

Bulletin 2 – November 2024

Welcome to the second bulletin of the 2024/25 Monkey League season.

Winners and losers

It's been a chaotic start to this season's Monkey Premier League with Nottingham Forest continuing their unexpected reign at the top, but Liverpool are closing in fast and looking ready to take over. At the other end, Crystal Palace have taken the bottom spot, with an unfortunate start to the new season, not many would've predicted based on last season's run in. Surprisingly, Manchester City find themselves deep in unfamiliar territory near the bottom of the table, where a run of bad form has seen them drop 13 places.

Sheffield United lead the pack in the Monkey League Championship, with Sunderland and Watford breathing down their necks. Although Blackburn remain strong contenders, they drop 2 places to 4th, with their hopes still very much alive. Portsmouth have crashed to the very bottom, where Luton Town and Hull City sit alongside them.

Wycombe have decided to break away from their contenders in the tightly contested Monkey League 1, creating a respectable gap between them and 2nd place Wrexham. Investors in Burton might want to stop reading these bulletins, with their awful start to the season leaving them rooted to the bottom of the table.

Monkey League 2 is shaping up to be a real thriller, with Crewe and Walsall sneaking up on Port Vale in what's turning into a three-way brawl for the top. Meanwhile, Notts County and Grimsby are keeping things interesting just behind them. Down at the bottom, Swindon and Carlisle are stuck in the mud, struggling to make a move, as the mid-table scramble keeps everyone on their toes.

The Monkey League results

The Monkey League is in full swing, with 146 brave souls who think they can outsmart English football's chaos. It's getting tight at the top, but [Paul Marriott](#) remains king of the jungle, holding onto his top spot with ease. His picks seem blessed, maybe he consulted a football oracle, or maybe he's just getting lucky. Either way, he's making it look suspiciously easy.

At the bottom, we have [Steve Higginbottom](#) and [Chris Rose](#), each managing to beat only just 4 monkeys. It's unclear if their strategy is genius in disguise or just... well, misguided optimism. They're hanging on tighter than a monkey to its last banana, but at this rate, is the wooden spoon now practically engraved with their names? Meanwhile, [Arsalan Hussain](#) has shot up an impressive 79 places now sitting in the top 50... talk about going bananas! On the flipside, [Andy Yates](#) has been hit with a reality check, plummeting 55 places.

With plenty of twists still to come, stay tuned for more monkey madness! 🐒⚽

Question of the month

A former Premier League referee is known for his infamous 3 yellow cards, brandished to a player before sending him off, during the 2006 World Cup.

Can you name this referee?

Bonus Point: Can you name the player who received the 3 yellow cards?

Handicap Tables as at 2 Dec 2024

Premier Division	Played	Points	H'cap	Total
1 Nottm Forest	13	22	16.1	38.1
2 Liverpool	13	34	3.1	37.1
3 Brentford	13	20	14.4	34.4
4 Brighton	13	23	10.9	33.9
5 Fulham	13	19	14.4	33.4
6 Bournemouth	13	18	13.3	31.3
7 Chelsea	13	25	5.5	30.5
8 Leicester	13	10	17.4	27.4
9 Aston Villa	13	19	8.2	27.2
10 Tottenham	13	20	6.8	26.8
11 West Ham	13	15	11.6	26.6
12 Ipswich	13	9	17.1	26.1
13 Arsenal	13	25	0.7	25.7
14 Newcastle	13	19	6.5	25.5
15 Everton	13	11	14.4	25.4
16 Man Utd	13	19	6.2	25.2
17 Wolverhampton	13	9	14.4	23.4
18 Man City	13	23	0.0	23.0
19 Southampton	13	5	17.1	22.1
20 Crystal Palace	13	9	11.6	20.6

Championship	Played	Points	H'cap	Total
1 Sheffield United	18	38	6.3	44.3
2 Sunderland	18	33	7.4	40.4
3 Watford	18	30	10.2	40.2
4 Blackburn	17	28	11.1	39.1
5 Burnley	18	36	2.3	38.3
6 Millwall	17	25	11.1	36.1
7 Bristol City	18	25	11.0	36.0
8 Middlesbrough	18	30	5.1	35.1
9 Leeds	18	35	0.0	35.0
10 West Brom	18	28	6.7	34.7
11 Swansea	18	23	11.0	34.0
12 Sheffield Wednesday	18	25	7.8	32.8
13 Oxford United	18	18	14.1	32.1
14 Norwich	18	25	7.0	32.0
15 Derby	18	20	11.0	31.0
16 Plymouth	18	17	13.3	30.3
17 Preston	18	18	11.7	29.7
18 Cardiff	18	17	11.7	28.7
19 Stoke	18	21	7.0	28.0
20 Coventry	18	18	6.3	24.3
21 QPR	18	15	8.2	23.2
22 Hull	18	15	7.8	22.8
23 Luton	18	18	3.9	21.9
24 Portsmouth	16	13	8.3	21.3

