2014–15 Arsenal F.C. season

The **2014–15 season** was Arsenal's 23rd season in the Premier League and 89th consecutive season in the top flight of English football. The club participated in the Premier League, FA Cup, Football League Cup, FA Community Shield and the UEFA Champions League. Arsenal finished third in the Premier League and won both the FA Community Shield and the FA Cup.

Arsène Wenger, club manager since 1996, signed several players in the preseason, including Chilean winger Alexis Sánchez from Barcelona, who would be the team's top scorer and win Arsenal Player of the Season. Wenger led the "Gunners" through a turbulent start with player injuries and poor form placing the side as low as eighth in December. In the second half of the season, Arsenal found good form, challenging for the Premier League title with an eight game winning streak in the latter stages. However, following a nil-all draw in April with eventual champions Chelsea, Arsenal all but lost their chances at winning the title. Arsenal repeated their 2014 victory, winning the 2015 FA Cup final 4–0 against Aston Villa; thus becoming the most successful team outright in the FA Cup, with a total of 12 titles.

In the UEFA Champions League, Arsenal finished second in their group behind Borussia Dortmund on goal difference. Arsenal was eliminated on away goals over two legs against the Ligue 1 side Monaco in the round of 16. It was the fifth consecutive season Arsenal left the competition in the round of 16 phase.

Background

The 2014–15 season marked Arsenal's 23rd consecutive year in the Premier League, their 111th season in the English top flight, and their 89th consecutive season in the tier. This season the club extended the record for the longest continuous run in the top flight which began with their promotion in the 1919–20 season.[1][2] During the previous season, Arsenal finished fourth in the Premier League behind Manchester City, Chelsea and Liverpool; the club won the FA Cup after defeating Hull City in the final. Additionally, they finished in the round of 16 of the UEFA Champions League and the fourth round of the Football League Cup.[3] Ahead of the new season, the club announced that playing kits would be manufactured by German sportswear company Puma, after a 20-year association with Nike came to an end.[4] The club also announced an increase in their ticket prices of 3% in line with inflation.[5] Long term manager Arsène Wenger, who joined the club in 1996, extended his contract with the club through May 2017.[6] Arsenal chairman Chips Keswick commentated on how Wenger "has established Arsenal for its exciting playing style around the world", and that he has "no doubt [Arsenal] have an exciting future ahead of [them] with him leading the team".[6]

Summer transfer window

On 26 June 2014, Arsenal announced that 11 players would depart the club on 30 June at the conclusion of their contracts.[7] The list included loanees Kim Källström and Emiliano Viviano, along with players who signed pre-contract agreements: Łukasz Fabiański (Swansea City),[8] Bacary Sagna (Manchester City),[9] Zak Ansah (Charlton Athletic),[10] Zachari Fagan (Welling United),[11] and Chuks Aneke (Zulte Waregem).[12] The list of players also included Leander Siemann, Nicklas Bendtner, Park Chu-young and Daniel Boateng.[7]

The club transferred a selection of players ahead of the season for undisclosed fees; these players included German midfielder Thomas Eisfeld,[13] Swiss international defender Johan Djourou,[14] and Spanish defender Ignasi Miquel.[15] The club received a £15 million fee from Barcelona for the transfer of Belgian defender Thomas Vermaelen, who left after making 110 Premier League appearances for Arsenal.[16] It was also reported that Arsenal received benefits for selling a selection of contractual rights including clauses with Carlos Vela at Real Sociedad,[17] and Cesc Fàbregas at Chelsea.[18]

The club announced the much-anticipated transfer of Chilean forward Alexis Sánchez on 10 July from Barcelona,[19] who joined the club on a long-term contract for a reported transfer fee of £35 million.[20] A week later, French defender Mathieu Debuchy joined the club for an undisclosed fee; he was seen as a direct replacement for the departed Sagna.[21] On 27 July, Colombian goalkeeper David Ospina signed for Arsenal from French club Nice for a reported transfer fee of £3 million,[22] replacing former goalkeeper Fabiański, who had ended his contract.[23]

Arsenal
2014–15 season

Arsenal's victory parade following their 12th FA Cup title

Chairman	Chips Keswick
Manager	Arsène Wenger
Stadium	Emirates Stadium
Premier League	3rd
FA Cup	**Winners**
League Cup	Third round
FA Community Shield	**Winners**
UEFA Champions League	Round of 16
Top goalscorer	League: Alexis Sánchez (16) All: Alexis Sánchez (25)
Highest home attendance	60,081 vs. Liverpool (4 April 2015, Premier League)
Lowest home attendance	59,439 vs. Hull City (4 January 2015, FA Cup)
Average home league attendance	59,992
Biggest win	5–0 vs. Aston Villa (H) (1 February 2015, Premier League)
Biggest defeat	Defeated by two goals against four different opponents[A]

Home colours	Away colours	Third colours

The club announced the signing of English defender Calum Chambers from Southampton on 28 July; his transfer fee was reported to cost the club £16 million. Wenger admitted that Chambers' transfer fee was a gamble for a young player, but he had faith in the player to demonstrate his versatility whilst at the club.[24] Arsenal's final first-team summer signing was Danny Welbeck, his transfer from Manchester United was reported to have cost Arsenal £16 million.[25]

During the summer transfer window, a variety of players left the club on loan, this included first-team players such as Carl Jenkinson to West Ham United,[26] and Francis Coquelin to Charlton Athletic.[27]

Pre-season

In preparation for their season, Arsenal played Conference South side Boreham Wood at their home stadium Meadow Park. The "Gunners" defeated Boreham Wood 2–0 with players who did not attend the 2014 FIFA World Cup; the team won comfortably with goals from academy players Kristoffer Olsson and Benik Afobe.[28] Arsenal then travelled to Harrison, United States to play the New York Red Bulls. Former Arsenal player Thierry Henry played against his former club as his side defeated Arsenal 1–0, and Bradley Wright-Phillips, the son of former Arsenal player Ian Wright, scored the only goal against a heavily rotated Arsenal side.[29] In August, Arsenal hosted the 2014 Emirates Cup which was an invitational friendly tournament at the Emirates Stadium with Valencia, Benfica and Monaco participating.[30] Arsenal played Benfica first, defeating the Portuguese side 5–1 with four goals from Yaya Sanogo and a volleyed goal from academy player Joel Campbell.[31] Arsenal then played Monaco, losing 1–0 due to a Radamel Falcao goal.[32] Valencia won the Emirates Cup tournament and Arsenal placed second.[32]

Sánchez *(pictured with Colo-Colo)* joined for a £35 million transfer fee from Barcelona

Match details

Friendly	19 July 2014	**Boreham Wood** 🏴	**0–2**	🏴 **Arsenal**	Borehamwood
	15:00 BST		Report (http://www.arsenal.com/match/report/1415/post/first-team/boreham-wood-0-2-arsenal-report)	Olsson ⚽ 68' Afobe ⚽ 86' (pen.)	Stadium: Meadow Park Attendance: NA Referee: NA
New York Cup	26 July 2014	**New York Red Bulls** 🇺🇸	**1–0**	🏴 **Arsenal**	Harrison, United States
	17:00 EDT 22:00 BST	Wright-Phillips ⚽ 33' Cahill 🟨 45+1' Kimura 🟨 90'	Report (https://www.newyorkredbulls.com/news/match-recap-red-bulls-1-arsenal-0)		Stadium: Red Bull Arena Attendance: 25,219 Referee: Javier Santos (Puerto Rico)
Emirates Cup	2 August 2014	**Arsenal** 🏴	**5–1**	🇵🇹 **Benfica**	Holloway
	16:20 BST	Monreal 🟨 20' Sanogo ⚽ 26', 44', 45+1', 49' Campbell ⚽ 40'	Report (https://www.espn.com/soccer/match/_/gameId/402870)	Gaitán ⚽ 62' Benito 🟨 83'	Stadium: Emirates Stadium Attendance: NA Referee: Lee Mason (England)
Emirates Cup	3 August 2014	**Arsenal** 🏴	**0–1**	🇫🇷 **Monaco**	Holloway
	16:20 BST	Wilshere 🟨 36' Miquel 🟨 65' Flamini 🟨 90'	Report (https://www.skysports.com/football/arsenal-vs-monaco/teams/319776)	Falcao ⚽ 37' Subašić 🟨 81'	Stadium: Emirates Stadium Attendance: 50,000 Referee: Martin Atkinson (England)

