



**FANTASY CHALLENGE  
PYRAMID CUP  
FINAL  
2021**

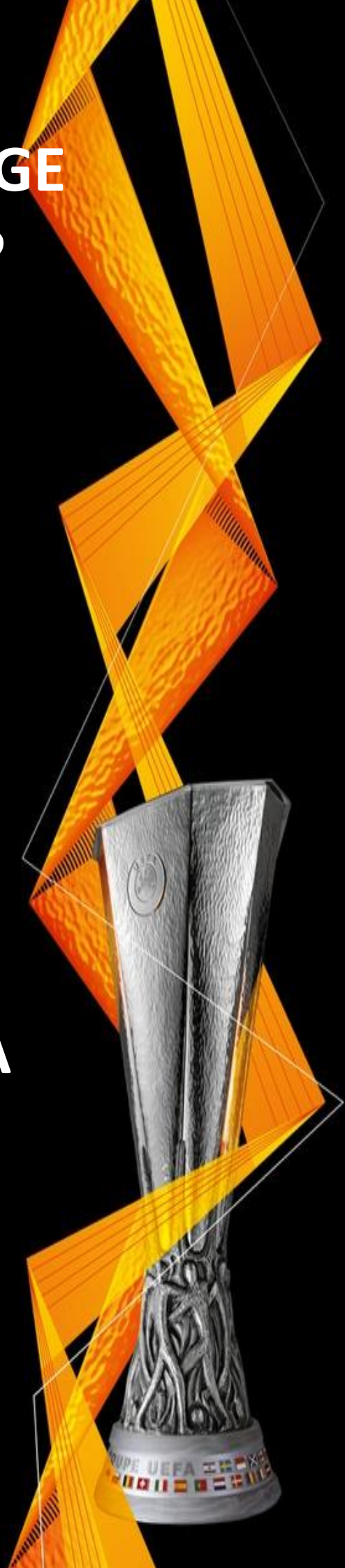
**SANJ JOSHI**

**VS**

**JONAS SILA**

***13<sup>th</sup> Final***

**GAMEWEEK 38**



# INTRODUCTION

Welcome to this seasons Pyramid Cup Final preview.

I do not have a favourite competition but I can bask in the glory of the Pyramid Cup, When I introduced it into the game due to the expansion of managers where there were too many playing to fit into the Champions League, The Pyramid Cup was born. You wonder how it will be received and if it will really work, now in its 13<sup>th</sup> final the importance of this competition in the FC World are undoubtable. Thi season we have seen two former finalists of the Pyramid Cup make the Champions League final Once more proving the path this competition offers to all managers.

You will see on the last page of this preview the four managers who have made the Pyramid Cup final and gone to make a Champions League final which just cements this competition as a major trophy.

The Pyramid Cup continues to be the competition that all in the FC World hoped it would be highlighting the new and growing talent within the FC World with those previous finalists being proof of this fact.

Today's final sees two managers do battle who joined the game in 2018 both have been on a slightly different trajectory although both are moving forward.

Sanj Joshi has 3 Promotions in 4 seasons to his name with one being a Lucky Promotion. Joshi has secured promotion this season from Pyramid Premier with the chance of securing the title. His opponent Jonas Silva ha one promotion to his name in his rookie season. At the time of writing this Silva is 1 point away from securing his second promotion.

This final represents a first major final for both therefore a chance to gain that vital first major trophy and get their name embedded into the history the FC game.

Potentially both managers will have secured promotion before they go into this final so they will be able to go into this final fully concentrated on trying to gain that first major trophy.

Both managers can look at the history of this final and hope that they can repeat the feat of most managers who go on to achieve success season after season. Many securing multiple promotions others gaining more major trophies.

Last season's finalists have not currently secured promotion but both are in the hunt with two gameweeks to go which proves that once more the are in the mix. It is strange but a major trophy victory does seem to give managers greater confidence. Both are hoping to tap into that and push on next season and gain more honours.

