

**DIVISION ONE 1991-92**

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1 Leeds United	42	22	16	4	74	37	82
2 Manchester United	42	21	15	6	63	33	78
3 Sheffield Wednesday	42	21	12	9	62	49	75
4 Arsenal	42	19	15	8	81	46	72
5 Manchester City	42	20	10	12	61	48	70
6 Liverpool	42	16	16	10	47	40	64
7 Aston Villa	42	17	9	16	48	44	60
8 Nottingham Forest	42	16	11	15	60	58	59
9 Sheffield United	42	16	9	17	65	63	57
10 Crystal Palace	42	14	15	13	53	61	57
11 Queens Park Rangers	42	12	18	12	48	47	54
12 Everton	42	13	14	15	52	51	53
13 Wimbledon	42	13	14	15	53	53	53
14 Chelsea	42	13	14	15	50	60	53
15 Tottenham Hotspur	42	15	7	20	58	63	52
16 Southampton	42	14	10	18	39	55	52
17 Oldham Athletic	42	14	9	19	63	67	51
18 Norwich City	42	11	12	19	47	63	45
19 Coventry City	42	11	11	20	35	44	44
20 Luton Town	42	10	12	20	38	71	42
21 Notts County	42	10	10	22	40	62	40
22 West Ham United	42	9	11	22	37	59	38

Here we will look back at amazing seasons from the past. First up, the last one before the Premier League



**WHY IT MATTERED**

This was the final season of the old Football League, before the Premier League took over England's top level. There were still four divisions, with promotion and relegation. However, from 1992-93 the top division had a new name, a new trophy and a big change in how clubs split their money. Before 1992 clubs across all four divisions shared money from TV companies. However, the top clubs wanted more for themselves. So they broke away from the Football League, and kept most of the cash! That's how the Premier League was born.

**THE STORY OF THE SEASON**

Arsenal and Liverpool had won the last four League titles between them, but neither had a good start to the 1991-92 season. Alex Ferguson's Manchester United were unbeatable early on but Leeds United, managed by Howard Wilkinson, were never far behind. As winter turned to spring the two clubs kept swapping between first and second position. However, with four games to go it looked like Ferguson's team were going to do it. They were two points ahead of Leeds, who had three fixtures left. Then everything changed. While Leeds grabbed six points from two games, Manchester United lost to Nottingham Forest and rock-bottom West Ham. They had to win their next match, but it was at Anfield. Liverpool were sixth but knew that



Leeds players celebrate during the title-clinching win at Sheff Utd

they could deny their rivals the title – and they loved their 2-0 win. The famous trophy was heading to Elland Road! Leeds United were champions of England for the third time in their history, becoming the last club to do so before the beginning of the Premier League.



Great times at Elland Road

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## WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?

Leeds fell from being champions to playing at the third level in the space of just 15 years. However they've bounced part of the way back. If they ever return to the Premier League by winning the **Championship**, the trophy they receive will be the same one that **Gordon Strachan** lifted in May 1992!

In 1992-93 **Alex Ferguson** got his prize, as **Manchester United** won the title.

Having been relegated at just the wrong time, neither **Luton Town** or **Notts County** have ever had the chance to play in the Premier League. They're together in League Two this season - but with high hopes of promotion.

Not Fergie's time

## 1992 WINNERS

League Leeds Utd

FA Cup Liverpool

League Cup Man Utd

Top scorer Ian Wright (29)

Players' player of the year

Gary Pallister (Man Utd)

Young player of the year

Ryan Giggs (Man Utd)



# CHAMPIONS!

Leeds captain Gordon Strachan looks quite happy!

## TOP FACT

Leeds manager **Howard Wilkinson's** success is still the last time any English manager won the country's top division!



## WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

**Ian Wright** just beat **Gary Lineker** to the Golden Boot. The pair now spend Saturday nights together in the *Match of the Day* TV studio.

**Alan Pardew** started the 1991-92 Division One season with Crystal Palace, and in November signed for Charlton. Since hanging up his boots he's managed both of those clubs - and plenty of others.

