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# Team In Focus: Arsenal - By Rick Elliott

#### Introduction

Here is the next in a weekly series in which we focus on one team and highlight the most relevant statistics for betting during that team's season to date. The starting point is the Premier League and we will work through the table so we feature **ARSENAL** today. After 20 weeks the four main teams in Spain, Italy, Germany and France will be covered. In time for the finals of the Nations League the feature will focus on the national teams of England Portugal, Switzerland, and Netherlands. From time to time the top 10 nations in the FIFA world rankings will be covered which makes this a 50 weeks series going through until the end of 2019.

So, to continue this feature here is an analysis of Arsenal's performance in the Premier League during the 2018/19 season.

#### **Statistics**

All the statistics and records shown below are correct as at February 1st 2019.

#### **Premier League**

Points	Home	Away	Total
Played	13	11	24
Won	10	4	14
Lost	2	3	5
Drawn	1	4	5
Points	31	16	47
Average	2.38	1.45	1.96
Total Goals	Home	Away	Total
Goals For	28	22	50
Average	2.15	2.00	2.08
Goals Against	11	22	33
Average	0.85	2.00	1.38
Bookings	Home	Away	Total
Points For	250	160	410
Average	19.23	14.55	17.08
Points Against	340	170	510
Average	26.15	15.45	21.25
Total	590	330	920
Average	45.38	30.00	38.33

Over/Under	Home	Away	Total
No goals	0	0	0
	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Over 0.5 goals	13	11	24
	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Over 1.5 goals	12	10	22
	92.13%	90.91%	91.67%
Over 2.5 goals	7	9	16
	53.85%	81.82 %	66.67%
Over 3.5 goals	6	7	13
	46.15%	63.64%	54.17%
Over 4.5 goals	3	4	7
	23.08%	36.36%	29.17%
Both Teams To Score	Home	Away	Total
Yes	9	10	19
	69.23%	90.91 <i>%</i>	79.17%
No	4	1	5
	30.77%	9.09%	20.83%
Match Goals	Home	Away	Total
First Goal	8	7	15
	61.54%	63.64%	62.50%
Last Goal	12	3	15
	92.31%	27.27%	62.540%

#### **Statistics Of Note**

Here are the five most significant Premier League trends that can be used when betting on Arsenal City during the rest of the Premier League season:

No goalless matches. Last goal at home in all but one match. 22 or 24 matches have produced more than 1 goal. Concede 2 goals on average in away matches. Average 2 bookings in home matches.

#### **Prospects For The Rest Of The Season**

After losing the opening match of the season at home to Manchester City and the next fixture at Chelsea Arsenal have had a solid season under new management. However, the FA Cup defeat to Manchester United at the Emirates suggested a long transition from the Arsene Wenger era. Conceding on average two goals a match on the road is not the best record but the defence look much more secure at home. Fourth place is possible but Manchester United are storming up the table so Arsenal could miss out.

### Tip For The Season

Arsenal not to finish in the top 4 at 4/11 with bet365.

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# Today's Sports Betting Preview - By Rick Elliott

#### Tottenham Can Confirm The Form Against Newcastle

Tottenham departed from two Cup competitions last week while Newcastle's confidence must be sky high after being Manchester City at home in their last match. However, overall form over the rest of the season suggests Tottenham can win this fixture at Wembley Stadium. Newcastle have won just two of 11 away matches in the league this season, scoring nine goals and conceding 22. Tottenham have the best home record in the Premier League in 2018/19. The tip is TOTTENHAM HALF TIME/FULL TIME is 6/5 with **Coral**.

Wales kicked of the Six Nations with a comeback win against France in Paris last night. The home sides are the favourites in today's two fixtures and both should prevail but are the handicaps right? Scotland have to beat Italy at Murrayfield by 23 points to cover the spread. Italy are winless in three campaigns but the Scottish pack is weakened by injuries so ITALY +23 at Evens with **bet365** is the bet.

The Ireland coach must be happy with the shape of his squad and the defending champions begin the 2019 campaign with a home match against England who were only fifth in the tournament last season. Ireland won the Grand Slam in the Six Nations last year and won a series in Australia over the summer. England's injury crisis has abated but not sufficiently for them to beat the handicap so IRELAND -8 at Evens with **Coral** is the outcome we expect.

With doubts over today's remaining turf meetings the race in focus is at Lingfield on the All Weather. The Class 1 listed stakes race over six furlongs (13.45) is the best race of the day on an artificial surface. On form Kachy is an obvious contender and the course and distance winner has won at this level. However, at the relative odds the smart performer CENOTAPH will benefit from a strong gallop and can beat the odd-on favourite and get the job done at 7/2 with **bet365**.

### Trackside In Ireland - By Declan O'Donoghue

First things first, bar something very freakish occurs, today's Dublin Racing Festival goes full steam ahead at Leopardstown.

Indeed, truth to tell - and I live near the track - it was never remotely in doubt.

Where the speculation to the contrary started I have no idea, and I appreciate with so much racing unfortunately called off in the UK that perhaps there was a news void to fill in the racing pages, but for once Mr Trump might have been right about "fake news!"

Interestingly eight subsequent Cheltenham winners came from the Dublin Festival last year and I wonder does the highly competitive fare at Leopardstown, both over four days at Christmas and this weekend, give the Irish horses a sharpness edge going to the Cotswolds? Just a thought.

At Naas last Sunday, Espoir D'Allen took the Limestone Lad Hurdle in style, but while the bookies, with their usual itchy fingers, cut his price for the Champion Hurdle, I'm not so sure.

With great respect, beating the honourable but now declining Wicklow Brave and the lifelong bridesmaid Tombstone is hardly the stuff of dreams, and five years olds have a dreadful record in the Champion.

Just three have won in fifty years, and two of those were exceptional, Night Nurse and See You Then, while the other was the admirable and classy track specialist Katchit.

Anyway Espoir D'Allen is owned by J P McManus who also owns favourite Buveur D'Air, and I suspect Gavin Cromwell's hot prospect will have an easier target this season but will certainly be in the Champion mix in a year's time.

Noel Meade and Sean Flanagan are on a roll and 5/4 jolly Dream Conti (from 7/4) answered every call in the maiden hurdle though his job was possibly made easier when main rival Envious Editor was badly hampered, got back in the hunt and was then virtually pulled up by a clearly concerned Robbie Power.

Plenty of word - and hard cash - for Geneva Barracks in the handicap hurdle and the 9/2 chance delivered for Martin and Conor Brassil, while Rachael Blackmore got a good tune out of 8/1 shot Poker Party in the handicap chase for the in form Henry de Bromhead. Come to think of it it's hard to remember a time when Henry was not sending out a steady stream of winners, and, along with Joseph O'Brien, they ensure that the Willie Mullins and Gordon Elliott troops don't mop up everything.

Enniscorthy based trainer Paul Nolan has enjoyed a very welcome revival in the last year, and while Latest Exhibition was easy to back - 6/1 to "eights" - in the concluding bumper, he scored with considerable authority for owner/ breeder Jim Mernagh.

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