

Steven Naismith scores against Liverpool on his debut for Norwich City and scores a perfect hat trick against Chelsea last season (2015-16)

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29-year-old International level English Premier League forward

Norwich City FC & Scotland (41 caps)

Excellent positioning, game intelligence, fitness levels, work rate, versatility and a proven EPL and International goals-corer, particularly in the biggest games

The **only** player to score a hat-trick against a Jose Mourinho Chelsea side (12/9/15). The **only** player in the Premier League to score against each of the 'Big-4': Man U, Man City, Chelsea & Arsenal in 2014-15

A footballer with a unique social profile. His work in support of social issues such as homelessness, unemployment, dyslexia and injured war veterans has seen him hailed as "*Britain's kindest footballer*" by the homeless magazine The Big Issue and praised in the New York Times

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Full Name:
Steven Naismith
Age: 29
Club: Norwich City FC
Date of Birth: 14/9/86
Place of Birth: Irvine, Scotland
Nationality: Scottish
Height: 5ft 10 (1.78m)
Position: Forward







- Steven Naismith scores against World & European Champions Spain

Personal Profile

- English Premier League class forward, currently with Norwich City FC. Considerable domestic experience in both England (English Premier League) and Scotland (Scottish Premiership).
- Experienced in European competition (played several seasons in Champions League including against Barcelona at the Nou Camp and Manchester United at Old Trafford and in the 2008 Europa League Final)
- Full Scotland senior international (41 caps from 2007-present)
- 3 Scottish Premiership league titles, 2 Scottish League Cup titles, 1 Scottish Cup titles
- Previously at Kilmarnock FC (4 seasons), Rangers FC (5 seasons), Everton FC (4 seasons) & currently at Norwich City FC (1 season)
- Excellent game intelligence, movement, anticipation, positional sense, finishing, reading of the game, team work ethic, aerial ability, strong, naturally athletic, gifted with good pace and good distribution. Fantastic work rate, energy, versatility and desire.
- Steven has incredible versatility. He has been most prolific as a second striker in the number 10 position although he has also been successful at EPL/International level playing the lone striker role as well as coming in from either wing or playing on the left or right side of midfield.
- Contract expiry June 2019

Career to date

- Steven came through the Kilmarnock FC academy and made his debut aged 17 in April 2004, going on to make 115 appearances for the club, scoring 35 goals. Steven's remarkable performances for Killie would be recognised with the Scottish Football Writers Young Player of the Year award in 2006 and PFA Scotland Young Player of the Year award in 2007, before signing for Rangers for £1.9m in the summer of that year. At the end of his final season with Kilmarnock he made his full Scotland debut.
- Steven quickly established himself as a key player for Rangers. In 5 seasons he won 3 Scottish Premiership titles, 2 Scottish League Cups and a Scottish Cup. In 140 matches for Rangers he contributed 33 goals including 9 goals in the first 11 games of the 2011-12 season. In that run he scored an excellent brace against Celtic in the first Old Firm derby of the season: https://youtu.be/zReok17Nx9c. Steven was unfortunately suffered a cruciate injury in October 2011, ending his season prematurely.
- Following Rangers' demise in 2012, Steven was courted by a number of English Premier League teams before choosing to join David Moyes at Everton FC. Still returning to full fitness he was used sparingly in his first season yet managed goals against Liverpool and Chelsea.
- Season two with Everton saw Steven become a more prominent figure at the club, scoring 10 goals from 19 starts for club and country including efforts against Arsenal and Chelsea as Everton achieved a record points tally in the Premier League.
- The 2014-15 season started in spectacular fashion with Steven scoring in the first three league games against Leicester, Arsenal and Chelsea. Steven would add goals against both Manchester Clubs as the only player to score against the 'Big-4' clubs in the league. Steven carried his form into the Europa League adding goals against Lille and Dynamo Kiev to his impressive resume.
- Steven would again start last season in impressive form, scoring a perfect hat trick (header, left foot, right foot) against Chelsea and in doing so became the first player to ever score 3 against a Jose Mourinho Chelsea side (https://cdn.video.playwire.com/21772/videos/3879692/video-sd.mp4). In the January transfer window Premier League side Norwich City paid a reported £7.5m to secure his services. This was the 10th biggest deal in Europe in the 2016 January transfer window and the biggest in history for a Scottish player between two English Premier League teams.

Playing style

- Excellent game intelligence, movement, anticipation and finishing
- Strong, athletic player with excellent fitness levels and good pace
- Excellent versatility. Comfortable playing as a second striker/no.10, lone striker, with a partner or coming in from either wing
- Exceptional in the air, frequently wins headers in the final third of the pitch
- Outstanding awareness, work rate and enthusiasm on the pitch

Honours

Scottish Premier League (3): 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11
Scottish Cup: 2009
Scottish League Cup (2): 2010, 2011

Personal Honours

Scottish Football Writers' Association Young Player of the Year: 2006
PFA Scotland Young Player of the Year: 2006

Videos

2016-17 Season

- Sat 6th August 2016: Blackburn 1-4 Norwich: Steven scores excellent fourth goal and is influencial in the second and third goals in the opening game of the new season: https://youtu.be/Tsv7Va43y7k (Goal 1:08)

2015-16 Season

- Everton 3-1 Chelsea: Steven scores a perfect hat-trick past one of the best goalkeepers in world football Thibaut Courtois to secure a famous victory: https://cdn.video.playwire.com/21772/videos/3879692/video-sd.mp4 (Goal #1 **0:12**, Goal #2 **1:30**, Goal #3 **3:50**) In doing so, Steven became the first player to score a Premier League hat trick against a Jose Mourinho side.
- Norwich City 4-5 Liverpool: Steven sends Norwich into a 2-1 lead on his debut with an accurate shot across Simon Mignolet: https://cdn.video.playwire.com/21772/videos/4521665/video-sd.mp4 (Goal **3:16**)

2014-15 Season

- Everton 2-2 Arsenal: Steven puts Everton into a 2-0 lead against Arsenal: https://youtu.be/I36AoWW2FU4 (Goal **5:52**)
- Everton 3-6 Chelsea: Steven sends a snap-shot with the outside of his boot past Thibaut Courtois: https://youtu.be/-6S_SGt_gOQ?t=6m8s (Goal **6:08**)
- Manchester United 2-1 Everton: Steven powers a diving header past David de Gea to equalise for Everton: https://youtu.be/kqxTZ-fsEtY (Goal **1:15**)
- Poland 2-2 Scotland: Steven delicately diverts a free kick into the goal to give Scotland the lead against Euro 2016 qualifiers Poland: https://youtu.be/lYLI71CZLss?t=1m32s (Goal **1:32**)
- Everton 3-0 Lille: With one touch to take it out of his feet Steven fires home the goal that wrapped up the points for Everton: https://youtu.be/2VzVay-C6s8?t=2m5s (Goal **2:05**)
- Everton 1-1 Manchester City: Steven beats England's number one Joe Hart in the air to secure a point for Everton: https://youtu.be/ALSvqTESEfY?t=1m7s (Goal **1:07**)

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