



**THE
ARSENAL
ALPHABET**

An A to Z of Arsenal FC



Tony Adams

- 👟 (1983-2002)
- 👟 Centre-back
- 👟 668 appearances (504 League)
- 👟 48 goals (32 League)
- 👟 Nicknamed 'Mr. Arsenal'
- 👟 Arsenal's most successful captain. Won four league titles, three FA Cups, two League Cups and the European Cup Winners Cup. Appointed captain in 1988 a role he kept for 14 years. He is the only man in English football to have captained title winning sides in three decades

Arsenal Colours

The colours of Arsenal have been the inspiration for at least three other clubs.

- ♦ In 1909, Sparta Prague adopted a dark red kit like the one Arsenal wore at the time
- ♦ In 1938, Scottish club Hibernian took the white sleeve design from Arsenal's kit and incorporated it into their own green and white strips
- ♦ In 1920 after a match at Highbury the coach of Sporting Clube de Braga changed the teams strip to a duplicate of Arsenal's strip

These designs are still worn by these clubs today

George Allison

- 👤 Manager (28 May 1934-31 May 1947)
- 👤 Win % 46.24
- 👤 279 matches
- 👤 129 wins
- 👤 74 draws
- 👤 76 losses

Jimmy Ashcroft

- 👟 (1900-1908)
- 👟 Goalkeeper
- 👟 303 appearances

Arsenal players that have won World Cup medals

- ♦ 1998 Emmanuel Petit and Patrick Vieira (France)
- ♦ 2010 Cesc Fabregas (Spain)

George Armstrong

- 👟 (1961-1977)
- 👟 Right-wing
- 👟 Third highest appearances for Arsenal
- 👟 621 appearances (500 League)
- 👟 68 goals (53 League)



Harry Bradshaw

- 👟 Manager (August 1899-May 1904)
- 👟 Win % 50.79
- 👟 189 matches
- 👟 96 wins
- 👟 39 draws
- 👟 54 losses

Jimmy Brain

- 👟 (1924-1931)
- 👟 Forward
- 👟 232 appearances
- 👟 139 goals
- 👟 Club's top scorer for four consecutive seasons
 - ⚽ 1924/1925 14
 - ⚽ 1925/1926 39
 - ⚽ 1926/1927 34
 - ⚽ 1927/1928 30

Dennis Bergkamp

- 👟 (1995-2006)
- 👟 Forward
- 👟 423 appearances
- 👟 120 goals

Boring Boring Arsenal

Used to be a common taunt by the away fans during the 80s and 90s because of Arsenal's defensive style of play, now sung ironically by the Arsenal fans when their team is playing well

Cliff Bastin

- 👟 (1929-1947)
- 👟 Left-wing
- 👟 395 appearances
- 👟 178 goals (150 League)
- 👟 Arsenal's all-time top goal scorer 1939-1997 until Ian Wright's 185 in the 1990s. He won 5 league titles and 2 FA Cups
- 👟 Club's top scorer on two occasions
 - ⚽ 1932/1933 33
 - ⚽ 1933/1934 15

Battle of Highbury

November 1934 England defeated World Champions Italy 3-2, seven players that started for England were from Arsenal (a record number of players from one club)



Cup Double

Arsenal were the first team to win the FA Cup and League Cup in the same season (1992/1993)

FA Cup

v Sheffield Wednesday (1-1) replay (2-1aet) 1-1ft

League Cup

v Sheffield Wednesday (2-1)

Consecutive Appearances

👟 172 (3 April 1926-23 December 1929)

👟 Tom Parker

👟 (1926-1932)

👟 Right-back

👟 294 appearances

👟 17 goals

Champions League Final

Arsenal became the first London club to reach the final of the UEFA Champions League 2006/2007 v Barcelona (lost 1-2)

Cup matches

The first FA Cup match

5 October 1889 first qualifying round v Lyndhurst (won 11-0)

The first League Cup match

13 September 1966 v Gillingham (drew 1-1)

Chants and songs

- ◆ Ooh to be a Gooner
- ◆ We're on our way
- ◆ Boring boring Arsenal
- ◆ One nil to the Arsenal
- ◆ Good old Arsenal
- ◆ She worn a yellow ribbon



