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ENZO MARESCA

HEAD COACH

We come here tonight with a good advantage in this Conference League semi-final after our 4–1 win in Stockholm last week, but tonight we have to remain completely focused on the task and make sure that we produce another strong performance at Stamford Bridge.

We saw in the last round what can happen if you are below your level for the second leg, and we know how much motivation our opponents have when they come here, so it is very important that we keep our momentum going, game by game, until the end of the season, and try to win each of them.

Sunday was a fantastic afternoon here. We were very pleased with our performance, with the way we took our chances and kept our concentration throughout the game to deal with a Liverpool team who had just been confirmed as champions of this league. The atmosphere in the stadium was great and we showed what we can do against the strongest opponents.

After the game, we had our awards ceremony, where we came together

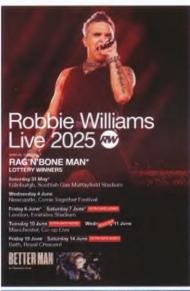
as a club to reflect on the season and to celebrate 120 years of Chelsea. It was a wonderful evening and I want to congratulate all the winners on their awards. But the season is not over and we have to continue to produce our best right to the end if we want to achieve our objectives.

The Premier League table is still incredibly tight around us and so we have to keep fighting for every point until the end. But before we turn our focus to Newcastle on Sunday, we have a job to do tonight to reach the final of the Conference League.

We welcome everyone connected with Djurgarden to Stamford Bridge. They have shown how dangerous they can be with some very good results on their way to the semi-finals of this competition and we expect another tough game from them tonight.

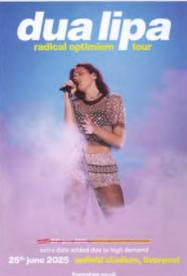
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REECE JAMES

CAPTAIN

We've got the chance to reach a European final tonight and we have to make sure we grasp it. We come here after a great result in the first leg last week but we also know that we have to finish the job and make sure we don't give them any way back into the tie. That has to be the focus tonight.

This is a competition we haven't played in before, it's a new trophy and the only one that this club hasn't lifted, so our aim from the start of the season was to go all the way and we are now 90 minutes from the final. We have a few games left to try and end this season with silverware and to finish as high as we possibly can in the Premier League.

The win against Liverpool on Sunday was massive, and the atmosphere you created in the stands was brilliant, from start to finish. It was an important three points and I think everyone left here with a smile on their face, which is what we want from the big games like that.

Congratulations to Moi in winning the Player of the Season and the Players'

Player of the Season at the CFC Awards at the weekend. He has been superb for us this season and he deserves it. I was delighted for Tyrique as well, on winning Academy Player of the Season, because he has had a great year and is going from strength to strength since stepping into the first team. Well done to Erin, Nathalie and Lola on their awards too. It was good to be there together as one club and even better to do it after the men and the women had won their matches that afternoon.

We have three more league games to go now, and all of them are huge, so we have to be at 100 per cent every time we take the pitch from here on in. Tonight is no different, as we look to make our first leg advantage count and push on to the final. Your support is going to be massive again. Let's do this.







HOW IT STARTED...

Djurgardens IF, commonly known as Djurgarden, was founded in 1891, and multiple sports teams represent the club. The football team was formed eight years later and has won the Swedish league title 12 times, the first in 1912 and the most recent in 2019. The team – pictured, in stripes, against Nuremberg in a home friendly in 1919 – have also won the Swedish Cup on five occasions, most recently in 2018. Their nicknames include Jarnkaminerna (the Iron Stoves) and the more prosaic Blaranderna (the Blue Stripes).



...HOW IT'S GOING

Djurgarden are enjoying their best run in European competition but they are not having such a good start to the domestic season, sitting in mid-table in the Swedish top flight, known as the Allsvenskan, after the first few games. The league campaign in Sweden runs from late March to early November, so there is plenty of time for them to make their way up the table. They finished fourth last season, 12 points behind champions, Malmo. However, their run in the 2024/25 Conference League has made club history as it represents their best-ever performance in Europe.



WHY WE RE HERE

Djurgarden's Conference League campaign began in the second qualifying round in July, when they defeated Luxembourger side, Progres, 3-1 on aggregate, before overcoming Finnish club, Ilves, 4-2 on aggregate in the third qualifying round - the stage at which Chelsea entered - and they made it through to the league phase with a pair of 1-0 victories over Slovenian outfit, Maribor. Four wins, one draw and one defeat in their six league-phase fixtures meant that Djurgarden finished fifth, qualifying them directly for the Round of 16. They saw off Cypriot league leaders, Pafos, 3-1 on aggregate to progress to the quarter-finals of a UEFA competition for only the second time in their history. After losing 1-0 at home to Rapid Vienna in the first leg, they achieved their most remarkable result yet, winning 4-1 after extra time in Austria to make it to the semi-finals. However, a 4-1 defeat in the first leg at home has left them needing a big victory here at the Bridge tonight.





HE PLAYED FOR THEM

With 131 caps to his name, Kim Kallstrom has appeared more times for the Swedish national team than all but three players. The playmaker won back-to-back league titles with Djurgarden in 2002 and 2003, the first as part of a domestic double, before moving on to play for Rennes, Lyon, Spartak Moscow, Arsenal and Grasshoppers. He returned to Djurgarden for one final season in 2017, when traffic following the announcement of his signing crashed the club's website. More recently, Spurs midfielder Lucas Bergvall signed from Djurgarden at the start of this season, making him the Swedish club's biggest-ever transfer. His younger brother, Theo, currently plays for the club too.

SEVENTY YEARS IN THE MAKING

The first-ever European Cup was contested in 1955/56, when Chelsea were the reigning champions of England. In fact, our club secretary at the time, John Battersby (below), had been involved in the meetings exploring the idea of the competition and was all for it. However, the powers that be in English football had other ideas.

"The Football League had a rule," Battersby later explained, "whereby they had power to authorise – or not – participation by clubs with other nationals, and they used that clause to stop us."

Chelsea had been included in the first-round draw prior to withdrawing from the competition and our opponents were set to be Djurgarden, who ended up beating our replacement, Gwardia Warsaw, before going out to Scottish club, Hibernian, in the quarter-finals. Seventy years later, we are now finally meeting them in European competition.



PREVIOUSLY

Chelsea have played a number of friendlies against Swedish opposition, dating back to 1936, but we have never met Djurgarden before. This is only the fifth time. however, that we have played a Swedish club in UEFA competition. The first was against Atvidabera in the second round of the European Cup Winners' Cup in 1971/72, when we followed a goalless first leg in Sweden with a 1-1 draw at Stamford Bridge, despite Peter Osgood's best efforts (pictured), condemning us to defeat on the away goals rule and ending our defence of the trophy. Twenty-seven years later, we met Helsingborg in the first round of the same competition - again as holders - and this time we progressed with a 1-0 aggregate victory, thanks to a Frank Leboeuf goal in the first leg. More recently, we have met Malmo twice - defeating them 5-1 over two legs in the first knockout round of the Europa League on our way to lifting the trophy in 2019, then beating them 4-0 at home and 1-0 away in the Champions League group stage in 2021/22.





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JACOB RINNE Position Goalkeeper Age 31 Nationality Swedish Last club Al-Fateh



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MARCUS DANIELSON Position Defender Age 36 Nationality Swedish Last club Dalian Pro



JACOB UNE Position Defender Age 31 Nationality Swedish Last club Brommapojkarna



MIRO TENHO Position Defender Age 30 Nationality Finnish Last club HJK Helsinki



ADAM STAHL Position Defender Age 30 Nationality Finnish Last club Mjallby



VIKTOR BERGH Position Defender Age 25 Nationality Swedish Last club Varnamo



ATLEE MANNEH
Position Defender
Age 18
Nationality Swedish
Source Djurgarden

ALIEU



KEITA KOSUGI Position Defender Age 19 Nationality Japanese Last club Shonan Bellmare



It's been quite a year for the Japanese full-back, who only celebrated his 19th birthday in March. Kosugi had yet to make his serior professional debut when he moved to Sweden at the beginning of 2024, but in the second half of lost season he established himself as a key player for Djurgarden, with his technical qualities standing out alongside his endurance. The Japan Under-20 international has featured regularly throughout Djurgarden's Conference League campaign and he scored a wonderful goal in the second leg of the quarter-finals against Rapid to cap a superb individual display.



MELVIN VUCENOVIC PERSSON Position Defender Age 18 Nationality Swedish



RASMUS SCHULLER Position Midfielder Age 33 Nationality Finnish Last club HJK Helsinki

Source Djurgarden



TOBIAS GULLIKSEN

Nationality Norwegian Last club Bodo/Glimt



DANIEL **STENSSON**

Position Midfielder Age 28 Nationality Swedish



HAMPUS FINNDELL

Position Midfielder Age 24 Nationality Swedish Last club Viking



PATRIC ASLUND

Position Midfielder Age 22 Nationality Swedish Last club Vasteras



ISAK ALEMAYEHU MULUGETA

Position Midfielder Age 18 Nationality Swedish Source Djurgarden



CARL **SELFVEN**

Position Midfielder Age 18 Nationality Swedish Source Djurgarden



TOKMAC NGUEN

Position Forward Age 31 Nationality Norwegian Last club Ferencyaros



AUGUST PRISKE

Position Forward Age 21 Nationality Danish Last club Midtjylland



SANTERI **HAARALA**

Position Forward Age 25 Nationality Finnish Last club Ilves



JANI HONKAVAARA

Age 49 Nationality Finnish Appointed January 2025







It's been a season of rapid progress for Tyrique George, who has moved from the Academy to the first-team dressing room and now found his scoring touch. We caught up with the 19-year-old subject of the Chelsea supporters' newest chant

KICKING ON

INTERVIEW // DOMINIC BLISS

Let's take you back to a memorable moment last month. How did it feel to see your effort from the edge of the box go in at Fulham for your first Premier League goal?

That was good, wasn't it? To be fair, it felt like slow motion – it was weird. I hit it and I just saw it go in the corner, but when Pedro picked up the ball, I was like, 'Oh my God, we actually still need to win the game,' so I just turned around and ran back.

And at the end of the game it must have been quite nice to hear the fans singing:

Tyrique George! (Aha) Running down the wing (aha) Hear the Chelsea sing (aha) We're all going to Wroclaw!

The chant! To be fair, I heard it when I was walking across the pitch at the start of the game. I was just really happy, and obviously to hear it when we won the game was just mad. Everyone was shouting and all the players pushed me to the front, it was a nice feeling. I was just happy; that was a good day. Yeah. I was just trying to keep a little composure – it was good.

Before that, you got your first senior goal away at Legia Warsaw. How was that?

A massive moment. I just saw Reece hit it and I thought, 'This keeper might drop it,' so I just followed it. Luckily it came to me and I tucked it in. I'd played in a few games prior and I'd always wanted to score, so for it finally to happen, I was really happy.

Reece posted on his Instagram Story how pleased he was for you. Does that sum up the relationship between the established players in the squad and the lads who are taking their first steps as firstteam players?

Yeah, especially him, because he came through the Academy, so you kind of look up to him as well. You want to follow his steps. He's the captain and he came through the Academy. So I appreciated it when he posted that, it was a nice feeling.

