

## RACHEL YANKEY CLUB LEGEND



Rachel Yankey is a legend for both club and country. Her 129 caps for England was a record at the time and she made 198 league appearances for Arsenal.

The dazzling winger was full of tricks and had electric speed. Her off-the-ball movement and excellent finishing meant she was successful throughout her 16-year career.

One of the most successful players in the history of the game, Rachel won the FA Cup an amazing nine times, as well as six league titles. The winger was a vital part of Arsenal's all-conquering team of 2007. That season, they won every competition they entered, including the Champions League!

Women's football has changed a huge amount through Rachel's playing career and she was always leading from the front to follow her dream. As a child, she pretended to be a boy for two years so she could play in a boys' team!

She signed for Arsenal at the age of 16 and played there for four seasons, making 47 league appearances. When Rachel joined Fulham, in 2000, she became the first female player in England to sign a professional contract! There she won the treble in 2002 before brief spells at Birmingham City and the New Jersey Wildcats. Eventually, she returned home to Arsenal in 2005. She stayed at the club for another 11 years, scoring at a rate of a goal every three games, often from a wide position.

Yankey made her international debut in 1997 and went on to break the all-time England appearances record for both men and women. She scored 19 times for the Lionesses. Rachel also represented Great Britain in the London 2012 Olympic Games.

Rachel has gone on to coach football at London Bees and Barnet. She has worked tirelessly to promote the game at youth level, running her own football programme and a community club and mentoring young players. A great role model and a legend of the game, the sport has benefitted from Rachel's time, talent and determination.



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1. What year did Rachel join Fulham?

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| 1997 | 2000 |
| 2002 | 2005 |

2. How many goals did Rachel score for England?

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| 197 | 6  |
| 47  | 19 |

3. “She has worked tirelessly to promote the game at youth level.” What type of word is **tirelessly**?

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| Noun   | Adjective |
| Adverb | Verb      |

4. “The sport has benefitted from Rachel’s time, talent and determination.” What does the word **benefitted** mean?

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| Received an advantage | Evolved  |
| Weakened              | Declined |

5. Put these events from Rachel’s career in order.

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

- ☐ Made her England debut
- ☐ Played in the Olympics
- ☐ Re-joined Arsenal
- ☐ Became the first professional female player in England



ANSWERS: 1) 2000 2) 19 3) Adverb 4) Received an advantage 5) From top: 1, 4, 3, 2.