

## Bulletin 2 - 23 November 2022

### Argentina 1 – 2 Saudi Arabia

Day two of the tournament brought the first major upset, as Saudi Arabia – ranked 51st in the world – came from behind to beat Argentina 2-1. Lionel Messi (*who else*) put Argentina ahead with a 10th minute penalty, and the Saudis were firmly in damage limitation mode as La Albiceleste could arguably have made it 4-0 at the break. However an excellent 10 minute period in the second half saw the Green Falcons cement their fourth ever win at a World Cup, and make the remainder of the games in Group C at bit more interesting.

### Mexico 0 – 0 Poland

The second match in Group C saw a stalemate between Poland and Mexico. Star striker Robert Lewandowski – yet to score at a World Cup – had a rather limp penalty saved in the second half. The next set of games in this group will be crucial, as Poland face a energised Saudi side, with Mexico due to face an Argentina side looking for redemption.

### Denmark 0 – 0 Tunisia

Denmark were held to a 0-0 draw by Tunisia, with the referees and VAR taking centre stage as both sides had a goal ruled out for offside. A VAR check late saw a potential penalty claim, only for the referee stick to his original decision. One highlight from the game was the return of Denmark's Christian Eriksen, returning to his first game since his on-pitch cardiac arrest last year in their opening game of Euro 2020. Denmark face champions France in their next game, with Tunisia due to face Australia.

### France 4 – 1 Australia

Holdes France got off to a shaky start as the Socceroos (*arguably one of my favourite nicknames at this tournament*) went ahead in the first 10 minutes. However France's quality shone through, and within half an hour Les Bleus were ahead through goals from Rabiot and Giroud. Mbappe impressed throughout, and got a well deserved goal midway through the second half, following up three minutes later with an assist for Giroud's second which saw the 36 year old equal Thierry Henry's all time scoring record for the national team.

## Don't cry for me Argentina

I'm sure well backed Argentina would have preferred a more successful start to the tournament (and so would many of our Monkey League participants) but don't rule them out yet. Back in 2010 in South Africa, Spain lost their opening fixture against the Swiss but eventually went on to lift the trophy in Johannesburg, beating the Dutch 1-0 with a winner in extra time, *but who was the goal scorer?*

Answer revealed tomorrow...

## Results

An early leader has emerged in **Emma Robinson** in what was a low scoring day for many, with no one predicting a shock defeat for Argentina. **Olly Roper** and **Andy Wyatt** the most successful yesterday, picking up a relatively modest 12 points apiece. However, **Katie Morgan** is back to square one but will be looking to bounce back as Group E and F get underway today.

Craig Moran



Ranking	Player	Points	Daily Ranking Change	Daily Points Change
1	Emma Robinson	45	-	+11
2	Mel Wilson	43	+6	+10
2	Richard Stoddart	43	+9	+11
4	Bailey Coe	42	+13	+11
4	Mara Aleixo	42	-3	+8
6	Andrew Pritchard	41	+5	+9
6	Talha Gulzar	41	-5	+7
6	Tim Jones	41	-5	+7
6	Tim Poil	41	+5	+9
10	Dan Chapman	39	+1	+7
10	Rob Walker	39	+7	+8
12	Ashraf Mitha	38	-4	+5
13	Derek Allen	34	+24	+12
13	Eesha Savani	34	+13	+10
13	Mark Warnes	34	+15	+11
13	Olly Roper	34	+24	+12
17	Dale Walmsley	33	-9	-
17	James Gardner	33	+11	+10
17	James Milligan	33	+11	+10
17	Oliver Nicholls	33	-6	+1
17	Wendy Ludman	33	+9	+9
22	Chris Marson	32	+15	+10
22	Darren Goodall	32	+23	+11
22	Henry Tapper	32	-11	-
22	Stuart Briely	32	-21	-2
26	Chas Goddard	31	-9	-
26	Daniel Sirl	31	+31	+11
26	George Bilsby	31	+19	+10
26	Graham Edmonds	31	-25	-3
26	Lance Havell	31	+31	+11
26	Neil Kennedy	31	-25	-3
26	Paul Marriott	31	+19	+10
26	Richard Noutch	31	-9	-
26	Ross Bennett	31	+19	+10
35	Claire Herbert	30	-10	+4
35	Gary Symons	30	+10	+9
35	Owen Adams	30	-18	-1
38	Duncan Carter	29	+19	+9
38	Jamie McLeod	29	+26	+11
38	Josh Titley	29	+19	+9
38	Marcus Johansson	29	+7	+8
42	Andrew Hall	28	+21	+9
42	Eddie Hopkin	28	+22	+10
42	Luke Vickers	28	-5	+6
42	Tim Barlow	28	+3	+7
46	Ed Winstanley	27	-29	-4
46	Jonathan Hugh	27	-23	-3
48	Kieran Armstrong	26	-20	+3
49	Benjamin Robinson	24	-12	+2
50	Craig Moran	23	-22	-
50	Jasper Ellis	23	-22	-





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52	George Hinkley	22	+15	+9
52	Mark Rowlinson	22	-24	-1
52	Matthew Allen	22	-7	+1
55	Amrita Dasgupta	21	-18	-1
55	John Stock	21	-27	-2
55	Max Mauchline	21	+17	+10
55	Sharon Royston	21	-18	-1
59	Andy Wyatt	20	+31	+12
59	Bex Thompson	20	+9	+8
59	Charlotte Adshead	20	-2	-
59	George Kennedy	20	-31	-3
59	Larisa Wood	20	+9	+8
64	Charlotte White	19	-19	-2
64	Chris Williams	19	-7	-1
64	James Saxton	19	+8	+8
64	John Small	19	+17	+10
68	Dan Jinks	18	-23	-3
68	Hilary Salt	18	-44	-11
68	Michael Garland	18	-23	-3
68	Michael O'Donnell	18	+22	+10
72	Ivan Taylor	17	+9	+8
72	Nick Saxton	17	+5	+7
72	Phil Mann	17	+5	+7
72	Usman Asif	17	-35	-5
76	James Allen	16	-4	+5
76	Rob Young	16	+5	+7
78	John McLeod	14	+3	+5
78	Sam Ashworth	14	-33	-7
80	Zoe Sadler	11	-14	-5
81	George Metcalf	10	-9	-1
81	Peter Norman	10	-9	-1
81	Sean Delaney	10	-13	-2
81	Stan Hutchinson	10	-13	-2
85	Toni Johnson	9	-8	-1
86	Joe Bronstein	8	-9	-2
86	Michael Johnson	8	-5	-1
88	Katie Sutton	7	-7	-2
88	Stephen Kilgannon	7	+2	-1
90	Steve Higginbottom	6	-9	-3
91	Ian Metcalf	5	-1	-3
92	William Rose	2	+2	-4
93	Mike Common	1	-12	-8
94	Katie Morgan	0	-13	-9