Do you feel the Conference League has provided you with a good platform to show what you can do in your first season as a first-teamer?

Yeah, definitely. It's a great competition for me to get some minutes. It's a bit harder in the Premier League because I'm quite young, so to gain men's experience in the Conference League is good and I've enjoyed it.

Every time I step on the pitch it's always to try and seize the opportunity, trying to impress the manager, and also to try and have fun with it because playing at Stamford Bridge is always nice.

Did you ever play at Stamford Bridge as an Academy player?

Yeah, I played here once before joining the first team – in the Under-18s final – but we lost.

It's just louder, isn't it? Compared to the Under-18s game, when there wasn't many there – just parents really – to go to playing in front of so many people like that is just crazy, but obviously it's good.



What were you looking to get out of this season when it started?

It was just about experience, really. They obviously believed in me, that's kind of why I got promoted to the first team, so it's just experience, learning off the older players and if you get the opportunity, try and take it, try to impress the manager. That's what you're trying to do.

Take us back to the beginning. How and when did you join Chelsea?

I joined the Under-8s for a Sunday league team called TFA Totteridge, in north London, and I got spotted from there. Then I just went through the development centre and came to the Academy. I got signed at Under-9s and I've been here ever since.

So you're a north Londoner?

Yeah, north London, then I moved to south when my parents did, and I joined the full-time programme here as well at Under-15s, 16s.

At the start I lived at home, then I went to digs, and then I went back home. It wasn't a long journey, but I just missed my family, so that's why I went back home. Your parents and your family play a massive part, just the support – especially my dad who was always driving me from a young age, and he still gives me advice to this day.

Is he a footballer himself?

Nah, he's just a massive football person. He's really into the game, so he just gives me tips. He always watches games, watches all Chelsea games and, if not, just general football.

Was he your first coach, in a sense?

Yeah, of course. When I was younger, he used to coach me – we'd go to Power League, or Goals, or something like that, and he just used to coach me, improve, lots of training. He was maybe my first coach, you could say.

That's interesting. Were you mainly learning to play in cages as opposed to parks then?

I'd probably say cages, like Goals and Power League. Sometimes if there was a game, my dad would just tell me to go in and go play.

See, I reckon that influences the way you play...

Yeah, definitely. It's the freedom and the expressiveness, stuff like that. It's kind of like now, when you get into those one-vone positions and you can show your ability.

Because you're learning to play in tight spaces from a young age.

Yeah, exactly. From the word go, straight away. You can't be too slow in a cage or you'll just get tackled.

There was a moment in the home leg against Copenhagen when you got on the ball in the middle of the pitch, dropped inside two players, then played a deft little ball into their half. You looked like a wily old playmaker!

[Laughs] Yeah, I remember that. I don't even know, it just came to me and I chopped in a little bit and turned. It just sort of came naturally, but again... the cages... maybe that's where it helps.







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How has it felt to see so many Academy boys involved with the first team at various points this season?

It just shows that the Academy is really good, there are so many players making debuts and stuff like that and it's a really good testament to the coaches and the culture in the Academy here. It's the upbringing here, the training is always at a high intensity and you can't really afford to drop standards because they will pull you up. Everyone, throughout the whole Academy, since Under-9s or 10s, has had to train at a good level. So it's always competitive.

Did you ever have moments when you were sweating on being released as you came to the end of a year group?

Yeah, mainly when I was younger – 9s, 10s, 11s. And then, when I got to 12, I thought I'm not really going to get released – I was confident in my own ability. So it was mainly when I was younger that I was wondering, 'Oh my gosh, am I going to get retained or released?' But it's kind of good because it shows it's competitive as well.

At what point did you start to think you could become a professional footballer?

It's 16s, going onto 18s, that you make a big jump. Once you get to 18s, it kind of gets serious. At that age, you're inexperienced. For example, in my first year at Under–18s, I barely played that much – I played a bit here and there. It was only in my second year that I started making a name for myself a little bit more, scoring goals and stuff like that.

I think it's then, when you make that jump from 16s to 18s, you're thinking, 'Oh, I could actually be a pro here.' You have to take it seriously.

When you were in the Under-18s and Under-21s, you gained a reputation for scoring spectacular goals. You had this habit of just cutting inside and letting fly...

Yeah, that was my thing! When I was on the left, I just used to cut in and shoot. I used to practice it a lot in training and it just worked in the games as well.

It's the second leg of a European semi-final tonight. Do you start to think about winning silverware at this stage?

Oh yeah, definitely. I think to win it would be really good for the team and our morale as well.

We are in a battle with a number of clubs to qualify for the Champions League next season too.

It's a massive focus. That's what we're training for every day – for the Champions League spots. To play in that next season would just be a really good experience.

The intensity will be very high until the end of the season – we're trying to play for something and there will be a lot of hard work.

To finish, how would you summarise your season up to this point?

I'd say I'm very happy, to be fair. It's my first season in men's football, in the first-team changing room, and I'm kind of adapting. It's been a good experience and I just want to kick on even more next season and just keep going as my career continues.



STORY OF THE FIRST LEG



Djurgaden 1-4 Chelsea Alemayehu Muluqeta 68

Sancho 12, Madueke 43, Jackson 59, 65



3Arena



01.05.25, 8pm

The Blues took control of this UEFA Conference League semi-final with a dominant performance in the first leg. with Nicolas Jackson's second-half break helping us secure a commanding 4-1 victory.

The home support were in full voice at the start of the game at the 3Arena, but an early goal from Jadon Sancho went some way to silencing them. Our No19 was found in the box by a brilliant pass from Enzo Fernandez and he took the time to steady himself and pick his spot, meaning the Swedish defender rushing back in a last-ditch attempt to block was unable to keep his shot out.

Fernandez was involved in our second too, just before the interval, setting up Noni Madueke to fire a low shot past the keeper at his near post, taking his Conference League tally for the season to four.

Enzo Maresca made four changes at half-time, and one of the new arrivals played a big part in helping us to double our tally with two quick-fire goals either side of the hour mark. For our third, Jackson benefited from a mix-up at the back to nip in between defender and goalkeeper, which left him with the simplest of finishes.



There was nothing straightforward about his second, though, as it was a moment of individual brilliance by the Senegalese striker. Another half-time sub, Moises Caicedo, won possession high up the pitch and Jackson quickly shifted the ball onto his left foot for an unstoppable curler into the top corner.

However, Djurgarden supporters did have something to cheer when Isak Alemavehu Muluaeta's header at the back post bounced off the turf, up onto the crossbar and past Filip Jorgensen.

That reduced the deficit to three, which is how it remained at the full-time whistle as we took a big step towards reaching the final, where the winner of this tie will meet either Real Betis or Fiorentina.



NICOLAS JACKSON

"I'm very happy we won and now we are a step closer to the final. I'm very confident and especially pleased with my second goal, but the most important thing is that we won. It was a very good performance - we attacked very well and now we are looking forward to the next one."

Formation: 4-3-3

Substitutions: Alemayehu Mulugeta for Haarala (63), Tenho for Danielson (64), Bergh for Kosugi (80) Unused subs: Croon, Atlee Manneh, Selfven, Vucenovic Persson

Booked: Gulliksen 90 Head coach: Jani Honkavaara



Formation: 4-3-3

Substitutions: Chalobah for Cucurella (h/t), Palmer for Fernandez (h/t), Jackson for Madueke (h/t), Caicedo for James (h/t), Walsh for George (88) Unused subs: Bergstrom, Curd, Gusto. Colwill, Amougou, Neto, Mheuka Booked: Caicedo 82. Tosin 90

Head coach: Enzo Maresca

Referee: Sandro Scharer (Switzerland)
Attendance: 26,703



STATS

- > Chelsea have been beaten in just one of our last 15 matches in UEFA competition semi-finals (W6 D8).
- > This was our sixth straight away victory in Europe, while we have also scored four goals or more in five Conference League games this season.
- > This was Djurgarden's 17th outing in UEFA club competitions in 2024/25, which is a record for a Swedish club. We were playing our 13th game in the Conference League this term.



BENOIT BADIASHILE

"The first 10 or 15 minutes were tough for us. We tried to control the game after, so the early goal really helped us a lot. We knew that the second half would be tough as well, so Enzo told us to keep going and to score more goals. It was a nice atmosphere and we won, so we are happy."







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Happy 18th birthday to the most amazing son, and a true Chelsea fan, **Dimi!** We wish you all the happiness in the world! From Mum, Dad, Dani and Questa.



Jamir Valiyamannil (founder and secretary of the Dubai Blues Supporters Club) celebrated his birthday earlier this week and his daughter, Rooh Zaya, turns one at the end of this month.



Happy 19th, **Rahul** – a massive Blues fan since the age of six! Enjoy the game and soak in the atmosphere at the ground. All our love, Mum, Dad and Sanjay.



Elloah is three months old and she has already done the stadium tour with her grandparents. Her parents can't wait to take her for her first match at the Bridge as they are big Chelsea fans!



Happy first birthday, **Rian!** Daddy, Mommy and brother Jon love you very much. Hope to see you and your brother one day play for Chelsea!



Zaylen was born in January. He's only just arrived, can't walk or talk yet – but he was born a Blue, just like it should be! Welcome to the squad, our little Stamford star!

PAUL LAGAN: 1959-2025



All at Chelsea Football
Club were deeply
saddened to hear that
Paul Lagan, a longstanding and highly
respected correspondent
and loyal supporter, has
passed away at the age
of 66.

Paul was a regular.

smiling presence in the press rooms at Stamford Bridge, Kingsmeadow, Cobham, or anywhere a Chelsea team happened to be playing.

He covered the club for a number of publications and websites, including the South London Press and, most recently, his own site, Capital Football, and was known for his warmth and his profound knowledge of all things Chelsea. His presence in the press box here will be missed and we send our heartfelt condolences to his family at this difficult time.



We all follow THE CHELSEA



HARRI HEMMI

Swedish Blues

I started supporting Chelsea in my formative years. I was collecting all the little football pictures in albums, and I thought the Chelsea kit was brilliant.

I had a subscription to the programme and it was all Chelsea. I remember I phoned the club a lot of times to ask about the score in the beginning, and we listened to BBC World Service on the radio to keep up to date.

My first memory is the FA Cup final against Leeds United in 1970, and they used to show English games live on the telly in Sweden – it was like Christmas when Chelsea were on. That's why everyone has got an English football team that they follow here.

So it started there and then I went over for the first time in March 1978, when we drew 2-2 against Newcastle. Ron Harris scored the first Chelsea goal I ever saw live – and the crowd was around 22,000.

There were a few other Chelsea supporters in school, but they weren't as fanatical as I was, because I started going over a lot when I was about 20. I've got a lot of friends in England now – you could write to the programme and ask for pen pals in those days, and I got a few replies. Even now, I'm friends with them after all these years. It's really nice.

It became a regular thing for me pretty quickly after that first visit because I got a membership, and I've now been to 243 Chelsea matches after coming to the Everton game last month. So there have been a lot of occasions to pick my favourites from – but the FA Cup final in 1997 was great because it was the first title for so many years and Chelsea were a bit up and down during that time.

