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**MANCHESTER CITY**  
PRE-SEASON TOUR 2017



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THE FANS SHOW IT IN THEIR UNWAVERING PASSION FOR THE CLUB; WE SHOW IT THROUGH OUR DEDICATION TO BUILDING, FOR THEM, THE SUCCESSFUL AND SUSTAINABLE FOOTBALL CLUB FOR THE FUTURE. IT IS A RESPONSIBILITY THAT THE CLUB IS HONOURED TO SHOULDER.

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# TOUR DESTINATION OVERVIEW

| TOURNAMENT                  | DATE         | CITY               |
|-----------------------------|--------------|--------------------|
| Training Camp               | 10 - 16 July | CFA, Manchester    |
| International Champions Cup | 17 - 21 July | Houston, US        |
|                             | 22 - 27 July | Los Angeles, US    |
|                             | 28 - 29 July | Nashville, US      |
| Friendly                    | 3 - 4 August | Rejkjavik, Iceland |

# FIXTURES: LOCAL TIMES

| DATE                 | OPPONENT          | KICK-OFF  | TOURNAMENT                  | VENUE                    |
|----------------------|-------------------|-----------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Thursday<br>20 July  | Manchester United | 20:30 CDT | International Champions Cup | NRG Stadium              |
| Wednesday<br>26 July | Real Madrid       | 20:00 PDT | International Champions Cup | The Coliseum             |
| Saturday<br>29 July  | Tottenham Hotspur | 18:00 CDT | International Champions Cup | Nissan Stadium           |
| Friday<br>4 August   | West Ham United   | 14:00 GMT | Friendly                    | Laugardalsvöllur Stadium |



# CITY IN THE UNITED STATES

**MANCHESTER CITY WILL TRAVEL TO THE UNITED STATES THIS SUMMER AS PART OF THE 2017 INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONS CUP, PRESENTED BY HEINEKEN.**

City will take on Manchester United in one of three fixtures scheduled - and that game will be the first time in history the sides have met overseas.

The match will take place on Thursday, 20 July at Houston's NRG Stadium, with City also set to face Tottenham and Real Madrid in this, the fifth International Champions Cup.

City will take on Tottenham at Nashville's Nissan Stadium and Real Madrid in Los Angeles as Pep Guardiola fine tunes his squad ahead of the 2017/18 campaign.

Guardiola said: "Manchester City has a unique bond with the United States and our players and staff are looking forward to visiting this summer and playing in front of our fans."

"The International Champions Cup is a fantastic tournament, and we are delighted to be invited to compete in it once again. We have some great games lined up in some amazing stadiums."

"The Real Madrid game will be an incredible occasion in Los Angeles, and we know all about the strength of our English opponents Tottenham, for the game in

Nashville. And it will be amazing for the fans to see the passion of a Manchester derby in the states."

"We're all very excited to begin our preparations for the new season in the USA."

Aside from the first Manchester derby to be held in the United States, Real Madrid will also play Barcelona in the first El Clásico outside of Spain since 1982.

"This year's International Champions Cup will feature two of the most iconic derbies in sports: El Clásico and the Manchester derby," said Charlie Stillitano, chairman of Relevent Sports.

"The line-up of teams participating in this year's tournament is world-class from top to bottom, highlighted by current champions of three top domestic leagues as well as the reigning Champions League titleholder."

"Hosting this calibre of soccer competition in the U.S. is only feasible through the ICC, where these teams can compete in a highly competitive tournament in preparation for their upcoming domestic campaign."



# CITY IN ICELAND

**MANCHESTER CITY WILL  
ROUND OFF THEIR PRE-SEASON  
PREPARATIONS WITH A FRIENDLY  
AGAINST WEST HAM UNITED IN  
ICELAND ON AUGUST 4TH.**

This summer's Super Match will be played at Laugardalsvöllur Stadium in Reykjavík at 2pm local time, giving Pep Guardiola a final opportunity to fine-tune his squad ahead of the 2017/18 season, which gets under way a week later.

City and West Ham faced each other three times last season, with the Blues winning all three, including a 5-0 win at the London Stadium in January's FA Cup third-round tie.

The game could see former Blue Pablo Zabaleta play against City for the first time since his departure at the end of last season. The Argentine defender recently joined West Ham on a free transfer after bringing the curtain down on a successful nine-year spell at the Etihad Stadium.

Slaven Bilic's side finished 11th in the Premier League last season and will be looking to secure a European place this time around.

"We are very excited to announce that two top clubs from Premier League are awaiting the Icelandic football fans this summer," says Guðni Bergsson, President of the Football Association of Iceland.

"We are really looking forward to this exciting game against West Ham, and to visiting the spectacular city of Reykjavík," Guardiola said.

"Iceland is a beautiful country, and it is going to be a real pleasure for us to take our team out there experience the scenery and culture, meet the people and entertain the fans. We know that English football is loved by the fans out there, and we've had a fantastic welcome when we've played there in the past.

"This match will be a fantastic occasion, and we'll be looking to put on a great show for our supporters. Manchester City and West Ham played out some brilliant matches last season, and this game will be no different – it will be the culmination of our pre-season preparations, and will be hugely important for us to fine tune the team in readiness for the new season.



## FACTS AND FIGURES

**EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS' CUP:**  
**1970**

**FOOTBALL LEAGUE CHAMPIONS:**  
**1936-37, 1967-68, 2011-12, 2013-14**

**FOOTBALL LEAGUE RUNNERS-UP:**  
**1903-04, 1920-21, 1976-77, 2012-13, 2014-15**

**DIVISION ONE CHAMPIONS:**  
**2001-02**

**DIVISION ONE RUNNERS-UP:**  
**1999-2000**

**DIVISION TWO CHAMPIONS (ORIGINAL):**  
**1898-99, 1902-03, 1909-10, 1927-28,  
1946-47, 1965-66**

**DIVISION TWO RUNNERS-UP (ORIGINAL):**  
**1895-96, 1950-51, 1988-89**

**DIVISION TWO PLAY OFF WINNERS:**  
**1998-99**

**FA CUP WINNERS:**  
**1904, 1934, 1956, 1969, 2011**

**FA CUP RUNNERS-UP:**  
**1926, 1933, 1955, 1981, 2013**

**LEAGUE CUP WINNERS:**  
**1970, 1976, 2014, 2016**

**LEAGUE CUP RUNNERS-UP:**  
**1974**

**FA CHARITY SHIELD WINNERS:**  
**1937-38, 1968-69, 1972-73, 2011-2012**

**FULL MEMBERS CUP RUNNERS-UP:**  
**1986**

**FA YOUTH CUP WINNERS:**  
**1986, 2008**

**RESERVE LEAGUE CHAMPIONS:**  
**1977-78, 1986-87, 1999-2000**

**MOST GOALS IN A SEASON:**  
**108 IN DIVISION TWO 1926-27  
(42 GAMES) & DIVISION ONE  
2001-02 (46 GAMES)**

**MOST GOALS IN ALL COMPETITIONS  
IN A SEASON:**  
**156 IN 2013-14**

**PLAYER IN A SEASON:**  
**38 BY TOMMY JOHNSON  
IN DIVISION ONE 1928-29**

**MOST POINTS (2 FOR A WIN):**  
**62 IN DIVISION TWO 1946-47**

**MOST POINTS (3 FOR A WIN):**  
**99 IN DIVISION ONE 2001-02**

**MOST CAPPED PLAYER WHILE  
AT THE CLUB:**  
**DAVID SILVA (SPAIN)**

# CLUB HISTORY

## 1875 - 1902

**1880** St Mark's Church forms a football team which would later evolve into MCFC.

**1884** The first known 'City shirt' is created – in black, with a Maltese-style cross. Some say this is because of the club's strong links with Freemasonry in the 1880s, others believe the white cross proves the link with St Mark's was still strong.

**1887** St Mark's team evolves into Ardwick AFC and moves to Hyde Road.

**1889** An explosion at the nearby Hyde Road coal mine results in the death of 23 miners – Ardwick and Newton Heath play a friendly match under floodlights in aid of the disaster fund.

**1892** The second division of the English Football League is created, with Ardwick AFC as founder members.

**1894** Ardwick AFC reforms as Manchester City Football Club, in a bid to represent the whole city.

**1899** City finish champions of Division Two, becoming the first team to gain automatic promotion.

**1904** The Blues beat Bolton Wanderers in the FA Cup final at Crystal Palace, becoming the first Manchester side to win a major trophy.

## 1914 TO 1918 WORLD WAR ONE

League football is suspended from 1915-1919, though regional Subsidiary tournaments are still in place with City taking part in the Lancashire division.

## 1920s

**1920** City's Hyde Road ground becomes the first provincial football stadium to be visited by a reigning monarch.

**1923** After Hyde Road is destroyed by fire, the club moves to the 85,000 capacity Maine Road.

**1926** A topsy-turvy year for the Blues – managerless City become the first Manchester side to play at Wembley (FA Cup runners-up),

record the highest Manchester derby victory (6-1 at Old Trafford) and suffer relegation in the same season.

**1928** City promoted as Champions of Division Two and are the Football League's best-supported club.

## 1930s

**1934** After losing the final last year, City beat Portsmouth 2-1 to lift the FA Cup.

**1934** A record provincial crowd of 84,569 is recorded at Maine Road when the Blues entertain Stoke City.

**1937** Manchester City win the League Championship for the first time.

## 1939 TO 1945 WORLD WAR TWO

A Wartime League is set up with City playing in the Northern division. Substantial damage to Old Trafford means United are forced to play their home games at Maine Road. However City would never allow United usage of the home team changing room when the two teams met!

## 1945 - 1950

**1947** City are promoted as Champions of Division Two.

**1949** The MCFC Official Supporters Club is formed.

## 1950s

**1955** City lose to Newcastle United in the 1955 FA Cup final at Wembley.

**1956** The Blues play their second successive FA Cup Final, this time beating Birmingham 3-1 to lift the trophy. Their homecoming parade is the first outside transmission by Granada Television.

**1958** The Munich Air Disaster devastates Manchester United's first team squad and also kills several journalists including former City goalkeeper Frank Swift.

## 1960s

**1965** A new club badge is developed in 1965, based around the central part of the City of Manchester coat of arms.



**1966** City are promoted as champions of Division Two, under the management team of Joe Mercer and Malcolm Allison.

**1968** The Blues defeat Newcastle United on the final day of the season to clinch the League Championship for the second time.

