

Bulletin 3 – December 2024

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

Winners and losers

This seasons Monkey Premier League is heating up with congested fixtures around the Christmas period causing havoc in the table. Chelsea make a charge from midtable to title contending in the Monkey League, much like real life but are joined by fellow London club Fulham in the Monkey Premier League top 4. Liverpool take a plunge from 2nd to 6th due to some unfortunate draws and Storm Darragh raining on their lightning quick start to the season. Man City's dreadful run of form continues, leaving them alongside their local rivals United in 18th and 17th places respectively, only cushioned from the bottom by 2 teams who have recently sacked their manager, Wolves and Southampton in 19th and 20th place. Nottingham Forest remain comfortable at the top of the Monkey Premier League by a whopping 7.1 points after being predicted to finish 17th. Unbelievable!

In the Championship, Blackburn have shot from 5th to 2nd with an outrageous 6 game win streak, without conceding in their last 5. In this run they have stung automatic promotion leading candidates, Sheffield United and Leeds, alongside recently relegated Luton Town in a bid to return to the glory days of the Premier League. Luton have a story of their own however, starting the season with promotion hopes but currently stay only 5 points clear of Wayne Rooney's relegation destined Plymouth side. Hull are winless since 1st October as their form continually declines, leaving them bottom of not only the Championship Table but the Monkey League Table too.

Birmingham continue flying up League 1 as the blues are 1 point off the leaders Wycombe with a game in hand and 1 clear of Wrexham who they have 2 games over. This leaves them 3rd in the Monkey League behind the 2 previously mentioned, rather underwhelming after their £35 million spent in the summer, spending £10 million more than Man City and almost as much as Premier League leaders, Liverpool. Unsurprisingly, Burton Albion sit rock bottom of Monkey League 1 which will come as a shock to any readers of previous bulletins.

Finally, down in League 2, Walsall are clear at the top of the Monkey League by 4.8 points thanks to picking up 13 of the last 15 points available in a near perfect run from 4th to top. In other news, 3 things that are inevitable in life are death, taxes and Carlisle being bottom of the 24/25 League 2 Monkey League after they were predicted a play-off spot before the season but currently sit dead last after picking up only 3 league wins all season! Bromley are putting up an impressive 7th place display in their first season in the football league so well done to those backing them to stay up this season.

The Monkey League results

It's time to wrap up the results of the Monkey League for 2024 so keep scrolling to find out who has managed to outsmart the most monkeys, or shame those who have been swallowed up just like another banana.

In shocking news, at the top of the table is [Paul Marriot](#), and in other news water is wet and grass is green. On the 2nd of December, one lucky monkey overtook Paul for the first time since mid-October, however it was short lived as by the next round of games he claimed back his title of King of the Jungle. The only player other than Paul to have a crystal ball all 1,000 monkeys beaten was [Mel Wilson](#) who is currently joint third on 997, an impressive effort.

Down at the other end of the table, [Graham Hutchings](#) has been handed the bottom place by [Chris Rose](#) who is beating just 4 monkeys to Graham's 1. Graham is currently holding on for dear life to his 1 beaten monkey, poor Monkey 572.

A bad run for [William Rose](#) and [Emma Robinson](#) sees them lose out to 281 and 294 monkeys respectively since the last bulletin, they must feel like Hull City right now. This places them in the bottom 8 and firmly in contention for the prestigious First Actuarial Monkey League Wooden Spoon.

On the contrary, [John Small](#) has been smashing it since last time around, beating 253 monkeys since the last bulletin, up to 917 monkeys beaten and 25th place, no small achievement.

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

Question of the month

The quickest goal in the Premier League ever came after just 7.7 seconds by Shane Long but who was the goalkeeper that he chipped to score it?

Hint: He's taken up a career in social media since retirement 📷

Handicap Tables as at 17 Dec 2024

Premier Division	Played	Points	H'cap	Total
1 Nottm Forest	16	28	19.8	47.8
2 Fulham	16	24	17.7	41.7
3 Bournemouth	16	25	16.4	41.4
4 Chelsea	16	34	6.7	40.7
5 Brentford	16	23	17.7	40.7
6 Liverpool	15	36	3.6	39.6
7 Brighton	16	24	13.5	37.5
8 Leicester	16	14	21.5	35.5
9 Aston Villa	16	25	10.1	35.1
10 West Ham	16	19	14.3	33.3
11 Ipswich	16	12	21.1	33.1
12 Everton	15	15	16.6	31.6
13 Tottenham	16	23	8.4	31.4
14 Newcastle	16	23	8.0	31.0
15 Arsenal	16	30	0.8	30.8
16 Crystal Palace	16	16	14.3	30.3
17 Man Utd	16	22	7.6	29.6
18 Man City	16	27	0.0	27.0
19 Wolverhampton	16	9	17.7	26.7
20 Southampton	16	5	21.1	26.1