I actually saw them in my home town – Vasteras – for pre-season in 1981. It's an hour north of Stockholm and I saw the players and manager, and everything. It was heaven! You could mix with the players and there were a few fans who came over as well. They were in Sweden quite a lot in those days – they did a tour a few years later in the north of Sweden, and we followed that as well. They also played in Aland, a little island off Sweden. They were lovely times because I knew the guy who took all the English teams to Sweden, so he always told me when Chelsea were coming and I could take time off work to be around the team all the time.

These days, when I come over to London for a game, I see my mates in the pub beforehand – we stay in the Ibis Hotel, and they have a nice bar called Barnaby's where it's quiet so you get served quickly, and we go there when it's a night game. Then my mates often go to the Hereford Arms in Gloucester Road so we go there too. I remember taking a lot of friends from Sweden to the So Bar, when it used to be called that, across the road from Stamford Bridge and there was a lot of singing in there. They were all amazed by the atmosphere in there, which was great.

Now we are playing a Swedish team in Europe again and Djurgarden is on our doorstep, so it gave the Swedish Blues a chance to meet our English friends in Stockholm before the game last week.

Djurgarden have fanatical support, which you will see, and they sing a lot. I think the team has a lot of injuries now, so I think Chelsea should beat them quite easily actually, but you never know. It's their Champions League final to play Chelsea, so they'll be up for it.

It's special when Chelsea play a Swedish team in Europe and the interest goes up quite a lot here for these games, so it's always nice for us Swedish Blues and we're looking forward to it.

I CAME OVER THE FIRST TIME IN MARCH 1978, WHEN WE DREW 2-2 WITH NEWCASTLE. RON HARRIS SCORED THE FIRST CHELSEA GOAL I SAW LIVE!

YOU BRING THE HEAT WE BRING THE PROTECTION







BLUE DAYS



DANIEL FINKELSTEIN

Director

Here's one of my favourite jokes. A man posts on social media that he has been lucky enough to get tickets to the cup final. Unfortunately, he has discovered that it is the same day as his wedding. "So, if any of you are free to go in my place, it's at St James's church and her name is Julie."

In 2008, when we made the final of the Champions League, I realised that I had stupidly scheduled to make a speech that night at a local synagogue. I'm very strict about such things and I never cancel. I missed a chance to hang out with Paul McCartney once because I had been booked to give a taik in Geneva, and you can't let people down. Worse, I missed my own children playing the guitar solo and bass on Bohemian Rhapsody at a school concert, because I'd agreed to appear at someone else's school as a speaker and they'd advertised it to the parents.

But in the moments after we got through the semi, as we cheered the team, I realised that I couldn't, I simply couldn't, miss the final. I persuaded a friend to fill in for me at the synagogue and promised them I'd come myself on another occasion.

I don't regret that, even though, of course, we went on to lose to United in a heartbreaking way. And this isn't just because it meant I could watch the final, it is also because my decision allowed me to enjoy those precious minutes at the end of the semi. To celebrate what had been achieved and what was now possible.

Semi-finals are special occasions. Life-enhancing moments. Whatever the opponent, whatever the competition.

Tonight is a chance to progress to the final of a competition we have never won, and gives us a shot at completing our collection of silverware. Chelsea have won so much and we are ambitious to be in even bigger tournaments and lift even more prestigious trophies. But that doesn't mean that this evening is anything but a big occasion.

As a fan, I went through a quarter of a century in which we won just two minor trophies (the Full Members' Cup in 1986 and 1990). No matter how much else we have won since, I will never ever take reaching a final for granted.

I've really enjoyed our Conference League campaign, both home and away. And the first leg of the semi saw us playing some of our best football, setting us up for the weekend's heroics against Liverpool. The habit of winning is really important to a team. Just as our 2005 champions showed when they won the League Cup before going on to be title winners.

I have to travel to be at tonight's game. It's quite possible that by the time kick-off comes around, I won't have slept much at all in about a day and a half. But I wouldn't miss it for the world.

We've still got work to do, and a tough opponent who demand respect. But I am hoping for another classic night at the Bridge. And I've prudently left 28 May free in my diary, just in case.

Come on Chelsea!



SEMI-FINALS ARE ALWAYS SPECIAL. THIS IS A CHANCE TO REACH THE FINAL OF A COMPETITION WE HAVE NEVER WON

Blues in Black & White



In 1966, a supporter called Clifford Webb wrote into the matchday programme with the following suggestion: "From now on we wish the Fulham Road End to be called 'The Shed'. That is the section where the fanatics stand – and, while we are on fanatics, why don't more people come in the Shed and join in the singing and chanting, instead of just at big matches..."

The change in the makeup of those who stood on the terrace had started a few years earlier, as part of a wider transformation in youth culture during the 1960s, and Clifford got his wish in the years to come, as more and more fans – as "fanatics" came to be known – flocked to The Shed. Here it is in full swing back in 1980, courtesy of former club photographer and programme editor, Hugh Hastings.





Voices of Stockholm '98

WORDS // DOMINIC BLISS

The visit of a club from Sweden's capital takes us back to one of our great European trips, when Gianluca Vialli's Chelsea side and thousands of Blues fans descended on Stockholm for the Cup Winners' Cup final in 1998. Here's how the men on the pitch that night remember it



CHELSEA: Unscripted

A fair few Chelsea fans would have been feeling nostalgic as they touched down in Stockholm for the first leg of this tie last week. Back in 1998, the city was the scene of our second European triumph, and our first for 27 years, as we defeated Stuttgart in the Cup Winners' Cup final at the since-demolished Rasunda Stadium.

The fact we were there at all was down to a spectacular semi-final comeback against Vicenza, who beat us 1-0 in the first leg in Italy before taking an early lead at the Bridge. It meant we needed three to stay in the competition, due to the away goals rule – and we did just that, thanks to goals from Gus Poyet, Gianfranco Zola and Mark Hughes, roared on by a raucous crowd who had just seen their team win the Coca-Cola Cup at the end of March.

All of this came shortly after the shock sacking of hugely popular manager, Ruud Gullit, who was succeeded by another beloved Blues figure, Gianluca Vialli, in the dugout, as he took on the role of player-manager in mid-February.

Our fourth-place league finish that season was our highest since 1970, and three days after a 2-0 win over Bolton Wanderers on the final day of the Premier League campaign, the squad travelled to Stockholm looking to write a new chapter in our European history.

"It was brilliant times, wasn't it?" said Danny Granville, who played left-back that night. "A European run, under floodlights, and the last time we'd won the competition was in Peter Osgood's time. I always remember Wisey and the older players saying, 'All we hear about is them winning it!' So we were determined to do it again."

Granville had scored a spectacular goal against Slovan Bratislava in the first round and with Graeme Le Saux, Celestine Babayaro and Frank Sinclair out, he got the nod for the final in his first full season with the club, having joined from Cambridge United the previous March.

"Vialli came in and he had a different way of doing things," he recalled. "We were already out there, preparing for the game, and I was rooming with Tore Andre Flo, when they said I was playing.

"With that way of selecting the line-up, you've got time to think about the game, knowing you're in the team, which helps you to prepare and visualise what you're going to do in the game.

"That's nerve-wracking, when you're doing a run through in the stadium the night before, knowing you're preparing for a final the next day."

For others, the nerves in the build-up were more about proving their fitness on the way back from injury, including two of the most important players in the side, Dennis Wise and Gianfranco Zola.

"Myself and Franco were injured at the time and we didn't know if we were going to get back and play," Wise remembered. "We both managed to be fit for the game and Luca decided to start me, but didn't start Franco."

Vialli instead chose to pick himself up front, alongside Flo. Meanwhile, Zola was at the end of a movie-style race to recovery from a hamstring injury, and eventually made the bench for the final.

"For me, it was desperation at the beginning," he said, "because I'd had injuries like that before, so I knew that it was very difficult for me to take part in that final. But, luckily, I had people to help me recover fast and that was very, very important. One was Terry Byrne, who was the physio at Chelsea in that moment, and the other was a physio that I had when I was with the national team in Italy, who really

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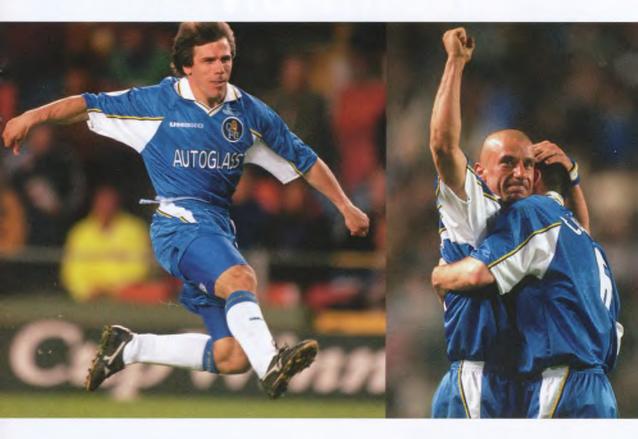


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CHELSEA: Unscripted



helped me many times previously when I had bad injuries. Both of them helped me to play in that game because otherwise I was going to struggle to make it."

Another player struggling to make it was centre-back Michael Duberry.

"I got Bell's palsy, which is like a mini-stroke in your face and you lose the muscles in one side of your face," he explained. "Just before the biggest game of my life!

"I was really gutted but luckily Luca [Vialli] played me. In fact, if you look at some of the photos of me with the trophy, you can see my face is all lop-sided. If I wanted to speak, I had to hold my mouth up so the words could come out."

In the years to come, Doobs would look back on the seemingly mundane moments of that day with the wisdom of age, wishing he'd made more of the occasion, like two senior players in the squad who didn't end up getting on the pitch that night.

"I remember Mark Hughes and Hitchy [Kevin Hitchcock] were out in the stadium, taking pictures, savouring it all," he recalled, "and now I see that moments like that don't happen all the time. As a young lad, you think it's going to be the norm. Obviously, for the club it did become the norm, but I wasn't to be part of that afterwards."

The game itself was fairly forgettable, certainly not a patch on the drama of the semi-final, but the destination of

the trophy did hinge on one man's moment of pure theatre, as an increasingly agitated Zola finally awaited the nod to rise from the bench while the second half of a goalless game dragged on.

"Four years before, I lost the same final with Parma, against Arsenal," explained Zola. "So, for me the game had a lot of meaning and therefore when I didn't play I was a little bit frustrated, but I understood.

"When I didn't come on at the start of the second half, I was starting to get more frustrated, so when I came on, it was with a lot of determination, passion and a little bit of frustration."

Wise saw something extra in his team-mate as he finally entered the fray in place of Flo on 71 minutes.

"He came on and you could see all the frustration and adrenaline going," said the skipper. "He was upset he hadn't started."

Seconds later, Wise saw an opportunity to play the substitute in behind, and he didn't waste his chance.

"It was a very good ball from Dennis - very unlike him to give such a quality ball!" chuckled Zola. "No, I'm only joking. It was a beautiful ball that sent me through, I think



OWN THE SHIRT WORN ON THE PITCH



CHELSEA: Unscripted

it was 20 seconds after I came on the pitch, and the contact I made with the ball was perfect. I was running and, without thinking, I hit the ball right in the middle of it and the trajectory was very good. It's one of those things that you do without intention and there was such power that I couldn't miss really."

