

## Bulletin 4 – 13 June 2023

Welcome to the fourth and final bulletin of the Monkey League 2022/23 season.

### Winners and losers

Arsenal may have run out of steam in the Premier League title race, but the Gunners had just enough sting to keep London rivals Brentford away from top spot. The Bees buzzed off their last three opponents to notch up nine points to fly past Newcastle United in second place. Manchester City may have won the Premier League (at a canter in the end as Gary Neville predicted), but their zero handicap meant the Citizens finished as low down as ninth. An end of season rally from Liverpool ensured the Reds climbed up to fourth from bottom while Chelsea's costly season continued on and off the pitch and left the Blues at the foot of the table. Relegated sides Leicester City and Southampton completed the bottom three.

Burnley dismantled the rest of the Championship upon their return and became just the sixth club to accrue over 100 points. Fellow promoted teams Luton Town and Sheffield United were the Claret's closest challengers but were still just as far away in the Monkey League Championship. Pre-season favourites Norwich did not have much to sing about as the Canaries finished the season with just one win in the last 11 games. Relegated Wigan Athletic and heavily fancied Watford made up the bottom three.

If there was an award for highest Monkey League scorers, Plymouth Argyle would win it. The League One side won their remaining six games to score over 100 points, but the Pilgrims were ploughed down by Tractor Boys Ipswich Town until the very end. A draw against Fleetwood Town cost Ipswich the opportunity to also become centurions, but a good harvest all things considered. Forest Green Rovers may run green but their results read red. Three losses to end the season confirmed their relegation to League Two and bottom spot in Monkey League One.

No change in Monkey League Two saw Stevenage hold off Leyton Orient thanks to three wins to finish the season. Carlisle United and Northampton Town are a bit further adrift, but it means that all four promoted sides finish in the top four of Monkey League Two. A strong finish kept Crawley Town in the football league, but it wasn't enough to elevate the Red Devils from last place. Rochdale and AFC Wimbledon joined Crawley Town in the bottom three.

### The Monkey League results

Only points separate the two leaders, **Claire Herbert** and 2020 winner **Andrew Hall** as you both outscored 1,000 monkeys - very impressive! However, there is only one winner and that accolade goes to **Claire Herbert** on points. Congratulations **Claire!**

**Annie Lunn** did not manage to improve since the last update unfortunately and consequently takes home the wooden spoon.

A couple of final notes to finish this season:

- a massive thank you to the man behind the figures, Colin Freeman, who will be hanging his boots up and retiring over the summer, and
- a big thank you to all of you for playing this year. We aim to be back stronger next season!

### Quote of the week

*"For the past 24 hours, I have had the best day and night. To be fair, I don't think I have slept"* reported treble-winning Manchester City midfielder **Jack Grealish** while enjoying his side's open-top bus tour around the streets of a rainy Manchester (yes, even during a heatwave it managed to rain in Manchester!).

## Question of the week

Last time we asked which team surpassed Notts County to have played the most number of league games in English football. The answer is Preston North End.

Neil Kennedy

## Monkey League Handicap tables

Premier Division	Played	Points	H'cap	Total
1 Arsenal	38	84	20.0	104.0
2 Brentford	38	59	44.0	103.0
3 Newcastle	38	71	28.0	99.0
4 Brighton	38	62	36.0	98.0
5 Fulham	38	52	46.0	98.0
6 Aston Villa	38	61	34.0	95.0
7 Man United	38	75	18.0	93.0
8 Bournemouth	38	39	52.0	91.0
9 Man City	38	89	0.0	89.0
10 Nottingham Forest	38	38	48.0	86.0
11 Crystal Palace	38	45	40.0	85.0
12 Wolves	38	41	40.0	81.0
13 Everton	38	36	40.0	76.0
14 Leeds	38	31	44.0	75.0
15 Tottenham	38	60	12.0	72.0
16 Liverpool	38	67	4.0	71.0
17 West Ham	38	40	30.0	70.0
18 Southampton	38	25	44.0	69.0
19 Leicester	38	34	34.0	68.0
20 Chelsea	38	44	12.0	56.0

