

# Arsenal The Gunners

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Cesc  
Fabregas

Position: **Midfielder**

Nationality: **Spain**

Age: **23**

Height: **5'9"**

Weight: **153 lbs**

Bio: Cech

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playing for the

Arsenal when

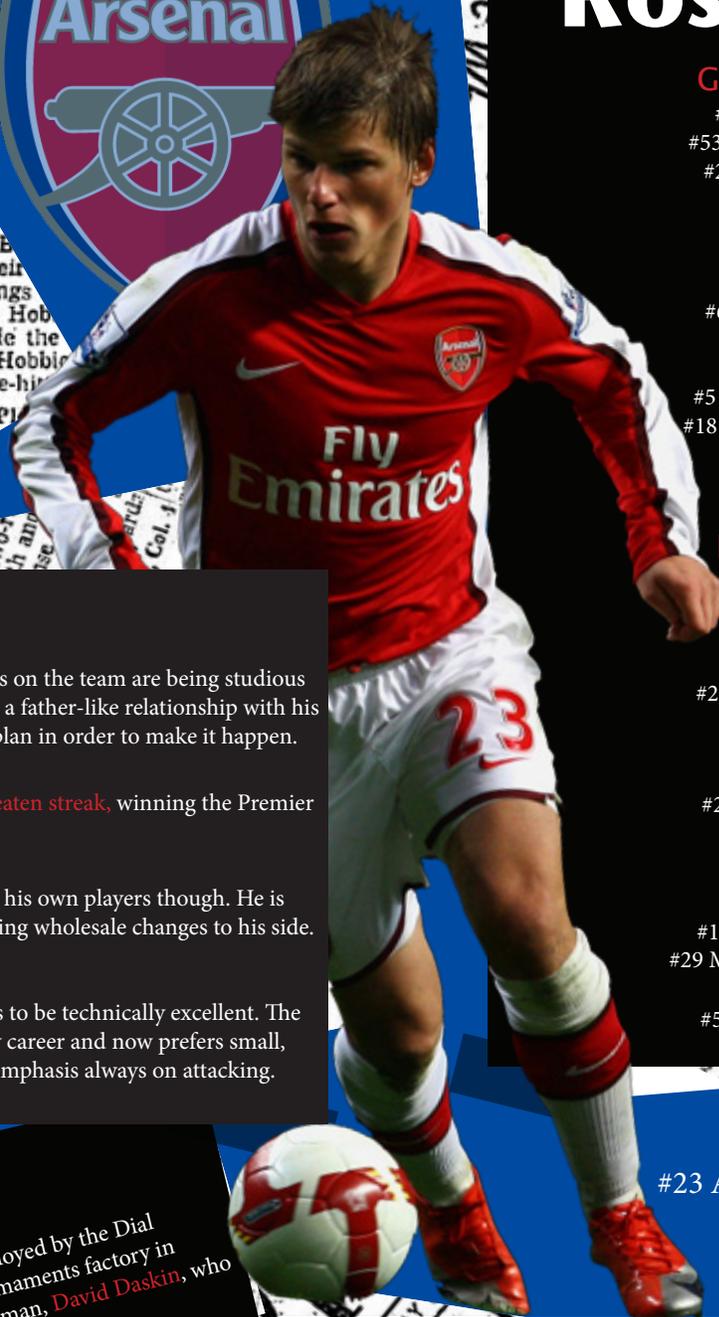
he was **16**

years old

and has

scored

Captain



## Roster:

### Goalkeepers—

- #1 Manuel Almunia
- #53 Wojciech Szczesny
- #21 Lukasz Fabianski

### Defenders—

- #3 Bacary Sagna
- #6 Laurent Koscielny
- #20 Johan Djourou
- #28 Kieran Gibbs
- #5 Thomas Vermaelen
- #18 Sebastien Squillaci
- #22 Gael Clichy

### Midfielders—

- #2 Abou Diaby
- #7 Tomas Rosicky
- #15 Denilson
- #19 Jack Wilshere
- #27 Emmanuel Eboue
- #7 Cesc Fabregas
- #8 Samir Nasri
- #17 Alex Song
- #23 Andrey Arshavin

### Strikers—

- #10 Robin Van Persie
- #29 Marouane Chamakh
- #14 Theo Walcott
- #52 Nicklas Bendtner

#23 Andrey Arshavin

## Coach:

**Arsene Wenger** is the coach of the Arsenal. His strengths on the team are being studious and clever, brilliant in the transfer market, and develops a father-like relationship with his players. He has a vision and remains true to his overall plan in order to make it happen.