Zola's wild-eyed, rapid finger-firing celebration said everything about the pent-up energy he had brought onto the field that night. Flo had barely made his way to his seat when the ball hit the back of the net, but he later admitted he couldn't have been more pleased to have been substituted!

"I'm so happy such a nice guy could be the hero," he said, adding, "I can also say I played my part in the winner!"

The job wasn't done yet, though, and Granville also remembers the tension of the moments that followed.

"Even after we scored, I looked at it and thought, 'That's 20 minutes, plus, for us to hang on.' They were applying pressure and the pitch was bobbly, so you couldn't really play great football."

On 84 minutes, the task got tougher when Dan Petrescu received an incredibly soft red card for a challenge that he is still protesting all these years later.

"I never touched this guy," he told the programme earlier this season. "If we had VAR, it's not a red! But if we didn't win, I would have felt very bad because I let the team down."

Fortunately, his team-mates held on, and the trophy we had first won in Athens back in 1971 was ours again.

"I can remember the massive cheer that went up around the stadium when the final whistle went," said Duberry. "I was so happy!

"Andy Myers, Paul Hughes and Jody Morris were there and we'd all come through the ranks. It was amazing. There I was, representing a Chelsea team that won in Europe."

"It was just sheer relief that we'd won," said Granville, recalling the moment the Chelsea dugout emptied onto the field. "We were on the pitch afterwards for ages, raising the cup, then I remember everyone doing a little run and slide with the cup in front of the fans. It was just euphoric and it was all shared with the supporters.

IT WAS A TROPHY THAT HELPED US A LOT BECAUSE IT WAS THE FIRST WE'D WON IN EUROPE FOR A LONG TIME. IT GAVE US A NEW DIMENSION



"We got on the coach afterwards and we had our little Nokias and we were ringing people back home. I remember someone telling me Alan Hansen had been singing my praises on BBC and I was thinking, 'Bloody hell!'"

Zola, the hero of the hour, looks back on that triumph now as a pivotal moment in the club's history, launching us towards another stratosphere.

"It was a trophy that helped us a lot because it was the first for a long time that we won in Europe," he says. "It was very good for everyone involved in the club.

"In those days Chelsea were growing as a team in England. We were going up in positions in the league and we won the FA Cup in 1997, so winning the Cup Winners' Cup the next year was very important because it started to give us credentials in Europe, and when you have better credentials in Europe you can attract better players. I think it was the beginning of a process that was very important for the club. I believe it gave us a new dimension."

13.05.98, European Cup Winners' Cup final VfB Stuttgart O

Chelsea 1

Zola 71

Chelsea (4-4-2): De Goey; Clarke, Leboeuf, Duberry, Granville; Petrescu, Wise (c), Di Matteo, Poyet (Newton 80); Vialli, Flo (Zola 71) Unused subs: Hitchcock, M Hughes, Myers, Charvet, Morris

CFC AWARDS

Chelsea supporters and players from our men's, women's and Academy sides headed to Grosvenor House for the club's end-of-season awards dinner on Sunday. Read on to find out who picked up the prizes on an unforgettable night...



Men's Player of the Season Moises Caicedo

Blues supporters chose Caicedo as Men's Player of the Season, which is recognition of the midfielder's efforts during a brilliant second campaign for our No25 at Stamford Bridge.

The Ecuadorian has fulfilled a vital role in Enzo Maresca's midfield, and proven equally adept when deployed at right-back and asked to advance from that role. Caicedo has started every Premier League game for us so far, and regularly had the Stamford Bridge faithful roaring in appreciation after a well-timed challenge.

While the stats never tell the whole story of a player's contribution, Caicedo leads the way for us this term for successful tackles and interceptions, and he also ranks in the top 10 of both categories across the whole of the Premier League. He has chipped in with a goal and three assists, too, earning us a point away to Manchester United with a superb volley.

Caicedo's reliability and all-action midfield play has been a key factor in our season and he has skippered the side on occasion, too, further demonstrating his leadership qualities.

Women's Player of the Season Erin Cuthbert

It's the second time that Cuthbert has been named Women's Player of the Season in her illustrious career, as she won the award for the 2018/19 campaign.

The Scottish midfielder is a much more well-rounded player six years on, however, and she has played an integral role throughout Sonia Bompastor's first term in the dugout. Her consistency in the middle of the park has ensured she has been one of the first names on the team sheet in a campaign when she brought up 250 Blues appearances – an occasion she marked with a goal against West Ham United.

Cuthbert also delivered a crucial moment in the title race in a game against Manchester City, launching herself into a crowd of bodies to get her head to a cross in stoppage time to score the winner. With that, we moved a step closer to a sixth straight title – and the 26-year-old has played her part in all of them.



Men's Players' Player of the Season Moises Caicedo

There was a second award for Caicedo on the night, this time awarded to him by his team-mates, who recognised his invaluable contribution to the side this season.

He joins the likes of Eden Hazard, Thiago Silva and his current team-mate Cole Palmer as Blues who have won both the Players' Player and Player of the Year award in the same season.

Women's Players' Player of the Season Nathalie Bjorn

On the day that she celebrated her 28th birthday, Bjorn received the perfect gift from her team-mates after they chose her as their Players' Player of the Year.

The Swede has been a rock in the heart of our defence, forging a formidable partnership with Millie Bright – who she was nominated alongside for a WSL Player of the Month award in January.

In her first full season as a Blue, Bjorn has grown in stature and confidence, and become a real leader in our backline. She has delivered countless blocks and tackles to help preserve clean sheets, and shown her technical quality by starting attacks with pinpoint passes out from the back. She was also on target on an unforgettable night at the Bridge, when she scored in the incredible comeback in the second leg of our Champions League quarter-final against Manchester City.

























Men's Academy Player of the Season Tyrique George

George has enjoyed a breakout campaign at Stamford Bridge after stepping up from our Academy to move into the men's first-team dressing room.

The young forward has played 22 times for our senior team so far this term, with Maresca deploying him on either flank and as the central striker, and he has impressed with his direct running and confidence on the ball.

George, who only turned 19 in February, has featured in all 11 of our UEFA Conference League fixtures since we qualified for the competition proper, starting seven times. He notched his first senior goal in the win away to Legia Warsaw, and followed that up later in April with his first Premier League strike, the well-taken equaliser at Fulham that kickstarted a vital comeback.



NARDS OFFICE OFF

Women's Academy Player of the Season Lola Brown

This award caps a fine season for Brown, who started 2024/25 in the Academy and ends it with her first professional contract and a number of first-team appearances to her name.

The midfielder signed a three-year deal shortly after turning 17, which was swiftly followed by a Chelsea Women debut as she came on in our Champions League win at home to Celtic, and another European appearance against Twente.

Since then she has continued to gain valuable experience by training regularly with the first team, and she added another appearance last weekend when coming on in our 1-0 win over Spurs on the day she picked up her award.

PFA Community Champions Millie Bright and Marcus Bettinelli

The PFA Community Champion award highlights the contribution of players on our men's and women's teams who have gone above and beyond in their work with the Chelsea Foundation. "It's about being a genuine person and caring about the community," said Bright. "Giving back is a massive part of my values and being a Chelsea player as well."





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ROLL OF HONOUR

MEN'S PLAYER OF THE SEASON

1967	Peter Bonetti
1968	Charlie Cooke
1969	David Webb
1970	John Hollins
1971	John Hollins
1972	David Webb
1973	Peter Osgood
1974	
1974	Gary Locke
1976	Charlie Cooke
	Ray Wilkins
1977	Ray Wilkins
1978	Micky Droy
1979	Tommy Langley
1980	Clive Walker
1981	Petar Borota
1982	Mike Fillery
1983	Joey Jones
1984	Pat Nevin
1985	David Speedie
1986	Eddie Niedzwiecki
1987	Pat Nevin
1988	Tony Dorigo
1989	Graham Roberts
1990	Ken Monkou
1991	Andy Townsend
1992	Paul Elliott
1993	Frank Sinclair
1994	Steve Clarke
1995	Erland Johnsen
1996	Ruud Gullit
1997	Mark Hughes
1998	Dennis Wise
1999	Gianfranco Zola
2000	Dennis Wise
2001	John Terry
2002	Carlo Cudicini
2003	Gianfranco Zola
2004	Frank Lampard
2005	Frank Lampard
2006	John Terry
2007	Michael Essien
2008	Joe Cole
2009	Frank Lampard
2010	Didler Drogba
2011	Petr Cech
2012	Juan Mata
2013	Juan Mata
2014	Eden Hazard
2015	Eden Hazard
2016	Willian
2017	Eden Hazard
2018	N'Golo Kante
2019	Eden Hazard (top right)
2020	Mateo Kovacic
2021	Mason Mount
2022	Mason Mount
2023	Thiago Silva
2024	Cole Palmer
2025	Moises Coicedo

WOMEN'S PLAYER OF THE SEASON

2015	Eniola Aluko
2016	Katie Chapman
2017	Karen Carney
2018	Fron Kirby
2019	Erin Cuthbert
2020	Bethany England
2021	Fran Kirby
2022	Sam Kerr
2023	Sam Kerr (below)
2024	Lauren James
2025	Erin Cuthbert



MEN'S PLAYERS' PLAYER OF THE SEASON

2006	Claude Makelele
2007	Didier Drogba
2008	Ricardo Carvalho
2009	Ashley Cole
2010	Florent Malouda
2011	Ashley Cole
2012	Ramires
2013	Juan Mata
2014	Cesar Azpilicueta
2015	Eden Hazard
2016	Willian
2017	N'Gala Kante
2018	Willian
2019	Eden Hazard
2020	Not awarded
2021	Not awarded
2022	Not awarded
2023	Thiago Silva
2024	Cale Palmer
2025	Moises Caicedo

WOMEN'S PLAYERS' PLAYER OF THE SEASON

2018	Fran Kirby	
2019	Sophie Ingle	
2020	Not awarded	
2021	Not awarded	
2022	Not awarded	
2023	Sam Kerr	
2024	Jess Carter	
2025	Nathalie Bjorn	4



MEN'S ACADEMY PLAYER OF THE SEASON

2015	Dominic Salanke
2016	Fikayo Tomori
2017	Mason Mount
2018	Reece James (right)
2019	Conor Gallagher
2020	Billy Gilmour
2021	Tino Livramenta
2022	Harvey Vale
2023	Lewis Hall
2024	Alfie Gilchrist
2025	Tyrique George

WOMEN'S ACADEMY PLAYER OF THE SEASON

2024	Katie Cox
2025	Leia Braun



WOMEN



SONIA BOMPASTOR

HEAD COACH

After winning the WSL title a few days earlier against Manchester United, we had a game against Tottenham on Sunday and it was a good chance for us to show our DNA and our mentality.

Going into the game, we may have already achieved the big objective of being champions, but we also had an unbeaten league record to protect. No one has ever gone through a 22-game WSL season without losing and even though being invincible during the season won't bring us any extra trophies, it's more about showing the right mentality we have as competitors. I'm lucky enough to have players in my squad who are as competitive as myself and the staff, and I think that's really important to make sure that if we can break records, we just go for that again.

