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And welcome back to Wembley for the third of our Euro 2012 qualifiers, which we kicked off with an impressive maximum six points from the first two matches. A good start then, but there's no room for slip-ups tonight: there are three points at stake, and there's not much point pulling off an away win in Switzerland if we drop points in the "easier" home games.

So it's a match to be taken seriously, as evidenced by the fact that Fabio decided not to fill the past weekend with a friendly fixture, in order to ensure the players were as fresh as possible to take on Montenegro. We at Free Lions can't remember the last time the FA passed up an opportunity to play a game on a designated international fixture date, particularly as every England match provides revenue-earning potential, whether through gate receipts or sale of TV rights. Perhaps this represents a new sense of priorities, putting success on the pitch ahead of earning money – surely that's what England fans would prefer? Discuss.

### Cover Story

He may not have the most traditional of English surnames – born in Manchester of Polish descent – but as a strong and skilful centre-back, Everton's **Phil Jagielka** has started to become a regular in the England squad.



This edition of Free Lions contains all the usual features (with the possible exception of a venue preview for our next away game, for the very good reason that the venue for the February 9th 2011 fixture, reportedly against Argentina somewhere in Europe, has yet to be confirmed).

We're delighted that this Free Lions has appeared at all, as we endeavour to maintain continuity with an edition for every game. As things stand, we're sure of producing them for away games as part of our Fans' Embassy service, but home editions are dependent on financial support from generous benefactors. So we are immensely grateful to our friends at tour operators **Sport Options** for stepping into the breach this time, it's good to be in partnership with people who are also committed to getting England fans to away games.

As ever at home games, a big thank you too to our friends at the **Wembley Plaza hotel** for their assistance in the logistical side of getting Free Lions distributed. Cheers!

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# TAKE NOTHING FOR GRANTED

BY BRIAN McNALLY OF THE SUNDAY MIRROR



**U**EFA's newest nation Montenegro may boast a population less than Leeds but Fabio Capello is well aware of its most dangerous citizen.

Roma star Mirko Vucinic is the man from the tiny "Black Mountain" nation of just 625,000 inhabitants whose name strikes fear into the Italian's heart.

The England coach knows all about 27-year-old Vucinic from his days as Roma and Juventus coach when the Montenegrin was banging in goals for unfashionable Serie A outfit Lecce.

Vucinic eventually moved to Roma in 2006 and has since developed into Montenegro's first and to date only world-class player.

And as England prepared for the Wembley showdown with the Montenegro minnows, Capello was quick to acknowledge Vucinic as the main threat to the Three Lions.

Capello said: "Yes, I know him very well. He scored the goal against Wales, but also he played a really good game away in Bulgaria.

"Vucinic is a very dangerous player in front of goal. I first saw his capabilities when I was in Italy and his scoring record in Serie A, the Champions League and in international football is impressive.

"We will need to be aware of him and make sure that we restrict the supply to him."



Certainly Vucinic's ability to find the net in the ultra-defensive world of Italian football singles him out as an extraordinary predator.

He is now in his fifth season with Roma after starting life in Serie A with Lecce whom he joined from hometown Yugoslav league side FK Sutjeska Niksic in 2000.

Vucinic has scored 53 goals in 161 games for Roma and 37 in 118 matches for Lecce - a tremendous record by any standards.

In European club games for Roma he has bagged 11 goals in 29 games and his match-winner against Wales was his tenth goal in 20 matches for his fledgling nation.

Vucinic won three caps for Serbia and Montenegro before the two nations went their separate ways

three years ago and was one of only two Montenegrins selected for Serbia's 2006 World Cup squad in Germany.

But he was forced to pull out after sustaining an injury just before the tournament and then decided to throw in his lot with the land of his birth.

Vucinic operates as a left-sided central striker, but can also play as winger. A scorer of spectacular goals, he is also admired for his blistering pace and intricate ball control.

After Montenegro gained independence, Vucinic wrote himself into his nation's history books by scoring their first-ever goal, a penalty against Hungary.

Other outstanding goals came in the 2010 World Cup Qualifiers, when

he converted a free kick against Bulgaria and bagged a remarkable goal against Italy.

