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A Progress Report



CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

Today, we welcome our very good friends from Arsenal to Meadow Park. May I wish their directors, manager, players and supporters a pleasant stay with us and a safe journey home.

With today being Unai Emery's first game as Arsenal manager after following the legend that was and is Arsene Wenger, it's fair to say it's a truly historical moment for many Arsenal fans and even myself, as I enter my 20th season as Chairman here - why? Because we've only ever known Arsenal with Mr Wenger at the helm.

As such, I can only wish his successor all the luck in the world and tell him he's working for a group of people who bring honesty, integrity, and old school values to all that they do.

That said, change is also very exciting, if slightly worrying - whether in business or whether in football, and especially when hiring key personnel within your business model. As it focuses the mind, it gives you that sense of going into the unknown, and that can in my experience heighten the senses and be just what the doctor ordered?

Anyway, it's fair to say that this current transfer window has started very strongly for Arsenal, with four big signings in Sokratis Papastathopoulos, Lucas Torreira, Stephan Lichtsteiner and Bernd Leno. But, with Santi Cazorla and Jack Wilshere departing, it's also a transition period for all at the Emirates.

So good luck Arsenal, good luck Mr Emery and good luck to all the Arsenal directors, players and supporters, as interesting times certainly lay ahead.

For ourselves, we've also been busy since our National League Play-off defeat at Wembley in May - god I wish I wasn't bringing that old chestnut up again haha.

Firstly, we have had to deal with the disappointment of not only not making the Football League - but the disappointment of losing our striker Bruno Andrade and our goalkeeper Grant Smith to Lincoln City.

Then there is the harsh reality of not offering certain players and staff extensions to their deals for this season - which is in some cases hard to do, as we have grown as a club with one or two of these people.

That said, deals are always won or lost not only on the pitch, but in the decisions people make throughout a season. So, the reality is, if you don't perform consistently at a club and if you don't work hard in every aspect to give yourself a chance to succeed or give us an edge, then you go.

Whether that be in the boardroom, in the dressing room, in the community department or even down to the maintenance, medical, or accounts office. As all clubs, and ours is no exception, must strive to improve and we must always keep an honest perspective on our progress and accept that as an underdog club we do have perhaps unrealistic ambitions.

Whether that's in trying to reach the play-offs again, trying to win the FA Trophy, getting to the Second or Third round of the FA Cup - I will always believe hope and ambitions are what football is all about - but whether they're realistic or not is another matter.

But ambition must start with everyone at our club showing me the correct attitude, discipline and desire to help us to achieve those ambitions. Whether that be me in the boardroom, Jodie in the bar, or May in the kitchen. Whether that be player recruitment, whether that be in our scouting or analyst areas - we strive year-on-year to bring improvement in all areas.

After twenty seasons here, I suppose I know what I'm looking for, and I can tell if you're the right character for this club, sometimes by simply observing people and seeing if they will go the extra mile that both I as Chairman, and my loyal staff need at such a small club.

If people don't demonstrate that, then trust me, as a football club you sometimes have to move them on and move them on very quickly for their own sake. As such, all our efforts at present are now channelled on staff and player recruitment, instilling our club ethos on our future plans - last season is now just a memory, including a very painful loss at Wembley. But that memory must be used to spur us on and see if we can go again this season...

At present, although I'm working every day, I'm enjoying what is possibly the greatest World Cup in my lifetime - and having now experienced eight World Cup and Euro's following England abroad in all competitions - I've got plenty of experience of pain and losing penalty shootouts to call upon.

I have to say though from the outset - that the country of Russia is mesmerising, the warmth of the Russian people is humbling, and with England unexpectedly getting to the semi-final, it is simply beyond incredible.

But as I'm writing this ditto in my hotel room on the Wednesday morning, on the day of the semi-final - please, please, god, let us beat Croatia...

Having listened to all the press scaremongers and in truth the poxy politicians pre-World Cup, I had decided not to go to the Russian World Cup. Then, my friends and reports came through that this really was an experience not to be missed.

So, after the Panama win, I travelled to Kaliningrad for the Belgium game with in truth, a touch of trepidation. I realised within an hour of getting there, what absolute poppycock had been spouted about this incredible country.

So after the loss, I flew back to England for just a few days before setting off to Moscow for the Columbia game - and in truth, I haven't stopped laughing and enjoying this celebration of football ever since and the diversity of this competition has been beyond any of my expectations.

From Moscow I travelled to Samara for the Sweden game and it was great to meet up with some of the

Wood Army, all my sons, and my manager Luke Garrard - who were there for the day. To say it was one of my best ever days in football is truly an understatement, it was in truth simply one of the greatest days of my life.

As my boys and gaffer flew out of Samara and back to England... I flew back to my hotel and base in Moscow - but as I sat at the airport, I watched the Croatians beat Russia on pens and my first thoughts were - that's fantastic news, as tickets would be much easier and cheaper for me to get with the host nation out.

I also felt sadness for the Russian people, who know how to party, and have been model hosts - and have simply made this whole experience for me a life changer. So as I sit writing these notes early on semi-final day in my hotel bedroom - I've woken up with that horrible nervous feeling that all us football fans know very well, as it always comes on those most important game days.

So it's now time to pray, it's now time to believe, it's now time to put on my lucky shorts, socks and marching boots and it's time that the lucky England shirt is put back on (it was washed yet again in the bathtub last night).

When that's done, I'll be ready for something to eat in our lucky Moscow restaurant, then a few beers before joining St Gareth's England Army in and around Red Square.

Having only had two or three thousand fans out here with us thus far - the rumours are filtering through that ten thousand of my fellow Englishmen are in full voice and all on route.

Let's hope that they love this experience as much as I have, that they all behave themselves and conduct themselves like Gareth, the players, the Russian people, and the whole world's football family, including our England fans, have - because trust me, it's been a blast.

Anyway, time to sign off from the written word... It's always been for me, England my England, but somehow, it's never ever felt this good. Anyway, here's a few photos that perhaps sum up my experience, but they will of course not remotely do it justice.

I just pray that when you read this, we are as a nation, a united nation, and we really need this... Let's hope we're all looking forward to beating the French tomorrow in the World Cup Final and that I'm still in Moscow...

If not then I'll be back, thinking of what might have been, watching the mighty Arsenal play Boreham Wood - but whatever has occurred out here, please enjoy today's game. Thank you once again for your amazing support, let's all enjoy the new era of Mr Unai Emery and let's hope and pray that football really is coming home.

It's over to you,

Danny



A Progress Report



THE CHAIRMAN WITH ALL OF HIS BOYS AND MANAGER LUKE GARRARD



WASHING THE LUCKY CLOTHES IN THE BATHTUB!



WATCHING FOOTBALL COME HOME!



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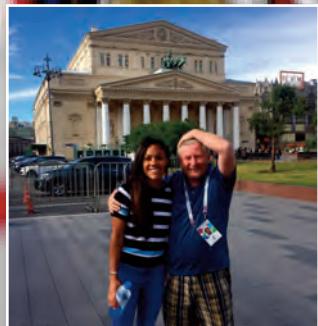
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WONDER IF THE CHAIRMAN HAVING A TACTICAL WORD WITH "GARETH SOUTHGATE" HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH OUR SUCCESS?

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IT'S OFFICIAL, IF YOU'RE A FOOTBALLING LEGEND, THEN YOU'RE OUT AT THE WORLD CUP!

STAN COLLYMORE WAS RIGHT IN THE THICK OF THE ACTION

WELLSY ON TOUR!

ENGLAND, MY ENGLAND... WE SHARE THE DISAPPOINTMENT

WE'RE ENGLAND, WE'RE ALL TOGETHER!!

THE CHAIRMAN WAS JOINED OUT IN RUSSIA BY THE WOOD ARMY!

THE LEGEND THAT IS MARTIN TYLER WE'RE ON OUR WAY, ON OUR WAY

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Luke Garrard

MANAGER'S NOTES

Good Afternoon, Firstly, I would like to welcome Unai Emery, his Staff, and Players, to Meadow Park for today's Pre-Season Friendly.



On a personal note; and as an Arsenal supporter; being the very first manager to face Unai Emery as the new Arsenal Manager, is something that I never thought I would have had the luxury to say.

I have played in many games against the Arsenal in recent years, but the opportunity to pit my wits against their first new manager in over 21-years is possibly up there with the better experiences when facing them.

I know how excited the dressing room are for today's game. They have a chance to play against their idols, and an opportunity to see the levels that it takes to play consistently in the Premier League.

This game for me is going to be about how we deal with their movement, power, fluidity and quality. We know that this is a test of the highest order, but it is something that I believe will be hugely beneficial going into the 2018/19 campaign.

I can imagine for large periods of the game we will be without the ball, but that allows us to work on our shape, our organisation out of possession, and really concentrate on dead ball situations.

You can't replicate these types of scenarios in training. As much as we work tirelessly on drills to get us fit, matches against tough opposition takes the player's stats to another level.

Our pre-season has been excellent so far and of an extremely high standard. The players all returned in very good condition and have been working hard to ensure high levels of fitness.

I honestly felt that we were fit last year, but I want to improve on that. I spoke with all of the returning players after the Promotion Final and stated that it was going to be their toughest pre-season to date, and I honestly believe it has been.

As a group, we know how tough this year is going to be. We're realistic and understand we are now a side that reached the National League Promotion Final, and we know what comes with that tag.

Teams will see us a threat from the off, and that's credit to the squad, the staff, and the club for the work we achieved last year, but that doesn't give us the right to think we have cracked it.

