

Bulletin 2 – December 2025

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

Winners and losers

It's coming up to Christmas so it's time for a Christmas Monkey League update 🎄

Sunderland keep up their incredible run against all odds, beating their arch-rivals and continuing to climb up the table however can they maintain this great form while losing some key players to international duty? Villa are on an incredible 10 game winning streak after their calamitous, goalless start to the season. The Eagles are flying too, many had written them off due to being in a European competition but they are perched up at 3rd in the table. Wolves remain bottom of the table after their record breaking, disastrous start to the season, so sorry to anyone that backed them to overperform!

Frank Lampard's sky blues continue to fly, 6 points clear at the top of the table, however are only 1.4 points above Hull and Preston in the Monkey League who are overperforming massively and are sitting in the playoff spots. Sheffield Wednesday are still in the negatives on -9 points after their deduction, leaving them over 18 points off Norwich in 23rd. Ipswich and Southampton both sit in the bottom half of the table after not quite living up to their predicted automatic promotion spots.

Lincoln City are running away with it at the top, with Bradford City and Stevenage hot on their heels. Mid-table is jam-packed with only 3 points between 10th and 19th, while at the bottom Port Vale are rock bottom and in need of a serious points injection. They were predicted to be low down, but just like Wolves they are even falling short of those low expectations and sit bottom of the table by 7 points. Concerning but plenty left to play for!

It is tight at the top of League 2 with the top 4 all within just 2 points! With all 4 of these not predicted to be at the top of the table, their handicaps set them clear at the top of the Monkey League table. MK Dons remain only 4 points off the top but after being predicted to lift the title, this isn't enough as they sit in mid table. Bristol Rovers are currently bottom of the table, 3 points off 23rd so they need some results to go their way.

The Monkey League results

It's not a good look for all of the participants of the Monkey League this year as currently nobody is beating all 1000 monkeys. Congratulations to **Luke Vickers** who is currently top of the table with **Mark Warnes** who are both currently on 996 Monkeys beaten. The less said about **John Small** and **Meg Valentine** the better, who are both on negative points right now. Plenty of football left to be played though!

Question of the month

To keep things somewhat Christmassy, here's my quiz question of the month:

Who is the top scorer on boxing day in Premier League history?

Bonus: How many goals has he scored on boxing day?

Lucas Eagleton

Handicap Tables as at 23 Dec 2025

Premier Division	Played	Points	H'cap	Total
1 Sunderland	17	27	23.3	50.3
2 Aston Villa	17	36	9.8	45.8
3 Crystal Palace	17	26	14.8	40.8
4 Arsenal	17	39	1.3	40.3
5 Brentford	17	23	17.0	40.0
6 Everton	17	24	14.8	38.8
7 Manchester City	17	37	1.3	38.3
8 Leeds United	17	19	19.2	38.2
9 Fulham	17	23	14.8	37.8
10 Bournemouth	17	22	14.3	36.3
11 Brighton and Hove Albion	17	24	12.1	36.1
12 Manchester United	17	26	9.4	35.4
13 Chelsea	17	29	5.4	34.4
14 Burnley	17	11	22.8	33.8
15 Nottingham Forest	17	18	14.3	32.3
16 Tottenham Hotspur	17	22	9.8	31.8
17 Newcastle United	17	23	6.7	29.7
18 Liverpool	17	29	0.0	29.0
19 West Ham United	17	13	15.7	28.7
20 Wolverhampton Wanderers	17	2	17.4	19.4

Championship	Played	Points	H'cap	Total
1 Coventry City	22	48	5.7	53.7
2 Hull City	22	37	15.3	52.3
3 Preston North End	22	36	16.3	52.3
4 Queens Park Rangers	22	34	16.3	50.3
5 Middlesbrough	22	42	7.7	49.7
6 Millwall	22	35	11.5	46.5
7 Stoke City	22	33	12.4	45.4
8 Watford	22	32	12.4	44.4
9 Derby County	22	31	13.4	44.4
10 Bristol City	22	33	10.5	43.5
11 Charlton Athletic	21	27	15.5	42.5
12 Blackburn Rovers	21	25	14.6	39.6
13 Swansea City	22	26	12.4	38.4
14 Wrexham	22	28	9.6	37.6
15 Oxford United	22	19	18.2	37.2
16 Ipswich Town	22	37	0.0	37.0
17 Leicester City	22	31	5.7	36.7
18 West Bromwich Albion	22	28	8.6	36.6
19 Portsmouth	21	21	15.5	36.5
20 Southampton	22	31	2.9	33.9
21 Birmingham City	22	29	4.8	33.8
22 Sheffield United	22	26	4.8	30.8
23 Norwich City	22	18	7.7	25.7
24 Sheffield Wednesday	21	-9	16.4	7.4

