

# EVERTON, THE PREMIER LEAGUE AND SKY

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We received a request from one of our readers a while back asking how Everton had fared in the live Premier League matches on Sky Sports, and how this record compared against the other Premier League teams. After a couple of years of searching, we can now provide some meaningful statistics in regards to live Premier League matches on Sky.

It should be borne in mind that, at present, we still do not have a definitive listing of all Sky matches, but as we have managed to collate about 85%, the following statistics can provide a reasonable view. Naturally, as more matches are found, the stats will be updated. Also, we will be looking to expand this section as more matches are found.

Also, when talking about overall statistics, these include matches shown on PremPlus (the Pay per View channel). Also, when applicable, stats have been broken down into individual programs and will be shown under these titles. Games played on PremPlus are automatically given a Pay per View [PPV] title, irrespective of what day of the week the match was played. Matches shown on Sky Sports can come under three different headings. Super Sunday [SS], Monday Night Football [MNF] and Football Special [FS] – which are games played on any other day of the week.

Anyway, let's get on with the facts and stats.

## APPEARANCES

Everton have made 78 known appearances on Sky Sports since the League's inception, which means we are currently 10th on the overall list (out of 39 Premier League teams). Top of that list is Manchester United with, currently, 183 appearances on Sky, followed by Liverpool on 144 appearances. In fact, out of the seven teams who have been Premier League ever presents, Everton have made the least appearances on Sky. The following table gives us the top ten.

Pos	Team	Seasons	Overall Apps	SS Apps	MNF Apps	FS Apps	PPV Apps
1	Manchester United	14	183	72 [1]	23 [6]	60 [1]	28 [1]
2	Liverpool	14	144	59 [2]	21 [7=]	40 [2]	24 [2=]
3	Arsenal	14	138	58 [3]	25 [4]	33 [3]	22 [6]
4	Chelsea	14	114	54 [4]	8 [23]	28 [4]	24 [2=]
5	Newcastle United	13	112	47 [5]	21 [7=]	21 [5]	23 [5]
6	Tottenham Hotspur	14	93	39 [6]	29 [2]	10 [8=]	15 [11]
7	Aston Villa	14	92	34 [7]	24 [5]	10 [8=]	24 [2=]
8	Blackburn Rovers	12	83	31 [9]	27 [3]	8 [11]	17 [9]
9	Leeds United	12	81	28 [11]	18 [12]	17 [6]	18 [8]
10	Everton	14	78	32 [8]	21 [7=]	6 [15]	19 [7]

Table notes: The numbers in brackets are the rankings for each individual Sky Sports program.

## PLAYING RECORDS

Everton's playing record in Sky matches is, as one may assume, not that great. Currently, Everton are in 23rd place out of 39 teams, however, these records can be skewed due to some teams, who have not made that many appearances, being fairly successful in live matches, however, 23rd out of 39 teams would suggest that Everton are way down on the list of Premier League 'regulars'.

Everton's full record in the various programs is as follows:

<b>Program</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>Success*</b>	<b>Rank</b>
Super Sunday	32	8	10	14	31	43	40.63	21
Monday Night Football	21	7	6	8	22	28	47.62	17
Football Special	6	2	1	3	6	10	41.67	16
PremPlus	19	6	3	10	17	33	39.47	16
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>42.31</b>	<b>23</b>

\* Success is calculated as the percentage of points won in relation to the number of points possible to win using the old 2 points for a win system.

As is usually the norm with Everton, although not this season, our home record is much better than the away record, and this could not possibly be highlighted more distinctly than in these two tables.

Everton's home record in live matches:

<b>Program</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>Success*</b>	<b>Rank</b>
Super Sunday	13	4	4	5	12	15	46.15	23
Monday Night Football	8	4	2	2	14	8	62.50	14
Football Special	6	2	1	3	6	10	41.67	20
PremPlus	10	4	2	4	8	10	50.00	14
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>50.00</b>	<b>20</b>

Whilst Everton's away record is:

<b>Program</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>Success*</b>	<b>Rank</b>
Super Sunday	19	4	6	9	19	28	36.84	19
Monday Night Football	13	3	4	6	8	20	38.46	22
Football Special	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	19
PremPlus	9	2	1	6	9	23	27.78	15
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>35.37</b>	<b>19</b>

## WHO HAVE WE BEEN WATCHING?

Finally, we will now have a look at what are the most regular live matches in the Premier League.

Overall, the most common match is Liverpool against Manchester United, which has been shown live on 22 occasions out of the 14 seasons so far. The top ten list:

<b>Match*</b>	<b>Live games</b>	<b>Percent*</b>
Liverpool v Manchester United	22	78.57
Arsenal v Manchester United	16	57.14
Arsenal v Liverpool	16	57.14
Chelsea v Liverpool	14	50.00

Liverpool v Newcastle United	14	53.85
Aston Villa v Manchester United	14	50.00
Manchester United v Newcastle United	13	50.00
Arsenal v Chelsea	13	46.43
Everton v Liverpool	13	46.43
Manchester City v Manchester United	12	66.67

\*Matches are shown with the teams in alphabetical order and include all matches between the teams involved (i.e. Everton v Liverpool includes all matches played at Goodison Park and Anfield). Percent is the percentage of matches shown live based on the number of matches actually played between the teams.

Looking at the individual live programs we can see that on Super Sunday, the most common matches, with 10 broadcasts each are Chelsea v Liverpool, Arsenal v Manchester United and Liverpool v Manchester United. The first match involving Everton in the list is against Arsenal which has been broadcast 5 times, and is in 7th position.

On Monday Night Football, the most common match has been Arsenal v Tottenham Hotspur, which has been broadcast 6 times. Everton v Liverpool is in second place with 5 broadcasts.

The Football Specials seem to have a particular penchant for Liverpool v Manchester United which has been broadcast 11 times, with the Manchester derby in second place with 7 broadcasts. Everton's first entry is the Merseyside derby in 11th place and 3 broadcasts.

Finally, Pay per View sees an unusual top two with Birmingham City v Manchester City and Leeds United v Liverpool both being broadcast 4 times. Everton v Manchester United is in joint third place with 3 broadcasts.

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