I spoke to the players at length the week after the Final and my first question was - are you prepared to go again? The reason for this is because it takes a lot out of you when the toll of a long season is decided in a Promotion final, and unfortunately, the result wasn't in our favour.

The response from the players initially was positive, and what I've seen to date has been very good.

The new recruits have also come in and had a massive say in that. You look at the likes of Femi Ilesanmi, Manny Parry, Bradley Ash, Jamal Fyfield and Connor Smith, who have all been added this summer and all bring a great experience to the group.

They have gelled ever so well with the squad, and that was something I was very conscious of when adding new signings to the existing players.

We have a great work ethic and togetherness in the club and that's extended to the dressing room.

I am in the market for a couple more signings that I'm hopeful will be done soon, so we can implement them into the group and get them settled ready for the season.

Early signs from pre-season have been good and I felt that Friday night against Brentford was productive.

We faced a side that will compete at the top end of the Championship next year and I felt that we matched them at times. They have quality in all areas, but most pleasing for myself was our fitness levels. We were back in training for only six sessions and showed a good base fitness.

On Tuesday, we travelled the short distance to Hitchin Town and had a very good test. Knowing them and the manner in which they play, I felt it was a good opportunity to see where we were at in terms of base fitness.

I felt our first half performance was very dominant, and we played large parts of the game in their half - we created a few openings, but with no real killer.

The main positive was that we suffered no injuries, while a clean sheet breeds habits into the squad. I felt we looked very assured in defence and limited them to minimal chances.

Back to today's game, let's hope for a positive performance.



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is going to be. We’re realistic and
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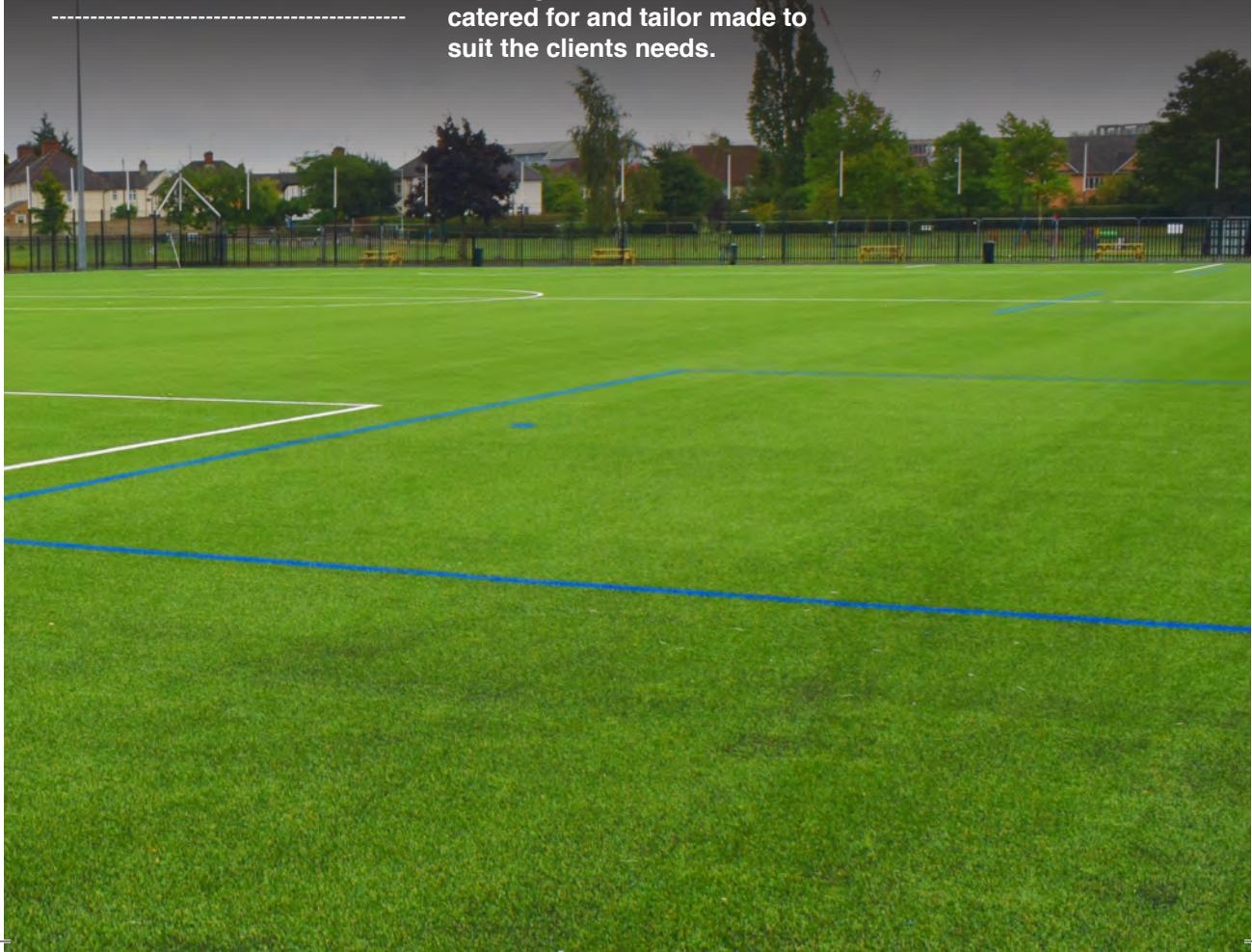
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Welcome Unai Emery

After more than 21-years in charge of Arsenal Football Club, Arsene Wenger departed the Gunners, in May. Wenger was later replaced by **Unai Emery**, following a lengthy recruitment process.

Having managed the likes of Valencia, Sevilla and Paris St Germain, Emery arrives with an impressive footballing C.V.

Below, we profile the new Gunners' manager...



Playing Career

Football ran in Emery's family and it is said that he became obsessed from an early age. His father, his grandfather, and his uncle all enjoyed footballing careers in his native Spain. His father (Juan) and Grandfather (Antonia) were both goalkeepers, while his Uncle (Roman) was a midfielder.

Emery himself was a left-sided midfielder and graduated from Real Sociedad's academy, but struggled to break into the first team, making just five senior appearances.

The wide-midfielder would go on to feature for the likes of Toledo, Racing Ferrol and Leganes, before retiring at Lorca Deportiva. Aged just 32, Emery was forced into an early retirement, due to a knee injury.

Coaching and Management

Having retired at Lorca Deportiva, Emery was offered a coaching position with the club, who had clearly noticed his coaching potential.

Following successful spells in charge of Lorca and Almeria, Emery was given an opportunity in the top flight of Spanish football, with big hitters Valencia.

Despite the club suffering financial issues and the sale of big players, during his time at the club, he never achieved a finish lower than sixth, and enjoyed successive third place finishes.

Following a spell with Spartak Moscow in Russia, Emery returned to Spanish football, with Sevilla. While in charge of Sevilla, he achieved a hat-trick of Europa League titles, winning the European

competition three times, between 2014 and 2016, defeating Benfica, Dnipro and Liverpool.

In June 2016, Emery left the Spanish side to join Paris Saint-Germain in the French League, succeeding Laurent Blanc. Emery led the French Giants to second place in their Champions League group, behind Arsenal. However, was eliminated in the knockout round, to Barcelona.

During his time with PSG, he would win both the Trophee des Champions and the Coupe de la Ligue.

Playing Style

Emery has previously favoured the 4-2-3-1 and 4-3-3 formations that are popular in the modern game. Known for playing high-pressure counter-attacking football, Emery's tactics have enjoyed great success both domestically and in Europe.

A football fanatic, who is obsessed with the Sport, Emery loves to analyse the game; it is even claimed that he spends "12 hours" watching clips for every single match.

Former player Joaquin, who played under Emery at Valencia, commented: "Emery put on so many videos I ran out of popcorn!"

"He's obsessed with football - it's practically an illness. He's one of the best managers I've had. I worked with him for three years. I couldn't handle a fourth!"

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Welcome Unai Emery

As we welcome new Arsenal manager **Unai Emery**, we take a look at the Gunner's press announcement of the new boss...

Unai Emery is to become our new head coach. He joins the club after completing a two-year spell at Paris Saint-Germain, where he recently landed the treble of Ligue 1, Coupe de France and the Coupe de la Ligue.

Unai, 46, previously spent three seasons with Sevilla, leading them to an unprecedented three consecutive Europa League titles, establishing the club as a major force in the Spanish league.

Announcing the appointment, chief executive Ivan Gazidis said: "Unai has an outstanding track record of success throughout his career, has developed some of the best young talent in Europe and plays an exciting, progressive style of football that fits Arsenal perfectly. His hard-working and passionate approach and his sense of values on and off the pitch make him the ideal person to take us forward.

"We conducted a confidential, wide-ranging and rigorous search involving extensive background references, data and video analysis, and personal meetings with all the candidates we shortlisted. All were interested in the position and we were unanimous in our choice of Unai to drive the next chapter of our history."

Majority owner Stan Kroenke said: "We're delighted to welcome Unai to Arsenal. He's a proven winner. We're confident that he is the right person for the job and that

he will work to deliver the triumphs our fans, staff and everyone who cares about Arsenal want.

"Several things stood out during his interview and the entire process; his football knowledge, energy, determination and love of the game. His familiarity with our club and our players, the Premier League and the game in Europe were all very impressive. He shares our vision to move forward, to build on the platform created by Arsène Wenger and help this club enjoy greater success."

