

ARSENAL CUP FINAL MIRROR

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ARSENAL, THIS IS YOUR YEAR!

ARSENAL'S players carry the memory like a deep scar. The memory of a day that left them feeling as empty as a discarded beer can on the Wembley terraces.

There isn't one of them who wants to go through the ordeal again.

It was Sunday, May 7, the morning after last year's FA Cup final.

Arsenal had lost 1-0 to Ipswich, and centre half David O'Leary will always remember some of the most miserable moments he has known.

"We went back to Highbury to meet the fans and tour the area on an open-top bus," he recalls.

"It was awful. We were empty-headed. We'd lost and we felt lost. We had let the supporters down and we knew it. I returned home, put on the television, and there — on the news — Ipswich were parading the Cup in front of 100,000 people.

"There is no way I want to experience that hollow feeling again."

The determination of the best centre half in Britain not to repeat the depressing process a second time is matched by every other Arsenal player. Last year I went for Ipswich to

YOUR YEAR!



By HARRY MILLER

went at Wembley because I sensed the Highbury mood wasn't right. Injuries had left them deflated and on edge.

This year there has been a buoyancy about Arsenal. They have been wearing the smiles of men who know they are winners.

Liam Brady's ability to dictate the midfield and dominate what should be a cracking final is only one of the reasons why I feel this will be Arsenal's year.

Frankie Brady fluffed out of last season's final before the end and accepts he should not really have

played. "This time I feel fit and I feel good," he says. "And there isn't the tension in the camp that there was last time a year ago."

I believe Arsenal not only have the better balance in midfield... they also have the vital edge up front.

The power of Frank Stapleton and the skill of bargain-buy Alan Sunderland have moulded into an impressive strike force.

I disregard Arsenal's poor run of results leading up to this particular Wembley. Terry Neal, the gentle defender, and Don Howe, the ace planner, have surely got it right this time.

That is why I have to put aside the years I have known Manchester United manager Dave Sexton as a good and valued friend.

I will feel for him in defeat—even if it needs a Thursday replay to confirm it—but I cannot see Arsenal slipping up this year.

It will be a different sort of Sunday for O'Leary and his mates tomorrow.



The smiles of Arsenal star David O'Leary and girl-friend Joy Lewis should still be there tomorrow.

Picture: MONTE FRESCO

RED ALERT FOR GUNNERS?

Back your judgement today with Mecca Bookmakers Cup Final bets.

Today's Match odds

8/5 Arsenal 11/5 Draw Man. Utd. 8/5

Correct score

Arsenal to win

| | | | | | |
|------|-----|------|-----|-------|-----|
| 8/1 | 1-0 | 33/1 | 3-0 | 100/1 | 4-0 |
| 12/1 | 2-0 | 22/1 | 3-1 | 66/1 | 4-1 |
| 10/1 | 2-1 | 33/1 | 3-2 | 100/1 | 4-2 |

Man. Utd. to win

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|------|-----|------|-----|-------|-----|
| 8/1 | 1-0 | 33/1 | 3-0 | 100/1 | 4-0 |
| 12/1 | 2-0 | 22/1 | 3-1 | 66/1 | 4-1 |
| 10/1 | 2-1 | 33/1 | 3-2 | 100/1 | 4-2 |

Draw odds

| | | | | | |
|-----|-----|-------|-----|------|-----|
| 8/1 | 0-0 | 13/2 | 1-1 | 16/1 | 2-2 |
| | | 100/1 | 3-3 | | |

Double result forecast

Result in Arsenal-Bristol City game.

| | | | |
|------|---------|-------|---------|
| 7/2 | Arsenal | | Arsenal |
| 12/1 | Arsenal | | Draw |
| 33/1 | Arsenal | | Man Utd |
| 6/1 | Draw | | Arsenal |
| 9/2 | Draw | | Draw |
| 6/1 | Draw | | Man Utd |
| 33/1 | Man Utd | | Arsenal |
| 12/1 | Man Utd | | Draw |
| 7/2 | Man Utd | | Man Utd |

Bets on double result to be made play and 15/2 on each half if not started.

