

Arsenal London

Based in London, Arsenal ranks among the most successful teams in English football (association football) history. Playing in the country's top division (Football League First Division to 1992, Premier League thereafter) each season since 1919, the team has captured 13 league titles. Arsenal has also won the Football Association (FA) Cup 13 times.

The club was founded in 1886. It took the name Royal Arsenal after its first game, combining the moniker of the Royal Oak pub, where the team members met, with that of their workplace, the Arsenal munitions factory in Woolwich. The name was changed to Woolwich Arsenal in 1891. Woolwich was dropped from the name after the 1912–13 season, when the team moved its home stadium to the Highbury section of the London borough of Islington. The club played at Arsenal Stadium (commonly referred to as "Highbury") until 2006, when it relocated to a new stadium in Islington's Holloway district.

Arsenal has a long-standing rivalry with another North London club, Tottenham Hotspur. The two teams play the "North London derby" match nearly every year. In the season before World War I, Arsenal finished fifth in the Second Division. But when the Football League resumed play in 1919 after the war, Arsenal was controversially promoted to the First Division over higher-placing Tottenham. Arsenal's chairman had argued that his club deserved promotion because of its longer history. The incident further stirred the rivalry between the two teams. While Arsenal has remained in the top division ever since its promotion, its periods of great achievements have been widely dispersed. The club won five league championships in the 1930s but only three total in the 50 seasons from 1938–39 to 1987–88. Arsenal went undefeated in the 38 matches of the 2003–04 season, becoming just the second top-division English club to do so. It set a national record by extending its unbeaten streak into the next season to 49 consecutive league contests in total. Arsenal claimed its 13th FA Cup in 2017. In addition to its league championships and FA Cup victories, the club has won the League Cup twice (1987 and 1993) as well as the European Cup Winners' Cup (1994). Arsenal's standout players have included forwards Cliff Bastin and Dennis Bergkamp, goalkeeper Pat Jennings, midfielder Liam Brady, defender Tony Adams, and striker Thierry Henry, who scored a club-record 228 goals between 1999 and 2012.