

**FANTASY CHALLENGE
NEW LIFE CUP
FINAL
2022**



**Aubrey
DAVIS**

VERSUS

**Matt
COE**

9th Final

GAMEWEEK 38 (23rd May)

OFFICIAL FC MATCH PREVIEW

INTRODUCTION

Unbelievably we are into the 9th final of the newest cup competition in the FC World, the New Life Cup where we see managers knocked out from the First Round of the Champions League and Pyramid Cup get a second chance of glory and a major trophy.

What I find amazing is that this is the sixth successive final in which we have managers from both competitions.

As you will see later in this preview the competition is being dominated by the managers from the Champions League.

Today the manager from the Pyramid Cup is Matt Coe his task is try and become the first manager from the Pyramid Cup to win the competition since 2017.

His opponent Aubrey Davis is the more experienced of the two managers is trying to become the fifth successive manager from the Champions League to claim the New Life Cup trophy.

Neither of these managers have claimed promotion from the respective super20 leagues so this final represents a chance of success for the season and of course a chance to join the elite club of managers who have won a major trophy.

As you may be aware that this competition was named after the Sunday Football team that Fantasy Challenge had sponsored New Life United. Two seasons ago we broke the news that New Life United had reformed, it has not been an easy ride with the pandemic and other issues unfortunately there is not the time to include an update about New Life but all I can tell you is it would make a great soap opera as it has been turbulent times hopefully in next seasons final I can give a full update and that fortunes will have turned for New Life United FC.

I look to the clock and it 8 minutes to 4pm just before kick off so I need to wrap this up and get it out apologies for the rushed preview this year.

I hope you enjoy this preview of the New Life Cup Final.

All that is left for me to do is wish both Managers all the best in this final.

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PLAYER PROFILES

Aubrey Davis

Joined Fantasy Challenge
Career Honours

2007
2007 League Two 12th Lucky Promotion
2008 League One 4th Promoted

STAT ATTACK

(After Gameweek 37)

THIS SEASON

AVERAGE GAMEWEEK SCORE	61.02
HIGHEST GAMEWEEK SCORE	122
LOWEST GAMEWEEK SCORE	25
GAMEWEEKS SCORE OVER 49	26
GAMEWEEKS SCORE UNDER 50	11
COMPETITION AVERAGE	64.22

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE HISTORY

2007	Group Stage
2008	Group Stage
2009	2 nd Round
2010	Group Stage
2011	Group Stage
2012	Group Stage
2013	Group Stage
2014	Group Stage
2015	3 rd Round
2016	Group Stage
2017	Group Stage
2018	Group Stage
2019	Group Stage
2020	Group Stage
2021	2 nd Round

NEW LIFE CUP HISTORY

2018	1 st Round
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ROAD TO THE FINAL

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

1st Round Group Stage

Group M

Ian Gredley	79	-	79
Adrian Comer	77	-	68
Sanj Joshi	57	-	55
Stee Haley	64	-	68
Lee Ferridge	51	-	44
Ian Gredley	53	-	54
Adrian Comer	66	-	68
Sanj Joshi	81	-	83
Stee Haley	25	-	41
Lee Ferridge	52	-	39

FINAL TABLE

POS	TEAM	PLD	WON	DRW	LST	FOR	AGST	+/-	PTS
1	Ian Gredley	10	6	2	2	643	582	61	20
2	Adrian Comer	10	6	0	4	639	588	51	18
3	Aubrey Davis	10	4	1	5	605	599	6	13
4	Sanj Joshi	10	4	1	5	561	555	6	13
5	Lee Ferridge	10	4	0	6	550	600	-50	12
6	Steve Haley	10	4	0	6	503	577	-74	12

NEW LIFE CUP

		1 st Leg		2 nd Leg		Aggregate				
1 st Round	Mark Kenny ***	30	-	40	44	-	34	74	-	74
2 nd Round	Neil Dawson	58	-	33	69	-	81	127	-	114
Quarter-Final	Kyle Berry	76	-	59	81	-	55	157	-	114
Semi-Final	Dipesh Gamanlal	71	-	37	122	-	75	193	-	141

