

= 2014 FA Community Shield =

The 2014 FA Community Shield was the 92nd FA Community Shield , an annual English football match played between the winners of the previous season 's Premier League and FA Cup . The game was played between Arsenal , who beat Hull City in the final of the 2013 ? 14 FA Cup , and Manchester City , champions of the 2013 ? 14 Premier League . Watched by a crowd of 71 @, @ 523 at Wembley Stadium in London , Arsenal won the match 3 ? 0 .

This was Arsenal 's 20th Community Shield appearance and Manchester City 's 10th . The only time the two teams previously met in the Shield was in 1934 , when Arsenal won 4 ? 0 . The 2014 staging of the event was the first to use vanishing spray , following its success at the 2014 FIFA World Cup . In the lead up to the match Manchester City manager Manuel Pellegrini defended his club 's transfer recruitment , after it was questioned by the Arsenal manager Arsène Wenger .

Alexis Sánchez was one of three players who made their competitive debuts for Arsenal in the match ; for Manchester City , goalkeeper Willy Caballero was selected ahead of Joe Hart . Arsenal began the game more strongly and took the lead when Santi Cazorla scored in the 22nd minute . Their lead was extended two minutes before half time , as Aaron Ramsey finished off a counter @-@ attacking move . Arsenal scored their third of the match soon after the hour mark ; Olivier Giroud 's shot from outside the penalty box dipped over Caballero and into his goal .

Arsenal 's victory was the biggest in the Community Shield in 16 years . Wenger was pleased with his team 's performance and felt the win would provide a confidence boost for the coming season . Pellegrini 's reaction was indifferent ; he believed the absence of several first team players was linked to their poor show .

= = Background = =

Founded in 1908 as a successor to the Sheriff of London Charity Shield , the FA Community Shield began as a contest between the respective champions of the Football League and Southern League , although in 1913 it was played between an Amateurs XI and a Professionals XI . In 1921 , it was played by the league champions of the top division and FA Cup winners for the first time . As part of a sponsorship deal between The Football Association and American restaurant chain McDonald 's , the match was officially referred to as " The FA Community Shield supported by McDonald 's " .

Manchester City qualified for the 2014 FA Community Shield as winners of the 2013 ? 14 Premier League . The club saw off competition from Liverpool and won their second league title in three years with victory against West Ham United on the last day . The other Community Shield place went to Arsenal , who defeated Hull City in extra time to win the final of the 2013 ? 14 FA Cup . It ended a run of nine years without a trophy for the club .

Manchester City made their 10th Community Shield appearance ; prior to this , they won four (1937 , 1968 , 1972 , 2012) and lost five ? one of which against Arsenal in 1934 . By contrast , Arsenal made their 20th Community Shield appearance , a record bettered only by Manchester United (29) and Liverpool (21) . Arsenal had won 12 times , 11 of which were won outright , most recently in 2004 .

The match was televised live in the United Kingdom on BT Sport ; the network obtained rights to the Community Shield in July 2013 as part of a four @-@ year deal with the BBC to air live FA Cup football .

= = Build @-@ up = =

Arsenal manager Arsène Wenger used his press conference before the match to look ahead to the new season . He wanted his team to build on their FA Cup success and said that the Community Shield " ... will be the best way to prepare for the start of the League season next week . " Wenger was surprised his opponents Manchester City had taken midfielder Frank Lampard from their own franchise club New York City FC on loan ; he questioned whether this was a way to bypass UEFA 's Financial Fair Play rules . Of Bacary Sagna 's move from Arsenal to Manchester City in the summer

, Wenger told reporters : " I made him a proposal to stay for three years , but he chose them . Had he chosen a long time ago ? Maybe ? it looks to me like he agreed it a long time before . " Wenger also revealed Arsenal had received offers for defender Thomas Vermaelen ; on the day of the Community Shield match the player transferred to Barcelona .

Manuel Pellegrini , the manager of Manchester City , said before the game that winning the Shield " would be the ideal start to the campaign . " He was conscious of his team 's poor start to the previous season and wanted them to do better , particularly away from home . Pellegrini did not see the game against Arsenal as a " friendly " , and expected his opponents to provide a good test for Manchester City in the Shield match and thereafter in the league season . He was satisfied overall with the club 's transfer activity during the summer , in particular praising goalkeeper Willy Caballero . When asked about Wenger 's comments about Manchester City , he retorted : " As a manager we have enough problems with our own teams to be talking about other teams . " Pellegrini expressed his belief that Lampard 's transfer was not done by underhand tactics ? " we didn't spend any money in bringing him from New York City to Manchester City , " and added the player was not offered a contract to remain at Chelsea .

