

Sidebar

Football · Champions of England Cheat Sheet

Every English top-flight champion, 1888–89 to 2025–26 — First Division and Premier League treated as one continuous line, the way most fans actually talk about it. See the closing note on why that's a slight simplification.

ORIGINS & THE 1890S

1888–89	Preston North End — unbeaten all season, football's first "Invincibles"
1889–90	Preston North End
1890–91	Everton
1891–92	Sunderland
1892–93	Sunderland
1893–94	Aston Villa
1894–95	Sunderland
1895–96	Aston Villa
1896–97	Aston Villa
1897–98	Sheffield United
1898–99	Aston Villa
1899–1900	Aston Villa

1900S

1900–01	Liverpool
1901–02	Sunderland
1902–03	Sheffield Wednesday
1903–04	Sheffield Wednesday
1904–05	Newcastle United
1905–06	Liverpool
1906–07	Newcastle United
1907–08	Manchester United
1908–09	Newcastle United
1909–10	Aston Villa

1910S

- 1910–11 Manchester United
- 1911–12 Blackburn Rovers
- 1912–13 Sunderland
- 1913–14 Blackburn Rovers
- 1914–15 Everton
- 1915–19 *No competition — World War I*
- 1919–20 West Bromwich Albion

1920S

- 1920–21 Burnley
- 1921–22 Liverpool
- 1922–23 Liverpool
- 1923–24 Huddersfield Town — first of an unprecedented 3 in a row
- 1924–25 Huddersfield Town
- 1925–26 Huddersfield Town — completed the hat-trick
- 1926–27 Newcastle United
- 1927–28 Everton
- 1928–29 Sheffield Wednesday
- 1929–30 Sheffield Wednesday

1930S

- 1930–31 Arsenal
- 1931–32 Everton
- 1932–33 Arsenal
- 1933–34 Arsenal
- 1934–35 Arsenal — Herbert Chapman's side, 3 in a row
- 1935–36 Sunderland
- 1936–37 Manchester City
- 1937–38 Arsenal
- 1938–39 Everton
- 1939–46 *No competition — World War II*

1940S (POST-WAR)

- 1946–47 Liverpool
- 1947–48 Arsenal
- 1948–49 Portsmouth
- 1949–50 Portsmouth

1950S

1950–51	Tottenham Hotspur
1951–52	Manchester United
1952–53	Arsenal
1953–54	Wolverhampton Wanderers
1954–55	Chelsea
1955–56	Manchester United — Busby Babes
1956–57	Manchester United
1957–58	Wolverhampton Wanderers
1958–59	Wolverhampton Wanderers
1959–60	Burnley

1960S

1960–61	Tottenham Hotspur — the modern era's first League/Cup double
1961–62	Ipswich Town
1962–63	Everton
1963–64	Liverpool
1964–65	Manchester United
1965–66	Liverpool
1966–67	Manchester United
1967–68	Manchester City
1968–69	Leeds United
1969–70	Everton

1970S

1970–71	Arsenal
1971–72	Derby County
1972–73	Liverpool
1973–74	Leeds United
1974–75	Derby County
1975–76	Liverpool
1976–77	Liverpool
1977–78	Nottingham Forest
1978–79	Liverpool
1979–80	Liverpool

1980S

1980–81	Aston Villa
1981–82	Liverpool
1982–83	Liverpool
1983–84	Liverpool
1984–85	Everton
1985–86	Liverpool
1986–87	Everton
1987–88	Liverpool
1988–89	Arsenal — won it at Anfield, injury time, last game of the season
1989–90	Liverpool

1990S

- 1990-91** Arsenal
- 1991-92** Leeds United — last-ever First Division champions
- 1992-93** Manchester United — first-ever Premier League champions
- 1993-94** Manchester United
- 1994-95** Blackburn Rovers
- 1995-96** Manchester United
- 1996-97** Manchester United
- 1997-98** Arsenal
- 1998-99** Manchester United — part of the Treble
- 1999-2000** Manchester United

2000S

- 2000-01** Manchester United
- 2001-02** Arsenal
- 2002-03** Manchester United
- 2003-04** Arsenal — "The Invincibles," unbeaten in all 38 games
- 2004-05** Chelsea — Mourinho's first title
- 2005-06** Chelsea
- 2006-07** Manchester United
- 2007-08** Manchester United
- 2008-09** Manchester United
- 2009-10** Chelsea

2010S

- 2010-11** Manchester United
- 2011-12** Manchester City — won on goal difference, with a 93rd-minute winner
- 2012-13** Manchester United — Ferguson's last title
- 2013-14** Manchester City
- 2014-15** Chelsea
- 2015-16** Leicester City — 5000/1 outsiders at the start of the season
- 2016-17** Chelsea
- 2017-18** Manchester City
- 2018-19** Manchester City
- 2019-20** Liverpool — ended a 30-year wait for the title

2020S

- 2020-21** Manchester City — first of an unprecedented 4 in a row
- 2021-22** Manchester City
- 2022-23** Manchester City
- 2023-24** Manchester City — completed the run, still the only 4-in-a-row
- 2024-25** Liverpool
- 2025-26** Arsenal

TRIVIA & RECORDS

Most titles Liverpool & Manchester United, tied at 20 each

Only 4-in-a-row Manchester City, 2020–21 to 2023–24

Only unbeaten PL season Arsenal, 2003–04 — "The Invincibles"

Biggest underdog title Leicester City, 2015–16

First-ever champions Preston North End, 1888–89 — also unbeaten

Longest gap between titles Liverpool — 30 years, 1989–90 to 2019–20

TWO REAL GAPS, AND ONE COMPETITION THAT'S TECHNICALLY TWO

"Champions of England" here treats the Football League First Division (1888–1992) and the FA Premier League (1992–present) as one continuous line, the way it's almost always talked about casually — but the Premier League was a genuine breakaway, formed when the top clubs left the Football League in 1992 to negotiate their own TV deal, not simply a rebrand of the same competition. There's also no official champion at all for 1915–16 through 1918–19 (World War I) or 1939–40 through 1945–46 (World War II) — both league seasons were suspended entirely, not merely uncontested.