*** See last Page for the Penalty Shoot -Out Drama.

Matt Coe

Joined Fantasy Challenge
Career Honours

2018
2018 Pyramid Two 6th Lucky Promotion
2020 Pyramid One 4th Promoted

STAT ATTACK

(After Gameweek 37)

THIS SEASON

AVERAGE GAMEWEEK SCORE	64.94
HIGHEST GAMEWEEK SCORE	152
LOWEST GAMEWEEK SCORE	20
GAMEWEEKS SCORE OVER 49	27
GAMEWEEKS SCORE UNDER 50	10
COMPETITION AVERAGE	71.75

PYRAMID CUP HISTORY

2018	Group Stage
2019	2 nd Round
2020	Group Stage
2021	3 rd Round

ROAD TO THE FINAL

PYRAMID CUP

1st Round Group Stage

Group G

Stephen Nicoalides	68	-	73
Anthony Lobo	53	-	67
Aaro Mielonen	60	-	52
Sean Doyle	45	-	54
Stephen Nicoalides	59	-	50
Anthony Lobo	64	-	57
Aaro Mielonen	95	-	52
Sean Doyle	28	-	64

FINAL TABLE

POS	TEAM	PLD	WON	DRW	LST	FOR	AGST	+/-	PTS
1	Anthony Lobo	8	5	1	2	511	454	57	16
2	Sean Doyle	8	4	0	4	433	408	25	12
3	Matt Coe	8	4	0	4	472	469	3	12
4	Stephen Nicolaides	8	3	1	4	481	496	-15	10
5	Aaro Mielonen	8	3	0	5	389	459	-70	9

NEW LIFE CUP

		1 st Leg		2 nd Leg		Aggregate	
1 st Round	Ben Alexander	49	- 32	80	- 80	129	- 119
2 nd Round	Stephen Loss	40	- 48	122	- 48	162	- 96
Quarter-Final	Gary Eagle	84	- 46	69	- 65	153	- 153
Semi-Final	Nurul Hussain	80	- 47	152	- 75	232	- 122



FC EXPERT MATCH ANALYSIS

We asked the Fantasy Challenge Expert to give us his thoughts on the New Life Cup Final. We have managed to give the FC Expert the two team line-ups from Gameweek 37.

AUBREY DAVIS
Gameweek 37

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Squad

List

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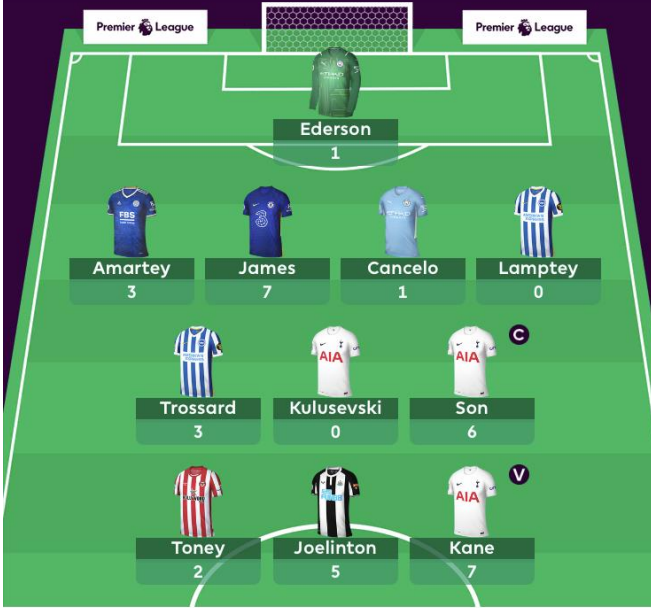
Average

