

HECTOR BELLERIN DEFENDER



Since joining Arsenal from Barcelona's youth set up as a virtual unknown, Hector Bellerin has developed into one of the best right backs in Europe. Hector joined Arsenal as a scholar back in the summer of 2011. He had to wait until September 2013 to make his debut in a League Cup win on penalties against West Bromwich Albion.

The Spaniard has been a consistent performer for several seasons now. He was named in the PFA Premier League Team of the Year back in 2015/16 season. Hector already has two FA Cup medals to his name, from 2015 and 2017.

One of the fastest players in the entire league, Hector is also used as an attacking threat from right wing back. He works hard on strength and conditioning in the gym, as well as practising yoga regularly. His athleticism, backed up by tactical knowledge and mental strength, allows him to perform at the top level.

Hector is more outspoken on social issues than most professional footballers. He has shared his views on human rights, environmental issues and his vegan diet. It is a breath of fresh air to hear such mature opinions on important issues from a young footballer. Hector understands the responsibility of footballers to use their platform and social media in a positive way.

In his international career he progressed through the Spain youth ranks, after being named in the 2013 U19 European Championships Team of the Tournament. He was part of the Spain's Euro 2016 squad, having made his debut for the national side in a pre-tournament friendly match against Bosnia and Herzegovina in May.

Hector has been an outstanding performer for Arsenal over the last decade and is now seen as a key player and leader in the squad. He has captained the side in some games this season and will continue to play a huge part in the club's successes in the future.



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1. After which season was Hector named in the PFA Team of the Year?
2013/14
2015/16
2014/15
2016/17
2. “It is a breath of fresh air...” This phrase is an example of what?
Simile
Alliteration
Metaphor
Personification
3. “...in a pre-tournament friendly match...” What does the prefix **pre** mean?
After
Regular
During
Before
4. “...backed up by tactical knowledge...” What type of word is **tactical**?
Noun
Adverb
Adjective
Verb
5. Put these events from Hector’s career in order.

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

- ☐ Named in the PFA Team of the Year
- ☐ Played in U19 European Championships
- ☐ Won his second FA Cup medal
- ☐ Left Barcelona



ANSWERS: 1) 2015/16
2) Metaphor
3) Before
4) Adjective
5) From top: 3, 2, 4, 1.