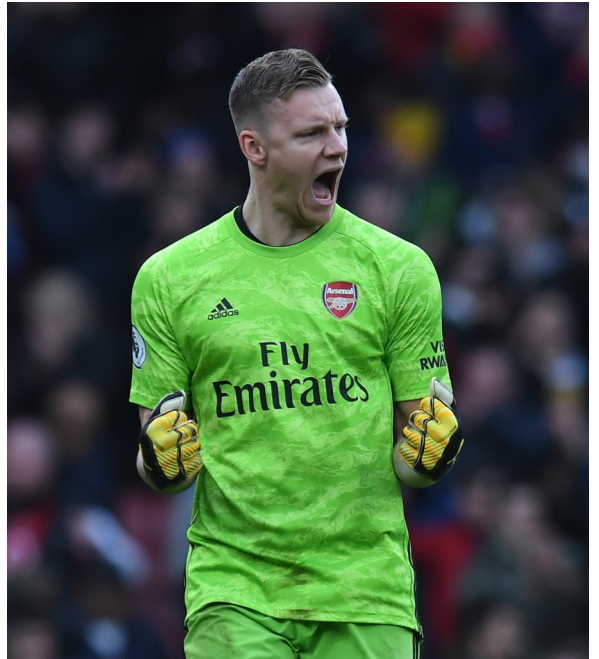


BERND LENO GOALKEEPER

Bernd Leno has settled into life as Arsenal's first choice goalkeeper since arriving in the summer of 2018. He enjoyed a superb debut season and has gone from strength to strength this year.

Bernd has already become a favourite with the fans, partly thanks to his sensational double save in the north London derby at Wembley Stadium last season. Now in his second season with the club, the keeper is feeling settled and enjoying the challenge. In an interview with Arsenal.com, Bernd explained: "It makes me proud to be Arsenal's No 1 in the Premier League. Of course, I needed a little bit of time to get used to my new team-mates, to a new country, a new league, new football." Fortunately for Arsenal he is feeling at home and performing extremely well.



Leno's strengths as a goalkeeper include his decisiveness. He is excellent in 1v1 situations; Bernd gets out to attackers quickly and often makes saves with his legs. He is also comfortable with the ball at his feet and often looks to start counter-attacks with his range of passing.



Before signing for Arsenal, Bernd had been a regular starter at the German club Bayer Leverkusen. In fact, he had only missed five league games in the previous seven seasons at the club! In 2011, while at Leverkusen, the shot-stopper became the youngest German keeper to play in the Champions League.

An experienced goalkeeper, Bernd played for Germany at U17, U18, U19 and U21 level before becoming a senior international in 2016. He was part of Germany's victorious 2017 Confederations Cup squad. Bernd has been a great addition to the Arsenal squad in the last two seasons and will continue to develop in the future.

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1. When did Bernd arrive at Arsenal?
Summer of 2017 In 2011
Summer of 2018 January of 2016
2. What did Bernd say made him proud?
Representing Germany Appearing in the Champions League
Making good saves Being Arsenal's Premier League No 1
3. He enjoyed a superb debut season. What does the word **debut** mean?
First Last
Best Only
4. Which **adjective** in the final paragraph shows Bernd has played lots of football?
Experienced Last
Great Victorious
5. Put these events from Bernd's career in order.

Number from 1 for the earliest event to 4 for the most recent.

- ☐ Made a double save at Wembley
- ☐ Won the Confederations Cup
- ☐ Signed for Arsenal
- ☐ Became the youngest German Champions League goalkeeper



ANSWERS: 1) Summer of 2018 2) Being Arsenal's Premier League No 1 3) First 4) Experienced 5) From top: 4,2,3,1