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# Gameweek 39 Charity Match Digital Matchday Programme



### Making fantasy into reality!





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# Acknowledgments

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Team North/South men and women's kits manufactured by @MattSportsUK



#### GW39 fantasy football game made by @GAFFR IO



GW39 designs by @fpldoodles1



### A Message from Benny & Ash

Hey! Remember 12 months ago? Was it real? Or was it just fantasy?

In Autumn 2021, <u>a moment of spontaneity</u> instigated a series of events that led to the largest ever fantasy football event being held outside of London. Essentially, FPL managers came together for a game of football, and you could even pick them as fantasy football assets. But it was certainly no ordinary kickabout. A rivalry developed overnight as two teams went all out for the coveted cup.

Ultimately only one team could lift the trophy. <u>Team South</u> <u>triumphed</u> as the inaugural Gameweek 39 champions, but more importantly, as one FPL community, we collectively <u>raised over</u> <u>**f6**,500</u> for Street Child United. The children who benefited from the proceeds at the 2022 Street Child World Cup were the real winners from all of this.

Having had time to contemplate and reflect during the off-season, we agreed to a rematch at the same venue for 2023. Will it be a repeat? Will it be revenge? There's only one way to find out!

Both squads have been working hard during the 22/23 season with training sessions, friendlies, trialists and new additions. Our *cup final* is almost upon us and we look forward to seeing everyone again at <u>Castle Vale</u>.

All the best, Benny and Ash (Benny\_Blanco40 | @FPLHINTS)

## **About Street Child United**

Street Child United is a UK charity using the power of sport, specifically international sports events, to change the negative perceptions and treatment of street-connected children everywhere. They believe in a world where every child can access their rights, no matter their background. Key priorities include:

- Challenging negative perceptions
- Right to identify
- Right to protection from violence
- Right to education

#### (Read more here)

Street Child United are proud to work with exceptional young people. Their goal is to help them become advocates for street-connected children, who can bring about social change.

(Read more here)

#### Get Involved With Street Child United

Street Child United exists because of amazing community of supporters who are working together to make a change for street children across the world. There are so many ways that you can make a difference. (Get involved!)



A Message From Sadock -

### **Confirmed Match Day Squads**

#### Team South (Men)

David Munday (+ Manager) James Drewery (Captain) FPLPlonker (Vice Captain) Ash, FPLHINTS (+ Chairman) Sham,2Guys1Cup (GK) FPL Panda (Reserve GK) FPLBlackBox Az Ross, FPLMerch FPL Harry Albert Edwards Ash, FPLJuice ManOnPod Craig James, TW11DDY Oscar, FPL Focal Ben, FPLGraduates Mo, TrophyFPL Adam, ThreeFiveWho **FPLBhuna** Peter, FPLTeam TheFPLNacho **FPLLordOphiucus** 

<u>Team South (Women)</u> FPL\_LB (Captain) Anya, SCU FPLFindingGlory Maja Rachel Lucy

<u>Backroom Team:</u> James, PlanetFPL (Coach) Suj, PlanetFPL (Coach) Nathan Bacon (Team South Mascot)

#### <u> Team North (Men)</u>

Benny Blanco (+ Manager) Hindu Monkey (+ Joint Assistant Manager) Ben Dinnery (Captain) SmuelMartinFPL (Vice Captain) Michael Saville (GK) Jamie Gaffr (Reserve GK) **Gianni Buttice** Corf FPL **Ben Crellin** MattyHFPL FPLJJ DiffyFPL Scribedyj FPL\_Skipper88 YCMillzy FPLViking FantasyEd Joccki FPL **FPLEire** MrFaith1

<u>Team North (Women)</u> Linn\_FPL (Captain) Appelsinjuss Eliseeso ShitatFPL FPLellie Twedzypie

Backroom Team: Dan, LocoLord (Joint Assistant Manager)

Go to gaffr.io and pick your fantasy football team for GW39!

