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## EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW **WAYNE ROONEY**

While the captain is proud of personal accolades, there's only one thing on his mind for England

## **JORDAN HENDERSON**

The midfielder reveals all to FATV



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## ENGLAND REMEMBERS

England players led The FA's commemorations around Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day at Wembley Stadium and St. George's Park this week.

And this year's remembrance period has extra significance. It is

100 years since the start of the First World War and the 75th anniversary of the Second World War.

There was a period of silence at every FA Cup First Round tie last weekend, while Wembley itself 'wore' a poppy with a special digital

display on the front of the stadium, along with special activity in conjunction with the NFL game between the Dallas Cowboys and Jacksonville Jaguars on Remembrance Sunday.

At 11am on Tuesday 11 November at St. George's Park, the England men's senior and Under-21s squads, along with coaching staff and FA personnel, led a two-minute silence.

They were joined by members of the Armed Forces as wreaths were laid in the centre-circle.

A similar silence was observed back at Wembley. In all, the seven England teams in residence at St. George's Park – including men's and women's development squads and the England blind squad observed the silence.

The Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal raises funds for essential welfare work for our service men and women, veterans, and their families. To donate to the appeal visit [www.britishlegion.org.uk](http://www.britishlegion.org.uk)

## TICKETS FOR TROOPS CELEBRATING FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

**Tickets For Troops**, the military charity which provides free tickets for major sports, music, theatre and entertainment events for members of the Armed Forces, is celebrating its fifth anniversary.

Thanks to the generosity of its donors Tickets For Troops has distributed over 630,000 tickets to date.

Here at Wembley today, courtesy of The FA, you will be sitting among the brave servicemen and women who spend months away from their families, who need to be available to serve at short notice and put their lives on the line for our country.

You can donate to Tickets For Troops by texting TFTD10 and £2, £5, or £10 (eg TFTD10 £5) to 70070.

## TON-UP FOR WAYNE

To mark the occasion of his 100th England appearance, Wayne Rooney will be presented with a commemorative gold cap by England World Cup winner Sir Bobby Charlton before kick-off. Sir Bobby will be assisted by Captain Tom Brown from Launceston, Cornwall who currently serves with 3 RIFLES, an Infantry Battalion based in Edinburgh. You can read more from Wayne looking back on his England career on page 24.



## FARA HONoured

**England Women's midfielder** Fara Williams will be honoured at half-time tonight to recognise her achievement of becoming her country's highest capped player. Having helped the Lionesses reach next summer's World Cup with a perfect record in qualifying, Williams now has 132 caps to her name, having made her debut way back in 2001 aged just 17 and has remained a regular ever since.



## PLAYERS TEAM UP WITH UNICEF

The Three Lions have taken on their most challenging opponent yet as the England Footballers' Foundation (EFF) team up with Unicef.

The new four-year partnership with the world's leading children's organisation will help tackle malaria – a disease that still claims the life of a child every 30 seconds.

The partnership will use the players' global status to raise funds and awareness – both at home and around the world – about the danger of malaria and the benefits of sleeping under a mosquito net.

In Africa the disease is the biggest killer of children under five and globally it is the third single biggest killer of children.

The poorest and most vulnerable children are often most at risk, but sleeping under a mosquito net can offer life-saving protection.

"It's unbelievable that every 90 minutes 180 children will lose their lives to malaria," said Wayne Rooney.

"As captain of the England football team I am hugely proud that we are able to help Unicef in its goal of protecting every child in danger from this disease."

The first fundraising event took place in London on Thursday 30 October when England players Calum Chambers, Danny Welbeck and Jack Wilshere, along with a host of ex pros, managed football teams competing for the coveted EFF Charity Cup with Wilshere's team victorious.

The England players have donated their match fees and time to chosen charity partners since 2007 and have now raised over £3.5m.

[englandfootballersfoundation.com](http://englandfootballersfoundation.com)  
Follow @EFFCharity on Twitter



## PLATINI: SGP HAS 'WOW' FACTOR

Michel Platini has described St. George's Park as "beautiful" and said it can only help English football in the long run.

The UEFA president visited the National Football Centre for the first time last week and was given a tour of its facilities.

Platini said of St. George's Park: "It is beautiful. You have a beautiful hotel, you have beautiful facilities.

"I saw a dressing room that would not be out of place in the Real Madrid stadium, or Manchester United. It made me think 'wow'.

"Looking at the history of English football – and its beauty – I think it is logical that you have a centre like this.

"To develop the grassroots and the quality of the young players in this country, I think it

will be good for that. But you have to have the coaches who can create good players."

Watch at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yshMLC-pEZQ>



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# SLOVENIA

## Slovenia: haven't we played them recently?

Yes, in South Africa in 2010 (see page 48). They picked up four points but finished one behind us in Group C.

