

= 2005 FA Community Shield =

The 2005 FA Community Shield was the 83rd staging of the FA Community Shield , an annual football match contested by the reigning champions of the Premier League and the holders of the FA Cup . It was held at the Millennium Stadium in Cardiff on 7 August 2005 . The game was played between Chelsea , champions of the 2004 ? 05 Premier League and Arsenal , who beat Manchester United on penalties to win the 2005 FA Cup Final . Chelsea won the match 2 ? 1 in front of a crowd of 58 @, @ 014 .

This was Chelsea 's fifth Community Shield appearance to Arsenal 's 19th . Relations between the two clubs were hostile before the match , given Chelsea 's illicit attempts to sign Arsenal defender Ashley Cole . In the game Chelsea took the lead when striker Didier Drogba scored in the eighth minute . He scored again in the second half , before Cesc Fàbregas replied for Arsenal with a goal in the 64th minute . José Mourinho praised Chelsea in his post @-@ match interview and felt the team looked comfortable in defence . Opposing manager Arsène Wenger admitted Drogba had presented problems for Arsenal and likened his opponents to a long ball team , who on the day played " very direct " .

= = Background and pre @-@ match = =

Founded in 1908 as a successor to the Sheriff of London Charity Shield , the FA Community Shield began as a contest between the respective champions of the Football League and Southern League , although in 1913 , it was played between an Amateurs XI and a Professionals XI . In 1921 , it was played by the league champions of the top division and FA Cup winners for the first time . Cardiff 's Millennium Stadium was hosting the Shield for the fifth time ; it took over as the venue for the event while Wembley Stadium underwent a six @-@ year renovation between 2001 and 2006 .

Chelsea qualified for the 2005 FA Community Shield as winners of the 2004 ? 05 FA Premier League . It was their first league title in 50 years , remembered for the records broken such as the most wins , fewest goals conceded in a league season and most points accumulated . The other Community Shield place went to Arsenal , who beat Manchester United on penalties to win the final of the 2004 ? 05 FA Cup . Arsenal was making its 19th Community Shield appearance and held the Shield after beating Manchester United 3 ? 1 a year previously . By contrast this was Chelsea 's fifth appearance , their first since 2000 . It was also the first meeting between both sides in the Shield .

Chelsea manager José Mourinho described relations between the two clubs as " non @-@ existent " , given his club 's approach to sign (tapping up) Arsenal defender Ashley Cole . The player had met Mourinho and chief executive Peter Kenyon at a London hotel in January 2005 , without Arsenal 's consent . Chelsea , Mourinho and Cole were all later found guilty by an independent commission and fined accordingly ; the club was charged the most amount ? £ 300 @, @ 000 .

The ownership of Chelsea by Russian billionaire Roman Abramovich also caused friction between both clubs . Arsenal manager Arsène Wenger said in May 2005 : " They are a financially doped club . They have enhancement of performances through financial resources which are unlimited . For me , it 's a kind of doping because it 's not in any way linked to their resources . It puts pressure on the market that is not very healthy . They can go to Steven Gerrard or Rio Ferdinand and ' say how much do you earn , we 'll give you twice as much . ' " Wenger admitted this put Arsenal at a disadvantage in the transfer market ; in the case of Shaun Wright @-@ Phillips , a long @-@ term target , Chelsea 's interest meant Arsenal needed to wait before making a bid . The player eventually joined Chelsea from Manchester City for £ 21 million .

= = Match = =

= = = Team selection = = =

Chelsea fielded a full @-@ strength team , which lined up in a 4 ? 3 ? 3 formation ; an attacking

three of Didier Drogba , Damien Duff and Arjen Robben . Asier Del Horno was named as left back , which meant William Gallas moved to central defence . Wright @-@ Phillips began the match on the substitute bench . Arsenal 's line up by contrast was relatively inexperienced in midfield ? Gilberto Silva was on the bench and Mathieu Flamini partnered Cesc Fàbregas in the centre . Up front Dennis Bergkamp started alongside striker Thierry Henry . The team played in a 4 ? 4 ? 2 formation .