FA Community Shield

Arsenal qualified for the FA Community Shield on virtue of winning the FA Cup during the preceding season; they faced Manchester City, the Premier League champions. In Arsenal's first competitive game of the season, the club defeated Manchester City 3–0 with goals from Santi Cazorla, Aaron Ramsey and Giroud.[33] Wenger was happy with Arsenal's bright start to the season pointing out after the game that his team exhibited a "complete performance"; he also acknowledged the team's flaws, saying that during the second half "we lost a bit more of the ball than in the first half and our movements were less fluent".[34]

Match details

Final	10 August 2014	**Arsenal**	**3–0**	**Manchester City**	Wembley Park
	15:00 BST	Cazorla ⚽ 21' Ramsey ⚽ 43' Giroud ⚽ 62'	Report (https://archive.today/20140811163009/http://www.thefa.com/news/competitions/fa-community-shield/2014/aug/arsenal-v-manchester-city-the-fa-community-shield-wembley-match-report-100)	Fernando 🟨 51'	Stadium: Wembley Stadium Attendance: 71,523 Referee: Michael Oliver

Premier League

August–October

Arsenal began their Premier League season at the Emirates Stadium against Crystal Palace on 16 August 2014. The visitors took the lead through Brede Hangeland's header from a corner in the first half, but Arsenal replied with a Laurent Koscielny equaliser and a late stoppage time winner from Ramsey. Arsenal defeated Crystal Palace, who had a player sent off, and gave the club a winning start to their league campaign.[35] The club then went on a three-game winless run with draws against Everton at Goodison Park,[36] Leicester City at the King Power Stadium,[37] and after the international break, Manchester City at the Emirates Stadium.[38] New signing Sánchez scored his first league goal for the club against Leicester City,[37] but the club also lost Giroud and Debuchy to injury during their winless run.[38][39] Arsenal's misfortune was momentarily suspended after a comprehensive 3–0 away win over Aston Villa, with a first Arsenal league goal for new signing Welbeck, a calm Mesut Özil finish and an own goal from Villa defender Aly Cissokho.[40]

On 27 September, Arsenal faced Tottenham Hotspur in the North London derby at the Emirates Stadium. The match ended in a 1–1 draw; Spurs' Nacer Chadli gave his side the lead early in the second half, but Arsenal responded with Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain's effort against a wrong-footed Tottenham defence with 15 minutes left in the match. After the game, Wenger voiced his frustration at Arsenal's set-piece routines saying that the players did not create enough from these opportunities; Wenger also mentioned that Ramsey and club captain Mikel Arteta sustained muscular injuries, and they would be temporarily unavailable.[41] Arsenal's misfortune continued when they lost 2–0 against rivals Chelsea at Stamford Bridge, with the "Blue's" Eden Hazard and Diego Costa on the scoresheet. The loss meant the Wenger had not defeated Chelsea manager José Mourinho after 12 different attempts.[42] Arsenal also lost playmaker Özil to injury during the match and could not play for three months.[43]

With the hope of finding good form, the club played Steve Bruce's Hull City after the international break, where the "Gunners" drew 2–2 with Sánchez and Welbeck netting the goals for Arsenal at the Emirates Stadium. Wenger, frustrated with the result, criticised his players for conceding "too many goals" as a result of a lack of concentration.[44] Arsenal won their final match in October when they defeated Sunderland at the Stadium of Light, capitalising off player mistakes, and the club finished the month in fifth place on the Premier League table.[45]

Arsenal defending a free-kick against Chelsea at Stamford Bridge on 5 October

November–February

Giroud (left) and Carzorla celebrating the former's goal against Aston Villa at the Emirates Stadium

A Sánchez brace (two goals) and a first senior goal from Chambers helped Arsenal dispatch Sean Dyche's Burnley 3–0 at home on 1 November. The Chilean took his club goal tally to ten goals during the match, Wenger praised Sánchez after the match by comparing the player to Uruguayan forward Luis Suárez in his post-match interview.[46] Travelling to Wales, Arsenal then lost to Swansea City 2–1, after having a one goal lead courtesy of a tidy Sánchez finish.[47] The club's first home defeat came against Manchester United; the 2–1 loss was Arsenal's first and only consecutive defeat in the Premier League during the season. A Kieran Gibbs own goal and a tidy Wayne Rooney finish meant that Giroud's goal in added time was just a consolation; after the match, Wenger called his side "defensibly naive" and also thought the game was "one way traffic" in United's favour. The defeat was a dent in Arsenal's title hopes, given that Jack Wilshere was also injured after a heavy Paddy McNair challenge.[48] The club ended their month positively with a tight 1–0 away win against West Bromwich Albion, courtesy of a Welbeck header.[49]

On 3 December, Arsenal defeated Southampton 1–0,[50] and three days later lost 3–2 away to Stoke City. During the game against Stoke, new signing Chambers was sent off after receiving a second yellow card and Wenger was again critical of his side, calling Arsenal "soft".[51] With Giroud and Carzorla scoring braces, Arsenal later defeated Newcastle United 4–1 at the Emirates Stadium to recover from their defeat to Stoke City.[52] Arsenal then travelled to Anfield to play a struggling Liverpool side who were placed mid-table; the "Gunners" drew 2–2 with Liverpool with Philippe Coutinho and Martin Škrtel scoring the goals for the "Reds".[53] On Boxing Day, Arsenal defeated Queens Park Rangers 2–1,[54] and later dispatched West Ham United on 28 December to end 2014 with a victory.[55] On 5 January 2015, Arsenal sent Lukas Podolski on loan to Inter Milan for the remainder of the season; Podolski had not started a Premier League game for Arsenal during the season, and had only made four appearances in Arsenal's UEFA Champions League group stage campaign.[56] Arsenal also loaned Yaya Sanogo to Crystal Palace for the remainder of the season, the Frenchman had only made five appearances for Arsenal during the season.[57] To reinforce the squad, the club signed Gabriel Paulista from La Liga side Villarreal for £11.2 million.[58]

In the three games Arsenal played in January, they lost 2–0 to Southampton away,[59] defeated Stoke City 3–0 at the Emirates Stadium,[60] and dispatched Manchester City 2–0 at the City of Manchester Stadium.[61] In the game against Stoke, Sánchez was involved in all three goals, assisting Koscielny's header and scoring the other two; the match also saw Özil appear as a substitute, having returned from injury.[60] Wenger said that Arsenal's performance in their 2–0 win over Manchester City was "exceptional". Cazorla scored the opening goal from a penalty and later set up Giroud's goal from a free-kick; it was Arsenal's first win at Manchester City since October 2010.[61] In February, Arsenal defeated Aston Villa

5–0 at the Emirates Stadium in what would be Arsenal's largest winning margin during the season.[62] The club's good form was interrupted when they lost 2–1 to Tottenham Hotspur at White Hart Lane with Harry Kane scoring both goals for Spurs.[63] In Arsenal's final two matches during the month, they defeated Leicester City at the Emirates Stadium,[64] and dispatched Crystal Palace 2–1 at Selhurst Park.[65]

March–May

On 1 March, Arsenal played Everton with Giroud and Tomáš Rosický scoring the goals for the "Gunners" as they won 2–0 at home. January signing Gabriel Paulista also made his first Premier League start during the match.[66] Three days later, Arsenal travelled to Loftus Road to defeat Queens Park Rangers 2–1, with Sánchez ending a run of seven games without scoring.[67] The "Gunners" finished March with a 3–0 home win against West Ham United,[68] and a 2–1 win over Newcastle United; with their victory in Tyneside, Arsenal had won their last six consecutive league games and sat third on the league table, one point behind second-placed Manchester City.[69] Wenger was later voted Premier League Manager of the Month for Arsenal's strong form in March, and Giroud was voted Premier League Player of the Month after he scored five goals in Arsenal's four league matches in the month.[70]