We all hope for a high scoring and a close final, the Pyramid Cup is alongside the Super20 Cup as the only finals where no manager has broken the hundred-point margin it would be great to see that happen in what has already been one of the strangest seasons ever.

Over the next pages in this preview, we profile our two managers how their run got them to this year's final. The FC expert takes a look at the two manager's teams and we show the history of the competition.

I hope you enjoy this Pyramid Cup Final Preview Edition.

All that is left for me to do is to wish both Sanj Joshi and Jonas Silva all the best for this final.

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# PLAYER PROFILES

## SANJ JOSHI

**Joined Fantasy Challenge** 2018  
**Career Honours** 2018 Pyramid Two 8<sup>th</sup> Lucky Promotion  
 2019 Pyramid One Runner-Up Promoted  
 2021 Pyramid Premier Promoted

## STAT ATTACK

(After Gameweek 37)

AVERAGE GAMEWEEK SCORE	63.08
HIGHEST GAMEWEEK SCORE	132
LOWEST GAMEWEEK SCORE	29
GAMEWEEK SCORE OVER 49	24
GAMEWEEK SCORE UNDER 50	13
PYRAMID CUP AVERAGE	64.94

## ROAD TO THE FINAL

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

#### Group D

Marco Vela	68	-	65
Wendy Parker	29	-	46
Daniel Hill	38	-	73
Jonas Silva	79	-	83
Roger Wyatt	49	-	39
Marco Vela	42	-	36
Wendy Parker	74	-	58
Daniel Hill	64	-	61
Jonas Silva	44	-	51
Roger Wyatt	89	-	70

## FINAL TABLE

POS	TEAM	PLD	WON	DRW	LST	FOR	AGST	+/-	PTS
1	Jonas Silva	8	7	1	2	628	633	-5	22
2	Sanj Joshi	8	6	0	4	576	582	-6	18
3	Wendy Parker	8	5	1	4	560	559	1	16
4	Daniel hill	8	4	0	6	556	528	28	12
5	Roger Wyatt	8	4	0	6	548	581	-33	12
6	Marco Vela	8	3	0	7	545	530	15	9

## KNOCKOUT STAGE

		1 <sup>st</sup> Leg			2 <sup>nd</sup> Leg			Aggregate		
2 <sup>nd</sup> Round	Mike Davies	73	-	54	75	-	84	148	-	138
3 <sup>rd</sup> Round	Lewis Wyatt	79	-	58	53	-	52	132	-	110
Quarter-Final	Cameron Wong	47	-	44	79	-	58	126	-	102
Semi-Final	Ryan Perrett	132	-	104	55	-	52	187	-	156

## PYRAMID CUP HISTORY

SEASON	ROUND REACHED
2018	Quarter-Final
2019	Group Stage
2020	Group Stage

# JONAS SILVA

Joined Fantasy Challenge 2018

Career Honours 2018 Pyramid Three 5<sup>th</sup> Promoted

## STAT ATTACK

(After Gameweek 37)

AVERAGE GAMEWEEK SCORE	65.51
HIGHEST GAMEWEEK SCORE	133
LOWEST GAMEWEEK SCORE	35
GAMEWEEK SCORE OVER 49	29
GAMEWEEK SCORE UNDER 50	8
PYRAMID CUP AVERAGE	69.33

## ROAD TO THE FINAL

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

#### Group D

Roger Wyatt	79	-	77
Daniel Hill	43	-	29
Marco Vela	57	-	56
Sanj Joshi	83	-	79
Wendy Parker	58	-	47
Roger Wyatt	57	-	71
Daniel Hill	67	-	64
Marco Vela	50	-	83
Sanj Joshi	51	-	44
Wendy Parker	83	-	83

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2 <sup>nd</sup> Round	Katherin Beer	69	- 59	79	- 83	148	- 142
3 <sup>rd</sup> Round	Mark Freear	87	- 66	63	- 56	150	- 122
Quarter-Final	Don Hessier	54	- 45	74	- 36	128	- 81
Semi-Final	Triona Reilly	133	- 124	61	- 28	194	- 152