Sky Bet League 1	Played	Points	H'cap	Total
1 Wycombe	16	38	5.9	43.9
2 Wrexham	17	34	4.1	38.1
3 Stockport	17	30	5.9	35.9
4 Exeter	16	23	10.4	33.4
5 Lincoln City	17	26	7.4	33.4
6 Reading	16	27	6.3	33.3
7 Birmingham	15	33	0.0	33.0
8 Huddersfield	16	29	3.8	32.8
9 Barnsley	17	27	5.5	32.5
10 Mansfield	15	24	8.5	32.5
11 Bolton	16	27	3.1	30.1
12 Crawley Town	17	16	14.0	30.0
13 Northampton	17	18	11.8	29.8
14 Bristol Rovers	17	21	8.1	29.1
15 Stevenage	16	19	9.4	28.4
16 Wigan	16	20	6.3	26.3
17 Peterborough	16	21	5.2	26.2
18 Charlton	16	22	4.2	26.2
19 Blackpool	17	20	5.9	25.9
20 Cambridge Utd	16	13	11.1	24.1
21 Leyton Orient	16	15	8.3	23.3
22 Shrewsbury	16	11	11.5	22.5
23 Rotherham	16	17	3.1	20.1
24 Burton Albion	16	8	8.7	16.7

Sky Bet League 2	Played	Points	H'cap	Total
1 Port Vale	17	34	1.8	35.8
2 Crewe	17	30	5.5	35.5
3 Walsall	16	31	4.2	35.2
4 Notts County	17	28	3.7	31.7
5 Grimsby	17	25	6.7	31.7
6 Doncaster	17	29	1.8	30.8
7 AFC Wimbledon	16	26	4.2	30.2
8 Harrogate Town	17	21	8.5	29.5
9 Newport County	17	21	7.8	28.8
10 Barrow	17	22	5.9	27.9
11 Milton Keynes Dons	16	27	0.7	27.7
12 Fleetwood Town	15	22	5.2	27.2
13 Bradford	16	23	2.8	25.8
14 Bromley	16	17	8.7	25.7
15 Cheltenham	17	21	4.4	25.4
16 Chesterfield	17	25	0.0	25.0
17 Accrington Stanley	16	18	7.0	25.0
18 Colchester	17	18	6.7	24.7
19 Salford City	16	21	3.5	24.5
20 Gillingham	16	23	0.7	23.7
21 Morecambe	17	13	9.6	22.6
22 Tranmere	16	17	5.2	22.2
23 Swindon	17	13	6.3	19.3
24 Carlisle	18	14	3.1	17.1

Results

Position	Name	Monkeys beaten	Points
1	Paul Marriott	999	224.3
2	Mel Wilson	999	217
3	Olly Wallace	998	207.1
4	Gyll Mauchline	998	206.6
5	Joe Bronstein	992	188.4
6	Chas Goddard	991	186.7
7	Chris Marson	990	184.9
8	Bonnie-Lee Radford	984	177.2
9	Peter Wattle	984	177.1
10	Sam Ashworth	984	177
11	James Wallace	984	176.7
12	Tim Jones	983	176.2
13	Luke Vickers	982	172.7
14	Sharon Royston	981	172
15	Daniel Jinks	981	171.2
16	Vicky Greenwood	979	170.7
17	Megan Valentine	967	164.6
18	Lauren Coulthard	964	164
19	James Johnston	961	159.9
20	Jon Gulzar	956	158.7
21	Tim Barlow	949	156.8
22	Richard Wright	948	156.4
23	James Milligan	946	155.9
24	Michael O'Donnell	945	155
25	Jonathan Hugh	942	154.9
26	Toni Johnson	940	153.6
27	Indi Rehman	940	153.5
28	Jamie McLeod	940	153.4
29	Kester Young	936	152.5
30	Aaron Love	922	149.7
31	Robbie Burns	909	147.2
32	Ben Schwikkard	900	145.2
33	Peter Norman	889	143.8
34	Sebastian Boeck	883	141.7

