# FANTASY CHALLENGE CHAMPIONS LEAGUE FINAL 2019

15<sup>th</sup> Final

# Steve CLARRICOATS Paaquale EGISTO

GAMEWEEK 38 (12<sup>th</sup> May) OFFICIAL FC MATCH PREVIEW

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## INTRODUCTION

The 15<sup>th</sup> season of this major competition the Champions league has the managers competing in it from the top 5 divisions in the Super20 leagues. With the Group stage and then two-legged knock out stage it is the competition that has the most matches for a manager to get through to the final, 18 matches are required to get through to this prestigious final

The history of this competition tells us that managers that make the final have used a lot of skill to get here and if not already a name in the FC World they are going to be from now on.

Todays finalist are proof of that, both have been in the game for a few season and already have a good reputation within the FC World, also they provide further proof of the strength in depth in the game as they come from the lower leagues. Pasquale Egisto in League One whilst his opponent Steve Clarricoats is in the Conference.

Interestingly both managers in their first seasons in these leagues showing their history for promotions.

For Steve Clarricoats this is his second major final making the Pyramid Cup final in his rookie season, on that occasion he lost the final to a manager making history Alvar Chambers was in a consecutive final and had become the first manager to reach two Pyramid Cup finals. Clarricoats in that rookie season had won the Overall League so he does already have one major trophy to his name hoping that in this final he can add a second.

We have often mentioned the Pyramid Cup and what a great breeding ground (Competition) for the Champions League it has proved to be for new managers. Calrricoats is proof of this as it is his first season competiting oin the Champions League getting to the final at the first attempt is an amazing achievement but if you look at his history on the Pyramid Cup it should not be too much of a shock having got to the quarter-Finals at least in his three season in that competition.

For Pasquale Egisto it is a slightly different story he as yet has not won a major trophy and this is his first major final. He has been a quarter-Finalist in the Pyramid Cup and also made that stage in the New Life cup last season. This is his 3<sup>rd</sup> season in the Champions League never having been past the 2<sup>nd</sup> Round before.

Egisto might not have a great cup pedigree but successive promotions through the Super20 Leagues has seen him rise from Pyramid Two to League Two which shows why Egisto has got to this final and why this is not going to be an easy match for Clarricoats.

Pasquale Egisto is in his 5<sup>th</sup> season in the game whilst Steve Clarricoats is in his 4<sup>th</sup> season, both oif these finalists are showing way for all the managers currently in the Pyramid Cup and lower leagues of the super20 leagues they are showing a path to the upper echelons of the game and proving that it can be done.

It is a small percentage of managers that have won major trophies in the history of Fantasy Challenge this final represents the chances for Clarricoats to add to his tally and standing in the game and for Egsito to join that elite band of manager to have a major trophy to their name.

So, after 18 matches it all boils down to this one gameweek which will take place on 1 day something that doesn't happen often during the season and makes this cup final extra special. All will be revealed on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May.

Over the next few pages we will profile the two managers and the FC expert gives his opinion on the final.

I hope you enjoy this Champions League Final Preview Edition.

I wish both managers all the best in this final.

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## **PLAYER PROFILES**

#### **Steve CLARRICOATS**

Joined Fantasy Challenge Career Honours 2016 2016 Overall League Champion 2016 Pyramid Two Champion 2018 Pyramid Premier 5<sup>th</sup> Promoted

#### STAT ATTACK

(After Gameweek 37)

THIS SEASON		CHAMPIONS L	EAGUE HISTORY
AVERAGE GAMEWEEK SCORE	55.24		First Season
HIGHEST GAMEWEEK SCORE	92	PYRAMID (	CUP HISTORY
LOWEST GAMEWEEK SCORE	25	2016	Runner-Up
GAMEWEEKS SCORE OVER 49	21	2017	Quarter-Final
GAMEWEEKS SCORE UNDER 50	16	2018	Semi-Final
CHAMPIONS LEAGUE AVERAGE	56.5		

#### **ROAD TO THE FINAL**

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Round Group Stage

Group N								
Sandeep Chohan	79	-	53					
Alvar Chambers	49	-	36					
Dave Sinclair	48	-	37					
Adam Pemberton	62	-	39					
Miki Mielonen	43	-	43					
Sandeep Chohan	53	-	37					
Alvar Chambers	49	-	75					
Dave Sinclair	46	-	39					
Adam Pemberton	62	-	79					
Miki Mielonen	58	-	52					