Sky Bet League 1	Played	Points	H'cap	Total
1 Lincoln City	21	38	9.1	47.1
2 Bradford City	20	37	7.8	44.8
3 Stevenage	19	35	9.1	44.1
4 Cardiff City	20	41	2.2	43.2
5 AFC Wimbledon	20	27	12.6	39.6
6 Stockport County	20	35	4.3	39.3
7 Northampton Town	20	27	12.2	39.2
8 Bolton Wanderers	20	34	3.5	37.5
9 Burton Albion	20	24	11.3	35.3
10 Leyton Orient	21	28	6.8	34.8
11 Exeter City	20	23	11.7	34.7
12 Barnsley	18	28	6.3	34.3
13 Huddersfield Town	21	31	2.3	33.3
14 Peterborough United	20	25	8.3	33.3
15 Wycombe Wanderers	21	28	5.0	33.0
16 Wigan Athletic	20	26	6.5	32.5
17 Mansfield Town	20	23	9.1	32.1
18 Rotherham United	21	24	7.8	31.8
19 Doncaster Rovers	21	22	9.1	31.1
20 Reading	20	25	5.2	30.2
21 Luton Town	21	29	0.0	29.0
22 Plymouth Argyle	21	25	2.7	27.7
23 Blackpool	21	23	4.1	27.1
24 Port Vale	20	15	10.9	25.9

Sky Bet League 2	Played	Points	H'cap	Total
1 Bromley	21	39	10.0	49.0
2 Walsall	21	40	5.5	45.5
3 Swindon Town	21	40	4.6	44.6
4 Notts County	21	38	4.6	42.6
5 Fleetwood Town	21	33	8.7	41.7
6 Cambridge United	21	34	6.4	40.4
7 Salford City	21	36	4.1	40.1
8 Crewe Alexandra	21	32	7.8	39.8
9 Colchester United	21	31	6.4	37.4
10 Chesterfield	21	35	2.3	37.3
11 Milton Keynes Dons	21	36	0.0	36.0
12 Accrington Stanley	21	24	11.0	35.0
13 Tranmere Rovers	21	26	8.7	34.7
14 Barnet	21	28	6.4	34.4
15 Grimsby Town	21	27	7.3	34.3
16 Oldham Athletic	21	27	7.3	34.3
17 Gillingham	21	30	4.1	34.1
18 Cheltenham Town	21	24	10.0	34.0
19 Barrow	21	21	8.7	29.7
20 Harrogate Town	21	17	11.9	28.9
21 Shrewsbury Town	21	19	7.3	26.3
22 Newport County AFC	21	13	12.8	25.8
23 Crawley Town	21	18	7.3	25.3
24 Bristol Rovers	21	18	4.6	22.6

Results

Position	Name	Monkeys beaten	Points
1	Luke Vickers	996	242
2	Mark Warnes	996	238.2
3	Tim Barlow	995	235.5
4	Rob Walker	992	220.3
5	Nick Saxton	992	220.1
6	Sam Ashworth	991	218.3
7	Darren Goodall	989	209.4
8	Bethany Kisson	988	207.7
9	Richard Hague	979	198.8
10	Mel Wilson	975	195.3
11	Bryan Gardner	975	195.2
12	Jack Presswell	975	194.3
13	James Gardner	971	189.3
14	Tim Jones	970	189
15	Brendan O'Connor	969	188.1
16	Tim Poil	964	185.7
17	Paul Marriott	962	185.5
18	Gary Symons	960	183.6
19	Olly Roper	960	183.4
20	Katie Trevelyan	953	179.4
21	Zoe Sadler	948	177.6
22	Andy Pritchard	935	173.4
23	Dan Chapman	921	168.5
24	John McLeod	915	167.2
25	Tom Howarth	914	166.7
26	Olly Wallace	909	164.5
27	Michael Johnson	903	162.7
28	Emma Robinson	900	162
29	Paul Landreth	900	162
30	Thomas Harrington	894	160.8
31	Duncan Carter	889	160
32	Philippa Lloyd	889	159.8
33	Will Rose	888	159.4
34	Nathanael McPherson	886	159.1