Among his most prized goals was a header in Roma's 2-1 win at Real Madrid in the Champions League, while Chelsea fans will also recall his two goals for Roma in a Champions League group stage encounter which the Italians won 3-1 in 2008.

That eventually persuaded Roma to pay around 12 million Euros to buy Vucinic outright after originally only owning a 50 per cent stake in him. Since then moneybags Manchester City have been tracking him.

More recently Vucinic's winner against Wales in Montenegro's 1-0 UEFA European Championship qualifying debut spelled the end of John Toshack's international reign. The Roma forward surged purposefully down the left wing on the half-hour before blasting home off the inside of Wayne Hennessey's right-hand post.

The Montenegro side that beat Wales 1-0 was: Mladen Bozovic, Savo Pavicevic, Marko Basa, Milan Jovanovic, Simon Vukcevic, Mirko Vucinic (Fatos Beciraj 87), Radomir Djalovic (Mitar Novakovic 83), Branko Boskovic (Vladimir Bozovic 73), Milorad Pekovic, Elsad Zverotic, Miodrag Dzudovic.

And Zlatko Kranjcar's men showed that was no fluke by following up with a surprise 1-0 win against Bulgaria in Sofia.

It should also be remembered that Montenegro, apart from a fine rearguard display in the 2-1 defeat in Italy, also drew 0-0 with the Republic of Ireland.

Swansea centre back Ashley Williams had admitted that Wales underestimated Montenegro when they wilted in the Podgorica heat 12 months ago to lose 2-1 in a friendly a year earlier.

Williams's admission that the men from the Black Mountain were dangerous dark horses seems to have gone unheeded.

He said: "I think we definitely underestimated them because they are one of the best teams I've played against at international level."

And Capello has been keen to stress that England must not make the same mistake of taking the underdogs lightly.

He added: "I saw these two games that they played, they played very well and are a dangerous team. They defend well and are really compact, they play the counter attack really, really fast. The quality of the forwards is really good.

"We have to wait five months for the next game with Wales, so we know what we have to do."

Capello admits he is taking the Montenegro game so seriously it played a part in not arranging a friendly for last Friday.

He explained: "A lot of players have played a lot of games before we play, I prefer to select the players for the game on Tuesday.

"Also I prefer not to play a friendly game on the Friday because we think that the Montenegro game will be really, really important."

## >> THE McNALLY VERDICT

England with all their Premier League stars should walk all over a nation as small and inexperienced as Montenegro. But after watching the fiasco against Slovenia it is hard to be sure about anything.

Montenegro may be new to international football but they have showed with winning displays against Wales and Bulgaria that they are not just in the UEFA qualifiers for the ride.

And in skipper Vucinic they have a goal scorer who can make England pay for any slackness or complacency. But I feel that England are starting to get over the World Cup nightmare and the blend is getting better.

I take England to win 2-0 but we may have to be patient in the early stages when the visitors will get everyone behind the ball.

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## SCOUSE PHIL'S FREE LIONS MONTENEGRO MUSIC QUIZ

**A**s you all know, Montenegro means 'Black Mountain'. As Scouse Phil knows very little about the Montenegrin music scene (hard to believe, isn't it?), he's provided us with a music quiz where in each case the question, answer or indeed both, have something to do with 'black' or 'mountain'. Ingenious.

**1** Born Priscilla White in 1943, who sold a lorra, lorra records to get to Number One with her 60s' hits "Anyone Who Had A Heart" and "You're My World"?

**2** Italians Mirko Limoni, Valerio Semplici and Daniele Davoli had a Europe-wide Number One in 1989 with "Ride On Time", but how are they better known?

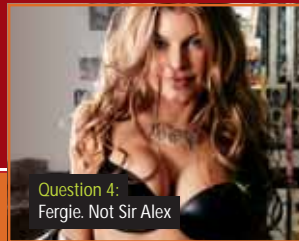
**3** Taking their name from South American Indian tribesmen, which band had a Top Five hit in 1991 with the dance tune "Move Any Mountain"?