So, we talked about how staying unbeaten is a good thing, but how I also wanted us to make sure that we came to the home of one of our London rivals with the right mentality to win the game and to get three points, because I also know we can break another record with a certain number of points at the top of the table.

It's important because it's part of history I think when you are a player or a manager, and you are still doing the job, maybe it's not the best time for you to reflect. But I know later it will be important. It's always nice to be part of women's football history. So when you have the opportunity to do that, you go for it.

It was also a chance for me to rotate and get some answers from some of my players – and also for those players to show themselves for the FA Cup final that is







coming up after the WSL season finishes. It's always good for everyone to have the opportunity to perform and to show the manager they are ready to compete for that.

Overall, I was happy with how the game went – it was a great performance and a great result for us. The only goal came late in the first half, when Cat Macario (pictured left) was fouled inside the box and she put the penalty away Both teams had chances after that, but 1–0 was enough and we take the three points and move on to our last league game, which is against Liverpool here on Saturday.

Our fans were incredible again at Tottenham and I hope to see a lot of you cheering for us at Stamford Bridge when we receive the WSL trophy. We can always hear you at our games, wherever we play, and we'll need you again on Saturday. We want to have a great performance, to make sure we stay unbeaten, and we want to share the emotion of the day with you.

After the Tottenham game, we had a really nice evening at the club's end-of-season awards, which was a good opportunity to celebrate with everyone at Chelsea. Of course, as a manager your focus is always on the team and trying to win trophies together, but it is also nice for individuals to be recognised for their performances and all the hard work they put in over the course of the season.

Erin Cuthbert was chosen by the fans as their Player of the Season, Nathalie Bjorn was the Players' Player of the Season and Lola Brown got the Academy Player of the Season award. Congratulations to all three of them, and to everyone else who won an award at the event

04.05.25, Women's Super League

Tottenham Hotspur O

Chelsea 1

Macario 35 (pen)

Chelsea (4-2-3-1): Hampton, Lawrence, Mpome (Bjorn 62). Nusken, Reiten, Jean-Francois, Cuthbert (c) (Girma 63). Kaneryd, Macario (Brown 77), Hamano (Beever-Jones 78), Fishel (Kaptein 56)

WOMEN 2024/25

Date	Opposition		Res
SEPTEM	BER		
Fri 20	Aston Villa	H1	1-0
Fri 27	Crystal Palace	Α	7-C
ОСТОВІ	R		
Tue 8	Real Madrid (UWCL MD1)	H2	3-2
Sat 12	Arsenal	Α	2-1
Thu 17	FC Twente (UWCL MD2)	Α	3-1
Sun 20	Tottenham Hotspur	H1	5-2
NOVEMI	BER		
Sun 3	Everton	Α	5-C
Sun 10	Liverpool	Α	3-C
Wed 13	Celtic (UWCL MD3)	А	2-1
Sat 16	Manchester City	Н2	2-0
Wed 20	Celtic (UWCL MD4)	H2	3-0
Sun 24	Manchester United	H1	1-C
DECEME	BER		
Sun 8	Brighton & Hove Albion	H1	4-2
Wed 11	FC Twente (UWCL MD5)	H2	6-1
Sat 14	Leicester City	Α	1-1
Tue 17	Real Madrid (UWCL MD6)	Α	2-1
JANUAR	Y		
Sun 12	Charlton Athletic (WFAC 4)	H1	4-C
Sun 19	West Ham United	Α	5-0
Wed 22	Durham (WLC QF)	H1	5-0
Sun 26	Arsenal (1230pm)	H2	1-C
FEBRUA	RY		
Sun 2	Aston Villa	А	1-C
Wed 5	West Ham United (WLC SF)	H1	2-0
Sun 9	Everton (WFAC 5)	H1	4-1
Sun 16	Everton	H1	2-1
MARCH			
Sun 2	Brighton & Hove Albion	Α	2-2
Wed 5	Leicester City	H1	3-1
Sun 9	Crystal Palace (WFAC QF)	H1	1-C
Sat 15	Manchester City (WLC final)	Р	2-1
Wed 19	Manchester City (UWCL QF 1)	Α	0-2
Sun 23	Manchester City	Α	2-1
Thu 27	Manchester City (UWCL QF 2)	H2	3-0
Sun 30	West Ham United	H1	2-2
APRIL			
Sat 12	Liverpool (WFAC SF)	H1	2-1
Sun 20	Barcelona (UWCL SF 1)	Α	1-4
Wed 23	Crystal Palace	H1	4-C
Sun 27	Barcelona (UWCL SF 2)	Н2	1-4
Wed 30	Manchester United	Α	1-C
MAY			
Sun 4	Tottenham Hotspur	Α	1-C
Sat 10	Liverpool (12.30pm, Sky)	H2	
Sun 18	Manchester United (WFAC final, 1.30pm, BBC)	W	

H1 - Kingsmeadow Stadium. H2 - Stamford Bridge

UWCL – UEFA Women's Champions League WFAC – Women's FA Cup WLC – Women's League Cup

P - Pride Park. W - Wembley Stadium.
*Won 3-2 on aggregate. ^Lost 2-8 on aggregate

APPEARANCES 2024/25

Bright 34. Hampton 32, Kaneryd 27+7, Cuthbert 26+6. Bjorn 25+5. Bronze 26+4, Nusken 24+10, Ramirez 24+8. Baltimore 24+3. Beever-Jones 20+17, Reiten 19+8, Lawrence 18+11. Kaptein 16+15. Hamanc 16+14, Macario 16+15. Charles 14+6. James 13+4, Jean-Francois 11+11, Woish 10+3, Buchanan 6. Musovic 6. Mypome 5+5, Girma 4+2. Perisset 3+4. Fishel 1+3, L Brown 0+3. Bartel 0+2, Bernabe 0+2

GOALS 2024/25

Beever-Jones 12, Reiten 12 (6 pens), Macario 10 (4 pens), Ramirez 10, Baltimore 7 (1 pen), Cuthbert 7, Hamano 6, Kaneryd 5, Nusken 5, James 4 Kaptein 4 Bronze 3, Bjorn 2, Jean-Francois 2 Lawrence 2, Perisset 2 (1 pen), Charles 1, Fishel 1, own agals 4

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		Pld	W	D	L	GD	Pts
1	Chelsea	21	18	3	0	+42	57
2	Arsenal	21	14	3	4	+35	45
3	Man Utd	21	13	5	3	+26	44
4	Man City	21	12	4	5	+18	40
5	Brighton	21	8	4	9	-4	28
6	Liverpool	21	7	4	10	-14	25
7	West Hom	21	6	5	10	-3	23
8	Evertan	21	6	5	10	-8	23
9	Aston VIIIa	21	6	4	11	-14	22
10	Tottenham	21	5	4	12	-18	19
11	Leicester	21	4	5	12	-18	17
12	Crystal Palace	21	2	4	15	-42	10
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FILIPE COELHO

HEAD COACH

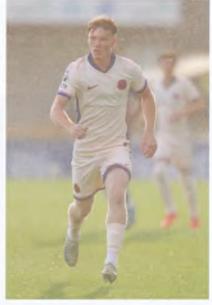
Last Friday, unfortunately, we lost to Crystal Palace in the quarter-finals of the Premier League 2 play-offs, which brought our season to a close.

To summarise, I think this game shows that the consistency we found this season was actually being inconsistent, in terms of performance. We showed that we can beat every team, but also that we can lose against

every team, and Palace is one of the best examples to outline this.

A few weeks ago, we beat them 4-2 and last week we suffered a big defeat against them, showing how inconsistent our performances can be, and I think it relates to a lack of maturity in dealing with these important and decisive matches.





Donnell McNeilly (left) trying to win back possession and Brodi Hughes (above) in action at the VBS Community Stadium. Genesis Antwi (opposite page) driving the team forward as we looked to get back into the game against Palace



We had our chances in the game. We controlled a big part of the first half, but almost every time that Palace arrived in the last third, they scored. Every time we created a chance, we were not clinical, and we were not there technically and physically. It's a very difficult one to digest but, because this is the last step of the Academy, hopefully everyone understands that it should provide an important step in building the winning mentality.

I said to the boys at the end of the match that, yes, it's a shame and it's embarrassing to lose a game by this score, but apart from that loss we have to stop and look in the rear-view mirror. We have to understand where we were at the beginning of the season, and where we are now. I looked at every single player in that changing room and I could see lots of points of development in them, and I'm happy about that.

At this level, it's obviously not all about winning, although being at Chelsea demands that because of the history of the club – winning should be in our blood. But it's also true that we were a very good back-up for the first team, for their training sessions, and also in terms of promoting young talent.

Fortunately, Enzo and all the first-team staff saw that quality and promoted lots of young players to make their debuts this season. In that respect, we did a very good Job, but because this is football, it's a sport where you fight for competitions, you always want to have some silverware on your journey as well, and unfortunately this season it was not possible.

02.05.25, Premier League 2, quarter-finals

Crystal Palace 6

Mustapha 9, 59, Cardines 41, Ola-Adebomi 63, 83, Marsh 90+5

Chelsea 0

Chelsea (4-2-3-1): Curd; Hughes (Kavuma-McQueen 64), Murray-Campbell, Emenalo, Samuels-Smith (Olise 90+2); McMahon (c), Rak-Sakyi; Antwi (Ampah 58), Dyer, Stutter (Mheuka h/t), McNeilly

U21s 2024/25

Date	Opposition		Res
AUGUS'			
Fri 16	Tottenham Hotspur	H1	1-2
Fri 23	Everton	H1	1-1
Wed 28	RB Leipzig (PLIC MD1)	H1	2-4
SEPTEM	MBER		
Sun 1	Middlesbrough	A	3-1
Sun 15	Brentford (PLC MD1)	H1	6-3
Sat 21	West Bromwich Albion	H1	1-2
Tue 24	Bromley (FLT MD1)	Α	3-2
Fri 27	West Ham United	Α	2-3
ОСТОВ	ÉR		
Tue 1	Anderlecht (PLIC MD2)	H1	4-0
Fri 4	Fulham	Α	6-0
Mon 21	Bournemouth (PLC MD2)	Α	4-1
Fri 25	Leicester City	H1	3-1
Tue 29	Charlton Athletic (FLT MD2)	Α	0-3
NOVEM	BER		
Fri 1	Arsenol	H1	2-1
Tue 5	Cambridge United (FLT MD3)	Α	0-1
Fri 8	Derby County (PLC MD3)	Α	3-4
Tue 26	Real Sociedad (PLIC MD3)	H1	2-1
Fri 29	Derby County	Α	6-2
DECEMI	BER		
Mon 16	Newcastle United	Α	2-3
Sat 21	Bournemouth (PLC MD4)	H1	2-1
JANUAR	Υ		
Tue 7	Sporting CP (PLIC MD4)	H1	1-2
Mon 13	Reading	H1	3-0
Fri 17	Nottingham Forest	Α	4-2
Fri 24	Southampton	H1	0-2
Mon 27	Brentford (PLC MD5)	Α	2-2
Fri 31	Derby County (PLC MD6)	H1	2-1
FEBRUA	RY		
Fri 7	Leeds United	H1	1-1
Sun 16	Liverpool	Α	3-0
Frì 21	Manchester United	H1	2-0
Fri 28	Manchester City	Α	0-5
MARCH			
Fri 7	Ipswich Town (PLC Rd of 16)	H1	2-1
Fri 14	Norwich City	А	3-1
APRIL			
Fri 4	Aston Villa	H2	4-1
Mon 7	Burnley (PLC QF)	Α	0-2
Mon 14	Crystal Palace	Α	4-2
Sat 26	Wolverhampton Wanderers (PL2 PO R16)	H1	4-0
MAY			
Fri 2	Crystal Palace (PL2 PO QF)	А	0-6

