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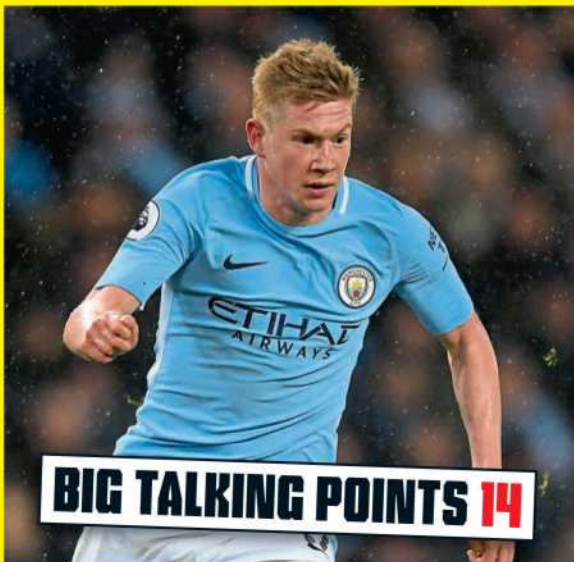
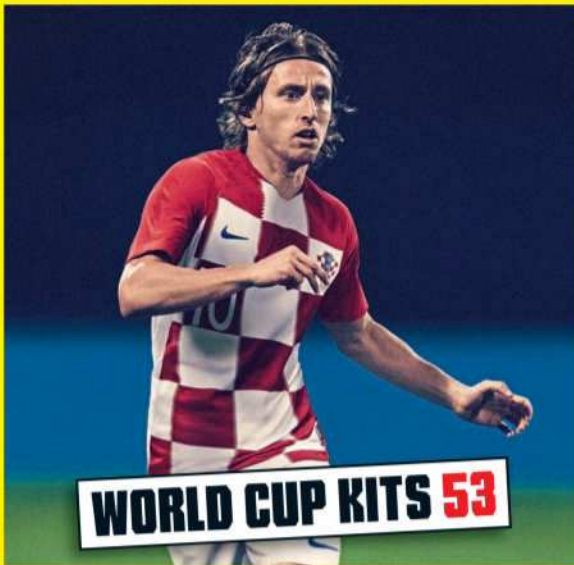
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MATCH has been checking out the footy superstars whose jaw-dropping performances this season have earned them tons of FUT cards in FIFA 18

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RACE FOR GOLDEN

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There's not long left of the season, and while most league titles are all wrapped, the race for Europe's best goalscorer is still on! MATCH has been checking out the leading contenders...



LIONEL MESSI BARCELONA

Lionel Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo have won eight of the last ten Golden Shoes between them, but it's the Barça star who's bossed La Liga this season. He could easily pick up the award - as long as he doesn't take his foot off the gas with the title wrapped up!



MOHAMED SALAH LIVERPOOL

Salah's closing in on the all-time record of 34 Premier League goals in one season - when there were 22 teams - and has his sights set on the European Golden Shoe too! The last Prem superstar to pick up the award was also at Liverpool - Luis Suarez back in 2013-14!



FOR THE... IN SHOE!



CRISTIANO RONALDO REAL MADRID

Ronaldo only scored four times before Christmas, but he's been in absolutely unstoppable form in 2018! He'd love to beat Messi to a record-breaking fifth Golden Shoe, but the other leading goalscorers have had a big head start on him!

EDINSON CAVANI PSG

Playing in Ligue 1 gives Edi a big advantage over some of the other top scorers - he could easily bag tons in the last few games! He needs Neymar back fit, though - the Brazilian's assisted more of Cavani's goals than anyone else!



BEST OF THE REST

These goal kings could go close to the Golden Shoe, too!



HARRY KANE Tottenham

The Spurs star would have been another big favourite for the Golden Shoe award until his injury, and now he needs an unbelievable finish to the season to get back in!



CIRO IMMOBILE Lazio

The last Serie A player to win the Golden Shoe was Francesco Totti in 2006-07! Immobile and rival Mauro Icardi are right up there!



ROBERT LEWANDOWSKI Bayern

Lewa's never won the Golden Shoe, but a sick hat-trick against Dortmund has fired him right up the charts!

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MIXED ZONE



GUNNER REPLACE WENGER?

*Is the next **ARSENAL** boss already being lined up?*

The future of **ARSENE WENGER** has been up for debate for ages, but now rumours about his replacement are hotting up! We check out who could be taking his place at The Emirates next season...



THOMAS TUCHEL?

Tuchel has been linked with Arsenal, Chelsea and PSG in recent weeks, so he looks set for his next big job soon. He fell out with The Gunners' head scout Sven Mislintat at Dortmund though, so linking up again could be a problem!



JOACHIM LOW?

The Germany manager could be looking for a new challenge if he ends up with another World Cup medal around his neck this summer! But the last club he worked with was Austria Vienna in 2004, so he might not want to rush into a new club role!



BRENDAN RODGERS?

Rodgers has been bossing Scottish footy with Celtic over the past couple of years, and he came close to winning the Prem title with Liverpool in 2014. His time at Anfield ended badly though, so Arsenal fans might not be overly excited to have him!



THIERRY HENRY?

The Gunners' all-time top goalscorer would be a well popular choice for the fans, but he hasn't got much coaching experience at all! Apart from being Belgium's assistant manager, he still hasn't managed a club, so he would be a huge gamble!

JUVENTUS

JUVE v NAPOLI



One of the biggest games of the Serie A season is coming up soon! Check out the stats that prove why this game is huge!

2.34

In the past two years, Napoli have Italy's best attack, averaging more goals per game than anyone else...

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Current champs Juve are trying to become the first team to win seven titles in a row!

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...But Juventus have got the best defence in Serie A over the same period!

£75m

Juventus paid Napoli £75 million for striker Gonzalo Higuain - the biggest ever fee between two Italian clubs!

PREM SPEED MACHINES!

The Premier League has just revealed the quickest players this season - check it out!

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MAN. CITY
35.48 KM/H
- 2 **VAN AANHOLT**
CRYSTAL PALACE
35.42 KM/H
- 3 **SISSOKO**
TOTTENHAM
35.33 KM/H
- 4 **RUDIGER**
CHELSEA
35.19 KM/H
- 5 **WALKER**
MAN. CITY
35.16 KM/H
- 6 **ZAHA**
CRYSTAL PALACE
35.14 KM/H
- 7 **BURKE**
WEST BROM
35.13 KM/H
- 8 **FEMENIA**
WATFORD
35.12 KM/H
- 9 **KOSCIELNY**
ARSENAL
35.11 KM/H
- 10 **VARDY**
LEICESTER
35.09 KM/H

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CHANGES!

UEFA have made some changes to the Champions League for the 2018-19 season - we give you the lowdown!



MATCHDAY SQUAD

In the Champo League final, bosses can name a 23-man squad instead of the usual 18 players. Decent!

SUPERSUBS

When teams get to the knockout stages, they'll be able to make an extra substitution in extra-time!

EARLY KICK-OFFS

At the moment most games kick off at 7.45pm, but from next term they'll start at 8pm, with some 5.55pm group-stage kick-offs!

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Clubs will now be able to include January signings in their squads - even if they played for other clubs!