**4** Fergie released a debut album entitled *The Duchess* in 2006, but with which band has she achieved worldwide fame?

**5** Which husband and wife team had a Number Three hit in the late 60s with "River Deep Mountain High"?

**6** Scouser Colin Vearncombe had a Top Ten hit in 1987 with the quite brilliant "Wonderful Life", but what is his stage name?

**7** "To the left, to the right, jump up and down and touch the



Question 4:  
Fergie. Not Sir Alex

knees..." is a line from the chorus of which incredibly annoying song by the equally annoying band Black Lace?

**8** Which DJ played the first ever song on Radio One in 1967, is still broadcasting today and even had time to win "I'm A Celebrity" in 2002?

**9** Scottish rock band Biffy Clyro had a 2008 hit with the single "Mountains", but what part of Scotland do they come from: Ayrshire, Perthshire or Aberdeenshire?

**10** Fronted by the legendary Ozzy Osbourne, which heavy metal band's only Top Ten hit was "Paranoid" in 1970?

Answers on page 15

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# GOING UNDERGROUND

## FOOTBALL ON THE TUBE

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What started off as a way for the shamblers in the FSF office to avoid doing any real work became a full blown crusade to convert all 303 London Underground and Docklands Light Railway stations to a football theme. Somehow they managed to do it. Such was their pride at their creation (that, and the fact they had to justify wasting all that time to their bosses) they've decided to give it pride of place as the centre spread in issue 023 of *The Football Supporter*, which is available now from the FSF's online shop at [www.fsf.org.uk/shop](http://www.fsf.org.uk/shop), and we've put it on the centre pages of this issue of Free Lions (overleaf).

Some of the names are inspired, others incredibly tenuous. We'll leave you to decide which are which. Let us know which ones are your favourites, which ones you don't understand, or suggest some improvements by dropping us an email to [freelions@fsf.org.uk](mailto:freelions@fsf.org.uk)

We've reproduced the central section of the map overleaf, to see the full version visit [www.fsf.org.uk/tubemap.php](http://www.fsf.org.uk/tubemap.php)



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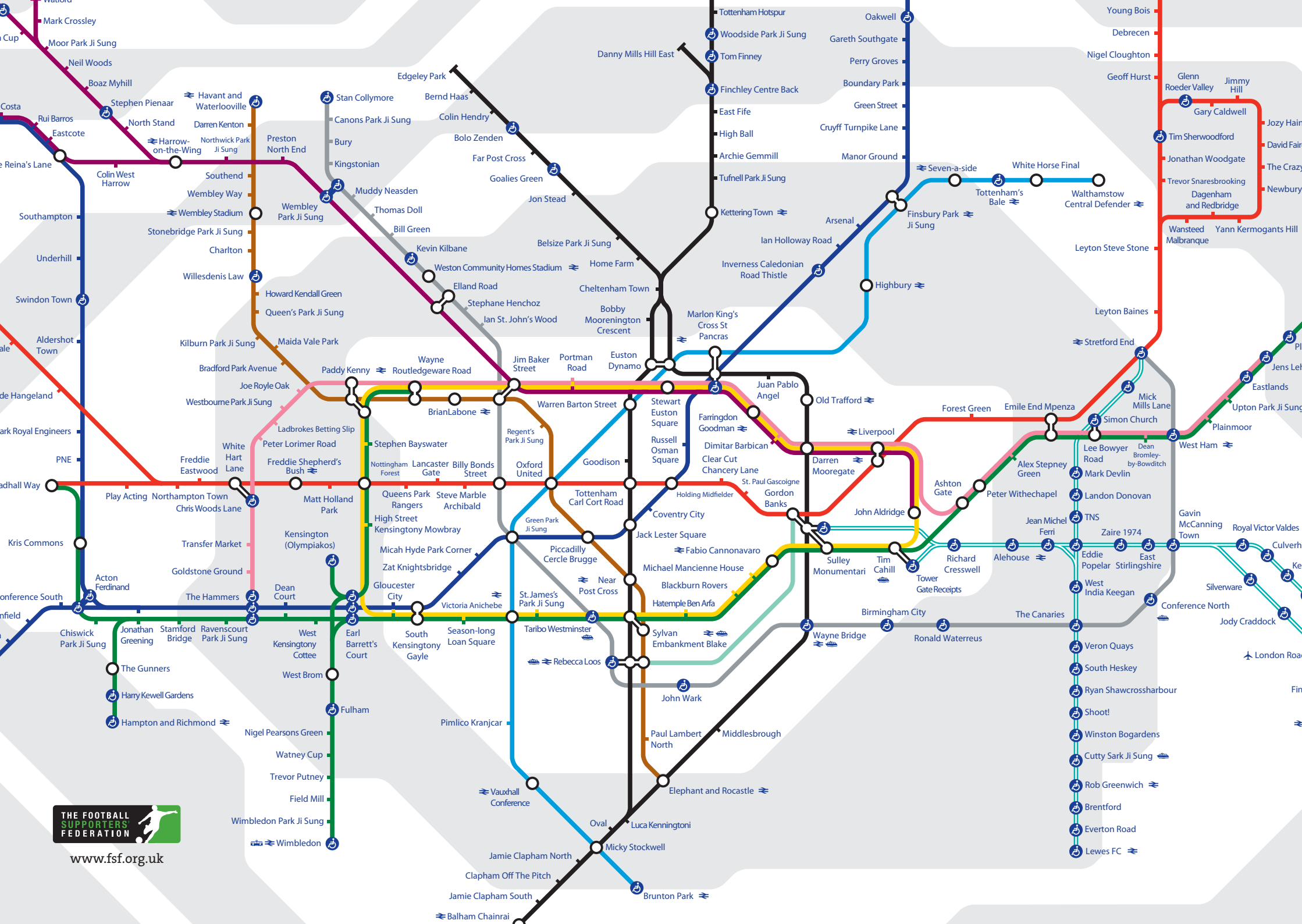
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# KICK RACISM OUT OF FOOTBALL

