

PREMIER LEAGUE 2003-04

THE SEASON WHEN...

ARSENAL WERE INVINCIBLE

The incredible Gunners team dominated the Premier League!

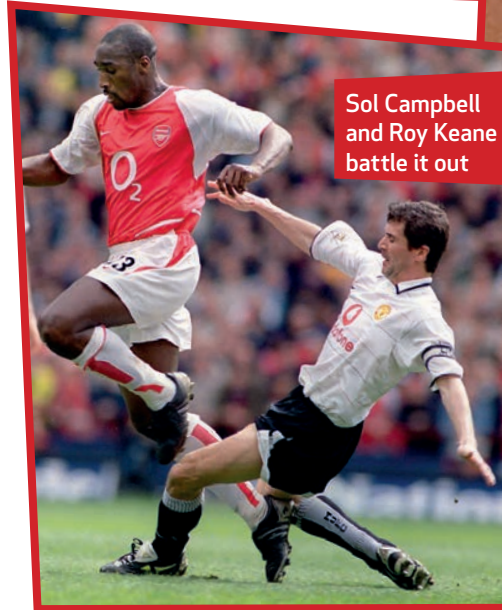
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1 Arsenal	38	26	12	0	73	26	47	90		
2 Chelsea	38	24	7	7	67	30	37	79		
3 Manchester U	38	23	6	9	64	35	29	75		
4 Liverpool	38	16	12	10	55	37	18	60		
5 Newcastle U	38	13	17	8	52	40	12	56		
6 Aston Villa	38	15	11	12	48	44	4	56		
7 Charlton Ath	38	14	11	13	51	51	0	53		
8 Bolton W	38	14	11	13	48	56	-8	53		
9 Fulham	38	14	10	14	52	46	6	52		
10 Birmingham C	38	12	14	12	43	48	-5	50		
11 Middlesbrough	38	13	9	16	44	52	-8	48		
12 Southampton	38	12	11	15	44	45	-1	47		
13 Portsmouth	38	12	9	17	47	54	-7	45		
14 Tottenham H	38	13	6	19	47	57	-10	45		
15 Blackburn R	38	12	8	18	51	59	-8	44		
16 Manchester R	38	9	14	15	55	54	1	41		
17 Manchester C	38	9	12	17	45	57	-12	39		
18 Everton	38	6	15	17	48	65	-17	33		
19 Leicester C	38	8	9	21	40	79	-39	33		
20 Wolverhampton W	38	7	12	19	38	77	-39	33		

THE STORY OF THE SEASON

Arsenal got off to a bad start when their defender **Sol Campbell** was sent off after only 25 minutes of their first game, at home to Everton! But Arsenal still won 2-1. **Thierry Henry**'s penalty was the first of 30 league goals he scored that season.

A weekend in mid January was to be crucial. On the Saturday, 17th January, **Manchester United**, who were a point ahead of Arsenal at the top, lost 1-0 at Wolves. The next day, Arsenal went top with another two Henry goals at **Aston Villa** and stayed there for the rest of the season. The Gunners won the League with four games to go, drawing 2-2 against their local rivals, Tottenham, while Manchester United lost.

In the FA Cup Manchester United won 3-0 against **Millwall**,



Sol Campbell and Roy Keane battle it out

who were the first second-tier team to get to the final in 12 years. **Middlesbrough** won the League Cup – their first major trophy.

WHY IT MATTERED

This was the first time a team had not lost a game in the top division since the first League season, in 1888-89! In that year, champions **Preston North End** won 18 and drew four of their 22 games.

Arsenal's achievement was just as impressive because they played more games, winning 26 and drawing 12 out of 38.



Unbeatable Arsenal!

TOP FACT

This was Charlton's highest League finish in 51 years – but they were relegated three years later.

Cristiano Ronaldo and Ruud van Nistelrooy lift the FA Cup!





UNBELIEVABLE!

DID YOU KNOW?

This was Wayne Rooney's first full season. He scored nine goals in 34 games for Everton. He left for Manchester United in the summer.



Gunners boss Arsène Wenger

Thierry Henry lifts the Premier League trophy

WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?

This was a third League title in seven seasons for **Arsène Wenger** – and the last one he would win, although he stayed at Arsenal for another 14 years. The next season, **Arsenal** won the FA Cup, beating **Manchester United** on penalties in the final. The Gunners were to win the FA Cup another three times while Wenger was manager!

Chelsea were champions in 2004-05, finishing 12 points ahead of Arsenal. They almost matched the achievements of Arsenal's Invincibles but lost one game, 1-0 away to **Manchester City**. **Leeds** were relegated in 2003-04 and still have not returned to the Premier League.

2003-04 WINNERS

- League Arsenal
- FA Cup Manchester United
- League Cup Middlesbrough
- Top scorer Thierry Henry, Arsenal (30)
- Player of the year Thierry Henry, Arsenal
- Players' player of the year Thierry Henry, Arsenal
- Young player of the year Scott Parker, Chelsea

James Milner stars for Leeds

Scott Parker impresses