= = = Summary = = =

The stadium observed a period of silence in memory of the victims of the July bombings in London , and a mark of respect to Arsenal fan Anthony Walker , killed on Merseyside the previous week . Arsenal in their away strip of yellow kicked off the match ; they won a corner after four minutes , but their threat was averted by Chelsea . In the eighth minute Del Horno hit a long pass to the edge of Arsenal ? s right area . Drogba controlled the ball with his chest and went beyond his marker Philippe Senderos . He shot the ball past goalkeeper Jens Lehmann in the Arsenal goal to give Chelsea a 1 ? 0 lead . Arsenal began to dominate proceedings , but struggled to make use of their advantage . A slip by Senderos in the 20th minute invited Robben to make a run down the right side of the pitch , but the chance for Chelsea was brief as Senderos won the ball back . Four minutes later Fàbregas and Claude Makélélé were each shown a yellow card for clashing with one another . Arsenal in the 36th minute fashioned their best chance of the game through Kolo Touré , whose shot forced goalkeeper Petr ?ech to save in an acrobatic manner . Six minutes before the interval Drogba was ruled offside , but continued to run in the direction of Arsenal ? s goal . He went down on a challenge from Lauren and proceeded to roll around Arsenal ? s penalty area once Lehmann got involved ? the " farce " was brought to a close after words from the referee .

Arsenal made a host of changes before the match restarted ? Gilberto , Robin van Persie and Alexander Hleb were substituted on for Bergkamp , Robert Pirès and Flamini . Robben made a run down the right side of the pitch , but failed to get past Senderos in what was the first notable action of the second half . Moments after , Fredrik Ljungberg 's attempt on goal was cleared by the Chelsea defence following good play by Van Persie . In the 57th minute Chelsea increased their lead . A long pass found Drogba , who once more held off Senderos in pursuit of the ball . He was forced wide by Lehmann , but on the turn shot the ball through the net to score his second goal of the game . Drogba was then replaced by Hernán Crespo , and Tiago came on for Eiður Guðjohnsen . Arsenal scored in the 64th minute ; Ljungberg crossed the ball from the left and Fàbregas evaded the Chelsea defence to slot it past ?ech in the goal . Both clubs made mass substitutions in the final third of the game , notably Wright @-@ Phillips coming on for his Chelsea debut in place of Robben . Arsenal continued to push for an equaliser the longer the match went on , which meant they were culpable to Chelsea countering . A free @-@ kick by Van Persie was saved by ?ech and it was not until the 86th minute that Henry fashioned his first chance of the half ? it too was dealt with by ?ech . Chelsea continued to withstand Arsenal ? s pressure in injury time and came close to scoring a third goal , but for Touré ? s intervention .

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= = Post @-@ match and aftermath = =

Mourinho believed his team deserved to win and said after scoring the first goal , " we looked comfortable and solid in the defence and good on the counter @-@ attack . " He did not believe the result would have any consequences for either team , but said " ... it is better to win than to lose and we can go home happy and with a smile on our faces . " John Terry described the victory as a "

perfect start " , and added it gave Chelsea a psychological edge over Arsenal . Drogba felt the result was good for the team 's confidence , though confessed Chelsea did not play well ? particularly in midfield .

Reflecting on Arsenal 's defeat , Wenger felt that " [it] is not too important . We have won four Community Shields and no @-@ one regards it as a trophy so I do not mind anymore . " He felt Chelsea 's game plan was " very direct " and admitted Drogba gave his team " a hard time on the long balls " . Wenger absolved Senderos of any blame for the two goals ? " it would be unfair " ? and believed Fàbregas showed why he was a capable replacement for Patrick Vieira , who left in the summer : " He controlled the game and for me was outstanding . " When asked if he was worried about Chelsea , Wenger retorted : " Did you see the game today ? You can be worried if you are a Chelsea supporter , " an indirect reference to their style of football .

Two weeks after the Community Shield match , both teams played each other in the league at Chelsea 's home ground , Stamford Bridge . Drogba scored the only goal of the game , which marked Arsenal 's first league defeat against their opponents in ten years . Chelsea also beat Arsenal away from home and went on to retain the Premier League . Whereas Arsenal 's league form was indifferent and the team finished fourth (outside of the top two for the first time under Wenger) , their performances in the UEFA Champions League were appreciable . They became the first London team to participate in a European Cup final , though lost 2 ? 1 to Barcelona in the Stade de France , Paris .