#### **FINAL TABLE**

POS	TEAM	PLD	WON	DRW	LST	FOR	AGST	+/-	PTS	
1	Steve Calrricoats	10	7	1	2	549	490	59	22	
2	Alvar Chambers	10	6	1	3	621	546	75	19	
3	Dave Sinclair	10	4	1	5	555	542	13	13	
4	Adam Pemberton	10	4	1	5	520	553	-33	13	1
5	Miki Mielonen	10	3	2	5	529	549	-20	11	
6	Sandeep Chohan	10	3	0	7	460	554	-94	9	]
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			1 <sup>st</sup> Leg	3		2 <sup>nd</sup> Le	g		Aggreg	ate
Round	Andy McLaren	60	D -	53	49	) -	42	10	9 -	9
Round	James Dwinfour	53	1 -	38	47	7 -	44	98	8 -	8

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2 <sup>nd</sup> Round	Andy McLaren	60	-	53	49	-	42	109	-	95
3 <sup>rd</sup> Round	James Dwinfour	51	-	38	47	-	44	98	-	82
Quarter-Final	Scott Smith	25	-	20	92	-	96	117	-	116
Semi-Final	Ian Gredley	92	-	87	52	-	33	144	-	120

#### PROFILE

Clarricoats caught the headlines in the FC World in his rookie season winning the Overall League and taking the Pyramid Two title. Two seasons later He gained promotion from Pyramid Premier now in his first season in the Conference has not been auspicious season currently sitting in 13<sup>th</sup> place 8 points clear of relegation 11 points off promotion. It did take him two season to get out of Pyramid Premier. This is also his first season in the Champions League. His record in the Pyramid Cup the tournament like the Champions League for managers in the lower leagues shows why he generates a lot of discussion in the FC World. Being a Runner-Up, Quarter-Finalist then last season a Semi-Finalist. Now in his inaugural year of the Champions League he has made this final and has a chance of gaining a second major trophy not bad for a manager in his fourth season.

#### **Pasquale EGISTO**

# Joined Fantasy Challenge2015Career Honours2015

2015 Pyramid Two Runner-Up 2016 Pyramid Premier 4<sup>th</sup> Promoted 2017 Conference Lucky Promotion 6<sup>th</sup>

2018 League Two 3<sup>rd</sup> Promoted

#### STAT ATTACK

(After Gameweek 37)

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AVERAGE GAMEWEEK SCORE	
HIGHEST GAMEWEEK SCORE	
LOWEST GAMEWEEK SCORE	
GAMEWEEKS SCORE OVER 49	
GAMEWEEKS SCORE UNDER 50	
CHAMPIONS LEAGUE AVERAGE	

CHAMPIONS L	EAGUE HISTORY
2017	2 <sup>nd</sup> Round
2018	Group Stage
PYRAMID (	CUP HISTORY
2015	Group Stage
2016	Quarter-Final
NEW	LIFE CUP
2018	Quarter-Final

#### **ROAD TO THE FINAL**

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73	-	38
45	-	44
43	-	60
80	-	60
62	-	60
63	-	28
66	-	68
54	-	67
75	-	76
63	-	55
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#### **FINAL TABLE**

POS	ΤΕΑΜ	PLD	WON	DRW	LST	FOR	AGST	+/-	PTS
1	Pasquale Egisto	10	6	0	4	624	556	68	18
2	Rob Gurney	10	6	0	4	641	579	62	18
3	Tony Collins	10	5	1	4	601	550	51	16
4	David Noel	10	5	1	4	599	569	30	16
5	Alistair Shields	10	4	0	6	530	583	-58	12
6	Rob Wills	10	3	0	7	447	600	-153	9

#### **KNOCKOUT STAGE**

		1	L <sup>st</sup> Leg	5	2	2 <sup>nd</sup> Leg	5	Ag	grega	ate
2 <sup>nd</sup> Round	David Pewtner	74	-	51	37	-	57	111	-	108
3 <sup>rd</sup> Round	Roari Fox	39	-	45	50	-	38	89	-	83
Quarter-Final	Andy Gurney	19	-	49	113	-	81	132	-	130
Semi-Final	Randy Ricker	116	-	74	102	-	72	218	-	146
PROFILE										