**1969** Manchester City beat Leicester City 1-0 at Wembley to win the FA Cup.

#### 1970s

**1970** City complete a brilliant European and domestic cup double by winning the European Cup Winners Cup and the League Cup.

**1972** The City badge is replaced with the red rose of Lancashire.

**1974** City lose the League Cup final to Wolves.

**1976** The Blues beat Newcastle United 2-1 at Wembley, with goals from Peter Barnes and a spectacular over-head kick from Dennis Tueart.

**1979** The club break the transfer record, signing Steve Daley for £1,450,277. Within two years, the Blues became the first side to sign three individual £1m+ players (Kevin Reeves & Trevor Francis were the other two).

#### 1980s

**1981** City reach the 100th FA Cup final against Tottenham Hotspurs. Following a 1-1 draw on the Saturday, a replay was played again at Wembley, regarded as one of the most entertaining Cup finals ever. City were narrowly defeated 3-2 following a famous Ricky Villa goal but for City fans, Steve MacKenzie's 30-yard volley was the better strike.

**1986** City play in the inaugural Full Members' Cup final at Wembley before a crowd of 68,000.

**1987** A club record 10-1 demolition of Huddersfield Town is recorded at Maine Road.

**1989** City are promoted in dramatic style in the last game of the season at Bradford. The highest ever Maine Road derby win is recorded, with City thumping neighbours Manchester United 5-1.

#### 1990s

**1992** The FA Premier League is formed, with City v QPR being the first ever live Monday night Sky game.

**1994** City say farewell to the much-loved Kippax Stand as legislation forces the closure of terracing at Premier League grounds. In its day 'The Kippax' was the largest standing area in the country.

**1995/96** A dramatic season sees City appoint three different managers; Alan Ball, Steve Coppell and Frank Clark as well as significant spells as caretaker for Asa Hartford and Phil Neal.

**1997** City unveil a new club badge. This new design features the Latin motto "Superbia in proelio" meaning 'Pride in battle'.

**1999** One of the most dramatic games ever played at Wembley sees City promoted after a penalty shoot-out against Gillingham in the Division Two Play-Off.

#### 2000s

**2000** City return to the Premier League following back-to-back promotions. A 4-1 victory over Blackburn Rovers at Ewood Park to seal promotion is followed by a celebratory pitch invasion by the Blues' enormous travelling support.

**2002** Future manager Stuart Pearce captains City as they are promoted back to the Premiership, breaking club records for the most goals scored and most points gained in a season along the way.

**2003** It's an emotional farewell to Maine Road as City's home for 80 years stages its last football match, City vs. Southampton on 11th May. The club make the move to the impressive, 48,000 capacity, City of Manchester Stadium.

**2007** Sven Goran Eriksson replaces Stuart Pearce as manager, and on 15th December City establish a 'top flight' club record of nine consecutive home league wins at the start of the season.

**2008** The Abu Dhabi United Group become the new owners of Manchester City. Former Wales, Barcelona, Bayern Munich and Manchester United star Mark Hughes becomes the new City Manager. The club break the British transfer record for the second time with the £32.5m signing of Robinho from Real Madrid.

**2009** Roberto Mancini, former manager of Inter Milan replaces Mark Hughes in December.

**2010** The Blues enjoy their best ever Premier League campaign, finishing 5th and qualifying for the Europa League in the process, as well as reaching the League Cup semi-finals.

**2011** The long wait for a trophy ends when the Blues beat Stoke 1-0 to lift the FA Cup, and they qualify for the 2011/12 Champions League for the first time too!

**2012** City win the League Championship for the first time in 44 years following a thrilling Premier League campaign. A last-gasp Sergio Aguero goal against QPR secures the title in the most dramatic of fashions at a jubilant Etihad Stadium.

**2013** New York City FC is announced – the partnership between Manchester City and the New York Yankees.

Manuel Pellegrini, former manager of Malaga joins Manchester City in June.

**2014** City complete a domestic double by beating West Ham United 2-0 on the final day of the season to claim their second Premier League title in three years, adding to the League Cup won after a dramatic Wembley comeback against Sunderland in March. The Blues also reach the knockout stages of the Champions League for the first time. Manchester City, in partnership with the owners of Melbourne Storm, acquire Australian side Melbourne Heart in January, which is later renamed Melbourne City.

**2015** City seal investment and partnership with J-League soccer club Yokohama F Marinos in a deal designed to create new global opportunities for Japanese soccer talent. City Football Group subsequently launches City Football Japan.

The City Football Academy opens with the intent of securing MCFC's future as one of the world's leading football clubs by investing in the development of young talent.

City Football Group (CFG) announce a partnership with a consortium of high profile Chinese institutional investors led by operating company CMC (China Media Capital) Holdings. Club consults with thousands of fans and as a result, unveils a new club badge that re-introduces the round design of the previous crests.

**2016** Pep Guardiola replaces outgoing manager Manuel Pellegrini who lifts the League Cup in his final season in charge of the club.

**2017** City Football Group confirmed the acquisition of Uruguayan Football Club, Club Atletico Torque and also commenced a working partnership with Atletico Venezuela.

# THE TRANSFORMATION OF MANCHESTER CITY

IN SEPTEMBER 2008, SHEIKH MANSOUR BOUGHT MANCHESTER CITY FC AND OUTLINED HIS VISION OF CREATING A SUSTAINABLE AND SUCCESSFUL FOOTBALL CLUB WITH THE FANS AT ITS HEART.

City completed the signing of Robinho on the same day the takeover was announced which pointed sincere ambition to transform the fortunes of this English institution.

Carlos Tevez, Vincent Kompany and Nigel de Jong soon followed as the club set about propelling itself back into the upper reaches of the Premier League and challenging for silverware once more.

Former Inter coach Roberto Mancini was appointed manager in December 2009 and added David Silva and Yaya Toure to his squad in the summer of 2010.

What followed were seasons that City fans of a certain age could never have dreamed of.

Landmarks came thick and fast, with City qualifying for the UEFA Champions League for the first time in 2010/11 and ending the 35 year trophy drought with an FA Cup win in the same year after the 1-0 Wembley win over Stoke City.

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But of course no history of Manchester City is complete without the remarkable events of 13 May 2012 - the final day of the Premier League season.

After running down an eight point gap on rivals Manchester United with just six games remaining, City knew that victory over QPR at the Etihad Stadium would guarantee a first ever Premier League title and crown them English champions for the first time in 44 years.

It was all going so well when Pablo Zabaleta gave the Blues the lead on the stroke of half-time but two second-half goals from the visitors turned the match on its head and a stadium which was having a party soon became a home to nerves, panic and desperation.

What followed were 24 agonising minutes when QPR defended for their lives with 10 men packed inside their penalty area, blocking every City shot and, as the game entered its 90th minute, commentators and pundits were already concocting their own epitaphs for City's title race.



Cityitis, Typical City, this could only happen to City, they said, until...

Bosnian striker Edin Dzeko headed the Blues level in the first minute of injury time, a goal that gave City a glimmer of hope but surely it was still too late?

Not so, as Sergio Aguero impossibly stayed on his feet to ride a couple of sliding tackles and with one definitive lash of that exquisite right foot, ended 44 years of hurt for hundreds of thousands of City fans around the globe.

Although the Blues were unable to recapture their title in the following season, City did return to Wembley for an FA Cup final against Wigan, only to fall to a last-gasp Ben Watson header which condemned the Blues to defeat.

That summer, radical changes were made as Mancini was replaced by Manuel Pellegrini and five new stars in the shape of Fernandinho, Jesus Navas, Alvaro Negredo, Stevan Jovetic and Martin Demichelis were brought in.

After a tricky start in which the Blues failed to win away from home until mid-October, City soon found their rhythm and set about smashing a whole host of records.

Pellegrini's side reached the Champions League Round of 16 for the first time in their history, before becoming the fastest club in Premier League history to score 100 competitive goals in all competitions.

City's goalscoring exploits became their most potent weapon as the Blues would go on to net an incredible 102 league goals – the second-highest Premier League tally on record.

That feat also presented another impressive achievement, as it had been the first time a team had boasted three different players (Sergio Aguero, Edin Dzeko and Yaya Toure) to score more than 15 league goals.

In March 2014, Pellegrini received his first English trophy, having masterminded a thrilling win in the Capital One Cup final, ensuring his



side claimed the trophy for the first time since 1976.

Then in May, although it had looked as though City had surrendered their challenge for the Premier League crown, the Chilean secured the domestic title with a 2-0 victory over West Ham at the Etihad Stadium. The triumph secured a league and cup double for the Blues – a feat last accomplished in 1970.

Two years on, City lifted the League Cup for a second time in three seasons. Manuel Pellegrini announced his departure from the club as former Barcelona and Bayern Munich manager Pep Guardiola was named as his replacement.

#### CFA

Off the pitch, City's new youth development and first team training centre – the City Football Academy (CFA) was opened in 2014.

The CFA accommodates not only all playing squads, but also the majority of Manchester based staff in one connected operational base.

It is a global headquarters for those in the wider City Football family, which now includes sister clubs New York City FC, Melbourne City FC and Yokohama F. Marinos.

The project was underpinned by ambitious local recruitment that significantly up-skilled the local community and made a positive economic impact on the surrounding area.

#### The City Football Academy includes...

- A new Academy for up to 400 young players with classrooms for 200
- On site accommodation for junior and senior players
- 16.5 football pitches, 12 of them dedicated to players aged from 8 to 21
- A state of the art first team building with changing rooms, gym, refectory and injury and rehab centre
- A 7,000 capacity stadium for youth matches
- Staff offices and a dedicated media centre
- A bridge linking the site to the Etihad Stadium and the rest of the Etihad Campus.

# CITY FOOTBALL GROUP





# MANCHESTER CITY WOMEN

**FORMERLY KNOWN AS MANCHESTER CITY LADIES FC, THE CLUB WAS FOUNDED IN 1988 BY CITY IN THE COMMUNITY. IN THE 25 YEARS SINCE THEN, THEIR AFFILIATION WITH THE MEN'S TEAM HAS TAKEN VARIOUS FORMS, CULMINATING IN THE STATEMENT OF A FORMAL PARTNERSHIP WITH MANCHESTER CITY IN AUGUST 2012.**

The Club was granted entry to the FA Women's Super League in April 2013 and subsequently re-launched as Manchester City Women's Football Club in January 2014.

