

#3 The Outliers

Too soon to loose hope. because miracles do happen like Man Utd (1996-97): Won from 5th, Arsenal (1997-98): Won from 6th, Man City (2020-21): The record-holders, winning from 8th.



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SELECT
    season,
    champion_team AS team,
    xmas_rank,
    xmas_point,
    final_rank
FROM champions_at_xmas
WHERE xmas_rank >= 4
ORDER BY xmas_rank DESC;
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	season	team	xmas_rank	xmas_point	final_rank
1	2020-21	Man City	8	23	1
2	1997-98	Arsenal	6	30	1
3	1996-97	Man United	5	31	1
4	2008-09	Man United	4	32	1

The Twist: A Clash of Personalities

On the surface, the history books favor the Christmas leader. But is there a twist hiding in the data?

By isolating specific 'Bottling' (losing the lead) and 'Hunting' (winning from behind) events in the modern era, we can profile the mental resilience of the top teams. The results reveal a stark contrast in personality between the two current title rivals

team	"Bottled_Lead"	"Won_From_Behind"
1 Man United	1	4
2 Man City	0	3
3 Arsenal	3	2
4 Liverpool	4	0
5 Chelsea	0	0

The raw data was looking surprisingly kind to Arsenal... until I fixed it.

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