Arsenal players before their match against Sunderland at the Emirates Stadium

On 4 April, Arsenal convincingly defeated Liverpool 4–1 at home, goals from Héctor Bellerín, Özil, Sánchez and Giroud sealed the victory for the "Gunners"; the win saw Arsenal jump to second place on the league table, but were still seven points behind Chelsea in first place – who had a game in hand.[71] After a 1–0 away win over Burnley,[72] Arsenal were set to play a much-anticipated game against Chelsea on 26 April at home. The match ended in a 0–0 draw and thus ended Arsenal's winning run of eight league games;[73] Chelsea later won the Premier League title after their 1–0 win over Crystal Palace on 3 May.[74]

Having lost out on the league title, Arsenal looked to secure qualification for the Champions League in their final five league matches. With a win over Hull City,[75] a loss against Swansea City,[76] and two draws against Manchester United and Sunderland,[77][78] a win in their final game against West Bromwich Albion would secure Arsenal third place and Champions League football for the following season. The "Gunners" ended their season positively after they won 4–1 at home with a Walcott hat-trick and a 20-yard finish by Wilshere.[79]

Match details

#	Date	Home	Score	Away	Venue
1	16 August 2014 17:30 BST	**Arsenal** Chambers 🟨 44' Koscielny ⚽ 45+1' Cazorla ⚽ 60' Ramsey ⚽ 90+1'	2–1 Report (https://www.premierleague.com/match/9611)	**Crystal Palace** Hangeland ⚽ 35' Puncheon 🟨 48' 🟥 89' Chamakh 🟨 68' Kelly 🟨 77'	Holloway Stadium: Emirates Stadium Attendance: 59,962 Referee: Jonathan Moss
2	23 August 2014 17:30 BST	**Everton** Coleman ⚽ 19' Baines 🟨 29' Naismith ⚽ 45'	2–2 Report (https://www.premierleague.com/match/9624)	**Arsenal** Mertesacker 🟨 43' Wilshere 🟨 54' Chambers 🟨 57' Flamini 🟨 77' Ramsey ⚽ 83' Giroud ⚽ 90'	Walton Stadium: Goodison Park Attendance: 39,490 Referee: Kevin Friend
3	31 August 2014 16:00 BST	**Leicester City** Ulloa ⚽ 23' Albrighton 🟨 84' Hammond 🟨 85' Moore 🟨 90'	1–1 Report (https://www.premierleague.com/match/9639)	**Arsenal** Sánchez ⚽ 20' Szczęsny 🟨 90'	Leicester Stadium: King Power Stadium Attendance: 31,535 Referee: Anthony Taylor
4	13 September 2014 12:45 BST	**Arsenal** Flamini 🟨 58' Monreal 🟨 62' Wilshere ⚽ 64' Sánchez ⚽ 74', 🟨 75'	2–2 Report (https://www.premierleague.com/match/9641)	**Manchester City** Lampard 🟨 22' Zabaleta 🟨 24' Agüero ⚽ 28', 🟨 64' Fernandinho 🟨 50' Demichelis ⚽ 84'	Holloway Stadium: Emirates Stadium Attendance: 60,003 Referee: Mark Clattenburg
5	20 September 2014 15:00 BST	**Aston Villa** Clark 🟨 83'	0–3 Report (https://www.premierleague.com/match/9651)	**Arsenal** Chambers 🟨 22' Özil ⚽ 33' Welbeck ⚽ 34' Cissokho ⚽ 35' (o.g.) Ramsey 🟨 56' Wilshere 🟨 84'	Aston Stadium: Villa Park Attendance: 40,013 Referee: Mike Jones
6	27 September 2014 17:30 BST	**Arsenal** Oxlade-Chamberlain 🟨 12', ⚽ 74' Wilshere 🟨 22' Chambers 🟨 86'	1–1 Report (https://www.premierleague.com/match/9661)	**Tottenham Hotspur** Lamela 🟨 27' Chadli 🟨 56', 🟨 57' Adebayor 🟨 69' Lennon 🟨 69' Mason 🟨 72' Rose 🟨 83'	Holloway Stadium: Emirates Stadium Attendance: 59,900 Referee: Michael Oliver
7	5 October 2014 14:05 BST	**Chelsea** Cahill 🟨 20' Hazard ⚽ 27' (pen.) Ivanović 🟨 53' Schürrle 🟨 66' Costa ⚽ 78' Oscar 🟨 86'	2–0 Report (https://www.premierleague.com/match/9677)	**Arsenal** Chambers 🟨 22' Koscielny 🟨 27' Welbeck 🟨 90+1'	Fulham Stadium: Stamford Bridge Attendance: 41,607 Referee: Martin Atkinson
8	18 October 2014	**Arsenal**	2–2	**Hull City**	Holloway

	15:00 BST	Sánchez ⚽ 13'	Report (https://ww	Diamé ⚽ 17'	Stadium: Emirates Stadium
		Wilshere 🟨 69'	w.premierleague.c	Chester 🟨 44'	Attendance: 60,004
		Cazorla 🟨 80'	om/match/9681)	Hernández ⚽ 46'	Referee: Roger East
		Welbeck ⚽ 90+1'		Huddlestone 🟨 66'	

9	25 October 2014	**Sunderland**	**0–2**	**Arsenal**	Sunderland
	15:00 BST	Larsson 🟨 38'	Report (https://ww	Gibbs 🟨 24'	Stadium: Stadium of Light
		Cattermole 🟨 63'	w.premierleague.c	Sánchez ⚽ 30', 90+3'	Attendance: 44,449
		Wickham 🟨 68'	om/match/9693)	Welbeck ⚽ 50'	Referee: Kevin Friend
				Arteta 🟨 55'	

10	1 November 2014	**Arsenal**	**3–0**	**Burnley**	Holloway
	15:00 GMT	Sánchez ⚽ 70', 90'	Report (https://ww	Boyd 🟨 16'	Stadium: Emirates Stadium
		Chambers ⚽ 72'	w.premierleague.c		Attendance: 60,012
			om/match/9701)		Referee: Craig Pawson

11	9 November 2014	**Swansea City**	**2–1**	**Arsenal**	Swansea, Wales
	16:00 GMT	Taylor 🟨 37'	Report (https://ww	Ramsey 🟨 45+1'	Stadium: Liberty Stadium
		Ki Sung-yueng 🟨 41'	w.premierleague.c	Mertesacker 🟨 55'	Attendance: 20,812
		Williams 🟨 50'	om/match/9718)	Chambers 🟨 62'	Referee: Phil Dowd
		Carroll 🟨 63'		Sánchez ⚽ 63', 🟨 86'	
		Sigurðsson ⚽ 75'		Gibbs 🟨 74'	
		Gomis ⚽ 78'			
		Barrow 🟨 90'			

12	22 November 2014	**Arsenal**	**1–2**	**Manchester United**	Holloway
	17:30 GMT	Cazorla 🟨 65'	Report (https://ww	Gibbs ⚽ 56' (o.g.)	Stadium: Emirates Stadium
		Giroud ⚽ 90+5', 🟨 90+8'	w.premierleague.c	Rooney ⚽ 85'	Attendance: 60,074
			om/match/9721)	Wilson 🟨 90+7'	Referee: Mike Dean

13	29 November 2014	**West Bromwich Albion**	**0–1**	**Arsenal**	West Bromwich
	12:45 GMT	Dorrans 🟨 53'	Report (https://ww	Welbeck ⚽ 60'	Stadium: The Hawthorns
		Gamboa 🟨 84'	w.premierleague.c	Oxlade-Chamberlain 🟨 90+3'	Attendance: 24,228
			om/match/9737)		Referee: Chris Foy

14	3 December 2014	**Arsenal**	**1–0**	**Southampton**	Holloway
	19:45 GMT	Sánchez ⚽ 89'	Report (https://ww	Alderweireld 🟨 43'	Stadium: Emirates Stadium
			w.premierleague.c	Wanyama 🟨 76'	Attendance: 60,025
			om/match/9747)		Referee: Andre Marriner