The Club mirrors and benefits from its association with its male equivalent and is structured in all aspects of its operations to take advantage of the resources of the wider organisation – from community programmes, to youth development, scouting, coaching, sports science, digital coverage and first team football operations.

In their inaugural season under Head Coach Nick Cushing, Manchester City Women's Football Club made history when they clinched their first ever trophy, the FA WSL Continental Cup.

In the 2015 campaign, the Club finished second place in the FA WSL and with it secured their place in the UEFA Women's Champions League for the 2016 season, which saw them go on to make the semi-final in their inaugural UWCL season.

In 2016, the Club celebrated their most successful season to date being crowned the FA WSL Champions for the first time in their history, lifting the FA WSL Continental Tyres Cup for a second time and becoming Women's FA Cup winners in another historic first.



# MELBOURNE CITY FC

**MELBOURNE CITY FOOTBALL CLUB  
COMPETES IN THE MAJOR AUSTRALIAN  
DOMESTIC COMPETITION, THE HYUNDAI  
A-LEAGUE AND THE FOXTEL NATIONAL  
YOUTH LEAGUE.**

The Club, formerly known as Melbourne Heart FC, was established in 2009, inspired by a vision for a broad-based community team, celebrating cultural diversity and sporting passion through football. Becoming known as Melbourne City FC in 2014, the Club is wholly owned by City Football Group (CFG) and plays its home games at the 30,000 capacity AAMI Park stadium in Melbourne, where the Club celebrated its first ever men's silverware, the FFA Cup, in November 2016.

Managed by Warren Joyce, the Club's training and administrative base is at the City Football Academy in Melbourne on the campus of La Trobe University. CFA Melbourne features advanced new training pitches for the Melbourne City first team, two elite women's and youth team pitches, dedicated community pitches, world class medical and sports science facilities and expansive office space. It is also CFG's centre for football operations in the Asia Pacific region.



# MELBOURNE CITY WOMEN'S FC

**MELBOURNE CITY WOMEN'S FC WAS FOUNDED IN 2015 AND COMPETES IN THE W-LEAGUE, THE TOP DIVISION OF WOMEN'S FOOTBALL IN AUSTRALIA.**

Melbourne City FC commenced its inaugural Westfield W-League campaign in October 2015, after Football Federation Australia confirmed the Club's application for entry into the women's domestic competition in May 2015.

In their inaugural season, the team had a 100 per cent record, winning 12 consecutive league matches and clinching the Premier's Plate and securing a historic double, winning the 2016 Grand Final.

In 2017, they made history again when they won the Grand Final for a second consecutive year, becoming the first team in the history to achieve that feat.



# NEW YORK CITY FC

**NEW YORK CITY FC IS THE FIRST AND ONLY MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER TEAM TO PLAY IN THE FIVE BOROUGHS OF NEW YORK CITY. SINCE NYCFC'S INCARNATION IN 2015, THE CLUB HAS CEMENTED ITS STATUS AS A CORNERSTONE IN THE LANDSCAPE OF ONE OF THE WORLD'S MOST COMPETITIVE AND PROUDEST SPORTING CITIES.**

NYCFC came into existence as Major League Soccer's 20th franchise on May 21, 2013 and debuted against Orlando City SC on March 8, 2015.

Majority owned by City Football Group, New York City FC plays its home games at the iconic Yankee Stadium, which is also home to minority owner, the New York Yankees.

Sporting Director Claudio Reyna, the former Manchester City FC and United States international player and Head Coach Patrick Vieira, the former French FIFA World Cup-winning midfielder, have formed a roster that boasts global superstars, MLS and international veterans, as well as some of the United States' rising stars.

Spain's record goalscoring striker David Villa became NYCFC's first-ever signing and captain on June 2, 2014, swiftly followed by Chelsea legend Frank Lampard before, a year later, in the midst of the club's inaugural season, FIFA World Cup winning midfielder, Andrea Pirlo became the third Designated Player in club history.

Following an eighth place finish in 2015's inaugural campaign, NYCFC bounced back to secure their first MLS Playoffs appearance in just their second season of existence, finishing 2016 with more goals than any other team, resulting in a second place finish in the Eastern Conference. Villa also showed his dominance in the 2016 MLS campaign, earning the Landon Donovan MLS Most Valuable Player, scoring a club-high 23 goals in the season.

New Yorkers embraced their new Club with open arms from the start, with 20,000 season ticket holders in their inaugural season, as well as drawing an average attendance of 29,000 in their first year, making New York City FC one of the most well-supported teams in the league.

# YOKOHAMA F. MARINOS

IN MAY 2014 CITY FOOTBALL GROUP ANNOUNCED AN INVESTMENT AND PARTNERSHIP WHICH SAW THE GROUP BECOME A MINORITY SHAREHOLDER OF THE YOKOHAMA F. MARINOS (YF MARINOS).

The deal represented the first significant foreign investment in a J-League soccer club and was designed to create new global opportunities for the YF Marinos and Japanese soccer talent.

The deal also sees CFG collaborate with YF Marinos, exposing them to a world-class soccer infrastructure and network not seen before in the J-League but that has achieved popular acclaim and real success with teams like Manchester City.

"The YF Marinos is an excellent soccer club with a rich history which has grown hand in hand with Nissan. Together we see opportunities that CFG's global soccer infrastructure will bring to the club and the excitement it will bring to the fans," said Carlos Ghosn, Nissan President and CEO. "This partnership will contribute to the growth of the club, the growth of our shared hometown, Yokohama, as well as Yokosuka and Japanese soccer."

"We're thrilled to be able to play a role in investing and building on the on-going success of YF Marinos," said Ferran Soriano, CEO, City Football Group.

"We are proud to offer a collaborative and integrated approach to the football, marketing, media and commercial development of all the clubs in the City family.

"At the same time, we are proud that each of our clubs is firmly rooted and invested in its local community as well as connected and engaged with its supporter base. We are very much looking forward to starting our collaboration."

The globally innovative partnership between business and sport provides the four times Asia champions, and three times J-league champions, in-depth knowledge and experience across the CFG global network which consists of Manchester City's senior,



youth and women's teams, Melbourne City and New York City Football Club.

In forming this partnership, YF Marinos gained unrivalled access to CFG's training methods, medical care, sport science, team management and coaching know-how, providing a motivational draw for young Japanese players and placing the club in pole position to support the national team efforts of creating a world-class team for the future.

As a global brand, Nissan stands for innovation to excite their consumer, a brand essence shared by City Football Group. With this shared purpose the two partners will explore further global joint opportunities in the coming months.

# CLUB ATLETICO TORQUE

**CA TORQUE IS A  
URUGUAYAN FOOTBALL CLUB  
FOUNDED IN DECEMBER 2007.**

The club competes within the Uruguayan Football Federation and is based in Montevideo, the capital city of Uruguay.

It is the most recent addition to the City Football Group having been acquired in December 2016 to join Manchester City, New York City, Melbourne City and Yokohama F-Marinos as part of CFG.

Torque is currently competing in the Second Professional Division and is managed by former CA Torque player, Paulo Pezzolano, who is accompanied on the coaching staff by Valentin Villazan as assistant coach and Pablo Balbi as fitness coach.





# MANAGEMENT

# JOSEP 'PEP' GUARDIOLA MANAGER



**DATE OF BIRTH:**  
**18 JANUARY 1971**

**PLACE OF BIRTH:**  
**SANTPEDOR, SPAIN**

**JOINED CITY:**  
**JULY 2016**

Josep 'Pep' Guardiola joined City as one of the most successful coaches of the modern era, and with a reputation for managing sides that play with an entertaining, attacking brand of football.

A five-time La Liga-winning midfielder with Barcelona and Spain international, Pep moved effortlessly into coaching and became the Spanish club's head coach in 2008. Barca won the Spanish title three years in a row and the Champions League twice in Pep's time at the Nou Camp, when he worked with global superstars including Lionel Messi, Andres Iniesta, Thierry Henry and Yaya Toure.

He left Barca in 2012, and after deciding to take time away from the game he took over at Bayern Munich. He further enhanced his reputation while in Germany, winning the Bundesliga three times before agreeing to join Manchester City for the start of the 2016-17 season.

# DOMENEC TORRENT ASSISTANT MANAGER



**DATE OF BIRTH:**  
**14 JULY 1962**

**PLACE OF BIRTH:**  
**SANTA COLOMA DE FARNERS, SPAIN**

**JOINED CITY:**  
**JULY 2016**

Domenec Torrent was named as one of four Assistant Coaches. Torrent, the grandson of a former Barcelona player, has worked closely alongside Pep for the past nine years including four years at Barca and a further three at Bayern Munich.

He first joined City's new boss when he took over at Barcelona B in 2008, helping the Catalans' second team to win promotion at the first attempt. Domenec played as a midfielder at U.E. Olot and managed Palamos and Girona in Spain between 2003 and 2006.

Torrent is one of the Pep's most trusted lieutenants, usually sits next to him on the bench and at Bayern Munich and Barca was the only coach who would also give team-talks.

# RODOLFO BORRELL ASSISTANT MANAGER



**DATE OF BIRTH:**  
**14 JULY 1962**

**PLACE OF BIRTH:**  
**SANTA COLOMA DE FARNERS, SPAIN**

**JOINED CITY:**  
**JULY 2016**

Rodolfo Borrell joined Pep's backroom staff with a reputation for nurturing some of football's most precocious talents. It was Borrell who was Lionel Messi's first coach at Barca and he also helped the development of Cesc Fabregas and Andres Iniesta during his time at the Camp Nou.

He was Technical Director and Head of Coaching for Liverpool FC's Academy after Rafa Benitez brought him to England in 2009. While on Merseyside, he helped bring through players like Raheem Sterling, Jon Flanagan and Jordan Ibe, but he left the club in 2014 and joined City.

He spent two seasons as Academy Technical Director, looking after the youth teams from U21s down to U9s, before joining the first team as an Assistant Coach.

# BRIAN KIDD ASSISTANT MANAGER



**DATE OF BIRTH:**  
**29 MAY 1949**

**PLACE OF BIRTH:**  
**COLLYHURST, ENGLAND**

**JOINED CITY:**  
**DECEMBER 2009**

Having won the European Cup with Manchester United, Brian later moved to Maine Road and racked up 128 appearances, including over 50 goals, with the Blues between 1976 and 1979. A career that also took in stints at Everton, Arsenal and Bolton ended in the United States before he turned his attention to coaching, where his techniques have won many admirers and brought success at many levels.

