

# F.A. Cup returns to Wembley

## CHelsea

Coach: **Jose Mourinho**  
 Captain: **John Terry**  
 3-times winners  
 1970, 97, 2000

### ROAD TO FINAL

<b>Third round</b>	
Macclesfield (h)	6-1
<b>Fourth round</b>	
Nottingham Forest (h)	3-0
<b>Fifth round</b>	
Norwich (h)	4-0
<b>Sixth round</b>	
Tottenham (h)	3-3
Tottenham (a)	2-1
<b>Semi-final</b>	
Blackburn	aet 2-1

**Substitutes:**  
 Cudicini (gk)  
 Bridge  
 Mikel  
 Diarra  
 Geremi  
 Kalou  
 Wright-Philips

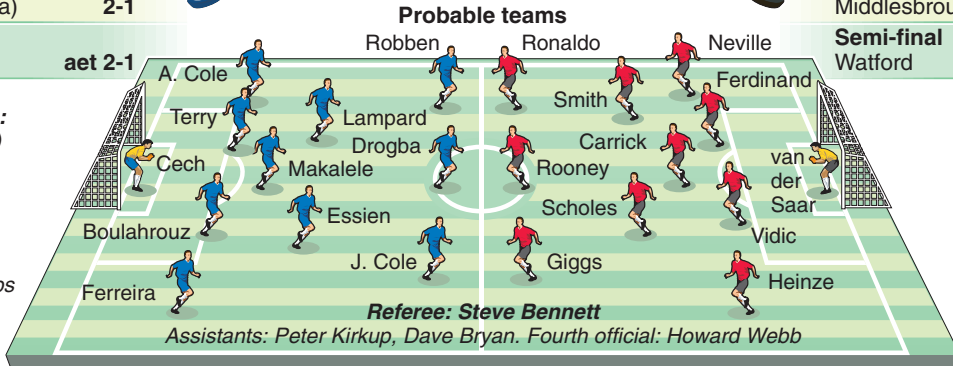


## MANCHESTER UNITED

Coach: **Sir Alex Ferguson**  
 Captain: **Gary Neville**  
 11-times winners  
 1909, 48, 63, 77,  
 83, 85, 90, 94,  
 96, 99, 2004

<b>Third round</b>	
Aston Villa (h)	2-1
<b>Fourth round</b>	
Portsmouth (h)	2-1
<b>Fifth round</b>	
Reading (a)	1-1
Reading (h)	2-3
<b>Sixth round</b>	
Middlesbrough (h)	1-0
<b>Semi-final</b>	
Watford	4-1

**Substitutes:**  
 Kuszczak (gk)  
 Brown  
 O'Shea  
 Richardson  
 Fletcher  
 Solskjaer  
 Saha



## RAISING THE ROOF AT THE NEW WEMBLEY STADIUM

**Arch: 133m high, 52m above pitch level**  
 Longest single-span roof structure in world, visible across London

**Pitch: 4m lower than old stadium but same dimensions – 105m long, 68m wide**

## TOTAL COST £760 million

**Retractable roof**  
 Closes in 15 minutes to keep spectators sheltered while allowing sun to reach entire pitch

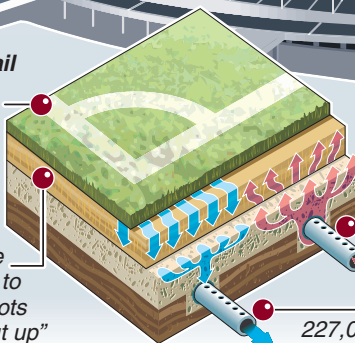
**Bowl: Seating for 90,000 spectators with acoustics to match "Wembley roar" of old stadium**

**Interior: Three 1km concourses**

### Pitch detail

Mainly rye grass from south of France

**Turf: Fibre reinforced to prevent roots getting "cut up"**



### Sub-Air system

**Aeration:** Warm air pumped into soil to prevent freezing, encourage root growth

**Drainage:** Able to suck up to 227,000 litres per hour from the pitch

### Arch structure

1,750 tonnes  
 315m long  
 Supports north roof, retractable roof and 60% of weight of south roof  
 No pillars required, ensuring unobstructed views

7.4m diameter  
 500 welded steel tubes form 13-section lattice