15	6 December 2014	**Stoke City**	**3–2**	**Arsenal**	Stoke-on-Trent
	15:00 GMT	Crouch ⚽ 1', 🟨 46'	Report (https://ww	Chambers 🟨 61' 🟥 78'	Stadium: Britannia Stadium
		Krkić ⚽ 35'	w.premierleague.c	Cazorla ⚽ 68' (pen.)	Attendance: 27,367
		Muniesa 🟨 44'	om/match/9756)	Ramsey ⚽ 70'	Referee: Anthony Taylor
		Walters ⚽ 45'		Gibbs 🟨 71'	
		Adam 🟨 84'		Oxlade-Chamberlain 🟨 72'	

16	13 December 2014	**Arsenal**	**4–1**	**Newcastle United**	Holloway
	17:30 GMT	Giroud ⚽ 15', 58'	Report (https://ww	Tioté 🟨 59'	Stadium: Emirates Stadium
		Bellerín 🟨 37'	w.premierleague.c	Pérez ⚽ 63'	Attendance: 59,949
		Cazorla ⚽ 54', 88' (pen.)	om/match/9761)	Janmaat 🟨 82'	Referee: Lee Mason
		Oxlade-Chamberlain 🟨 57'			

17	21 December 2014	**Liverpool**	**2–2**	**Arsenal**	Liverpool
	16:00 GMT	Coutinho ⚽ 45'	Report (https://ww	Flamini 🟨 14'	Stadium: Anfield
		Borini 🟨 90' 🟥 90+2'	w.premierleague.c	Debuchy ⚽ 45+2', 🟨 47'	Attendance: 44,703
		Škrtel ⚽ 90+7'	om/match/9778)	Giroud ⚽ 64'	Referee: Michael Oliver
				Cazorla 🟨 90+3'	

18	26 December 2014	**Arsenal**	**2–1**	**Queens Park Rangers**	Holloway
	17:30 GMT	Sánchez ⚽ 37'	Report (https://ww	Ferdinand 🟨 27'	Stadium: Emirates Stadium
		Giroud 🟥 53'	w.premierleague.c	Mutch 🟨 55'	Attendance: 59,947
		Rosický ⚽ 65'	om/match/9781)	Hoilett 🟨 70'	Referee: Martin Atkinson
		Coquelin 🟨 90+4'		Austin ⚽ 79' (pen.)	
				Kranjčar 🟨 90+3'	

19	28 December 2014	**West Ham United**	**1–2**	**Arsenal**	Upton Park
	15:00 GMT	Carroll 🟨 36'	Report (https://ww	Cazorla ⚽ 41' (pen.)	Stadium: Boleyn Ground
		Kouyaté ⚽ 54'	w.premierleague.c	Welbeck ⚽ 44'	Attendance: 34,977
		Tomkins 🟨 84'	om/match/9799)	Sánchez 🟨 48'	Referee: Neil Swarbrick
		Reid 🟨 88'		Debuchy 🟨 80'	
				Coquelin 🟨 90+5'	

20	1 January 2015	**Southampton**	**2–0**	**Arsenal**	Southampton
	15:00 GMT	Wanyama 🟨 23'	Report (https://ww	Coquelin 🟨 74'	Stadium: St Mary's Stadium
		Mané ⚽ 34'	w.premierleague.c		Attendance: 31,492
		Tadić ⚽ 56'	om/match/9807)		Referee: Craig Pawson
		Gardoș 🟨 67'			

21	11 January 2015	**Arsenal**	**3–0**	**Stoke City**	Holloway
	13:30 GMT	Koscielny ⚽ 6'	Report (https://ww	Wollscheid 🟨 51'	Stadium: Emirates Stadium
		Sánchez ⚽ 33', 48'	w.premierleague.c	Cameron 🟨 61'	Attendance: 59,956
			om/match/9819)	Crouch 🟨 63'	Referee: Jonathan Moss

22	18 January 2015	**Manchester City**	**0–2**	**Arsenal**	Manchester
	16:00 GMT	Kompany 🟨 41'	Report (https://ww	Koscielny 🟨 3'	Stadium: Etihad Stadium
		Fernandinho 🟨 54'	w.premierleague.c	Cazorla ⚽ 24' (pen.)	Attendance: 45,596
		Agüero 🟨 86'	om/match/9828)	Ramsey 🟨 38'	Referee: Mike Dean
				Bellerín 🟨 56'	
				Giroud 🟨 67'	

23	1 February 2015	**Arsenal**	**5–0**	**Aston Villa**	Holloway
	13:30 GMT	Giroud ⚽ 8'	Report (https://ww	Clark 🟨 57'	Stadium: Emirates Stadium
		Özil ⚽ 56'	w.premierleague.c	Gil 🟨 68'	Attendance: 59,958
		Walcott ⚽ 63'	om/match/9839)		Referee: Anthony Taylor
		Cazorla ⚽ 75' (pen.)			
		Bellerín ⚽ 90+2'			

24	7 February 2015 12:45 GMT	**Tottenham Hotspur** Kane 🟨 36', ⚽ 56', 86' Mason 🟨 79' Bentaleb 🟨 90+2'	**2–1** Report (https://ww w.premierleague.c om/match/9847)	**Arsenal** Özil ⚽ 11' Monreal 🟨 43' Welbeck 🟨 45+2' Koscielny 🟨 53' Giroud 🟨 84' Ramsey 🟨 90+4'	Tottenham Stadium: White Hart Lane Attendance: 35,659 Referee: Martin Atkinson
25	10 February 2015 19:45 GMT	**Arsenal** Koscielny ⚽ 27' Walcott ⚽ 41' Rosický 🟨 67' Giroud 🟨 90+5'	**2–1** Report (https://ww w.premierleague.c om/match/9851)	**Leicester City** Kramarić ⚽ 61' Wasilewski 🟨 65' Simpson 🟨 89'	Holloway Stadium: Emirates Stadium Attendance: 60,032 Referee: Mike Jones
26	21 February 2015 15:00 GMT	**Crystal Palace** Mutch 🟨 19' Murray ⚽ 90+4'	**1–2** Report (https://ww w.premierleague.c om/match/9863)	**Arsenal** Cazorla ⚽ 8' (pen.) Coquelin 🟨 28' Giroud ⚽ 45+1', 🟨 56' Chambers 🟨 85'	Selhurst Stadium: Selhurst Park Attendance: 24,721 Referee: Mark Clattenburg
27	1 March 2015 14:05 GMT	**Arsenal** Giroud ⚽ 39', 🟨 47' Koscielny 🟨 78' Rosický ⚽ 89'	**2–0** Report (https://ww w.premierleague.c om/match/9877)	**Everton**	Holloway Stadium: Emirates Stadium Attendance: 59,925 Referee: Andre Marriner
28	4 March 2015 19:45 GMT	**Queens Park Rangers** Henry 🟨 32' Yun Suk-young 🟨 80' Austin 🟨 82'	**1–2** Report (https://ww w.premierleague.c om/match/9885)	**Arsenal** Bellerín 🟨 34' Giroud ⚽ 64' Sánchez ⚽ 69'	White City Stadium: Loftus Road Attendance: 17,977 Referee: Kevin Friend
29	14 March 2015 15:00 GMT	**Arsenal** Sánchez 🟨 36' Giroud ⚽ 45+1' Ramsey ⚽ 82' Flamini ⚽ 84'	**3–0** Report (https://ww w.premierleague.c om/match/9890)	**West Ham United** Sakho 🟨 78'	Holloway Stadium: Emirates Stadium Attendance: 60,002 Referee: Chris Foy started the match as referee but was replaced by Anthony Taylor after 59 minutes due to Foy suffering a calf injury.[80]
30	21 March 2015 15:00 GMT	**Newcastle United** Sissoko ⚽ 48'	**1–2** Report (https://ww w.premierleague.c om/match/9902)	**Arsenal** Giroud ⚽ 24', 28'	Newcastle upon Tyne Stadium: St James' Park Attendance: 50,544 Referee: Mike Jones
31	4 April 2015 12:45 BST	**Arsenal** Bellerín ⚽ 37', 🟨 70' Özil ⚽ 40' Sánchez ⚽ 45' Giroud ⚽ 90+1'	**4–1** Report (https://ww w.premierleague.c om/match/9910)	**Liverpool** Can 🟨 49' 🟥 84' Henderson ⚽ 76' (pen.)	Holloway Stadium: Emirates Stadium Attendance: 60,081 Referee: Anthony Taylor
32	11 April 2015 17:30 BST	**Burnley** Mee 🟨 25' Duff 🟨 26'	**0–1** Report (https://ww w.premierleague.c om/match/9921)	**Arsenal** Ramsey ⚽ 12'	Burnley Stadium: Turf Moor Attendance: 20,615 Referee: Mike Dean
33	26 April 2015 16:00 BST	**Arsenal** Coquelin 🟨 34' Ramsey 🟨 89' Cazorla 🟨 90+3' Monreal 🟨 90+5'	**0–0** Report (https://ww w.premierleague.c om/match/9946)	**Chelsea** Fàbregas 🟨 23' Willian 🟨 68' Ivanović 🟨 72'	Holloway Stadium: Emirates Stadium Attendance: 60,066 Referee: Michael Oliver
34	4 May 2015 20:00 BST	**Hull City** Livermore 🟨 23' N'Doye 🟨 30' Quinn ⚽ 57'	**1–3** Report (https://ww w.premierleague.c om/match/9959)	**Arsenal** Sánchez ⚽ 28', 45+1' Ramsey ⚽ 33'	Kingston upon Hull Stadium: KC Stadium Attendance: 23,628 Referee: Lee Mason
35	11 May 2015 20:00 BST	**Arsenal**	**0–1** Report (https://ww w.premierleague.c om/match/9969)	**Swansea City** Shelvey 🟨 38' Gomis ⚽ 86'	Holloway Stadium: Emirates Stadium Attendance: 59,989 Referee: Kevin Friend
36	17 May 2015 16:00 BST	**Manchester United** Herrera ⚽ 30', 🟨 90+5'	**1–1** Report (https://ww w.premierleague.c om/match/9977)	**Arsenal** Blackett ⚽ 82' (o.g.)	Stretford Stadium: Old Trafford Attendance: 75,323 Referee: Mike Dean
37	20 May 2015 19:45 BST	**Arsenal** Ramsey 🟨 18'	**0–0** Report (https://ww w.premierleague.c om/match/9980)	**Sunderland**	Holloway Stadium: Emirates Stadium Attendance: 59,987 Referee: Anthony Taylor
38	24 May 2015	**Arsenal**	**4–1**	**West Bromwich Albion**	Holloway