Brian spent a decade at Old Trafford as youth team boss and assistant manager before moving to Leeds, Sheffield United and, in 2008-09, Portsmouth, where alongside Paul Hart he managed to keep the south coast side in the Premier League.

Kidd, who was born in Collyhurst and always maintained his family home in the Manchester area, was also England coach under former City chief Sven-Goran Eriksson.

After initially taking up a Technical Development role at City in 2009, Kidd became Assistant Manager when Roberto Mancini was appointed in December of that year. As Mancini's assistant, Kidd helped deliver the FA Cup and a first Premier League title to the Etihad Stadium.

The former City player has remained on the coaching staff under Manuel Pellegrini, and experienced even more success as the Blues finished Premier League and Capital One Cup Champions in the 2013-14 season.



# THE PLAYERS

## GOALKEEPERS

EDERSON MORAES  
CLAUDIO BRAVO  
DANIEL GRIMSHAW  
ARIJANET MURIC

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VINCENT KOMPANY  
JOHN STONES  
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NICOLAS OTAMENDI  
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ELIAQUIM MANGALA  
JASON DENAYER  
KYLE WALKER

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KEVIN DE BRUYNE  
FABIAN DELPH  
LEROY SANE  
DAVID SILVA  
SAMIR NASRI  
FERNANDINHO  
YAYA TOURE  
ALEIX GARCIA  
BERNARDO SILVA  
OLEKSANDR ZINCHENKO

## BRAHIM DIAZ

PHIL FODEN  
PATRICK ROBERTS  
JADON SANCHO

## STRIKERS

SERGIO AGUERO  
GABRIEL JESUS  
KELECHI IHEANACHO  
WILFRIED BONY



# GOALKEEPERS

# EDERSON MORAES



**DATE OF BIRTH:**  
**17 AUGUST 1993**

**PLACE OF BIRTH:**  
**SÃO PAULO, BRAZIL**

The Brazilian goalkeeper, who impressed for the Portuguese champions throughout the 2016/17 campaign, joined City on 1 July 2017.

He became the Blues' fourth Brazilian alongside Fernandinho, Fernando and Gabriel Jesus and is one of the brightest young goalkeeper prospects in world football.

Born Ederson Santana de Moraes, he began his career as a youth with São Paulo FC, spending two years before joining second tier Portuguese outfit Ribeirão in 2011.

The promising teenager played 30 games before signing Primeira Liga side Rio Ave after just a season.

He would stay with Rio Ave for three seasons, playing 63 games in all competitions and catching the notice of many of Portugal's bigger clubs including Benfica who bought the youngster in 2015.

He played several games for Benfica B and was initially understudy to Brazil's national team first choice keeper Julio Cesar before becoming Benfica's first choice throughout the 2016/17 campaign as the Eagles secured a league and cup double.

Possessing excellent reflexes and distribution, the left-footed Ederson is also quick to spot any potential danger, rushing out to clear his lines and snuff out any potential danger.

His reputation for point-blank saves quickly made him a popular figure among the Benfica supporters.

# CLAUDIO BRAVO



**DATE OF BIRTH:**  
**13 APRIL 1983**

**PLACE OF BIRTH:**  
**VILUCO, CHILE**

He moved to Barcelona in 2014 and has won eight different titles in just two years with the Catalans, playing 75 games and being named in the 2014/15 La Liga Team of the Season.

He was also voted Copa America's best goalkeeper in 2015 and 2016 as well as earning a place in the Team of the Tournament each time. Claudio made his City debut in the September 2016 Manchester derby.

Claudio captained Chile to the 2017 Confederations Cup final against Germany.

Claudio Bravo arrived at City in August 2016. The Chilean goalkeeper joined the Blues from Barcelona after signing a four-year deal.

Bravo brings with him a wealth of experience including back-to-back La Liga titles with Barca and successive Copa America triumphs with Chile with whom the 33 year-old has won 106 caps and also the captain.

He won his 100th international cap in the Copa America Centenario as Chile beat Argentina in the final on penalties and is the first Chilean to win a century of caps - he has also played more times for his country than any other Chile player.

Born in Viluco, Chile, Bravo started his career with Colo-Colo. His father noticed Claudio's talent and elected to drive his son to the training ground of Colo-Colo, where he would sign for the academy of Chile's most successful club.

Bravo initially grabbed Colo-Colo's attention as a striker but after short stints in midfield and defensive roles, he asked to be played in goal for the club's 'Cadete' team and that is where he would stay, flourishing in his new position. He would go on to make 123 appearances for Colo-Colo between 2002 and 2006 before joining Real Sociedad on the recommendation of Xabier Mancisidor who is now City's goalkeeping coach. Bravo remained for with The Royals for eight years, clocking up 237 starts - plus one goal against Gimnastic in 2010.

# DANIEL GRIMSHAW



**DATE OF BIRTH:**  
**16 JANUARY 1998**

**PLACE OF BIRTH:**  
**MANCHESTER,  
ENGLAND**

Life-long City fan Daniel Grimshaw has been training with the club since he was five years old, and developing through the Academy age groups from the age of eight.

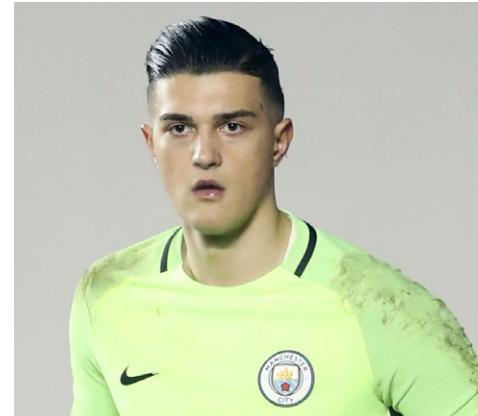
The Manchester-born goalkeeper has excellent distribution and handling, and has impressed on foreign shores in a City shirt, including tournaments in Singapore and Qatar.

His talent and drive convinced Academy staff he was worthy of a two-year scholarship with City during which he competed for the number one role in the U18s with Kjetil Haug.

Grimshaw helped City to the U18 Premier League title and FA Youth Cup final in 2015/16.

He was City's elected UEFA Youth League goalkeeper in 2016/17 and will look to kick on again in 2017/18, beginning with his involvement in the first team pre-season tour of the United States.

# ARIJANET MURIC



**DATE OF BIRTH:**  
**7 NOVEMBER 1998**

**PLACE OF BIRTH:**  
**ZURICH,  
SWITZERLAND**

Swiss youth international Arijanet Muric arrived at the Club in March 2015 from Grasshopper Club Zurich.

Standing at 6'6, Aro allies an imposing frame with excellent reflexes to make him a commanding shotstopper and comfortable with the ball at his feet, he is certainly a modern 'keeper.

He played regularly for the U18s during the 2016/17 season, making 18 league appearances as the young Blues swept all before them to finish unbeaten as U18 Premier League North champions.

He also had the honour of being No.1 for the FA Youth Cup campaign, playing all seven games and keeping two clean sheets as City finished runners-up for a third consecutive year.



**DEFENDERS**

# VINCENT KOMPANY



**DATE OF BIRTH:**  
**10 APRIL 1986**

**PLACE OF BIRTH:**  
**UCCLE, BELGIUM**

Captain, leader, defensive rock – Vincent Kompany is one of the most decorated skippers in the club's history.

Strong in the air, comfortable on the ball, accurate in the tackle and always ready to nip in and pinch the ball off a striker's toes, the Belgian was a bargain buy when bought from Hamburg at just £6million in 2008.

A natural leader, he was handed the armband in 2011 and has since captained the side to two Premier League titles and two Capital One Cup triumphs.

Multi-lingual and multi-talented, Kompany began his career with Anderlecht, a series of composed performances in the Belgian Premier League and Champions League attracting interest from across the continent.

Two years at Hamburg was enough to convince Mark Hughes to bring Vincent to City in August 2008, one of the Welshman's most astute buys in his time at the Club.

Initially a defensive midfielder, Vincent shifted back into central defence with aplomb and became the figure around which successive Blues backlines have been built.

Having helped win the FA Cup in 2011, he was a key figure in the title triumph of 2012, bagging the winning goal in a Manchester derby victory that proved vital in the final dramatic outcome.

# JOHN STONES



**DATE OF BIRTH:**  
**28 MAY 1994**

**PLACE OF BIRTH:**  
**BARNSLEY, ENGLAND**

Handed the club captaincy by Roberto Mancini, Vincent continued in the role following the arrival of Manuel Pellegrini in 2013, and led City to the Premier League the following year.

He showed his worth as the man for the big occasion with impressive displays against Europe's elite in the Champions League, scored the second goal against West Ham in the victory that clinched the title and lifted the Capital One Cup in 2014 and 2016.

Injuries have kept Vincent away for frustrating spells in recent seasons, but each time he has fought back to reclaim his place at the heart of the side.

Also a key part of Belgium's talented national team, he featured at the 2014 World Cup but injury kept him out of the squad for Euro 2016 – although the BBC were quick to call upon his services as an articulate and perceptive pundit.

John Stones joined City from Everton on 9 August 2016.

The England international defender penned a six-year deal which will keep him at the Etihad Stadium until at least 2022. Stones became City's eighth signing of the 2016 summer transfer window, following in the footsteps of Ilkay Gundogan, Nolito, Aleksandar Zinchenko, Aaron Mooy, Leroy Sane, Gabriel Jesus and Marlos Moreno.

The 22-year old, widely regarded as one of the world's most promising centre backs, spent more than three years at Everton where he built a reputation as a ball-playing, 21st century defender, equally adept at neutralising opposition attacks as launching the first key pass out of the defensive third.

Stones represented England at U19, U20 and U21 level before making his senior international debut on 30 May 2014 in a 3-0 friendly victory over Peru at Wembley.

He made his competitive debut for the Three Lions in the Euro 2016 qualifying opener against Switzerland where Roy Hodgson's side got off to the perfect start with a 2-0 away win and John was included in the squad for the finals this summer.

Rising up from the youth ranks at his hometown club Barnsley, Stones went on to make his professional debut for the Tykes against Reading on 17 March 2011, going on to make 28 appearances in total for the South Yorkshire side.

A maturity beyond his years was evident in these first steps up the professional ladder, prompting Everton to snap him up on a five-and-a-half-year deal on the final day of the 2013 January transfer window.

