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Postponed .

= = FA Cup = =

Arsenal entered the competition in the third round , by virtue of their Premier League status . Their opening match was a 3 ? 1 win against Second Division Blackpool , where Grimandi , Adams and Overmars got themselves on the scoresheet . In the fourth round , Arsenal faced Leicester City at Highbury . The match ended goalless , meaning a replay was staged at Filbert Street . With neither side able to score in the 90 minutes and extra time , the game was settled on penalties . Leicester goalkeeper Pegguy Arphexad blocked Dixon and Grimandi 's spot @-@ kicks to help his side win . Wenger said he was " upset " with the loss , adding " the most important thing is the championship and we have to concentrate on it . "

= = Football League Cup = =

Together with the other clubs playing in European competitions , Arsenal entered the Football League Cup in the third round . The team were drawn to face First Division Preston North End , on the week of 11 October 1999 . Kanu and Stefan Malz scored a goal apiece to ensure Arsenal progressed into the fourth round , where they played Middlesbrough away . The team exited the competition on penalties , after a score draw .

= = UEFA Champions League = =

= = = Group stage = = =

Finishing second in Premier League the previous season ensured Arsenal 's qualification into the UEFA Champions League . For the second season running , Arsenal played their home matches at Wembley Stadium . The club were drawn in Group B , along with Italian club Fiorentina , Barcelona of Spain and Sweden 's AIK . In the opening match against Fiorentina , Arsenal dominated possession and created the better chances of the game , but earnt no more than a point after Kanu 's late penalty miss . The team defeated AIK at Wembley a week after and drew with Barcelona at the Camp Nou . In the reverse fixture , Barcelona defeated Arsenal 4 ? 2 and Wenger rued afterwards : " The defence did not have a good day . They were exposed and didn 't get any protection . " Arsenal progressed no further in competition after the team were beaten by Fiorentina ; Gabriel Batistuta scored the only goal of the match . Overmars scored twice in Arsenal 's final group game away to AIK .

= = UEFA Cup = =

As Arsenal finished third in their Champions League group , they entered the UEFA Cup . Wenger said he intended to take the competition seriously given the team 's poor UEFA coefficient . Arsenal played their home games at Highbury instead of Wembley .

= = = Knockout stages = = =

Third round

Arsenal faced French club Nantes and won the first leg 3 ? 0 ; Winterburn scored the pick of the three ? " a rare but brilliantly struck goal ? . The team drew the second leg 3 ? 3 , though it was enough to see them progress on aggregate score .

Fourth round

At home to Deportivo La Coruña , Arsenal opened the scoring in the fifth minute through Dixon and

further goals from Henry , Kanu and Bergkamp ensured it was the club 's first victory over Spanish opposition in Europe . Although the team were defeated in the second leg , Arsenal won 6 ? 3 on aggregate .

Quarter @-@ finals

Against Werder Bremen , Arsenal won the first leg 2 ? 0 with goals from Henry and Ljungberg . Parlour scored a hat @-@ trick in the return leg ? the first of his career .

Semi @-@ finals

Arsenal faced French club Lens in the final four and won the first leg by a solitary goal , scored by Bergkamp in the second minute . Victory in the second leg ensured passage to the final . Wenger commented afterwards : ? People say we should not have come into this competition , but we have not got the final the easy way ? we have played 14 games to get this far . ?

= = = Final = = =

In the lead up to the final against Galatasaray in Copenhagen , scuffles took place between British and Turkish supporters at City Hall Square after an Arsenal fan was stabbed . The incident , dubbed the " Battle of Copenhagen " by the media led to 19 civilians injured and 60 arrests . The match itself was a lacklustre affair ; neither side scored after 90 minutes and in extra time Gheorghe Hagi was sent off . It was decided on penalties and Arsenal lost after ?uker and Patrick Vieira missed their spot @-@ kicks . Wenger was disappointed with the manner of the defeat and criticised Spanish referee Antonio López Nieto for not tossing a coin to decide where the shoot @-@ out would take place like UEFA promised him .

= = Player statistics = =

Arsenal used a total of 32 players during the 1999 ? 2000 season and there were 15 different goalscorers . There were also six squad members who did not make a first @-@ team appearance in the campaign . Kanu featured in 50 matches whereas Vieira started the most games for Arsenal ? 47 in total .

The team scored a total of 106 goals in all competitions . The highest goalscorer was Henry , with 26 goals , followed by Kanu who scored 17 goals . Six Arsenal players were sent off during the season : Vieira , Keown , Henry , Grimandi (twice) and Luzhny .

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Numbers in parentheses denote appearances as substitute . Players with number struck through and marked left the club during the playing season .

Source :

= = Reserves = =

The following players were contracted to Arsenal , but did not make a competitive appearance during the season .

Note : Flags indicate national team as defined under FIFA eligibility rules . Players may hold more than one non @-@ FIFA nationality .