

# THE FA CUP WITH BUDWEISER FINAL 2013

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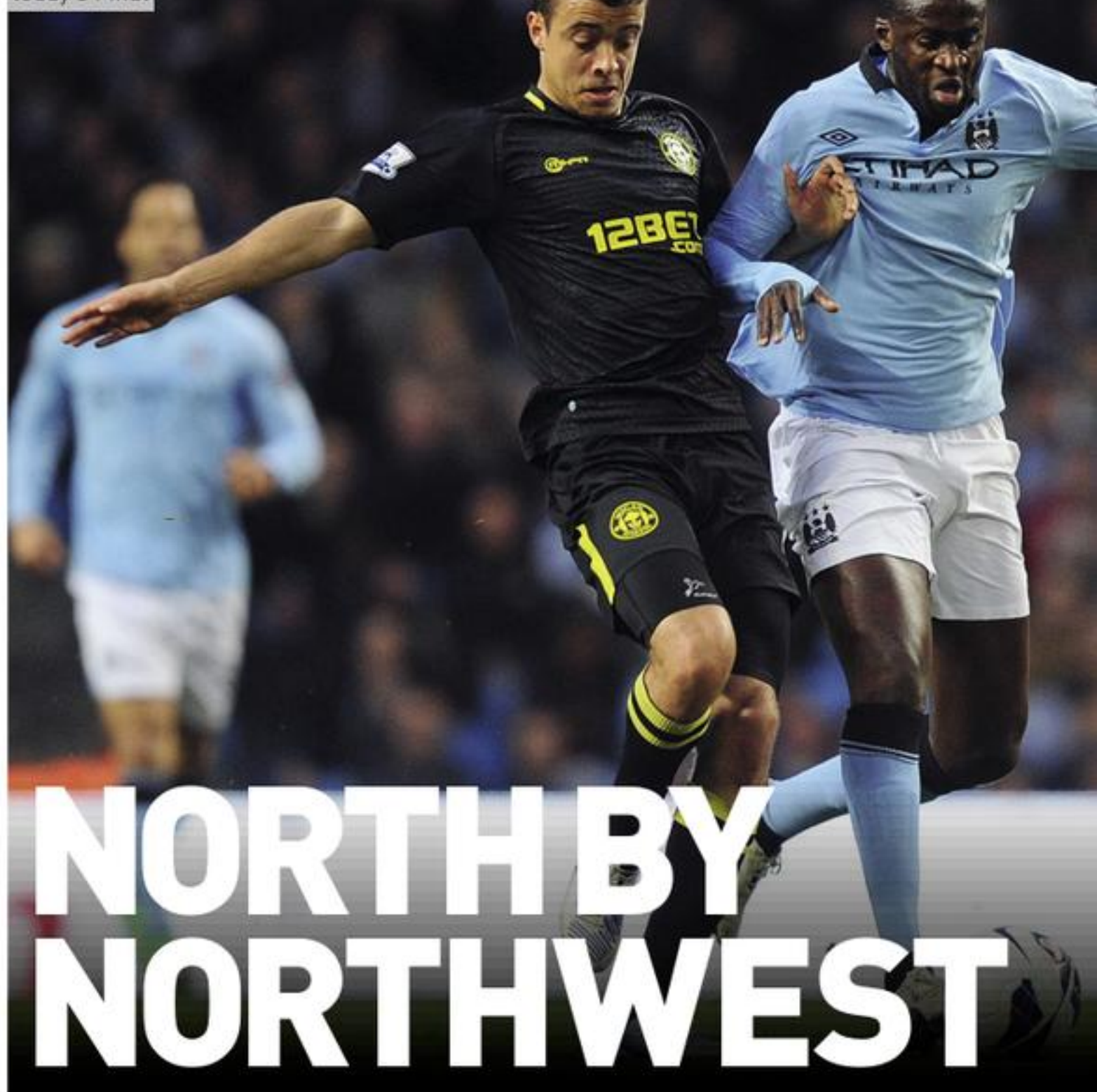
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Manchester City are aiming for a third major trophy in as many

Manchester City have the bragging rights going into today's Final



**Both Manchester City and Wigan Athletic** have reserved their best form for this season's FA Cup competition.

For City, it is the club's second Cup Final appearance in three seasons following their 1-0 victory over Stoke in 2011. That was City's first FA Cup success since 1969 but that Wembley win – courtesy of Yaya Toure's strike on 74 minutes – provided the spur for the club's successful assault on the Premier League title 12 months later.