FARE ACTION WEEK 14<sup>TH</sup>-26<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER



**T**HIS coming Thursday marks the start of the Football Against Racism in Europe Action Week, which runs from 14th to 26th October (yes, we know that's more than a week – it's 13 days).

Anti-racist campaigning activity in England has a long history, dating back to fans' initiatives up and down the country as far back as the 1980s. Since then organisations such as Show Racism the Red Card (founded in 1996) and Kick it Out (established in 1997) - and primarily of course the outstanding contribution to the game made by black players over the years - have brought us to a point where generally racist abuse and chanting is no longer acceptable in English football.

There's no room for complacency of course – racism can re-emerge or adopt other forms, and as long as it exists in society, football needs to remain vigilant that racism doesn't

JOHN BARNES



"Only through education and integration will things change profoundly. And the future looks very bright because when you look at young kids now they dress the same, they sound the same, and they listen to the same music. The new British culture that is coming through supersedes colour and race."

resurface in and around stadiums. Here at Free Lions we're committed to continuing to do our bit to rid the game of discrimination and prejudice.

English football can, however, afford to feel quite proud of the progress that has been made, the starting point for which was a frank admis-

RIO FERDINAND



"I was playing for England under 21s against Yugoslavia in Spain when Emile Heskey got abused. There were only a handful of people doing it but one man stood out - he even had dreadlock-style extensions yet he was making monkey noises. I think things in the rest of Europe are worse than here."

sion at all levels of the game that we had a problem and it needed to be addressed.

That's not something that seems to be the case in other parts of the footballing world however, and there are those who believe that the work done here on the issue

will not only combat racism, but also give us an edge in our bid to host the World Cup in 2018. A World Cup, by definition, has to be an event at which all visiting nationalities feel welcome, and yet examples of racism are rife in other bidding countries, including England's main rivals, Russia. Worst of all, many of these countries refuse to accept that there's a problem, the essential first step in improving the situation.

Paul Elliot, the former Chelsea defender who has been prominent in anti-racist campaigning since he retired as a player 15 years ago, was appointed last

year as an ambassador for the 2018 bid and accompanied the FIFA technical committee as they toured English stadia last month. He said: "I can't talk about other bids due to FIFA rules but what I can say is that we have showcased the fantastic work that we have been doing with the **Kick It Out** ([www.kickitout.org](http://www.kickitout.org)) campaign and **Show Racism the Red Card** ([www.srrc.org](http://www.srrc.org)) in our bid.