League Table

Pos	Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts	Qualification or relegation
1	Chelsea (C)	38	26	9	3	73	32	+41	87	**Qualification for the Champions League group stage**
2	Manchester City	38	24	7	7	83	38	+45	79	
3	**Arsenal**	**38**	**22**	**9**	**7**	**71**	**36**	**+35**	**75**	
4	Manchester United	38	20	10	8	62	37	+25	70	Qualification for the Champions League play-off round
5	Tottenham Hotspur	38	19	7	12	58	53	+5	64	Qualification for the Europa League group stage[a]

Source: Premier League (https://www.premierleague.com/tables?co=1&se=27&ha=-1)
Rules for classification: 1) Points; 2) Goal difference; 3) Goals scored; 4) Play-offs (only if needed to decide champion, teams for relegation or teams for UEFA competitions).[81]
(C) Champions
Notes:

a. Since winners of the 2014–15 FA Cup, Arsenal, and winners of the 2014–15 Football League Cup, Chelsea, qualified for the Champions League based on league position, the spot awarded to the FA Cup winners (Europa League group stage) was passed to the sixth-placed team, Liverpool, and the spot awarded to the League Cup winners (Europa League third qualifying round) was passed to the seventh-placed team, Southampton, since those teams were the first teams in the table not already qualified for any European competition.

FA Cup

Arsenal entered the FA Cup as title holders, following their victory over Hull City in the previous edition's final.[82] Their opening tie in January 2015 was a home match against Hull City, a repeat of the previous final; the "Gunners" won 2–0 with a corner set-piece headed in by Per Mertesacker along with a sharp turn and finish from Sánchez.[83] In the following round away against Brighton & Hove Albion, Arsenal prevailed 3–2 with goals from Walcott, Özil and Rosický helping the club reach the fifth round of the competition.[84]

Arsenal players celebrating their FA Cup win during a victory parade

In the following month, Arsenal defeated Middlesbrough 2–0 at the Emirates Stadium with both goals scored by Giroud; Gabriel Paulista also made his debut for the club during the match.[85] In the quarter-finals played in March, Arsenal travelled to Old Trafford to play Manchester United. An early goal from Arsenal's Nacho Monreal was cancelled out by Rooney's flying header from Angel Di Maria's cross, the Argentine was later sent off following Welbeck's winner against his former club. Following their victory over Manchester United, the title holders were now "huge favourites" to win the competition.[86]

Arsenal played EFL Championship side Reading in the semi-finals in April at Wembley Stadium, Arsenal gained a first half lead through a Sánchez close range finish. However, a Garath McCleary volley equalised the scoreline in the second half taking the match to extra time; in the 11th minute of extra time, Reading goalkeeper Adam Federici dropped Sánchez's late effort which sealed Arsenal's progression to the final.[87] In Arsenal's final match of the season, they faced Aston Villa at Wembley Stadium on 30 May. The "Gunners" comfortably defeated Tim Sherwood's side 4–0 with goals from Walcott, Sánchez, Mertesacker and Giroud. The win marked the club's 12th FA Cup trophy, which made it the most successful team in the competition's history.[88]

Match details

Third round	4 January 2015	**Arsenal**	**2–0**	**Hull City**	Holloway
	17:30 GMT	Mertesacker ⚽ 20' Report (https://we McShane 🟨 45+1' Sánchez 🟨 76', ⚽ 82' b.archive.org/web/ Davies 🟨 85' Coquelin 🟨 88' 20180114174756/ https://www.bbc.c om/sport/football/ 30614334#tab-2)			Stadium: Emirates Stadium Attendance: 59,439 Referee: Robert Madley
Fourth round	25 January 2015	**Brighton & Hove Albion**	**2–3**	**Arsenal**	Brighton
	16:00 GMT	O'Grady ⚽ 50' Report (https://we Walcott ⚽ 2' Baldock 🟨 73', ⚽ 75' b.archive.org/web/ Özil ⚽ 24' Holla 🟨 79' 20160322024934/ Rosický ⚽ 59' Greer 🟨 87' http://www.bbc.co Dunk 🟨 90+3' m/sport/football/3 0868916)			Stadium: Falmer Stadium Attendance: 30,278 Referee: Michael Oliver
Fifth round	15 February 2015	**Arsenal**	**2–0**	**Middlesbrough**	Holloway
	16:00 GMT	Giroud ⚽ 27', 29' Report (https://we Vossen 🟨 85' Gabriel 🟨 55' b.archive.org/web/			Stadium: Emirates Stadium Attendance: 59,823

			20150420030629/ http://www.bbc.com/sport/0/football/31423103)		Referee: Mike Dean
Sixth round	9 March 2015 19:45 GMT	**Manchester United** Rooney ⚽ 29' Herrera 🟨 37' Fellaini 🟨 59' Young 🟨 60' Rojo 🟨 64' Di María 🟨 76' 🟥 77' Januzaj 🟨 87'	**1–2**	**Arsenal** Bellerín 🟨 4' Monreal ⚽ 25' Welbeck ⚽ 61' Ramsey 🟨 88'	Report (https://web.archive.org/web/20150511190038/http://www.bbc.com/sport/0/football/31689011)
Sixth round	9 March 2015 19:45 GMT				Stretford Stadium: Old Trafford Attendance: 74,285 Referee: Michael Oliver
Semi-finals	18 April 2015 17:20 BST	**Reading** Chalobah 🟨 45+2' McCleary ⚽ 54'	**1–2** (a.e.t.)	**Arsenal** Sánchez ⚽ 39', 105+1' Gabriel 🟨 108'	Report (https://web.archive.org/web/20160328100340/http://www.bbc.com/sport/football/32261616#tab-2)
Semi-finals	18 April 2015 17:20 BST				Wembley Park Stadium: Wembley Stadium Attendance: 84,081 Referee: Martin Atkinson
Final	30 May 2015 17:30 BST	**Arsenal** Walcott ⚽ 40' Sánchez ⚽ 50' Mertesacker ⚽ 62' Giroud ⚽ 90+3'	**4–0**	**Aston Villa** Cleverley 🟨 14' Hutton 🟨 33' Delph 🟨 37' Westwood 🟨 52' Agbonlahor 🟨 83'	Report (https://web.archive.org/web/20160415035401/http://www.bbc.com/sport/football/32856754#tab-2)
Final	30 May 2015 17:30 BST				Wembley Park Stadium: Wembley Stadium Attendance: 89,283 Referee: Jonathan Moss