Unai said: "I am thrilled to be joining one of the great clubs in the game. Arsenal is known and loved throughout the world for its style of play, its commitment to young players, the fantastic stadium, the way the club is run. I'm very excited to be given the responsibility to start this important new chapter in Arsenal's history. I have met Stan and Josh Kroenke and it's clear they have great ambitions for the club and are committed to bringing future success. I'm excited about what we can do together and I look forward to giving everyone who loves Arsenal some special moments and memories."

Unai started his coaching career at Lorca Deportiva in 2005 after playing mostly in the Spanish second division. He went on to coach Almería, Valencia and Spartak Moscow before joining Sevilla and Paris Saint-Germain.



In Opposition



ARSENAL



Arsenal were originally formed in 1886 by a group of workers at the Woolwich armaments factory in south London, and the club was first known as Dial Square. The name was soon changed to Royal Arsenal, though when the club turned professional in 1891 the name changed again to Woolwich Arsenal. The prefix was later dropped and the club became Arsenal Football Club.

Arsenal were elected to the 2nd division of the Football League in 1893, and gained promotion to the 1st division in 1904. The club survived in the first division for nine years, the high point of that period was in 1906 when the semi-final of the FA Cup was reached.

Unfortunately, relegation followed in 1913, but coincided with a major landmark in the club's history. Having played for the previous 27 years at various sites in Plumstead, South London, the club moved to, Highbury, North London. The move was instigated by the then chairman, Sir Henry Norris who foresaw greater potential for the club in the north London catchment area.

Arsenal have not been relegated from the Football League since it resumed in 1919, and, thus hold the record for unbroken tenure in the top division of English football.

The legendary Herbert Chapman, fresh from guiding Huddersfield to the first two of their three successive titles, was appointed manager and over the next nine years transformed Arsenal from an average first division club into one of the great names in world football. The visionary Chapman introduced the now famous white sleeves and pioneered the use of shirt numbers.

Success became more habitual during the managerial era of George Graham, where they won six major trophies in eight years. In the Premiership's inaugural year 1992-93, still under

Graham's stern control, Arsenal again made history by becoming the first team ever to win both domestic cups in the same season.

Fast-forward and Frenchman Arsene Wenger was brought in as Arsenal manager following the departure of Bruce Rioch, despite a strong season that saw UEFA Cup qualification. He quickly impressed the Arsenal faithful and took them to third in the league. The following season, 1997-98, he made history by winning the double for the second time.

The Arsenal squad later made history again by setting a new, unbeaten league record between May 2003 and October 2004. Arsenal clinched the title with a 2-2 draw at Tottenham, and continued to avoided defeat against Birmingham, Portsmouth, Fulham and Leicester to complete the first unbeaten league campaign since Preston's in the 19th century.

On May 7, 2006, Arsenal said goodbye to Highbury after 93 years at the stadium. They did so in spectacular fashion, on an afternoon of excruciating tension and almost unending drama, by securing the fourth and final Champions League place with a dramatic 4-2 win over Wigan Athletic, stealing it from under the noses of arch-rivals Tottenham Hotspur.

The side then went nine years without a trophy, before clinching the 2014 FA Cup by defeating Hull City 3-2. In May 2017, Arsenal again won the FA Cup, beating Chelsea 2-1. It is the third time in four years that the Gunners have won the trophy - having defeated Aston Villa 4-0 in 2015 and it secured a record thirteenth title for Wenger's side.

After more than 21-years of service, Wenger would depart Arsenal in 2018 and be replaced by former PSG and Sevilla manager Unai Emery, who will open a new era for Arsenal today.

In Opposition



THE FACTFILE:

Name:
Arsenal Football Club

Nickname:
The Gunners

Formed:
1886

Ground:
Emirates Stadium

Capacity:
59,867

Honours won:
44

Stat Attack:
0 losses in the
2003/04 campaign

2017/18 finishing position:
5th place

Record goalscorer:
Thierry Henry (228)

Record Transfer fee paid:
Pierre-Emerick
Aubameyang (£55
million)

KEY PLAYERS:

The acrobat **Bernd Leno**

Highly-rated goalkeeper Bernd joined Arsenal from Bayer Leverkusen in June 2018, having made more than 230 appearances for the Bundesliga side and being capped by Germany at senior level. One of the country's best stoppers, Leno will be hoping to tie down the number one spot at Arsenal and help to sure up their defence, under the management of Unai Emery. In turn, the German will be hoping to force his way back into the National side, having not been selected in the final 23-man squad.



The engine **Aaron Ramsey**

The Caerphilly-born midfielder joined Arsenal from hometown side Cardiff City in 2008 - he remains their youngest-ever player - and made his Arsenal debut aged 17. He has led the Emirates FA Cup three times with Arsenal and scored the winning goal in the 2014 and 2017 finals. A fan's favourite at the Gunners, Ramsey has been described as the "complete midfielder", being named as the club's Player of the Season in 2013/14. A strong runner on the ball, with a superb technique to match, Liverpool legend Steven Gerrard once named him as "the best attacking midfielder in the Premier League."



The Marksman **Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang**

Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang joined Arsenal from Borussia Dortmund in January 2018 for a club-record fee. He made a huge impression straight away at the Gunners, with almost a goal-a-game. Having come through the youth setup at AC Milan, Aubameyang went on to sign for ST Etienne, where again, he enjoyed a scoring ratio of more than one every other game. It was his move to Borussia Dortmund that saw him become known as one of Europe's deadliest strikers though, where he would net nearly 100 goals, in under 150 appearances. Known for his pace and deadly finishing, Aubameyang has the ability to fire the Gunners to a title charge this season.



The set-piece specialist **Mesut Ozil**

Since arriving in the Premier League from Real Madrid in 2013, Mesut has created more chances than any other player, and contributed the most assists. Ozil may have crashed out early in the World Cup with Germany, but he will be hoping for a strong campaign under Unai Emery at Arsenal, where he will be an influential player. An elegant left-footed attacking midfielder, Ozil is known for his technical ability and impressive passing range.



GOALKEEPERS:**Petr Cech**

Petr joined Arsenal in June 2015 from London rivals Chelsea, and has since gone on to break the all-time Premier League clean sheet record and lifted the Emirates FA Cup in 2017.

David Ospina

Formerly with French side Nice, David joined Arsenal in 2014 after six seasons in Ligue 1, having started his career with Atletico Nacional in his home country, where he won two league titles.

Emi Martinez

Emi built on a season's loan spell with Wolves by making five first-team appearances this time out. The Argentine goalkeeper appeared twice during the Premier League season - following injuries to Petr Cech and David Ospina.

DEFENDERS:**Hector Bellerin**

Having previously played for Barcelona's youth teams, Hector joined Arsenal as a scholar in 2011 and impressed in the academy before making his first-team debut, aged 18, in the 2013 League Cup. He has since gone on to lift two Emirates FA Cups.

Sokratis**Papastathopoulos**

Greek international Sokratis joined Arsenal in July 2018 from Borussia Dortmund, where he won the German Cup in 2017.

Lauren Koscielny

Since arriving at the club back in 2010, Laurent has become one of Europe's foremost central defenders with a series of typically-dominant performances - and he has won three Emirates FA Cups in his time with Arsenal.

Carl Jenkinson

A boyhood Gunners fan, the defender joined the club from

Charlton Athletic in 2011 and helped Arsenal lift the FA Cup in 2014 before signing up for his first loan spell with West Ham the following season.

Stephan Lichtsteiner

A hugely-experienced right-sided defender, Stephan joined Arsenal in June 2018 having made more than 250 appearances for Juventus and having captained his country since 2016.

Rob Holding

Rob joined from Championship side Bolton Wanderers in the summer of 2016, and has since gone on to star in the Emirates FA Cup final of 2017, when Arsenal beat Chelsea 2-1 to lift the trophy.

Nacho Monreal

A reliable and popular presence in the dressing room, Nacho joined Arsenal from Spanish side Malaga in the 2013 winter transfer window and has won three Emirates FA Cups in his time with the club.

Shkodran Mustafi

World Cup winner Shkodran joined Arsenal from Valencia in August 2016, and has become a key part of their backline in his time at the club.

Calum Chambers

England defender Calum began his career at local club Southampton, before joining Arsenal in the summer of 2014.

Konstantinos**Mavropanos**

Born in Athens, Greece, Mavropanos joined Arsenal in the January transfer window, making him their first signing of 2018.

Sead Kolasinac

Bosnia and Herzegovina international Sead joined Arsenal in June 2017 on a long-term contract, arriving from Schalke 04 in the Bundesliga.

In Opposition**The Gaffer:
Unai Emery**

Unai Emery was appointed as Arsenal's new head coach in May 2018.

The Spaniard spent two years at Paris Saint-Germain, where he landed the domestic treble of Ligue 1, Coupe de France and the Coupe de la Ligue.

Unai had previously spent three seasons with Sevilla, leading them to an unprecedented three consecutive Europa League titles, to establish the club as a major force in the Spanish league.

A former midfielder, Unai started his coaching career at Lorca Deportiva in 2005 after playing mostly in the Spanish second division.

He went on to coach Almeria, Valencia and Spartak Moscow before joining Sevilla and Paris Saint-Germain.

Boreham Wood would like to extend the warmest of welcomes to Unai.

In Opposition

MIDFIELDERS:

Mo Elneny

A full Egypt international since 2011, Mo joined the club from Swiss champions FC Basel, where he made nearly 100 league appearances and won the Super League in three consecutive seasons from 2013 to 2015 before making the switch to north London in January 2016.

