

## KIERAN TIERNEY LEFT BACK



The highly-rated left back, Kieran Tierney, joined Arsenal in the summer of 2019 having spent his whole career at Celtic in Scotland.

Kieran was an icon at the Glasgow club after coming through their youth system. Though born on the Isle of Man, Kieran moved to Scotland before his first birthday and joined Celtic at the age of seven. He made his debut for his boyhood club at just 17 years old.

During his four seasons in the first team, Kieran played a major part in winning four league titles with Celtic. He also got his hands on two Scottish Cups and two Scottish League Cups. He won

individual awards as well; Kieran was named PFA Young Player of the Year three times in a row!

At 22, Kieran changed the green and white horizontal stripes, or hoops, of Celtic for the traditional red and white of Arsenal. Unfortunately Gunners fans have only seen glimpses of Kieran's talents so far; his first season with the club was disrupted by two frustrating injuries. He is now back to full fitness and ready to finish the season strongly.

The defender has been a full international for Scotland since making his debut in March 2016 as an 18-year-old. Kieran captained his country the following year in a friendly against the Netherlands. By the age of 20 he had captained both Celtic and Scotland!

Kieran has excellent speed and reads the game well. The tireless, industrial defender is also able to play at centre back. He is a danger going forwards; he creates many chances with accurate crosses and has an eye for goal. Back in 2017/18, Kieran won the Celtic Goal of the Season award for a 40-yard strike in a League Cup win over Kilmarnock.

The young man is a mature, cool-headed player with many years left in his career. The future is bright for Kieran at both international and club level.



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1. Where was Kieran born?

Glasgow

Edinburgh

Isle of Man

Kilmarnock

2. How old was Kieran when he made his debut for Scotland?

17

18

19

20

3. “He is now back to full fitness...” What type of word is **full** in this sentence?

Noun

Adjective

Adverb

Verb

4. “...the green and white horizontal stripes, or hoops, of Celtic...” Which of these is an antonym of **horizontal**?

Parallel

Vertical

Straight

Equal

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

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

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Won Celtic’s Goal of the Season award

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Made his debut for Scotland

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Left the Isle of Man

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Joined Arsenal



ANSWERS: 1) Isle of Man 2) 18 3) Adjective 4) Vertical 5) From top: 3, 2, 1, 4.