"It's an important part of our campaign and an important part of the legacy of the bid.

"In our submissions to FIFA we highlighted how we thought

JOHN TERRY



"Everyone should be aware of the need to kick racism out of society and football."

the anti-racism campaigns were doing and how important they would be in the legacy.

"What we are doing in this country is right and we hope that they recognise that."

## >> LONDON ENGLANDFANS FORUM: DO THEY MEAN US? A FOREIGN VIEW OF ENGLISH FOOTBALL

Virtually every team at this summer's World Cup included at least a handful of players who ply their trade in England. Some would say this is a credit to just how cosmopolitan our league is; others fear that too many foreign players have contributed to the continuing disappointment that the England team has become.

Perhaps it's time we looked to other countries not just to import their players but to hear their views of how we play and organise our game?

So, in celebration of the 2010 Kick It Out Week of Action London-Eng-

landFans have brought together a panel of foreign writers on English football to discuss their views of our game. Speakers include:

**Marcela Mora y Araujo** specialises in South American and Argentinian football. She translated Diego Maradona's autobiography, *El Diego*, into English, and provided the expertise for the BBC World Cup Stories - Argentina programme, which won the RTS Sport Documentary of the year award for 2006.

**Philippe Auclair** has been a correspondent for France Football for over a decade. He is also Radio Monte Carlo's main match

commentator and English football analyst. A bestselling author in his native France his book *Cantona* was published last year.

**Henning Hoff** is UK correspondent for German News Agency, DPA

**Begona Perez** writes sports features for the Spanish newspaper *El Mundo* and also works as correspondent for Cadena Cope radio station and La Sexta TV channel.

**Thursday 21 October, 7pm at The New Red Lion (the re-named and refurbished Offside Bar) 271 City Road, London EC1. All welcome, free admission.**

## >> FROM RUSSIA WITHOUT LOVE

The racism experienced by West Bromwich striker Osaze Odemwingie in Russia shows how far some countries still have to go. Fans at his former club Lokomotiv Moscow displayed racist banners after his sale to the Midlands club, showing images of bananas and the words "Thanks West Brom".

All credit to the West Brom fans who hit back with a banner reading "Thanks Lokomotiv" alongside a

picture of Odemwingie celebrating his winner against Sunderland. Banner organiser Martin Greenwood said, "To see messages coming from Lokomotiv fans that were the sort of messages hurled towards black players over here in the seventies just shows how developed we are as a footballing nation".

Depressingly, the Russian Football Federation refused to take any action

against Lokomotiv Moscow over the issue, while Russian Embassy officials dismissed the banner as "just a joke".

If the Russians are serious about trying to host a World Cup, then they'd be better advised to recognise they have a problem and develop a strategy to deal with it, rather than denying its existence in the face of clear evidence.



# AN OLD JOKE?

BY BRIAN McNALLY OF THE SUNDAY MIRROR



**S**ORRY, but I just don't get Fabio Capello's decision to call up uncapped Kevin Davies at the age of 33 for the Euro 2012 qualifier against the minnows of Montenegro.

The bustling Bolton striker thought someone was playing a joke when he got a phone call saying he was in the England squad and I fully understand why.

It might have made some sense to have tried out the whole-hearted but limited Davies around a decade ago, but is the Reebok veteran really the future of England?

Is Capello really being serious about promoting this old battering ram after promising to give our young talent their head after his existing old guard let us down so badly in the World Cup?

To replace the lumbering Emile Heskey, who will be 33 in January, with a journeyman who is even older and somehow contrives to score less goals beggars belief.

As my Daily Mirror colleague Derek McGovern observed, Montenegro have surely been encouraged by the news that Davies is in the England squad.

McGovern wrote: "Davies said when he was phoned by the FA to be told of his call-up he thought 'this is a wind-up.' The rest of us are convinced it is.



Emile says goodbye

"The Reebok bouncer said that when his call-up was confirmed by TV reports his missus began crying - along with 50,000 England fans.

"The Bolton striker is known as the biggest fouler in the Premier League - and this is Fabio Capello's biggest foul-up. At 33 there's no way he'll be around for the next World Cup. But then neither will Capello. It's very much a wild-card choice - but that said, it makes a nice change from a yellow one."