Henrikh Mkhitaryan

Henrikh joined Arsenal on a long-term contract in January 2018, having spent a season-and-a-half with Manchester United.

Ainsley Maitland-Niles

Versatile midfielder Ainsley was promoted to the first-team squad last season after some impressive cameo appearances - and has gone on to make a big impression in a number of positions.

Granit Xhaka

Central midfielder Granit joined the club from Borussia Monchengladbach in May 2016 and has gone on to establish himself as a key member of Arsenal's midfield.

Alex Iwobi

A tricky midfielder with an abundance of natural talent, Alex is a Hale End graduate and has established himself as a key member of their squad and the Nigeria side.

Jeff Reine-Adelaide

Jeff made six appearances during the 2016/17 season with all of his first-team minutes coming in domestic cup competitions. The French midfielder played a total of 355 minutes during the campaign, starring in all three of Arsenal's EFL Cup matches prior to their elimination at the quarter-final stage.

Reiss Nelson

The pacey, skilful Hale End graduate excels when operating behind the striker or on either flank. He scored 11 times in 27 appearances, earning his first pro deal in the process, having joined Arsenal's youth setup in 2008. Reiss featured for the first team during the pre-season tour, before making his senior debut in the Community Shield win over Chelsea at Wembley.

FORWARD:

Alex Lacazette

France international Alex joined Arsenal from Lyon in July 2017 and scored 17 goals in his first season with them.

Danny Welbeck

Danny joined Arsenal from boyhood club Manchester United in September 2014 and played a big role when they won the Emirates FA Cup in 2017.

Joel Campbell

Versatile forward Joel produced plenty of magic moments during his first full season with the club. After returning from his five-month loan at Villarreal, the Costa Rica international started the Gunners' League Cup win at Tottenham Hotspur before scoring his first goal for the club against Swansea City.

Lucas Perez

Lucas was Arsenal's fourth signing of the 2016 summer transfer window when he joined from Spanish side Deportivo La Coruna. The striker started his career in Atletico Madrid's youth side, before joining Rayo Vallecano's development team and progressing into their senior squad. Having impressed in a handful of appearances for Los Vallecanos, Lucas left his homeland to play for Ukrainian side FC Karpaty Lviv.

Takuma Asano

Takuma Asano is yet to make his first appearance in Arsenal colours but enjoyed a successful debut season on loan at Stuttgart. Asano signed for Arsenal in the summer of 2016 and immediately moved on loan to the Bundesliga 2 club in a loan deal which has been extended into a second season.

Eddie Nketiah

An England international, scoring a hat-trick for his country's U18s in a 4-0 victory against Qatar in March 2017. As well as a treble for the next age group up a few months later. Eddie's goalscoring ability earned him a spot on the first team's pre-season tour of Australia and China, where he showcased his electric pace and natural confidence.



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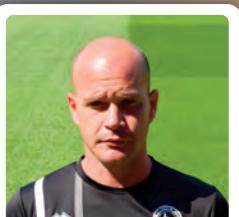
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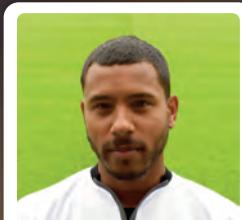
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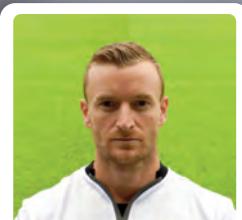
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Fixtures & Results 2018/19

DATE	OPPONENT	VENUE	COMP	K/O	RESULT	ATT	S RATING	LINE-UP
AUGUST								
SAT 4	DAGENHAM AND REDBRIDGE	H	NL	3.00PM				
SAT 7	HAVANT & WATERLOOVILLE	A	NL	7.45PM				
SAT 11	WREXHAM	A	NL	3.00PM				
TUE 14	GATESHEAD	H	NL	3.00PM				
SAT 18	LEYTON ORIENT	A	NL	3.00PM				
SAT 25	FC HALIFAX TOWN	H	NL	3.00PM				
MON 27	MAIDSTONE UNITED	A	NL	3.00PM				
SEPTEMBER								
SAT 1	BRAINTREE TOWN	H	NL	3.00PM				
TUE 4	CHESTERFIELD	H	NL	7.45PM				
SAT 8	SUTTON UNITED	A	NL	3.00PM				
SAT 15	BARROW	H	NL	3.00PM				
SAT 22	SALFORD CITY	A	NL	3.00PM				
TUE 25	EASTLEIGH	A	NL	7.45PM				
OCTOBER								
SAT 6	HARTLEPOOL UNITED	A	NL	3.00PM				
SAT 13	MAIDENHEAD UNITED	H	NL	3.00PM				
SAT 27	BROMLEY	H	NL	3.00PM				
TUE 30	ALDERSHOT TOWN	A	NL	7.45PM				
NOVEMBER								
SAT 3	SOLIHULL MOORS	A	NL	3.00PM				
SAT 17	EBBSFLEET UNITED	H	NL	3.00PM				
SAT 24	AFC FYLDE	A	NL	3.00PM				
TUE 27	DOVER ATHLETIC	H	NL	7.45PM				
NOVEMBER								
SAT 1	FC HALIFAX TOWN	A	NL	3.00PM				
SAT 8	LEYTON ORIENT	H	NL	3.00PM				
SAT 22	BRAINTREE TOWN	A	NL	3.00PM				
WED 26	BARNET	H	NL	3.00PM				
SAT 29	MAIDSTONE UNITED	H	NL	3.00PM				
JANUARY								
TUE 1	BARNET	A	NL	3.00PM				
SAT 5	DAGENHAM AND REDBRIDGE	A	NL	3.00PM				
SAT 19	HAVANT & WATERLOOVILLE	H	NL	3.00PM				
SAT 26	GATESHEAD	A	NL	3.00PM				
FEBRUARY								
SAT 2	WREXHAM	H	NL	3.00PM				
SAT 9	MAIDENHEAD UNITED	A	NL	3.00PM				
SAT 16	HARTLEPOOL UNITED	H	NL	3.00PM				
SAT 23	SOLIHULL MOORS	H	NL	3.00PM				
MARCH								
SAT 2	BROMLEY	A	NL	3.00PM				
SAT 9	AFC FYLDE	H	NL	3.00PM				
TUE 12	DOVER ATHLETIC	A	NL	7.45PM				
SAT 16	EBBSFLEET UNITED	A	NL	3.00PM				
SAT 23	ALDERSHOT TOWN	H	NL	3.00PM				
SAT 30	BARROW	A	NL	3.00PM				
APRIL								
SAT 6	SUTTON UNITED	H	NL	3.00PM				
SAT 13	HARROGATE TOWN	A	NL	3.00PM				
FRI 19	SALFORD CITY	H	NL	7.45PM				
SAT 22	CHESTERFIELD	A	NL	3.00PM				
SAT 27	EASTLEIGH	H	NL	3.00PM				

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League Table, Fixtures & Results

Vanarama National League Table

#	Team	Pl	HW	HD	HL	AW	AD	AL	W	D	L	F	A	Diff	Pts
1.	AFC Fylde	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2.	Aldershot Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3.	Barnet	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4.	Barrow	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5.	Boreham Wood	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6.	Braintree Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7.	Bromley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8.	Chesterfield	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9.	Dagenham & Redbridge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10.	Dover Athletic	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11.	Eastleigh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12.	Ebbsfleet United	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13.	FC Halifax Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14.	Gateshead	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15.	Harrogate Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16.	Hartlepool United	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17.	Havant & Waterlooville	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18.	Leyton Orient	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19.	Maidenhead United	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20.	Maidstone United	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
21.	Salford City	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
22.	Solihull Moors	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
23.	Sutton United	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
24.	Wrexham	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

UPCOMING FIXTURES:

Saturday, August 4

AFC Fylde vs Bromley
 Aldershot Town vs Barnet
 Barrow vs Havant & Waterlooville
 Boreham Wood vs Dagenham & Redbridge
 Braintree Town vs FC Halifax Town
 Dover Athletic vs Wrexham
 Eastleigh vs Solihull Moors
 Ebbsfleet United vs Chesterfield
 Harrogate Town vs Sutton United
 Maidenhead United vs Gateshead
 Maidstone United vs Hartlepool United
 Salford City vs Leyton Orient

UPCOMING FIXTURES:

Tuesday, August 7

Barnet vs Braintree Town
 Bromley vs Dover Athletic
 Chesterfield vs Aldershot Town
 Dagenham & Redbridge vs Maidstone United
 FC Halifax Town vs Barrow
 Gateshead vs Salford City
 Hartlepool United vs Harrogate Town
 Havant & Waterlooville vs Boreham Wood
 Leyton Orient vs Ebbsfleet United
 Solihull Moors vs Maidenhead United
 Sutton United vs Eastleigh
 Wrexham vs AFC Fylde

UPCOMING FIXTURES:

Saturday, August 11

Barnet vs Eastleigh
 Bromley vs Harrogate Town
 Chesterfield vs Braintree Town
 Dagenham & Redbridge vs Maidenhead United
 FC Halifax Town vs Maidstone United
 Gateshead vs Dover Athletic
 Hartlepool United vs Ebbsfleet United
 Havant & Waterlooville vs AFC Fylde
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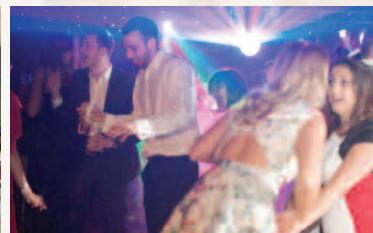
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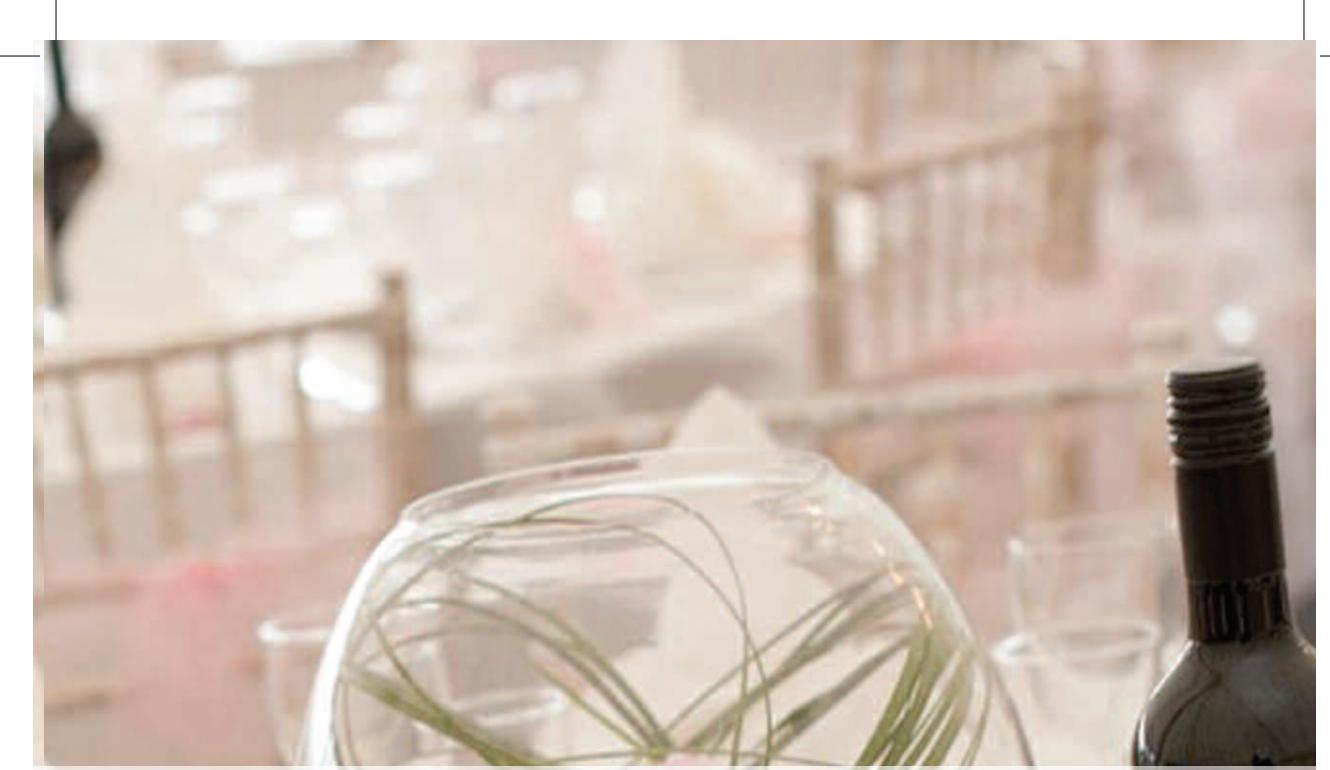
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Functions



Meet the new boys

Connor Smith

Where did he start?

Born in Ireland, Connor first came to prominence on Sky Television show 'Football's Next Star.'

'Football's Next Star' featured the likes of Jamie Redknapp and Inter Milan coaches Marco Monti and Paolo Miliayacca, as they searched for the 'Next Big Thing.' The winner of the show would earn a professional contract with Italian giants Inter Milan.

Connor finished second on the show, as runner up to Ben Greenhalgh, but was soon picked up by then Championship side Watford. He would remain at Vicarage Road for nearly seven years. He signed his first professional deal with the club in May 2012.

Where else has he played?

During his time with Watford, the young midfielder would experience a series of successful loan spells, with Wealdstone, Gillingham and Stevenage.

Having struggled to break into the Watford first team, Smith departed after nearly seven years, having made eight appearances for the senior side.

The young midfielder would go on to win successive promotions with AFC Wimbledon and Plymouth Argyle following his departure from Watford, in 2015/16 and 2016/17.

Where does he play?

An offensive central midfielder, Connor describes himself as a ball-player, who can play in a number of different shapes and formations.

As an eight, box-to-box, or further forward, the 25-year-old is a creative presence, with the strength and power to drive forward.

He has said that he would like to add more goals to his game, which is something Luke Garrard and his coaching staff will be hoping to bring out of him.

When did he sign?

The midfielder featured 19 times for Yeovil last season as the side battled to survival in the Football League, with a 19th place finish.

Smith has said that he is excited to move back to an area that he knows well, having spent a lot of his time in England, in Watford.

Smith has spoken of his memories of Meadow Park, having played here in reserve matches for Watford previously.

Gripped by the club's success last season and their ambitions going forward, Smith says that he didn't take long to make up his mind, when Garrard came calling.

What did he say?

"I am delighted; I remember playing here during my time at Watford in reserve games and you can see the massive growth of the club, even since then."

"The pitch is unbelievable, the ground is quality and the facilities are unbelievable for this level. I am just delighted to be back at the ground and back in an area that I am used to, and I cannot wait to get going."

"It didn't take long to sort. When he (Luke Garrard) found out that I was leaving Yeovil, the interest was there immediately."

"We spoke, and I didn't take much convincing to be honest. Everything seemed positive and I know how well the club did last season and how close they were to getting promoted. I am hoping that we can do the same again this year but go one better."

"I am a ball playing midfielder, but I feel that I can play in any position in central midfield. I can sit as an eight, go box-to-box, or play in a more advanced role. Hopefully I can also add more goals to my game this season."

What did the Gaffer say?

"I am very pleased, because I think that he will bring an energy and a quality to the side. For his age, he has a lot of experience under his belt and he is only 25, but he has played a lot of games in the Football League."

"I outlined to him where we want to be as a football club, and where we are looking to go. He is aware of the work that we did last year, in terms of getting to the Promotion final and he is aware of what I expect of this side going forward."

"We are ambitious, and we want to replicate what we achieved last season. I think that when you mix all of that in with our facilities, which we walked around together earlier - the pitch, the training facilities, the analyst suites, the gym on-site, etc - it is an impressive club."

"I know that he played here for Watford as well and he was impressed by how much it has improved since then. I think that a combination of a few things convinced him that this was the right place to come."

"He is coming here with a focus and a desire to progress, alongside the already impressive group of players that we have at this club."



Meet the new boys

Jamal Fyfield

Where did he start?

Jamal began his career in the youth system of now fellow National League side Leyton Orient, but would depart without making a senior appearance. Quickly snapped up by Maidenhead United, where he went on to make nearly 100 appearances.

His breakthrough season came in 2008/09, when from the beginning of 2009, he featured in all but three of the Maidenhead's matches, finishing the campaign with 33 appearances, and the club's Young Player of the Year award.

Where else has he played?

His form at York Road led to a move to National League favourites York City, where he assisted with their rise in the Football League. During their promotion winning season, he was a mainstay in the side, making 40 appearances, netting three times.

He continued his form into the Football League, making a further 30 appearances for the Minstermen.

Fyfield can also count Grimsby Town and Wrexham, amongst his former clubs at National League level.

Where does he play?

A versatile central defender, who can also play at left-back, Fyfield is a presence at 6ft 1in, but suits a back three formation, due to his speed and agility at the back.

When did he sign?

Jamal joined from National League rivals Gateshead, having made over 70 appearances for The Tynesiders, across a two-year spell.

He was recruited by Luke Garrard in June 2018, as part of the Wood's summer strengthening.

What did he say?

"I am over the moon to be honest. I have seen the progress that the club have made in recent years. It is a club who are going in the right direction, with a young manager and young management team, who are obviously getting the best out of their players and I am happy to be a part of it."

"I have spoken to a lot of people who have been at the club, or know of the club, and know of the management staff and the Chairman, and everything that I heard was positive."

"Also, the infrastructure and the professionalism of the club, and listening to Luke and what he wants to achieve, it is just the right kind of place for myself."

"I think that I can bring experience. I have obviously played in this league and I have been promoted from this league and I have also won the FA Trophy, so I think that my experience is the number one thing."

What did the Gaffer say?

"Jamal is a player who I have long admired, and I have seen plenty of his abilities, during his spells with the likes of Wrexham and Gateshead."

"He is a very experienced centre-half at this level - a natural left-footer - and that will give us a nice balance down that left-hand side."

"Jamal is a powerful defender and he is very strong aerially, but his experience was a massive plus to me. He is very vocal as well when it comes to organising the team on the pitch, so I am very happy."

"I think in our set up Jamal would be considered one of the top defenders at our level. You only have to look at what he done with Wrexham in the play-offs and what he has done at Gateshead - helping them to go as far as they did in the FA Trophy."



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Meet the new boys

Femi Ilesanmi

Where did he start?

Femi, who was born in Southwark, London to Nigerian parents, started his career with AFC Wimbledon in their youth system. He quickly impressed and made his debut at the tender age of just 16, in the Isthmian League Cup, against Whyteleafe.

He was soon spotted by Queens Park Rangers, who signed him on a one-year deal. However, he would depart following the expiration of his contract, having only featured in the academy and reserve teams.