Championship	Played	Points	H'cap	Total
1 Burnley	46	101	8.0	109.0
2 Luton Town	46	80	18.0	98.0
3 Sheffield United	46	91	6.0	97.0
4 Coventry	46	70	16.0	86.0
5 Millwall	46	68	18.0	86.0
6 Blackburn Rovers	46	69	16.0	85.0
7 Preston	46	63	22.0	85.0
8 Sunderland	46	69	16.0	85.0
9 Bristol City	46	59	22.0	81.0
10 Swansea	46	66	14.0	80.0
11 Birmingham City	46	53	26.0	79.0
12 Middlesbrough	46	75	4.0	79.0
13 Rotherham United	46	50	28.0	78.0
14 Hull City	46	58	18.0	76.0
15 Stoke	46	53	18.0	71.0
16 West Brom	46	66	5.0	71.0
17 Reading	46	44	26.0	70.0
18 Huddersfield	46	53	16.0	69.0
19 Blackpool	46	44	22.0	66.0
20 QPR	46	50	16.0	66.0
21 Cardiff	46	49	16.0	65.0
22 Watford	46	63	2.0	65.0
23 Wigan	46	42	22.0	64.0
24 Norwich	46	62	0.0	62.0

Sky Bet League 1	Played	Points	H'cap	Total
1 Plymouth Argyle	46	101	12.0	113.0
2 Ipswich Town	46	98	0.0	98.0
3 Sheffield Wednesday	46	96	0.0	96.0
4 Barnsley	46	86	9.0	95.0
5 Bolton	46	81	9.0	90.0
6 Fleetwood	46	58	29.0	87.0
7 Exeter City	46	56	28.0	84.0
8 Lincoln City	46	62	22.0	84.0
9 Peterborough	46	77	7.0	84.0
10 Cheltenham	46	54	29.0	83.0
11 Shrewsbury Town	46	59	24.0	83.0
12 Derby County	46	76	6.0	82.0
13 Wycombe	46	69	12.0	81.0
14 Burton	46	56	24.0	80.0
15 Portsmouth	46	70	10.0	80.0
16 Morecambe	46	44	34.0	78.0
17 Cambridge United	46	46	31.0	77.0
18 Charlton	46	62	12.0	74.0
19 Accrington Stanley	46	44	29.0	73.0
20 Port Vale	46	49	24.0	73.0
21 Bristol Rovers	46	53	18.0	71.0
22 Oxford United	46	47	10.0	57.0
23 MK Dons	46	45	10.0	55.0
24 Forest Green	46	27	24.0	51.0

Sky Bet League 2	Played	Points	H'cap	Total
1 Stevenage	46	85	20.0	105.0
2 Leyton Orient	46	91	9.0	100.0
3 Carlisle	46	76	14.0	90.0
4 Northampton	46	83	4.0	87.0
5 Barrow	46	62	24.0	86.0
6 Stockport County	46	79	0.0	79.0
7 Bradford City	46	76	2.0	78.0
8 Mansfield	46	75	3.0	78.0
9 Salford	46	75	2.0	77.0
10 Harrogate Town	46	52	24.0	76.0
11 Grimsby	46	61	14.0	75.0
12 Sutton United	46	58	16.0	74.0
13 Crewe	46	58	14.0	72.0
14 Newport County	46	57	14.0	71.0
15 Colchester	46	49	20.0	69.0
16 Swindon	46	61	6.0	67.0
17 Tranmere	46	58	9.0	67.0
18 Gillingham	46	55	10.0	65.0
19 Walsall	46	55	9.0	64.0
20 Doncaster	46	55	8.0	63.0
21 Hartlepool	46	43	20.0	63.0
22 Rochdale	46	38	22.0	60.0
23 AFC Wimbledon	46	48	10.0	58.0
24 Crawley Town	46	46	10.0	56.0