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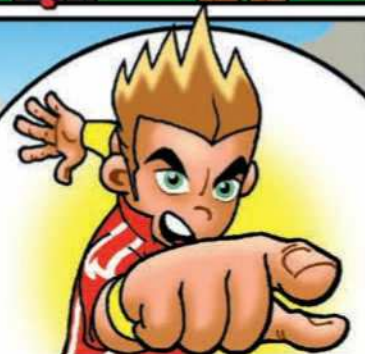
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MATCHMAN OF THE MONTH

SALAH'S ON FIRE!

LIVERPOOL hero **MOHAMED SALAH** has won **MATCH's** Player Of The Month award for the second time in row!

HOW HE WON IT!

MATCH scouts picked the Prem's four best players from March, and asked our fans on social media to vote for the best! The Reds goal king took 63% of the vote, ahead of David Silva, Cenk Tosun and Chris Wood!

MEGA MOMENTS!

Here's why Salah was chosen as March's award winner!

GAME ONE

DEADLOCK BREAKER! LIVERPOOL 2-0 NEWCASTLE MARCH 3

The Egypt ace started the month by netting in his fifth Prem game in a row! Liverpool dominated early on and Salah opened the scoring after 40 minutes. He shot through the legs of Newcastle keeper Martin Dubravka, and The Reds went on to win comfortably!

STAT ATTACK!

His goal v Palace was the 21st Prem match he's scored in – a record high in a single season!

HUMAN AFTER ALL! MAN. UNITED 2-1 LIVERPOOL MARCH 10

This was a proper frustrating afternoon for the magician! He was marked super tight by Red Devils left-back Ashley Young and really struggled to make an impact. He couldn't keep up his wicked scoring run, but it didn't take him long to recover...

GAME TWO



FANTASTIC FOUR!

LIVERPOOL 5-0 WATFORD

MARCH 17

This clash may as well have been Salah v Watford! The Player Of The Year contender put in a perfect performance against The Hornets, with four goals and an assist. There was literally no stopping the deadly dribbler as he walked off with the match ball, and left Liverpool fans in dreamland!

GAME THREE



MATCH WINNER!

CRYSTAL PALACE 1-2 LIVERPOOL

MARCH 31

Palace shocked The Reds by taking the lead in the first half, but Sadio Mane's equaliser set the stage for on-flames Salah to be the hero once again! The ball fell to him at 1-1 in the 84th minute - he took one touch and then smashed home with his right foot to give his side all three points!

GAME FOUR



GOAL OF THE MONTH!

There were some sick volleys in March, but **NEMANJA MATIC's** last-gasp half-volley v Crystal Palace was voted as GOTM by our fans on social media! He took 52% of the vote, with Jamie Vardy's class volley v West Brom coming second with 29%!



SALAH v DE BR

MOHAMED SALAH

Believe it or not, the 2017-18 season ends next month! **MATCH** gives you the answers to some of the Premier League's biggest talking points!



LIVERPOOL RECORD	
GAMES	31
GOALS	29
ASSISTS	9

MAN. CITY RECORD	
GAMES	31
GOALS	7
ASSISTS	15

STAT ATTACK!

He's been directly involved in 51% of The Reds' Prem goals this season!

BRUYNE v KANE

PLUS... MORE MASSIVE QUESTIONS ANSWERED!

**KEVIN
DE BRUYNE**

HARRY KANE

TOTTENHAM RECORD	
GAMES	30
GOALS	24
ASSISTS	2

STAT ATTACK!

He's been directly involved in 42% of Spurs' Prem goals this season!

STAT ATTACK!

He's been directly involved in 25% of City's Prem goals this season!

WHO'LL BE PLAYER OF THE YEAR?

Mohamed Salah, Kevin De Bruyne and Harry Kane have been the top standout stars of the season, and one of them just has to be crowned PFA Prem Player Of The Year! All three heroes have had a hand in tons of goals and top moments for their clubs - so who's gonna win?

MATCH VERDICT:

Wow, this is tough! We reckon it will be a face-off between Salah and De Bruyne! City's ace Belgian has been awesome in leading his team to the top of the table, but no player has got more goals and assists combined than Salah, so we're going for the Egyptian to take the prize!

TURN OVER FOR LOADS MORE TALKING POINTS!



WHO'LL WIN THE GOLDEN BOOT?

Harry Kane has won the award for the past two years, but Salah has a great chance to take it off him this season! City ledge Sergio Aguero needs an epic late goal run to have any chance of catching them, too!

MATCH VERDICT:

There's just no stopping Salah at the moment, and unless he gets an injury then the Golden Boot should be his! The Reds create tons of chances, and so many fall to the Egyptian!



WHICH KEEPER WILL HAVE MOST CLEAN SHEETS?

GKs David De Gea, Ederson, Thibaut Courtois and Hugo Lloris are all battling it out for the Premier League Golden Glove - awarded to the keeper who finishes the season with the most clean sheets!

MATCH VERDICT:

City stopper Ederson has a great chance in his debut Prem season, but De Gea has never won the award, so he'll be desperate to get his hands on it! With The Red Devils' slightly more cautious approach, we think he's the fave!

BEST OUTSIDE THE TOP FOUR?

Chelsea have had a really poor Prem season, and after their big home defeat to Spurs it looks like a CL spot might be out of reach! The big question now is can The Blues hold off Arsenal and finish fifth to bag a Europa League place?

MATCH VERDICT:

We think The Gunners will now be going all out to win the Europa League to bag a CL spot next season, which should leave the door open for The Blues to finish fifth!



WHO'S GOING DOWN?

It looks like West Brom will finish bottom, but there are still two relegation spots to be decided! Stoke, Southampton, West Ham, Crystal Palace, Huddersfield, Swansea, Newcastle and Brighton are all still in massive danger!

MATCH VERDICT:

It's gonna be real tight, and there are still some proper crunch matches that will have a huge impact! We reckon it could be Huddersfield and Stoke who'll be joining The Baggies in the bottom three!



WHICH TEAM WILL FINISH SECOND?

Man. City have run away with the PL title, but Man. United, Liverpool and Tottenham are still after second place! All three of the sides will feel they have a decent chance of finishing as 2017-18 vice champions. Defo game on!

MATCH VERDICT:

United have been up there most of the season, but they've probably played less exciting footy than the other two challengers! This time of year is about winning though, and we reckon Liverpool will do it!



WHO DESERVES TO WIN MANAGER OF THE YEAR?

Pep Guardiola is obviously the fave for this award, but Burnley boss Sean Dyche deserves loads of credit too! If his side can go on a mega run and finish above closest rivals Arsenal, Dyche will be well chuffed!

MATCH VERDICT:

Burnley were outsiders for a European spot at one stage, so Dyche has done an awesome job, but Pep's City have been incredible! The Spanish boss has kept his side well motivated all season!



WILL WATFORD MAKE TOP 10?

The mid-table sides not really fighting relegation all want to finish in the top-half - and that includes the likes of Leicester, Bournemouth, Everton and Watford! The Hornets started the season on flames, so they'll be gutted to finish lower than 10th!

MATCH VERDICT:

Javi Gracia's side got just one victory in March, so they're going to need to start bagging more wins if they want a top-half finish! We reckon they might have to settle for 11th. Well gutted!

