



Anthony Lobo V Omid Afzalalghom

GAMEWEEK 37
(Friday 3rd May – Monday 10th May)

OFFICIAL FC MATCH PREVIEW

16th Final

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Introduction FC Cup 2019

Welcome to this seasons FC Cup Final preview.

This is the third season that the distinctive FC World red top banner will adorn the FC Cup final preview, great news was that the FC World was able to cover each round this season with featured matches giving this the oldest cup competition in the history of Fantasy Challenge the special treatment that it deserves.

We seem to say year on year that the Final produces a story and this year is no different. It has become increasingly difficult to not keep on mentioning the dramatic final of 2017 in which all manner of records were broken the highest ever scoring final and the first and only final so far to have gone to a replay.

Why are we mentioning it again this year well because the victorious manager in that final Omid Afzalalghom is back again in a record equalling third final, please see the last page of this preview for some other records broken in this seasons competition, in a quirk of fate like that final when Omid met Daniel Sherry who was in his rookie season once more Omid is meeting a manager in his rookie season Anthony Lobo.

With Omid having already equalled the record of most appearances in the final and is trying to become only the second ever manager in the history of Fantasy Challenge to win the FC Cup twice. Omid is already famous for being the only manager who has won the Champions League twice with 3 major trophies to his name he is recognised as one of the most successful managers in the history of the game.

Today's final might have a real feel of David versus Goliath but Anthony Lobo has got to a major final in his rookie season which is a fantastic achievement and now just one match away from winning a major trophy he can also take his place in history to become one of only a handful of managers to have won a major trophy.

On two previous occasions has a manager been in the final trying to win the competition for a second time both times it has been Steve Shew, in 2007 'Shewy' was unsuccessful in his attempt to win a second FC Cup then in 2012 'Shewy' became the first manager to lift the trophy twice. Can Lobo take hope that currently no manager has been successful in their first attempt in a final to win the competition a second time.

In the last two seasons we have been treated to high scoring finals with the hundred mark being missed by just one point by last seasons winner David Noel the year before both managers hit hundred mark and Omid won the replay also scoring over a hundred. Those two finals though did have the help of extra fixtures this season although the Premier League has 4 clubs in the Semi-Finals of the two European competitions there are no extra fixtures so it will be a tough ask for the two managers to hit such a high score.

The FC Expert as always will be casting his eye over the two manager's perspective teams as always it will be interesting to see how he/she sees the final finishing and we will all get a great insight into the two teams finding what transfer and chop options they both have.

I hope you enjoy this preview of the FC Cup final, all that is left to do is wish both Managers the best of luck in this final.

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Player Profiles

(All statistics correct after Gameweek 36)

ANTHONY LOBO

SEASON JOINED FANTASY CHALLENGE	2018-2019
BEST FC CUP RUN (Before this Season)	N/A

STAT ATTACK

AVERAGE GAMEWEEK SCORE	57.27
HIGHEST GAMEWEEK SCORE	95
LOWEST GAMEWEEK SCORE	30
GAMEWEEKS SCORE OVER 50 POINTS	21
GAMEWEEKS SCORE BELOW 50 POINTS	15
FC CUP AVERAGE	68.5

ROAD TO THE FINAL

ROUND	OPPONENT			
1 st Round	Jean Joden	50	-	48
2 nd Round	Raymond Turp	95	-	46
3 rd Round	Joe Rudd	53	-	39
4 th Round	Matt Earley	77	-	68
Quarter-Final	Tony Collins	48	-	35
Semi Final	Glen Hogwood	88	-	46

Lobo is in his rookie season and is having a mixed bag so far only moving out of the relegation zone in Pyramid Two in gameweek 36, with a good 82-46 victory over Ryan Hill who was chasing promotion. He is sitting in a precarious position with just two matches to go just a single point above the relegation zone. Victory in this final and surviving relegation would be a great end to the season and will have many in the FC World looking to see what he will do in his second season.

His run to the final has been an interesting one and has been in stark contrast to his form in Pyramid Two. He has only really had one tight encounter which happened in the First Round taking on a fellow Pyramid Two manager Jean Joden, Lobo coming through by just two points winning 50-48.

In the Second Round Lobo dispatched Raymond Turp of League One 95-46 that second victory was followed up in the Third Round with a 63-39 win over Joe Rudd also in his rookie season currently managing in Pyramid Three.

Then Matt Earley of Pyramid One was beaten 77-68, Matt is now managing in Pyramid One after being promoted last season and finished in the top of the overall League last season.

Going into the Quarter-Final Lobo was struggling in Pyramid Two lying in 16th two points from safety, in contrast his opponent League One manager Tony Collins was in 6th place a point from promotion. Collins is a big name in the FC World with several promotions to his name but is most famous for winning the Champions League in 2016 then making the final a season later in 2017 only to lose by 7 points. Lobo though showed that whilst he is struggling Pyramid Two showed no respect of reputation as he won 48-35.

Showing his credentials for this final in the Semi-Final Lobo beat Premier League manager Gen Hogwood with relative ease 88-46. Hogwood is struggling with his own fight in the Premier League but this victory has extra significance due to Hogwoods great FC Cup having been a former winner. Read the last page of this profile to see what FC Cup record Hogwood broke this season.

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Player Profiles

(All statistics correct after Gameweek 36)

OMID AFZALALGHOM

SEASON JOINED FANTASY CHALLENGE 2004-2005
BEST FC CUP RUN (Before this Season) Winner 2017

STAT ATTACK

AVERAGE GAMEWEEK SCORE	61.63
HIGHEST GAMEWEEK SCORE	109
LOWEST GAMEWEEK SCORE	23
GAMEWEEKS SCORE OVER 50 POINTS	24
GAMEWEEKS SCORE BELOW 50 POINTS	12
FC CUP AVERAGE	72.16

ROAD TO THE FINAL

ROUND	OPPONENT			
1 st Round	Andy Polloway	61	-	51
2 nd Round	Stephen Overy	57	-	43
3 rd Round	Dee Patel	63	-	60
4 th Round	Paren Arzoomanian	106	-	47
Quarter-Final	Andy Hilliard	49	-	36
Semi Final	Martin Stuart	97	-	71

Omid is one of the most famous managers in the FC World having won 3 major trophies he was also famous for being and ever-present Premier league manager and having finished in the top 8 every season to qualify for the Super20 cup each season. That was until last season when he was finally relegated from the Premier League all wondered what would happen to Omid as many top Premier league managers have dropped down the leagues after being relegated. It would seem not so for Omid as of course he re asserts himself at the top of the game with this record equalling third appearance in the FC Cup final and is looking good for an immediate return to the Premier League lying 3rd in the Championship although it is tight just 3 points clear of 6th.

The Cup run has been relatively simple for Omid. Andy Polloway of Pyramid Two was despatched 61-51 in the 1st Round. Stephen Overy of the Conference was then beaten 57-43 in the Second Round.

The Third Round was to be Omid's toughest match coming through by just 3 points beating Dee Patel of League One 63 – 60.

The 4th Round saw Omid hit over a hundred points in a 106-47 victory over Paren Arzoomanian of Pyramid Premier.

IN the Quarter-Final Omid despatched the former Champions League finalist Andy Hilliard who is in his comeback season after being out of the game for 3 seasons dropping out after being relegated from the Premier League in 2015. Omid coming out on top 49-36.

In the Semi-Final Omid toppled Martin Stuart of Pyramid Premier with a margin of 18 points winning 97-71.

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STORY OF THE 2018-2019 FC CUP

Gameweek 11



FC CUP PRELIMINARY ROUND



8 MANAGERS MADE THE MOVE TO THE FIRST ROUND

STUART SWOOP FOR SALAH

Martin Stuart transferred out Eden Hazard for Salah and made him captain. The Egyptian repaid him with a fantastic 30 points. Those 30 points contributing to a total of 104 which was reduced to 100 after losing 4 points

for transfers, that 100 points saw Stuart move from 118th in gameweek 9 to 74th a rise of 44 places to avoid the Qualifying Round.



Salah Scores the Opening goal against Cardiff

PRENDERGAST WILDCARD POWERS THROUGH

Daragh Prendergast the FC Cup Runner-Up in 2016 gambled on playing his wildcard to come from the lowest position of the managers to Qualify for the First Round. Prendergast was placed 120th in Gameweek 9 he moved up 37 places to 83rd claiming the last spot in the First Round. The Wildcard paid dividends scoring a massive 91 points helped by selecting Salah as captain contributing 30 points.



Callum Wilson scored two against Fulham contributing 11 points for Hansell

HANSELL CLIMBS 34 PLACES

Dave Hansell team hit a massive 97 points to fire him into the First Round. Hansell started the gameweek 6 places from the First Round and 5 points off qualification but those 97 points saw Hansell climb 34 places from 89th to 55th. He had five players hitting double figures, his captain Salah (30), Goalkeeper Ryan (10), Alonso (11) and Bournemouth duo Fraser (11) and Callum Wilson (13).

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Gameweek 11



FC CUP PRELIMINARY ROUND



Pierre-Emerik Aubameyang celebrates scoring

Arzoomanian to 92 points taking him from 106th place to 75th avoiding the Qualifying Round.

AUBAMEYANG CATAPULTS ARZOOMANIAN THROUGH

Arzoomanian made Chelsea's Eden Hazard captain but when he didn't play Arsenal's Pierre-Emerik Aubameyang stood in. Aubameyang scored against Crystal Palace and hit 16 points as captain. That score helped

ROUND UP

Karman Bansai qualified for the first round by moving from 85th two places off qualification to 57th hitting 92 points. Karman played his free-Hit to see hi push over the line for qualification. Once more Liverpool's Salah led the way as captain with 30 points, weighing in was Chelsea's Alonso (11), Mane Liverpool (15) and Bournemouth's Callum Wilson scoring 13.

Joe Higgins hit 94 points moving up 30 places in the league to 58th to qualify for the First Round. Higgins was another manager gaining an advantage of Liverpool's Salah returning to form making him captain and getting a 30 point reward.

Sanji Joshi hit 88 points making his move from 96th place to 72nd. Joshi like the other managers that came through to qualify for the First Round can take credit for his captain pick, Joshi's captain hitting 30 points but his captain was Liverpool's Saido Mane.

Matt Hansell managed to move into the First Round with a core of 78 climbing 12 places from 90th to 78th. Hansell yet another manager benefitting from Mo Slaah's contribution as captain with 30 points.

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FC CUP PRELIMINARY ROUND



FOX OUT

Roari Fox will be regretting his selectin of Sergio Aguero as captain as he misses out on going straight into the First Round. Fox was sitting pretty at the end of Gamweek 9 in 57th place but after only scoring 43 points Fox plummeted 29 places to 86th. He will reflect that having Aguero as his captain being costly as he only scored 4 points.



Fox wished he had subbed Aguero

RYAN PERRETT FEELS THE HAZARD

Ryan Perrett fell 33 places falling from 69th to 102nd. Ryan had gone with a captain selection of Chelsea's Eden Hazard but Hazard did not take to the field the captaincy went to Manchester City's Sergio Aguero who only managed 2 points doubling to 4 in a gameweek where most managers had Liverpool's Mane or Salah who were scoring 30 points as captain it this return was not enough especially as his team only scored 34 points with Manchester United's Pogba and Bournemouth's Brooks both top scoring with 8 points.

HILL FALLS OUT

Ryan Hill was in 82nd after Gamweek 9 just one place above the drop out zone for the Qualifying Round. Hill had selected Chelsea's Eden Hazard as captain but injury meant he didn't play Vice captain Arsenal's Pierre-Emerik Aubameyang had to step up he scored against Crystal Palace and gave Ryans team 16 points but the overall score of 59 was not enough to get Ryan through.



Aubameyang's goal was not enough to save Ryan

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Gameweek 11



FC CUP PRELIMINARY ROUND



ROUND UP

Steve Whitely went into gameweek 10 in 71st place 12 points clear of 83rd. Whitely gambled with 3 transfers to try and claim a place in the First Round losing 4 points before a ball was kicked in the Gameweek. He placed his trust in Liverpool defender Robertson with the captaincy as Liverpool were at home to Cardiff but Robertson was rested although a Cardiff goal would not have seen clean sheet points gained. The armband transferred to Leicester City's Jamie Vardy who could only secure 2 points as he only played 45 minutes. All that meant Whitely dropped 19 places and missed out on the First Round by 10 points.

DAn Wyatt was 72nd going into Gameweek 10 with a 10 point cushion above 83rd. Wyatt scored 46 points with 7 points coming off his bench as Richarlison (Everton) scoring 5 coming on for Hazard (Chelsea) and Jonny (Wolves) 2 points on for Pereira (Cardiff). Once again though another manager missing out had got his captain wrong with Arsenal's Lacazette only scoring 4 points this was just not enough as Wyatt slipped to 92nd in the League and into the Qualifying Round.

Richard Munroe started in 74th place but would finish the gameweek in 98th dropping 24 places. Munroe will be another manager left reflecting on his captain pick as his team scored 42 points missing out by 17 points he had Aguero scoring 4 points he had Mane in midfield who hit 15 points which could have given Munroe an extra 13 points if he had been captain although it would have not been enough, Arnautovic not playing and not making any transfers proving costly alongside that decision on who to give the armband.

Matt Coe was in 77th place just 5 points clear of 83rd and in with a chance of the First Round. Coe didn't gamble with any transfers and watches his team score 37 points but three of his starting 11 didn't play, Crystal Palace's Tomkins came off the bench to score a point, another Palace player Zaha also coming off the bench hitting 5 points. The last substitute though from Burnley Tarkowski scoring -1 cancelling out Tomkins point. Aguero as captain only hit 4 points it was just not enough as Coe plummeted 31 places to 108th and now faces the Qualifying Round.

Jim Burrows started the gameweek in the precarious position of 83rd the last place to avoid the Qualifying Round only above Onder Cebi and Karman Bansi on transfer countback. Burrows team hit 58 points which was not enough missing out by 15 points. If he had gone with Bournemouth's Wilson instead of Aguero as captain he could have added 9 points to that total, If he had put Manchester City's keeper Ederson in goal he would have gained another 6 points which would have seen his place in the overall table come down to transfer countback again. If you take a further look at Burrows bench if he had picked Southampton's Cedric ahead of Arsenal's Bellerin or Liverpool's Alexander-Arnold, Cedric's 7 points would have seen Burrows through into the First Round.



FC CUP QUALFYING ROUND DRAW



The bottom 90 managers in the overall league after Gameweek 10 all went into the Qualifying Round. Managers placed 83rd and below find themselves having to play in the extra round. Matches to be played in Gameweek 12.

Maris Cars	V	Kieran Lenthall	Ryan Hill	V	Kin Chau
Joseph Nicolaides	V	Dee Patel	Andrew Burchell	V	Rebecca Nicolaides
Daniel Varrow	V	Raymond Turp	Ellie Turner	V	George Ferridge
Richard Winn	V	Steve Martin	Triona Reilly	V	Amanteer Singh
Lee Irons	V	Jatin Joshi	Oliver Shanks	V	Lee Pepper
Graham Price	V	Marcus Hogwood	Andy Hilliard	V	Don Heisser
Bill Hill	V	Peter Hayward	Callum Hogwood	V	Anthony Nicolaides
Chris Yu	V	Sol A	Jim Burrows	V	Stephen Overy
Rebekah Green	V	Lee Champion	Antony Law	V	Kieran Hogwood
Nick Balancy	V	Rio Mclister	Adam Galley	V	Wendy Parker
Neil Dawson	V	Gary Dodds	Dave Perrett	V	Mark Angliss
Amine Haddad	V	Stephen Loss	David Mahoney	V	Joseph Lawrence
Matt Coe	V	Thomas Lusty	Aine Reilly	V	Scott Nelson
Rilwan Dawodu	V	Nikki Ogden	Glen Hogwood	V	Jeff Aldersea
Paul Richardson	V	Roari Fox	Jean Joden	V	Stuart Shepherd
Daniel Turner	V	Sebastian Logan	Richard Munroe	V	Drona Nandoe
Arpad Beres	V	Onder Cebi	Adrian Taylor	V	Hakan Bedir
Danzel D'Costa	V	Alfred Chan	Aubrey Davis	V	Dan Wyatt
Joe Derby	V	Katherine Beer	Dave East	V	Andrew Ogden
Michael Lynn	V	Andy Taylor	Cedric Ayres	V	Daniel Hansen
Randy Ricker	V	Steve Whitely	Miki Mielonen	V	Ryan Perrett
Sandeep Chohan	V	Rob Wills	Joseph Del Duca	V	Alistair Shields
Adam Pemberton	V	Alex Kam			

Matches to be played Gameweek 12

SUPER 20 LEAGUES REPRESENTATION IN QUALFYING ROUND

We always find it interesting to see how many managers from each Super20 league are left in the competition-

SUPER20 LEAGUE	MANAGERS IN THE COMPETITION
PREMIER	10
CHAMPIONSHIP	10
LEAGUE ONE	10
LEAGUE TWO	11
CONFERENCE	11
PYRAMID PREMIER	7
PYRAMID ONE	9
PYRAMID TWO	11
PYRAMID THREE	11



FC CUP QUALIFYING ROUND MATCHES IN FOCUS



This season we are going to review 4 Matches in each round, show the results from each round and the stats the draw for the next round with the draw you will see what 4 matches will be getting the FC World treatment. We will also pick a manager as the one to follow this could be for a variety of reasons we will follow this manager through each round and he / she will be featured each round if they lose the managers that beats them will become featured.

