

## SOL CAMPBELL CLUB LEGEND



Sol Campbell was one of the best defenders of his generation and will always be considered a club legend at Arsenal. The big centre-back was a key part of “The Invincibles” of 2003/04, the only team to go a whole season unbeaten in Premier League history. Sol played Premier League football for 20 years!

Sol’s arrival at Arsenal was controversial. In 2001, he became only the ninth player in history to move from north London rivals Tottenham Hotspur. It was a brave move for the then 26-year-old, but Sol was strong enough to deal with the Spurs fans’ anger. In the following 5 years he became an Arsenal great. With Arsenal, Sol won the Premier League twice, the FA Cup twice and scored in the Champions League Final.

Sol is the only man to have scored in the Champions League Final for Arsenal. In the 2006 final, Sol gave the 10 men of Arsenal a shock lead with a bullet header against Barcelona. Unfortunately they couldn't hold out and eventually lost the game 2-1 to the Spanish side.

Sol was as strong as a bull, but also had quick feet and good acceleration. Added to that his mental strength and resilience and you had a formidable defender. His partnership with Kolo Toure in the heart of Arsenal’s defence was the building block for Arsenal’s unbeaten season. Sol’s strength and reading of the game, alongside Toure’s pace and energy, made the team impossible to beat.

Having left Arsenal, he went on to have great success on the south coast, at Portsmouth. In 2008, Sol led them to their first FA Cup victory since 1938!

Sol made his England debut against Hungary on May 18th 1996. Over the next 11 years he made 73 appearances for his country. The defender scored a vital World Cup goal in a group stage draw against Sweden, in 2002. He was named in the team of the tournament at both the World Cup in 2002 and the European Championships in 2004.

Sol is now using his leadership skills in management and, in his first role, saved Macclesfield Town from being relegated from the Football League. After a successful playing career, Sol will be hoping for more triumphs and trophies as a manager.



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1. Sol won the 2008 FA Cup with which club?
 

West Ham	Portsmouth
Chelsea	Arsenal
  
2. In which year did Sol score a World Cup goal?
 

1998	2000
2002	2004
  
3. "Sol will be hoping for more triumphs and trophies as a manager..." What type of word is **hoping**?
 

Noun	Adjective
Adverb	Verb
  
4. "Sol was as strong as a bull..." What is **as strong as a bull** an example of?
 

Simile	Metaphor
Alliteration	Personification
  
5. Put these events from Sol's career in order.  
 Number from 1 for the earliest event to 4 for the most recent event.
  - Scored at the World Cup
  - Scored in the Champions League Final
  - Named in Team of the Tournament at the European Championships
  - Won the FA Cup with Portsmouth



ANSWERS: 1) Portsmouth 2) 2002 3) Verb 4) Simile 5) From top: 1, 3, 2, 4.