

**MATCHDAY PREVIEWS**  
**GRAPHICS**

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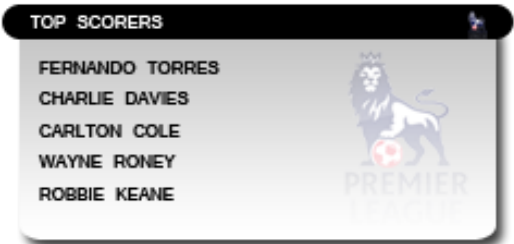
Match Preview Graphics by Steve



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## PREPARATION AND SIMPLE TIPS

### HOW YOU WILL ACHIEVE THE BEST FINAL RESULT WITH BASIC TIPS

#### SIZING

Make sure that the graphic you are about to make is within a specific size. and ideal side for any graphic is 400px wide (due to forum requirements) and namely under 600px in height. Nobody wants to scroll half way down a page to see your entire graphic, plus large pictures only make your reports look smaller.

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#### IMAGE

So you are looking for something on Google Images. Don't just type and enter. Go to Options, and click large. Large images are generally of a higher quality and appear better when scaled to suit your canvas size. Conventionally, they are also a lot more versatile. Choose an image with a slight element of abstract to it. This way the image is more enticing to viewers. For example, when signing a player, nobody wants to see a stock of a player in his teams kit. Have a go at a player in a different shirt, its the only way you will learn and improve.

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#### THE MIDAS TOUCH

Add a border, it enhances any image. A 1px stroke of black looks clean and adds an element of class.

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### **MAXIMIZE QUALITY**

Save your file not as a.gif, jpeg or bitmap. But as a.png extension. This keeps the file size small and maximises your pixel quality. It can be the difference between a pixelated picture or a crisp image.

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### **GET CREATIVE**

Don't have the player in the centre of the screen time after time. This only makes for a redundant picture. Use the rule of thirds and have the player drifting left, right or in a bottom corner. Some of my favourites are players that are in the bottom left corner looking to their right, simply gorgeous. It is all about composition, if you position things well, even the most unedited picture will look nice. Use images of players from behind, from the side and looking from below. It all adds to the aura of the image.

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### **DO DIFFERENT**

So we have all seen split images of players. People use them for transfer reports and what not. They are cool. There are three main ways to do these- split apart in their own separate boxes, bunched together in tiny strips of my personal favourite, fading. This technique was utilised well by Chelsea11 in his previews, and can make for a very nice player effect when looking at key players for a head to head or even players that you can sign. Here is an example with Maicon and Flamini.