Stones didn't make his senior debut for the Toffees until the following season when, on 28 August 2013, he appeared in the League Cup win over Stevenage and his Premier League bow followed a month later as a late substitute in their 1-0 victory against Chelsea.

That was one of 26 games he took part in during the 2013/14 season and he made two more than that in 2014/15, scoring his first Premier League goal against Manchester United in April 2015 towards the end of a season in which he earned a nomination for Europe's "Golden Boy" award – a title that eventually went to his new teammate, Raheem Sterling.

Stones enjoyed a solid first season with the Blues and will look to kick on again during the 2017/18 campaign.

# ALEKSANDAR KOLAROV



**DATE OF BIRTH:**  
**10 NOVEMBER 1985**

**PLACE OF BIRTH:**  
**BELGRADE, SERBIA**

Aleksandar Kolarov, nicknamed the 'Serbian Roberto Carlos', joined City from Lazio in July 2010 as an attacking left-back with a reputation for spectacular goals.

Born in November 1985 in the Serbian capital of Belgrade, Aleks began his career in 2004 at FK Cukaricki Stankom before moving to OFK Beograd in 2006, both in his homeland.

But after just one season at OFK Beograd, Aleks was sold to Serie A giants Lazio in September 2007. He made an instant impression, scoring with a thunderous effort from around 40 yards out on his full debut against Reggina.

His two years at the Stadio Olimpico occasionally saw Aleks operate on the left side of midfield, and he made two appearances for his country at the 2010 World Cup in South Africa just before making his move to City.

Aleks' first season with the Blues ended with the Serb helping end a 35-year wait for silverware through a memorable FA Cup triumph over Stoke, Aleks having played in every round including the final at Wembley.

The following campaign saw Aleks play a big part in City's Premier League title drive, his late equaliser against Sunderland securing a point that would prove vital when the league was claimed on goal difference.

# NICOLAS OTAMENDI



**DATE OF BIRTH:**  
**12 FEBRUARY 1988**

**PLACE OF BIRTH:**  
**CAPITAL FEDERAL,  
BUENOS AIRES**

Porto won the Portuguese league, domestic cup and the Europa League, where they beat Portuguese rivals Braga, in his first season. They retained the league in 2011-12 and made it a hat-trick of league titles the following season.

Nicolas was becoming a runaway success, playing week in, week out for the top club in Portugal but in February 2014 he agreed a move across the border to Valencia.

Otamendi was immediately loaned out upon arrival at the Mestalla, spending the summer at Atletico Mineiro in Brazil.

He returned to help Los Che qualify for the Champions League for the first time in four years. He was the only Valencia player named in the La Liga Team of the Year for the 2014-15 season, before making his move to City.

His Blues debut came as a substitute at home to Juventus, but he was soon featuring regularly in the starting line-up.

His first goal for the Club came courtesy of a powerful header against Norwich, and he won silverware in his first season at City in the shape of the Capital One Cup. On the international front, Nicolas was part of the Argentina side that were losing finalists in the 2016 Copa America.

# TOSIN ADARABIOYO



**DATE OF BIRTH:**  
**24 SEPTEMBER 1997**

**PLACE OF BIRTH:**  
**MANCHESTER,  
ENGLAND**

An U18s regular since making his debut at the tender age of 14, England youth international Tosin Adarabioyo signed his first professional contract with City upon turning 17 in September 2014.

A strong and confident centre-back, the 18-year-old Mancunian celebrated penning his deal with a brace away to Liverpool the following week.

Excellent on the ball, the defender possesses good positional awareness and leadership skills – recognised by boss Jason Wilcox, who appointed him u18 skipper as a first year scholar at the start of the 2014/15 campaign.

After making 17 appearances as part of the u18 squad that clinched the Premier League North Division title in 2013/14, Tosin wore the captain's armband 13 times for Jason Wilcox's squad during his first year as a scholar, while also turning out seven times for the EDS against players up to four years his senior.

An ever-present in last term's UEFA Youth League campaign, Tosin was a key part of an impressive back-four that conceded just four goals to help City to a 100% record in the group stages.

Tosin made his senior debut in the FA Cup 5th round tie with Chelsea, earning man-of-the-match honours despite City losing 5-1.

# ELIAQUIM MANGALA



**DATE OF BIRTH:**  
**19 FEBRUARY 1991**

**PLACE OF BIRTH:**  
**COLOMBES, FRANCE**

After being promoted to Simon Davies's EDS set-up full-time in 2015/16, he led City to the FA Youth Cup final and struck up good partnerships with Cameron Humphreys and Charlie Oliver. He also earned a first call up to the England u19s in 2015.

His excellent 2015/16 was rewarded with a place on the first team tour of Munich and China, where he began working closely with new manager Pep Guardiola who later promoted the young defender to the senior squad.

In June 2017, Tosin penned a new long-term contract with City.

Eliaquim Mangala became City's sixth signing of summer 2014. Mangala is recognised as one of the continent's most promising young defenders, equally acclaimed for his tenacious tackling, positional sense and ability to play out from deep.

The French defender left his hometown club Namur's youth academy and started his senior career at Standard Liege, making his professional debut in November 2008.

Mangala went on to win silverware in his first season as a pro, making 11 appearances to help Standard to the 2008/09 Belgian Pro League crown.

He made 31 league appearances the following season and lifted the Belgian Cup in one of the last of his 100 appearances for Standard Liege during 2010/11.

Porto boss of the time Vitor Pereira took him to Portugal at the end of that campaign and the defender went on to feature against City in the Europa League in his first season with his new club.

His second season saw him become a regular starter, making 39 appearances in all competitions and scoring seven goals. The Frenchman won the Portuguese championship twice, in 2011/12 and 2012/13.

In total, Eliaquim represented FC Porto on 92 occasions, including 42 appearances in 2013/14.

Despite interest from the Belgian FA, Eliaquim chose to represent the country of his birth and made his debut for France U21s in a friendly match against Tunisia in 2009.

He went on to take his senior bow on 5 June 2013 in a 1-0 defeat to Uruguay in Montevideo.

Mangala was included in Didier Deschamps' squad for the 2014 World Cup in Brazil but didn't add to his three international caps.

In his second season at the Etihad Eliaquim won his first piece of silverware with the club as the Blues lifted the 2015/16 Capital One Cup at Wembley.

# JASON DENAYER



**DATE OF BIRTH:**  
**28 JUNE 1995**

**PLACE OF BIRTH:**  
**JETTE, BELGIUM**

In his short time at City, Belgian centre-half Jason Denayer has proved himself to be a classy operator on the ball and an excellent reader of the game at the heart of the back four.

He joined the Club in 2013 having come through the JMG Academy in his native Belgium, where he developed his skills playing barefoot while adapting to having live away from his family.

Once at City, he struck up an excellent partnership with Shay Facey in defence for the Elite Development Squad side throughout the 2013-14 season as the Blues went deep in four competitions at home and abroad.

He scored his first goal for the club in the 6-0 UEFA Youth League win over Bayern Munich at the start of October, and continued to shine throughout the season, earning himself opportunities to train with the first-team.

By now a Belgian youth international, Jason was nominated for the EDS Player of the Year award after a fantastic 2013-14 campaign before joining Celtic on a season-long loan on 12 August 2014.

Jason made an immediate impact, scoring on debut and going on to make 44 appearances in all competitions.

# KYLE WALKER



**DATE OF BIRTH:**  
**28 MAY 1990**

**PLACE OF BIRTH:**  
**SHEFFIELD, ENGLAND**

Hoops supporters were sad to see him go after he claimed the SPL Young Player of the Year award, as well as the club's own Young Player of the Year award, as well as helping the Glasgow giants win the Scottish league title and the League Cup.

His impact in Scotland had been noticed back home, and he Jason made his first senior international start for Belgium against France on 7 June 2015, just three months after his debut off the bench in the Euro 2016 qualifier against Israel.

Jason impressed on loan again in 2015-16, this time with Turkish outfit Galatasaray, where he occasionally featured at right-back. It was no surprise that he was included in Belgium's much-fancied squad for Euro 2016, though Denayer spent the 2016/17 season on loan with Sunderland.

Kyle Walker joined City from Tottenham on a five-year deal in July 2017.

He opted to take the number two shirt previously worn by Bacary Sagna and became City's third signing of the 2017 close season.

Walker began his career at Sheffield United, where he spent a short period on loan at Northampton before returning to Bramall Lane and impressing in the final few games of the season 2008-09 season as the Blades made the Championship playoffs.

The 27-year-old signed for Tottenham that summer and was immediately loaned back to Sheffield United as part of the deal to ensure his progress continued.

But after impressing in the opening months of the 2009/10 season, he was recalled to Spurs and made two senior appearances.

Further loan moves followed, to QPR and Aston Villa, in a bid to secure further first-team experience but in 2011 he forced his way into the Spurs side and became their first-choice right-back.

In 2012, he was rewarded for a fine season by picking up the PFA Young Player of the Year award and has twice been named in the PFA Team of the Year.

He made 228 appearances for Tottenham in all competitions, scoring four goals, and last season helped them to second in the table, their highest league finish in the Premier League era.

His England debut came in the 1-0 win over Spain in 2011. He has 27 caps in total, with his most recent appearance coming as a second-half substitute in the 3-2 defeat to France at the Stade de France.



# MIDFIELDERS

# FERNANDO



**DATE OF BIRTH:**  
**25 JULY 1987**

**PLACE OF BIRTH:**  
**ALTO PARAISO,  
BRAZIL**

Fernando Francisco Reges arrived at the Etihad Stadium from Porto after lifting four Primeira Liga trophies during his seven year career at the Estadio do Dragao.

The Alto Paraíso-born defensive midfielder brought a great deal of UEFA Champions League experience to Manchester with him, having appeared in five campaigns for the 27-time Portuguese champions.

He began his career in his homeland with Vila Nova Futebol Clube in the third tier of the Brazilian league pyramid where he made his professional debut in 2005.

Snapped up by Porto two years and 57 league appearances later, he was immediately loaned out for the following season to fellow Primeira Liga outfit, C.F. Estrela Amadora.

Swiftly adapting to European football, Fernando missed just four games all season, two of them down to his inability to face his parent club, and he established himself as one of the first names on the teamsheet.

Upon his return to Porto, he was immediately placed into the first-team at Estadio do Dragão, where he was a regular starter alongside Lucho González and Raul Meireles, helping the Portistas to a league and Portuguese Cup double in his first season.