- 6 Matches which see managers take on a division rival
- 5 Matches have a previous Winner of the FC Cup
- 2 Matches have a manager that has been a Runner-Up in the FC Cup

FEATURED MANAGER ANTHONY LAW

Anthony Law is a rookie manager and has been selected by FC World as the featured manager as at the end of Gamedweek 10 he was rock bottom of the bottom division Pyramid Three.

MATCHES GETTING THE FC WORLD TREATMENT ARE:-

Bill Hill	V	Peter Hayward
Michael Lynn	V	Andy Taylor
Anthony Law	V	Kieran Hogwood
Aine Reilly	V	Scott Nelson

Bill Hill V Peter Hayward

This match has been selected as it involves a former FC Cup winner Bill Hill who won the trophy in 2016. Hill is one of 5 previous winners involved in the Qualifying Round but in the most recent winner of the trophy. Hill is currently in the Championship lying 16th in the relegation zone. Peter Hayward is in his second season in the game and is currently in Pyramid Two lying 18th one place off bottom. Both managers hoping that a FC Cup run will kick start there season.

Michael Lynn V Andy Taylor

This match has been selected as it is an all Premier league clash and involves a former finalist in the FC Cup Michael Lynn reaching the final in 2015 losing to James Dwinfour 55-42. Lynn's opponent Andy Taylor us a two time major trophy winner having won The Premier League and Super20 Cup in 2017.

Anthony Law V Kieran Hogwood

This match has been selected for our featured manager Anthony Law's participation in it. Anthony Law being a rookie manager and being placed bottom of Pyramid Three at the end of gameweek 10. His opponent is Kieran Hogwood of The pyramid Premier. Kieran is in his 6th season but is also struggling this season bottom of Pyramid Premier. Both hoping that an FC Cup run can kick start their season.

Aine Reilly V Scott Nelson

This match has been selected as it is an all Pyramid Three match involving two rookie managers with the added spice that they met in the League in Gameweek 11 a week before the Qualifying Round takes place.

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Gameweek 12



FC CUP QUALIFYING ROUND REVIEW



NO SILVA LINING FOR LAW

Featured manager Antony Law fell at the first hurdle by just two points. Going into the last two fixtures of the Gameweek Law and Hogwood were deadlocked at 34 all. Law had two players his captain Aguero and fellow Man City player goalkeeper Ederson. Hogwood who had drawn level with an automatic substitution Wolves Bennett coming in for Lascelles of Newcastle. Hogwood had both of Laws players and David Silva also of City. Silva relieved the pressure on Hogwood scoring the opening goal for City and bagging 5 points. Then Aguero scored bringing Law 4 more points as his captain pick. No more goals or assists the tie was tenderly poised with Hogwood 2 points in the lead 50-48. Both managers waited for the Bonus points Aguero gaining 1 doubling up for Law but David Silva would get 2 bonus points and restore Hogwood's lead and take him into the first round.



Silva celebrates scoring and a 5 point contribution to Kieran Hogwood's score

Anthony Law 50 Kieran Hogwood 52

AGUERO TRIPS UP HAYWARD

Sergio Aguero proved to be the key in this tie as Bill Hill's captain. In a match that swung one way then the other it was the managers Captain selections which proved to be pivotal. After the 3pm kick-offs Hill had a 10 point lead after the Saturday evening match Haywards captain Kieran Trippier scored just 2 points helping to reduce the gap to 8. Sundays early fixture saw Hayward's Liverpool stars 18 points from defenders Alexander-Arnold and Van Dijk with Shaqiri as well Hayward was now 11 points ahead. Moving into the last fixture of the gameweek Hayward had a 10 point lead with Manchester City's keeper Ederson to play. Hill had Laporte and his captain Aguero. Laporte and Ederson cancelled each other out but Aguero scored to take his tally to 7 which doubled as Hills captain giving him victory by four points.



Aguero's goal against United

Bill Hill 52 Peter Hayward 48

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Gameweek 12



FC CUP QUALIFYING ROUND REVIEW



Kane in action against Palace a vital 10 points scored

Put Lynn 13 points ahead. Going into the last fixture of the gameweek Lynn had three City players 2 defenders and a goalkeeper but a goal from Manchester United saw those three players just return 6 points. Taylor only had Aguero but he was captain, when Aguero scored on 48 minutes it gave Taylor hope but that was all it proved to be.

Michael Lynn 48 Andy Taylor 43

TRENT TOPS IT FOR NELSON

Liverpool's Trent Alexander-Arnold hit 11 points and really stretched Scott Nelsons lead to 25 points.

Those points from Alexander and Kane's 10 points as captain helped Nelson onto 48 points with Reilly on 23. With 3 matches left in the Gameweek Reilly had 5 players to play including captain Chelsea's Hazard. Nelson had just 3 players. Reilly was disappointed with Hazard's performance just 6 points but Alonso had added 8 points helping to reduce the Gap to 11 points. Arsenal's Ozil and Ramsey added 5 more points between them moving Nelson further ahead now a 16 point lead. One match remaining Reilly had 3 Manchester City players whilst Nelson had one. The Manchester United goal thwarting Reilly's chances of two clean sheets. Aguero did his best with 7 points but could only close the gap to 7 points.

Aine Reilly 48 Scott Nelson 55

LYNN KANES TAYLOR

Michael Lynn runner-up in 2015 took control with his captain Kane and didn't relinquish it. After Saturdays fixtures Lynn held a 5 point lead after being 5 points behind after the 3pm kick-offs. Chelsea's David Luiz scoring 9 points and Liverpool's Salah scoring 8 helped Lynn stretch his lead after the first two matches on Sunday to cancel out Taylor's play and go a further 2 ahead. Then Neves of Wolves 6 points would



Klopp shows an appreciation for Alexander-Arnold 11 Fantasy pts



FC CUP QUALIFYING ROUND GAMEWEEK DREAM TEAM



Dream Team

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Gameweek 12

Top Player

Foyth



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15 Points

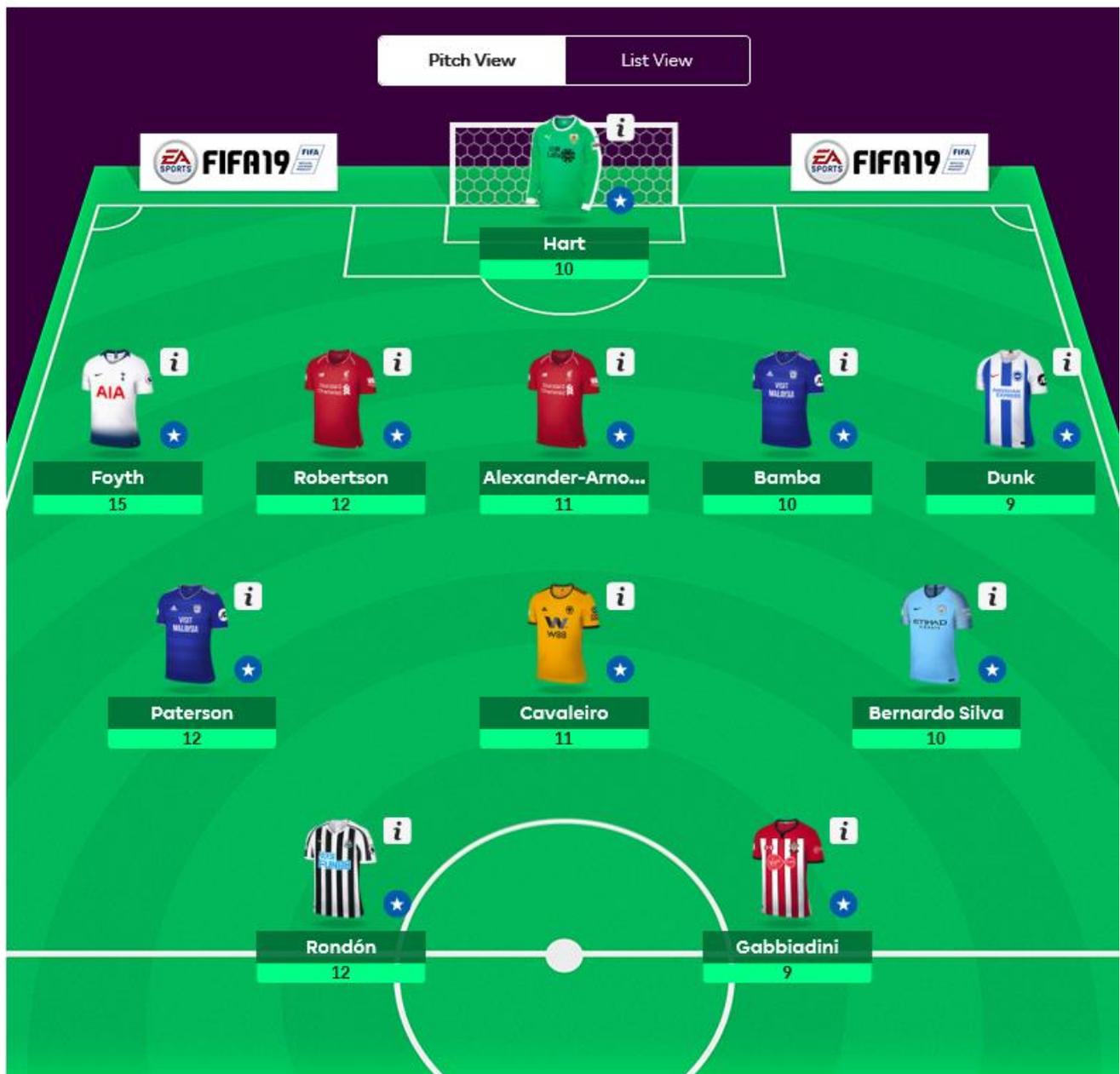
Total Points

121

Overall →

Pitch View

List View





FC CUP QUALIFYING ROUND RESULTS



Maris Cars	46	-	49	Kieran Lenthall
Joseph Nicolaides	48	-	53	Dee Patel
Daniel Varrow	43	-	49	Raymond Turp
Richard Winn	59	-	56	Steve Martin
Lee Irons	60	-	66	Jatin Joshi
Graham Price	49	-	38	Marcus Hogwood
Bill Hill	52	-	48	Peter Hayward
Chris Yu	40	-	61	Sol A
Rebekah Green	66	-	53	Lee Champion
Nick Balancy	37	-	82	Rio Mclister
Neil Dawson	49	-	58	Gary Dodds
Amine Haddad	41	-	44	Stephen Loss
Matt Coe	50	-	52	Thomas Lusty
Rilwan Dawodu	34	-	58	Nikki Ogden
Paul Richardson	46	-	59	Roari Fox
Daniel Turner	39	-	56	Sebastian Logan
Arpad Beres	55	-	49	Onder Cebi
Danzel D'Costa	59	-	53	Alfred Chan
Joe Derby	45	-	43	Katherine Beer
Michael Lynn	48	-	43	Andy Taylor
Randy Ricker	59	-	56	Steve Whitely
Sandeep Chohan	60	-	41	Rob Wills
Adam Pemberton	43	-	59	Alex Kam
Ryan Hill	50	-	53	Kin Chau
Andrew Burchell	49	-	51	Rebecca Nicolaides
Ellie Turner	47	-	40	George Ferridge
Triona Reilly	54	-	56	Amanteer Singh
Oliver Shanks	61	-	50	Lee Pepper
Andy Hilliard	52	-	35	Don Heisser
Callum Hogwood	40	-	48	Anthony Nicolaides
Jim Burrows	46	-	58	Stephen Overy
Antony Law	50	-	52	Kieran Hogwood
Adam Galley	56	-	66	Wendy Parker
Dave Perrett	46	-	52	Mark Angliss
David Mahoney	35	-	57	Joseph Lawrence
Aine Reilly	48	-	55	Scott Nelson
Glen Hogwood	61	-	45	Jeff Aldersea
Jean Joden	59	-	38	Stuart Shepherd
Richard Munroe	52	-	46	Drona Nandoe
Adrian Taylor	42	-	66	Hakan Bedir
Aubrey Davis	41	-	46	Dan Wyatt
Dave East	28	-	61	Andrew Ogden
Cedric Ayres	45	-	56	Daniel Hansen
Miki Mielonen	43	-	55	Ryan Perrett
Joseph Del Duca	47	-	54	Alistair Shields



FC CUP QUALIFYING ROUND STATISTICS



HIGHEST SCORE

82

Rio McLister

HIGHEST SCORING MATCH

126

Lee Irons 60 Jatin Josho 66

BIGGEST WINNING MARGIN

45

Nick Balancy 37 Rio McLister 82

LOWEST SCORE

28

Dave East

LOWEST SCORING MATCH

85

Amine Haddad 41 Stephen Loss 44

LOWEST WINNING MARGIN

2

Matt Cole 50 Thomas Lusty 52

Joe Derby 45 Katherine Beer 43

Andrew Burchell 49 Rebecca Nicolaidis 51

Triona Reilly 54 Amanteer Singh 56

Antony Law 50 Kieran Hogwood 52



FC CUP FIRST ROUND DRAW



First Round Draw. All the winners from the Qualifying Round were put into the hat with the managers who finished 83rd and above in the overall league after Gameweek 10.

Dave Hansell	V	Ryan Perrett	Jonathon Kelly	V	Dee Patel
Wendy Parker	V	Graham Price	Mark Freear	V	Roari Fox
Dean Santoro	V	Chad Pereira	Lee Ferridge	V	Harrison Bath
Cormac Connaughton	V	Tim Oldfield	Tracy Thompson	V	Michael Carleton
Jonathan Strack	V	Glen Hogwood	Paren Arzoomanian	V	Ian Gredley
Richard Munroe	V	Dave Rogers	Andreas Themistocleous	V	Hans Hayrynen
Danzel D'Costa	V	Bernard Aspell	Sebastian Logan	V	Kieran Hogwood
Joseph Shalome	V	Thomas Lusty	Randy Ricker	V	Oliver Shanks
Rebecca Nicolaides	V	Andy Gurney	Steve Shew	V	Kojo Amofa
Rebekah Green	V	Andy McLaren	Mark Angliss	V	Harry Atachparian
Dan Couch	V	Paul Dwinfour	Andy Hilliard	V	Gary Dodds
Neil Williams	V	Scott Nelson	Michael Lynn	V	Ben Alexander
Ian Baldwin	V	Rob Gurney	James Bloomer	V	Kris Zakrzewski
Daniel Hansen	V	Owen Gredley	Nikki Ogden	V	Pete Cuckson
Raymond Turp	V	Joseph Greenwood	Jatin Joshi	V	Amanteer Singh
Andrew Ogden	V	Daragh Prendergast	Anthony Lobo	V	Jean Joden
Scott Smith	V	Ellie Turner	Joseph Lawrence	V	Karman Bansi
David Pewtner	V	Martyn Dewick	Stephen Loss	V	Darrell Jenkins
Eoin Mooney	V	Darren Cullen	Bill Hill	V	Kin Chau
Nurul Hussain	V	Tony Collins	Steve Haley	V	David Dinh
Alfie Harris	V	James Dwinfour	Andy Polloway	V	Omid Afzalalghom
Joe Higgins	V	David Noel	Nick Preston	V	Richard Winn
Pasquale Egisto	V	Steve Clarricoats	Stephen Wilson	V	Adam Gill
Dan Wyatt	V	Sandeep Chohan	Martin Stuart	V	Daniel Sherry
Joe Derby	V	Hakan Bedir	Sammy Abbey	V	Stelios Andreou
Kieran Lenthall	V	Dan Jopp	Joe Rudd	V	Dipesh Gamanlal
Rio Mclister	V	Anthony Nicolaides	James Bastow	V	Stephen Overy
Alistair Shields	V	Jonathan Chew	David Bardon	V	Olivia Earley
Peter Ward	V	Arpad Beres	Adrian Comer	V	Jonas Silva
Kyle Berry	V	Matt Hansell	Steven McIntosh	V	Marc Bolton
Sol A	V	Heath Cram	Sam Shew	V	Matt Earley
Alex Kam	V	Dave Sinclair	Alvar Chambers	V	Sanj Joshi

Matches to be played Gameweek 14

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CHAMPIONSHIP	13
LEAGUE ONE	11
LEAGUE TWO	9
CONFERENCE	8
PYRAMID PREMIER	11
PYRAMID ONE	10
PYRAMID TWO	7
PYRAMID THREE	6



FC CUP FIRST ROUND MATCHES IN FOCUS



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Ian Baldwin currently in his second season in Fantasy Challenge is top of the overall league and flying in Pyramid One top of the league with a 5-point lead. Baldwin finished runner-up in the overall league last season and won Pyramid Two also claiming the Pyramid Cup a major trophy in his first season. However, he lost in the first Round of the FC Cup. His opponent is one of the legends of the FC World Rob Gurney. A veteran of 14 seasons now Rob has 4 major trophies to his name. He was runner-Up in the Fc Cup in 2006 and came back in 2007 to win it. Since then he has been a Quarter-Finalist in 2014 and Semi-Finalist in 2015. Rob has never been relegated from the Premier league in fact has spent all 12 seasons since the Super 20 leagues were formed, in the top flight. Rob is currently top of the Pyramid Premier. So top of Premier league plays top of Pyramid One.

