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## Arsenal: a contender, not a certainty

### 1 / THE CLUB OUTLOOK

Arsenal have 12 points from five played games in this dated snapshot. The model puts their title chance at 29.9% — roughly three wins in every ten simulated seasons. A top-four finish is much likelier, at 92.5%. The remaining 7.5% is a useful reminder that a strong start is not a promise.

Title

29.9%

Top-four finish

92.5%

Relegation

0.0%

Projected points

73.5

0.0% relegation means none of the 100,000 simulated seasons ended in relegation; it does not mean relegation is impossible. Top four is a league finishing position, not guaranteed European qualification.

### What a content team can take from this

“Arsenal look much more likely to finish in the top four than to win the title.” That is a useful, shareable distinction — without turning a probability into a confident prediction or adding unsupported player narratives.

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## The league picture & the range

### 2 / THE TITLE RACE

Manchester City lead at 60.5%, followed by Arsenal at 29.9%.

Brighton are next at 4.7%. These are model outcomes, not live odds.

City are favourites, but do not win in around four of every ten simulations.

### 3 / WHY 73.5 POINTS IS NOT A PROMISE

## 64–83 points

80% of Arsenal simulations finish between 64 and 83 points. Roughly 10% finish below 64 and 10% above 83. The 73.5-point average is a summary of many possible seasons, not the result the model guarantees. This range reflects match randomness given the fitted team ratings. It excludes uncertainty in those ratings and in the input data.

## What is — and is not — included

Recorded results train a time-decayed team-strength goal model. Played results stay fixed; 330 remaining fixtures are simulated with seed 2627006.

No player, injury or rest-day adjustments. Exact tied finishes may use an approximate tie-break. This research run does not validate another engine.

Source: OpenFootball CC0; commit e6744429ee395bc86f247348c6184bb08d4eb361.

## Three companion graphics

Arsenal outlook • the title race • the points range. Available alongside this PDF on /briefing and /sponsor. This is a sample, not a fresh forecast or a claim about weekly movement.

Sample • results through 20 September 2026

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