

Bulletin 1 – November 2025

Welcome to the first bulletin of the 2025/26 Monkey League season. Thanks for entering this year's competition.

Winners and losers

Sunderland currently sit top of the Monkey Premier League by quite a distance after their storming start to the season. The Black Cats are surprising the world currently sitting 4th, level on points with the current Champions, Liverpool. Arsenal's impenetrable form leaves them gunning for the top of the table, placing them third just behind Bournemouth who are coasting to 2nd place. Despite their sizable handicap, manager-less Wolves sit rock bottom after a howling start, accompanied by potential relegation rivals West Ham and preseason title favourites Liverpool in the bottom 5.

The surprises continue throughout the Championship, with Stoke, Charlton and Hull who were all tipped to be in a relegation battle are making up 3 of the top 4, joined by Man City legend Frank Lampard's flying Coventry City. Similar to the Premier League, the preseason title favourites, Ipswich, are underwhelming and sit 20th in the table. Finally, Sheffield Wednesday faced a points deduction leaving them on -5 points but could they make a post-Chansiri surge up the table?

AFC Wimbledon are currently donning the League 1 top spot as their handicap advantage keeps them ahead on 33.8, just edging Bradford City and Stevenage. Lincoln and Stockport aren't far behind, making it a tight race in the early stages. Down the other end, Plymouth Argyle and Blackpool are struggling to climb out of the jungle, while Peterborough hover nervously above them while Luton just stay out of the drop zone. Plenty of twists still to come as this league's shaping up to be a real banana skin!

It is cramped at the top of the League 2 table with Walsall, Swindon Town and Grimsby all within 0.8 points however they are relatively low scoring in comparison to other leagues as they are all below 30 points (handicap included). The following 4 are all also within 0.1 points, creating a 2 point gap between 1st and 6th. Crawley and Shrewsbury seem to have faced a difficult start however due to their low handicaps, you can imagine them crawling back up the table throughout the season.

The Monkey League results

Now time to turn our attention to how you have been scoring!

[Tim Barlow](#) takes a nice lead early doors and [Mark Warnes](#) joins him as the only other player to be beating all 1000 monkeys as we speak. [Paul Marriot](#) had an incredible season last season, maintaining top of the table almost throughout the whole of the season. This good form seems to be continuing, leaving him in 18th place after the first bulletin which puts him in good stead to be up there and challenging once again. We have just the one player in the negatives so far as [Megan Valentine](#) may need a lucky break to leave that dreaded bottom spot!

Question of the month

Which premier league team has the most goals in one season?

Bonus points if you can name how many they scored.

Handicap Tables as at 5 Nov 2025

Premier Division	Played	Points	H'cap	Total
1 Sunderland	10	18	13.7	31.7
2 Bournemouth	10	18	8.4	26.4
3 Arsenal	10	25	0.8	25.8
4 Crystal Palace	10	16	8.7	24.7
5 Burnley	10	10	13.4	23.4
6 Brentford	10	13	10.0	23.0
7 Tottenham Hotspur	10	17	5.8	22.8
8 Manchester United	10	17	5.5	22.5
9 Leeds United	10	11	11.3	22.3
10 Brighton and Hove Albion	10	15	7.1	22.1
11 Aston Villa	10	15	5.8	20.8
12 Everton	10	12	8.7	20.7
13 Chelsea	10	17	3.2	20.2
14 Manchester City	10	19	0.8	19.8
15 Fulham	10	11	8.7	19.7
16 Liverpool	10	18	0.0	18.0
17 West Ham United	10	7	9.2	16.2
18 Newcastle United	10	12	3.9	15.9
19 Nottingham Forest	10	6	8.4	14.4
20 Wolverhampton Wanderers	10	2	10.3	12.3