FLT - Football League Trophy

PLIC - Premier League International Cup

PLC - Premier League Cup H1 - Kingsmeadow Stadium

H2 - Stamford Bridge

APPEARANCES 2024/25

Samuels-Smith 32+2, Hughes 29+2, Dyer 28+4, McNeilly 27+5, Murray-Campbell 26-4, Wilson 22+3, Mheuke 20+8, McMahon 20+2. Rak-Sakyi 19+6, Merrick 17, Vale 15, Ampon 14-15, Diss 13+9, George 13+1, Emenalo 11+2, Morgan 10+11, Stutter 10+6, Matos 9+2, Antul 8+4, Curd 8, Akomech 7+2, Denny 6+7, Dwshington 6+7 Bergstrom 6, Sturge 5+6, Acheampong 5+1, Harrison 3+3, Kellyman 3+2, Bergstrom 6, Sturge 5+6, Acheampong 5+1, Harrison 3+3, Kellyman 3+2, Book 18, Sturge 5+6, Acheampong 5+1, Harrison 3+3, Kellyman 3+2, Book 18, Sturge 5+6, Acheampong 5+1, Harrison 3+3, Kellyman 3+2, Book 19, Sturge 18, Sturge 18,

GOALS 2024/25

McNeilly 15 (2 pens), Morgan 9, Vale 9, D Washington 9 (1 pen), George 6, Ampah 5, Mheuka 5 (2 pens), Denny 3, Dyer 3, Hughes 3, Kavuma-McQueen 3, Rak-Sakyi 3, Antwi 2, Kellyman 2, Olise 2, Samuels-Smith 2, Murray-Campbell 1, Runham 1, Silcott-Duberry 1, Stutter 1, Wilson 1, own goals 2

PREMIER LEAGUE 2 FINAL TABLE

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		Pld	GD	Pts			Pld	GD
1	Man City	20	+38	47	14	Wolves	20	-6
2	Fulham	20	+19	45	15	Nottm For	20	+4
3	Chelsea	20	+21	38	16	Liverpool	20	-2
4	West Ham	20	+6	38	17	Leeds	20	-5
5	Man Utd	20	+14	36	18	West Brom	20	-9
6	C Palace	20	+9	35	19	M'boro	20	-16
7	Soton	20	+7	34	20	Reading	20	-19
8	Arsenal	20	+6	33	21	Blackburn	20	-16
9	Newcastle	20	+2	32	22	Tottenham	20	-12
10	Leicester	20	+9	31	23	Derby	20	-16
11	Brìghton	20	+17	30	24	Norwich	20	-20
12	Evertan	20	-2	29	25	Stoke	20	-17
13	Sunderland	20	+13	28	26	Aston Villa	20	-25



HASSAN SULAIMAN

HEAD COACH

We ended our season with a very competitive game at Spurs. You very rarely get a O-O at youth-team level but it was quite a balanced game and I wouldn't be biased if I said that we edged it. We arguably had the better chances and probably should've won it.

Having said that, I think they probably started the better and got into their rhythm, their flow, a little bit quicker than we did. But once we regained possession, we were actually quite comfortable with the ball. We had a number

of entries into the final third, we had good control and good connections, and then we had a fantastic opportunity from a Harry McGlinchey cross which Sol Gordon volleyed narrowly wide. We certainly showed some really strong signs that we would go on to win the game during that first half.

In the second half, we had more control and we grew in confidence. It was great to have Kobe Barbour back in the team at the end of a very stop-start season for him, where he's only played a handful of games. You could see what





Harry McGlinchey (left) floated over a cross for Sol Gordon that brought a good save from the keeper Frankie Runham (above) and Kobe Barbour (opposite page) were also in action for the Under-18s



we've missed with his ability to beat players one-v-one and really accelerate the attack.

Shaun Wade also got his first minutes of the season after he returned from injury. He's another player that we've missed, with his pace and his energy. He causes opponents a real threat and it was good for him, on a personal level, to get back playing again after a tough year. I was really pleased for him to finish on a high so he can really hit the ground running next season.

Hezekiah Grimwade – an Under-15 – started the game, which was really encouraging as we foster the development of our younger players and expose them to Under-18s football. It shows that we're not afraid to start our young players in a really tough, physically competitive game against Tottenham. He had a really good first half, so there was lots for him to take from the game, to grow and learn and develop.

Overall, a stalemate wasn't what we wanted from the final game, and it does mean we won't finish top of the table after all the other teams finish their fixtures this weekend. We thought we could push it right to the end, and I will reflect on the season in more depth in my next column, but when I look at the growth of the group, there are a lot of positives to take. One of those is the huge number of minutes we have given to schoolboys in a season when we have still competed at the top end of the league, as well as in cup competitions. To do that with such a young squad is a real testament to our programme and we will be up there fighting again next season.

03.05.25, Under-18 Premier League Tottenham Hotspur 0

Chelsea 0

Chelsea (4-3-3): Austin, Wheeler-Henry, L. Richards, Subuloye, McGlinchey, Harrison (c), Runham, Walsh, Rabbaj (Wade 69), Gordon, Grimwade (Barbour h/t)

U18s 2024/25

Date	Opposition		Res
AUGUST			
Sat 17	Brighton & Hove Albion	Н	2-6
Sat 24	Arsenal	A	0-1
Tue 27	Stoke City (U18 PLC MD1)	H	3-2
Sat 31	Leicester City	Н	2-5
SEPTEM	IBER		
Tue 17	Arsenal (U17 PLC MD1)	A	0-0
Sat 21	Aston Villa	Н	6-2
Sat 28		А	3-2
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Tue 1	Charlton Athletic (U17 PLC MD2)	Н	3-1
Sat 5	Newcastle United (U18 PLC MD2)	Н	4-1
Sat 19	Reading	Н	1-2
Sat 26	Southampton	Α	1-2
NOVEM	BER		
Sat 2	Fulham	Н	2-1
Sat 9	Norwich City	Α	3-1
Sat 23	Millwall (U18 PLC MD3)	Α	4-1
Tue 26	Fulham (U17 PLC MD3)	A	4-0
Sat 30	Tottenham Hotspur	Н	3-3
DECEME	BER		
Fri 13	Leicester City (FAYC 3)	Α	3-2
Tue 17	Crystal Palace	Α	2-4
JANUAR	Y		
Sat 11	West Bromwich Albion	H	4-1
Wed 15	Merstham (FAYC 4)	H1	7-1
Sat 25	Brighton & Hove Albion	A	4-3
Wed 29	Tottenham Hotspur (U17 PLC QF)	Н	2-4
FEBRUA	RY		
Sat 1	Liverpool (U18 PLC QF)	Н	2-3
Sat 8	Leicester City	Α	3-1
Wed 12	Manchester United (FAYC 5)	Α	1-5
Sat 22	West Ham United	Н	2-2
MARCH			
Sat 1	Aston Villa	А	2-1
Sat 8	West Bromwich Albion	Α	4-2
Tue 11	Arsenal	Н	2-3
Sat 15	Crystal Palace	Н	I-C
APRIL			
Tue 1	Reading	Α	2-0
Sat 12	Southampton	Н	4-3
Tue 15	Fulham	А	0-1
Sat 26	Norwich City	Н	5-1
MAY			
Sot 3	Tottenham Hotspur	Α	0-0

U18 PLC - U18s Premier League Cup U17 PLC - U17s Premier League Cup FAYC - FA Youth Cup H - Cobham Training Ground H1 - Kingsmeadow Stadium

APPEARANCES 2024/25

Subuloye 31-1. Harrison 26. Wheeler-Henry 23-8. Gordon 21-4, Walsh 21-4. Emenalo 21. Ezenwata 19-7. Diakte 19-1. Antw. 19. Cardoso 17. Sands 16. McGlinchey 15-11. Kavuma-McQueen 15-9. Runham 15-1. Idrass 124-15. Nutter 10-10. L. Richards 9-3. Holland 8-6. Austin 8. Mheuka 7. Hall 6+2. Bernal 6. Watson 5-1. M Washington 4-5. Walte 4-2. Crampton 4. Philbert 3-5. Borbour 3-4. Nicoll-Jazuli 3-4. Rabbaj 3+3. Grimwade 3+1. Dyer 3. Olagunju 2+1. Rodda 1+2. Bell 1+1. Pennie 0+2. Eboue 0+1. Faromo-Adeboyo 0+1, Isaac Silva 0+1, Isago Silva 0+1, Sambou 0+1, Watson 0-1. Surbou 0-1. Watson 0-1.

GOALS 2024/25

Ezenwato 15 (2 pens) Gordon 15, Kavuma-McQueen 12, Mheuka 8 (3 pens), Walsh 6, Cardoso 5, Harrison 5 (5 pens), Runham 5, Philbert 3, Antwi 2, İdrissi 2, Nutter 2, Rabboj 2, Subuloye 2, Barbour 1 Diakite 1, Dyer 1, Emenalo 1, Nicoli-Jazuli 1, Pennie 1, Wheeler-Henry 1

UNDER-18 PREMIER LEAGUE - SOUTH

		Pld	W	D	L	GD	Pts
1	Southampton	24	13	6	5	+27	45
2	Aston Villa	22	14	2	6	+12	44
3	Chelsea	24	13	3	8	+12	42
4	Arsenal	23	12	5	6	+12	41
5	Crystal Palace	24	10	8	6	+9	38
6	Tottenham	22	10	7	5	+18	37
7	Fulham	23	11	3	9	+6	36
8	Reading	24	9	5	10	-12	32
9	Brighton	24	6	6	12	-9	24
10	Norwich	24	6	5	13	-16	23
11	Leicester	23	6	5	12	-18	23
12	West Ham	23	5	7	11	-15	22
13	West Brom	22	2	6	14	-26	12
Со	rrect up to and including	05.05.25					

WORDS // PAUL DUTTON

NUMBERS GAME

This is our 16th European semi-final, and we have progressed to the final in four of the last five – with the exception being a defeat to Atletico Madrid in the 2013/14 Champions League. We last made it to a continental final in 2020/21, when we won the Champions League, and that was the eighth we've reached in Europe, with our only loss coming in the 2007/08 Champions League final in Moscow.

Semi-final wins

1970/71 (ECWC), 1997/98 (ECWC), 2007/08 (UCL), 2011/12 (UCL), 2012/13 (UEL), 2018/19 (UEL), 2020/21 (UCL)

Semi-final exits

1965/66 (ICFC), 1994/95 (ECWC), 1998/99 (ECWC), 2003/04 (UCL), 2004/05 (UCL), 2006/07 (UCL), 2008/09 (UCL), 2013/14 (UCL)

The winners of this tie will play either Fiorentina or Real Betis in the final in Wroclaw on 28 May. The Spanish side lead 2-1 after the first leg in Seville.