## PYRAMID CUP HISTORY

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2020	Group Stage



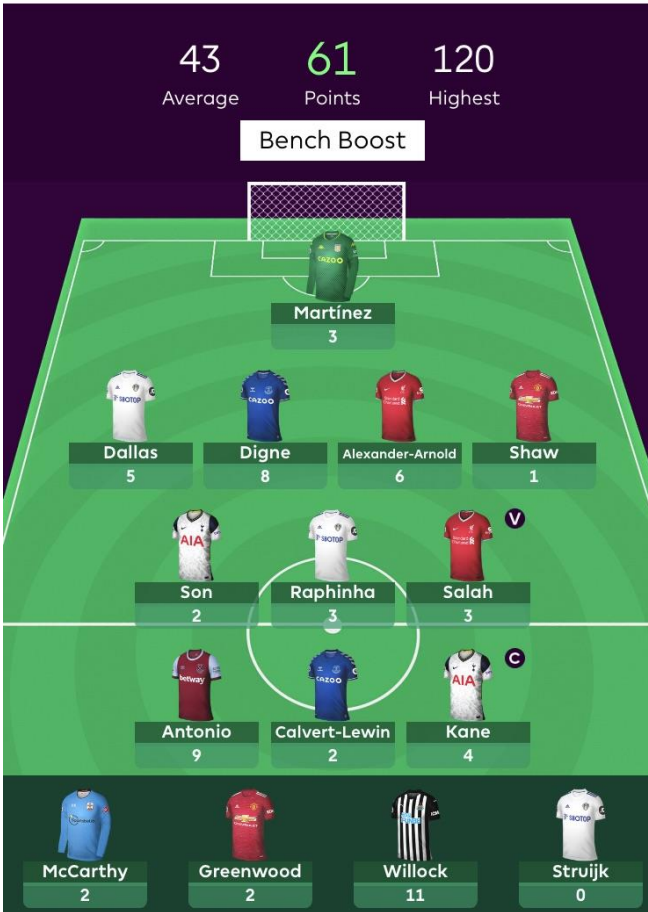
# FC EXPERT MATCH ANALYSIS

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

**SANJ JOSHI**

< **Gameweek 37** >

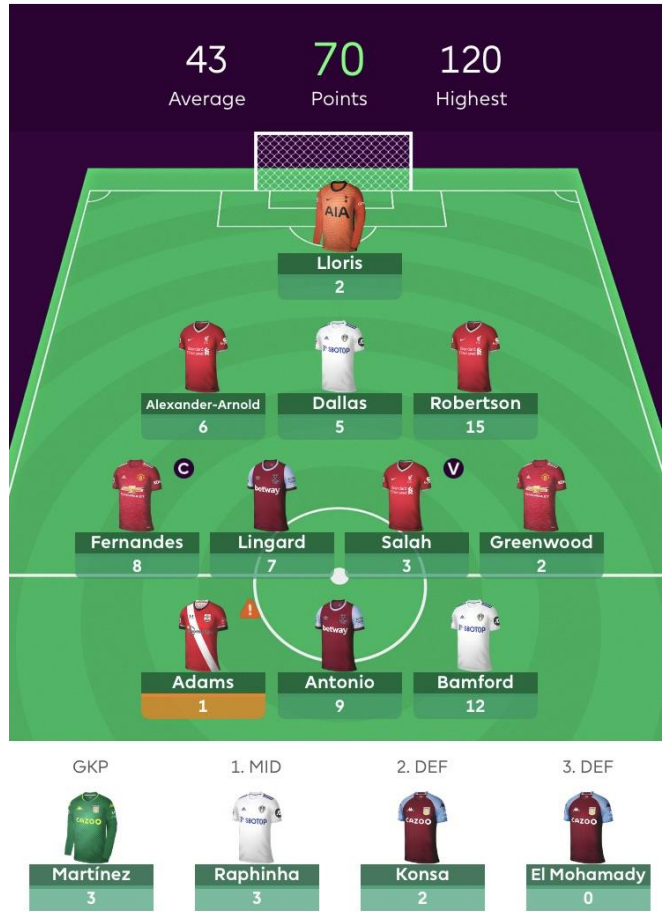
Squad List



**JONAS SILVA**

< **Gameweek 37** >

Squad List



## STAT ATTACK

57	SCORE	66
4	CAPTAIN	8
23	DEFENCE	28
8	MIDFIELD	20
15	ATTACK	22
2 (-4 Points)	TRANSFERS	2 (-4 Points)
4-3-3	FORMATION	3-4-3
	CHIP PLAYED	NONE
BENCH BOOST		NONE
	CHIPS LEFT	NONE
FREE HIT		NONE

Sanj Joshi score adjusted to 57 with the 4 transfer points being deducted  
Jonas Silva score adjusted to 66 with the 4 transfer points being deducted

## THE ANALYSIS

A very busy time of the season for me as I need to do match analysis of three cup finals. FC Founder Paul Richardson's said he would like the previews to be out on before 4pm on Saturday. For each of the three finals I need to do the analysis on I am adjusting how I would normally do them due to the time constraints.

This final though is very difficult to do a full analysis as when we look at Sanj Joshi's team he has a free hit for this final so you do not need to be an expert this final is going to come down to how well he plays that Free Hit.

### CHIPS

**SANJ JOSHI**  
FREE HIT

**JONAS SILVA**  
NONE

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SANJ Joshi played his Bench Boost in Gameweek 37 and it would not have been enough to take victory in Gameweek 37. For this final he has a Free hit whilst Jonas does not have any chips he can play. I can not see lightning striking twice with Joshi playing a Chip and losing.

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### FINANCE / TRANSFERS / OPTIONS

**SANJ JOSHI**  
**FINANCE**  
£105.6

**TRANSFERS**  
UNLIMITED

**JOSEPH NICOLAIDES**  
**FINANCE**  
£103.3