35

Points

166

Highest



GKP

1. DEF

2. MID

3. MID



Foster
0



Alexander-Arnold
0



Mount
0



Cork
4

MATT COE

Gameweek 37

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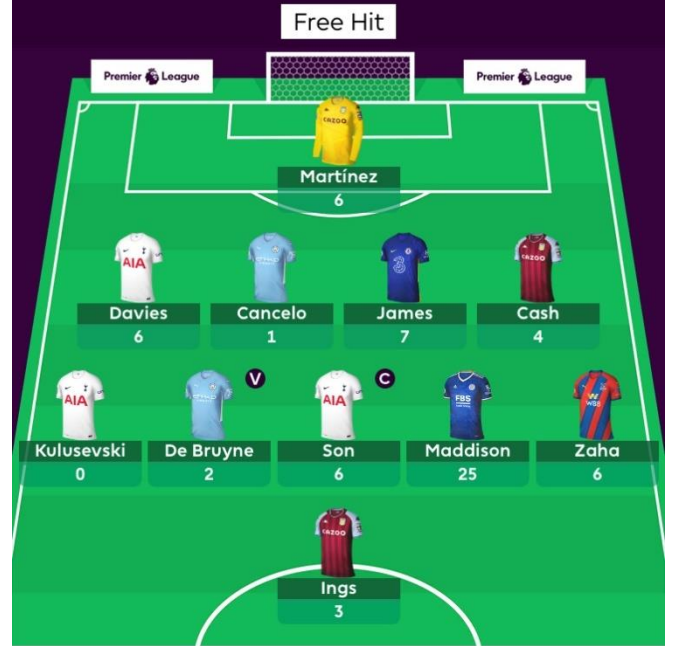
Average

66

Points

166

Highest



GKP

1. DEF

2. FWD

3. FWD



Steele
0



Robertson
0



Richardson
0



Young-Coombes
0

STAT ATTACK

31 **

6

12

9

14

2 (-4 PTS)

3-4-3

NONE

TRIPLE CAPTAIN

BENCH BOOST

FREE HIT

SCORE

CAPTAIN

DEFENCE

MIDFIELD

ATTACK

TRANSFERS

FORMATION

CHIP PLAYED

CHIPS LEFT

66

6

24

39

3

0

4-5-1

FREE HIT

NONE

** Aubrey Davis points adjusted to 31 after deducting 4 points for transfers

THE ANALYSIS

In the entire history of the FC World and these previews I am going to do something different from recent analysis in the finals I am going to do away with and just talk about the options that one of these managers has and the choices that leaves his opponent.

Previously there have been finals where it boils down to one player or I have felt they have all the options here this final is all about Aubrey Davis and a vital question or maybe two about Aubrey's involvement in the game.

After seeing that Aubrey has all of his Chips still available as we move into the final gameweek of the season you wonder is he actually managing his team and still taking part in the game.

The quick answer to this is yes as he made two transfers last gameweek, so he is still playing.

The next and maybe biggest question is does Aubrey know how to play his Chips and does he realise you can only play one per gameweek. The answer to this is not so clear. Aubrey is a seasoned FC Manager and has been in the gam since 2007 so we expect he does know but we are aware of other managers making this mistake in the past thinking they could play two chips in a gameweek.

This final for me is all about what Chip Aubrey selects, Free Hit, Bench Boost or Triple Captain. Looking at his bench in Gameweek 37 scoring zero I think we can discount the Bench Boost also triple Captain brings in difficulties but I can imagine Aubrey looking at Matt Coe's team and playing his free hit to have the same big hoitter sin and then find some good differentials to try and take the trophy.

For Matt Coe the fact Aubrey has all chips available makes his choices easier to certain extent, he might be wondering if he played his own Free Hit a gameweek too early. He has two transfers and I can see him trying to get Kane (Tottenham) in his team but this will see him having to cash in on an expensive player probably a defender. His Midfield looks solid so and alternative might be to remove Kulusevski (Tottenham) and maybe looking to improve on Nkeitieh (Arsenal) upfront. He has good options for captain De Bruyne (Manchester City) Son (Tottenham) and potentially one of those players he brings in.

For Coe this final is about trying to get as highest score as possible where as for Aubrey and that Free Hit he can make it all about match play looking to neutralise Coe's big hitters and finding those differentials.

