

Bulletin 4 – January 2025

Winners and losers

Welcome to the 4th Monkey League bulletin of the season and the first of 2025. It's a new year but same United, holding down their place in the bottom 3 for another month. Nobody is shocked to hear they are joined by Southampton who before their recent win in a relegation 6 pointer vs Ipswich looked destined to beat Derby's lowest points tally ever record. Making up the rest of the bottom 3 is Spurs having taken a terrible turn after winning 1 in 9 Premier League games, landing them bottom of the Monkey League. On the other end of the table is high flying Forest who seem nailed on to win the Monkey League now as they extend their advantage to 12.1 points, who *Wood* have seen that coming at the start of the season? The Cherries deserve their 2nd place after picking off Forest 5-0 recently and they're joined in the top 3 by Fulham. Chelsea's title charge was short lived as they slide back down into 7th place.

Sheffield United and Sunderland both bring in big names to reinforce their top 2 standings in the Championship, just ahead of high flying Leeds and also boring, boring Burnley who have 5 0-0s in their last 8 league games, impressively haven't conceded a goal throughout this period however. Luton remain bottom of the table and Hull's shocking runs of form have them just 1 spot from the bottom despite clawing away top of the table Sheffield United, 3-0! Derby have lost 7 on the spin and look to be heading towards the bottom of the table which is on the contrary to Super Frank Lampard's Coventry who are 2nd in the form table and making a surge up the league.

It's the same story as last time in League 1 as Wycombe are just ahead of league leaders Birmingham who also have 2 games in hand. Wrexham have also kept up their 3rd spot however 4th place Stockport County may not stick around for long. After losing undoubtedly their best player, they may begin to fall down the table a little bit. At the other end of the table, Burton Albion climb off bottom spot for once as Peterborough massively underwhelm.

Walsall strengthen their gap at the top of League 2 despite a recent slight dip in form. To the shock of absolutely nobody Carlisle are bottom of the Monkey League and are by far the worst team in Monkey League this season. They've picked up 2 wins since the last bulletin however are still way underperforming their preseason expectations and don't look like lifting from the bottom of the table anytime soon. The League 2 table is made up of the same 5 that makes up the Monkey League top 5 however the predicted top 2 are both found in the bottom 5, major shocks.

The Monkey League results

Scroll on to find out who has started 2025 with a bang or find out who is putting up a performance similar to the level of Carlisle's.

[Paul Marriot's](#) new year resolution must have been to give someone else a chance in Monkey League as he slips down to 4th place! [Gyll Mauchline](#), [Mel Wilson](#) and [Olly Wallace](#) take up spots 1, 2 and 3 respectively as they have all beaten 1000 monkeys at this moment in time. [Chris Rose](#) is actually beating 1 more monkey than in the update however he remains rooted to the bottom of the table for now.

Question of the month

2 teams in history have scored only 20 goals in a whole Premier League season. Can you name them?

Bonus: Name the season they happened in? (*Answer at the end of this bulletin*)

Handicap Tables as at 4 Feb 2024

	Premier Division	Played	Points	H'cap	Total
1	Nottm Forest	24	47	29.7	76.7
2	Bournemouth	24	40	24.6	64.6
3	Fulham	24	36	26.5	62.5
4	Liverpool	23	56	5.4	61.4
5	Brentford	24	31	26.5	57.5
6	Brighton	24	34	20.2	54.2
7	Chelsea	24	43	10.1	53.1
8	Newcastle	24	41	12.0	53.0
9	Aston Villa	24	37	15.2	52.2
10	Crystal Palace	24	30	21.5	51.5
11	Everton	23	26	25.4	51.4
12	Arsenal	24	50	1.3	51.3
13	Leicester	24	17	32.2	49.2
14	West Ham	24	27	21.5	48.5
15	Ipswich	24	16	31.6	47.6
16	Wolverhampton	24	19	26.5	45.5
17	Man City	24	41	0.0	41.0
18	Southampton	24	9	31.6	40.6
19	Man Utd	24	29	11.4	40.4
20	Tottenham	24	27	12.6	39.6