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The Spurs winger fought off some Roman warriors!



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The Brazil baller posted this ancient photo as a child!



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HECTOR BELLERIN



FAB FACT!

Bellerin was the first Arsenal player to notch up 1,850 sprints this season – and the sixth player in the Prem!

ARSENAL

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FAB FACT!

The Wales wizard's ace
FIFA 18 pace rating is 94
- higher than any other
La Liga player!

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REAL MADRID



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When Costa joined Wolves for £13 million in January 2017, he shattered the club's transfer record. Wow!

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FACT!

The pacy German clocked a top speed of 22.05mph during City's win over Chelsea - a Premier League record high!

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DOUGLAS COSTA



FAB FACT!

The rapid Brazilian baller won seven league titles for Bayern Munich and Shakhtar over the past eight seasons!

JUVENTUS

MARKI WILLIAMS



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The Spain youngster
smashed La Liga's top
sprinting charts when he
clocked 22.2mph back
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KEITA BALDE

FAB FACT!

The sick Senegal forward bagged 13 goals and assists combined in his first 22 Ligue 1 matches this season. Epic!



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Alba's bagged six
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games for Spain since 2014
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The wonderkid is friends with legendary sprinter Usain Bolt, and is known in Germany as 'The Bundesliga Bolt'!

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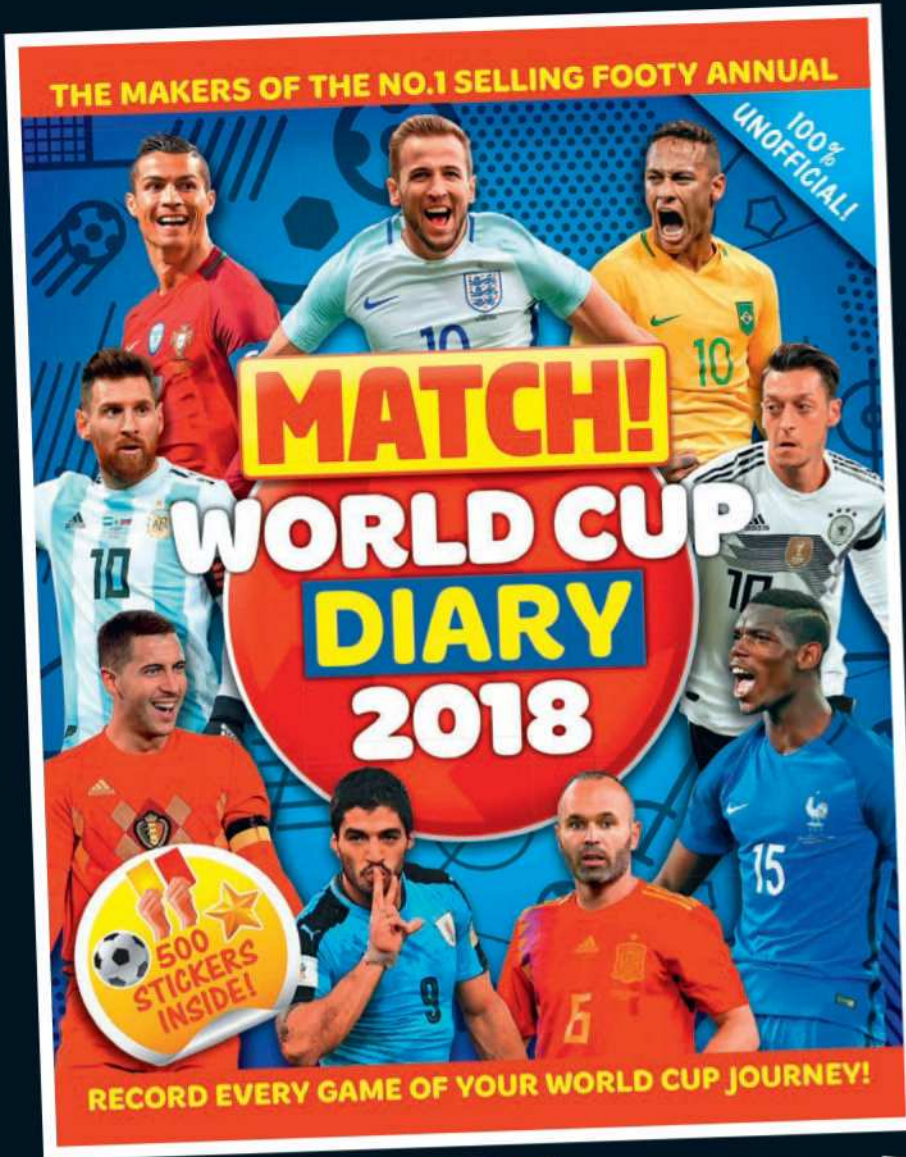
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Theo once ran 40 metres in 4.42 seconds – breaking speed king Thierry Henry's epic Arsenal record in the process. Wow!