This is the first time we've been drawn against Djurgarden. Of our 10 opponents in the Conference League this season, we'd never previously played against nine of them. Jadon Sancho and Nicolas Jackson opened their Conference League accounts in the first leg, extending our club record for different scorers in a single European campaign (excluding play-offs) to 16. The previous best of 13 was set in 2021/22 (excluding own goals).

Reggie Walsh came on in the first leg to become our youngest European debutant and third youngest in any competitive game. His number (81) was also the highest worn on a Chelsea shirt for a men's first-team match.

CFC DEBUT AGED 16

Ian Hamilton - 16y, 138d (debut 18 Mar 1967, scored v Spurs)

Kingsley Whiffen - 16y, 157d (9 May 1967)

Reggie Walsh - 16y 193d (1 May 2025)

Tommy Langley - 16y, 274d (9 Nov 1974)

Michael Woods - 16y, 275d (6 Jan 2007)

John Sparraw – 16y, 283d (13 Mar 1974)

Michael Harrison – 16y, 36Od (13 Apr 1957)



Our 4-1 victory in the first leg of this semi-final means that we have now won our last six Conference League away games by a combined scoreline of 18-4, scoring two or more goals in all six matches. We have also equalled our record of six consecutive away wins in Europe, set in 2003/04.

Chelsea have never been eliminated from European competition after recording an away victory in the first leg, winning 17 out of 17, including our two previous Conference League knockout ties this term.

Djurgarden overcame first-leg defeats to advance from both of their Conference League knockout ties on the way to this stage, including winning 4–1 away in the last round against Rapid Vienna.



Walsh was also the 37th different player we've selected in the Conference League this season (including play-offs). In the Round of 16, Genesis Antwi became the first Swedish player to play for the men's first team when he made his debut at home to Copenhagen.

Of the four Conference League semi-finalists, Chelsea average the youngest starting XI in the competition (23y 292d) and Djurgarden the oldest (27y 314d).



Tonight's game is our 15th consecutive fixture to be played in a capital city, a run which will end after tonight as we travel to Newcastle on Sunday. As well as 12 games in London, we've had trips to Copenhagen, Warsaw and Stockholm. Thanks to Bill Edgar of The Times for this one.

If Djurgarden win by a three-goal margin tonight the tie will go to extra-time after 90 minutes and, if necessary, penalties. Our last two-legged European tie settled by penalties was the 2019 Europa League semi-final against Eintracht Frankfurt, which we won.

Djurgarden were knocked out of the Conference League second qualifying round last season; a year later, they have reached their first-ever European semifinal, as well as becoming the first Swedish side to reach the last four of any European competition for 38 years.

Djurgarden's only previous European tie against an English side was when they met Manchester United in the first round of the 1964/65 Inter-Cities Fairs Cup, when they lost 7-1 on aggregate.

LOAN ACHIEVEMENTS

(Doncaster Rovers)

Ben Chilwell (Crystal Palace)	FA Cup finalist
Joao Felix IAC Miran'	Coppa Italia finalist
Alfie Gilchrist (Sheffield United)	Championship play-offs
Bashir Humphreys (Burnley)	Championship promotion
Teddy Sharman-Lowe	Langua True alternation

League Two champions

PREMIER LEAGUE TABLE 2024/25

		Pld	GĐ	Pts
1	Liverpool	35	+46	82
2	Arsenal	35	+33	67
3	Man City	35	+24	64
4	Newcastle	35	+21	63
5	Chelsea	35	+21	63
6	Nottm Forest	35	+12	61
7	Aston Villa	35	+6	60
8	Bournemouth	35	+13	53
9	Brentford	35	+9	52
10	Brighton	35	+1	52
11	Fulham	35	+3	51
12	Crystal Palace	35	-4	46
13	Wolves	35	-11	41
14	Everton	35	-7	39
15	Man Utd	35	-9	39
16	Tottenham	35	+6	38
17	West Ham	35	-19	37
18	Ipswich	35	-41	22
19	Leicester	35	-47	21
20	Southampton	35	-57	11
Corr	ect up to and including (6.05.25		

SWEDISH ALLSVENSKAN 2024/25

		Pld	GD	Pts
1	Mjallby	7	+11	17
2	AJK	7	+6	17
3	Hammarby	7	+11	16
4	Elfsborg	7	+3	13
5	Malmo	7	+1	11
6	Degerfors	7	+1	10
7	Brommapojkarna	6	+1	10
8	Hacken	7	-1	10
9	1FK Gothenburg	7	-3	10
10	Norrkoping	7	0	9
11	Djurgarden	6	-1	8
12	GAIS	7	-1	7
13	Halmstad	7	-8	7
14	Sirius	7	-4	6
15	Oster	7	-7	3
16	Varnamo	7	-9	0
Corr	ect up to and including 05.	.05.25		





PLAYER STATISTICS 2024/25

		APPEARANCES						GOALS/CLEAN SHEETS					Total CFC	
	Age	PL	UECL	FAC	LC	Total	Minutes	PL	UECL	FAC	LC	Total	clean sh	
Acheampong	19	2+2	6	-	0+1	8+3	735					-	8+4	
Amougou	19	0+1	0+1			0+2	29					-	0+2	
Ampah	19		0+1	+		0+1	47					-	O+1	
Antwi	17		O+1	-		0+1	5					-	0+1	
Bodioshile	24	3+2	11	-	2	16+2	1559					-	45+6	2
Caicedo	23	35	3+2	1	-	39+2	3793	1				1	83+6	2
Casader*	22		3+2		1	4+2	452		-			-	4+13	
Chalobah	25	10+2	2+1	1		13+3	1270					-	74+22	5
Chilwell ^a	28			-4	0+1	0+1	46					-	83+24	9
Chukwuemeka∞	21		1+3	-	0+1	1+4	146					-	5+27	2
Colwill	22	32	0+2		-	32+2	3290	1				1	59+7	2
Cucurella	26	30+3	4+3	1+1	1	36+7	3699	4	2			6	87+15	7
Dewsbury-Hall	26	2+10	12+1	1	2	17+11	1696	-	3			3	17+11	3
Disasi [§]	27	4+2	8	1	2	15+2	1360	1	1	-		2	56+5	5
Dyer	18		0+1		-	0+1	6			-		-	O+1	
Fernandez	24	29+4	5+2	0+1	1	35+7	3439	6	1			7	93+11	14
W Fofano	24	14		-		14	1309					-	31+3	2
George	19	0+7	7+5	1+1	0+1	8+14	1022	1	1	-		2	8+14	2
Gulu	19	0+3	6+2	1	0+1	7+6	619		6			6	7+6	6
Gusto	21	19+10	2+2	1+1	1	23+13	2395					-	49+24	
Jackson	23	27+2	1+2	-		28+4	2474	10	2			12	67+9	29
James	25	10+6	4+1	1	-	15+7	1306	1	1			2	134+46	13
Joao Felix ^a	25	3+9	3+2	1	2	9+11	1065	1	4	2		7	23+17	11
Jorgensen	23	6	12	1	2	21	2026	1	5	1	1	8	21	8
Lovia	21	10+3	0+1	1	-	11+4	810			-	4	-	11+5	
Madueke	23	24+5	3+3	0+1	0+1	27+10	2313	7	4			11	53+30	20
Mheuko	17	0+1	1+2		-	1+3	83					-	1+3	
Mudryk	24	1+6	6	-	2	9+6	927		3			3	40+33	10
Murroy-Campbell	18		0+1			0+1	33					-	0+1	
Neto	25	21+11	5+1	2	1	29+12	2783	4	1		1	6	29+12	6
Nkunku	27	9+18	9+2	2	2	22+20	2279	3	7	1	3	14	24+32	17
Palmer	23	33+1	3+4	1		37+5	3643	15				15	77+10	40
Rak-Sakyi	20		1+3			1+3	116					-	1+3	-
Sanchez	27	29	1	1	-	31	3095	8				8	52	13
Sancho	25	18+11	5+1	1+1		24+13	2437	3	1			4	24+13	4
Tosin	27	13+7	11	2	1	27+7	2680	1	1	2		4	27+7	4
Vole°	21		0+2		-	0+2	72					-	1+6	
Veiga [¢]	21	1+6	8	1	2	12+6	1268		2			2	12+6	2
Walsh	16		0+1		-	0+1	4					-	0+1	

Correct up to and including 04.05.25.

**Casade (now with Torlino). "Chilwell (now with Crystal Palace, loan). "Chukwuemeka (now with Dortmund, loan).

**Splassi (now with Astan Villa, loan). "Joan Felix (now with AC Milan, loan). "Vale (now with GPR), eVelga (now with Juventus, loan).