Going into the last weekend of the season Pasquale has a chance of promotion from League One he might be in 8<sup>th</sup> place but is 1 point from the promotion places, he requires victory against Jatin Joshi who is already promoted and for other results to go his way so potentially Pasquale could be enjoying Champions League success and a fifth consecutive promotion. Two seasons ago in the Conference he did receive a lucky promotion but did finish in 6<sup>th</sup> just one place outside the promotion places. Unlike his opponent in this final Pasquale is yet to win a major trophy and this is first final but those promotions and consistent performances in his 5 seasons have made him a manager with a strong reputation in the FC World.



## FC EXPERT MATCH ANALYSIS

We asked the Fantasy Challenge Expert to give us his thoughts on this year's Champions League Final. We have managed to give the FC Expert the two team line-ups from Gameweek 37.



#### **STAT ATTACK**

45	SCORE	44
4	CAPTAIN	4
38	DEFENCE	33
3	MIDFIELD	5
8	ATTACK	6
2 (-4 Points)	TRANSFERS	0
4-3-3	FORMATION	4-4-2
	CHIP PLAYED	
NONE		NONE
	CHIPS LEFT	
NONE		TRIPLE CAPTAIN

Steve Clarricoats score adjusted due to 2 transfers losing 4 points

#### THE ANALYSIS

Well as I sit here ready to write this match analysis, I have to admit to being in a state of shock and questioning what we all know about football. You might think I am reeling from getting the 2019 FC Cup final prediction wrong, which does have me questioning some of my analysis but last night on my holiday as I checked my phone for update son the Champions League I saw Liverpool make the most amazing comeback. My analysis for that match had always been that Liverpool were the better team in the 1<sup>st</sup> leg and I am not really sure how they lost 3-0 but they had and for me that was that whilst I could see Liverpool scoring 3 against Barcelona I always felt that Barcelona would score at Anfield which would be enough to take them through how wrong could I be.

A deep breath and onto the analysis of this the Fantasy Challenge Champions League Final.

So onto the two teams which in gameweek 37 would have seen Steve Clarricoats beat Pasquale Egisto by a single point 45-44, lets hope that this final has us on such tenterhooks.

#### DEFENCE



Doherty (Wolves) & Laporte (Manchester City) gaining clean sheets and providing an assist with 3 bonus points saw them both bag 12 points. Trent-Alexander (Liverpool) scored an assist and 3 bonus points but conceded 2 goals meaning he only scored 10. The return form these 3 defenders alone was a great return for ths defence. Clarricoats had Ryan (Brighton) on his bench who would have scored a point more than selected keeper Leno (Arsenal). A great return in defence for Clarricoats.





Egisto had Laporte (Manchester City) Clean Sheets, assist and 3 bonus points. Alexander-Arnold (Liverpool) scored 2 less points due to the fact that Liverpool conceded 2 goals. Robertson Egisto's other Liverpool defender only scored 1 point. Bennett (Wolves) gained a clean sheet to secure 6 points. Egisto did not have any points left on the bench so had selected the right defenders for this gameweek. A return of over 30 points a strong score for this back five.

With both managers deploying a 4 man defence it was interesting to see two great point returns. Many managers play 3 at the back but in gameweek 36 you can see the benefit of a back four. If you can get those clean sheets and add assist and bonus points which you would not normally expect from a defender. Clarricoats defence came out on top by 5 points which basically came down to the two Wolves defenders. Doherty adding an assist and gaining 3 bonus points where his team mate Bennett for Egisto could only claim the clean sheet scoring 6 points less. Both managers have Laporte (Manchester City) & Trent-Alexander (Liverpool) then those two Wolves team mates. Both also have goalkeeper Ryan (Brighton) with Egisto picking him and Clarricoats leaving him on the bench. These defences are very similar and both had Southampton players on their bench albeit different players, Clarricoats has Valery, Egisto has Bednarek. In this final Liverpool host Wolves with Liverpool chasing that elusive Premier League title you would have to expect them to score which might just give Egisto an advantage with two Liverpool defenders although Liverpool have leaked a few recently. Brighton host the other title chasers Manchester City so they might look to review Ryan in goal, Clarricoats we know selected Leno ion gameweek 37 will probably keep him between the sticks whilst Egisto might just have to look at Foster (Watford) Watfpord host West Ham on the final Sunday of the season but will their players have one eye on the FA Cup final and be more interested in hoping to avoid injury. Arsenal go to Burnley needing a minor miracle to gain a top 4 position but they might have a Europa League final to play so they could also have their minds elsewhere. Two good defences but with that Liverpool Wolves fixture I do not see the same scores being achieved as were hot in Gamweek 37.

