

WHO ARE YA?!

# FULHAM

The Cottagers are back in the Premier League!

Tom Cairney scores the winner against Aston Villa at Wembley to send Fulham back to the Premier League!

## THE CLUB

**Founded** 1879  
**Colours** White and black  
**Nickname** The Cottagers  
**Stadium** Craven Cottage  
**Record**  
**Attendance** 49,335  
**Record Win** 10-1 v Ipswich, 1963  
**Record Defeat** 10-0 v Liverpool, 1986  
**Most Appearances** 594, Johnny Haynes, 1952-70  
**Most Goals** Gordon Davies, 159, 1978-84 & 1986-91  
**Honours** Division Two/Championship winners: 1948-49 & 2000-01  
**Top Fact** They are the oldest professional club in London  
**FIFA 18 Rating** \*\*\*\*



LEGEND JOHNNY HAYNES



NICKNAME THE COTTAGERS

- Fulham are back in the Premier League this season but they hold a record that their fans would prefer not to have.
- They have played the most seasons in England's top division - 25 in total - without winning a major trophy!

## THE MANAGER

- Slavisa Jokanovic is a promotion specialist! He got **Watford** to the Premier League in 2015 and then moved to **Fulham** in 2017. Jokanovic is from **Serbia** and played 64 times for his country.

THE BOSS SLAVISA JOKANOVIC



## THE HISTORY

Fulham won promotion to Division One (now the Premier League) for the first time in 1949 and returned in 1959 when their star player was **Johnny Haynes**, a skilful midfielder who also became **England captain**. Fulham's lowest point was three seasons in the Third Division (League Two) from 1994 to 1997.

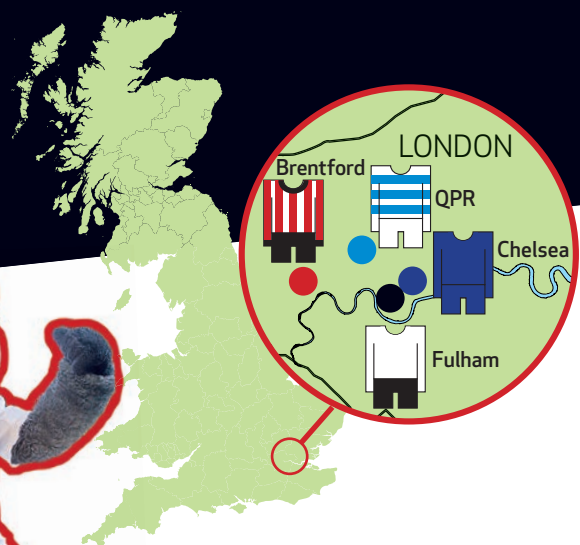
The good times soon came back though. They were **promoted three times in five seasons** to reach the Premier League, during which time **Louis Saha** starred up front. He was soon bought by Manchester United for £12.5 million!

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Fulham fans loving their play-off final victory!

MASCOT BILLY THE BADGER



## THE FANS

Fulham fans once **saved their club!** In 1987 there were plans to merge Fulham with London neighbours Queens Park Rangers. Fans staged demonstrations to show their opposition to the idea and it was abandoned.

## THE RIVALRY

Fulham have rivalries with QPR and Brentford, who both play nearby. However the biggest local derby for Fulham is against Chelsea. Sadly for their fans they have **only beaten Chelsea once since 1980** – a 1-0 win in the Premier League in 2006. At least they will get more chances this season!

## THE STAR PLAYERS

Ryan Sessegnon is a wicked full-back who played for England when they won the European Under-19 Championship last summer. He ripped up the Championship last season and was crowned **EFL player of the season!** Scottish international midfielder Tom Cairney is Fulham's captain and scores some amazing goals from midfield.

## THE STADIUM

Fulham's stadium, **Craven Cottage**, has been their home since 1896 and has one very weird feature. Tucked away in the corner of the ground is an old cottage! Nope, it's not where the Fulham mascot, **Billy the Badger**, lives. It's actually where the players get changed, and their families watch the match from the balcony.

Located in a park by the River Thames, Craven Cottage is **one of the most beautiful grounds in London.** Fans sitting high up in the stands can sometimes see boats going past on the river. For a while the "F" in the club's name on the roof of the main stand was missing so the lettering spelled out "ulham Football Club"! These days it holds 25,700, though back in 1938 a record **49,335** fans crammed in to watch Fulham take on Millwall.



Simon Davies celebrates his goal for Fulham in the Europa League final

Fulham have also got to a **European final** – the Europa League in 2010. They beat Italian giants Juventus 5-4 on aggregate along the way. Unfortunately, the final ended in defeat: **Fulham lost 2-1 to Atlético Madrid**, whose players included current Man City star Sergio Agüero and Man Utd keeper David de Gea. Atlético got their winning goal late in extra time.



The famous old cottage at Fulham's ground

## DID YOU KNOW?

Jimmy Hill, who became famous as a TV personality on the BBC's Match of the Day, played nearly 300 League games for Fulham from 1952 onwards. He returned as chairman in the 1980s to help when the club had money problems.