Wigan are currently in uncharted territory. Roberto Martinez's side had never reached an FA Cup Semi-Final before this season, but the competition itself holds a special place in the Spaniard's heart. Back in 1995 Martinez became the first Spanish player ever to score in the competition in a First Round tie against Runcorn. Both club and manager have come a long way since but the Latics boss still has both feet firmly on the ground.

"Since arriving in England all those years ago, I have come to appreciate The FA Cup as the greatest cup

competition in the world for its tradition and format, and this season it has provided us with a special journey," he said.

This afternoon he has the opportunity to provide that journey with a dream ending, although Manchester City will offer a formidable barrier at Wembley.

If the pair's clashes in the Premier League give us any clues, then Wigan's task will be as tough as it gets. Goals from Mario Balotelli and James Milner sealed a 2-0 win at the DW Stadium in November while City made it a Premier League double last month when Carlos Tevez struck with just seven minutes remaining of the sides' meeting at The Etihad.

"Tonight was very difficult because I think they played very well, I'm sure The FA Cup Final will be different," said Mancini after squeezing past Martinez's men in April.

With City chasing their sixth FA Cup crown and Wigan their first at Wembley this afternoon, events are likely to be anything but predictable.





years, whereas first-time Finalists Wigan Athletic are here to cap an historic FA Cup run



# Man in the middle

Birmingham FA's Andre Marriner takes charge of today's prestigious fixture

Andre Marriner will complete a hat-trick of Wembley Stadium appearances this afternoon as The Cup Final referee. The 42-year old has previously taken charge of Manchester United v Chelsea in the 2010 Community Shield and the Championship Play-Off Final between Cardiff City and Blackpool earlier that year. Marriner was also fourth official for the 2011 FA Cup Final.

Joining his team of match officials are Assistant Referees Stephen Child (London FA) and Simon Long (Cornwall FA) while Anthony Taylor (Cheshire FA) is the Fourth Official. Gary Beswick (Durham FA) will be the Reserve Assistant Referee.

"It's a great honour to be asked to referee The FA Cup Final, especially as it coincides with the 150th anniversary of The Football Association," said the Birmingham official.

"To be involved in The FA Cup Final is ultimately every schoolboy's dream and, as an occasion, they don't come much bigger.

"I'll approach The Final as I would any other fixture but obviously the whole event is on a completely different scale as it is the biggest club game in world football."

The Chairman of The FA's Referees Committee David Elleray added: "All five



Marriner makes his third appearance at Wembley Stadium

selected officials have shown excellent form for several seasons and have a great deal of experience in important matches.

"Andre has a long and impressive record of officiating successfully in high-profile matches in the Premier League, FA Cup and

for UEFA and FIFA. He reaches the pinnacle of his domestic career with a wealth of experience which makes him an excellent choice for this FA Cup Final in The FA's 150th anniversary year."

An interview with Andre Marriner can be seen at [TheFA.com/TheFACup](http://TheFA.com/TheFACup)



## VITAL STATISTICS

Carlos Tevez has netted seven goals in 12 appearances against the Latics (all in the Premier League).

**The Manchester giants have scored in each of their last 18 FA Cup games. Only Chelsea, who City beat in The Semi-Final, are currently on a longer scoring run in the competition (30 games).**

Roberto Martinez's charges have only conceded one goal in their last five FA Cup games and only two overall in this campaign.

**However, City have shipped just one goal in this season's FA Cup campaign, a joint-low figure.**

Only beaten Semi-Finalists Chelsea (17) can better City's haul of 15 goals in The FA Cup this season.

## Whelan to lead out Latics

Wigan Athletic chairman, Dave Whelan, has been given special dispensation to lead the Latics out before kick-off today.

Whelan famously broke a leg in the first half of the 1960 FA Cup Final and was immediately rushed to hospital where he was later informed that his Blackburn Rovers side had lost 3-0 to



Wolverhampton Wanderers.

Whelan, now 76, said: "I would like to thank The FA for giving the club permission to let me lead out the team on such an historic occasion alongside our manager Roberto Martinez. It will not only be a very proud moment for me, but also for the club and the whole town of Wigan."





