

## Bulletin 13 – 1 June 2018

Welcome to the thirteenth and final bulletin of the Monkey League 2017/18 season. But fear not, the Monkey World Cup is just around the corner!

### Winners and Losers

After a record-breaking season, Manchester City were crowned Monkey League champions. The Citizens amassed a staggering 100 points and managed to pip Burnley to top spot. Brighton, Liverpool and Tottenham all enjoyed strong seasons too, all tying for third place. Despite narrowly avoiding relegation, Southampton prop up the table with West Brom and Everton also joining the Saints in the bottom three.

Tables for the Football League had already been decided at the time of the last bulletin but the annual drama of the play-offs was yet to happen...

Billed as the most expensive game in football, it was Fulham who edged out Aston Villa in a tight contest in a sweltering Wembley stadium. Skipper Tom Cairney scored the decisive winner mid-way through the first half to ensure promotion back to the Premier League for the Cottagers.

Surprise package Shrewsbury battled it out against Rotherham in the League One play-off final. It took extra time to separate the two sides with defender Richard Wood scoring both goals for The Millers in a 2-1 win. Small comfort for Town fans but they did triumph in the Monkey League One!

Bank Holiday Monday saw the final play-off match between Coventry and Exeter. The Sky Blues ran out comfortable winners with only a consolation goal one minute from full time preventing 'keeper Lee Burge earning a clean sheet. Coventry enjoyed their first promotion in 51 years!

### The Monkey League Results

Gary Symons maintained his slender lead ahead of Kay Williamson and Chris Marson to take the Monkey League crown - congratulations Gary! Ryan Ellet unfortunately ends the season with the wooden spoon, beating only four monkeys.

With only Premier League teams affecting the outcome of the final standings since the last bulletin, movements were small and subtle. Stewart Knowles and Jenny Mahtani both jumped up 10 spots while Robert Young and Steve Short were the biggest fallers, both dropping 9 places.

### Quote of the season

For this final bulletin of the season, we look back on a few of the best quotes of the season.

*"In the past he was a little man in many circumstances, he is a little man in the present and for sure he will be a little man in the future"*, said Chelsea boss Antonio Conte about Manchester United boss Jose Mourinho this season. Though the pair did manage to patch things up before the FA Cup final.

Now ex-Swansea boss Carlos Carvahal developed a bit of a habit for interesting quotes this season, including this one *"I said to my players that Liverpool were a top team, they are really strong, but they are a Formula 1 car. If you put a Formula 1 car in London in traffic, the Formula 1 car will not run very fast"*. Unfortunately for the Swans, he couldn't quite keep them in the Premier League.

We leave the final quote to Arsène Wenger, who said this in his farewell speech at the Emirates *"This is more than just watching football, it's a way of life. It's caring about the beautiful game, about the values we cherish, and as well, that something that goes for all our bodies in every cell of our bodies. We care, we worry, we are desperate, but when you come here, the theatre of dreams we realise what it means"*.

## News in Brief

Liverpool very nearly conquered all of Europe again but on this occasion, Real Madrid proved too strong in a final that saw Los Blancos collect their 13<sup>th</sup> European Cup/Champions League in a 3-1 win. Super sub Gareth Bale scored an overhead kick that will go down as one of the great Champions League goals.

A reference to Monkey League regular Roger Arnold who after the last bulletin, informed us of who now holds the record for being the longest serving manager, following Arsène Wenger's resignation. It is in fact the manager of Roger's team Folkestone Invicta who ply their trade in the Bostock Premier League. Manager Neil Cugley has held the reigns there for 21 years!

Now the domestic seasons are over, attention turns to Russia for the eagerly anticipated World Cup that kicks off on June 14<sup>th</sup>. As usual, we will be sending out a predictor scoresheet, which will be available to complete from our website: <https://www.firstactuarial.co.uk/InfoCentre/MonkeyLeague>

## Question of the Week

Last time, we asked who were the only two players to represent England during the 1980s, 1990s and 2000s?

We had a number of responses to this question, including two correct answers from Stu Briely and one correct answer from Dale Walmsley. The players were David Seaman and Tony Adams.

This week getting into the World Cup spirit, we want to know who has played in the most World Cup matches?

**Neil Kennedy**

## Final Results

Position	Name	Monkeys beaten	Points
1	<b>Gary Symons</b>	999	354.4
2	<b>Kay Williamson</b>	997	338.2
3	<b>Chris Marson</b>	995	320.2
4	<b>Simon Redfern</b>	978	278.3
5	<b>Reuben Pereira</b>	976	276.0
6	<b>Bill Hibbard</b>	973	270.3
7	<b>John Small</b>	973	268.2
8	<b>Claire Hibbard</b>	973	266.6
9	<b>James Smith</b>	966	260.3
10	<b>Colin Freeman</b>	959	252.7
11	<b>Steve Houghton</b>	957	250.8
12	<b>Angela England</b>	947	246.4
13	<b>Phil McEvoy</b>	940	242.2
14	<b>Tejas Dholakia</b>	924	230.8
15	<b>Paul Landreth</b>	923	230.4
16	<b>Andrew Britton</b>	918	227.9
17	<b>Nicole Dobson</b>	916	223.9
18	<b>Sam Mullock</b>	916	223.9
19	<b>Paul Devine</b>	911	221.4
20	<b>Stephen Moorse</b>	909	220.0



