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WELCOME TO WEMBLEY. WELCOME TO THE FA CUP FINAL.

The Reds endured a remarkable Coventry City comeback in the second semi-final of the weekend. United had led 3-0 with 19 minutes of normal time remaining, only for the Sky Blues to make an incredible comeback, levelling to make it 3-3 five minutes into added time.

Coventry looked to have secured a fairy-tale win with almost the last kick of extra time, but their 'winner' was ruled out by a fractional VAR offside decision.

United then went on to win 4-2 on penalties and set up a date against the Blues in May's showpiece event. It also means that, after their never previously been a Manchester derby on the FA Cup final up to 2023, there have now been successive clashes of the Manchester giants.

Last season, two Ilkay Gundogan goals gave City a 2-1 win on the way to the Treble. City booked a place in the final with a hard-fought 1-0 win over Chelsea on Saturday.

Bernardo Silva's 84th minute goal was the decisive moment as Pep Guardiola's men shrugged off Champions League frustration to progress to the showpiece of English football's oldest cup competition.

Now in its 152nd year, the FA Cup final is due to take place on Saturday 25 May at Wembley, with the start time yet to be confirmed.

We began our run to the final with a 5-0 victory over Huddersfield Town in January, before 1-0 win at Tottenham Hotspur later that month.

Erling Haaland then scored five in a 6-2 win at Luton Town in February before Bernardo Silva hit the net twice to beat Newcastle United in the quarter-final.

City will be hoping to secure our eighth triumph in the competition, having won it in 1904, 1934, 1956, 1969, 2011, 2019 and 2023.

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GAFFER'S COMMENTS



I'M PROUD OF OUR PLAYERS AFTER OUR INCREDIBLE WIN!

Pep Guardiola described City's resolve to secure a 1-0 victory over Chelsea in the FA Cup as one of the greatest things he's seen by his group of players.

City reached the FA Cup final for a second successive season after Bernardo Silva's late strike sealed a semi-final victory over Wembley.

It was a tough game coming so closely after our difficult Champions League exit in a penalty shootout to Real Madrid on Wednesday.

But Guradiola was proud of his players at their ability to pick themselves up so quickly to claim a huge victory.

"The game was tight," the City boss said. "Chelsea had incredible transitions and controlled the ball well.

"We lost some easy balls because we were tired. Players made an incredible effort.

"What they have done today was one of the greatest things I have seen in a group of players [after] 120 minutes against Madrid, [with their] physicality and the emotion.

"The day after recovery then yesterday, we just say 'hi' and you can't prepare anything."

Guardiola is determined for his side to challenge on all fronts but would have preferred the game to have been played in the Sunday slot taken by the second semi-final between Coventry and Manchester United.

"I am incredibly happy to play the semi final of the FA Cup," he said. "The schedule is tight. I love to be in the quarter-final of Champions League.

"I don't understand how we survived today. People cannot imagine the punch in our face, the way we were out.

"Why they don't give us one more day for the health of the players to arrive on Sunday? Coventry, Chelsea, Manchester United, they didn't play Champions League or Europa League in midweek."

Preparations were difficult for the game but the squad can now look forward to another day at Wembley for a final game of the season on 25 May.

"We are very pleased and these players showed who they are. At the end of the season, we will come back here to play the final of the FA Cup."

Pep Guardiola
Manchester City FC Manager

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FINAL	Manchester City	1	Manchester United	0
SEMI FINALS	Manchester City	1	Chelsea	0
QUARTER FINALS	Manchester City	2	Newcastle United	0
FIFTH ROUND	Luton Town	2	Manchester City	6
FOURTH ROUND	Tottenham Hotspur	0	Manchester City	1
THIRD ROUND	Manchester City	5	Huddersfield Town	0