# ROAD TO WEMBLEY

The teams Manchester City and Wigan Athletic defeated to reach The Final



Attendance: 46,821

**MANCHESTER CITY 3-0 WATFORD**

## FA Cup Third Round

"We didn't take our chances. I'm not saying we could have won, we were playing the champions after all, but we could have made it closer."

**Gianfranco Zola, Watford manager**

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Attendance: 8,199

**WIGAN ATHLETIC 1-1 AFC BOURNEMOUTH**

## FA Cup Third Round

"I was pleased with Roman Golobart and Angelo Henriquez on his debut. We've spent lots on a facility to develop young players, now we need to give them opportunities."

**Roberto Martinez, Wigan Athletic manager**

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Attendance: 8,890

**AFC BOURNEMOUTH 0-1 WIGAN ATHLETIC**

## FA Cup Third Round Replay

"Bournemouth deserve huge credit over the two games in the manner they play football. We knew we had to be very professional, really strong and I couldn't be more proud of my players."

**Roberto Martinez, Wigan Athletic manager**

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Attendance: 19,814

**STOKE CITY 0-1 MANCHESTER CITY**

## FA Cup Fourth Round

"We knew it was going to be difficult. The ball is going to come into the box and you're going to have to compete for first balls, second balls all day, but I thought we did it well."

**David Platt, Manchester City assistant manager**

**MACCLESFIELD TOWN 0-1 WIGAN ATHLETIC**

## FA Cup Fourth Round

"We didn't expect an easy game and Macclesfield were really strong. They're an impressive team, the cohesion between them is very unusual for this level."

**Roberto Martinez, Wigan Athletic manager**



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Attendance: 46,849

**MANCHESTER CITY 4-0 LEEDS UNITED****FA Cup Fifth Round**

"I thought we had a go, and we didn't sit back and defend. We tried to go forward as much as we could, but they have such good players."

**Neil Warnock, Leeds United manager**

Attendance: 12,117

**HUDDERSFIELD TOWN 1-4 WIGAN ATHLETIC****FA Cup Fifth Round**

"You know that they're going to stretch you and pass the ball and find spare men. If you can't get into the right areas to stop them, you're going to come a cropper."

**Mark Robins, Huddersfield Town manager****9  
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Attendance: 46,728

**MANCHESTER CITY 5-0 BARNESLEY****FA Cup Sixth Round**

"I've got a dressing room of players who are all in agreement we've come up against world stars. They are a team that has everything. We tried to get in them and around them and tried to get near them, and we couldn't."

**Garry Flitcroft, Barnsley manager**

Attendance: 35,068

**EVERTON 0-3 WIGAN ATHLETIC****FA Cup Sixth Round**

"I thought the performance was outstanding, from the keeper all the way through. To come to Goodison Park, to be able to score three goals and keep a clean sheet speaks volumes."

**Roberto Martinez, Wigan Athletic manager****13  
APR**

Attendance: 62,335

**MILLWALL 0-2 WIGAN ATHLETIC****FA Cup Semi-Final**

"It's a sense of relief more than anything, I think it'll take a few days to sink in and the realisation that there will be a Cup Final at the end of it. To score that first goal took the pressure off and let us play our football. We hope this spurs us on."

