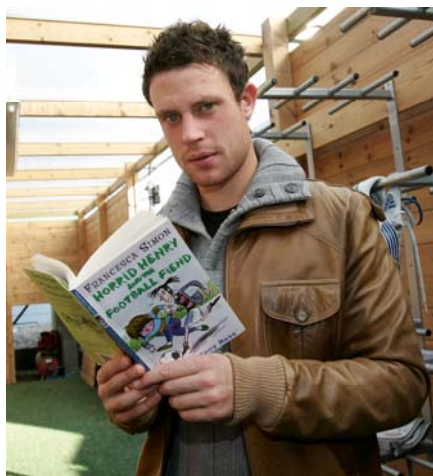


Reading Champions player profile



Name: Wayne Bridge

Club: Manchester City



Player information

Wayne Bridge is a defender for Manchester City. He has represented England several times, including at Euro 2004.

A former Southampton player, one of Wayne's most noted appearances occurred in May 2000 when he scored from a free kick against Wimbledon, a goal which demoted the losing team from the top flight. Wayne made 113 consecutive appearances between March 2000 and May 2004 for the Saints playing 10,160 minutes of football; a new Premiership record for an outfield player. On 2 January 2009 Wayne signed with Manchester City and debuted for the club in a 1-0 victory against Wigan Athletic.



Player interview

Why do you support reading?

It's really important for families to enjoy reading together. That's why I support Premier League Reading Stars. Reading is a great way to unwind. I usually sit down and read the match day programme before a game.

What's your favorite read?

I think *Horrid Henry and the Football Fiend* by Francesca Simon is a funny collection that is easy for everyone to get into. In one story, Harry realizes it takes more than scoring a goal to be recognised as "Man of the Match." At Chelsea, we know it's about team effort and that makes us successful.

Any runner-ups?

I recommend *Totally Frank* by Frank Lampard. I got to know Lampard really well while playing for Chelsea and England. It was interesting to read about the experiences that shaped him into the world