His breakout season can be considered to be the following campaign (2010/11) when the Brazilian clocked up more than 3,000 minutes as Porto claimed a league, cup and Europa League treble under Andre Villas Boas.

# RAHEEM STERLING



**DATE OF BIRTH:**  
**8 DECEMBER 1994**

**PLACE OF BIRTH:**  
**KINGSTON, JAMAICA**

Raheem joined City in July 2015 from Liverpool for a Club record fee, reportedly becoming the most expensive English player of all time in the process.

Inspired to become a footballer because of the family home's proximity to Wembley Stadium, the attacking midfielder began his career at Queens Park Rangers.

Born in Jamaica, he had moved to London at the age of seven and eventually spent seven years at Loftus Road. During his time with the Hoops, he made his international debut at under-16 level with England.

In 2010, he made the move to Merseyside where he made a name for himself as one of the country's rising stars, making his debut for the Reds as a substitute against Wigan in March 2012 at the age of 17.

A string of impressive displays earned him the Golden Boy award in 2014, as dubbed by a panel of sports journalists, naming him as the best player under the age of 21 playing in Europe.

While at Anfield, Sterling also became the youngest Liverpool player to ever receive an international cap, making his debut for England against Ukraine in September 2012.

His first senior start for Liverpool came against City that August, and he impressed enough to retain his place ahead of more experienced players.

# ILKAY GUNDOGAN



**DATE OF BIRTH:**  
**24 OCTOBER 1990**

**PLACE OF BIRTH:**  
**GELSENKIRCHEN,  
GERMANY**

Ilkay Gundogan moved to City having earned a reputation as an energetic, intelligent midfielder during the early stages of his career in his native Germany.

He spent time on the books of a number of clubs, including Borussia Dortmund's arch-rivals Schalke 04, as a youth until his senior career began in earnest with a move to FC Nurnberg in 2009.

His debut did not arrive until March 2010, but following on from a handful of appearances that season he was a regular pick in the Nurnberg side that finished sixth in the 2010-11 edition of the Bundesliga.

Dortmund made their move for Gundogan following on from that impressive campaign in the summer of 2011, and it was a transfer that paid off in fine style for both club and player alike.

Gundogan's form warranted a first senior cap for Germany against Belgium in October 2011, and he played a major role in Jürgen Klopp's Dortmund side as it went on to claim its second successive Bundesliga title.

2012-13 saw Dortmund vie with Bayern Munich for both the German title and the Champions League, and while they were edged out by Bayern both domestically and in Europe, Gundogan's stock continued to rise with some eye-catching performances.

# KEVIN DE BRUYNE



**DATE OF BIRTH:**  
**28 JUNE 1991**

**PLACE OF BIRTH:**  
**DRONGEN, BELGIUM**

Though he made 18 starts during his first campaign, it was his first full season in sky blue that saw De Bruyne blossom into one of the best play-makers in world football.

Apart from scoring 16 goals in 51 games, he broke the Bundesliga record for most assists with 21 in 2014/15, with his incredible contribution helping them finish second in the Bundesliga and to win the German Cup.

His efforts led to him receiving the Bundesliga Player of the Year award, as well as the Footballer of the Year award in Germany.

The impact he made in his first season at the Etihad was nothing short of brilliant with the player quickly becoming a huge crowd favourite thanks to a series of match-winning displays.

De Bruyne quickly became an integral part of the Blues' attack, orchestrating, providing and often finishing moves that quickly made him indispensable. Few players have enjoyed such a flying start and his 16 goals and 15 assists bear testament to a stunning first campaign during which he won a record four Etihad Player of the Month awards.

Voted the MCFC Player of the Season in 2015/16, De Bruyne had another impressive campaign in 2016/17, topping the Premier League assist list.

# FABIAN DELPH



Fabian Delph arrived at City in July 2015 having established himself as an integral member of the Aston Villa side where he had also taken on the captain's armband.

He had also become part of Roy Hodgson's England squad, winning six caps in the season before his move to Etihad Stadium.

Born in Bradford, Fabian began his senior career at Leeds United, making 50 appearances between 2006 and 2009 and managing to impress in what was a difficult time for the Elland Road club.

In 2009 he was voted the Leeds United Young Player of the Year and Leeds United Players' Player of the Year. He was also named in the PFA League One Team of the Year, and won the Football League Player of the Year award before moving to Villa in time for the start of the 2009-10 season.

Still only 19 when he moved to Villa Park, Fabian found it hard to nail down a regular starting role but was starting to make progress when a cruciate knee ligament injury in April 2010 ruled him out for 10 months.

He briefly returned to Leeds early in 2012, but frustratingly his loan spell was cut short by an ankle injury that ended his season early.

He truly established himself at Villa in 2012-13, and the following season saw him voted as the club's Player of the Season.

# LEROY SANE



**DATE OF BIRTH:**  
**21 NOVEMBER 1989**

**PLACE OF BIRTH:**  
**BRADFORD, ENGLAND**

A first full England cap arrived in September 2014 against Norway, and another good season in a struggling Villa side was rewarded with the captaincy of the club from new manager Tim Sherwood.

City added him to the ranks in time for 2015-16, but a hamstring injury suffered in the opening seconds of an England appearance in September side-lined Fabian for two months.

He bounced back to contend for a place in Manuel Pellegrini's line-up, and bagged his first goal for the Blues in a 3-1 win over Southampton in September.

A popular figure with a bubbly personality, Fabian's sense of fun extended to a straight-faced appearance in an April Fool's Day prank on City TV's Nicola McCarthy.

Technically gifted with pace to boot, Leroy Sane joined City in August 2016 as one of Europe's hottest prospects.

Having attracted interest from the continent's footballing giants, the attacking midfielder made the switch from Germany to England in a bid to continue his football education.

A bright young talent, his versatility proved a major attraction. He is able to play on either wing, as well as a number 10 or even a 'false 9'.

Guardiola commented: "He has great technical ability, is very comfortable on the ball and there is much to admire about the way he plays football. He is fast, enjoys creating chances for others, works hard for the team and scores goals, too. He also has a very positive attitude and will fit in well with our squad."

Sane rose to fame after breaking through Schalke's highly respected academy to their first team in 2014. He had also enjoyed a spell with Bayer Leverkusen's youth team between spells at Schalke.

His senior debut arrived in April against VfB Stuttgart – his only appearance that year – but since then, he has blossomed, becoming a first team regular and quickly built up a reputation as a Bundesliga talent to watch.

He had already caught the eye in a visit to Manchester back in the 2014/15 season, playing for Schalke's under-19s against Patrick Vieira's City in the UEFA Youth League. The German side's best moves came through

the forward and he certainly stood out as one for the future.

As he continued to impress at senior level, he wrote his name into the history books in March 2015 with a stunning strike to edge Real Madrid in a memorable 4-3 win in the Champions League, during a season in which he made 42 appearances and scored nine goals.

Born to a rhythmic gymnast champion and a former footballer, Sane was destined for sporting greatness. With dual French and German citizenship, he had the option to represent either country, eventually opting for his birth nation Germany.

Ironically, he made his first-team debut against France in November 2015 and was called up to the Euro 2016 side which reached the semi-final stage. He follows in the footsteps of Ilkay Gundogan in making the move from Germany to Manchester and is the latest in a long tradition of German players who have graced the sky blue shirt.

Leroy made his debut away to Manchester United in September 2017 and his displays for City earned a PFA Young Player of the Year nomination.

# DAVID SILVA



**DATE OF BIRTH:**  
**8 JANUARY 1986**

**PLACE OF BIRTH:**  
**ARGUINEGUIN, SPAIN**

David Silva arrived at City in the summer of 2010, having agreed to join the Blues after the World Cup.

It would prove to be one of the most inspired purchases by the Club in the modern era.

Silva had already established himself in the national team having steadily risen through the ranks with La Roja, until he made his senior debut in November, 2006.

He scored his first goals in a 3-2 win over Greece in 2007 and played a key role in Spain's 2008 European Championship success, including a semi-final goal against Russia.

He came to prominence when Valencia loaned him to top-flight side Celta Vigo for the 2005-06 season and he hit four goals in 31 games to help clinch a UEFA Cup spot.

Silva's exploits earned him a seven-year contract at the Mestalla where he would go on to make 161 appearances over the next four seasons.

Silva quickly adjusted to the demands of English football, quickly becoming a firm crowd favourite due to his continued excellence.

Few would deny that Silva has gone on to become one of the world's best midfielders, helping his country to the Euro 2012 prize, making him a world and European champion.

His ability to cast a spell over opposition defences led to fans nicknaming him either 'Merlin' or 'El Mago' – the magician and it's no coincidence that City's most successful period has come with Silva as an integral member of the Blues' starting XI.

His first two seasons in sky blue saw him add a Premier League and FA Cup winner's medal to an already bulging collection, as well as individual honours which include a place in the PFA Premier League Team of the Year in 2012 and the City Player of the Year Award for the same season.

Silva made 41 appearances in the 2012/13 season, scoring five goals and assisting 13.

He was again at his sparkling best as City won the Premier League title in 2013/14 and was also a Capital One Cup winner as City beat Sunderland 3-1 at Wembley.

The following season saw Silva post a personal best as he bagged 12 goals in 42 games, though he would have to wait until the 2015/16 season to add another winner's medal as he was part of the team that beat Liverpool to clinch the Capital One Cup.

Silva won his 100th cap for Spain at Euro 2016 to confirm his lofty status for both club and country.

# SAMIR NASRI



**DATE OF BIRTH:**  
**26 JUNE 1987**

**PLACE OF BIRTH:**  
**MARSEILLE, FRANCE**

Born and brought up in Marseille, Samir joined his hometown club at the age of nine and rose through the youth ranks before making his senior debut aged 17.

His relatively tender years were no barrier to Samir and he quickly established himself in the Marseille first team, playing in a central role behind two strikers.

He was named as Ligue 1's Young Player of the Year for 2006/07, and he made his senior international debut against Austria in March 2007 after playing for France at a succession of youth levels.

His rapid progress made it inevitable that major clubs around Europe would look in Samir's direction, and he joined Arsenal in the summer of 2008 after representing France at the European Championships.

Adapting to the demands of English football proved to be no problem, and Samir made a fine start to his career at the Emirates Stadium, scoring on his Barclays Premier League debut against West Brom in Arsenal's opening match of the 2008/09 season.