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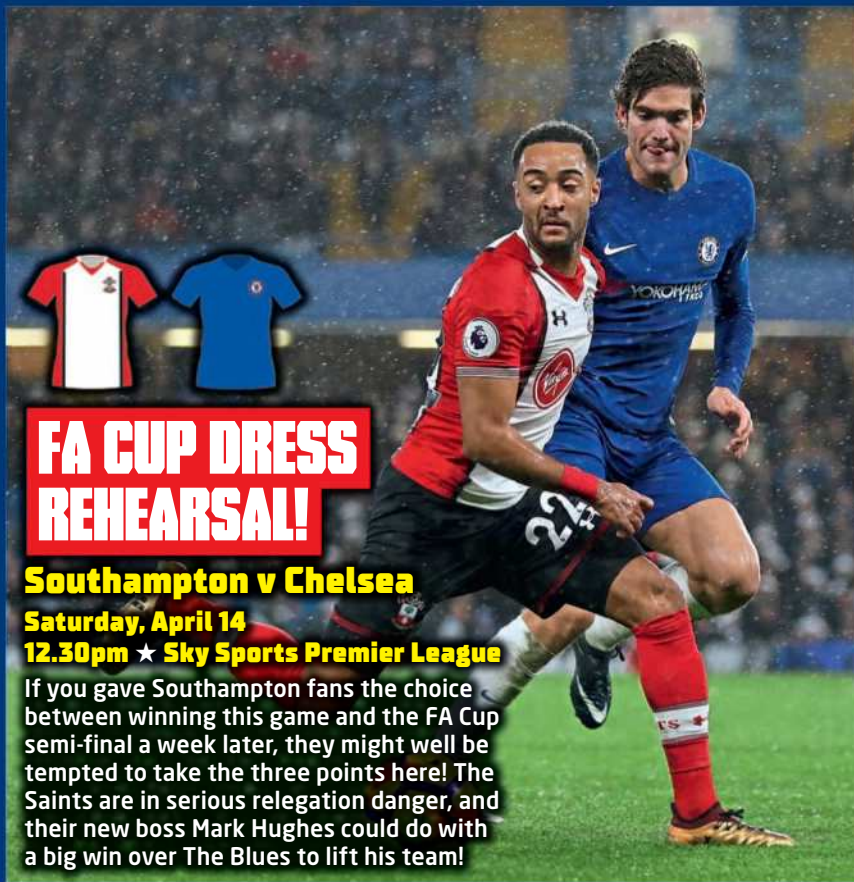
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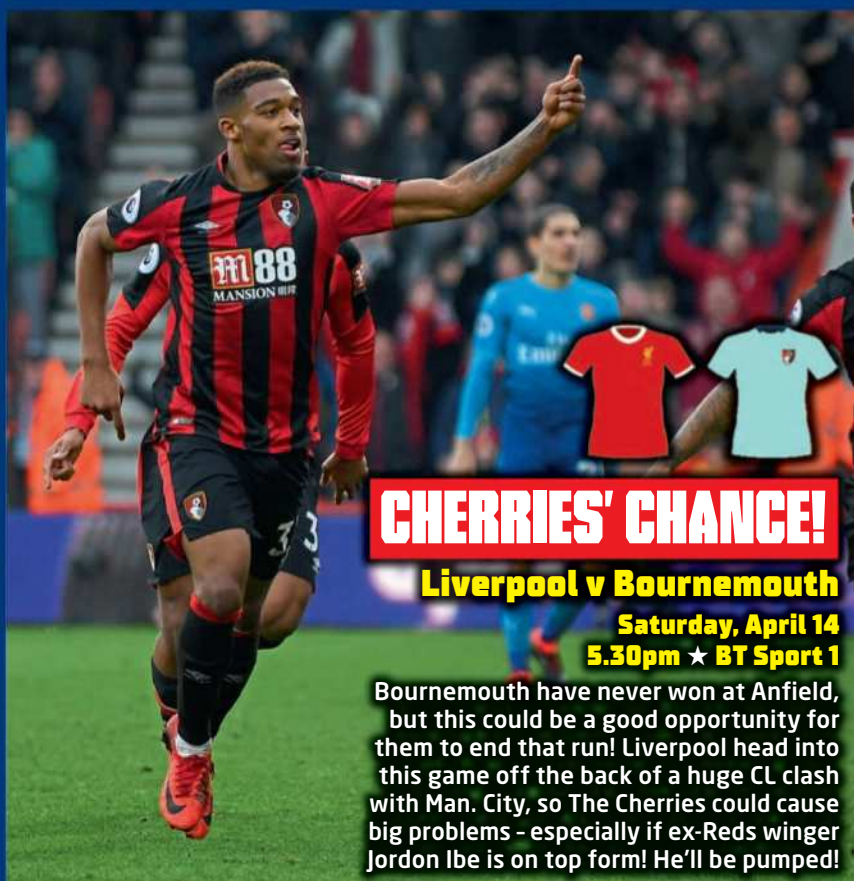


FA CUP DRESS REHEARSAL!

Southampton v Chelsea

Saturday, April 14
12.30pm ★ Sky Sports Premier League

If you gave Southampton fans the choice between winning this game and the FA Cup semi-final a week later, they might well be tempted to take the three points here! The Saints are in serious relegation danger, and their new boss Mark Hughes could do with a big win over The Blues to lift his team!



CHERRIES' CHANCE!

Liverpool v Bournemouth

Saturday, April 14
5.30pm ★ BT Sport 1

Bournemouth have never won at Anfield, but this could be a good opportunity for them to end that run! Liverpool head into this game off the back of a huge CL clash with Man. City, so The Cherries could cause big problems - especially if ex-Reds winger Jordan Ibe is on top form! He'll be pumped!



TOP-OF-THE-TABLE MEGA CLASH!

Tottenham v Man. City

Saturday, April 14
7.45pm ★ Sky Sports Premier League

Man. City might have the title wrapped up before their trip to Wembley, so we could see a few of their stars get rested here... and that will suit Spurs perfectly! Mauricio Pochettino's men are battling to finish as runners-up, and three points against the league leaders would go a long way to boosting their chances!

H TIME!

MATCH takes a closer look at ten must-watch Premier League games over the next two weeks!



MAGPIES TO END LOSING STREAK?

Newcastle v Arsenal

Sunday, April 15
1.30pm ★ Sky Sports Premier League

Arsenal go into this game after a long journey home from their Europa League clash with CSKA Moscow, so their epic run of ten wins in a row against Newcastle could be under threat! The Magpies have been really strong at home recently, so they'll be confident of causing an upset!

BASEMENT BATTLE!

West Ham v Stoke

Monday, April 16
8pm ★ Sky Sports Premier League

Another monster clash in the race to stay in the Prem will take place here. This is a proper six-pointer - the winners will believe they can go on and stay up, while the losers will be in major trouble! The Hammers won 3-0 at Stoke in December - so they need to put in another display like that at home!



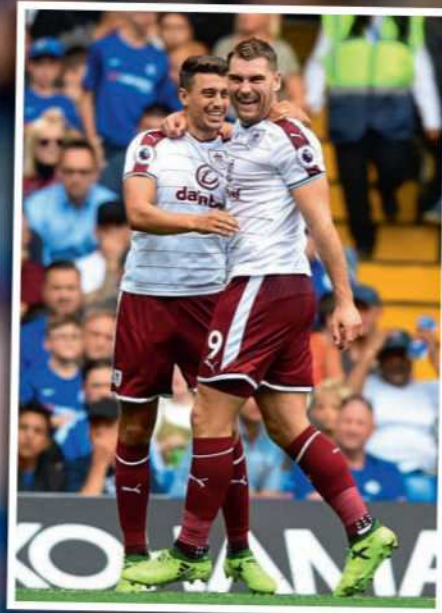
TOTTENHAM'S TOUGH TRIP!

Brighton v Tottenham

Tuesday, April 17

7.45pm ★ Sky Sports Premier League

It's 35 years since Brighton last beat Tottenham, but this has been a historic year for them, and they'll be looking to make another record here. With this one sandwiched between big games against Man. City and Man. United, Spurs could make some changes, and that could give The Seagulls a shot at history! Game on!



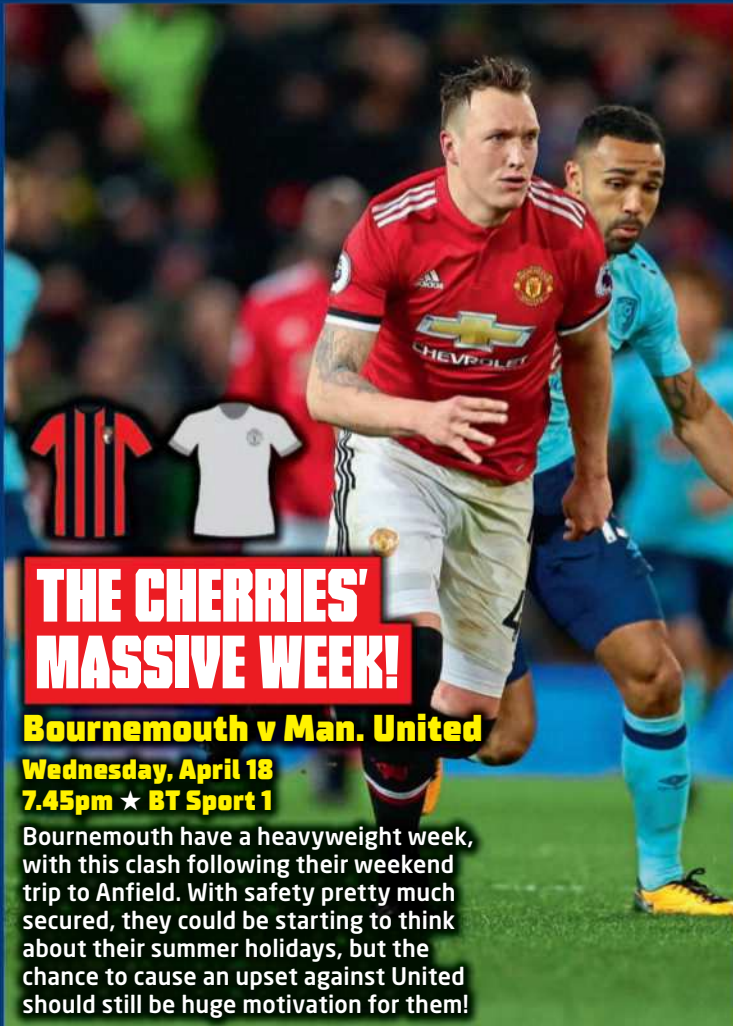
MORATA ON A MISSION!