A short-term move to Ashford Town reignited his career and then League One side Dagenham & Redbridge made their move for him.



Where else has he played?

Femi proved a huge success with the Daggers and went on to make over 100 appearances, having made himself first choice left-back in the 2010/11 season.

The attacking full-back was released by Dagenham & Redbridge in 2014 and would soon be signed by fellow League Two outfit York City. He would play 70 times during a two-year stay in North Yorkshire, before being convinced by Boreham Wood, to drop down into the non-league game.

The 27-year-old quickly established himself as both a key man, and a fan's favourite, for the Hertfordshire based side. His stay at Meadow Park would last just one season though, when Dover Athletic came calling.

Where does he play?

Ilesanmi is an attacking full-back, perfectly suited to Luke Garrard 3-5-2 formation, in which he will expect to slot in at left-wing-back. He has pace in abundance, which matches up to his defensive abilities.

When did he sign?

The Wood enjoyed an excellent campaign, in which they reached the Promotion Final at Wembley, only narrowly losing out to Tranmere Rovers 2-1.

Femi had already departed Dover Athletic by then and was invited by Luke Garrard as a guest for the game.

He has since returned to finish off what he started at Meadow Park and help the side into the Football League.

What did he say?

"It is good to be back at Meadow Park, obviously I have got some good memories there and hopefully this time around, we can have some even better memories."

"The manager Luke Garrard had a big part to play in it, I really believe in Luke and I really like the way he manages. I think that he is one of the best managers in the league."

"The Chairman had a part to play as well, because I have got a good relationship with him, and also, I feel that Boreham Wood have got one of the best squads in the league, but it goes under the radar."

"When you look at the players and the squad, I think that the standard is very high, and we should definitely be up there again this year."

What did the Gaffer say?

"I obviously know Femi from his time here before and I believe that he is one of the strongest left-siders in the league. I think that he brings an athleticism, an experience, and his one-v-one defending is very good."

"He knows our system and he plays in a manner that suits it perfectly. He is progressive when over the half way line, so very, very positive."

"He knows the club very well and he knows that we are going places. He was actually one of my guests at Wembley for the Promotion Final, because I had spoken to him at length, once the season was over."

"He saw first-hand how much we had progressed in the year that he had been away from the club, so I think that it was a no-brainer on his part."

"I am just glad that we could get the signature over the line, because I feel that he has a lot to offer, when playing within the system that we do."

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Meet the new boys

Manny Parry

Where did he start?

The towering centre-half began his career in the youth ranks of London-based Millwall, before moving to Stoke City in 2011.

He enjoyed a series of successful loan spells in the Conference, without making a senior appearance for the Potters first team.

Where else has he played?

During his time with Stoke City, Manny spent time on loan with Maidenhead United, Nuneaton Town, Weston-super-Mare and Worcester City.

He impressed enough during his time on loan, to earn himself a move to Grays Athletic, in search of further senior first team football.

A transfer to Maidstone United followed, although he would make just four appearances in all competitions, as the Stones won promotion to the national League South.

He departed Maidstone United and remained in Kent, with Margate, before moving on to Braintree.

He impressed in the top tier of non-league football with Braintree, making 23 appearances, at just 23-years of age. Although, he was unable to help them avoid relegation and subsequently joined Dover Athletic.

Where does he play?

Parry is a powerful and athletic centre-half, who netted ve times from defence this campaign, for Dover Athletic. He is also known for his strength at the back.

He was subsequently rewarded for his impressive performances all campaign, with a spot in the Non-League Paper Team of the Season.

When did he sign?

Manny Parry enjoyed a fantastic personal campaign last season, having been named in the Non-League Paper's Team of the Season.

This prompted Luke Garrard to snap up the 24-year-old, who also has knowledge of fellow summer signing Femi Ilesanmi, from the pairs time at Dover.

The two could pair up with on the left-hand side of defence, with Femi Ilesnami, at left-wing-back.

What did he say?

"I am delighted to sign for Boreham Wood, especially with how they did last season and after seeing the direction the club is going in - It looks like a great team going forward and I am delighted to be a part of it."

"As a player I think that I am good in both boxes, I'm good in the air, strong, and I think that I'm good at defending 'one versus one'. Obviously, it is going to be difficult this year to replicate last season, because everyone will be looking at Boreham Wood as one of last season's Promotion Finalists."

"For me though, I am just going to try to do as well as I can, as I know that the club will want to be up there challenging again."

What did the Gaffer say?

"I have spoken with Manny at length, and for me, he ticks a lot of my boxes - he is powerful, athletic, very, very strong and he scores goals from defence."

"He plays in a position that I want him to make his own this year and he is comfortable with coming into our shape. I think that he could be a really, really big signing. He is coming into a settled group of players who are progressive, and he wants to be a part of that."

"He was named in the Non-League Paper's 'Team of the Year' this season and that is a massive achievement. It shows how highly he is regarded at this level and I think that he has great quality."

"Just talking to him, I can see that there is a focus to him and a belief as to where he sees his future and hopefully we can all progress together."



Meet the new sides



Barnet

Who are they?

The club was founded in Chipping Barnet in 1888 and would play their home matches at the Underhill Stadium, from 1907 until 2013.

They would then move outside of Barnet in 2013, when they moved to their new Hive Stadium home, in Edgware.

A familiar name to Boreham Wood fans, with under 10 miles separating Borehamwood and Barnet, it will be a hotly contested fixture.

This is the first time that Barnet will have played in the same league as Boreham Wood, following the Wood's rise through the divisions.

What happened last season?

Barnet were relegated from the Football League and back into the National League, despite beating Chesterfield 3-0 on the final day of the season.

It was a turbulent campaign for the Bees, who had four different managers in the dugout, finishing off the campaign with Martin Allen in charge.

The Bees had actually started the season positively and were sitting the play-offs in September, following an impressive 3-1 victory over Cambridge. However, 13-matches without a win saw them plummet down the division, with Mark McGhee replacing Rossi Eames as manager.

The Scot lasted just 10 matches in charge, losing eight of those. Graham Westley was then brought in as his replacement. Westley himself fared no better, winning just two in 11 matches, before he was replaced by former boss Allen.

Who is the manager?

National League experience was drafted in by the Edgware based outfit upon relegation. Former Dagenham & Redbridge manager John Still was announced as Allen's replacement.

The experienced Still, who has had two previous spells as manager of Barnet, has had no fewer than 14 different managerial reigns, albeit many as second, or third spells at the same club.

The 68-year-old has won promotion to the Football League three times previously, with Maidstone, Dagenham and Luton Town and agreed a two-year deal at Barnet.



Braintree Town

Who are they?

Based at Cressing Road, Braintree, in Essex, The Iron were formed in 1898 as Manor Works - hence the nickname "The Iron".

Another familiar name to the Wood Army, Braintree were only relegated from the National League a year ago.

What happened last season?

Having suffered relegation in 2016/17, The Iron worked their way through a tough set of play-off fixtures, having finished in sixth place.

They initially saw off Hemel Hempstead on penalties, before grinding out a tough 1-0 win over Dartford.

The Iron would then beat Shaun Jeffers' Hampton & Richmond 4-3 in the Promotion Final, in a tense penalty shootout, to confirm their instant return to the top tier of non-league football.

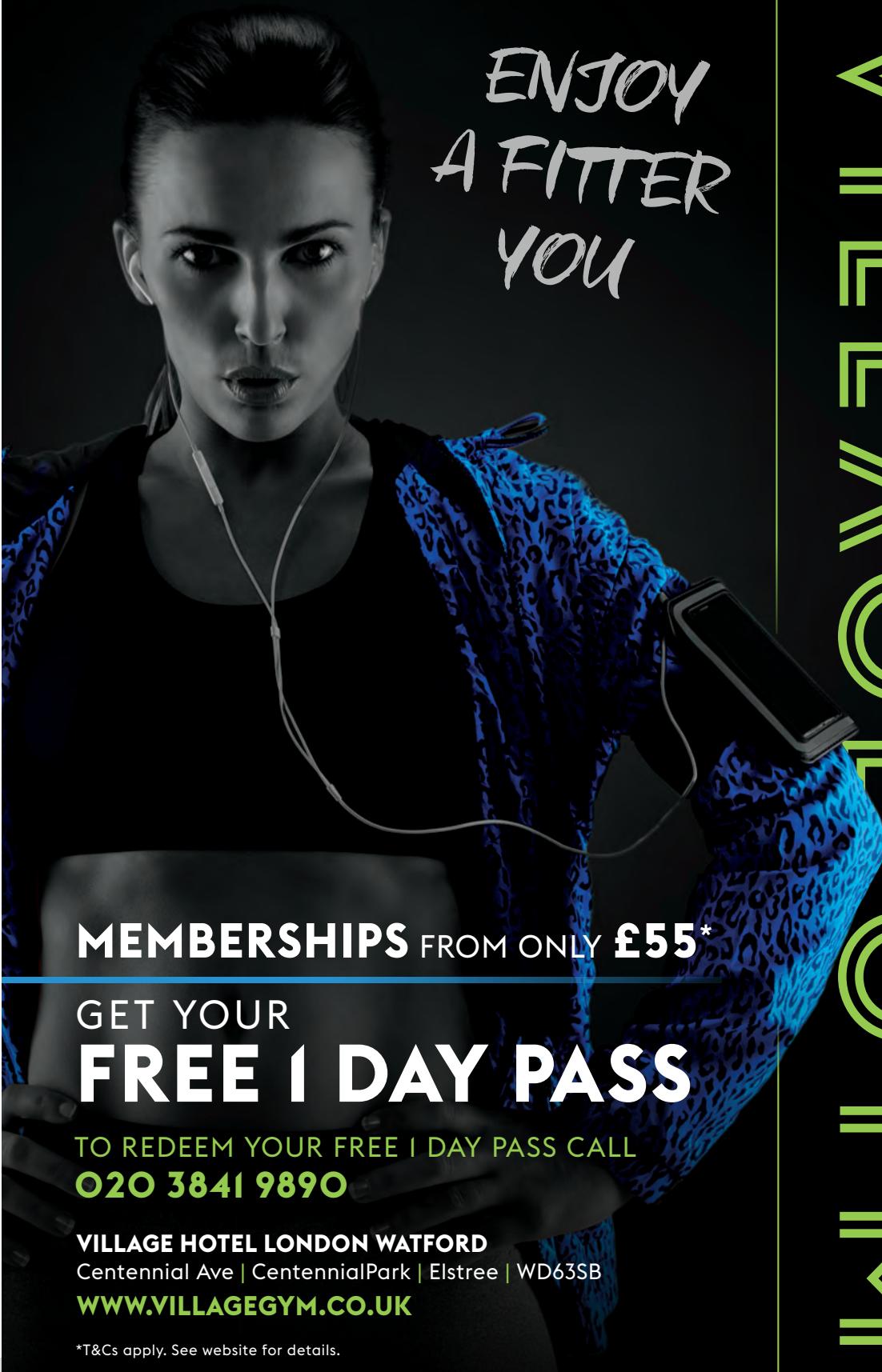
Who is the manager?

