

# Andrei Sergeyevich Arshavin

Born on 29 May 1981 in Leningrad

He has played as an attacking midfielder, second striker and playmaker.



- He started playing football at the age of 7 years. Graduate school football «Change»
- Since 1999, played for the reserve team of FC "Zenit". In 2000, Andrew became a team regular, making his debut in an away match against a team from the Intertoto Cup "Bradford", England (3: 0)
- Debut in the national team was held in May 2002 in a match against a team from Belarus. Andrew scored 9 goals for the national team, setting a club record. Team's top scorer in the 2005 and 2006 seasons.

- Arshavin's peak performance for Zenit was in the victorious UEFA Cup. The team went step by step through some tough opponents in the play-offs, with Arshavin leading the Zenit's attack, scoring several important goals and providing a number of key assists. In the final match vs Scottish Rangers, Arshavin first gave a goal to Igor Denisov and then played in the combination that resulted in a goal for Konstantin Zyryanov. The match ended in a 2-0 win for Zenit, and Arshavin was named Player of the Match. The same year, Arshavin won the European Super Cup. Translated with





- After his good play in the UEFA Cup and at UEFA EURO 2008, Arshavin was named among the contenders for the Ballon d'Or by France Football magazine, finishing in sixth place, the best result for a Russian footballer since the collapse of the USSR. Arshavin was beaten in the voting by the likes of Cristiano Ronaldo, Lionel Messi, Fernando Torres, Iker Casillas and Xavi. Arshavin's remarkable play has attracted the attention of Europe's top clubs. He made his Arsenal debut on 21 February 2009 in a home game against Sunderland (0-0).



- 13 July 2015 Officially became a Kuban player
- Signed a contract with Kairat on 8 March 2016
- On 3 December 2018, Arshavin officially announced the end of his professional career on Match TV.
- For nine years, he had an unregistered marriage to TV presenter Yulia Baranovskaya, which ended in 2013.
- On 1 September 2016, he married journalist Alisa Kazmina. They divorced twice and the last time for good.



- Andrey is involved in charity work and has a business.
- After scoring a goal, he put his index finger to his lips as if to call for silence. The gesture is used in the Arshavin brand.
- On 29 December 2018, Arshavin made his debut as a television commentator on Match TV, commentating on the English Premier League game between Liverpool and Arsenal (Liverpool won 5-1).
- Andrei Arshavin (39) has been promoted to director of youth football development at Zenit.