**TRANSFERS**  
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It is so difficult when you feel a final just come down to one thing and for one manager. This final is all about the free Hit and Joshi has £105.6 to spend which I think gives him the options he requires.

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### THEY HAVE MET BEFORE

Gameweek 5	Sanj Joshi	79	-	83	Jonas Silva
Gameweek 10	Sanj Joshi	44	-	51	Jonas Silva
Aggregate	Sanj Joshi	123	-	134	Jonas Silva

These two managers were in the same group in this competition as and as you can see from the results above Jonas came out on top in both fixtures and as we know had the final taken place in Gameweek 37 Silva would have come out on top again 66-57 even after Joshi had played a bench boost.

Jonas will obviously be trying to get as many points as possible in this cup final but will now be aware of that free hit, which surely means Silva cannot afford to do more than the 1 transfer he has available to him as he can't afford to give away points. He has two Manchester United players in Greenwood and Fernandes a big question will they play with that Europa League final coming up on Wednesday then a further difficulty for Silva is that one of his forwards Southampton's Che Adams is now out injured. Does Silva with the knowledge of that free hit make his transfer for Che Adams and go left field with a forward and make him captain but what are those possible options. Could Burnley go goal crazy at Bramall Lane and risk a Chris Wood or Matej Vydra, could Everton gain a shock final day victory against Manchester City Reserves so would Calvert-Lewin be a possibility. A massive gamble could be Fabio Silva of Wolves playing against a potential reserve Manchester United team bag some goals this does seem to be the biggest long shot of those potential captain picks. One other left field selection could be Arsenal's Pierre Patrick-Aubameyang at home to Brighton bringing him in for Fernandes (Manchester United).

I feel that Silva is forced to make what appears at first look a shock transfer and captain decision.