Martin Stuart V Daniel Sherry

Daniel Sherry is in his 3rd season of Fantasy Challenge having gained successive promotion from Pyramid Two and Pyramid One. He is famous in the FC World for that mazing Fc Cup final two seasons ago that broke all the records after an amazing 149 all draw, he lost the replay. Daniel might be getting tired of always hearing about the final but it does mean he is always on the Radar of the FC World and as he is currently top the Pyramid Premier and through to the knock-out stages of the Pyramid Cup he is currently having another successful season so why not see how he fairs in the FC Cup first Round. Daniel's opponent is Martin Stuart I sin his 3rd season in FC, last season being promoted from Pyramid One behind Daniel Sherry. Martin as yet has not shone in the cups, this season he has qualified for the New Life Cup. These two managers have already met this season in Pyramid Premier with Daniel Sherry coming out on top 62-51. So can Stuart gain revenge on Sherry.



FC CUP FIRST ROUND MATCHES IN FOCUS



Rio McLister V Anthony Nicolaides

Two former work colleagues do battle in our 3rd featured match they used to work alongside each other in the facilities department in Rabobank. Anthony Nicolaides has moved on but as Arsenal fans they remain in touch and FC rivalry is always in the air. Rio McLister is in his 10th season and has 3 promotions to his name rising from the Conference to the Championship narrowly noising out on promotion to the Premier last season. His best FC Cup run was last season where he reached the Quarter-Finals, currently Rio is not enjoying the best of seasons lying in 17th in the Championship the relegation zone and has been knocked out of the Champions League. Anthony Nicolaides is in his 9th season but dropped out for two seasons. When he left the game in 2015 he had finished just outside the promotion places in League Two, now he finds himself in Pyramid Two. Anthony is out of the Pyramid Cup but is lying in a respectable 9th place in Pyramid Two. He has never been past the 4th Round in the FC Cup.

Sebastian Logan V Kieran Hogwood

Kieran Hogwood has become the FC World featured FC Cup manager after beating Anthony Law in the first Round who had been our pick for the season. Law was picked as he was bottom of Pyramid Three. Kieran is one of the younger managers in FC World but does have experience as this is his 6th season in the game. He has managed to move up from Pyramid Two with two lucky promotions to the Pyramid premier. Previously his best run in the Fc Cup was in 2017 when he made it into the 2nd Round. He has been knocked out of the Pyramid Cup this season and is struggling in the Pyramid Premier lying in 19th place just 3 points of bottom spot. Kieran's opponent is Sebastian Logan a vastly experienced Fc manager. Logan is in his 10th season as a manager and has an Fc Cup pedigree being runner-up in 2013. Logan is in League Two where he has been for the last 7 seasons mainly around mid-table. This season Logan has been knocked out of the Champions League but is in 9th place in League Two just 4 points off promotion. So can Kieran be the first Featured manager to win a game in this seasons FC Cup or can Logan recapture the magic of 2013 and go on another FC Cup run.

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FC CUP FIRST ROUND REVIEW



HOGWOOD SUFFERS CRAZY VAN DIJK ASSIST

Successive rounds have seen the featured manager lose the First Round saw Keiran Hogwood knocked out by 6 points. Going into the last fixtures of the Gameweek Kieran Hogwood held a 3-point lead. Hogwood had his captain to play Salah moving up from Vice Captain after Sergio Aguero didn't play. Hogwood also had Mane in his midfield. Logan, his opponent, had 4 players, 2 from Liverpool Van Dijk and also Mane. Two Evertonians Michael Keane and Richarlison. Hogwood was hoping for a 2017-18 performance from Mo Salah, but also knew a goal from Mane would stop Logan from getting a clean sheet with Keane. Everton created chance in the first half but no goals would come. Then in the last minute of injury time Van Dijk miss kicked the ball which turned into one of the craziest assists ever securing Liverpool the victory and 12 points for Logan. Logan put on 19 points in the last fixture to Hogwood's 9



Van Dijk celebrates his crazy Assist to beat Everton in last minute and seal Hogwoods fate.

Sebastian Logan 50 Kieran Hogwood 43

AUBAMEYANG HERO



Pierre Emerick Aubameyang Scored 2 in the North London and hit 16 Points

Rob Gurney top of the Premier League knocked out Ian Baldwin top of the FC Overall League. Ian Baldwin got out of the blocks quick once Man City dropped Aguero meaning Gunnarsson (Cardiff) came off the bench to score 10 points. After the Saturday 3pm kick-offs a 21-point lead had been cut down to 3 points. Gurney saw his captain Sterling hit 18 points. Then into Sunday's game Gurney watched Arsenal's Aubameyang score two goals and hit 16 points to

put him 13 ahead. One fixture left Gurney had Liverpool's Robertson and Everton's Richarlison. Baldwin had both so he knew that lead could not increase. He did though have his captain Mo Salah to play. Salah could only return 3 points and did not complete the match.

Ian Baldwin 59 Rob Gurney 66

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Gameweek 14



FC CUP FIRST ROUND REVIEW



Callum Wilson goal against Manchester City which helped him score 6 points

WILSON OFF BENCH TO DOWN SHERRY

Martin Stuart secured a 4 point victory over Daniel Sherry with a vital contribution from automatic substation Callum Wilson. After Saturday's fixtures Stuart held a 4 point lead with Bournemouth's Callum Wilson coming off the bench for Manchester City's Sergio Aguero contributing 6 points leading 29-25. Stuart would

Have another automatic substitution after Sunday's first game as Chelsea's Ross Barkley did not play Watford's Cathcart come on scoring a single point which he had already done for Sherry also as automatic substitution. Stuart led by 5 points going into the last match of the gameweek. Stuart had Robertson and Salah of Liverpool and Everton's Richarlison. Sherry had two players the same Liverpool players as Stuart but Salah was Sherry's captain, selected as vice-captain stepping in for Aguero. Unfortunately for Sherry Salah could only score 3 points doubling to 6 only enough to peg back 1 point on Stuart.

Martin Stuart 48 Daniel Sherry 44

STERLING NICOLAIDES

Anthony Nicolaides took control of this game on Friday evening and never relinquished it. After Saturday's matches Nicolaides was 22 points ahead, with Raheem Sterling top scoring with 9 points. After those matches and with that lead Nicolaides had 3 players to play all from Liverpool in the last fixture of the gameweek. McLister had 6 players. Mitrovic of Fulham could only pull 2 points back. Then Iwobi for Arsenal only

scored a point leaving McLister 19 points behind. Going into the last fixture McLister only had one extra player, McLister's Liverpool's goalkeeper Alisson and defender Van Dijk did their job adding 21 points. Everton's Richarlison added just 2 points but Nicolaides Everton player Walcott gained 3 points. That left the two captains who both scored 6 which meant that after leading by 22 points, Nicolaides got over the line with a 5 point victory.

Rio McLister 50 Anthony Nicolaides 55



Sterling scores for City contributing to his 9 point haul



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Top Player
Aubameyang



ARS
16 Points

Total Points

125

Overall →

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FC CUP FIRST ROUND RESULTS



Dave Hansell	37	-	49	Ryan Perrett
Wendy Parker	40	-	41	Graham Price
Dean Santoro	55	-	45	Chad Pereira
Cormac Connaughton	50	-	59	Tim Oldfield
Jonathan Strack	52	-	53	Glen Hogwood
Richard Munroe	39	-	70	Dave Rogers
Danzel D'Costa	33	-	55	Bernard Aspell
Joseph Shalome	69	-	55	Thomas Lusty
Rebecca Nicolaides	47	-	56	Andy Gurney
Rebekah Green	33	-	65	Andy McLaren
Dan Couch	47	-	52	Paul Dwinfour
Neil Williams	47	-	55	Scott Nelson
Ian Baldwin	59	-	66	Rob Gurney
Daniel Hansen	47	-	55	Owen Gredley
Raymond Turp	46	-	46	Joseph Greenwood
Andrew Ogden	77	-	57	Daragh Prendergast
Scott Smith	67	-	34	Ellie Turner
David Pewtner	49	-	63	Martyn Dewick
Eoin Mooney	64	-	34	Darren Cullen
Nurul Hussain	40	-	57	Tony Collins
Alfie Harris	54	-	56	James Dwinfour
Joe Higgins	48	-	46	David Noel
Pasquale Egisto	48	-	46	Steve Clarricoats
Dan Wyatt	66	-	42	Sandeep Chohan
Joe Derby	37	-	48	Hakan Bedir
Kieran Lenthall	53	-	54	Dan Jopp
Rio Mclister	50	-	55	Anthony Nicolaides
Alistair Shields	65	-	74	Jonathan Chew
Peter Ward	41	-	51	Arpad Beres
Kyle Berry	53	-	43	Matt Hansell
Sol A	56	-	46	Heath Cram
Alex Kam	72	-	51	Dave Sinclair
Jonathon Kelly	46	-	59	Dee Patel
Mark Freear	62	-	59	Roari Fox
Lee Ferridge	59	-	50	Harrison Bath
Tracy Thompson	60	-	47	Michael Carleton
Paren Arzoomanian	55	-	41	Ian Gredley
Andreas Themistocleous	51	-	40	Hans Hayrynen



FC CUP FIRST ROUND RESULTS Continued



Sebastian Logan	50	-	43	Kieran Hogwood
Randy Ricker	52	-	49	Oliver Shanks
Steve Shew	38	-	57	Kojo Amofa
Mark Angliss	43	-	76	Harry Atachparian
Andy Hilliard	61	-	59	Gary Dodds
Michael Lynn	34	-	59	Ben Alexander
James Bloomer	72	-	43	Kris Zakrzewski
Nikki Ogden	62	-	74	Pete Cuckson
Jatin Joshi	69	-	39	Amanteer Singh
Anthony Lobo	50	-	48	Jean Joden
Joseph Lawrence	50	-	51	Karman Bansi
Stephen Loss	49	-	50	Darrell Jenkins
Bill Hill	63	-	48	Kin Chau
Steve Haley	53	-	48	David Dinh
Andy Polloway	51	-	61	Omid Afzalalghom
Nick Preston	52	-	44	Richard Winn
Stephen Wilson	45	-	79	Adam Gill
Martin Stuart	48	-	44	Daniel Sherry
Sammy Abbey	52	-	70	Stelios Andreou
Joe Rudd	54	-	54	Dipesh Gamanlal
James Bastow	48	-	56	Stephen Overy
David Bardon	56	-	40	Olivia Earley
Adrian Comer	56	-	33	Jonas Silva
Steven Mcintosh	72	-	51	Marc Bolton
Sam Shew	43	-	70	Matt Earley
Alvar Chambers	57	-	35	Sanj Joshi



FC CUP FIRST ROUND STATISTICS



HIGHEST SCORE

79

Adam Gill

HIGHEST SCORING MATCH

139

Alistair Shields 65 Jonathan Chew 65

BIGGEST WINNING MARGIN

34

Stephen Wilson 45 Adam Gill 79

LOWEST SCORE

33

Danzel D'Costa

Rebekah Green

Jonas Silva

LOWEST SCORING MATCH

81

Wendy Parker 40 Graham Price 41

LOWEST WINNING MARGIN

1

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Jonathan Strack 52 Glen Hogwood 53

Kieran Lenthall 53 Dan Jopp 54

Joseph Lawrence 50 Karman Bansi 51

Stephen Loss 49 Darrell Jenkins 50

TWO MATCHES WERE DRAWN

Raymond Turp 46 Joseph Greenwood 46

Joe Rudd 54 Dipesh Gamanlal 54



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FC CUP FIRST ROUND REPLAY REVIEW



FRASER & WILSON DON'T NEED CAPTAIN

Raymund Turp moved into the 3rd round with both his captain and Vice-Captain side lined. In a mid-Week gamewek Raymond Turp must have been annoyed when he saw that once more Sergio Aguero was side lined having picked him as captain. He had Liverpool's Saido Mane as vice-captain on Wednesday evening. After Tuesday's fixtures Greenwood was leading by 9 points. Both managers suffered from the mid-week fixture pile up as for Greenwood he saw Liverpool's Robertson and Mane were dropped meaning that Palace's Wan Bassaka come on to add a point and Wolves Doherty would come in playing against Chelsea. Turp would now see his vice-captain wasn't playing also Everton's Michael Keane didn't play for Turp though it meant Ryan Fraser would come off the bench with 12 points adding to his Bournemouth's team mate Callum Wilson 12 points. Fraser's 12 proving to be decisive in a 9-point victory.



Ryan Fraser celebrates his goal against Huddersfield. Coming off the bench to score 12 points.

Joseph Greenwood 43 Raymond Turp 52

RICHARLISON EASES RUDD THROUGH



Richarlison in action against Newcastle he bagged a goal to hit 10 points

Joe Rudd took control of this fixture on Wednesday night with a significant contribution from Everton's Richarlison. After Tuesday's matches Dipesh Gamanial held a small lead of 4 points. Gamanial would have been feeling confident with 6 plays including one substitution to play on Wednesday evening. Those 6 players contributed 17 points inclusive of captain Liverpool's Salah's 8 points. Rudd had one extra

Player. Rudd's 7 players scored a fantastic 39 points with Richarlison contributing a quarter of those points with 10. Wolves Jimenez 8 points off the bench were also key in Rudd's victory.

Ian Baldwin 59 Rob Gurney 66



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Top Player

Mahrez



MCI

13 Points

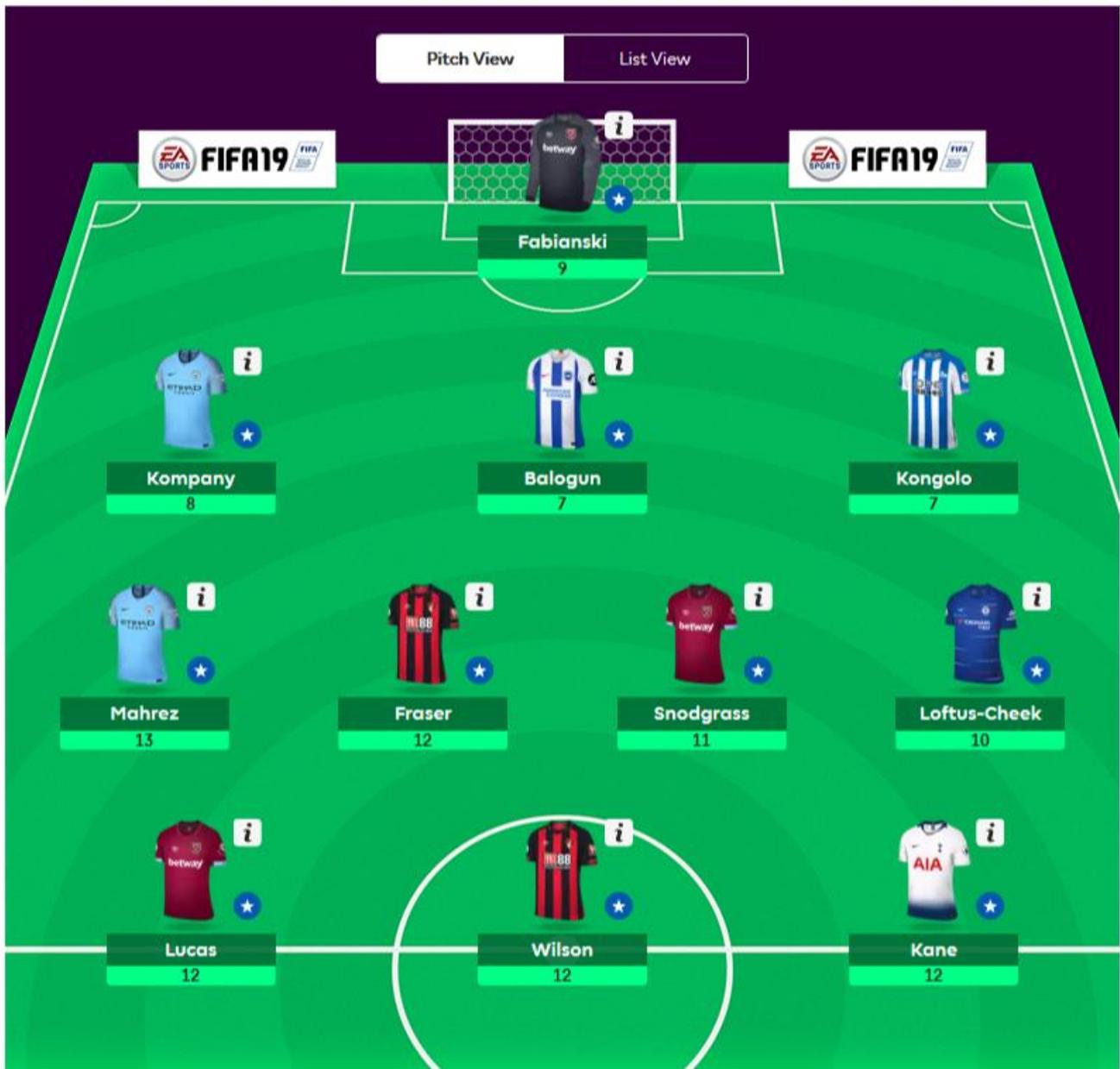
Total Points

113

Overall →

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FC CUP FIRST ROUND REPLAY RESULTS



Joseph Greenwood	43	-	52	Raymond Turp
Dipesh Gamanial	35	-	53	Joe Rudd



FC CUP FIRST ROUND REPLAY STATISTICS



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53

Joe Rudd

HIGHEST SCORING MATCH

95

Joseph Greenwood 43 Raymond Turp 52

BIGGEST WINNING MARGIN

18

Dipesh Gamanial 35 Joe Rudd 53

LOWEST SCORE

35

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LOWEST SCORING MATCH

88

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FC CUP SECOND ROUND REVIEW



IT'S ALL ABOUT RICHARLISON

After 2 days of Premier league Matches and 9 games and 24 goals this cup tie-would come down to just one player Everton's Brazilian international, **Richarlison**.