**Shaun Maloney, Wigan Athletic****14  
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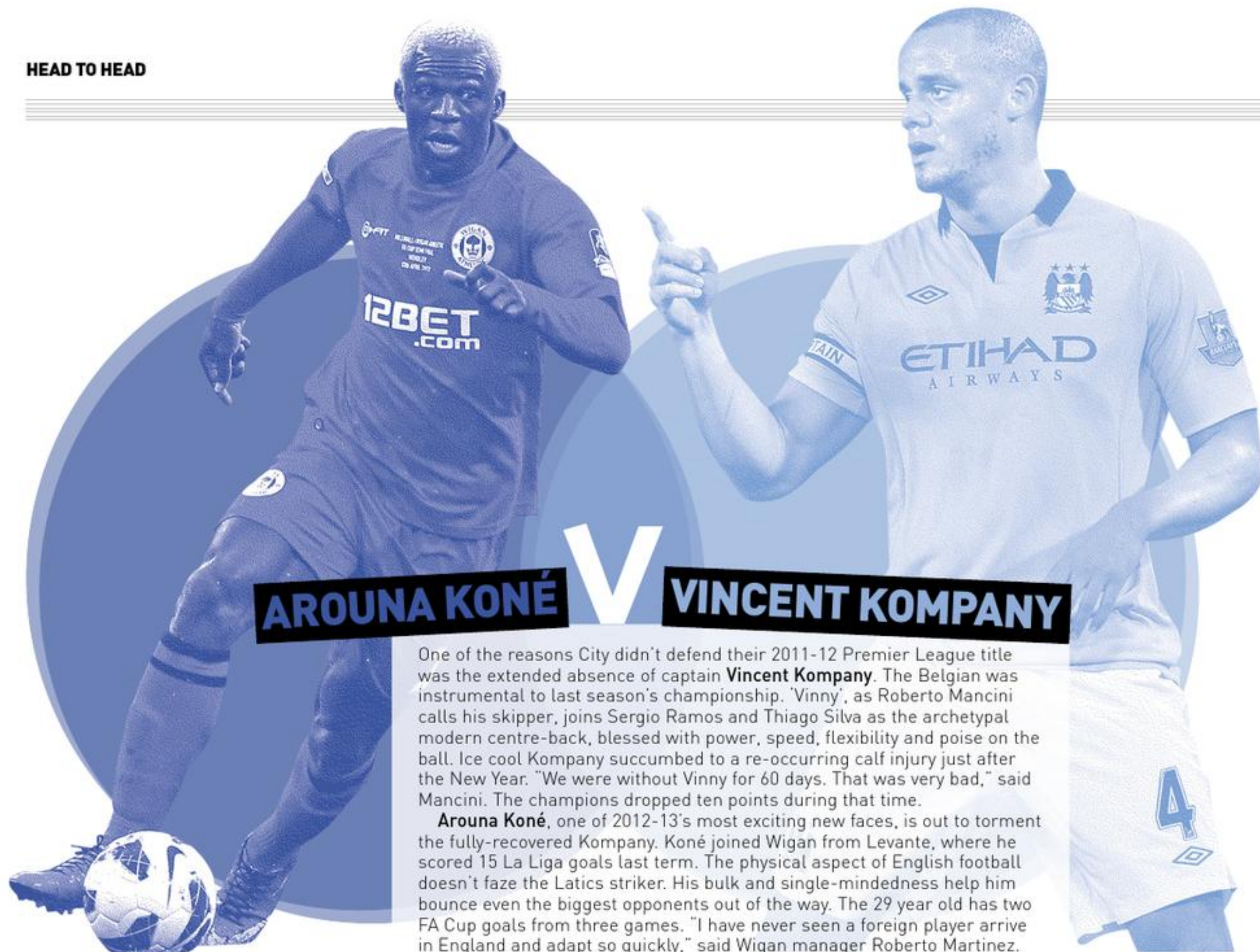
Attendance: 85,621

**CHELSEA 1-2 MANCHESTER CITY****FA Cup Semi-Final**

"Our target at the start of the season was the Premier League, the Champions League and The FA Cup. We've got to The FA Cup Final and we want to win it."