Braintree appointed club record appearance holder Brad Quiton as their manager, as they looked to return to the National League.

The former Iron midfielder featured 546 times for Braintree, during a 12-year stint with the club.

Quiton left his managerial position at Enfield Town to take over at Cressing Road, he had been manager at Enfield since 2014.





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Micky Engwell

Community Update



For me, the most exciting thing going on in the Community Department at the moment is our Annual Youth Tournament. It is a period of time that is very busy, but very beneficial. We have got the different age groups across two Sundays - the 22nd and 29th - and I think that they will be a great success, as they are every year.

When the teams arrive, they register and go into our Gallery Suite, with all of the facilities that they need to welcome them. Then they will be taken to either the astro turf, or the grass pitches on Meadow Park, where they will be in their different groups, which will have been drawn ahead of time.

The first and the second from each of these age groups will then progress into the knockout rounds and the best of the best will work their way into the final.

The final is played on our 5G astro turf and we make it as professional and as grand as possible. They walk out to Champions' League music and line-up for the handshake and it is a really enjoyable occasion. The presentation of the trophies then takes place following the final whistle and those are done with Luke Garrard, who manages our first team.

We always get a great crowd of family and friends for the presentation as well, which I think shows how much it is enjoyed. Everything is done properly and to a very high standard, with our first team manager presenting the trophies. It just finishes everything off nicely and ensures that all the children go off with great memories.

In other sections of the department, we have now taken on our eighth school, which is Merryfield. We are also developing our after schools programme, our curriculum coaching and we have also got the school football teams who we have taken on.

I think that one of the successes of this year has been our partnership with Clore Shalom, who are a key part of the local Jewish Community, and they finished as runners up in their league.

It is obviously beneficial going in there and doing one-to-one coaching with the players, because we have seen an improvement and seen success. We have also seen an increase in crowd, which I think can be partly attributed to that, because the families and friends of these children are coming down to watch our first team on the day.

For the upcoming Arsenal game, we have 22 mascots, and eight flagbearers and that is nigh on near a record and a lot of these children are from our community schools, who we work with in the local area.

Myself and all of our other coaches, love going into these schools because the children react so well and clearly enjoy the sessions. We are always striving to improve, so long may it continue to improve and be successful.

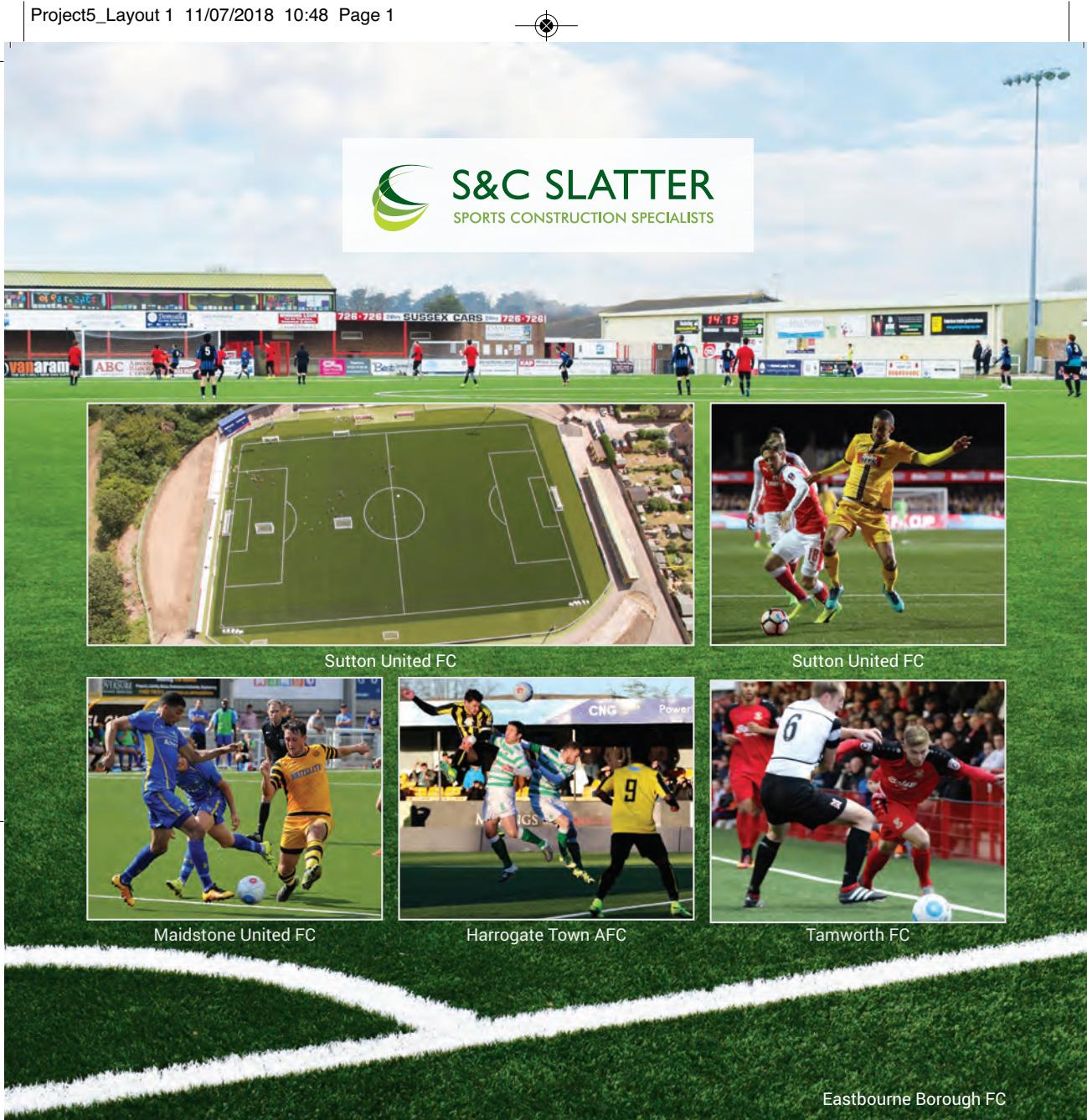
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Cameron Mawer

Academy Update

We took the Elite boys away to the PGMOL Tournament at ST George's Park, which featured ourselves, Dover Athletic, ProDirect, Aldershot Town, Kidderminster and Rugby Town. The boys stayed for two nights, with the tournament running across three days.

To have the opportunity to play at St George's Park, while England are out at the World Cup Russia, I think, was absolutely incredible for the lads. And, it is exactly what the PASE Academy is all about - opportunities.

We played seven games; won seven, scored eighteen goals and conceded just twice. I think that tells you everything you need to know about how well the boys done. To have played that many minutes in the heat out there, across just three days, it was very, very tough.

They done really, really well and I truly think that they got so much out of it. We looked so strong across the three days, and faced some of our biggest rivals, but came out on top. We look like we are already in very good shape for the season ahead; the elite boys have returned and look really strong. The new boys in the squad are looking sharp and mixing in well and the old heads from last campaign have come back fit and firing.

We had our latest PASE trials on Tuesday and I think that it went really well, it was one of the biggest that we have had at this point in the year and we look like we are going to continue to go from strength-to-strength.

There are more and more boys coming in and joining our academy, because they recognize the work that we do here and the opportunities that we can provide them with, if they show that ADD factor of Attitude, Discipline and Desire.

I really enjoy our trial days and I think that the boys come along and enjoy them as well. They get to see the club as a whole, they get a tour, they get their education speech, and they usually get a talk from the Chairman. I think that part is key as well, because it isn't something that you would get at any other club at any other level and it shows how much we care.

To have the Chairman speaking, to have the First Team Manager speaking and to have First Team Players there, that shows how important the academy is to the club and I think that shows on the trialists we get; they come in with an excitement and a willingness to succeed.

It also shows the trialists that if they are good enough, then they will get that opportunity. There were some really exciting players there on the day as well, which is obviously a large part of what these days are about. There were a lot of players there who I noticed and thought yeah, they've got a great chance here. Whether that be in the Elite side, the 1st team, the England Colleges trials, or the educational side.