Championship	Played	Points	H'cap	Total
1 Sheffield United	21	45	7.3	52.3
2 Blackburn	20	37	13.0	50.0
3 Sunderland	21	40	8.7	48.7
4 Watford	20	34	11.3	45.3
5 Burnley	21	41	2.7	43.7
6 Leeds	21	42	0.0	42.0
7 Middlesbrough	21	34	5.9	39.9
8 Bristol City	21	27	12.8	39.8
9 Swansea	21	27	12.8	39.8
10 West Brom	21	32	7.8	39.8
11 Sheffield Wednesday	21	29	9.1	38.1
12 Millwall	20	25	13.0	38.0
13 Derby	21	24	12.8	36.8
14 Preston	21	23	13.7	36.7
15 Norwich	21	26	8.2	34.2
16 Oxford United	20	18	15.7	33.7
17 Plymouth	20	17	14.8	31.8
18 QPR	21	22	9.6	31.6
19 Coventry	21	24	7.3	31.3
20 Cardiff	20	18	13.0	31.0
21 Stoke	21	22	8.2	30.2
22 Portsmouth	19	17	9.9	26.9
23 Luton	21	22	4.6	26.6
24 Hull	21	16	9.1	25.1

Sky Bet League 1	Played	Points	H'cap	Total
1 Wycombe	19	43	7.0	50.0
2 Wrexham	20	41	4.8	45.8
3 Birmingham	18	42	0.0	42.0
4 Huddersfield	19	36	4.5	40.5
5 Stockport	20	33	7.0	40.0
6 Reading	19	31	7.4	38.4
7 Lincoln City	20	28	8.7	36.7
8 Barnsley	20	30	6.5	36.5
9 Exeter	19	24	12.4	36.4
10 Stevenage	18	25	10.6	35.6
11 Mansfield	18	25	10.2	35.2
12 Northampton	20	21	13.9	34.9
13 Crawley Town	19	19	15.7	34.7
14 Bolton	18	30	3.5	33.5
15 Blackpool	19	26	6.6	32.6
16 Leyton Orient	19	22	9.9	31.9
17 Wigan	19	23	7.4	30.4
18 Cambridge Utd	19	17	13.2	30.2
19 Peterborough	19	24	6.2	30.2
20 Bristol Rovers	19	21	9.1	30.1
21 Charlton	19	24	5.0	29.0
22 Rotherham	18	23	3.5	26.5
23 Shrewsbury	19	11	13.6	24.6
24 Burton Albion	19	12	10.3	22.3

Sky Bet League 2	Played	Points	H'cap	Total
1 Walsall	19	40	5.0	45.0
2 Crewe	19	34	6.2	40.2
3 Grimsby	20	31	7.8	38.8
4 Port Vale	20	36	2.2	38.2
5 AFC Wimbledon	19	33	5.0	38.0
6 Doncaster	20	33	2.2	35.2
7 Bromley	19	24	10.3	34.3
8 Notts County	19	28	4.1	32.1
9 Newport County	19	23	8.7	31.7
10 Bradford	19	28	3.3	31.3
11 Cheltenham	20	26	5.2	31.2
12 Salford City	19	27	4.1	31.1
13 Chesterfield	20	31	0.0	31.0
14 Harrogate Town	20	21	10.0	31.0
15 Milton Keynes Dons	18	30	0.8	30.8
16 Gillingham	19	29	0.8	29.8
17 Barrow	19	23	6.6	29.6
18 Colchester	19	22	7.4	29.4
19 Fleetwood Town	18	23	6.3	29.3
20 Accrington Stanley	19	19	8.3	27.3
21 Tranmere	19	21	6.2	27.2
22 Morecambe	20	14	11.3	25.3
23 Swindon	20	16	7.4	23.4
24 Carlisle	19	14	3.3	17.3

Results

Position	Name	Monkeys Beaten	Points
1	Paul Marriott	1,000	236
2	Olly Wallace	999	227
3	Gyll Mauchline	997	220
4	Mel Wilson	997	212
5	Joe Bronstein	997	211
6	Tim Jones	985	191
7	Peter Wattle	984	188
8	Chris Marson	981	183
9	Kester Young	981	183
10	James Wallace	976	178
11	Sam Ashworth	975	178
12	Lauren Coulthard	975	178
13	Sharon Royston	965	174
14	Bonnie-Lee Radford	964	174
15	Vicky Greenwood	963	173
16	George Kennedy	959	172
17	Jamie McLeod	957	172
18	Richard Wright	942	168
19	Aaron Love	938	167
20	Megan Valentine	938	166
21	Jonathan Hugh	938	166
22	Daniel Jinks	938	165
23	Chas Goddard	926	162
24	Sebastian Boeck	926	162
25	John Small	917	159
26	Tim Barlow	914	158
27	Indi Rehman	901	155
28	James Johnston	901	155
29	James Milligan	901	154
30	Henry Tapper	892	153
31	Ben Schwikkard	886	152
32	Robbie Burns	881	151
33	Mark Sadler	877	149

