

PATRICK VIEIRA MIDFIELD LEGEND

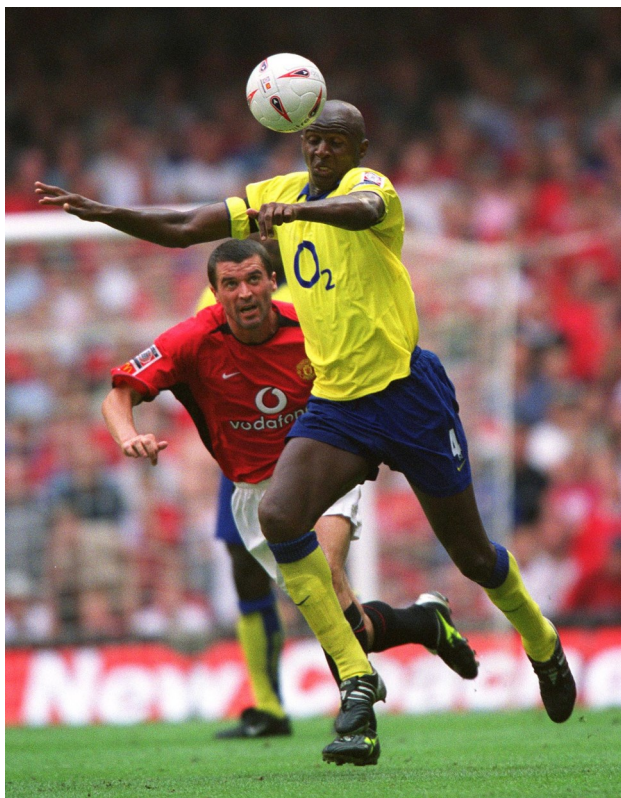
When Patrick Vieira joined Arsenal from AC Milan in the summer of 1996 he was relatively unknown. But, together with his new manager Arsène Wenger, the midfielder went on to enjoy huge success by winning two domestic Doubles and a historic unbeaten Premier League season.

Vieira didn't need any time to settle into life at Arsenal. Almost instantly, the towering Frenchman stamped his authority on the Premier League and, alongside Emmanuel Petit, helped the Gunners to Double glory in 1998. He then went on to win the World Cup that summer with France.



Patrick always had the perfect balance of strength and skill. There were few more graceful sights in football than Vieira holding off an opponent in midfield before flicking the ball over his head and racing towards the opposition's goal. He was simply a class act.

He didn't score many goals but when he did they were always spectacular or important. There were the powerful net-busters against Newcastle and Manchester United, but also the dinked finish to complete a sweeping move against Liverpool. Later in his Arsenal career the Frenchman scored the first goal of the game as Arsenal won the title at White Hart Lane, and he netted the decisive goal to finish the 'Invincible' season, against Leicester City at Highbury.



Patrick was club captain from the summer of 2002 until he left in 2005. In his final season the Gunners clinched their third FA Cup of the decade as Patrick's spot kick sealed a penalty shootout win over Manchester United. It was a perfect way to end his Arsenal career. He went on to play for Juventus, Inter Milan and Manchester City. He is now a manager at Nice and will always be remembered as a legend of the game by the Arsenal fans.

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- Which team did Patrick sign from?**
AC Milan
Juventus
Leicester City
Manchester United
- How was Patrick's goal against Newcastle described?**
Tap in
Dinked finish
Bullet header
Net-buster
- According to the text, what did Patrick have the perfect balance of?**
Strength and skill
Speed and stamina
Grace and class
Style and Grit
- What does the word 'invincible' mean?**
Important
Hard to see
Impossible to beat
Exciting
- How did Arsenal win the FA Cup final in 2005?**
In a replay
After extra time
After 90 minutes
On penalties



ANSWERS: 1) AC Milan 2) Net-buster 3) Strength and skill 4) Impossible to beat 5) On penalties