Burnley v Chelsea

Thursday, April 19

7.45pm ★ Sky Sports Premier League

Chelsea's opening-day clash with Burnley was one of the most action-packed games of the season! The Blues had two players sent off as they lost 3-2 at home, and they want to set the record straight here! Alvaro Morata bagged a goal and an assist on his Prem debut, and could return to form!



THE CHERRIES' MASSIVE WEEK!

Bournemouth v Man. United

Wednesday, April 18

7.45pm ★ BT Sport 1

Bournemouth have a heavyweight week, with this clash following their weekend trip to Anfield. With safety pretty much secured, they could be starting to think about their summer holidays, but the chance to cause an upset against United should still be huge motivation for them!



AUBA TO KEEP FIRING?

Arsenal v West Ham

Sunday, April 22

1.30pm ★ Sky Sports Premier League

Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang scored in three of his first four Prem home games for Arsenal, and he'll be eyeing even more net-busters against London rivals West Ham! The Hammers have one of the leakiest defences in the Prem this season, so the Gabon hitman should be getting himself on the scoresheet again!



ROONEY V MAGPIES!

Everton v Newcastle

Monday, April 23

8pm ★ Sky Sports Premier League

Wayne Rooney loves playing against Newcastle - the England legend has hit more goals against The Magpies than any other club - and it was his strike that sealed three points for The Toffees at St. James' Park back in December. But if anyone can mastermind a victory at Goodison Park, it's Rafa Benitez!

BEST OF THE REST...

Make sure you tune into these huge European games, too!



ROMA V BARCELONA



Champions League ★ Tuesday, April 10
7.45pm ★ BT Sport 3

Can Roma work out a plan to stop Barcelona's attack of Messi, Suarez, Dembele and co?



MAN. CITY V LIVERPOOL



Champions League ★ Tuesday, April 10
7.45pm ★ BT Sport 2

The second leg of this absolutely massive all-Prem clash should be epic! Don't miss it!



REAL MADRID V JUVENTUS



Champions League ★ Wednesday, Apr. 11
7.45pm ★ BT Sport 2

Juventus are desperate to get revenge for last season's final defeat! Can they though?



BAYERN MUNICH V SEVILLA



Champions League ★ Wednesday, Apr. 11
7.45pm ★ BT Sport 3

Can Sevilla repeat their Old Trafford heroics in the second leg against the German giants?



CSKA MOSCOW V ARSENAL



Europa League ★ Thursday, April 12
8.05pm ★ BT Sport 2

The Gunners have to win the Europa League to salvage their season and get CL footy!



SPORTING V ATLETICO



Europa League ★ Thursday, April 12
8.05pm ★ BT Sport 3

Bas Dost v Antoine Griezmann - which of the two hitmen will fire their side through?

**FA CUP
SEMI-FINAL...**



MAN. UNITED v TOTTENHAM

The FA Cup final is in sight – who'll be heading to Wembley again in May?

This is the last opportunity for both of these teams to win a trophy this season, so this clash is huge! Red Devils boss Jose Mourinho is under pressure after being dumped out of the Champions League and falling short in the Prem title race, while Spurs gaffer Mauricio Pochettino is still waiting for his first trophy, and needs to win one soon! Which of the two bosses will come out on top?



**WATCH
IT...**

**Saturday
April 21
5.15pm
BBC One**

TEAM NEWS & LINE-UPS

MAN. UNITED NEWS

With goals at three different Wembley cup finals, Lingard loves playing under the arch! We reckon experienced midfield duo Pogba and Matic will get the nod ahead of McTominay!

TOTTENHAM NEWS

Spurs have settled on a back four instead of a back three, and could pair first-choice CBs Vertonghen and Alderweireld. Kane should also be back to full fitness to lead the line!



ONE TO WATCH...



ALEXIS SANCHEZ

Sanchez was well quiet on his first Prem start for United against Spurs in January, and he'll need to be much better here. He did score the winner in last season's semi-final, though!

LOOK OUT FOR...



CHRISTIAN ERIKSEN

Eriksen masterminded Tottenham's win against United at the start of the year, and he assisted both their goals in last season's semi-final v Chelsea, too. He can be unstoppable at times!

THE CLASH IN NUMBERS

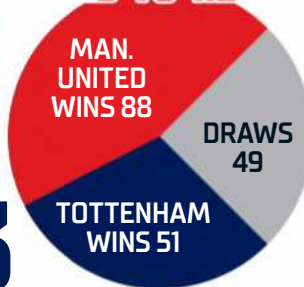


77

Heung-Min Son averages an FA Cup goal or assist every 77 minutes this season

Spurs lost just three of their first 24 games at Wembley since last season's FA Cup semis **3**

HEAD-TO-HEAD



Tottenham haven't been to an FA Cup final for 27 years

27

Romelu Lukaku is the highest goalscorer left in this season's competition



5

LAST MEETING

TOTTENHAM 2-0 MAN. UNITED

Spurs wrapped up this match within the first half hour! Christian Eriksen scored one of the quickest ever Prem goals when he netted after just 11 seconds, and Phil Jones then turned a Kieran Trippier cross into his own net before half time. The clash beat the biggest Prem attendance ever!



MATCH VERDICT

Home advantage is a massive boost for Spurs - they know exactly what it takes to win at Wembley and have already done it v United this season!

MATCH SAYS	MAN. UNITED	1
	TOTTENHAM	2

YOU SAY

**FA CUP
SEMI-FINAL...**



CHELSEA v SOUTHAMPTON

The second semi-final sees Prem giants take on Prem strugglers – will there be an upset?

Struggling Southampton are defo massive underdogs for this clash! They're battling to avoid relegation and haven't been to an FA Cup final since 2003, while The Blues have six FA Cups in the bag since 1997! Saints boss Mark Hughes would love to shock his old club, but this is Chelsea's last shot at silverware this season. Whatever happens, it should be an absolute cracker!