Football League Cup

Arsenal entered the Football League Cup in the third round, receiving a bye in the first and second rounds due to the club's Premier League status and participation in European competition. Arsenal left the competition in the third round following a 2–1 home defeat to Southampton. Despite an early goal from Sánchez, goals from Southampton's Dušan Tadić and Nathaniel Clyne meant that the "Saints" qualified for the following round instead of Arsenal.[89]

Match details

Third round	23 September 2014 19:45 BST	**Arsenal** Sánchez ⚽ 13' Rosický 🟨 87' Wilshere 🟨 90+2'	**1–2**	**Southampton** Tadić ⚽ 20' (pen.) Wanyama 🟨 26' Clyne ⚽ 38' Targett 🟨 85' Forster 🟨 90+2' Pellè 🟨 90+3'	Report (https://web.archive.org/web/20190326111845/https://www.bbc.com/sport/football/29216769#tab-0)
Third round	23 September 2014 19:45 BST				Holloway Stadium: Emirates Stadium Attendance: 59,621 Referee: Keith Stroud

UEFA Champions League

Play-off round

Arsenal qualified for the play-off round of the UEFA Champions League on virtue of finishing fourth in the Premier League the preceding season. The club faced a two-legged tie in August 2014 against Turkish side Beşiktaş; the two clubs played a 0–0 draw in Istanbul during the first leg with Ramsey being sent off after having been cautioned twice.[90] In the second-leg at the Emirates Stadium, Arsenal qualified for the group stage after a 1–0 win with Sánchez scoring his first goal for the club and the only goal of the match.[91]

Match details

First leg	19 August 2014 19:45 BST	**Beşiktaş** 🇹🇷 Motta 🟨 53' Özyakup 🟨 77'	**0–0**	🏴󠁧󠁢󠁥󠁮󠁧󠁿 **Arsenal** Ramsey 🟨 54' 🟥 80' Flamini 🟨 56' Monreal 🟨 66'	Report (https://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/match/2014202--besiktas-vs-arsenal/)
First leg	19 August 2014 19:45 BST				Istanbul, Turkey Stadium: Atatürk Olympic Stadium Attendance: 41,531[92] Referee: Milorad Mažić (Serbia)
Second leg	27 August 2014 19:45 BST	**Arsenal** 🏴󠁧󠁢󠁥󠁮󠁧󠁿 Sánchez ⚽ 45+1' Debuchy 🟨 14' 🟥 75' Chambers 🟨 77' Szczęsny 🟨 86'	**1–0** (1–0 agg.)	🇹🇷 **Beşiktaş** Kavlak 🟨 23' Özyakup 🟨 32' Franco 🟨 59' Hutchinson 🟨 79' Uysal 🟨 85' Töre 🟨 90'	Report (https://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/match/2014212--arsenal-vs-besiktas/)
Second leg	27 August 2014 19:45 BST				Holloway Stadium: Emirates Stadium Attendance: 59,946[93] Referee: Pedro Proença (Portugal)

Group stage

On 29 August, Arsenal were drawn into group D with German side Borussia Dortmund, Belgium side Anderlecht and Turkish side Galatasaray.[94] In Arsenal's first group stage match in September away against Borussia Dortmund, the German side won 2–0 with goals from Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang and Ciro Immobile; academy graduate Bellerín also made his first start for the club.[95] At the start of October, Arsenal returned to the competition with a comprehensive 4–1 home victory over Galatasaray. Welbeck scored his first senior hat-trick against the Turkish side and Szczęsny was sent off after he fouled Burak Yılmaz, conceding a penalty.[96] With David Ospina starting in goal following Szczęsny's suspension, the "Gunners" later travelled to Belgium to defeat Anderlecht 2–1 with two late goals from Gibbs and Podolski, now halfway through the group stage Arsenal were placed second behind Borussia Dortmund.[97] In November, Anderlecht came to a rain-lashed Emirates Stadium and drew 3–3 with Arsenal who had a 3–0 lead; the goals from Arteta, Sánchez and Oxlade-Chamberlain were cancelled out by one goal from Anderlecht's Aleksandar Mitrović and two from Anthony Vanden Borre.[98] Arsenal qualified for the knockout phase after they defeated Borussia Dortmund 2–0 at home with goals from Sanogo and Sánchez;[99] they wrapped up their group stage campaign finishing second after a comfortable 4–1 away win over Galatasaray in December.[100]

Group D classification

Pos	Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts	Qualification		DOR	ARS	AND	GAL
1	🇩🇪 Borussia Dortmund	6	4	1	1	14	4	+10	13	Advance to knockout phase		—	2–0	1–1	4–1
2	🏴 **Arsenal**	**6**	**4**	**1**	**1**	**15**	**8**	**+7**	**13**			2–0	—	3–3	4–1
3	🇧🇪 Anderlecht	6	1	3	2	8	10	−2	6	Transfer to Europa League		0–3	1–2	—	2–0
4	🇹🇷 Galatasaray	6	0	1	5	4	19	−15	1			0–4	1–4	1–1	—

Source: UEFA (http://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/season=2015/standings/round=2000548/group=2003071/index.html)
Rules for classification: Group stage tiebreakers

Match details

1	16 September 2014 19:45 BST	**Borussia Dortmund** 🇩🇪	**2–0**	🏴 **Arsenal**	Dortmund, Germany
		Mkhitaryan 🟨 5' Immobile ⚽ 45' Aubameyang ⚽ 48'	Report (https://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/match/2014322--dortmund-vs-arsenal/)	Özil 🟨 54' Wilshere 🟨 88'	Stadium: Signal Iduna Park Attendance: 65,851[101] Referee: Olegário Benquerença (Portugal)

2	1 October 2014 19:45 BST	**Arsenal** 🏴	**4–1**	🇹🇷 **Galatasaray**	Holloway
		Welbeck ⚽ 22', 30', 52' Sánchez ⚽ 41' Flamini 🟨 44' Szczęsny 🟥 60'	Report (http://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/season=2015/matches/round=2000548/match=2014329/index.html)	Melo 🟨 34' Džemaili 🟨 43' Yılmaz ⚽ 61' (pen.)	Stadium: Emirates Stadium Attendance: 59,803[102] Referee: Gianluca Rocchi (Italy)

3	22 October 2014 19:45 BST	**Anderlecht** 🇧🇪	**1–2**	🏴 **Arsenal**	Anderlecht, Belgium
		Najar ⚽ 71' Deschacht 🟨 80'	Report (https://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/match/2014345--anderlecht-vs-arsenal/)	Monreal 🟨 8' Welbeck 🟨 66' Gibbs ⚽ 89' Podolski ⚽ 90+1'	Stadium: Constant Vanden Stock Stadium Attendance: 19,881[103] Referee: Carlos Velasco Carballo (Spain)

4	4 November 2014 19:45 GMT	**Arsenal** 🏴	**3–3**	🇧🇪 **Anderlecht**	Holloway
		Arteta ⚽ 25' (pen.) Sánchez ⚽ 29' Oxlade-Chamberlain ⚽ 58' Monreal 🟨 72'	Report (https://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/match/2014369--arsenal-vs-anderlecht/)	Vanden Borre ⚽ 61', 73' (pen.), 🟨 90+3' Kljestan 🟨 87' Mitrović 🟨 89' ⚽ 90'	Stadium: Emirates Stadium Attendance: 59,872[104] Referee: Clément Turpin (France)