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Herbert Chapman

- ⊗ Manager(11 June 1925-6 January 1934)
- ⊗ Arguably Arsenal's greatest ever manager. Chapman was responsible for introducing new tactics and training methods into the game, he is also credited for the white ball, he was also responsible for adding white sleeves to Arsenal's then all red shirts
- ⊗ In the 1930/1931 season Arsenal scored 127 goals, a club record that still stands
- ⊗ 2 First Division titles (1930/1931, 1932/1933)
- ⊗ FA Cup (1929/1930)
- ⊗ Win % 49.88
- ⊗ 403 matches
- ⊗ 201 wins
- ⊗ 97 draws
- ⊗ 105 losses



David Danskin

The workers that founded Dial Square in 1886 was led by Scotsman David Danskin. Fred Beardsley (former goalkeeper for Notts Forest) and Morris Bates obtained red kits from Beardsley's former club, this would become Arsenal official colours

Double

Arsenal have won the "Double" (League title and FA Cup) three times

- ◆ 2001/2002 (Premier League)

Club's top scorer Thierry Henry (32)

| Pld | W | D | L | GF | GA | GD | Pts |
|-----|----|----|---|----|----|----|-----|
| 38 | 26 | 12 | 0 | 73 | 26 | 47 | 90 |

FA Cup

v Chelsea (2-0)

- ◆ 1997/1998 (Premier League)

Club's top scorer Dennis Bergkamp (22)

| Pld | W | D | L | GF | GA | GD | Pts |
|-----|----|---|---|----|----|----|-----|
| 38 | 23 | 9 | 6 | 68 | 33 | 35 | 78 |

FA Cup

v Newcastle United (2-0)

- ◆ 1970/1971 (First Division)

Club's top scorer Ray Kennedy (27)

| Pld | W | D | L | GF | GA | GD | Pts |
|-----|----|---|---|----|----|----|-----|
| 42 | 29 | 7 | 6 | 71 | 29 | 42 | 65 |

FA Cup

v Liverpool (2-1)

Lee Dixon

- 👟 (1988-2002)
- 👟 Right-back
- 👟 619 appearances
- 👟 28 goals

Ted Drake

- 👟 (1934-1939)
- 👟 Forward
- 👟 184 appearances
- 👟 139 goals
- 👟 A quick centre-forward, who holds a number of Arsenal records, the most league goals in a season (42) and the most goals in a match (7) v Aston Villa. Retired from football due to a spinal injury, after which he went into management

⚽ 1934/1935 45 ⚽ 1935/1936 28 ⚽ 1936/1937 27 ⚽ 1937/1938 18
⚽ 1938/1939 16



Eleven nationalities in one team

Arsenal were the first team in the Champions League to have fielded 11 different nationalities: 13 September 2006 against Hamburg (won 2-1)

- ◆ Jens Lehmann (Germany)
- ◆ Emmanuel Eboué (Cote de Ivoire)
- ◆ Johan Djourou (Switzerland)
- ◆ Justin Hoyte (England)
- ◆ William Gallas (France)
- ◆ Tomas Rosický (Czech Rep)
- ◆ Gilberto Silva (Brazil)
- ◆ Cesc Fabregas (Spain)
- ◆ Aliaksandr Hleb (Belarus)
- ◆ Emmanuel Adebayor (Togo)
- ◆ Robin van Persie (Netherlands)

European Cup

1991/1992 saw Arsenal in Europe for the first time in 20 years. They were knocked out in the second round

Emirates Stadium

First called Ashburton Grove until it was renamed after the shirt sponsor. Arsenal's new ground was opened on 26 October 2006, with a capacity of 60,355 it is the second largest club stadium in England (after Old Trafford) Many Arsenal fans refer to the stadium as 'The Grove'

Emirates Stadium

First match was on 22 July 2006 a friendly against Ajax Amsterdam (won 2-1)