## Is that their best achievement?

The one remembered most fondly by their fans came in the Euro 2000 play-off against Ukraine. Milenko Acimovic scored the winner from about ten yards inside the Ukraine half. A 1-1 draw in Kyiv completed a 3-2 aggregate win.

## Slovenia sprang from the break-up of Yugoslavia, right?

Well, yes. It gained independence in 1991, but it seems to have been an early cradle of European civilisation. Wooden wheels, dated as 4,500



years old, were discovered near Ljubljana and are the oldest yet discovered, suggesting the wheel developed in Europe around the same time it did in Mesopotamia.

**And more recently?** Part of Austro-Hungary until the end of the First World War, it became part of the Kingdom of Serbs, Croats and Slovenes, the forerunner to Yugoslavia.

## What's it known for today?

Cars and pharmaceuticals are the biggest exports, while its lakes and mountains attract the tourists.

## And in terms of culture?

The Marxist philosopher Slavoj Zizek is a major figure and often dabbles in popular culture.

## And what are those little racks with the triangular roofs you see everywhere?

You mean the kozolecs. Hay can be stretched over the racks to dry, while the roofs keep the rain off. They've been around for three or four centuries but became a national icon when impressionist Ivan Grohar painted them in the late 19th century.

## VITAL STATISTICS

### LAST FIVE RESULTS

12.10.14	Lithuania	2-0	ECQ	Vilnius
09.10.14	Switzerland	1-0	ECQ	Maribor
08.09.14	Estonia	0-1	ECQ	Tallinn
07.06.14	Argentina	0-2	Friendly	La Plata
05.06.14	Uruguay	0-2	Friendly	Montevideo

### ANY PREVIOUS?

The two met at Wembley in a Friendly ten months before the rematch in Port Elizabeth in 2010. Jermain Defoe scored the winner as England won 2-1. Nine members of Slovenia's squad, and two of England's, remain from that first meeting.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Slovenia have worn green and white at each of the three major tournaments for which they've qualified, but their traditional colours are white, blue and red. Green was chosen in 1994 because it's the colour of Ljubljana and Slovenia's most successful football team, Olimpija. That prompted frustration among fans from other parts of the country and so, in 2012, the green was abandoned for white and blue. The new kit, though, retained the characteristic jagged line across the chest, representing the three peaks of Mount Triglav.



**1999**

Biggest win: 7-0 v Oman 1999

**80**

Record appearances:  
Zlatko Zahovic, Bostjan Cesar

**0-5**

Biggest defeat: 0-5 v France, 2002

**35**

Record goals:  
Zlatko Zahovic







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## LUCKY MEMBERS ENJOY 5-0 WIN IN THE NEW ENGLAND BOX

Hosted by radio presenter Colin Murray, a handful of very lucky England Supporters Club members won the opportunity to enjoy England's 5-0 win over San Marino in the brand new Together For England Box. Winners talked football throughout the evening in a fantastic time for all.



**GRAHAM BLEANCH,**

16.12.1956

- 6.10.2014

Graham

"Bleanchy" Bleanch, who served as a volunteer on the Football Supporters' Federation's Fans' Embassy since the 2006 World Cup, died suddenly in October. The good-natured Geordie will be sadly missed by England fans.

## ENGLAND PLAYER OF THE YEAR

The voting for this year's England Player of the Year for the Senior Men's, Women's and Under-21s opened this week. Fans can select the three players who impressed them in 2014. To cast your vote, visit [EnglandSupportersClub.com](http://EnglandSupportersClub.com). Voting is live until the end of the year when the three winning players will be announced.

## WE'VE MADE IT!

Congratulations to David Yefet (below) who is our 100,000th member. England Supporters Club would like to thank you all who have joined so far. We will continue to bring competitions and more in the future.



"I joined just before the Peru match in May and we won that, so hopefully I'm a bit of a lucky omen!"



## COMPETITION

# FEVER PITCH

Have you ever dreamed of playing on the hallowed turf? This once in a lifetime opportunity could give you and a friend that chance

The England Supporters Club has prizes up for grabs for a men and women's game. You and a friend can enjoy an England player experience, winning the following:

**Take part in a 40-minute game of football on the Wembley pitch**

**Use the England changing rooms with full England kit provided**

**Line up and walk onto the pitch through the tunnel**

**Coaching by two England professionals**

**Match officiated by a Qualified Referee**

**Post-game hospitality with lunch and drinks provided**

The date for the two 40-minute matches is **Monday 24 November**. An occasion like this is extremely rare,

so do not miss out – enter for your chance to be one of the lucky winners.

**TO ENTER:** You will need to be a member of England Supporters Club, so if you have not done already, sign up today! Visit [englandsupporters.thefa.com](http://englandsupporters.thefa.com)



Being a member rewards you with full access to our website, regular newsletters, more exclusive competitions and priority ticket access to England's fixtures.