Strong sentiments indeed. But without being unkind to "Elbows" Davies I simply can't understand Capello's logic.

Davies' inclusion is simply blocking the progress and career path of younger players who have their sights set on the 2012

European Championships in Poland and the Ukraine or the 2014 World Cup in Brazil.

When the next World Cup comes around Davies will be 37 and have absolutely no chance of featuring in the competition.

A staggering decision given that Capello was so quick to call vastly-experienced international centurion David Beckham "too old" at 35.

Davies is far from the oldest player to make his England debut but he is certainly the most mature new "boy" since former Arsenal centre half Leslie Compton sixty years ago, who won his first call-up at the ripe old age of 38.

And, more recently, another Gunner Steve Bould won his first cap at 31 some 19 years ago. But,

## >> THE OVER 30S CLUB

**Alan Thompson**, Celtic, England debut at age 30 v Sweden in 2004, caps 1.

**Steve Guppy**, Leicester, debut aged 30 v Belgium in 1999, caps 1.

**Chris Powell**, Charlton, debut aged 31 v Spain in 2001, caps 5.

**Steve Bould**, Arsenal, debut aged 31 v Greece in 1994, caps 2.

**Kevin Richardson**, Aston Villa, debut aged 31 v Greece in 1994, caps 1.

**Tim Sherwood**, Tottenham,

debut aged 30 v Poland in 1999, caps 3.

**Barry Venison**, Newcastle, debut aged 30 v United States in 1994, caps 2.

**Jim Taylor**, Fulham, debut aged 33 v Argentina in 1951, caps 2.

**Steve Perryman**, Tottenham, debut aged 30 v Iceland in 1982, caps 1.

**Syd Owen**, Luton, debut aged 31 v Yugoslavia in 1954, caps 3.

**Bill Nicholson**, Tottenham, debut aged 32 v Portugal in 1951, caps 1.

significantly, both Compton and Bould won just two caps each.

Now that he is in the squad it would be churlish not to hand Davies an England cap - but I simply do not see the point of his inclusion.

There are any number of promising young England strikers who should have been handed their chance ahead of Davies. Once again I am left perplexed by Capello's thinking or, more exactly, the lack of it.

A trawl down the notable over-30s to have been capped by England since the war suggests that Davies will have the same short-term impact as Compton and Bould.

But at least the shock Davies call-up has made Bolton boss Owen Coyle happy.

He said: "The skipper has more than earned his call-up over a number of years and when it is earned then it always feels that much better.

"He is a terrific performer and it's always nice when players are rewarded for their good play. He's a club man and we are very fortunate to have him at Bolton Wanderers.

"He is obviously our captain and everyone at our club, from our owner Eddie Davies through to the Chairman Phil Gartside, myself as the manager and all the fans are really made up for him because it is a terrific achievement.

"The lads are thrilled too and there was a bit of banter in training on Tuesday morning, as you can understand."

But I am sure the decision to promote a 33-year-old to the squad will have left young hopefuls such as Newcastle's Andy Carroll bitterly disappointed and convinced ace international scorer Michael Owen - three years younger than Davies - that his England career is well and truly over.

The only positive thing I can take from Capello's latest selection is that he has at least admitted that he was wrong about Darren Bent.

The full England squad is: Ben Foster (Birmingham City), Robert Green (West Ham United), Joe Hart (Manchester City); Ashley Cole (Chelsea), Phil Jagielka (Everton), Glen Johnson (Liverpool), Rio Ferdinand (Manchester United), Joleon Lescott (Manchester City), John Terry (Chelsea), Stephen Warnock (Aston Villa); Gareth Barry (Manchester City), Joe Cole (Liverpool), Steven Gerrard (Liverpool), Tom Huddlestone (Tottenham Hotspur), Adam Johnson (Manchester City), Aaron Lennon (Tottenham Hotspur), Jack Wilshere (Arsenal), Shaun Wright-Phillips (Manchester City), Ashley Young (Aston Villa); Darren Bent (Sunderland), Peter Crouch (Tottenham Hotspur), Kevin Davies (Bolton), Wayne Rooney (Manchester United)

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# ENGLAND FATTIES XI

## HEAVYWEIGHT CONTENDERS

**W**HILE it's all well and good marvelling at the physique of the modern-day footballer, there are plenty of players who filled the shirt and then some. Of course, we were tempted to drop the 4-4-2 for a 3-5-2 (well, this team do have a bit more in the middle than most), but we've stuck to traditions and gone for an XI of the XL, made up of some of the larger-than-life players who pulled on an England shirt in their time.



