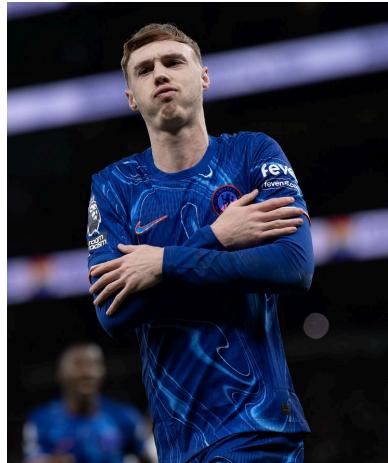


We Have (re)Entered the Football Universe #UptheBlue

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Being in Europe I have been much more exposed to football (not saying soccer I;m euro asf) and football fandom than I ever have been. It's on in every bar and restaurant and I hear more of it from my teammates and whatever at practice. For a while I have wanted to get back into the game and rejoin the football world but I always felt like it was too much work and that it was way too much shit to learn and catch up on for it to be worth it. Well, now that I have an abundance of time over here and I'm actually in the right time zone to watch games I thought fuck it why not not if not now then when. So beginning this past week I began to do some research and watch a few Prem games and we are back locked in. Also shoutout my dawg Nana for pushing me back into following the game even though he roots for a fuck ass squad from a micky mouse league in Real Madrid.

When I was a kid I was hella into soccer and Chelsea was my squad up until the end of Drogba's second stint. I remember most of the dudes from that Drogba chelsea era Terry, Torres, Cech, Lampard etc. No lie Drogba (JO JO JOANNAAAA) was probably my favorite athlete for a stint as a kid lol and that dude put me on to the existence Ivory Coast as a country which to this day if you ask me to name an African country I'll probs name that first strictly off Drogba's motion. Talk about putting on for your country. Have watched two Chelsea games so far since my resumption as a fan and I have absolutely loved it. Was hella into NBA season this year but since starting with football again I haven't bothered to watch an NBA game. Big shoutout to all the Chelsea FC twitter accounts that have been putting me on game and to the youtube channels I've been tuned into as well. The football community is fucking different lol and idk if its football fans or British people but the reactions / chat around the game is fucking comedy and is by far way better than the NBA and NFL its absolutely electric. Shoutout to the youtube channels Football Therapy, Blue Lions TV, and CarefreeLewisG for being one great personalities and entertainers and have made it a lot easier for me to get back into the game and get a grasp on our squad and make up. If you read this and are like "you can't just decide to be a fan of a team again all of a sudden after not following for 15 years" fairs but that's what I'm gonna do anyway.

Chose an electric time to get back into the squad as we gear up for a push to crack the champions league in the prem and await the knockout rounds in the champion league itself. Scintillating. Announcers use that word often and I have made the resolution to incorporate that into my daily arsenal. Banger word.

Beyond just getting back into football to support Chelsea as a club I have always had a deep respect for the game in terms of individual skill and tactically. I'm not claiming to be a tactics expert or anything like that, but I know enough that it makes me want to understand and learn more about the game and strategy. I think football is the top sport in terms of "artistry" on display. Whether it be individual skill moves or a great team sequence that leads to an opportunity you can't get that feeling from any other sport in my opinion of like damn these guys are real creators and artists. Some NBA guys make you feel that way for sure but not to the same level these guys do. It's exciting man. I'm geeked as time goes on to learn more about the game, the players in it and support a club/team and be a part of that community. Like I said exciting time to be tuning in and shoutout buff streams fr for getting me right with these games. Roll Blue and let's work.