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» **LUTON 2 MANCHESTER CITY 6** FA CUP FIFTH ROUND

# FIVE-STAR HAALAND

Erling goes goal crazy as City smash Luton but Grealish suffers more injury hell

BY JOHN CROSS  
ERLING HAALAND scored five as Manchester City stayed on course for another treble.

Kevin De Bruyne provided four assists for Haaland, who took his tally to 27 goals in 29 appearances this season as City stormed into the quarter-finals.

But Pep Guardiola's side did suffer one blow as Jack Grealish went off injured. The playmaker hobbled off after 38 minutes.

It was an otherwise perfect night for City as they chase down another amazing haul of trophies. Haaland looks in formidable form. It is the second time he has scored five for City, having done the same against RB Leipzig in the Champions League in March 2023.

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JOY... AND PAIN

Haaland celebrates with Doku as he hit five but there was more injury woe for Grealish



## POCH: OWNERS BACK ME

BY JOHN CROSS

MAURICIO POCHETTINO claims he has the full support of Chelsea's owners.

The under-pressure boss (above) has also insisted it will take time to turn Chelsea's fortunes around as he denied his future will be judged on getting into Europe.

Pochettino revealed he was close to tears as he climbed the steps at Wembley after losing Sunday's Carabao Cup and was comforted by joint owners Behdad Eghbali and Todd Boehly, who sent him a

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## ETH: NO BACKING, NO ISSUE

BY DAVID McDONNELL

ERIK TEN HAG insists he does not need the public backing of Manchester United's new co-owner Sir Jim Ratcliffe.

Ratcliffe has refused to give a public vote of confidence to the Dutchman (above), who is effectively on trial for his job until the end of the season.

But Ten Hag came out fighting ahead of tonight's FA Cup tie at Nottingham Forest.

He said: "I'm here, I'm under contract for three seasons, so I don't care."

"I am in this process, I'm only focusing on the process."

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**BOURNEMOUTH... 0  
LEICESTER... 1**

(After extra time)

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**BLACKBURN... 1  
NEWCASTLE... 1**

Newcastle win 4-3 on penalties (aet)

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