After Saturdays and Sundays fixtures Alvar Chambers held a 5 point lead over Steve Haley. Chambers had good performances from Liverpool's Robertson 11 points, West Ham's Felipe Anderson 12 points and his captain Arsenal's Aubameyang 10 points. Haley Also had a good return from Robertson, And Manchester United's

Rashford hit 14 points. So with one fixture remaining both managers had one player to play Evertons Richarlison only Steve Haley had him as captain. In the 15th minute Richarlison scored taking Haley ahead by 1 point, 5 points for the goal and a single point for appearing. Chambers only chance was if the Brazilian could get booked, he didn't and completed the match to gain an extra point for playing the full 90 minutes.

Alvar Chamber 61 Steve Haley 63



Richarlison celebrates his goal against Watford a significant momentg in this cup-tie



Lucas Digne strikes an amazing free-kick equaliser for Everton with the last kick off the gameweek and sends Oldfield through

A DIGNIFIED ENDING FOR OLDFIELD

Sebastian Logan became the 3rd successive featured manager to lose his match in the cruellest of circumstances with literally the last kick of the gameweek. Going into the last minute at Goodison Park the final match of the gameweek the cup tie was poised Logan 47 Oldfield 42. Then Watford conceded a free-kick on the edge of their area. Up stepped Everton

defender and French international Lucas Digne who curled in a fantastic free-kick into the top corner of the net bagging Oldfield 6 points to go 48-47 ahead. There was not even enough time for Watford to kick off (Poetic licence). Digne also got 3 bonus points to increase Oldfield's winning margin to 4 feeling that maybe he has Cup luck on his side this season.

Sebastian Logan 47 Tim Oldfield 51

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FC CUP SECOND ROUND REVIEW



Matt Doherty celebrates his winner against Newcastle which proved to be decisive for Comer

DOHERTY WINS IT

Wolves Matt Doherty's late headed goal against Newcastle proved to be the decisive moment in this cup tie. Adrian Comer got off to a flying start in the tie after losing 4 points through transfers his captain Mo Salah of Liverpool hitting a tremendous 42 points giving Comer a 38 point lead after 1 match. After the 3pm Kick-Offs Kyle Berry's team had managed to reduce the deficit to 29 points. Then on Saturday evening Berry's Chelsea players came good, goalkeeper Kepa, defender Luiz and Midfielder Hazard adding

31 points to his total. Berry had Tottenham's Eriksen and Everton's Richarlison to play. Comer who had seen his captain magnificent total wiped out also had Richarlison, Kane of Tottenham and Wolves Doherty. At the end of Saturday evening with the two spurs players each only scoring a point Berry held that single point advantage. With both managers having Richarlison it was all about Doherty. After 23 minutes Newcastle score deny Doherty a clean sheet. Doherty also picked up a booking so as the match moved towards injury time this cup tie was deadlocked at 65 all and going to a replay. Then in the 94th Minute Doherty followed up a parried shot to slot home giving Wolves the points and putting Adrian Comer into the 3rd round.

Kyle Berry 72 Adrian Comer 78

SALAH EASES EGISTO THROUGH

Mo Salah's Hat-Trick contributed to a 42 point total as he was Pasquale Egisto captain giving Egisto a 39 point lead after the first match. Darrell Jenkins could just not close the gap. Going into the last match he trailed by 32 points he had his captain Richelson to play who made a decent attempt score a goal but could only get 14 points becoming Jenkins Top scoring player but it only Reduced the gap to 25 points.

Pasquale Egisto 81 Darrell Jenkins 56



Salah hit a hat-trick against Bournemouth to score 21 points



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Top Player

Salah



LIV

21 Points

Total Points

146

Overall →

Pitch View

List View



Foster

9



David Luiz

15



Tarkowski

14



Young

12



Robertson

11



Salah

21



Son

14



Mata

13



Felipe Anderson

12



Torreira

11



Rashford

14



FC CUP SECOND ROUND RESULTS



Alvar Chambers	61	-	63	Steve Haley
Joseph Shalome	47	-	48	Dee Patel
Harry Atachparian	62	-	40	Bill Hill
Sebastian Logan	48	-	51	Tim Oldfield
Ben Alexander	43	-	60	Andrew Ogden
Dean Santoro	72	-	41	Jonathan Chew
Paren Arzoomanian	62	-	53	Pete Cuckson
Anthony Lobo	95	-	46	Raymond Turp
Lee Ferridge	44	-	77	Glen Hogwood
Karman Bansi	53	-	53	Stelios Andreou
Graham Price	80	-	83	Joe Rudd
Pasquale Egisto	81	-	56	Darrell Jenkins
Martin Stuart	52	-	50	Andreas Themistocleous
Mark Freear	55	-	63	Dan Jopp
James Dwinfour	85	-	61	Scott Nelson
Randy Ricker	47	-	77	Scott Smith
Arpad Beres	53	-	70	Tracy Thompson
Nick Preston	52	-	73	Paul Dwinfour
Eoin Mooney	71	-	54	Owen Gredley
Adam Gill	49	-	51	Dan Wyatt
James Bloomer	70	-	67	Joe Higgins
Kojo Amofa	45	-	61	Andy McLaren
Alex Kam	73	-	25	Bernard Aspell
Omid Afzalalghom	57	-	43	Stephen Overy
Ryan Perrett	45	-	50	David Bardon
Hakan Bedir	75	-	75	Andy Hilliard
Dave Rogers	56	-	63	Tony Collins
Anthony Nicolaidis	36	-	58	Martyn Dewick
Andy Gurney	62	-	32	Jatin Joshi
Rob Gurney	50	-	52	Matt Earley
Sol A	29	-	51	Steven Mcintosh
Kyle Berry	72	-	78	Adrian Comer



FC CUP SECOND ROUND STATISTICS



HIGHEST SCORE

95

Anthony Lobo

HIGHEST SCORING MATCH

163

Graham Price 80 Joe Rudd 83

BIGGEST WINNING MARGIN

49

Anthony Lobo 95 Raymond Turp 46

LOWEST SCORE

25

Bernard Aspell

LOWEST SCORING MATCH

80

Sol A 29 Steven McIntosh 51

LOWEST WINNING MARGIN

1

Joseph Shalome 47 Dee Patel 48

TWO MATCHES WERE DRAWN

Karman Bansi 53 Stelios Andreou 53

Hakan Bedir 75 Andy Hilliard 75



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FC CUP THIRD ROUND MATCHES IN FOCUS



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FC CUP SECOND ROUND REPLAY REVIEW



CAPTAIN HAZARD

Stelios Andreou selection of Chelsea's Eden Hazard proved to be decisive in this replay.

Going into Sunday's fixtures Stelios trailed by 4 points.

Karman's captain Kane had played gaining 10 points. He had 3 players to play. Stelios had four players and his

Captain. The two early matches saw 6 of the 7 players the two managers had to play take the field. After 17 minutes Hazard had an assist then on 33 minutes he scored taking his score 9 points doubling for Stelios. At the end of the early Sunday fixtures Hazard had scored 13 points for Bansi but 26 for Stelios. Now Stelios led the match by 9 points and he was the only manager with a player to play. Liverpool defender Robertson would score 2 points to ensure safe passage into the Third Round for Stelios Andreou.

Stelios Andreou 66 Karman Bansi 55



Hazard Scores against Huddersfield to hit 13 points



Sane moved to 7 assists for the season

LEROY KEEPS HILLIARD SANE

Manchester City's Leroy Sane scored 10 points as he assisted in two of City's Three goals.

Those points were vindication for Hilliard who had taken the brave decision to lose 4 points in transfers moving out Alexander-Arnold (Liverpool) and David Silva (Manchester City). He brought in Arsenal's Kolasinac for Arnold which proved to be a mistake as the Arsenal defender got injured before their game and didn't play. But Sane came to the rescue with

those two assists and two bonus points to score 10 points. After that first fixture of the gameweek Hilliard held an 8 point lead with his captain also from Manchester City Raheem Sterling scoring 12 points. After the 3pm Kick offs Hilliard had increased that lead to 23 points helped mainly by clean sheets from Wolves Doherty and Crystal Palace Wan-Bissako. The late Saturday kick Off saw Bedir pull back a bit with West Ham's Felipe Anderson scoring 6 points reducing the lead to 18. Unfortunately for Bedir his captain Arsenal's Aubameyang didn't perform only scoring 2 points and his other Sunday players could only reduce the margin by another 2 points losing in the end by 16 points.

Andy Hilliard 49 Hakan Bedir 33



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GAMEWEEK DREAM TEAM



Top Player

Mkhitaryan



ARS

14 Points

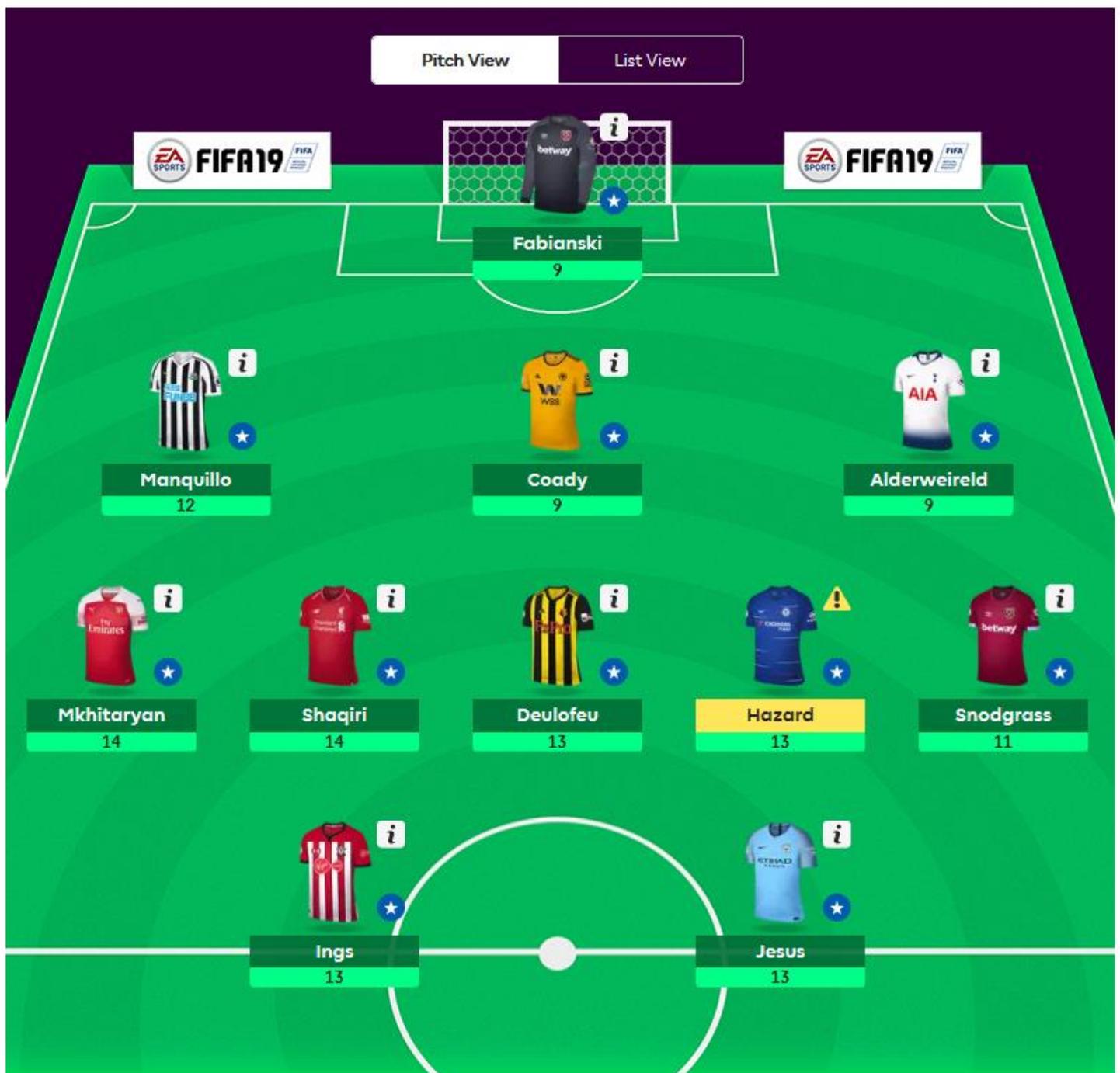
Total Points

130

Overall →

Pitch View

List View





FC CUP SECOND ROUND RESULTS



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FC CUP SECOND ROUND STATISTICS



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66

Stelios Andreou

HIGHEST SCORING MATCH

121

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BIGGEST WINNING MARGIN

16

Andy Hilliard 49 Hakan Bedir 33

LOWEST SCORE

33

Hakan Bedir

LOWEST SCORING MATCH

82

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11

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FC CUP THIRD ROUND REVIEW



FEATURED MANAGER CURSE CONTINUES

Tim Oldfield became the fourth manager to be featured by FC World and is the fourth manager to lose in his first game as the featured manager. This match was in the balance going into

Wednesday's fixtures. Oldfield held a 4-point lead. After these fixtures Harry Atachparian had gone from 4 points behind to an 11-point lead. Bournemouth's Ryan Fraser being the star scoring 12 points. Chelsea's Alonso adding 8 points and Bournemouth team mate Callum Wilson adding 6 also helping to give Atachparian the lead. With two fixtures to go Oldfield had 3 players to play with Atachparian also had 3 one being his captain. After the penultimate match both managers had added 3 points to their total and had 2 players to play in the mouth-watering final fixture of the gameweek Manchester City V Liverpool. Both managers had Robertson who would be the highest scorer of the remaining players Mo Salah for Oldfield could not produce the magic and so Oldfield fell in his first match as the featured manager the mantle that Atachparian now takes on in the Fourth Round.



Ryan Fraser scoring against Watford

Tim Oldfield 41 Harry Atachparian 54

BENCH BOOST CAN'T SAVE LEDGE

Paul 'The Ledge' Dwinfour played his bench boost in an attempt to get through but was never really in this tie. Glen Hogwood the 2009 winner might just be dreaming of success again after this result. After the first match 'The Ledge' went 4 points ahead after two of his team took to the field it was the only time in the gameweek in which he held the lead in this tie. The second fixture saw Hogwood's captain play Arsenal's Aubameyang who hit 18 points



Aubameyang gets in a strike against Fulham. He did score hitting 9 points.

then in the follow fixture Hogwood's 3 Tottenham players took this tie away from 'The Ledge'. Goalkeeper Lloris scoring 7 points, England World Cup hero Tripper scoring 6 points and then South Korean star Son hitting 13 points. After this fixture Hogwood held a 33-point lead. 'The Ledge' reduced the deficit but could never really get back in the tie losing by 17 points.