Famous Fans

| | |
|-----------------|---|
| Roger Daltry | (Singer, The Who) |
| David Soul | (Actor, Starsky and Hutch...he was Hutch) |
| Roger Waters | (Singer, bassist Pink Floyd) |
| Dido | (Singer) |
| Nick Hornby | (Author, Fever Pitch) |
| Barbara Windsor | (Actress) |
| Alan Parker | (Movie director) |

First Premier League game at the new ground

v Aston Villa on 19 August 2006 (1-1)

- ◆ Aston Villa's Olof Mellberg scored the very first goal the Emirates
- ◆ Gilberto Silva scored the first Arsenal goal

Five Hundred Appearances

(current players not included)

| | | |
|-----|------------------|-----------|
| 584 | Nigel Winterburn | 1988-2000 |
| 563 | David Seaman | 1990-2003 |
| 528 | Pat Rice | 1967-1980 |
| 501 | Peter Storey | 1965-1977 |

First League match

Was played on 2 September 1893 Second Division v Newcastle United (drew 2-2)

FA Cup Victories

Won ten times

| | |
|-----------|--|
| 2004/2005 | v Manchester United (0-0aet) (won 5-4 on pens) |
| 2002/2003 | v Southampton (1-0) |
| 2001/2002 | v Chelsea (2-0) |
| 1997/1998 | v Newcastle United (2-0) |
| 1992/1993 | v Sheffield United (0-0) (replay 2-0) |
| 1978/1979 | v Manchester United (3-2) |
| 1970/1971 | v Liverpool (0-0ft) (2-1aet) |
| 1949/1950 | v Liverpool (2-0) |
| 1935/1936 | v Sheffield United (1-0) |
| 1929/1930 | v Huddersfield Town (2-0) |

First club

Arsenal were the first club from the south of England to join the Football League (1893)

First Division titles

Won ten times


| Season | Pld | W | D | L | GF | GA | GD | Pts |
|-----------|-----|----|----|----|-----|----|----|-----|
| 1990/1991 | 38 | 24 | 13 | 1 | 74 | 18 | 56 | 83 |
| 1988/1989 | 38 | 22 | 10 | 6 | 73 | 36 | 37 | 76 |
| 1970/1971 | 42 | 29 | 7 | 6 | 71 | 29 | 42 | 65 |
| 1952/1953 | 42 | 21 | 12 | 9 | 97 | 64 | 33 | 54 |
| 1947/1948 | 42 | 23 | 13 | 6 | 81 | 32 | 49 | 59 |
| 1937/1938 | 42 | 21 | 10 | 11 | 77 | 44 | 33 | 52 |
| 1934/1935 | 42 | 23 | 12 | 7 | 115 | 46 | 69 | 58 |
| 1933/1934 | 42 | 25 | 8 | 9 | 75 | 47 | 28 | 59 |
| 1932/1933 | 42 | 25 | 8 | 9 | 118 | 61 | 57 | 58 |
| 1930/1931 | 42 | 28 | 10 | 4 | 127 | 59 | 68 | 66 |


First ever match


11 December 1886 (as Dial Square) v Eastern Wanderers (won 6-0)





George Graham


 (1966-1972)


 Forward


 308 appearances


 77 goals


 Manager (14 May 1986-21 February 1995)


 2 league titles (1988/1989, 1990/1991)


 FA Cup (1992/1993)


 2 League Cups 1986/1987, 1992/1993)


 Cup Winners' Cup (1993/1994)

 Win % 48/91

 460 matches

 225 wins


 133 draws

 102 losses




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Charlie George

 (1969-1975)

 Forward

 179 appearances

 49 goals

 Part of the double-winning team of 1970/1971. A flamboyant support striker and a favourite amongst the fans

Goalscorers

(current players not included)

| | | |
|-----|-----------------|-----------|
| 226 | Thierry Henry | 1996-2007 |
| 185 | Ian Wright | 1991-1998 |
| 178 | Cliff Bastin | 1929-1947 |
| 149 | John Radford | 1964-1976 |
| 139 | Jimmy Brain | 1924-1931 |
| 137 | Doug Lishman | 1948-1955 |
| 125 | Joe Hulme | 1926-1937 |
| 124 | David Jack | 1928-1934 |
| 120 | Dennis Bergkamp | 1995-2006 |
| 118 | Reg Lewis | 1935-1953 |
| 115 | Alan Smith | 1987-1995 |
| 109 | Jack Lambert | 1926-1933 |
| 108 | Frank Stapleton | 1975-1981 |
| 107 | David Herd | 1955-1966 |
| 100 | Joe Baker | 1962-1966 |