Aaron Ramsey , who scored Arsenal 's winning goal in the FA Cup final , was adamant their recent success would make his teammates determined to win more . He aimed for victory in the Community Shield , as it would provide a platform for what he described as " a tough opening couple of games in the Premier League . " Samir Nasri , who left Arsenal to join Manchester City in 2011 , in the lead @-@ up to the match described the abuse he received from Arsenal supporters since his transfer as " stupid . " He went on to explain : " They see it as treason or that I betrayed them but it's not like that . I just look what's best for me ... For the fans the only reason [to leave] has to be for the money . But it isn't just for the money . "

Both clubs received an allocation of approximately 26 @, @ 000 tickets . Manchester City fans were housed in the east end of Wembley , while Arsenal fans occupied the west . Ticket prices stayed the same for the third consecutive year and were advertised at a cost of between £ 20 and £ 45 ; the tickets went on general sale for Manchester City fans on 22 July 2014 . Arsenal chief executive Ivan Gazidis was upset by the low allocation : " We have expressed our disappointment to the FA regarding the ticket allocation for both the FA Cup final and FA Community Shield . "

Michael Oliver was selected as the referee for the Shield match ; it marked the fifth time he refereed at Wembley Stadium . The game was the first in English football to use vanishing spray , designed to help referees mark free @-@ kick positions . This came after the spray's success at the 2014 FIFA World Cup . English rock band Embrace provided pre @-@ match entertainment and Britain 's Got Talent finalist Lucy Kay sung the national anthem before the match commenced .

= = Match = =

= = = Team selection = = =

Manchester City were predicted to line up in a 4 ? 2 ? 3 ? 1 formation , with Nasri and James Milner as wide men . Due to a specified pre @-@ season programme , Pellegrini had agreed to excuse several players from the match , namely Martín Demichelis , Vincent Kompany , Pablo Zabaleta , Bacary Sagna , Fernandinho , Frank Lampard and Sergio Agüero . Striker Álvaro Negredo was also unavailable for selection because of an injury . Arsenal were expected to line up similarly to Manchester City , with Ramsey as a holding midfielder , and Tomáš Rosický in an advanced role behind Olivier Giroud . Goalkeeper David Ospina was ruled out of the game with a thigh injury ; German internationals Per Mertesacker , Mesut Özil and Lukas Podolski did not feature as they were given extended time off following their national side 's success at the World Cup .

When the teamsheets were released , Wenger 's selection showed Rosický and Giroud would start the match as substitutes and competitive debuts were given to Mathieu Debuchy , Calum Chambers and Alexis Sánchez . Arsenal employed a 4 ? 1 ? 4 ? 1 formation to start the game , with a defensive midfielder (Mikel Arteta) sitting between a flat back four and a four @-@ man midfield ;

Yaya Sanogo led the Arsenal attack as a lone centre @-@ forward .

Manchester City organised themselves slightly differently , with two defensive midfielders and an attacking midfielder ? Stevan Joveti? ? playing behind the main striker , Edin D?eko . Caballero and Fernando made their debuts for the club , while Bruno Zuculini was named on the bench . The team lined up in a 4 ? 2 ? 3 ? 1 formation . There were no English players in the Manchester City starting XI .

= = = Summary = = =

= = = First half = = =

Manchester City got the match underway and won the first corner kick of the match in the fifth minute . In the eighth minute , Debuchy crossed the ball from the right , but Sanogo 's attempt to head the ball was impeded by Clichy . An Arsenal corner minutes after resulted in Manchester City reacting with a counter @-@ attack ; the ball eventually reached an unmarked Nasri in the penalty area , but the midfielder ? s shot on goal was blocked by Debuchy ? s arm . Manchester City appealed for a penalty kick , which was not given by referee Oliver . Arsenal continued to build pressure in Manchester City ? s half and scored the opening goal . Sanogo kept possession of the ball and passed to Wilshere , who was tackled . The ball then fell to Santi Cazorla , who created space for himself and shot into the bottom right hand corner of Caballero 's goal . A corner taken by Nasri in the 22nd minute was greeted by jeers from the Arsenal supporters , as was his every touch of the ball . Near the half @-@ hour mark Arsenal countered through Sánchez , but his pass to Ramsey was quickly intercepted . From a corner , Sanogo directed his header straight at Caballero . As the game went on Manchester City began to gather momentum , with Aleksandar Kolarov finding success from attacking Arsenal 's right . Despite improved play , Manchester City were losing 0 ? 2 after 42 minutes when Sanogo began the move by keeping possession and finding Ramsey with a pass . The midfielder took one touch to side @-@ step Matija Nastasi? and another to put the ball into the net . Arsenal came close to scoring a third goal just before half @-@ time when Sanogo and Sánchez exchanged passes near the Manchester City area , but Caballero came out of his penalty box to break up the move .