Glen Hogwood 67 Paul Dwinfour 50

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FC CUP THIRD ROUND REVIEW



SON STARS FOR DWINFOUR

Tottenham's Heung-Min Son was once again the star of one of these FC Cup ties to the happiness of James Dwinfour. After the first two matches of this tie it was equal with both managers on 2 points. That changed dramatically after the third fixture. Both managers had Tottenham's Harry Kane who hit 12 points but James had Son gaining those extra 13 points. With 5 fixtures on the Wednesday the match really began to take shape. Smith had 6 players who added 18 points James had 7 [players who added 30 points a difference of 12 giving James Dwinfour a 25-point lead with two fixtures to go. The tie now came down to Manchester United duo of Paul Pogba and Marcus Rashford for Smith. Dwinfour only had Liverpool's Mo Salah to play with Smith also having him. Rashford put in a stunning performance scoring 12 points, Pogba adding 3 but it was just not enough to turn this tie.



Son adds to Tottenham's lead on his way to 13 points.

Scott Smith 49 James Dwinfour 59

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LOBO'S PALACE

Anthony Lobo secured passage through to the Fourth round as his captain Arsenal's Pierre Patrick Aubameyang 18 points and the unlikely source of Crystal Palace Patrick Van Aanholt who scored 12 points. Anthony Lobo watched his captain put him into an early lead scoring those 18 points. In the same match his other forward Fulham's Kamara also scored giving him a 24-point lead. Tottenham's Harry Kane did all he could to keep Joe Rudd in the tie-on New Year's day by scoring 12 points.



Aubameyang celebrates his goal against Fulham

After Rudd had reduced the lead Crystal Palace defender Van Aanholt played a major part in this match scoring 12 points helping Lobo to extend his lead again to 18 points with just two fixtures remaining in the gameweek. In those last two matches Rudd's four players outscored Lobo's four but it wasn't enough reducing the lead to 14, Van Aanholt and Aubameyang had done the damage.

Anthony Lobo 53 Joe Rudd 39



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Top Player

Deeney



WAT

15 Points

Total Points

129

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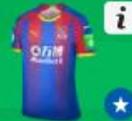
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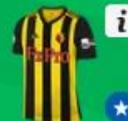
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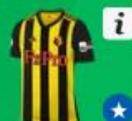
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Deeney

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Arnautovic

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Rashford

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FC CUP THIRD ROUND STATISTICS



HIGHEST SCORE

77

Alex Kam

HIGHEST SCORING MATCH

126

Martyn Dewick 71 Dean Santoro 55

BIGGEST WINNING MARGIN

41

Alex Kam 77 David Bardon 36

LOWEST SCORE

36

David Bardon

LOWEST SCORING MATCH

92

Anthony Lobo 53 Joe Rudd 39

LOWEST WINNING MARGIN

3

Dee Patel 60 Omid Afzalalghgom 36



FC CUP FOURTH ROUND DRAW



Andy Hilliard	V	Andy Gurney
Matt Earley	V	Anthony Lobo
Glen Hogwood	V	Martyn Dewick
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FC CUP FOURTH ROUND MATCHES IN FOCUS



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James Bloomer V Martin Stuart

James Bloomer in the Conference takes on Pyramid Premier Martin Stuart. Bloomer is in his 5th season with two promotions under his belt in 4 seasons moving from Pyramid One to the Conference, one lucky promotion. Whilst this season represents his best run ever in the FC Cup never having been past the 2nd Round before he does have a cup pedigree being runner-Up in the Pyramid Cup 2017. He is enjoying a decent season lying 7th in the Conference 5 points off promotion although he has been knocked out of the Champions League he is 28th in the overall league which is very respectable. Martin Stuart is in his 3rd season gaining promotion from Pyramid One to the Pyramid Premier last season. This is also Martin's best run to date in the FC Cup the 2nd Round in his rookie season being his previous best. Martin is lying 8th in the Pyramid Premier just 3 points off the promotion place. He has also qualified for the New Life Cup, he is 36th in the overall league. An intriguing tie between two managers hoping to get to the quarter-final stage for the first time.

Omid Afzalalghom V Paren Arzoomanian

Omid Afzalalghom is one of the biggest names in FC World history he is a multiple major trophy winner with 3 major trophies to his name he is the only manager to have won the Champions League twice and won the FC Cup in 2017. Omid was also famous for being the only manager to have qualified for the Super20 cup every season until last season when he was relegated from the Premier league after being an ever present. He is currently lying 7th in the Championship 3 points for promotion and has qualified for the New Life Cup, many in the Fc World though believe Omid's main goal this season is to get back into the Primer at the first attempt. Paren in contrast is a relatively inexperienced manager only in his 3rd season in the game but has two promotions under his belt albeit last season promotion to the Pyramid Premier was a lucky one. Currently he has no cup history never getting past the 2nd Round in any of the cup competitions in his previous two seasons. This season though he is fighting in two fronts in the cups as he is also in the New Life Cup. Currently lying 12th in the Pyramid Premier he is 6 points of the relegation zone and 9 points off the promotion places.



FC CUP FOURTH ROUND MATCHES IN FOCUS



Harry Atachparian V Andrew Ogden

Harry Atachparian will be the manager the latest manager trying to beat the curse of being the featured manager. So far every featured manager has lost their match. Harry is in his Rookie season, Harry is in Pyramid Three. He has dropped to 2nd in the table he was top in the last preview. Also, the 11 point gap he had over 6th is now down to 7 points. He topped his Pyramid Cup group so is through to the knock-Out Stages. In the overall league he has dropped from 11th spot to 26th. All this makes good reading for Harry's opponent Andrew Ogden. Ogden in League Two is in his 4th season, moving from Pyramid One to League Two in consecutive season with two lucky promotions on the way. He hasn't had the best cup pedigree never getting past the 1st round of the FC Cup until this season. He is currently 14th in League Two only outside the relegation places on points difference. He was knocked out of the Champions League so the FC Cup represents his only chance of cup success this season.

Alex Kam V Tony Collins

Alex Kam is in his 5th season in the game, he has two promotions to his names last season receiving a lucky promotion after finishing 6th in Pyramid Premier. He has got out of his group in the Pyramid cup 4 out of his 5 seasons, this season included. This run to the 4th round eclipses his best ever FC Cup performance getting to the 3rd Round in 2016. Kam is currently in 9th place in the Conference 7-points of the promotion places but is 10 points clear of the relegation zone. Kam's opponent Tony Collins is in his 7th season and is a major trophy winner and nearly became an FC world legend as he lost the Champions League final in 2017 a year after he had won it, he would have been the first ever manager to retain the trophy. As well as that major trophy he has 3 legitimate Promotions one of those included the Conference title in 2016, he has two lucky promotion to go alongside those legitimate ones. This season Collins is 10th in League One 4 points off the promotion places and has qualified for the New Life Cup Where he reached the Quarter-Finals in its inaugural year back in 2014.

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FC CUP FOURTH ROUND REVIEW



STERLING EFFORT FOR OGDEN

Manchester City's Raheem Sterling as the captain pick for Andrew Ogden and Sergio Agüero made all the difference in this cup tie.

Sterling made his impact on this fixture on the Sunday of the gameweek when he secured 10 points by gaining 2 assists and 2 bonus points, at that Point in the tie Sterling had scored 10 points.

Those two assists helped team mate Agüero to hat-trick and 17 points. Harry Atachaparian, another featured manager to lose, had held a small lead of 8 points going into Sundays fixtures. 26 points coming from the 3pm kick offs from 4 players had helped him to that lead although another significant contribution for Ogden coming from Southampton's Nathan Redmond with 11 points keeping him within 8. Then Sunday happened before those contributions from the City players Ogden had 3 Manchester United players Lindelof, Pogba and Rashford add 21 points between them all scoring 7. That moved Ogden 13 points clear then after those points from Ogden's City players the tie was never in doubt taking the tie with 10-point winning margin.

Harry Atachaparian 65 Andrew Ogden 84



Hazard celebrating one of his two goals on his way to 15 points

HAZARD WARNING FOR BLOOMER

With both managers opting for Manchester City's Leroy Sane as captain as he was expected to play twice this tie actually came down to Chelsea's Eden Hazard with just one match.

James Bloomer had taken control of this tie in early kick-off on Saturday when Tottenham's Heung-Min

Son scoring and gaining 11 points. Going into those 3pm kick-offs Stuart gained a significant contribution from Eden Hazard with 15 points cutting Bloomers lead down to 4 points. The next significant moment in this match was Manchester United's Paul Pogba's 7 points which moved Stuart into a 3-point lead. Intriguingly other players playing both managers had so their points were cancelled out. Going into the last fixture of the gameweek Stuart held a 5-point lead with both managers having Leroy Sane Stuart had secured victory as he had Everton's Richarlison who would add a single point to his total

James Bloomer 58 Martin Stuart 64



Agüero acknowledges Sterling's assist in helping him to hat-trick against Arsenal

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FC CUP FOURTH ROUND REVIEW



LUIZ CONTROL

Chelsea's Brazilian defender David Luiz contributed 13 points to Tony Collins 25-point winning margin in the cup tie. After the first match of the gameweek you would not have guessed that this tie would be so easy for Tony Collins as Alex Kam team got off to a flyer with Tottenham's Heung-Min Son gaining 11 points to put Kam 11 ahead. That lead

Though was short lived as Collins came back with a vengeance in the 3pm kick-Offs as Collins saw significant contributions from Chelsea duo David Luiz and Eden Hazard scoring 134 and 15 points respectively Wolves Jimenez also contributed 9 points as Collins went from 11 behind to 28 points ahead. Alex Kam saw his chances of overturning the match slip as captain Manchester City's Leroy Sane was not selected in his match. Kam's other players managed to reduce the deficit going into Sundays last fixture to 13 points but then Collins City player Raheem Sterling struck 10 points to increase his lead to 19. With 2 fixtures remaining none of Kam's players made their mark only adding 7 to his total Captain Sane playing 17 minutes for a single point meaning that in the end Collins won by 25 points.

Alex Kam 52 Tony Collins 77



Aguero celebrates his Hat-Trick against Arsenal helped him score 17 points

TRIPLE CHIP CAPTAIN AGUERO HITS HAT-TRICK

Omid Afzalalghom hit a master stroke when he made Manchester City's Sergio Aguero captain and then played his triple captain chip. Aguero played twice in the gameweek scoring 17 and 2 points this then trebled for Omid to score 54 points meaning

his captain scored more points than his opponents' entire team. In truth Omid was already in control of this cup tie as we moved into the ninth fixture of the gameweek he held a 21-point lead bit then that triple captain selection left the tie in no doubt. Disappointing for Paren who had made a decent captain selection himself of Manchester City's Raheem Sterling who scored 11 points but on this occasion that was no way near enough.

Omid Afzalalghom 104 Paren Arzoomanian 46



David Luiz salutes the Chelsea crowd after scoring on his way to 13 points.



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Top Player

Laporte



MCI

20 Points

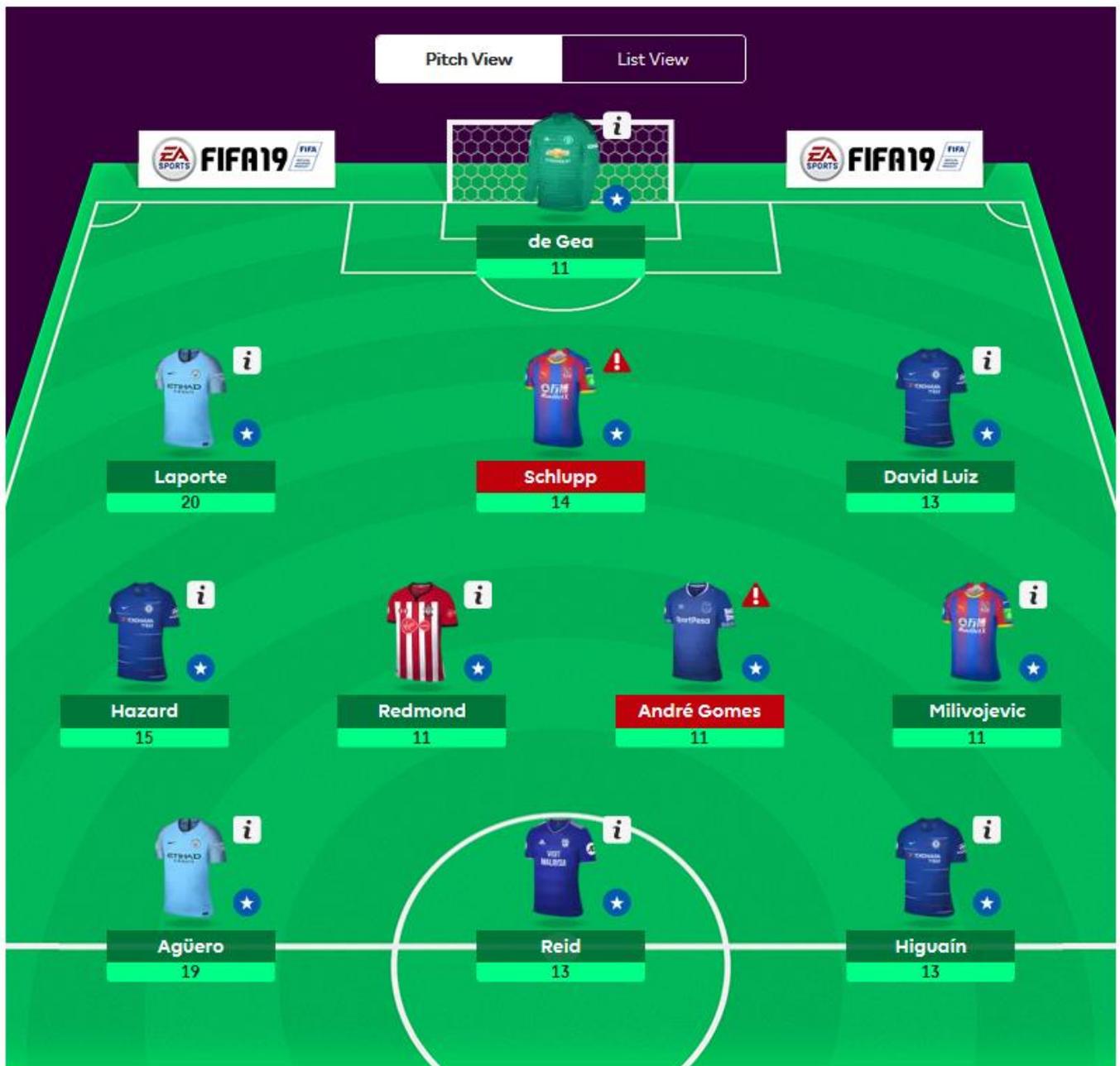
Total Points

151

Overall →

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List View





FC CUP FOURTH ROUND RESULTS



Andy Hilliard	75	-	73	Andy Gurney
Matt Earley	68	-	77	Anthony Lobo
Glen Hogwood	88	-	58	Martyn Dewick
James Bloomer	58	-	64	Martin Stuart
Omid Afzalalghom	106	-	47	Paren Arzoomanian
Harry Atachparian	65	-	84	Andrew Ogden
Eoin Mooney	80	-	92	James Dwinfour
Alex Kam	52	-	77	Tony Collins



FC CUP THIRD ROUND STATISTICS



HIGHEST SCORE

106

Omid Afzalalghom

HIGHEST SCORING MATCH

172

Eoin Mooney 80 James Dwinfour 92

BIGGEST WINNING MARGIN

59

Omid Afzalalghom 106 Paren Arzoomanian 47

LOWEST SCORE

47

Paren Arzoomanian

LOWEST SCORING MATCH

122

James Bloomer 53 Martin Stuart 64

LOWEST WINNING MARGIN

2

Andy Hilliard 75 Andy Gurney 73



FC CUP QUARTER-FINAL DRAW



Glen Hogwood V Andrew Ogden
 Tony Collins V Anthony Lobo
 Andy Hilliard V Omid Afzalalghom
 James Dwinfour V Martin Stuart

Matches to be played Gameweek 29

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PREMIER	2
CHAMPIONSHIP	1
LEAGUE ONE	1
LEAGUE TWO	1
CONFERENCE	0
PYRAMID PREMIER	1
PYRAMID ONE	0
PYRAMID TWO	1
PYRAMID THREE	1



FC CUP QUARTER-FINAL MATCHES IN FOCUS



ALL MATCHES GET THE FC WORLD TREATMENT AT THE QUARTER-FINAL STAGE

Glen Hogwood V ***Andrew Ogden***
 Tony Collins V Anthony Lobo
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FC CUP QUARTER-FINAL MATCHES IN FOCUS



Glen Hogwood V Andrew Ogden

Andrew Ogden the featured manager will become the latest featured manager hoping to win a game. Ogden is having a decent season lying 8th in League Two just 3 points off the promotion places. Ogden is trying to gain another promotion and go from Pyramid One to League One in consecutive seasons. This season has been his best effort in the FC Cup never having been past the 1st Round previously. Ogden's opponent in the Quarter-Final is Premier leagues Glen Hogwood who has a completely different FC Cup pedigree in fact he is going for a record of 4 Semi-Final appearances no manager has made it to 4 semi-Finals. Hogwood has previously won the competition back in 2009. Hogwood is currently struggling in the Premier League lying in 18th place 2 points from safety. Hogwood though loves the history of Fantasy Challenge and will be hoping to become another part of it by becoming the first manager to make 4 Fc Cup Semi-Finals.