THE CHIP EFFECT

CHIP	EXPLANATION
Wildcard	The Wildcard chip can be used twice a season, once in the first half of the season and once in the second half of the season. The Wildcard chip is played when confirming transfers that cost points and can't be cancelled once played.
Bench Boost	All the Players on your Substitute Bench score points for that gameweek
Free Hit	You can make unlimited transfers in the gameweek you play your free hit. When the gameweek finishes your team will revert to how it was setup the previous gameweek. You will lose any saved transfers so will only have 1 free transfer after a free hit has been played.
Triple Captain	Instead of the normal double points your Captains Points are tripled
OTHER INFORMATION	Can I Play More than One Chip in a Gameweek Only one chip may be active in a Gameweek. For example, it is not possible to make transfers with your Wildcard chip and then use your Bench Boost chip in the same Gameweek The following chips can only be played once per season Bench Boost, Free Hit and triple Captain What happens to my Triple Captain chip if my captain doesn't play The triple point's bonus will be passed to your vice-captain. If your vice-captain doesn't play either then the bonus is lost, the chip isn't returned.

Both managers will need to take a look at the fixtures below of the final day of the season to try and figure out who will be really trying and whose season is over. The selection of captain could be vital to gaining success in this final.

THE FIXTURES FOR GAMEWEEK 38

Sunday 22nd May

Arsenal	V	Everton
Brentford	V	Leeds United
Brighton & Hove Albion	V	West Ham United
Burnley	V	Newcastle United
Chelsea	V	Watford
Crystal Palace	V	Manchester United
Leicester City	V	Southampton
Liverpool	V	Wolverhampton Wanderers
Manchester City	V	Aston Villa
Norwich City	V	Tottenham Hotspur

THE VERDICT

Another final where you just can't ignore the Chip affect. Surely Aubrey is going to play one of those Chips but which one will he plump for, I can't help but feel he is going to use his Free Hit. Matt Coe has those two transfers and I am sure is going to make a good captain selection but he is up against that Chip that always gives a manager an advantage in a head-to-head.

FINAL VERDICT: - Aubrey Davis to play his free Hit and get it right and take this final although I would not be shocked if Matt Coe took victory in a close final with two good transfers and great captain selection. Aubrey Davis victory brought on by the use of that free hit.

IN THE EVENT OF A DRAW

In the event of a draw the match will go into a penalty Shoot-Out. A penalty shoot-out will take place, each team's top five-point scorers will go head-to-head to produce a result. If the best five scorers in the two teams cannot produce a result sudden death will take place with the next highest point scorers being next.

HISTORY

PREVIOUS FINALS

2014	Steve Haley (CL)	62	-	50	Dan Smith (PC)
2015	Hakan Bedir (CL)	53	-	44	Andrew Burchell (CL)
2016	Jonathan Strack (CL)	42	-	33	Steve Shew (CL)
2017	Kin Chau (PC)	110	-	74	Jonathan Strack (CL)
2018	Dan Jopp (CL)	83	-	72	Peter Ward (PC)
2019	Joe Higgins (CL)	61	-	55	Martin Stuart (PC)
2020	Martyn Dewick (CL)	73	-	61	Triona Reilly (PC)
2021	Steven McIntosh (CL)	69	-	50	Kin Chau (PC)

The CL by a manager's name means he was in that seasons Champions League competition. The PC by a manager's name means he was in that seasons Pyramid Cup competition

WINNERS

Dan Jopp	1
Hakan Bedir	1
Joe Higgins	1
Jonathan Strack	1
Kin Chau	1
Martyn Dewick	1
Steve Haley	1
Steven McIntosh	1

Jonathan Strack	2
Kin Chau	2
Andrew Burchell	1
Aubrey Davis	1
Dan Jopp	1
Dan Smith	1
Hakan Bedir	1
Joe Higgins	1

FINALISTS

Martin Dewick	1
Martin Stuart	1
Matt Coe	1
Peter Ward	1
Steve Haley	1
Steven McIntosh	1
Steve Shew	1
Triona Reilly	1

WHAT COMPETITION DID THEY COME FROM?