#### MIDFIELD

#### **STEVE CLARRICOATS**



In a 3 man midfield a sending off is always catastrophic. Son (Tottenham) letting Clarricoats side down scoring minus 2. That cancelled out one of his other Midfielders Babel (Fulham) leaving Sterling (Manchester City) to score all the points for the midfield 3. Ward-Prowse (Southampton) & Doucoure (Watford) were left on the bench neither setting the gameweek alight but the single point they both score would have been better than Son.

#### PASQUALE EGISTO



Another midfield suffering from the same red card Son (Tottenham) with 4 in midfield there were enough players to cover this. Unfortunately, Jota (Wolves), Mane (Liverpool) both could only score 2 points with Sterling (Manchester City) hitting 3 points. With Southampton's Hojbjerg on the bench with 2 points although he would have cancelled out the Minus points form Son it would not be a great return form a 4-man midfield.

After such great point returns form the two defences the midfields let their managers down. Clarricost going with a 3 man midfield only scoring 3 points 1 per player a very poor return. Had he not picked Son that would have boosted to 6 points still not a great return. Egisto would expect to come out on top in the midfield battle with the extra player but he only got 5 points which would have boosted if he had got the Son selection correct to 9 points still a poor return. Clarricoats I can see keeping the faith in Sterling and Babel, Sterling has now had two weeks of poor point returns with City chasing the title surely this is due to change also with Egisto also having Sterling it would be a big risk to drop him or transfer him out. For Egisto I wonder if he might be looking at Jota as they take on Liverpool with the Reds chasing that title you would expect Wolves to be under a lot of pressure but then Wolves are setup well as a counter attacking team so a question for Egisto there. Both managers know that Son is now suspended so could well be forced into making that transfer to try and get in some more fire power in the Midfield area which was lacking for both in Gameweek 37

#### ATTACK



An 8 point return from a front 3 which also included a captain pick was very disappointing for Clarricoats. Calvert-Lewin (Everton) is a cheap pick and is beginning to make the forward spot his own at Everton but he is not known for his goals return yet, Lacazette (Arsenal) just 2 points he seems now to be saving his goals for the Europa League. Sergio Aguero (Manchester City) just 4 points no goals with City going for the title you would have hoped an expected more.

#### **PASQUALE EGISTO**



Egisto just had the two up front and also did not get a great return from Jimenez (Wolves) just scoring 2 points. Sergio Aguero was also deployed as a captain but could only manager 4 points. Egisto had on the bench was Andre Gray (Watford) who only scored 1 point so he did have the correct two up front but worrying that not great return from any of his forwards. Gray has a cup final place to play for so Egisto might be expecting more form him.

So we get to the attacks and suddenly realise that those amazing point returns from the defences were needed as neither the midfields or Attacks made a significant contribution in Gameweek 37. Both managers have Aguero he will keep his place surely with the aforementioned title race. Aguero does not often go that many gameweeks without grabbing a goal. Clarricoats must look at the point return of Calvert-Lewin he is cheap but is getting enough points for his money. Lacazatte seemingly always carries a goal threat but Arsenal have dropped off massively in the Premier League, at the time of writing we don't know if they are in the Europa League but hold a good first leg lead, although events at Anfield last night makes us question all first leg leads, his goals have also dried up in the Premier league. For Egisto he once again ahs the Liverpool V Wolves question Jimenez up front Yes as mentioned they are good on the break but a goal form Jimenez will destroy his own defence it would take two clean sheets of of his high scoring defence. Questions for both managers on underperforming front lines.

