

## Longest Winning Streaks



### 1) Discussion

- a) What's your favourite team? Do they win more than they lose?
  - b) What are the strongest teams in your league?
  - c) Can you think of any leagues that have the same winner every season?
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### 2) Vocabulary

#### a) Match the vocabulary to the definition.

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| 1) Streak (noun)           | a) Having a big impact or effect on something.                                 |
| 2) Unexpected (adjective)  | b) A period of time characterized by events, conditions, or qualities.         |
| 3) To achieve (verb)       | c) Something happening many times in a row, like winning games without losing. |
| 4) Influential (adjective) | d) Surprising or not what was thought would happen.                            |
| 5) To lead (verb)          | e) To guide or be in charge of a group or team.                                |
| 6) Era (noun)              | f) To successfully reach or do something.                                      |



**b) Complete the sentences with the vocabulary from exercise 2a.**

Streak

Unexpected

To achieve

Influential

To lead

Era

- 1) Liverpool's captain, Jordan Henderson, was known for his ability to \_\_\_\_\_ his team both on and off the pitch.
- 2) Leicester City's victory in the Premier League in 2016 was an \_\_\_\_\_ achievement, defying all expectations.
- 3) The team's \_\_\_\_\_ of 15 consecutive wins was unprecedented in the history of the league.
- 4) Kylian Mbappe \_\_\_\_\_ greatest by scoring a hat-trick in the 2022 World Cup Final.
- 5) During the golden \_\_\_\_\_ of Brazilian football in the 1970s, Pelé emerged as one of the sport's greatest icons.
- 6) Bayern Munich's coach, Hansi Flick, played an \_\_\_\_\_ role in guiding the team to a treble-winning season.



### 3) Quick Read - Read the article quickly and answer the question.

a) Which teams are mentioned in the article?

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Few things in football are as impressive as a winning streak. From big teams to unexpected winners, these runs show how strong and skilled a team is. Let's look at some of the best streaks in football.

In the 2023-2024 season, Al Hilal from Saudi Arabia achieved something amazing. Led by the great striker Jorge Jesus, and with players such as Rúben Neves, Aleksandar Mitrović and Sergej Milinković-Savić, they won 34 games in a row. Their hard work got them a special place in football history.

The New Saints, from the Welsh Premier League, surprised everyone in the 2016-2017 season. Players like Aeron Edwards and Ryan Brobbel helped them win 27 games in a row, writing their names into Welsh football history.

Ajax had two amazing streaks. In 1971-1972, they won 26 games in a row, thanks to players like Johan Cruyff and Johan Neeskens. Twenty years later, they won 25 games straight, with influential players like Clarence Seedorf and Edgar Davids leading the way.

Coritiba from Brazil won 24 games in a row in 2011. Players like Rafinha and Bill helped them dominate teams and win lots of games. During the streak they scored 74 goals and conceded only 16. The final win was a 6-0 win against Palmeiras.

In 2019-2020, Bayern Munich won 23 games. Players like Robert Lewandowski, who scored 55 goals in all competitions that season, Joshua Kimmich and Serge Gnabry write their names into the history books. That season, Bayern Munich won the treble, winning the Bundesliga, the DFB Pokal Cup and the Champions League.

Notable Mentions: Real Madrid won 22 games in a row in 2014-2015, with Cristiano Ronaldo leading them. Manchester City won 20 games straight in 2017-2018, thanks to players like Kevin De Bruyne, Raheem Sterling and Sergio Aguero.

It's exciting to see which team will break records next.



#### **4) Discussion**

- a) What do you think of these winning streaks?
- b) Which of these do you think is the most impressive?
- c) Can you think of any other winning or unbeaten streaks in football?