Position	Name	Monkeys beaten	Points
35	Joe Maddocks	880	140.9
36	John Small	879	140.8
37	Ewan Short	877	140.1
38	Eddie Hopkins	866	138.4
39	Cara Scobie	866	138.3
40	Sean Delaney	860	137.4
41	Michael Savidge	856	136.3
42	Aaron Mooney	856	136
43	Arsalan Hussain	851	135.7
44	Amrita Dasgupta	845	134.1
45	Benjamin Robinson	843	133.8
46	Mark Sadler	838	133.4
47	Will Jones	832	132.8
48	Maria Heyns	832	132.7
49	John Escott	831	132.6
50	George Kennedy	830	132.5
51	Riley McDonagh	829	132.3
52	Eesha Savani	826	131.8
53	Max Mauchline	826	131.2
54	Owen Adams	822	130.2
55	Neil Kennedy	817	129.9
56	Henry Tapper	815	129.8
57	Peter Nicholson	808	129
58	George Orton	798	128.1
59	James Hood	794	127.6
60	Elias Fessehaye	785	126.5
61	Ryan Yates	781	126.1
62	Rachel Coe	772	125.3
63	Wendy Ludman	771	125.2
64	Mike Common	770	125
65	Jude Silverton	770	124.8
66	Marcus Johansson	770	124.7
67	Paul Devine	762	123.2
68	Sahil Bareja	746	122.2
69	Stuart Briely	715	117.7
70	Gordon Dingwall	715	117.3

Position	Name	Monkeys beaten	Points
71	Katie Morgan	713	116.8
72	Jay Nanda	702	115.8
73	John Stock	694	115.1
74	Jack Reeves-Jones	694	114.8
75	William Sadler	694	114.7
76	Chris Williams	686	114
77	Daniel Sirl	682	113.6
78	Tom Howarth	677	113.1
79	Peter Adshead	677	113.1
80	Nick Saxton	665	112.5
81	Daniel Smith	655	111.6
82	Jonah Rowlinson	652	111
83	Ben Reddy	648	110.8
84	Dan Pond	645	110.7
85	James Gardner	632	109.1
86	Steve Houghton	624	108.2
87	John Hope	623	108.2
88	Duncan Carter	606	106.3
89	Thomas Bargery	598	106
90	Ben Andrew	597	106
91	Bryan Gardner	588	105.2
92	Lance Havell	588	105.2
93	Bex Thompson	585	104.9
94	Craig Moran	579	104.5
95	Tristan Jones	571	103.7
96	Jane Elford	551	102.3
97	Sam Mullock	550	102.3
98	Connor Spencer	539	101.2
99	Mark Warnes	532	100.6
100	Dan Chapman	531	100.6
101	Ben Doran	529	100.5
102	Stephen Kilgannon	517	99.8
103	Hugo Berry	511	99.1
104	James Allen	507	98.8
105	Nicola Brocklesby	496	98.1
106	Katie Trevelyan	496	98.1

Position	Name	Monkeys beaten	Points
107	Tony Barnard	492	97.3
108	Gary Symons	487	96.9
109	Sarah Vickers	487	96.9
110	Kelly Winter	487	96.8
111	Oliver Nicholls	480	95.7
112	Rob Walker	474	95.1
113	Richard Stoddart	473	95
114	Andy Wyatt	467	94.5
115	Jake Beeton	457	92.8
116	Tim Poil	451	92.2
117	Kim Metcalf	426	90.3
118	Matthew Cotgreave	421	89.7
119	Josh Hall	399	87.2
120	Gary Potts	382	85.1
121	John McLeod	381	85.1
122	Ian Walker	353	82.8
123	Oliver Whiles	352	82.6
124	Brendan O'Connor	341	82
125	George Metcalf	334	80.5
126	Michael Johnson	324	79.9
127	Peter Nicholls	307	78.1
128	Imran Rahim	303	77.5
129	Caroline Rye	294	76.6
130	Charlotte White	282	75.4
131	William Rose	242	70.1
132	Paul Landreth	237	69.7
133	Andy Yates	217	67
134	Robert Nash	213	66.5
135	James Yacoub	205	65.5
136	Emma Robinson	189	63.1
137	James Saxton	176	61.6
138	Darren Goodall	174	61.3
139	Andy Pritchard	127	54.4
140	Ian Constable	73	43.2
141	Ian Metcalf	73	43.2
142	Lewis Ward	61	40.1

Position	Name	Monkeys beaten	Points
143	John-Henry Paul	34	31.9
144	Graham Hutchings	5	9.2
145	Chris Rose	4	6.1
146	Steve Higginbottom	4	3.6