Goalkeepers

(current players not included)

| | | |
|-----|-------------------|---------------------|
| 563 | David Seaman | 1990-2003 |
| 352 | Jack Kelsey | 1951-1952 |
| 327 | Pat Jennings | 1977-1984 |
| 308 | Bob Wilson | 1963-1974 |
| 303 | Jimmy Ashcroft | 1900-1908 |
| 298 | John Lukic | 1984-1990/1996-2000 |
| 297 | George Swindin | 1936-1953 |
| 199 | Jens Lehmann | 2003-2008 |
| 167 | Dan Lewis | 1924-1931 |
| 167 | Jim Furnell | 1963-1968 |
| 161 | Frank Moss | 1931-1936 |
| 146 | Jimmy Rimmer | 1974-1977 |
| 113 | Ernest Williamson | 1919-1923 |
| 103 | Hugh McDonald | 1906/1908-1910 |
| 101 | Jock Robson | 1921-1925 |

Golden Boot

Thierry Henry has won the Golden Boot more times than any other Arsenal player

- ◆ 2001/2002 (24 goals 33 games)
- ◆ 2003/2004 (30 goals 37 games)
- ◆ 2004/2005 (25 goals 32 games)
- ◆ 2005/2006 (27 goals 32 games)

Gillespie Street

In the 1930s manager Herbert Chapman had the name of Gillespie Street Tube Station renamed Arsenal, thus making Arsenal the only team to have a tube station named after them

Gooners

A name Arsenal fans give themselves, derived from the team's nickname The Gunners




Highbury's first match

16 September 1913 v Leicester Fosse (Second Division match won 2-1)


Caesar Henkyns


Was Arsenal's first international player he made his debut for Wales against Scotland (21 March 1896)


Thierry Henry



 (1999-2007)

 Forward

 369 appearances (254 League)

 226 goals (174 League)

 Arsenal's all-time top goalscorer. Over his eight seasons at the club he won two league titles, and 3 FA Cups. He was Footballer of the Year 2003/2004 and 2003/2004. He was the Premier League top scorer on four occasions


 1999/2000 26  2000/2001 22  2001/2002 32  2002/2003 32

 2003/2004 39  2004/2005 30  2005/2006 33  2006/2007 12

Highbury


Official named Arsenal Stadium was the club's home from September 1913 to May 2006. Highbury was designed by renowned football architect Archibald Leitch


David Herd





 (1955-1961)

 Forward

 180 appearances

 107 goals

 Club's top scorer for four consecutive seasons

 1957/1958 26  1958/1959 18  1959/1960 14  1960/1961 30

Holding a record

Arsenal went ten matches without conceding a goal during the 2004/2005 Champions League season (a total of 995 minutes) beating AC Milan's previous best of seven. Samuel Eto'o of Barcelona ended this run by scoring in the 76th minute of the Final

Highest attendance

At Highbury (73,295) on 9 March 1935 league match v Sunderland



Invincibles

2003/2004 Arsenal became only the second team to go the entire season without losing a match. The first team was 115 years earlier (Preston North End in 1889 though they had fewer matches)

| Pld | W | D | L | GF | GA | GD | Pts |
|-----|----|----|---|----|----|----|-----|
| 38 | 26 | 12 | 0 | 73 | 26 | 47 | 90 |

- ◆ Club's top scorer Thierrt Henry (39)

Inter-Cities Fairs Cup

1969/1970 was the club's first European trophy



David Jack

- 👟 (1928-1934)
- 👟 Striker
- 👟 208 appearances
- 👟 124 goals
- 👟 Football's first £10,000 player, (£10,890) signed from Bolton Wanderers. Won three titles. An inside-forward with terrific ball skills, he was top scorer in his first season