WINNERS

Champions League	7
Pyramid Cup	1

RUNNER-UP

Champions League	3
Pyramid Cup	5

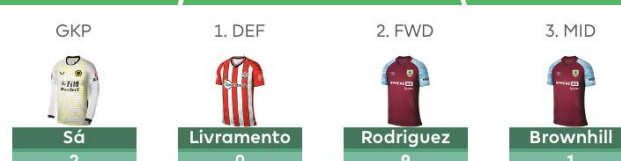
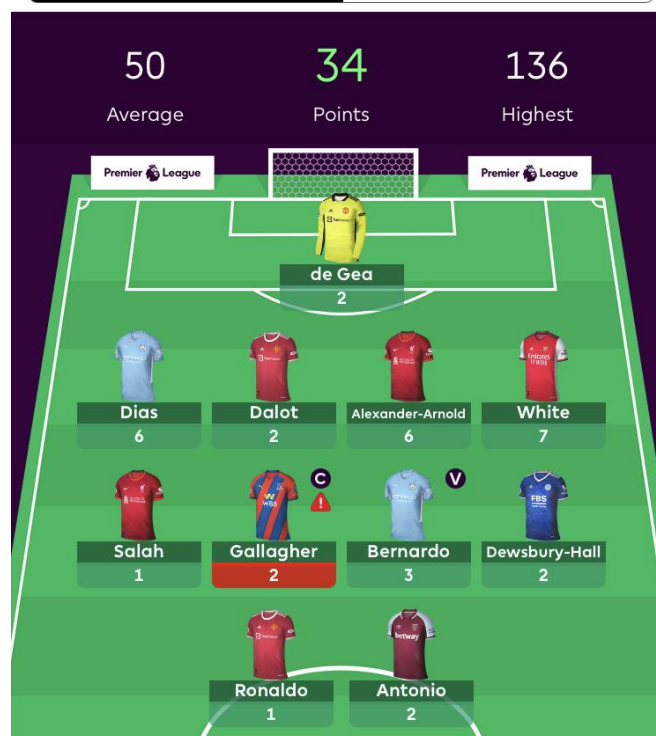
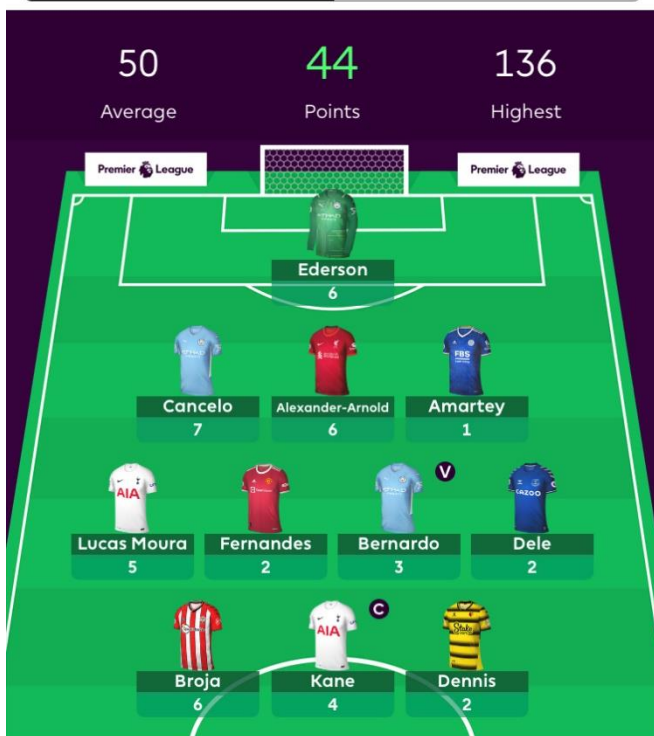
- The Champions League is still showing its dominance in this competition having won 7 out of the 8 finals.
- The Last 4 Winners have been from the Champions League
- For the Sixth season in succession, we have managers from The Champions League and Pyramid Cup.

PENALTY-SHOOT OUT

One of the finalists Aubrey Davis was involved in a penalty Shoot-Out in the First Round. Here we re-live the drama and complete the story of Aubrey Davis Road to the Final.

AUREY DAVIS

MARK KENNY



PENALTY KICKS

PLAYER	SCORE
Cancelo 7	1-1
Broja 6	2-2
Alexander-Arnold 6	3-3
Ederson 6	4-3
Lucas Moura 5	5-3

PLAYER
White 7
Dias 6
Alexander-Arnold 6
Bernardo 3
Antonio 2

Avis survived the First Round Shoot-Out never behind and winning the last two spot kicks to stay in the competition and make his way to the final.