

Liverpool FC

The most successful English team in European football (association football) tournament history is Liverpool FC. Based in the city of Liverpool, the team has won six European Cup/Champions League trophies. It has also won the English top-division league title 19 times. The club's home is the Anfield Stadium.

In 1906 Anfield's newly constructed terrace grandstand was labeled Spion Kop for its resemblance to a hill where a famous battle of the Boer War (1899–1902) had been fought. This led to the well-known nickname Kopites for Liverpool's fans.

A tragedy struck the club in 1989 when, during a Football Association (FA) Cup semi-final match at the Hillsborough stadium in Sheffield, 96 Liverpool fans were crushed to death by overcrowding in England's deadliest sporting disaster.

Since that turbulent period, Liverpool has won a third UEFA Cup competition (2001) and Champions League titles in 2005 and 2019. The club garnered its 19th English top-division league title in 2019–20, claiming the Premier League crown.

It has also captured a total of eight FA Cup and nine League Cup victories. In 2001 and again in 2022, Liverpool achieved the domestic cup "double" (winning both the FA Cup and League Cup in the same season). Successful Liverpool teams were renowned for a solid defense that set the table for exciting forwards such as Roger Hunt, Kevin Keegan, Ian Rush, Kenny Dalglish (who managed the club from 1985 to 1991), and Michael Owen. Steven Gerrard, who played with Liverpool from 1998 to 2015, was one of the club's greatest midfielders. Forward Mohamed Salah was named the Premier League's player of the season in 2017–18. Defender Virgil Van Dijk was awarded that honor for the 2018–19 season.