Alex James

- 👟 (1929-1937)
- 👟 Winger
- 👟 261 appearances
- 👟 27 goals
- 👟 Regarded as the most complete player of his generation. He won four league titles and two FA Cups. Although his goals were few for a forward he was a major supplier of goals. After retiring from football he became a journalist



Martin Keown

- 👟 (1985-1986)/(1993-2004)
- 👟 Centre-back
- 👟 449 appearances
- 👟 8 goals

Leslie Knighton

- ⚽ Manager (10 April 1919-16 May 1925)
- ⚽ Win % 34.33
- ⚽ 268 matches
- ⚽ 92 wins
- ⚽ 62 draws
- ⚽ 114 losses



The last hat-trick

At Highbury scored by an Arsenal player was Thierry Henry 7 May 2006 v Wigan Athletic (won 4-2)

Lowest attendances at Highbury

5 May 1966 against Leeds United in a league match (4,554)

Least successful manager

- ⚽ Leslie Knighton (1919-1925)
- ⚽ Win % 34.33
- ⚽ 268 matches
- ⚽ 92 wins
- ⚽ 62 draws
- ⚽ 114 losses

Last Premier League team to win at Highbury

Was on 1 February 2006 West Ham United won 3-2

League Cup trophies

Won twice

- ♦ 1986/1987 v Liverpool (2-1)
- ♦ 1992/1993 v Sheffield Wednesday (2-1)

Jack Lambert

Scored the most goals in a single match (5) in a league match against Sheffield United on the 24 December 1932

Freddie Ljungberg

- ⚽ (1998-2007)
- ⚽ Right-wing
- ⚽ 328 appearances
- ⚽ 72 goals

The Library

Away fans referred to Arsenal's former home Highbury as "The Library", due to the perceived lack of atmosphere

Doug Lishman

👟 (1948-1955)

👟 Forward

👟 244 appearances

👟 137 goals

👟 Club's top scorer for five consecutive seasons

⚽ 1950/1951 17 ⚽ 1951/1952 30 ⚽ 1952/1953 26 ⚽ 1953/1954 20
⚽ 1954/1955 19



Thomas Brown Mitchell

⚽ (1897-1898)

⚽ The club's first full-time manager

⚽ Win % 53.85

⚽ 26 matches

⚽ 14 wins

⚽ 4 draws

⚽ 8 losses

George Morrell

⚽ (1908-1915)

⚽ The only Arsenal manager that saw the side relegated (1912/1913)

⚽ Win % 35.27

⚽ 292 matches

⚽ 103 wins

⚽ 73 draws

⚽ 116 losses

Motto

"Victoria Concordia Crescit"

"victory comes from harmony"

Match of the Day

Arsenal were featured in the first episode of the BBC's Match of the Day (highlights of the match against Liverpool on 22 August 1964)



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Frank McIntock

- 👤 (1964-1973)
- 👤 Centre-back/Midfielder
- 👤 Captain of Arsenal when they won their first Double in 1970/1971
- 👤 403 appearances
- 👤 23 goals

Bertie Mee

- ⚽ (1966-1976)
- ⚽ First Arsenal manager to win the Double
- ⚽ First Division title (1970/1971)
- ⚽ FA Cup (1970/1971)
- ⚽ Inter-Cities Fairs Cup (1969/1970)
- ⚽ Win % 44.71
- ⚽ 539 matches
- ⚽ 241 wins
- ⚽ 148 draws
- ⚽ 150 losses

Most goals in a season

Ted Drake holds the Arsenal record (44 goals) (1934/1935 season)

Most goals scored at Highbury

By an Arsenal player (5) by Jack Lambert (24 December 1932 v Sheffield United Arsenal won 9-2)

Manor Ground

In Plumstead in south-east London was Arsenal's home between 1890-1913



Henry Norris

Purchased the club in 1910 and moved the club to Highbury in 1913. Resigned as chairman of Arsenal in 1929