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21	<b>Matt Such</b>	905	217.8
22	<b>Lesley Denny</b>	893	211.5
23	<b>Graham Edmonds</b>	882	207.5
24	<b>Jane Boorman</b>	880	206.8
25	<b>Peter Norman</b>	880	206.2
26	<b>Rob Lees</b>	877	204.7
27	<b>Charles Goddard</b>	872	202.8
28	<b>Mel Wilson</b>	870	201.7
29	<b>Lance Havell</b>	862	199.4
30	<b>Eddie Hopkins</b>	862	198.8
31	<b>Mike Mitchell</b>	853	193.5
32	<b>Ryan Templeton</b>	853	193.1
33	<b>Ian Constable</b>	849	191.4
34	<b>George Kirrin</b>	846	190.9
35	<b>Toni Johnson</b>	842	188.6
36	<b>Ian Walker</b>	842	188.5
37	<b>Steven Pickles</b>	841	187.7
38	<b>Robert Young</b>	839	187.4
39	<b>Philip Daggart</b>	831	183.6
40	<b>George Kennedy</b>	820	179.4
41	<b>John Hope</b>	815	178.7
42	<b>Stewart Knowles</b>	815	178.3
43	<b>Paul Nixon</b>	815	178.0
44	<b>Jonathan Hugh</b>	812	177.0
45	<b>George Bilsby</b>	805	176.2
46	<b>Dom Thurlow</b>	805	175.8
47	<b>Ross McDonough</b>	801	174.1
48	<b>Liam McElligott</b>	780	168.4
49	<b>Kester Young</b>	774	166.7
50	<b>Declan Keohane</b>	768	165.5
51	<b>Tim Jones</b>	756	162.4
52	<b>Paul Moloney</b>	753	160.7
53	<b>Chantelle Lomax</b>	731	155.6
54	<b>Tim Poil</b>	730	155.5
55	<b>Richard Kotey</b>	714	151.9
56	<b>Brendan O'Connor</b>	707	150.2
57	<b>Christopher Daniels</b>	707	149.9
58	<b>Emma Robinson</b>	697	146.7
59	<b>Hilary Salt</b>	682	142.6
60	<b>Stuart Briely</b>	654	136.7
61	<b>Andrea Hope</b>	648	135.6
62	<b>Will Riley-Gowling</b>	644	134.5
63	<b>Roger Arnold</b>	643	133.9
64	<b>Bene't Coldstream</b>	620	129.9
65	<b>Dylan O'Reilly</b>	617	129.5



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66	<b>Jenny Dean</b>	617	129.4
67	<b>Adul Fiddler</b>	615	129.0
68	<b>Ashara Peiris</b>	606	127.3
69	<b>Adam King</b>	602	126.4
70	<b>Emily England</b>	595	122.3
71	<b>Alan Smith</b>	571	116.9
72	<b>Annie Quinn</b>	564	114.7
73	<b>Daniel Jinks</b>	559	113.6
74	<b>Darren Goodall</b>	559	113.5
75	<b>James Allen</b>	557	113.1
76	<b>Dale Walmsley</b>	542	110.5
77	<b>Adam Robertson</b>	530	108.3
78	<b>Aaron Love</b>	527	107.7
79	<b>Max Mauchline</b>	514	103.9
80	<b>Keith Williams</b>	505	102.3
81	<b>Phil Sargent</b>	485	98.1
82	<b>Scott Harrison</b>	448	89.7
83	<b>Esther Goldberg</b>	447	89.5
84	<b>Steve Higginbottom</b>	444	88.0
85	<b>Phil Leary</b>	427	84.5
86	<b>Stephen Kilgannon</b>	424	83.6
87	<b>Wendy Ludman</b>	420	82.6
88	<b>Andrew Pritchard</b>	392	77.2
89	<b>Mike Booth</b>	388	76.0
90	<b>Dean McDonough</b>	386	74.7
91	<b>Sean Delaney</b>	376	72.2
92	<b>Doug Huggins</b>	371	69.9
93	<b>Duncan Carter</b>	357	67.9
94	<b>Cristina Brebenar</b>	345	65.4
95	<b>Leon Pachner</b>	342	64.8
96	<b>Natalie Ogden</b>	330	62.5
97	<b>Annie Targett</b>	320	59.5
98	<b>Craig Moran</b>	297	54.8
99	<b>Stan Hutchinson</b>	275	49.6
100	<b>Megan Sullivan</b>	275	49.1
101	<b>Mark Warnes</b>	272	48.2
102	<b>Andrew Hall</b>	269	47.2
103	<b>David Bramham</b>	267	45.7
104	<b>Martin Cable</b>	261	45.2
105	<b>James Hilton</b>	260	44.8
106	<b>Elaine Buckthorpe</b>	249	42.8
107	<b>Alex Mumford</b>	212	32.6
108	<b>Jenny Mahtani</b>	212	32.4
109	<b>Chris Chivers</b>	212	32.3



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110	<b>Robin Holderness</b>	207	31.5
111	<b>Marcus Johansson</b>	198	27.5
112	<b>Mujahid Rahman</b>	194	25.8
113	<b>Paul Marriott</b>	194	25.2
114	<b>Matthew Slater</b>	186	22.9
115	<b>Nicola Moore</b>	182	21.9
116	<b>Steve Short</b>	182	21.8
117	<b>Joshua Dade</b>	177	20.6
118	<b>Amrita Dasgupta</b>	177	20.1
119	<b>Martin Blades</b>	177	19.4
120	<b>Gary Jones</b>	163	13.3
121	<b>Andre Flanders</b>	162	12.9
122	<b>Katie Moran</b>	158	11.1
123	<b>Mandy Beckett</b>	144	5.3
124	<b>James Saxton</b>	139	4.0
125	<b>Caroline Gower</b>	131	-2.6
126	<b>Becky Thompson</b>	110	-13.1
127	<b>Max Awan</b>	96	-19.6
128	<b>Carl England</b>	55	-40.3
129	<b>Philip Mann</b>	6	-115.9
130	<b>Ryan Ellett</b>	4	-126.1