**T&C'S:** Competition ends at 9am Monday 17 November, visit [EnglandSupportersClub.com](http://EnglandSupportersClub.com) for full terms and conditions.





# MILITARY



**WILLIAM JOHN MAYNARD**

(1872-76)

In the first official international, the 1st Surrey Rifleman went in goal for the second half. Played outfield v Scotland in 1876.



**LT. CECIL WINGFIELD-STRATFORD**

(1877)

'Fast down a side' in a 3-1 defeat by Scotland. Later a Brigadier-General.



**LT. ALFRED GEORGE GOODWYN**

(1873)

'Really showed most brilliant form' in a 4-2 win over Scotland.



**LT. BRUCE RUSSELL**

(1883)

Excellent defending in a 5-0 win over Wales.



**LT. LYON GEAVES**

(1875)

14th Regiment of Foot. 'Made very fine runs' in a 2-2 draw with Scotland.



**LT. PELHAM VON DONOP**

(1873-75)

'The speediest and closest dribbler of his time' beat Scotland in 1873.



**LT. HORACE BARNET**

(1882)

'Great speed' against Ireland in Belfast, where England won 13-0.



**LT. HERBERT RAWSON**

(1875)

In the same England team as Geaves. Hard-working and good on the ball.



**LT. KEN HEGAN**

(1923)

'Jackie' Hegan scored twice on his debut v Belgium. A Lieutenant-Colonel in World War II.



**LT. WILLIE KENYON SLANEY**

(1873)

Scored the first official goal in international football.



**LT. WILLIAM BROMLEY-DAVENPORT**

(1884)

Scored twice v Wales. Later Brigadier-General Sir William, KCB, CMG, CBE, DSO, and MP!

## SUPPORTERS CLUB



## IN THE AWAY END

Slovenian fan Miran Zore favours unpredictable players and expects a tough test for England

**First Slovenia game you can remember?** It was in 1997 against Croatia. Slovenia lost the game 3-1 despite Zlatko Zahovic's goal.

**Favourite Slovenian player of all time?** I would pick former striker Sebastjan Cimerotic. He was perhaps the most unpredictable player Slovenia ever had in my opinion. The fans were always crazy about him.

**If you could guarantee Slovenia a victory against any opponent which country would you pick?** I would go for Croatia. We've never been able to do it.

**Typical Slovenian meal?** One has to try a typical Slovenian festive dish – potica. It's a nut roll and comes in different variations.

**Do you support an English club?** Not really, but I do favour Liverpool and their star player Steven Gerrard. We Slovenians still remember him from 2003, when he played against Olimpija Ljubljana in the UEFA Cup. It was his first game after he had become Liverpool captain.

**Score prediction?** England are clear favourites, but haven't won the points just yet. I hope we will do enough for at least a point. 1-1.



Visit [EnglandSupportersClub.com](http://EnglandSupportersClub.com), to join England's travelling support, and apply for away game tickets





# It's a DATE

FOLLOW ALL THE ACTION FOR EVERY ENGLAND TEAM  
OVER THE COMING WEEKS, ALONG WITH EVENTS  
FROM THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

<b>NOV 10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>The FA Cup Second Round Proper draw</b> Who will be hoping for a home draw?		<b>U20s v Canada</b> Young Lions follow up their promising October tournament in Bournemouth.	<b>Under-21s v Portugal</b> Southgate's men start their Euro 2015 preparations at Burnley's Turf Moor ground.	<b>U19s v Italy</b> Sean O'Driscoll's young team play the Azzurrini at Rotherham's New York Stadium.	<b>Seniors v Slovenia</b> A vital Euro Qualifier at Wembley. <b>U18s v Poland</b> The first of a double-header in Poland.	
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<b>Under-21s v France</b> A tough test in Brest, France. <b>U20s v Portugal</b> An away game for the U20s. <b>U18s v Poland</b>	<b>Seniors v Scotland</b> Hodgson's men play in Glasgow. <b>England C v Estonia</b> The final ICT match, in Halifax.		<b>U16s v Scotland</b> This year's Victory Shield comes to an end as England play at Yeovil's Huish Park.		<b>Women v Germany</b> Mark Sampson's side play an historic first match in the new Wembley Stadium.	
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			<b>U17s v USA</b> John Peacock's side travel to Florida for a four-team tournament.		<b>U17s v Brazil</b> The U17s continue in Sarasota, Florida against Brazil.	
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	<b>U17s v Australia</b> The U17s wrap up their tournament in USA against Australia.				<b>The FA Cup Second Round Proper</b> Teams face off with a place in the famous Third Round up for grabs.	
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<b>The FA Cup Third Round draw</b> The big guns of the Premier League and Championship join in the fun in The FA Cup.					<b>Futsal v Andorra</b> The first of two games in Andorra, with the second the following day (15.12.14).	