Equally capable either out wide or in the middle, Samir was named as the French Player of the Year for 2010.

He was an instant hit at City following his move from Arsenal in August 2011, adding balance to a mouth-watering midfield trio that also included Yaya Toure and David Silva. Together they provided an irresistible attacking unit that helped secure the 2011/12 Premier League title.

# FERNANDINHO



**DATE OF BIRTH:**  
**4 MAY 1985**

**PLACE OF BIRTH:**  
**LONDRINA, BRAZIL**

Fernandinho is the consummate midfield anchor man. Although his main role is as a defensive midfielder, the Brazil international can also play in an advanced role and chips in with his quota of goals each season making him a threat to the opposition in both halves of the field.

Swapping Ukraine for Manchester in 2013, Fernandinho made an immediate impact, becoming a key piece of the jigsaw in the Club's engine room and making 41 appearances as City lifted the Premier League title and Capital One Cup.

He quickly became a fans' favourite and his move to Manchester reignited his international career that had been dormant for several years during his time in the Ukraine.

Establishing a reputation as one of Brazil's most promising young talents during three years with Atletico Paranaense, 'Ferna' played a key role in his country's World Youth Championship triumph of 2003.

Seizing the opportunity to further his career in Europe, he signed for Shakhtar Donetsk in 2005. A world away from Brazil in distance, culture and climate, Fernandinho overcame a number of a number of hurdles to establish himself with his new club.

Somewhat off the radar in Ukraine, he remained with Shakhtar for eight years, winning 14 medals including the UEFA Cup and six Ukrainian Premier League titles, while honing his craft on the Champions League stage.

His early success with City helped Fernandinho earn a starting berth for Brazil in time for the 2014 World Cup and by 2016 he had added 21 more caps to the five he'd previously won.

Ferna was one of the first names on the team-sheet for the 2014/15 campaign and though it didn't result in any silverware, he made 43 appearances and enjoyed yet another solid campaign.

His third season would see Ferna repeat his 2013/14 stats – 46 appearances and 5 goals – but he would be integral in helping the Blues win the Capital One Cup, scoring the opening goal against Liverpool in normal time though he missed a penalty in the ensuing shoot-out.

# YAYA TOURE



**DATE OF BIRTH:**  
**13 MAY 1983**

**PLACE OF BIRTH:**  
**SEKOURA BOUAKE, COTE D'IVOIRE**

Yaya began his career as a youth with Ivorian side ASEC Mimosas in 1996 before he moved to Beveren aged 18 in 2001, spending two full seasons with the Belgian side before joining Ukrainian side Metalurg Donetsk in 2003.

After further spells with Olympiakos and Monaco enhanced his reputation yet further, Yaya became the first Ivorian to be signed by Barcelona who paid around £9m for his services in 2007.

In 2009, he won the Champions League with the Catalans, employed by Pep Guardiola as an emergency centre-half and he celebrated his second successive La Liga title with Barca before jetting off to South Africa for the 2010 World Cup, his second having been part of the 2006 squad in Germany.

After 118 appearances with the Spanish giants and almost 300 career appearances under his belt, he agreed to move to City where he would become one of the most influential midfielders the Club has ever had.

He chose the No.42 shirt in honour of one of his idols Patrick Vieira, who was still wearing the No.24 jersey at City, Yaya's first campaign with the Blues saw him inspire the Club to a first major trophy for 35 years.

The Ivorian scored the goal that settled the Manchester derby FA Cup semi-final at Wembley and it was Yaya again who scored the winner in the final against Stoke.

Yaya was inspirational again in the 2011/12 season, continuing his knack of making key contributions at crucial moments.

He scored vital goals against Newcastle in City's penultimate game of the season to put Roberto Mancini's men within touching distance of the league crown, which, of course, the Blues dramatically won a week later.

The multiple African Footballer of the Year was named in the PFA Premier League Team of the Year in 2012 and in 2012/13 he scored 10 goals in 32 appearances.

He easily surpassed that figure in a monumental 2013/14 title-winning campaign, with his 24 goals from 49 games deservedly winning him the Manchester City Player of the Year award.

His spectacular goal in the Capital One Cup final that season was also among the best seen at the new Wembley Stadium.

Though no silverware followed in 2014/15, Yaya still contributed to finishing runners-up with 12 goals from 37 appearances, and in 2015/16, he found the net eight times in 42 matches.

A man for the big occasion, Yaya's contribution at City has been immense and he richly deserves his place among the Club's all-time greats.

# ALEIX GARCIA



**DATE OF BIRTH:**  
**28 JUNE 1997**

**PLACE OF BIRTH:**  
**ULLDECONA, SPAIN**

Aleix Garcia joined City on 27 August 2015.

He has represented Spain at u16, u17 and u18 level and made his senior first-team debut for Villarreal at the end of the 2014/15 season.

A regular for Villarreal's B and C teams, Aleix made his first La Liga appearance on 23 May 2015 against Athletic Bilbao.

Aleix scored twice in his two games for Spain under-18s in 2015 and he went on to make his City debut against Chelsea in the FA Cup in February 2016.

After his nomination for EDS Player of the Year in 2015/16, Aleix joined the first team on their pre-season tour of Munich and China where he featured against the likes of Bayern Munich and Borussia Dortmund.

He won promotion to the senior squad for the start of the

2016/17 campaign and gave a starring role in the 2-1 EFL Cup win over Swansea City, scoring his first goal for the Club in the process.

He will look to continue progressing throughout the 2017/18 campaign after making great progress in 16/17.

# BERNARDO SILVA



**DATE OF BIRTH:**  
**10 AUGUST 1994**

**PLACE OF BIRTH:**  
**LISBON, PORTUGAL**

Silva made 51 appearances last season, scoring 10 goals and assisting a further 10, making him one of Europe's most sought-after playmakers.

He made his senior international debut for Portugal in 2015 in a game against Cape Verde and already has 12 caps.

The agreement between City and Silva comes amid interest in the player from a host of top Clubs across Europe.

Bernardo Silva arrived in July having just helped the French side to the Ligue 1 title and the Champions League semi-finals.

He began his career at Benfica, where he impressed for their B side in the Segunda Division, and in the summer of 2013 he went to the Under 19 European Championships where he was named in the top 10 talents by UEFA reporters after helping Portugal to the semi-finals of the competition.

He moved to Monaco in 2014 on a season-long loan move having made three appearances for Benfica's first team – but so impressive were his displays in France, the deal was made permanent six months into the agreement.

Silva's guile helped them finish third in Ligue 1 and reach the quarter-finals of the Champions League, where they beat Arsenal in the last 16 after a brilliant first-leg victory at the Emirates put them in a commanding position.

Having finished third in Ligue 1 again the following season, Leonardo Jardim's attacking revolution began to gather pace in 2016/17.

Alongside the likes of Radamel Falcao, Fabinho, Benjamin Mendy, Thomas Lemar and Kylian Mbappe, Silva was instrumental in Monaco winning the French title and reaching the Champions League semi-finals.

# OLEKSANDR ZINCHENKO



**DATE OF BIRTH:**  
**15 DECEMBER 1996**

**PLACE OF BIRTH:**  
**RADOMYSHL, UKRAINE**

Widely regarded as the most talented Ukrainian of his generation, Oleksandr Zinchenko has taken the road less travelled to City.

After leaving Ukrainian giants Shakhtar Donetsk in 2014, the midfielder moved to Russian side FC Ufa.

During his two years in Russia, Zinchenko helped his club avoid relegation twice but it is on the international stage where the 19-year-old has made the biggest impact.

After being included in the Team of the Tournament for both the 2013 U17 and 2015 U19 European Championships, Zinchenko's talent became clear.

His precise passing and quick thinking have led experts to draw comparisons with some of Europe's great midfielders including Cesc Fabregas, the Ukrainian's idol.

Zinchenko's performances caught the eye of Ukraine boss Mykhaylo Fomenko and he went on to become the third-youngest debutant in Ukraine's history last October behind legends Andriy Shevchenko and Sergei Rebrov.

The midfielder even broke Shevchenko's record as the nation's youngest-ever scorer when he netted in a EURO 2016 warm-up match against Romania.

He was rewarded with a place in his country's EURO 2016 squad and despite a group stage elimination, Zinchenko yet again impressed experts.

After attracting the interest of several major clubs in Europe Zinchenko chose City, with his agent citing the player's desire to work with Pep Guardiola.

# BRAHIM DIAZ



**DATE OF BIRTH:**  
**3 AUGUST 1999**

**PLACE OF BIRTH:**  
**MÁLAGA, SPAIN**

Having swapped Malaga for City as a 14-year-old, midfielder Brahim Diaz has progressed rapidly through the ranks at the City Football Academy.

The fleetfooted playmaker enjoyed a fruitful time in the Academy, before making his first team debut and signing his maiden professional contract last season.

A 1-1 draw with Liverpool in November 2015 marked the then 16-year-old's debut for the U18s, registering his first goal three weeks later in the 2-2 draw with Blackburn.

He ended his first year as an Academy scholar with silverware as he helped Jason Wilcox's side to the Barclays U18 Premier League title.

Brahim continued to impress that summer, at the European U17 Championships with Spain, netting three goals during the tournament, including one in the final as the young Spaniards finished runners-up to Portugal.

Early in the 2016/17 campaign Pep Guardiola named Diaz in his matchday squad for the first time on 21 September against Swansea in the EFL Cup.

The manager introduced him from the bench for the final 10 minutes of the 2-1 victory, to hand Brahim his City debut aged just 17 years and 49 days old.

In what proved to be a landmark week, the young man from Malaga penned his maiden professional contract five days later.

# PHIL FODEN



**DATE OF BIRTH:**  
**28 MAY 2000**

**PLACE OF BIRTH:**  
**MANCHESTER,  
ENGLAND**

Phil joined City at U9 level and signed his Academy scholarship in July 2016.

His left foot and ability to glide past opponents have seen the Stockport-born playmaker excel at every level, a trend which continued last season with the U18s.

Utilised in both centre midfield or from a wide position, his eye for a searching pass made him an integral cog for the young Blues.

This creativity is complimented with his keen eye for a goal and the 17-year-old found the net with regularity in the 2016/17 U18 Premier League campaign.

His 11 goals from midfield proved invaluable and included crucial strikes against Liverpool, Middlesbrough and in both the home and away games against Manchester United.