### Match day itinerary

# MATCH DAY GAMEWEEK 39 ITINERARY



CASTLE VALE | JUN 3 | 2023 11:15 - TURNSTILES OPEN 11:30 - WOMEN'S KICK OFF 12:30 - MEN'S KICK OFF 14:30 - TROPHY CEREMONY 14:40 - EXIT STADIUM

### **Team North and Team South shirts**





#### **Information from trials/friendlies**

Team South video reveal & South's bespoke player cards

Team North video reveal & initial North Squad overview

May 2023 Final Team South Training Camp

Final Team North Training Camp – Picture / Line up

April 2023 Team South against a Sunday league team - <u>Result</u>

March 2023 Team North Trials in Liverpool – <u>Picture & Result</u>

February 2023 Team South v Team South - <u>Announcement</u>

November 2022 Team North Trials in Leeds - <u>Picture</u> & <u>Result</u>

October 2022 Team South v Trialists – <u>Picture & Result</u>

#### The Road to Gameweek 39 for Team South



## TEAM SOUTH AND THE ROAD TO GW39

JULY - HOXTON OCTOBER - READING FEBRUARY - READING APRIL - UXBRIDGE MAY - CHESSINGTON

### CASTLE VALE | JUN 3 | 2023



#### The Road to Gameweek 39 for Team North



# GW39 Fantasy Football Game via GAFFR



GAFFR has been built by fantasy football fanatics and is known for its flagship fantasy game focusing on the Championship.

They also previously had a European Super League game during the 21/22 season which allowed managers to pick players across multiple elite clubs from Europe.

The creators of GAFFR have been kind enough to revive the Gameweek 39 fantasy game for another year. <u>You can register for free</u> and pick players from both teams!

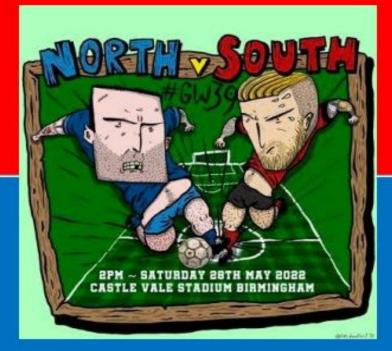
If you haven't played the Gameweek 39 fantasy game before be sure to <u>watch</u> this short video which also explains what the new features are for 2023.



## **Revisiting last year's event**

# Gameweek 39

9 months of planning led to 90 minutes of football. The rest as they say is history. Gameweek 39 was a truly memborable experience. Not only was it the largest fantasy football event held outside of London, it was also the first ever charity match arranged for the community. Organised by <u>Benny</u> and <u>Ash</u> - Fantasy became reality. There was even a fantasy football game for the occasion via Gaffr.io. But most importantly over £6,000 was raised for Street Child United!



Ultimately it is the winners that write history. This segment will look at Gameweek 39 primarily from the eyes of the victors, Team South.

The winning manager (David Munday) as well as the winning captain (James Drewery) will shed some light on what helped the 'best team in the South' become the best team in the UK.

As an added bonus, it only seemed apt to also share a fan's perspective from the day via IBK Official's takeaways and memories from the occasion.

But before we begin, a special thanks to <u>@PlanetFPLPod</u> for sponsoring the kits and for arranging the filming of the match, <u>@RichP\_FPL</u> & <u>@FPLMode</u> for the commentary, <u>Gaffr.io</u> for the fantasy game, <u>@FPLDoodles1</u> for the GW39 desians and to everyone that attended and made the day what it was!

#### "Football is not a matter of life and death... it's more important than that" - Bill Shankly -

Never has a truer word been spoken in the history of sport. It was this very idea that helped Team South upset all the pre-match punditry to claim the inaugural Gameweek 39 title. It was a story that started with a <u>tweet</u>, from @FPLHints, suggesting that the Fantasy community could pull off its own version of Soccer Aid. And here we are... It has finally happened!

Even better, the success of the first-ever Gameweek 39 match has firmly established the fixture in the calendar of FPL managers everywhere. We'll be back next summer, when Team South will be fighting hard to hold onto the coveted trophy, provided by the ever-reliable and infinitely-resourceful Ross at FPL Merch.

You can be sure that 'marginal gains' will, once again, play a part in our preparation, as they did for the 2022 edition. For months, Team South were ruthlessly mocked for our supposed 'inferiority' at the hands of a, it has now been confirmed, somewhat overconfident Team North.

I would be lying if I said they didn't do our team talk for us. That's because after all the blood, sweat and tears we poured into preparing for the game, we printed off nearly every tweet aimed at us and hung them up in the changing room on the big day.

#### Final Result

North 1 Gianni Buttice (G), Hindu Monkey (A)

South 2 TheFPLNacho (G), James Drewery (A) TheFPLNacho (G), Peter, FPL.Team (A)

#### **Top Scoring Fantasy Points**

TheFPLNacho (13) Gianni Buttice (8) James Drewery (7) Peter, FPL.Team (7) Hindu Monkey (5)

<u>Official Man of the Match</u> TheFPLNacho

Fans' Man of the Match Gianni Buttice







#### Last years's match in full as aswell as highlights via PlanetFPL











