

## Bulletin 1 – 1 September 2023

Welcome to the first bulletin of the 2023/24 Monkey League season.

### Winners and losers

Still fresh from European glory, West Ham United have started this campaign ready to win something domestically – the Monkey Premier League. Maximum points against Brighton and Chelsea helped the Hammers knock on the door of top spot. Manchester City already remain the only team with a 100% record but their zero handicap means the Citizens settle for second place temporarily. Newly-promoted Burnley and Luton have only played two games due to Kenilworth Road readying itself for life in the Premier League, and both sides occupy the bottom places. Fellow promoted Sheffield United have played three and lost three. *“Wake me up when September ends”* may replace their usual anthem of *“The Greasy Chip Butty song (You fill up my senses...)”* if the Blades aren’t careful.

Despite Leicester City losing some of their best players due to relegation, the Foxes have scavenged all the points they could get their paws on with four wins out of four in August. Preston North End started with a draw to Bristol City but have won their three games since to lie second by virtue of a greater handicap over Birmingham City, Norwich City and Southampton. The bottom of the Monkey League Championship is a ‘who’s who’ of north-eastern clubs and it’s Middlesbrough who foot the table, despite Sheffield Wednesday yet to register a point. Points are not plentiful in Sheffield it seems!

After losing to university rivals Cambridge United on the opening day, Oxford United have received top marks ever since. League Two is already tight at the top with the top 6 teams on 10 points or more after five games played. Amazingly, Wigan Athletic are out of the relegation zone after starting the season with an 8-point deduction. Fleetwood and Cheltenham have picked up one point each and languish at the bottom of Monkey League One.

MK Dons just about oust Gillingham for top spot in Monkey League Two as both clubs have enjoyed four wins from their opening five fixtures. The Gills took maximum points from their first four games scoring just four goals in the process. Doncaster Rovers nearly caused an upset against struggling Everton in the EFL Cup in midweek but their league forms paints a different picture. Just one point from their opening five suggests The Dons must improve to avoid relegation out of the Football League.

### The Monkey League results

[Aaron Mooney](#) is our early pace setter beating 1,000 monkeys. He’s the man behind the calculations this year and he won’t thank me for this, but fellow Monkey League organiser [George Metcalf](#) is rock bottom. The only way is up, George!

### Quote of the week

*“Bring it on”* was [Eddie Howe](#)’s reaction to the Champions League group stage draw. Newcastle United will enjoy trips to Paris, Milan and Dortmund in their first Champions League campaign in 20 years.

### Question of the week

Not just one question, but a quiz that done the rounds in the last week. See how get on!

[Quiz: Can you name the Premier League top scorer for every letter of the alphabet? - BBC Sport](#)

Premier Division	Played	Points	H'cap	Total
1 West Ham	3	7	3.1	10.1
2 Man City	3	9	0.0	9.0
3 Tottenham	3	7	1.7	8.7
4 Aston Villa	3	6	2.4	8.4
5 Brighton	3	6	2.4	8.4
6 Brentford	3	5	3.2	8.2
7 Liverpool	3	7	0.8	7.8
8 Fulham	3	4	3.7	7.7
9 Arsenal	3	7	0.6	7.6
10 Crystal Palace	3	4	3.3	7.3
11 Man United	3	6	0.9	6.9
12 Nottingham Forest	3	3	3.9	6.9
13 Wolves	3	3	3.7	6.7
14 Chelsea	3	4	1.3	5.3
15 Bournemouth	3	1	3.9	4.9
16 Sheffield United	3	0	4.4	4.4
17 Newcastle	3	3	1.4	4.4
18 Everton	3	0	3.7	3.7
19 Luton	2	0	3.1	3.1
20 Burnley	2	0	2.6	2.6