**Roberto Mancini, Manchester City manager**





**AROUNA KONÉ**

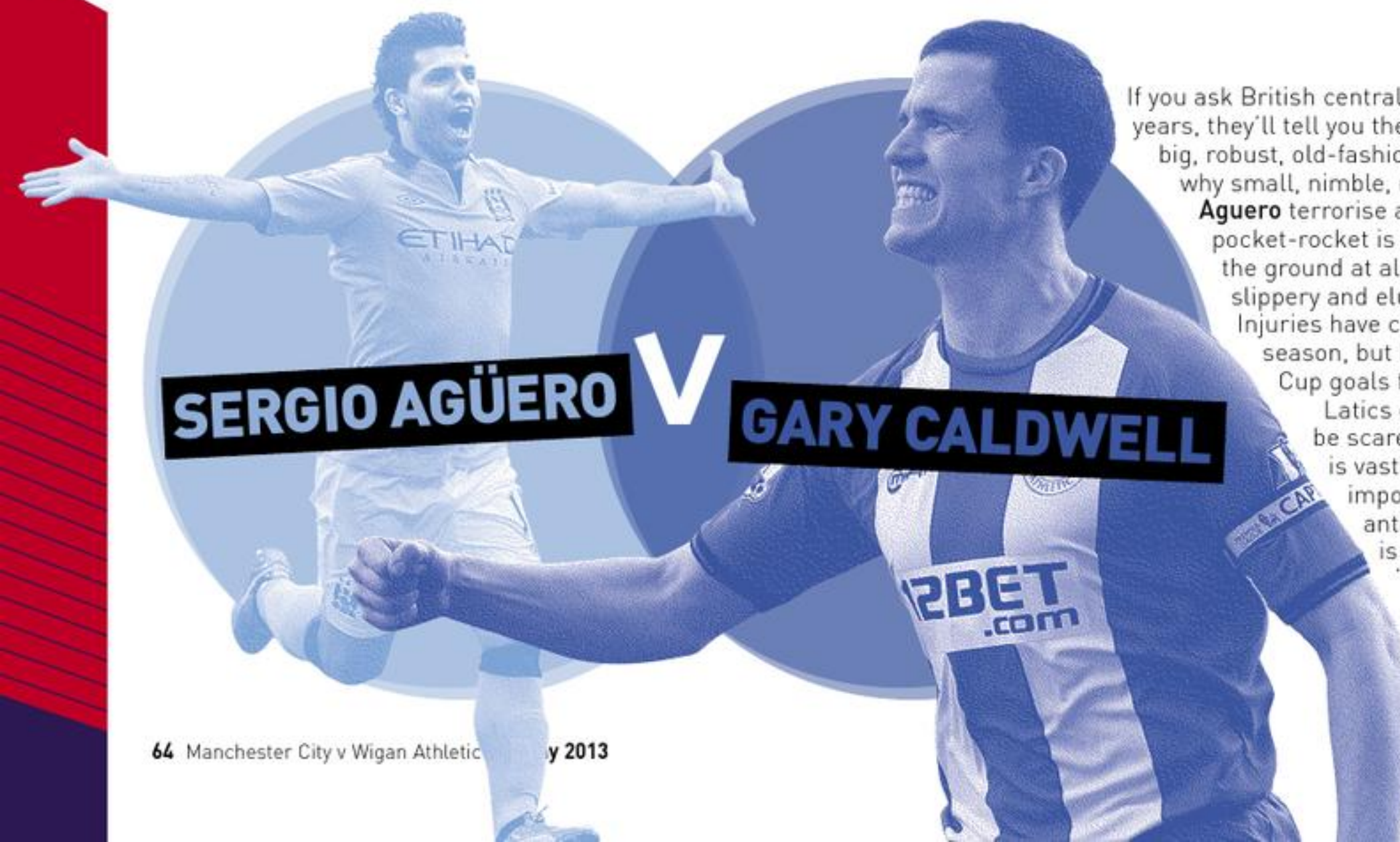
**VINCENT KOMPANY**

One of the reasons City didn't defend their 2011-12 Premier League title was the extended absence of captain **Vincent Kompany**. The Belgian was instrumental to last season's championship. 'Vinny', as Roberto Mancini calls his skipper, joins Sergio Ramos and Thiago Silva as the archetypal modern centre-back, blessed with power, speed, flexibility and poise on the ball. Ice cool Kompany succumbed to a re-occurring calf injury just after the New Year. "We were without Vinny for 60 days. That was very bad," said Mancini. The champions dropped ten points during that time.

**Arouna Koné**, one of 2012-13's most exciting new faces, is out to torment the fully-recovered Kompany. Koné joined Wigan from Levante, where he scored 15 La Liga goals last term. The physical aspect of English football doesn't faze the Latics striker. His bulk and single-mindedness help him bounce even the biggest opponents out of the way. The 29 year old has two FA Cup goals from three games. "I have never seen a foreign player arrive in England and adapt so quickly," said Wigan manager Roberto Martinez.

# Let the battles commence

Where will this year's Final be won and lost? **Sheridan Bird** examines the key duels



**SERGIO AGÜERO**

**GARY CALDWELL**

If you ask British central defenders from the last 30 years, they'll tell you they prefer to grapple with a big, robust, old-fashioned number nine. That is why small, nimble, rapid strikers like **Sergio Agüero** terrorise all-comers. The Argentinian pocket-rocket is a defender's ruin, covering the ground at alarming speed while being slippery and elusive at the same time. Injuries have curtailed Agüero's impact this season, but he has still scored three FA Cup goals from two starts.

Latics captain **Gary Caldwell** won't be scared. The Stirling-born stopper is vastly experienced. With his imposing 6ft 1in frame and anticipatory qualities, Caldwell is the ideal defensive lynchpin. "If you have unity and togetherness you can go a long way," says the fans' player of 2011-12.