**WATCH
IT...**

**Sunday
April 22
3pm**

BT Sport



48 MATCH!



TEAM NEWS & LINE-UPS

CHELSEA NEWS

Caballero's played every FA Cup game this season, conceded just twice, and even made a penalty shoot-out save against Norwich! Willian's ace display in last year's semi-final means he should start!

SOUTHAMPTON NEWS

Mark Hughes played a 4-4-2 in his first game as Saints manager against Wigan in the FA Cup quarter-finals, but should give the midfield some extra beef in this game against a top attack!



ONE TO WATCH...



WILLIAN

A free-kick and a pen from Willian fired Chelsea into last season's FA Cup final, and he bagged a brace in this season's fifth round at home to Hull too. He'll be a massive threat!

LOOK OUT FOR...



JAMES WARD-Prowse

Ward-Prowse has only played two FA Cup games this season, yet he's still managed to bag a goal and an assist. His deadly delivery from set-pieces will be a crucial weapon for his side!

THE CLASH IN NUMBERS

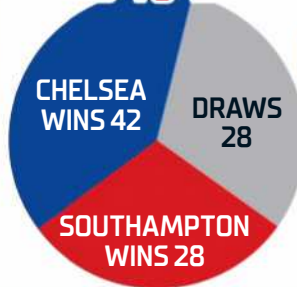
Mark Hughes' teams have conceded 15 goals in just four games v Antonio Conte

15

Southampton are the lowest scorers remaining in this season's competition

6

HEAD-TO-HEAD



Chelsea are chasing their fifth FA Cup final in the last ten years - more than any team

5

Eden Hazard scored both home and away against Southampton last season

2

LAST MEETING

CHELSEA 1-0 SOUTHAMPTON

A Marcos Alonso free-kick gave The Blues three points v Southampton in December. The Spain LB curled in a sweet shot from 30 yards, but the result could have been way more comfortable - The Saints weren't creative in attack at all! They need to improve big-time this weekend!



MATCH VERDICT

Chelsea have the experience and the pedigree when it comes to this stage of the FA Cup, so they should easily sink the struggling Saints!

MATCH SAYS	CHELSEA	2
	SOUTHAMPTON	0

YOU SAY

FIFA 18

FUT STARS OF THE SEASON!

MATCH has been checking out the footy superstars whose jaw-dropping performances this season have earned them tons of FUT cards on FIFA 18!



LIONEL MESSI
BARCELONA

Getting into two TOTWs, the Champions League Team Of The Group Stage card and the Team Of The Year card is pretty standard for Messi - and there's probably more to come!

<p>93 RW</p> <p>MESSI</p> <p>89 PAC 95 DRI 90 SHO 26 DEF 86 PAS 61 PHY</p> <p>#BASIC</p>	<p>94 CF</p> <p>MESSI</p> <p>90 PAC 97 DRI 92 SHO 27 DEF 88 PAS 63 PHY</p> <p>#BASIC</p>	<p>95 ST</p> <p>MESSI</p> <p>92 PAC 98 DRI 93 SHO 29 DEF 90 PAS 65 PHY</p> <p>#BASIC</p>	<p>96 ST</p> <p>MESSI</p> <p>93 PAC 99 DRI 94 SHO 31 DEF 91 PAS 69 PHY</p> <p>#BASIC</p>	<p>98 RW</p> <p>MESSI</p> <p>96 PAC 99 DRI 97 SHO 45 DEF 98 PAS 81 PHY</p> <p>#BASIC</p>
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DAVID DE GEA
MAN. UNITED

Samir Handanovic and Marc-Andre ter Stegen have had some sick stat boosting cards this season, but neither compares to the king of GKs on FIFA 18, TOTY superstar De Gea!

<p>91 DE</p> <p>DE GEA</p> <p>91 DIV 92 DEF 85 MAN 87 SPD 87 KIC 88 PAS</p>	<p>92 DE</p> <p>DE GEA</p> <p>93 DIV 93 DEF 87 MAN 89 SPD 87 KIC 89 PAS</p>	<p>94 DE</p> <p>DE GEA</p> <p>95 DIV 95 DEF 91 MAN 91 SPD 91 KIC 92 PAS</p>	<p>97 DE</p> <p>DE GEA</p> <p>97 DIV 98 DEF 92 MAN 92 SPD 95 KIC 92 PAS</p>
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JOSHUA KIMMICH
BAYERN MUNICH

Kimmich's 88-rated card from the CL Team Of The Group Stage is one of the sickest defenders you can get on FIFA 18 - he's got better dribbling and passing stats than a lot of attackers!

<p>84 RB</p> <p>KIMMICH</p> <p>72 PAC 82 DRI 67 SHO 78 DEF 84 PAS 72 PHY</p> <p>#BASIC</p>	<p>85 RB</p> <p>KIMMICH</p> <p>76 PAC 86 DRI 71 SHO 83 DEF 89 PAS 78 PHY</p> <p>#BASIC</p>	<p>87 RB</p> <p>KIMMICH</p> <p>78 PAC 88 DRI 74 SHO 86 DEF 91 PAS 81 PHY</p> <p>#BASIC</p>	<p>88 RB</p> <p>KIMMICH</p> <p>79 PAC 91 DRI 77 SHO 88 DEF 93 PAS 83 PHY</p> <p>#BASIC</p>
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SERGIO AGUERO
MAN. CITY

Aguero was the first player to feature in four TOTWs this season after he smashed four wicked goals past Leicester back in February! With 96 stats for finishing, the 93-rated card is absolutely deadly!

<p>89 ST</p> <p>AGUERO</p> <p>87 PAC 89 DRI 88 SHO 23 DEF 75 PAS 72 PHY</p> <p>#BASIC</p>	<p>90 ST</p> <p>AGUERO</p> <p>88 PAC 90 DRI 90 SHO 24 DEF 90 SHO 24 DEF 77 PAS 74 PHY</p> <p>#BASIC</p>	<p>91 ST</p> <p>AGUERO</p> <p>89 PAC 91 DRI 91 SHO 26 DEF 79 PAS 77 PHY</p> <p>#BASIC</p>	<p>92 ST</p> <p>AGUERO</p> <p>90 PAC 92 DRI 93 SHO 27 DEF 82 PAS 79 PHY</p> <p>#BASIC</p>	<p>93 ST</p> <p>AGUERO</p> <p>91 PAC 93 DRI 94 SHO 29 DEF 84 PAS 81 PHY</p> <p>#BASIC</p>	<p>94 ST</p> <p>AGUERO</p> <p>92 PAC 95 DRI 95 SHO 31 DEF 86 PAS 83 PHY</p> <p>#BASIC</p>
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HARRY KANE

TOTTENHAM

Kane's had two Prem Player Of The Month cards to go alongside his two In-Form cards and his place in both the TOTY and the CL Team Of The Group Stage... plus, a two-point winter upgrade! What a season!



CRISTIANO RONALDO

REAL MADRID

Ronaldo would probably be disappointed to have waited until February to feature in a TOTW, but he's still the only player with a 99-rated card this season - the fifth of his FUT career. Ledge!

LUIS SUAREZ

BARCELONA

Even at the age of 31, Suarez is still rifling the goals in - and that's why the Barcelona ace has been in three different TOTWs! With an OVR of 95, Luis' most recent card is one of the best STs on the game!