	Championship	Played	Points	H'cap	Total
1	Sheffield United	30	61	10.4	71.4
2	Sunderland	30	58	12.4	70.4
3	Blackburn	30	45	19.6	64.6
4	Leeds	30	63	0.0	63.0
5	Burnley	30	58	3.9	61.9
6	Oxford United	30	37	23.5	60.5
7	Bristol City	30	42	18.3	60.3
8	Millwall	30	40	19.6	59.6
9	Watford	30	41	17.0	58.0
10	Preston	30	37	19.6	56.6
11	West Brom	30	44	11.1	55.1
12	Sheffield Wednesday	30	42	13.0	55.0
13	Norwich	30	42	11.7	53.7
14	Middlesbrough	30	44	8.5	52.5
15	Swansea	30	34	18.3	52.3
16	QPR	30	38	13.7	51.7
17	Coventry	30	41	10.4	51.4
18	Cardiff	30	31	19.6	50.6
19	Plymouth	30	25	22.2	47.2
20	Portsmouth	30	30	15.7	45.7
21	Derby	30	27	18.3	45.3
22	Stoke	30	32	11.7	43.7
23	Hull	30	29	13.0	42.0
24	Luton	30	27	6.5	33.5

	Sky Bet League 1	Played	Points	H'cap	Total
1	Wycombe	29	59	10.7	69.7
2	Birmingham	27	63	0.0	63.0
3	Wrexham	29	55	6.9	61.9
4	Stockport	29	50	10.1	60.1
5	Leyton Orient	28	44	14.6	58.6
6	Stevenage	27	40	15.8	55.8
7	Reading	28	44	11.0	55.0
8	Huddersfield	28	48	6.7	54.7
9	Barnsley	29	43	9.5	52.5
10	Mansfield	27	37	15.3	52.3
11	Lincoln City	29	39	12.6	51.6
12	Charlton	28	44	7.3	51.3
13	Exeter	29	32	18.9	50.9
14	Northampton	29	30	20.2	50.2
15	Bolton	29	44	5.7	49.7
16	Blackpool	28	38	9.7	47.7
17	Crawley Town	27	24	22.3	46.3
18	Wigan	28	34	11.0	45.0
19	Bristol Rovers	28	31	13.4	44.4
20	Shrewsbury	28	23	20.1	43.1
21	Rotherham	28	37	5.5	42.5
22	Cambridge Utd	28	22	19.5	41.5
23	Burton Albion	29	25	15.8	40.8
24	Peterborough	29	30	9.5	39.5

	Sky Bet League 2	Played	Points	H'cap	Total
1	Walsall	28	59	7.3	66.3
2	Crewe	29	48	9.5	57.5
3	Notts County	28	50	6.1	56.1
4	Doncaster	29	52	3.2	55.2
5	AFC Wimbledon	27	48	7.0	55.0
6	Grimsby	29	42	11.3	53.3
7	Bradford	28	47	4.9	51.9
8	Port Vale	28	48	3.0	51.0
9	Bromley	28	35	15.2	50.2
10	Salford City	28	44	6.1	50.1
11	Swindon	30	37	11.1	48.1
12	Colchester	28	37	11.0	48.0
13	Fleetwood Town	27	36	9.4	45.4
14	Cheltenham	28	38	7.3	45.3
15	Harrogate Town	30	30	15.0	45.0
16	Newport County	27	30	12.3	42.3
17	Accrington Stanley	27	29	11.7	40.7
18	Barrow	28	31	9.7	40.7
19	Milton Keynes Dons	28	38	1.2	39.2
20	Chesterfield	28	39	0.0	39.0
21	Morecambe	28	23	15.8	38.8
22	Tranmere	28	26	9.1	35.1
23	Gillingham	27	32	1.2	33.2
24	Carlisle	28	21	4.9	25.9

Results

Position	Name	Monkeys Beaten	Points
1	Gyll Mauchline	1000	297.7
2	Mel Wilson	1000	293.7
3	Olly Wallace	1000	288.1
4	Paul Marriott	999	279.4
5	Joe Bronstein	999	270.5
6	Daniel Jinks	998	251.8
7	Sharon Royston	994	239
8	Peter Wattle	994	238.1
9	Tim Jones	993	232.3
10	Kester Young	991	226.1
11	Aaron Love	980	215.6
12	Sam Ashworth	971	209.6
13	Jamie McLeod	967	207.3
14	Vicky Greenwood	949	193.3
15	Jay Nanda	949	193
16	James Johnston	949	192.2
17	John Escott	949	191.8
18	Bonnie-Lee Radford	939	187.5
19	Tim Barlow	934	186.5
20	Eesha Savani	924	183.2
21	Lauren Coulthard	924	182.9
22	Michael O'Donnell	924	182.6
23	Chris Marson	922	181.6
24	John Small	921	181
25	Stuart Briely	911	178.4
26	Luke Vickers	910	178.2
27	Peter Nicholson	909	177.8
28	George Kennedy	907	176.7
29	Ryan Yates	900	175.4
30	Mark Sadler	894	173.6
31	Michael Savidge	893	172.7
32	Eddie Hopkins	883	171.4
33	Mark Warnes	882	169.9
34	Henry Tapper	882	169.8