Wenger has success in taking Arsenal to a **49 game unbeaten streak**, winning the Premier League title with an unbeaten season in 2003-04.

Wenger sometimes becomes one-eyed when it comes to his own players though. He is extremely stubborn when it comes to transfers and making wholesale changes to his side. He often lacks a Plan B.

Wenger favors a **short passing game** and likes his players to be technically excellent. The 4-4-2 formation brought him a lot of success in his early career and now prefers small, tricky wingers, a sitting defensive midfielder, and puts emphasis always on attacking.

## Founded:

Arsenal was **founded in 1886** by a group of workers employed by the Dial Square workshop at the Royal Arsenal, which was an armaments factory in Woolwich, south east London. They were led by a Scotsman, **David Daskin**, who purchased the club's first football, and **Jack Humble**.



## Formation:

Arsenal has a **4-2-3-1 or 4-3-3 formation** used at this year's World Cup by numerous teams as well as by Barcelona. The stability offered by using two deep, holding midfielders to occupy the space in front of defense has certainly become a popular formation. Columns points out, Arsenal has enjoyed some of their best runs when employing the outside wings. This formation allows teams to **defend tightly in the back**, while having numbers up top for **quick transitions to goal**.

# Chelsea The Blues

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John Terry



Position : **Defender**  
Nationality: **English**  
Age: 30  
Height: 6'2"  
Weight: 175 Ibs  
Bio: Terry started playing with Chelsea at the age of 14 where he initially played as a midfielder. John is the most successful captain in Chelsea history and the best defender up to date.



## Roster:

### Goalkeepers-

- #1 Petr Cech
- #40 Henrique Hilario
- #53 Jan Sebek

### Defenders-

- #33 Alex
- #41 Ryan Bertrand
- #17 Bosingwa
- #3 Ashley Cole
- #4 David Luiz
- #2 Branislav Ivanovic
- #26 John Terry

### Midfielders-

- #5 Michael Essien
- #8 Frank Lampard
- #15 Florent Malouda
- #12 John Obi Mikel
- #7 Ramires

### Strikers-

- #39 Nicolas Anelka
- #45 Fabio Borini
- #11 Didier Drogba
- #21 Salomon Kalou
- #64 Milan Lalkovic
- #53 Marko Mitrovic
- #59 Adam Phillip
- #9 Fernando Torres

## Coach:

Carlo Ancelotti is the coach for Chelsea. His strengths although keen to instil discipline into his sides, develops and nurtures relationships with his players and has won credit for his tactical acumen.

Ancelotti's weaknesses are with communication because he has not won over the press. He lacks charisma and, some may say, passion.

A career high for Ancelotti is Winning back-to-back Champions League titles with AC Milan in 1989 and 1990.

Ancelotti likes his side to play with width, flood the central midfield and often sticks with a lone striker. He is committed to attacking football and never lets his sides let their foot off the gas.

## Founded:

Chelsea was founded on March 10, 1905 at The Rising Sun pub. It is an English football club based in West London. John Tait Robertson was Chelsea's manager, who was an ex Rangers player. Chelsea's first success was not until the 1950s with the manager Ted Drake.



## Formation:

Chelsea plays a 4-3-3 formation. The three midfielders normally play closely together to protect the defense, and move laterally across the field as a coordinated unit. The three forwards split across the field to spread the attack, and are expected to "tackle back". When used from the start of a game, this formation is widely regarded as encouraging defensive play.

#11 Didier Drogba

