

## The FA Cup in Numbers Worksheet

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On this week's main listening report we preview the FA Cup final between Chelsea and Liverpool by taking a look at the oldest competition in the world through numbers.

#### A. Main Idea – note taking

Listen to the report and take notes under the following headings.

1872	
11	
7	
1923	

#### B. Listening - vocabulary

Listen to the report and fill in the gaps with the appropriate word or phrase.

1872 is the year of the [first ever Cup final](#) which took place at the Oval in Kennington in South London in front of \_\_\_\_\_ fans. Wanderers beat the Royal Engineers 1-0 to become the first ever winners of a competition that had invited all \_\_\_\_\_ members of the Football Association. The Wanderers went on to win the trophy on \_\_\_\_\_ more occasions. Other major cup competition founding years include the Scottish Cup which was inaugurated in \_\_\_\_\_, the Spanish Cup - Copa del Rey - was first played for in 1902, while the Coppa Italia was started in \_\_\_\_\_.

This is the number of times that Manchester United have won the competition and though they last won it in \_\_\_\_\_, this is a record. They also hold the record of most appearances in the final: \_\_\_\_\_, while poor old Leicester City have appeared most times in a final without ever winning on \_\_\_\_\_ occasions. Arsenal are second on the list with \_\_\_\_\_ victories and their North-London rivals, Tottenham are in third place with \_\_\_\_\_ wins - though they have not won the FA Cup since \_\_\_\_\_. United are way behind the teams with most domestic cup titles: Linfield have 41 Northern Irish cup wins, while Celtic have 35 Scottish victories.

Ashley Cole has won the FA Cup on \_\_\_\_\_ occasions - \_\_\_\_\_ times with his former club Arsenal and \_\_\_\_\_ times with his current club Chelsea, though he does not hold the record of Cup final appearances - that belongs to Arthur Kinnaird of the Wanderers with \_\_\_\_\_ visits to the final. Cole's Chelsea colleague Didier Drogba holds the record for scoring in most finals - four matches, though he does not have the record for most goals in finals; that belongs to Liverpool legend Ian Rush with \_\_\_\_\_ final goals.

## ANSWERS -

### B. Listening - vocabulary

*Listen to the report and fill in the gaps with the appropriate word or phrase.*

1872 is the year of the [first ever Cup final](#) which took place at the Oval in Kennington in South London in front of **2.000** fans. Wanderers beat the Royal Engineers 1-0 to become the first ever winners of a competition that had invited all **15** members of the Football Association. The Wanderers went on to win the trophy on **four** more occasions. Other major cup competition founding years include the Scottish Cup which was inaugurated in **1874**, the Spanish Cup - Copa del Rey - was first played for in 1902, while the Coppa Italia was started in **1922**.

This is the number of times that Manchester United have won the competition and though they last won it in **2004**, this is a record. They also hold the record of most appearances in the final: **18**, while poor old Leicester City have appeared most times in a final without ever winning on **four** occasions. Arsenal are second on the list with **10** victories and their North-London rivals, Tottenham are in third place with **nine** wins - though they have not won the FA Cup since **1991**. United are way behind the teams with most domestic cup titles: Linfield have 41 Northern Irish cup wins, while Celtic have 35 Scottish victories.

Ashley Cole has won the FA Cup on **seven** occasions - **three** times with his former club Arsenal and **four** times with his current club Chelsea, though he does not hold the record of Cup final appearances - that belongs to Arthur Kinnaird of the Wanderes with **nine** visits to the final. Cole's Chelsea colleague Didier Drogba holds the record for scoring in most finals - four matches, though he does not have the record for most goals in finals; that belongs to Liverpool legend Ian Rush with **five** final goals.

## Transcript

### 1872

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### 11

This is the number of times that Manchester United have won the competition and though they last won it in 2004, this is a record. They also hold the record of most appearances in the final: 18, while poor old Leicester City have appeared most times in a final without ever winning on four occasions. Arsenal are second on the list with 10 victories and their North-London rivals, Tottenham are in third place with nine wins - though they have not won the FA Cup since 1991. United **are way behind** the teams with most domestic cup titles: Linfield have 41 Northern Irish cup wins, while Celtic have 35 Scottish victories.

### 7

Ashley Cole has won the FA Cup on seven occasions - three times with his former club Arsenal and 4 times with his current club Chelsea, though he does not hold the record of Cup final appearances - that belongs to Arthur Kinnaird of the Wanderers with nine visits to the final. Cole's Chelsea colleague Didier Drogba holds the record for scoring in most finals - four matches, though he does not have the record for most goals in finals; that belongs to Liverpool legend Ian Rush with 5 final goals.

### 1923

This was the year that the final first took place at Wembley Stadium after nine other venues had been used to host the final. These included Kennington and Stamford Bridge in London as well as Goodison Park in Liverpool, Bramall Lane in Sheffield and Burnden Park in Bolton. Bolton beat West Ham in that first Wembley final - 2-0 - in front of 127.000 fans though some suggest there may have been closer to 200.000 inside the new stadium. When Wembley was being re-built in the early part of **the millenium** (2001-06) the finals were played at the Millenium Stadium in Cardiff; Manchester United and Chelsea playing the first final at the 'new' Wembley in 2007, with Chelsea winning 1-0.

## Vocabulary

**founding**: Starting, beginning

**was inaugurated** : Begun first

**are way behind**: A long way from

**the millenium**: Here it refers to the 2000s