FIXTURES & RESULTS

Date	Opposition		KO/Res	Attendance	Formation	n Starting 11					
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iun 18	Manchester City	H	0-2	39,818	4-2-3-1	Sonchez	Gusto	W Fofana	Colwill Badiashile	Cucurella	Calcedo
hu 22	Servette (UECL PO-1)	H	2-0	37,902	4-3-3	Jorgensen	Disasi	Tosin W Fofooo	Colwill	Veigo	Palmer 0
un 25	Wolverhompton Wanderers	A	6-2	31.235	4-3-3	Sanchez	Gusto -	W Fofana		Cuburello	Nkunku 👨
hu 29	Servette (UECL PO-2)	Α.	1-200	28,000	4-3-3	Jorgensen	Disasi	Tosin	Bodieshile	Verga	PORGERIA
EPTEM		- 14		20.000	1.0.0	Complete	Carlo.	VIII Enforce	Colwill	Cucurella	Palmer
un 1	Crystal Palace	H	1-1	39.298	4-3-3	Sencher	Gusto	W Fofono			
ot 14	Bournemouth	A	1-0	11,235	4-2-3-1	Sonchez X	Discal	W Fofano	Colwill	Cucurella	Calcedo (c)
at 21	West Hom United	A	3-0	62,473	4-3-3	Sanchez	W Folano	Tosin	Colwill	Cucurello -	Palmer •
ue 24	Borrow (CC S)	H	6 5-0	38.868	4-3-3	Jorgensen		Intest (c)	Bodioshile	Velga	Togo Felx
ot 28	Brighton & Hove Albion	H	4-2	39.495	4-3-3	Soncher	Gusto	W Fafana -	Colwill	Cucurella 3	Palmer • • • •
СТОВЕ											The same stands
hu 3	KAA Gent (UECL MD1)	H	4-2	38,540	4-3-3	Jorgensen	Disasi (c) 8	Tosin	Badioshile	Veiga •	Dewsbury-Holl
un 6	Nottingham Forest	H	1-1	39.501	4-3-3	Sanchez	Gusto	W Fofana	Colwill	Cucurella -	Palmer 2
un 20	Liverpool	A	1-2	60 277	4-2-3-1	Sanchez	Jomes (c)	Tosin	Calwill	Gusto	Calcedo
nu 24	Panathinaikos (UECL MB2)	Α	4.1	69.742	4-3-3	Jorgensen	Disasi	Badiashile	Veiga	Cucurella	Devisbury-Hall
un 27	Newcastle United	H	2-1	30,526	4-2-3-1	Sonchez		W Fofana =	Calwill	James (c)	Calcedo
fed 30	Newcostle United (CC 4)		0.2	51,934	4-2-3-1	Torgensen	Disasi	Tosin	Badiashile =	Cucurella	Veigo
OVEMB	JER										
un 3	Manchester United	А	1-1	73.813	4-2-3-1	Sanchez	Gusto 5	W Fefana	Colwill	Tames (c)	Cajoedo
147	FC Noah (UECL MD8)	H	8-0	38.305	4-3-3	lorgensen	Disasi •	Tosin •	Badiashile	Veiga	Tilliumio 👁 👳
un IO	Arsenal	Н	1-1	39.780	4-2-3-1	Sanchez		W Fofana	Colwill	Cucurella =	Coloedo (c)
at 23	Leicester City	A	2-1	31,880	4-3-3	Sanchez	W Fofana	Colwill	Badioshile	Cycurello	Fernandez (c) 4
Du 28	Heidenheim (UFC), MOH)	A	2-0	15,000	4-3-3	Torgensen 9	Disasi (c)	Tosin	Badiashile -	Veiga -	Nkuniru •
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un I	Aston Villa	н	3-0	39,689	4-3-3	Sanchez	Caicedo -	# Folono	Cotwill	Cucurella	Polmer •
		A	5-1	31193	4-3-3	Torgensen	Gusto	Discisi •	Topin	Cucurellei	Fernandez (c)
ed 4	Southampton Tattecham Halson							Badiashile	Colwill	Cucurello	Polmer • •
un 8	Tottenham Holspur	A	4-3	61184	4-3-3	Sonchez	Caicedo				Dewsbury Hall
lu 12	PC Astona (UFCL MD5)	A	3-1	20.982	4-3-3	Torgensen	Acheompong	Tosin	Disasi (c)	Veiga •	
un 15	Brentford	H	2-1	39,571	4-3-3	Sanchez	Gusto	Tosin	Colwill	Cucurella • 2 (90+8)	
N 19	Shamrock Rovers (UECL MDE)	H	5-1	38,467	4-3-3	forgensen	Acheampong	Discou (c)	Veiga	Cucurella •	Dewsbury Holl
un 22	Everton	A	0-0	39.358	4-2-3-1	Sancher	Disgsi 3	Tosin	Colwill	Gusto	Coloedo
hu 26	Fulham	Н	1-2	39,687	4-3-3	Sanchez	Gusto	Tosin	Calwill	Cucurella	Fernandez (c)
1on 30	Ipswich Town	A	0-2	29,968	4-3-3	lorgensen	Door	Tosin	Colwill 5	Cucurella	Palmer
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at 4	Crystal Palace	Α	.11	25179	4-3-3	Sanchez	Gusto	Acheampong	Colwill 5	Cucurello	Palmer •
at 11	Morecombe (FAC 3)	н	5-0	38,998	4-1-4-1	Jorgensen	lames (c)	Tosin • •	Disasi	Veign	Links
je 14	Bournemouth	Н	2.2	39.092	4-3-3	Sanchez	Cacedo	Acheompong	Cipfwill	Cucurella	Palmer •
ton 20	Wolverhampton Wanderers	Н	3-1	39,221	4-3-3	Sanches	Armes (c)	Tosin •	Chalobah	Cucurella •	Dawsbury Holl
ot 25	Manchester City	A	1.3	52,793	4 2-3-1	Sanchez	Armes (c)	Chalobah	Colwill a	Cucurella	Caicedo 8
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Ion 3	West Ham United	н	• 2-1	39,459	4-3-3	Torgensen	Jomes (c)	Tosin	Colwill	Cucurella	Fernandez
	Brighton & Hove Albion (FAC 4)	A	1-2	23,279	4-3-3	Sanchez	Gusto	Tasin	Chalabah	Cucurella	Palmer
Sat 8			0-3	31,503	4-1-4-1		Gusto	Chalobah	Colwill	Cucurella	Cnicedo 3
ri 14	Brighton & Have Albian	A				lorgensen Inroensen			Colwill	Cucurella	James Icl
ot 22	Aston VIIIa	A	1-2	42,423	4-3-3	lorgensen	Gusto	Toxin		Cucurella Cucurella	Palmer
ue 25	Southampton	Н	4-0	39,485	4-3-3	lorgensen	Gusto	Tosin	Colwill •	Cupurence	Parise
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hu 6	Copenhagen (L/ECL R16-J)	A	2-1	35,859	3-2-4-1	Sanchez	Chalobah	Tasin	Bodioshile	Coloedo	James (c)
Sun 9	Leicester City	Н	1-0	39.750	4-3-3	Sanchez	Wifelene	Tosin	Colwill	Cucurella	Fernandez (c)
nu 13	Copenhagen (UECL 708-2)	Н	1-0"	35.280	4-3-3	lorgensen	Chalobah	Tosin 5	Badiashile	Acheompong	Dewsbury-Holl
Sun 16	Arsenal	A	0-1	60,311	4-2-3-1	Sanchez	W Fafana	Colwill	Badiastrile	Cucurella	Pomes (C)
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Thu 3	Tottenham Hatspur	Н	1-10	39.852	4-3-3	Sanchez	Gusto	Choloboh	Colwill	Cucurello	Fernandez (c)
Sun 6	Brentford	Α.	0-0	17183	4-3-3	Sanchez	Gusto	Cholobah	Tosin -	James (c)	Fernandez =
Thu so	Legia Warsaw (UECL QF-1)	Α	3.0	29,065	4-3-3	Jorgensen	Acheampong	Tosan	Badiastvile	Gusto	Dewsbury-Hall
Sun 13	Ipswich Town	Н	• 2-2	39,805	4-3-3	Sanchez	Chalobah	Tosin	Colvill	Cucurella	Fernandez (c)
Thu 17	Legia Warsaw (UECL OF-2)	Н	1-2"	32.549	4-3-3	Jorgensen	Acheampong	Tosin	Badiashile	Cucurella	Dewsbury-Hall
Sun 20	Fulhom	A	2-1	27.712	4-3-3	Sanchez	James (c)	Chalabah	Cotvill	Cucurella -	Palmer
Sat 26	Everton	Н	1-0	39,894	4-3-3	Sandhe2	Calcedo	Chalobah	Colwill	Cucurella	Folmer
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200	Diorganden /UECx-SF-IJ	A	4-1	26,703	4-3-3	lorgensen	Acheampong	Tosin a	Badiashile	Cucurello	Fernandez
Thu I								Chalabah =	Colwill	Cucurella	Paimer •
Sun 4	Liverpool	Н	• 3-1 0-m	39,829	4-3-3	Sanched	Calcedo	Chalaban	LIGHWIII	Cucurena	Puner
Thu 8	Diurgorden (UECL SF-2 TW7)	Н	8pm								
Sun II	Newcastle United (TNT)	Α	12pm								
Fri 16	Manchester United (Sky)	H	815pm								
Sun 26	Nottingham Forest	A	4pm								
West 28.	UECL final	5W	8pm								
IUNE											
Mon 16	TBC* (FCWC Group D)	ATL	8pm								
Fri 20	Flamenga /FCWC Group D)	PHL	7pm								
Wed 25	Esperance Tunis (FCWC Group D)		2am								
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Used substitutes

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Fernandez (c)	Dewsbury-Hall	Moduete	Guiu	Mudryk	George (62)	Coscedo (63)	Tockson (63)	Palmer (74)	Michigal (02)
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Calcedo	Fernandez (c)	Madueke	Jookson • •	Sancho	Disast (57)	Neto (57)	Neurosa (64)	Jodo Felix [64]	Dewsbury-Holl (B
Casadei	Dewsbury-Hall	Neto	Nkunku • • •	Mudryk	Chinel (h/t)	George (63)	Acheompong (63)	Chukwuemeka (76)	Guia (76)
Caicedo	Fernandez (c) =	Modurier	Jackson	Sancho	Neto (63)	Vego (70)	Mudyk (71)	Misumia (79)	Loya (79)
Casadei	Jogo Felix	Aleto •	Nkunku •	Mudryk	George (80)	Suiu (80)			
Caicedo II	Femandez (c)	Madueke •	Joerson	Soncho	700ureu (81)	Joon Felix (81)	Mudnyk (90)	Note /DDI	Toute (D/Ox 2)
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Lavia =	Micowell	Palmer •	Neto :	Jackson •	Mudryk (67)	Fernandez (72)	Cucurelia (78)	Nikuniku (78)	
Fernandez (c)	Devisiony-Hol	Todo Felix 📙	Mudryk	Nkunku	Modunie (57)				
Lava	Modueke	Palmer	Neto	Tackson	Cucuretis (h/t)	Mudryk (70)	Fernances (70)		
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Coicedo	Palmer	Madueke	fackson	Sancho	Nitarika (83)				
Canader	Nkunku	Moduelle	Guu • • •	George	Vale (h/t)	Murray Combell (59)	Togo Felix (6D)	Rok-Sakyi (83)	
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Modure	Nkunku	Fernandez (c)	Neto	Palmer	Sancho (21)	Iomes (65)	George (65)	Devisbury Hall (66)	
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George	Palmer	Dewsbury-Half	Guella	Mheuso	Cucureto (25)	Colwill (ft/f)	Mionio (fv/t)	Fernandez (h/f)	Sancho (72)
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Calcedo	Fernandez (c)	George	Neto	Sancho	Cucurello (h/t)	Palmer (h/t)	Mounty (65)	James (79)	Antwi (90)
Coicedo	Soneho	Fernandez	Nkunku	Neto	George (76)	Devisiony Hall (76)	Lava (82)	Gusto (86)	Tosin (86)
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lames (c)	Polmer	Sancha	Nkunku .	George •	Colwill (h/t)	Maduoke (h/t) ● ●	Cusumina (58)	Amougou (75)	Mheulio (75)
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- Tosin ADARABIOYO 4
- Benoit BADIASHILE 5
- 6
- Pedro NETO
- Enzo FERNANDEZ 8
- 10 Mykhailo MUDRYK
- 11 Noni MADUEKE
- 12 Filip JORGENSEN
- 15 Nicolas JACKSON
- 18 Christopher NKUNKU
- 19 Jadon SANCHO
- 20 Cole PALMER
- 22 Kiernan DEWSBURY-HALL
- 23 Trevoh CHALOBAH
- 24 Reece JAMES
- 25 Moises CAICEDO
- 27 Malo GUSTO
- 32 Tyrique GEORGE
- 33 Kiano DYER
- 34 Josh ACHEAMPONG
- 38 Marc GUIU
- 39 Mathis AMOUGOU
- 47 Lucas BERGSTROM
- 51 Samuel RAK-SAKYI
- 55 Ato AMPAH
- 59 Harrison MURRAY-CAMPBELL
- 64 Genesis ANTWI
- 76 Shumaira MHEUKA
- 81 Reggie WALSH



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- 38 Melvin VUCENOVIC PERSSON
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