KEVIN DE BRUYNE

MAN. CITY

Somehow, the Man. City star reached the end of March with only one TOTW appearance, but a two-point winter upgrade and a place in the TOTY show just how good he's been!



MO SALAH

LIVERPOOL

Salah seems to have had a new FUT card every week during his epic season! His winter upgrade still only took him up to an OVR of 85 - imagine how good Mo will be on FIFA 19!



SERGE MILINKOVIC-SAVIC

LAZIO

The Lazio star's been one of the breakout stars of Serie A this season, and you can see that in his three In-Form cards! The 87-rated one has 99 Shot Power - what a beast!



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Class City fan!

Big thanks to **Gregor** for sending in this wicked pic! As you can probably tell, he's a massive Man. City fan!

Chelsea cracker!

Kits, table football, a replica stadium and loads of MATCH pullouts are just some of the things we can spot in this epic snap Chelsea fan **Aidan** sent in!



WINNER!

Congrats to Aidan who's won this week's Lovell voucher!



Col-U Cousins!

Check out cousins **Oliver** and **Sam**, who sent in this cool snap holding up their scarf at a Colchester game!



Seagulls snapped!

Lucky Brighton fan **George** walked out with favourite player Anthony Knockaert when he was a mascot!

Liverpool ledges!

Thumbs up to Liverpool fans **Jack** and **Freddie** for sending in this awesome pic of all their favourite MATCH posters!



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PREMIER LEAGUE SPECIAL

FLASHBACK!



Can you name the quality Premier League gaffer in this well old pic?

FIFA 18 CHALLENGE!

Name the two West Ham heroes from their wicked FUT cards!

82 LM	81 CAM
77 PAC 81 DRI 74 SHD 53 DEF 79 PAS 80 PHY	82 PAC 86 DRI 71 SHD 28 DEF 78 PAS 53 PHY
BASIC	BASIC


CLUB SHARERS!

Which Prem team have these wicked stars all played for?

Kyle Naughton	Jake Livermore	Jermain Defoe	Heurelho Gomes
			
Gylfi Sigurdsson	_____	Peter Crouch	

TRANSFER TRACKER!

Can you fill in the gaps in the career of Newcastle midfielder Jonjo Shelvey?

2008-10	
Charlton	
2010-13	
?	
2013-16	
?	
2016-	Newcastle

MEGA MASH-UP!

Which Leicester megastar has an odd new look?



Premier League BRAIN-BUSTER!



How much do you know about footy's best league?



1. How many clubs competed in the first Premier League season in 1992-93?



2. Who lifted the first ever Prem title - Leeds, Man. United or Liverpool?



3. Which striker has scored more all-time Premier League goals - Sergio Aguero or Wayne Rooney?



4. True or False? No player has committed more fouls this season than Tottenham dangerman Harry Kane!



5. Which hero has grabbed more all-time Premier League assists - James Milner or David Silva?



6. Which giant club has never lifted the Premier League trophy - Man. City, Liverpool, Arsenal or Man. United?



7. True or False? Mario Balotelli only got one assist in 70 Prem matches!



8. Which current Championship club holds the record for the worst ever Prem season points tally - Hull, Norwich or Derby?



9. Which of these sides has never been relegated from the Premier League - Newcastle, Swansea or West Brom?

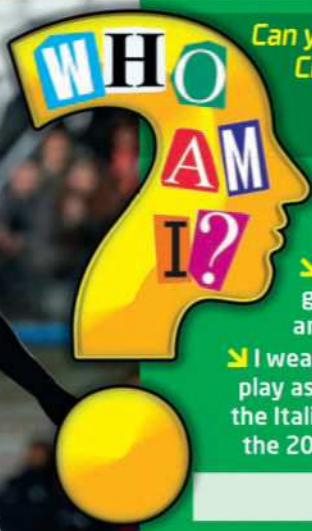


10. Which of these teams finished the highest in last season's table - Watford, Burnley or Crystal Palace?

- 1.....
- 2.....
- 3.....
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- 5.....
- 6.....
- 7.....
- 8.....
- 9.....
- 10.....

BIG MATCH! QUIZ

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE SPECIAL



Can you work out the CL megastar from the three clues below?

- ▶ I'm 32 years old and my home country is Bosnia!
- ▶ I played 130 Prem games for Man. City and scored 50 goals!
- ▶ I wear the No.9 shirt and play as a striker for one of the Italian sides who made the 2017-18 CL last eight!

5 QUESTIONS ON... JUVENTUS



- 1 Which Juventus player scored the winner against Tottenham in the CL Round of 16 tie at Wembley?

- 2 Which of these is the club's real nickname - The Big Lady, The Old Lady or The Frightening Lady!

- 3 How many times have Juve won the Champions League - never, twice, three times or four times?

- 4 True or False? Legendary keeper Gianluigi Buffon has never played for any other side in his ace career!

- 5 The Italian giants won last year's Serie A, but how many consecutive league titles have they now won?



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CL CLOSE-UP!

Which CL superstars have we zoomed in on?