Terry Neill

- ⚽ Manager (9 July 1976-16 December 1983)
- ⚽ The youngest man to manage Arsenal (34 years old)
- ⚽ FA Cup (1978/1979)
- ⚽ Win % 44.95
- ⚽ 416 matches
- ⚽ 187 wins
- ⚽ 117 draws
- ⚽ 112 losses

Name Changes


- ♦ 1886 Dial Square became Royal Arsenal
- ♦ 1891 Changed to Woolwich Arsenal
- ♦ 1914 dropped the Woolwich to become Arsenal





Original name


Formed as Dial Square in 1886 by workers at Woolwich armaments factory in South London

David O'Leary

 (1975-1993)

 Centre-back

 722 appearances

 14 goals

 Holds the record for the most appearances for Arsenal

One-nil to the Arsenal

(sung to the tune of Go West) A popular chant amongst the Arsenal fans



Player with the most Champions League goals

Thierry Henry (35)

Promotion for the first time

Arsenal won promotion as runners-up in 1903/1904 after eleven seasons in the Second Division

Player nicknames

| | |
|-------------------|--------------|
| Tony Adams | Tone |
| Dennis Bergkamp | Menace |
| Lee Dixon | Leeboy/Dixie |
| Vic Groves | Granny |
| Martin Keown | BoomBoom |
| Freddie Ljungberg | Sid |
| Lauren | Ralfie |
| David O'Leary | Spider |
| Nigel Winterburn | Nutty |
| Ray Parlour | Shirley |



Queen Elizabeth

According to some reports the Queen is an Arsenal fan



John Radford

- (1964-1976)
- Forward
- 481 appearances 379 (League)
- 149 goals 111 (League)
- Fourth highest goalscorer for Arsenal

Graham Rix

- (1977-1988)
- Left-wing
- 464 appearances (351 League)
- 50 goals 41 (League)

Relegation for the first time

1912/1913 saw Arsenal relegated from the First Division. They finished 20th, were promoted back two seasons later

Red currant strip

In 2005 Arsenal played in they original colours of red currant to mark the last season at Highbury



Seventh league title

The 1952/1953 season was one of the closest title races. Arsenal won on goal average (0.099 of a goal) after finishing level on points with Preston North End

Six Hundred Appearances

(current players not included)

| | | |
|-----|------------------|-----------|
| 668 | Tony Adams | 1983-2002 |
| 621 | George Armstrong | 1962-1977 |
| 618 | Lee Dixon | 1988-2002 |

Joe Shaw

- Manager (6 January 1934-28 May 1934)
- First Division title (1933/1934)
- Win % 60.87
- 23 matches
- 14 wins
- 3 draws
- 6 losses

Simply Arsenal

In April 1914 the club dropped the Woolwich from "Woolwich Arsenal" and became Arsenal. The press at the time often referred to them as "The Arsenal" a reference that is still used today

Second club to do it

In the 1970/1971 season Arsenal became the second club of the 20th century to win the Double

◆ First Division

| Pld | W | D | L | GF | GA | GD | Pts |
|-----|----|---|---|----|----|----|-----|
| 42 | 29 | 7 | 6 | 71 | 29 | 42 | 65 |

◆ FA Cup

v Liverpool (0-ft) (2-1aet)

Seven Hundred Appearances


(current players not included)

722 David O'Leary 1973-1993


Shenley Training Centre

Arsenal training facilities, since 1999 situated in Herfordshire


David Seaman


 (1990-2003)

 564 appearances


 Arsenal's longest serving goalkeeper. He won three league titles, four FA Cups, the League Cup and European Cup Winners' Cup

Alan Smith

 (1987/1995)

 Forward

 347 appearances

 115 goals

 Club's top scorer for four consecutive seasons

 1987/1988 16  1988/1989 25  1989/1990 13  1990/1991 27

Separate spells with the club

Hugh McDonald had three spells with Arsenal

◆ Goalkeeper

◆ 103 appearances

◆ 1905-1906

◆ 1908-1910

◆ 1912-1913



Three hundred and ninety appearances

(current players not included)

| | | |
|-----|--------------|-----------|
| 396 | Cliff Bastin | 1929-1947 |
| 394 | Kenny Sansom | 1980-1988 |

