

TONY ADAMS ARSENAL LEGEND



Fourteen years as Arsenal captain, 669 appearances and 10 major trophies including winning the top league in 3 different decades. It is no surprise that Tony Adams, known as ‘Mr Arsenal’, is seen as one of the club’s greatest ever players.

Tony was the ultimate one-club man and a rock in the Arsenal defence. He was the leader of the famous defensive ‘Back Four’ of Adams, Bould, Dixon and Winterburn. Adams was a supreme defender; the timing of his tackles, his aerial ability and reading of the game were excellent. His incredible resilience, desire and leadership made him irreplaceable for both Arsenal and England.

Adams signed for Arsenal as a schoolboy in 1980. Three years later he made his debut against Sunderland just four weeks after his 17th birthday. By 21 he had become Arsenal’s youngest ever captain. He went on to win 4 League titles, 3 FA Cups, 2 League cups and the European Cup Winners’ Cup. He won the league and cup double in both 1998 and 2002.

Tony’s hugely successful career at Arsenal made sure he will always be a legend at the club. The Arsenal fans remember him as one of the greatest players to wear the red and white shirt. There is even a statue of Adams outside Emirates Stadium!



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1. How many years was Tony the Arsenal captain?

- 10
- 21
- 5
- 14

2. What do you think the phrase 'one-club man' means?

- He played on his own
- He played for the same club his whole career
- He was a DJ
- He only uses one club to play golf

3. How old was Tony when he made his Arsenal debut?

- 16
- 18
- 17
- 19

4. Circle the correct answer to complete the sentences below.

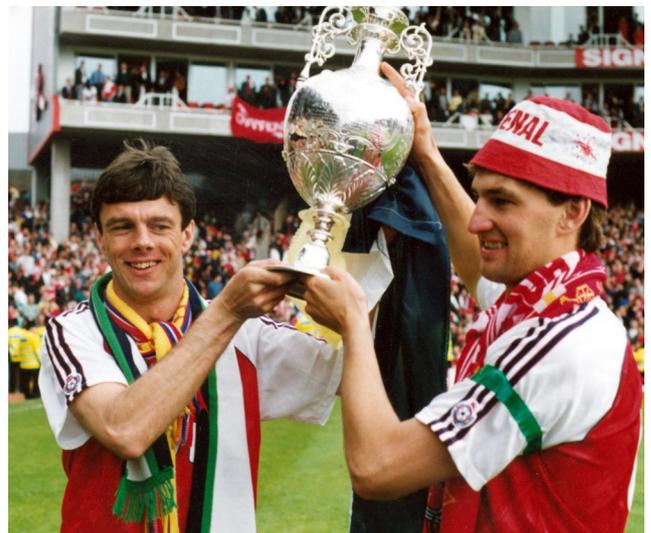
Tony Adams played as...

- an excellent defender
- a clinical striker
- a tricky winger
- an imposing keeper

5. Circle the correct answer to complete the sentences below.

Tony won the league and cup double...

- once
- three times
- twice
- four times



ANSWERS: 1) 14, 2) He played for the same club his whole career, 3) 17, 4) an excellent defender, 5) twice