For Joshi that free hit gives him the option to neutralise Silva's team surely, he will cover the big hitters so I think he will match Silva's back three Alexander-Arnold and Robertson both Liverpool and Leeds Dallas. In Midfield cover Lingard (West Ham), Salah (Liverpool) and Raphinha (Leeds) then match Antonio (West Ham) and Bamford (Leeds) leaving him 3 transfers making a goalkeeper, Single midfielders and Forward big choices but surely giving Joshi the advantage.

## 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
<b>OTHER INFORMATION</b>	<p><b>Can I Play More than One Chip in a Gameweek</b> 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</p> <p><b>The following chips can only be played once per season</b> Bench Boost, Free Hit and triple Captain</p> <p><b>What happens to my Triple Captain chip if my captain doesn't play</b> 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.</p>

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

## THE FIXTURES FOR GAMEWEEK 38

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

Arsenal	V	Brighton & Hove Albion
Aston Villa	V	Chelsea
Fulham	V	Newcastle United
Leeds United	V	West Bromwich Albion
Leicester City	V	Tottenham Hotspur
Liverpool	V	Crystal Palace
Manchester City	V	Everton
Sheffield United	V	Burnley
West Ham United	V	Southampton
Wolverhampton Wanderers	V	Manchester United

## THE VERDICT

I think by now you have gathered I just can't move past the Free Hit that Sanj Joshi has. One piece of good news for Jonas Silva in the past I have gone for a manager in a final with a free hit and they have lost so there is hope although on that occasion the opponent did have a triple captain chip themselves to play.

**FINAL VERDICT: - SANJ Joshi to claim the Pyramid Cup. That Free Hit just gives him all the options he can basically match Jonas team taking out the big hitters and then make the changes he needs for victory.**

## IN THE EVENT OF A DRAW

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

# HISTORY

## PREVIOUS FINALS

YEAR	WINNER	MATCH SCORE	RUNNER-UP
2009	James O'Leary	30 - 28	Michael Lynn
2010	Sandeep Chohan	90 - 75	Dan Calder
2011	James Conway	54 - 34	Matt Hansell
2012	Darren Cullen	52 - 47	Ben Clarkson
2013	James Bastow	61 - 37	Jatin Joshi
2014	Miki Mielonen	49 - 46	David Pewtner
2015	Heath Cram	45 - 31	Alvar Chambers
2016	Alvar Chambers	38 - 33	Steve Claricoats
2017	David Noel	97 - 53	James Bloomer
2018	Ian Baldwin	94 - 85	Karman Bansi
2019	Dave Rogers	63 - 59	Joseph Greenwood
2020	Colin Davison	74 - 67	Joseph Nicolaides

### WINNERS

Alvar Chambers	1
Colin Davison	1
Darren Cullen	1
Dave Rogers	1
David Noel	1
Heath Cram	1
Ian Baldwin	1
James Bastow	1
James Conway	1
James O'Leary	1
Miki Mielonen	1
Sandeep Chohan	1

### FINALISTS

Alvar Chambers	2	James O'Leary	1
Ben Clarkson	1	Jatin Joshi	1
Colin Davison	1	Jonas Silva	1
Dan Calder	1	Joseph Greenwood	1
Darren Cullen	1	Jospeh Nicolaides	1
Dave Rogers	1	Karman Bansi	1
David Noel	1	Matt Hansell	1
David Pewtner	1	Michael Lynn	1
Heath Cram	1	Miki Mielonen	1
Ian Baldwin	1	Sandeep Chohan	1
James Bloomer	1	Sanj Joshi	1
James Bastow	1	Steve Clarricoats	1
James Conway	1		

Progressing from, the Pyramid Cup

### MANAGER

Michael Lynn  
Matt Hansell  
Darren Cullen  
Steve Clarricoats  
James Bloomer  
Dave Rogers

### PYRAMID CUP

Runner-Up 2009  
Runner-Up 2011  
Winner 2012  
Runner-Up 2016  
Runner-Up 2017  
Winner 2019

### CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Runner-Up 2014  
Winner 2014  
Winner 2018  
Runner-Up 2019  
Finalist 2021  
Finalist 2021