CAPTAIN - (Points for the Could have selected have be	en doubled)
ANTHONY LOBO	OMID AFZALALGHOM
AGUERO (Manchester City) 4 Points	AGUERO (Manchester City) 4 Points
COULD HAVE SELECTED	COULD HAVE SELECTED
Doherty (Wolvesl) 24 Points	Laporte (Manchester City) 24 Points
Laporte (Manchester City) 24 Points	Alexander-Arnold (Liverpool) 20 Points
Alexander-Arnold (Liverpool) 20 Points	Bennett (Wolves) 12 Points

If you look at Clarricoats potential captains who would have thought that 3 defenders would out score Aguero. Amazingly two of Clarricoats defenders would have score 20 more points would have been very significant if this match had been played in Gameweek 37. Egisto also had 3 defenders who would have outscored Aguero although only one of the three gaining 20 points more. Both had Wolves defenders who could of captained although we think that final day fixture means I would not advise making them captain for this final. If this match had been played in Gameweek 37 Clarricoats would have won by a single point but you can see from above that this match could have been completely different if the managers had selected different captains in fact if one had stayed with Aguero and the other had selected a defender it would have been a relatively easy victory on the score sheet. Further evidence of how a captain selection is key in match play.

#### CHIPS

STEVE CLARRICOATS	PASQUALE EGISTO				
CHIPS	CHIPS				
NONE	TRIPLE CAPTAIN				
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o had got his selection correct if these managers had	met in Gamewek 37 he would have walked the tie with				

Pasquale Egisto has a triple captain selection available to him. We have just gone over the captain selections if Egisto had got his selection correct if these managers had met in Gamewek 37 he would have walked the tie with a triple captain selection. In fact, even with Aguero only scoring 4 that would have gone up to 6 and would have been enough to overt turn the result in Gameweek 37. Egisto knows that if he can get his Triple Captain selection right it could easy turn this final into his favour. After the FC Cup though we know that having a chip is not always the recipe for victory although I would ask that Anthony Lobo's bench boost went horribly wrong and events just conspired against him.

#### FINANCE / TRANSFERS / OPTIONS

STEVE CLARRICOATS		PASQUALE EGISTO		
FINANCE	TRANSFERS	FINANCE	TRANSFERS	
£99.8	1	£102.4	2	

I have lumped in Finance, Transfers and Options all in one as the three are often linked. Clarricoats does not have much in the bank and used up his extra transfer in gameweek 37, removing Eriksen (Tottenham) for Sterling (Manchester City) and taking out Murray (Brighton) for Calvert-Lewin (Everton). The Sterling transfer makes me feel that this was made with this final in mind I think Clarricoats has seen that Egisto has Sterling and wants to negate those points. In order to do this he has had to bring in the budget forward Calvert-Lewin of Everton who are away on the final day of the season to Tottenham, is Clarricoats gambling on them making the Champions League final and not being up for a final Premier League match. With just the 1 transfer I feel Clarricoats has to look at removing Tottenham's Son. Two reasons Son is not going to play and it should give him around 9 Million to select a decent Midfielder. Now he is confronted with all manner of question Manchester United at home to Cardiff surely goals there but we thought that last week against Huddersfield. Liverpool at home to Wolves Wijnaldum, Milner, Henderson and Shaqiri but who will play. Egisto looks to be in a better position here more money in the bank and has two transfers to make. Like Clarricoats surely, he will transfer out Son he will have the same choices as Clarricoats to select from. Then I think he has to give serious consideration in getting rid of one of his players from Wolves Jota in Midfield would give him a budget just under 7 Million, Fraser (Bournemouth), Milivojevic (Crystal Plaace), Maddison (Leicester) all look like good options personally I would be tempted by a Redmond of Southampton at home to already relegated Huddersfield or West Hams Antonio away at Watford who as already mentioned will be thinking about that FA Cup final, with Antonio in a rich scoring vein currently. Although not quite sure if he would have enough for Antono could depend on the transfer of Son. Egisto does have Jimenez up front and could transfer him out to bolster his underperforming forward line. This would give him just over 7 Million. Straight away a few forward jump out, Arnautovic (West Ham) who have

that match against Watford. Zaha (Crystal Palace) at home to Bournemouth Callum Wilson of Bournemouth potential goal fest at Selhurst Park for two teams celebrating another season in the Premier League with nothing else to play for. Or very interestingly two Newcastle forwards Rondon or Perez both have been in good form recently with Newcastle away to already relegated Fulham, although Fulham have been showing some form with caretaker manager Scott Parker trying to gain the job full time. One last curve ball which wouldn't be ordinarily is Manchester United's Marcus Rashford United at home to already relegated Cardiff you would expect them to put on a show for the Old Trafford faithful but this season at Old Trafford just have not known what United you are going to get from one week to the next. Could Rashford be the gamble that either wins you or loses you this final.