**YAYA TOURÉ****V****JAMES MCCARTHY**

One is a formidable, freakishly agile giant who won a Champions League Final with Barcelona. The other is an unsung, tenacious, former Hamilton Academical prodigy. But reputation and history count for nothing on Wembley's turf.

**James McCarthy**, 22, is a vital cog in the Latics midfield. He is also a leader, despite his age. "James is a unique type of character on a football pitch. I'm sure he'll carry on developing into a top player at world-class level," says Roberto Martinez. The Irishman keeps the ball moving with judicious, snappy passing and has the awareness to stop opposition attacks.

What better test for him than the rampaging but technically gifted **Yaya Touré**, 2012 African Player of the Year?

The Ivory Coast player is built like a boxer but has the balance of a ballerina. The 30 year old has already shone in The FA Cup, having scored the winners in the 2011 Semi-Final and Final against Manchester United and Stoke City respectively.

**ROBERTO MANCINI****V****ROBERTO MARTÍNEZ**

This will be the third consecutive year The FA Cup has been won by a man called Roberto after Chelsea's Di Matteo lifted it last year and Mancini the season before. Former Sampdoria, Lazio and Leicester City forward **Mancini** triumphed in the grand old competition when the Citizens beat Stoke City 1-0 in the 2011 Final. He is a cult hero to fans thanks to his large scarf, fiery persona and tactical nous. After watching his side beat Wigan in the April 2013 Premier League game, Mancini said: "For 60 minutes they played better than us. They play good football." That wasn't diplomacy. Like the rest of us, the Italian boss is a genuine admirer of his Wembley rivals.

Tranquil Spaniard **Martinez** has performed miracles without denting his ideology of pleasing football. Wigan's top-flight survival and this season's FA Cup run are built on passing and movement, not muscle and mayhem. The likeable Catalan is a fan of Mancini's committed approach. "Every human is different. If you don't have passion you are wasting your time. Mancini's decisions remain calm and composed," says Martinez.





THE TWIN TOWERS  
BECAME AN ICONIC  
IMAGE AROUND  
THE WORLD

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Whether with two towers or an Arch, one of the world's most famous venues is now 90 years old

From the moment the turnstiles opened for the very first time in 1923 (see over page), it was clear that there would always be something special about Wembley Stadium.

Fast forward to today. The design may have changed, but the iconic name has remained as Wembley Stadium and has gone on to host a diverse array of sports, music and events that have captivated the world.

The stadium will provide a fitting tribute to its superb history and celebrate its 90th anniversary in style.

The Champions League Final is back in a fortnight and a host of England matches will electrify Wembley this year, while summer concerts and two NFL games will also underline why Wembley has been the world's favourite stadium for the last 90 years and why it will continue to be for more to come.

Here's all you need to know about Wembley's 90 year history...

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1973. HE CRASHED

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took place in  
1923 in front  
of around  
200,000 people!

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MATCH AT THE OLD  
STADIUM. GERMANY  
BEAT ENGLAND 1-0

**WEMBLEY HAS HOSTED:**

258 ENGLAND MATCHES

78 FA CUP FINALS

6 EUROPEAN CUP FINALS

1 EURO FINAL

1 WORLD CUP FINAL

1972

The London Rock and  
Roll Show, headlined  
by Chuck Berry, began  
41 years of Wembley  
as a music venue

£750,000

THE COST OF  
THE ORIGINAL  
STADIUM

WEMBLEY





**133m** HEIGHT OF THE ARCH.  
IT SUPPORTS THE  
NORTH ROOF AND 60%  
OF THE SOUTH ROOF.

**8** NIGHTS PLAYED  
AT THE STADIUM  
BY TAKE THAT,  
A RECORD

**107** Steps to climb up  
to the Royal Box,  
compared to 39 at  
the old stadium

**1km** CIRCUMFERENCE  
OF THE NEW  
STADIUM

The biggest crowd  
so far at the new  
stadium, at the  
2008 FA Cup Final

**89,874**

NEARLY 700,000 CAME TO  
WEMBLEY TO WATCH THE  
NINE FOOTBALL MATCHES  
AT LONDON 2012

**3-3** THE FIRST OFFICIAL SCORELINE  
AT THE NEW STADIUM, BETWEEN  
THE ENGLAND AND ITALIAN  
UNDER-21 SIDES

**700,000**

**£757 million** (COST OF  
NEW STADIUM)

WEMBLEY 90