Pep Guardiola rewarded the youngster's form by naming him in the first team squad for the final Champions League group stage game against Celtic in December 2016.

After that, the midfielder was back making an impression in the FA Youth Cup run. He kicked off with a goal in the 4-0 third round win against Reading and scored a fine goal – displaying that talent for ghosting past opponents – in the 6-0 semi-final victory over Stoke.

At international level, Phil joined team-mates Curtis Anderson, Joel Latibeaudiere and Jadon Sancho in the England squad for the European U17 Championships, scoring in the final as the Young Lions suffered a penalty defeat at the hands of Spain.

Phil will be part of the first team squad for the US tour of the United States this summer.

# PATRICK ROBERTS



**DATE OF BIRTH:**  
**5 FEBRUARY 1997**

**PLACE OF BIRTH:**  
**KINGSTON UPON THAMES,  
UNITED KINGDOM**

He was promoted to the first team shortly after and his performances during April earned him the Scottish Player of the Month award as well as earning him a legion of new admirers north of the border.

He ended the 2015/16 season with an impressive return of seven goals in 12 games that helped Celtic clinch the Scottish Premiership title.

He remained on loan at Celtic for the 2016/17 campaign, playing against the Blues in the Celtic Park Champions League tie as a second-half sub in a 3-3 draw. He scored against City in the return game at the Etihad before going on to be part of Celtic's invincible, title-winning squad that season.

Patrick Roberts is one of the brightest young English wingers to emerge in recent seasons.

Before joining City in July 2015, he had made just 19 appearances for Fulham's first-team, having helped the Cottagers to success at youth level and establishing himself for England youth.

Born in south-west London, the starlet made the move from Wimbledon to Craven Cottage, where he would spend five years. He made his senior debut in March 2014, after his manager Felix Magath hailed him "an extraordinary talent".

Prior to that, he had starred for the under-18s in their Premier League title triumphs of 2011/12 and 2012/13, earning rave reviews for his dazzling wing play.

Versatile as well as skilful, Roberts can play either in midfield or as a second striker and he showed a glimpse of his talent when he scored a stunning solo goal against Juventus for City's EDS team.

After making three substitute appearances for the Blues, the decision was taken to allow Roberts to gain more first team experience and he was loaned to Glasgow Celtic for 18 months.

He made an instant impression at Parkhead, starting for Celtic's Under-20s as he made three goals and scored another in a 4-0 win over Motherwell.

# JADON SANCHO



**DATE OF BIRTH:**  
**25 MARCH 2000**

**PLACE OF BIRTH:**  
**?, ENGLAND**

Despite his tender age, Sancho played a huge part in the U18s success last season.

Signed from Watford, Jadon made his debut for the U18s in the 2-0 win against Stoke City at the back end of September, coming on to replace Javairo Dilrosun in the second half.

His first full appearance for Jason Wilcox's side came in October 2015 as he grabbed a brace in the 6-1 win against Newcastle United, earning rave reviews for his performance.

Combining his appearances with a starring role in the undefeated U16s side in the 2015/16 season, the 16-year old stepped up his game for the latter stages of the Barclays U18 Premier League campaign and ended the season in fine form.

His double against Blackburn Rovers in late April, combined with one against Fulham, ensured he would end the season on a high with seven goals in four starts for Jason Wilcox's side as they claimed the Barclays U18 Premier League title.

Jadon became an integral member of the team that won the U18 North title and reached the final of the 2017 FA Youth Cup. He has also featured in Simon Davies' EDS squad in both the UEFA Youth League and Premier League 2.

During the summer of 2017, he won the prestigious Golden Player award at the UEFA European Under-17 Championships after a superb tournament with England.

Sancho was directly involved in 10 of the 15 goals England scored on their way to the final in Croatia.



# STRIKERS

# SERGIO AGUERO



**DATE OF BIRTH:**  
**2 JUNE 1988**

**PLACE OF BIRTH:**  
**QUILMA, ARGENTINA**

His professional career started in July 2003 when, aged just 15 years and 13 days, he made his debut for Independiente, becoming the youngest debutant in the Argentine Premier League - a record previously held by the man who became his future father-in-law, none other than Diego Maradona.

Aguero won the Under-20 World Cup with Argentina in 2005, before combining with Fernando Torres at Atletico Madrid the following year.

His excellent club form was rewarded with a first Argentina cap in September 2006 and a year later, Aguero was the outstanding player at the 2007 Under-20 World Cup winning both the Golden Boot and Golden Ball awards, 'El Kun' scored six goals in seven games to clinch successive Under-20 World titles.

Aguero continued to thrive at Atletico and was named La Liga's best foreign player in 2008 – the only time in four years that Lionel Messi was not awarded the honour – before landing an Olympic gold medal with Argentina in 2008.

Appearances at the 2010 World Cup and 2011 Copa America established Aguero as a permanent fixture in the national side, and his arrival at Etihad Stadium in July 2011 broke the Club's transfer record.

He didn't take long to announce himself at City, scoring twice on his debut against Swansea, ending his debut season with a superb tally of 30 goals.

# GABRIEL JESUS



**DATE OF BIRTH:**  
**3 APRIL 1997**

**PLACE OF BIRTH:**  
**SÃO PAULO, BRAZIL**

It's unlikely that Gabriel Jesus will be fazed by his new glamorous surroundings in Manchester as the 19-year-old has already played alongside major names in some of the biggest matches in world football.

Jesus has lead the line for Brazil in matches such as the 3-0 thrashing of Argentina in November alongside the likes of Barcelona's Neymar and Liverpool's Philippe Coutinho.

Palmeiras are not only one of the biggest clubs in the vast metropolis of Sao Paulo, they are the most successful team in the history of Brazil's national championship with nine titles. However, before Jesus' talent inspired the club to glory in this year's Serie A, they had not lifted the title since 1994.

The new City striker's blistering form during 2015 not only saw his Palmeiras side lift the Copa do Brasil trophy, he was also chosen as the winner of the prestigious 'Best Newcomer' award in Brazilian football.

Having been likened to many of the great Brazilian attacking talents of the last decade including Neymar and Robinho, Gabriel Jesus has really gripped the imagination of the Brazilian public.

He joined City in January 2017 and made an impressive start before a metatarsal injury ruled him out for 10 weeks.

# KELECHI IHEANACHO



**DATE OF BIRTH:**  
**3 OCTOBER 1996**

**PLACE OF BIRTH:**  
**IMO, NIGERIA**

Kelechi Iheanacho first rose to prominence during the Club's 2014 summer tour of the USA where the youngster caught the eye with a string of fine performances.

With six goals and seven assists at the 2013 FIFA U17 World Cup, Iheanacho was one of the most promising talents to come out of Africa for many years, but it was City who moved quickly to secure his services.

His sizeable contribution for Nigeria saw him named the U17 World Cup's best player, earning him the coveted Golden Ball trophy.

After injuries ruled the Nigerian out of much of the 2014/15 season, he returned to score in the FA Youth Cup final against Chelsea and then followed this up with the only goal in the International Premier League Cup final win over FC Porto, landing his first honour with the club in the process.

Kelechi continued his hot scoring streak for the EDS in the final weeks of the season, netting twice against champions Manchester United in the final league game to take his tally to six in seven games.

By the start of the 2015/16 season, the talented teenager had done enough to impress manager Manuel Pellegrini that there was no need to replace outgoing strikers Edin Dzeko and Stevan Jovetic, and he didn't disappoint in a superb first season at senior level.

# WILFRIED BONY



**DATE OF BIRTH:**  
**10 DECEMBER 1988**

**PLACE OF BIRTH:**  
**BINGERVILLE,  
COTE D'IVOIRE**

Wilfried Bony joined City in January 2015 having impressed for Swansea City since his arrival in South Wales in 2013.

The Ivorian netted 25 goals for the Swans in 54 appearances, with three coming against City over two meetings.

After the clash at the Liberty Stadium on New Year's Day 2014, Manuel Pellegrini declared his admiration for two-goal Bony, describing him as a "very good striker."

Hailed as one of the most powerful forwards around, the forward was targeted as the perfect solution to the Blues' striker shortage.

Born in Bingerville, he played street football from a young age before joining the Cyrille Domoraud Academy.

He signed his first professional contract with Issia Wazi in the Côte d'Ivoire's Premier Division and remained at the club until Sparta Prague B signed him on loan in 2007.

Having impressed at B level for his part in securing the Bohemian Football League championship, he was rewarded with a full contract with the first-team and went on to net 22 goals in 59 games, prompting Vitesse to snap him up in 2011.

He enjoyed another fruitful period with the Dutch side, ending the 2012/13 season as the Eredivisie's top scorer, clinching the league's Golden Shoe award and attracting Swansea's interest in the process.



# CITY FOOTBALL ACADEMY

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Since then more than 30 young players have emerged from the Academy to play first-team football for Manchester City, including the likes of Shaun Wright-Phillips, Micah Richards and England striker Daniel Sturridge.

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Manchester City's community story began in 1880 when the Connell family of St Mark's Church in Gorton harnessed the power of football in a bid to unite their community.

By providing the opportunity to regularly play the beautiful game, they generated a positive change in behaviours and attitudes in a neighbourhood that was experiencing a range of social issues.

It is this philosophy and spirit that still runs through all the day-to-day activity of Manchester City's foundation, City in the Community.

Established in 1986, City in the Community has been using the power of football to create opportunities, build futures, and touch lives in a unique way.

By placing the game at the heart of its plans the Club's Foundation makes a big difference to local employment, crime prevention, social inclusion and the health and wellbeing of fans, friends and neighbours.

To celebrate the foundation's 30-year anniversary, this year City in the Community are investing £2.5 million back into the local community, delivering 30,000

hours of initiatives and are engaging with 6,000 children every week, aiming to help 50,000 people across the city get a better shot at life.

However, it's not just Manchester where City in the Community programmes continue to go from strength to strength.

We've also seen the global impact grow in cities both where we have Clubs and further afield. City currently supports young leaders in 12 cities around the world, who are delivering community football projects to tackle social issues in their communities.

Since 2014, City's annual Young Leaders Summit has been held at City Football Academy, bringing together its network of young leaders to Manchester for a week-long community football and leadership programme.

During June, more than 50 young leaders from 12 global cities took part in a variety of on and off-the-pitch workshops, in partnership with Etihad Airways. These sessions were devised to develop and enhance the participants' leadership and community football coaching skills.

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