Once more look at what the chips are we know that they will once again play a big part in this final. I have highlighted the rule which is copied form the Premier league website that you can't play two chips in one gameweek including your wildcard.

СНІР	EXPLANATION				
Wildcard	The Wildcard chip can be used twice a season, once in the first half of the				
	season and once in the second half of the season. The Wildcard chip is played				
	when confirming transfers that cost points and can't be cancelled once played.				
Bench Boost	All the Players on your Substitute Bench score points for that gameweek				
Free Hit	You can make unlimited transfers in the gameweek you play your free hit.				
	When the gameweek finishes your team will revert to how it was setup the				
	previous gameweek. You will lose any saved transfers so will only have 1 free				
	transfer after a free hit has been played.				
Triple Captain	Instead of the normal double points your Captains Points are tripled				
OTHER INFORMATION	Can I Play More than One Chip in a Gameweek				
	Only one chip may be active in a Gameweek. For example, it is not possible to				
	make transfers with your Wildcard chip and then use your Bench Boost chip				
	in the same Gameweek				
	The following chips can only be played once per season				
	Bench Boost, Free Hit and triple Captain				
	What happens to my Triple Captain chip if my captain doesn't play				
	The triple point's bonus will be passed to your vice-captain. If your vice-				
	captain doesn't play either then the bonus is lost, the chip isn't returned.				

#### THE CHIP EFFECT

Both managers will need to take a look at the fixtures below of the final day of the season to try and figure out who will be really trying and whose season is over. The selection of captain could be vital to gaining success in this final.

#### **THE FIXTURES FOR GAMEWEEK 38**

#### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May V

- **Brighton & Hove Albion** 
  - Burnley V
    - Arsenal V AFC Bournemouth
  - **Crystal Palace** Fulham
    - Newcastle United V
  - Leicester City V Chelsea Wolverhampton Wanderers V
  - Liverpool
  - Manchester United V
  - Southampton V
  - **Tottenham Hotspur** V Watford V
    - Everton West Ham United

Cardiff City

Huddersfield Town

Manchester City

### THE VERDICT

A match that would have just a single point separating the managers in Gamweek 37 and two very experienced managers who have proved there selves in recent seasons, do I allow the fact that this is Egoisto first major final to cloud my decision or the fact that although Clarricoats has been here before, in a major final, he didn't get iover the line.

In fact my confidence in these two managers mean that I am going to back Clarricoats to get his single transfer correct I really believe he will bring in a Liverpool midfielder then it comes down to his captain pick. Interestingly though I think this gets complicated or clouded as does he try and guess who Egisto is going to pick and then select the same to try and counter balance that Triple Captain I really think Clarricoats has to do this and due to this I think he will be looking at Sterling or Aguero of Manchester City. I think Sterling is the selection I fancy City to keep a clean sheet so even if Sterling doesn't do anything just playing as Triple Captain will give him 9 points which will be in Egisto's thinking Clarricoats would get 6 as his captain meaning that the Triple Caotain points are reduced to a difference of 6. Clarricoats is then looking to the rets of his team to come good. He will be looking at Doherty from Wolves to get that vital goal for them to taje away two clean sheets from Egisto, Kolasinac the Arsenal defender could be key, even if Arsenal get to the Europa Final surely Monreal will play can the attacking full back gain a vital clean sheet and get involved in a goal. Also I feel the Arsenal forward Lacazette could also be the woild card he needs. Then tonight Tottenham face Ajax if they can over turn the first leg defeat as Liverpool did last night I do actually fancy Calvert-Lewin of Everton to come into play for Clarricoats.

