

## Liverpool Are the Premier League Champions 2020



### Who are Liverpool FC?

- Liverpool FC are one of the most famous football clubs in the world.
- They have won the 2020 Premier League and their manager is Jürgen Klopp.

Liverpool have won the Premier League! The title was **confirmed** when Manchester City, the team in second position, lost to Chelsea on Thursday.

It's the first time in 30 years that they have won the top division in English football.

This **season**, Liverpool have been in sparkling form. They are currently 23 points ahead of Manchester City.

The team has won a lot of trophies recently. Last June, Liverpool won the Champions League — European men's football's most prestigious trophy! They have also won the UEFA Super Cup and the Club World Cup.

Liverpool fans, though, will have to wait to celebrate winning the Premier League with the players.

The news comes as sports fans reflect on an unusual year so far. Football matches stopped because of the coronavirus lockdown. In March, the Premier League said matches would stop.

The matches then restarted on 17<sup>th</sup> June. Inside the stadiums, though, things are quite different.

For example, there are no fans inside the football stadiums. Instead, supporters have had to cheer on their team from home.

The coronavirus lockdown has affected a number of sporting events. Organisers cancelled Wimbledon, a famous yearly tennis tournament in London, this year.

Photo: Liverpool FC are Premier League champions.

The Olympic Games are **postponed** until next year. This is one of the biggest sporting tournaments in the world. Countries from around come to compete against each other. It was going to take place in Tokyo in August but will now happen in 2021.

Other events have been **rescheduled** until later in the year. The Tour de France is a cycling competition that normally happens in June and July. This year, though, organisers will try to hold it between 29<sup>th</sup> August and 20<sup>th</sup> September if it is safe to do so.

It's been a strange year for sports fans. But, for Liverpool supporters, it will be a year they won't forget.

### Glossary

**confirmed** When something is made certain.

**season** The period of time when a sport is played.

**postponed** When something is put off until a later date.

**rescheduled** Organised to happen on a different date.

# Questions

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This suggests that...

- Their football shirts are very shiny.
- They have struggled this season.
- They have played exceptionally well.
- Their stadium lights are particularly bright.

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Find and copy a phrase that supports this statement.

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**Accept any answer which refers to the Premier League restarting and Wimbledon being cancelled, e.g. I think football fans will be happy that Premier League matches have started again but tennis fans will be disappointed that Wimbledon has been cancelled.**

5. Why has the last year been particularly memorable for Liverpool FC?

**Accept any answer that refers to the fact they have won a lot of trophies this season, e.g. They have won the Champions League, UEFA Super Cup and the Club World Cup.**

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**Accept any answer which refers to the story, e.g. Liverpool Are Champions after 30 Years!**