5	26 November 2014 19:45 GMT	**Arsenal** 🏴	**2–0**	🇩🇪 **Borussia Dortmund**	Holloway
		Sanogo ⚽ 2' Arteta 🟨 15' Sánchez ⚽ 57'	Report (http://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/season=2015/matches/round=2000548/match=2014378/index.html)	Subotić 🟨 13' Piszczek 🟨 37'	Stadium: Emirates Stadium Attendance: 59,902[105] Referee: Viktor Kassai (Hungary)

6	9 December 2014 19:45 GMT	**Galatasaray** 🇹🇷	**1–4**	🏴 **Arsenal**	Istanbul, Turkey
		Melo 🟨 33' Çamdal 🟨 43' Kaya 🟨 57' Sneijder ⚽ 88'	Report (https://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/match/2014401--galatasaray-vs-arsenal/)	Podolski ⚽ 3', 90+2' 🟨 65' Ramsey ⚽ 11', 29' Flamini 🟨 15' Debuchy 🟨 65'	Stadium: Türk Telekom Arena Attendance: 20,590[106] Referee: David Fernández Borbalán (Spain)

Knockout phase

Round of 16

On 15 December, Arsenal were drawn against Ligue 1 side Monaco for their round of 16 tie.[107] Arsenal faced the prospect of exiting the tournament at this stage after they were defeated convincingly in February 2015 during the first leg at home; Phil McNulty from BBC Sport characterised Arsenal's performance as incompetent and naive.[108] Despite a consolidation goal from Oxlade-Chamberlain, goals from Geoffrey Kondogbia, Yannick Carrasco and former Tottenham Hotspur striker Dimitar Berbatov meant that Monaco had a strong second-leg advantage.[108] Arsenal travelled to the Stade Louis II the following month with the hope of turning the tie around with a two-goal deficit; despite winning the match with an improved performance, the "Gunners" left the competition by the away goals rule having drawn 3–3 on aggregate.[109] Needing to score at least three unanswered goals, Arsenal started strong with Giroud's composed close-range goal in the 36th minute, and they later came close to scoring again before half-time with Welbeck's effort. Ramsey came off the bench to score a late goal in the second half, but the team couldn't score a third despite overwhelming pressure on Monaco's defence. This was the fifth straight season which Arsenal left the Champions League at the round of 16 stage.[109]

Match details

First leg	25 February 2015	Arsenal 🏴	1–3	🇫🇷 **Monaco**	Holloway
	19:45 GMT	Coquelin 🟨 42' Bellerín 🟨 74' Özil 🟨 87' Oxlade-Chamberlain ⚽ 90+1'	Report (https://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/match/2014405--arsenal-vs-monaco/)	Kondogbia ⚽ 38' Echiéjilé 🟨 45' Berbatov ⚽ 53' Moutinho 🟨 90+2' Carrasco ⚽ 90+4'	Stadium: Emirates Stadium Attendance: 59,868[110] Referee: Deniz Aytekin (Germany)
Second leg	17 March 2015	**Monaco** 🇫🇷	0–2 (3a–3 agg.)	🏴 **Arsenal**	Fontvieille, Monaco
	19:45 GMT	Kondogbia 🟨 52'	Report (https://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/match/2014411--monaco-vs-arsenal/)	Giroud ⚽ 36' Sánchez 🟨 42' Ramsey ⚽ 79'	Stadium: Stade Louis II Attendance: 17,263[111] Referee: Svein Oddvar Moen (Norway)

Post season

Following Arsenal's season, Sánchez was voted Arsenal Player of the Season by club supporters; the Chilean scored 25 goals for the "Gunners" in his debut campaign.[112] Sánchez was included in the PFA Premier League Team of the Year,[113] and was also voted PFA Fans' Player of the Year,[114] FSF Player of the Year,[115] Facebook Premier League Player of the Year,[116] and Kids' Choice UK's Favourite Footballer.[117]

Wilshere's Premier League goal scored against West Bromwich Albion on the final match day was voted BBC Goal of the Season. The online poll was surged with Arsenal supporters from Twitter that voted for Wilshire, who won the award with 34% of votes.[118]

> "He is very positive, always wants to go forward, wants to hurt the opponent and he is also – what the fans like with him – a fighter. He is a guy who has a good combination of talent, combative aspect and fighting spirit."
>
> —Wenger commenting on Sánchez's Player of the Season award[112]

Squad statistics

Key

GK = Goalkeeper

DF = Defender

MF = Midfielder

FW = Forward

🟨 = Yellow cards

🟥 = Red cards

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

No.	Pos.	Nat.	Name	Premier League		FA Cup		League Cup		UEFA Champions League		FA Community Shield		Total		Discipline	
				Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals	🟨	🟥
1	GK	POL	Wojciech Szczęsny	17	0	5	0	0	0	6	0	1	0	29	0	2	1
2	DF	FRA	Mathieu Debuchy	10	1	1	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	15	1	3	1
3	DF	ENG	Kieran Gibbs	18 (4)	0	3	0	0	0	6 (1)	1	1	0	28 (5)	1	3	0
4	DF	GER	Per Mertesacker	35	0	4	2	0	0	9	0	0	0	48	2	2	0
5	DF	BRA	Gabriel Paulista	4 (2)	0	1 (1)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5 (3)	0	2	0
6	DF	FRA	Laurent Koscielny	26 (1)	3	5	0	0	0	6	0	1	0	38 (1)	3	4	0
7	MF	CZE	Tomáš Rosický	5 (10)	2	2 (1)	1	1	0	0 (4)	0	0 (1)	0	8 (16)	3	2	0
8	MF	ESP	Mikel Arteta	6 (1)	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	1	0	11 (1)	1	2	0
9	FW	GER	Lukas Podolski †	0 (7)	0	0	0	1	0	1 (4)	3	0	0	2 (11)	3	1	0
10	MF	ENG	Jack Wilshere	9 (5)	2	0 (1)	0	1	0	4 (1)	0	1	0	15 (7)	2	6	0
11	MF	GER	Mesut Özil	21 (1)	4	5	1	0	0	5	0	0	0	31 (1)	5	2	0
12	FW	FRA	Olivier Giroud	21 (6)	14	2 (3)	3	0	0	3	1	0 (1)	1	26 (10)	19	5	1
13	GK	COL	David Ospina	18	0	1	0	1	0	2 (1)	0	0	0	22 (1)	0	0	0
14	FW	ENG	Theo Walcott	4 (10)	5	3 (2)	2	0	0	0 (2)	0	0	0	7 (14)	7	0	0
15	MF	ENG	Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain	17 (6)	1	1 (2)	0	0 (1)	0	5 (4)	2	0 (1)	0	23 (14)	3	4	0
16	MF	WAL	Aaron Ramsey	23 (6)	6	3 (1)	0	0	0	6 (1)	3	1	1	33 (8)	10	7	1
17	FW	CHI	Alexis Sánchez	34 (1)	16	5 (1)	4	1	1	9	4	1	0	50 (2)	25	6	0
18	DF	ESP	Nacho Monreal	26 (2)	0	4	1	0	0	6	0	0 (1)	0	36 (3)	1	6	0
19	MF	ESP	Santi Cazorla	33 (4)	7	5	0	0 (1)	0	8 (1)	0	1	1	47 (6)	8	5	0
20	MF	FRA	Mathieu Flamini	15 (8)	1	2	0	0	0	4 (3)	0	0 (1)	0	21 (12)	1	6	0
21	DF	ENG	Calum Chambers	17 (6)	1	3 (1)	0	1	0	6 (1)	0	1	0	28 (8)	1	8	1
22	FW	FRA	Yaya Sanogo †	2 (1)	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	5 (1)	1	0	0
23	FW	ENG	Danny Welbeck	18 (7)	4	3	1	0	0	6	3	0	0	27 (7)	8	4	0
24	MF	FRA	Abou Diaby	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
26	GK	ARG	Emiliano Martínez †	3 (1)	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	5 (1)	0	0	0
28	FW	CRI	Joel Campbell †	0 (4)	0	1	0	1	0	1 (2)	0	0 (1)	0	3 (7)	0	0	0
34	MF	FRA	Francis Coquelin †	19 (3)	0	4 (1)	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	26 (4)	0	7	0
35	MF	GER	Gedion Zelalem	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 (1)	0	0	0	0 (1)	0	0	0
38	FW	ENG	Chuba Akpom †	0 (3)	0	0 (3)	0	0 (1)	0	0	0	0	0	0 (7)	0	0	0
39	DF	ESP	Héctor Bellerín	17 (3)	2	3	0	1	0	4	0	0	0	25 (3)	2	7	0