Position	Name	Monkeys beaten	Points
35	Bradley Todd	886	158.6
36	Will Pickles	880	157.8
37	Lucas Eagleton	879	157.8
38	Jamie McLeod	875	157
39	Usman Asif	874	156.6
40	Robbie Burns	873	155.9
41	Dale Walmsley	839	150.8
42	Kev Brocklesby	833	149.3
43	James Yacoub	820	147
44	Kim Metcalf	814	145.5
45	Hugo Berry	814	145.3
46	Samuel Nyarko	814	145.1
47	John Matczak	811	144
48	Sharon Royston	787	140
49	Stuart Briely	786	139.8
50	Lewis Ward	779	137.8
51	Stephe Fairclough	775	137.4
52	Richie Lloyd	771	136.5
53	Mark Sadler	769	136.4
54	John Stock	760	135
55	Sam Mullock	747	131.4
56	John-Henry Paul	744	130.8
57	Eddie Hopkins	743	129.9
58	Michael O'Donnell	737	128.8
59	George Koeltgen	731	128
60	Ian Metcalf	726	126.7
61	Henry Burton-Wilson	725	126.5
62	Mike Common	723	126.2
63	Nicola Brocklesby	721	126
64	Oliver Nicholls	699	123.5
65	Robert Nash	676	120.9
66	Kelly Winter	674	120.4
67	George Orton	674	120.4
68	Jonah Rowlinson	645	117
69	Chris Marson	641	116.5
70	Joe Bronstein	634	115.7

Position	Name	Monkeys beaten	Points
71	Tracy Underdown	612	113.8
72	Craig Moran	606	113.2
73	Chris Rose	596	112.4
74	Ian Stirling	589	111.2
75	Jude Keane	584	110.7
76	Lauren King	582	110.3
77	William Sadler	582	110.3
78	Melissa Jackson	579	109.4
79	James Allen	578	109.2
80	Graham Hutchings	569	107.6
81	James Wallace	568	107.4
82	George Hinkley	564	106.7
83	Michael Garland	547	105
84	Gyll Mauchline	540	104.2
85	Amrita Dasgupta	529	103
86	Ben Doran	517	102.2
87	Sebastian Boeck	494	100.2
88	Owen Adams	487	99.1
89	Kester Young	486	98.7
90	Maria Heyns	472	97.1
91	Henry Tapper	455	95
92	Lance Havell	453	94.5
93	Bex Thompson	448	93.9
94	Jon Gulzar	442	93.3
95	Max Mauchline	433	92.6
96	Sean Richmond	430	92
97	Marcus Johansson	426	91.6
98	Matthew Clark	414	89.6
99	Sean Delaney	409	88.5
100	Paul Devine	403	87.7
101	Neil Kennedy	401	86.8
102	Aaron Love	396	86.6
103	Alexander French	365	83.1
104	Elliot Malcolm	357	82.1
105	Eesha Savani	339	79.7
106	Tracey Payne	328	78.5

Position	Name	Monkeys beaten	Points
107	Charlie Hewson	317	77.2
108	Emma Hawthorne	316	77.2
109	Ryan Trevelyan	257	70.4
110	Benjamin Robinson	241	68
111	Riley McDonagh	239	66.7
112	George Metcalf	230	64.8
113	Chas Goddard	229	64.5
114	Matt Price	225	63.8
115	Lucy Humphray	210	60.9
116	Katie Morgan	207	60
117	Katie Fairclough	197	57.2
118	Patrick Goudard	182	54.7
119	Cara Scobie	178	54.2
120	Indi Rehman	159	49.9
121	Cam McGrath	144	46.5
122	Gary Potts	144	45.8
123	James Milligan	116	39.3
124	Andy Wyatt	106	35.1
125	Toni Johnson	100	33.9
126	Charlotte White	76	27
127	Simon Redfern	60	21.6
128	Ben Hoskins	34	3.8
129	Caroline Rye	32	1.8
130	Michael Donaghy	32	1
131	Megan Valentine	14	-14.7
132	John Small	5	-53.2