Tony Collins V Anthony Lobo

As has been previously mentioned in these previous Tony Collins is a big name in the FC World, he is a major trophy winner and nearly became an FC world legend as he lost the Champions League final in 2017 a year after he had won it, he would have been the first ever manager to retain the trophy. As well as that major trophy he has 3 legitimate Promotions one of those included the Conference title in 2016, he has two lucky promotion to go alongside those legitimate ones. This season he is in 10th Place in League One 10 points off relegation but 9 points off the promotion places. He has just been knocked out of the New Life Cup in the 1st Round. So currently the FC Cup represents his best chance of success this season for a manager that is used to success. Collins opponent is rookie manager Anthony Lobo who is not having the best of time in Pyramid Two sitting in 15th place the last relegation spot 2 points away from safety. He is 59th in the overall league which is a decent showing in his first season and he is showing his cup pedigree in the Pyramid Cup having won through to the 3rd Round knocking out Harry Atachparian who was the featured manager in the FC Cup in the last round.



FC CUP QUARTER-FINAL MATCHES IN FOCUS



Andy Hilliard V Omid Afzalalghom

An intriguing tie this one as it pits Andy Hilliard who dropped out of the game 3 seasons ago after getting relegated from the Premier League. Hilliard had quite a reputation in the FC World having got to a Champions League final back in 2007, he also moved from the Conference to Premier League consecutive seasons. When he dropped out it was quite a shock. He is back and is showing his form he is through to the 3rd Round of the Pyramid Cup having just knocked out Daniel Sherry in the Second Round, Daniel Sherry the manager that lost that epic FC Cup final two seasons ago to Hilliard's opponent in their Quarter-Final. Hilliard has had to re-join in Pyramid Three but is going along nicely sitting in 3rd place 6 points clear of 6th. As mentioned, Hilliard's opponent is Omid Afzalalghom is one of the biggest names in FC World history, he is a multiple major trophy winner with 3 major trophies to his name he is the only manager to have won the Champions League twice and won the FC Cup in 2017. Omid was also famous for being the only manager to have qualified for the Super20 cup every season until last season when he was relegated from the Premier league after being an ever present. He is now currently 4th in the Championship 3 points clear of 6th place looking for an immediate return to the Premier League. Omid is also through to the 2nd Round of the New Life Cup. Another thing we have mentioned that another Quarter-Finalist Glen Hogwood is hoping to become the first ever manager to make 4 FC Cup Semi-Finals Omid is also trying to achieve the same feat. Another twist on what on paper looks like the tie of the round.

James Dwinfour V Martin Stuart

James Dwinfour is another manager with a massive reputation in the FC World left in this competition. James has won 5 major trophies and is one of the most successful managers in its history. In 2013 James did a treble winning the Premier League FC Overall League and Super20 cup one of the most outstanding seasons in the history of the game if not the most. James has lifted the FC Cup winning the trophy in 2015. James is also through to the 3rd Round of the Champions League he is also going along nicely in the Premier League lying in 7th place 10 points off top a point clear of 9th but trying to qualify for the Super20 cup again. Another season where currently he is showing his class. James' opponent is Martin Stuart in contrast to his opponent is a relative novice in the FC World this being his 3rd season in the game, he was promoted from Pyramid One to the Pyramid Premier last season. This season is his best run in the FC Cup. So far this season in the Pyramid Premier he is in 9th place 9 points off the promotion places. Stuart is still in the New Life cup through to the 3rd Round so has shown his cup pedigree this season and will be hoping to create a shock against James to go into his first FC Cup Semi-Final.

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FORWARDS DIFFERENCE FOR STUART

Goals from Chelsea's Argentinian international Gonzalo Higuain and Leicester's Jamie Vardy saw Martin Stuart triumph in the Quarter-Final tie.

James Dwinfour got off to a flying start in this tie before the first match start with Martin Stuart making two transfers putting him 4 points ahead. Then after all of Saturdays fixtures Dwinfour had extended his lead to 13 points. With 3 matches remaining in the gameweek

Dwinfour had two players left to play. Stuart had five players, including the same two players as Dwinfour who would take the field in the last fixture of the gameweek. The first match on Sunday saw Jamie Vardy score 8 points with a goal and bonus contributing to the total. With Leicester's Maddison adding 2 points Stuart had cut the lead to just three points. Higuain repeated Vardy's feat in the next fixture. Stuart's forwards had put 5 points ahead. With one match remaining and both managers having the same players left, Stuarts forward line had ensured passage to the Semi-Finals.



**Vardy celebrates his goal against
Watford**

James Dwinfour 43 Martin Stuart 48



Hugo Lloris penalty save

OGDEN LATEST FEATURED MANAGER TO LOSE

Andrew Ogden became the latest featured manager to lose a tie in the FC Cup once becoming the featured manager. Ogden was

Behind from the first match. Opponent FC Cup Winner in 2009 Glen Hogwood got off to a great start his Keeper Tottenham's Hugo Lloris saving a penalty to score 10 points with Tottenham defender Trippier Hogwood went 17 points ahead after the first match. Ogden had gambled on playing his triple captain chip going for Manchester City Raheem Sterling who secured 9 points Hogwood also played a chip his bench boost, The Bench boost proved pivotal in the first match on Sunday when Watford's Deulofeu hit 6 points increasing Hogwoods lead to 22 points. Ogden's last four players gave it a real go scoring a creditable 24 points but was only enough to cut Hogwoods' lead from 22 points to 9 points.

Glen Hogwood 59 Andrew Ogden 50

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FC CUP QUARTER-FINAL REVIEW



CAPTAIN HIGUAIN THE DIFFERENCE

Anthony Lobo captain helped to turn this tie round taking him into the FC Cup Semi-Final in his rookie season. Two-time Champions League finalist Tony Collins captain pick did not go so well as he selected Manchester United's Paul Pogba who missed a



Higuain celebrates his goal against Fulham

Penalty and ended up scoring -2 thankfully for Collins Wolves forward Jimenez hit 12 points leaving him just 1 behind Lobo after the 30m kick-offs. Collins goalkeeper West Ham's Fabianski would score 6 points in the late kick-off to give him a 5-point lead. Then in the penultimate fixture of the gameweek Lobo's captain took to the field Chelsea's Gonzalo Higuain, a goal and bonus points saw him score 16 points to put Lobo in the lead in the tie. One fixture remaining Both managers had two players all from Liverpool, Collins had Robertson and Mane whilst Lobo also had a defender and midfielder Alexander-Arnold and Salah. Collins players contributed 8 points, Lobo saw Alexander-Arnold hit 9 points with Salah adding to 3 to secure 13-point winning margin.

Tony Collins 35 Anthony Lobo 48



Jota celebrates wolves first goal

HILLIARD SENT TO THE WOLVES

Omid Afzalalghom two Wolves players Jota (Midfield) and Jimenez (Forward) scored 23 points almost half of Omid's score. Those 23 points kept Omid in the match at the end of the 3pm Kick-Offs and covered the mistake of making Manchester United's Paul Pogba captain. Pogba

Scoring minus 2 points. After those 3pm Kick Offs Andy Hilliard held a 3-point lead with just 2 players left to play. Afzalalghom had 6 players left including the same two players which although behind on the scoreboard left him in complete command of the tie. The contribution from the Wolves players being the major factor in the tie. In the end Afzalalghom ran out an easy winner with Liverpool's Alexander-Arnold scoring 9 points to help secure a victory by 13 points.

Andrew Hilliard 36 Omid Afzalalghom 49



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Top Player

Rice



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15 Points

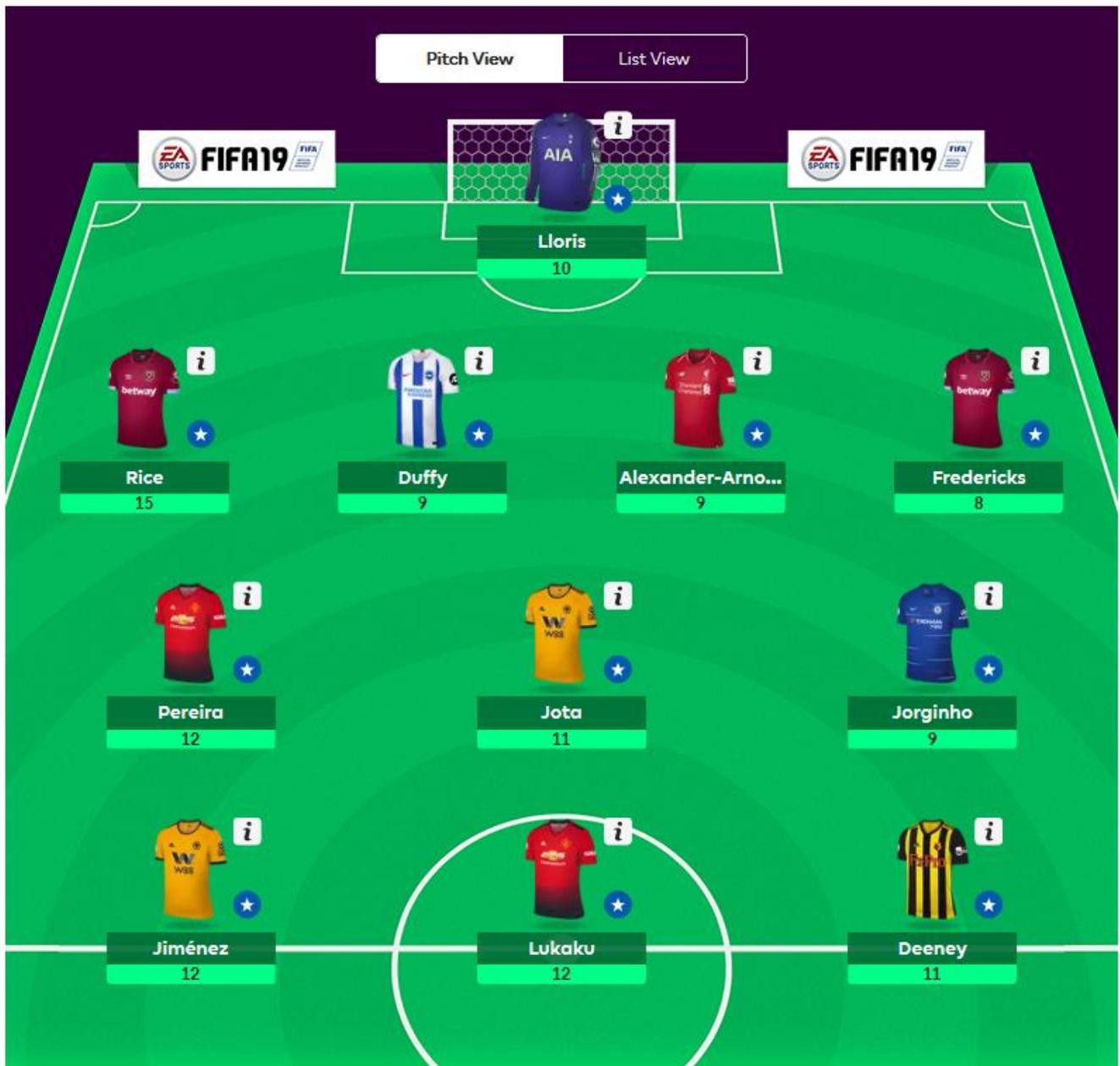
Total Points

118

Overall →

Pitch View

List View





FC CUP QUARTER-FINAL RESULTS



Glen Hogwood	59	-	50	Andrew Ogden
Tony Collins	35	-	48	Anthony Lobo
Andy Hilliard	36	-	49	Omid Afzalalghom
James Dwinfour	43	-	48	Martin Stuart



FC CUP QUARTER-FINAL STATISTICS



HIGHEST SCORE

59

Glen Hogwood

HIGHEST SCORING MATCH

109

Glen Hogwood 59 Andrew Ogden 50

BIGGEST WINNING MARGIN

13

*Tony Collins 35 Anthony Lobo 48
Andy Hilliard 36 Omid Afzalalghom 49*

LOWEST SCORE

35

Tony Collins

LOWEST SCORING MATCH

83

Tony Collins 35 Anthony Lobo 48

LOWEST WINNING MARGIN

5

James Bloomer 43 Martin Stuart 48



FC CUP SEMI-FINAL DRAW



Anthony Lobo V Glen Hogwood
Omid Afzalalghom V Martin Stuart

Matches to be played Gameweek 33

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SUPER20 LEAGUE	MANAGERS IN THE COMPETITION
PREMIER	1
CHAMPIONSHIP	1
LEAGUE ONE	0
LEAGUE TWO	0
CONFERENCE	0
PYRAMID PREMIER	1
PYRAMID ONE	0
PYRAMID TWO	1
PYRAMID THREE	0



FC CUP SEMI-FINAL MATCHES IN FOCUS



ALL MATCHES GET THE FC WORLD TREATMENT AT THE SEMI-FINAL STAGE

Anthony Lobo V ***Glen Hogwood***
Omid Afzalalghom V Martin Stuart

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Anthony Lobo V Glen Hogwood

Anthony Lobo in his rookie season is having a mixed season doing well in the Cups but struggling in Pyramid Two, Lobo got to the 3rd round of the Pyramid Cup before being knocked out and has secured this semi-final place securing a return of his entrance fee. Lobo though is struggling in League Two although just two points from safety. In his run to the semi-final Lobo has not faced any managers higher than League One his most significant victory coming in the Quarter-Final beating Tony Collins a former Champions League winner. Lobo will be hoping that this season curse of the featured manager continues as he takes on the new featured manager Glen Hogwood. Hogwood will be the highest placed league manager Lobo has faced as a Premier League manager. Hogwood also has a great FC Cup pedigree winning the competition in 2009 and this semi-final will be his fourth which is a record, amazingly equalled by Omid Afzalalghom



FC CUP SEMI-FINAL MATCHES IN FOCUS



taking part in the other semi-final. Hogwood is struggling in the premier League currently in the relegation zone although he is just two points from safety. Hogwood has become the new Fc World featured manager after beating Andrew Ogden in the Quarter-Final. Hogwood will be well aware of the curse that has hit every featured manager this season with not one of them winning a match, Hogwood will be hoping to make his second FC Cup final and the chance to become only the second manager to win the trophy twice.

Omid Afzalalghom V Martin Stuart

Like Glen Hogwood in the other semi-final Omid Afzalalghom has made FC Cup history this season by reaching his fourth semi-final, before this season three was the record now both Hogwood and Afzalalghom have made it four. Afzalalghom is one of the legends in the game as until last season he had only performed at the highest level in the Premier League and had qualified for the Super20 Cup every season, he has three major trophies to his name two Champions League titles and an Fc Cup victory his last major trophy in 2017. Afzalalghom is showing his pedigree once more this season his first outside the top flight, making this semi-final he is also in the New Life Cup Quarter-Final and is in the promotion places in the Championship currently lying in 4th place equal points to 2nd place 6 points off top spot and 6 points clear of 6th place. If Afzalalghom could make the final he has the chance to become only the second player in the history of the competition to win it twice. Martin Stuart is the manager that stands in Afzalalghom way of trying to make that history, Stuart is relatively inexperienced to his opponent only in his third season this being his best FC Cup run previously only going as far as the Second Round. Stuart is having a decent season in the Pyramid Premier lying in 9th place 9 points off the promotion places. Stuart like Afzalalghom is also in the New Life Cup in the Quarter-Finals. For Afzalalghom the Semi-Final represents the chance of making more history for Stuart the opportunity to win a first major trophy.