Position	Name	Monkeys Beaten	Points
34	Peter Norman	874	149
35	Arsalan Hussain	866	147
36	Joe Maddocks	864	147
37	Jon Gulzar	858	146
38	Eddie Hopkins	858	146
39	Cara Scobie	857	145
40	Michael O'Donnell	857	145
41	Luke Vickers	857	145
42	Riley McDonagh	857	145
43	Ewan Short	842	141
44	Mike Common	830	138
45	Michael Savidge	826	138
46	Peter Nicholson	823	138
47	Toni Johnson	822	138
48	John Escott	812	136
49	Eesha Savani	808	135
50	Elias Fessehayé	801	801
51	John Stock	796	133
52	Max Mauchline	796	133
53	Will Jones	784	130
54	Benjamin Robinson	780	130
55	Gordon Dingwall	776	129
56	Jay Nanda	772	128
57	Sahil Bareja	767	128
58	Aaron Mooney	765	128
59	Mark Warnes	756	127
60	Stuart Briely	752	127
61	Maria Heyns	751	126
62	Wendy Ludman	744	126
63	George Orton	742	125
64	Nick Saxton	716	121
65	James Hood	712	121
66	Ryan Yates	703	120
67	Owen Adams	680	117
68	Amrita Dasgupta	676	117

Position	Name	Monkeys Beaten	Points
69	Ben Andrew	675	117
70	Ben Reddy	657	114
71	John Hope	657	114
72	Paul Devine	642	113
73	Tony Barnard	633	113
74	Jude Silverton	629	112
75	Katie Morgan	588	108
76	Stephen Kilgannon	582	107
77	Bex Thompson	580	106
78	Kelly Winter	580	106
79	Hugo Berry	578	106
80	Ben Doran	577	106
81	Sean Delaney	577	106
82	Ian Walker	575	105
83	Rachel Coe	574	105
84	Bryan Gardner	563	104
85	Nicola Brocklesby	556	103
86	Tom Howarth	543	101
87	Connor Spencer	539	100
88	Oliver Nicholls	536	100
89	Dan Pond	533	100
90	Peter Adshead	533	100
91	Andy Wyatt	526	99
92	Jonah Rowlinson	519	98
93	William Sadler	508	96
94	Daniel Smith	499	95
95	Daniel Sirl	494	95
96	Sarah Vickers	487	94
97	Jake Beeton	486	94
98	Craig Moran	481	94
99	Steve Houghton	472	93
100	Jack Reeves-Jones	471	93
101	Neil Kennedy	470	92
102	Lance Havell	468	92
103	Tristan Jones	466	91

Position	Name	Monkeys Beaten	Points
104	Tim Poil	459	91
105	Jane Elford	453	90
106	Katie Trevelyan	447	90
107	Marcus Johansson	439	89
108	Rob Walker	438	89
109	Oliver Whiles	433	89
110	Kim Metcalf	427	88
111	Josh Hall	424	88
112	James Gardner	417	87
113	James Allen	411	87
114	John McLeod	410	87
115	Sam Mullock	410	86
116	Thomas Bargery	396	85
117	Brendan O'Connor	379	83
118	Chris Williams	379	83
119	Caroline Rye	373	83
120	Dan Chapman	371	82
121	Duncan Carter	369	81
122	Gary Symons	334	77
123	Matthew Cotgreave	332	76
124	James Yacoub	332	76
125	Richard Stoddart	324	75
126	Gary Potts	292	72
127	Darren Goodall	287	71
128	Imran Rahim	268	69
129	Andy Pritchard	263	69
130	George Metcalf	252	67
131	Charlotte White	225	64
132	James Saxton	174	57
133	Lewis Ward	167	55
134	Andy Yates	156	53
135	Peter Nicholls	149	52
136	Michael Johnson	111	45
137	Paul Landreth	97	42
138	Robert Nash	83	39

Position	Name	Monkeys Beaten	Points
139	William Rose	55	32
140	Emma Robinson	39	23
141	John-Henry Paul	31	20
142	Ian Metcalf	29	19
143	Ian Constable	8	3
144	Steve Higginbottom	5	-3
145	Chris Rose	4	-5
146	Graham Hutchings	1	-17