Position	Name	Monkeys Beaten	Points
35	Chas Goddard	882	169.4
36	Joe Maddocks	881	169
37	Jude Silverton	864	163.3
38	Jonathan Hugh	854	160.6
39	Tom Howarth	854	160.5
40	Lance Havell	854	160.4
41	Peter Norman	852	159.7
42	Ian Walker	839	156.1
43	Ben Schwikkard	839	156.1
44	Ewan Short	836	155.6
45	Nicola Brocklesby	835	155.5
46	Sebastian Boeck	830	154.6
47	Amrita Dasgupta	826	153.9
48	Will Jones	824	153.5
49	Nick Saxton	823	152.6
50	Ben Reddy	821	151.7
51	Robbie Burns	821	151.5
52	Richard Wright	819	151.3
53	Cara Scobie	818	150.8
54	Owen Adams	818	150.6
55	Kim Metcalf	812	149.1
56	Riley McDonagh	807	147.5
57	Megan Valentine	802	147
58	Max Mauchline	789	143.9
59	James Wallace	783	142.3
60	Mike Common	751	137.3
61	Katie Morgan	748	136.2
62	Sahil Bareja	747	135.8
63	Rob Walker	747	135.2
64	Indi Rehman	736	133
65	Ben Andrew	736	132.9
66	Caroline Rye	736	132.8
67	Wendy Ludman	732	132.1
68	James Milligan	729	131.4
69	Gary Symons	722	130

Position	Name	Monkeys Beaten	Points
70	Toni Johnson	708	127.1
71	Steve Houghton	708	127
72	Tony Barnard	696	125.1
73	Paul Devine	691	124.9
74	Chris Williams	691	124.5
75	Sarah Vickers	691	124.4
76	Ben Doran	686	123.9
77	George Orton	674	122
78	Maria Heyns	669	120.6
79	Craig Moran	654	118.7
80	John Stock	651	118
81	Jon Gulzar	644	116.5
82	Tristan Jones	642	116.3
83	Arsalan Hussain	635	115.8
84	Connor Spencer	631	115.5
85	Aaron Mooney	624	114.5
86	Daniel Smith	615	113.4
87	James Hood	611	112
88	Kelly Winter	605	111.1
89	Elias Fessehayé	604	110.8
90	Thomas Bargery	590	109.4
91	Peter Nicholls	553	104.4
92	Andy Yates	519	99.6
93	Marcus Johansson	497	95.5
94	Benjamin Robinson	495	95.3
95	Gordon Dingwall	494	95.2
96	Peter Adshead	489	94.6
97	Oliver Nicholls	488	94.6
98	Hugo Berry	484	93.9
99	Bex Thompson	481	93.4
100	Bryan Gardner	477	92.7
101	Tim Poil	470	92.1
102	Oliver Whiles	426	84.3
103	James Yacoub	424	84.2
104	Neil Kennedy	414	82.6

Position	Name	Monkeys Beaten	Points
105	Sean Delaney	404	80.8
106	Rachel Coe	404	80.8
107	Brendan O'Connor	402	80.5
108	Matthew Cotgreave	396	79.1
109	Andy Wyatt	395	79.1
110	Duncan Carter	375	77
111	Jane Elford	374	76.7
112	William Sadler	359	74.7
113	Dan Chapman	343	70.8
114	John Hope	329	69
115	Jake Beeton	313	66.7
116	Jonah Rowlinson	300	64
117	James Saxton	289	62.5
118	John McLeod	276	61.2
119	Jack Reeves-Jones	276	61.2
120	Paul Landreth	266	59.4
121	Josh Hall	258	57.9
122	Imran Rahim	257	57.8
123	Robert Nash	228	53
124	Sam Mullock	228	52.8
125	Dan Pond	212	50.8
126	Lewis Ward	207	49.6
127	Daniel Sirl	198	47.6
128	Andy Pritchard	195	46.8
129	James Allen	194	46.8
130	Stephen Kilgannon	184	44.5
131	James Gardner	184	44.4
132	John-Henry Paul	181	43.3
133	Charlotte White	175	42.4
134	Graham Hutchings	165	40
135	Katie Trevelyan	160	38.6
136	Darren Goodall	119	28.8
137	Gary Potts	109	27
138	Michael Johnson	101	24.2
139	George Metcalf	92	20.8

Position	Name	Monkeys Beaten	Points
140	Richard Stoddart	79	18.4
141	Emma Robinson	71	15.7
142	Steve Higginbottom	51	5.5
143	William Rose	35	-5.7
144	Ian Constable	27	-8.9
145	Ian Metcalf	26	-9.6
146	Chris Rose	5	-61.2

Answer: Sheffield United (20/21) and Derby County (07/08)