Championship	Played	Points	H'cap	Total
1 Leicester	4	12	0.0	12.0
2 Preston	4	10	2.0	12.0
3 Birmingham City	4	10	1.9	11.9
4 Norwich	4	10	1.0	11.0
5 Southampton	4	10	0.5	10.5
6 Ipswich	4	9	1.0	10.0
7 Blackburn	4	7	1.7	8.7
8 Hull	4	7	1.7	8.7
9 West Brom	4	7	1.3	8.3
10 Millwall	4	6	1.4	7.4
11 Stoke	4	6	1.4	7.4
12 Bristol City	4	5	1.7	6.7
13 Coventry	4	5	1.4	6.4
14 Plymouth	4	4	2.2	6.2
15 Cardiff	4	4	1.9	5.9
16 Leeds	4	5	0.4	5.4
17 Sunderland	4	4	1.3	5.3
18 Watford	4	4	1.2	5.2
19 QPR	4	3	1.9	4.9
20 Swansea	4	2	1.4	3.4
21 Rotherham	4	1	2.2	3.2
22 Huddersfield	4	1	1.9	2.9
23 Sheffield Wednesday	4	0	1.9	1.9
24 Middlesbrough	4	1	0.7	1.7

Sky Bet League 1	Played	Points	H'cap	Total
1 Oxford United	5	12	1.6	13.6
2 Stevenage	5	10	3.0	13.0
3 Exeter City	5	10	2.5	12.5
4 Port Vale	5	10	2.5	12.5
5 Cambridge	5	9	3.5	12.5
6 Lincoln City	5	10	2.1	12.1
7 Shrewsbury	5	9	2.6	11.6
8 Bolton	5	10	0.5	10.5
9 Northampton	5	7	2.9	9.9
10 Portsmouth	5	9	0.9	9.9
11 Peterborough	5	9	0.8	9.8
12 Derby County	5	9	0.0	9.0
13 Wycombe	5	7	1.7	8.7
14 Barnsley	5	7	0.5	7.5
15 Blackpool	5	6	1.4	7.4
16 Bristol Rovers	5	5	2.1	7.1
17 Leyton Orient	5	4	2.4	6.4
18 Reading	5	5	1.0	6.0
19 Carlisle	5	2	2.9	4.9
20 Wigan	5	2	2.7	4.7
21 Charlton	5	3	1.6	4.6
22 Burton	5	2	2.4	4.4
23 Cheltenham	5	1	3.4	4.4
24 Fleetwood	5	1	2.8	3.8

Sky Bet League 2	Played	Points	H'cap	Total
1 MK Dons	5	12	1.4	13.4
2 Gillingham	5	12	0.9	12.9
3 Accrington	5	10	2.4	12.4
4 AFC Wimbledon	5	9	2.4	11.4
5 Newport County	5	9	2.4	11.4
6 Notts County	5	10	0.5	10.5
7 Barrow	5	8	2.5	10.5
8 Mansfield	5	9	1.1	10.1
9 Crawley	5	7	2.7	9.7
10 Morecambe	5	7	2.6	9.6
11 Swindon	4	8	1.3	9.3
12 Harrogate	5	6	2.9	8.9
13 Crewe	5	6	2.7	8.7
14 Bradford	5	7	1.1	8.1
15 Salford	5	7	1.1	8.1
16 Grimsby	5	6	1.7	7.7
17 Walsall	5	5	2.1	7.1
18 Forest Green	5	4	2.5	6.5
19 Wrexham	5	6	0.0	6.0
20 Sutton	5	3	2.6	5.6
21 Colchester	4	3	2.2	5.2
22 Tranmere	5	3	1.8	4.8
23 Stockport	5	4	0.4	4.4
24 Doncaster	5	1	1.6	2.6