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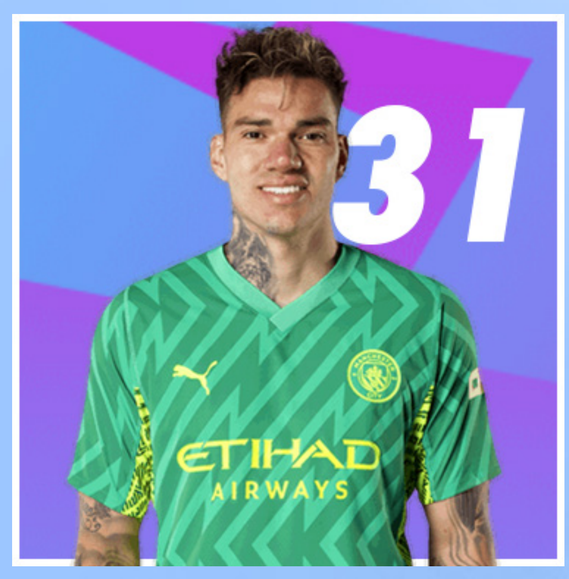
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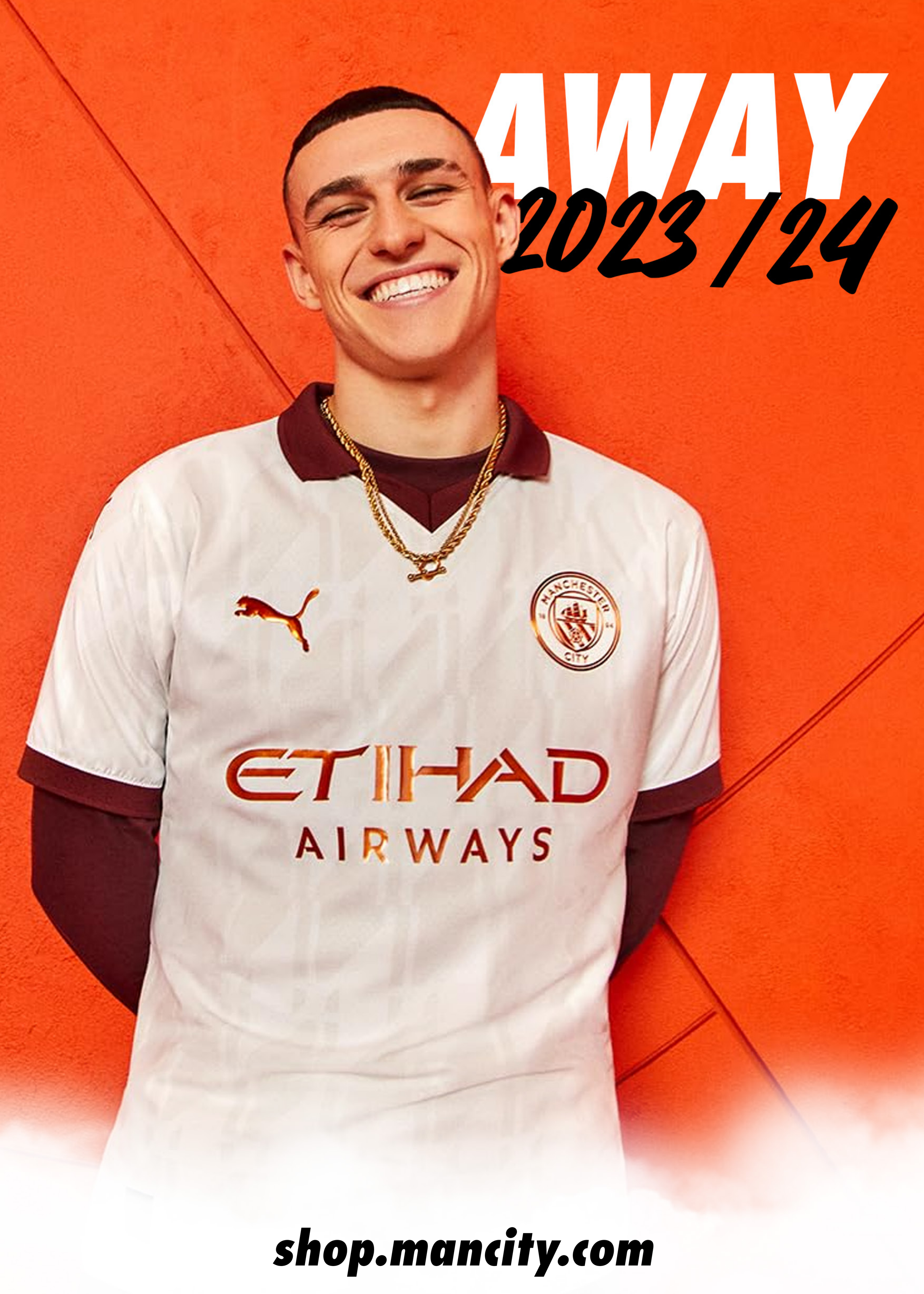
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MATHEUS NUNES

PLAYER SPOTLIGHT



NATIONALITY: PORTUGAL **POSITION: CM**

Matheus Nunes was Manchester City's fourth signing of summer 2023, arriving on a five-year deal which keeps him at the Club until 2028.

The Portugal international has joined Pep Guardiola's side following his one-year tenure at Wolverhampton Wanderers.

Deployed in midfield, Nunes has been regarded by Guardiola to be "one of the best players in the world".

Nunes started his professional career in 2018 when he signed for Primeira Liga side Estoril.

And after impressing against Sporting in a Taca da Liga fixture, Nunes secured a move to the club in January 2019.

He would go on to make 101 appearances for Sporting, scoring eight goals and assisting nine in the process.

His energy in midfield caught Premier League attention, with Wolves securing his signature in 2022 for a club record fee.

He's continued to improve his style of play since moving to England, becoming a regular name in Wolves' starting XI.

He was awarded the Premier League Goal of the Month for April 2023 after his stunning strike against Chelsea.

On the international stage, Nunes made his debut in 2021 for Portugal and has since gone on to represent his country at the 2022 World Cup where he made two appearances.

Nunes collected a winner's medal as part of the City squad who claimed the FIFA Club World Cup in December 2023 with a 4-0 win over Fluminense.

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