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WESTWOOD TO THE FINAL

Omid's selection of Burnley's Ashley Westwood who hit 16 points helped make the difference in this epic semi-final clash. Neither manager played a chip in this all-important cup tie. Martin Stuart though did make 3 transfers losing 8 points before a ball had been kicked in the Gameweek. After Friday's evening match Omid had gone a further 2 points clear as his 3 Liverpool players scored 11 points Martin Stuart also had 3 Liverpool players but they could only score 9 points which got Stuart back into the positive but 10 points behind in the tie. Then to the Saturday 3pm kick-offs

where both managers would add a significantly to their totals. Omid's Leicester and Burnley players grabbed this tie to take control. Leicester's Jamie Vardy hit 16 points whilst Burnley's Ashley Westwood scored 13 points. Leicester City's Portuguese defender Ricardo Pereira also adding 6 points. Omid also had Bournemouth duo David Brooks and Callum Wilson who added 4 points a



Burnley's Ashlet Westwood scores their second on his way to score a vital 13 points.for Omid

contribution of 2 each. This put an amazing 39 points onto Omid's total not a bad return from 5 players. Martin Stuart also had Jamie Vardy neutralising Omid's 16 points. He also had Vardy's Leicester team mate James Maddison who notched 7 points. His other 3pm kick-Off players were Callum Wilson who Omid also had and the Crystal Palace's Aaron Wan-Bissaka came off the bench for Leicester City's Jonny Evans to add 2 points. All that meant that Omid now had a 15-point lead with two fixtures remaining. Omid had two players to play including his captain Chelsea's Eden Hazard, this selection would be cancelled out by Stuart as he also had Hazard as captain. Stuart was then relying on his West Ham keeper Lukasz Fabianski in the final fixture of the gameweek and in the penultimate match Arsenal's French forward Alexandre Lacazette. Arsenal's capitulation at Everton seemingly was another nail in the coffin for Stuart in this semi-final Lacazette only grabbing 2 points whilst Omid's Everton and England number 1 Jordan Pickford picking up a vital 7 points to increase Omid's lead to 28 points. For Stuart in now needed an amazing performance from Fabianski a clean sheet, penalty save, bonus points and maybe an assist, it wasn't to be as Eden Hazard bagged two goal one great mazy dribble through the west Ham defence securing Omid's passage into the Final.

Omid Afzalalghom 97 Martin Stuart 71

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FC CUP SEMI-FINAL REVIEW



FREE HIT TO THE FINAL



Jamie Vardy slots home a penalty for his second. As Lobo's captain he hit 32 points

Anthony Lobo played his free hit to get to a first FC Cup Final and continue the curse of the featured manager losing their first match in each round. Glen Hogwood his opponent in this semi-final was not only the featured manager but was trying to get to second FC Cup final. Hogwood also played a chip using his wildcard for this fixture. With a free-hit and wildcard

being played unlike the other semi-final both managers started the gameweek level on zero points. After the first fixture of the gameweek on a Friday evening Hogwood took an early lead going 12 points clear with his captain Liverpool's Mo Salah bagging a creditable 12 points. With both managers having 3 players playing it was first blood to Hogwood. Then the Saturday 3pm kick-offs took place. Lobo's sat back and watched the points flow in from his free hit. His Crystal Palace goalkeeper Vicente Guaita scoring 10 points, then the Leicester City's trio piled on the points. Portuguese defender Ricardo Pereira adding 6 points, Midfielder James Maddison 7 points then captain Jamie Vardy adding a fantastic 32 points cancelling out Hogwood's captain Mo Salah's 12 from the previous evening. Those 4 players scoring an amazing 55 points Lobo was now 36 points in the lead in the tie. With just two fixtures to go both managers captains had played. Lobo had 4 players to play whilst Hogwood had 6. In the penultimate fixture Hogwood's players managed to reduce the deficit by 3 points but none of his 3 players had hit a high score. Hogwood was now left with 3 Chelsea players goalkeeper Kepa Arrizabalaga, Brazilian defender David Luiz and French forward Olivier Giroud. Lobo with that 33-point lead also had two Chelsea players, Defender Cesar Azpilicueta and Midfielder Eden Hazard. The gameweek's last fixture on Monday evening ended up being all about one player, Eden Hazard, as the Belgian wizard put West Ham to the sword scoring two goals to score 16 points and ease Lobo into his first FC Cup final.

Anthony Lobo 88 Glen Hogwood 46



FC CUP SEMI-FINAL GAMEWEEK DREAM TEAM



Dream Team



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Top Player

Vardy



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16 Points

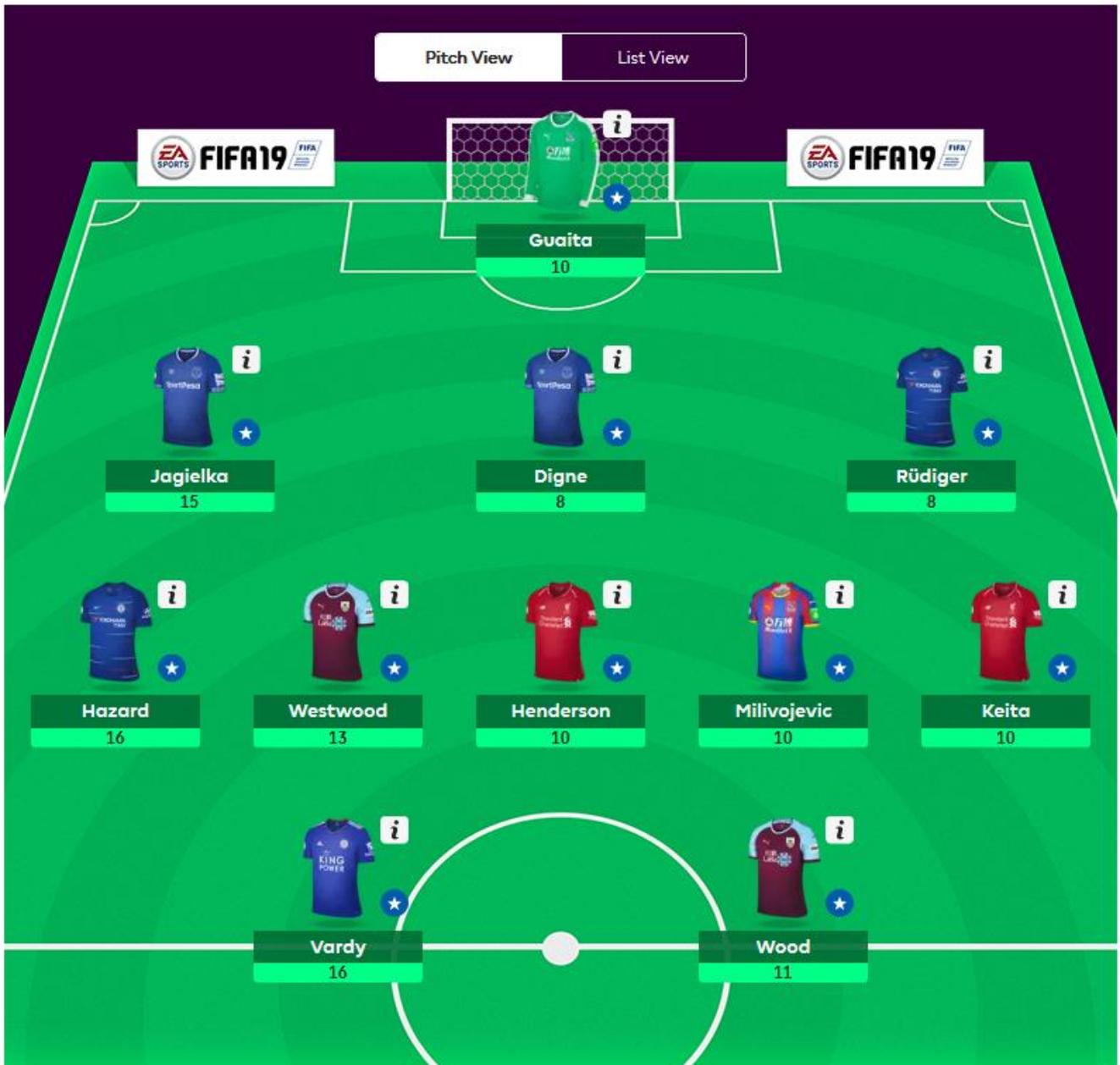
Total Points

127

Overall →

Pitch View

List View





FC CUP SEMI-FINAL RESULTS



Anthony Lobo	88	-	46	Glen Hogwood
Omid Afzalalghom	97	-	71	Martin Stuart



FC CUP SEMI-FINAL STATISTICS



HIGHEST SCORE

97

Omid Afzalalghom

HIGHEST SCORING MATCH

163

Omid Afzalalghom 97 Martin Stuart 71

BIGGEST WINNING MARGIN

42

Anthony Lobo 48 Glen Hogwood 46

LOWEST SCORE

46

Glen Hogwood

LOWEST SCORING MATCH

134

Anthony Lobo 48 Glen Hogwood 46

LOWEST WINNING MARGIN

26

Omid Afzalalghom 97 Martin Stuart 71



FC CUP SEMI-FINAL DRAW



Anthony Lobo V Omid Afzalalghom

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CONFERENCE	0
PYRAMID PREMIER	0
PYRAMID ONE	0
PYRAMID TWO	1
PYRAMID THREE	0



FC CUP FINAL MATCH IN FOCUS



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Anthony Lobo V Omid Afzalalghom

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THE FC CUP Final Preview will be published Thursday 2nd May. There will also be a minute by minute of the FC Cup Final produced over the Gameweek.

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Friday 3rd May – Monday 6th May

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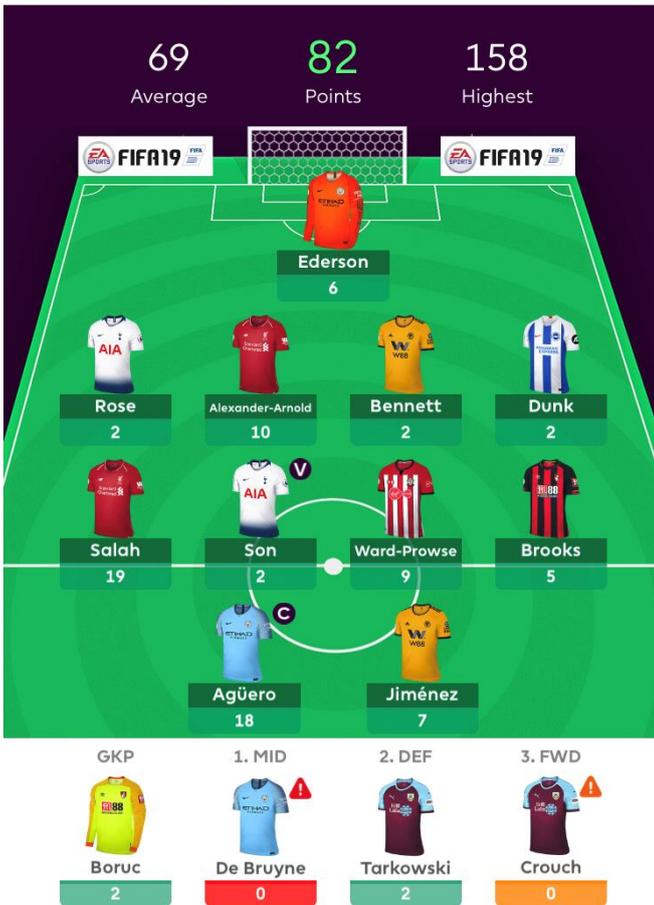
As usual we gave the FC Expert the two manager's teams from the Gameweek before the final. This was written on 1st May so After Tottenham had played Ajax in the Champions League Semi-Final 1st leg but Before Liverpool travel to Barcelona.

ANTHONY LOBO

< Gameweek 36 >

Squad

List

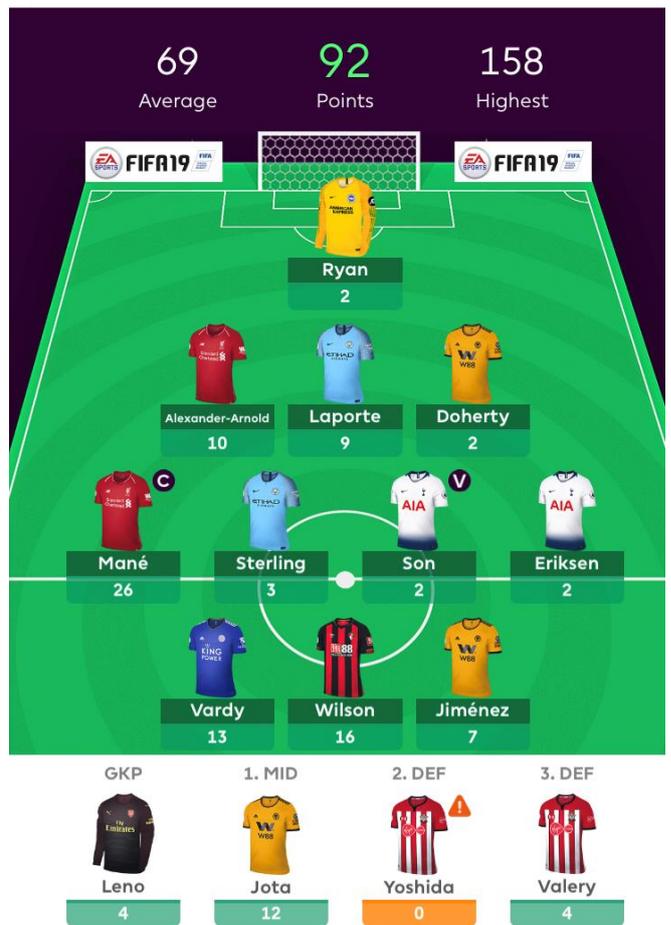


OMID AFZALALGHOM

< Gameweek 36 >

Squad

List



STAT ATTACK

82
18
22
35
25
0
4-4-2

SCORE
CAPTAIN
DEFENCE
MIDFIELD
ATTACK
TRANSFERS
FORMATION
CHIPS LEFT

92
26
23
33
36
0
3-4-3

Bench Boost

NONE

OTHER INFORMATION

AUTOMATIC SUBSTITUTION
Dunk in for De Bruyne

NONE

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THE ANALYSIS

AS soon as you see the two teams that the two managers selected in Gameweek 36 whilst you know they have battles in their respective Super20 Leagues it is very clear that both of them are focused on this final. Why is so obvious you ask? Neither manager made a transfer with both having used their wildcards and free-hit both chose to give themselves the maximum transfers for this final which will be two for both. With Anthon Lobo embroiled in a relegation battles in Pyramid Two and Omid Afzalalghom is fighting to gain promotion from the Championship back to the Premier league at the first attempt tells everyone how important this FC Cup final is to both managers.

As in recent season the Chip sare going to be vital factor in this final but I will com onto that later, last season I changed the format of the Match Analysis and this season I have decided to tweak it once more.

So onto the two teams which in gameweek 36 would have seen Omid Afzalalghom come out a winner by 10 points in a high scoring game 92-82.

DEFENCE

ANTHONY LOBO



Clean Sheets from Ederson and Alexander-Arnold, with Arnold gaining an assist and bonus points the stand out members of the defence. None of the Keeper or defenders left on the bench scored better than the players selected. In fact, his lowest scoring defender Dunk only came in as a automatic substitution. All meaning that Lobo got his defensive selectins spot on for Gameweek 36.

OMID AFZALALGHOM



Clean Sheets from Laporte and Alexander-Arnold, with Arnold gaining an assist and bonus points. Laporte also gaining maximum bonus points. Interesting to note that Omid left Arsenal keeper Leno on his bench which proved to be the right decision. Also, on his bench was Southampton's Valery who would have contributed 2 more points than Doherty.

Different formations being used with Lobo having the extra defender but he was only employed as an automatic substitution in Gameweek 36 his defence still scored 1 less point. Both have one of the star defenders of the season Liverpool's Alexander-Arnold. Although different players they both have representatives for title chasing Manchester City and Wolverhampton wanderers one of the teams of the season. Omid came out on to even though he hadn't selected the correct defence Lobo got his selections spot on. Omid gas two Southampton defender son his bench in Yoshida and Valery they visit West Ham a team that is difficult to judge what you will get form one week to the next. Lobo had Burnley's Tarkowski with them playing Manchester City in gameweke 36 was the correct decision but for the final Burnley are away to Everton both teams hitting a bit of form recently.

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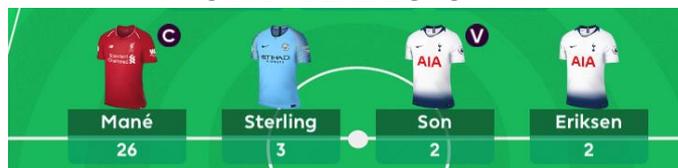
MIDFIELD

ANTHONY LOBO



Decent return from Lobo's midfield. Mo Salah starring with 19 points a decent contribution of 9 from Ward-Prowse and Bournemouth's Brooks hitting 5. Tottenham's Son was disappointing like his team was against West Ham. Lobo had selected De Bruyne of Manchester City but he didn't play and was an automatic substitution out.

