *Pokemon*. You take these monsters out and about to find loot and explore dungeons – and you still have room for dinner afterwards!



STARS TAKING OVER!

These swazzy ballers are all getting on the e-Sports train – in very different ways!



GARETH BALE

The Real Madrid star is a serial winner – and now he wants to lift some gaming silverware. He's recently set up Ellevens Esports, named after his shirt number!



DIEGO DEMME

Before moving to Napoli last month, this lad was playing for RB Leipzig – and also representing the German club in FIFA, playing in the Virtual Bundesliga!



RUUD GULLIT

Legends of the game are getting involved too! This Dutch icon has his own gaming academy, which is trying to create the stars of the future. Sign us up, Ruud!



Sit back and relax with our alphabet of all things gaming!

W IS FOR... Wii!

This week we shine a light on one of the quirkiest games consoles of all time! The Nintendo Wii brought us some ledge games, like *Wii Sports* and *Wii Fit*, and has led to one of the best consoles of all time – the Switch. We'll never forget you, Wii!



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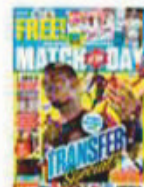
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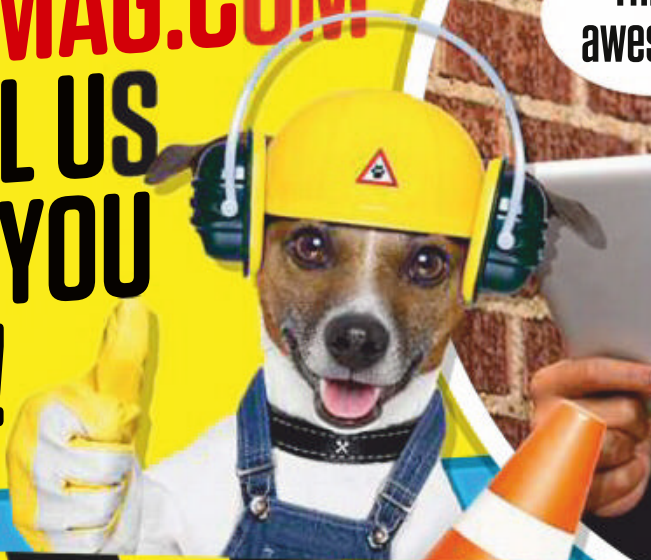
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FOOTY IS ONE
BIG SOAP
OPERA!



NEXT WEEK
What has Mo seen to confirm it's party time for The Reds?

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31
CROSSES

18
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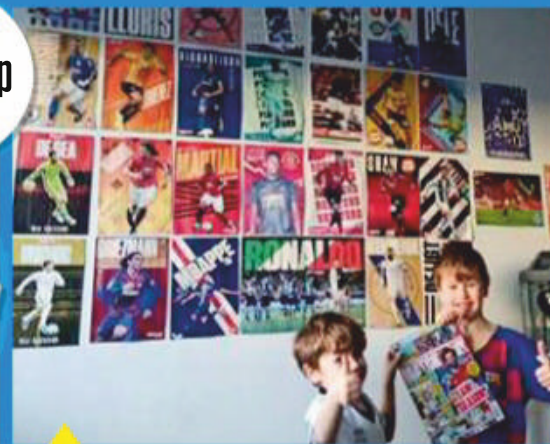
WHICKHAM FELLSIDE U-8 BLACKS pose during Storm Dennis – wrap up, lads!



MOTD
wallchart up
– love it!

BRILLIANT BEDROOM!

Tottenham supporter ALFIE chills on his mega bed of MOTD mags. Nice!



POWER POSTERS!

JACK & MAX show off their elite MOTD mag posters – sickness!



LIONESS PRIDE!

FREDDY bags a pic with England captain Steph Houghton – ledge!



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WHAT THE
STARS
HAVE BEEN
UP TO...

Pogba



Paul signed a
shirt for Just Su!

@paulpogba

Bronze



Lucy got to work at
training with Lyon!

@lucybronze

That is one sick combo!



AWESOME ATTACK!

LEWIS takes up a central striking role between Neymar and Messi!



COOL COLLECTION!

HARRY with his epic collection of MOTD mags – what a super sight!

WHAT MOTD MAG HAVE BEEN UP TO...



23 FEB

Ketch went to the North East Football Writers' dinner!



25 FEB

Jake and Shacks tucked into pancake day in style!



24 FEB

We copped the awesome new Inter Miami away shirt!



SPOT THE DIFFERENCE answers – from p67

Aubameyang



Pierre filmed a vid with Alexandre Lacazette and legend Ian Wright!

@aubameyang97

England



Beth hugged her niece at a Chelsea game!

@bethengland4

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 What's your pancake topping of choice?

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DEPUTY ART EDITOR Al Parr **Sugar and lemon**
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PICTURE EDITOR Jason Timson **Sugar and lemon**
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DEPUTY PRODUCTION EDITOR Joe Shackley **Golden syrup and cream**
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