### >> KEEPER

- 1 Fatty Foulkes** – We just couldn't leave him out; a player so fat they actually called him Fatty. Topped out at 24 stone at the end of his playing days, allegedly. An inspiration to others, like Kevin Pressman, Neville Southall...

### >> DEFENCE

- 2 Paul Parker** – Dependable defender. Difficult to get past (or should that be round?)
- 3 Julian Dicks** – Offered crunching tackles, with plenty of weight behind them. Not one for crunchy salads, though, apparently.
- 4 Neil Ruddock** – Never in danger of not making our starting XI. Actually had a maximum weight clause inserted in his contracts towards the end of his playing days.
- 5 Sol Campbell** – Euphemistically referred to as a 'stocky' defender. The pictures of him returning to pre-season training this year definitely didn't catch his best side.

### >> MIDFIELD

- 6 Sammy Lee** – Adding weight to our midfield's tackling. He's fat, he's round, he bounces on the ground.
- 7 Paul Merson** – Completes our attack-minded midfield. Unfortunately he was all too willing to attack an all you can eat buffet, and piled on the pounds.
- 8 Paul Gascoigne** – Outrageous skill, vision, touch and ability: Gazza had it all. Unfortunately, he also had it all for lunch on most days, it appears.
- 11 John Barnes** – In his early days he offered grace and balance on the left wing. By the end of his career it was more ballast than balance.

### >> FORWARDS

- 10 Matt Le Tissier** – Le Tiss had an economy of movement, intelligent positioning, and dictated play. Or in other words was just plain lazy. Never in danger of shifting any excess pounds. Kind of like a latter-day Dimitar Berbatov, with a worse diet.
- 9 Emile Heskey** – His hunger for goals was legendary. But as the goals dried up, the hunger sadly didn't.

# HELP FOR FANS

## HOME AND AWAY

**R**EGULAR travellers with England will be familiar with the FSF's Fans' Embassy service, which not only provides this Free Lions fanzine, but also offers advice and assistance for supporters travelling abroad, including a 24-hour telephone helpline around match days.

What you may not know however is that the FSF is also here to help with any issues faced by supporters in domestic football too, and we take up many individual cases on behalf of supporters who feel they've had a rough deal at the hands of clubs, leagues, the police, stewards or whatever.

Just one example from many in our heavy workload since the season began, is the story of James, a Manchester United fan, who got in touch with us in late August.

James had been roughly ejected from Craven Cottage after a steward wrongly claimed that his ticket was a fake. The police got involved on the day but were of little help (directing him to a nearby pub to watch the match), so James got in touch with us, and we got the ball rolling.

A complaint was raised with both the club and the Premier League, and after following it through (and with the club having no evidence

to back up their claim that his ticket was fake, no log of his ejection made by the steward and the CCTV backing up his case) the club admitted they were in the wrong. James finally received a full written apology and a refund on his ticket and travel.

In James' own words "The FSF's advice and support was invaluable to me as I wouldn't have known where to start otherwise. I'm delighted I ended up getting a right result thanks to the FSF".

Sadly, James' case is not unusual. If you're a fan in trouble, get in touch with the FSF today at [info@fsf.org.uk](mailto:info@fsf.org.uk).

## BLOWING THE WHISTLE ON OVER-PRICING

**F**ootball Supporters Europe (FSE), the international fans' organisation of which FSF is part, is taking up a new campaign to ensure that away fans are not discriminated against when it comes to ticket prices for matches in Europe involving either clubs or national teams.