Championship	Played	Points	H'cap	Total
1 Stoke City	14	27	7.9	34.9
2 Coventry City	14	31	3.7	34.7
3 Charlton Athletic	14	23	10.3	33.3
4 Hull City	14	22	9.7	31.7
5 Preston North End	13	22	9.6	31.6
6 Millwall	14	24	7.3	31.3
7 Middlesbrough	14	26	4.9	30.9
8 Bristol City	14	22	6.7	28.7
9 Derby County	14	20	8.5	28.5
10 Queens Park Rangers	13	18	9.6	27.6
11 Watford	14	19	7.9	26.9
12 Blackburn Rovers	13	16	9.0	25.0
13 Oxford United	14	13	11.6	24.6
14 Swansea City	13	17	7.3	24.3
15 Birmingham City	14	21	3.0	24.0
16 West Bromwich Albion	14	18	5.5	23.5
17 Wrexham	13	17	5.7	22.7
18 Portsmouth	13	13	9.6	22.6
19 Leicester City	14	18	3.7	21.7
20 Ipswich Town	13	20	0.0	20.0
21 Southampton	13	12	1.7	13.7
22 Norwich City	13	8	4.5	12.5
23 Sheffield United	14	9	3.0	12.0
24 Sheffield Wednesday	13	-5	10.2	5.2

Sky Bet League 1	Played	Points	H'cap	Total
1 AFC Wimbledon	14	25	8.8	33.8
2 Bradford City	14	27	5.5	32.5
3 Stevenage	12	26	5.7	31.7
4 Lincoln City	14	25	6.1	31.1
5 Stockport County	14	28	3.0	31.0
6 Mansfield Town	14	22	6.4	28.4
7 Cardiff City	13	26	1.4	27.4
8 Northampton Town	14	17	8.5	25.5
9 Bolton Wanderers	14	23	2.4	25.4
10 Exeter City	14	16	8.2	24.2
11 Doncaster Rovers	14	18	6.1	24.1
12 Burton Albion	14	16	7.9	23.9
13 Rotherham United	14	18	5.2	23.2
14 Barnsley	12	18	4.2	22.2
15 Leyton Orient	14	17	4.6	21.6
16 Wigan Athletic	14	17	4.6	21.6
17 Port Vale	14	13	7.6	20.6
18 Huddersfield Town	13	19	1.4	20.4
19 Wycombe Wanderers	14	16	3.3	19.3
20 Luton Town	13	19	0.0	19.0
21 Reading	14	15	3.7	18.7
22 Peterborough United	13	10	5.4	15.4
23 Plymouth Argyle	14	13	1.8	14.8
24 Blackpool	14	12	2.7	14.7

Sky Bet League 2	Played	Points	H'cap	Total
1 Walsall	14	26	3.7	29.7
2 Swindon Town	14	26	3.0	29.0
3 Grimsby Town	14	24	4.9	28.9
4 Fleetwood Town	14	22	5.8	27.8
5 Salford City	14	25	2.7	27.7
6 Bromley	14	21	6.7	27.7
7 Crewe Alexandra	14	22	5.2	27.2
8 Notts County	14	24	3.0	27.0
9 Barnet	14	21	4.3	25.3
10 Cambridge United	14	21	4.3	25.3
11 Gillingham	14	22	2.7	24.7
12 Chesterfield	14	23	1.5	24.5
13 Milton Keynes Dons	14	24	0.0	24.0
14 Barrow	14	18	5.8	23.8
15 Colchester United	14	18	4.3	22.3
16 Harrogate Town	14	14	7.9	21.9
17 Tranmere Rovers	14	16	5.8	21.8
18 Oldham Athletic	14	16	4.9	20.9
19 Cheltenham Town	14	14	6.7	20.7
20 Accrington Stanley	14	13	7.3	20.3
21 Bristol Rovers	14	17	3.0	20.0
22 Newport County AFC	14	11	8.5	19.5
23 Shrewsbury Town	14	13	4.9	17.9
24 Crawley Town	14	12	4.9	16.9

Results

Position	Name	Monkeys beaten	Points
1	Tim Barlow	1000	242.1
2	Mark Warnes	1000	220.5
3	Luke Vickers	999	209.9
4	Bryan Gardner	999	204.2
5	Tim Poil	998	196.2
6	Nick Saxton	997	193.1
7	Brendan O'Connor	995	188.4
8	Rob Walker	995	187.7
9	John McLeod	994	186.6
10	Dale Walmsley	993	184
11	Olly Roper	991	181.7
12	Sam Ashworth	991	181.6
13	Olly Wallace	991	181.6
14	Jack Presswell	991	181.5
15	Richard Hague	991	179.4
16	Paul Landreth	990	176.8
17	Gary Symons	976	168.5
18	Paul Marriott	974	167.7
19	Darren Goodall	969	165.4
20	Hugo Berry	969	164.6
21	Tim Jones	966	163.2
22	Michael Johnson	966	163
23	Kev Brocklesby	959	160.8
24	Nathanael McPherson	959	160.2
25	Emma Robinson	952	157.4
26	Graham Hutchings	939	154.7
27	James Gardner	931	153.5
28	Mel Wilson	929	152.5
29	Duncan Carter	929	152.3
30	Andy Pritchard	924	151.4
31	Eddie Hopkins	922	150.6
32	Tom Howarth	919	150.2
33	Richie Lloyd	912	148.4
34	Dan Chapman	910	147.5