Three hundred and seventy appearances

(current players not included)

| | | |
|-----|-----------|-----------|
| 374 | Joe Hulme | 1926-1937 |
|-----|-----------|-----------|

The first European game

25 September 1966 Fairs Cup v Stavnet (Denmark) (won 7-1)

Three hundred and sixty appearances

(current players not included)

| | | |
|-----|---------------|-----------|
| 369 | Steve Bould | 1988-1999 |
| 369 | Thierry Henry | 1999-2007 |
| 365 | Bob McNab | 1966-1975 |

Three hundred and fifty appearances

(current players not included)

| | | |
|-----|-------------|-----------|
| 352 | Jack Kelsey | 1951-1962 |
| 351 | Alf Baker | 1919-1931 |
| 350 | Percy Sands | 1902-1919 |

Three hundred and forty appearances

(current players not included)

| | | |
|-----|------------------|-----------|
| 347 | Alan Smith | 1987-1995 |
| 346 | Roddy McEachrane | 1902-1915 |
| 343 | Billy Blyth | 1914-1929 |

Three hundred and thirty appearances

(current players not included)

| | | |
|-----|----------------|-----------|
| 339 | Sammy Nelson | 1969-1981 |
| 335 | Herbie Roberts | 1926-1937 |



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Three hundred and twenty appearances

(current players not included)

| | | |
|-----|-------------------|-----------|
| 328 | Jimmy Logie | 1946-1955 |
| 328 | Freddie Ljungberg | 1998-2007 |
| 327 | Pat Jennings | 1977-1984 |
| 327 | Brian Talbot | 1979-1985 |
| 326 | Joe Shaw | 1907-1923 |
| 326 | Kolo Toure | 2002-2009 |
| 321 | Don Roper | 1947-1956 |

Top flight record

Arsenal hold the English record for the longest unbroken stretch in top-flight football (1919 to present)

The first match shown on television

(ITV) was Bedford Town v Arsenal (1956)

Two hundred and ninety appearances

(current players not included)

| | | |
|-----|----------------|---------------------|
| 298 | John Lukic | 1984-1990/1996-2000 |
| 297 | George Swindin | 1936-1953 |
| 296 | Jack Butler | 1914-1930 |
| 294 | Tom Parker | 1926-1932 |

Two hundred and eighty appearances

(current players not included)

| | | |
|-----|-----------------|-----------|
| 288 | Ian Wright | 1991-1998 |
| 284 | John Dick | 1898-1912 |
| 284 | Robert Pires | 2000-2006 |
| 281 | Alan Sunderland | 1977-1983 |

Two hundred and seventy appearances

(current players not included)

| | | |
|-----|----------------|-----------|
| 277 | David Rocastle | 1985-1992 |
| 275 | Joe Mercer | 1946-1954 |
| 275 | Terry Neill | 1960-1970 |
| 273 | Leslie Compton | 1930-1950 |
| 270 | Jon Sammel | 1963-1971 |

Two hundred and sixty appearances

(current players not included)

| | | |
|-----|------------------|-----------|
| 268 | Billy McCullough | 1958-1966 |
| 261 | Alex James | 1929-1937 |

Three in a row

Arsenal are one of only four clubs to win the title three seasons in a row

- ◆ 1932/1933
- ◆ 1933/1934
- ◆ 1934/1935

Two hundred and forty appearances

(current players not included)

| | | |
|-----|----------------|-----------|
| 245 | Gilberto Silva | 2002-2008 |
| 241 | Lauren | 2000-2007 |
| 240 | Peter Goring | 1949-1959 |

Two hundred and thirty appearances

(current players not included)

| | | |
|-----|-----------------|---------------------|
| 237 | Willie Young | 1977-1981 |
| 232 | Jock Rutherford | 1913-1923/1923-1926 |
| 232 | Jimmy Brain | 1924-1931 |

Two hundred and twenty appearances

(current players not included)

| | | |
|-----|------------------|-----------|
| 228 | Ashley Cole | 1996-2006 |
| 227 | Jimmy Bloomfield | 1954-1960 |
| 225 | Danny Clapton | 1954-1962 |
| 223 | George Easham | 1960-1966 |
| 222 | Eddie Kelly | 1969-1975 |
| 220 | Charles Lewis | 1907-1920 |