Eastern European clubs and countries currently appear to be

the worst culprits. For example, Liverpool fans were recently charged £26.50 for tickets for their Europa League game against FK Rabotnicki, while home fans were charged just £4. Borussia Dortmund fans felt justifiably aggrieved when they discovered they were being charged 30 Euros, thirty times as much as the home fans, when they visited Azerbaijan to play

Baku. To add insult to injury, local fans could buy VIP hospitality tickets, including food and drink, for only 10 Euros!

The FSE's website at [www.footballsupporterseurope.org](http://www.footballsupporterseurope.org) has details of what to do. Clubs or associations found to be in breach of the rule can be fined and made to refund refund ticket money.

## QUIZ Answers

**Scouse Phil's Free Lions Football Quiz**  
 1. Don Revie, Terry Venables and Howard Wilkinson  
 2. Paul Konchesky, Chris Powell and Luke Young  
 3. Scored a hat-trick 4. 1-0 5. Aston Villa, Chelsea and Crewe Alexandra 6. Tottenham Hotspur 7. Morecambe 8. Holland 9. Pickles 10. Mick Channon

**Music Quiz**  
 1. Cilla Black 2. Black Box 3. Shamen 4. Black Eyed Peas 5. Ike and Tina Turner 6. Black 7. "Agadoo"  
 8. Tony Blackburn 9. Ayrshire 10. Black Sabbath

## MONTENEGRO SQUAD WORDSEARCH

**W**e can't help noticing that there's a lot of -IC's in a Montenegrin squad these days. We can't quite work out though whether that makes finding them in the Wordsearch grid easier or harder. All feedback would be appreciated. After you've found tonight's players' surnames, of course...

Mladen	<b>BOZOVIC</b>	Videoton FC
Srdan	<b>BLAZIC</b>	Standard Liege
Ivan	<b>JANJUSEVIC</b>	FK Mogren Budva
Marko	<b>BASA</b>	Lokomotiv Moscow
Savo	<b>PAVICEVIC</b>	Maccabi Tel-Aviv
Miodrag	<b>DZUDOVIC</b>	Spartak Nalchik
Milan	<b>JOVANOVIC</b>	Spartak Nalchik
Stefan	<b>SAVIC</b>	Partizan Belgrade
Luka	<b>PEJOVIC</b>	FK Mogren Budva
Zarko	<b>TOMASEVIC</b>	CD Nacional
Radoslav	<b>BATAK</b>	FK Mogren Budva
Elsad	<b>ZVEROTIC</b>	Lucerne
Milorad	<b>PEKOVIC</b>	Greuther Fuerth
Mitar	<b>NOVAKOVIC</b>	Amkar Perm
Vladimir	<b>BOZOVIC</b>	Rapid Bucharest
Simon	<b>VUKCEVIC</b>	Sporting Lisbon
Branko	<b>BOSKOVIC</b>	DC United
Mladen	<b>KASCELAN</b>	Jagiellonia Bialystok
Mirko	<b>VUCINIC</b>	Roma
Radomir	<b>DJALOVIC</b>	HNK Rijeka
Fatos	<b>BE CIRAJ</b>	Dinamo Zagreb
Andrija	<b>DELIBASIC</b>	Rayo Vallecano de Madrid
Dejan	<b>DAMJANOVIC</b>	FC Seoul

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## Scouse Phil's Free Lions Football Quiz (answers on page 15)

- Which three England managers have managed Leeds United?
- Which three Charlton defenders won caps for England in the 2000s?
- What did Argentina's Miguel Higuain do in the recent World Cup finals that no other player did?
- Which scoreline is the most popular in games since the Premier league was formed, occurring a total of 1341 times?
- Name the three English league clubs whose full name ends with the letter 'A'.
- Which is the only side to win the League Cup at both the Millennium Stadium and the 'new' Wembley?
- Which Football League side plays their home games at the Globe Arena?
- Which country has lost all three World Cup Finals it has played in?
- What was the name of the dog that famously found the World Cup when it was stolen just before the finals tournament in 1966?
- Born in Wiltshire in 1948, I played for many clubs including Manchester City and Norwich, but I won all my 46 England caps between 1972 and 1977 whilst with Southampton. Famous for my 'windmill' goal celebrations, I am now a successful racehorse trainer. Who am I?

