



### Paul Pogba

**Midfielder, Height 186cm**  
**Born 15/03/93, Lagny-sur-Marne, France**

The sky would appear to be the limit for 21-year-old Pogba. A year after being awarded the Golden Ball as the best player at the 2013 FIFA U-20 World Cup, he was named Best Young Player at the senior equivalent in Brazil. The physically powerful, technically gifted midfielder was as prominent for France at the 2014 FIFA World Cup as he had been throughout a magnificent Serie A campaign with Juventus, his second season in Turin bringing him a second scudetto and a shower of praise from all quarters. He scored seven league goals, including a spectacular volley against SSC Napoli, and also impressed for Juve in Europe.

#### International career

**FRANCE**  
**Debut** 22/03/13 v Georgia (h, Paris, WCQ), won 3-1  
**First goal** 10/09/13 v Belarus (a, Gomel, WCQ), won 4-2  
**Caps** 16 **Goals** 3  
**Major tournaments** FIFA World Cup 2014

#### Club career

**Major honours** Italian Championship (2013, 2014)  
**Clubs** 11-12 Manchester United FC (ENG); 12- Juventus (ITA)

#### 2013/14 appearances/goals

**Domestic league** Italian Serie A 33(3)/7  
**Europe** UEFA Champions League 6/-; UEFA Europa League 6(2)/1  
**National team** FIFA World Cup 2014 finals 4(1)/1; FIFA World Cup 2014 qualifying 4/1; Friendlies 4(1)/1

### Ivan Rakitić

**Midfielder, Height 184cm**  
**Born 10/03/88, Mohlin, Switzerland**

A five-year contract with FC Barcelona was the prize waiting for Rakitić after a splendid 2013/14 season for Sevilla FC, both in the Spanish Liga and the UEFA Europa League. Named Sevilla captain by coach Unai Emery at the start of the campaign, the Swiss-born schemer appeared to thrive on the additional responsibility. He ended it with impressive all-competition tallies of 15 goals and 17 assists and was voted man of the match in the UEFA Europa League final against SL Benfica, which Sevilla won on penalties. His first experience of the FIFA World Cup was a disappointment, however, as Croatia crashed out early in Brazil.

#### International career

**CROATIA**  
**Debut** 08/09/07 v Estonia (h, Zagreb, ECQ), won 2-0  
**First goal** 12/09/07 v Andorra (a, Andorra la Vella, ECQ), won 6-0  
**Caps** 65 **Goals** 9  
**Major tournaments** UEFA EURO 2008; UEFA EURO 2012; FIFA World Cup 2014

#### Club career

**Major honours** UEFA Europa League (2014); Swiss Cup (2007)  
**Clubs** 05-07 FC Basel 1893 (SUI); 07-11 FC Schalke 04 (GER); 11-14 Sevilla FC (ESP); 14- FC Barcelona (ESP)

#### 2013/14 appearances/goals

**Domestic league** Spanish Liga 29(5)/12  
**Europe** UEFA Europa League 12(2)/1  
**National team** FIFA World Cup 2014 finals 3/-; FIFA World Cup 2014 qualifying 4/-; Friendlies 4(1)/-



### Aaron Ramsey

**Midfielder, Height 177cm**  
**Born 26/12/90, Caerphilly, Wales**

The FA Cup may have lost some of its lustre, but to score the winning goal in the final still has the magic of old – as Ramsey discovered when he found the net in extra time as Arsenal FC came from behind to beat Hull City AFC 3-2 at Wembley and claim their first trophy for nine years. The Welshman was an appropriate match winner, for although he had missed the early rounds through injury, he was the Gunners' star performer over the season as a whole, inspiring them to the Premier League summit with a glut of goals in the autumn and winning the club's player of the season vote by a landslide.

#### International career

**WALES**  
**Debut** 19/11/08 v Denmark (a, Brondby, friendly), won 1-0  
**First goal** 14/10/09 v Liechtenstein (a, Vaduz, WCQ), won 2-0  
**Caps** 30 **Goals** 8

#### Club career

**Major honours** English FA Cup (2014)  
**Clubs** 06-08 Cardiff City FC (ENG); 08- Arsenal FC (ENG); 10-11 Nottingham Forest FC (ENG) (loan); 11 Cardiff City FC (ENG) (loan)

#### 2013/14 appearances/goals

**Domestic league** English Premier League 20(3)/10  
**Europe** UEFA Champions League 5(1)/2  
**National team** FIFA World Cup 2014 qualifying 4/2