

EPL Title Race 2026: Arsenal Two Wins From History As Man City Stalk The Summit

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The Premier League title race 2026 is entering its most breathless phase. Arsenal lead the standings on 79 points â?? four ahead of Manchester City who have a game in hand â?? and Mikel Artetaâ??s Gunners are two wins away from their first league title since 2004. But Pep Guardiolaâ??s City, relentless as ever, refuse to let the dream slip.

Where The EPL Title Race 2026 Stands

The table makes for exhilarating reading. Arsenal sit on 79 points with a goal difference of +42, while City trail on 77 points with a superior goal difference of +43. That means a single-point swing could trigger a catastrophic reversal of fortune on the final day. Arsenal have two league fixtures remaining: Burnley at home on Monday 18 May, and Crystal Palace away on Sunday 24 May. City, who have been involved in both the FA Cup and league action, have three games left: the FA Cup Final against Chelsea on Saturday 16 May at Wembley, a rescheduled league clash away at Bournemouth on Tuesday 19 May, and then the final-day fixture on 24 May.



Source: Arsenal FC official website (arsenal.com)

Should City beat Bournemouth in their game in hand, they would move to 80 points â?? leapfrogging Arsenal â?? and the Gunners would be forced to win their remaining two games just to equal Cityâ??s tally. With goal difference nearly identical, this truly could go to the wire.

Arsenalâ??s Route To The Title â?? And The Danger Points

Artetaâ??s men have been magnificent this season. Leandro Trossardâ??s late winner against West Ham on 11 May kept Arsenalâ??s noses in front, and Bukayo Saka has been the creative engine throughout. Their home form is exceptional â?? only one defeat at the Emirates all season â?? and Burnley, already relegated, should offer limited resistance on Monday.

The Crystal Palace away trip on final day is trickier. Palace, who are preparing for the UEFA Conference League Final against Rayo Vallecano on 27 May, could field a rotated side. But Oliver Glasner has always taken the league seriously, and Arsenal cannot afford to take anything for granted.

Defensively, Arsenal have been solid. David Raya in goal has kept 16 clean sheets, and the partnership of Ben White and William Saliba remains among the very best in Europe. If Artetaâ??s side maintain their defensive discipline, two wins should be achievable.



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Can Manchester City Catch Them?

Guardiolaâ??s City are the most ruthless title-chasing machine English football has ever produced, and they are not done yet. Viktor Gyokeres, the Swedish striker who electrified the Etihad faithful this campaign alongside Jeremy Doku and Savinho, gives them dynamism that few defences can handle. Their away form away from Wembley â?? and the FA Cup Final takes place outside the league â?? has been particularly impressive.

Cityâ??s key moment comes on Tuesday 19 May at Bournemouth. Should they win there and Arsenal stumble at Burnley, the title race enters a final-day decider where goal difference becomes paramount. Cityâ??s +43 GD edge over Arsenalâ??s +42 could prove decisive if the points are level on 24 May.

What makes this so compelling is the psychological dimension. Arsenal have not been title champions since the Invincibles of 2003-04. City have done it so many times under Guardiola that pressure rolls off them like water. Arteta, a former City assistant himself, has built something special at the Emirates â?? but closing out a title challenge is a different pressure to building one. As last weekendâ??s EPL recap showed, the margins are razor-thin.

The Double Dream: Arsenalâ??s Historic Season In Context

What makes Arsenalâ??s campaign truly remarkable is the backdrop: they are also in the UEFA Champions League Final, facing PSG in Budapest on 30 May. Sakaâ??s stunning goal against Atletico Madrid sent the Gunners to their first European Cup final since 2006. Whether or not they lift the Premier League trophy in the coming days, Artetaâ??s side have delivered a season for the ages.

For City, the FA Cup Final against Chelsea offers consolation and potential glory on its own terms â?? but Guardiola has never been a manager who settles for silver when gold is within reach. Expect both sides to chase every point with maximum intensity.

Whatever happens, the EPL title race 2026 has delivered one of the great final-week campaigns in Premier League history. Keep watching. This is far from over.

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