Egisto wil read all those options with interest but he has two transfers and that Triple Captain option as stated. I do not think he will gamble on Mane or Liverpool as there is something that is telling me Wolves are going to score. He has Sterling, Aguero or Laporte all of whom Clarricoats has. Just how confident is Egisto of a clean sheet for City in which case the selection of Laporte could give the bigger points difference even if Clarricoats picks him but if City conceded do we really think that Laporte can be involved in a City in consecutive gameweeks. A clean sheet though would be 4 points so with appearances as triple captain Laporte could go to 6 then 18 when tripled but a difference of 6 If Calrricotas covers that decision. I really think the second transfer for Egisto will be up front taking Jimenez out who brings I really am not sure he has many options again I am goig to back Egisto as an experiences manager to get this selection right and that choice could quite easily be dictated y who he brings in for Son in midfield and how much money he has to spend up front.

The last day of the season can be so hard to predict with team in cup finals and Champions League places and relegation to fight for nad then those crazy results we sometimes get form teams with nothing to play for who are just relaxed and go on a goal fest to predict those matches sis very difficult both of these managers have to look to Manchester City and Liverpool they have something to play for although Liverpool have secured that Champions league final spot there is no way they are coming off the field without a victory against Wolves could you imagine if they failed and Manchester City did suffer an upset against Brighton. City in turn will be looking to bury Brighton to gain a successive premier league title.

I do feel that Liverpool have the harder fixture Wolves have a great record against the top six but I expect Liverpool to overcome them but I fancy that Wolves goal which will affect Egisto's clean sheet points but Alexander-Arnold and Robertson have a great pedigree in gaining assists. Robertson actually could become a factor in this final as he did get injured in the Champions League could Egisto have to make a transfer here to cover this, the good news for Egisto is if he does have to transfer out Robertson it will give him a healthy budget which he could use in midfield in the replacement of Son or he could just put in Van Dijk Robertson's Liverpool team mate.

FINAL VERDICT: - Egisto to edge this final. It is going to be close and I think that one of those two transfers and Triple Captain will make the difference in this final.

### IN THE EVENT OF A DRAW

In the event of a draw the match will go into a penalty Shoot-Out. A penalty shoot-out will take place, each team's top five point scorers will go head to head to produce a result. If the best five scorers' in the two teams cannot produce a result sudden death will take place with the next highest point scorers being next.

# **HISTORY PREVIOUS FINALS**

YEAR	WINNER	MATCH SCORE			RUNNER-UP
2005	Omid Afzalalghom	33	-	28	Paul Dwinfour
2006	Adam Pemberton	68	-	57	Jeff Aldersea
2007	Andy McLaren	65	-	56	Andrew Hilliard
2008	Nigel Finch	59	-	55	Dave Sinclair
2009	Oliver Shanks	62	-	32	Tim Walters
2010	Omid Afzalalghom	71	-	65	Joe Higgins
2011	Michael Carleton	38	-	36	Steve Shew
2012	Mark Angliss	56	-	44	Adam Pemberton
2013	Kojo Amofa	53	-	50	Kaska Porczyk
2014	Matt Hansell	59	-	48	Michael Lynn
2015	Andreas Themistocleous	56	-	43	Alistair Shields
2016	Tony Collins	61	-	27	Dan Varrow
2017	Hans Hayrynen	97	-	90	Tony Collins
2018	Darren Cullen	111	-	91	Sam Shew

#### WINNERS

WINNERS		FINALISTS			
Omid Afzalalghom	2	Adam Pemberton	2	Kojo Amofa	1
Adam Pemberton	1	Omid Afzalalghom	2	Mark Angliss	1
Andreas Themistocleous	1	Tony Collins	2	Matt Hansell	1
Andy McLaren	1	Alistair Shields	1	Michael Carleton	1
Darren Cullen	1	Andreas Themistocleous	1	Michael Lynn	1
Hans Hayrynen	1	Andrew Hilliard	1	Nigel Finch	1
Kojo Amofa	1	Andy McLaren	1	Oliver Shanks	1
Mark Angliss	1	Dan Varrow	1	Paul Dwinfour	1
Matt Hansell	1	Darren Cullen	1	Pasquale Egisto	1
Michael Carleton	1	Dave Sinclair	1	Sam Shew	1
Nigel Finch	1	Hans Hayrynen	1	Steve Calrricoats	1
Oliver Shanks	1	Jeff Aldersea	1	Steve Shew	1
Tony Collins	1	Joe Higgins	1	Tim Walters	1
		Kaska Porczyk	1		