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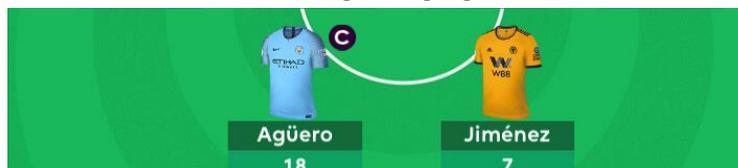


Omid's midfield had his captain Mane who rewarded him with 26 points a fantastic return but actually in the end was not the correct selection for captain. The rest of the midfield did not impress with Sterling being the highest scorer with 3. On the bench was Wolves Jota who had hit 12 points so he could have contributed an extra 10 points to the overall total.

Different formations being used but only due to that automatic substitution. Lobo outscoring Afzalalghom midfield by two points a good return seeing as how Omid had his captain who had performed well in his midfield. Afzalalghom though made the mistake of leaving Jota on the bench which would have seen his midfield come out on top. Lobo will be trying to get what information he can from Manchester City about De Bruyne we all know how effective he can be which is why Lobo had selected him but a muscle injury ruled him out an currently no return date is a worry for Lobo.

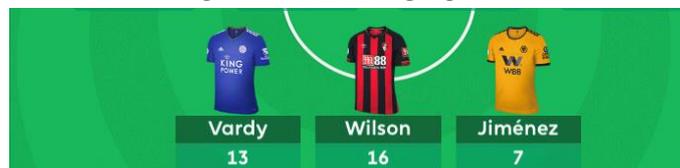
ATTACK

ANTHONY LOBO



Up front is where Lobo had hosen to deploy his caption giving Aguero the armband, Aguero did score and hit 18 points a decent return but actually in Gameweek 36 two other players would have scored more. Wolves Jimenez also made a decent contribution of 7 points.

OMID AFZALALGHOM



Wow what a return Vardy 13, Wilson 16 and Jimenez 7 a 36 point return 11 more than Lobo in Gameweek 36. A great return from a front three where you have to say there are no big stars Vardy since Leicester won the league probably considered as in the second bunch of forward now..

Afzalalghom selection of 3 forwards and as already mentioned not the top line forwards look to be inspire din Gameweek 36, Afzalalghom will just be hoping that his forward line have not peaked to soon. Had this final been played in Gameweek 36 was where the final would be decided Omid getting his forward line selection spot on whilst Lobo had the correct selections in his squad but not tha captain pick.

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CAPTAIN – (Points for the Could have selected have been doubled)

ANTHONY LOBO

AGUERO (Manchester City) 18 Points

COULD HAVE SELECTED

Mo Slaah (Liverpool) 38 Points

Alexander-Arnold (Liverpool) 20 Points

OMID AFZALALGHOM

MANE (Liverpool) 26 Points

COULD HAVE SELECTED

Callum Wilson (Bournemouth) 32 Points

One part of his team where Lobo got it wrong as two other players would have outscored his selection of Aguero and if he had selected Liverpool's Mo Salah the extra points would have over turned this match giving Lobo victory in Gameweek 36. Omid also got his selection wrong as Bournemouth's Callum Wilson would have added 6 extra points which in this match would have increased the margin of victory. Omid needs to be aware though if both managers had got their captain selectins correct Lobo actually would have come out a winner by 4 points. Further evidence of how a captain selection is key in match play.

CHIPS

ANTHONY LOBO

CHIPS

BENCH BOOST

Boruc (Bournemouth), De Bruyne (Manchester City), Tarkowski (Burnley), Crouch (Burnley)

OMID AFZALALGHOM

CHIPS

NONE

So to the Chip Effect only Lobo has it. Omid has played all his Chips. Lobo Will surely play his Bench Boost. But issues come with that is it looks like he will have to Transfer De Bruyne and Crouch out as both are injured. That said the Chip will give Lobo an extra 4 p[layers scoring points.

FINANCE / TRANSFERS / OPTIONS

ANTHONY LOBO

CHIPS

FINANCE

£100.3

TRANSFERS

2

OMID AFZALALGHOM

CHIPS

FINANCE

£103.8

TRANSFERS

2

I have lumped in Finance, Transfers and Options all in one as the three are often linked, for Lobo this definitely looks to be the case. Lobo has that bench boost so he needs to ensure that he maximises that with his transfers he wants all four players on his bench playing which means his two transfers for me are going to be dictated as De Bruyne and Peter Crouch are injured he must replace them. De Bruyne valued at £9.6 gives him some money in the market but Crouch is a budget player at £4.4. Lobo's challenge is to find the gem to replace Crouch. Afzalalghom has decent budget he has managed to increase his budget y £3.8 over the season. He only has one injury worry Southampton's Yoshida. Personally, I think he will have to look at his Tottenham players they both let him down in Gameweek 36 and after seeing their first leg loss to Ajax they are still in and you have to think that they will be trying to leave something in the tank for an almighty push in the Johan Cruyff Arena. That said I think Omid can look at Lobo's team and think about neutralising some o fo his big hitters Salah and Aguero being the main examples.

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THE CHIP EFFECT

CHIP	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 FIXTURES FOR GAMEWEEK 37

Friday 3rd May

Everton V Burnley

Saturday 5th May

Bournemouth V Tottenham Hotspur
West Ham United V Southampton
Wolves V Fulham
Cardiff V Crystal Palace
Newcastle United V Liverpool

Sunday 5th May

Chelsea V Watford
Huddersfield V Manchester United
Arsenal V Brighton

Monday 6th May

Manchester City V Leicester City

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THE VERDICT

BORING BORING BORING FC EXPERT – I hear chant at the screen as you read this. Ye syou guessed it once again I am going to mention options which manager in this final has the better options.

As we saw in Gameweek 36 a manager has many decisions to make not just his players but formation transfers and whether you play those chips. In Gameweek 36 whilst Lobo got most of his decisions correct, he lost whilst Afzalalghom hadn't got most of his decisions right he came out on top in Gameweek 36.

To the options Lobo has that Chip which is a massive option and should give him 4 extra players in the final. Strangely though the option of the bench boost reduces his options in the transfer market he must transfer out De Bruyne and Crouch. Crouch being such a budget player valued at £4.4 it doesn't give Lobo much money to play with. He must make sure he gets players in that will play. For Omid his options are all about the two transfers he has does he try and bring in a Salah or Aguero to cancel out Lobo's big hitters or go down a different path to try and cancel out that Bench Boost.

Looking at the fixtures and those transfers for Lobo I owul dbe interested in options form Manchester United away to Huddersfield surely United are going to try and end the season well and give it all they have in the race for the Champions League places. A real gamble could be Pogba for De Bruyne this would give a little extra cash for the replacement of Crouch he is then scratching around in the bargain basement of forwards. An Ashley Barnes of Burnley, Calvert-Lewin at Everton Ings at Southampton or Shane Long also of Southampton who has managed to find the net recently. What Lobo must do is make sure who he brings in plays all going well if they do nothing those 4 players should be bnrning in a minimum of 8 points into his team.

For Afzalalghom as mentioned before will he be tempted to cancel out Lobo's Salah or Aguero. I think he should not be attracted to getting in Salah as he has Mane which should virtually cancel out Salah. Aguero is an interesting one especially after how well his front three performed in Gameweke 36. Wilson Bournemouth at home to Tottenham a difficult one to predict Tottenham need the points but surely, they must be concentrating on the Champions League Semi-Final. Leicester's Jamie Vardy is away to Manchester City, Leicester have a great record against City in recent season and Lobo has City's Ederson in goal if Leicester score you would have to fancy it would Vardy and that would also take away points from Lobo. Last option is Wolves Jimenez Lobo has as him as well I do not see Lobo being able to change Jimenez so for I suggest Omid leaves this alone. I think he needs to look at his two Tottenham Midfielders which also gives him a decent budget. With Manchester United away to Huddersfield who are shipping in goals I think some options there will be of interest will he think Lobo will go for Pogba so I can cancel that out. With the budget he has he could easily bring in a Bernado Silva or Leroy Sane of Manchester City but although at home Leicester does look like a tough fixture but City are also capable of hitting a four or five if they catch fire. An interesting gamble could be to look at Arsenal who have been appalling recently but Brighton could take the field knowing they have survived if Cardiff don't get something at home to Crystal Palace would the Brighton players relax and Arsenal suddenly find their home form again or could the Europa league become a factor. For Omid in strange way although he has more options for his transfers than Lobo to me there are also more questions then answers. Lobo might not have the options but by a quirk of fate his transfers are potentially simpler.

The other big decision for both managers is those captain picks it is a credit to both managers I think they have good options. As we saw in Gameweek 36 neither manager got it right. For Lobo it has to be between the same three players as hit the high points totals in Gameweke 36. Liverpool Defender Alexander-Arnold, Liverpool midfielder Mi Salah or Manchester City forward Sergio Aguero. Although Manchester City's match at home to Leicester looks like a tough match with Liverpool's involvement in the Champions League Aguero is sure to play and looks like he wants to take City to the title. Of course, if Liverpool get hammered in the first leg in Barcelona both Salah and Alexander-Arbold come into play.

For Omid I think he has four options and not actually the players that hit the big scores in Gameweek 36, whilst I have mentioned that if anyone can score against Manchester City it is likely to be Vardy I think that would be a risky

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selection. Callum Wilson also could have been picked for Gameweek 36 a home fixture to Tottenham would keep him in my thinking but surely Omid has to be attracted to his two Liverpool players Alexander-Arnold and Mane but then as mentioned for Lobo he will need to keep an eye on the Champions League Semi-Final first leg result. Then he has his two Manchester City players Raheem Sterling had a poor return in Gameweek 36 but has been involved in most of City's good play this season he must be considered. City defender Laporte should also come under consideration although I have feeling Leicester will score so Omid would really need that clean sheet and maybe a goal or assist from Laporte who does get involved in corners. There is the potential curve ball for Omid if he was to bring in City's Leroy Sane or Bernardo Silva. I would be very tempted to gamble on Silva, with City out of the Champions League focus is fully on retaining the title. Which for me means that Sterling or maybe Silva, remembering he is not even in Afzalalghom squad at the moment, Lobo has neither and I do not think he could really get Sterling in with his transfers although Bernardo would be an option.

Well many questions for both managers to answer the manager that manages to find most of the solutions to those questions will be the one to come out on top.

THE VERDICT Anthony Lobo to come out on top with his use of the Bench Boost being the difference in this final. Looking at Lobo's team in Gameweek 36 I am very impressed with his selections and decisions. I can't quite figure out why he is struggling in Pyramid Two. Also, Lobo has in the Cups this season taken some big scalps and they don't come much bigger than Afzalalghom. That said going against Afzalalghom is a tough decision you can't argue with his record and I am very interested and worried with what he might do with those two transfers and captain pick. In the end though a close final to be decided by Lobo bench. **LOBO to win.**

HOW GOOD IS THAT VERDICT?

THE FC Expert has been back on form predicting the last two finals correctly. His current percentage for the FC Cup is 80% predicting 8 out of 10 finals correctly. So I would not take his / her match analysis lightly.

Previous FC Cup Final predictions below: -

YEAR	FC EXPERT PREDICTION	WINNER	✓ / ✗
2009	Glen Hogwood	Glen Hogwood	✓
2010	Sandeep Chohan	Sandeep Chohan	✓
2011	Charlie Thrussell	Charlie Thrussell	✓
2012	Steve Shew	Steve Shew	✓
2013	Dave Perrett	Dave Perrett	✓
2014	Hans Hayrynen	Hans Hayrynen	✓
2015	Michael Lynn	James Dwinfour	✗
2016	Bill Hill	Daragh Prendergast	✗
2017	Omid Afzalalghom	Omid Afzalalghom	✓
2018	David Noel	David Noel	✓

In the Event of A Draw

The FC Cup is the only Major cup competition in which if the final is drawn the match will go to a replay. The replay will be held in Gameweek 38. If the replayed final ends in 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.

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History

PREVIOUS FINALS

2004	Paul Dwinfour	51	-	42	Paul Kelly
2005	Steve Shew	84	-	40	Ian Philp
2006	Ian Philp	95	-	74	Rob Gurney
2007	Rob Gurney	98	-	93	Steve Shew
2008	Cedric Ayres	70	-	68	Andy Gurney
2009	Glen Hogwood	57	-	53	Chad Pereira
2010	Sandeep Chohan	80	-	67	Omid Afzalalghom
2011	Charlie Thrussell	60	-	53	Joe Hatch
2012	Steve Shew	61	-	55	Barry Edwards
2013	Dave Perrett	44	-	36	Sebastian Logan
2014	Hans Hayrynen	99	-	83	Benjamin Alexander
2015	James Dwinfour	55	-	42	Michael Lynn
2016	Bill Hill	73	-	68	Daragh Prendergast
2017	Omid Afzalalghom	149	-	149	Daniel Sherry
REPLAY	Omid Afzalalghom	104	-	82	Daniel Sherry
2018	David Noel	99	-	83	Scott Smith

WINNERS

Steve Shew	2	Hans Hayrynen	1
Bill Hill	1	Ian Philp	1
Cedric Ayres	1	James Dwinfour	1
Charlie Thrussell	1	Omid Afzalalghom	1
Dave Perrett	1	Paul Dwinfour	1
David Noel	1	Rob Gurney	1
Glen Hogwood	1	Sandeep Chohan	1

FINALISTS

Steve Shew	3	Daragh Prendergast	1
Omid Afzalalghom	3	Dave Perrett	1
Andy Gurney	2	David Noel	1
Ian Philp	2	Glen Hogwood	1
Rob Gurney	2	Hans Hayrynen	1
Anthony Lobo	1	James Dwinfour	1
Barry Edwards	1	Joe Hatch	1
Benjamin Alexander	1	Paul Dwinfour	1
Bill Hill	1	Paul Kelly	1
Cedric Ayres	1	Sandeep Chohan	1
Charlie Thrussell	1	Scott Smith	1
Chad Pereira	1	Sebastian Logan	1
Daniel Sherry	1	Michael Lynn	1

SEMI-FINALISTS

Glen Hogwood	4	Barry Edwards	1	Harrison Bath	1	Paul Cullen	1
Omid Afzalalghom	4	Bill Hill	1	James Dwinfour	1	Paul Dwinfour	1
Rob Gurney	3	Cedric Ayres	1	James Watson	1	Paul Kelly	1
Steve Shew	3	Chad Pereira	1	Jeff Aldersea	1	Richard Munroe	1
Ben Alexander	2	Charlie Thrussell	1	Jim Burrows	1	Rob Lynn	1
Ian Philp	2	Daniel Sherry	1	Joe Hatch	1	Scott Smith	1
James O'Leary	2	Daniel Silcock	1	Kelvin Walker	1	Sebastian Logan	1
Jean-Pierre Clegg	2	Daragh Prendergast	1	Lee Pepper	1	Steve Haley	1
Michael Lynn	2	Dave Perrett	1	Marin Stuart	1	Steve Martin	1
Sandeep Chohan	2	David Curran	1	Martin Trew	1		
Andreas Themistocleous	1	David Noel	1	Matt Hansell	1		
Andy Gurney	1	Hakan Bedir	1	Michael Carleton	1		
Anthony Lobo	1	Hans Hayrynen	1	Nigel Rose	1		

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Record Breakers

SEMI-FINAL APPEARANCES

This season saw two managers to become the first managers ever to make 4 FC Cup Semi-Finals. One of today's finalist Omid Afzalalghom showing his love affair with this competition getting to his fourth Semi-Final. Joined in this season Semi-Finals by Glen Hogwood who also made history by reaching his Fourth Semi-Final.

The FC Cup is in its 16th season it is amazing that two managers would get to their fourth semi-final in the same season.

OMID AFZALALGHOM

SEMI-FINAL RECORD

2006	Omid Afzalalghom	51	-	58	Ian Philp
2010	Omid Afzalalghom	82	-	74	James O'Leary
2017	Omid Afzalalghom	67	-	61	Andreas Themistocleous
2019	Omid Afzalalghom	97	-	71	Martin Stuart

GLEN HOGWOOD

SEMI-FINAL RECORD

2009	Michael Lynn	37	-	77	Glen Hogwood
2011	Glen Hogwood	30	-	53	Joe Hatch
2014	Glen Hogwood	59	-	82	Ben Alexander
2019	Anthony Lobo	88	-	46	Glen Hogwood

FINAL APPEARANCES

With Omid's victory in the Semi-Final he has equalled Steve 'Shewy' Shew's record of 3 appearances in the final. Shewy has of course won the FC Cup twice currently being the only manager to do so. Omid will be hoping to equal that feat in this final. So in 15 years only one name has appeared on the trophy twice.

STEVE SHEW

FINAL RECORD

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OMID AFZALALGHOM

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Shewy with his two victories and Three Semi-Finals must still be considered a legend of the Fc Cup but Omid Afzalalghom is getting close with his four Semi-Final appearances and now his third final. Omid has that amazing 2017 final which broke all manner of records. We asked for a quote for Shewy about the records that Omid equalled in this season's competition. Shewy winked and said "I have a 100% record in Semi-Finals" before wishing both managers all the best for the final.