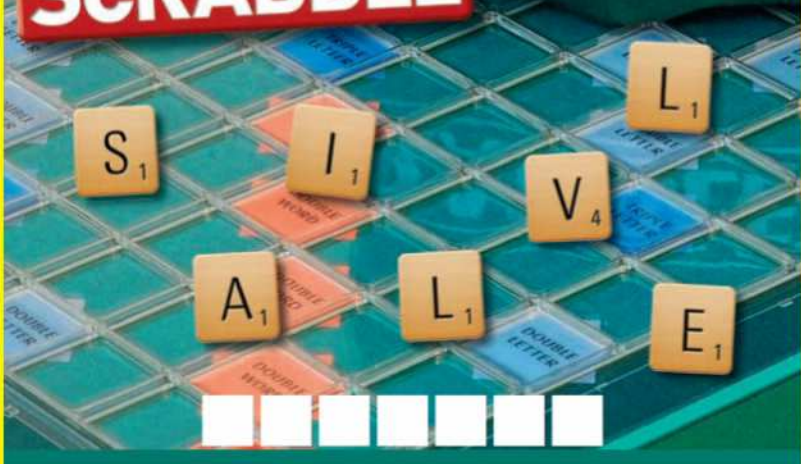
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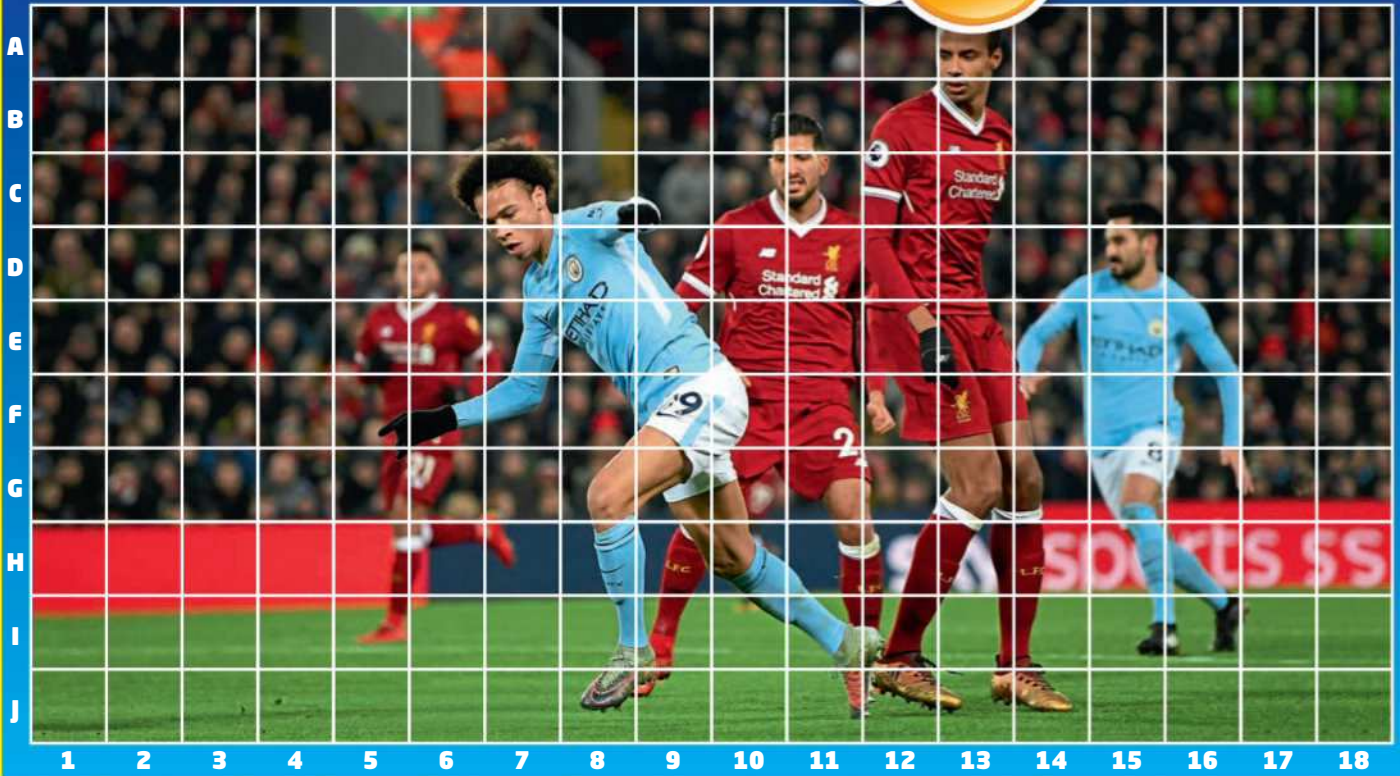
Which awesome CL club's name has been all jumbled up?



SPOT THE BALL!



Mark where you think the ball is in this cool action pic!



Wissam Ben Yedder



Stephan El Shaarawy

NAME THE COUNTRY!



What countries do these awesome CL stars play for?



Thiago



Ousmane Dembele

MATCH! WINNER!



Who scored the winner in Real Madrid's 2-1 second-leg victory over PSG last month?

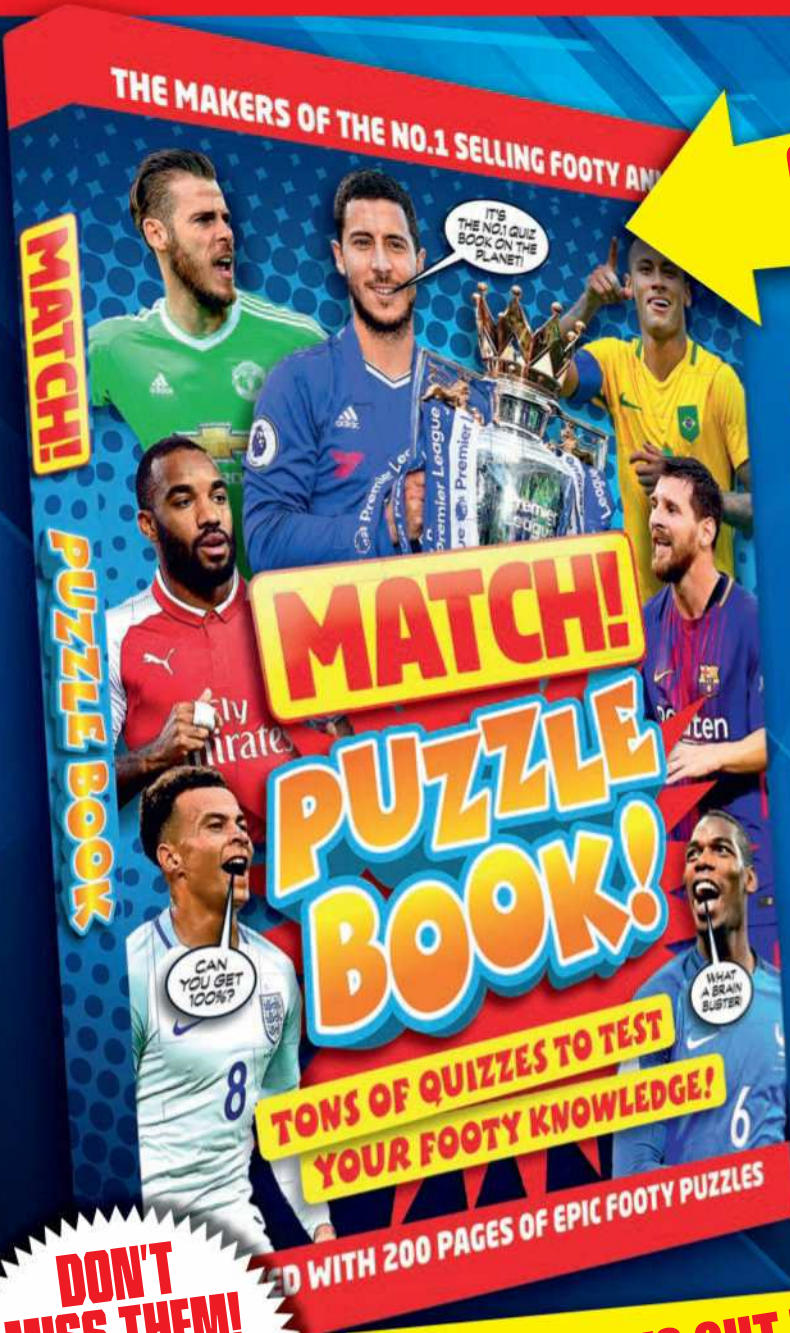


Which Champions League goal king is hanging out with Peter Rabbit?

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Isaac Drogba - the son of Chelsea hero Didier - has signed a pro contract at Ligue 1 club Guingamp!

Scottish club **Inverness** have a new club mascot called 'Lionel Nessi' - named after the Loch Ness Monster. LOL!



29

Gareth Bale became Wales' all-time record scorer with a hat-trick v China!



100

In the China Cup final v Wales, Uruguay hitman **Edinson Cavani** fired his nation to glory on his 100th international cap!



24

Bradford and Republic of Ireland keeper **Colin Doyle** played two full games in 24 hours over the recent international period!



Gerard Pique has a WhatsApp group with both Barcelona and Real Madrid players. Woah!



80

League Two club **Luton** were the first side in the EFL to hit 80 league goals this season. Nice!



54

In-demand Barça defender **Samuel Umtiti** has a huge £54 million release clause!

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