= = = Second half = = =

Arsenal made a triple substitution before the second half commenced ? Laurent Koscielny , Sánchez and Sanogo came off for Nacho Monreal , Alex Oxlade @-@ Chamberlain and Olivier Giroud . Manchester City meanwhile replaced Nasri with David Silva . In contrast to the first 45 minutes , Manchester City started well ; three minutes after the start of the half , Kolarov collected the ball from Silva and charged forward , but his cross on the left flank was cleared by Monreal . In the 50th minute , Fernando was shown the game 's first and only yellow card for fouling Wilshere . Manchester City continued to fashion opportunities : Navas beat his opponent Kieran Gibbs on the right and crossed the ball in the Arsenal area . Joveti? 's header was kept out by Wojciech Szcz?sny and on the rebound he struck the ball over the goal . Szcz?sny denied Joveti? again in the 56th minute , diving to his right to clear . Manchester City made two changes on the hour , bringing on Milner and Bruno Zuculini for D?eko and Yaya Touré . A shot by Giroud from 25 yards (23 m) dipped over Caballero and landed in the his net to make it 3 ? 0 to Arsenal . Manchester City responded with some opportunities to score ? Joveti? 's attempt at an overhead kick went over the bar in the 65th minute , and minutes later Szcz?sny saved from Zuculini in a collision which required treatment for both players . Both teams made more substitutions in the final third of the game ? for Arsenal Mathieu Flamini , Rosický and debutant Joel Campbell replaced Wilshere , Cazorla and Ramsey respectively , while Manchester City brought on Micah Richards and Scott Sinclair in place of Kolarov and Navas . Near the end , Szcz?sny came out of his penalty box and cleared the ball with his head , but inadvertently collided with Sinclair .

== Details ==

== Statistics ==

== Post @-@ match ==

The trophy was presented to Arteta by former Arsenal player and assistant coach Pat Rice . Arsenal 's win marked the biggest victory in the Community Shield since 1998 . Wenger was delighted with his team 's performance and described their play in the first half as complete . He noted that although Arsenal lost possession in the second half and looked " less fluent " , the team retained " spirit and organisation " . He described the win as significant because it gave Arsenal a confidence boost going into the season and suggested it was important to beat a top @-@ six league team because of their poor record last season . Wenger was happy with how Arsenal 's new signings came through the match and reserved special praise for Chambers : " He played with a maturity and intelligence that I was really impressed with . " Olivier Giroud , the man of the match , said of his goal : " I tried instinctively to shoot and to hit the target . I was a bit lucky but that 's what I wanted to do . "

Pellegrini was not overly concerned by Manchester City 's defeat and said : " The season starts next Sunday , " referring to their league campaign . He admitted Arsenal had played the better football in the first half , but felt his team were much improved in the second ? " we had possession and chances to score but we didn 't . " Pellegrini felt the absence of several Manchester City players had a bearing on the result and said he planned to talk to the players to get them ready for the season ahead . Of Caballero 's inclusion ahead of Joe Hart , the manager said : " That was one game more for the pre @-@ season . " City 's stand @-@ in captain Touré , like his manager , was not despondent about the result ; he described playing Arsenal as a " good test " for the team .

FA General Secretary Alex Horne hinted afterwards that the Community Shield could be played overseas , though not any time before 2018 because of the existing contract with Wembley Stadium . He described it as an interesting idea and told reporters : " The NBA are doing it and we know that Spanish football and Italian football are looking at doing that with their own Supercup @-@ type games . "

An average of 860 @,@ 000 viewers watched the match live on BT Sport , down by almost 2 @,@ 000 @,@ 000 on the previous year 's Community Shield which was aired on ITV . The channel 's coverage peaked at 1 @.@ 2 million viewers (8 @.@ 4 % of the audience share) during the second half .