## Results

Position	Name	Monkeys beaten	Points
1	Aaron Mooney	1000	162.6
2	Michael Savidge	999	153.3
3	Andy Leyland	998	149.7
4	Tim Poil	992	143.1
5	Stan Hutchinson	945	130.6
6	Katie Morgan	941	130
7	Michael O'Donnell	936	129
8	Andy Wyatt	935	128.8
9	George Kennedy	930	128.6
10	Daniel Jinks	927	128.2
11	Sharon Royston	927	127.9
12	Jacob Kennedy	913	126.6
13	Gary Hayman	900	125.3
14	Wendy Ludman	888	123.6
15	Michael Johnson	884	122.9
16	Katie Trevelyan	876	122.1
17	Tony Barnard	868	121.3
18	James Allen	864	121.1
19	Amrita Dasgupta	858	120.7
20	John Small	852	120.3
21	Matt Allen	842	119.4
22	Benjamin Robinson	818	117.9
23	Michelle Smith	791	116.2
24	Luke Vickers	783	115.8
25	John McLeod	752	113.6
26	Ian Metcalf	716	112.1
27	Oliver Nicholls	695	111
28	Caroline Parker	692	110.5
29	Mel Wilson	691	110.5
30	George Hinkley	688	110.4
31	Bryan Gardner	670	109.3
32	Tom Howarth	668	109.2
33	Talha Gulzar	637	108.1
34	Scott Harrison	635	108

Position	Name	Monkeys beaten	Points
35	Emma Robinson (Lann)	628	107.5
36	Bailey Coe	617	106.8
37	Marcus Johansson	616	106.7
38	Claire Herbert	607	106.4
39	Olly Roper	602	106.2
40	Jonathan Hugh	600	106.2
41	Aaron Love	595	105.8
42	Peter Norman	594	105.8
43	Bex Thompson	586	105.5
44	James Saxton	529	102.9
45	Keith Williams	528	102.9
46	Jamie McLeod	517	102.6
47	Jane Carrington	517	102.6
48	Tim Jones	516	102.4
49	Brendan O'Connor	498	101.4
50	Sean Delaney	498	101.4
51	Rob Walker	470	100.1
52	Luke Withey	448	98.8
53	Gary Symons	423	97.3
54	James Yacoub	412	96.8
55	Kim Metcalf	404	96.4
56	Ben Doran	397	96
57	Chas Goddard	388	95.7
58	William Rose	381	95.4
59	Emma Robinson	375	95.1
60	Henry Tapper	359	94.7
61	Jennifer Jackson	353	94.3
62	Kelly Winter	328	93.3
63	Chris Marson	327	93.2
64	Lance Havell	317	92.9
65	Andy Hall	313	92.8
66	Emma Hawthorne	307	92.5
67	Daniel Sirl	301	92
68	Craig Moran	290	91.4
69	Toni Johnson	289	91.3
70	Owen Adams	255	89.6

Position	Name	Monkeys beaten	Points
71	Max Mauchline	247	89
72	James Milligan	237	88.2
73	Stephen Kilgannon	237	88.2
74	Marcos Abreu	230	87.9
75	Charlotte Adshead	230	87.9
76	Duncan Carter	227	87.5
77	Nick Saxton	227	87.5
78	Paul Marriott	220	87.1
79	Andy Yates	218	87
80	Neil Kennedy	217	87
81	John Hope	200	86.1
82	Paul Landreth	180	84.9
83	Robert Nash	170	84.4
84	Daren Goodall	161	83.7
85	Eddie Hopkins	154	83.2
86	Kester Young	153	83
87	Sarah Abraham	151	82.9
88	Andrew Pritchard	146	82.4
89	Peter Adshead	140	81.7
90	Mike Common	134	81.2
91	Graham Hutchings	129	80.6
92	Indleeb Rehman	117	79.5
93	Dan Chapman	103	78.1
94	Mike Booth	84	76.3
95	James Gardner	84	76.3
96	George Orton	56	70.5
97	Usman Asif	45	69
98	Steve Higginbottom	41	68.5
99	Stuart Briely	41	68.3
100	Tim Barlow	34	66.9
101	Dale Walmsley	19	61.6
102	Charlotte White	13	60.4
103	Mark Warnes	13	60.2
104	Ben Hall	12	59.4
105	George Metcalf	12	59.4