No.	Pos.	Nat.	Player															
42	DF	ENG	Isaac Hayden	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
70	MF	ENG	Ainsley Maitland-Niles	0 (1)	0	0 (1)	0	0	0	0 (1)	0	0	0	0 (3)	0	0	0
73	DF	ENG	Stefan O'Connor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 (1)	0	0	0	0 (1)	0	0	0
—			*Own goals*	—	2	—		—		—		—		—	2	—	

Sources: [119][120]

Transfers

For consistency, transfer fees in the tables below are all exclusively sourced from BBC Sport's contemporary report of each transfer. Arsenal did not sign any players on loan during the season.

Transfers in

No.	Pos.	Player	Transferred from	Fee	Date	Ref.
—	DF	Ilias Chatzitheodoridis (GRE)	Mas Kallitheakos	Undisclosed	1 July 2014[B]	[121]
—	MF	Ben Sheaf (ENG)	West Ham United	Undisclosed	2 July 2014	[122]
—	GK	Hugo Keto (FIN)	HJK	Undisclosed	4 July 2014	[123]
17	FW	Alexis Sánchez (CHI)	Barcelona	£35m	10 July 2014	[20]
2	DF	Mathieu Debuchy (FRA)	Newcastle United	Undisclosed	17 July 2014	[124]
13	GK	David Ospina (COL)	Nice	£3m	27 July 2014	[22]
21	DF	Calum Chambers (ENG)	Southampton	£16m	28 July 2014	[125]
23	FW	Danny Welbeck (ENG)	Manchester United	£16m	2 September 2014	[25]
36	MF	Krystian Bielik (POL)	Legia Warsaw	£2.4m	21 January 2015	[126]
5	DF	Gabriel Paulista (BRA)	Villarreal	£11.2m	28 January 2015	[58]

Transfers out

No.	Pos.	Player	Following club	Fee	Date	Ref.
43	DF	Zachari Fagan (ENG)	Welling United	Released	30 June 2014[C]	
21	GK	Łukasz Fabiański (POL)	Swansea City	Released	30 June 2014[D]	
39	FW	Zak Ansah (GHA)	Charlton Athletic	Released	30 June 2014[E]	
3	DF	Bacary Sagna (FRA)	Manchester City	Released	30 June 2014[F]	
38	MF	Chuks Aneke (ENG)	Zulte Waregem	Released	30 June 2014[G]	[7]
55	DF	Leander Siemann (GER)	Porto B	Released	30 June 2014[H]	
23	FW	Nicklas Bendtner (DEN)	VfL Wolfsburg	Released	30 June 2014[I]	
30	FW	Park Chu-young (KOR)	Al Shabab	Released	30 June 2014[J]	
41	DF	Daniel Boateng (ENG)	Olimpik	Released	30 June 2014[K]	
42	MF	Thomas Eisfeld (GER)	Fulham	Undisclosed	23 July 2014	[13]
—	DF	Johan Djourou (SWI)	Hamburger SV	Undisclosed	7 August 2014	[14]
5	DF	Thomas Vermaelen (BEL)	Barcelona	£15m	9 August 2014	[16]
51	DF	Ignasi Miquel (ESP)	Norwich City	Undisclosed	1 September 2014	[15]
53	MF	Kristoffer Olsson (SWE)	Midtjylland	Undisclosed	6 January 2015	[131]
36	FW	Benik Afobe (ENG)[L]	Wolverhampton Wanderers	Undisclosed	14 January 2015	[133]

Loans out

No.	Pos.	Player	Loaned to	Date	Loan expired	Ref.
58	FW	Wellington Silva (BRA)	Almería	21 July 2014	30 June 2015	[134]
25	DF	Carl Jenkinson (ENG)	West Ham United	31 July 2014	30 June 2015	[26]
36	FW	Benik Afobe (ENG)	Milton Keynes Dons	4 August 2014	14 January 2015[M]	[135]
48	FW	Austin Lipman (ENG)	Boreham Wood	7 August 2014	30 June 2015	[136]
56	MF	Jon Toral (ESP)	Brentford	15 August 2014	30 June 2015	[137]
31	FW	Ryo Miyaichi (JAP)	Twente	1 September 2014	30 June 2015	[138]
53	MF	Kristoffer Olsson (SWE)	Midtjylland	2 September 2014	31 December 2014	[139]
46	MF	Jack Jebb (ENG)	Stevenage	16 October 2014	17 January 2015[N]	[141]
46	MF	Jack Jebb (ENG)	Stevenage	26 March 2015	30 June 2015	[142]
34	MF	Francis Coquelin (FRA)	Charlton Athletic	3 November 2014	12 December 2014[O]	[27]
57	GK	Josh Vickers (ENG)	Concord Rangers	7 November 2014	30 June 2015[P]	[145]
9	FW	Lukas Podolski (GER)	Inter Milan	5 January 2015	30 June 2015	[56]
49	GK	Matt Macey (ENG)	Accrington Stanley	8 January 2015	7 February 2015	[147]
22	FW	Yaya Sanogo (FRA)	Crystal Palace	13 January 2015	30 June 2015	[57]
28	FW	Joel Campbell (CRI)	Villarreal	27 January 2015	30 June 2015	[148]
26	GK	Emiliano Martínez (ARG)	Rotherham United	20 March 2015	30 June 2015	[149]
37	DF	Semi Ajayi (NGA)	Cardiff City	25 March 2015	30 June 2015	[150]
38	FW	Chuba Akpom (ENG)	Nottingham Forest	26 March 2015	30 June 2015	[151]

See also

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Footnotes

A. Biggest defeats:
2–0 vs. Chelsea (A)
(5 October 2014, Premier League)
2–0 vs. Borussia Dortmund (A)
(16 September 2014, UEFA Champions League)
2–0 vs. Southampton (A)
(1 January 2015, Premier League)
3–1 vs. Monaco (H)
(25 February 2015, UEFA Champions League)

B. Chatzitheodoridis' transfer from Mas Kallitheakos was announced on 6 June 2014, before the season started[121]

C. Fagan signed a pre-contract agreement with Welling United on 20 May 2014[11]

D. Fabiański signed a pre-contract agreement with Swansea City on 29 May 2014[8]

E. Ansah signed a pre-contract agreement with Charlton Athletic on 9 June 2014[10]

F. Sagna signed a pre-contract agreement with Manchester City on 13 June 2014[9]

G. Aneke signed a pre-contract agreement with Zulte Waregem on 21 June 2014[12]

H. Siemann later joined Porto B on 2 August 2014 as a free agent[127]

I. Bendtner later joined VfL Wolfsburg on 15 August 2014 as a free agent[128]

J. Park later joined Al Shabab on 9 October 2014 as a free agent[129]

K. Boateng later joined Olimpik on 15 January 2015 as a free agent[130]

L. Afobe later changed his nationality to represent DR Congo at international level in 2016[132]

M. Afobe transferred to Wolverhampton Wanderers on 14 January 2015, terminating his loan spell scheduled to finish at the end of the season[133]

N. Originally planned as a one-month loan,[140] Jebb extended his loan to finish on 17 January 2015[141]

O. Originally scheduled for a month,[143] Coquelin's loan to Charlton Athletic was extended to 30 December 2014,[27] he then returned to Arsenal early on 12 December 2014[144]

P. Originally scheduled for a month,[145] Vickers' loan to Concord Rangers was later extended to last the entire season[146]

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