There is actually one boy from the trials in May - which really isn't long ago - who has already trained with the first team, in pre-season. If that doesn't show that the opportunities are there, then I don't know what does.

But, we won't rest on our laurels, we will keep working hard to keep improving.

Cameron Mawer

Head PASE Coach

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Meet the new sides



Harrogate Town

Who are they?

The Yorkshire based outfit were founded in 1914, under the name of Harrogate AFC. Nicknamed 'Sulphurites', due to their fame for Sulphur Springs, the club play their home matches at Wetherby Road.

The club made the decision to go full time as early as the 2016/17 season, as they eyed a spot in the National League.

What happened last season?

In the 2017/18 campaign, Harrogate earned promotion in the Vanarama National League for the first time in the club's history, through the play-offs.

The Sulphurites made their full-time decision a reality in June 2017, and it paid dividends within the first season. Although, a squad revamp was required, with many of their players, decided that they did not want to go full-time.

A second-place finish in the division, seemingly put them in the driving seat, to earn promotion. Town subsequently defeated Brackley Town 3-0 in the Promotion Final, thanks to goals from Dominic Knowles and Joe Leesley.

Who is the manager?

Harrogate are managed by Simon Weaver, the son of the club's Chairman Irving Weaver.

Weaver is approaching his tenth season in charge of the Yorkshire based side, having taken over in 2009, originally as player-manager. His near decade in charge, makes him one of football's longest serving managers.

Weaver enjoyed a successful playing career as a centre-back, featuring for the likes of Doncaster Rovers, Lincoln City and Nuneaton Borough, having begun his career at Sheffield Wednesday.

If it wasn't already certain, Weaver confirmed his place in Harrogate history, by earning them promotion into the National League, for the first time.



Salford City

Who are they?

Based at Moor Lane, Kersal, Salford, the club were formed in 1940 as Salford Central.

The club were taken over by former Manchester United players Ryan Giggs, Gary Neville, Phil Neville, Paul Scholes and Nicky Butt in 2014, also known as the 'Class of 92'. They would later seek further investment from Peter Lim.

Since the takeover from the 'Class of 92', Salford have risen through the leagues and gone from strength-to-strength, with significant media exposure along the way.

Both BBC and Sky Sports have produced documentaries on the club's rise through the divisions.

What happened last season?

Salford City won the National League North last campaign, which was confirmed by Harrogate Town's defeat to Bradford Park Avenue. It was the side's third promotion in four years.

Managed by former Ramsbottom United bosses Anthony Johnson and Bernard Morley, Salford have risen from the eighth tier of English football and will now play in the top tier of non-league football, for the first time in their history.

Who is the manager?

Salford City parted ways with Johnson and Morley following their promotion and brought in a high-profile replacement for the pair. Former Fleetwood Town and Scunthorpe United manager Graham Alexander took over.

Alexander achieved promotion with Fleetwood Town from the Football League Two in 2013-14, through the play-offs. He would then take Scunthorpe United to within a whisker of the Championship in 2016-17, where he again made the play-offs, although this time, suffered defeat.

The 46-year-old arrives with a stellar reputation in the Football League and will be hopeful of reaching the League again, while at Salford.



Club News

MORGAN GIVES EVERYONE A LIFT

Boreham Wood Football Club are absolutely delighted to announce that our highly rated centre forward Morgan Ferrier has - even after being given permission to talk to a number of Football League clubs - decided after talks with both the Chairman and Manager to turn down the chance to leave us.

Wood Chairman Danny Hunter said: "In truth, we'd perhaps geared ourselves up to losing Morgan - who I consider to be the best of his type in the league. So, to keep him and possibly extend his deal is a most unexpected, but fabulous bonus.

"I did in truth sit down with Mogs and Bruno Andrade after our civic parade nearly a month ago, as I sensed that Morgan wasn't completely sure about where his future may lay. As such, I quietly advised him that if he wasn't sure, to go with his instincts and to put both his personal and family's interests and happiness first.

"The fact he has chosen to play his football with us again next season, will give the club, me, the manager, the dressing room and our fans such a massive lift. And I feel it will give us real belief that we can perhaps challenge for a play-off spot or better once again.

"The offers and enquiries we received for Morgan were numerous. They would in truth have broken our transfer record and the add ons offered were also very fair - but surprisingly, in today's football world, it became apparent that for Morgan it wasn't just about the money and that was always the case for me and this football club.

"I feel his decision was more about family, location, our relationship, the way we run our football club and about timing. As such, staying put gives Morgan some breathing space to affect his own personal progress and we all feel with his ability, his age, and the fact that he is still developing both as a player and as a man - that further opportunities will certainly come his way again in the future.

"So for now, let's all settle things down, look forward with optimism to next season and look forward to adding some quality to our squad over the next few weeks and enjoy a productive pre-season programme that begins in 12 days' time."





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Meet the new sides



Chesterfield

Who are they?

Based in Derbyshire, Chesterfield were formed 152-years ago, in 1866, and are known as The Spireites, due to the town's crooked spire.

Until 2010, they played their matches at Saltergate - which was the oldest stadium in the Football League. The stadium featured on the film 'The Damned United', which was about legendary manager Brian Clough and his spells with Derby County and Leeds United.

Chesterfield were in the League One play-offs as recently as the 2014/15 campaign but would go on to lose 4-0 on aggregate to Preston North End, across two-legs. They now play their home matches at The Proact Stadium.

What happened last season?

Having been relegated from League One under manager Gary Caldwell, the Spireites stuck with their gaffer and attempted to bounce straight back up.

However, things didn't go as smoothly as planned, with Caldwell winning just three times in 29-matches - the worst record of any Chesterfield manager.

Club legend Jack Lester was installed in charge, having departed Nottingham Forest, where he was a coach. However, the damage had already been done and Lester was unable to keep the club in the Football League. The side finished bottom of League Two, in 24th place.

Who is the manager?

A well-known name across the National League, Martin Allen was placed in charge of the side, as they attempt to improve on the last two seasons.

The former Barnet and Gillingham boss - who has managed neighbours Barnet five times - was most recently in the National League with Eastleigh and will be Chesterfield's fifth manager in three years.

Allen previously led Barnet to the then named Conference title, during the 2014/15 campaign.



Havant & Waterlooville

Who are they?

Havant & Waterlooville were formed just 20-years ago, following a merge between Havant Town and Waterlooville.

Nicknamed The Hawks, they are another side new to the division, having never previously played in the top tier of non-league football.

They play their home games at West Leigh Park, in Havant.

What happened last season?

It was quite the campaign for the Hampshire based side, who have never previously participated this high in the footballing pyramid.

They left it until the very final day of the season to secure promotion, starting their final match level on points with second-placed Dartford.

It was an 87th minute strike that secured them the title, with Jason Prior securing their promotion on goal difference.

It was a second straight title for the club, who won the Isthmian League in 2016/17. They had been relegated from the Conference South the season prior.

Who is the manager?

43-year-old Lee Bradbury actually has a Premier League side on his managerial CV, having spent 14-months as manager of AFC Bournemouth in the 2011/12 campaign.

A League One outfit at the time, Bradbury took over from current Cherries' boss Eddie Howe, who had departed the club for Burnley - Howe would later return to Bournemouth.

The former forward enjoyed a successful playing career, where he featured for the likes of Manchester City, Crystal Palace, Portsmouth, and AFC Bournemouth, amongst others.

He was appointed as manager of Havant & Waterlooville in 2012, and he has since won the Isthmian League manager of the year award, following their promotion from the division.



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MANAGER **LUKE GARRARD**

Pld	Gls
○ Craig Ross	○○○
○ Tom McHale	○○○
○ Kane Smith	○○○
○ Danny Woodards	○○○
○ Mark Ricketts	○○○
○ David Stephens	○○○
○ Ricky Shakes	○○○
○ Tom Champion	○○○
○ Keiran Murtagh	○○○
○ Shaun Jeffers	○○○
○ Angelo Balanta	○○○
○ Fred Burbidge	○○○
○ Sorba Thomas	○○○
○ Morgan Ferrier	○○○
○ Jamal Fyfield	○○○
○ Femi Ilesanmi	○○○
○ Manny Parry	○○○
○ Connor Smith	○○○
○ Bradley Ash	○○○



ARSENAL

MANAGER **UNAI EMERY**

Pld	Gls
○ Petr Cech	○○○
○ Hector Bellerin	○○○
○ Sokratis Papastathopoulos	○○○
○ Henrikh Mkhitaryan	○○○
○ Aaron Ramsey	○○○
○ Alexandre Lacazette	○○○
○ Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang	○○○
○ Ainsley Maitland-Niles	○○○
○ Rob Holding	○○○
○ Bernd Leno	○○○
○ Shkodran Mustafi	○○○
○ Calum Chambers	○○○
○ Jeff Reine-Adelaide	○○○
○ Emiliano Martinez	○○○
○ Konstantinos Mavropanos	○○○
○ Lucas Perez	○○○
○ Matteo Guendouzi	○○○
○ Sead Kolasinac	○○○
○ Chuba Akpom	○○○
○ Reiss Nelson	○○○
○ Joe Willock	○○○
○ Eddie Nketiah	○○○
○ Emile Smith Rowe	○○○
○ Jordi Osei-Tutu	○○○

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Assistant Referee:
Andrew Loe

Assistant Referee:
Paul Lister

Fourth Official:
Stuart Smith