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35	Ian Metcalf	902	145.6
36	Thomas Harrington	900	145.5
37	George Koeltgen	900	144.9
38	Jamie McLeod	900	144.9
39	Gyll Mauchline	898	144.5
40	Lewis Ward	896	144.2
41	Michael O'Donnell	887	143.2
42	Zoe Sadler	883	142.9
43	Samuel Nyarko	881	142.7
44	Robert Nash	863	139
45	Bethany Kissock	849	136.4
46	Lucas Eagleton	842	135.4
47	Katie Trevelyan	838	134.8
48	Will Rose	829	133.8
49	Bradley Todd	824	133.4
50	John Matczak	820	132.6
51	Stuart Briely	820	132.5
52	Eesha Savani	819	131.9
53	Joe Bronstein	816	131.4
54	John Stock	810	130.2
55	Philippa Lloyd	810	130.1
56	Jonah Rowlinson	803	129
57	George Orton	797	127.8
58	Sean Richmond	791	127.2
59	Mike Common	790	126.9
60	Tracy Underdown	789	126.7
61	Lance Havell	788	126.5
62	Nicola Brocklesby	781	125.5
63	Kelly Winter	775	124.9
64	Sam Mullock	774	124.7
65	John-Henry Paul	746	122.4
66	Craig Moran	724	120.9
67	Robbie Burns	659	114.4
68	Stephe Fairclough	635	112.2
69	Jude Keane	628	111.3
70	Michael Garland	628	111.1

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71	Usman Asif	627	111.1
72	James Yacoub	616	110.4
73	Paul Devine	613	110.1
74	Bex Thompson	592	108.1
75	Maria Heyns	577	106.8
76	James Allen	550	103.8
77	Chris Rose	550	103.7
78	George Metcalf	540	103.1
79	Will Pickles	516	100.7
80	Alexander French	500	99.4
81	Ian Stirling	491	98.5
82	Matthew Clark	487	97.9
83	Mark Sadler	487	97.8
84	Elliot Malcolm	477	97
85	Lauren King	477	97
86	Chris Marson	473	96.8
87	Henry Tapper	465	95.9
88	Kim Metcalf	465	95.8
89	Max Mauchline	436	93.3
90	Sharon Royston	421	91.3
91	Oliver Nicholls	420	91.2
92	Cara Scobie	417	91.1
93	Ben Doran	414	90.8
94	Jon Gulzar	377	87.8
95	Henry Burton-Wilson	375	87.6
96	Kester Young	373	87.1
97	Gary Potts	367	86.4
98	Melissa Jackson	354	85.3
99	Ryan Trevelyan	344	84.5
100	Sebastian Boeck	329	83.2
101	Simon Redfern	306	81
102	Neil Kennedy	295	79.9
103	James Wallace	292	79.5
104	Patrick Goudard	270	76.6
105	George Hinkley	267	75.9
106	Toni Johnson	264	75.6

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107	Andy Wyatt	253	74.3
108	Matt Price	251	74
109	Marcus Johansson	236	72.1
110	Riley McDonagh	222	71.1
111	Emma Hawthorne	218	70.1
112	Katie Fairclough	190	66.4
113	Charlie Hewson	177	65.2
114	William Sadler	162	62.1
115	Owen Adams	159	61.7
116	Chas Goddard	156	61.1
117	Tracey Payne	148	59.3
118	James Milligan	146	59
119	Indi Rehman	132	55.9
120	Aaron Love	128	55.2
121	Charlotte White	117	53.5
122	Katie Morgan	106	52
123	Amrita Dasgupta	102	51.4
124	Ben Hoskins	86	47.3
125	Benjamin Robinson	85	47
126	Caroline Rye	74	44.8
127	Lucy Humphray	58	40.3
128	Sean Delaney	54	38.6
129	Michael Donaghy	28	27.5
130	Cam McGrath	12	15.1
131	John Small	6	5.1
132	Megan Valentine	3	-4.1