## Results

Position	Name	Monkeys beaten	Points
1	<b>Claire Herbert</b>	1,000	406.2
2	<b>Andrew Hall</b>	1,000	348.5
3	<b>Robert Nash</b>	996	313.8
4	<b>Duncan Carter</b>	996	302.1
5	<b>Graham Hutchings</b>	996	301.4
6	<b>James Smith</b>	993	296.2
7	<b>Matthew Ward</b>	987	284.6
8	<b>Dan Chapman</b>	978	271.8
9	<b>Daniel Jinks</b>	962	258.1
10	<b>Tim Poil</b>	957	252.3
11	<b>Josh Titley</b>	940	240.4
12	<b>Gary Symons</b>	935	236.2
13	<b>Matthew Allen</b>	935	236.2
14	<b>Emma Robinson</b>	935	235.9
15	<b>Andrew Smyth</b>	924	231.7
16	<b>George Kennedy</b>	910	220.1
17	<b>Dale Walmsley</b>	898	212.9
18	<b>Chris Marson</b>	889	207.6
19	<b>Michael O'Donnell</b>	863	196.8
20	<b>Bailey Coe</b>	863	196.1
21	<b>Mel Wilson</b>	855	193.1
22	<b>Sam Mullock</b>	852	192.3
23	<b>Stan Hutchinson</b>	848	189.9
24	<b>John Stock</b>	837	186.0
25	<b>Jonathan Hugh</b>	832	184.4
26	<b>Ben Doran</b>	830	183.3
27	<b>Henry Tapper</b>	829	182.5
28	<b>Tim Barlow</b>	826	182.2
29	<b>Paul Landreth</b>	808	175.7
30	<b>Paul Devine</b>	803	173.3
31	<b>Derek Allen</b>	794	171.7
32	<b>Oliver Roper</b>	794	171.7
33	<b>James Yacoub</b>	790	171.5
34	<b>Jon Wilkes</b>	787	169.5
35	<b>James Allen</b>	785	169.2
36	<b>Joe Bronstein</b>	767	164.6
37	<b>Talha Gulzar</b>	761	163.6

Position	Name	Monkeys beaten	Points
38	James Curbishley	759	163.3
39	John Small	747	160.3
40	Aaron Love	731	153.9
41	Richard Buck	722	152.5
42	Paul Marriott	721	152.3
43	Doug Huggins	720	151.7
44	Chas Goddard	716	150.5
45	Usman Asif	697	145.9
46	Kapil Sheth	656	135.7
47	Stuart Briely	651	133.8
48	Jennifer Jackson	650	133.4
49	Toni Johnson	649	133.1
50	Graham Edmonds	629	128.5
51	Mark Riches	626	127.7
52	Mark and Aly Hampton	624	127.2
53	Mark Warnes	624	126.9
54	Jacob Solman	623	125.9
55	Simon Redfern	619	124.7
56	Rob Young	606	121.9
57	James Johnston	555	110.6
58	Andrew Pritchard	555	110.4
59	Steve Higginbottom	554	110.0
60	Patrick Goudard	525	103.8
61	Mike Booth	525	103.7
62	Lance Havell	521	103.3
63	Ben Law	499	97.8
64	Ben Andrew	496	96.5
65	Benjamin Robinson	490	94.9
66	Peter Norman	487	94.5
67	Frasier Kings	487	94.0
68	George Sharp	482	92.8
69	Katie Sutton	478	91.9
70	George Metcalf	436	86.3
71	Sean Delaney	407	78.6
72	Neal Thompson	401	76.7
73	Luke Withey	390	74.2
74	John McLeod	390	74.1
75	Manjula Satheesan	388	73.3

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76	<b>Max Mauchline</b>	377	70.7
77	<b>Neil Kennedy</b>	367	68.2
78	<b>Darren Goodall</b>	355	66.1
79	<b>Philip Mann</b>	348	64.5
80	<b>Scott Harrison</b>	338	62.7
81	<b>Jenny Mahtani</b>	315	57.2
82	<b>Philip Bowman-Reeves</b>	311	56.4
83	<b>Jacobina Norris</b>	306	54.7
84	<b>John Hope</b>	282	50.9
85	<b>Neil Kempshall</b>	254	44.3
86	<b>Bex Thompson</b>	242	41.8
87	<b>Zoe Sadler</b>	237	40.3
88	<b>Amrita Dasgupta</b>	237	40.3
89	<b>Emma Lann</b>	227	37.4
90	<b>Michelle Smith</b>	202	28.2
91	<b>Chris Williams</b>	166	18.5
92	<b>Brendan O'Connor</b>	161	16.7
93	<b>Charlotte White</b>	160	16.2
94	<b>George Bilsby</b>	147	9.6
95	<b>Wendy Ludman</b>	124	2.8
96	<b>Craig Moran</b>	119	1.6
97	<b>Oliver Nicholls</b>	93	-9.0
98	<b>Sharon Royston</b>	92	-11.8
99	<b>Tony Barnard</b>	71	-24.7
100	<b>Rebecca Cronin</b>	66	-28.1
101	<b>Marcus Johansson</b>	47	-40.3
102	<b>Stephen Kilgannon</b>	27	-58.4
103	<b>Mike Common</b>	13	-86.0
104	<b>Kester Young</b>	9	-98.2
105	<b>Annie Lunn</b>	1	-163.9