First player to score

| | | | | | |
|------|--------------|------|--------------|------|---------|
| 7/1 | Stapleton | 25/1 | McQueen | 40/1 | O'Leary |
| 8/1 | J. Greenhoff | 25/1 | Price | 50/1 | Nelson |
| 8/1 | Jordan | 25/1 | Rix | 50/1 | Walford |
| 8/1 | Sunderland | 25/1 | Talbot | 66/1 | Aspin |
| 12/1 | Brady | 25/1 | Thomas | 66/1 | Buchan |
| 12/1 | Coppe | 33/1 | Young | 66/1 | Nicholl |
| 18/1 | Mason | 40/1 | B. Greenhoff | 66/1 | Rice |
| 25/1 | Mulvey | | | | |

15/2 No Goalscorer

Own goals do not count in final player to score bets. Extra time, penalties, and replays not covered. Bets on first player to score void if the match or substitute taking the field after the FA Cup final is not started.

On the above bets EXTRA TIME Bets not covered, available for the replay only. A 20% commission will be charged on all bets.

Team to win the FA Cup outright (whenever decided)
10/11 Arsenal 10/11 Man. Utd.

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ROAD TO WEMBLEY

ARSENAL

Third round: Sheffield Wednesday (A) 1-1.

Replay: (H) 1-1.

Second replay: (at Leicester) 2-2.

Third replay: (at Leicester) 3-3.

Fourth replay: (at Leicester) 2-0.

Fourth round: Notts County (H) 2-0.

Fifth round: Nottingham Forest (A) 0-1.

Sixth round: Southampton (A) 1-1. Replay: (H) 2-0.

Semi-final: Wolves 2-0 (Villa Park).

Goalscorers: Stapleton 5, Sunderland 5, Brady 2, Young 2, Gating 1, Price 1, Talbot 1.

MAN. UNITED

Third round: Chelsea (H) 3-0.

Fourth round: Fulham (A) 1-1. Replay: (H) 1-0.

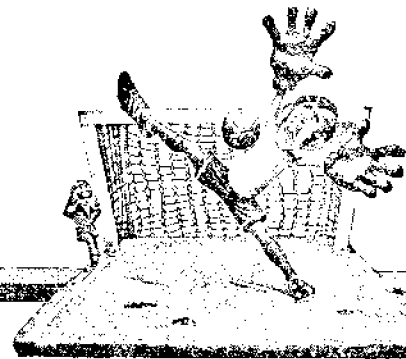
Fifth round: Colchester (A) 0-1.

Sixth round: Tottenham (A) 1-1. Replay: (H) 2-0.

Semi-final: Liverpool 2-2 (at Maine Road).

Replay (at Goodison Park) 1-0.

Goalscorers: J. Greenhoff 5, Jordan 2, Coppell 1, B. Greenhoff 1, Grimes 1, McIlroy 1, Thomas 1.



Your final chance.

Make the most of today's cup final.

8/5 Arsenal 11/5 Draw Man. Utd 8/5

Singles and doubles accepted

CORRECT SCORE

| Arsenal to win | | | Man. Utd. to win | | |
|----------------|---------|--------|------------------|---------|--------|
| 7-1-0 | 100-4-0 | 66-4-1 | 7-1-0 | 100-4-0 | 66-4-1 |
| 12-2-0 | 10-2-1 | 33-3-2 | 12-2-0 | 10-2-1 | 33-3-2 |
| 40-3-0 | 22-3-1 | 66-4-3 | 40-3-0 | 22-3-1 | 66-4-3 |

ODDS FOR THE DRAW

| | | | |
|-------|--------|--------|--------|
| 8-0-0 | 13-2-1 | 16-2-2 | 66-4-3 |
|-------|--------|--------|--------|

RESULTS AT HALF-TIME AND FULL-TIME

| Result at half-time | Result at full-time | Result at half-time | Result at full-time |
|--------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| 10/3 MAN. U. ... MAN. U. | 9/2 DRAW ... DRAW | 14 ARSENAL ... DRAW | 33 MAN. U. ARSENAL |
| 6 DRAW ... MAN. U. | 14 ARSENAL ... DRAW | 33 ARSENAL ... MAN. U. | 6 DRAW ... ARSENAL |
| 33 ARSENAL ... MAN. U. | 33 MAN. U. ARSENAL | 14 MAN. U. ... DRAW | 10/3 ARSENAL ARSENAL |

Bets on Double at half-time and full-time play are void if one half is not started. All above bets cancel if one half score stands. Postponed match bets stand EXTRA TIME DOES NOT COUNT.

TO WIN THE CUP OUTRIGHT

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