Three cannons

Royal Arsenal's crest from 1888 to 1913

Trophy winning captains

- ◆ Tom Parker
FA Cup (1929/1930)
- ◆ Eddie Hapgood
4 Division One titles (1932/1933, 1933/1934, 1934/1935, 1937/1938)
1 FA Cup (1935/1936)
- ◆ Joe Mercer
2 Division One titles (1947/1948, 1952/1953)
1 FA Cup (1949/1950)
- ◆ Frank McLintock
1 Division One title (1970/1971) FA Cup (1970/1971) Fairs Cup (1969/1970)
- ◆ Pat Rice
FA Cup (/1978/1979)
- ◆ Kenny Sansom
Littlewoods Cup (1986/1987)
- ◆ Tony Adams
2 Premier League titles (1997/1998, 2001/2002)
2 First Division titles (1988/1989, 1990/1991)
3 FA Cups (1992/1993, 1997/1998, 2001/2002)
2 League Cups (1986/1987, 1992/1993)
Cup Winners' Cup (1993/1994)
- ◆ Patrick Viera
1 Premier League title (2003/2004) FA Cup (2002/2003)



Unique name

Arsenal are the only English club not named after a place



Patrick Vieira

- (1996-2005)
- Midfielder
- 407 appearances
- 34 goals

Victory in Europe

Arsenal have won twice in Europe

- ◆ Fairs Cup in 1969/1970
- ◆ Cup Winners' Cup 1993/1994



Nigel Winterburn

- (1987-2000)
- Left-back
- 584 appearances (440 League)
- 12 goals

What's in a name

Arsenal are known as the "Gunners" as the club was founded by workers from the Woolwich armaments factory in South London

Ian Wright

- (1991-1998)
- Forward
- 288 appearances
- 185 goals
- Second on the all-time Arsenal goalscorer list. Scored a hat-trick on his league debut and was the clubs top goalscorer for the next six seasons

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| 1991/1992 | 26 | 1992/1993 | 30 | 1993/1994 | 34 | 1994/1995 | 30 |
| 1995/1996 | 23 | 1996/1997 | 30 | 1997/1998 | 11 | | |

World War II

The war claimed the lives of nine first team Arsenal players, more than any other top flight club

Billy Wright

- ⊗ Manager (1 May 1962-13 June 1966)
- ⊗ Win % 38.46
- ⊗ 182 matches
- ⊗ 70 wins
- ⊗ 43 draws
- ⊗ 69 losses

Thomas Whittaker

- ⊗ (1947-1956)
- ⊗ First-team trainer under Herbert Chapman. Became manager in 1947 when he took over from Chapman's successor George Allison
- ⊗ 2 First Division titles (1947/48, 1952/1953)
- ⊗ FA Cup (1949/1950)
- ⊗ Win % 47.09
- ⊗ 429 matches
- ⊗ 202 wins
- ⊗ 106 draws
- ⊗ 121 losses

WM

Revolutionary formation devised by Herbert Chapman and Charlie Buchan

White sleeves

Herbert Chapman introduced white sleeves to the previously all red Arsenal strip, apparently after seeing a groundsman wearing a sleeveless jumper

Arsene Wenger

- ⊗ Manager (October 1996 – present)
- ⊗ Arsenal's most successful manager. To do he has won three Premier League titles, and four FA Cups



X marks the spot

The first match was played as Dial Square on the 11 December 1886 against Wanderers on an open field in the Isle of Dogs. Arsenal won 6-0



Young Guns

Arsene Wenger's sides are often referred to as the 'Young Guns', a term coined by the English media

Youngest player to score a hat-trick

John Radford (17 years 315 days) v Wolverhampton Wanderers 2 January 1965 (won 4-1)



Zaragoza

1994/1995 Cup Winners' Cup Arsenal lost 2-1 to Real Zaragoza in the Final held at the Parken Stadium in Copenhagen



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